

## City crime drops a bit

Westland Police Chief Emery Price attributed a slight drop in calls to local police to a strong economy. Police say differences in crime reporting for 1998 and 1999 make comparisons difficult.

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Westland police received 6 percent fewer calls for help in 1999 compared to the previous year, a new report shows.

The number of calls, dipped from 48,928 to 46,080 during the one-year period - a downturn Police Chief

Emery Price attributed to a robust economy.

"People are working, and they're busy," he said. "We've had a decline in almost everything. The economy is still good. We tend to see an increase in crimes when the economy is poor."

The latest dip in crime followed a 3 percent decrease in 1998, said Lt. Steve Ryskamp, who compiles Westland police statistical records.

"We've been going steadily down," he said.

Even so, a true comparison of specific crimes for 1998 and 1999 isn't possible because state and federal officials have ordered changes in reporting methods, Ryskamp said.

Local police used to file only one report for each call, even if the incident involved several crimes such as robbery, assault and a weapons offense. Now, Ryskamp said, police have to reflect multiple crimes in separate reports.

Police officials say the changes tend

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### 1999 Westland crimes and number of incidents

• Murder	1
• Negligent homicide	1
• Robbery	52
• Forced-entry burglary	404
• Kidnapping/abduction	11
• Criminal sexual conduct	86
• Felonious assault	181
• Other assaults	941
• Stalking/intimidation	143
• Arson	18
• Purse-snatching/pocket-picking	21
• Motor vehicle theft	488
• Weapons offenses	107
• Hit and run accidents	1,198
• Driving drunk or drugged	517
• Forgery/counterfeiting	98

Source: Westland Police Department

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY

**City Hall:** The Westland City Council will meet 7 p.m. April 3 in council chambers of Westland City Hall, on Ford near Carlson. There will be a closed 6:30 p.m. council study session. Recall supporters plan a 5:30 p.m. protest before the meeting.

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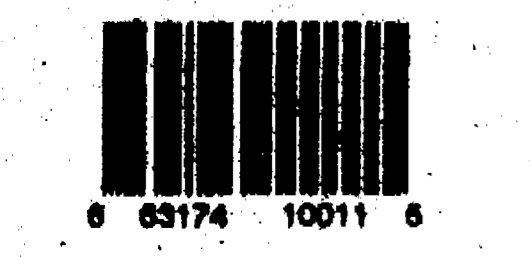
**You're doing fine:** The music department of Lutheran High School Westland will present Rodgers' and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, in the high school gym, 33300 Cowan in Westland. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children, \$2 for Lutheran High School Westland students. For ticket information, call (734) 422-2090.

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## Getting comfy



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**No slouch:** Friday is casual day in some offices, but Mary Goedert, principal of Madison Elementary School in Westland, wore pajamas. The reason? A reading incentive program at Madison, part of Reading Month. The students read and read, and Goedert wore her jammies. Many Wayne-Westland schools held Reading Month activities in March.

## DDA chairman, mayor resolve their differences

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Kim Shunkwiler, who had recently been ousted as Westland Downtown Development Authority chairman, is likely to keep his post after all. Shunkwiler met with Mayor Robert Thomas for a discussion on the DDA and Shunkwiler's role, and they were able to resolve their differences.

"Very pleased," Shunkwiler said Thursday of his reaction to the reap-

pointment. "I'm just pleased that the mayor and I had a chance to talk."

Thomas agreed that the lunch meeting, which included Councilman David James, was positive. "We had a nice lunch, nice discussion," he said.

Thomas hadn't found a DDA replacement for Shunkwiler, who had attributed his ousting to political factors. Thomas said he had been upset with Shunkwiler's comments in newspapers.

Thomas said he heard from Shunkwiler's supporters, who wanted

him to stay on the DDA.

"We were able to work things out," the mayor said. "I think we'll be able to work together."

Shunkwiler has good ideas for the DDA, he said, including the Ford-Wayne Road intersection. "He really wanted to stay on this," Thomas noted some who serve on such bodies are less committed.

City council approval is slated for April 17, but Thomas indicated there are no likely problems. The DDA

### DEVELOPMENT

appoints its own chair and Thomas expects Shunkwiler to continue in that role.

"We had never really sat down and had a good heart-to-heart talk," the mayor said.

Shunkwiler said he, too, was pleased. "They were perceptions that didn't exist," he said of the differences.

## High School Senior of Year not on sidelines

Mayor Robert Thomas will honor Westland's top teacher, high school senior, father and mother during his April 12 State of the City address. The Observer today continues a four-part series about the winners.

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It's a wonder John Glenn High School senior Corey Collins has time for his girlfriend, Victoria McGuire.

He is senior class president and school orchestra vice president. He plays tennis and participates in the marching band and winter drum line.

His class schedule includes advanced courses in calculus, chemistry and physics. He works as a part-time technician at Computer Connection USA, designing Web sites.

Somehow, he finds time to complete his homework and maintain a near-

perfect grade point average. This semester he's a straight-A student.

"It is my opinion that Corey has much to offer and has virtually unlimited potential," Glenn physics teacher David Christiansen said in nominating Collins for a special award.

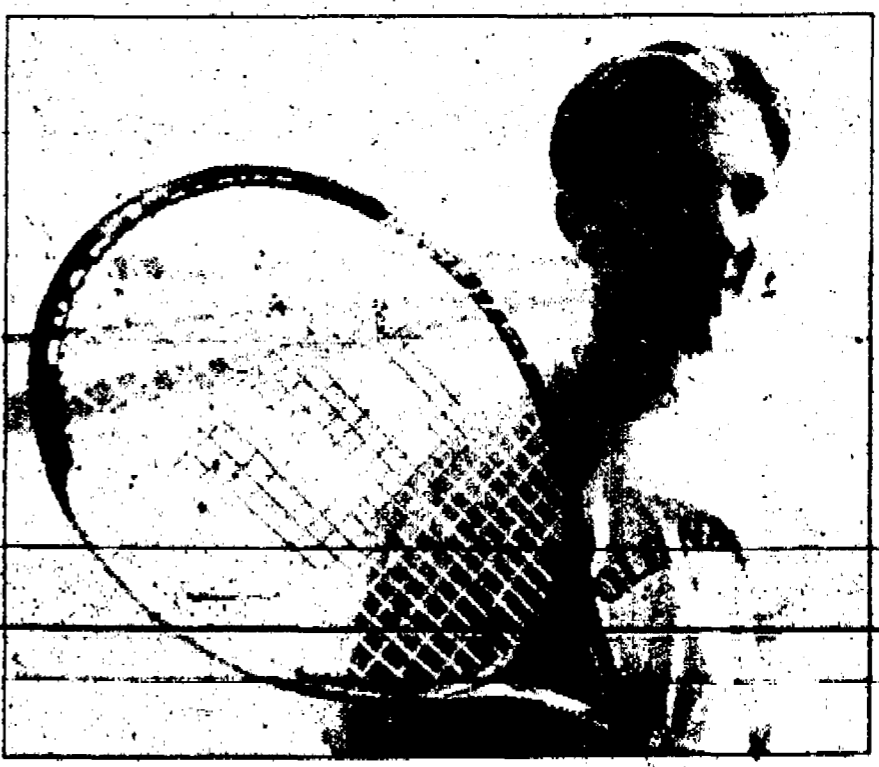
Collins, 17, has been named Westland High School Senior of the Year in Mayor Robert Thomas' sixth annual Solus to Excellence program.

Collins will be honored during the mayor's State of the City address at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Helene Cultural Center on Joy Road. The event is open to the public; a social hour starts at 6 p.m.

"I didn't think this would ever happen," said Collins, chosen by a committee that reviewed 115 nominations.

Christiansen commended Collins in his nomination.

"Corey is rarely absent and shows a maturity level above most of his peers



**Involved:** Corey Collins, Westland's High School Senior of the Year, plays tennis and is in other activities at John Glenn High.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAYES

He always displays a positive attitude," Christiansen said. "He is very personable and shows a great deal of respect for other people and their ideas. He is self-motivated and completes tasks efficiently and effectively."

Collins said his favorite school subject is mathematics, and he is planning

a career in computer engineering. He already has decided to attend Kettering University, formerly the General Motors Institute, in Flint.

Collins already is getting some computer experience by designing Web sites at his job. He said he works about

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# Hearing set in shooting case

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A Westland man, accused of firing 26 rounds from an assault rifle at The Landings apartment complex, faces a Thursday court hearing on seven felony criminal charges.

The gunman surrendered to authorities at 7:24 a.m. March 16 following a five-hour standoff. He was described by police Lt. Marc Stobbe as apparently distraught over a lost job and girlfriend problems.

The suspect is accused of firing at least four rounds at an unmarked police car and multiple shots toward another apartment building, near Hunter

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between Central City Parkway and Wayne Road.

No one was injured.

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A not-guilty plea was placed in his court records.

Birch is scheduled for a Thursday preliminary hearing to determine whether he should face trial for discharging a firearm at an occupied dwelling; discharging a firearm from an occupied dwelling; malicious destruction of police property; three felony firearms counts; and being a habitual offender.

The most prison time that any of the charges carry is four

years. But Birch, if convicted, could face six years in prison because he was charged as a habitual offender, Stobbe said.

The suspect was charged after spending time in a hospital psychiatric unit.

Police Sgt. John Buresh has said a Russian semi-automatic assault rifle, similar to an AK-47, was used during the shooting incident. Police brought in a tactical response team and also had assistance from Garden City police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Police evacuated two apartment buildings and warned condominium residents on the south side of Hunter to go into their basements to avoid gunfire.

## OBITUARIES

### SHARON L. SANDERS

Services for Sharon Sanders, 41, of Wayne were held April 1 in St. Aloysius Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Gerry Frawley.

Mrs. Sanders was born Jan. 7, 1959, and died March 28 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Carl; daughter, Samantha; parents, Raymond and Joyce Szwarc; brothers, Kenneth Szwarc of Westland and Ronny Szwarc; and sister, Shelley (James III) Murray.

Mrs. Sanders was preceded in death by her brothers, Allen and Jeffrey, and twin sister, Shirley Szwarc.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

### MARGARET L. BROWN

Services for Margaret Brown, 89, of Westland were held April 1 in St. Theodore of Canterbury Church with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik.

Mrs. Brown was born April 7, 1910, in Belaire, Ohio, and died March 28 in Garden City. She was a beautician.

Surviving are her son, Eugene (Mary) Sacco; daughter, Anna Marie (John) Ribick; brother, James Doddie; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by John N. San-

### teiu & Son Funeral Home.

### KIM E. MYERS

Services for former Westland resident Kim Myers, 44, of Dearborn Heights were held March 23 in Covenant Community Church in Redford Township with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. H. Dalton Myers (Mrs. Myers' father-in-law) from Covenant Community Church.

Mrs. Myers was born Nov. 7, 1955, in Detroit and died March 20 in Dearborn.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew; stepson, Joshua; father, Garnet Jones; brother, Brian Jones; and sisters, Cathy Kosakowski, Linda Jones and Cindy Nesbitt.

Mrs. Myers was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Jones.

Memorials may be made to Lupus Foundation, 26507 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

### THERESA REID

Services for Theresa "Tessie" Reid, 93, of Westland were held March 31 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reid was born May 14, 1906, in Hungary and died March 28. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughters, Catherine (Edwin) Marcus and Mary (Art) LaValle; one sister; 11 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Reid was preceded in death by her

husband, Alexander, and son, Jack.

### MARY A. MCGUIRE

Services for Mary McGuire, 94, of Westland were held March 30 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Gerald V. Bechard.

Mrs. McGuire was born Dec. 2, 1905, in Detroit and died March 26 in Dearborn. She was a telephone operator.

Surviving are her daughters, Joyce (William) Kane of Pinckney and Marlene Rehahn of Westland; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

### SYLVIA V. BROWN

Services for Sylvia Brown, 94, of Westland were held March 29 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Officiating was the Rev. Fred P. Cooley.

Mrs. Brown was born Oct. 2, 1905, in Calumet, Mich., and died March 27 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her stepson, Merrill (Ruth) Brown; nephew, Jack Lempea; nieces, Evelyn (James) White; June Bryant; Diana (Caryle) Celinas and Pauline McWhorter; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Towne Square, Wayne, MI 48184.

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Format: Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Complete Bid Tabulations will be faxed to all plan holders by Friday, April 21, 2000. The Owner and Owner's Representatives request that no Bidders call for bid results prior to Friday, April 21, 2000.

Wayne-Westland Community School District intends to award all projects at:

Event: Board of Education Meeting - early-May, 2000  
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District  
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A General Pre-Bid Examination will be held to review and answer questions relating to the projects:

Time: 11:00 a.m. Local Time on Tuesday, April 4, 2000  
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District's Dyer Center (Administration Building) Board Room  
36745 Marquette Street  
Westland, Michigan 48184

Note: No project locations will be reviewed during the Pre-Bid Examination. All Bidders will be required to sign-in during the initial meeting, which will cover general bidding topics.

Directions: The Dyer Center is located on Marquette Street between Newburgh Road and Wayne Road. The Board Room is located just inside the main entrance, behind the front desk. Please check in with the front desk for directions to the board room.

Schedule: The format of the Pre-Bid Examination will be an initial presentation on the bidding process and the scope of work at each building. An overview of the scope of work for each building will be presented and the general project requirements and project dates will be reviewed. The Pre-Bid Examination will last approximately 1 hour. Building specific questions will be answered and building tours provided per the schedule listed below. A representative of healthAIR, Inc. will be at each building for the scheduled two hour period. The building specific reviews at the listed times are not required, but are encouraged, and are for informational purposes only.

Time	Date	Building
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 5, 2000	Marshall Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, April 6, 2000	Hicks Elementary School
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Thursday, April 6, 2000	Hamilton Elementary School

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Monday, April 10, 2000	Vandenburg Elementary School
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Monday, April 10, 2000	Elliott Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, April 11, 2000	Patchin Elementary School
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 11, 2000	Madison Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 12, 2000	Adams Middle School

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All official changes and interpretations to the Project Specifications will be made via addenda only. Bidders are encouraged to fax all questions regarding the specifications, bidding procedures, etc. to healthAIR, Inc. (734-451-1565).

### Building/Site Visits:

All Bidders must check in with the building office as soon as they reach the building. Unless noted or allowed by Wayne-Westland Community School District, building/site visits will only be permitted after school hours (after 3:45 p.m.). Buildings are generally open until 10:30 p.m.

### Project Specification Documents:

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There is a non-refundable \$75.00 charge for the Project Specification Documents. All checks should be made payable to "healthAIR, Inc." Bidders desiring more than one (1) set of documents may obtain additional sets for the amount noted above up to a maximum of three (3) sets. Specifications will be mailed to Bidders upon receipt of pre-payment of the non-refundable charge plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling.

### Bonding Requirements

Wayne-Westland Community School District requires that all bidders submit a Bid Bond in accordance with the requirements summarized below and that all selected Contractors submit Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds in accordance with the requirements summarized below.

### Bid Bond

Amount: 5%  
Requirements: The Bidder shall submit the required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, a Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The Bid Security shall be submitted with the understanding that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a formal contract with the Owner and that the required Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds (as listed below and fully detailed in the General Conditions section) will be provided by the Contractor. The Bid Security obliges Wayne-Westland Community School District. Bidders shall agree not to withdraw proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid due date.

### Performance Bond & Labor and Material Payment Bonds

Amount: 100%  
Requirements: The accepted Contractor will be required to furnish, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan.

### Additional Information for Bidders

All applicable insurance policies (including asbestos specific) will be required of each accepted Bidder. Bidders must submit copies of the Contractor's current State of Michigan Asbestos Abatement License. This project is not tax exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. Prevailing wages are required for this project.

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# Uniform drive gets big boost

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The music filled the rooms at the Wayne Community Center, the sounds of the Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band filling the space. As people mingled, the "Band Together for Uniforms" social got under way Thursday.

The goal is to raise money for new uniforms for the marching band. "So far, very well," Dave Congdon, Band Boosters president, said of the fund-raising. "I'm actually overwhelmed with how it's going."

Congdon noted past Band Boosters have tried to raise money for uniforms without success. "That was one of my major goals. I like getting involved, I like helping out."

He's seen the students work harder and be more involved. Congdon's youngest is in seventh grade at Adams Middle School, his oldest a junior at Wayne Memorial. That means he'll be involved in the band for years to come.

Lorrie "Skip" Monit, also a Booster and Wayne-Westland school board treasurer, is in similar circumstances. His youngest is in fifth grade at Taft-Galloway Elementary, the older two a

freshman and junior at Wayne Memorial.

"A lot of things are going on here today," Monit said of Thursday's fund-raiser. Mockups of the new uniform were being shown, along with the old uniform for comparison.

"We actually are doing very well with the finances," Monit said, saying some \$2,000 was raised Thursday alone.

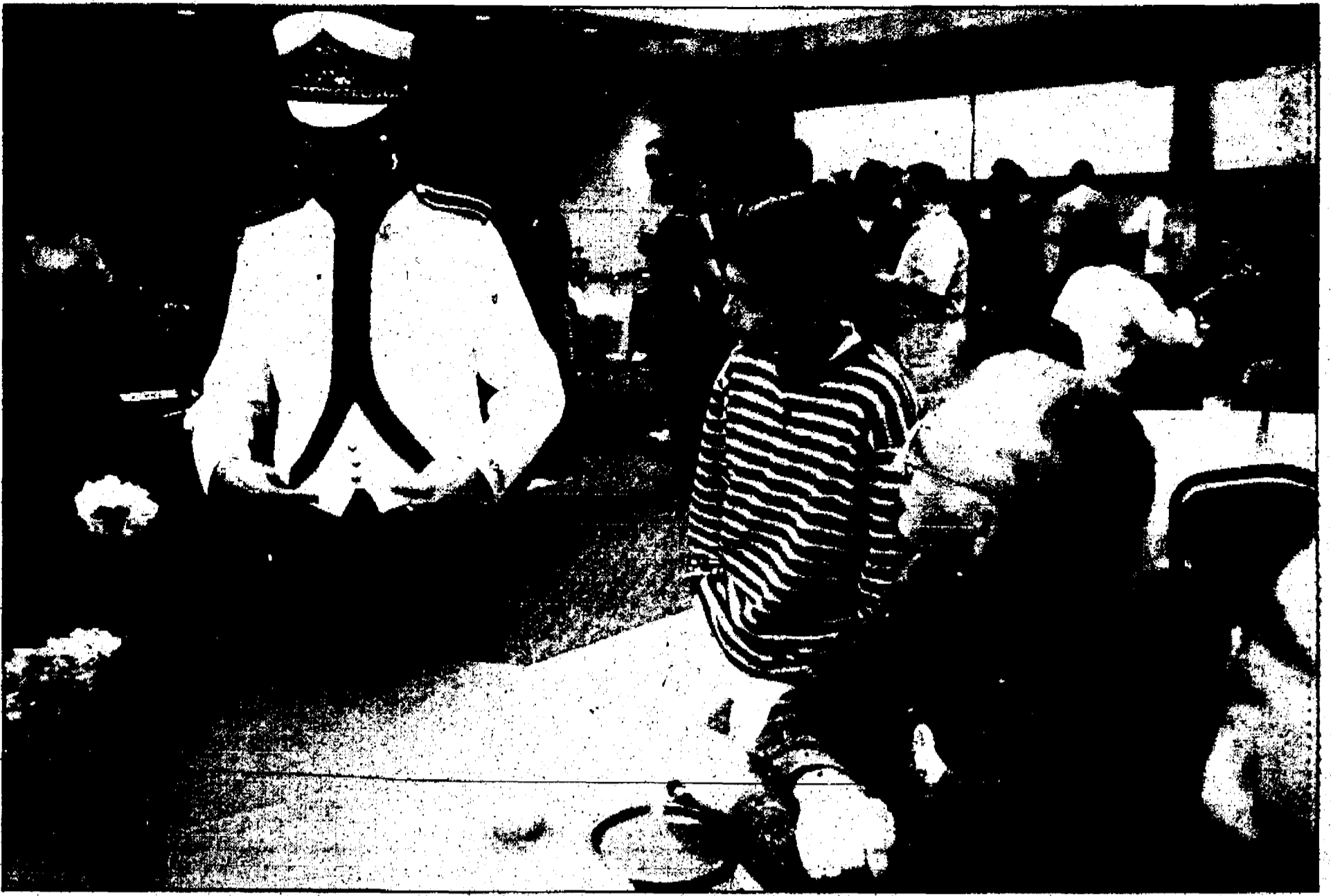
A golf outing is planned starting 7 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at Fellows Creek in Canton, Congdon said. Hole sponsors and sponsors are needed. Smaller fund-raisers are also planned for the effort, an Observer Community Management Team project.

Monit said the total goal is about \$40,000, or \$270 per uniform, with 150 to be purchased. Checks payable to W.M.H.S.B.T.U. should be sent to Uniform Fund, 4267 Eastlawn, Wayne, MI 48184.

Students who will benefit from the new uniforms are appreciative, including Justin Baker, a 10th-grade percussionist. "I kind of feel bad for the seniors," who will have graduated, Baker said.

He agreed the old uniforms need to go, and that new uniforms will help in competition.

"It helps with our visual effects," Baker said.



Look: Wayne Memorial 10th-grader Justin Baker (left) shows what the new band uniforms will look like at a benefit Thursday evening. Looking on are (left to right) Justin Schofield, Bruce Foulk and David Schofield.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Visit: Ashley Robinson, a 10th-grader wearing an older band uniform, talks with friends at the fund-raiser.



Let there be music: Wayne Memorial band members (left to right) Sara Miller, Justin Scott, Melody Ward and Aaron Lawson, play music at the band benefit Thursday. Justin Scott is wearing a mockup of one of the new uniforms.

# Trials ordered in assault

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Two Detroit men, accused in a Westland bar fight that involved a stabbing, have been ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The incident occurred about 2 a.m. Feb. 12 at High Voltage, formerly Daisy Dukes, a nightclub on Merriman Road south of Cherry Hill.

Alexander Yeppez, 25, faces trial for assault with intent to murder. He could be sentenced up to life in prison if convicted as charged.

Raymond Everly, 31, faces trial for assault with a dangerous weapon. The charge carries a four-year prison term, but police Sgt. James Dexter said Everly, if convicted, could face a possible six-year sentence because he is charged as a habitual offender.

Yeppez is accused of stabbing Manuel Partida, 24, in the chest.

Everly is accused of hitting Francisco Chavarria, 26, over the head with a beer bottle.

Both victims are Detroit residents.

Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight on Thursday ordered Yeppez and Everly to stand trial at the conclusion of a preliminary hearing.

Police Sgt. Marc Stobbe has said the stabbing victim knew the two defendants before the bar fight erupted Feb. 12.

Dexter said tempers flared as a long line formed among bar patrons waiting at a coat check.

Dexter said two of the men exchanged looks that were perceived as unfriendly.

Stobbe has said the two sides then "got a little wild" following an exchange of words.

"Partida suffered a collapsed lung, Stobbe said. Partida was hospitalized for several days.

"As they await trial, Yeppez and Everly have been released from jail after posting bond."

# Wal-Mart eyes unused site on Ford Road in Canton

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One of the country's biggest retailers could be coming to Canton.

Wal-Mart met with township officials earlier this week about developing the currently vacant AutoNation site on Ford Road at Lotz. Talks are scheduled to continue.

"We've been interested in the Canton area for the past six or seven years," said Wal-Mart Real Estate Manager Brian Hooper. "We think it would be a good market for us."

While not outlining a timetable, he feels the company, which bills itself as the store with "always low prices," will be moving into the township shortly.

"We're really positive we'll come up with something that meets the Lotz Corridor development district standards," Hooper said. "We understand we'll have to build a very nice looking store. We feel we'll get it done."

AutoNation closed abruptly

last year in mid-December. It was one of 23 used car stores shut down nationally. The 76,000-square-foot facility opened in May of 1997.

Township officials believed the site, which sits on eight acres with 12 adjacent acres available for development, wouldn't remain fallow for long. Wal-Mart emerged as a possible user about a month ago.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet described this past week's meeting with the company as productive.

"A lot of information was exchanged," he said.

That included township development requirements. Goulet said Wal-Mart will have to meet even tougher standards because the parcel falls within the Lotz Corridor district.

That includes higher levels of premium building materials and more elaborate landscaping, for example. A typical Wal-Mart site plan, in other words, won't cut it, Goulet said.

They have more homework to do, he added. "But I think it's achievable."

As does Hooper.

If Wal-Mart buys the parcel from AutoNation, it will likely redevelop the entire site, he said. The existing building would be torn down and much of the current parking lot stripped away.

Hooper said the building would be 140,000 square feet in size. He believes it would be a positive development for Canton.

"We'd be taking a vacant commercial site and reusing it," said Hooper. "It would be a benefit to the citizens of Canton."

Goulet said a Sam's Club, a discount warehouse chain, may be part of the complex.

The site is large enough, he commented. "We always anticipated there would be more than one building."

Hooper declined to comment on the possibility of a Sam's Club, which is owned and operated by Wal-Mart. He did say the company is interested in several more closed AutoNation sites in Michigan.

It seems to be a typical fit for us in some instances," Hooper said. "We are growing in the Detroit metropolitan area."

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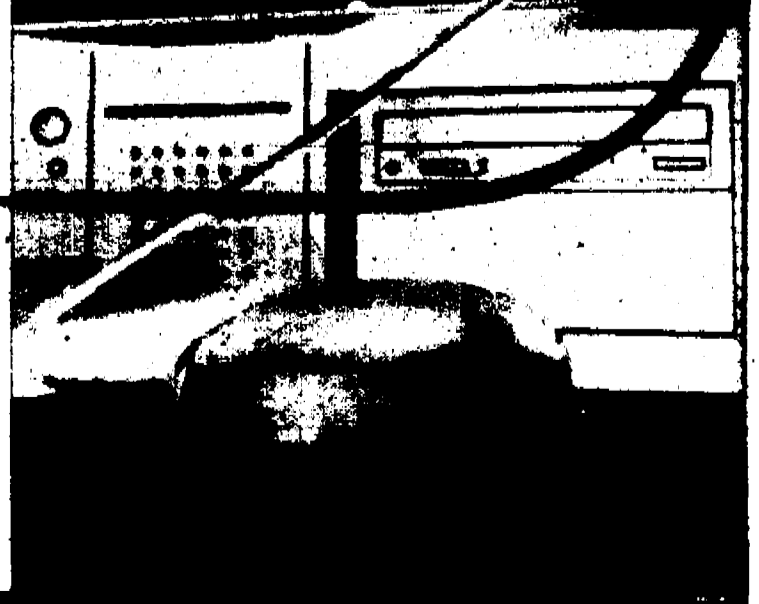
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# Catholic Central mulls relocation

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Catholic Central administrators are not vacating their Redford site, at least not yet.

Ed Turek, director of marketing and public relations for the high school, said "nothing has been decided," but admits relocating is a possibility. The decision to relocate or renovate the current building at 14200 Breakfast Drive will be made within one year based on the results of a study, now in progress. It is the first study of its kind for CC in 20 years.

"We are in the final stage of a feasibility study," said the CC administrator and 1985 graduate. "As part of that study, we are looking at different aspects including financial, student body, the condition of the building and the cost of land."

Any decision is at least six months away.

"Obviously, we want the study to be completed as soon as possible," said Turek, "but it could be six months to a year."

If relocation is the answer, students and staff would not be moved for another five years or so. Then they would move into a newly-constructed facility. The potential city or township is unknown at this point.

If you pay attention to word of mouth, however, the new site would be northwest of Redford, possibly in Novi or Howell.

"We get asked about that rumor all the time," Turek joked. "But the city that we are supposedly moving to is different all the time."

Turek has already spoken to many parents who inquired about a move from the building Catholic Central students have used since 1979.

"I've been telling parents the same thing I told you," said Turek. "If we do move, it

wouldn't be for five years. We're not just going to pack up and move in a week."

There are a number of issues which would need to be dealt with prior to any potential move - housing for the priests who teach, potential uses for the 18 acres of property currently used by CC, transportation and more.

"This would be a huge development for Catholic Central," said Turek, suggesting it's not something administrators would do without considering the whole community.

Today, the majority of CC students travel from Livonia, but a number of other communities are also represented.

"We have students from Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Westland, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Farmington and more. Our kids come from all over," Turek said.

Just over 1,046 young men between grades nine and 12 are

educated at the private college preparatory school, established in 1928 by the Basilian Fathers. The staff consists of eight Basilian Fathers and 59 lay faculty.

Admission is competitive, based on testing (High School Placement Test), a personal interview, prior academic record and references.

Tuition for one child during the 2000-01 academic year is \$5,300. The cost for two children is \$9,275.

According to Turek, whether CC administrators decide to renovate or relocate, their goal remains constant.

"We need to provide our students with the best educational opportunities possible," he said. The only question is where those educational opportunities will occur.

# Students lauded

Students of the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center second place in the DaimlerChrysler Build Your Dream Vehicle March 20 at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

They won a trophy and \$2,000 for the school. Their presentation to a panel of five judges from DaimlerChrysler included a prototype model, CAD drawings and renderings in addition to a sales presentation.

The team created the Marquette LSV, a luxury sports vehicle that will appeal to young buyers. The team was challenged to meet market

demands and create an affordable, safe, environmentally friendly car.

Presenters for the Marquette LSV include Chris Doan, Chantique Pringle, James Johnson, Mike Lyscas and Adam Moore.

Other student participants are Dan Chadwick, Dyamon Shaw, Josh Wade, Brad Trent, Todd Heim, Ray Sanger, Derek Sullivan, Jessica Currin, Amanda Robinson, Ken Stone, Angela Talbert, Lucas Roberts and Mike Connor.

Coaches and teachers are Jim Schirmer, Sue Wilk, Zach MacLean, Dave Drew, Scott Heim and Deborah Tracz.

# Boy honored for efforts

Timothy Chappell, 9, of Westland is one of 2,000 young people from around the world to be named a Millennium Dreamer for his outstanding contributions to the community.

To celebrate the year 2000, McDonald's and Disney searched the world to identify young people worldwide who are making a difference in their communities.

Timothy received the Millennium Dreamers award for his work collecting used eyeglasses, raising funds for and assisting the Lions Club. He is being saluted as a positive role model, not only

to his community, but to young people around the world. He was nominated by Linda E. Bozgan, a teacher at Cooper Elementary.

"Tim has worked with his father to collect used eyeglasses for the Lions Club to give to people with vision problems," she said. "He is a wonderful role model for others to follow."

Timothy and family will join the other honorees at a recognition event at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida May 8-10. Young people ages 8-15 were eligible.

# Talent will be displayed

Wayne Memorial High School's Class of 2001 is sponsoring a Zebra Showcase 2000 Talent Show 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 7.

It will be in the Stockmeyer Auditorium at the school, Glenwood and Fourth in Wayne.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS  
OF  
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TO BE HELD  
APRIL 10, 2000**

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Please Take Notice that a special election of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Monday, April 10, 2000.

**THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the following propositions will be submitted at the special election:

**A. MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy not more than the number of mills necessary and required to be levied on all property to ensure combined state and local revenue per membership pupil to equal the school district's foundation allowances as certified by the Department of Treasury under Section 1211a of the School Code of 1976, as amended.

Shall 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00 on taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and .75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1,000.00 on taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, which millage will expire with the 2000 tax levy, be renewed for 5 years, 2001 to 2005, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue of school district will collect from such taxes if the millage is approved and levied in the 2001 calendar year is approximately \$32,900,000?

**B. MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and developing and improving sites (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 1999 tax levy); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2000 calendar year is approximately \$4,100,000?

**C. BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$28,660,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson High Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore; and
- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Emerson, Frost and Riley Middle Schools; constructing and equipping outdoor track and field facilities at Emerson and Holmes Middle Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore?

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 25 years, exclusive of refunding. It is estimated that 40 mill (\$0.40 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be levied for the bonds in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of the bond issue is .39 mill (\$0.39 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.**

**THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**PRECINCT NO. 1A**  
Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30600 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 3A**  
Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 3B**  
Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 4A**  
Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 7A**  
Voting Place: Taylor School, 38611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 8A**  
Voting Place: Taylor School, 38611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 8B**  
Voting Place: Taylor School, 38611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 8A**  
Voting Place: Taylor School, 38611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 18A**  
Voting Place: Marshall School, 33901 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 11A**  
Voting Place: Bryant School, 15000 Marmon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 11A**  
Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30600 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 12A**  
Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30600 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 13A**  
Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 14A**  
Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 15A**  
Voting Place: Buchanan School, 16400 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 16A**  
Voting Place: Cass School, 34633 Munger, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 16B**  
Voting Place: Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 17A**  
Voting Place: Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 17B**  
Voting Place: Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 18A**  
Voting Place: Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 18A**  
Voting Place: Randolph School, 14470 Norman, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 19B**  
Voting Place: Webster School, 37855 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 20A**  
Voting Place: Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 21A**  
Voting Place: Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 22A**  
Voting Place: Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 22B**  
Voting Place: Kennedy School, 14201 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 23A**  
Voting Place: Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 23B**  
Voting Place: Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 24A**  
Voting Place: Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 24B**  
Voting Place: Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 25A**  
Voting Place: Emerson Middle School, 291100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 31A**  
Voting Place: Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 31B**  
Voting Place: Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 32A**  
Voting Place: Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 33A**  
Voting Place: Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 34A**  
Voting Place: Rosedale School, 9825 Cranston, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 34B**  
Voting Place: Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 34C**  
Voting Place: Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 35A**  
Voting Place: Jefferson School, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 35B**  
Voting Place: McKinley School, 9101, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 36A**  
Voting Place: Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. 36B**  
Voting Place: Cleveland School, 28030 Cathedral, Livonia, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W12**  
Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W15**  
Voting Place: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W16**  
Voting Place: Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W21**  
Voting Place: Lowell Junior High School, 8400 Hix, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W25**  
Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W27**  
Voting Place: Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W30**  
Voting Place: Hayes School, 30600 Louise, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W35**  
Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W36**  
Voting Place: Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W40**  
Voting Place: Divine Saviour, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan

**PRECINCT NO. W41**  
Voting Place: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

**STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act**

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 24, 2000, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

Local Unit Effective	Date of Election	Voted Increase	Years Increase
County of Wayne	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2000 indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2000 indefinitely
City of Livonia	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
City of Livonia	None	None	None
City of Westland	None	None	None
Livonia Public Schools	April 10, 1995	18 mills	2000
Livonia Public Schools	April 10, 1995	1.15 mill	2000

Date: March 27, 2000

Signed: **RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ**  
Wayne County Treasurer

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan

**PATRICK D. NALLEY**  
Secretary, Board of Education

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# Bill would punish rioters on campus

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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A year after riots erupted at Michigan State University, after a Spartan appearance in the NCAA basketball tournament, a bill to crack down on those who participate in such disturbances sits on the governor's desk, awaiting his signature.

Since Senate Bill 525 was presented to Gov. John Engler March 21, he'll have until April 4 to sign or reject it. Bill Sullivan, aide to sponsor Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said Engler is expected to approve. The new law would go into effect June 1.

The bill would add a penalty for those arrested on riot-related charges on or near college campuses in Michigan. Students convicted of a misdemeanor related to a riot within 2,500 feet of a college campus could be barred from college property for up to a year, at the discretion of the judge.

For those convicted of a riot-related felony, a judge could order them to stay away from college property for up to two years.

Students could be ordered to pay restitution for riot damages, as could those who are not students but get caught participating in a campus riot, if the judge decides to apply those penalties.

Once banned from college property by a judge, the ban would apply to all state college campuses across Michigan, but not private schools. According to aides, some of the rioters

caught in the disturbances at MSU last year were students from other colleges.

The riot at MSU a year ago spurred the introduction of the bill, but it was just the last in a string of incidents on campuses, according to Bennett. Previously, there have been similar disturbances at the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University.

Bennett introduced the bill last April, and it was quickly passed in a 30-6 vote in the Senate last May. The House of Representatives just took the bill up in March, voting approval 71-36 after tacking on several minor amendments.

It also faced some opposition. "College boards have the authority to enact policies that punish individuals who act inappropriately and even expel them if they see fit. This legislation usurps the local authority of such boards. Amendments were offered to strictly punish violent rioters but were defeated. Had they been passed I would have supported the bill. Since they did not, I could not support such poor public policy," Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, said.

On the bill, area House members voted:

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, voted no.

# McNamara may tab Metro chief Tuesday

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioners could be asked as early as Tuesday by County Executive Ed McNamara to approve as the new airports director the man who was the commission's first-ever auditor general, Lester Robinson.

A meeting of the board's committee of the whole is scheduled for 10 a.m. that day and, although no such item is on the agenda, one western Wayne County commissioner said it's possible.

John J. Sullivan, D-Romulus, a member of the commission's airports committee, said Thursday, that normal procedure would have any such appointment brought before that committee first, "and then to everybody."

But the airports committee doesn't meet until April 13 and there's speculation that McNamara will recommend to commissioners this coming week the appointment of Robinson, who was auditor general and also a previous deputy airports director.

Sullivan, commenting on the report, said, "It's possible" for McNamara "to take it to the committee of the whole. It could happen on Tuesday."

Robinson, currently a partner with Capital Financial Advisors in Detroit, was the commission's auditor general from 1983 to 1987, when McNamara stole him away from us," said commission Vice Chair Kay Beard.

Robinson then became the

executive branch's chief financial officer and later (1991-93) was deputy airports director for audit and finance.

He also served as McNamara's chief of staff -- as was David Katz, whom Robinson reportedly will succeed as airports director. Katz has resigned effective May 1.

Michael Duggan, deputy county executive and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county prosecutor, is the only other person rumored under consideration.

### Not involved

On Thursday, Duggan said he has "nothing to do with" the search for a new airports director and deferred to McNamara, as have others in the administration.

"It's up to Mr. McNamara when he will make the announcement," said John Roach, a county spokesman.

Robinson, in response to calls from the Observer, said through Michael Conway, director of airport communications, that any decision is up to McNamara.

Both Beard and Commissioner Kathleen Husk favor a nationwide search for someone with airport directorship experience to succeed Katz.

Beard, D-Westland, said "an airport guy" would be preferable, although she does appreciate

Robinson's qualifications.

"He's not what I would call an airport guy, he's a finance guy," said Beard.

### Sensible idea

"I think it would have made some sense" to have a national search, she said. "But Robinson is not an unknown quantity to us."

"He's a good finance guy, he's been with McNamara's administration two or three times. He certainly has a good knowledge" of county finances, she said.

But "because of the problems that have surfaced" regarding contracts at Metro Airport, "I think it would have been helpful to have someone with a good knowledge of the actual operations of an airport, someone who has worked in that capacity."

She hoped that, if Robinson is chosen, he will "find someone" with those qualifications as his deputy. "That would be helpful," she said.



Lester Robinson

Husk, R-Redford Township, disputed an earlier statement by Duggan that a national search "generally gets you somebody looking to get out of another situation."

"Contrary to" that, Husk said, "I think that a national search conducted correctly will provide us with the best candidates for airports director."

"With a national search, we can eliminate the political cronyism and connections that can occur," she said.

As for the board of commissioners, she said, the county charter "only allows the commission to vote 'yes' or 'no' on the executive's choices."

"I think that the commissioners elected by the 15 districts of Wayne County should have a greater say on the appointment for such a vital role," Husk said.

The airports director oversees both Metro Airport and Willow Run.

# Metro launches new flights

Promotional events today (April 2) and Monday (April 3) will kick off new non-stop flights which begin this week between Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport and Italy and Canada.

To inaugurate its new daily non-stops to Rome and Milan, Northwest Airlines, in conjunction with radio station WCSX-FM, is holding a Domino's pizza-eating contest.

The 3:30 p.m. engagement at Gate F-2 will feature contestants previously selected by the sta-

tion's "J.J. and The Morning Crew" program. The winner will get two round-trip tickets on Northwest to one of the cities.

A hockey-style face-off competition at 10 a.m. Monday in the L.C. Smith Terminal lobby, next to the United Airlines check-in, will inaugurate five daily non-stop flights between Detroit and Toronto.

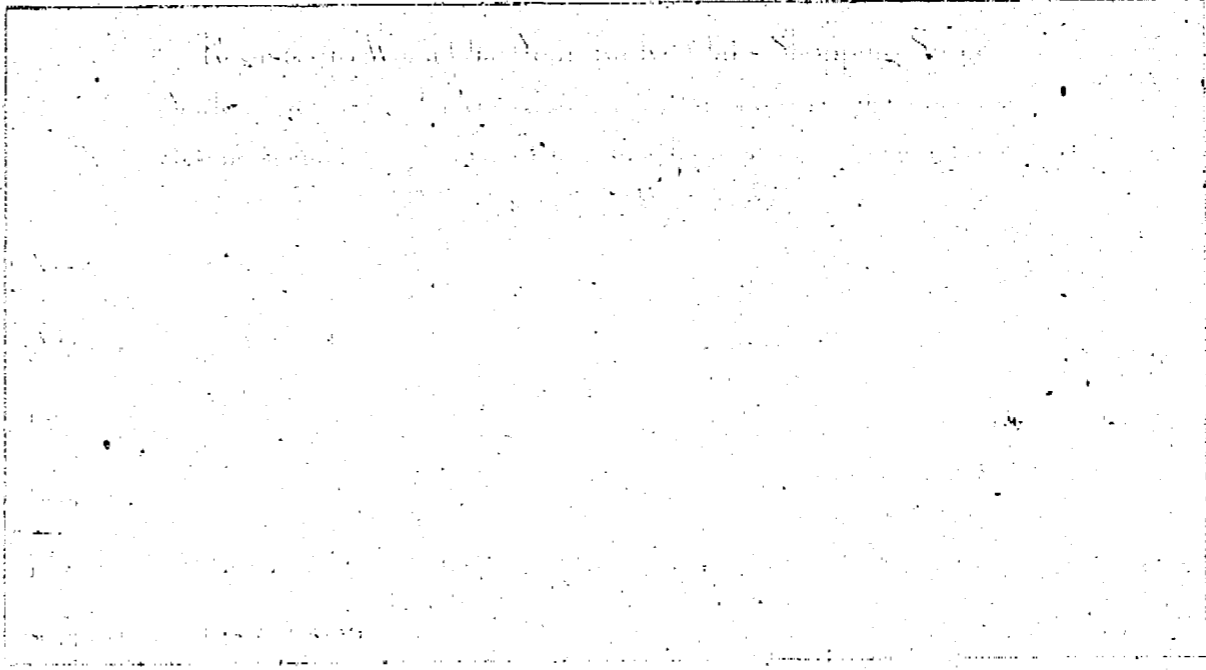
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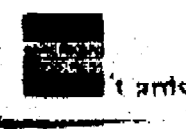


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# City will distribute surplus food

The city of Westland will distribute surplus federal food from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Dorsey Community Center in Westland. There will be no distribution on Friday, April 21, due to Good Friday. Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman

and Wildwood, known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 20. All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will also pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Westland residents south of

Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of the month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food

there and should call their building manager for the date of distribution. For April, instant potatoes, pork and pears will be distributed. For information, call (734) 595-0366.

# Kumon schedules meeting in Westland

Kumon USA Inc., a supplemental after-school education program, has opened in Westland. An informational meeting will take place 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Westland Kumon Center, in Kirk of Our Savior

Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Regular classes will begin April 7. Westland's instructor is Renuka Subramanian, who earned a master's degree in computer information science from the University of Michigan-Dear-

born. "Kumon builds math and reading skills, strengthens concentration, teaches time management skills, improves study habits, increases self-confidence through self-discipline," she said. Subramanian, who has been a

Kumon parent, said the program has helped her daughter succeed. To register for the meeting or for information, call (734) 844-0029.

# Crime from page A1

to inflate crime statistics for 1999. "When Michigan puts out the annual crime report, it will show an increase that's artificial," Ryskamp said. "We won't be able to do a year-to-year comparison until Jan. 1, 2001." Ultimately, changes in reporting will give authorities a truer picture of crimes that are being committed, he said. Some comparisons still are possible. For one, the number of cases assigned for investigation by the Westland Police Department's detective bureau dropped 20 percent from 1998 to 1999, declining from 5,469 cases to 4,389, the new report shows. Even that is misleading, however: "The caseload is down, but the workload is up," said Lt. Marc Stobbe, who heads the detective bureau. While some violent crimes have declined, police have seen a substantial increase in incidents such as embezzling, credit card fraud and counterfeit payroll checks. Those crimes usually require a more extensive investigation than incidents such as assaults, which typically have eyewitnesses, Stobbe said. "There are a lot of smart people out there who are embezzling," he said. "There are so many twists and turns that it takes a lot of time to investigate these kinds of crimes." As lawmakers increasingly debate gun laws, the number of

new firearms registered in Westland increased 22 percent from 1998 to 1999, climbing from 681 to 829. "Personally, I attribute that to the Y2K scare," Ryskamp said, adding that some residents likely feared possible outbreaks of crime when 2000 arrived. Price also said public attention to shootings and gun laws has likely prompted some people to buy their own weapons. "Consequently, more people have gone out and purchased their own guns because they believe it will keep them safe," Price said. The latest report also points to some police successes in 1999. "I think overall our officers have done a great job," Price said. "They had a good year." Just two examples: A special holiday patrol around Westland Shopping Center netted five felony arrests, 30 misdemeanors and 93 tickets between Nov. 26 and Dec. 24. Officers in the Metro Street Enforcement Team completed investigations such as the closing of the adult Melody Theater in Inkster. Officers from Westland, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne handled the case. In conclusion, Price labeled 1999 a successful year for his department and said he is encouraged that citizen calls for help dipped 6 percent. "Absolutely, that is significant," he said.

**CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS**

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland:

APPENDIX A

001-99-0010-000	025-99-0019-701	034-99-0021-001	060-03-0001-000
001-99-0027-000	029-99-0005-715	034-99-0030-005	060-06-0186-000
001-99-0028-000	029-99-0014-701	035-04-0019-001	060-99-0003-000
001-99-0049-000	030-99-0008-004	035-99-0002-000	061-01-0280-002
001-99-0052-000	032-01-0081-000	036-99-0008-000	061-01-0339-000
001-99-0062-001	032-02-0387-000	036-99-0009-001	062-01-0186-004
001-99-0068-000	032-02-0535-000	038-99-0004-000	065-99-0001-013
002-99-0007-000	032-02-0536-000	042-03-0885-312	066-01-0543-301
003-04-0008-002	032-02-0537-000	042-03-0885-313	066-99-0009-001
004-01-0088-000	032-02-0538-000	042-03-0895-001	066-99-0010-001
004-99-0006-701	032-02-0539-000	042-03-0896-004	066-99-0021-001
005-02-0023-000	032-02-0562-300	045-99-0005-000	067-03-0079-000
005-02-0024-000	032-02-0581-000	045-99-0018-002	067-99-0012-000
005-02-0025-000	032-03-0810-000	045-99-0024-701	067-99-0016-701
007-01-0581-002	032-03-0814-000	047-02-0001-001	067-99-0022-002
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007-01-0581-005	032-03-0822-000	048-01-0075-302	068-03-0122-001
007-01-0585-001	032-03-0827-000	049-04-0949-003	069-01-0177-002
007-01-0585-002	032-99-0007-001	051-99-0057-002	070-01-0028-001
007-01-0602-006	033-01-0027-300	051-99-0058-000	070-01-0027-001
009-03-0047-300	033-01-0029-300	051-99-0060-000	070-01-0028-001
009-03-0049-000	033-01-0055-303	051-99-0064-000	070-01-0029-000
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016-99-0005-001	033-01-0056-300	052-99-0022-000	071-99-0001-704
017-99-0001-000	034-01-0016-000	052-99-0028-001	073-01-0001-000
018-99-0007-000	034-01-0018-000	052-99-0030-001	073-02-0265-000
018-99-0012-000	034-01-0026-000	054-99-0011-002	073-02-0270-000
021-99-0001-710	034-01-0027-000	054-99-0011-003	073-02-0282-000
023-99-0008-703	034-02-0009-000	056-01-0916-305	073-03-0409-000
024-99-0013-000	034-99-0018-001	058-99-0006-701	074-01-0682-000
025-99-0004-001			

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 2000. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

RICHARD P. DITTMAR  
City of Westland  
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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murder that involved first-degree child abuse. He has remained in jail during the 15 months that have passed since he was accused of killing Darius at Hines Park Apartments near Warren and Cowan. Cobb shared the apartment with the boy's mother and was baby-sitting while she was at work, police said. The boy received severe head injuries on Dec. 2, 1998, and died five days later from injuries blamed on Cobb, then described by police as a 6-foot-1, 275-pound man. The toddler also had bruises on his chest. A defense attorney argued during a January 1998 court hearing that Cobb didn't mean to hurt Darius and that he hit him for urinating on a living room floor. But Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered Cobb to stand trial following a doctor's testimony that the force of the blow knocked the toddler across the room and slammed him into an object, ripping his skull and causing fatal head injuries. Assistant Wayne County Medical Examiner John Scott Somer-

set compared Darius' injuries to those he would have received if he had fallen from a two- or three-story building. Cobb also admitted in a statement to police that he gave Darius "a good whack" with a closed fist after the child urinated on the floor. On Wednesday, Dorsey said he had discussed Cobb's possible sentence with the victim's parents and a grandmother. "They seem to be satisfied with it," Dorsey said. The boy's mother, Latonya Conaway, testified in January 1999 that Cobb and her son often played together and that Cobb taught the boy to say his ABCs and to count. The mother testified that the toddler even started referring to Cobb as "Daddy" during the 10 months that the three lived together. The mother said her son wasn't injured when she left the apartment at noon on Dec. 2, 1998. But she said he was bruised and unconscious when she saw him several hours later at a hospital.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 20, 2000**

**PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 AND 7:20 P.M.**

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent was Councilmembers Kaledas and Wiacek.

Joint public hearing to discuss:

- Special Assessment - Sidewalks / Approaches, District #4207
- Special Assessment - Sidewalks / Approaches, District #4208

- Raymond Sakach, of Garden City, requested clarification on work being charged for driveway approach.
- Betty Roberts, of Garden City, stated the work was unsatisfactory.
- Richard Foster, of Garden City, four squares replaced and one replaced after initial replacement.
- Dan Rochowiak, of Garden City, contesting work on approach.
- Marion Delehta, of Garden City, new owner, work undisclosed by seller.
- Walter Bumgardner, of Garden City, wants detail on charges.
- Mr. Glasser, of Garden City, is price the same quoted in 1997.

There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent was Councilmember Kaledas.

Also present were City Manager Kocis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Deputy Treasurer Smith, DPS Director Barnes, Parks & Recreation Representative Widmer, DPS Streets, Sewer & Water Supervisor Morton and DPS Building & Grounds Supervisor Miller.

**The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.**

- Bob Leclercq, representing the Fire Department, announced that Fire Chief Hines' retirement party will be held May 12, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased from any firefighter.
- Richard Foster, of Garden City, spoke of trash and various problems.
- James Barker, of Garden City, gave his opinion regarding the Lennox development.

- Item 03-00-087**  
Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge. RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2000, as amended. AYES: Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch and Gora. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. ABSENT: Councilmember Kaledas. Motion passed.
- The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.**  
No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.
- There was no motion offered for Items A-6, Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll No. 4207, and A-7, Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll No. 4208. These items will be on the next agenda, March 27, 2000.
- Item 03-00-088**  
Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek. RESOLVED: To approve the following:  
**RESOLUTION**  
**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**RECOGNIZING BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**  
**MAY - 2000**

WHEREAS, Audiologists and speech-language pathologists in Garden City observe and celebrate "Better Hearing and Speech Month" each year during the month of May, and

WHEREAS, Garden City recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in ten affected by them, and

WHEREAS, Those citizens of Garden City who have overcome their communications disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists, and

WHEREAS, Audiologists and speech-language pathology services throughout our nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive and fulfilling lives, and

WHEREAS, Garden City is proud and honored to have audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality education and hearing care services to its citizens.

**Item 03-00-089**  
Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch. City Attorney will contact Wayne County pertaining to modifications to Article 11 and Article 17 relating to Insurance and Y2K, i.e. language. RESOLVED: To approve the Inter-Agency Agreement for the General Permit Activities Grant in the amount of \$91,608.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmember Kaledas.

**Item 03-00-090**  
Moved by Lynch, supported by Gora. RESOLVED: To approve the contract with Wade-Trim in the amount of \$93,000.00 to support the Storm Water Management Grant Activities and in the amount of \$72,505.00 to support the Storm Water General Permit Grant activities. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmember Kaledas.

**Item 03-00-091**  
Moved by Lynch, supported by Gora. RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session with the City Attorney to discuss litigation regarding Lee vs. City of Garden City and DeHart vs. City of Garden City. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmember Kaledas.

The Mayor and Council recessed to Closed Session. Council returned from Closed Session and the following motion was offered:

**Item 03-00-092**  
Moved by Dodge, supported by Briscoe. RESOLVED: To approve the City Attorney's recommendation regarding DeHart vs. City of Garden City. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: Councilmember Kaledas.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

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six hours a week. "It has helped me quite a bit," he said. Collins finds time to spend with his parents, Carol and Edward Collins, and his 11-year-old brother, Evan. He also makes time for his girlfriend, a Glenn sophomore. "We watch movies and go out to eat," he said. "She's involved in drum line and band with me, too." One of Collins' latest challenges as class president has been dealing with complaints that a Shania Twain song, "From This Moment," has been chosen as senior class song. "Only 72 people voted out of 490, and now a lot of people want to vote again," Collins said. Seniors, it seems, have learned an early lesson about the importance of voting.

Judging by Christiansen's comments, Collins will handle the controversy as skillfully as possible. "Corey is very comfortable in taking on a leadership role when working as part of a team," the teacher said. "He has excellent interpersonal skills and has no trouble communicating thoughts and ideas to others." "While strong enough to lead, Corey also knows when to listen and is considerate of alternative viewpoints," Christiansen said. "Corey has shown the ability to take the initiative and is disciplined in the pursuit of his goals. This, in turn, motivates the rest of the team." "Corey," Christiansen concluded, "has the skill of influencing others by setting an example." Not bad for a 17-year-old.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**MEDICARE/MEDICAID NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Notice is hereby given that the agreement between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Nightingale West Nursing Home in Westland, Michigan, a provider of services in the Medicare program, will remain in effect. In addition, as authorized by the Michigan Department of Community Health - Medicaid Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the facility's agreement as a nursing facility in the Medicaid program also remains in effect. This notice supersedes the prior notice of January 16, 2000.

Based on the findings from a recent survey, the Health Care Financing Administration has determined that Nightingale West is qualified to participate in the Medicare program. Therefore, the Medicare program will continue to make payments for skilled nursing services furnished to eligible residents admitted prior to December 28, 1999 and after February 8, 2000. These dates are due to a previously imposed denial of payment for new admissions which was discontinued on February 7, 2000.

MARILYN SAMUELS  
Program Representative  
for  
GWENIKYAN MICHEL, Branch Manager  
Michigan/Minnesota Operations Branch  
Division of Survey & Certification

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# Kelly enters register of deeds race, Bell may follow

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Rep. Thomas Kelly

Two Democrats appeared ready late last week to compete for the chance to succeed Forest E. Youngblood as Wayne County register of deeds.

Rep. Thomas H. Kelly, D-Wayne, announced Wednesday he is seeking his party's nomination in the Aug. 8 primary, while County Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, told fellow commission members on Thursday she'll do the same shortly.

Commissioner John J. Sullivan, D-Romulus, who serves on Bell's public safety and judiciary committee, said Thursday she announced at that meeting that it was her last "and that she will resign next week from the commission to focus on her campaign."

Youngblood, who has served as registrar for 28 years, said Friday he will remain in office until December, when his term ends — contrary to a rumor that he would retire early, with Bell

## Large field

Youngblood, noting at least four candidates ran against him in 1996, said he expects a large field again.

A Wayne County sheriff's deputy 28 years, Youngblood was elected registrar in 1972, succeeding his father, Barney, who held the office since 1941.

Kelly, a former Wayne city councilman who is being term-limited from office in Lansing after serving six years as state representative, praised his erstwhile primary opponent.

"We've known each other quite a while," he said of Bell, describing her as "very, very competent and a viable candidate for the position."

"But I wish she would stay in her position as county commissioner," he said half-jokingly.

Kelly said he believes his "experience and knowledge of local, county and state government" qualify him to succeed Youngblood.

"I hope to augment the excel-

lent service previously provided by Mr. Youngblood as well as to continue to improve the office for today's technology," he said.

## Seven years

Youngblood said his office has worked the past nearly seven years to scan its 30 million records into computer files.

"We're still a little bit behind, but we hope to catch up in two to three months," the registrar said.

Kelly told the Observer on

Thursday if Youngblood weren't resigning. "I would not be running. I respect him very much."

He praised Youngblood for his 51 years of service to the county, saying the latter "has done a great job."

"He's a heck of a nice man, very competent," Kelly added.

Kelly, whose 17th District seat represents Wayne, Westland, Garden City and Inkster, was elected representative in 1994.

A former teacher and library

director for Wayne-Westland Community Schools, he previously served 12 years on the Wayne City Council and also is a former chairman of the Nankin Transit Commission.

The register of deeds office, established by the Michigan Constitution in 1836, is where all legal documents pertaining to property within the county are recorded.

The registrar also chairs the county plat board.

# Judge dismisses suit against Bankes

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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A small-claims lawsuit filed against a county commissioner by a Dearborn photographer has been dismissed in that city's 19th District Court.

Craig Hanosh, hired by the Wayne County commission to photograph its January 1999 swearing-in ceremony, sued Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, for \$190, claiming she owed that for her order of additional 8-by-10 photos from the ceremony.

However, Bankes, who wanted only 5-by-7s, denied ordering the photos and had returned them in May 1999.

Dearborn Magistrate G. Danny Ferrara dismissed the suit "without prejudice."

"He said the photographer did not have a valid claim," Bankes stated.

"In a lawsuit, even in Small Claims Court," Bankes explained, "the key question is was there a meeting of the minds sufficient to form a contract?"

"I proved in court that we did not have a contract. Therefore, there was no breach," she said.

The suit gained some notoriety when a metro-Detroit television station featured it as an "investigation" piece on its evening

news.

Bankes, who is in her first term as county commissioner after several years as a state representative, said she heard

Hanosh would file suit in civil court.

However, Hanosh couldn't be reached for comment.

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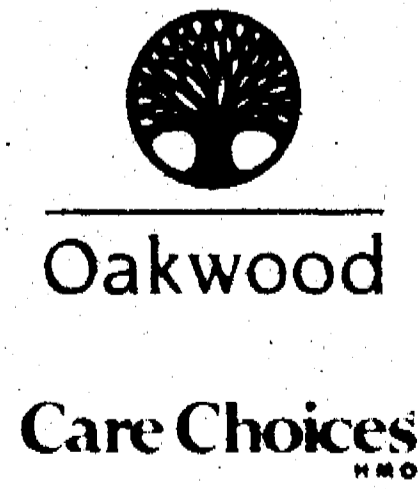
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# Sale offers plants for your garden

Looking to expand your perennial garden? Then circle Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 5-7, on your calendar.

That's when the Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens will hold their 20th annual spring plant sale and marketplace at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, between Geddes and Plymouth roads, Ann Arbor.

From 3-7 p.m. Friday, the sale will be open to Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Those who would like first choice of the extensive collection can become a member on the spot. The sale is open to the general public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

The sale offers the wide selection of outdoor plants - 36,000 pots comprising 1,100 varieties.

**■ Proceeds from the sale, the major fund-raising event of the year, go to support programs at the gardens. For more information, call (734) 998-7061.**

In the perennial category, there will be sun - and shade-loving species, ferns, ornamental grasses, rock garden plants, vines and wildflowers. Shoppers also will find a wide selection of herbs - both common and hard-to-find.

The recent addition of accent plants - those used for containers or as focal points in the garden - was very popular at last year's sale. Some examples of the 80 varieties that will be available are sweet potato vines,

licorice plants, lantanas, special varieties of coleus, verbenas, fuchsias and New Guinea impatiens, as well as a huge selection of specialty geraniums - scented, tulip-flowered, ivy and variegated leaf.

In addition to plants, visitors can purchase a variety of select garden accessories - fountains, trellises, sun dials, tools and furniture from vendors at the spring sale marketplace.

On-site professional support and advice will be available from

the Matthaei Gardens staff members and knowledgeable volunteers.

The spring sale week will start with a Savvy Session 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Visitors will be able to pick up a list of plants that will be sold the following weekend, inspect this year's featured plants in the greenhouse, and obtain professional consultation on any and all horticultural questions from volunteer master gardeners and garden staff members.

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Fun! The Nankin Mills Reading Club packed students in.

## Young readers find fun in book pages

The Nankin Mills Reading Club has just completed a successful six weeks of pleasure reading. The club met 8-8:30 a.m. every Tuesday at Nankin Mills Elementary.

The children brought in their favorite selections to read either by themselves or with a partner. Throughout the time period, teachers Christina Jasiolek and

Mary Ann Bubar would read with the children or listen to them read. The halfway point was celebrated with hot chocolate and book markers and the last session included a "Reading Rainbow" party with hot chocolate, doughnuts and a certificate. The club had a turnout of 37 students in first through fifth grades.

## YMCA will celebrate Healthy Kids Day

The YMCA Healthy Kids Day will be noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road. A special day of family learning and fun, Healthy Kids Day proves good health can and should be enjoyable.

Sponsors are eRegister.com, Family Service Inc. and McDonald's of Southeast Michigan. The

day will include obstacle courses, arts and nature projects, safety lessons, character development, games, learning opportunities and more.

"There is more to good health than being physically fit," said Christy Nolan, Wayne-Westland YMCA executive director. The YMCA definition of wellness includes elements like caring for

others, respecting the environment, being honest and fair and taking responsibility for solving problems.

"A healthy child has all of these qualities," said Nolan, adding the YMCA supports family efforts to build healthful lifestyles. The eighth annual event, free of charge, will be celebrated at YMCAs across the

**■ 'There is more to good health than being physically fit.'**

Christy Nolan  
—Wayne-Westland YMCA

nation. For more information on the local event, call (734) 721-7044.

*Read Taste today*

### Walkers on go

A group of Westland Convalescent Center residents have formed a new club for getting together to walk regularly.

In celebration of the newly formed W.C.C. Strutters Club, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 3.

Due to a printers error in the appliance Section on the Wards April 2nd and April 9th Sunday Circular, effective 4/2 - 4/9 and 4/9 - 4/15 respectively, the Amana 25.8 cubic foot side-by-side refrigerator #6634907 mfg. #SP126V is incorrectly priced at \$899.99. The correct advertised price is \$999.97. We apologize for any inconvenience that this advertising inaccuracy may cause.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### SC's Williams signs

Wayne Memorial High product Brian Williams, a point-guard for the 24-7 Eastern Conference champion Schoolcraft College men's basketball team, has signed a NCAA letter-of-intent to play at Western Illinois University.

Williams will join SC teammate Gilbert Mitchell, a 6-foot-4 guard from Detroit-Cody who averaged 13 points per game, on the Western Illinois roster. The Leathernecks finished 8-22 last year and are 111-114 in eight seasons under coach Jim Kerwin.

The 6-2 Williams transferred last summer to Schoolcraft from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

He averaged 5.3 points and added a team-high total of 152 assists (4.9 per game). Williams won the Coaches Award at Schoolcraft's recent banquet.

Williams was an All-Observer selection at Wayne Memorial his senior year, averaging 18 points per game.

### Collegiate hoop note

Albion College (churchill) helped the women's basketball team to a 12-12 record and its first 10-win season since 1993-94.

Supanich, named Most Improved Player, averaged 5.8 points and shot 75 percent from the free throw line (46 of 61).

Albion finished 7-9 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

### Livonia gymnast 1st

Jaspar Marek of the Livonia Gymnastics Academy Class VII boys team recently captured a gold medal in floor exercise at the state meet in Kalamazoo.

Marek, coached by Chris Ayoub, also took a silver medal in pommel horse and finished second in the all-around, which features events in six apparatus. He also took a bronze medal on the vault.

Teams with three or more gymnasts also earned honors in the same level.

For more information about the Livonia Gymnastics Academy, located in the Bentley Center, call (734) 525-3594.

### LJAL football registration

Football and cheerleading registration on a first-come, first-serve basis for the Livonia Junior Athletic League will be from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 15 at the Frost Middle School in Livonia.

The cost is \$100 for cheerleading and \$125 for football.

For more information, call Phil Adkins at (734) 425-4098 or Tim Kavanaugh at (734) 525-1232.

### LJAL hoop champions

The Livonia Junior Athletic League Warriors, a girls varsity basketball team, recently finished the season with an 11-0-1 record.

Members of the Warriors include: Kristina Avedisian, Rachel Megenity, Brittany Blauvelt, Jessica Wurmlinger, Katie Turner, Robyn Johnson, Kali Lester, Stephanie Faerber, Megan Cooney, Bethany Hine, Jessica Statham, Kelly Greenleaf, Megan Kain and Jennifer Perkins.

The Warriors are coached by Bob Avedisian, Bob Turner, Brian Lester and Larry Sanders.

The LJAL freshman Knicks, coached by Tim Proben and Jerry Heath, finished the year at 9-0.

Members of the Knicks include: Bobby Avedisian, Drew Dolan, Ryan Dolan, Drake Gibson, Mike Heath, Andrew Lambert, Ken Morin, Cameron Norcia, Josh Proben, Tyler Robertson, Ricky Scully, Brian Smith, Michael Thayer, Justin Turner and Andrew Vagnetti.

### Hockey coach wanted

Livonia Churchill High School is seeking a varsity hockey coach.

Those interested should call Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 523-9217.

### Fox hockey rankings

Fox Sports recently released its national high school hockey poll with two Observerland teams cracking the top 50 including Division I state champion Redford Catholic Central (No. 35) and state quarterfinalist Livonia Churchill (No. 49).



**Churchill ace:** Meghan Misiak showed promise as a freshman last year for the Chargers. She helped her team win the Division I district championship at Oxford.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

## Rockets to unveil new softball field

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Comerica Park won't be the only new venue to open up this month.

Westland John Glenn's softball team will also open a brand new park Wednesday against Belleville, complete with concrete dugouts, electronic scoreboard and fence. Foul poles should be on the way.

Coach Karen Olack and her Glenn players were hard at work Friday making final preparations for their new facility. Practice was put on hold to do a little spring cleaning.

Like the Tigers, the Rockets will look to improve on last year's 6-24 mark.

They don't return Deivi Cruz, but the good news is that first-team All-Observer shortstop Samantha Crews returns for her senior season.

Headed for Wayne State University, Crews hit .530 last year (44 for 83) with 10 doubles, three triples, four homers and 25 RBI. She struck out just six times.

The bad news is that little sister Stephanie, the starting catcher as a freshman, transferred to Chelsea because of a family move.

Samantha decided to graduate with her class, while Stephanie embarks on a new frontier in the Southeastern Conference.

Junior Chelsea Busch will try and fill Stephanie's shoes.

But pitching will be the key as junior Stephanie Fedulhak returns.

Livonia Stevenson, which will compete with Glenn in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, also hopes to improve upon last year's 3-18 season.

Second-year coach Jen Knoph lost four-year pitcher LeAnne Schraufnagle to graduation, but returns catcher Kim Giller, who is coming off a knee injury.

Five sophomores could crack Stevenson's starting lineup.

In the Western Division of the WLA, Livonia Churchill is coming off a 17-15 season, including a Division I district title under veteran coach Dana Hardwidge.

Sophomore pitcher Meghan Misiak,



Samantha Crews

## PREVIEW

who impressed as a freshman down the stretch, gives the Chargers a solid arm on the mound.

Churchill will miss second-team All-Area catcher Kristin Derwich, but returns All-Western Division senior shortstop Christine Fones, who hit .367 last year with 35 RBI.

Livonia Franklin, 13-19 a year ago, also returns a veteran club. Coach Linda Jimenez, who guided the Patriots to a pair of tournament titles, will build her team around standout first baseman Tera Morrill.

The senior, who should earn her 11 school letters before she graduates, batted .352 (38 for 108) to go along with 27 stolen bases en route to first-team All-Observer honors.

Senior outfielder Jeanette Bertrand, an All-Division choice, along with starting pitcher Tara Muchow, give Franklin a solid nucleus.

Livonia Ladywood (13-21), another district champion in Division I, lost Sarah Theismeyer to Eastern Michigan University, but returns seniors Kristen Barnes, Katie Rospierski, Courtney Wilmering and Becky Mitchell.

In the Mega Conference, Wayne Memorial (4-12) will bank on catcher Sarah Moore and junior second baseman Amy Paling.

The Metro Conference could be up for grabs with Lutheran High Westland (18-11) and Livonia Clarenceville (6-11) making bids.

Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz will try and replace pitcher Katie Heiden and catcher Sharon Greer.

Heather Haller, a senior outfielder and infielder, returns, while sophomore Heather Rose (5-4) takes over the pitching duties.

Clarenceville third-year coach Kristen Hynek is optimistic with the return of second-team All-Metro Conference shortstop Rachael Koerke. The Trojans will also rely on the bats of cousins Meghan and Amy Schiffman, along with Northville transfer Melanie Rudd.

The most experienced team from positions one through nine could be Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-11). Hawks coach Eric Ruth believes his team will contend in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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## Newman steps down at Stevenson

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### BOYS HOOPS

Stevenson's Tim Newman became the second varsity boys basketball coach in Livonia within a week to turn in his resignation.

Newman, 43, joins Franklin's Dan Robinson on the sidelines.

"I need to take care of business at home," said Newman, who was 17-85 in his four-year stint with the Spartans. "It has to do with time constraints. It's a year-round job these days and at this point of my life I can't fully devote the time."

Newman, who took over for Jim

McIntyre during the 1996-97 season, has coached basketball for the Livonia Public Schools for over 20 years. He was also varsity girls coach two seasons at Churchill and four at Franklin, as well as being a JV coach at Stevenson.

"I've had a wonderful run, but I can't do it full tilt right now," Newman said. "I appreciate what Roger Frayer (Stevenson's athletic director) and Dr. (Dale) Collier (principal) did for me. They allowed me to be a part

of a quality program.

"I never felt the pressure as far as having a winning record. I'll miss the kids and the competitiveness. I didn't change my views or my values and I just hope the kids appreciate that and were better people for it. The neat thing is to see them come back in four years and see how successful they've become in life."

Newman and his wife Nancy have two young children, ages 3 and 1.

"I'm never going to say never, but now is not the time to coach," said Newman, who bears resemblance to Indiana coach Bob Knight. "The frustrating part is that I'm leaving a nice

freshman group. We had one on the varsity along with three sophomores."

"Whoever takes over will be at a great school to work at and have good kids."

Frayer, Stevenson's A.D., called Newman, who teaches Special Education at the school, "a great person."

"We're going to miss him," Frayer added. "Nobody prepared better and Tim did a great job teaching the fundamentals. I'm devastated to lose him, but I understand why. He needs to spend more time with his family."

Frayer said Newman's job has already been posted within the Livonia Public Schools.



**Eyes trip:** John Glenn outfielder Dave Holloway has plans to travel this summer to Europe.

## Glenn's Holloway plans more than typical European holiday

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As Dave Holloway embarks on his senior season this spring, the Westland John Glenn outfielder also hopes to write another chapter in his baseball career this July.

Holloway is one of three Michigan players selected to play for U.S. Baseball Stars, a group of 16-18 year-olds who will showcase their skills and compete this summer in Europe.

He is currently soliciting donations and must raise \$3,200 for the two-week trip, which includes a series of games against age-group teams in Paris, France and Antwerp, Belgium. The U.S. Baseball Stars, an organization based in Grosse Pointe, will also participate in the Apledorn Tournament in Holland.

### BASEBALL

"Raising \$3,200 is becoming a very tough task," Holloway said. "I've been going to local businesses and I've applied for a grant through the Westland Community Foundation."

"I've always wanted to go to a different country. I think it would be neat to play against different countries."

The U.S. Baseball Stars held 32 different tryouts throughout the year and had references on nearly 3,000 players. A total of 220 were selected for the program.

Holloway's and 13 of his teammates are scheduled leave July 4. They will train for three days in Paris and then compete against the French Olympic Federation junior squad. The U.S. Baseball Stars' head coach is Lance

Marshall of Franklin (Ind.) College. Marshall formerly worked for the Chicago White Sox.

"We usually send seven or eight teams abroad and we have invites every year from all different countries," said Macomb Community College coach Steve Merriman, one who the U.S. Baseball Stars' tryout coordinators.

"Our goal is to take college level talent over there. It's good competition. The Apledorn is a very good tournament. We had a 7-7 record over there last year and we got merited by an all-star team from Germany in the same age group."

"You can see the face of baseball is changing dramatically the next three or four years. We're still the kings now, but there could be a time when we may not be the kings of baseball anymore."

Merriman is a former University of

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Amanda Suder Plymouth Salem Tara Morrill Livonia Franklin Jill Dombrowski Plymouth Salem Lindsay Sopko Livonia Franklin Kate LeBlanc Livonia Stevenson Patty Horal Livonia Ladywood Andrea Kmet Livonia Franklin Carrie Brankiewicz Farm Hills Mercy Shannon Munn Livonia Churchill

# Familiar names gain All-Area status

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Tom Teeters' volleyball resume, pretty much speaks for itself. Few coaches could match it.

Never mind how many times he's been the all-Observer coach of the year selection. He's taken Livonia Clarenceville to one state championship (in 1977-78) and Livonia Ladywood to two ('87-88 and '88-89).

He also guided Schoolcraft College to the NJCAA championship in 1988, earning him national coach of the year honors.

At Plymouth Salem the past two seasons, Teeters has taken the Rocks to the state quarterfinals. What made this season's run remarkable is that he did it with a rebuilt team.

Gone from last season were seven seniors, six of whom started at times. Undersized by most standards, Salem still managed to tie for first in the Western Lakes Activities Association with Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks had had trouble with both Ladywood and Franklin during the regular season. Salem split with the former, but lost five-of-six games to the latter.

In the state tournament, however, Teeters and assistant coach Dale Hartzell made the proper adjustments to beat Ladywood in the district final and Franklin in

the regional final. Those moves, as much as anything, earned Teeters another selection as the Observer's coach of the year.

### FIRST TEAM

**Amanda Suder, 5-7 Sr., Ply. Salem:** Suder was a do-it-all for the Rocks. And what she did, she did well.

That was evident in Salem's record. The Rocks finished 44-12-1, reaching the state quarterfinals before being eliminated.

Going into the end-of-the-season tournaments, Suder — an all-WLAA selection — was leading the team in kills with 315 (3.57 per game), service aces with 106 and digs with 279. She was also second in assists with 89.

"Our team was built around Amanda," said Teeters. "She could hit and score, she was a very effective server. Her jump serve helped us win a league championship."

Suder served three-straight aces in a regular season-ending match at Northville that allowed the Rocks to tie for first in the WLAA.

Her talents are more than just athletic," Teeters added. "The atmosphere the seniors created allowed us to get the most out of the team. Amanda had a big part in that."

Suder's all-around abilities will be difficult to replace. In the fall she'll attend Madonna University, where she'll play volleyball for Jerry Abraham. Suder committed to Madonna in January.

**Tara Morrill, 5-11 Sr., Liv. Franklin:** The repeat selection made third-team Class A All-State and All-WLAA as the Patriots finished the year 46-8-2. She was also team MVP and named Best Offensive Player.

The left-hander, headed to Madonna University, demonstrated all-around skills with a team-high 440 kills (4.1 kills per game) while hitting from the right side. She also had 111 aces and 325 digs.

"Tara is a major impact player," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "Her talent and experience lead the team in most statistical categories. She aggressively attacked the ball, dug every thing her side of the court, and demonstrated her setting capabilities in quick set opportunities (zero errors in 97 assist attempts)."

"Her talent, intelligence, experience and determination provided great leadership for the team."

Morrill, expected to win 11 letters for the Patriots, carries a 3.86 grade-point average.

**Jill Dombrowski, 5-9 Jr., Ply. Salem:** It was not an easy situation for Dombrowski to step into.

Salem lost seven seniors to graduation after last season. Dombrowski was going to play a key role in this year's team — but where?

"We weren't set in what we were going to do going into the first match of the season," said Teeters. "We thought we'd need Jill to hit to be successful. But Denise (Phillips) stepped up."

With Phillips filling the need as a hitter, Dombrowski — an all-division pick — could move to setter, where she was an immediate success. She averaged 7.3 assists to kills per game, was second on the team in digs and in kill percentage — and was also second in blocks.

"She had to go to middle block, something we haven't asked our setters to do," Teeters said.

One other thing about Dombrowski, who is currently Salem's starting keeper in soccer: "She's really in good condition. In practice, we'd do a drill and just have her available to set, and she'd go from one side of the net to the other, setting for both teams."

**Lyndsay Sopko, 5-10 Sr., Liv. Franklin:** Another repeat choice, the setter racked up 964 total assists (nine per game) to go along with 57 aces.

Lyndsay's court sense, discipline, experience and incredible hands provided exceptional leadership and an intensity on the court," Diegel said. "She exemplifies the scholar-athlete as she maintains a 4.111 GPA in an honors curriculum."

"Her volleyball acumen and physical abilities permitted her to set an intricate offense."

Sopko, headed to the University of Akron, made All-Region, honorable mention All-State, All-WLAA and Academic All-Region.

**Kate LeBlanc, 5-11 Sr., Liv. Stevenson:** A three-year varsity player, LeBlanc was the major reason Stevenson enjoyed the success it did, posting a 30-16-3 record.

LeBlanc was an all-WLAA selection and the Spartans' team captain. She set a team record for most solo blocks in a



Erin Bartee Livonia Ladywood Bernadette Merriman Redford Union Noelle Swartz Westland John Glenn

season with 103, and she tied the team record for most kills in a game with 14.

Besides blocks, she led Stevenson in kills with 373 and had 69 service aces.

"It has been a pleasure to have Kate play the last three years on varsity," said Spartans' coach Kelly Graham. "She has improved so much from her sophomore year to become a very dominant player this past season for us."

"She took her abilities to the fullest extent playing for me. She will truly be missed, both as a player as well as an individual."

LeBlanc has committed to Madonna University, and Graham feels LeBlanc "will play a major role in the successes that Madonna will have in her volleyball career there."

**Patty Horal, 5-9 Sr., Liv. Ladywood:** The All-Catholic League selection averaged 3.7 kills and 2.6 digs per game.

"Patty was our top serve receiver," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "She was our strongest overall player, our team captain and our team MVP."

The outside hitter, who led Ladywood to its ninth straight Catholic League A-B Division title, is headed to Siena Heights University.

**Andrea Kmet, 5-10 Sr., Liv. Franklin:** The middle-hitter was a first-team All-Observer performer a year ago. She is a three-year varsity starter who carries a 3.8 GPA.

Kmet, an All-Western Division choice in the WLAA, was second on the team in total kills with 294 (3.38 per game). She also had 148 total digs and 56 aces.

"Andrea has shown she can hold her own in the Western Lakes," Diegel said. "She was a true outside hitter who played the middle position for the good of her team."

"Her tenacity, perseverance and deep desire helped lead the team to many victories."

Kmet, headed to Schoolcraft College, was named the Patriots' top defensive player and was All-Region, along with All-Region Academic.

**Carrie Brankiewicz, 5-7 Sr., Farm Hills Mercy:** Brankiewicz made the All-Area team for the second year in a row after leading the Marlins to their 11th consecutive district title and a 31-10-1 record.

Brankiewicz, who will play volleyball for Kalamazoo College, led the Marlins in nearly every category, registering 411 kills from 853 attacks for a .482 kill percentage.

At the net, she also had 21 stuff blocks and 15 touch blocks. Defensively, she had 275 digs and rated 98 percent on serve receive. She graded .946 as a server, putting 367 of 388 into play with 63 aces.

"In my seven years, I think Carrie has been one of the greatest leaders, both by example as well as verbally, as I've ever coached," Mercy coach Ed Moeller said. "What sets her apart is she's a star in three sports (volleyball, basketball, softball); yet, she never gets full of herself."

She's very, very helpful and encouraging to younger players.

"As far as being a volleyball player, she's a real complete player. She plays the front row, but she leads the team statistically in passing."

"I always thought she could be a great setter if she wanted to be. She's a student of the game. She watches volleyball on cable TV every chance she gets."

**Shannon Munn, 5-9 Sr., Liv. Churchill:** The All-Western Division pick in the Western Lakes led the Chargers in total kills (166), solo blocks (31) and serve accuracy (144 points).

The three-year varsity performer also led in serving efficiency (91.7 percent with 50 aces) and was second on the team in total digs (235).

"Shannon was a middle hitter who developed into a fine defensive player as well as an offensive threat," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "As a middle hitter she hit angles very well and was almost impossible to stop with a single blocker."

"She possessed with excellent control to all parts of the court."

Munn will play volleyball next year for Henry Ford Community College.

**Erin Bartee, 5-10 Jr., Liv. Ladywood:** The All-Catholic League selection was a versatile performer for the Blazers who could play outside and middle.

She average 3.4 kills, 1.1 blocks and 2.3 digs per game.

"Erin was our most consistent attacker," Wyatt said.

**Bernadette Merriman, 5-7 Sr., Redford Union:** At 5-7, it's not Merriman that landed her on this team. Nor was it her stats — even though she had 283 digs, 37 blocks and 136 kills on the season.

"Bernadette has something special," said RU coach Vicki Toth. "When she started, I don't think even she was aware of her natural gift to play and learn the game at such a rapid pace. She's quick defensively and attacks as though she's 6-0."

Merriman, is would like to play for the University of Michigan-Dearborn, also had 83 aces on the season and an 83 percent serving percentage.

"She's a competitor," Toth said. "You can see it in her eyes how much she loves to play and compete."

**Noelle Swartz, 5-11 Sr., Westland Glenn:** Out all last year because of knee surgery, Swartz bounced back to enjoy a fine senior year, making All-Lakes Division in the WLAA.

She finished the season with a team-high 135 kills, to go along with 45 blocks, 188 digs, 58 aces and only 16 errors in 219 serve receptions.

Swartz recently signed to play volleyball at Schoolcraft College.

"Noel was one of our top all-around players," Glenn coach Stacy Carey said. "The thing I like about her as a front row player is that she was by far our best passer."

All-Area boys basketball on Thursday.

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At its meeting held:  
Wednesday, April 5, 2000 - 10:00 a.m.  
Wayne County Commission  
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In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1983, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Act of 1989 ("Barston 18" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2000-01 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at the Grote Administration Center, 18900 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Executive Director of Financial Services

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**CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF LIVONIA-WESTLAND GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAMS**

**HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN**  
 Head coach: Eric Ruth, third year.  
 League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).  
 Last year's overall record: 6-11.  
 Notable losses to graduation: Katie Orlandoni.  
 Leading returnees: Rachel Zahn, Jr. F.; Jessica Whitaker, Jr. C.; Sam Pellegrino, Jr. 1B; Cassie Zell, Jr. 2B; Stacie Graves, Sr. SS; Gretchen Grosinski, Sr.; Mandy Cherundolo, Jr. LF; Jenny Kleinke, Soph. CF; Vickie Martin, Sr. RF.  
 Promising newcomers: Lauren Merian, Fr. utility; Sarah Brisbey, Soph. OF.  
 Ruth's 2000 outlook: "We should finish at least second in our division because we have most of our players back. Our goal is to play over .500 ball."  
 "Our pitching should be strong with Zahn. She averaged only 3.2 walks per game and had a no-hitter."  
 "In the middle of last season we moved some people around and we should be strong defensively. We should also be a good hitting team. We hit .323 as a team last year and that should go up with a year's experience."

**LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND**  
 Head coach: Ron Gentz, 12th year.  
 League affiliation: Metro Conference.  
 Last year's overall record: 18-11.  
 Titles won last year: CLASS C district champions.  
 Notable losses to graduation: Katie Heiden; Sharon Greer; Stephanie Lynch; Kari Charles; Carle Azzopardi.  
 Leading returnees: Heather Haller, Sr. OF/2B; Cristina Hilden, Soph. P/CF; Heather Rose, Soph. P/CF; Sarah Marody, Sr. 1B; Renee O'Brien, Sr. RF; Liz Unger, Sr. 3B; Emily Reinke, Jr. LF; Chrissy Zink, Sr. C.  
 Promising newcomers: Rachel Gergely, Jr. C; Kelly Pruchnik, Jr. IF; Katie Walker, Jr. OF; Jenny Glenn, Fr. SS/P; Jenna Hess, Fr. 2B.  
 Gentz's 2000 outlook: "We're young on the mound. The only one with any varsity pitching experience is Rose. She went 5-4 in nine games when Katie Heiden got hurt last year."  
 "We lost a lot up the middle so we've got holes to patch up. But I have some talented kids, it's just a matter of finding the right combination."  
 "Defensively, we should be fairly decent. Offensively, with as many young kids as I've got, we have to see."  
 "But I'm an optimist. I can't say we can't be competitive."

**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**  
 Head coach: Kristen Hynek, third year.  
 League affiliation: Metro Conference.  
 Last year's overall record: 7-13.  
 Notable losses to graduation: Misty Swider, Jessica Silye.  
 Leading returnees: Rachael Koernke, Sr. SS (second team All-Western Conference); Meghan Schiffman, Sr. 1B/OF; Amy Schiffman, Jr. P; Taryn Charrette, Sr. P; Jessica Kennedy, Jr. CF; Jenni Swider, Jr. LF; Jenny Kennedy, Jr. 2B; Kelly Burr, Sr. OF; Vera Skrela, Sr. OF; Beth Marlowe, Soph. C; Jamie Matland, Jr. Inf.  
 Promising newcomers: Melane Rudd, Jr. 3B (transfer from Northville); Nicole Martin, Soph. OF/Inf.; Heather Agar, Soph. OF; Felicia Hernandez, Jr. Inf.; Nikki Snyder, Soph. OF; Jessica Rachoza, Soph. OF.  
 Hynek's 2000 outlook: "I feel strongly about this team and their ability to win. We've spent two years teaching the fundamentals and I feel now we have a good core of players. They know the game."  
 "For the last two years we honed in on defense. Defense should be a strong point. I think we're strong up the middle."  
 "We didn't hit last year, but with both

Koernke and Schiffman, we've got two girls who can get around on the ball. And the transfer we picked up (Rudd) was a nice gift."  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD**  
 Head coach: Bob Lulek, fourth year.  
 League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).  
 Last year's overall record: 13-21.  
 Titles won last year: Class A district champions.  
 Notable losses to graduation: Sara Thiesmeyer (now at Eastern Michigan); Melanie Grewe; Margaret Day.  
 Leading returnees: Kristen Barnes, Sr. CF; Katie Rospierski, Sr. 2B; Courtney Wilmering, Sr. OF/C; Becky Mitchell, Sr. OF/2B; Shelly Moros, Jr. P/OF; Stephanie Salinas, Jr. C/OF; Kathy Day, Jr. 3B/1B; Dawn Rini, Soph. SS/2B.  
 Promising newcomers: Carrie Friel, Sr. OF; Pam Smart, Jr. P; Ann Marie Starasich, Soph. RF/3B; Megan Wilken, Soph. C; Shawn Fallon, Fr. P/3B/2B; Pattie Kolonski, Fr. 1B/OF.  
 Lulek's 2000 outlook: "This is the smallest roster I've ever had, but it's a real nice group."  
 "It's a little hard to say how I feel because it's such a young team. Moros will hold us in a lot of games because of her knowledge and experience. I'm pleased with the situation on the mound."  
 "And they've got some good veterans behind them. I feel the new talent will blend in well."  
 "We'll have our ups and downs. I'll be patient with them, and hopefully they'll be patient with me. I think by the time the tournament rolls around, we'll be where I want us to be."

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
 Head coach: Dana Hardwidge, ninth year.  
 League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).  
 Last year's overall record: 17-15.  
 Titles won last year: Class A district champions.  
 Notable losses to graduation: Kristin Derwich (second team All-Area catcher, All-District); Adrienne Doyle (All-District pitcher); Ann Senne (All-District outfielder).  
 Leading returnees: Stephanie Doyle, Jr. OF; Christian Fones, Sr. SS (All-Western Division, second team All-Area, hit .367 with 35 RBI); Carly Gill, Jr. OF; Sarah Hennessey, Sr. 1B; Sallie Kurtko, Soph. 2B; Meghan Misiak, Soph. P; Kathleen Schram, Sr. OF; Kelly Stahley, Sr. 3B.  
 Promising newcomers: Ashley Crawley, Fr. C; Courtney Gross, Jr. 1B/OF; Sheila Gillies, Soph. C; Marilyn Greis, Fr. OF; Jenny Long, Soph. 1B; Rene Ritz, Fr. P/OF.  
 Hardwidge's 2000 outlook: "Led by a core of four seniors — Fones, Hennessey, Schram and Stahley — this team is a blend of experienced players and rookies. The girls have a positive attitude about the season and are working well together. Our goal is to play hard and play smart."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
 Head coach: Jen Knoph, second year.  
 League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).  
 Last year's overall record: 3-18.  
 Notable losses to graduation: LeAnne Schraufnagle (pitcher); Kristi Copi (team MVP).  
 Leading returnees: Kelley Gutter, Sr. C; Katie King, Sr. 3B; Kim Hitchins, Jr. P/Inf.; Nicole Dwojak, Sr. OF; Mary King, Sr. OF; Jolen Kijorski, Sr. OF.  
 Promising newcomers: Debbie Gassky, Soph. 1B; Amy Hollandsworth, Soph. OF; Amanda Jankowski, Soph. OF/P; Sarah Pinto, Soph. 3B/OF; Sarah York, Soph. 2B; Allison Chonce, Jr. 2B/OF; Lindsay Rayburn, Jr. OF; Julie Paulson, Jr. 1B/OF; Emily Campbell, Jr. OF.  
 Knoph's 2000 outlook: "Giller is very solid. She started for us as a freshman and sophomore, but she tore her ACL (anterior



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARROLL  
**Franklin hurler, Senior Tara Muchow returns for the Patriots.**

cruciate ligament) last year. She's back at full strength and is back in form."  
 "Defense has been our main focus since the first day of tryouts. Probably our strength is hitting and our versatility. We can move people around. I think this team will hit the ball."  
 "Our pitchers have got to throw strikes and get the ball in play."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
 Head coach: Karen O'Leary, fourth year (second stint).  
 League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).  
 Last year's overall record: 6-24.  
 Notable losses to graduation: Renee (transferred to Chelsea), Renee Kolb, Nikki Reisinger.  
 Leading returnees: Samantha Crews, Sr. SS (tri-captain); first team All-Area; Abby Massey, Jr. CF (tri-captain); Amanda Ross, Jr. 2B (tri-captain); Brooke Robertson, Sr. 1B; Jessica Seres, Jr. 3B; Mickey Yangoff, Sr. LF; Stephanie Fedulichak, Jr. P.  
 Promising newcomers: Michelle Noel, Sr. OF; Ruthie Kiertyka, Soph. P; Chelsea Busch, Jr. C; Holly Deedler, Jr. Inf./OF; Jenny Lack, Jr. OF; Shelly Hein, Jr. OF/Inf.

**OLACK'S 2000 outlook:** "Stephanie (Fedulichak) has definitely improved her technique and speed. She worked off winter with Carrie Kientz, an instructor from Downriver. If our pitching stays consistent we'll be OK."  
 "I think we're solid defensively all the way around. We have a good catcher (Busch) who we broke up last year. She has a good arm and a great bat."  
 "Last year we were in 90 percent of our games, but we had a lot of 20-10 type scores. We'll score a lot of runs."  
 "This the second year everybody has played together, so that should help."

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
 Head coach: Kathy Stella, second year.  
 League affiliation: Metro Conference (White Division).  
 Last year's overall record: 4-12.  
 Notable losses to graduation: None.  
 Leading returnees: Sarah Moore, Sr. C; Amy Pailing, Jr. 2B; second baseman; Crystal Little, Soph. 3B; Kelly Tyler, Sr. LF; Kara Pardee, Sr. CF; Kara Kirk, Sr. RF; Jackie Haner, Sr. 1B; Michelle Suda, Sr. Inf.; Sarah Davis, Sr. SS.  
 Promising newcomers: Jodie Reed, Soph. 1B; Heather O'Rourke, Soph. P; Anna Rizkalah, Soph. OF; Nichole Fuller, Soph. Inf.; Jennifer Kientz, Jr. utility.  
 Stella's 2000 outlook: "I think we'll be in good shape. We have seven seniors who have played together four years. Hope to improve our record from last year."  
 "Our pitching hasn't been tested yet. It will be a rebuilding year for the pitching staff. For our team pitching is the key."  
 "Offensively we look pretty solid. We have some good hitters. We have two strong hitters in Pailing and Little, and Pardee hit her first homer last year."  
 "The defense should be outstanding infield wise. Our outfielders have strong arms."

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# Whalers pull even in series

Suddenly, it's back to square one for the Plymouth Whalers.

Randy Fitzgerald's second goal with 12:52 left in the game gave the Whalers a 3-2 win over the host Guelph Storm on Friday night. But more importantly, it evened their best-of-seven series in the opening round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs at two games each.

And the two teams, as well as home ice advantage, headed back to Compuware Arena on Saturday night for the fifth game of the series. Game six will be held in Guelph on Tuesday night, while a seventh game, if necessary, would be held at Compuware on Thursday.

Fitzgerald's second goal was the only 5-on-5 score of the game for the Whalers, coming off assists by Shaun Fisher and Eric Gooldy. Not surprisingly, the two goals earned Fitzgerald first-star honors.

Justin Williams gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead on a

short-handed goal with one second left in the first period, with the assist coming to Fisher.

Guelph tied the score at 1-1 just 1:38 into the second period as Charlie Stephens scored a power-play goal from Lindsay Plunkett and Brent Kelly. But the Whalers regained the lead at the 4:11 mark when Fitzgerald scored a power-play goal from Damian Surma and Fisher.

The Storm tied it again with 5:13 left in the period as Bo Subr knocked the puck past Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp with the assists going to Joe Gerbe and Radik Matalik.

It was one of Zepp's rare misses on the night as the netminder made 40 saves and earned the game's second-star honors. The Storm's Chris Madden made 30 saves on the night. Plymouth had 11 penalties for 22 minutes and managed to kill off a 5-on-3 Guelph advantage during the first period.

The Storm had nine penalties for 18 minutes.

# Plymouth secures 'must win'

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Enough all ready.

Twice the Plymouth Whalers had met the Guelph Storm in a first round Ontario Hockey League playoff series. And twice they had been thoroughly frustrated.

The Whalers, who rose to the top of the OHL with a 17-game winning streak that stretched from the end of January to mid-March, had lost just five times since December. Losing twice in three days was inconceivable.

And unacceptable. "We had hit a hot goaltender," said Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer, referring to Guelph's Chris Madden.

Madden's miracles were a no-show in the third game of the series, played Wednesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Indeed, Madden was sent packing midway through the second period after giving up five goals.

His replacement, Craig Anderson, wasn't any more effective as the Whalers swarmed the goal and simply overwhelmed the Storm in posting an 8-0 victory.

"This," said an obviously relieved DeBoer, "was a big-time turnaround. It's just what the doctor ordered."

"We had trouble scoring goals

(in the first two games) and we got eight of them tonight. Rob Zepp had given up a few goals and tonight he got a shutout.

"You couldn't have ordered a better script."

The guys who co-authored this best-seller (at least it was to Whaler fans) with Zepp were Justin Williams, who single-handedly chased Madden by scoring three goals against him, and Steve Weiss, who also connected for a hat-trick.

Williams, who led the Whalers in goals with 37 during the regular season but had been shutout in the first two playoff games, had six points in this one.

The Whalers started the game slowly, almost cautiously. But they started to roll about six minutes in and the Storm couldn't keep pace.

A turnover by Guelph at mid-ice, forced by Weiss, led to the Whalers' first goal — scored by Weiss, who knocked in a rebound of a Williams' shot with 12:35 left in the first. Shaun Fisher also assisted.

With 7:05 left in the period, the Whalers made it 2-0 with a power-play goal by Williams on a play started by Damian Surma behind the net. He pushed the puck to Fisher at the point, and Fisher found Williams in the slot for the scoring shot.

With less than a minute left in

the first, a Williams' takeaway and pass to Randy Fitzgerald, positioned directly next to the Guelph net, resulted in a third goal.

If the Storm still believed a comeback was possible, the opening 10 minutes of the second period convinced them otherwise.

Williams scored twice in the first 8:16, slamming in his own rebound on the first. On the second he calmly skated through the slot, waiting for Madden to commit. After the Guelph goalie obliged, Williams put his shot top shelf, making it 5-0.

After that, Madden retired to the bench, replaced by Anderson. Both sides got feisty, and the rest of the game was marred by a half-dozen fights and a slew of misconducts.

All the goal-scoring, however, belonged to Plymouth. Surma finished a charge to the net by Fisher and Cole Jarrett, making it 6-0 with 6:08 left in the second, and Weiss capped a 2-on-1 break with his second goal of the game with 2:16 left in the second.

Weiss' third goal came just 52 seconds into the third period, tapping in a pass from Fisher. He totaled five points in the game, with Fisher getting four assists and Kris Vernarsky and Jarrett adding two apiece.



**Cougars win title:** MVP James Kerbawy scored both goals in the championship game as the Bantam AA Suburban Cougars captured the Little Caesars 1999-2000 Tier II AA title with a 2-1 victory over the Mount Clemens Wolves. Winning goaltender Steve Hensie was able to hold off a Wolves three-man advantage in the final minute. The Cougars, coached by Bill Wills, also defeated Birmingham (4-2) and the Storm (2-1) to reach the finals. Other members of the Cougars include: Andrew Carriger, Mickey Mason, captain Josh Shelters, Tim Gibbs, Tim Keller, Brian Flores, Chris Flahupich, Mike Wills, Joe Grusling, captain Andy Schollenberger, Brian McClellan and David Kuhn. Assistant coaches include Don Carriger, Don Hensie and Kris Kerbawy. The team manager is Jane Wills. Sponsors include Phillips Service Industries, Inc.; Dale Hourigan of C&C Underwriters, Inc.; Shelters Heating & Cooling.

## Rangers win tourney



**Mighty Mites:** The Livonia Mite Rangers captured five straight games, including a 2-0 championship victory over the Mount Clemens Flyers at the Glacier Pointe Shamrock 2000 Tournament last month in Port Huron. Each Ranger contributed at least one point in the tournament. Scoring leaders included Brent Mishowski, seven goals and three assists; Matt Porembiak, six goals and four assists; Jason Popiel, five goals and three assists; Scott Geverink, three goals and four assists; Jake Hermann, two goals and three assists. Outstanding performances were also turned in by defensemen Adam Weigand, Kevin Hiller and Ryan Lubanski. Goaltender Kyle Ennis had a goals-against average of 0.80. Team members (front row, from left) include Geverink, Lubanski, Porembiak, Mishowski, Ennis, John Strauch, Nick Clark, Candace Meadows; (middle, from left) John Rotondo, Popiel, Hiller, Mitch Minito, Austin Snyder, Hermann and Weigand; (back, from left) coaches Mike Hermann, Jim Popiel, Jeff Kunz, Dave Porembiak. Not pictured is Eric Cipparone. The Rangers are sponsored by Looney Baker, Technicam Manufacturing and Precision Plus Landscaping.

# Aquinas pitcher Rose blanks Lady Crusaders on no-hitter

The Madonna University softball team traveled to Aquinas College Friday for a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header, but the Crusaders left their hitters behind.

The Saints swept a pair from Madonna, with Melinda Rose firing a three-hitter that stopped Madonna 1-0 in the first game and Cassi Gragg tossing a no-hitter in beating the Crusaders 4-0 in the nightcap.

The two shutout losses dropped Madonna's record to 14-7 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC. Aquinas improved to 14-9 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

Gragg came within one batter of tossing a perfect game in the second game. She walked one and struck out one, improving to 6-4.

Tanya Liske took the loss, allowing three runs (two earned) on three hits and three walks in four innings. Liske is 5-2 for the season.

Krista Marinello had two hits and a run batted in and Aaran Bush had a double and an RBI to lead the Saint hitters.

The first game was a pitcher's duel, with Rose getting the better of Madonna's Jenny Tenyer. Rose allowed three hits and one walk, striking out four in improving to 8-4.

Tenyer gave up one earned run on four hits and one walk, fanning two as she slipped to 4-3.

Rose also provided the offense, singling in Lyndsay Szczepanek with the game's only run in the fourth inning.

# Holloway from page B1

Michigan assistant coach (under Bill Freehan) who played at Central Michigan. He was also a bullpen receiver four years for the Detroit Tigers. His former coach at CMU, Dean Kreiner, has coached for the U.S. Baseball Stars.

The U.S. Baseball Stars will average almost two games per day, but they will not be totally deprived of some sight-seeing.

"We're really over there to play baseball, but we also want our players to experience the culture and see the sights, too," Merriman said. "The airfare, hotel, bus, meals and sightseeing are done by a sports agency out of California."

Holloway, who played two years of varsity football at Glenn, stands 6 feet, 200 pounds. He brings

a potent bat to the plate.

Holloway would like to continue his baseball career in college at either Siena Heights, Concordia or Adrian.

"Dave's learned a lot in the past year and he's worked hard," Glenn varsity coach Todd Duffield said. "He's got power. He hits the ball hard. He's made vast improvements. He's been out there each Friday night in the cage at Total Baseball (of Wixom, an indoor facility)."

Time is running out for Holloway, who is juggling school, baseball and fund-raising for his trip.

Those interested in making a donation can call Holloway at (734) 728-7376.

## Scholar-Athlete

**Spartan hero honored:** Bryan Dery (center) of Livonia Stevenson High School was honored as a recipient of the MHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Award in East Lansing. Dery, shown with Larry Thomas (left), executive vice-president of Farm Bureau Insurance and MHSAA executive director Jack Roberts (right), received a \$1,000 scholarship during halftime ceremonies of the state Class C boys basketball finals held March 25 at the Breslin Center.



# Rockets pierce Thurston, 6-0

Behind five second half goals, Westland John Glenn cruised to a 6-0 girls soccer victory Wednesday over visiting Redford Thurston in the season opener for both teams.

Glenn, which outshot Thurston 41-3, was led by junior forward Sarah Pack, who had three goals and an assist. Junior midfielder Lacey Catarino also chipped in two goals and two assists.

Despite putting 16 shots on goal in the first half, the Rockets went into halftime with just a 1-0 lead on a goal by Pack.

"We did some readjusting after halftime," said Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski. "We just realized we're here to play and we got after it."

Poniatowski felt the difference in the game was Glenn's defense, which shut down the Thurston attack before it could reach goaltender Jade Fukuda.

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"Our defense really did a great job," Poniatowski said. "My fullbacks were outstanding."

Senior midfielder got the other goal for the Rockets, and freshman Cristal Kilgore added an assist.

**GROSSE ILE 2, WAYNE 1:** Despite a decent effort Wednesday, Wayne Memorial lost its season opener 2-1 at Grosse Ile.

The Zebras opened the scoring with 30 seconds remaining in the first half when Nancy Bednarz converted on an indirect free kick.

Grosse Ile (2-0) got the equalizer early in the second half, and then took the lead at the 21 minute mark. With the lead, Grosse Ile dropped back into a defensive game and denied several Wayne scoring chances.

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### GLENN GOLF SCRAMBLE

A four-person golf scramble, benefitting the Westland John Glenn High School baseball and football programs, will be Sunday, May 7 at Fellows Creek in Canton Township.

Check-in starts at 7 a.m. with

tee-off at 8 a.m. (shotgun start).

The cost is \$65 per player or \$260 per team. All entries must be in by Friday, April 28. Checks should be made payable to John Glenn High School and mailed to: John Glenn High School, Attention: Football, 36105 Marquette, Westland, Mi. 48185.

For more information, call Chuck Gordon at (734) 595-2485 or (734) 326-2203.

### LHA WALK-IN REGISTRATION

The Livonia Hockey Association will hold walk-in registration for Livonia residents from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at Devon-Aire Ice Arena, located at 9510 Sunset, one block east of Merriman Road at off W. Chica-

go.

Registration for non-residents will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 13 at Devon-Aire. No fee will be taken on either registration date. All registration for the LHA will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Fees for the 2000-2001 season will be \$125 for Livonia residents and \$150 for non-residents.

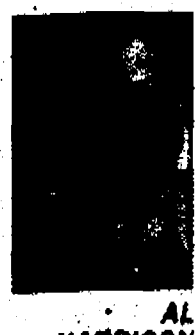
Each registrant must provide proof of residency (child's report card, parents drivers license and most recent utility bill). You must also present a copy of the child's birth certificate.

For more information, call the LHA office at (734) 422-5172.

BOWLING AND RECREATION

Canton resident follows in dad's footsteps

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

A bowling ball and rabbit only have something in common if you miss a strike or a spare by a hair — unless your name is Pam Jones.

Livonia's Jones is an All-Star bowler and a rabbit show judge.

Pam has traveled across the USA for her other calling — and besides judging, she breeds, raises and sells rabbits.

I will be writing about her in another section of this paper in time for Easter.

Back by popular demand, the Bowling Ball Swap—Sell—Buy will take place Friday-Sunday, April 28-30, at Westland Bowl on Wayne Road between Ford and Warren roads.

The first such event took place last August and was a success despite taking place at a bad time of year.

If you have any good, late-model balls or other equipment you are no longer using, turn it into instant cash by bringing it in, tagging it and letting people buy.

For buyers, it's a terrific opportunity to get your hands on some good new equipment without having to pay those high prices we're seeing today for new balls.

Plugging and re-drilling will be available on the premises and lanes will be available to see if equipment that would be new to you fits your hand.

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will make bowling in your league more interesting.

Call the G.D.B.A. at 810-773-6350 or the D.W.B.A. at 810-773-3050 for more details.

"A chip off the old block" is a time-worn cliché, but what could be a better way to describe 19-year-old Brent Kossick?

As many bowling fans know, Ken Kossick has been one of the area's premier bowlers for many years in the All-Stars at Thunderbowl and elsewhere.

Now comes his son with a 300 game in the Wayne Westland Youth Travel Classic at Super



A perfect roll: Brent Kossick of Canton tossed a 300 game.

Bowl in Canton.

The Kossick family resides in Canton also, with younger brother Darren also competing in the W.W.Y.T.C.

Brent only needs 19 more perfect games to catch up with his dad.

Congratulations to Matt Dalley of Plymouth for his 238-162 victory over Tom Rosso in the 2000 Midstates Masters 222 Division at the 300 Bowl in Pontiac.

Dalley wanted this win, especially after finishing second in the last tournament. The next 222 tournament is set for Sunday, April 9, 2000 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

For more information call (313) 365-8449.

The Great Lakes Senior Bowling Association has announced its upcoming schedule.

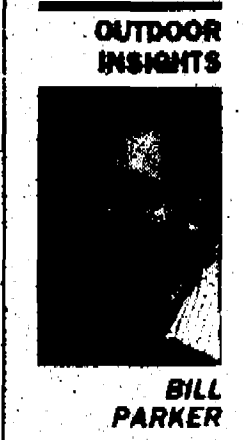
April 8 the association is at Eastgate Lanes in Oregon (Toledo) Ohio; May 13 it is at Bowlero Bowl in Windsor, Ont.; June 10 at Woodhaven Lanes in Woodhaven; and July 8th at Garden Lanes in Garden City.

The GLSBA is for senior bowlers age 50 and up. For details or entry forms, call (734) 522-9315.

Table listing bowling leagues and members across various locations like Westland, Garden City, and others.

OUTDOORS

Easy-to-read guide confuses



BILL PARKER

I'm still confused. With April here and the traditional last-Saturday-in-April trout opener on the horizon, I decided to take a quick look at the new Michigan Department of Natural Resources Inland Trout and Salmon Guide 2000.

Keep it simple If you're not confused yet, read on. That's the simple part. Regulations for each stream Type are mind boggling. For a Type I stream for instance, the open season is the last Saturday in April-September; anglers can fish with live or artificial bait; the daily harvest limit is five fish, but no more than three can be 15 inches or larger and only one can be an Atlantic salmon; and minimum size restrictions are eight inches for brook and brown trout in the Lower Peninsula, seven inches for brook and brown trout in the Upper Peninsula, 10 inches for rainbow trout statewide, eight inches for splake statewide, 24 inches for lake trout statewide, 10 inches for coho, chinook and pink salmon statewide, and 15 inches for atlantic salmon statewide.

There are six more stream Types to consider. Regulations for trout lakes are a little easier to grasp since there are only six Types to consider, but again the regulations are different for each Type.

If you plan to fish just one section of one stream or just one lake you can check the guide and leave it home. But if you plan to move around until you find a good bite, you'd better pack the guide with your fishing gear.

Unfortunately, that won't be simple either. The new 49-page guide is printed on roughly 8x11 inch paper, to make the maps easy to read. At that size, the guide will fit nicely into a three-ring binder, but not most tackle boxes, and certainly not a fishing vest.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not a die-hard trout fisherman. I'm a weekend warrior at best when it comes to stream fishing. I do enjoy getting out a few times each year, but this year on

opening day maybe I'll go chase walleye instead.

At least until I study the new "user-friendly" trout and salmon guide for a few more hours and familiarize myself with the user friendly regulations.

Early season on Huron There are still a few exceptions to the new trout regulations and one of them is on the Huron River.

For nearly two years, the DNR's fisheries division has been working with angler groups to come up with what was supposed to be a simple, easy to read guide to trout fishing on Michigan's inland waters. Well, the new guide may be easy to read, but it is certainly not simple.

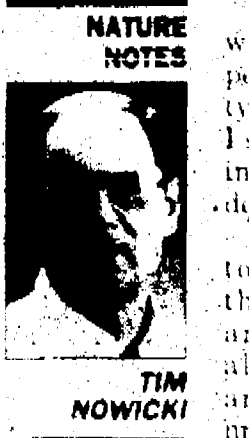
The state has classified all 17,000 miles of Michigan trout streams into one of seven classifications based on factors reflecting the water's productive capacity for trout and salmon. Each classification has a specific set of regulations.

To use the guide, choose the stream you wish to fish then go to the back cover of the guide, and use the Index Reference Guide to see on what page the map of your stream is on. Turn to that page and you'll find a map with color-coded streams. Locate your stream and see what color it is.

Be very careful because purple and blue and red and orange look very similar in the guide. Then turn to page nine to see which Type of stream corresponds to your color. Once that has been determined, turn to page three for the specific regulations for that Type of stream.

Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Quizzes and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

A bit different: Deer with antlers can still be found



TIM NOWICKI

Just last week, when I entered Independence Oaks County Park where I work, I saw an antlered deer in front of a group of does.

This was surprising to me because I thought that most antlered deer had already shed their antlers, and that males did not associate with females this time of year.

Because these observations did not seem normal to me, I decided to investigate. I spoke with a biologist from the Rose Lake Research Station near Lansing. The Rose Lake Research Station is run by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They coordinate much of the research for game animals around the state.

They told me that it was not extremely unusual to see antlers on deer this time of year. Most antlers are shed by March, but some individuals retain their antlers longer than normal. This is probably due to a hormone imbalance in the animal.

A hormone imbalance was the reason they gave for the male associating with the group of does. Normally bucks are off in male groups, or bachelor herds this time of year.

They only associate with females during the rut in fall. In fact, it was speculated that the animal may have been a young male that was reluctant to leave its mother. A hormone imbalance might cause such behavior.

When I first saw a set of antlers on this deer, with does, I began to think that this might be an antlered doe. That is why it was with the does.

But I was told that females with antlers occur at a frequency of only 1-2 in 1,000 animals. Antlered does don't rub the velvet off their antlers like a male.

A hormone imbalance does cause the growth of antlers, too much testosterone, but they do not have the behavioral make up that goes with the extra testosterone. So velvet can still be seen on antlered does even at this time of year.

When I mentioned this antlered doe to my neighbor she told me that a friend of his saw an antlered deer just a couple weeks ago.

I'm sure most deer lose their antlers during the months of January and February, but with the deer population as high as it is, there are more deer that exhibit extremes from normal.

Variation in populations of animals is normal and very important in the long run. Without variation animals would not be able to adapt to changes that occur in the environment.



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### Calling all singers for special event

**J**erry Smith is looking for a few good singers for a one-time engagement with the All Community Church Choir.

Smith quips that if you can carry a tune and are involved with a church music program, you won't even have to audition and will get a free breakfast to boot.

Singers will perform as part of the Livonia Prayer Breakfast program beginning at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. (That's where the free breakfast comes in.)

Smith was asked a year ago to bring Livonia church choirs together to sing for the breakfast where city officials, educators and citizens meet for prayer and to hear an inspirational message. Richard Stearns, president of World Vision, an organization which feeds children all over the world, will speak at the May 23 breakfast. Call Sally Butler for more information about the breakfast (248) 476-9427.

### Think globally, act locally

In January, Smith, who's minister of music at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, sent letters to all Livonia churches. So far 70 singers from nearly a dozen choirs have made the commitment to perform at the Prayer Breakfast, but ideally Smith would

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*Jerry Smith*

like to have 100. Rehearsals will take place 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20. The program plays on the theme "think globally, act locally."

"We're looking for people active in a church music program anywhere in Livonia," said Smith, a Livonia resident who was choir director at Bentley High School for 27 years. "We wanted to let people know about the opportunity because so many times the

members of different church choirs don't even know what's going on in their own community. This is fresh and exciting, not the same old, same old. It's something extraordinary."

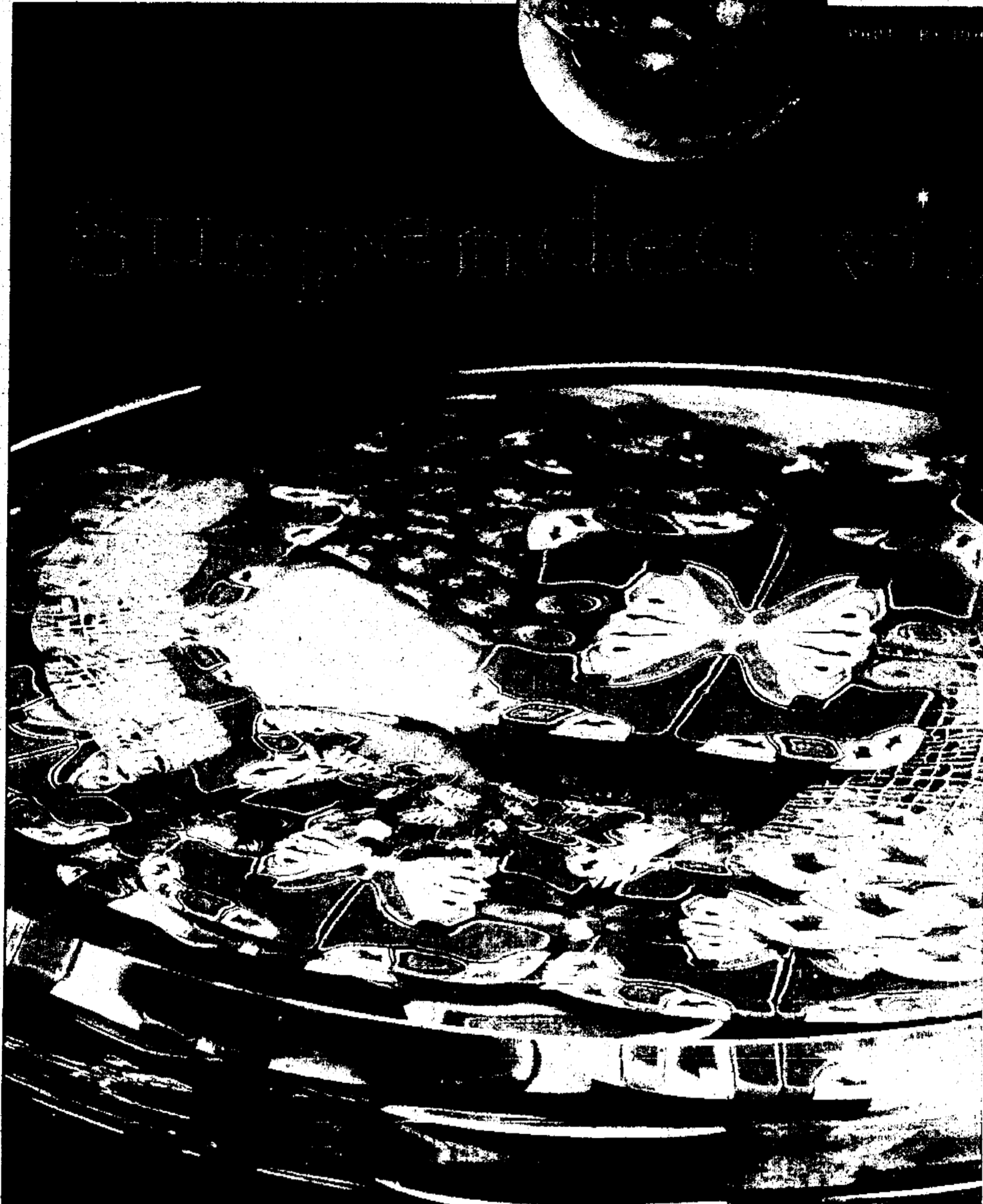
### Busy days

In addition to coordinating and directing the choir for the Prayer Breakfast, Smith is busy getting ready for the Easter production at Ward Presbyterian, where he has been minister of music for the last 27 years. And that's no easy task. But Smith's hard work is what makes being a musician at Ward Presbyterian rewarding.

Even though Smith jokes it seems like a hundred years since he's been minister of music at the church, don't let that fool you. Deep down inside, he loves directing the church's 200-voice choir, 38 piece orchestra, 70-voice youth choir that tours the country every year, two women's choirs, a male choir, brass ensemble, flute choir, and handbell ringers. Last year, he was able to tour Switzerland and England with 50 members of the 200-voice choir. This year they'll stay relatively close to home when they sing in Canada. Next year, they're off to France. In between his duties at the church, Smith continues to practice his other love - teaching. He instructs students in the fine points of music theory as well as chairs the music department at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills.

For more information about joining the All Community Church Choir, call Smith at (248) 374-7400.

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### Sculptor creates new worlds from glass

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**T**he properties of glass mesmerized Richard Ritter from the first time he used the material at Society of Arts & Crafts more than 30 years ago. Today, Ritter is one of the leading artists in the contemporary studio glass movement.

Just gazing into one of his sculptures, it's easy to understand why the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is celebrating the work of the internationally recognized glass artist with an exhibit that continues through the end of the month. Ritter opens windows to another world. Sea-like forms swim amidst layers upon layers of glass. Flowers and butterflies seem suspended in time inside these crystal mini-universes.

The sculptures, vessels, paperweights and wall pieces in "Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass" span nearly 30 years of Ritter's career, including his first attempt at blowing a green glass bottle at Society of Arts & Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies).

Back in the days when Ritter helped department founder Gil Johnson build the first furnace at the Detroit school, students used scrap glass to create vessels and goblets. Gallery curator Joseph Marks' selection of 71 pieces from public and private collections document Ritter's pursuit of his passion since that time.

### Collectors

In addition to five pieces from the university's permanent collection, Jack and Aviva Robinson, Stuart and Maxine Frankel and Norman and Susan Pappas, Bloomfield Hills; Hugh and Carolyn Greenberg and Byron and Dorothy Gerson, Franklin; William and Electra Stamelos and Peter and Zoe Kokenakes, Livonia; Sophia Pearlstein, Southfield; and glass artist Fred Birkhill, Pinckney, lent work to the show.

Ritter is returning to Michigan to participate in a discussion on glass with beadmaker Kristina Logan and Art Museum Project director Kenneth Gross 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the university gallery. On

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### "Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass"

**What:** The works of Richard Ritter selected from public and private collections

**When:** Through Sunday, April 30. Opening reception to meet the artist 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 7, discussion with Ritter at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, (313) 593-5400 or (313) 593-5087

Ritter's work will also be featured at the 28th Annual International Glass Invitational Exhibition, opening 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Habitat Galleries, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Exhibit runs through Sunday, April 30, call (248) 333-2060 for information.

## EXHIBIT

# Artists show talent for color and design

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Joan Ehrstine and Jim Patterson are setting out on a new adventure. At the ages of 69 and 68, respectively, the two painters will be exhibiting their works with the Livonia Artists Club April 8-9 in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

While Patterson has been exhibiting his work for some time in shows such as Our Town at The Community House in Birmingham and Fine Arts in the Village at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia, this is the first time he is showing work with the Livonia Artists Club.

Ehrstine, a Plymouth Township resident, is showing her work for a third time.

### Sense of accomplishment

More than 20 members will exhibit up to five paintings each. There will also be reasonably priced unframed art in bins.

"It makes me feel good that I can show what I'm working on," said Ehrstine. "I feel I've accomplished something that might be pleasing to other people."

A Livonia Artists Club member for three years, Ehrstine has been painting watercolors for seven years. She took up the medium after retiring as the church organist for Rice Memorial in Redford after 24 years.

She studied drawing and colored pencil at Art Store & More in Livonia before deciding to take watercolor classes at Schoolcraft College with Westland artist Saundra Weed. A volunteer at Greenmead Historical Village, where she serves on the board of the Livonia Historical Society and edits its newsletter, Ehrstine presently makes time for classes with Livonia artist Audrey Harkins because she loves watercolor.

"I thought it would be the easiest thing because you were working with water, but I was so

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN WITHELL

**Eclectic show:** Joan Ehrstine and Jim Patterson show some of the watercolor paintings featured in the Livonia Artists Club exhibit.

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wrong," said Ehrstine. "Watercolor is very difficult, but I really enjoy it. I like belonging to the club because I feel it will help me grow as an artist. They show a video or have a guest speaker at every meeting."

Ehrstine and Patterson barely know each other since Patterson just joined the club in December. That will change, said Ehrstine. Camaraderie is one of the other reasons she remains a member of the club.

Patterson, a West Bloomfield resident, began joining organizations like the Farmington Artists

Club back in the 1980s. He'll show landscapes and florals including "Morning Breeze," a spring-like still life in front of a window opening onto a winter scene, in the Livonia Artists Club show.

"I wanted to get into more shows and a lot of Farmington Artists Club members are in the Livonia Artists Club and vice versa," said Patterson, who retired from General Motors in 1988 after 36 years as a graphic artist. He studied at the Meininger Art School and Society of Arts and Crafts (now Cen-

ter for Creative Studies) in Detroit and exhibits frequently in shows such as Our Town at The Community House in Birmingham, Fine Arts in the Village at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia, and in Farmington Artists Club shows. He has been a member of the Farmington Community Arts Council for seven years. His work is published in Chris Unwin's "Artistic Touch 3."

### Learning from each other

"It broadens one's artistic dimensions when you get a

## Livonia Artists Club

**What:** 39th annual Art Exhibit & Sale  
**When:** 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 8-9  
**Where:** Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

group of artists together," said Patterson. "The Livonia Artists Club is very informal. You learn from each other. It pushes you to paint and you're growing because you're learning from others."

Ongoing demonstrations by Patterson (1-5 p.m. Saturday),

Gerard Panyard, Leon Schoichit and Elbert Weber (1-5 p.m. Sunday) will allow an up-close look at the process that goes into creating a work. A member of the club since 1984, Weber will show semi-abstract and realistic works.

"The Livonia Artists Club is

the least formal in organization and rules," said Weber, a Livonia resident who serves on the board of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and the Artists Society of Dearborn. Weber is also member of the Scarab Club.

Founded in 1960 by Olive Herrington, the Livonia Artists Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month in Room C of the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information, call president Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.

# Glass from page C1

Saturday, April 8, Ritter will be at the opening of the 28th International Glass Invitational at Habatat Galleries in Pontiac. That show will feature work from his newest series.

"Glass is such a seductive material," said Ritter in an interview from his studio in North Carolina. "Glass is a liquid and flowing. I like that idea. I think of it as doing a painting."

While Ritter developed an interest in glass while teaching metal-working and advertising design at Center for Creative Studies, it was the three years he spent founding the glass blowing program at the Bloomfield Art Association (now the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center) that allowed him to learn the finer points of creating

works from hot glass. At the time, he was living in Birmingham and teaching metal-smithing at the BBAC, where he served as artist-in-residence from 1969-1972.

### Reflections

"Back then there were only a handful of us working in glass," said Ritter. "Society of Arts & Crafts was the first school in Michigan to start a program. We were the second. Initially, I wanted to combine glass with jewelry."

Before long Ritter was not only making his own glass and color (something he learned at Society of Arts & Crafts) but developing the style for which he's become known. Murrini sprinkled throughout the interior signify

it's a Ritter. Unlike bronzes viewed from the exterior, Ritter's sculpture lures viewers into the heart of the piece with imagery.

Ritter began layering crystal to incorporate murrini in sculpture after the vessel form left him cold. A time-consuming process, murrini is formed by stacking colored glass canes into a distinctive pattern inside a ceramic ring which is later sliced like a cookie. The family portrait of his mother, father and sister on a 1976 vessel took dozens of hours to complete.

"What attracted me to the murrini is that I can do these images that I can't do any other way," said Ritter. "The technique for murrini or cane imagery goes back to Egyptian times."

Murrini, popularized by 19th

century Italian glass artists such as Franchini, came naturally to Ritter since he began his career as a graphic illustrator for a Detroit advertising firm. Those six years and several painting and sculpture classes at CCS prepared Ritter to turn hot glass into fine art. Eventually, Ritter would leave Michigan to take a class with Mark Peiser at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. After studying with Peiser and Richard Marquis, Ritter became artist-in-residence for the next seven years. He's continued to teach glass at Penland since 1972.

"Since I liked pattern and line, it lent itself to that medium," said Ritter. "Initially I was decorating the exteriors with murrini and felt like I was putting cookies on the side of vessels. While

the pieces take one day, the imagery takes over a month. Sometimes they're very personal images. Others are caricatures."

### New works

Among the newest works are the Mandala bowl form. Ritter suspends lyrical strokes of green, yellow, white and red within the blown vessel. A 1983 pocket vessel with simple interior of swirling brown canes is engulfed in translucent topaz glass. A black and white sandblasted vessel lent by Sosin is dramatic. Etching and electroforming copper onto the surfaces of some of the newer pieces adds another dimension to the work, which curator Marks has followed for some time. Marks was responsible for curating a 20-year retro-

spective of the glass artist's work 10 years ago at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He's not surprised that Center for Creative Studies is bestowing an honorary doctoral degree upon the artist in May.

"Ritter creates entire worlds within glass," said Marks. "His work looks like a painting. I like the painterliness and the color. But what fascinates me is how were these done — how did he do that?"

Don Miller agrees the process is fascinating. A beadmaking instructor at U-M Dearborn, Miller took a workshop with Ritter at Penland.

"It's an interesting process to watch," said Miller, a Livonia resident. "Richard's work is technically intricate."

# Habatat's international invitational kicks off Glass Month

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It takes nine boxes of carefully-packed glass gourds and twisty horn balls to assemble "Fiesta Red," one of two dazzling Dale Chihuly chandeliers in this year's 28th-annual International Glass Invitational Exhibition at Habatat Galleries in Pontiac, which opens Saturday.

Actually, it's eight boxes. Number nine is marked "extras" — just in case.

But Patsy Wooten said she's broken more dishes at home than she has assembling the hand-blown tadpoles of glass to a steel armature.

Wooten of Chihuly Glass Studio in Seattle, Wash., along with her colleague, D. J. Palin, are in

charge of assembling the three-to-five feet, 600-pound sculptures valued in the six figures.

Their work takes them to all points on the globe — from Australia to Iceland — installing the works of Chihuly, arguably the world's finest glass sculptor.

### Delicate wrappings

Weeks before the exhibit opens to the public, freight trucks lined the alley behind the Pontiac gallery and delivery vehicles loaded with fragile goods circled Saginaw Street.

"It's like Christmas," said Rickey Keulen, shipping director at Habatat, as he unpacked several vases from the husband-and-wife team of Kimiaka and Shinichi Higuchi.

Indeed, the luminous berries in the Higuchis' "Raspberry

Yase" look as if they could be plucked from their delicate perch and placed atop a luscious holiday dessert.

Excavating Iowan artist Emily Brock's "Peachy Diner" from its foam and popcorn packing confines is something akin to an archeological dig. Yet its intricate details and bold dashes of color reward the patience.

The Higuchis and Brock are among the 80 artists hand-picked to show their most recent works at this year's exhibit, which will once again fill the two-story Habatat Gallery space and spill into Seventh House, an adjacent concert venue that routinely hosts national acts.

### Complimentary exhibits

The Invitational is the highlight of Michigan Glass Month,

which Ferdinand Hampson, Habatat's owner and director, conceived 20 years ago while he and artist Mark Talaba were jurors for a Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center show.

"We were trying to figure out how to coordinate several shows we had, and this idea came up," said Hampson. "At the time, it was a hard concept to sell. People told me I was ruining a good thing."

But Hampson felt that exposing a larger segment of the population to the wonders of glass as an art medium would generate more interest.

His strategy worked. Galleries, universities and museums throughout Michigan participate in Michigan Glass Month.

And today, only the staunchest of critics would say that glass isn't a viable fine art form.

### Enlightened artists

When the first Invitational opened in 1972, it was dominated by traditional blown and stained glass. But now artists use molding, mixing and shaping techniques to challenge glass to new limits.

Hampson said a dozen invited artists in this year's exhibit have never before shown in the

### Michigan Glass Month Highlights

■ **Atrium Center Gallery**, 109 N. Center, Northville. (248) 380-0470. Glass 2000 "An Eclectic Collection of Glass Art," featuring Michigan artists.

■ **Center for Creative Studies**, 301 E. Fredrick, Detroit. (313) 664-7800. "A Glass Passport: 2000," student exhibition and sale. The "Hot Glass Bonanza" glass blowing demonstration is noon-5 p.m., Sunday, April 16.

■ **The Detroit Institute of Arts**, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1851. "Glass, Glass, Glass," an exhibition of 20th century studio glass.

Herb Babcock, Young, the founder of Michigan Hot Glass Workshop in Detroit, combines glass with found objects to create his urban images. Babcock intersperses glass with metal and stone, which allows him to work in a greater scale.

Hampson said the Invitational generates seven-figure sales for his gallery, and typically a dozen to two dozen commissions for the artists.

Though Hampson has given advice to several area glass events, including the current Jon Kuhn retrospective at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, the Invitational keeps him close to the gallery.

Hampson still makes it a point to see what else Michigan Glass Month has to offer.

"I try to take a day off and see what's happening in the community," he said.

With nearly 30 events taking place statewide during April, it'll take more than a day to study all that glitters and the opulence of glass.

The 28th Annual International Glass Invitational Exhibition opens 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and runs through April 30 at Habatat Galleries, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

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### ART SHOWS

#### DYE ENERGY BLOOMFEST

Detroit's annual flower show featuring an art exhibit is at Cobo Convention Center April 6-9.

#### CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Kevin and Suzanne Bauman's works are featured at this event at Nardin Park Church 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 29887 W. Eleven Mile, just west of Middlebelt.

#### DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FLEA MARKET

Antiques, collectibles and contemporary treasures are available 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday April 8-9 at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit. (313) 821-7795.

#### NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 19th Festival of the Arts juried art show is noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 21220 W. 14 Mile, Bloomfield Township. (248) 646-4100.

### AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### BBSO COMPETITION

Instrumental dates for the Young Artist Competition are Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4 at Hammell Music Studio, Long Lake & Telegraph Roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-2276.

#### LIBERTY FEST 2000

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

#### PERFORMING ARTISTS

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts is accepting applications for performing artists at the Art & Apples Festival held Sept. 9 and 10. Applications are due by Friday, April 7. To receive an application, call the PCCA at (248) 651-4110.

### CLASSES

#### ART CLASSES

D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschoolers through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

#### DETROIT BALLET

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

#### EISENHOWER

#### DANCE ENSEMBLE

All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 907-4030.

#### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 832-8699.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

### CONCERTS

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics Concert featuring violinist Jannina Barefield is at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Featured guest will be Terry McDermott, Gold Medal Winner at the 1964 Olympics. A pre-concert dinner will be at 4:30 p.m. For information call (248) 645-2276.

#### BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Benefit concert featuring Flavio Varani, Nadine Deleury, Velda Kelly is 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 626-2820.

#### BORDERS JAZZ

Prime, a jazz vocal group, performs from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

#### BRUNCH WITH BACH

Pianist Neil Eisenstein performs at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 7 in the Kresge Court of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

#### CATHEDRAL CULTURAL SERIES

A performance of Requiem by Giuseppe Verdi is 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 865-6300.

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Strass' tone poems with Eri Klas, conductor is 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111.

#### FOLK VESPERS

Features One Flight Up at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

#### ROBERT JONES AND MATT WATROBA

The Birmingham Temple's Vivance ushers in its spring concert with these folk musicians at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 26611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 788-9338.

#### GENERAL MOTORS CHORUS

Presents a spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, 4328 Livernois, Troy. (313) 833-4042.

#### HAMELL MUSIC

Evenings around the piano with Flavio Varani at 7 p.m. on April 5 in the recital hall, 4110 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 594-1414.

#### NEIL WOODWARD

The multi-instrumentalist singer and songwriter performs at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3001.

#### NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES

Glen Holcomb performs at noon Tuesday, April 4 at the Detroit Public Library, 3rd Floor Fine Arts Room, 5201 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-4042.

#### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

Spring Ring, Dance and Romance is at 6 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Laurel Manor. For information call (734) 416-8293.

#### SEAHOLM JAZZ BAND

Presents a dinner dance at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Best Western Sterling Inn at Van Dyke and 16 Mile in Sterling Heights. (248) 645-9705.

#### ST. CLAIR TRIO

Performs at the Henry Ford Estate Fairlane at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330.

#### UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

The Watts Prophets with guest Tom Blackman is 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. 1-800-221-1229.

### DANCE

#### AVODAH DANCE ENSEMBLE

The Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital *Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance* featuring the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and the dance department at Wayne State University will present a dance workshop featuring JoAnne Tucker, artistic director of the Avodah Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679.

#### DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Gala concert is 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 965-3544.

#### EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Performs at 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 at the Smith Theatre on the campus of Oakland Community College, Orchard Lake. (248) 471-7667.

#### GARTH FAGAN DANCE

Performs April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### SWAN LAKE

The American Ballet Theatre performs Swan Lake at the Detroit Opera House April 2. (313) 963-2366.

### DINNER THEATER

#### BACI THEATRE

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

### EVENTS

#### BLOOMFEST CHARITY EVENT

"It's a Bloomfest Party," a green-themed charity event is 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at the Cobo Convention Center with dinner following at the Pontchartrain Hotel. Tickets range from \$125-\$300. (248) 646-2990.

#### FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE DIA

Events begin Friday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Drop-in workshops for kids, lecture on African weaving, and a recital from the Michigan Opera Theatre's production of *Der Rosenkavalier*. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

#### PEACE BENEFIT

Performances by Mary Callaghan Lynch, Ursula Walker and Buddy Bouson and others benefit for the Center for Peace & Conflict Studies at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Birmingham Temple, 26611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington. (313) 577-3453.

### FOR KIDS

#### ANNIE, JR.

A family musical program featuring All the World's a Stage Players is at noon Saturday, April 8 at the Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 East Strongs, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436, ext. 6428.

#### KINDERMUSIK

Enroll any time for classes for new-borns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 46000 N. Frontage, Plymouth. Call Edward (734) 391-9109.

#### WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Bravo songs and puppetry classes for 1-4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Birmingham Road, West Bloomfield. Registration (248) 539-2200.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

#### A.C.T. GALLERY

Opens Friday, April 7, at 6 p.m. through May 19. Opening reception is 6 p.m. Friday, April 7 at East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 831-4348.

#### CARY GALLERY

Opens Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. with *Glass Works* by 12 artists through April 22 at 6 p.m. Reception (248) 644-9999.

#### FORD GALLERY

Opens Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. with *Art in the Making* by 12 artists through April 22 at 6 p.m. Reception (248) 644-9999.

#### GALERIE BLU

Opens Friday, April 7, at 6 p.m. with *Evolution*. Opening reception is 7:10 p.m. Friday, April 7, 7 N. Saginaw (2nd floor), Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

#### HABATAT GALLERIES

Opens Saturday, April 8 - The 28th Annual International Glass Invitational through May 14, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 331-2060.

#### JOHANSON CHARLES GALLERY

Opens Friday, April 7 - *Heroes* - a theme show through May 6, 1345 Division Street, Detroit. (313) 567-8638.

#### ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Opens Thursday, April 6 - Exhibition of paintings by Bob Nugent, sculpture by Christine Hagedorn and a group show of Sculptural Glass through May 13. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

#### LEMBERG GALLERY

Opens Friday, April 7 - Books by Susan Goethe Campbell through May

#### C-POP GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Matt Bandouch and Matt Gordon. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

#### DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through April 30 - New Photography II, photographs of 14 artists from around the world. 63 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

#### HILL GALLERY

Through April 15 - Recent works by Melba Prite and Richard Devoe. Black Vessels, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 640-9288.

#### HILBERRY GALLERY

Through May 4 - Exhibition of paintings by Elizabeth Murray, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

#### JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through May 4 - Glass artist Janice Kuhn, 6600 West Middle, West Bloomfield. (248) 664-7641.

#### GALLERY 212

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### ORION ART CENTER

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### PEWABIC POTTERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### THE PRINT GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### REVOOLUTION

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### SYRACUS GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### UNION GALLERY

Through April 2 - Taro Yamashita photographs. Reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 31. University of Michigan Media Union, 2281 Boulevard Blvd., North Campus, Ann Arbor.

#### WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through May 6 - Janet Kellman's *For the Love of Glass*. Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2257.

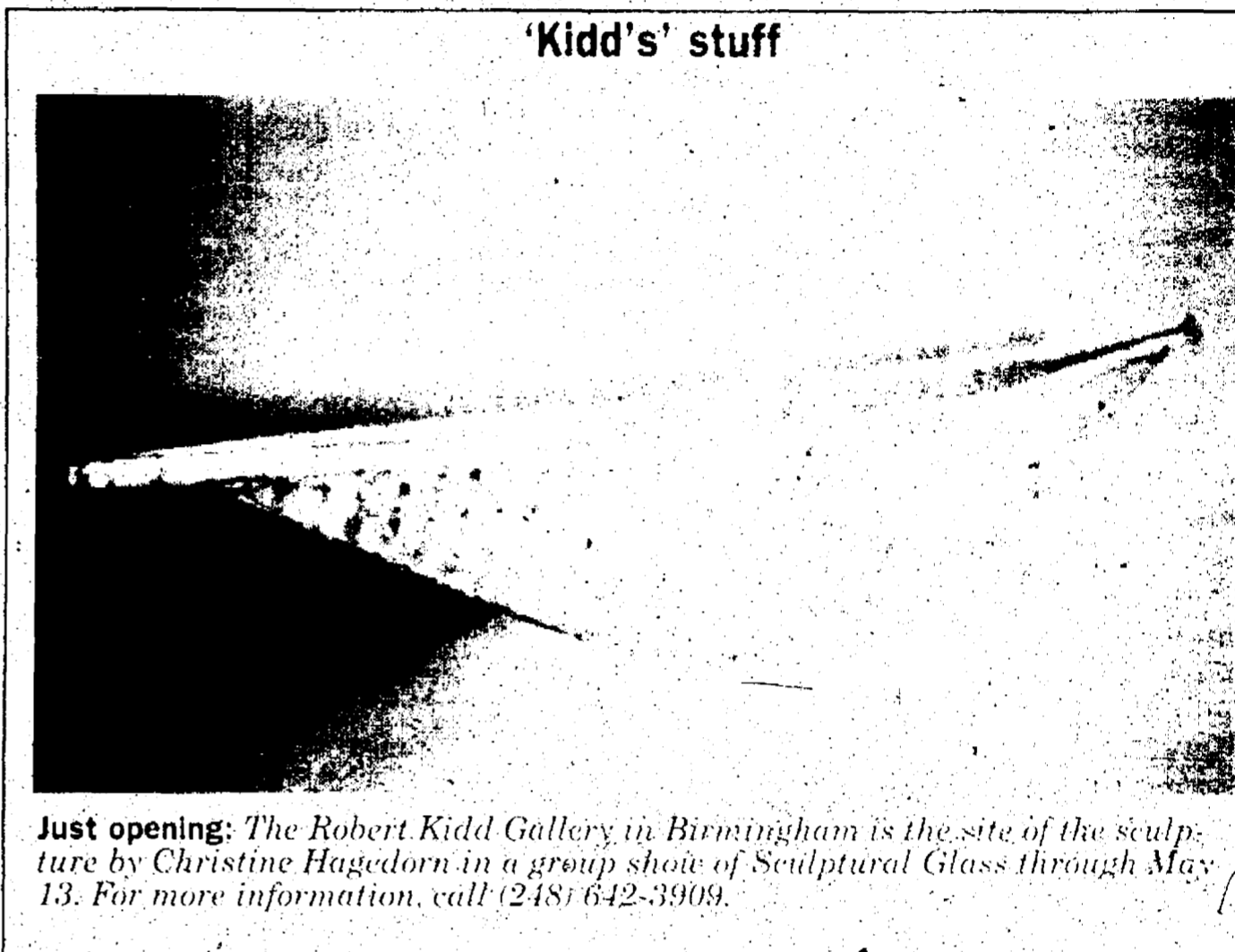
#### ZEITGEIST GALLERY

Through May 6 - *Altered Landscapes* (three Canadian perspectives) James Brodsky, Jeremy Gordaneer and John Casenavage, 2651 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

### LECTURES

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

A lecture on Paul Gauguin is 2 p.m.



**'Kidd's' stuff**

Just opening: The Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham is the site of the sculpture by Christine Hagedorn in a group show of Sculptural Glass through May 13. For more information, call (248) 642-3909.

#### PERFORMANCES

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### UZELAC GALLERY

Through May 4 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

#### ANDERSON GALLERY

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### ART LEADERS GALLERY

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### ART CORRIDOR GALLERIES

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### BOOKBEAT

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### CARIBBEAN COLORS

Through April 8 - Art by, among others, Robert Rauschenberg, 112 W. 12th, Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

#### CASS CAFE






# Malls & Mainstreets

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## Raincoats look chic and keep out April showers

**REAL DEAL**  
  
**CARI WALDMAN**

If you are under the notion that keeping dry and staying stylish at the same time is unattainable — just hold on. Here comes a stormy reality-check.  
 Micro-fiber coats with belts are amongst the key looks of the season. Once more, they'll keep you dry and looking chic.  
 Hey, it's not only you that's making a first impression, but also the coat. So even on the wettest days, why not make a sunny impression?  
 The season's choice raincoat comes in the form of the trench.  
 But wait, I'm not referring to those demure, business types of trench coats or those overwhelming rain protectors inside which private eyes take refuge.  
 Those styles are no longer necessary thanks to the creativity and ingenuity of today's designers. They've combined high-tech fabrics and contemporary designs to create sexy, modern, knee-length, belted raincoats for today's woman. And, they do much more than just keep us prepared for sudden showers.

**Raincoat quest**  
 After rummaging through the racks of off-price stores, specialty shops and department stores to compare prices, take notes on color and the latest in waterproof fabrics, I discovered that raincoats all over town, including those with reasonable price points, have been made over for the season.  
 I also tried on different designs, including A-line cuts and single-breasted and double-breasted versions. I realized, if I wanted a vent in the back or a clean straight line, finding the right rain coat could be hard to do.

After all, a coat like this needs to serve many purposes: fit over our sleek work suits, be practical enough to survive dashing through puddles and getting in and out cars and work with our weekend routine.  
 (Some styles that dropped past the knee were stiff and unyielding. I suggest seeking out a nearby chair when trying them on.)  
 Overall, though, I'd have to say area department stores had the best selection. Saks Fifth Avenue, in particular, had an excellent assortment, including one of my favorites, a DKNY water-repellent, denim trench with self-tie. At \$275, it was both sophisticated and fun.  
 Also at Saks was a pale pink, single-breasted, three-quarter-length coat with belt by Drizzle for \$260.  
 Portrait's black, high-sheen, water-resistant coat, \$125 at Saks, was also cute and easy to throw on.

**Classic goes chic**  
 At the Somerset Collection's Burberry store, an image transformation seems to be taking place. And, bravo, it's classy, fun and chic all at the same time.  
 The new Burberry trench, dubbed "Lauren," is an A-line, single-breasted coat and comes in baby blue or white. Priced at \$495, you can choose to have the coat with or without a belt. In fact, the store's seamstress will sew on belt loops while you wait.  
 But wait, there's more. Even Burberry's signature plaid lining got a makeover. Now called the Nova plaid, the check has lighter colors to complement the company's new and youthful image.

**More choices**  
 Other noteworthy stops included J.Crew, Hudson's, Lord & Taylor and Loehmann's in West Bloomfield.  
 I think, for example, J.Crew's 100-percent, cotton, three-quarter-length coat in stone is perfect for casual gals.  
 But don't take my word for it. Endeavor on your own quest for a raincoat that fits both your lifestyle and your personal sense of style.  
 Hey, you may be asking for a rainy day every now and then despite the damp dreariness. If nothing else, April showers will give you the opportunity to change your look, or at least your coat, for the day.  
 Cari Waldman is a free-lance writer and stylist who lives in West Bloomfield. Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at [OERealDeal@aol.com](mailto:OERealDeal@aol.com).

## Material meanings

*Award-winning jewelry designer seeks to touch people's lives*



**Jeweler's pride:** Link Wachler sculpts the wax mold that will be used to create a new ring setting for an engagement diamond brought in by one of his customers. Though the Birmingham jewelry designer has received many awards for his innovative designs, he says the best aspect of his occupation is working with customers to create jewelry that reflects an individual's style. That and knowing the fruits of your labor ultimately become an intimate and meaningful part of other people's lives.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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 A voluminous stack of orders and mighty collection of sculpting tools sit on Link Wachler's jeweler's bench in the back of Wachler & Sons Jewellers in downtown Birmingham.

But when Wachler creates jewelry — a process defined both by eureka moments and painstaking hours of molding, bending and excavating small bits of wax — he goes with the flow.

"You come up with the concept and then you do what works," says Wachler from his bench, holding a piece of red wax the size and shape of a ring — a mold that will be used to create a new setting for a customer's engagement diamond.

After the design is complete, the wax ring will create a plaster impression into which liquid gold will be poured.

Though Wachler has been creating fine, one-of-a-kind jewelry for his family's business for 35 years and received numerous awards, he struggles to define the craft in words. Most recently, he won the North American division of an international Tahitian pearl competition for an innovative Black pearl ring he created.

**In a flash**  
 "It's always different. One idea evolves from one idea to another," he says, speculating his latest award-winning design came to him "in one

instant."  
 The lustrous gray-colored pearl in Wachler's ring is encircled by platinum and diamonds but free to move within its setting, as if floating. It's also faceted, an innovation that adds to the piece's futuristic, almost other-worldly, appearance.  
 Wachler, who's currently sculpting a pendant based on the same concept, has been honored numerous times in both the Diamonds International Awards and International Pearl Design Contest.

### Meaningful moments

But Wachler doesn't dwell on awards; he's as relaxed about competitions as he is about designing jewelry, joking that, while he's won many awards, "he lost a lot, too."

Perhaps that's because what Wachler most enjoys about his occupation is his relationship with clients and the satisfaction he gets from knowing his creativity becomes a meaningful part of other people's lives.

"The nicest thing is when you have that one-on-one relationship with someone and have been a part of something special — a wedding, an anniversary — it just makes me feel good," says Wachler.

In fact, most of the work done at Wachler & Sons Jewellers, a business owned and operated by Link, his brother Gary and cousin Buzz, is custom.

"That part is our niche," and it's based on reputation, personal ser-

vice and artistry in design.  
 "You can't get that kind of treatment from a computer," says Wachler. Once more, Wachler encourages his customers to collaborate with him and express their own creativity. "It's a way they can show they have creative tastes. ... And, I like it when people feel that way."

### Eye of the beholder

Not to mention, jewelry's merit is literally reflected in the eye of the beholder, says Wachler.  
 "Jewelry doesn't have to be beautiful, he explains. "It just has to pique somebody's interest."

It can be simple or gaudy, traditional or modern, or something in between, as long as it suits the wearer and his or her lifestyle.

True, jewelry is a matter of aesthetics. But ultimately, it's about purpose and whether someone will wear and cherish it as a reflection of self, says Wachler.

Take, for instance, the jewelry that bedecked Hollywood's actresses last week at the Academy Awards. "It was pretty showy, but it wasn't anymore showy than the clothing." In other words, all those flashy jewels suited both the occasion and the lifestyle of the wearers.

Wachler, of course, tries to be neutral about aesthetics. However, Wachler's own jewelry — a platinum and gold ring that pays homage to graffiti and bears his initials — might be a clue.

On the other hand, Wachler once created an exhibition piece called "Eye of the Beholder." It was a jeweled mirror trimmed in pearls and diamonds.

"In a way, it was almost a statement on jewelry itself. In that, it is in the eye of the beholder."

**Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 806 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

**AMOENA FIT EVENT**  
 Jacobson's hosts a series of fittings with representatives from Amoena, maker of prosthesis products for women who have undergone mastectomy surgery, through April 6, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Dates and locations are as follows: April 4 at Birmingham store; April 5 at Rochester Hills store; April 6 at Livonia store, Laurel Park Place. Personal consultations and fittings are offered. To make an appointment, call (800) 837-2227 ext. 5273.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

**SPRING FASHION SHOW**  
 Born To Shop women's clothing boutique showcases the latest spring looks at the store's annual fashion show at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, 8:30 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$9, include a light dinner and are available at Born To Shop, 527 Pine Street in downtown Rochester. For more information, call (248) 608-2920.  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

**KAREN NEUBURGER VISITS**  
 Popular sleep wear designer Karen Neuburger holds a pajama party complete with popcorn, trivia games and giveaways at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills. She'll also introduce her new collection of comfortable sleep wear, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Intimate Apparel.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

For more information, call (800) 837-5227.

**INTIMATE APPAREL FITTING**  
 Expert fitters from Wacoal visit Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, to assist customers select foundation garments, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Intimate Apparel, third floor. For a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3328.

**POKEMON EVENT**  
 Livonia Mall, 7 Mile Road, hosts a Pokemon event featuring a tournament, game workshop and seminar for parents through April 9. For an event schedule, additional information or registration, call (248) 478-1180.

**MEN'S FERRAGAMO SHOW**  
 View Ferragamo's special order collection for men at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through April 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Monday, The Men's Store, first floor. For details, call (248) 614-3376.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**APPRAISAL TV SHOW VISITS**  
 Bring your treasures to Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield where PAX-TV 31's antique and collectibles appraisal show is giving one free appraisal per person and taping for future broadcast, noon-3 p.m., Mall Center Court. For details, call (248) 353-4111

**TALENT & STYLE CONTEST**  
 Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, invites

customers, age 13-25, to showcase their personal style and talent as part of a national contest being promoted by "Teen People" magazine. Contestants model outfits or perform short artistic pieces in a two-minute video taped in Nordstrom's BP department, 2-5 p.m. For prize information and other details, contact Tracy LaCrosse at (630) 218-7914.

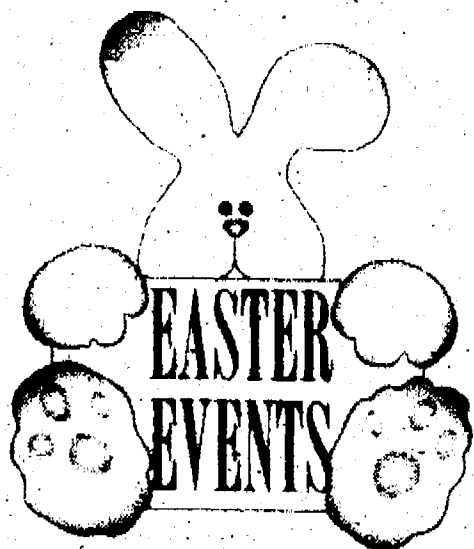
**MACKENZIE-CHILDS VISITS**  
 Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts an appearance by housewares designer Victoria MacKenzie-Childs with signings of purchased items over \$400, noon-4 p.m., Gift Galleries, third floor. For information, call (248) 643-3300.

**CARD CONTEST FOR KIDS**  
 The Hallmark Gold Crown store at Oakland Mall in Troy hosts Creative Kids Day featuring art projects and a national card design contest for children, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For details, (248) 865-9962.

**SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOW**  
 Livonia Mall at 7 Mile Road hosts a sports card and memorabilia show featuring autograph sessions with Detroit Tigers. Show runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Autograph sessions run 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. For information, call (248) 476-1160.

**MEN'S TRUNK SHOW**  
 The Claymore Shop, 908 S. Adams Road in Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Alan Flusser's collection. For details, call (248) 642-7755.

**BRIDAL FAIR**  
 Jo Ann etc. 43570 West Oaks Drive in Novi, hosts a spring bridal fair featuring an elegant collection of bridal gowns from patterns, 1-3 p.m. For details, call (248) 449-8491.



Easter Events will keep you informed about Easter Bunny appearances and other activities for children and families being offered by local retailers and shopping malls in April.

**EASTER BUNNY AT SAKS**

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts the Easter Bunny, noon-5 p.m., Saturday, April 8 in their Children's Department on the third floor. The Easter Bunny will visit with children and pass out treats. For details, call (248) 614-3333.

**EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS AT WESTLAND**

The Easter Bunny visits with children and sits for portraits at Westland Shopping Center in Westland 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday now through Easter. The Easter Bunny set up residence in the mall's East Court. For details, call (734) 425-5001.

**PETER RABBIT AT TWELVE OAKS**

Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor's Storybook Garden, as well as, other displays of Beatrix Potter characters await young visitors at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Dozens of spring flowers are also on display for shoppers of all ages. More importantly, Peter Rabbit will visit with children and sit for portraits during the event, which runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday now through April 22 in the mall's Center Court. For details, call (248) 348-9411.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**

Hudson's popular Easter Bunny breakfasts for children returns. All breakfasts start at 9:15 a.m. and are held in the retailer's store restaurants. Tickets are \$10. Please call ahead for reservations, (800) 246-6648. Breakfast dates and locations are as follows: Saturday, April 8 at Oakland Mall in Troy and Lakeside in Sterling Heights; Sunday, April 9 at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi; Saturday, April 15 at Oakland Mall, Lakeside and Westland Shopping Center in Westland; April 16 at the Somerset Collection and Twelve Oaks.

**EASTER BUNNY AT TEL-TWELVE**

The Easter Bunny sits for photos and visits with children at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The bunny will wait for visitors in the mall's Center Court noon-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday between April 8 and 22. Photo packages and a free gift for children will be offered. Also, shoppers can enter to win a giant Easter basket filled with toys and candy. For details, call (248) 353-4111.

**BUNNY AND TREATS AT ART VAN**

The Easter Bunny will visit with children and hand out Easter treats at area Art Van Furniture stores. Dates and locations are as follows: Saturday, April 8 at the Novi store, (248) 348-8922; and Saturday, April 15 at the Livonia store, (734) 478-8870. Both events are slated 2-4 p.m.

**PETER RABBIT AT FAIRLANE**

Peter Rabbit springs into Dearborn's Fairlane Town Center to visit with children, sit for portraits and pass out small Easter gifts 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday between April 8 and 22. Peter Rabbit will inhabit a recreated version of Beatrix Potter's garden complete with oversized flowers and vegetables and giant pop-up storybooks in the mall's Fountain Court. Several photo packages will be offered. For details, call (313) 593-1370.



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# Retailers hold benefit events

It's spring. You're going to be out shopping, anyway. Why not clean out your closet and offer your support to an important cause all at the same time? Sounds like quite an undertaking, but several upcoming events might make the task of combining shopping and helping others an easy, if not enjoyable, occasion.

Several retail-based benefits are slated for April, including: **Clean Your Closet Weekend**, a women's business clothing drive sponsored by Art Van Furniture, to help needy women who are entering the workforce through the Dress for Success agency and WJBK-FOX 2's Working Women program. Gently used business attire, including scarves, shoes and dresses, will be accepted April 7-9 at all Art Van Furniture stores in the metropolitan Detroit area. Store hours during the drive are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday.

To encourage donations, Art Van will give each donor a savings coupon for store accessories. Tax deduction receipts also will

be available. For additional information, visit [www.artvan.com](http://www.artvan.com) or call a nearby Art Van Furniture store.

**Share Our Strength benefit dinner**, a black-tie, strolling dinner slated for 7 p.m. Friday, April 7 at the Somerset Collection in Troy. The event benefits the anti-hunger efforts of Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute.

Featured at the event are culinary creations from the chefs at Duet, Morels, Portabella, Beverly Hills Grill and Capital Grill. Wine selection for the event will be done by the Unique Restaurant Corporation's Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon. Entertainment is provided by the Simone Vitale Band. Tickets are \$125 per person. For details or to purchase tickets, call the Somerset Collection concierge desk at (248) 816-2086.

A runway show of St. John

**Fall 2000 Collection** that will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Sponsored by Neiman Marcus, the event is slated for noon, Monday, April 10 in the retailer's St. John Boutique (third floor) at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Tickets are \$50 and \$100 and include lunch. A champagne reception at 11 a.m. is included with \$100-benefactor tickets. For additional information or to make reservations, call (248) 557-8277.

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# WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find, through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

**WHAT WE FOUND:**  
- Nailtiques for nails can be purchased at Levin's Beauty Supply stores in West Bloomfield and Oak Park. Jacobson's beauty salon at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia and Plymouth Beauty Supply in Plymouth.  
- To purchase Scrabble game letter tiles, call (888) 836-7025 or write Milton Bradley, P.O. 200 Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02862. They will send ten letters for free.  
- For locations to purchase Hammerite Rustoleum, call (800) 733-4413. Also, you might try Krylon Tuff Rust or liquid sandpaper.  
- A 1998 Sugar Plum Bear can be purchased at Hattie's Hallmark on Campbell in Royal Oak for \$49.95.  
- A countertop dishwasher can be purchased through the Get Organized catalog, (800) 803-9400.  
- Tall, black kitchen trash bags can be purchased at the Kroger store on 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads.  
- Jimmy's Rustics in Birmingham sells 16-inch, chair cushions.  
- A reader has a Scarlet O'Beare bear.  
- An ear alarm can be purchased through Things You Never Knew Existed, (941) 747-6654 (item JF22487) or at flea markets in Florida.  
- For the reader looking for an appraisal of her ceramic Chinese dog, the antique store on Farmington Road at Grand River (south side of Grand River) may be able to help you.  
**FIND & SEARCH NOTES:**  
- Midwestern jeans were made exclusively for Winkelman's stores and the jean pattern is no longer being manufactured.  
**WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**  
- An Amway distributor in the Redford/Western Wayne County area.  
- A Party Lite consultant in the Canton/Western Wayne County area.  
- Someone to appraise a John Lennon lithograph for insurance purposes.  
- A store that sells covers for ironrite mangles for Eleanor.  
- A store where a nautical theme shower curtain can be bought for Lu of Canton.  
- A store where a silver shower curtain is available to purchase for Naomi.  
- An arts and crafts store that sells 14-inch, flat, round, wicker circles with a lace design for Ethel of Redford.  
- A craft store that sells directions for making copper sprinklers, as seen at craft shows, for Karen of Garden City.  
- A store that sells miniature Detroit Red Wings banners from 1997 and 1998 for Carole of Melvindale.  
- A professional photographer who would take a photo of a family of puppies for Marilyn.  
- A store that sells the birthstone Baby Bleeze.  
- A grocery store that sells Pillsbury's Grand Sweet, caramel sweet rolls for Jean.  
- The videocassette tape of the television show "My Little Margie" for Kertia of Southfield.  
- A store that sells potato chips that you slice and make in the microwave (with a plastic dish) for Gail.  
- A large poster from the play "Showboat" for Dolores of Livonia.  
- The game Bubble & Squeak for Nancy of Commerce Township.  
- The Henry Mancini Orchestra Romantic Piano CD sold through "Reader's Digest."  
- A store where a calf-length, cotton beach cover-up in white can be bought for Virginia of Waterford.  
- A company of group in the Rochester/Oakland County area that recycles all plastic bags for Lois.  
- A 1977 Mumford High School yearbook for Pamela of Canton.  
- A 1966 Cooley High School jacket and letter sweater for Roger of Redford.  
- A June, 1997 Rochester Adams High School yearbook for Bryan.  
- The Nintendo game North & South for Doug.  
- A store that sells parts for a counter Nutone blender.  
- An electric omelet pan by Sultan (formerly Maxim) for Kathy of Garden City.  
- A Detroit Tigers comforter/blanket (full-sized) for Tama of Canton.  
- A store that sells 3M's Scotch Brite Rescue soap pads for Frances.  
- A store where ice cubes trays that form letters of the alphabet can be bought for Christine.  
- A videocassette tape of Disney's "Bambi" movie and the soundtrack for Norma of Livonia.  
- A business that will repair a GPX phone (with a clock and an alarm) for Daniel.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



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# Sun, fun sure bets in Cancun

Sparkling blue water greets tourists

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Soft, clean, white sand and water bluer than one can imagine is what attracts hordes of tourists worldwide to Cancun — from spring breakers to honeymooners.

It's what attracted myself and two friends there this year.

Our journey to Cancun, we had hoped, would be filled with Mexican food and music, interesting Mexican shops, perfect weather and pristine beaches.

We didn't exactly find what we sought.

To our dismay, Cancun is more like Florida — except with prettier beaches — than actual Mexico. In downtown Cancun, American chain clothing stores and steak houses dotted much of the area. At first, we felt like we were in a Michigan mall.

However, to our delight we fast discovered the turquoise waters and beautiful coral reefs attract not only many Americans, but tourists from throughout the world — Europe, Africa, Australia.

Rather than spend a vacation dining on fine Mexican food amongst ourselves, we were pleasantly surprised to spend the week eating mediocre American food on the beach while indulging in conversation with tourists from Germany, Italy and Mexico. And human companionship, of course, is more important than any food.

Of all the beaches we've trav-

eled to over the last decade Cancun's are the friendliest — and that's the greatest part of the 17-mile-long peninsula.

Cancun is a place for adult socialization. We didn't see a single child during the entire week of February 21. It's a place to parasail, snorkel, boogie board, dance by the hotel pool, dance at nightclubs and swim in the clean ocean. (Be warned though, Cancun's waters and undertow can be harsh).

Days are for water fun and nights are for discos.

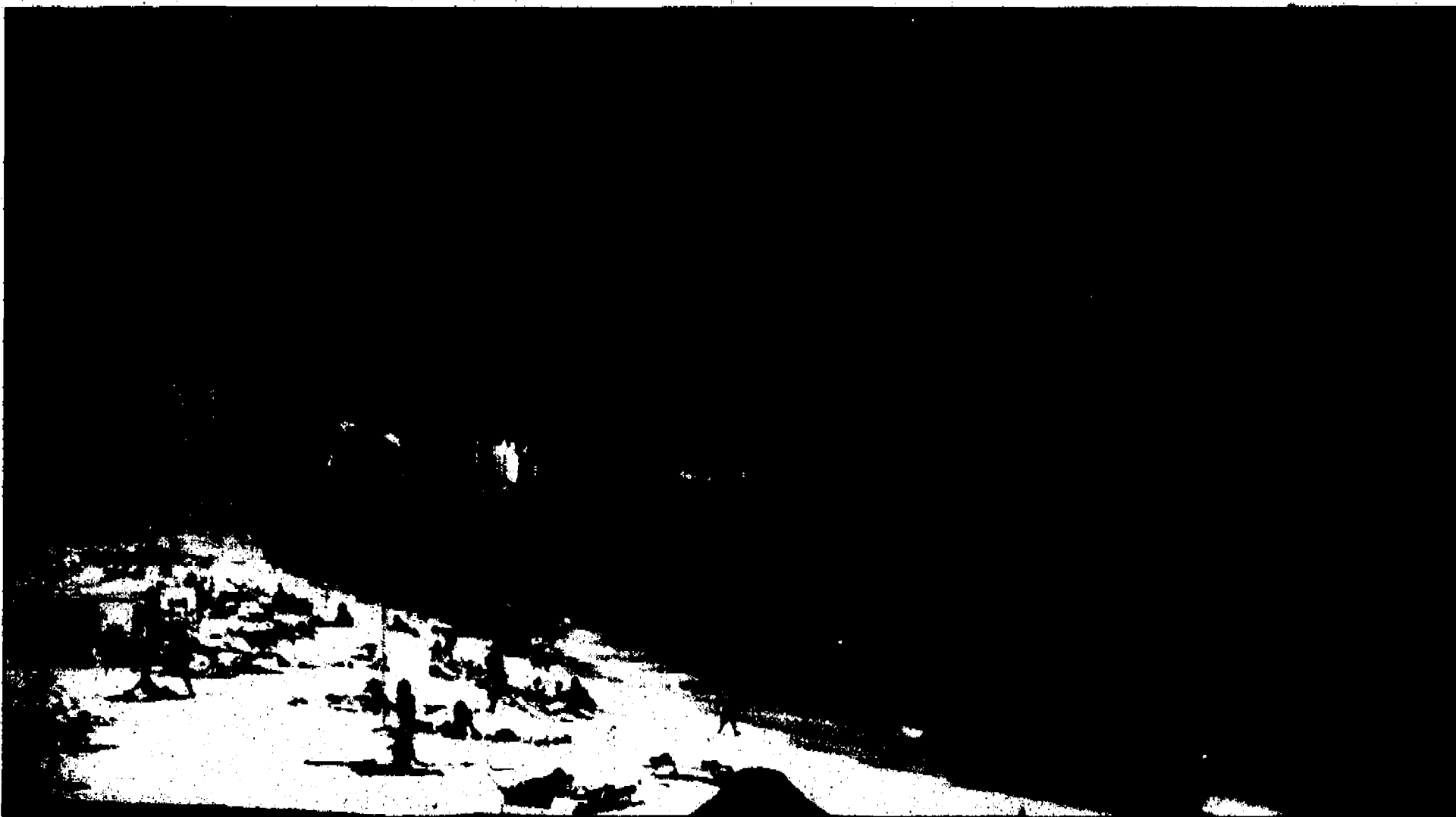
During winter and spring months Cancun is not a place for those who want to escape crowds or be alone — even the honeymooners are social. People mingle everywhere; on the beach, in the restaurants and on the buses. (Tip: don't spend \$10 on a taxi cab. All the buses in Cancun — no matter how far the distance — are just 10 cents, or 50 pesos.)

We took our trip just one week before American college students begin spring break. When they started to pour in and the beaches seemed too crowded, we headed west to break away from the parties in search of something richer.

## Mexican culture

Nearly three hours west of Cancun lies Chichen Itza, the incredible ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization whose wealthy population believed that voluntarily sacrificing themselves to the gods granted them eternal life.

The nine-hour day begins with



True blue: Turquoise waters, while somewhat rough, and powdery white sand are the main attractions of Cancun. The northern end of the hotel zone is the most lively, while those seeking quiet and relaxation head to the south end of the peninsula.

a bus ride through the lush Mexican forest into Chichen Itza where educated Mexican tour guides impress visitors with tales of the Mayans and their inventions of calendars and calculus.

The largest ruin is the high-light — created partially to help Mayans determine the start of seasons. Ninety-one steep steps high, tourists climb the tower with only a chain as a railing.

Once they conquer it, even the brave often are too frightened to climb down on foot and instead take each step down on their behinds.

The cost of the tour was a mere \$55 — or 550 pesos — and included lunch, a Mexican ballet and stop at a Mexican Catholic Cathedral. It is recommended to book tours at hotels. Money swindlers who offer cheap tours (that don't exist) are everywhere in Cancun.

## The island of women

Weary of techno clubs and Latin discos toward the end of our trip, we headed for an evening cruise to the island of women — Isla Mujeres.

For \$60, a double deck boat takes passengers to the Caribbean Carnival — a 45 minute-long sunset cruise filled with Conga lines and tequila. At the island, guests enjoy a two-hour evening on the beach that includes an outdoor dinner and a lively, elaborate traditional Mexican and Latin dance show with silly audience participation.

Back in Cancun, surrounded by stores like Tommy Hilfiger, Outback Steakhouse and The Gap we found a wonderful Mexican flea market filled with treasures of sterling silver, exotic tapestries, hammocks and wood

### Planning your trip

Thinking of going to Cancun? Here are some Web sites that offer helpful information:

- www.cancun.com
- http://cancun.hotelguide.net

Where did you go on spring break? Would you recommend Cancun as a travel destination? Send photos, along with spring/summer travel suggestions to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Include a daytime phone number where you can be reached, and a self-addressed envelope if you would like us to return your photo. E-mail travel recommendations to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

carvings at, of course, reasonable prices. Cancun is a place where visitors, and workers, take life in stride and not too seriously. The service in restaurants is laughable because while customers are desperately waiting for a soft drink, their server is busy dancing in the Conga line — too bad life isn't like that everyday. Despite bad food and big crowds, the culture of Chichen Itza, the beauty of Isla Mujeres, perfect beaches and friendly locals and tourists makes this Americanized peninsula worth a second week-long trip. Not bad for less than \$1,000.

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## M. Trincherio wines pay homage to family's heritage

Over the last few years, more Napa Valley wine brands have been launched.

Several are products from vineyard owners who originally sold grapes.

Considering escalating wine sales, they couldn't resist the temptation to have a brand of their own.

In many cases, such inaugurals have brought the market high-priced wines with little track record. However, this isn't the case with M. Trincherio (pronounced Trin-care-oh), Sutter Home's new wine brand, a tribute to its founder, Mario Trincherio.

Hearing the story from current generation owners Bob and Roger Trincherio and winemaker Derek Holstein, we sensed a serious dedication to grape growing and winemaking, not just as a business, but as a wholesome way of life—one with hardships, where hard work ultimately paid off.

With all that's new in wine country today, when one visits modern St. Helena in the Napa Valley, stories of its heritage are often missed. We think this is one you should know.

Winery revived

Born over 100 years ago in Italy's Piedmont, Mario Trincherio emigrated in the 1920s and made his first home in New York. To join his brother in joint winery partnership in 1948, Mario trekked his wife and three children across the U.S. to the then small town of St. Helena in the Napa Valley.

"My mother started crying when she saw the beat-up old barn that had been dormant for 30 years," recalled Bob Trincherio. "It was covered with weeds; it had dirt floors; no electricity or running water. My mother continued to cry for the next three months." Crying eventually stopped as she saw her family begin the revival of Sutter Home and the original winery dating back to 1874.

Now, a little over 50 years later, Bob Trincherio, his brother Roger, and their sister, Vera Trincherio Torres, celebrated a golden anniversary with the introduction of M. Trincherio Founder's Estate wines, a tribute to their late father Mario.

With this tribute, the Trincherios have a commanding place in the ultra-premium wine segment of Napa Valley appellation wines. To offer popularly-priced wines to a broader consumer base, they released M. Trincherio's Family Selection series including a chardonnay, merlot, and cabernet sauvignon, all with a California designation, in the \$10-15 price bracket.

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Wine Picks

**Pick of the Pack:** 1996 Alexander Valley Vineyards Cyrus Meritage (\$45) is a smooth, elegant blend of all five Bordeaux varietals: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec, and petit verdot.

**Cellar pick:** 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Howell Mountain (\$50) has a broad spectrum of flavors and all the stuffing for long-term aging.

**Not to be missed:** 1996 Trentadue Old Patch Red (\$14), a blend of zinfandel, petite sirah and carignane is simply delicious. A bargain at this price.

**Merlots worth the money:** 1997 Hogue Barrel Select Merlot, \$15; 1996 Trentadue Merlot, \$18; 1997 Louis Martini Merlot, Chiles Valley, \$25; and 1997 St. Clement Merlot, \$26. (Intensity increases with the price in the listing.)

**Lush and lovely pinot noirs perfect for spring lamb:** 1998 Morgan Pinot Noir, \$21; 1997 Archery Summit Pinot Noir, Archery Summit Estate, \$75. (Tops from Oregon.)

**New-age white:** 1998 Stags Leap Winery Viognier, \$25.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Main Dish Miracle
- Eating at Comerica Park



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

# HAIL TO THE CHIEF

HE COOKED FOR 5 PRESIDENTS

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

President Lyndon B. Johnson grabbed strings off the pole beans on his plate and gave them to Henry Haller, White House executive chef.

"If you can't take off the strings, then don't serve them to me," snapped Johnson in his typical "Texas-style" manner—direct and on the spot.

About 15 years later, Nancy Reagan instructed Haller to prepare low-calorie, low-cholesterol meals, and limited her husband to only one egg a week. Haller admitted sometimes the pastry chef "cheated a little bit" to create dessert for the president.

"Sometimes Mrs. Reagan would go visit her mother in Phoenix, and the president and I would have a good time," said Haller.

With such anecdotes, you might say Haller cooked on the front burner of history.

Haller recently appeared at a Town Hall lecture series in Livonia and talked about his nearly 22 years as the White House executive chef for five different presidents, from Johnson to Ronald Reagan, and their families, with tastes as varied as their political dynamics, ranging from simple, Midwestern and Southern styled to California.

In fact, Haller occupied the kitchen at the White House nearly three times longer than Reagan, the longest serving president out of the five.

From 1965 to 1987, Haller prepared hundreds of dinners for heads of state— from peace talks at Camp David and the Statue of Liberty centennial to a homecoming for soldiers who fought in Vietnam and the bicentennial celebration.

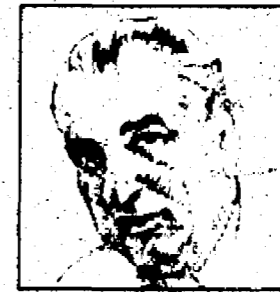
It was only fitting that Haller visit Livonia during a presidential election year. Proceeds from the lecture series are donated to the Livonia Symphony Society and the Livonia Community Foundation.

Swiss upbringing

Haller's cooking journey began in Switzerland. His mother grew snow peas, cabbage, leeks and onions in her garden. As a youth, Haller rode into town to sell the produce to chefs, and

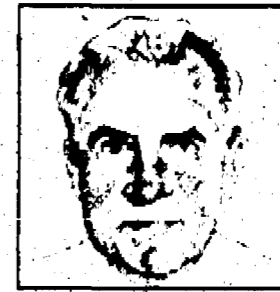
PRESIDENTIAL PALATE PLEASERS

If you threw your own party, what would you serve? Here are some presidential favorites from Henry Haller's "The White House Family Cookbook," (Random House, 1987), now in its 10th printing.



LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
TERM OF OFFICE: 1963-1969

- Texas-Style Barbecue Ribs
- Garden Salad
- Dilled Okra
- Tapioca Pudding



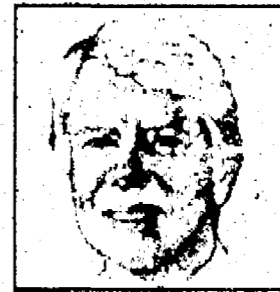
RICHARD M. NIXON  
TERM OF OFFICE: 1969-1974

- Double Sirloin Steaks in Herb Sauce
- Baked Potatoes
- Chinese Cabbage
- Sponge Cake



GERALD R. FORD  
TERM OF OFFICE: 1974-1977

- Sunday Roast with Cured Roasted Vegetables
- Braised Red Cabbage
- Lemon Sponge Pudding



JAMES EARL (JIMMY) CARTER  
TERM OF OFFICE: 1977-1981

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Buttermilk Biscuits
- Home-Style Cole Slaw
- Georgia Pecan Pie



RONALD W. REAGAN  
TERM OF OFFICE: 1981-1989

- Swordfish Steak with Lemon Butter
- Popovers
- Belgian Endive Salad
- Apple Brandy Betty

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## Even if you aren't Jewish, you can enjoy kosher food



but many Seventh Day Adventists, Muslims and vegetarians believe kosher certification is the best guarantee that products, and their ingredients, are being supervised carefully. In the United States alone, at least 5 million people buy products because they are kosher.

Food investigated

Why aren't only Jews buying kosher foods? To obtain kosher certification, a food manufacturer must first contact a certifying agency. The manufacturer supplies the certifying agency with a detailed list of every ingredient in the product, each step involved in manufacturing that product, and all other goods produced on the same premises.

The certifying agency analyzes each ingredient, including additives, to the absolute source. This means that if the item is cheese or a cheese byproduct, the item cannot be kosher unless the cheese source itself is strictly kosher. In addition, the process by which ingredients are produced must be carefully checked.

It is necessary that hygienic standards be upheld to the fullest. Other

basic principles are that milk and meat products are not prepared using the same equipment, as they are not eaten together in Jewish dietary law.

The results of investigation are forwarded to the rabbinic authority of the supervising agency. If changes need to be made, the manufacturer must comply before the agency continues with the certification process. Once all is acceptable, the rabbinic authority determines how much on-site supervision is necessary which is written into a contract provided to the manufacturer.

If the manufacturer wishes to make any changes of ingredients or suppliers, it must have prior written consent of the certifying agency. Reliable agencies have symbols that indicate kosher certification, which also indicates that particular product is under the super-

vision of their agency. Unauthorized use of these symbols on labels is a violation of federal law. Common symbols indicating a food is kosher include the encircled letters U or K.

Eating out

Although many kosher items may be found at major grocery store chains, specialty grocery stores such "One Stop Kosher" in Southfield are available and sell only foods that are strictly kosher. Restaurants can also go through the certification process.

Brian Jacobs, manager of Jerusalem Pizza in Southfield, said 25 percent of his customers are not Jewish and come from Eastpoint, Detroit and Livonia. That eatery's specialty items include pizzas topped with vegetarian bacon, ground beef, pepperoni, sausage, chick-

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en, or seafood. "And, we score 100 percent on health department inspections," boasts Jacobs.

Out for an evening? You don't have to be Jewish to eat at La Difference in West Bloomfield, whose appeal is fine dining that embraces just one more segment of the population. Operated by Paul Kohn who also owns Quality Kosher Catering, specialty items include the Portabella Burger and Pasta Primavera at lunch and Grilled Vegetable Napoleon and fresh fish dishes at dinner.

And, when you want to entertain with good home cooking, try Rita Jerome's Unique

Kosher Catering in Oak Park. Her vegetarian liver and Israeli salad will be a hit at your next dinner party.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company.

Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

# Kroger conducts bake sale to help March of Dimes

A Kroger Supermarket on Five Mile and Merriman in Livonia has scheduled two events to help the March of Dimes.

Kroger employees will be selling their baked goods 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, April 9. Prizes will be awarded to the employee who

bakes and sells the most to customers.

On Sunday, April 16, Kroger will sponsor a "Dog Gone Good" event for the March of Dimes. For \$1, customers will get a hot dog, pop and a bag of chips for a buck. "This year our president, Mar-

nette Perry, wanted us to get more involved in the communities," said Lee Norris one of the event's co-chairs. "We thought it would be a good idea for the employees to bake items for the public."

For the hot dog event, Pepsi

has agreed to donate pop and hot dog wagons, Frito-Lay and Better Made will donate potato chips and Kroger will provide the hot dog buns.

That supermarket also will be participating in WalkAmerica, Sunday, April 30, in Plymouth.

# Hail from page D1

saw their large, shiny copper pots. Those experiences planted a culinary seed.

His father encouraged him. "Hey, why don't you become a chef?" he asked. "You can travel the world. People always have to eat and you will always have a job."

Haller cooked in Switzerland for nearly a decade, then moved to Montreal, and eventually to Phoenix, then New York City. There he cooked lobster thermidor for then Vice President Johnson in the early 1960s.

When the White House sought an executive chef in January 1966, the staff arranged an interview with Haller and Ladybird Johnson.

Soon the Johnsons hired Haller. "Mrs. Johnson was concerned about keeping the president happy, which I found out wasn't always so easy," Haller said.

While Haller may joke a little about the presidents he cooked for while telling stories to an audience, he maintains a deep respect and reverence for those men and their families.

Haller said Republican presidents threw smaller gatherings, that, for the most part, required an easier dinner preparation. Each president since Herbert Hoover paid for their own groceries, but the U.S. State Department paid Haller's salary.

Haller said he was busiest with the Johnsons. "They loved people and always had guests," he said.

## POW party 'fantastic'

Richard M. Nixon showed the most interest in food, asking many questions about meals. Haller cooked for weddings for the two first families: Patricia Nixon and Linda Johnson. On each occasion, "the press wanted the recipe for the wedding cake," Haller said. "And (the newspapers) said the recipe doesn't

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Henry Haller

—former White House executive chef

work."

Of course the cake was 9-feet tall for the Johnson wedding, and of similar size for the Nixons. "The Nixons wanted to have the wedding in the Rose Garden and it was raining that day," Haller said. "President Nixon said 'it has to stop raining' ... and it did."

Nixon wanted a steak dinner for only 1,300 people, many of whom were prisoners of war, among them John McCain, former Republican candidate for president and a U.S. senator from Arizona.

## 'President Nixon said, "it has to stop raining ... and it did."'

Haller

—on the Nixon wedding

the middle of the night, fraught with worry about the event, so he checked the refrigerators at 5 a.m. Everything went without a hitch for the generals from the Pentagon, prisoners of war and celebrities in attendance, including John Wayne and Bob Hope.

"It was a great experience ... when it was over," Haller remembered, calling it a "fantastic" evening. "President Nixon called and thanked me."

While dignitaries and guests often enjoyed the special events, there weren't always happy times. Haller remembers Nixon's

departure from the White House. "The staff at the White House gets attached with the first family," Haller said. "It was a sad moment for us that he and his family had to leave before his time was up."

He remembers seeing Nixon in his pajamas and bare feet the day he left. "He said, 'Chef, I've been all over the world, and you're the best I've had,'" Haller recalled.

## Ford 'relaxed'

President Gerald Ford was the most relaxed president. "He liked his job because he didn't owe anybody anything," Haller said. "He liked pork chops, mashed potatoes and red cabbage."

During the Ford administration and the bicentennial, the White House saw a constant flow of international leaders from Germany, England, Norway, Sweden, Holland, New Zealand, Austria and others.

"Every time it was 250 people and every time I had to have a different dinner," Haller said. "Actually the assistants to the heads of state were more difficult than the leaders themselves. My experience with the heads of state was the higher up they are, the easier they were to please."

Haller remembers President Jimmy Carter's negotiations on the peace treaty between Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, which was a dinner for 1,300 people with salmon mousse, sirloin and vegetables and chocolate mousse.

The Carters liked the deep Southern foods, such as mustard greens, collard greens, grits,

fried okra and fried chicken. "The Carter family was very wonderful. (The president) wanted them to live like the average family."

## A statuesque party

The 100-year celebration of the Statue of Liberty with the Reagans and the Mitterrands from France was an incredible challenge as Haller had to be at two different sites for the dinners for 40 people.

Because space was limited on Governor's Island, Haller could take only one chef. He proposed to the Reagans that he serve cold food that he could transport on that hot July day, which they accepted.

Haller planned for cold borscht and crab mousse with lobster, and three sorbets. A Statue of Liberty was re-created — in chocolate. But there wasn't room for error in the neat presentation which Nancy Reagan loved and preferred, especially as Haller and the staff transported the food on Marine helicopters.

"The helicopter was like 24 washing machines, and right then I was thinking about Mrs. Reagan," Haller said. "Another chef said, 'You go look at the (food storage) locker, I'm not looking at it,'" Haller said. But the dinners were a success, then the chefs returned to Washington in the helicopters. Haller remembers New York harbor filled with aircraft carriers and ships.

"We felt like pretty big shots," Haller said.

Even though he worked for many different presidents and personalities, he doesn't express any preference. Ask him what political preference he has, and he won't disclose it. Instead, he'll respond, "Politics and cooking don't mix."

See recipes inside.

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## Columnists take action

In October 1999, supported by the Hometown Communications Network, publishers of this newspaper, we wrote the first of several columns related to the ban on direct shipping of wine in effect in the State of Michigan. Many of you responded and wrote your legislators to protest

such restrictive legislation.

When Rep. Nancy Cassis (R- Novi) introduced legislation in February that further restricts the ability of adults to purchase wine via Internet orders, shipping direct from wineries or other sources to obtain wines they want at the best price, we knew it was time to act.

We and several Michigan wine aficionados became plaintiffs in a suit filed in Federal Court, Lansing, Michigan, the week of March 20.

Our attorney is Robert Epstein of EPSTEIN & FRISCH in Indianapolis, Indiana. Epstein filed similar suits in Indiana (and won this complaint) and in Florida (not yet decided).

We welcome your comments on this matter. Leave us Voice Message at the number listed below.

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# Here's a little pork for your constituents

Try these meals out for your Grand Old Party

Having a few guests over and want to impress them with some meals fit for a president? Here are a few recipes from Henry Haller's book, "The White House Family Cookbook" (Random House):

## TEXAS-STYLE BARBECUE RIBS (LBJ)

- Sauce:
- 2 teaspoons butter
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 1 green bell pepper, chopped
  - 2 garlic cloves, chopped
  - 1 cup cider vinegar
  - 1/4 cup brown sugar
  - 1 cup chili sauce
  - 2 cups ketchup
  - 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 bay leaf
  - 12 black peppercorns
  - Fresh parsley sprig

- 6 to 10 pounds lean pork ribs
- 3 tablespoons dry mustard
- 1 cup white wine
- 3 to 4 cups barbecue sauce

For the sauce, melt butter in a saute pan; saute chopped vegetables until slightly browned. Transfer to a large saucepan and mix in remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil and simmer for one hour. Strain.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Boil ribs in a large pot of salted water for 5 minutes; drain well. Arrange in a large baking dish. Mix mustard with wine and coat ribs with a pastry brush.

Brush ribs with barbecue sauce. Bake on middle oven shelf, turning often and brushing with additional sauce, for 45 minutes to one hour. Pork is done when meat pulls easily from the ribs. Serve with hot beans and cold beer. Serves 6.

## SUNDAY ROAST WITH OVEN-ROASTED VEGETABLES (FORD)

- 6 pounds rib roast
- 3 garlic cloves, pressed
- 3 tablespoons salt
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 6 small (1-inch diameter) onions, peeled
- 12 baby carrots, peeled
- 12 small boiling potatoes, peeled
- 6 small white turnips, peeled
- 1 bay leaf
- Fresh parsley sprig
- 1 cup dry red wine, preferably Burgundy
- 1 cup beef bouillon

A bunch of fresh watercress

Preheat oven to 375 degree F. Rub rib roast with garlic. Season with salt and pepper. In a large roasting pan, heat oil over medium-high heat; slowly brown roast on both sides. Turn roast bone up and transfer to lower shelf of pre-heated oven, roast for 45 minutes.

Remove pan from oven and drain off excess fat. Gently turn roast over. Surround roast with onions, carrots, potatoes and turnips; add bay leaf and parsley.

Roast on lower shelf of oven for 30 minutes (for medium-rare meat), occasionally basting meat and vegetables; remove vegetables when lightly browned and fork tender (they will cook faster than the roast) and keep warm in a covered casserole.

Remove roast and let stand for 15 minutes on a carving board. Drain fat from roasting pan. Add wine and bouillon, and simmer over medium heat to reduce to 1 1/2 cups; strain. Use a long, sharp knife to carve roast into thin slices; arrange on a serving platter. Surround slice meat with warm vegetables. Pour a little of the strained pan juices over all. Garnish platter with watercress. Serve at once, with a sauceboat of the remaining "jus." Serves 6.

## SWORDFISH STEAK WITH LEMON BUTTER (REAGAN)

- Six 8 ounce fresh swordfish steaks
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, melted
- Juice of one lemon
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 6 lemon wedges
- Fresh parsley sprigs

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Remove skin from swordfish and discard. Season steaks with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, combine oil with paprika. Use a pastry brush to coat the steaks on both sides.

Transfer the fish to a casserole dish. Bake on upper shelf of preheated oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until firm to the touch and lightly browned. In a small mixing bowl, combine melted butter with lemon juice and chopped parsley.

Place baked swordfish steaks on a serving platter and spoon on lemon butter. Garnish platter with lemon wedges and fresh parsley sprigs. Serve at once, with hot popovers and a crisp green salad. Serves 6.

## Papa Romano's celebrates with free pizza slices

Papa Romano's is celebrating its birthday — and its customers are getting the presents.

This month marks the 30th anniversary for Papa Romano's, commemorating the chain's first store, which opened at Telegraph and Nine Mile in Southfield. Today that store and 71 others remain in operation throughout

Michigan.

On Wednesday, April 5, all Papa Romano's will offer its new menu item — The Big Slice — for free to all customers who visit a store from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Big Slice, a big 6-inch by 6-inch square of famous Papa Romano deep dish pizza, is a

new menu item created in celebration of the 30th anniversary. Except for the free distribution on Wednesday, the Big Slice will be available with a 20-ounce Pepsi for \$2.99 plus tax; two slices and a Pepsi will be \$4.72 plus tax.

## Vegetarian dishes provide kosher fare

Recipes courtesy of Beverly Price, modified from Congregation Beth Israel Sisterhood in Flint. See related column on Taste front.

### VEGETARIAN CHOPPED LIVER

- 1 (15-ounce) can green peas
- 2 onions
- 2 eggs, hard boiled or equivalent egg substitute
- 1 cup walnuts, finely ground
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper to taste

Drain peas. Sauté onions. Mash peas, onions and eggs together. Add walnuts, salt and pepper and mix together well with mayonnaise. Chill and serve.

### VEGETARIAN KISHKA

- 2 carrots
- 2 celery sticks
- 1 box round whole wheat crackers
- 1/4 cup melted margarine (non-hydrogenated)
- 1 onion, grated
- dash pepper

Grind all ingredients together. Mix and shape by hand in shape of kishka (round).

Wrap in foil and bake at 350° F for 45 minutes. Open foil 20 minutes to brown. May be refrigerated or frozen before or after baking.

### STRUDEL

- 1/2 pound melted margarine (non-hydrogenated), cooled

- 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 3/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup low fat sour cream or non-dairy sour cream
  - 2 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- Filling:**
- 6 ounces orange marmalade
  - 6 ounces apricot preserves
- Topping:**
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1 tablespoon cinnamon
  - 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
  - 1/2 cup golden raisins

**Dough:** Mix together all ingredients. Roll in a ball and wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Cut into 4 pieces. Roll each piece in a rectangle.

**Filling:** Combine marmalade and preserves and spread on rectangles. Roll up strudel and place on greased and floured cookie sheet, then spread topping on it. Bake at 350° F for about 30 - 45 minutes or until golden. Sprinkle with powdered sugar as it cools. Cut in slices when completely cool.

Visit Beverly Price at the Michigan International Women's Show May 4 - 7 in booth 539. Don't miss Living Better Sensibly-A Multidisciplinary Approach to Menopause on Friday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. at the Seminar Stage of the Women's Show. Call (248) 539-9424 for more information. The first caller to leave a message will win two tickets to the show.

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Hospice of Washtenaw will begin their next five-week Grief Recovery Series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. The series concludes May 2.

The series offers healthy ways for an individual to move through the grief recovery process and provides support, understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone with their feelings of grief.

Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Pre-registration is required. Please call Dwight Forshee at (734) 327-3409.

### Laser eye surgery

Learn how you can reduce your dependence on glasses and contact lenses by attending a free Laser Vision Correction Seminar 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway (north of Warren and west of Wayne Road).

Attendees will receive an overview of how LASIK and PRK surgery can help people with nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.

The seminar is hosted by Henry Ford Eye Care Services. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-800-363-7575.

### Women's Health Boutique

The International Center for Entrepreneurial Development Inc. will open its newest Women's Health Boutique at 31209 Plymouth Road in Livonia on April 3.

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For more information about the Safe Haven for Newborns program, call the United Way Community Services help line, 1-800-552-1183.

### Clarification:

In the March 19 Health & Fitness article "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome," Sharon Parven McGladdery of Farmington Hills was misquoted as saying she consulted psychiatrists for her CFS-related health problems. She consulted "physiatrists," who are doctors of physical medicine.

### We want your health news

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

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# When silence isn't golden

## Hearing loss halts development of language skills

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Can't hear, won't speak. That's the simple connection between hearing loss and language skills.

"Hearing is the door that needs to be opened up in order for language and speech development to occur," said Paul Kilney, an audiologist from the University of Michigan Health System, in a recent press release on how parents can help spot hearing loss in babies and toddlers.

"And we all know that those functions are very closely related to the thought process, academic function and overall development. If hearing loss is not diagnosed early enough, some of the milestones associated with normal development just do not occur."

Significant hearing loss in both ears is present in about 1 to 3 per 1,000 newborn infants in the well-baby nursery, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. In the intensive care nursery, the ratio increases to 2 to 4 per 100.

The National Center for Hearing Assessment & Management, an organization at Utah State University, promotes the establishment of universal newborn hearing screening as a national standard of health care. Significant hearing loss in children in the United States is not detected until 2 1/2 years of age, according to NCHAM. Milder hearing losses often are not recognized until a child enters school.

Several states have enacted or are enacting legislation requiring newborn hearing screening. In Michigan, hospital compliance is optional.

Ideally, intervention must begin by 6 months, experts agree. In other words, just as a child must crawl before she walks, she must learn to make sounds before she talks. "Babbling, cooing responding sounds are a very important part of language development. Beyond two years, the outcome is not too

**■ Sadly ... some parents may overlook comparisons in language development if they don't have another child. When their child fails to speak by age 3, they seek medical help.**

—Dr. Kathleen Yaremchuk  
Henry Ford Medical Systems

good," said Dr. Errol Soskolne, head of pediatrics at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

### Detecting hearing loss

Medical staff at many hospitals routinely test newborns for hearing loss within 24 hours of birth using an auditory brain stem response device. Earphones are placed on the infant that send clicking sounds directly into the ear. The brain's response is measured through electrodes on the forehead.

"If that is not normal, it's repeated," said Dr. Jeffrey Devris, director of children's health services for the Oakwood Healthcare System. "If it's still not normal, the child is referred for more definitive screening by an audiologist."

Years ago, physicians were restricted to evaluating hearing loss later in infancy based on the absence of babbling and cooing responses. "That was a pretty gross test, not really defined," said Soskolne.

Parents often unnecessarily delay a hearing test, said Dr. Kathleen Yaremchuk, an otolaryngologist with the Henry Ford Health System. "Sometimes I have parents come to me and say their child is not old enough." Not true, she emphasized.

Neither the auditory brain stem response test or the otoacoustic emission test — which measures the tiny echoes of sounds the ear emits in response to external sounds — requires the cooperation of the patient. "It's an objective

test," said Yaremchuk. The "window of opportunity" in speech development occurs between the ages of 1 and 2. If children don't hear the consonant sounds — the S's and T's — which most words end in, their speech will not be clear. "It's subtle," said Yaremchuk about consonants, "but it gives our words meaning."

Sadly, she said, some parents may overlook comparisons in language development if they don't have another child. When their child fails to speak by age 3, they seek medical help.

### Risk factors

Certain children are at risk for deafness due to family or medical history, such as:

■ Family members, including brothers and sisters, with a hearing problem, especially one developed in childhood.

■ Premature birth and prolonged hospitalization or a difficult birth that may have involved oxygen deprivation or other problems.

■ Medical problems during a mother's pregnancy, including drugs and medications, rubella or other viral infections.

■ Scarlet fever, meningitis, chronic ear infections and respiratory problems.

In addition, some antibiotics may cause hearing loss, said Yaremchuk. Infants with multiple system problems, such as kidney disease, who are on certain antibiotics should be routinely checked for hearing loss.

As many as 4 to 6 percent of babies with one or more of risk factors may be fully or partially deaf, said Kilney. However, help is available. Depending on the cause and extent of the hearing loss, children as young as 3 months can be fitted with hearing aids, and toddlers as young as 18 months can surgically receive cochlear implants (see related story).

Both devices can improve hearing at times and give the child near-normal hearing. It's a matter of early detection, said Kilney. "We need to make every effort to educate both physicians and the public about hearing loss in the newborn and in infancy."

### Baby's hearing checklist

The National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders offers the following guidelines for parents to recognize normal development of hearing:

■ **Birth to 3 months:** Reacts to loud sounds. Soothed by a parent's voice. Turns head when spoken to and smiles when spoken to. Awakened by loud voices and sounds.

■ **3-6 months:** Repeats sounds (such as ooh, aah, and ba-ba). Looks upward and turns toward a new sound. Responds to "no" and changes in voice tone. Imitates his/her own voice. Enjoys rattles and other toys that make sounds. Becomes scared by a loud voice.

■ **6-10 months:** Responds to his/her name, telephone ringing and someone's voice, even when not loud. Knows words for common things (cup, shoe) and sayings ("bye-bye"). Makes babbling sounds, even when alone. Responds to requests, such as "come here." Looks at things or pictures when someone talks about them.

■ **10-15 months:** Enjoys the sound and feel of own voice. Points to or looks at familiar objects or people by request. Imitates simple words and sounds, may use a few single words meaningfully. Enjoys games like peek-a-boo or pat-a-cake.

■ **15-18 months:** Follows simple directions, such as "give me the ball." Often uses words he/she has learned. Uses two- to three-word sentences. Knows 10-20 words.

■ **18-24 months:** Understands simple "yes-no" questions (Are you hungry?). Understands simple phrases ("in the cup," "on the table"). Enjoys being read to; points to pictures when asked.

■ **24-36 months:** Understands "not now" and "no more." Chooses things by size (big, little). Follows simple directions such as "get your shoes" and "drink your milk." Understands many actions words (run, jump).



## Fifth child in Michigan family receives cochlear implant

Sixteen-month-old Alivia Anderson of Sparta, Mich., is the fifth child in her immediate family to receive the gift of hearing at U-M Hospital through the use of a cochlear implant. She and five others of the eight Anderson children were born with Mondini malformation, a genetic condition that left them severely or profoundly deaf.

The condition results in the malformation of the cochlea, the snail-shaped part of the inner ear that channels vibrations to the auditory nerve and the brain. Instead of a hollow spiral for the sound to travel through, the cochlea is incomplete, preventing or limiting the ear-to-brain communication that makes hearing possible.

Alivia was operated on at 13 1/2 months, one of the youngest patients in the nation to undergo such surgery. Of all the Anderson children, Alivia may get the most benefit from her implant, said Terry Zwolan, director of the U-M Cochlear Implant Program. "We're seeing that the sooner a child gets an implant, the sooner we can tap into speech and language development."

Advances in technology also help. Alivia and two of her siblings have the Nucleus-24 Cochlear Implant System, which uses a miniaturized device worn behind the ear, as well as a second processor the size of a pager worn on the body. It allows Alivia's audiologists to fine-tune the sound she hears and the way speech is interpreted.

Hearing aids and cochlear implants are very different. A hearing aid amplifies normal sound and uses the hearing a person has to let them process that sound. A cochlear implant replaces the hearing inside the cochlea. It transforms speech and

sound into electrical signals the brain can interpret. It bypasses the normal function of the outer ear, hair cells and cochlea by using surgically implanted electrodes and digital signal processors worn on the ear or body.

A small magnetic microphone on the outside of the head, held in place by an implanted magnet, picks up sounds and sends them to a processor. After the processor's programming translates the signals, the impulses travel through a coil to a receiver inside the ear. The implant transmits these signals through dozens of electrodes to the auditory nerve and brain, allowing the wearer to

detect and understand speech and noise.

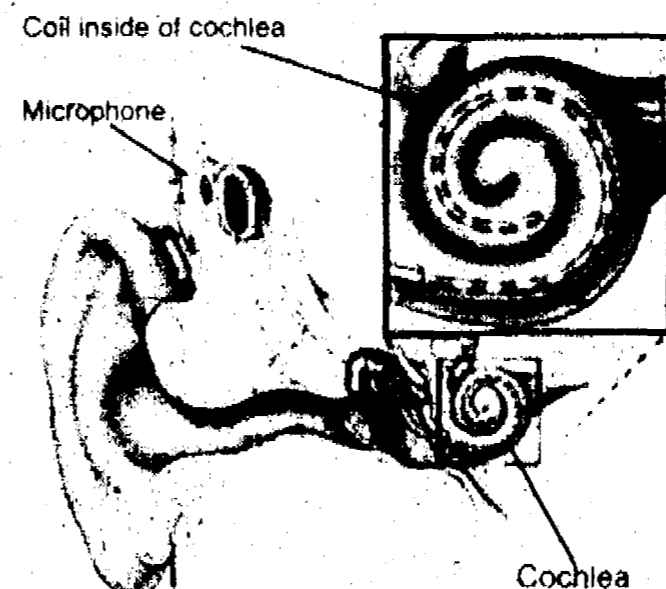
Hearing impaired children as young as three months can be fitted with hearing aids, but the more profoundly deaf may be unable to hear appropriately with even the most powerful hearing aids. Through the use of cochlear implants, physicians at the U-M and other centers are giving such children the chance to hear at as early an age as possible. Increasing numbers are receiving their implants as young as 18 months.

Cochlear implants are reserved for people who can't benefit from hearing aids, but they are not just for the deaf. "About 10 years ago, cochlear implants were only suitable for people who could hear almost nothing," said Zwolan. "Technology has advanced so quickly and we're getting such nice results that criteria have expanded to include adults and children with severe to profound hearing loss."

Although researchers are beginning to see proof the early intervention can help children develop normal speech and language skills, they will not know for sure until the first group of early-implant kids reaches school. "We have great hopes for these children that they will lead a normal hearing life," said Zwolan.

"But it's so recently that we've started to do these really young children that only time will tell if we're able to fully mainstream them into normal hearing classrooms."

Alivia Anderson was the 500th patient, and 300th child, to receive a cochlear implant at U-M Hospital.



# Crackdown on online consumer fraud is long overdue



MIKE WENDLAND

Better late than never. Finally, a coalition of federal and state consumer protection agencies, helped by similar groups in a half-dozen other countries, are cracking down on the thousands of Internet Web sites that have been running phony get-rich-quick schemes, work-at-home scams, dubious online shopping mall "investment opportunities" and a whole slew of other multilevel marketing come-ons and rip-offs.

In all, about 1,600 fraud sites have been identified by the coalition so far and about 40 percent of them reportedly shut down or changed their pitches after being warned by the consumer agencies.

The ones that are still running are now being investigated for possible criminal charges. It's a start, I suppose. But I'd guess there are 5,000

other rip-off sites out there in cyberspace that are still trying to trick unsuspecting Net users into sending them money to make "fabulous returns" that inevitably turn out to be nothing.

Typical of the phony offers you can find on the Net are promises of income of \$20,000 a month through vending machine businesses, \$1,000 an hour from Web surfing, and \$1 million through variations of pyramid schemes. Most such sites target stay-at-home moms, the elderly, the disabled and students who want to earn money from home.

### Watch for scams

Online auctions may be the latest Internet rage but they are also the latest hunting ground for fraud artists. A Los Angeles Police Department investigation has received complaints from over 100 people who have been ripped off in a pretty elaborate scheme involving the sale of computer parts and peripherals by an auction seller based in nearby Van Nuys, Calif.

The victims thought they were successful bidders and sent in

their payments but never got the items they purchased. That's just one case in a torrent of complaints being filed all across the country. The LAPD plans a conference with federal investigators to see how online auctions can be more reliable. But for those ripped off so far, there's little hope of getting their money back.

### Concerns raised

A new anti-fraud online surveillance system by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is drawing concerns from some online finance sites and privacy advocates. The automated system allows the SEC to secretly monitor and gather information from Web sites, message boards and chat rooms, which is loaded into a database that is analyzed by SEC investigators.

Although the SEC says it will throw away any data collected that doesn't indicate possible wrongdoing, an official from the accounting firm Price Waterhouse sums up much of the criticism by blasting the SEC, saying the secret surveillance is the

Internet equivalent of wiretapping.

Maybe the consumer agencies cracking down on fraud sites should have also looked at automotive Web sites. An independent study by CNW Marketing/Research says authorized Web sites often overstate the price of a new car by thousands of dollars and that some sites allow consumers to configure cars and options that automakers are unable to deliver.

The national study measured what eight Web sites claimed were the manufacturers' suggested retail prices and dealer invoice prices for 86 models against actual manufacturers' data. "Considering that nearly 40 percent of new car buyers use the Internet as part of their shopping process, such misinformation is horribly misleading," the study said.

### Legal to link

A federal judge ruled that it is legal for online companies to offer links to Web sites run by rivals, a service many new Internet firms use to attract new

users. The case involved a suit by Ticketmaster, which was mad that a competing online ticket sales site was linking to Ticketmaster.

But it also affects thousands of other sites, large and small, that "aggregate," or list links to stories and information produced by other sites. The judge ruled that linking was not illegal as long as Web users understand whose site they are on and that one company has not simply duplicated another's page. Groups advocating a free and open Internet praised the ruling. Ticketmaster says it will try to reinstate the case.

### Protest gas prices

You can vent your anger over high gas-pump prices at a new Web site, greencar.org, that targets the Big Three automakers for being ignorant of the need for fuel-efficient, "green" vehicles.

Anyone logging onto the site can send e-mails to Ford, DaimlerChrysler and General Motors, and express outrage over American dependence on oil — and the more acute problem of having to pay more than \$1.50 for a gallon

of gas! The group behind the Web site says the average fuel efficiency of 1999 model cars is only 23.8 miles per gallon, the lowest since 1980, reflecting the recent love affair many have for large sport utility vehicles and trucks.

Ready for the latest fashion trend? Try "e-jewelry." In Israel this week at a technology show called the Unwired World, models are showing earrings that light up when e-mail messages come in. You can also wear a mouse as a bracelet around your wrist that allows for Internet navigation by pointing in the air. You can check it out at Web site called [www.charmedtechnology.com](http://www.charmedtechnology.com).

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Items for Business Newsmakers are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Fax: (734) 591-7279 or e-mail [rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net)

### Sales reps honored

Three Aid Association for Lutherans sales representatives were honored in January for exceptional sales and service during 1999. Among nearly 1,700 AAL field staff members nationwide, Bruce Abbot of Canton ranked sixth in sales, and Jeffrey Long of



Abbot



Ellis

Westland ranked and James Ellis of Livonia ranked in the top 17 percent in sales. The three men are with the Park Jarrett Agency of AAL, Livonia.

### Assisted living

Marquette House Assisted Living in Westland has appointed Lori Wilson director of nursing and Kathleen Waldo marketing director.

### Valassis promotions

Valassis Communications, Inc. in Livonia announced the recent promotion of Rex Boatright to manager of creative and multimedia services. Boatright joined Valassis in 1991 as a graphic designer. He was the winner of the company's first "Team Player of the Year Awards" and designed an award-winning annual report.

Boatright has a degree in fine arts from Michigan State University.

### Nomads

Nomads Inc., a Detroit-based air travel club, announced that Pamela (Penny) Harrison of Livonia has been appointed assistant to the director of operations. She has been with Nomads for the last 17 years both a flight attendant and trip director.

### Division X

Division X of Farmington Hills, a division of Grace & Wild, Inc., announced the hiring of two effects specialists and a project manager. Megan McBurney joined the organization as animation technical director. She has worked on several movies, including "Armageddon" and "The Nutty Professor." Robert Clegg will serve as effects supervisor. He formerly was with 20th Century



Somers

Fox Animation Studios in Phoenix, Arizona. Jeff Somers, who has a background in project management, will serve as graphics producer.

### Communications director

Boerema Chaben & Company, a Farmington Hills-based marketing firm, has appointed Zach Lowe director of communications. He formerly was manager of corporate sales for Ann Arbor-based book and music retailer Borders Group Inc.

### Sales and marketing

Comprehensive Data Processing Inc. of Southfield recently named Tony Hollamon of Redford director of sales and marketing. Hollamon, who joined CDP in 1990, is credited with establishing the company's marketing department and developing the employee relations department. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: [ObserverNewspaper](mailto:ObserverNewspaper), 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

### WED, APRIL 5

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
The Michigan Business and Professional Association will sponsor the 4th annual Women's Leadership Conference and Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon Wednesday, April 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two workshops are planned: "How to Build a Successful Personal Strategic Plan" followed by "Is Your Business Checklist in Order?" The total cost is \$50; cost for luncheon only is \$25. For information about attending, co-sponsoring or advertising, contact MBPA at (810) 979-6322.

### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Regular meeting of Laurel Park Chapter will be held 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road. Call (810) 323-3800.

### ANN ARBOR IT FORUM

The Ann Arbor IT Zone and the Ann Arbor Software Council will sponsor a forum titled "Technology Changes. Economic Laws Do Not" 5:30 p.m. at the Ann Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom, 610 Briarwood Circle, corner of State Street and I-94. Registration and book signing begins 4:30 p.m. Cost is free to members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for students. Call (734) 623-8286 or e-mail [mail@annarboritzone.org](mailto:mail@annarboritzone.org).

### FRI, APRIL 7

**BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL**  
Regular meeting of the Livonia Chapter will be held 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (810) 323-3800.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

**BUSINESS IN CHINA**  
Oakland University's Professional Development and Education Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) will present "Opening Doors in the 21st Century: Creating Business Opportunities in China after

WTO." The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 14 in Oakland University's Meadow Brook Ballroom. Co-sponsors include: The Detroit Regional Chamber, Pontiac Export Assistance Center - U.S. Department of Commerce, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Leonard Woodcock Legacy. The seminar is an introductory course for individuals and organizations interested in developing or expanding markets in China. Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D. and Ledong Li will share their expertise on expanding interests and overcoming the challenges of doing business in China. Cost is \$295 and includes a Chinese luncheon and handout material. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5. Enrollment is limited. Contact the Professional Development office at (248) 370-3033 for a brochure or to register for the seminar. Fax registration with VISA or MasterCard payment is accepted at (248) 370-3137.

**SECRETARIES WEEK**  
The Tri-County Chapter of the International Association of

Administrative Professionals will present a business seminar titled "Assistants and Executives Working in Partnership" 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Atheneum Hotel in Detroit. Seminar/luncheon tickets are \$35 for IAAP members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call (313) 235-9232 or fax (313) 235-0185.

### FRI, MAY 12

**FIESTA HISPANA BALL**  
The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Andersson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCOC at (248) 208-9915.

### Arthritis Today

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### SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSIS

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) is an autoimmune arthritis. If you receive that diagnosis, you may have been misled as SLE often involves more than the joints. Therefore, your physician will consider, in addition to the condition of your hands, shoulders, knees, ankles and feet, the symptoms of status of your skin and red and white blood count and the state of your kidneys, eyes, heart and lungs. In addition, SLE poses a particular threat for women with the diagnosis who become pregnant because of potential blockade of blood vessels that supply the placenta. The production of unwanted antibodies, a hallmark of SLE that causes the potential for widespread involvement. Normally, the body's B lymphocytes, B cells, produce antibodies that are effective in killing off bacteria and neutralizing toxins. However, in SLE B cells are stimulated to produce antibodies that attack the body itself. The results are antibodies that produce inflammation and damage that does not always affect the body itself. The type of antibodies produced in SLE are called auto-antibodies. SLE can develop as a mild disease or a serious one. The mainstay of treatment is the use of anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and a later disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) such as methotrexate, sulfasalazine, and hydroxychloroquine. These drugs help to control most cases.

## DENTISTRY

### For The 21st Century

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

#### BEATING GUM DISEASE

The primary culprit of gum disease is the sticky film of food particles that coat your teeth. This film, called plaque, should be removed every day with conscientious brushing and flossing. Otherwise, within two days, bacteria enter a substantial colony in your mouth. A professional cleaning is needed to remove the plaque. Brushing and flossing might have removed it, but untreated plaque can lead to tooth loss. While most of us have a good understanding of the danger of gum disease, few of us understand the importance of the plaque that coats the teeth. Regular professional cleanings are

## CORRECTION NOTICE

In our April 2 insert, we advertised the Snoop Dogg CD, *Snoop Doggy Dogg at His Best* as being available Tuesday, April 4.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, this CD will not be available on April 4, and there is no current estimate for when it may be available. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

## How Anxious Are You?

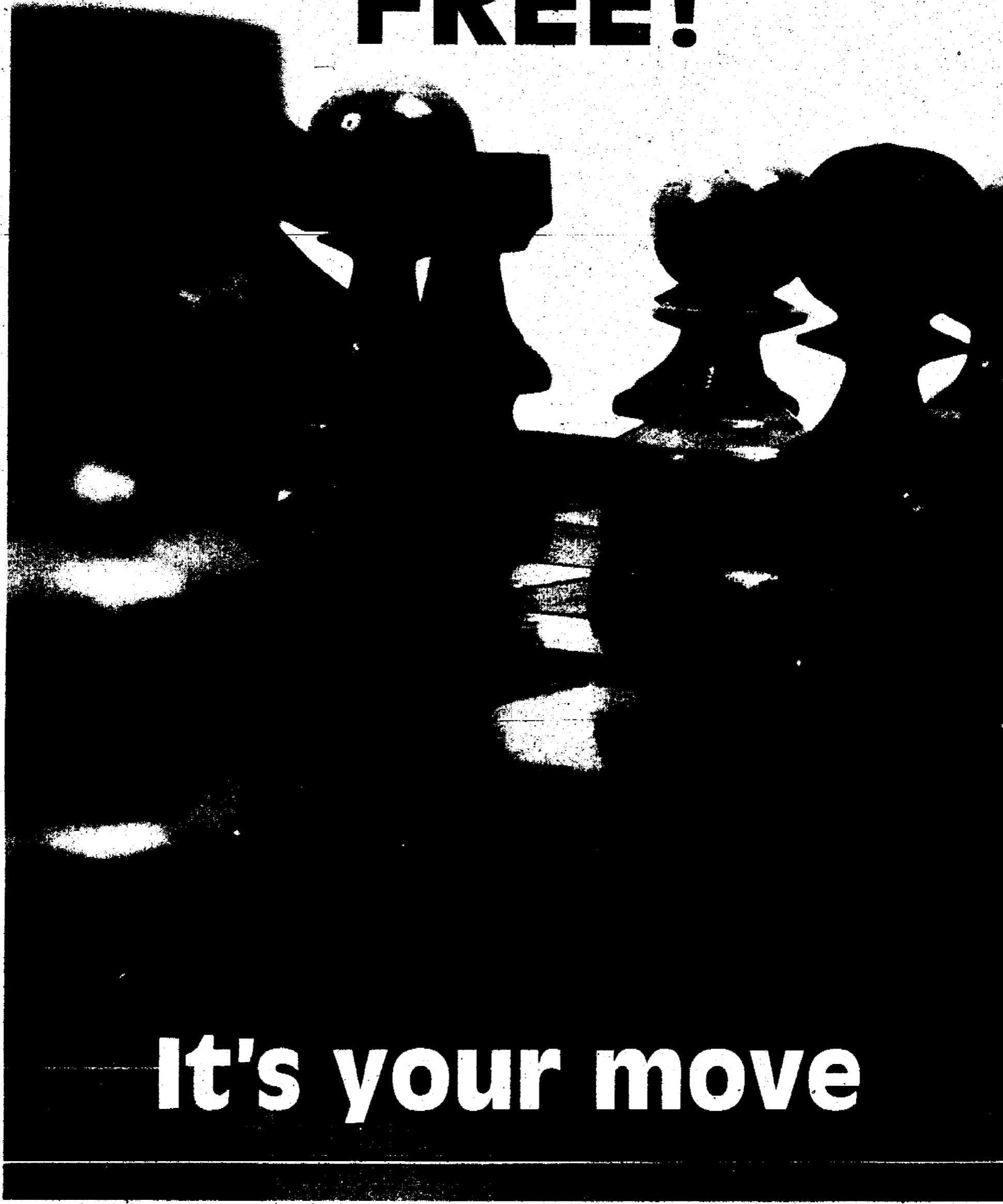
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