



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton Planning Commission holds a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Topics on the agenda include the expansion of the Tri-City Christian Center and construction of a Holiday Inn Express hotel.

WEDNESDAY

Granholm speaks: Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm is the keynote speaker for the monthly luncheon hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon begins at noon at the Summit. Tickets are \$15 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members. The reservation deadline is Monday. Call the chamber at (734) 454-4040.

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Wal-Mart looking at AutoNation site

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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,

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Wal-Mart real estate manager

wouldn't remain fallow for long. Wal-Mart emerged as a possible user about a month ago.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet described this 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.

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Teen faces GHB, rape charges

Classmate allegedly assaulted during June 1999 house party

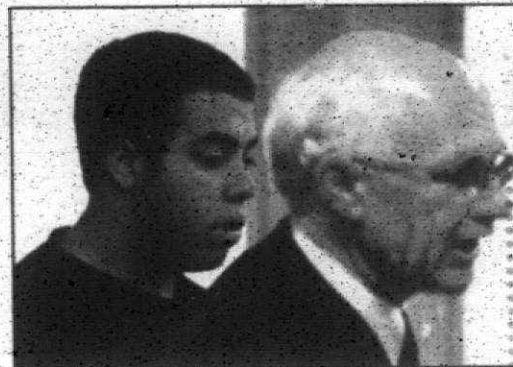
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A 17-year-old Canton man is being accused of raping and poisoning a township woman last summer.

Dustin Howard Wiecek faces a preliminary examination on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and poisoning at 35th District Court in Plymouth April 10. Both are life felonies.

Canton police believe Wiecek used the "date rape" drug GHB to incapacitate a 17-year-old classmate on June 18 at his home and then sexually penetrated her.

The teenager was arraigned Thursday at the district court. Judge Ron Lowe set a \$25,000 cash bond for

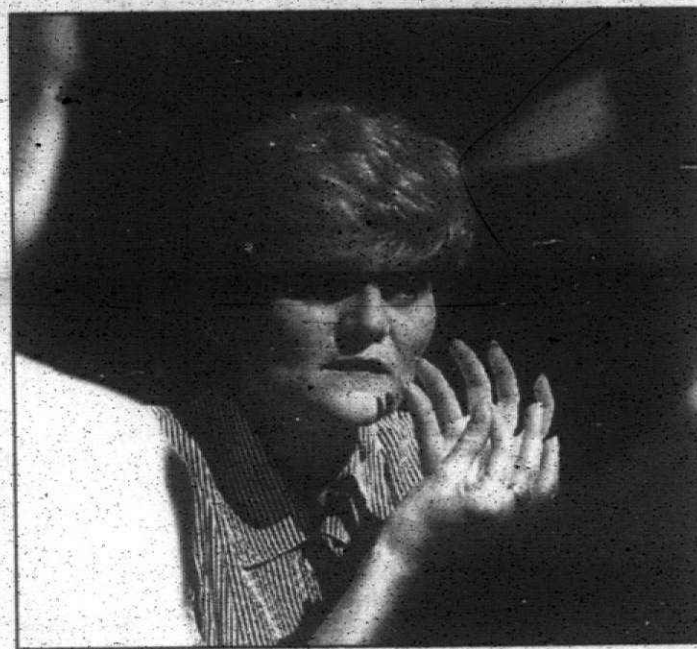


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Arraigned: Dustin Howard Wiecek (left) and his attorney, Evan Callanan, appear before 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe Thursday.

Wiecek. "We're not happy with that," said

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Directing: With her typical intensity, soon-to-retire drama teacher Gloria Logan works with students on a scene from "Fiddler on the Roof."

Bowing out

Curtain descends on 30-year run

BY KIM MORTSON
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Gloria Logan's name is synonymous with theater. A Plymouth Salem drama teacher for the past 30 years, she will take a final bow April 15 to not only close the 1999-2000 theater season but to mark the end of her career as a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park educator.

"I'm going to miss the kids tremendously," said Logan. "I care about them as if they were my own."

Logan arrived at the Plymouth high school in 1970, having just completed her undergraduate degree at Eastern Michigan University in theater arts.

"I was here the first year they opened the school building but this wasn't here at the time," said Logan, referring to the Plymouth Salem Auditorium. "It was just

dirt and some scaffolding then."

Hired to "create" a high school drama department, Logan said at the time that theatrical productions were put on at Central Middle School (formerly the high school). Over the past three decades she said she has taught a gamut of classes from English and film as art to grammar.

"I'd have to say for the past 15 years I've taught all speech and drama classes," said Logan, who also team-teaches a Shakespeare course.

Loose ends

A career that spans three decades has undoubtedly been colorful and full of special memories for a woman who considers all of her students, even those well into adulthood, "her children." The added demands of teaching a creative subject,

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'Fiddler on the Roof' reprised by Park Players



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Cast: Tim Bodnar as Fyedka and Meghan Hyland as Chava (clockwise from front), Luke Williams as Motel and Kellie Drinkhahn as Tzeitel, Wes Farrow as Tevye, and Kristin Mellian as Hodel and John Hallisy as Perchik stage a scene from "Fiddler."

The students of Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools have prepared a special 30-year reunion production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Performances are set for April 7-8 and April 14-15. Curtain is at 8 p.m. each night.

"Fiddler" was the first production in the brand new Salem Auditorium in 1970. The production celebrates 30 years of theater produced in and by P-CEP students under the direction of Gloria Logan.

This year, in addition to the opportunity to see the heartfelt play, a tribute to all Park Players alumni is planned for the April 8 performance.

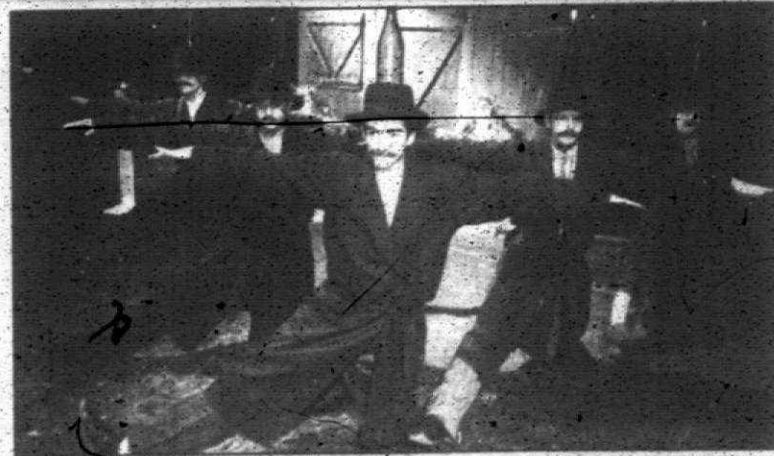
More than 120 alumni are going to join in the closing number of the play. "It seemed only fitting that as the people of Anatevka come together one last time that 30 years of Park Players should be there too," Logan said. "Fiddler" has always made me sing, dance, laugh, cry and be proud."

Any Park Player alumnus who has not received alumni information should contact Logan if they are interested in being part of the trib-

ute night.

As part of the alumni participation Butch Karamon (a Russian in

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Wedding dance: Tim Merenda (from left), Andrew Freels, Ryan Welsh, Dave Hannon and Matt Curd strike a pose while balancing wine bottles on their heads during a dress rehearsal.

Former Canton treasurer seeks school board seat

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A Canton Township man says it's "time for the tail to stop wagging the dog," so that's why he is running for a seat on the board of education in the June 12 election.

Jim Donahue, 52, is clear that he would like to see more Canton representation on the school board, which

currently has four Canton and three Plymouth residents.

"Look at the total population, the number of students and where the tax money is coming from," said Donahue. "It's time to take control from the elitist club."

The last figures from the school district, from September 1998, show there are 11,420 students who live in Canton, 3,480 who live in Plymouth Town-

ship and \$75 in Plymouth.

Donahue, a former Canton Township treasurer from 1978-80, also said he's not happy with the way the current administration is handling the budget.

"They're not doing all they can with our money," he said. "The rate of return on investments is substandard. They're wasting our money."

Donahue wants to see changes in the way current administration and staff

are paid.

"The elected and hired officials think they're untouchable," he said. "The people can take care of the elected officials. Teachers and administrators should be paid on merit. They need to understand they need to produce or get out. The free ride is over."

Donahue has had one daughter graduate from Salem High School and

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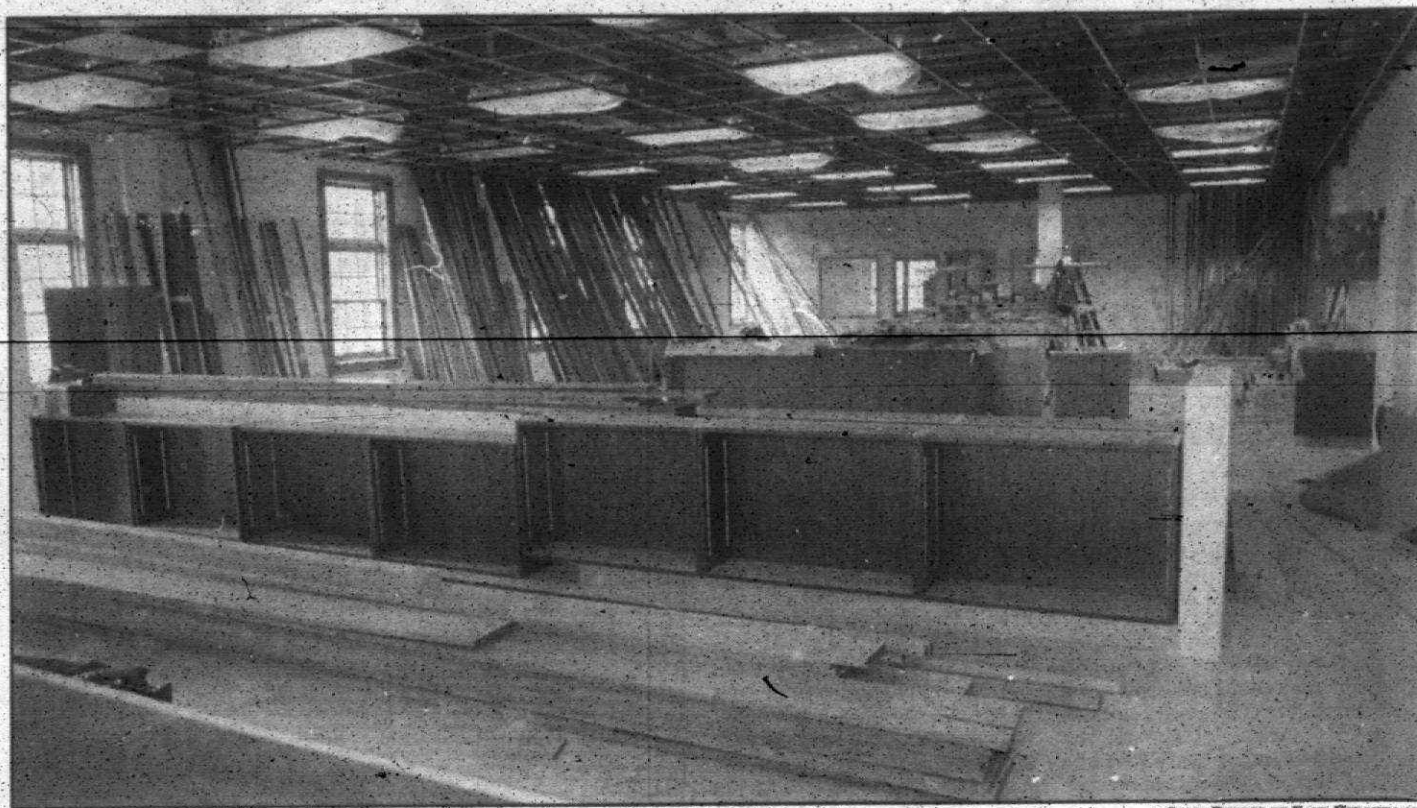
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In progress: Work continues inside the new 35th District Courthouse, although the project now probably won't be finished until the end of June. On the flip side, the project is expected to come in under budget, even though a fourth courtroom will be finished, which wasn't included in the original cost.

District court construction is behind but under budget

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The bad news is completion of the new 35th District courthouse in Plymouth is about three months behind schedule.

The good news is that despite the delay, the project is expected to come in below budget and include completion of a fourth courtroom.

"Things have gone so well and under budget the court board decided to go ahead and finish the fourth courtroom," said Kerry Erdman, court administrator, during a tour of the nearly completed courthouse. "That added several weeks to construction, but even with that we'll come in under budget. At this point I'm not sure how much, but we'll be in real good shape."

The project was originally estimated to cost \$8.25 million. The 35th District Court Authority sold \$4.25 million in bonds to pay more than half the total. The remaining \$4 million came from \$2.4 million in insurance proceeds as a result of the July 1997 fire which destroyed the courthouse, plus another \$1.6 million in excess court revenues that were held back from the five local communities the court serves.

The new courthouse sits on the same site as the building which burned down, but will be three floors instead of one. The



Getting there: Ceiling tiles are going up inside the 35th District Courthouse, but the project isn't expected to be finished until late June.

44,000-square-foot building was always slated to include four courtrooms, but to save money only three were going to be completely finished. However, as the project began coming in under budget, the board decided to go ahead and complete the fourth courtroom.

Along with the courtrooms, the new courthouse will have conference rooms, a security area in the basement for prisoners, plus a security garage for judges and court personnel.

In February 1999, after being awarded the construction project, Bob Bedyk, president of Bedyk Bros. Inc. of Livonia, predicted completion of the project in March of this year. The date was pushed back to mid-May. Now, Erdman said he expects to get the keys to the building June 23.

"Next week they'll be putting ceiling tiles in... that's a pretty good indicator things are rolling along," said Erdman. "That means most of the mechanical

and electrical work is done.

"We're going to start moving things in before June 23rd," added Erdman. "We'll have a limited docket June 26-30, and during that time we'll hire a company to help move us in. We should be ready to begin business July 5th."

That will be three years and three days after the July 2, 1997 fire which was caused by electrical lines falling on the building during a storm.

Much of the interior wood and wood trim have yet to be put up, and carpenters are currently installing marble floors.

Erdman said Chief Judge John MacDonald requested his courtroom be painted hunter green, while Judge Ron Lowe requested a ruby red color.

Aside from the colors, all four courtrooms will look exactly alike when completed. "The courtrooms belong to the community, so except for the colors we didn't personalize them," added Erdman. "This is a building that is indicative of the communities it serves. There's room for future growth over the next 30 years."

The court serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

Erdman said he plans to have an open house soon after the court opens for business.

Former Plymouth Daly's site still sitting vacant

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It appears that, for the second

straight year, a major gateway into Plymouth will include a vacant building.

The Rite Aid drug store chain

once again has put off plans to demolish the former Daly Drive-in and build a state-of-the-art store on the northwest corner of Ann Arbor Road and Main Street.

"We haven't made a decision one way or another about that property," said Sarah Datz, Rite Aid public relations manager. "We have a new management team in place which is evaluating all the projects which have been put on hold."

"We're still moving forward with our growth, but we need to take a look at which projects make the most financial sense

and will give us the best return," said Datz.

Datz said it will be at least a few months before the management team will have an answer concerning the Plymouth store.

Meanwhile, Building Official Jim Penn said Rite Aid's site plan approval expired on Sept. 30, 1999, one year after it was approved by the planning commission.

Rite Aid doesn't own the property, but has a 50-year lease with Rite Aid, who also owned the Daly Drive-in at the corner.

Developers originally planned construction for last spring.

Baby boomer 4th grader sets out to help other kids

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Jennifer Grodus, a fourth grader at Allen Elementary, knew that despite some of the bad publicity concerning kids with guns, children her age were really good kids. So she set out to prove it.

"I wanted to help the world in some way, and we found a program that could help babies all over the world," said Jennifer, 9, of Canton. "I got all the information and started the program at school. It worked out really well."

Jennifer, with the help of her mom and her fourth-grade classmates, began collecting Beanie Babies for the Beanie Babies for Premies non-profit organization. The New York group collects Beanie Babies and sends them to Neonatal Intensive Care Units nationwide.

The Beanie Babies are put next to premature babies, offering comfort since the bean toy feels like a hand cuddling around the infant's body. The toy also tends to make babies feel more calm and helps promote growth and healing, according to the national organization. The bean bag toys are also used to prop arm board, umbilical catheters, feeding tubes and suction catheters. Nurses also use the beanies to

support pacifiers when the baby is too weak to hold it itself.

Jennifer, with the help of her classmates, collected more than 400 Beanie Babies, which will be sent to Beanie Babies for Premies.

Jennifer also presented her idea to administrators at Children's Hospital in Detroit and University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor. And now, the two hospitals are preparing to become the first in Michigan to take part in the national program.

"I wasn't nervous telling the directors because I knew that it would help babies," said Jennifer. "It's important the beanies are put next to the babies to help them grow, then they won't be sick and the death rate will go down."

Jennifer plans on encouraging other schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district to participate. After that, she plans on trying to expand the program nationally.

"It's really encouraging to know that kids have the ability to take on a project like this, organize it and see it come to fruition," said Allen Principal Marcia Moore.

"I know her mom gave her the lightbulb idea to get started, but she did do the rest herself," added Moore. "Jennifer wrote the announcements, read



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Kids helping kids: Jennifer Grodus (front center) and her Allen Elementary School fourth-grade classmates pose with many of the 400 Beanie Babies they collected for the Beanie Babies for Premies program.

them over the public address system, organized collecting them... it's always nice when you see kids thinking of other kids, but to actually do something about it is fantastic."

"I thought this was a good project because it makes us do something nice for someone," said Kate Spangler of Plymouth. "People who are born small, it's not their fault and they should be able to live like

"The babies are so small and they can't do much for themselves," added Matt Lewandowski of Canton. "I feel good being able to help them"

Second Hindu temple wins OK from planners

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Canton could become home to a second Hindu temple if the planning commission gives the go-ahead to a Canadian firm's plans Monday.

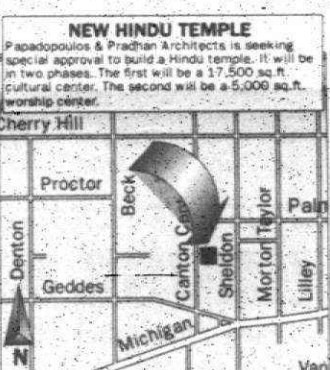
The decision before the board is whether to recommend a special land use approval to build a temple on the 9.6 acre site, located on the east side of Canton Center between Geddes and Palmer.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will have the final vote on the issue.

The architectural firm Papadopolous & Pradhan Architects Inc. of North York, Ontario, is designing the temple, which would serve Hindus of the Swaminarayan sect. The Hindu Temple at 44955 Cherry Hill serves Jain Hindus, a different religious sect.

Plans are to build a 17,500-square-foot cultural center in the first phase.

"In the future there would be a traditional temple built," said architect George Papadopolous. The worship center, built in the second phase, would add 5,000 square feet.



Papadopolous said the proposed Canton development is small compared to most Hindu temples, which can be as large as 120,000 square feet.

Hinduism is the third most prevalent world religion behind Christianity and Islam and has an estimated 761.7 million followers, according to almasaaq.com.

Residents living near the temple site said they're concerned about potential traffic problems.

"We're not opposed to (the temple)," said Henry Moore, president of the Woodlands of Canton homeowners association and Canton Center Road resident. But, "it appears it's going

to cause some traffic problems. If it's a community facility, it means there's going to be quite a bit of traffic and activity in and around the area."

"If done right, I'm sure it will fit in to the mold we have," he added. Moore said he and other homeowners association members plan to attend the meeting to ask questions, but not protest. One point he said they want clarified is about what "community facility" means.

"Will it be for the Hindu population to use or actually be usable as such by the community at large," Moore said.

The Woodlands of Canton homeowners association does not include any subdivisions. Moore said the typical lot size of a Woodlands homeowner is about 2.5 acres while most subdivision lots are considerably smaller.

"Every house in this area is different," Moore said, adding that there are no "cookie cutter" homes. The Canton Township Planning Commission meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, in the meeting room at the township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The public is welcome.

Woman robbed at car wash

A 34-year-old Canton woman was the victim of a strong-armed robbery Wednesday evening.

A man described as 6-foot tall, 170 pounds and age 26-34 stole a small amount of cash from the woman at the Classy Chassis Car Wash on Canton Center north of Ford shortly before 9 p.m., according to Canton police reports. The victim was washing her car when the man approached her and asked her for change for a dollar.

She told him she didn't have it. Reports said he left but came back moments later. The woman sprayed him with water, but he grabbed her and demanded money.

Reports said the woman went to her car, got her change purse and gave it to him. The man then fled on foot east from the car wash. He was observed getting into a gray Mercury Cougar at a nearby Taco Bell restaurant.

Police later found all of the woman's property. She was uninjured in the incident, reports said.

Fraud

A man described as being in his late 20s, 5-feet-6 and 120

COP CALLS

District Court in Plymouth on April 28.

Domestic violence

A 36-year-old Canton man was the victim of domestic violence Tuesday morning.

Reports said the man, a resident of the Holiday Estates mobile home park on Geddes west of Canton Center, suffered a split lip and bruises to the back from several blows by his 35-year-old wife. The incident occurred at about 8 a.m.

Reports didn't indicate whether the woman was arrested. It did say that a warrant had been sent to the prosecutor's office, however.

The altercation erupted after the woman accused the Canton man of cheating on her, reports said.

At least three cars on Brook Park were broken into in the early morning hours of Tuesday, according to police reports.

A 25-year-old Canton man's 1988 Ford station wagon had a combination CD/radio stolen, as well as music CDs and a cell phone, reports said. About \$1,300 worth of property and damages were done to the vehicle.

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the 1981 production), now a professional theater designer, is lighting the show. Jeri Silber-Karamon (his wife and Tzeitel in the 1991 production), now a professional theater costume designer and technician, is building the sets. Kim Schmidt (a technician crew member in the 1981 production), now a facilities supervisor for Yazaki North

America, is facilitating the graphics work. This year's Tevye is played by Wes Farrow, who may be remembered from the Park Players' 1981 "Fiddler" production in which he was the 8-year-old betrothed to Tevye's youngest daughter. In 2000 he leads a company of nearly 100 performers in a joyous and ten-

der show featuring such musical numbers as "Tradition," "To Life," "Matchmaker," "If I Were A Rich Man" and many more. Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale now in the Salem Theatre. For further information call (734) 416-7723.

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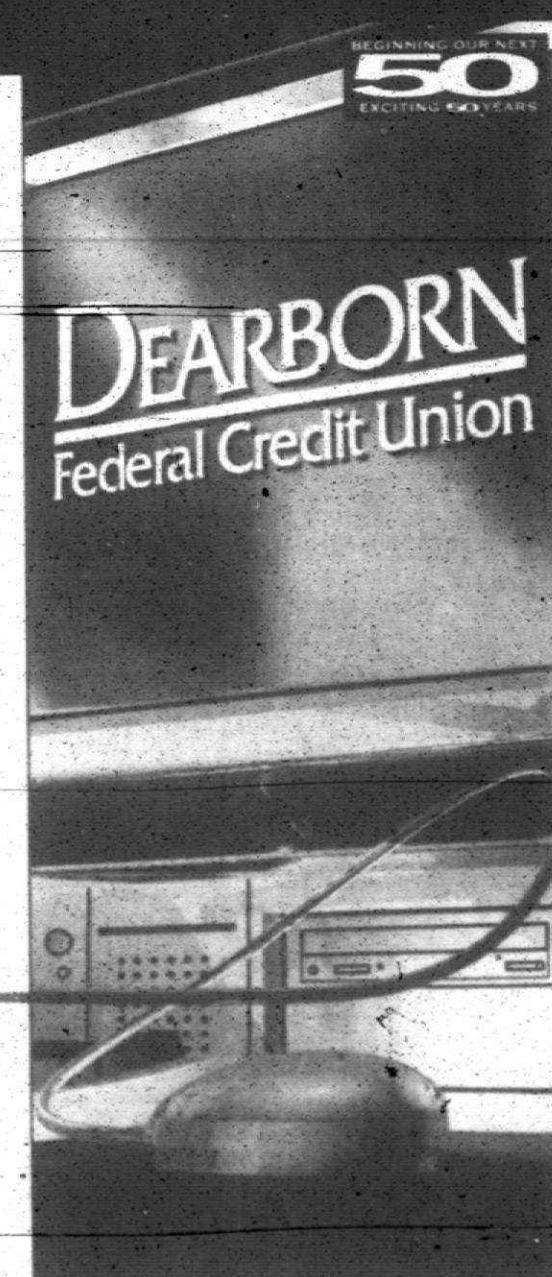
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"They have more homework to do," he added. "But I think it's achievable."

"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

"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 logical fit for us in some instances," Hooper said. "We are growing in the Detroit metropolitan area."

School board from page A1

another is a senior. He is also guardian to a 15-year-old nephew at Salem with whom he and the district are at odds concerning disciplinary action.

Earlier, Elizabeth Givens, 51, announced she'll be seeking a second four-year term. Judy

Mardigan, 46, will be seeking her first four-year term after filling an unexpired two-year term.

Nominating petitions are available for any registered voter of the Plymouth-Canton school district at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Har-

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All Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.
This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

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This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2000-04, considered for first reading at the March 28, 2000, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 11, 2000. The ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone number 734-354-3224.

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Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft.

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Library focuses on area youth

BY HEATHER NEEDEHAM
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Two youth-oriented programs at the Canton Public Library are geared toward showing kids that there's more to do after school than just sit around eating junk food and playing video games.

The "Kids Club," aimed at fourth- through sixth-graders, began its retooled program March 18. Meetings are held at 2-3 p.m. on one Saturday per month, with the next meetings planned Saturday, April 15, and Saturday, May 13.

"One new addition to the Kids Club is a newsletter produced by the children, who will also update and maintain the Kids Club site on the Canton Public Library home page."

Staying the same, however, are the puppet shows performed by children at the Summit and the annual after hours party.

Kristen Tierney, youth programming specialist at the Canton Public Library, said kids are encouraged to read more because they're being encouraged by other kids - not adults.

"I think that it encourages them to see that other people are (reading) without adults telling them," she said. "I like the fact that the children come together."

For older kids, there's the "YA place," referring to young adult. This group of sixth- through 12th graders meets 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. No registration is required and teens can come and go as they please.

"It's a place for teens to get together and a place for them to hang out," said Stefanie Halliday, young adult librarian.

One of the YA Place activities revolves around indulging teens' notorious junk food cravings. On some meetings the teens make "crusty pizzas" which are sugar cookie crusts covered with frosting, coconut and different types of candies, Halliday said.

"I think what's great about it is it's drop-in," she said. "You get a different mix of kids every time."

Another way the teens keep busy is through making crafts - whether it's origami, or folded paper creations, "popx bead" creations or homemade cards for sick Canton area children.

"When we're not doing crafts we play games," Halliday said, specifically mentioning a charades-type game called "Guess-tures."

Rape from page A1

Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft.

'This could've easily been an arraignment for homicide. We're lucky the victim didn't die from this incident.'

-Sgt. Charles Raycraft, Canton Township Police

craft. "We would've been happy with no bond."

Wiecek was arrested Wednesday. It was the culmination of 10 months of investigation by township police.

Yesterday's arrest came as a surprise to me," Wiecek's attorney Evan Callanan told Lowe. "We thought he would be given the opportunity to surrender and that a personal bond would be issued."

Both teenagers were Canton High students at the time of the alleged incident, according to police. Wiecek transferred to Detroit Catholic Central in Redford last fall and the victim is now enrolled at an area catholic school, Raycraft said.

Wiecek hosted a party at his home last June, police reports said. The 17-year-old woman, whose name is being withheld by the Observer, was served several alcoholic beverages during the party.

She told police she lost consciousness and awoke several hours later. Reports said the 17-year-old believed her drinks had been tampered with and that she had been raped.

About a day later, she sought treatment. Raycraft said a very high level of GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate) was detected in tests.

"This could've easily been an arraignment for homicide," he told Lowe. "We're lucky the victim didn't die from this incident."

A delay in test results and executing numerous search warrants led to the lengthy investigation, Raycraft said. Despite the seriousness of Wiecek's charges and the publicity given to a recent case in Grosse Ile, he doesn't believe the use of the date rape drug will stop.

"This isn't the first case of GHB," Raycraft said. "I don't think it will be the last."

Four downriver men have been sentenced to prison terms for the January 1999 GHB-related death of Samantha Reid of Rockwood. Reid was given a soft drink containing the drug while attending a party given by one of the defendants.

Callanan entered a plea of not guilty for Wiecek. He first asked that the teen be released on a personal bond.

"We're not even going to go there," Lowe told Callanan.

The attorney then asked for a \$10,000/10 percent bond. Lowe refused a second time and set the \$25,000 cash bond, meaning Wiecek or his family must come up with the full amount.

Callanan also attempted to poke holes in the prosecution's case before bail was set.

He said the victim was unable to describe "any kind" of penetration occurring. Callanan added there was no physical evidence to support the 17-year-old woman's rape allegation.

"This matter definitely calls for a personal bond," he said, "because I believe they will not be able to prove the charges beyond a reasonable doubt."

Bill would punish rioters on campus

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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 senator 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 Raczowski, 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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Lester Robinson

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

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 station's "J.J. and The Morning Crew" program. The winner will get two round-trip tickets to 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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Logan from page A1

like drama, have brought both challenges and rewards too numerous to mention, according to Logan.

"I have the largest and best family in the world," said Logan, who marvels at people who say they go into teaching for the money. "What I have gained in experience rather than gained in possessions in this job can't be compared. I think to myself if I hadn't been doing this I would not have known all these people and been able to be a part of their lives."

The Northville resident has remained in contact with many of her former students who are successful both in and out of the theater — men and women employed as professional actors, technicians, directors, set and costume designers, agents, and singers.

"We also have doctors, lawyers, teachers," added Logan. Logan shies away from taking credit for the success of the program, performances and of her students saying she has given them the direction and guidance and they do all the work.

"The kids built this program — I'm just one person."

One person, however, who has dedicated much of her life — before, during and after school — to the call of the theater. "My husband and I chose not to have children. I know what kind of demands there are of my time and one of them would have had to have suffered. I didn't want to do that," said Logan.

Looking back on her career in the Plymouth-Canton school district, she says she always stayed focused on the tasks ahead, and admittedly there were days filled with frustration. But it was those days when a former student would call and share some good news or say thank you that would make it all worthwhile.

"They always call when I need it the most," said Logan, "and I have always appreciated that."

Saying goodbye

Without question Logan's absence will be felt by many, primarily her students.

"She has always insisted that we work for our best performance," said Salem senior Kristin Mellian, "and that has brought out the best in each of us."

Mellian's classmate, Kellie Drinkhahn, said it seems appropriate that "Fiddler on the Roof" will be the last play Logan will direct before she retires. "The story is about family and tradition and Mrs. Logan is about tradition. She's taught us respect for the theater and life lessons that can be applied from what we learn here," said Drinkhahn.

The four-night performance schedule of "Fiddler on the Roof" marks the fourth time (1971, 1981, 1991 and the present) the play has been put on by the Plymouth Park Players. Logan's retirement will culminate a 30-year reunion performance of the final act of the play, April 8, as more than 120 alumni from the past three decades take the stage with the current cast.

Logan noted that all four of her Teyves will be present.

"I'm so glad that Fiddler on the Roof is our anniversary performance," said Logan. "The show is about families supporting each other and taking care of each other. It illustrates how families keep loving each other, and more importantly keep liking each other, even if they don't all agree. That's how things are here. We don't always agree but we keep loving one another."

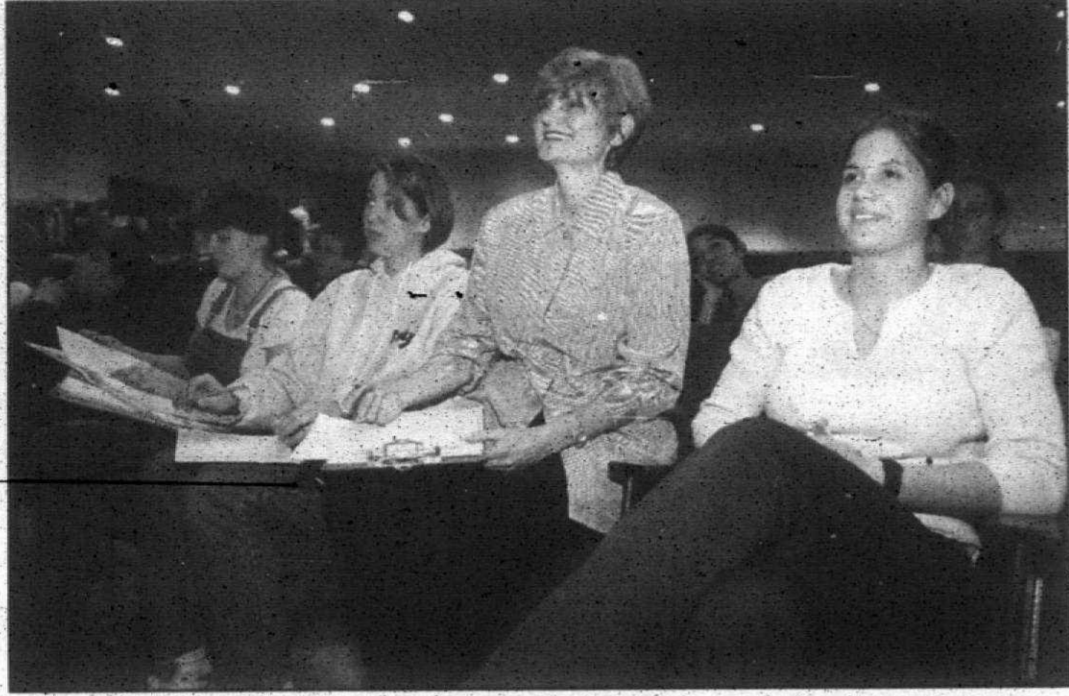
Friends and admirers of Logan have paid tribute to her throughout her career by naming her the 1989 State of Michigan Drama Teacher of the Year and again in 1999. She is the first educator to receive the acknowledgment twice. The Plymouth Salem teacher has also been Eastern Michigan University's Distinguished Alumni and most recently the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board of Education unanimously approved renaming the Plymouth Salem Auditorium for Performing Arts.

"What a terrific way to honor a super human being," school board member Roland Thomas said after the decision.

Moving forward

Retirement for Logan won't mean idling around her Northville home but performing with the Tibbits Opera Foundation in Coldwater in a production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and a two-woman show titled, "Hope & Glory."

"I like a lot on my plate and the dance you have to do to keep your plate balanced," said Logan. "When I was thinking about retiring I was afraid my plate was going to be too easily balanced."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Show master: Drama Teacher Gloria Logan (center) watches a scene during a rehearsal for "Fiddler On the Roof" at Plymouth Salem High School recently. Logan will retire in June, following a long and productive career with the arts at Plymouth-Canton Schools.

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April 9 raffle benefits local transplant patient

A Canton resident in need of a heart and lung transplant hopes to raise money through an April 9 raffle at Max & Erma's restaurant on Canton Center Road.

Dina Brophy's medical problems were the subject of a March 2 story in the Observer. Diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension since birth, the 40-year-old Canton resident first started to notice symptoms of the fatal disorder about eight years ago. She has been waiting for the transplants for more than a year. The prize drawing is 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and tickets at \$1 each are available at the restaurant during the week. Prizes to be raffled off include a 26-inch color TV, Red Wings playoff tickets, Detroit Tigers tickets, a \$100 gift certificate to Meijer and restaurant gift certificates.

Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Money raised by the raffle will help pay for Dina's medical expenses.

For information call Dina's mother, Margrette Long, (734) 844-2394.

Canton teen holds garage sale to raise money for trip

Sylvia White of Canton hopes to sing at the Ireland Scholar-Athlete Games in Jordanstown, Ireland this summer. But the teen needs your help to make her dream come true.

The Canton teen has been invited for the second consecutive year to sing at the Games, which are hosted by the Institute for International Sport in Kingston, R.I. Invitations go to students who excel in academics, sports and extracurricular activities.

To help raise money for the trip, White will hold a "Summer Dream Garage Sale" Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8 at her home, 1693 Crestview Drive. Sale items include books, toys and items from around the house.

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Kelly enters register of deeds race, Bell may follow

BY RICHARD PEARL
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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



Rep. Thomas Kelly

being appointed to complete his term and then run for election as the incumbent.

"I'm not resigning until the end of my term," Youngblood said. "They'll have to run for it."

Bell could not be reached for comment.

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 23 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 terminated 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.

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

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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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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section Adoption of Michigan Electrical Code.

The Michigan Electrical Code of 1999, as adopted by the State of Michigan on October 15, 1999, as amended, is adopted by reference.

SECTION 2. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2000-05, considered for first reading at the March 28, 2000, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2000. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone Number 734-354-9224.

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Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Pet project

Photographer puts work on display

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It's true that Jill Andra Young's business has gone to the dogs.

And to the cats, birds, and reptiles, too.

Any type of critter people keep as pets have seen the lights and camera of this pet photographer, whose office is located on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

Young, who has been in the pet photography business for 10 years, displayed her work for the seventh consecutive year at the Detroit Kennel Club Show at Cobo Hall.

"These are split seconds of time," Young said. "It's not like these animals sit there for a prolonged time. It's just a matter of catching them. Some will sit for two or three frames but a lot of times it's just that frozen moment of time."

Young started with a small studio on Main Street near the Clark Gas Station. "I thought it was a service that people needed and wanted," she said. "I thought that I would specialize in pets.

Every photographer has their own special niche that they are really good at — weddings, babies, families — I'm just good at pets. There is quite a market for someone who can work with animals. There aren't that many people out there who would allow animals into the studio."

Young has opened her heart and studio to small creatures like hamsters and gerbils, which children hold gingerly cupped in their hands next to their faces. "It's probably their first pet and they have come to have their portrait done," she said.

One family brought in their two kittens and an iguana. Their photo shows the three in peaceful co-existence.

Young's most unusual client was a three-foot Cayman alligator. "The young man worked with reptiles in an educational venue," Young said. "Normally I wouldn't do any exotics." The reptile came to the studio in a climate-controlled cooler.

She's also turned her lens on snakes and racing turtles. "You name it, they've been here, all sorts of little critters."

Kathleen Ashley of Brighton brought Winston and Madison, her two perfectly groomed standard poodles to the studio. "My family and I just wanted a picture of them," Ashley said. "My daughter came in with her pets last week."

Though she couldn't convince her children to come in for their own portraits, Ashley found that her son and daughter were willing to have photos taken with their pets. She plans to display all the members of the Ashley family on a photo wall in her home.

Dogs are Young's major clients, followed by cats.

"Cats probably think they are going to the vet," Young said. "When they realize they are not at the vet, they calm down just about enough. With cats we put them on the pillow and make them a little more comfortable. They keep waiting for something to happen that never happens. Cats usually don't leave the house that much. They have probably a little bit of fear or uneasiness, but overall, cats do pretty well."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Picture purrfect:
Pet Portrait Photographer Jill Andra Young takes a rare moment in front of the camera to show off some of her favorite pooches recently in her studio on Penniman Street in Plymouth.

OBITUARIES

JESSE LONGORIA

Services for Jesse Longoria, 57, of Plymouth were held March 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Kurtycz officiating. Burial was in Oakgrove Cemetery, Dixboro, Mich.

He was born Nov. 13, 1942, in Fort Worth, Texas, and died March 27 in Livonia. He was a salesman for New York Carpet World for six years and came to the Plymouth community in 1992 from Sterling Heights. Mr. Longoria attended Northridge Church in Plymouth. He loved body building, lifting weights, and playing golf and enjoyed going to his cottage up north. He loved to eat. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Heaton of Plymouth; one daughter, Anjanette Rochelle Longoria of Clinton Township; step daughters, Jill (Jr.) Adkins of Orlando, Fla., and Danette (Ed) Sarah of Wixom; two brothers, Ralph (Caroline) Longoria of San Antonio, Texas, and Chris

(Amelia) Longoria of Santa Monica, Calif.; one sister, Frances Mastro of Santa Monica, Calif.; four grandchildren, Hunter, Austin, Peyton Rose Sarah, and Ashley Adkins; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

PHYLLIS K. KARLL

Services for Phyllis K. Karll, 85, of Canton will be held 1 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West with the Rev. David Bevington officiating.

She was born Aug. 29, 1914, and died March 22 at Plymouth Court Nursing Home. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her three sons, Theodore (Alberta), Richard and Ralph (Barbara) Karll; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two nieces; and one cousin.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, 28588 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 475, Southfield, MI 48034.

Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home,

Canton.

ROBERT S. LAWSON

Private services for Robert S. Lawson, 77, of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., (formerly of Naples, Fla., and Plymouth) were held March 30 at Burris Funeral Home. Burial was in Prospect Harbor Cemetery.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1922, in Redford and died March 28. He was a graduate of Plymouth High School, the University of Michigan School of Business Administration (BBA degree) and the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University (JD degree). He was a member of Chi Phi Fraternity and the Michigan Bar Association.

As a first lieutenant he was a member of the 401st Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force and served as a B-17 bomber pilot flying 35 missions in the European theater of operations during World War II. He was awarded the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Following his graduation from Detroit College of Law he was

appointed as a special agent in the FBI and served two years in Beaver, Pa., and Detroit. He worked as an attorney for Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, in real property management until his retirement. During this time he was a member of Plymouth United Methodist Church. Other community service activities included president of the Plymouth University of Michigan Club and coaching basketball. He was an avid tennis player, voracious reader, skilled woodworker, and expert handyman.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Osgood Lawson of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.; one daughter, Lisbeth L. (Dr. Alan S.) Rosenfield of Laconia, N.H.; two sons, James S. (Annie M.) Lawson of Dexter and Peter S. (Lynn) Lawson of Northville; eight grandchildren; one sister, Nina Jean (Robert G.) Marshall of Pensacola, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cumberland County, P.O. Box 542, Crossville, TN 38557 or to a charity of choice.

CHARLES "PETE" BURDEN

Services for Charles "Pete" Burden, 74, of Rogers, Ark., were held March 25 at St. Vincent Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Sinkler officiating.

He was born Jan. 25, 1926, in Plymouth and died March 20 at Rosewood Care Center in Joliet, Ill. He moved to Rogers in 1958.

He retired from Daisy Manufacturing in 1979 after 31 years service. He served in the Army during World War II and was a longtime member of the Rogers VFW.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olga Burden in 1977; his parents, Lester and Lillian Burden; and two brothers, Robert and Richard. Survivors include one son, Lonnie (Sandy) Burden of Neosho, Mo.; one daughter, Sandra (Don) Novak of Plainfield, Del.; two sisters, Betty (Paul) Childress of Plymouth and Arlene (Shar) Cranford of Plymouth; one brother, Ronald Burden of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a

cancer research center of your choice.

Local arrangements were made by the Burn's Funeral Home, Rogers, Ark.

DONNA M. ZABORSKI

Services for Donna M. Zaborski, 64, of Sun City, Ariz., (formerly of Plymouth) will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at St. Gerard's Church, 19800 Pembroke Ave., (south of Eight Mile, east of Evergreen) Detroit.

She was born in Detroit and died March 5. She was a banking supervisor and a member of the Lady Elks.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; two daughters, Alison Black and Sharon Nair; one son, Keith; her mother, Florence Hartley; two sisters, Mary Ann Dinger and Margaret Haselden; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Arizona Humane Society, 9226 N. 13th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85008 or to the Salvation Army, 2707 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Team leader

Ryan Rumberger, a junior at the University from Detroit Mercy and a Plymouth Salem graduate, slugged a pair of home runs and drove in five runs, but it wasn't enough as UDM lost to Ball State 11-9 in the first game of a double-header March 25. Through last weekend, Rumberger led the Titans with five homers.

NAHL playoffs

The Compuware Ambassadors will begin the defense of their North American Hockey League and Junior National titles when they play host to the USA NAHL Team in the first round of the North American Hockey League playoffs.

The best-of-three series begins at 2:05 p.m. Thursday, with all games being held at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. Game Two is at 6:35 p.m. Friday and Game Three is at 2:05 Saturday (if necessary).

Compuware finished the season atop the Eastern Division and was 4-0-0 against USA (No. 4 seed in the East).

The top four teams in the NAHL's Eastern and Western Divisions made the playoffs and are competing for the 2000 Robertson Cup.

First-round winners will move on to the second round, which begins the week of April 10, with the four remaining teams being re-seeded according to regular-season points, regardless of division.

For further information contact Roman Uschak at (248) 374-8400 or on the web at nahl@nahl.com.

Ambassador commits

Steve Swistak of the Compuware Ambassadors has committed to play for the University of Michigan hockey team.

The West Bloomfield resident is in his second season with the Ambassadors, who won the 1999 Junior A National Championship. A 6-foot-2, 188-pound forward, Swistak has 17 goals and 23 assists in 52 games for the Ambassadors this season.

He is the sixth member of 1999 championship team to commit to U-M. He joins former Ambassadors Mark Mink, John Shouneyia, Mike Romensky and his cousin J. J. Swistak, as well as current teammate Andy Burnes.

"Steve is a good all-around player, and should make a solid contribution to Michigan as a freshman," said Compuware general manager/head coach Michael Vellucci.

Chiefs' boosters meet

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

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

Sports auction

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

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

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

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

Piston mascot Hooper and Red Wings national anthem singer Karen Newman will also be on hand to sign autographs.

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

For more information call 734 424-1706.

Whalers pull even with 3-2 victory



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 Goody. 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.

BASEBALL PREVIEW

Canton seeks a better finish

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What Plymouth Canton's baseball team lost from last season's 22-10 squad is the element most will agree is pivotal to success:

Pitching.
Gone are Ben Tucker (7-3 a year ago), Dave Winter (4-0) and Joe Cortellini (2-4 with three saves). Between them, they accounted for 13 of the Chiefs' wins.

The loss of those three, combined with the graduation of second baseman Andrew Copenhaver, make up the bad news for Canton. What's left is all good.

"Last year our defense, both infield and outfield, was the best in the conference," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "That's the key. We have almost everyone back, so I feel our defense will be the same."

"I think our offense will be better. The only question is our pitching, and that's only because of our inexperience."

"If our young pitchers throw well, we'll do well. I'm confident we have a good chance to win our division."

There's a lot to base that confidence on, notably the return of five of the eight fielders from a team that committed just one error in the last 11 games of the '99 season.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Staff ace: Jon Johnson won six of seven decisions as a junior, earning him the role as Canton's top pitcher. How well the Chiefs' pitchers fare will be pivotal in the team's success.

Leading the returnees are co-captains Bryan Kay, a senior catcher/pitcher; Jon Johnson; a senior pitcher/first baseman; and Oliver Wolcott, a junior shortstop/pitcher.

Johnson is instrumental to the Chiefs' hopes. The No. 2 pitcher last season, he compiled a 6-1 record and hit .310 as a first baseman. The righthander will be the staff's ace this season.

Kay was the team's top catcher last season, batting .300. And Wolcott is entering his third season as a starter; he batted .325 in '99.

Other starters returning include outfielders Jason Evans and Brad Smigielski, both seniors. Evans, who batted close to .300, will play right field; Smigielski will be in center. "Defensively, he's one of the better center fielders around," said Dickey.

The top prospect to move into left field is junior Jay Sofen, who played junior varsity last season. Seniors Jason Waidmann and Brent Vasher, and juniors Brian Rossow and Greg Neino, will also see time in the outfield.

With Kay behind the plate, Johnson at first (when he's not pitching) and Wolcott at short, the infield is anchored.

Senior Jim Reddy, who saw considerable action last season in the

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Pitching is key for Rocks

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The situation really couldn't be much better for Plymouth Salem's baseball team.

The Rocks have almost all their pitching back from last season's 16-17 squad. And in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division — which features several teams that must replace key players — it should be a major advantage.

"With all those guys, we can put some pretty experienced guys out there," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "With all that (pitching) depth, we can make sure the top three or four guys will be rested."

Only one pitcher, reliever Brandon Bray, has graduated. Other key losses to graduation include first baseman Joe Rizzi, leftfielder Nick Eicher and third baseman Mike Hoben.

Returning are pitchers Jason

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Lukasik, Steve Gordon and Chris Hardy, three senior righthanders, and junior righthander Chris Trott. Those four accounted for most of the innings pitched last season.

There are other mound candidates, and they're all juniors: Mike Thackaberry and Chris Eicher are righthanders, and Chad Goethe and Justin Barnett are lefthanders.

"I'll probably have a hard time finding innings for all of them," said Rumberger. "But with five games a week, it'll be nice having a bigger staff. I'll have a lot to choose from."

"It's certainly one of our strengths, that's for sure. They're all competitive, they all throw strikes."

The rest of the lineup is fairly strong, too. Ian Winter, a senior, returns at catcher. A left-handed hitter, he's bigger and stronger, and appears ready to join the list of elite

catchers that Salem has produced (Scott Niemiec, Ryan Rumberger, Dave Slavin to name a few).

"He's not quite as good as Ryan or Niemiec, but he's right up there," said the elder Rumberger.

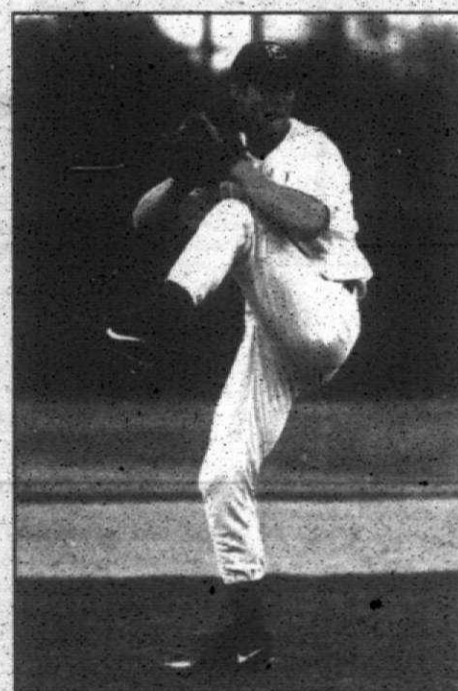
Backing him up are a pair of talented juniors: Aaron Hall, a right-handed hitter, and Drew Styles, a lefthanded hitter.

First base will be patrolled by senior Adam Kolb, a left-handed hitter who was a part-time starter last season and is exceptional defensively. Goethe, another lefty, will also see action at first.

Justin Horvath, a senior, returns at second base. "He's probably the best runner on the team," said Rumberger. He's also good defensively. Eicher and Chris Mackinder are slated for back-up duty at second; Mackinder will also play third. Both are juniors.

Steve Stiles, a senior, is back to anchor the shortstop spot. Salem's

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Player to watch: Salem's pitching staff, led by four-year varsity member Jason Lukasik, is solid.

Chiefs open season with a win; Salem gets another shutout

It figured that Plymouth Canton's soccer team would be offensive this season. In the Chiefs' season-opener Wednesday, that assessment proved accurate.

Anne Morrell and Amanda Lentz each scored two goals and assisted on another to lead Canton to a 4-2 victory over Novi at Canton.

The Chiefs also got assists from Allison Mills and Janine Guastella in the victory.

Canton hosts Ann Arbor Pioneer Monday.

Salem 2, A.A. Huron 0: Plymouth Salem struck for two goals in the first half and its defense did the rest as the Rocks posted a shutout win over Ann Arbor Huron Thursday at Salem. The Rocks improved to 2-0 with the

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victory. They have yet to surrender a goal.

Jami Coyle got Salem's first goal, assisted by Natalie Thomas. Suzie Towne struck for the second, with Coyle assisting.

Jill Dombrowski was in goal for the first half. Jenny Fitchett took over for the second.

"I thought we played an excellent defensive game," said Salem coach Joe Cora. "We didn't give them many chances on goal."

"I don't believe they had any shots in the first half. Fitchett made seven saves in the second."

Salem plays at Northville Wednesday.

Back to earth for Madonna: Saints blank Crusaders twice

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 18-9 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

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and three walks in four innings. Liske is 5-2 for the season.

Krista Marinello had two hits and a run batted in and Aaron 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.



Amanda Suder Plymouth Salem, Jill Dombrowski Plymouth Salem, Tera Morrill Livonia Franklin

Top team led by Rocks

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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 year'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.

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 335 (3.57 per game), service aces with 106 and digs with 270. She was also second in assists to kills with 89.

"Our team was built around Amanda," said Teeters. "She could hit and score, she was a very effective defender. 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.

Tera 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.

"There 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 everything 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."

Patty Horat, 5-9 Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The All-Catholic League selection averaged 5.7 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

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM
Amanda Suder, 5-7 senior, Ply. Salem; Tera Morrill, 5-11 senior, Livonia Franklin; Jill Dombrowski, 5-9 junior, Ply. Salem; Lindsay Sopko, 5-10 junior, Liv. Franklin; Kate LeBlanc, 5-11 senior, Liv. Stevenson; Patty Horat, 5-9 senior, Livonia Ladywood; Andrea Kmet, 5-10 senior, Livonia Franklin; Carrie Brankiewicz, 5-7 senior, F.H. Meloy; Shannon Munn, 5-9 senior, Liv. Churchhill; Erin Bartee, 5-10 junior, Livonia Ladywood; Bernadette Merriman, 5-7 senior, R. Union; Noelle Swartz, 5-11 senior, John Glenn.

SECOND TEAM
Jessica Thron, 6-0 senior, Liv. Ladywood; Denise Phillips, 6-0 senior, Ply. Salem; Michelle Ginter, 5-8 senior, Ply. Salem; Amy Webster, 5-11 senior, Red. Thurston; Carly Wadsworth, 5-9 senior, Schoolcraft; Meghan Sheehan, 5-9 senior, Churchhill.

THIRD TEAM
Amy Miller, 5-7 senior, Fern. Mercy; Angie Gorman, 5-2 senior, Ply. Canton; Sheila Dittes, 6-0 sophomore, Liv. Churchhill; Meghan O'Neil, 5-8 senior, Farmington; Sarah Marody, 5-11 senior, Livonia; Leah Hutcheson, 5-7 junior, Liv. Stevenson.

COACH OF THE YEAR
Tom Teeters, Plymouth Salem

HONORABLE MENTION

Franklin: Abbie Bowman, Rachel Bramlett, Kerstin Maysert, Melissa Lurie, Doreen Kelly, Amy Caldwell, Colleen Guadagno, Carey Zimes, Kristin Leszczynski, Steveson, Cassie Ehlert, Megan Urbata, Julie Pfeiffer, Katie Drews, Kristina Matheson, Ladywood: Melissa Buckshaw, Cameron Monopoltzick, Churchhill: Rachael Koehnke, Nicole Kaparian, Vera Strickx Salem; Kelly Jasko, Sarah Jagers, Caitlin Lisa Baker, Anna Kutz, Julie Winters, Kelly Doolittle, Sarah Papp, Lucy Calcano, Wynn Monnette, April Coia, Amy Paling, Melissa Jones, Livonia: Westland: Heather Haller, Jon Dash, Amanda SLLZ, Anna Roll, Huron Valley Lutheran: Stacie Graves, Rachel Zahn, Garden City: Jessica Pappas, Jill Merriman, Bedford: Union: Amy Walker, Megan Kelley, Erin Lazarus, Thurston: Sarah Paulson, Catherine Beatty, Eileen Eckler, Bishop Bergues, Livonia: Da Walden, Nilvraha Smith, St. Agatha: Jenny Szakal, Sonia Losa, Evelyn Schorring, Farmington: Melissa Mytty, Livonia: Howard: Julie Kinnor, Jessa Halliday, North Farmington: Kelly Downey, Ali Edwards, Jan Timper, Emily Whitney, Meredith Rilly, Northeast: Lisa Robinson, Kelly Taylor, Gayle Teres, Livonia: Emmet: Mandy Lee Cain, Kelley Blunden, Kristy Ramsey, Alexis Jones.

Lindsay Sopko, 5-10 Sr., Liv. Franklin: Another repeat pick, the left-racker up 964 total assists (nine per game) to go along with 57 aces.

"Lindsay'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 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."

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

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CLASSES/CLINICS

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers.

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River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION TECHNIQUES/HUMAN CAMOUFLAGE

Discover the exciting art of camouflage and the secrets of blending with the environment under the expert guidance of local wildlife enthusiasts/photographer Craig Smith and West Bloomfield Parks naturalist Jonathan Schechter.

is Sunday, April 12.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

The West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department is offering a basic Duck & Goose Calling class on Mondays, beginning May 1 and lasting through May 22.

ARCHERY

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 9, on its walk-through course in Clarkston.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (6795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, call (734) 288-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren.

BOWHUNTERS PROGRAM

Oakland County Sportsman's Club, in conjunction with Michigan Bowhunters, will play host to the International Bowhunters Education Program Sunday, April 2 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27.

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia, Clarendonville Middle School.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center.

POINTE PEELE ICE HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-to-three hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Sunday, Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

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ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

HERITAGE PARK HIKE

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SKY WATCH

Warren Astronomical National Astronomy Day Sky Watch will be held Saturday, April 8, from 5-10 p.m. at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark.

SHOOTING RANGES

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METROPARKS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs.

BEAR SCOUTS WILDLIFE

"Bear Scouts Sharing Your World with Wildlife" will be held Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Nature Center of Indian Springs Metropark.

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Canton resident follows in dad's footsteps



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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.

Each seller and buyer will receive a door prize coupon for every ball brought in or bought.

Westland Bowl does not take any cut from these deals; they are doing this as a service to the bowling community.

For more information call (734) 722-7570. When your league begins planning for next season, take a good look at the Ultimate Bowling League (UBL) concept.

You can add a new dimension of enjoyment and better competition from top to bottom, trim the usual annual loss of members and keep interest at a higher level throughout the season.

Both the G.D.B.A. and the D.W.B.A. have designated staff personnel who will be able to explain the UBL to your league, how it works and how it

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 Fall Classic at Super



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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 Midwest 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 Lane in Sterling Heights.

For more information call (313) 365-6449. 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.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Table listing bowling scores and names for various leagues and events, including Westwood Lane, Super Bowl, and Westwood Lane (Livonia).

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OUTDOORS

Easy-to-read guide confuses

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 8 1/2 inch paper, to make the maps easy to read. At that size, the guide will fit nicely into a three-ringed binder, but not most tackle boxes and certainly not a fishing vest.

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's 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.

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. Once again the area from the sign below the Moss Lake outlet to 100 yards below the Wixom Road Bridge will be open to catch-and-release flies only trout fishing from April 1 to the opener.

This program was initiated by the Livonia-based Michigan Fly Fishing Club back in the 1970s. At that time, game prices were skyrocketing (much like they are now) to establish a fishery in southeastern Michigan so anglers wouldn't have to make a 200-mile trek up north to fly fish.

Legal sized trout are stocked into that section of the river in early spring and anglers can get in a bit of pre-season practice, if you will. This is strictly a catch-and-release fishery and flies are the only legal bait through Friday, April 28. Beginning Saturday, April 29, the traditional opener, any type of bait may be used and there is a three-fly possession limit. The minimum size limit is eight inches.

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

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.

A bit different: Deer with antlers can still be found

When I mentioned this antlered deer to my neighbor, he 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.

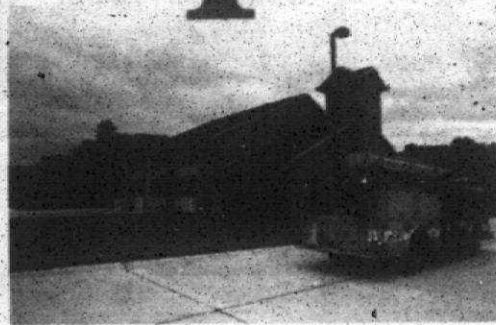
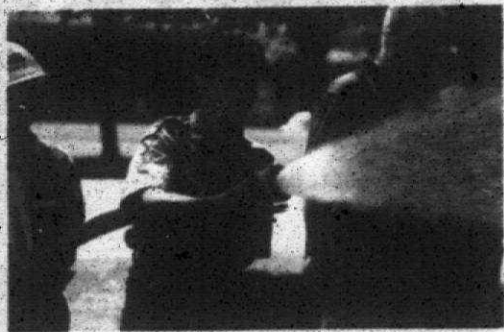
Variation in populations of animals is normal and very important in the long run. Without variation animals would not be able to adapt to changes that occur in the environment.

When changes occur in the environment, those animals that exhibit extremes of behavior, or internal physiology, or physical features, may be the ones to survive. They will be able to breed and pass along the features that allowed them to survive the changes.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Calling all singers for special event

Jerry 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

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."

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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.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

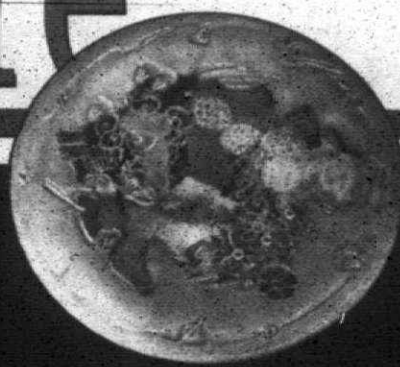


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Suspended visions



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS SCHAIBLE

"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.

PHOTO BY DOUGLAS SCHAIBLE

Sculptor creates new worlds from glass

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The 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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EXHIBIT

Artists show talent for color and design

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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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 Sandra 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 MITCHELL

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 1960s. 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 Meizinger 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: 5-5 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 Panayard, Leon Schoicht 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 Margie 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 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 cans 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 cans 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 Marka has followed for some time. Marka was responsible for curating a 20-year retros-

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 Marka. "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

BY ALICE REIBEN STAFF WRITER
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It takes nine boxes of carefully-packed glass gourds and twenty 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. Palm, are in

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

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

Dedicate 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

Vase" 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 work 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 strategies 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.

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 23.

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

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 gallery.

"The artists keep it exciting. We encourage new images and welcome artists to introduce a new series," he said. "But it is the sweeping forms of Chihuly, Pavel Hlava and the Czech team of Stanislav Libensky and Jaroslava Brychtova that continue to delight those drawn to glass."

Among Michigan artists represented are Albert Young and

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 John 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.

Noteworthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART SHOWS

DTE ENERGY BLOOMFIELD Detroit's annual flower show featuring an art exhibit is at Cobb 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. 29987 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.

ADDITION S & CALL FOR ARTISTS BBSO COMPETITION Instrumental dates for the Young Artist Competition are Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4 at Hammill Music Studio, Long Lake & Telegraph Roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-2275.

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

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.

ART CLASSES D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschoolers through adults. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Liley 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 Johnson 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 Livorno, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodworking classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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) 932-8699.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL Hosts dance classes begin April 3: hip-hop, combo dance, ballet, jazz and tap. Ongoing drop-in studio for adults. 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA A Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics Concert featuring violinist Janna 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 MUSICAL Benefit concert featuring Flavia Varani, Nadine Delbert, Velda Kelly is 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 626-2620.

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 BEACH Pamela Nell Eastman 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 8 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 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-6950.

FOLK VESPERS Features One Flight Up at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-6950.

ROBERT JONES AND MATT WATROBA The Birmingham Temple's Vivance users in its spring concert with these folk musicians at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 28611 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 Livorno, Troy.

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

WOODWARD The multi-instrumentalist singer and songwriter performs at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3001.

NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES Gen Holmstrom 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 Fling, Dance and Romance is at 6 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Lowell Manor. For information call (734) 416-5293.

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 15 Mile in Sterling Heights. (248) 645-9705.

ST. CLAIR TRIO

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

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY The Watts Prophets with guest Toni 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 Am presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital featuring Judaea through the Art of Dance featuring the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Am, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6860; also the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and the dance department at Wayne State University will present a dance workshop featuring Judaea Tuckel, artistic director of the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Alseeuw 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 DeWolf Opera House April 2. (313) 963-2366.

DINNER THEATER

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

EVENTS

BLOOMFIELD CHARITY EVENT "It's a Bloomin' Party," a green charity event is 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at the Cobb Convention Center with dinner following at the Pontchartrain Hotel. Tickets range from \$125-\$500. (248) 546-2990.

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 Budson and others at this benefit for the Center for Peace & Conflict Studies is 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at the Birmingham Theater, 28611 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 Scroops, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436; ext. 6428.

KINDERMUSIK Enroll any time for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the Best Western Sterling Inn at Van Dyke and 15 Mile in Sterling Heights. (248) 645-9705.

Michigan Glass Month highlights

Ariana Gallery, 119 South Main, Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810. A Gift of Glass, featuring new artists. Opening reception is 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 7.

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, a student exhibition and sale. The "Hot Glass Bonanza" glass blowing demonstration is noon-5 p.m. Sunday, April 8.

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

Enlightened Artists, 7700 Orchard Lake, Pontiac. (877) 560-4021. Grand opening of this hot glass blowing studio is noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22.

Jane Charach Epstein Gallery, 6800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7841. John Kuhn: Luminoz Illusions - Sculptures in Glass, a retrospective exhibit.

Furnace Hot Glass Works, 6100

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Photo of Ramsey Lewis

GALERIE BLU

Sunday, April 7 - Kaiser Sueden: 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) 333-2060.

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 Goethel Campbell through May

(248) 647-3688.

C-POP GALLERY Through May 4 - An exhibition by 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. 613 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

HILL GALLERY Through April 15 - recent works by Melba Price and Richard DeVore. Black Vessels, 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

HILBERY GALLERY Through April 8 - Exhibit of paintings by Elizabeth Murray, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY Through May 4 - Glass artist John Kuhn. 6800 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7841.

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UNION GALLERY

Through April 2 - Taro Yamasaki photographs. Reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 31. University of Michigan Media Union, 2281 Boonville Blvd., North Campus, Ann Arbor.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through May 6 - Janet Katman's "For the Love of Glass. Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

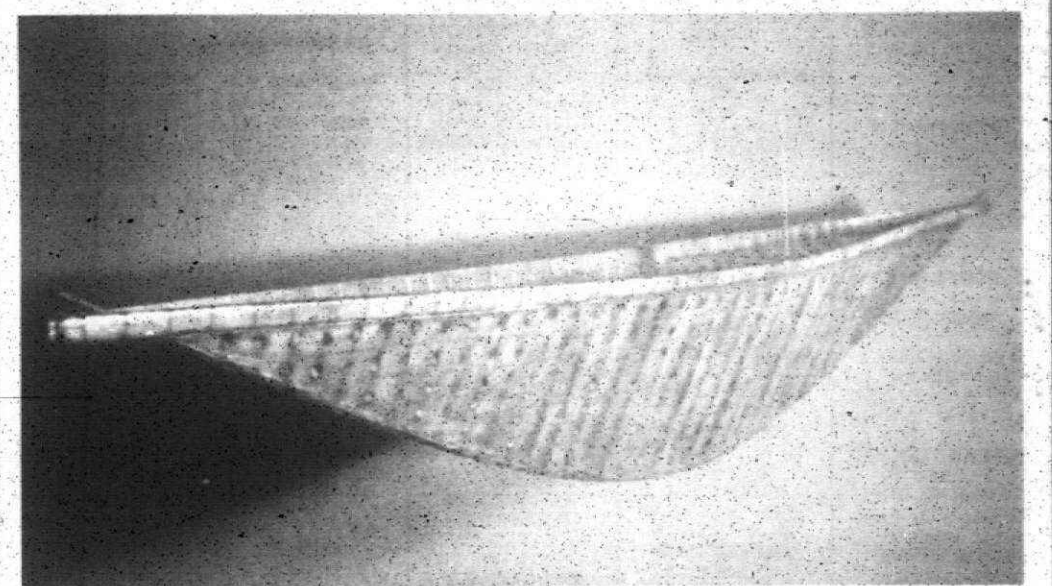
ZETZGEIST GALLERY

Through May - Altered Landscapes (three Canadian perspectives) James Gordonner, Jeremy Gordonner and John Cimetage. 2661 Michigan Ave. Detroit.

LECTURES

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS A lecture on Paul Gauguin is 2 p.m.

'Kids'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.

6. Opening reception is 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 7. 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

UZELAC GALLERY Opens Saturday, April 8 - Interpretations in Glass through May 12. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-9257.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANDERSON GALLERY Through April 8 - "Aboriginal Art of the Western Desert." 133 Pierce, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY Through April 30 - Richard Ritter, Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass. Artist's reception is 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 7. The gallery is on the third floor of the Michigan Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. (313) 593-5400.

ART LEADERS GALLERY Through April 15 - Experience Europe: a group exhibition. 32216 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 639-0262.

ART CORRIDOR GALLERIES Through May 31 - The work of Dorita Vojtechova in the second floor of the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty, Farmington.

BOOKBE

Raincoats look chic and keep out April showers

If you are under the notion that keeping dry and staying stylish at the same time is unattainable — just hold on. Here come 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 clear 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 pant the knees were stiff and unwieldy. 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-shen, 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 Lohmann's in West Bloomfield.

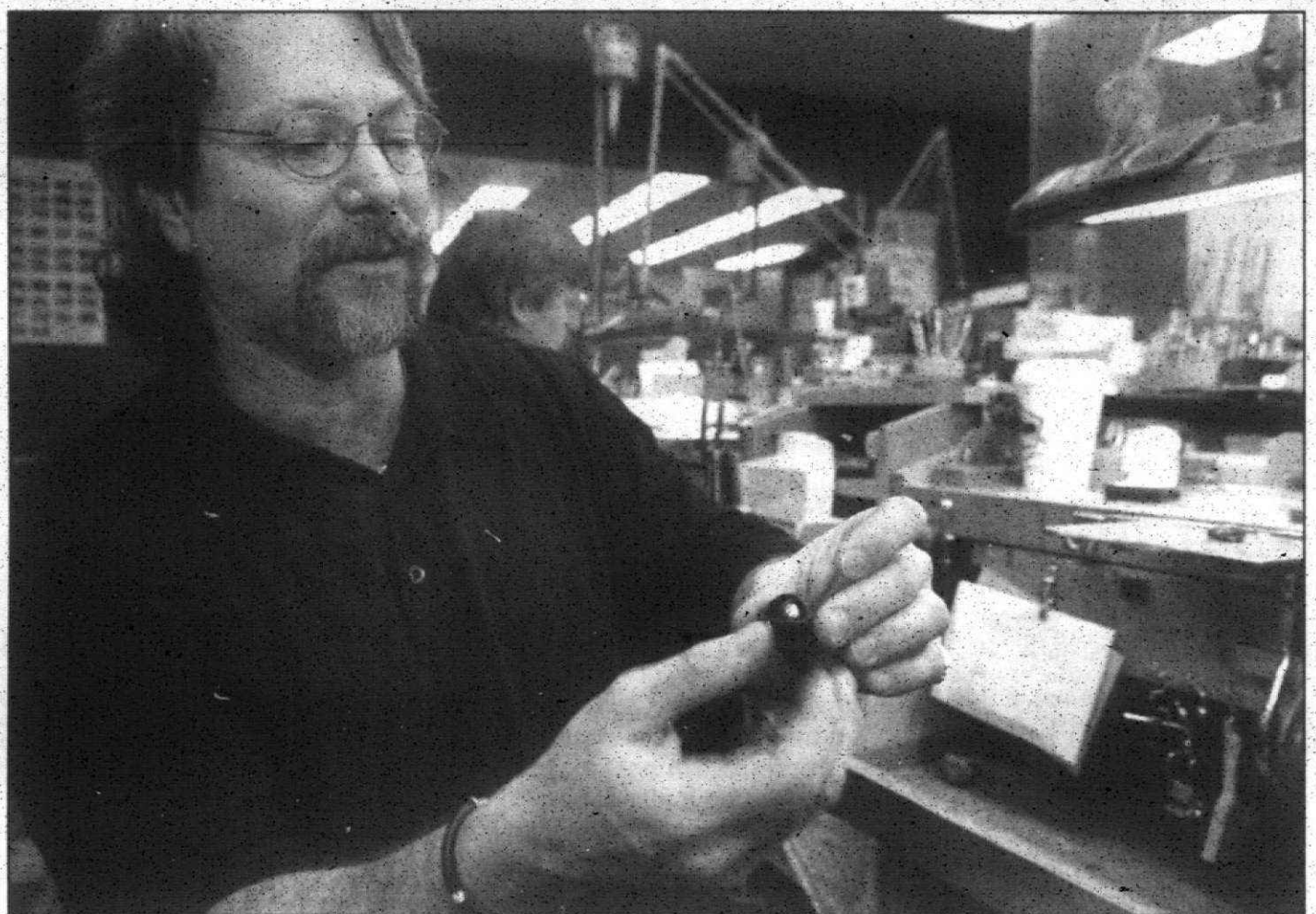
I think, for example, J.Crew's 100-percent cotton, three-quarter-length coat in stone is perfect for casual pals. But don't take my word for it. Endeavor on your own quest for a raincoat that fits both your lifestyle and your personal sense of style.

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 ORR@alDeal@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
SPECIAL EDITOR

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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 Jewelers, a business owned and operated by Link, his brother Gary and cousin Buzz, is custom.

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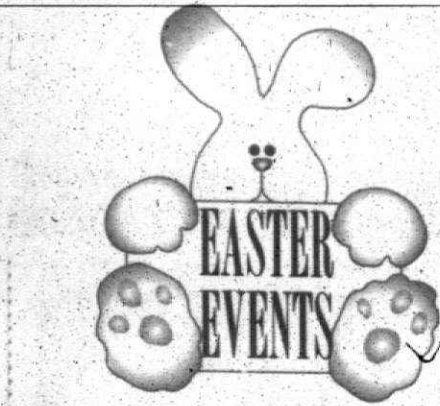
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Easter Events will keep you informed about Easter Bunny appearances and other activities for children and families being offered by local retailers and shopping malls in April.

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-6 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) 345-9411.

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-5 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 TREASURES 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.

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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 or call a nearby Art Van Furniture store.

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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) 901-3555 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 A SEAM'S NOTES:**

■ **Midwestern jeans** were made exclusively for Winkelman's stores and the jean pattern is no longer being manufactured.

■ **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.

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■ **The Henry Mancini Orchestra Romantic Piano CD** sold through "Reader's Digest."

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■ **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 Adame 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.

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TRAVEL

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 peso — 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 Hilfinger, 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 for less than \$1,000.

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RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

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 inaugurations 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 GRAVEN/STAFF ARTIST

HAIL TO THE CHEF

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 Oven-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 Brown Betty

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Even if you aren't Jewish, you can enjoy kosher food

SENSIBLE LIVING



BEVERLY PRICE

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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...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 Vegetables 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 community," 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 than 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.

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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.

Haller peeled three cases of cherry tomatoes the night before, then glazed them with aspic and also created strawberry mousse. He awakened in 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

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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 Reagan and the Mitternads 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 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.

■ 'President Nixon said, "It has to stop raining ... and it did."

Haller
—on the Nixon wedding

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 newspaper) said the recipe doesn't

See recipes inside.

Wine from page D1

Tasting M. Trinchero Founder's Estate wines:

■ 1997 M. Trinchero Founder's Estate Chardonnay (\$25) is showcased by true-to-varietal aromas enhanced by citrus blossom, Granny Smith apple and French oak notes. Rich and well-textured, the wine finishes with just the right dollop of toasty oak.

■ 1996 M. Trinchero Founder's Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$30) with barrel aging in about two-thirds French and one-third American oak cooperage for 16 months, has interesting nuances and a complex fruit melange. This is a

thoroughbred Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

Pre-release, but bottled samples of the next vintage of both these wines reveal consistent style and wines of character.

French wine

■ Want to learn more about French wine? If you're going to France, the Bordeaux Wine School in the heart of the city of Bordeaux runs a series of courses for beginners to experienced. Prices range from about \$16 for a simple two-hour introduction to a more advanced course for about \$390.

For more information contact

Beth Cotenoff, Bordeaux Wine Bureau, USA at (212) 477-9800 or beth.cotenoff@sopexa.com

Drop Stop

■ Many years ago, we introduced readers to Drop Stop, an ingenious sturdy, bendable, reusable Mylar circle that can be pushed into a wine bottle neck, to allow pouring without dripping. The U.S. agent stopped importing it from Holland. There have been look-alikes at inflated prices, but now, the original is back. Order a three-pack envelope for \$3.50 plus minimal shipping from the Wine Appreciation Guild (800) 231-9463. Get some to stop red wine drip stains on table linens and carpets.

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.

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

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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.

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.

SUNDAY ROAST WITH OVEN-ROASTED VEGETABLES (FORD)

6 pounds rib roast
3 garlic cloves, pressed
3 tablespoons salt
2 tablespoons 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

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 sliced meat with warm vegetables. Pour a little of the strain pan juices over all. Garnish platter with watercress. Serve at once, with a sauceboat of the remaining jus. 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 browning. May be refrigerated or frozen before or after baking.

Filling:
6 ounces orange marmalade
6 prunes 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 strands 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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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Grief recovery

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 Forshae 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 OptiEyes 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. The store carries breast prostheses, wigs and turbans for hair loss, compression garments, incontinence and skin care products, and maternity items, including support garments for moms-to-be and breast pumps. There's also a library of educational and inspirational women's health care books and videos. For more information, call (734) 762-9324. Visit the company's Web site at www.w-h-b.com.

Safe haven for newborns

If you've kept your pregnancy a secret and want to keep the baby a secret, there's an alternative to abandoning your infant to die. Take your newborn to a hospital emergency room within 72 hours of birth and give the infant to a staff member.

You won't be required to answer any questions. If you wish to provide medical information about your baby, it will be appreciated and kept confidential.

You simply walk away. Your baby is safe. Your secret is safe. You will not be charged with abandonment. For more information about the Safe Haven for Newborns program, call the United Way Community Services help line, 1-800-562-1183.

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 venues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Database (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, etc.). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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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 Kinney, 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 1 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 and responding sounds are a very important part of language development. Beyond two years, the outcome is not too good," said Dr. Errol Soskolne, head of pediatric audiologists at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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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 who are more or less deaf may be fully or partially deaf, said Kinney. 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 Kinney. "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:** Responds to sounds such as aah, ah, ha-ha. 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 simple 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.

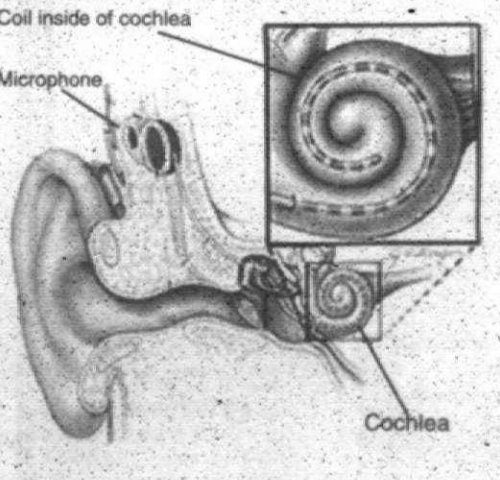
The condition results in the malformation of the cochlea, the small-shaped part of the inner ear that channels vibrations to the auditory nerve and the brain. Instead of a hollow spiral for the sound to travel through, the cochlea is incomplete, preventing or limiting the ear-to-brain communication that 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.

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 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 business 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 another motive Web sites. An independent study by CNW Marketing/Research says automated 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'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, greenear.org, that targets the Big Three automakers for being ignorant of the need for fuel efficient, "green" vehicles. Anyone logging on 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 large 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 wrist 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.charmed technology.com

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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.

Sales reps honored Three Aid Association for Lutherans sales representatives were honored in January for exceptional sales and service during 1999. Among them were the nearly 1,700 AAL field staff members nationwide, Bruce Abbot of Canton ranked sixth in sales, and Jeffrey Long of Ellis

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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.

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 Lecong 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
BUSINESS NETWORK
INTERNATIONAL
Regular meeting of the Livonia Chamber will be held 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (810) 323-3800.

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Regular meeting of Laurel Park Chapter will be held 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road. Call (810) 323-3800.

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SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSIS
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or SLE, is an uncommon arthritis. If you receive that diagnosis, you may feel concerned, as SLE often involves more than the joints. Therefore, your physician will consider not only the condition of your joints, shoulders, knees, ankles and feet. He will monitor the status of your skin, red and white blood count, and the state of your kidneys, eyes, heart and lungs. In addition, SLE poses a possible threat for women with the diagnosis who become pregnant because of potential blockage of blood vessels that supply the placenta. The production of unwanted antibodies is a feature of SLE that causes this potential for pregnant women. Normally the body's B lymphocytes (B cells) produce antibodies that widespread involvement. Unsettled antibodies that target these bacteria produce. However, are antibodies being produced that target the body's own tissues. In SLE, B-cells are stimulated by constituents of the body. The results are continued production of antibodies, and antibodies that direct themselves against the body itself. The type of antibodies produced and their quantity determine if SLE will develop as a mild disease, or a serious one. The medical community has learned how to identify and treat SLE, and the idea that SLE is a fatal disease is outdated. If you're not sure about SLE, contact Dr. Joseph Weiss at (248) 478-7860. Dr. Weiss can help you with a diagnosis and treatment. He can also help you with a diagnosis and treatment. He can also help you with a diagnosis and treatment.

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 project manager. 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

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

ANN ARBOR IT FORUM
The Ann Arbor IT Zone and the Ann Arbor Software Council will sponsor a forum titled "Technology Changes. Economic Lives Do Not." 8:30 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.

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 Lecong 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.

SEMINAR
Administrative Professionals will present a business seminar titled "Assistants and Executives Working in Partnership" 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Athenaeum Hotel in Detroit. Seminar/luceon tickets are \$35 for IAAP members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call (313) 235-9232 or fax (313) 235-0188.

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 Anderson, 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 MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

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Most reject using state funds to restrict land use

Michigan's Main Street business owners and family farmers reject the notion that state spending should be skewed to influence land use, according to a recent survey by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Owens said his group "fully expects" Rep. Byer and others will make the same "back-door effort" to rob Rural Peter to pay Urban Paul, all in the name of addressing our alleged "urban sprawl" problem. In addition, he said his group is "disappointed" that controlled-growth advocates "seem uncommonly fond of trying to implement their policies by hijacking budget bills," rather than by presenting stand-alone proposals open to public debate and thorough legislative scrutiny. "The no-growth crowd always preaches that the public should be involved in anything to do with the environment, but apparently it's OK to slip their policy into budget bills while no one is looking."

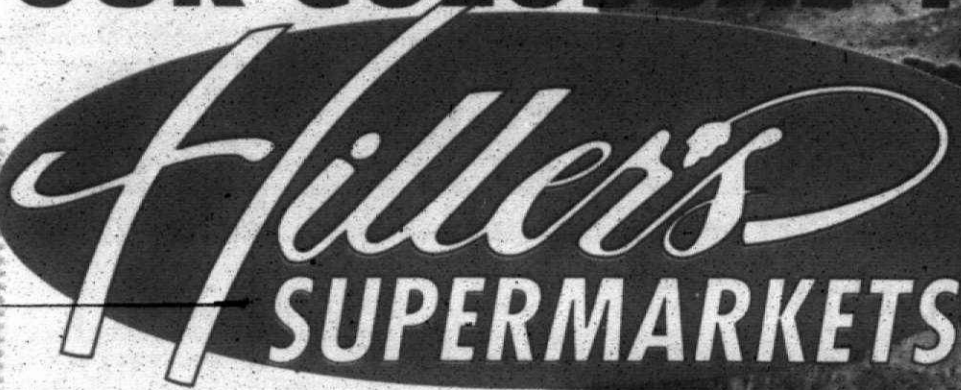
Owens contends that proposals affecting land use and property rights deserve full debate in an appropriate legislative venue such as the House Conservation Committee. "On issues this important, Michigan deserves better than 'stealth legislation' tactics," he said.

Michigan small business owners also said "no" to using tax dollars to pay private landowners for commitments not to develop their property and "no" to creating regional planning authorities to manage growth. By nearly four to one, the respondents felt governmental decisions on land use should be made at the local level, rather than by state or federal bodies. "Recently there has been a growing temptation among state lawmakers to slip language dealing with these issues into budget bills," said NFBM-Michigan director Charles Owens. Last year, he noted, Rep. Bill Byer (R-Grand Rapids) added language to budget bills that would have funneled economic development grants, loans and technical assistance to urban areas at the expense of rural districts.

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