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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Music Man:** The Westland All-Stars Youth Drama Troupe, sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, will perform "The Music Man" by Meredith Wilson at 2 p.m. today, Sunday, at Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Performing Arts Center, 3001 Fourth, corner of Glenwood, Wayne.

### MONDAY

**Closings:** The public library of Westland will be closed for library business on Monday, Jan. 19, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

**Courts:** The 18th Judicial District Court in Westland will be closed. There will be no evening probation hours on Monday evening. Offices will reopen Tuesday.

**County:** Wayne County government offices and courts will be closed Monday. That includes the Wayne County Building in downtown Detroit, the parks and recreation administrative offices at Nankin Mills in Hines Park, the Kay Beard Building in Westland, Circuit Court and offices of county executive, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and commissioners. Offices reopen on Tuesday.

### TUESDAY

**Wake up Westland:** The Westland Chamber of Commerce Wake Up Westland informative breakfast will be 8-9:30 a.m. at Joy Manor.

**Book discussion:** The Westland public library's book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. to discuss Caleb Carr's "The Alienist."

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## Postal union: Issues unresolved



Of the 495 grievances received by the Wayne and Westland post offices in 1997, "almost all" were filed by the 138 mail carriers at the Westland post office, which serves both Westland and Canton.

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

"You want the succinct problem in Westland? They're not talking to us," said Tim Manning, president of Branch 2184 of the National Association of Letter Carriers, referring to the 495 grievances received by the Wayne and Westland post offices in 1997.

He emphasized that "almost all" the

grievances, which were appealed to the second step of the grievance process, were filed by the 138 mail carriers at the Westland post office, which serves both Westland and Canton. The Wayne post office employs 45 mail carriers.

The first step of a grievance involves an employee meeting with an immediate supervisor, with or without a union representative; the second step involves a meeting between the union

representative and the postmaster, with or without the employee; the third step involves the union bringing in a district business agent.

Manning said the main problem at the Westland post office is lack of communication, "not taking time to sit down and talk to the employee, define the issue and attempt to resolve it right there." He said employees wait from several days to two weeks before being allowed to meet with a union representative over a grievance.

Manning acknowledged that the problems have been going on for a long time but said "the breakdown of the process increased dramatically" after

Gladys Jolla became postmaster in March. Jolla heads both the Wayne and Westland post offices.

Manning said a range of contractual issues continue since Jolla took the helm, including:

- Forced overtime due to insufficient staffing;
- Disregarding the established vacation and sick leave program;
- Premature abolishment of assignments before automation was fully implemented;
- Denial of prompt access to union stewards regarding grievances;

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### Duct work



At work: Harriet Robbins makes some final adjustments to some duct work she's about to install outside the restrooms in the new addition to the Friendship Center. Robbins is an apprentice with Thermal Engineering of Westland, which is installing the heating and air conditioning.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACQUEL



Activities continue: Fran Thomas (left) gives line dance instructions to her students at the Friendship Center. The dark wall in the background is actually a collapsible partition separating the old section from the new.

## Senior center addition construction continues

The grand opening of an \$930,000 addition to Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center has been delayed until at least April or May, according to the center's director.

The delay is due to not getting equipment and supplies on a timely basis, according to Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek.

The new 4,620-square-foot addition will include a computer room for seniors. Before the addition the center had 12,568 square feet of space. The grand opening had originally been planned for November 1997, then tentatively for January or February 1998.

The addition is being built on the front of the Friendship Center, at 1119 N. Newburgh, just north of Marquette. It will also include a large multi-purpose room that can be partitioned into as many as four small rooms. The city is building the addition with a federal loan that will be repaid over the next 10 years from Community Development Block Grant funds.

## Incinerator project appeal up to EPA board

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

A citizen's appeal to the Environmental Appeals Board of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has halted a permit for a \$105 million planned waste-to-energy incinerator project, located in Dearborn Heights, that would serve Westland and Garden City.

Maybe Sandra Yerman of Romulus, whose

appeal was postmarked Dec. 29, 1997 - the deadline for filing, according to federal regulations - will have to wait for the board's decision. She appealed to protest the impact of the incinerator's wastes on lakes in southeastern Michigan.

Expansion of the existing incinerator - owned by a consortium, which includes Westland, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne - includes increasing capacity to 800 tons a day, adding energy recovery equipment, and

putting in new air pollution control equipment. The steam produced by trash incineration will generate electricity, which will be sold to Detroit Edison.

Attorneys for the Central Wayne Energy Recovery Limited Partnership, the private-public partnership managing the project, filed a motion Jan. 14 with the EAB to dismiss Yerman's appeal on the basis it was filed too late and failed to raise pertinent issues.

The appeal was received by the

board in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 5.

"It (the appeal) has to be received by the filing deadline to be timely. The word 'filing' in that deadline means 'received,'" said David Heckler, counsel to the EAB. He added that the time constraints are part of the "general rule."

Heckler would not comment on the validity or specifics of Yerman's appeal. "That would be for the board to

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## Fest to feature family fun

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Want to chase those winter blues away? Grab your scarf and mittens and head to WinterFest. This year's festival, the city's fourth, promises a fun-filled weekend for the family Feb. 7-8 at the Bailey Recreation Center and other sites.

In addition to the children's show "Max the Moose," there'll be a midway full of games and prizes to entertain the kids at the recreation center. "Last year, we had the Bailey building chock full of children," said Diane Abbott, the city's cable consultant and community

relations director.

This year's activities include a 5-mile run/3-mile walk, a golf outing, and a high school teen dance 7-11 p.m. Saturday. Josh Graen, a student at John Glenn High School, will sing and play the synthesizer. "He's really very good, very polished," said Abbott.

If you prefer bowling balls instead of snowballs, sign up for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's WinterFest Bowling Outing, held at Westland Bowl from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday. For

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On the run: Westland's WinterFest will include a 5-mile run/three-mile walk.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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### ■ Improper assignment of city carriers to rural routes.

Jolla said she would not respond in depth to Manning's comments. "Everything we're involved in is in a hearing or in the process of being settled." She added: "I am not incriminating myself or my employees by commenting on statements made by a person who has gone above and beyond reality of the way the post office is going."

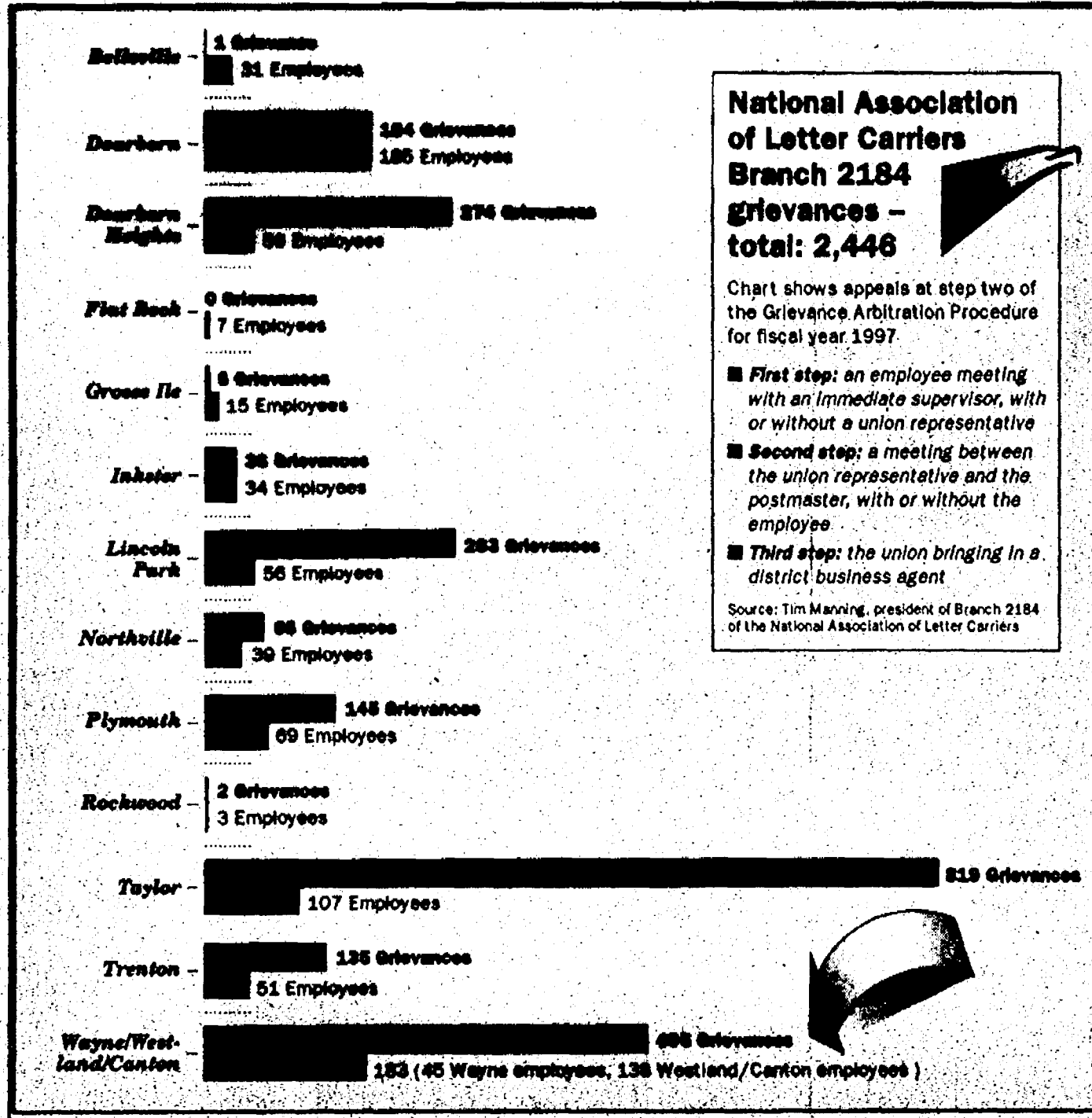
Jolla also said many problems were inherited.

### ■ Postmaster Jolla said she is confident working conditions and employee relations will get better at the Westland post office.

Manning said while most workers get overtime, the upper end is supposed to be 60 hours. "I look at the time reports and I see 65-70 hours. That's a lot of hours to work. Some people don't want to work that much overtime. They have family, and some have child-care problems."

"A lot of overtime is forced. That may be a reason some mail is late. People were working too many hours."

Jolla said she is hiring people on an ongoing basis. She said she is confident the post office will achieve a "comfortable amount of people, where forcing people to do overtime is a thing of the past." She clarified her



**National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 2184 grievances - total: 2,446**

Chart shows appeals at step two of the Grievance Arbitration Procedure for fiscal year 1997.

- First step: an employee meeting with an immediate supervisor, with or without a union representative
- Second step: a meeting between the union representative and the postmaster, with or without the employee
- Third step: the union bringing in a district business agent

Source: Tim Manning, president of Branch 2184 of the National Association of Letter Carriers

statement by saying employees are "not forced" but "have an opportunity" to do overtime. "Some people have been persuaded not to participate."

Manning said Jolla has not adjusted the routes properly. "Some of the routes are longer

than eight-hour routes. She's understaffed. She needs 10 to 14 more letter carriers." Manning also said he attended a meeting with Jolla in December during which "her boss authorized her to hire 14 more carriers."

Manning said he believed Jolla recently hired three more Westland carriers. Jolla would not confirm the number of employees at the Westland post office or the number of recent hires. "We received a number to bring us up to complement (adequate staffing). It may be more than 14," she said.

Manning said insufficient staffing has affected service. "Deliveries are taking place later in the day. Much of the third-class mail is being rolled to the next day. That's not good service. Occasionally, people are getting sales papers when the sales are over."

Jolla said she is confident working conditions and employee relations will get better at the Westland post office. "Whenever you take on a new leader, it brings out resentment. But you do become accustomed to it when that person is consistent."

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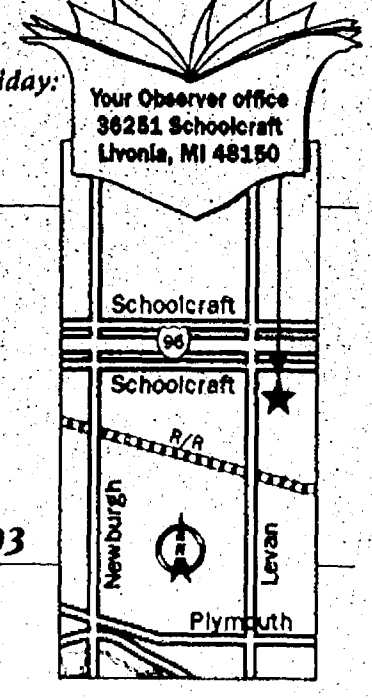
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, 48135 (Telephone: 313-525-8841), on or before THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following:

**PNEUMATIC TIRE CASINGS  
 SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE**

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The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

R.D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GARDEN CITY CITY COUNCIL ON THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL, OSTEOPATHIC**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Garden City will hold a public hearing at 7:20 p.m., on Monday, February 2, 1998, in the Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, on the proposed issuance by the Garden City Hospital Finance Authority of bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Garden City Hospital, Osteopathic (the "Borrower").

The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower and used by the Borrower, together with other available funds, for any one or more of the following purposes: (i) to refund the \$20,080,000 Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Bonds (Garden City Hospital Obligated Group) Series 1991A (the "Prior Bonds"); (ii) to finance, the acquisition and installation of various items of equipment for a renovations and improvements to the physical facilities of the Borrower located at 6245 and 6265 North Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan (the "Hospital Facility") and the acquisition of computer and office equipment at the administrative facilities of the Borrower located at 6701 Harrison, Garden City, Michigan; (iii) to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds; and (iv) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds are proposed to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Nine Million Dollars (\$29,000,000). Additional detail with respect to the items being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds is available upon request.

The proceeds of the Prior Bonds were used, together with other available funds, (i) to refund taxable bonds (the "Refunded Bonds") issued in 1987 for the benefit of the Borrower and Garden Nursing Center (the "Nursing Center"), (ii) to refinance existing indebtedness of the Borrower borrowed from Comerica Bank-Detroit (now known as Comerica Bank) (the "Bank Indebtedness"), (iii) to finance, additions and renovations to and the acquisition of equipment and certain real property for the Hospital Facility, (iv) to fund a debt service reserve fund for the Prior Bonds, and (v) to pay the costs of issuing the Prior Bonds.

The proceeds of the Refunded bonds were used, together with other available funds, (i) to finance renovations and improvements to and equipment for the Hospital Facility, (ii) to refund certain indebtedness of the Nursing Center which indebtedness was used for renovations of and additions and improvements to the Nursing Center facilities located at 3998 South Venoy, Wayne, Michigan and 2936 South John Daly, Inkster, Michigan, and (iii) to pay the costs of issuing the Refunded Bonds. The Bank Indebtedness was used to finance additions and improvements to the Hospital Facility.

The Bonds will be limited obligations of the Authority payable only from loan repayments to be made to the Authority by the Borrower, and certain funds and accounts established by the bond indenture of the Authority for the Bonds.

The Bonds will not be a general obligation of the Authority and will not be a debt of the City of Garden City, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision of the State of Michigan. The Authority has no taxing power and the issuance of the Bonds will not obligate the City of Garden City, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision of the State of Michigan to levy or pledge any form of taxation for the Bonds or to make an appropriation for the payment of the Bonds.

The hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity for expression of opinion, argument on the merits, and introduction of documentary evidence pertaining to the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Written comments will be accepted by the City Council but must be received on or before the date of hearing.

WILMA HEALY  
 Chairperson  
 Garden City Hospital Finance Authority  
 6008 Middlebelt Road  
 Garden City, Michigan 48135

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 Published: January 18, 1998

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included us."

Bill Camp, executive director for secondary education for the Wayne-Westland schools and a member of the Martin Luther King Day planning committee, also said the schools are "just thrilled" to be included in the celebration.

Camp said a number of school officials plan to attend. "Hopefully, there'll be a lot of students there," he added. While he hopes for clear skies with no rain or snow, Camp, recalling the experiences of the civil rights marchers, said: "The weather was immaterial to

them." Gary Gibbs, a native of New York, will do several dramatic readings from Dr. King's speeches. Remarks from Westland City Council President Sandra Cicirelli and Mayor Robert Thomas will follow. The song "America the Beautiful" will bring the official celebration of Martin Luther King Day to a close.

Camp said the public is invited to an afterglow with refreshments and entertainment by the reggae-style Gratitude Steel Band.

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answer," he said. "Are they talking business days, holidays? I don't know that," said Yerman. Yerman said she received a letter Nov. 24 from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that the final appeal date had been delayed until Dec. 29 due to errors in the permit.

"Nothing in the letter said it (the appeal) had to be received by Dec. 29. They never specified, so I presumed it meant postmarked," she said. (Heckler said respondents would have an extra three days added to the 30-day appeal period if the final permit was mailed rather than hand-delivered.)

"If you're talking 30 days, or even 30 days, business, then I'm on time," said Yerman. She said there were a lot of holidays during the appeal time. "To me, they should go by business days and then I'll be all right."

Lynn Fiedler, supervisor of the Thermal Process Unit in the permit section at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said appeals are not common. "This is the second permit we ever had that was

pealed." She said the permit is not effective "until there is a decision by the Environmental Appeals Board."

Fiedler said she has not seen the CWERLP's response to Yerman's appeal since the Environmental Appeals Board receives the information first, then forwards a copy to MDEQ. Also, MDEQ has until Feb. 23 to respond to the appeal.

When informed that CWERLP's motion claimed financial distress due to the permit delay, Fiedler said: "We don't get involved in economic issues." Fiedler also said MDEQ could not comment of CWERLP's assertion that Yerman's appeal wasn't filed in time. "That's an appeals board decision. They'll have to mull it over. I can see both sides. Our agency is staying in the background."

Yerman said filing the appeal was a hardship. "The last people I wanted to talk to around Christmas was the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality."

**SPOTLIGHT ON Orthodontics**  
 by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

**OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Among the signs that the orthodontist looks for which indicate potential problems with secondary teeth are primary teeth that are crowded, crooked, missing, or misaligned, and biting or chewing problems. In addition, before all the child's permanent teeth are in, the orthodontist can look at the child's facial structure and secondary-tooth development for abnormalities. These, too, may be evaluated in a determination to see whether braces will eventually be needed to attain a normal appearance or bite. Therefore, while many children do not get braces until most of their permanent teeth are in, some may get braces sooner if there is a clear indication that a tooth or jaw problem will not correct itself in time.

Crowded and crooked teeth are hard to clean and maintain. This may contribute to conditions which cause not only tooth decay, but eventual gum disease and tooth loss. Other orthodontic problems can cause abnormal wear of tooth surfaces, excess stress on supporting bone and gum tissue, or misalignment of the jaw joints with resultant chronic headaches or pain in the face or neck. For further information or to schedule a free initial consultation, call THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman, Livonia (442-8885).

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**NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY OF INTENT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE FROM TAX INCREMENT REVENUES OF THE GARDEN CITY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Garden City intends to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000), for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing and reconstructing certain streetscape and infrastructure improvements within the Development Area of the Garden City Downtown Development Authority (the "GCDDA"), including walkway paving for pedestrian use, improvements to ADA requirements, improvements to the lighting system, landscaping and irrigation installation, utility improvements, and site furnishings and improvements related thereto, and acquiring, constructing and reconstructing water, sewer and drainage facilities and improvements, all as set forth in the GCDDA's Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans, in effect and as proposed to be amended, on file with the City.

The bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at public sale but in no event to exceed twelve percent (12%) or such higher rate as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

**SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS**

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS shall be payable primarily from the tax increment revenues derived from the Development Area of the GCDDA received by the City from the GCDDA.

IN ADDITION, THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND RESOURCES OF THE CITY SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, AND IN CASE OF INSUFFICIENCY OF THE TAX INCREMENT REVENUE PAYMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, THE CITY SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY THE SAME AS A FIRST BUDGET OBLIGATION FROM ITS GENERAL FUNDS OR FROM ANY TAXES WHICH IT MAY LEVY WITHIN APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY, OR CHARTER TAX LIMITATIONS.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such a petition is filed, the bonds cannot be issued unless approved by the majority vote of the electors of the City voting on the question of their issuance.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 5 of Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION respecting the bonds will be furnished at the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer upon request.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER  
 City Clerk-Treasurer  
 City of Garden City

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



**Good feed:** There'll be lots to eat at Westland's WinterFest '98, including the firefighters' feather-light pancakes, Mayor Robert Thomas' famous chili, and William D. Ford Career Center's hearty beef stew. At top and above, are scenes from last year's pancake breakfast. At right, is another winter activity: ice sculpting. There will also be a children's show, "Max the Moose," and a midway full of games and prizes to entertain the kids at the Bailey Recreation Center.

## Festival

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\$150, a four-person team can enjoy drinks, a buffet dinner and a chance at a trophy and prizes. Or you can sponsor a team for \$225 and have your business sign displayed all weekend.

People having fun on cold days develop big appetites, especially after building snowmen and enjoying a brisk sleigh ride. Don't worry. There'll be lots to eat, including the firefighters' feather-light pancakes, Mayor Robert Thomas' famous chili, and William D. Ford Career Center's hearty beef stew. "Ooooh, it's wonderful," said Abbott about the beef stew, which student cooks will dish out from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Sharon Scott, WinterFest's chairwoman, said more families are discovering that WinterFest is an inexpensive way for families to spend time together while having fun. "It's becoming more popular. Attendance definitely is up. Each year it's improving. It's a great event for small children."

And WinterFest definitely will get the blood circulating in coach potatoes. "It helps people to get out in the winter when it's easy just to cocoon. It's a good chance for co-workers and families to get out and enjoy some of the amenities in our city," said Linda Shapona, executive director of the chamber.

The goal of WinterFest's planners is to make the event self-supporting. Participants are asked to donate 10 percent of their profits; however, many "give it all back," said Scott. The city council has allocated \$20,000 for the festival's expenses, but Scott said that amount won't be used. The difference will be returned to the council budget.

Scott anticipates another successful WinterFest this year. "It's been a real positive event from the beginning, and I see it growing. People who have participated always come back. And, of course, we always get new people."

## Westland WinterFest '98

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, FEB. 7

- 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast \$14 fee, \$18 after Jan. 20
- 9 a.m. Fire Truck Contest
- 9:30-11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast \$3 adult, \$1 children 12 and under
- 10 a.m. Mayor's Beef Stew Westland Municipal Golf Course Two-person scramble \$8 per person
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Westland Villagers Exhibit
- Noon to 6 p.m. Art Activities for Kids 4-12 \$1-one project, \$3-five projects
- Noon to 7 p.m. Children's Midway, 10 and under
- 1-5 p.m. WinterFest Bowling Outing Westland Bowl \$150 four-person team \$100 lane sponsor \$225 team and lane sponsor Door prizes, drinks and dinner
- 1-5 p.m. Skat/Carriage Show, \$3
- 1:30 p.m. Children's Show "Max the Moose"
- 2 p.m. Story Hour
- 2:30-3 p.m. Snowball Toss Contest
- 2:30-3 p.m. Snowman Building Contest
- 3 p.m. Snow Bowl

- 2-7:30 p.m. WinterFest Dinner \$2.50 adult, \$2.00 children 12 and under \$5 off-you-are-out
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. Westland All-Stars Songs from "The Music Man"
- 4 p.m. Story Hour
- 6-7 p.m. WinterFest Skating Westland Sports Arena
- 7-9 p.m. Snow Skating Westland Sports Arena
- 7-11 p.m. WinterFest High School Dance Bailey Gym, \$3

### SUNDAY, FEB. 8

- 1-4 p.m. Children's Midway, 10 and under
- 1-4 p.m. Art Activities for Kids
- 1-4 p.m. Mayor Thomas' Chili Dinner
- 1-4 p.m. Westland Villagers Exhibit
- 1-2 p.m. Classic Rock Band Music
- 2-3 p.m. "Music by Randy Shaw"
- 2 p.m. Story Hour
- 3-4 p.m. "Just For Kids Dancers" line dancers
- 4-5 p.m. Joan Gracia Local singing personality



**Family fun:** The festival offers many opportunities for families to do things together.

### Voice of Democracy

Mary L. Gillespie of Westland, a student at John Glenn High School, took fifth place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary Voice of Democracy program of VFW Post 345.

The program awarded Matthew Peterson of Redford, a student at Catholic Central, first place on Jan. 10 for his participation in the VFW 4th District's VOD program.

Peterson received a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 bond.

The following students also received awards: Tainaporn Wansom of Grosse Ile, second place; Terese A. Traylor of Allen Park, third place; and Katherine M. Wagner of Lincoln Park, fourth place.

### Honors band

John Alder, a senior at John Glenn High School, participated in the fourth annual Michigan State University High School Honors Band and Chamber Music Weekend Jan. 9-11 in East Lansing.

The event was sponsored by MSU's School of Music and Wharton Center for Performing Arts. Alder, who plays the clarinet, joined 80 high school students from across the state in attending workshops and master classes.

The students performed in a Sunday afternoon concert at the Wharton Center.

## PLACES & FACES

### Special day

Westland Shopping Center is hosting a "Super Bowl Ladies' Day" on Sunday, Jan. 25. Women can pick up coupons at entrances good at participating stores. Linda Lee from WYCD-99.5 FM, Young Country Radio, will make an appearance from 3-5 p.m. Women can also enter to win a \$500 shopping spree and other prizes.

### Owen to speak

Larry Owen, a 1998 Democratic candidate for governor, will speak to the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 37025 Marquette, one block east of Newburgh.

Owen has a background in business, public service and education.

He was born in Kentucky. When he was 7, his family moved to Detroit. He grew up on Detroit's east side and graduated from Cass Tech High School. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1970.

Owen worked to create the Michigan Education Trust - the nation's first prepaid college tuition program. He also worked to create the Michigan Strategic Fund to create jobs.

Owen also served as chair of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees.

## OBITUARIES

### DOROTHY SOBIESKI

Funeral services for Dorothy Sobieski, 74, of Westland are 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, between Ford Road and Cherry Hill, Garden City. Visitation will be 2 p.m. until time of service. Officiating will be Deacon Michael Markulike from St. Dunstan Catholic Church.

Mrs. Sobieski, who died Jan. 11 in Westland, was born in Louisville, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Mark and Stephen; daughter, Pamela Turner; sisters, Clara Davis and Norma Huerta; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Sobieski was preceded in death by her husband, John.

### RAYMOND T. WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Raymond Williams, 74, of Westland will be 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. Edward C. Coley of Newburg United Methodist Church.

Mr. Williams, who died Jan. 15 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. He was a plastering contractor.

Surviving are: wife, Jeanne; son, Richard; daughter, Betty Klein; many nieces and nephews; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### GLADYS J. HALL

Funeral services for Gladys Hall, 79, of Westland were recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. H.L. Petty from Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hall, who died Jan. 11 in Garden City, was born in Slaughter, Ky. She was a sales clerk.

Surviving are: daughters, Dolores Smith of Livonia and Helen Opdyke; brother, William Crowley; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hall was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest.

### ROBERT H. BOLITHO

Funeral services for Robert

Bolitho, 73, of Westland were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Millar.

Mr. Bolitho died Jan. 13 in Wayne. He was a driver.

Surviving are: wife, Betty; sons, David, William, Dennis; daughter, Barbara Day; and five grandchildren.

### ROBERT B. RITO

Funeral services for Robert Rito, 62, of Westland were recently in St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Don Walker. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Rito, who died Jan. 12 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. He was an accountant.

Surviving are: wife, Aline; son, Christopher; daughters, Susan Wollman, Katherine Elgin; mother, Helen; brother, Ray Rito; sisters, Nancy Sabados, Marylou Janiga; and four grandchildren.

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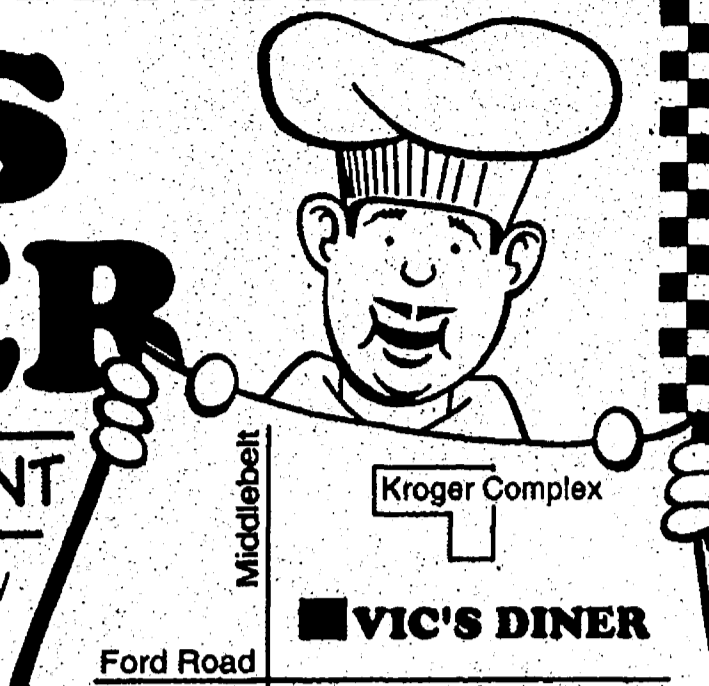
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Warm hearts: Wayne Memorial High School student senate members presented a \$1,000 check to Consumers Energy's PeopleCare program. Fund-raiser organizers Ricky Gebel and Andrea McCahill are standing at far left.

## Wayne Memorial students turn up heat to aid others

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to Wayne Memorial High School students, many Wayne County residents will get through winter a little more comfortably this year.

The student senate devised "Turn Up the Heat" to benefit PeopleCare, a program jointly operated by Consumers Energy and The Salvation Army. Students brought empty cans to classes for about a week and asked fellow students, teachers, school staff and administrators for donations. Local grocery stores also agreed to display the collection cans.

"Turn Up The Heat" was a success, bringing in \$776. In the spirit of giving, the student senate voted to round out the donation to an even \$1,000.

"We'd never done anything

like this to help those in need in our community. We heard about a similar program at a student senate conference and decided to give it a try," said senior Andrea McCahill, student senate president and fund-raiser coordinator along with senior Ricky Gebel.

The PeopleCare program helps needy families by providing food, shelter, clothing and other emergency aid. In 1997, PeopleCare distributed \$710,000 to more than 14,000 families across Michigan. In addition, Consumers Energy provided \$1.5 million in energy bill credits.

The Salvation Army, one of the oldest nonprofit social service organizations in the United States, determines eligibility for PeopleCare assistance or bill credits. They were selected by Consumers Energy to distribute PeopleCare funds because of their experience in screening

applicants and processing aid.

At the school check-presentation ceremony, Bill Pike, Wayne area manager for Consumers Energy, thanked the students, "It's great to see students like yourselves who care about the community in which they live," he said. "Thanks to your efforts, you'll help many Wayne County residents through PeopleCare. They may need help paying their grocery bill, medical bill or energy bill. Whatever the need you are helping to meet it."

Consumers Energy customers can participate in the PeopleCare program by checking the box at the top of January energy bills to make a donation of \$1 per month, or a one-time donation of \$5.

Larger contributions can be made by sending a check to PeopleCare, 212 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, Mich. 49201.



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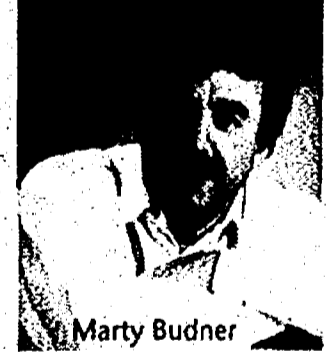
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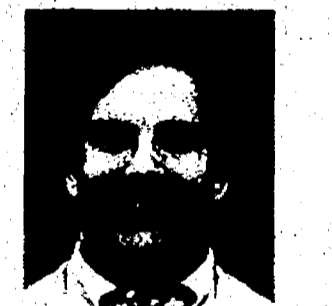
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# SMART millage

## Commissioners want more information from transit staff

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Before county commissioners support a Wayne County millage proposal expected to be on the ballot in August, they want to hear from leaders of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and Detroit Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit introduced a resolution of support Thursday. Parker's resolution calls for SMART to add a "sufficient number of routes" to accommodate displaced riders who formerly rode with D-DOT. D-DOT was expected to discontinue some bus routes.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, wondered if commissioners should "interfere with this situation." Commissioners Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, wanted more information before they consider support or rejection of a resolution.

Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, suggested the resolution be sent to committee and that leaders from SMART and D-DOT should be invited to appear before committee members.

The matter is expected to be discussed at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at the meeting of the commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

**Cockrel appointed**  
As expected, Kimberly Cockrel

was appointed Thursday by Wayne County commissioners to fill the commission seat formerly held by her husband.

Cockrel was appointed after assuring commissioners she would not run for election this year for the same seat.

Kenneth Cockrel Jr. resigned to serve on the Detroit City Council after he won election to that seat in November. In his resignation letter, he asked that his wife Kimberly serve as his replacement through the end of the term, which is Dec. 31, 1998.

Kim Cockrel thanked her family and commissioners for an opportunity to serve the 5th District in Detroit. She is a lifelong resident of southwest Detroit.

"It is a very vibrant, important and crucial part of our city," the new commissioner said.

The former commissioner thanked his former colleagues. Cockrel said he wanted to recommend someone who would not have the advantage as an incumbent in this year's election.

"My constituents wanted a level playing field. I wanted to put in someone who won't seek re-election," Cockrel said.

Wayne County commission seats are up for election in November. The filing deadline is May 12.

### Representation wanted

Commissioners also approved an ordinance directing the Wayne County executive to appoint at least one county commissioner to the Detroit-Wayne

County Community Mental Health Board despite receiving opinions that it was not "legally enforceable."

Edward Ewell, Wayne County corporation counsel, told the commissioners the ordinance was not legally enforceable. Ben Washburn, the commission's legal counsel, said the ordinance may not be enforceable, but it also was not illegal, either.

"You could have a stalemate where the vacancy is never filled," Washburn said.

Commissioner Parker, who introduced the ordinance, believed the commission would send a strong message.

All the commissioners supported the ordinance except McCotter and Patterson.

### Cloning condemned

Commissioner Patterson also introduced a resolution supporting bans on human cloning, which commissioners unanimously supported.

The resolution calls for all governing bodies to impose all appropriate restrictions, and bans offered and proposed by state Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, and state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, or at least a five-year ban as proposed by President Clinton.

"This will send a strong message to the state Legislature that we're going on record against (cloning)," Patterson said. Patterson questioned the morality of people who would clone humans and questioned the ethics of those who would support cloning.

# Municipal consortium votes to join medical control group

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

The Conference of Western Wayne soon will be sending a representative to join a medical control authority as a voting member.

Members of the CWW, a legislative consortium of 18 communities in western Wayne County, decided Friday to join the Health Emergency Medical Services board of trustees and purchase one voting seat on that board. They also chose Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield to serve in that capacity.

The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romu-

lus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

In November, CWW subcommittee members decided to join the HEMS because they believed that the delivery of pre-hospital care was an issue of regional importance.

"The committee further believes that local government would be best served by a voting seat," said Marsha Bianconi, CWW's executive director.

HEMS offered to adjust rates for the CWW since the membership will only last five months. The rate was prorated for each community, and the total was adjusted

from \$21,571 to \$8,988.

The Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association, a group of fire department representatives, also will receive a "non-voting" representative on HEMS.

HEMS, a nonprofit organization since 1980, delivers pre-hospital care in western Wayne County. It operates the EMS ambulance to hospital radio system with 13 hospitals, offers medical disaster medical assistance team, and information and resource services. System participants include hospitals and Wayne County Health Department working with local government providers; health centers, private ambulance services, physicians, nurses and EMS personnel.

# S'craft to honor outstanding alum

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# State to appeal Redford man's gun case

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

State lawyers are continuing to fight two major losses in the Court of Appeals.

Fred Mager, Redford Township resident who won a gun records case against Michigan State Police, said last week the state has applied for re-hearing before the Court of Appeals.

That court, in a 3-0 decision Dec. 15, said he is entitled, under the Freedom of Information Act, to the state's list of people whose pistols have passed local police safety checks.

"I haven't got my hands on it yet. By the time I get it, it's too late for the election," said Mager, who is unhappy about the delay.

Mager wants the list in order to build up political support for a less restrictive pistol licensing bill sponsored by Rep. Alan Cropey, R-DeWitt. State police argued that giving up the list was "an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

In another case, state attorney

**The state Court of Appeals, in a 3-0 decision last month, said Fred Mager of Redford Township is entitled, under the Freedom of Information Act, to the state's list of people whose pistols have passed local police safety checks. He wants the list in order to build up political support for a less restrictive pistol licensing bill.**

general Frank Kelley announced his office will go to the state Supreme Court to seek reversal of a boat launch decision against the Department of Natural Resources.

"It's likely an appeal will be filed. We have until Tuesday," said Kelley's spokesman, Chris DeWitt.

A Court of Appeals panel ruled late in December that DNR's plan to develop a public boat launch on Burt Lake had to pass muster on Burt Township's zoning ordinance. The appellate court upheld a Cheboygan Circuit Court's injunction blocking further development of the launch site.

The appellate court ruled 2-1 that some agencies - such as Corrections and public universities - are immune from local zoning laws while others - such as State Police and DNR - must meet local requirements.

DNR contends its constitutional mandate to guard natural resources and provide public recreation takes precedence over township and city regulations. The property is zoned R-1 residential.

If the Supreme Court takes the case, it will be under pressure to rule before Sept. 30, when DNR's funding for the launch runs out. Burt Lake, at 16,700 acres, is one of Michi-

gan's largest. Located west of I-75 and south of the Mackinac Bridge, Burt has one state launch at the state park at the southeast end of the lake. DNR has options on two lots at the northwest end, about 10 miles away.

Meanwhile, developers and environmentalists are awaiting a Supreme Court decision in a major wetlands case stemming from Waterford Township in Oakland County.

DNR blocked K & K Construction from developing 28 acres of a 55-acre parcel on M-59. A Court of Appeals panel upheld a lower court's award of \$5.9 million in lost property value and interest to K & K.

Siding with K & K is the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Supporting DNR were the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association and many non-governmental environmental groups.

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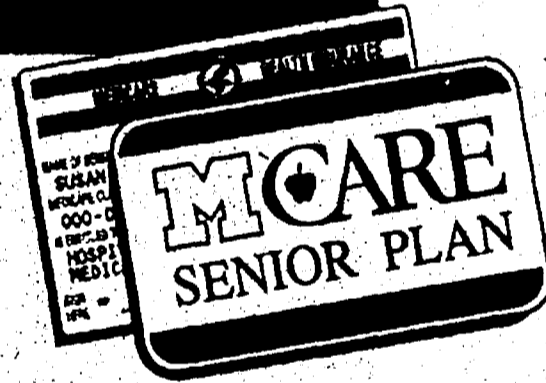
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HOME SENSE



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## Carrots are worth their weight in gold

**C**arrots are much more than just sticks on a relish tray. Carrots are very versatile. They can be steamed, stir-fried, juiced, pureed, baked or eaten raw. Tasty desserts or quick breads can be made from carrots, they add color and crunch to salads, can be served as a vegetable side dish, or added to a piping hot soup.

One carrot can contain a full day's recommended supply of beta carotene, and certainly tastes better than a pill. The beta carotene in carrots is converted by the body to vitamin A.

Beta carotene is important for good vision, helps keep the body's cells healthy, and may protect against certain cancers, heart disease, strokes and cataracts. Vitamin A has often been referred to as the anti-infective vitamin. It does not attack the infective organism, but may keep your resistance pumped up to fight off infection.

Carrots contain lots of soluble fiber, which can help lower blood cholesterol, are low in calories, approximately 40 for a medium to large carrot and a good source of potassium.

Since vitamin A is stable in heat, carrots retain their nutrients when cooked. It is interesting to note that before the 16th century, wild carrots were used by Greeks and Romans for "medicinal" purposes.

Most children like carrots because the sugar content is high. This sugar flavor becomes more pronounced when carrots are cooked. Only beets have more natural sugar than carrots. The sugar lies in the outer layers so don't cut carrots deeply when peeling.

### Storage tips

Carrots are available year-round, and Michigan and California are major producers. Do not store carrots

with apples, pears or other fruits that produce ethylene gas as they ripen.

This natural gas makes carrots limp and unattractive.

Look for firm, smooth, evenly

shaped carrots that have a very orange color. The deeper the orange color of the carrot, the more vitamin A it contains. Avoid any that are flabby, shriveled, rough or cracked. If you buy fresh carrots that still have the greens attached, remove them right after purchasing. The greens can drain moisture away from carrots and make them limp and rubbery.

Carrots keep well in the refrigerator for a few weeks. When you are ready to use carrots, scrub them clean with a vegetable brush to remove any soil bacteria. Wash carrots that say "pre-washed" on the package just to make sure they are bacteria-free.

### Flavor enhancers

Curry powder, cumin, dill, caraway seeds, dried coriander and mustard seeds enhance the flavor of carrots. Lemon juice can be squeezed on cooked carrots, or add a little honey and orange juice to make a glaze.

Mix grated carrots with peanut butter or cream cheese for a sandwich, or spread on crackers. To stretch meatloaf add shredded carrots. Your meatloaf will be juicier and more flavorful.

Health experts recommend eating five fruits and vegetables a day. A serving of carrots is 1/2 cup, not much when you think about it. Serving raw carrots for snacks is a good way to help you get your - Five A Day.

If you have difficulty chewing carrots, blanch them until slightly softened. After blanching the carrots will be a beautiful bright color, the nutrients will still be there, and the carrots will be easy to chew.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Banish winter blahs
- Winter Freeze Chili Cookoff winners



QUAKER OATS

**Weeknight quick: Easy Italian Mini Meatloaf Supper pairs mini meatloaves topped with seasoned tomatoes, shredded cheese and an easy-to-make pasta.**

# EASY TO LOVE Meatloaf

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

As winter blankets us with quiet and cold, simple, comforting foods are the ones we crave. And since there are always leftovers, meatloaf's a good choice for this blustery season of unexpected storms.

Melanie Barnard knows "Everyone Loves Meatloaf," and her newly published cookbook contains "more than 100 recipes for Loaves and Fixin's," (HarperPerennial, \$14.95, hardcover).

"It's the easiest thing to make, and not a lot can go wrong," said Barnard from her home in Connecticut. "It's the essence of home, and kids like it."

In her cookbook, Barnard introduces readers to a variety of "loaves" with recipes for poultry, seafood and vegetarian loaves. There are also recipes for loaves made with sausage, lamb, venison and smoked ham, and suggestions for flavorful sauces.

Once relegated to diners and school cafeterias, meatloaf has become very hip. Besides the meatloaf you grew up with, Barnard shows how seasonings can make a world of difference with such preparations as Swedish Meatloaf, Argentinean Steakloaf, Thai Beef and Brown Rice Loaf and Jamaican Jerk Chicken Loaf.

No matter what it's made of, meatloaf is one of those stick-to-your-ribs foods whose memory stays

with you. Like oatmeal, most meatloaf recipes have a story.

"My grandparents were summertime nomads," said Barnard. "Because I was the oldest, I got to travel with them in the summer. Once we drove from Pennsylvania where I lived to Colorado. This was before Holiday Inns, and we stopped at truck stops to eat. Grandma could spot a good one by counting the number of trucks parked there. A ten-truck stop was winner."

"I quickly learned the thing to order was meatloaf, mostly because it came with gravy and mashed potatoes, which were high on my favorite food list."

Meatloaf is often our first introduction to home cooking. Barnard learned how to make meatloaf from her maternal grandmother. I learned how to make meatloaf in seventh grade home economics class and was surprised it tasted so good. My mom's a fine cook, but meatloaf isn't one of her specialties. Her meatloaf was dry, even smothered with ketchup, and definitely not something I looked forward to. Meatloaf was the first recipe I shared with her.

"A lot of people treat meatloaf

like the kitchen sink," said Barnard. "But you can't throw everything into it. Good meatloaf is only as good as the ingredients you use. Don't over mix it, and don't overcook, but you don't want to undercook it either. Use your hands to mix meatloaf until everything is blended, and an instant read thermometer to check if it's done."

No matter what your meatloaf is made of they share these components - a main protein, a starch, a binder, and seasonings.

### Main protein

For the juiciest basic meatloaf, Barnard recommends using only fresh, not previously frozen meat. For basic meatloaf she favors a blend of 3/4 pound lean ground beef chuck and about 6 ounces each of lean ground pork and veal. If you're making a poultry loaf, she suggests using a blend of skinless white and dark meat.

### Starch

"Starch is what gives the characteristic juicy and slightly soft texture to a loaf, acting as a sponge to absorb and retain the flavorful juices," said Barnard. You can use

### Making a better meatloaf

From Sharon Tyler Herbst, author of "The Food Lover's Thesaurus," (Hearst Books, 1994)

- For moister, more tender meatloaf, use coarsely ground meat instead of finely ground.
- If you don't like getting your hands messy when mixing a meatloaf mixture, put the ingredients in a large, zip-closure bag, seal, then squish the contents together until well mixed.
- For a juicy, more flavorful meatloaf, add 1/3 cup of liquid (tomato or vegetable juice, wine, beef broth, etc.) per pound of meat.
- Substituting red wine or dark beer for any liquid called for in the recipe will enrich a meatloaf's flavor.
- Add fiber and nutrition by substituting 1/3 cup oat bran for 1/3 cup bread crumbs. If your meatloaf recipe doesn't include bread crumbs, add 1/4 cup oat bran plus 2 tablespoons liquid such as milk, water, beef broth, etc.
- For a moist, delicious meatloaf that helps cut back on meat intake, substitute a cup of finely grated potato or carrot (or half of each) for a quarter pound of the meat. Or add 1/2 cup mashed potatoes to the mix.
- Make individual servings by baking meatloaf in large, greased muffin tins. Small meatloaves bake faster so watch the timing.
- If you're planning to freeze a whole meatloaf, line the pan with foil, allowing enough overlap to cover and seal the finished loaf. Bake as usual, drain off grease and cool to room temperature before sealing the foil. Double wrap in plastic wrap and freeze for up to 6 months.
- Rubbing the top of the meatloaf mixture with cold water will minimize cracking.

fresh or dried bread crumbs, cracker crumbs, oatmeal, rice or pasta. Use bread crumbs in combination with other starches for an interesting texture.

Her choice for most meatloaves is fresh bread crumbs. "I like the bread to be firm and slightly dry," she said. "For a loaf with 1-1/2 pounds of main protein, approximately 1 cup of fresh crumbs is right."

### Binder

Eggs are the glue that holds meatloaf together. For most loaves Barnard said 2 eggs will do, but it can be reduced to 1 if you're using milk or yogurt. To reduce cholesterol 2 egg whites or 1/4 cup of cholesterol-free egg substitute can be used in place of each egg in a recipe.

### Seasonings

"I like to use fresh herbs," said Barnard, "but good-quality dried herbs are better than limp, over-the-hill fresh herbs." She reminds readers that spices don't have an indefinite shelf life, will lose potency over time and should be replaced after a year.

For baking, Barnard prefers a metal pan over glass because it "seems to promote more browning," and hence more crust. Let meatloaf rest 5 to 10 minutes before removing from pan for easier slicing.

See recipes inside.



## Value wines come from Italy's northeast

### Wine Picks

■ **Picks of the Pack:** 1995 S. Anderson Merlot, Stags Leap District \$28; 1994 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium Red Table Wine \$25; and 1994 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages \$24.

■ **Best buy syrahs:** 1995 Richemont \$8; and 1995 McDowell \$16.

■ **Critics of California chardonnay say they taste alike.** Don't believe them and try: 1996 Chateau Souverain Barrel-fermented \$13; 1996 Beringer \$15; 1996 Pine Ridge Knollside \$18; 1996 S. Anderson, Carneros \$23.

■ **Chassy markets:** 1995 Clos du Bois \$17; 1995 Fetzer Barrel Select \$14; 1994 Lockwood Reserve \$24; 1994 Hogue Genesis Merlot \$21; 1995 Balentine \$19; 1995 Pine Ridge Crimean Creek \$35; 1995 Schefer \$30.

■ **Yellow sangioveses:** 1990 Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico Riserva (Italy) \$23; 1995 Atlas Peak Sangiovese \$16; 1995 Iron Horse Sangiovese \$20; 1994 Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva \$33.

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
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Some wine regions get all the hype. If you've heard of California wine, then you know there's a Napa Valley. It's much the same in Italy. Much attention is given to the Piedmont and Tuscany. It's not that it's undeserved, but there's much more.

Since 1772, the Boscaini family has made wine in Italy's Verona region with one simple concept in mind: good wine comes from good vineyards. Faithful to this principle, and aided today by modern grapegrowing and winemaking technology, Boscaini wines represent quality and value from Italy's northeast.

Fifth generation Dario Boscaini is current family representative. He has a degree in agricultural science with a specialization in grapegrowing. For more than 20 years, he directed the School of Viticulture in Valpolicella. With his technical assistants, he identified microzones in the Veneto and

Trentino Alto Adige regions with uniform climatic and soil conditions where wine has identifiable characteristics and unique personality.

From the original vineyard and winery in the hills of Torbe in Valpolicella, over the past two decades, the Boscaini family has acquired vineyards in the five best microzones. All wines are made from indigenous grapes, unfamiliar to most, but are either single vineyard or microzone. Grape names are not the important element here, so we're skipping them in favor of emphasizing the producer's name, Boscaini, and the microzone, both of utmost importance.

From the Alto Adige comes 1996 Boscaini Castel Firmiano Pinot Grigio \$16. Pinot grigio is the "hottest" white grape variety from Italy today. It pairs handsomely with seafood or can stand on its own as an aperitif. The Boscaini version, originates from vineyard soils rich in white marble stones from the



**Italian winery: The cellars at Boscaini in Italy's Verona region. The Boscaini family has made wine in this region since 1772.**

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# Marvelous meatloaf great for dinner

See related story on Taste front.

### CLASSIC MEATLOAF

- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef or turkey
- 3/4 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned)
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce or soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine all ingredients in large bowl; mix lightly but thoroughly. Shape meatloaf mixture into 10 by 6-inch loaf on rack of broiler pan.

Bake 60 to 55 minutes or until meatloaf is to medium doneness (160°F for beef, 170°F for turkey). Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Cover and refrigerate leftovers promptly and use within 2 days, or wrap airtight and freeze up to 3 months. Yield 6 to 8 servings.

### Recipe from Quaker Oats EASY ITALIAN MINI MEATLOAF SUPPER

Ingredients for Classic Meat-

- loaf (recipe above)
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded, reduced-fat Italian cheese blend, divided
- 2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning, divided
- 1/2 package (8 ounces) rotini pasta
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen Italian vegetable blend
- 2 to 3 teaspoons olive oil or margarine
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Italian seasoned diced tomatoes

Heat oven to 350°F. To Classic Meatloaf ingredients, add 1 cup cheese and 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning; mix lightly but thoroughly. Press approximately 1/3 cup meatloaf mixture into each of 12 medium muffin cups.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until centers are no longer pink.

While meat loaves bake, prepare pasta according to package directions, adding vegetables during last 6 minutes of cooking. Drain well; toss with olive oil, remaining 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.

Spoon tomatoes into microwave-safe bowl; microwave covered on

HIGH until heated through.

Remove meat loaves from muffin pans; top with tomatoes and remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Serve with pasta. Yield 6 servings. Recipe from Quaker Oats.

### KID'S FAVORITE MEATLOAF

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds "meatloaf mix" of ground chuck, pork and veal (Cookbook author Melanie Barnard suggests 3/4 pound lean beef chuck, and about 6 ounces each of lean ground pork and veal)
- 2 cups lightly crushed plain cornflakes cereal
- 1 3/4 cups (10-ounce package) thawed frozen peas and carrots
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup ketchup

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet, heat the oil and cook the onion and celery over

medium-low heat, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl, use your hands to gently but thoroughly combine the meat, cornflakes, peas and carrots, parsley, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and eggs.

In a 13 by 9-inch baking pan, shape the meat into a 9 by 5-inch loaf, or pat it into a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan, smoothing the top. Spread the top with ketchup. Bake until the meatloaf is firm with a richly browned top, and a meat thermometer inserted into the center of the loaf registers 165 degrees, about 1 hour.

Let the meatloaf stand in the pan for 10 minutes before slicing. Serves 6.

Recipe from: "Everybody Loves Meatloaf: More than 100 Recipes for Loaves and Fixins" by Melanie Barnard, (HarperPerennial, Oct. 1997; \$14.95).

### WHITE BEAN AND SPAGHETTI SQUARES

- Crust**
- 3 1/2 to 4 cups cooked spaghetti (about 1/2-pound uncooked)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg

- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese

- Filling**
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or 2 teaspoons dried
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 can (1 pound) white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Italian-style stewed tomatoes with juice
- 2 cups (8 ounces) grated mozzarella cheese

**To make the crust:** Coat a shallow 3-quart baking pan with nonstick olive oil spray. If the pasta is cold, reheat it in a microwave oven, then place it in the prepared pan. Add the milk, egg, and Romano cheese, mixing well. Spread the mixture to cover the bottom and about 1 inch up the sides of the prepared pan. Set aside. Preheat the oven to 376

degrees.

**To make the filling:** In a large skillet, heat the oil and cook the onion and red and yellow peppers over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are just softened, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic, oregano, and basil, and cook 1 minute more. In a small bowl, whisk the milk with the eggs to blend. Stir the egg mixture and beans into the cooked vegetables in the skillet. Spoon the filling into the prepared spaghetti "crust." Spread the tomatoes over the top, then sprinkle with the cheese.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 15 minutes. Uncover and bake until the filling is set and the cheese is melted and bubbly, 20 to 25 minutes more. (The recipe can be assembled up to 8 hours ahead and refrigerated. Increase the covered baking time by 10 minutes, then uncover and continue to bake as directed).

Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting into squares to serve. Serves 6-8.

Recipe from: "Everybody Loves Meatloaf: More than 100 Recipes for Loaves and Fixins" by Melanie Barnard.

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Carrots can be microwaved. Cook them in a minimum amount of water until tender, but not mushy. Cook longer if you are going to puree the carrots to add to a cake, cookies, bread or cream soup.

For a little snack, served hot or cold, carrots are certainly more than just for cake, or sticks on a relish tray.

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Here's a carrot recipe from The "American Medical Association Family Health Cookbook: Good Food That's Good for You (Pocket Books/Janis A. Donnaud and

Associates, Inc.; November 1997; \$30).

### LEMON AND HONEY-GLAZED BABY CARROTS

- 1 1/2 pounds baby carrots
- 2/3 cup dry white wine, apple juice, or white grape juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, plus additional to taste
- 2 strips lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a large nonstick skillet, combine the carrots, wine, honey, butter, salt, and lemon peel. Add enough water to barely cover the

carrots. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium, and simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the carrots are tender and most of the liquid has evaporated, about 15 minutes.

Add more water if necessary to prevent scorching. If any liquid remains, raise the heat and boil it until it cooks down to make a syrupy glaze.

Discard the lemon peel. Sprinkle the lemon juice over the carrots and stir. Add salt and pepper to taste and serve.

Makes 4 side dish servings  
Per serving: About 117 calories, 20 calories from fat, 2g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 5mg cholesterol, 347mg sodium, 25g total carbs, 4g fiber, 2g protein

## Wines from page B1

Dolomites. With attractive pear aromas, it comes across bright, fresh, crisp and elegantly balanced.

The 1995 Boscaini Bardolino Le Canne, Classico Superiore \$11 strikingly drives home the microzone benefit with its bounty of red fruits, soft, appealing mouthfeel and luxurious finish. It is interesting to note that on the wine label, the microzone Le Canne is printed above the producer's name. That's how important Boscaini considers the microzone concept. Pair it with pastas, light meats, chicken, swordfish, tuna or salmon.

A new-age Valpolicella is represented by 1995 San Ciriaco \$15, the first release of this wine.

Traditionally, Valpolicella has been made as a field blend of three grape varieties. Field blends are a mix of grapes grown in the same vineyard, harvested at the same time and fermented as a mix.

The nature of grape ripening is such that, in reality, all three grape varieties do not reach peak ripeness at the same time.

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To enhance and distinguish the overall wine, Boscaini has added a fourth grape variety (croatina) to the blend, one that no other producer in Valpolicella uses.

The label depicts a window of the Villa of San Ciriaco. The fruit-driven wine is laden with the aromas and juicy flavors of red plums, dark cherries and spice.

by law to use the term on the front label. The wine has all the flavor and aromas of an Amarone, but the fruit and softness of a Valpolicella.

You can't make the comparison because you've not tried an Amarone? Then 1993 Boscaini Amarone Marano \$35 with its compelling aromas and mouth-filling flavors is one you need to try.

If you're into wine cyberneering, one local site not to be missed is for the Village Corner wine shop in Ann Arbor, <http://www.villagecorner.com>. A list of some hard-to-get wines is posted and updated. Access the list using the Home Page Features button.

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# Prepare whole fish for a new year feast

If you didn't have a good time on New Year's Eve, try again on Wednesday, Jan. 28. It's the eve of the Chinese New Year, when dragons will dance in the streets of many cities to welcome the year of the Tiger. According to Chinese astrology, tigers are brave, energetic, independent and fearless, which means we can expect an exciting year.

Chinese New Year celebrations usually last 10 days. The rituals observed during this time are full of symbols including many foods. Much of the food that is used is associated with good luck and prosperity, often because of how it looks or how its name sounds. For instance, as the dragons dance during the parades, people throw rice to represent abundance.

Golden spring rolls are significant because they resemble bars of gold, and plump dumplings filled with pork and cabbage called jao-ze, are eaten because they look like coins. Tangerines and kumquats are important because their golden color also represents wealth and money. Using fruit with the leaves still attached is preferred, symbolizing unity and the family staying together in the New Year.

Although the Chinese do not usually serve dessert at the end of a meal, New Year celebrations usually include delicacies such like Eight Treasure Rice. Made with sticky glutinous rice, it is eaten to insure the coming year will bring sweet memories.

Whenever possible, Chinese New Year feasts include a whole fish, encouraging abundance and symbolizing completeness. Cooking a whole fish seems intimidating, but it's actually quite easy.

Any number of fish varieties can be cooked this way, including sea bass, red snapper, and sea trout. Of course, you can always flaunt tradition and use filets; the dish will be just as delicious.

Try to make the sauce from scratch with fermented black

## LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

These local Chinese restaurants will be hosting New Year celebrations. Reservations are essential.

■ Hunan Palace, 38269 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-3939; 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 10-course dinner, dragon dance, martial art demonstration, \$45 per person.

■ Mon Jin Lau, 1515 E. Maple Road (at Stephenson) Troy, (248) 689-2332, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, cost \$89 per person, includes dinner, entertainment.

■ Shangri-La, 6407 Orchard Lake Road (at Maple in Orchard Mall), West Bloomfield, (248) 626-8585; 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, special dinner, entertainment, \$30 per person, you can arrange for a table of 10.

■ New Peking Restaurant, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City, (313) 425-2230. Chinese New Year Party, 12 course dinner, prizes and entertainment, 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Jan. 26-29. Cost \$28 per person, (\$10 non-refundable deposit).

■ Welcome the year of the Tiger. According to Chinese astrology, tigers are brave, energetic, independent and fearless, which means we can expect an exciting year.

beans which are available in Asian markets and some grocery stores. Since the sauce is homemade, the flavor is much better than black bean sauce sold in a jar.

Don't worry about buying too many beans, since they keep a long time, enabling you to prepare black bean sauce as often as you wish. That's good to know, since the sauce is just as good with chicken, shrimp, tofu and vegetables as it is with fish.

### STEAMED FISH WITH BLACK BEAN SAUCE

- 1 fish (1 1/2 pounds, sea bass, sea trout or red snapper), gutted, or 2 large filets, about 1 pound total
- 1 tablespoon dry sherry

- 1/2 cup Black Bean Sauce (see recipe below)
- 1 teaspoon roasted sesame oil

Wash and dry the fish. Place it on an oval platter that fits into a turkey roaster. Pour 2 inches of water into the roasting pan. Place a high rack or 2 empty tuna fish cans, tops and bottoms removed, into the pan to serve as a rack.

Set the platter with the fish into the roaster. Pour the sherry over the fish. Cover the roaster. Bring the water to a boil over high heat and steam the fish 10-15 minutes. Cooking time varies, but the fish is done when it is just opaque by the bone (or in the center, for filets).

Place a wok or heavy skillet over high heat until it is very hot, 1-2 minutes. Pour the juices from the platter into the pan and bring to a boil. Cook until they are reduced by half. Mix in the bean sauce.

When it boils, in 1-2 minutes, add the sesame oil. Pour the sauce over the fish and serve immediately.

### BLACK BEAN SAUCE

- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 2 tablespoons fermented



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Happy New Year: Chinese New Year feasts often include whole fish. Join the party by preparing Steamed Fish with Black Bean Sauce.

Bring the mixture to a boil and cook for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Each of the two servings with a quarter cup of sauce has 378 calories and 16 grams of fat.

Information for this story was written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best Claypot Cooking," and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"

Stir the cornstarch and sherry together and add it to the wok, stirring constantly. As soon as the sauce thickens and turns clear, pour it into a bowl.

- black beans, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup scallions, cut into 1/4-inch rounds
- 2/3 cup chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon Oyster Sauce
- 2 teaspoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons sherry

Heat a wok on high until it smokes, about 1-2 minutes, before adding the oil. Stir in the black beans and ginger, coating them with the oil, about 15 seconds. Add the garlic and scallions and stir-fry for 30 seconds. Pour in the chicken stock, oyster sauce and soy sauce.

## Chicken and peppers with pasta quick meal

Registered dietitian Anne M. Fletcher shares extensive research on weight-loss success stories in "Eating Thin for Life: Food Secrets & Recipes From People Who Have Lost Weight & Kept It Off" (Houghton Mifflin, \$14 paperback, January 1998).

Featured are 120 recipes including Oven-Fried Chicken, Best Macaroni and Cheese, Rich Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce, and Chicken and Peppers with Penne Pasta.

For Chicken and Peppers with Penne Pasta, the pasta is first topped with tomatoes, then with sauteed chicken strips and green peppers. Each serving has 388 calories and 5 grams of fat. Serve with warm Italian bread and a tossed salad.

### CHICKEN AND PEPPERS WITH PENNE PASTA

- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch by 2-inch strips
- 1 cup defatted chicken broth
- 8 ounces dried penne pasta
- 1 medium green bell pepper
- 1 medium red bell pepper
- 14 1/2-ounce can Italian-seasoned tomatoes, cut into bite-sized chunks, juice reserved
- 1 tablespoon diet margarine
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### NEW COOKBOOK

Marinate chicken in broth in refrigerator for at least 1 hour.

Cook pasta according to package directions, until hard center is gone but pasta is still chewy, about 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Cut peppers into 1-inch diamond shapes or squares. Set aside.

In small saucepan, bring tomatoes to a boil over medium-high heat. Turn heat to low and cover saucepan, leaving tomatoes on burner until ready to serve.

Melt margarine in skillet over medium-high heat. Turn heat to high and add chicken (discard marinade broth). Quick-fry until

chicken pieces are lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-high and add reserved peppers, garlic, parsley, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, for about 5 minutes more, or until no trace of pink remains when you cut into thickest part of chicken.

Divide pasta into 4 equal portions in large, shallow bowls. Spoon one-fourth of hot tomatoes over each pasta serving. Top with one-fourth of chicken-and-pepper mixture. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 388 cal., 5 g fat, 58 mg chol., 590 mg sodium, 25 g pro., 55 g carbo.



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## SHOPPING CENTERED



### New items hit marketplace

Book defines American beaux art: Tiffany & Co. design director John Loring just introduced his eighth book of American style and design, available at Tiffany & Co. in the Somerset Collection South in Troy. "Tiffany's 20th Century: A Portrait of American Style," \$80, traces Tiffany's progress and influence on American society and style over the last 100 years.

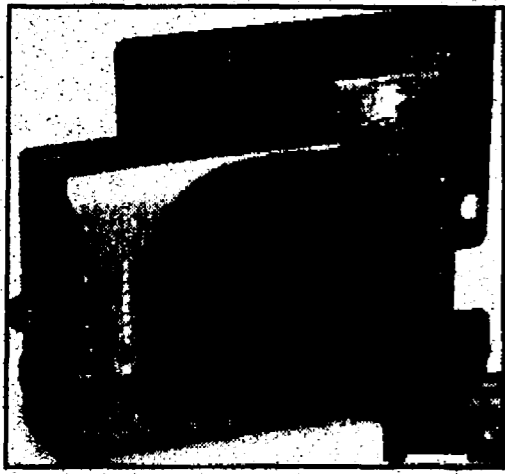
The book proceeds from the Renaissance Revival of the early 1900s to the floral masterpieces of Art Nouveau and the streamlined designs of American Art Deco; from the mid-century triumphs of renowned jewelry designer Jean Schlumberger to the masterworks by Elsa Peretti and Paloma Picasso.

There are more than 300 photographs in the book including Tiffany's prizewinning displays at world expos in Paris 1900, San Francisco in 1915, and New York in 1939. It revises the works of Paulding Farnham whose designs won more medals at international expos than any other American designer.

The story of this century's reeling progress and change involves a cast of characters from Louis Comfort Tiffany to Tiffany design directors Van Day Truex and John Loring, and trend setters like Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Babe Paley, Diana Vreeland and Audrey Hepburn who immortalized the store in the 1961 film classic "Breakfast at Tiffany's."



John Loring



**Mini magic:** Ritz Camera associate Joel Waldbott at Somerset North in Troy, said keeping the Canon Elph in stock is almost impossible - everybody wants one because it's easy to use and fits in your shirt pocket.

The \$299 stainless steel, Advanced Photo System camera, is no bigger than a pack of cigarettes and produces three print sizes - 4x6, 4x7 or panoramic.

Other features include active/passive autofocus, drop-in loading, no negatives (index prints are provided) and digital readiness for direct to computer film scanning. The Elph Jr., (an even smaller version) is \$219.95.



**Think spring:** Romantic, feminine clothes will be in store for spring. Watch for ruffles, pleats, bouquets of floral designs. This classic look is from the Worth Collection, New York, 212-223-3757.

## Adding a website may build business



Contemplating a site on the Internet to increase your sales? A few local retailers discuss the pros and cons.

BY BARR PERT TEMPLETON  
SPECIAL WRITER

Large, bold, bright blue letters dot the screen as cyberspace customers visiting the Internet site for Travelers World in West Bloomfield are invited to peruse a catalog of the latest designer bags.

Luggage by Andiamo, Kipling handbags and Hartman briefcases are among the many products computer users can eyeball before ordering at [www.travelersworld.com](http://www.travelersworld.com).

Bruce Welford, owner of the specialty luggage shop, established the Travelers World's internet site in 1995. Welford guesstimates his shop's annual sales have increased about three percent with anywhere from two to five orders coming in via E-mail each week.

"I pay for the service once a year. It's about \$700 and that cost is based on the amount of space you are taking up on the system. I have about 10 pages out there now," he explained. "The Yellow Pages are way more outrageous than that," he added noting that advertising in the Yellow Pages costs him \$300 to \$400 a month.

"The cost is part of what's so attractive about this." Via his web site, Welford has filled orders for customers in Hong Kong, England and quite a few Asian countries.

"It certainly has been worth it and we've made a profit based on the expenses we put into it," Welford said.

One downtown Birmingham retailer, who declined

to be identified, recently dropped his store's Internet site after just eight months claiming too many problems with credit card customers.

"We found too much fraudulence in sales on the internet and just couldn't afford to take those losses," he said.

The fraud came about when customers would make credit card purchases via the store's web site, receive the shipment of the desired product but claim they never made the purchase when the bill came due.

"We got stuck arguing with the credit card company and being totally ignored by the customer who made the purchase so we just got out of it," explained the disappointed retailer.

So far Welford hasn't experienced any payment problems unless he counts a few misunderstandings customers have presented when they didn't recall their luggage came from Travelers World.

"Our name sometimes prompts some people to question the charges because they think of a travel business but as far as denying shipments, we have UPS to track that so we don't see any problems there," he said.

Right now Welford processes all of the Internet generated orders himself, but he is anxious to look into automating his site.

"We're pretty archaic at this point," he said. "I usually answer the E-mail or end up calling the customer to process the orders, but I want to do some research and upgrade things."

When Welford decides to make his web site more high tech he will most likely call U.S. Web Corporation. The Southfield-based marketing firm created the pages for his original venture onto the Internet.

U.S. Web partner Jeff Dvoskin said the company, which opened in 1995, boasts over 200 clients. Designing web pages makes up 90 percent of the firm's business and about 10 percent of those clients are local retailers.



"We meet with the clients to find out what they want to portray and although we actually set it up, they provide the graphics and help us find a look and a feel for their site," said Dvoskin.

"After two or three meetings, depending on the business, we'll have a demo to present to them."

Marmel Gifts and Toys in Farmington Hills, Viviano Flowers in St. Clair Shores and City Slicker Shoes in Detroit are on the list of U.S. Web clients. Dvoskin stresses that a majority of the firms work lies in upgrading the existing sites of business owners and isn't limited to those seeking to establish new internet sites.

"I really think these guys are just first rate," said Welford. "They always get back to you right away and they did a nice job getting me set up."

"I think soon everybody that's in business is going to be doing this and I found the outlay of expense to have the site is nothing compared to the rewards you get."

## Super Bowl parties call for the latest treats

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
RETAIL EDITOR

Super Bowl parties are more than beer and Bavarian pretzels... or maybe not.

When the Green Bay Packers meet the Denver Broncos at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, friends and families will gather around their big screen TVs ready to cheer and jeer.

If you're the host, no doubt you're pulling out your favorite dip and chili recipes, and checking to make sure you've got plenty of Pilsner glasses.

But to "do the bowl" in style, the malls and mainstreets have some unique products worth a look - or a smile.

"No Super Bowl is complete without His and Hers remote controls," insisted Chris Keck of the Sharper Image (locations at Somerset Collection South and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.) "She can click away from the game during commercial breaks and he can click back when he thinks it's about time for a replay, \$29.95 each - in pin. and blue."

Keck also suggested viewing the big game from the comfort of "the quad roller get-away chair with power recline."

"Hey, it's on sale now from \$2,795 to \$2,495," he said. "You just touch a button and the back reclines electronically as the footrest rises. Inner rollers simulate a total Shiatsu massage - kneading movements stretch and relax muscles up and down your back."

Many Hallmark stores have the "Bad Call Sponges" for sale. "You throw them at the television when you become frustrated by what's happening on the screen," said one sales associate.

Lynn Jones of Williams Sonoma (with stores at Laurel Park Place, Livonia; Twelve Oaks, Novi; and Somerset



PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

**Super Bowl snacks:** Load your buffet table with beverages and snacks ready to serve from your neighborhood deli - this collection is from The Cellar Collection, a division of Merchant of Vino/Whole Foods, 254 West Maple in downtown Birmingham.

Collection North, Troy) suggests loading up on the Vidalia Onion Bloody Mary Mix, \$6 a bottle; bean dips, \$4.50 a jar; and salsas from \$5.75.

"We have Cajun and Bavarian pretzels by the bag for \$3.50 and all kinds of Pilsner glasses from \$3.50," she said.

Folks contemplating a big screen TV purchase will find a top-of-the-line

Sony with a 61-inch screen going for \$2,279 at Best Buy, according to sales associate Antwan Steele of the Westland store.

But forget any big screen purchases made solely to view the Super Bowl, Best Buy charges a restocking fee on any television purchased and returned in January, at 15-percent of the pur-

chase price. The fee is abolished in February.

The best-dressed Super Bowl fans will arrive at the party wearing jerseys and caps in their favorite team's colors. The JC Penney stores are reporting brisk sales of Green Bay Packers sweats...

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Audiology Department. 1:30 p.m.  
Across from Westland Center. 35337 West Warren.  
(313) 467-5100.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

**Breakfast with Arthur**  
Nordstrom hosts a morning with Arthur the Aardvark, 8 a.m. which includes breakfast, face painting, live entertainment and photos with the star. \$10 per person. Reservations required.

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

**Martial arts demonstration**

Members of the Karate for Kids and American Taekwondo Association in Canton demonstrate techniques 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Drawings for prizes like lessons, uniforms and equipment.  
Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt.  
(248) 476-1160.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, JAN. 25

**Ladies Day out**

Westland Center invites Super Bowl "widows" to come to the mall for an afternoon. Chance to register for a \$500 shopping spree. An appearance by Linda

Lee of WYCD-99 FM Country radio 3-5 p.m. in East Court. Coupons for merchandise discounts at entrances.  
Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.  
(313) 425-5001.

**Sew-In**

Haberman's Fabrics hosts a complimentary afternoon of sewing, refreshments and socializing from noon to 5 p.m. Guests should bring in projects to work on, plus teacher Linda Hedden offers tips on such topics as putting in an invisible zipper. Also shop offers many sewing classes through the spring. Call for fees and schedule.  
117 West Fourth. Royal Oak.  
(248) 541-0010.

**Fun at Border's**

Border's Books in Birmingham hosts an Ode to Scotland's poet Robert Burns with a birthday bash from 1-3 p.m. The Mask Puppet Theater offers a performance for children from 3-4 p.m.  
34300 Woodward Ave. Birmingham.  
(248) 203-0005.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

**Auction for charity**

Princess Di Beanie Babies donated by Gabriela's of Plymouth, will be auctioned off on the air by WJR's Mitch Albom from 3-6 p.m. today.  
(313) 875-4476. Or 1-800-859-0967.

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

**Puppet show/sidewalk sale**

Mall-wide clearance of seasonal merchandise through Jan. 19. "The Littlest Mermaid" puppet show daily at 7 p.m. Saturdays 11, 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

MeadowBrook Village Mall.  
Adams/Walton. Rochester Hills.  
(248) 375-9451.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

**Trunk show**

Roz & Sherm presents silk and crepe designs from sansappelle, shown for the first time locally. Meet owner Ina Sherman through Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bloomfield Plaza. Maple/Telegraph.  
(248) 855-8877.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

**Hearing aid seminar**

Cochlear implants will be the topic of a free seminar for those with hearing loss hosted by Personalized Hearing Care and the Garden City Hospital

# Where can I find?

(248) 901-2555

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

### What we found:

- A silver Christmas tree and revolving color wheel for Sally. Also KLS Electronics on Schoolcraft in Livonia sells the color wheel.
- Bottom Better Diaper rash cream can be found at Lytle Pharmacy in downtown Rochester or Meijer's in Canton.
- Video transfer box is sold at ABC Warehouse and Adray Appliance in Dearborn.
- The recording of Little Drummer Boy by Bing Crosby and David Bowie is on a CD "Edge of Christmas." OGLIO records is the producer.
- The game Tric Trax is made in Sweden by Brio Company. It can be ordered through Muriel Doll House in Plymouth.
- A brown haired Barbie for Linda of Troy was spotted at J.C. Penney, Summit Place mall in Waterford.
- Jill Sanders cologne for women is sold at Saks Fifth Avenue at Somerset Collection South. Try there also for the men's cologne.
- Karen has offered a suggestion to Myron: her grandmother taught her to darn socks by using a burned out light bulb. Stretch sock over light bulb and darn. Or try Greenfield Village or Huckleberry Railroad, they have them on display and might sell them. Or try the Royal Oak market on Sundays, one of the booths might have them.
- We found two people who can crochet a sombrero for a Tabasco bottle!
- The person who wanted the A&P dishes please call, Candy has a set.
- Found mens denim bib overalls in J.C. Penney's Big & Tall catalog.

### We're still looking for:

- A store that sells Christmas card address and record books for Mickey.
- Men's one- or two-piece pajamas with a seat for Carol of Westland.
- For Linda, nail products called Mavala found in drug stores.
- Barb is looking for a 1953 McCalls Giant Golden Make-It books and a game Survivorshot.
- Bodyology Cool Blue Eye Gel for Chris.
- Fine crochet cotton size 30, 40 or 50 for Gerri.
- A 3 or 4 foot Raggedy Ann doll reasonably priced for Nancy.
- Cheryl is looking for a 1960 board game WA-HOO, similar to the game Trouble, it has an Indian theme.
- Replacement blades for hair wares.
- Pat is looking for four dark green and four raspberry cloth napkins by Vera, there is an one-half inch row of holes from the edges - and a white Hummel nativity set, Madonna, shepherd and the animals.
- John is looking for the hilarious song that J.P. McCarthy used to play on his radio show. It was called "Charge of the Light Brigade and the Bugler." He'd be willing to donate to the J.P. Foundation.
- Linelle is looking for the game of Pit.
- Barbara is looking for Shiny Sinks Plus.
- Patricia is looking for Anucci perfume; it was a Neiman Marcus line.
- Need a pattern for a Red Wings afghan.
- Laura would like Uncle Dan's Potato Chips. She used to get them at a party store in Livonia.
- Sharon would like Night Spice cologne by Old Spice.
- Edna wants the starter kit for Amish Friendship bread.
- Still looking for card game Hotel, Kismet dice.
- A Mrs. Beasley doll for Shannon of Garden City.
- Janet would like dresses named Chez; they were carried at SYS on Southfield Road but they are no longer in business.
- A microwave turntable that comes apart for cleaning for Shirley.
- Edwin Jeans for girls and Big Ben jeans for boys for Karen.
- Kathy needs all solid color borders including black. She saw them on display but can't remember where.
- Looking for a book and record from the late 60's called Shy Trunky, it's about an elephant.
- The correct address for E.J. Danish modern chair cushions.
- Debbie is looking for a Mary Mag power doll hour from the early-mid 60s on magnetic stilts in its entirety.

- Compiled by Sandy Jarackas

### New fragrance



At Tiffany's: Trueste perfume and body lotion will be available in March from the jeweler in Somerset Collection South, Troy, from \$25.

## Jacobson's offers a trend forecast for '98

The New Year promises to be a trend-setting year in fashion and home entertaining, according to Beverly Rice, senior vice president of fashion and merchandising strategy for Jacobson's 24 stores.

**Beauty trends** — Focus on an overall healthier complexion with vitamin-rich moisturizers and creams. Watch for La Prairie cellular defense shield, Estee Lauder and Lancome products rich in Vitamin A, C and E. Skin brightening systems will also be making their way to the beauty aisles that diminish discoloration and darkening. Hair coloring takes on a new style with "cosmetics for the hair." Mascara wands offer a simple and safe way for red, blonde or blue streaks, depending on your mood. The coloring washes off.

**Couture "rubber bands"** Among the newest trends for 1998, women in Europe in the cafes and clubs are sporting gold or silver-toned watch coils stacked up their wrists. Some choose to wear just one or two of these

stretch bracelets, while others stack as many as 100 up their arms.

**Body art transfers** — They offer a temporary statement for the not-so-daring. Estee Lauder and Lancome will introduce the transfers complete with pencils or crayons made from Indian ink for a personalized design.

**Marabou** — will emerge as the fun, most talked about accent. From dresses, suits and separates in lilac — 1998's leading fashion hue — have marabou detailing from simple sleeve treatments to luxurious neck wraps. Hollywood glamour influences.

**Embroidery** — is taking the spotlight in designer fashion. Expect it on everything from scarves to gowns. The new favorite? Embroidered tulle in hombre design.

**Halter tops** — and tube tops are expected to be center stage from young girls' fashion to women's designer couture. Embroidered, knit and textured halter tops are paired with capri pants and plaid skirts.

### RETAIL DETAILS

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#### New bridal store in Birmingham

Roma Sposa, is now selling exclusive European designs for the bride, according to owner Anna Castaldi Roselli, at 722 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham.

Castaldi previously owned a bridal shop in Rome. A gown can take up to a year to make in the Old World style. They are priced from \$1,800 to \$4,500.

Current gowns-of-choice are made from a dazzling array of fine fabrics and silks including Gazar, Mikado, Georgette, Chiffon, Duchesse and crystalline organza lace. For more details or a personal appointment call (248) 723-4300.

The shop will host a trunk show of Peter Langer creations, Jan. 29-31. Reservations are suggested.

#### Revolving doors of retail

The Limited is leaving downtown Birmingham and rumor has it Urban Outfitters, headquartered in Philadelphia with a Michigan location in Ann Arbor, will take its place.

Record Town has replaced

Harmony House at both Oakland and Tel-Twelve Malls, as Harmony House builds free-standing stores in Clarkston and Troy.

The former Home Quarters store at Telegraph and Square Lake is being renovated to reopen as a Costco Warehouse, one of five new stores opening in metro-Detroit - two are set for Livonia, one for Roseville and one for Madison Heights. Those familiar with the company, say shoppers will find them similar to Sam's Club Warehouse, a division of WalMart.

#### Breakfast with Chanel

Saks Fifth Avenue will host Breakfast With Chanel, Thursday, Jan. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. in the designer salon on level two, to benefit The American Lung Association of Michigan.

The annual event includes a light breakfast and formal runway show kicking off the arrival of Chanel's spring/summer ready-to-wear assortment. The collection will remain at the store through Friday, Jan. 23, informally modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 for patrons, \$75 for benefactors. For more details call (248) 642-8006. Event chairmen include Denise Andris, Gloria Clark, Barbara Czamanske, Judie Sherman and Susan Willis-Kushner. The asso-

ciation president is Bettina Gregg. Honorary chairpersons are Sybil Jacques, Blanche Pollock and Linda Schafer.

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#### Restaurant opens at mall

Oceania left Meadowbrook Vil-

lage Mall last summer and a complete renovation was undertaken to create another Chinese restaurant at the site, The Gourmet Garden. The Rochester Hills mall is the fifth location for the family-owned restaurant chain. Others are located in East Lansing, Ann Arbor, Ohio and Massachusetts. Window seats contribute to the restaurant's light, airy feel. There are more than 40 chef specials.

#### Nicole Miller gowns arrive

Nicole Miller has released her spring bridal party collection with 23 different styles, sizes 2-16, in a range of spring colors - pink champagne, ice green, taupe, ivory, navy platinum and black. The Nicole Miller boutique is in the Somerset Collection South, Troy. For more details call (248) 649-8816.

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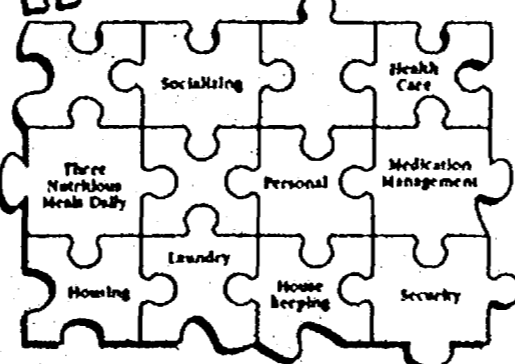
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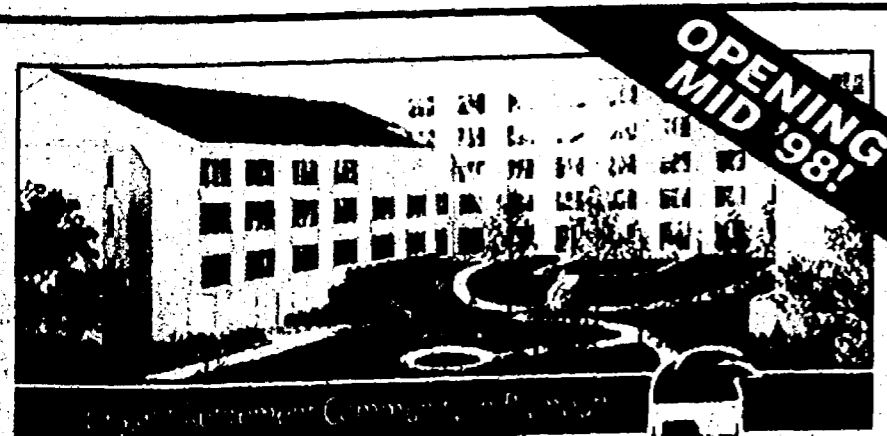


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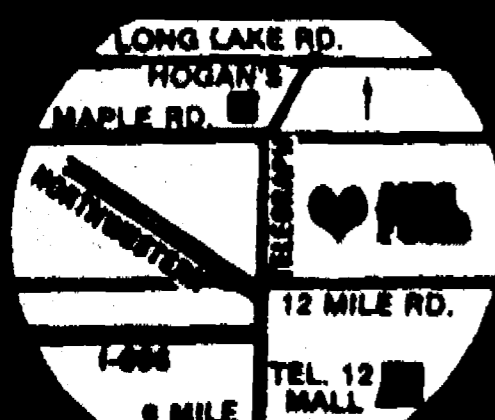
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Retired teacher now has time for painting

**E**ver wondered what happened to your high school art teacher? Chances are she's still painting. When Barbara Demgen retired in 1992 after 27 years of teaching art in the Livonia Public Schools, she did so with the intention of spending more time painting.

Nearly six years later, Demgen is having a one-woman show at the Livonia Civic Center Fine Arts Gallery. From sheep in the pastures at Maybury Park to an eight-foot Oriental screen consisting of four panels, the exhibition illustrates the Livonia artist's versatility.

Demgen will donate half of the proceeds from the sale of paintings (after a 30 percent commission) to the Wayne State University Medical School in memory of her sister-in-law who died last summer from bone cancer. The Livonia Arts Commission takes a 30 percent commission from all art works exhibited and sold in the gallery.

Demgen taught gifted visual arts students in the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School before retiring. Does she miss teaching? Oh sure, but not enough to devote less time to painting (or her son Matthew).

**What:** An exhibit of mixed media paintings by Livonia artist Barbara Demgen.

**Where:** Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road (east of Farmington Road).

**When:** Through Friday, Jan. 30. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

### Resolution

She's made a resolution to become serious about marketing her work this year. In years past, she exhibited in Art in the Garden at the University of Michigan's

Matthaei Botanical Gardens; Our Town, Birmingham, and Art on the Pointe, Grosse Pointe. Last year, she exhibited in shows in West Bloomfield and on Lake St. Clair. She was represented by Atrium Gallery in Northville until the business was sold in November.

"I'm searching for a gallery, but also looking to get into fairs," said Demgen. "For me, it's always a show, a competition, but it's fun as long as you're in the field."

Forget avant garde and abstract painting, they're not her style. Demgen finds most of her customers would rather live with a landscape, floral, or one of her house portraits. In fact, her last commission was for an oil painting of trees with trunks so close a visitor to the forest could reach out and touch them.

"Because I have so much more time to paint, I'm getting into more structured pieces," said Demgen. "I love working in watercolor, but still work with oil because it feels like margarine. Oils feel so good going on the canvas."

### Background

Demgen began painting seriously in the mid-1960s. She credits her classical art training at Wayne State University and Marygrove College for the technical expertise.

"Lighting makes such a difference and as an artist you have to keep experimenting with different tools," said Demgen. "But one of the most

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**Racing the wind:** Barbara Demgen painted this 30 by 34-inch watercolor after a trip to Bar Harbor, Maine.

## Exhibition documents 'Turning Point'

# Monet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Since the announcement by the University of Michigan Museum of Art nearly a year ago, art enthusiasts from Birmingham to Plymouth have anxiously awaited the Monet exhibition, which explores the French Impressionist's work around the year 1880 (see accompanying story).

For the first time since leaving his studio in Vetheuil more than a century ago, 12 paintings by Monet are reunited for an exhibition at the museum Jan. 25 to March 15.

Organized by the University of Michigan Museum of Art, "Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point" features paintings not shown at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1995, and four oils never exhibited in North America. The landscapes, still life and a portrait of his wife, Camille, add a new dimension to a relatively unstudied period of Monet's life and work in Vetheuil.

### Turbulent times

This small village on the Seine is where Monet's life reached a critical point because of his wife's illness and death, negative criticism of his work, isolation from friends and the art scene in Paris and financial problems which forced the Monet family to share a household with supporter Ernest Hoschede, his wife and six children.

A haunting portrait of Camille from the Musee d'Orsay, Paris, was painted shortly after her death in September of 1879. Monet detached himself from the situation in order to record the changing colors in his wife's face.

On loan from 10 museums, including ones in Madrid, Paris, New Zealand, Toronto and the Metropolitan in New York City, the paintings travel to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Dallas Museum of Art after Ann Arbor.

"I think the exhibition will come up with a whole different side of Monet," said museum interim director Carole McNamara who curated the exhibition with Annette Dixon, museum curator of Western Art. "This was such a rich experience even for someone who thinks they know everything there is to know about Monet. This most familiar of painters will be in his most unfamiliar mode. You'll see paintings you have never seen. You will never look at Monet again in the same way."

The three years Monet spent at Vetheuil (1878-1881) were filled with conflict. A leading artist in the painting revolution known as Impressionism, Monet suffered from depression. As he was about to turn 40, he wrote to his friend and patron de Bellio that there was no hope left because he'd painted nothing worthy to show at an upcoming Impressionists exhibition. The depression was to haunt him periodically throughout the rest of his life.

In 1994, using the museum's painting of the Debacle to focus on Monet's years in Vetheuil, McNamara and Dixon began contacting museums around the world in search of paintings from this period.

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**Turning Point:** "La Debacle a Vetheuil" from Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza in Madrid, one of four paintings depicting the devastating winter thaw of the Seine in 1880.



**Haunting portrait:** Monet recorded the changing colors in his wife Camille's face shortly after her death in September of 1879.

### Monet at Vetheuil: The Turning Point

**What:** For the first time since leaving his studio more than a century ago, the paintings of French Impressionist Claude Monet come together in an exhibition of works created during the most turbulent period of his life.

**When:** Jan. 25 to March 15. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Docent-led tours 7 p.m. Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

**Where:** University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street at South University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0395.

**Cost:** \$6 adults; \$3 for non-U-M students, U-M faculty and staff, and senior citizens; free to Museum Friends, U-M students, and children under age 12. Advance tickets are recommended, call (800) 585-3737.

**Related activities:** Monet and the Cultural and Social Milieu of Impressionism, an interdisciplinary symposium 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in Angell Hall, Auditorium A.

**North of Here,** a dance performance inspired by Monet's winter landscapes at Vetheuil and created by Jessica Fogel and her students in the University Dance Company, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Power Center. For tickets call (734) 764-0450.

**A Taste of Monet** dinner theater featuring Monet's favorite recipes followed by a multimedia theater presentation written especially for the occasion by Chicago playwright Frances Sebastian 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Michigan League, 911 North University. This dramatic portrait of Monet is based on his letters and enhanced with music and slides showing his works. Tickets are \$40 and seating is limited. For reservations, call (734) 647-7463.

## Art lovers gather for tours

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

With one week to go before the opening of the Monet exhibition at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, excitement continues to build. Docent-led group tours are already filled. Museum interim director Carole McNamara is not sure whether more tours will be added. It depends on demand and if there are enough docents to volunteer their time.

While it's too late to train docents, the museum is in need of volunteers for the Monet exhibition. If you have some spare time, call Diane Sepac, (734) 763-7618.

Former University of Michigan museum administrator Janet Torno took part in the planning stages of the Monet exhibit, begun in 1994. As executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, Torno is planning a tour for members. She thinks it's important for student painters to view the works as a body representing a critical time in Monet's life.

"It will really be important to the students to see how the paintings relate and how his style evolved," said Torno. "I think, it will be important to see them hung together. And for a painter, there's no substitute for seeing the real object rather than in books."

French teacher Marilyn Kohen booked a tour in October for her seventh and eighth grade students at East Middle School in Bloomfield Hills. She plans to make a day of it. Students will eat at the crepe restaurant Cafe Zola so Kohen can include studies of Emile Zola along with Monet in her lesson plans.

"I'm interested in Impressionism, and have visited several of the museums in Europe, and thought if I could share any of this with my students it will make Monet more than words in a book, and an exhibition like this doesn't come around that often," said Kohen, a West Bloomfield resident.

Before the tour, students will view a video about Monet and one Kohen took herself during a trip to his Giverny gardens.

"Besides being a cultural experience, I'm tying it in to their use of adjectives," said Kohen. "When we return from the exhibit, the students will choose a painting and then describe it."

Carol Wold is coordinating a tour for senior citizens from

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### New DSO chief marks time while planning future

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

The most interesting hypothetical question facing Louis Spisto, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's incoming executive director, is: If he took the Pacific Symphony from small to big-time, then where will he take the DSO?

It might take two years to get an answer.

When Spisto, 41, comes to Detroit to take charge of one of the top orchestras in the United States in March, he'll be following the course



Louis Spisto

set by his predecessor, Mark Volpe, who left the DSO in August to become managing director of the Boston Symphony.

Spisto will arrive to find things neatly in place, including the DSO's 1998-99 concert schedule, planned tours of Europe and Japan, a range of community outreach programs and the finishing phases of the \$80-million Orchestra Place project.

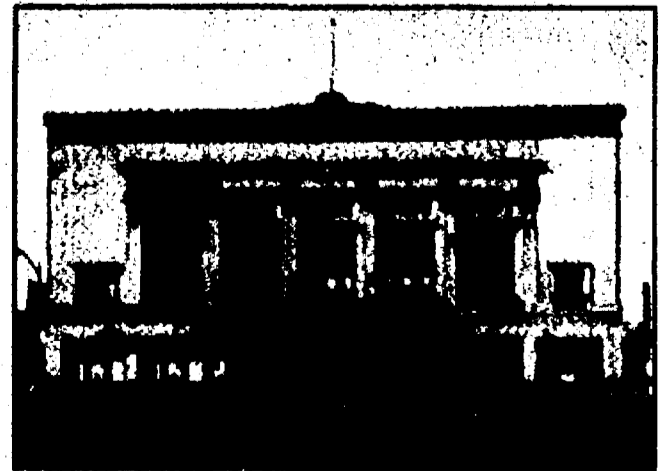
The intangible look of the DSO, however, may soon be distinctively different.

"We need to shape the image of the orchestra, bring it up to date," said Spisto, credited with transforming the formerly "small time" Pacific Symphony into the third largest in California.

### Building relationships

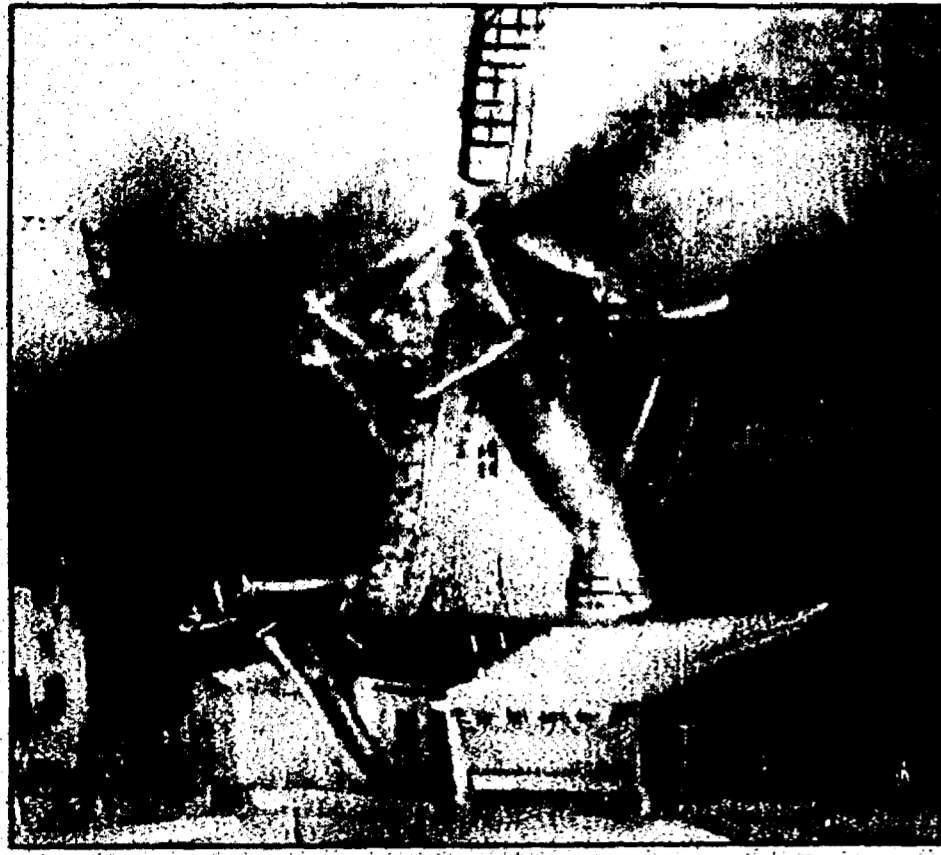
In the long run, the DSO may reflect Spisto's defining personal

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**Changes ahead:** Spisto will oversee the completion of Orchestra Place and an expanded program schedule.

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**Artistic expression:** Barbara Demgen painted this windmill from black and white photographs taken in the 1960s in Europe.

important things I learned at Wayne and Marygrove was how important the basics are. You have to know how to draw first before you start on the seven-foot canvases."

Demgen paints wherever and whenever possible. She still takes her Arches watercolor pad to create vibrant still life during 14-year-old son Matthew's tennis lessons at the YMCA. A French Cafe, rendered in Expressionist style, captures a bed & breakfast in Saugatuck.

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"I love painting on site," said Demgen. "Trips up north sitting on the dunes painting is heaven to me."

Animals seem to be her strong suit. Watercolor and gouache paintings of pheasants and pintail ducks were done in the mid-1970s when Demgen was entering duck stamp competitions. A recent acrylic painting of a "Jaguar" takes an eye-to-eye view of a magnificent cat. The yellow and green irises seem almost to mesmerize the viewer. Demgen instills a personality in her animals, people and birds. Even the animals on the carousel at Greenfield Village seem to take on a life of their own.

Linda Ann Chomin is an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call her at (313) 953-2145.

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The final 12 were selected to present an overall picture of this turbulent time in Monet's life. Four of the "La De Bacie (The Breakup of the Ice)" paintings (which all have the same name) from New Zealand, Madrid, the University of Michigan Museum of Art, and Switzerland are included to illustrate Monet's early attempts at using a serial approach.

"We wanted to highlight the Debaque series and the sub-groups within this series," said Dixon. "This period hasn't been studied that much. It turns his life around. He's experimenting with the light and atmosphere then at Vetheuil for the late 1880s serial paintings. For anyone as dedicated a landscape painter as Monet, the Debaque or anything with that kind of impact, an artist would be anxious to record."

"La Debaque," the version owned by the University of Michigan Museum of Art, depicts the ice-filled Seine as cold and treacherous. According to records, 1879 was the coldest winter ever recorded in the

region with the temperature falling to 13 below zero. A sudden thaw at the end of December, sent a torrent of ice and snow rushing through Vetheuil and Lavacourt, toppling trees and wreaking havoc as the river made its way toward Paris. Painting on an easel on ice and snow-covered banks, Monet sketched the works on site and finished them later in the studio.

"The Seine at Lavacourt" is the largest painting in the exhibit and done when Monet was trying to get back into the Salon," said McNamara. While painting "La Debaque" (the version on loan from the Kunstmuseum in Switzerland) Monet wrote to friends and told them that conditions were changing so fast that he couldn't paint on site, McNamara said.

Dixon and McNamara visited Vetheuil and Paris last spring to research archives for insight to this period of Monet's life, and for background to write essays for the catalog, which examines the historical and biographical

events surrounding the Vetheuil paintings.

Charles Stuckey, Monet scholar and curator of the Monet exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1995, also wrote one of the catalog's essays. Both Dixon and McNamara are looking forward to returning to Vetheuil as guides for a tour, "From Delacroix to Monet," in France May 16-24. The deadline for reserving a place on the trip is Jan. 30. Highlights include walking tours of sites where Monet painted and special exhibits at Musée des Beaux-Arts in Rouen and Grand Palais, Paris in honor of the bicentennial of Delacroix's birth.

"The trip was necessary to put us in touch with scholars and the town," said McNamara. "Vetheuil is still a little town across the river and fairly unchanged, unlike Giverny which has become a tourist trap and Argenteuil, swallowed by a heavily industrialized city," said McNamara. "The letters are very important because they reveal how Monet feels. We also took a look at accounts of the Debaque

in Paris, where barges were being crushed against the piers, to show how the press in Paris portrayed this."

One of the most memorable experiences took place while researching Monet's account books where he recorded sold paintings with titles as simple as "Summer Landscape."

"That was wonderful to hold his ledgers and have access to rare articles and exhibition catalogs," said McNamara. "That was really a treasured moment. You feel like you're moving inside his brain."

The stories behind the paintings such as "Vetheuil in the Fog" from the Musée Marmottan in Paris illuminate Monet not only as a painter but as a man.

"It's one of the sketchiest paintings," said Dixon. "Monet offered it to opera star Jean Baptiste Faure, he refused to purchase it, years later Faure saw it again and wanted to purchase it but Monet wouldn't sell it to him. It became one of his favorite paintings and never left Monet's hands during his lifetime."

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Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia on Feb. 27. She originally called to book a tour in October. Spaces are still available for art lovers age 65 and over in the community. For more information, call (313) 422-1150.

"I think it's something the group would enjoy and not usually available. It's a unique and privileged thing," said Wold. "I'm personally interested in Monet and saw his work on a 1992 trip to France and Giverny and the 1995 Chicago exhibit."

Kay VanDusen, travel director of The Community House in Birmingham called to arrange a

tour after reading the story in the Arts & Leisure section of The Eccentric in February. The Community House regularly hosts trips to museums, theater performances and symphony concerts as far away as Toronto. In 1995, when the Monet exhibit ran in Chicago, three groups made the trip.

"There's been a tremendous response," said VanDusen of Bloomfield Hills. "This particular exhibition is centered around one of our own paintings and having all his works together for the first time in a century is very exciting. Plus smaller exhibi-

tions are comfortable and you absorb more and it's going to be so wonderful having seen the haystacks and the lilies in Chicago."

Sharon Herman, a Detroit Institute of the Arts docent for the Art to the Schools Program, will join a group of friends, also Arts to the Schools docents, for a trip to the Monet exhibition. Herman booked the tour two weeks ago. Several of the docents saw the Chicago exhibit in 1995.

"We go to the art galleries and special museum exhibitions whenever we can for our own

personal enrichment," said Herman, a West Bloomfield resident. "We're all involved with the art world, studying it. The thirst for Monet is insatiable, and the fact that these pieces haven't been shown together before is the reason we want to see the exhibition."

Jennifer Tobin, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council "can't wait" to see the exhibition.

"I think, it's a fabulous opportunity to have the exhibit this close to us," said Tobin.

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characteristics: creativity, high energy and an innovative approach to marketing.

"We'll work on the way we communicate and market the activities of the DSO," he said.

"We'll be a little more experi-

mental. We'll mix it up, try to present more events in the hall, broaden our jazz and family programming as well."

During his 10-year stint as chief executive at the Pacific Symphony, Spisto "blended

artistic savvy, street smarts and indefatigable persistence in fund-raising and building relationships," according to the Orange County Register.

In practical terms, Spisto's relentlessness translated into

more than doubling the Pacific Orchestra's budget to \$7.5 million, leading a \$5 million fund-raising campaign that erased a \$658,000 deficit ahead of schedule, and established an endowment.

"It's bittersweet to leave," he said. "I spent my 30s here, and for me, this is where I grew up."

Indeed, Spisto's maturity in leading a symphony gained national attention, especially since Pacific Orchestra emerged during a decade where other orchestras were folding and finding it difficult to subsist.

While Spisto — like all other director of symphonies — will attempt to find new ways to raise funds, he'll inherit the DSO in sound financial condition with a \$23 million budget, nearly triple the size of the Pacific Orchestra's.

In moving to the Midwest, Spisto is half a continent closer to his hometown of Brooklyn. And just down the Ohio Turnpike from Pittsburgh, where he spent three years as director of marketing for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

At a watershed in its history, the DSO has an ideal opportunity to redefine itself as Orchestra Place nears completion, said Spisto.

Among his top priorities over the next five years, he said, will be to increase ticket sales, appeal to younger audiences, get orchestra members more involved in music education programs around the area and develop more corporate partnerships.

"I was overwhelmed by the development projects, and the 'can do' attitude in Detroit," said Spisto, who flew into Detroit at the end of September and November.

"For me, this role is all about building relationships with the board, the orchestra and the community."

Reportedly, Spisto was at the top of the DSO's top 20-candidate list. After Volpe resigned in August, DSO Board Chair Al Glancy contacted Spisto and encouraged him to apply.

"I was impressed with the no-nonsense style of the board, and they immediately engaged me," said Spisto. "The board is a 'Who's who' (in Detroit). The only thing that'll take some getting used to is the weather."

Initially, it seems that Spisto will focus on elevating his profile as a player in the metro area cultural scene.

"I'm going to live this job every waking moment," he said. "It's like being a minister of a parish. Your work is never done."

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MOVIES

It's OK, call him 'Sundance'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

Filmmaker Barrett Tripp used to cringe when he heard the nickname given to him by his colleagues at Paramount Pictures...



Barrett Tripp calling me 'Sundance,' said Tripp, a 1986 graduate of Birmingham Seaholm High School...



Native American perspective: While dressing for the Rabbit Dance, Valma (front) uncovers a secret from her mother's past in 'Yellow Wooden Ring' by Barrett Tripp.

Along the way, I set goals for myself.... First was to get into grad school, then to complete a film. Sundance was beyond my wildest dreams.

Barrett Tripp filmmakers

On Saturday his 30-minute film, 'Yellow Wooden Ring,' premiered at one of nine venues at Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah...

A Midwest premiere of 'Yellow Wooden Ring' will be probably held in Birmingham in late spring, said Tripp.

For fledgling and independent filmmakers, an invitation to the Sundance Film Festival is akin to being named to the All-American Football Team on the way to the NFL.

Roaming amid Utah's Wasatch Range and along main street in Park City through next Sunday are representatives from nearly every film studio on the planet...

Among the smorgasbord of films, there's a hunt for the next Spike Lee, Quentin Tarantino and Victor Nunez. Or gems like 'sex, lies and videotape,' 'The Crying Game,' 'Eraserhead' or 'Kiss of the Spider Woman.'

Initially, Tripp submitted a rough-cut of 'Yellow Wooden Ring,' his thesis film project in which he wrote the screenplay, directed and produced.

deals with the cogent issue of accepting one's cultural heritage.

A day before Thanksgiving, Tripp was notified by the Sundance Festival that his film was accepted in the category in which Native American issues are examined in a novel way.

With the news of being accepted in the prestigious festival came an angst-filled paradox: Now Tripp had to finish the film.

In short order, he recorded the voice-over for the opening scene, musical score, sound effects and transferred the video to film.

Upon completion in early January, the film cost about \$60,000, largely financed through loans and special favors, said Tripp.

Produced with a 27-person crew and 18-member cast, the film has an unmistakable verisimilitude, featuring Native American actors. In the weeks before filming, Tripp studied the lifestyle on Indian reservations, including rewriting the script to fit the idiom.

The result is a stylized film with a respectful tone toward Native American customs. At times, however, the film reveals Tripp's unfamiliarity with his

subject more than his mastery.

While 'Yellow Wooden Ring' has the typical blips of novice filmmakers - stiff dialog, sluggish action and erratic pacing - there are enough authentic moments to show Tripp's potential.

Primarily, the film shows Tripp's affinity to tell a story on several levels. For a short film, 'Yellow Wooden Ring' is steeped in metaphor and allegory. It could be more aggressive in tone, but it couldn't be any more honest.

'Along the way, I set goals for myself,' he said. 'First was to get into grad school, then to complete a film. Sundance was beyond my wildest dreams.'

Just in case those studio representatives at the Sundance Festival are interested, Tripp will probably bring along the two screenplays he's working on.

And, he'll probably let it be known that he's definitely interested in directing feature films. 'I'm just going to enjoy being at Sundance, and not worry about it.'

Sounds like he's already getting used to the attention.

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BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE) Fiction book club discusses Daphne DuMaurier's 'Rebecca,' 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21; Oprah Book club discusses Bill Cosby's 'Little Bill' books, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at the book store, Six Mile and Haggerty Road, Northville.

BARNES & NOBLE (WEST BLOOMFIELD) Pearl Kastran Ahnen signs her book of short stories and poems 'Balancing Act' 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at the store 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

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BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM) College night features two programs 'How to Secure Your Child's College Education' at 7 p.m. and Kaplan presents 'The Road to College,' 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20; learn how to



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**THEATER**

# 'Sly Fox' offers non-stop laughs

Players Guild of Dearborn presents "Sly Fox," a comedy by Larry Gelbart, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 23-24 at the theater, 24730 Madison (off Monroe, between Outer Drive and Van Born), Dearborn. Tickets \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 for the Sunday show only. (313) 461-TKTS.

**BY SUB SUCHYTA**  
**SPECIAL WRITER**

Director Kim Donovan of the Players Guild of Dearborn added excellent acting and impeccable timing to the clever dialogue and double entendres of author Larry Gelbart to create an outstanding evening of entertainment and sharp-edge humor with the Guild's current comedy offering, "Sly Fox."

Set in San Francisco in the late 1800s, "Sly Fox" is the tale of Foxwell J. Sly who uses the greed and selfishness of others to enrich his own coffers. He and sidekick Simon Able allow their

victims to do themselves in with their own avarice.

Veteran actor Ron Deihl's return to the Guild stage, after more than a decade's absence, is a performance playgoers won't want to miss. Deihl captures the delightful villainy of Foxwell Sly, master con artist and likable liar, with finesse and skillful timing.

As the con man Sly, Deihl plays many roles beyond his character, from a deathbed lecher to a righteous judge. His delivery, timing, and physical humor are right on target.

Sergio Mautone turned in a strong performance as Simon Able, Sly's shady sidekick and servant. Simon Able carries out Sly's schemes, juggling numerous cons simultaneously. Mautone deftly handled his character's mounting anxiety as complications increased and their house of cards threatened to fold.

Among the trio of sheep waiting to be fleeced, Bill Rumley as

**Lisa Andres produced side-splitting laughter as the pious woman accosted by the supposedly near death Sly.**

Jethro Crouch and Paul Helmstetter as Abner Truckle turned in performances oozing with believable greed but still human enough to be sympathetic despite the characters' despicable natures.

Tina Gloss perfected Miss Merrilee Fancy, the proverbial hooker with a heart of gold. She delighted audiences as much as her willing on-stage victims.

Lisa Andres produced side-splitting laughter as the pious woman accosted by the supposedly near death Sly. The physical comedy in her scene with Sly was fast-paced and hysterically funny.

The supporting cast was generally strong, with the exception of Christian Fernholtz as Captain Crouch, whose failure to

enunciate detracted from his performance, and Dan Dobrovich, who tried to enlarge his small parts by mugging too much.

The sets were well dressed and cleverly done with different drops staggered behind each other. However, the first backdrop in Sly's bedroom swung wildly whenever the window was opened, and the wall of Crouch's office had pictures wildly askew - perhaps San Francisco was experiencing another earthquake.

The show offers non-stop laughter from the opening scene to the creative curtain call. However, there is plenty of adult humor which may not be appropriate for preteens.



**Comedy: Abner Truckle (Paul Helmstetter) accuses his wife (Lisa Andres) of showing too much of her body in "Sly Fox."**

# Meadow Brook's blusey 'Thunder Knocking' searches for a key

"Thunder Knocking on the Door," a musical written by Keith Glover and directed by Gary Anderson with original music by Keb' Mo', Anderson Edwards and Glover continues through Sunday, Feb. 1, at Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday at Tickets \$18-\$26.50, (248) 377-3300, group sales, (248) 370-3316.

**BY FRANK PROVENZANO**  
**STAFF WRITER**

There's a reason that the best way to appreciate the blues is to sing about the blues. Talking about how a wrenching melodic

catharsis can soothe the soulful despondency just isn't half as much fun or nearly as evocative as wailing to the heavens.

In a story about the redemptive power of the blues, "Thunder Knocking at the Door" at Meadow Brook Theatre is a play in search of the right key. As an out-of-tune "blusical" - part musical, part drama - the production suffers from dramatic ambivalence.

The result is that "Thunder" is a hit and miss effort that is both promising and disappointing.

What's good about "Thunder" is very good. Like Keb Mo's bluesy compositions, and performances by the velvety smooth Luray Cooper (Thunder), the irrepressible Keesha Fleth

(Glory), and Marlon Bailey's (Jaguar) comical rendition of "Big Money."

What's not as intriguing, however, are the gaps in the script and the occasional overreaching by a talented cast trying to wrap entertainment from a patchwork plot suffering from a lack of focus.

The play about a slick-talking supernatural, Marvel Thunder, who challenges mere mortals to lick him at playin' blues on a six-string, is disguised as a series of love stories.

But genuine love gets bogged down in maudlin and predictable dialogue.

Ironically, the play, written by Alabaman Keith Glover and co-produced by Meadow Brook and

Plowshares Theatre Company, draws on some fertile ingredients - mythology, love and music.

But at times, the mixture is pure confusion. The hope is that the play will reveal that the genius of the blues lies in a barebones simplicity and tear-the-heart-open emotion.

That revelation, however, is lost in a production that reaches for easy answers and commercial appeal.

Besides an agonizingly sophomoric opening whereby the cast basically introduces their characters, it takes nearly half of the first act before the devilish Marvel Thunder makes his appearance. Meanwhile, the onstage actors talk and talk and talk.

Only the music saves the day.

Leading up to the end of the first act feels like sheer randomness whereby critical time is spent rehashing the back story and setting up action, rather than moving the story ahead.

Then, shortly after the opening of the second act, the play skitters to a "place where the roads cross" for the pivotal, end-all blues-guitar battles.

On a platform above the stage, a four-piece blues band lays down the groove. Unfortunately, they also serve as a reminder of the "staged performance" below. The mere sight of actors playing at playing the blues is an unfortunate reminder that this is all make-believe.

To say the climax is anti-climatic is like calling the blues

"just a lowdown feeling." In a rush to tie a happy bow on the play, the story rushes to a resolution that might feel right for a TV movie, but not for something as genuine as the blues.

Perhaps more Keb' Mo' music and a story with a stronger main plot, and less competing subplots would help distill the truth behind Glover's clever tale.

Until then, this production of "Thunder" manages to make an ethereal subject like the blues into an implausible path toward salvation.

That's too bad for anyone who loves the blues. But perhaps proof that when you've got to talk about the blues, then maybe the feeling just isn't there.

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**FINAL DAY**  
Meet Italian artist Littorio Del Signore during an exhibition and sale of his works 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 at Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. The exhibit continues to Feb. 5.

Park West Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 354-2343 or (800) 521-9654.

**CINDERELLA COMES TO CLARENCEVILLE**  
The Farmington Hills-based Contemporary Ballet Theatre will present the ballet "Cinderella" 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at

Clarenceville High School auditorium in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or by calling Dance Electric at (248) 477-3830.

**ART CLASSES**  
The Art Gallery/Studio is offering art classes in basic drawing and general art for the very young with Frances Fletcher Saturdays Feb. 21, 28, and Mar. 7, 14 in the studio, 29948 Ford Road between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, Garden City.

Classes will run 10-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Cost is \$40 and includes supplies. Deadline for registration is Feb. 16.

Portrait and still life for adults will be taught by Lin Baum in student's choice of mediums 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Cost is \$50. Deadline for registration is Feb. 2.

To register or for more information on classes, call (313) 261-0379/513-4044.

Also of note: The Garden City

Fine Arts Association's meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month from September through June. Interesting guest speakers, lectures and demonstrations at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, one-half block west of Merriman. The public is welcome. Call (313) 261-0379.

**BOOK SIGNING**  
Marian Nelson, author of the children's book "Priscilla's Patch," will sign copies of the book 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 after storytime at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Plymouth artist Jennifer Riopelle, who illustrated the book, will also be on hand. Call (248) 349-3020.

Nelson will also be at a storytime and book signing 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville for a storytime and book signing. Call (248) 348-0696.

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# Death in the Afternoon is not a pretty sight

BY JOHN REDDY  
STAFF WRITER

The Sunday Madrid siesta is over. Life returns slowly to the streets. We tourists from Oakland County gather in the long shadow of our hotel, eying anxiously the taxis that queue up in the narrow street. The cab drivers watch us furtively, knowing their fares are headed to Madrid's stadium to see the bullfights.

Outside the stadium, the brilliant afternoon sun welcomes us, carving shadows in flora, stone, concrete and all things that face west.

The price of seats in the stadium sun will be less than those in the shade.

Many in the group remain disturbingly uncertain about this event, succumbing to the argument that one cannot tell friends they visited Spain and did not see a bullfight. Still, a sense of festive excitement grows as tour buses and taxis fight for curb space. Foreigners from around the world alight with cameras, belt packs and hats of all type.

Our group entered the Spanish culture at Barcelona, where the architecture of Antoni Gaudi embraced nature's design, and Pablo Picasso as a youth produced works not much unlike art students anywhere; and where the French influence defined the Catalan culture.

We would later go south, through the cities of Toledo and Cordoba with the treasured paintings of El Greco and the often bloody cultural commingling of Islamic, Christian and Jewish history. We would see Granada where King Ferdinand

and Queen Isabella lived after they forced the Moors from the El Alhambra and the Iberian Peninsula. We would walk the beaches and harbors at Marbella, witnessing how the Arab influence reappears in the Spanish culture in the form of lavish yachts, homes and automobiles. There would be Gibraltar, Seville, called the most Spanish of all Spanish cities, the shrine at Fatima in Portugal, coastal villages and, finally, Lisbon.

Despite all the sidewalk cafes, the stimulating museums and cathedrals, the endless rolling hills of olive trees, Flamenco dancers and Fado singers, the event today would provoke for me and others in our group the most compelling post trip memories.

Ernest Hemingway has shaped our expectations and actors like Tyrone Power, who in the movie "Blood and Sand" would be idolized for flamboyance and bravery. This is to be man against the bull.

The opening pageantry is colorful, but small by comparison even with half-time shows at high school football games. Horses parade amid trumpet fanfare. Finely embroidered in football-style pants and waist jackets, toreros (they don't call them matadors anymore because the word means killers) strut before the VIP boxes with great flair.

Finally, the shiny-coated black bull rushes onto the sandy stadium floor, pausing, starting this way, then that - bewildered. He is the first of six that face a torero's killing sword this afternoon, I'm following the action through my telescope lens.

Four men emerge from behind



**Toreros:** A bull weakened by a picador's staves faces the taunts of toreros and banderillos.



PHOTOS BY JOHN REDDY

**Charge:** The principal torero waves his large red cape at the wounded but still dangerous bull.

their thick, wooden protective fences to join another riding a horse draped with huge, thick protective padding.

They wave their pink capes (it is the motion, not the color that attracts the color-blind bulls) and the bull charges. His horns wrestle violently with the padded horse. The mounted picador stabs a huge pole-like pick into the back of the bull at the base of the neck, urging his horse forward to add power to the poking and twisting of the pick. The clashing creates sounds and grunts that speak of great strength. The capes continue the distraction, confusing their prey as the horseman again and again thrusts the pick into the animal's shoulder. The bull now wears a collar of flowing blood and no longer lifts his head high.

Banderillos taunt the weakening bull, gracefully plunging their staves near the picador's wounds.

I aim my telephoto lens instinctively to the right, shooting, then to the left, recording the expressions on the faces of my fellow travelers and others in the stands that are absorbed by action in the ring.

Now comes the principal torero. His graceful steps and sweeping red cape give life to

bullfighting posters. The bloodied bull remains a formidable opponent. But charge after charge into the elusive cape begins to tire the weakening bull, which at times staggers to its front knees. The bloody collar grows larger.

It is now that the torero receives a very long sword from an attendant. The drama builds as the yellow spangled matador aims his long sword at the spot on the bull's neck where the blade must enter to sever the spinal cord and aorta.

The bull claws the sand with one hoof, signaling his death charge. The sword misses its mark. A chorus of roaring gasps engulfs the stadium as the torero is tossed into the air. His lies curled in the sand as the bull seeks revenge. The four attendants rush from hiding to draw the black warrior away. The pink capes snap wildly. The matador pulls himself slowly from the sand, recomposes, arches his back in an arm-waving salute to the crowd and takes another sword.

This time the matador's aim is precise. The huge animal drops instantly, to be dragged from the ring by a team of horses as the groundskeepers refresh the bullring with rakes.

Some of the group leaves.

Nearby, Japanese tourists file out. The second event provokes more vigorous stabbing of the animal by the mounted torero. The kill is quick. I leave with other from our group. Disillusioned by the shattering of a myth. It is not man against bull. It is men and crippling thrusts of

a huge pick against the bull. The sun is lower and the air bears a chill.

John Reddy is vice president of HomeTown Communications Network, publisher emeritus of The Eccentric Newspapers and a resident of Bloomfield Township.



DRAWING BY JOHN REDDY

**Elegance:** The flamenco dancers of Spain show the style and grace of Spanish culture.

## Rooting for the bull

In reporting this story my cultural bias may show through. Certainly the Hemingway influence, the film portrayals such as "Blood and Sand" set the context for my experiences.

A traveling companion, Joe Tunac of Troy, may have a more balanced view. "I grew up in the Philippines," he said. "When I was 12, I raised roosters for cock fights. I used to rub elbows with the big guys. I used to tie the razor-sharp blades to the cocks' legs and let them fight."

"I went back five years ago and couldn't stand it. Yet I know it is part of the culture. Maybe it's the result of modern

civilization, feeling the value of life. Even in Spain I sensed we were experiencing something in another culture."

He said, "I was curious to see what Hemingway wrote about. I thought it was this cultural thing. It's one on one. But it's a bunch of guys attacking one bull."

"But when I was in Ronda, I had different thoughts," he added. "I went down into the bullring," the oldest in Spain. "I tried to imagine myself facing a bull. At that time I felt utterly vulnerable."

"But when the torero in Spain got tossed, I said to myself, 'Way to go, bull!'"

John Reddy

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- Use your signals when stop-

ping or turning. Signaling is not only courteous, it's the law.

- Use your horn to warn, not to punish. Your horn is a safety device, not a weapon to punish other drivers.

- Observe posted speed limits. One a 30-mile trip, driving five miles over the speed limit saves less than three minutes.

- Apologize if you make a driving error. If your driving mistake involves others, offer an "I'm sorry" gesture. In a recent AAA survey, the favorite driver's apology sign is the "tap on the head," as in "What was I thinking?"

- Don't drive drowsy. If you doze off while driving, you have lost control of your vehicle.

- Don't run red lights. Ignoring a red light is not worth the increased risk of injury and fines just to save an extra second. The law in Michigan for amber lights

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- Pull over for emergency vehicles. If you block an emergency vehicle, you are interfering in a crisis. When you hear approaching sirens or see flashing lights, the law requires you to "yield the right of way and pull as close to the right edge of the road as possible, clear of an intersection and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed."

- Give pedestrians the right of way.

- Share the road safely with bike riders. Bicyclists are not out of place on the roadway, they are part of the traffic and share the road with motorists.

- Give road construction work zones a "brake." Slow down and use caution in work areas.

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## PREP HOCKEY

### Shamrocks get by Cranbrook on Rowe's goal

Keith Rowe scored the winning goal with 17 seconds remaining in the hockey game Wednesday to give Redford Catholic Central a 2-1 victory over host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

CC sophomore Ben Dunne made his high school debut in goal, stopped 23 shots and played an outstanding game, according to CC coach Gordie St. John.

The Shamrocks (5-0-2) opened the scoring with Ian Devlin's goal at 10:56 in the first period. He was assisted by Pat O'Dea and Dave Turner. Rowe's goal was unassisted.

Cranbrook evened the score at the 14-minute mark of the second period. Ryan Kitson put the only shot past Dunne with assists from B.J. Markle and Del DeWindt.

The Cranes are the No. 1-ranked team in Classes B-C-D.

"They were the only team to beat us last year, so the kids were really flying," St. John said.

The Shamrocks had 25 shots at the Cranbrook goal.

•**STEVENSON 4, SOUTH LYON 2:** In the second game of a twinbill Friday at Edgar Arena, host Livonia Stevenson (10-3-1 overall) got a pair of goals from Jeff Lang to beat the Lions (7-5-1).

Ryan Sinks added one goal and one assist. Dennis Quener also scored, while Mike Walsh, Joe Suchara and goaltender Matt McLeod each had assists.

B.J. Labram and Dan Merritt tallied third-period goals for South Lyon, which had only seven shots on goal.

"We had four days of practice and I'm proud of the way our kids played," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "Our breakout was the best I've seen this year. And defensively we got the puck out. We were very well organized and we weren't scrambling."

•**CHURCHILL 1, W.L. WESTERN 1:** In a Suburban High School Hockey League game played Friday at Lakeland Arena, host Malled Lake Western and Livonia Churchill battled to a draw.

Churchill is now 6-3-3 overall and 4-1-2 in the league.

Ed Rossetto scored from Matt Grant and Anton Sutovsky to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead, but Andy Hyskal answered for the Warriors in the second period.

Charger coach Jeff Hatley went for the win in the final minutes, pulling his goaltender, but they came up empty.

Churchill outshot Western, 46-20. The Warriors are 2-5-1 in the SSSHL's South Division.

•**FRANKLIN 5, LAKELAND 2:** Greg Job's hat trick, featuring two unassisted goals, carried Livonia Franklin (7-4-1 overall) to the non-league win Friday over White Lake-Lakeland in the first game of a double-header at Edgar.

The Patriots led 1-0 after one period on Trevor Skocen's goals from Tony Sale and Adam Sexton.

Franklin increased its lead to 4-1 after two periods.

Job, a senior, scored from Brandon McCullough and Dave Tyler; Job again on a short-handed unassisted effort; and Tyler from Sexton and Justin Sawyer.

Job added an unassisted goal in the third. Darren Lewis and And Schwing scored for Lakeland.

Franklin outshot the Eagles, 28-8.

Rob Williams was in goal for the Patriots.

•**CHURCHILL 5, P.H. NORTHERN 3:** B.J. Teahan scored a pair of third-period goals to lift Livonia Churchill to a non-league win Wednesday over Port Huron Northern at Edgar Arena.

It was 1-1 after one period as Churchill's Chuck Leigh scored from Felix Jentzlik at 5:43, while Scott Albert countered for Port Huron from Scott Albert.

The Chargers led 3-2 after two periods.

Anton Sutovsky scored from Matt Grant and Adam Krug at 6:01; and Dan Cook unassisted at 9:42. Jason Waito scored for Huskies at 9:04.

In the final period, Churchill went up 4-2 on Teahan's power-play goal from Ed Rossetto, but Port Huron cut the deficit to 4-3 on a goal by Jeff Curtis at 12:21.

Teahan sealed it for the Chargers with a goal from Grant and Sutovsky at 13:21.

"Port Huron Northern has one of the best lines in the state and they're one of the best forechecking teams we've played all year," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "They play a similar style. They're very physical and have size. They like to get the forecheck going."

Greg Sliwka played the first and third periods in goal for Churchill. Dwayne Jopes came on in the second period.

Churchill outshot the Huskies, 33-27.

•**FRANKLIN 6, OKEMOS 2:** In the first game of a double-header Wednesday at Edgar, David Tyler pumped in four goals and added one assist for Livonia Franklin against the visiting Chiefs.

Tyler had a power-play goal, while senior Greg Job added two power-play goals and three assists.

Chad VanHulle also contributed three assists, while Jeff Job, Justin Sawyer, Adam Sexton and Brandon McCullough each collected one.

Franklin outshot Okemos, 37-17, as Phil Brady and Dan Huizer split time in the Patriot role.

"Our kids played a great game and did a real good job with the systems," Franklin coach Terry Joubert said. "Our forwards did a good job defensively. And we finally got our power-play going."



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Making waves: Keith Falk (left photo) of Livonia Stevenson swims the breaststroke leg in the 200-yard medley relay. He later broke a pool record, swimming exhibition, in the 200 individual medley. Meanwhile, Churchill's Joe Cavisin (top photo) took at third in the 100 freestyle.



## Spartans roll; Chargers eye future

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

The prevailing feeling is that the swimming program at Livonia Churchill is moving in the right direction.

Sure, Livonia Stevenson defeated Churchill, 133-50, Thursday night, but the Chargers finished in the top three in every event and won the diving.

"I'm pretty happy with the results," Coach Paul Carlson of Churchill said after his team dropped to 1-2, 0-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We didn't come in looking to win against Stevenson.

"We were looking for three things: One, to improve our times; two, to improve our quality; and three, to put some people in a few different events to see if we could make ourselves stronger."

Jerome Licata, with 145.15 points, captured the diving for the Chargers.

Churchill's Rob Shereda finished second in the 200-yard freestyle, Charlie Corazza was runnerup in the 50 freestyle and Kevin Grant was second in the 100 backstroke.

Knowing the outcome in advance, Stevenson tinkered some with its event placement, too.

For instance, Keith Falk was held out of the 200 individual medley but swam an exhibition race — and set a pool record at Churchill with a time of

2:00.73, also breaking the Spartans' record.

"We had some good Christmas workouts and the team has worked hard since then," said Coach Dave Buckler of Stevenson, now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA. "We look to build off meets like this.

"Churchill did a fine job. The coaches there have their program going in the right direction."

Stevenson set another pool record, qualifying for the state meet in the process of taking the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:41.24. The old pool record of 1:43.0 belonged to the Spartans also.

Mike Malik won the 200 freestyle for Stevenson with a 1:55.18 time; Mike Nemer captured the 200 IM in 2:17.80; Steve Damin was first in the 50 freestyle at 22.51; and Joe Bublitz clocked 59.34 in winning the 100 butterfly.

The 100 freestyle was won by Brad Buckler (56.25); Mark Sgriccia (5:25.14) took the 500 freestyle; Robert Cambridge (1:08.54) was first in the 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke went to Kevin VanTiem (1:08.01).

The Spartans also took the 200 freestyle relay in 1:34.64 with Damin, Bublitz, Jacob Varty and Sgriccia swimming the legs. Their 400 freestyle relay team of Damin, Varty, Bublitz

## CC routs DeLaSalle as 6-9 frosh chips in

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central freshman center Justin Ockerman could have thought he was back on the baseball diamond Friday night as his team nearly threw two shutout innings — oops, make that quarters — at Warren DeLaSalle.

The Shamrocks were ahead 13-2 after one period, 50-12 late in the third quarter and 59-22 with six minutes to play in a 66-45 Catholic League Central Division victory over the Pilots.

"That's pretty good against a good team," Catholic Central coach Rick Coratti said. "Defensively, we tipped a lot of passes."

DeLaSalle had the right idea. Right off the bat it took the ball into the middle to draw two quick fouls on Michigan-bound center Chris Young.

That put Young in a seat and prompted Coratti to trot in young Ockerman, a 6-foot-9, 250-pound freshman center, to protect his star.

Ockerman, a pitcher who terrorized CYO hitters last spring with his 85 mph fastball, scored five points while protecting his celebrated teammate by playing the remainder of the first half. He ended with eight rebounds.

He showed decent quickness and speed for someone his age and size, will be able to show his nice shooting touch once he gets used to high school ball and will provide CC with the kind of muscle in the middle that Mike Peplowski once gave to DeLaSalle.

"Ockerman really played well," Coratti said. "He played well defensively — especially in the second quarter when we needed him."

Joe Jonna picked up the slack offensively by knocking home seven threes

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in nine attempts in a 29-point game. Jonna also had nine rebounds.

"Jonna played real well against them last year, too," Coratti said. He's played well against them for two years."

Once DeLaSalle got Young on the bench it resorted to an attack based on three-point shooting, passing up the opportunity to test the inexperienced center.

Pilots' center John Lamerato missed his first two free throws and made his second pair to give DeLaSalle a 2-0 lead 1:58 into the game.

Rob Sparks responded with a three-pointer for the Shamrocks, though, and CC shut DeLaSalle out the rest of the quarter.

The Pilots were also held scoreless the first 6:21 of the second half.

"I didn't expect that," Coratti said after his team improved to 5-2 and left DeLaSalle at 5-3. "I think we're getting better."

"The biggest sign is the improvement of the freshman kid. Down the road, he's going to be a factor. We're going to need him if Young gets in foul trouble." Young played the third quarter and the first couple minutes of the fourth, ending with 10 rebounds and six points that included a crowd-pleasing jam.

Don Slankster scored nine.

Robert Esler paced DeLaSalle with 11 points and Nate Watson came off the bench to contribute nine in limited playing time.

CC will have the rest of the season to develop its game when Young gets double-teamed. That's going to happen sure as snow.

## BOYS SWIMMING

LIVONIA STEVENSON 133  
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 50  
Jan. 18 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Keith Falk, Mark Sgriccia, Steve Damin), 1:41.24; 2. Stevenson, 1:57.63; 3. Churchill, 1:58.41; 200 freestyle: 1. Mike Malik (LS), 1:55.18; 2. Rob Shereda (LC), 1:58.95; 3. Justin Ketterer (LS), 1:59.46; 200 individual medley: 1. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:17.80; 2. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 2:23.36; 3. Dave Duluk (LC), 2:28.12; 50 freestyle: 1. Damin (LS), 22.51; 2. Charlie Corazza (LC), 25.25; 3. Brian Jones (LS), 27.93; Diving: 1. Jerome Licata (LC), 145.15; 2. Ed Little (LS), 127.65; 3. Mike McGhie (LS), 124.50; 100 butterfly: 1. Bublitz (LS), 59.34; 2. Robert Cambridge (LS), 1:04.60; 3. Kevin Grant (LC), 1:06.34; 100 freestyle: 1. Buckler (LS), 56.25; 2. George Earhart (LS), 59.18; 3. Joe Cavisin (LC), 1:03.75; 500 freestyle: 1. Sgriccia (LS), 5:25.14; 2. Pat Rode-meyer (LS), 5:30.78; 3. Corazza (LC), 5:50.07; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Damin, Bublitz, Jacob Varty, Sgriccia), 1:34.64; 2. Stevenson, 1:43.31; 3. Churchill, 1:43.31; 100 backstroke: 1. Cambridge (LS), 1:08.54; 2. Grant (LC), 1:09.69; 3. Ketterer (LS), 1:10.76; 100 breaststroke: 1.

VanTiem (LS), 1:08.01; 2. Nemer (LS), 1:08.23; 3. Shereda (LC), 1:11.48; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Damin, Varty, Bublitz, Falk), 3:27.86; 2. Stevenson, 3:41.35; 3. Churchill, 4:18.12.

Dual meet records: Stevenson 3-0 overall, 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Churchill 1-2 overall, 0-2 WLAA.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 106  
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 50  
Jan. 24 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: John Glenn (Dan Zoumbaris, Scott Clausen, Ryan Zoumbaris, Jeff Phillips), 1:56.43; 200 freestyle: Erik Koppin (LF), 2:03.06; 200 individual medley: James McPartlin (WJG), 2:30.78; 50 freestyle: Chris Supplee (LF), 25.06; 100 freestyle: James Phillips (WJG), 202.10 points; 100 butterfly: McPartlin (WJG), 57.94; 100 freestyle: R. Zoumbaris (WJG), 52.84; 500 freestyle: Koppin (LF), 5:48.87; 200 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Phillips, Kevin Razor, Justin Ballard, McPartlin), 1:40.47; 100 backstroke: D. Zoumbaris (WJG), 1:08.73; 100 breaststroke: R. Zoumbaris (WJG), 1:04.05; 400 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Razor, Ballard, McPartlin, R. Zoumbaris), 3:49.83. John Glenn's dual meet record: 2-1 overall.

and Falk won with a time of 3:27.86.

"This was a fantastic meet for us," Chargers' coach Carlson said. "Both in terms of swim times and quality. I was very pleased with our performance."

"We're progressing faster than I thought we would at the beginning of

the season. We're learning more details and the guys are working harder.

"And it was good at the end of the meet to hear the guys on the side of the pool yelling the same things the coaches are yelling."

## Huron Valley defeated



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Creating space: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran's Jeremy Zahn (right) takes on a Warren Zoe Christian defender during Friday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference double at Marshall Middle School. The host Hawks went down to a 71-66 loss as Zahn scored a team-high 19 points. For complete roundup of area high school hoop games, see D2.



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Spartan voids costly in Lakes dual meet loss to Salem Rocks

Three voids were pivotal Thursday as Livonia Stevenson fell to host Plymouth Salem in a key Lakes Division wrestling match, 45-23.

The Western Lakes Activities Association victory gives Salem a 6-0 overall record, while Stevenson drops to 6-2.

Stevenson jumped out to a 9-0 lead as Joe Moreau (103 pounds), Katsuhiko Sueda (112) and Chris Goins (119) all won by decisions.

Moreau beat Rob Ash, 12-3; Sueda decisioned John Mervyn, 12-4; and Goins toppled Dan Morgan, 7-1.

Salem won the next two matches by void, but Stevenson tied it at 12-all when Mike Falzon (135) decisioned Josh Henderson, 6-2.

Stevenson took an 18-12 advantage as senior Dan Seder (140) recorded his 100th career win with a pin of Sam Boyd in 3:38.

Salem, however, took the next three matches, two by pin and the other in the match of the

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night when James Greene edged Jeff Brach, 2-1.

At 160, Salem's Anwar Crutchfield rallied from a 4-1 deficit to pin Brian Barker in 2:44.

Stevenson's Mike Radley came through at 171 with a 6-5 win over Dave Popeney to cut the deficit to 27-21, but the Rocks clinched it with two more pins and a void at heavyweight.

"It's good that we have a team where we can have our lower weight kids get beat and our middle and upper weight kids can come through," Salem coach Ron Krueger. "We've got a pretty balanced team.

On Jan. 8, Stevenson defeated Lakes foe Walled Lake Central, 39-36, as Josh Gunterman (103), Zack Yaffai (119), Goins (130), Falzon (135), Seder (140), Brach (145), Barker (160) and Radley (171) earned wins.

Seder leads the team with a 21-1 record, followed by Goins



STAFF PHOTO BY JEFF KIBICKI

Mat maneuvers: Livonia Churchill's Brian Kramer (top battles Farmington Harrison Justin Shafer in a 112-pound match. Shafer won a 4-3 decision.

(21-3), Sueda (20-3), Brach (19-5) and Moreau (18-6).

FARMINGTON HARRISON 38 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 34 Jan. 18 at Farmington Harrison

103 pounds: double void; 112: Justin Shafer (FHH) decisioned Brian Kramer, 4-3; 119: Jason Shafer (FHH) pinned Scott Alstone, 1:46; 128: Jon Taylor (FHH) p.

Adam Goff, 0:54; 130: Jeff Lazor (FHH) d. Ron Finley, 14-9; 135: Larry Affholter (FHH) won by void; 140: Jake Taylor (H) p. Ryan Cannon, 4:40; 145: Mike Carter (LC) d. Travis Moore (H) 14-0; 152: Chad Ritter (LC) p. Gary Kurzynski, 3:41; 160: Brandon LaPointe (LC) p. Jory Hannan, 4:50; 171: Brian Panczynski (LC) won by void; 189: Vinnie Ascione (LC) won by void; 215: Chris Gadjev (FHH) p. Mike Garke, 4:48; 278: Jeff Sinning (LC) won by void.

Salem blocks Patriots in WLAA opener

Livonia Franklin took on one of the state's top-ranked girls volleyball teams in Class A, losing Wednesday to visiting Plymouth Salem, 15-2, 15-4.

Salem is now 14-4 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin drops to 6-3-3 and 0-1.

"We played a lot better than the score looked," said Franklin coach Ann Hutchins about the match that lasted 50 minutes. "We had a lot of sideouts and a lot of long rallies."

Seniors Amanda Abraham (six kills and three aces) and Jenny Trott (four kills and 11 digs) led the victorious Rocks.

"Salem was just the bigger, stronger and more experienced team," Hutchins said. "We didn't serve very well. We only had two aces."

Brooke Hensman and Andrea Kmet each had five kills in a losing cause. Setters Lindsay

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Duprey and Lyndsay Sopko both played well as setter, according to the Franklin coach.

The defense was spearheaded by Jackie Ziem, who had five standout digs.

Blazers sweep foes

Livonia Ladywood remained unbeaten in the Catholic League by winning a pair of matches Thursday at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

In the first match, the Blazers clobbered Allen Park Cabrini, 15-2, 15-4, as 10 different players registered kills including three each by Jenny Lachapelle and Sarah Poglits.

Natalie Rozell and Deana LaBute each added three aces, while Andrea Rahaley and Katie Brogan combined for nine assists. Mickie Finn had four

digs. In the nightcap, Ladywood improved to 19-3 overall with a 15-1, 9-19, 15-2 victory over the host Ventures.

MaryLu Hemme led with five kills and Patty Horal added four. Poglits contributed 11 assists and three aces.

Rahaley and Hemme each contributed five digs, while Leslie Orzech had two solo blocks.

Trojans win Metro match

Livonia Clarenceville opened Metro Conference play last week with a 15-0, 15-13 win over visiting Hamtramck.

The Trojans, a state Class C quarterfinalist a year ago, are 8-5-1 overall.

Clarenceville went 0-4 in the Madonna Tournament (Jan. 10) after finishing second the week before in the Saginaw Valley State University Tournament.

"We're struggling right now,

but we have a great group of girls and we'll get our act together," said Alisha Love, last year's Observerland Coach of the Year.

One standout thus far has been 5-foot-5 senior Jackie Kibliko.

"She's playing like a 6-footer," Love said. "She is playing well offensively and defensively. She's really stepping up."

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

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### Headache support

Fairlane will host a Jan. 28 headache support group meeting with Dr. Cara Rozell, D.O. and Lisa Norris R.N. addressing: "What's New in Migraine Treatment." The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the HF Medical Center (next to Fairlane Town Center Mall), 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. For more information, call Lisa Norris at (313) 876-3923.

### Healthy hearts

Save the date for the American Heart Association's "Keeping Young Hearts Healthy," a special day for educators and parents to learn how to keep their children's hearts healthy. Featuring Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, the Detroit Rockers; Keith Levick, Center for Childhood Weight Management; and Dr. Michael Epstein, Children's Hospital. Topics of discussion will include eating disorders, MEAP and health equal higher scores and tobacco prevention. The event will be held at the University of Detroit-Mercy Ward Conference Center Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch provided free. Call (248) 557-9500, Ext. 539, for more information.

### Annual health fair

You can have a free vision test, discover out how much of your body is made of fat and learn much more at Health Yourself 1998, the annual Schoolcraft College health fair, Wednesday, Jan. 21 in the Waterman Center. Exhibits include a health risk appraisal, information on chiropractic treatment, mini massages, free visual tests and free body fat screenings. Visitors can also receive a HealthTherapy screening including blood pressure, height and weight. For fees ranging from \$15 to \$25, a blood screening profile, prostate and ovarian cancer screening and peptic ulcer disease screening will be available. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275.

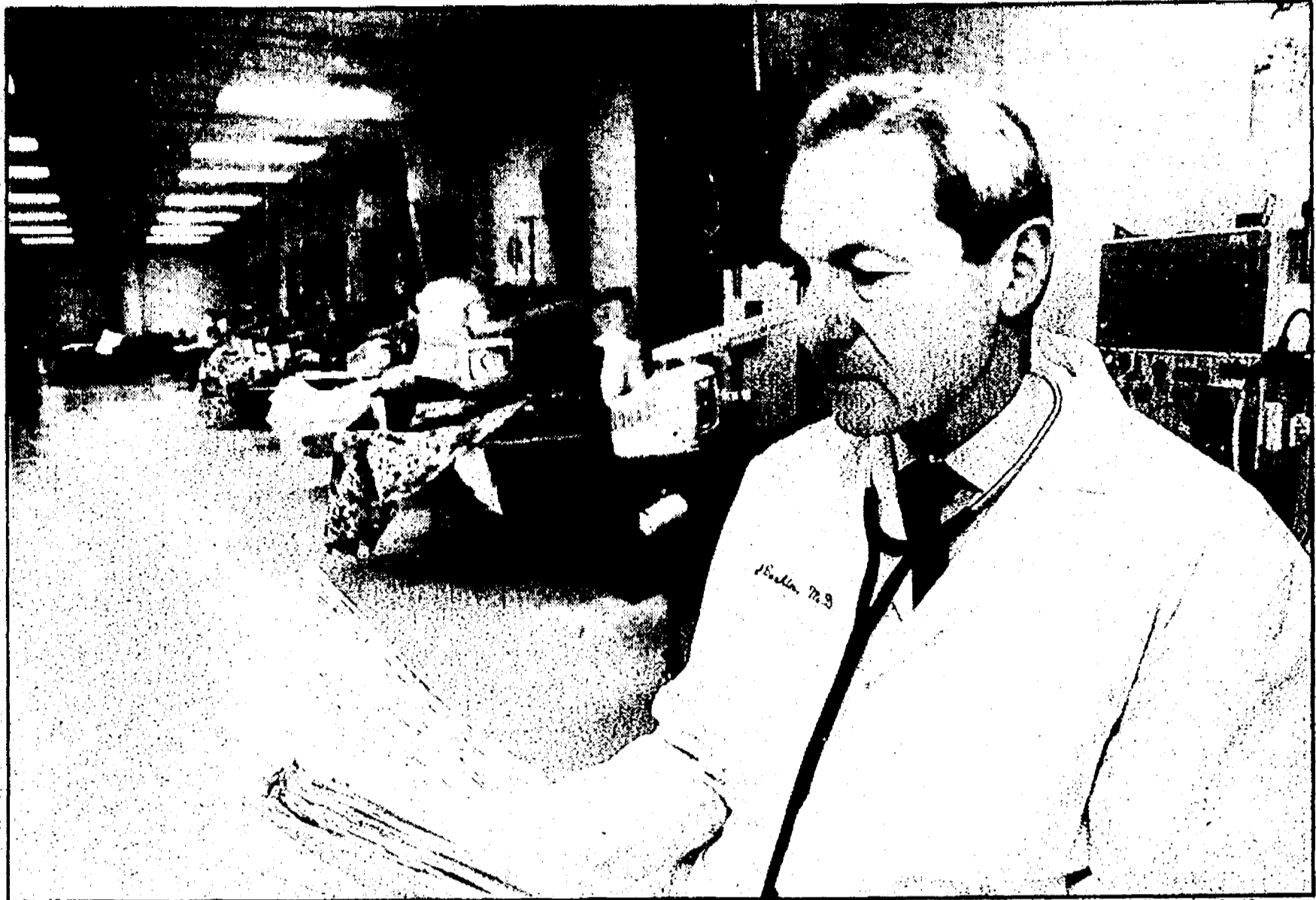
### Free exercise class

Learn the benefits and components of a safe exercise program. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a free exercise session from 6-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 at Mission Health Medical Center, at 37695 Seven Mile Road, at Newburgh in Livonia. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Red Cross blood drive

Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit on Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Donors will receive a free bowl of soup, courtesy of Schoolcraft's College Food Service. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5050. Walk-in donors are welcome. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275.

**Progressive program:** Dr. Sidney Baskin reads over patient information in the dialysis room of the Botsford Kidney Center in Livonia. The photograph shows only a fourth of the dialysis stations utilized by patients three times a week for several hours at a time. Baskin is hoping his Pre-ESRD program delays the need for chronic dialysis by up to 15 years for some eligible patients.



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# PREVENTION

## NEW PROGRAM HOPES TO DELAY DIALYSIS DEPENDENCE

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
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Patrick, a 45-year-old Redford father of two (who asked that his last name be withheld) has chronic, irreversible kidney failure. Three days a week for nearly three hours he undergoes kidney dialysis — the mechanical separation of impurities from blood — a bodily function his kidneys can no longer perform.

"I regret not having taken better care of myself," said Patrick. "Dialysis keeps me going and I do it because I want to see my kids grow up but I wish I had kept my blood pressure under control and taken my medication more seriously. I'm paying for it now."

Diagnosed in his late 20s with hypertension, the Redford father says he irregularly took his prescriptions, didn't maintain a diet low in sodium and rarely did much of any physical activity.

"I would watch my boys play football, hockey and basketball but I never got off my duff and ran around with them. An increase in my weight didn't help my high blood pressure any," said Patrick.

As a result of years of neglect, Patrick was briefly hospitalized for abnormally high blood pressure which led to a diagnosis of End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) — described as "chronic, progressive and irreversible kidney failure characterized by the loss of at least 90 percent of kidney function."

A new program at the Botsford Kidney Center of Livonia aims to reduce the number of people requiring chronic dialysis with early screening, aggressive treatment and long-term follow up for patients who are candidates for ESRD as a result of diabetes or hypertension.

Under the direction of Sidney

Baskin, M.D., medical director of the Botsford Kidney Center, a new program was initiated six months ago in hopes of preventing or delaying progression of chronic kidney failure and the future need for chronic dialysis therapy.

"We want to have the opportunity to intervene early in the treatment of patients at high risk for chronic kidney failure. Recent medical research has shown that this approach may prevent or delay the progression to End-Stage Renal Disease by as much as 10-15 years," said Baskin.

Baskin, who began his medical career in nephrology and hypertension completed a fellowship at the University of Michigan Hospital - Ann Arbor in 1961 and began a private practice the following year in the same field.

Today, after more than 40 years of patient care and research in nephrology, the branch of medicine dealing with the kidney, Baskin says he aspires to diminish the number of ESRD patients with an intensive program that focuses on early detection, diet, education, counseling and social service intervention.

"Some physicians fall into a pattern of seeing patients, biding their time with treatments and going along their merry way," said Baskin. "With the longevity I've had in this profession I began to see more and more patients with the same symptoms who were facing a future of chronic dialysis and almost all of them had high blood pressure or diabetes."

Baskin said he began to "feel it was a failure in the system" and could "not all be the patients' fault."

Two clinical cases from his private practice weren't the catalyst, for the Pre-ESRD program, but a good illustration of the "frustration of failure and the potential for success" that serve as valid argument for Baskin's

opinion that "chronic dialysis can be delayed by up to 15 years with aggressive treatment and early detection."

In a brief summary, Patient A was first evaluated in 1965 with high blood pressure and normal renal functions. He was treated with anti-hypertensive therapy and in six months reported good blood pressure control. Over the next 30 years he was lost for long periods of time without medical supervision and failed to maintain a constant compliance of the necessary medications.

As a result, the patient currently receives chronic hemodialysis three times a week with borderline blood pressure control and faces potential long-term complications.

In comparison, Patient B was diagnosed in 1979 with hypertensive crisis, a blood pressure reading of 300/150 and Acute Renal Failure. The 42-year-old male was treated with acute hemodialysis for four weeks which returned kidney functions and he was weaned to oral medications.

Baskin, said it's of "great importance" to note that the man (Patient B) never misses an appointment and is "rigidly compliant regarding his anti-hypertensive medication." Thanks to his compliance, today, the 60-year-old male continues oral medications and free of hemodialysis treatment unlike Patient A.

The Livonia physician says the two cases don't constitute a valid study but bring attention to the future benefits of obedience to medication, regular treatment, dietary instruction and long-term follow up care.

"Dialysis is old hat," said Baskin, "but I view this program as the next step in the progressive change of dialysis treatment."

Of the approximately 30 Pre-ESRD patients that Baskin sees at the Botsford Kidney Center, a high percent-

age have show kidney function stabilization since mid-summer when the program was first launched.

Program members are required to actively participate in a partnership with their primary care physician and a team of individuals that include a dietitian, renal social worker, nephrologist and renal staff nurse. Baskin said patients referred for this program through their primary care physicians, receive "state-of-the-art nephrology medical care, appropriate dietary instruction, social service intervention, educational materials, support program access and peer counseling."

Pre-ESRD programming also includes early screening opportunities, medical treatment and long-term follow up for patients with high blood pressure.

"Maybe if I had better taken care of myself and took my pills regularly I could have avoided being on dialysis for the rest of my life like I am now," said Patrick.

The intent of the Pre-ESRD program is to reach patients before they reach the point that they need hemodialysis.

Another benefit to reducing the number of persons on dialysis is the staggering costs associated with long-term renal care. Baskin estimates more than 250,000 people are currently on chronic dialysis in the U.S. at a cost greater than \$10 billion per year to the Medicare system which began reimbursing treatment for all ESRD patients in 1973.

"The economic significance of preventing or delaying the need for chronic dialysis is self-evident. However, the implications relative to the physical and emotional human toll are staggering," Baskin said.

The Botsford Kidney Center is located at 28425 W. Eight Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 442-7901.

## When hearing aids aren't enough

An increasing number of adults in the U.S. suffer from severe-to-profound hearing loss and obtain limited or no benefit from even the most powerful and sophisticated hearing aids. Cochlear implants are a proven medical option that may help these individuals better communicate and interact with others.

The public can learn about cochlear implants at a free seminar presented by Personalized Hearing Care and the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at MedMax in Westland.

"Cochlear Implants: When Hearing Aids Aren't Enough" features audiologist Paulette Daniels, M.A., CCC-A, of the Michigan Ear Institute. Daniels will explain how cochlear implants work, their benefits, what implant wearers can expect and who is a potential candidate for implantation.

Cochlear implants bypass damaged parts of the inner ear and electronically stimulate the hearing nerve to provide information about pitch, which is essential for understanding speech.

They have become increasingly sophisticated since first being introduced in France in 1967.

Today's cochlear implant system consists of internal components (a receiver and an electrode array) that are surgically implanted, and external components (microphone, speech processor and transmitting coil) that are worn by the individual.

Over the past 20 years, more than 17,000 adults and children around the world have received cochlear implants. While the procedure does not restore normal hearing, for some individuals it can provide the ability to hear medium to soft sounds and understand speech. An estimated 800,000 adults in the U.S. could benefit from today's cochlear implant technology.

This seminar is part of an ongoing series presented as a community service to promote better hearing care, familiarize the public with available hearing services, and provide information on common hearing concerns.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling MedMax at (734) 468-7100.

## Give the gift of life

This holiday season many of you went out to the shopping malls and toy stores on a mission to find the perfect gift which made that special child in your life smile. But there are many children in Michigan whose perfect gift could not be found in a store. The only wish of 2,400 Michigan residents is to receive a life saving organ transplant.

Unfortunately, there is a shortage of organs for those in need. You can help relieve this problem by becoming an organ donor. Just call 800-482-1455 to receive your free organ donor card. You also need to discuss your wishes to become an organ donor with your family. So this year, give a gift that is in the true spirit of the season - make the pledge to give the gift of hope.

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan more than 50,000 Americans are waiting for life-saving organ transplants, and nine to ten people each day die while waiting for a donor organ. If more organs were available, people in need would spend less time on the waiting list and more lives would be saved each day.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is committed to ensuring that every American who needs a transplant receives one.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer's medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to:

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# Customized startup pages



MIKE WENDLAND

**PC TALK**  
The biggest problem with the Internet is its size. It is too big and the information it offers is overwhelming.

What's needed is a Gatekeeper. What we have are personal agents - geek speak for Internet applications

that allow us to customize the news and information we receive on our Web startup pages. There are dozens available, with more being released every day.

Two of the easiest to use come with Netscape Communicator and Internet Explorer. By default, when you open up each browser, it goes to the home page of either Netscape Communications or Microsoft.

### Don't settle for blah

The solution is another start page. You do not have to settle for what they provide. You can choose to begin your Web sessions with any site you want.

Here's how to change the startup page, assuming you're working with the latest version (4.0) of either respective product. Older versions work pretty much the same, though, so if you're still using version 3.0, you should be able to figure out my instructions.

In Communicator, go to Options, then General Preferences. Click on the Navigation tab. See where it says Startup? In that box is a place for a URL, or Internet address. Just type in the URL of whatever page you want to begin with, click OK and, next time you start Communicator, it will open with your new selection.

It's the same thing with Microsoft's Internet Explorer. Go to View, then Options and then click the Navigation tab. Type in the URL under the space for the

Start Page, click OK and you've got your own favorite start page, instead of Bill Gates' favorite.

But maybe you don't have a page you like that much but you would like something a bit more useful than the standard offerings served up by Communicator and Explorer. That's where these Personal Agents come into the picture.

Personal Agents allow you to customize your own start page with specific, personally-selected material. Once again, Communicator and Explorer are head-to-head in competing for you to choose their Personal Agent.

In Netscape, go to the home page (www.netscape.com) and look for a hyperlink to something called Powerstart. Click on it and you'll be led to a template. You fill in the things you want to see on your own start page. You can have a localized weather report, movie listings and start times for the theaters in your neighborhood, a stock ticker that scrolls across your screen listing only the companies you're interested in, and headline news and sports.

### Be creative

You can even have your own to-do list pop up, as well as current information about your favorite stocks. Microsoft Explorer will let you do the same thing from the Microsoft network home page (www.msn.com). Explorer uses your zip code to call up the movie schedule for what's playing in your neighborhood theater. It also has local TV listings and, my favorite, a direct link to the daily Dilbert comic strip.

You don't have to stick with just the so-called "Browser Big Two."

Just about every major presence on the Net these days is offering users the opportunity to customize their Web startup pages. CNN (www.cnn.com), MSNBC (www.msnbc.com), Pointcast (www.pointcast.com)

and Lycos (www.lycos.com) are among the most popular.

### Make pages personal

My current favorite is from Excite, which is known for its very fast and reliable search engine. But it also has a custom start page, called Excite Live! (live.excite.com), and I think it is the slickest on the Net. It opens with a very easy to follow look at the top news headlines of the hour. The headlines are all hyperlinked. Click on the one, and you get the full story.

Excite Live! really shines when it comes to displaying business news and information, especially stock prices. Most of the other custom start pages limit you to only a few stocks and funds to monitor. Excite lets you fill in a virtual portfolio. It couldn't be simpler.

It all works with fill-in-the-blank forms. On screen instructions with check-boxes to click off permit you to display everything from high and low tides to the market's trading volume for the day. Excite Live! has numerous stocks or funds or indexes. You can choose to display just their current or closing prices, or you can enter in the number of shares you hold in each issue and when the program updates, it automatically totals and displays your portfolio value.

Because this is obviously highly personal information, I would not suggest entering in your shares and asking Excite Live! to display your portfolio value on the computer you access from work.

So... don't settle for a blah start-up screen. Personalize your pages.

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

**Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.**

### TUE, JAN. 20

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
The membership annual dinner meeting of the League of Women Voters will meet from 6-9 p.m. at Mountain Jack's Restaurant in Schoolcraft and Merriman. The program will be to discuss and make recommendations to the national level in regards to current positions on national public policy issues. Call Paula Bowman, (734) 455-4726, for information.

**ASQ MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
The Greater Detroit Section of the American Society for Quality will meet at the Sterling Inn (Van Dyke & 15 Mile in Sterling Heights) where Dr. Jeff Lowenthal will speak on "How to Become a Successful Entrepreneur." Fax your confirmation for the event to Greg Smith, (248) 352-2142. The program begins at 5:45 p.m. with registration and includes dinner and the main speaker who will lecture at 7:15 p.m.

**NATIONAL ASSOC. CAREER WOMEN**  
The National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter continues to build a

strong networking environment by scheduling the 1998 season with both creative and dynamic programming. All meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41681 Plymouth Road, Plymouth from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For further information call Judie at 463-7272, Ext. 223. Programs include Jan. 20: Making the Tax Law Changes Work for You - (Jim Palazzolo, CPA).

### WED, JAN. 21

**WINHELP/HTML HTML HELP**  
The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is a professional organization whose membership comes from all over Southeastern Michigan. It would like to invite any interested parties to attend the 6:30 program featuring Laurie Kantner of TecEd who will speak on "Comparing Usability in WinHelp and HTML Help." The program will be at the Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. Contact Ellen Burgett, (313) 913-3074 or e-mail [ellen\\_burgett@medstat.com](mailto:ellen_burgett@medstat.com)

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Business Network International will host a regular meeting of the Laurel Park Chapter from 7:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road & Newburgh. For more information, call BNI regional offices at (734) 397-9939.

### THUR, JAN. 22

**SUBURBAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at Bobby's Country House, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia at 11 a.m. The speaker will be city assessor, Judy Nagy. The charge of \$11 includes lunch. For reservations please call (248) 471-5659 by Monday, Jan. 19.

**FITTING IN FITNESS**  
The University of Michigan Alumni Association will host a workshop entitled "Fitting in Fitness For Busy Women." This workshop is designed to show participants how fitness and feeling good can fit into the rest of their lives. This workshop takes place from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Public Safety and Security Building Room 2043, 1239 Kipke in Ann Arbor (across from Crisler Arena). To register, contact Chanel DeGuzman at 800-847-4764

**INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**  
Rick Bloom, attorney and CPA, will address investment strategies at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia. There is no registration fee and the public is welcome. The program will be hosted in the Livonia Library auditorium. For more information call (734) 466-2469.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community.

### MON, JAN. 19

**MEDICAL THERMOLOGY**  
Among non-invasive techniques, thermology, has been demonstrated to be the most reliable having little or no risk of complications. Attend SANT's Jan. 19 lecture when Dr. Philip Hoekstra will speak on medical thermology. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Sinnett Holistic Health Center in Livonia, located at 29200 Vassar in the Livonia Pavilion, Suite 140, across the street (Middlebelt) from Sears at Livonia Mall. Admission is \$5. For more information call, (313) 274-4971 or (313) 837-2647.

**WOMEN'S RECOVERY GROUP**  
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is establishing a Women's Recovery Group for recovering alcoholics. The group will be limited to seven women and will meet in the Center for Counseling Services on Mondays, beginning Jan. 19 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Participants are required to have experienced at least one year of sobriety. Most insurances accepted. For more information, call the Center for Counseling Services at (734) 655-2441 or 800-494-1654.

### TUE, JAN. 20

**LA LECHE LEAGUE**  
La Leche League of Livonia meets at 7 p.m. to provide breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Please call for location/and or additional information. Theresa (734) 281-6814, Vicki (313) 937-3011 or Michele (734) 591-7071.

**EATING DISORDER THERAPY**  
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a 12-week intensive therapy group for people with eating disorders. The sessions will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. each Tuesday in the Center for Counseling Services. The group is limited to six adults. Most insurances accepted. For more information, call (734) 655-2441 or 800-494-1654.

**LYME DISEASE SUPPORT**  
Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will

meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (734) 326-3502.

**FREE SPINAL SCREENINGS**  
A complimentary spinal analysis will be given using the Paraspinal EMG. It will provide a vivid illustration of one's back, showing problem areas and any nerve interference in the spine from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 35600 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 458-7100 to register.

**SMART FOOD SHOPPING**  
Participants visit a supermarket to learn about food label reading, nutrition, food safety and the challenge of cooking for 1-2 people at the Kroger Westland from 10-11:30 a.m. Cost is free. Contact 800-543-WELL.

**STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT**  
For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call 458-4396. For more information call (734) 458-4396.

## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes. Marketplace items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

### Cleaning company doubles revenue

Tina Ruark, owner of the Livonia-based New Horizon Cleaning Company, recently announced the commercial cleaning company more than doubled their revenues from 1996 to 1997 by more than 2.5 percent over the previous year.

"I attribute our success to the way we do our work, the quality of the work and the referrals we receive from other clients," said Ruark, a Livonia resident.

Launched in the fall of 1995, New Horizon

Cleaning was established with a client base of approximately 15 commercial accounts (construction, office, remodeling jobs) managed by 10 employees.

Today, the company employs 20 staffers and two field supervisors who monitor more than 35 accounts on a daily basis to guarantee quality.

"I'm already projecting we're going to double last years income this year and we're well on our way," said Ruark.

For more information regarding New Horizon Cleaning Company, call (734) 421-3361.



Ruark

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