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Love & Marriage

The Observer would like to feature you in the Feb. 14 special wedding and anniversary section.

We're planning to run testimonials on happy marriages from couples that have been married 25 years or more.

Submissions, including a wedding photo and a recent photo, must be mailed by Wednesday, Jan. 20, to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echlinaw, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your photographs.

We're also planning a story on bridesmaids and groomsmen and would like to hear from people who have been one or the other at least five times.

Please contact Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echlinaw by Friday, Jan. 22. Call him at (734) 953-2054, or send e-mail to rechlinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Council meets: Westland City Council will meet in a closed study session beginning at 6 p.m. at Westland City Hall, Ford west of Wayne.

Board meeting: The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will meet for a workshop beginning at 6 p.m. at the schools administration building on Marquette.

Republican club: "Growing Grass Roots" will be the topic of a presentation by Ben Marks to the Westland Republican Club at 7 p.m. at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 W. Warren Ave.

TUESDAY

State of schools: Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy will deliver the State of the Schools address to the Westland Chamber of Commerce at a business luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Joy Manor in Westland. Cost is \$13. RSVP at (734) 326-7222.

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Rec report to be unveiled soon



Sverdrup Facilities Inc. brought in a professional survey team to randomly contact 600 Westland residences. Preliminary findings are to be unveiled to Westland City Council during a 7 p.m. Jan. 25 session at City Hall.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A company hired to gauge community interest in a possible multimillion-dollar recreation center is expected to issue a report this month.

After a telephone survey of 600 residents, preliminary findings are to be unveiled to Westland City Council

members during a 7 p.m. Jan. 25 session at City Hall.

Survey results could become the impetus – or death knell – for an upscale recreation center that Mayor Robert Thomas says is crucial in making Westland competitive with neighboring communities.

Missouri-based Sverdrup Facilities Inc. – hired to study local recreation

needs – brought in a professional survey team to randomly contact 600 Westland residences.

Sverdrup representative Brad Simmons said the survey team divided the city into four areas to ensure that a cross-section of residents was sampled.

Some council members said residents – particularly those opposed to a recreation center – might refuse to spend as much as 20 minutes answering a telephone survey.

"Surprisingly," Simmons said, "these professional phone survey people are really quite good at eliciting good, solid responses."

The survey asked residents to identify services – such as an indoor swimming center, new ice rinks and a weight-lifting room – that they believe the city should include in a recreation center.

The survey also polled residents on whether they would be willing to pay monthly fees to help operate a new recreation center.

User fees would be necessary, although city officials have said they could build the center without seeking a tax increase. Construction money would come from a Tax Increment

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Staff photo by Tom Hawley. The meteor streaked across the summer like this one that lighted up the sky and fell in late July.

Photographer's CHOICE

Staff photographers Tom Hawley and Bryan Mitchell document the community's ups and downs for the Observer through the viewfinders of their cameras on a daily basis. The goal is to show what life is like on any given day around the community for the people who were not there to get a feel for the event or situation. Tom and Bryan looked through the thousands of photographs they shot in 1998 and picked out a sampling of their favorites. Presented here are their picks for the top photographs of 1998. A reader might like or dislike a photograph, but if the photographers can get a reaction, they believe they did their job.



Staff photo by Bryan Mitchell. Winner John Glenn's Nicole Herring reacts to a win in the 100-meter hurdles.



Staff photo by Tom Hawley.

Thrilled: Top, Sara Burnosky and Tom Allard have fun with a Burmese python. Far left, Wayne Treece and Jason Bales react during a Special Olympics game. Left, Eileen DeHart celebrates her election victory with granddaughter Julie Jarnot.



Staff photo by Tom Hawley.



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City marches ahead with 2nd King celebration

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland residents next week will honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday by marching, singing, reciting his speeches and performing skits to remember his dream of racial harmony – a dream that survives more than 30 years after an assassin's bullet tried to quash it.

The city's second annual march will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Center on Marquette and proceed to the senior citizen Friendship Center on Newburgh.

Another celebration will begin at 6 p.m. at the Westland-based Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, where King supporters from several communities will enjoy

church choirs and student skits honoring the slain civil rights leader, said Leau'Rette Douglas, the Army's community programs director.

The keynote speaker will be Col. Franklyn Thompson, divisional commander of The Salvation Army.

"We're just hoping that the good Lord will bless us with some of this snow being gone," Douglas said Friday, at the end of a storm-weary week.

The morning march will move west on Marquette from the Dyer Center and then north on Newburgh to the Friendship Center for a variety of King-inspired activities.

City officials have announced a performance by John Glenn High School Singers and a recitation of King's much-celebrated "I Have A Dream" speech by the Rev. George Johnson, among other activities.

Mayor Robert Thomas has said that the celebration should serve as a reminder of King's "desire for racial equality and harmony for all Americans."

The Friendship Center program will be led by master of ceremonies John Franklin, a longtime Westland political activist with the Southeast Homeowners Association.

At 6 p.m., The Salvation Army celebration is expected to draw participants from Westland, Inkster, Wayne, Romulus and other cities.

"It's going to be a multi-community celebration," Douglas said. "We had a super turnout last year."

The Salvation Army program will include church choirs, and Adams Middle School students are

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Panel to reconsider sign ordinance

BY DANIEL CLEM
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Small business owners say they are losing money due to a Westland sign ordinance that city officials will now consider revising.

Small businesses, particularly those tucked away in strip centers, say a city crackdown on temporary signs has hurt revenues, and their complaints have fueled plans for a new study.

Westland City Council President Sandra Cicirelli has announced that she will form a committee to study the city's sign ordinance and suggest possible revisions.

She plans to appoint at least six committee members who will represent the council, the city administration and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

"We want to look at what can

be done to help the small business owners," she said.

A crackdown in recent months has followed the council's decision to impose new rules to decrease the size of signs in an effort to make them "more aesthetically pleasing," Cicirelli said.

The city administration has issued tickets to some businesses that didn't comply with the more restrictive rules, fueling some complaints, she said.

Linda Shapona, Westland Chamber of Commerce executive director, asked during a Monday night council meeting that the chamber be allowed to participate in possible sign ordinance revisions.

Some small business owners would like to offer "constructive criticism" and also "positive" suggestions for amending rules pertaining to signs, Shapona said.

Cicirelli accepted Shapona's offer and indicated that a committee will be formed within the next two weeks to study the issue.

Some small businesses used to erect what Cicirelli called "temporary, handmade signs" along right of way areas to try to lure shoppers, but she said the new ordinance prohibits such ongoing advertising.

The city now allows temporary signs only for special events such as grand openings, she said.

At issue is how officials can balance the need for small business visibility with the city's desire for eye-pleasing signs.

Cicirelli conceded that small businesses often have a difficult time trying to compete with larger stores - many of them chain stores with big advertising budgets.

"Some of the smaller businesses, particularly those in the far

corners of strip malls, have a hard time letting people know that they're there," Cicirelli said. "It's hard for them to compete."

Even though small business owners may have permanent signs near main roads, some don't have enough space to advertise sales or special promotions, she said.

The new committee will talk with small business owners in hopes of addressing their concerns while also trying not to sidestep efforts to make signs more appealing.

Some city officials have said in the past that issues such as signs will become more important as the city tries to spruce up its commercial corridors.

Already, efforts are beginning with the city's Downtown Development Authority to improve the look of Ford and Wayne roads.

PLACES AND FACES

First baby

The first baby born in the new year at Garden City Hospital, Leeza Donner, was delivered at 6:54 a.m. Jan. 1.

Leeza, who weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long, is the second daughter of Kelly and Myong Shim Donner of Westland.

Area businesses donated goods to the hospital for the first baby born in the new year. Those businesses were: Garden City Kmart, Menka's Kitchen, Papa Romano's Pizza, Orin Jewelers, Hershey Shoes, Valentino's Pizza, Garden City Florist, Garden City Hospital Gift Shop, Garden City Hospital Dietary Department and I.H.S. Christian Supplies.

Teacher elected

Catherine German was recently elected to the executive board of the Metro Detroit Science Teachers Association. German

has been teaching science at Westland John Glenn High School for the past four years.

In addition to her full-time teaching assignment, German is also serving as co-chair of the North Central Association Accreditation Committee.

The science teachers association has about 1,100 members and promotes professional development through activities including a full-day conference for about 2,800 teachers, a newsletter, workshops, mini-grants and an annual awards banquet.

Jaycees anniversary

The Westland Jaycees are trying to contact all past members of their chapter to notify them of the 40th anniversary party set for Jan. 23. The search committee is looking for addresses and telephone numbers of all past presidents, senators and members. Call Mike or Debbie Kehrer for info at (734) 595-0659.

WESTLAND ACHIEVERS

Items for Westland Achievers may be sent to Beth Sundrila Jachman, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mailed: bjachman@oe.homecomm.net
Nikki Hagmann, a freshman

at Central Michigan University, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester with a grade point of 3.74. She is the daughter of Charles and Lynne Hagmann of Westland.

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Finance Authority, generated by growth in a special taxing district north of Ford.

Simmons said the survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, meaning that city leaders should have an accurate measure of residents' views.

Council members will use the survey to try to decide whether to move ahead or quash plans for a new center.

They also will face tough decisions about how the city's existing Bailey Recreation Center should continue to be used.

The Bailey Center, built in 1978, has been described as sorely lacking the space for improved recreation services. Some city leaders have suggested that a new center should be built along Central City Parkway north of Ford, possibly near the Westland public library.

While the formal polling will give city leaders insight, officials also may turn to informal responses to identical surveys placed in some city buildings.

City council members wanted to ensure that all residents - not

just those contacted by telephone - had an opportunity to state their views on surveys about a recreation center.

Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said that, last he heard, 40 residents had taken the initiative to fill out the informal surveys.

However, those informal responses won't be tabulated with official survey results, Simmons said.

"That would taint the sample," he said.

If the survey shows that residents want a new recreation center and are willing to pay for it, then Sverdrup is expected to help the city resolve other issues such as:

- Developing what Simmons called a "model program" for recreation services.

- Deciding how a new center can be financially viable.

- Putting a cost on programs that residents say they want.

- Deciding how much space would be needed to accommodate those programs.

- Choosing a location for a center.

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King
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expected to perform skits recalling the civil rights movement led by King and other leaders.

This year's events are similar to those in 1998 - the first year that Westland took measures to formally observe King's birthday.

The morning march route has changed, however. Last year, marchers walked from the city's Bailey Recreation Center to the Westland public library.

At a Monday meeting of the Westland City Council, President Sandra Cicirelli indicated that she hopes the city will do even more in coming years.

Cicirelli indicated her support for making King's birthday an official holiday in Westland - a measure that has been long suggested by people such as Jim Netter of Wayne.

City officials have said the holiday will have to be negotiated in bargaining sessions, which are now beginning for several city employee groups.

Wayne-Westland schools already close to observe King's birthday.

Warming centers to serve homeless

Twelve community centers of The Salvation Army, including the Wayne-Westland Corps in Westland, are opening their doors to help the homeless. The centers will serve as "warming centers" during business hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"These warming centers will provide the homeless a guaranteed place to stay warm any day the temperature drops to dangerously cold levels," Cindy Percy, social services director for The Salvation Army, said. "By putting this network of warming centers in place, we hope to address the needs of the homeless in every corner of our community."

The warming centers won't serve as a place for overnight accommodations. Individuals in need of such assistance may be referred to one of the Army's three year-round homeless shelters - two of them in Detroit and one in Warren.

Rehearse: Students and members of the G-Force band from John Glenn High School rehearse at the Bailey Center in Westland. The G-Force band of percussion instruments is rehearsing to compete this winter, starting this month.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Percussion: John Glenn High School senior Chris Gazdag plays the timpani drums at their recent practice at the Bailey Center in Westland.



Percussion practice: Bass drum students Corey Collins (right), 11th-grader, and Jennifer Fleming (left), ninth-grader, rehearse.



Directing: Matt Ownby directs the songs which he wrote. Ownby, who is from University of Nevada-Las Vegas, is friends with the band instructor Todd Stehle of Glenn.

Man fires gunshot at woman

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An Ypsilanti man fired a shot at an ex-girlfriend and then hit her four times with the same gun before the victim managed to flee a Westland apartment where the incident occurred, a police report said.

The 27-year-old victim escaped serious injury by hiding in an apartment clubhouse during the 9:44 a.m. Tuesday incident at Woodbridge Pond Apartments on Newburgh Road, between Warren and Joy.

Her two daughters, ages 4 days and 6 years, remained in the apartment but weren't injured, according to a police report.

A 25-year-old man fled the scene before Westland police officers arrived, and Lt. Marc Stobbe said the investigation is continuing.

The victim told police that she hadn't seen the man for more than a month when he came to her apartment and then left, only to return about 45 minutes later with a gun.

The woman told police that the man first picked up a decorative bottle and swung it at her, then followed her into a bedroom where he fired a single shot — hitting only a dresser.

The victim reported that the man then grabbed her by the hair, struck her on the head with the gun and hit her on the back three times as she ran for the apartment door.

The woman ran to an apartment clubhouse where she hid, and she told police that the armed man entered the building briefly before fleeing in what was described only as a gray vehicle.

A police investigation of the scene revealed a 9mm shell casing, and officers said in their report that the smell of gun powder also was noticed in the apartment.

The victim refused medical treatment for injuries she suffered during the attack.

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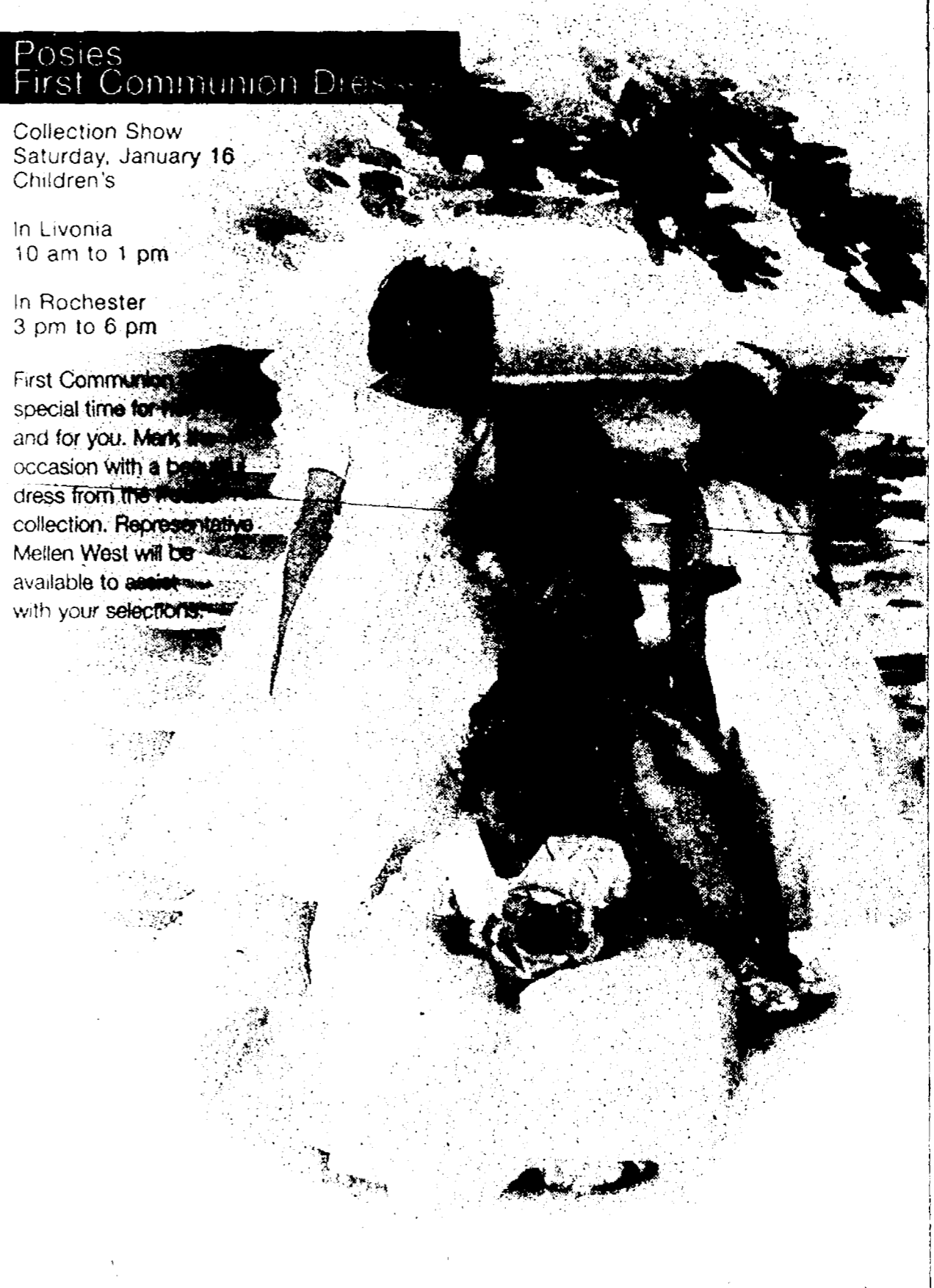
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Duggan pulls out of running for treasurer

Of the 21 people who applied for the Livonia city treasurer job, two dropped out - including a Westland city employee - and eight were tapped for Monday interviews with the Livonia City Council.

The eight who made the first cut, in the order in which their interviews are scheduled, are

Cathryn Brown, James Gromek, Nicole O'Dea, Patrick Nalley, Linda Grimby, Gerald Taylor, Bill Fried and Patrick O'Neil.

Dropping out were Elizabeth Duggan, who worked for four years as Livonia's deputy treasurer and is now budget director in Westland, and a candidate who had asked to remain anonymous.

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Candidate interviews, and the council deliberations that follow them, will take place during public meetings. But the council had given candidates the option of keeping their names confidential until the interviews.

Duggan, the stepmother of Livonia Councilman Brian Duggan, said the possibility the treasurer's job may become part time caused her to rethink her interest in it.

"I have too many years to work to worry about that," Duggan said Friday.

OBITUARIES

JAY M. HANNA
Funeral services for Jay Hanna, 45, of Battle Creek were Jan. 7 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating were Weldon Burgess and John Elrod.

Mr. Hanna, who died Jan. 4, was born May 13, 1953.

Surviving are his sons, Jaysan and Ryan, both of Garden City; brothers, Richard, Alan and Mike of Westland; and sister, Diane.

Wayne; daughter, Cheryl Morris of Westland; sister, Margaret (Ted) Kasper of Florida.

Mr. Morris was preceded in death by his daughter, Cathy, Morris.

Memorials may be made to Livingston Community Hospice c/o McPherson Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell, MI 48843-9969.

MARJORIE ANN HODGE
Funeral services for Marjorie Hodge, 57, of Westland were Jan. 7 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Hodge, who died Jan. 4 in her Westland residence, was born Sept. 9, 1941, in Middlesboro, Ky. She was a data processing supervisor.

Surviving are her husband, James; sons, Keith (June) Cobb and Kyle (Kristin) Cobb; daughter, Rebecca Davis; brothers, Kenneth, Willard, H.R., Porter Jr., James and Edward; sister, Evelyn Peters; and three grandchildren.

JOHN (BILL) MORRIS
Funeral services for John (Bill) Morris, 69, of Westland were Jan. 9 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Austin.

Mr. Morris, who died Jan. 5 in Howell, was born April 5, 1929, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He lived in Westland 42 years and previously in Detroit. He was a claims adjuster for AAA of Michigan for 30 years. He attended Redford High School, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. He was a lifetime member of the Livonia Elks and American Legion Post No. 32. He served with the Navy 1950-52. Mr. Morris enjoyed golfing and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Mary (M.J.); son, Kent of

AMELIA P. WELTZER
Funeral services for Amelia P. Weltzer, 85, of Westland were Jan. 7 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was her grandson, Joseph Peper.

Mrs. Weltzer, who died Jan. 3 in Wayne was born Aug. 25, 1913, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Harold (Delores); daughters, Lillian (Joseph) Fulton, Evelyn Sudderford and Delores (Wayne) Thompson.

VIRGINIA B. BARTUK
Funeral services for Virginia Bartuk, 71, of Westland were Jan. 7 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Bartuk, who died Jan. 3 in Livonia, was born Jan. 30, 1927, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Nick; daughter, Heidi; sisters, Lorraine Balchunas, Fenella Allen and Bernice Ford; many nieces and nephews.

CHAMBER NOTES

Chamber lunch
The state of the Wayne-Westland schools will be the topic Tuesday, Jan. 12, when Greg Baracy, school superintendent, addresses the Westland Chamber of Commerce. The business luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at Joy Manor.

Raised in Wayne, Baracy and his wife, Gabriele, both graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. They have two children

and continue to live in Wayne. Baracy began his professional career as a high school teacher in 1974.

Tickets for the lunch and program are \$13. Call (734) 326-7222 for reservations.

After hours
The Westland Chamber of Commerce membership committee's new member Business After Hours will be held 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Electric Stick. The event is for Westland Chamber of Commerce members only.

To RSVP, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Bowling outing
Four person teams will compete in the Westland Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Winterfest Bowling Outing 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Westland

Bowl. Team members will alternate every fourth frame in the event. The \$150 team registration fee includes bowling, two drinks and a buffet dinner after the tournament, trophies and other prizes. Lane sponsorships are available for \$100, and include sponsorship sign prominently displayed at the bowling center for the entire tournament weekend, Friday through Sunday. Sponsorships of \$255 include registration for a four-person tournament team and a sponsorship sign.

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Commissioners to examine county tax cut

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County commissioners will look at giving county residents a property tax cut.

Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, released a trial balloon in his remarks to open a new two-year term Tuesday during the commission's organizational meeting at which the county commissioners were sworn into office.

County commissioners chose Solomon to chair the commission for the next two years. Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, who began her 11th term, was selected as vice chair. Commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, was chosen to be the commission's vice chair pro tem.

Solomon suggested that commissioners "seriously visit the possibility of reducing our coun-

ty's property tax burden," Solomon said.

"We know that our tax rate is almost twice that of Oakland and Macomb counties, 7.9 mills compared to 4.2. While Wayne County has many compelling needs and our neighbors do not, the good economic times we are enjoying permit us the opportunity of determining if a tax cut is feasible."

Solomon's proposal isn't new, as western Wayne County Republican commissioners have pushed for tax reductions during previous budget sessions. But Solomon's remarks indicated a willingness that the Democratic majority will examine the issue.

County Executive Edward McNamara said that proposal "wasn't inconsistent" with his administration's goals and it wasn't ruled out by McNamara, but he added that he didn't know

if a tax cut was possible. The proposal may be "nothing more than political rhetoric," McNamara said.

'Economic swings'

A tax cut would require a reduction in the county's rainy-day fund - its fund balance - which "doesn't make a lot of sense," McNamara said.

"Wayne County is subject to economic swings. Welfare and indigent health care needs are great."

Wayne County would like to maintain a strong fund balance, which helps with the county's bond rating and gives it a favorable interest rate to bond for construction projects.

"If it's possible, we'd support it, if it fits in our plans with economic development," McNamara said. "A lot of things are happening in Wayne County."

Solomon expected commissioners will send a proposal to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means. Solomon wouldn't elaborate on how much of a cut would be proposed or when the study would be completed.

"We will review it seriously. Obviously, we haven't come to the point yet to turn it into an ordinance."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, said she thought Solomon's suggestion was "wonderful."

Her predecessor, Thaddeus McCotter, and former Commissioner Bruce Patterson were strong proponents of a tax cut.

Bankes has examined the budget and believes the county surplus enables commissioners to consider a tax cut. Bankes discussed the proposal with Solomon and county administra-

tors. One official expressed concerns about the county maintaining a strong credit rating due in part to the budget surplus.

"I reminded him that Gov. (John) Engler cut taxes while he had a surplus," Bankes said. "Maintaining a strong credit rating is just as important as a tax cut."

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, likes the suggestion as well.

"I think it will be exciting for us for the next year," Husk said. Bankes and Husk are the only two Republican commissioners.

Commissioners sworn in

The 15 county commissioners were administered oaths of office at Tuesday's meeting.

Bankes, a former state representative, will represent the cities and townships of Plymouth

and Northville and a portion of Livonia west of Middlebelt (10th District). Bankes, a Livonia resident, won election in November to a two-year term.

Bankes also served as a legislative aide to Wayne County Commissioner Mary Dumas in 1983-84, and treasurer of the Wayne County Charter Commission in 1981-82.

"I felt it was a full circle, and I look forward to participating in the new millennium," Bankes said.

Beard, of Westland, began her 11th term, which gives her the most years on the commission. Her 12th District includes the cities of Garden City, Inkster and Westland.

Beard said she was delighted to see four new commissioners, three of them former state legislators, on the commission. Beard

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Communities face clean water deadlines

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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As communities in western Wayne County enter the new year, communities with new retention basins are entering a crucial phase in the Rouge River project.

"They are testing water samples flowing out of the basins to see how clean the water flowing into the Rouge is after it is treated with chlorine."

While consultants monitor the water, a federal district judge is listening to communities and county officials discuss why a deadline to meet clean water and public health standards should be extended beyond 2005.

They also have talked with Department of Environmental Quality officials responsible for overseeing discharge permits about the costs to construct more basins to control combined sewer overflows which are sanitary and storms sewers that combine and flow into the Rouge after heavy rainstorms.

Jim Murray, director of Wayne County Department of Environment, has lobbied for the extension because Redford, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit and Inkster need more time to evaluate data from existing basins before committing the millions in bonds to build more basins - costs which will be passed onto residents.

For Redford to meet public health standards, it would need to construct two more retention basins over the next eight years, which could cost the township anywhere from \$40 to \$60 million.

It's a Catch-22 issue, but DEQ officials expect to continue discussions with the communities, said Bill McCracken, permits chief of the surface water quality division for the Department of Environmental Quality.

The 2005 date was established years ago in the original remedial action plan.

"We don't know if it will be extended," McCracken said. "It will be an issue on whether or not to extend it."

"If we extend it, there will be members of the public who have expected those standards to have been met by 2005. The deadline has been there for a long time. On the other hand, if we don't extend it, there will be a concerns about the costs involved."

"Regardless of what happens with the evaluations, there will need to be public involvement."

McCracken told officials on the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council on Dec. 16 that the DEQ wants input from that council on any deadline extension. The council advises the DEQ and the Envi-

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SC tells how to pay college costs Jan. 20

Families can get a realistic picture of the cost of college and the financial resources available at Schoolcraft College's Financial Aid Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Waterman Center at the college's main campus in Livonia.

The program is designed to help students and parents understand the types of financial aid available and how to conduct scholarship searches.

Presenters include Diane Chambers, assistant to the director of enrollment management-admissions and financial aid, and Stephanie Lee, a financial aid specialist.

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But experts will tell you there's no such thing. Permanently changing your body for the better requires a healthy lifestyle including sensible eating habits and regular physical activity.

That's the premise at the heart of **Inches-A-Weigh**, a national weight loss and fitness center for women, recently opened locally in Livonia.

"Our program is centered on the idea that permanent weight loss requires 'real' food choices; grocery store foods prepared the way our clients like to eat," says Barbara Horowitz, owner of the bustling new business. "Coupled with our behavior modification program for sensible menu planning and dietary supplements, this becomes the foundation for a healthy lifestyle that our clients can enjoy indefinitely."

Dietary supplements at Inches-A-Weigh include satisfying snack bars, puddings, flavored drinks, and multi-vitamins. They ensure that all clients enjoy a balanced diet on the program, while providing nutritious between-meal snacks that calm the urge for 'junk' food.

Of course, good health requires more than good eating habits. Inches-A-Weigh completes the cycle of good health by adding regular exercise to a foundation of sound nutrition. "Every one of our clients gets cardiovascular and very low-impact isometric exercise 3 days a week," says Julie Roach, the Exercise Counselor at Inches-A-Weigh. "We monitor our ladies closely to ensure that proper levels of exertion are maintained in each hour-long session." She adds, "The thing

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Skate, ski in county parks

People might gripe about the cold and snowy weather throughout Wayne County, but winter sports enthusiasts can enjoy recreation in Hines Park.

Cross country skiing on groomed trails is available from dawn until dusk at Hines Park-Nankin Mills area, located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, and on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Road, just east of I-275, at Newburgh Lake, which borders Livonia and Plymouth.

For information on ski conditions, call (734) 261-1990.

This year, Wayne County parks also has created several ice rinks. Rinks are open in designated areas at Newburgh Pointe, located on Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads in Livonia, Wilcox Lake on Hines between Wilcox and Northville roads in Plymouth and Nankin Mills in Westland.

All rinks will be open during the day, weather permitting. In addition, the rink at Nankin Mills are lighted and will be open for night skating until 9 p.m. For information regarding skating conditions, call (734) 261-1990.

Sledders can experience optimum conditions this season at Hines Park-Cass Benton area. As a result of the parks millage, Wayne County parks officials have installed two ramps at this site with handrails. The Cass Benton sledding hill is located off of Hines Drive between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Northville.

For information including directions to sites, contact Wayne County parks at (734) 261-1990.

Protect your pets in frigid weather

Michigan Humane Society investigators have encountered eight dogs literally frozen to death this season.

Although MHS has been warning pet owners about the dangers of severely cold weather for weeks now, some people still aren't getting the message, according to the organization's community relations director, Michele Mitchell.

"Many people, in cities and rural areas alike, still believe a dog can survive outdoors simply because he has a fur

coat. But when wind chills dip below zero, no outside animal should be left outside for long periods of time," Mitchell said.

"If your dog must be outside for any length of time, he has to have solid, dry shelter and a constant supply of fresh drinking water. Even with shelter, dogs left out can suffer from frostbite, hypothermia or worse."

Besides the eight deaths, countless other dogs suffer injuries due to exposure to the cold.

Under state law, any owner

who fails to provide shelter for his or her dog is guilty of a misdemeanor. The Michigan Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, call (313) 872-3601.

McNamara inaugural set Jan. 15

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara will mark the beginning of his fourth term on Friday by returning to an educational institution that help mold him to become one of the state most powerful Democrats.

McNamara will be administered an oath of office during ceremonies that begin 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, by U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm at Redford High School in Detroit, where McNamara graduated in 1944. McNamara founded the Redford High School Alumni Association and served as its president.

"For him to go back there for his inauguration for his fourth term, it will be very special," said June West, McNamara's press secretary.

Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg will oversee the program, and Charles Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, will offer the invocation. Cass Tech High School's Band and Detroit's Renaissance High School choir will provide musical interludes.

A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the swearing-in at noon.

Members of the public are invited to attend the inauguration, but seating is limited so people who wish to attend are asked to call (313) 961-8989 to reserve a seat by Wednesday. Admission is free. Redford High School is located at 21431 Grand River, just south of Six Mile, in Detroit.

An "Inaugural Gala" is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. that evening at Burton Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased by calling (313) 961-8989.

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is the only commissioner who served when the county charter was approved by voters and enacted in the early 1980s with the first county executive, Bill Lucas.

Husk, of Redford, began her first full two-year term as commissioner for the 9th District. Husk was on the ballot four times last year - in a primary and general election last winter to fill the unfinished term through the remainder of the year, and again in the August primary and November general election ballots.

Her district is comprised of Livonia east of Middlebelt, Redford and Dearborn Heights.

John Sullivan, D-Wayne, also was sworn in to represent the 11th District, which includes the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, and the cities of Belleville, Romulus and Wayne.

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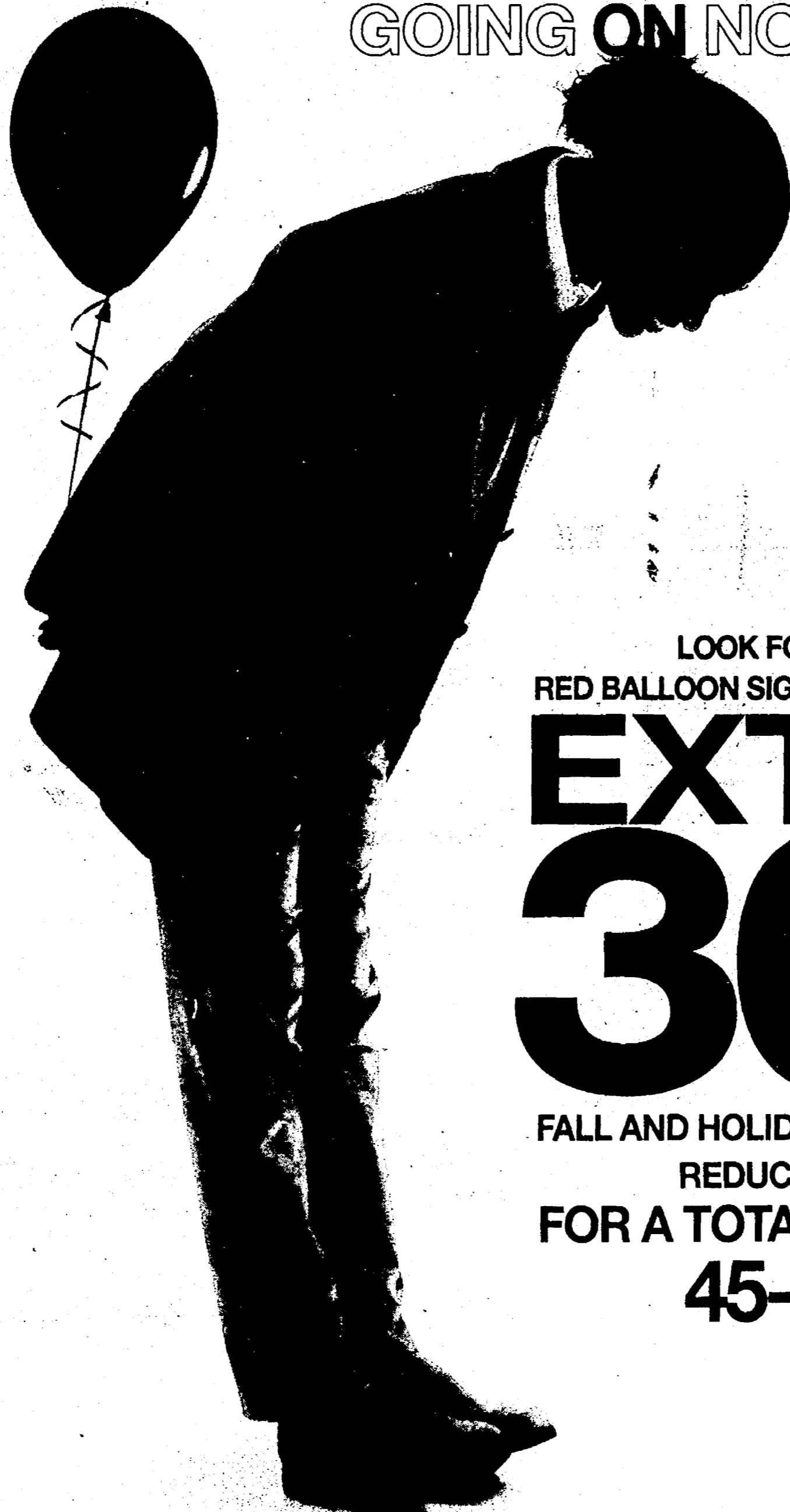
ronmental Protection Agency about the Rouge River. The group serves as a public forum on Rouge River restoration and preservation issues.

"We are talking evaluations that are going to mean hundreds of millions of dollars in the talks about retention basins," McCracken said. "We're talking about big bucks."

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Since the start of my culinary training, great importance has been placed on bread. The first "food impression" typically interpreted by restaurant clients is the bread basket. Bread has separated its role as a tool to soak up leftover juices or a filler to become a celebrated main feature at most meals.

Commercialization

As we started the 19th century and the Industrial Revolution, Americans took the bakery concept one commercial step further by mass producing bread for national distribution. This mass produced bread was feathery light, generally flavorless and less nutritious than home or bakery style bread. With mass production and women joining the work place, "gummy white" was what most of us grew up on. With all the changes that started in the 1970s "grass roots" movement, one of the leaders in the pack of change was grains. People were hungry for breads that fortified them with whole grains. They wanted breads with interesting shapes, colors, textures and ingredients.

When the third edition of U.S. dietary guidelines was released in 1990 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans were advised to eat 6-11 daily servings of bread and grains. The guidelines were modified in response to the increasing evidence that complex carbohydrates, such as the those found in bread, may reduce the risk of certain cancers, heart disease and obesity. These carbs are generally low in fat and a good source of nutrients. The United States Commerce Department estimates that annual per capita bread consumption will be 60 pounds by the millennium.

History

Bread enjoys one of the longest, most interesting histories of any food. The history of bread is older than recorded history of mankind and parallels the development of human history. Archeologists trace the origin of bread to a primitive, gluey dough of water and wild cereal grains that was beaten between rocks to crack their husks, then shaped into flat cakes and cooked by wandering hunters on stones heated in open flames. In time, the nomadic peoples of the Middle East learned to cultivate local grains. Many of the unleavened breads of the past live in a similar form today in most Middle Eastern countries.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 B.C., Egyptians were credited with the first leavened bread. Hieroglyphics in the pyramids show the importance of harvesting grain and bread making. These pictorial histories also show that grain and bread were considered sacred gifts from the gods and used as ceremonial offerings. Bread is mentioned in numerous biblical quotes.

Egyptians are also the inventors of the first bread oven which resembled two beehive cones with two levels inside. Bread was so significant, that their administrative systems were based on it. Wealth was measured by numbers of bread and wages were paid in part with bread (perhaps this was the start of our slang term "dough" meaning money).

The Greeks took the process a step further using millstones for grinding as well as bread ovens that technically resemble what we use today. The Romans later refined technology for

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Satisfying stews

Perfect cold weather food chases away winter chills

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Winter in Michigan is a true wonderland - pine trees blanketed in snow, frozen lakes for skating, and hills and meadows perfect for cross-country skiing. There's something special about spending a day outside in the snow, whether it's skiing, tobogganing or skating - and then coming in for a hearty meal.

Soups, stews and meatloaf with mashed potatoes, just seem to satisfy appetites when it's cold outside. However, I may be an exception to the norm when it comes to cold weather comfort food. I just returned from a business trip to Marquette, where winter is certainly more severe than it is here. Returning to my hotel room after working all day, I craved a crunchy, crispy salad. My point is that we crave the foods we enjoy and I believe we should eat what we like.

For many, our New Year's resolution is to improve our diet and lose weight. Cold weather can make this more challenging because hearty foods, and heavy foods

that tend to be comforting, may also be higher in calories. As with other times of the year, eating wells means eating wisely.

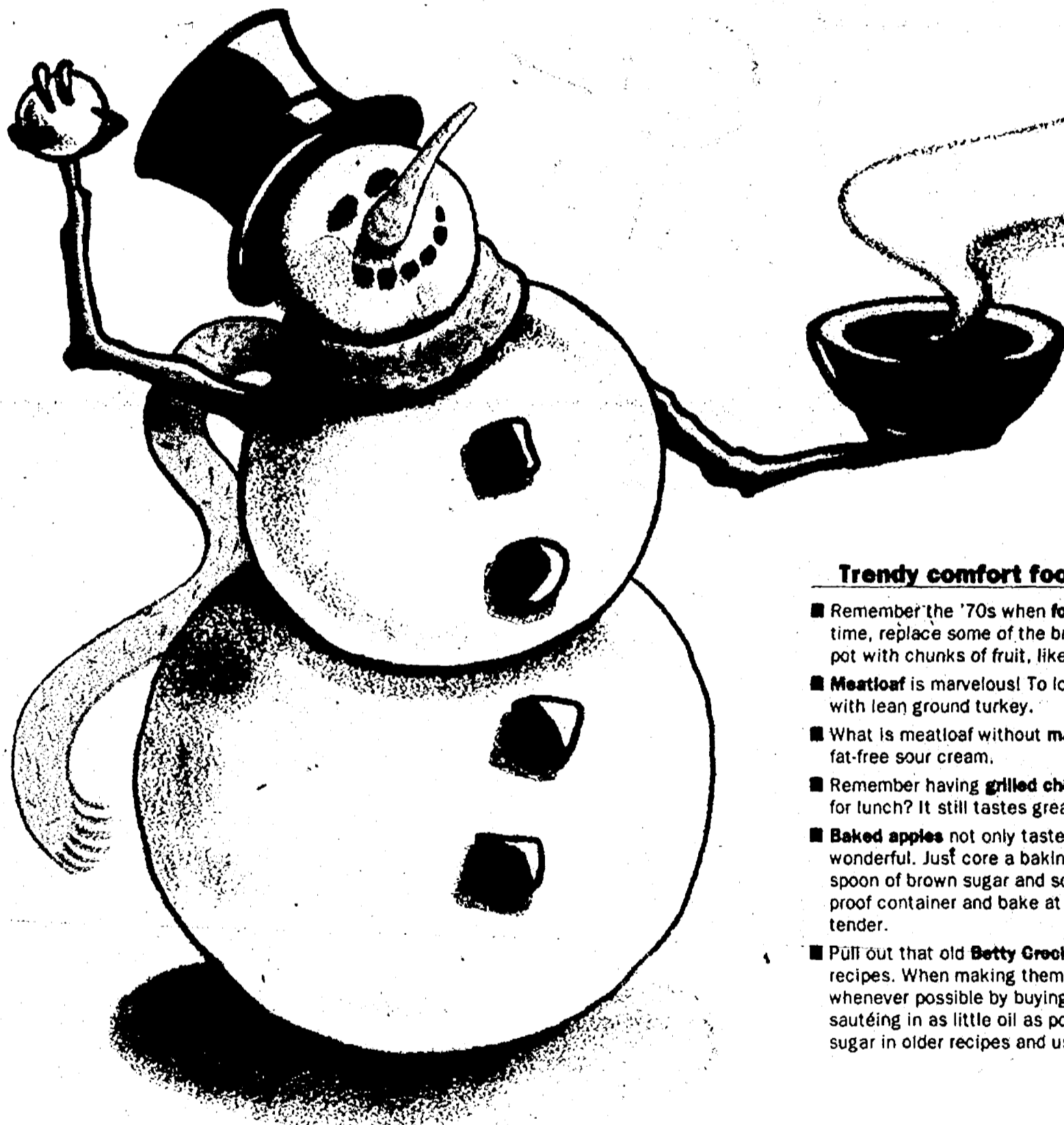
The truth is that no foods are "good" or "bad" for you; it's your total diet that counts. Healthy eating does not mean you have to "give up" your favorite foods. It is about balance, variety and moderation.

Just like good eating habits, adding some regular physical activity can add immeasurable quality to your life. Exercise for the health of it and not just to lose weight. Get some fresh air and sunlight. It will not only help you physically, but improve your frame of mind as well. Choose relaxing, fun, activities and be consistent. Exercise regularly. Remember

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Dietary guidelines

- Eat a variety of foods.
 - Maintain a healthy weight.
 - Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol.
 - Choose a diet with plenty of vegetables, fruits and grain products.
 - Use sugars only in moderation.
 - Use salt and sodium only in moderation.
 - If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.
- Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services



Trendy comfort food with roots in the '70s

- Remember the '70s when fondue was hot? Well, it is again. This time, replace some of the bread that you dip in the warm cheese pot with chunks of fruit, like apples and pears.
- Meatloaf is marvelous! To lower the fat use ground sirloin mixed with lean ground turkey.
- What is meatloaf without mashed potatoes? Make yours with fat-free sour cream.
- Remember having grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup for lunch? It still tastes great!
- Baked apples not only taste good, they make your kitchen smell wonderful. Just core a baking apple, sprinkle it with a tablespoon of brown sugar and some cinnamon, place in an oven-proof container and bake at 350°F. for about 15 minutes, or until tender.
- Pull out that old Betty Crocker cookbook or your old favorite recipes. When making them today, just try to reduce the fat whenever possible by buying lean meat, trimming fat and sautéing in as little oil as possible. Try reducing the salt and sugar in older recipes and use low fat or non-fat dairy products.

SUPER BOWL CHILI

- 1/2 pound top round of beef, trimmed and ground once
- 1/2 pound ground turkey breast
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- One (16-ounce) can black beans, drained
- 3/4 cup mild salsa
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup Healthy Choice shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced pitted ripe olives
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced (optional)

Mix beef, turkey and chili powder. Brown mixture over medium heat in a non-stick skillet, stirring to separate. Cook meat mixture until well done. Pour off any fat (there should be little or none). Add beans, tomatoes, salsa and olives. Heat to serving temperature. Place in individual bowls or one large serving dish. Garnish with cheese and avocado. Serve with fat-free tortilla chips or warmed flour tortillas.

Nutrition facts per serving: 211 calories, 2.8 grams fat, 0.7 grams saturated fat, 45 milligrams cholesterol, 563 milligrams sodium.

Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 2 starches

Score a touchdown with Super Bowl Chili



MURIEL WAGNER

What's a better winter warmer-upper than a bowl of chili, especially when it takes 15 minutes or less to prepare?

This chili has a dual personality. It can also be served as a dip with store-bought baked low-fat corn chips or flour tortilla triangles that you bake yourself - that makes it perfect for Super Bowl entertaining or a family TV night supper.

Get out of the kitchen early by spooning the chili into a Crock-Pot or casserole dish that you can keep warm.

Even though this chili is reduced in fat and saturated fat, no one will guess, trust me. The seasonings will take care of that. You can even turn up the heat a notch by choosing a hotter salsa.

I've reduced the fat and saturated fat by mixing the beef with turkey - ground turkey breast of course. Usually I'm not into reducing fat in a recipe by substituting ground turkey breast for meat. My meat-loving taste buds

tell me it's not the same. But this recipe has enough seasonings to carry the flavor. Be sure to get ground turkey breast. Regular ground turkey can be a high-fat item because it's made from light and dark meat and skin.

The ground top round of beef in my recipe is the lowest in fat of all the ready ground meats. It's even lower in fat than the ground meat labeled "extra lean." Using this cut of beef and the turkey also makes it possible to keep the saturated fat low even though I've used a cheese with a slightly higher fat content for its better melting qualities.

Yes, the diced avocado and ripe olives that garnish my chili are high in fat, but it's the friendly sort - monounsaturated rather than saturated fat. Even so, the portions need to be small to control the calories.

I like the Hass avocado, which is purplish black with a rough skin. Ripe avocados are hard to find. Pick an avocado that is heavy for its size with no soft spots. It should give slightly when gently pressed. It will take about 2 to 3 days to ripen in a closed paper bag.

After it's peeled, you may want to sprinkle the avocado with a little lemon juice to prevent darkening.

When I eat chili I love corn muffins. As you know, I'm a lazy cook so I converted a corn muffin mix into an Eating Younger special. Gold Medal Corn Muffin Mix has one gram of fat per muffin in the unprepared mix. By substituting evaporated skim milk, egg whites and Fleischman's 5-calorie Fat Free Spread for the suggested whole milk, margarine and egg, I kept the fat down to the level listed for the unprepared mix. I add 3/4 cup of drained, whole kernel corn for the crunchiness and moistness. Follow the package instructions for baking but be sure not to over-bake.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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ber the advice your mother gave you: "go outside and play."
John Adamski is well accustomed to serving up hearty winter fare. He is the executive chef at St. John's Banquet and Conference Center in Southfield and an avid ice carver as well. He is competing in the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular January 13-18. After spending a day in the cold with a block of ice, Chef John appreciates a warm, hearty dish like the Roast Pork Loin with Herb Crust (see recipe inside). He says it's easy to make, and is impressive enough to serve your guests. Since it requires little attention while it is roasting, it is a great dish for dinner parties.
Another new cold weather comfort dish comes from, of all places, Southern California. A colleague of mine recently vacationed there and came back with a recipe for a wonderful mush-

room pasta with chevre (goat) cheese that's perfect for a cold winter evening.
Chef Steve Pickell of Thornton Winery in Temecula, Calif., is the creator of this dish. Again, HDS Services tweaked it a bit to make it a little easier to make at home and to reduce the fat, but not the taste.
After a meal, just before bedtime, or any time you want a warm beverage, tea can be wonderful. Whether you prefer orange pekoe, green tea or some other herbed variety, it is a satisfying soother. For me though, the cold weather beverage of choice is hot chocolate. After lunch, when I want something sweet, a small cup cocoa complements the cold weather and satisfies my sweet tooth.
Hot cocoa is best made with real cocoa, a little sugar and fresh milk. Just spoon two teaspoons of unsweetened cocoa into

a cup of non-fat milk and add a teaspoon of sugar. Microwave until heated through, about 1-1/2 minutes. Then stir and enjoy. I confess that I often use the pre-packaged hot chocolate when I'm at work, but making it with milk and cocoa tastes better and provides more calcium.
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grinding and baking. They also created finely textured breads with elaborate ingredients, established a guild and started fashioning breads in different shapes and sizes often for ceremonial purposes.
Bakeries were common place throughout Europe by the 15th and 16th centuries. Bread also played a role in the class systems of Europe - the darker one's bread was, the lower one's class. White bread was more expensive to produce and cost more.
The word "loaf" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "hlaeford" meaning loafward or the provider of bread; likewise a lady from "hlaefdige" or "loafmaker." Leavened white bread has historically been a symbol of wealth and refinement.
Wheat came across the ocean with the original settlers. It took some time for the wheat crops to become successful. Farmers developed a taste for corn which saved them from famine. Hence the long history of corn recipes in our American heritage especially

With tons of flavors, hundreds of books and the advent of the bread machine perhaps this new year, you'll find yourself breaking bread from the oven in your house.

in the South.
It would seem bread has come full circle. The common breads of the sixteenth century are the sought after rustic varieties of the '90s. Micro-style, independent bakeries are fast becoming a mandatory stop on peoples shopping lists.
Full circle
Geoff Hochman (owner of Breadsmith in Bloomfield Hills) says his customers are shopping for good, wholesome, nutritious food for their families, as well as fun varieties for their weekend work retreats and entertaining. Geoff reports the public has grown tired of the commercial breads that were laced with ingredients that no one can pronounce. The main ingredients in the breads that are produced at

Breadsmith's consist of flour, salt, yeast and water. Those four ingredients are basically inherent of how the first loaves of bread were produced. "It is a craft as well as a labor of love and one of the those affordable luxuries in life. More is better."
With tons of flavors, hundreds of books and the advent of the bread machine perhaps this new year, you'll find yourself breaking bread from the oven in your house.
Chef Kelli L. Lawton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

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One-dish meal for busy people

AP - The one-dish meal, ideal for time-strapped families and single households, has been further streamlined to eliminate the dish - though not the meal.
The key is to make individual aluminum foil packets to pop into the oven. These packets, assembled ahead, could be pulled from the fridge and baked by a teen who is ravenous after school. Or they could be late-night fare after a movie or basketball game. And with a salad and fruit, they contribute to a quick, nutritious dinner.
Begin with potatoes, scrubbed and diced or sliced; add meat, veggie, sauce, herbs and spices. Wrap and bake. If you don't have leftovers, use lean ground beef, turkey or ham; strips or cubes of precooked ham or chicken or turkey breast, or sliced smoked sausage.

Experiment with fresh, frozen and canned vegetables, thinly sliced or diced. For moisture and added flavor, cover with prepared gravy or sauce. Or use canned broth and flavor it with mustard, ketchup, hot sauce or lemon juice and herbs to taste.
BARBECUE BEEF POUCH POTATOES
4 sheets heavy-duty aluminum foil, each 12 inches square
4 medium potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 pound lean ground beef
7-ounce can vacuum-packed whole-kernel corn
1 packet (1 1/4 ounces) taco seasoning
4 ounces shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup prepared salsa

Heat oven to 450° F. In a bowl, mix potatoes, ground beef, corn and taco seasoning. Place equal portions, about 1 1/2 cups each, on the right-hand sides of the foil squares. To seal each pouch, fold left side of foil over mixture. Make 1/2-inch folds along open edges; fold again to seal, leaving room for heat to circulate within. Place on a baking sheet in the center of the oven. Bake for 35 minutes. To open pouches with scissors, cut a cross in the top of each, then pull back points, being careful as steam is released. Top contents of each pouch with 1/4-cup of the cheese and 2 tablespoons of salsa.
Makes 4 servings.
Nutrition facts per serving:
633 cal, 24 g fat, 85 mg chol, 1,484 mg sodium, 70 g carbo, 6 g dietary fiber, 37 g protein.
Recipe from National Potato Promotion Board

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Discover the joy of making your own bread

See related Kelli Lewton column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

CHEESE BREAD

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 1/2 cups white unbleached flour
- 2 (1/4 oz.) packages of Active Dry Yeast
- 1 cup milk, scalded
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 cup melted butter (reserve 1 tablespoon)
- 2 tablespoons minced sauteed garlic
- 1/2 cup diced minced onion

- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup Mozzarella cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoon chopped basil
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, set aside

Scald milk, add sugar, salt. Melt butter (reserve 1 tablespoon) lightly saute onions and garlic. Cool until tepid.

Put water in mixing bowl, add yeast and let stand for 5 minutes. Add scalded mixture and butter mixture and flake. Beat with mixture for 2 minutes then stir with a wooden spoon for 300 strokes.

Allow dough to rise covered for 45-60 minutes. Stir dough down

and beat for 1/2 minute. Divide dough into 2 greased 8 1/2 by 4 1/2-inch loaf pans. Cover and let rise again for approximately 60 minutes.

Baked in pre-heated 350°F oven for 30-40 minutes until golden. Top with remaining butter and sprinkle remaining Parmesan Cheese on top and return to oven for an additional 3-5 minutes.

APRICOT CHERRY BREAD

- 1 cup sifted white flour
- 1 cup sifted wheat flour
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup dried apricots (quarter)

- 1 cup dried cherries
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter softened
- 1 egg
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 teaspoon salt

Soak apricots and cherries in orange juice for 30 minutes. Drain well. Reserve orange juice.

Cream sugar and butter, add egg, water and reserved orange juice to creamed mixture. Sift dry ingredients together and stir into creamed mixture. Stir in apricots and cherries

Pour batter into greased loaf pan 8 1/2 by 4 1/2-inches. Bake at 350°F for 60-70 minutes until baked (use wooden skewer to check doneness).

JALAPENO CORN SPOON BREAD

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups corn meal
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted melted butter (cooled)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 eggs (separated)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup corn
- 2 Jalapeno chilies (steamed, seeded)

2 tablespoons cilantro (minced)

3 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 375 °F. In a large bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients.

In a separate bowl, stir together the butter, milk, honey, yolks, jalapenos, cilantro and corn. In a third bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, then add sugar and continue beating until mixed.

Gently fold bowl 1 into bowl 2 then fold in egg whites.

Put mix into 9-inch cake pans or in muffin tins. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

Comfort food has an upscale kick

See related Peggy Everts-Martinielli story on Taste front.

FETTUCINI WITH WILD MUSHROOMS AND GOAT CHEESE

- Serves 6
- 1 pound fettucini or similar pasta
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound fresh mixed mushrooms (shittake, oyster, portobello, button), sliced
- 2 tablespoons garlic, chopped
- 1/4 cup sliced leeks
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- 2/3 cup chevre (goat cheese), crumbled
- 1/4 cup non-vintage Champagne

Fresh ground pepper to taste

Cook fettucini in boiling, salted water until al dente.

In a large saute pan, heat the olive oil. Add the mushrooms, garlic and leeks. Cook about five minutes until mushrooms are soft.

Add the chicken stock, basil and Italian parsley. Simmer another five minutes. Season to taste with pepper. Add the Champagne and heat through.

Serve over the cooked fettucini pasta. Top with the crumbled chevre.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 452, Protein (g): 17.5, Fat (g): 11.5, Sodium (mg): 220, Carbohydrates (g): 67, percent of calories from fat: 23.

A recipe of Chef Steve Pickell, Thornton Winery adapted by HDS Services

ROAST PORK LOIN WITH HERB CRUST

- Serves 12
- 1/2 boneless pork loin, 3 to 4

- pounds, fat removed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup Dijon mustard
- herb crust (see recipe)
- 8 ounces concentrated pork or beef stock
- 1 cup sherry wine
- 2 cup shittake mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened

- For herb crust
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped oregano
- 1 tablespoon chopped rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped sage
- 1 tablespoon chopped thyme

Place a heavy gauge pan on top of stove and heat on high. Season pork loin with salt and pepper, place into hot pan and sear on all sides. Remove from stove and coat loin with Dijon mustard. Mix all herb crust ingredients together well.

Pack herb crust mixture onto loin, carefully place loin into a roasting pan and roast in 350°F oven until temperature reaches 145°F (about 15 minutes per pound).

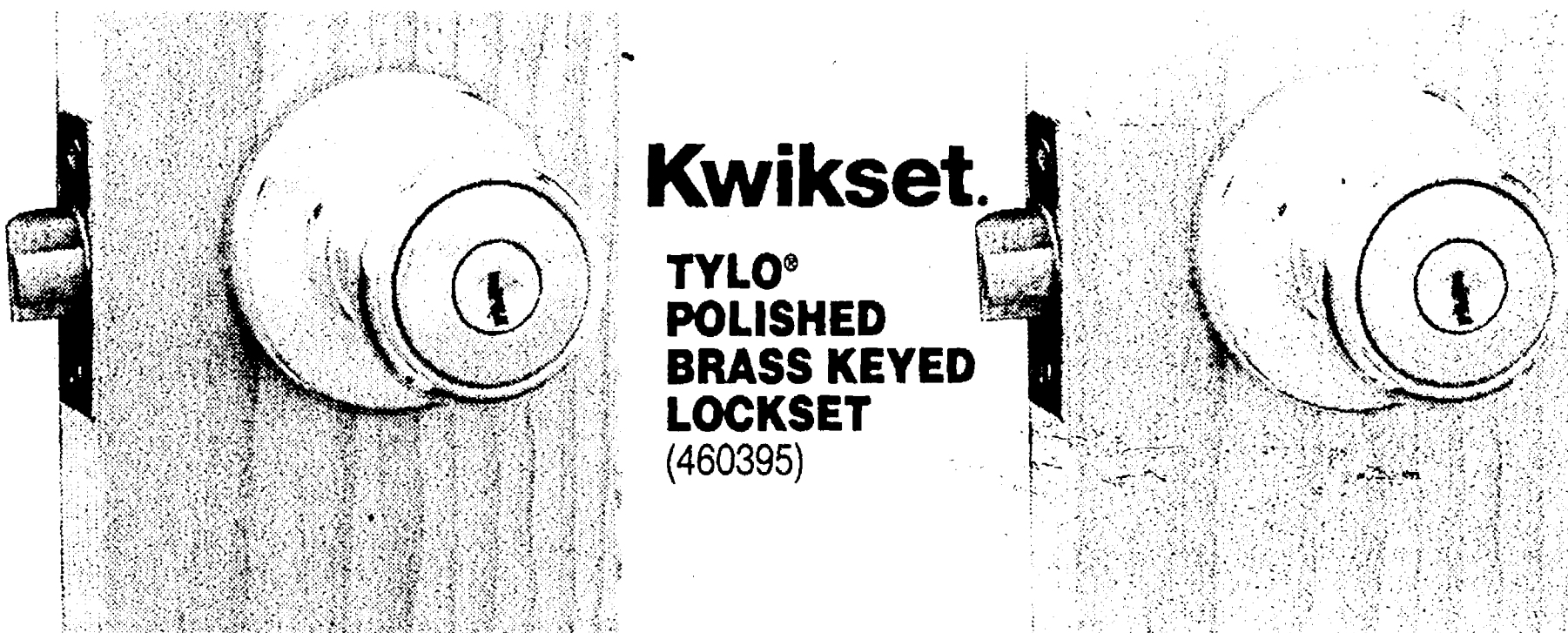
Remove loin from roasting pan and allow it to rest. Deglaze roasting pan on heated stove top by adding stock to the pan drippings and stirring, loosening browned bits of food on the bottom.

Add sherry and shittakes and cook until mushrooms are tender, 2 or 3 minutes. Whip in soft butter. Adjust seasonings. Spoon sauce onto plates. Carve loin and garnish with fresh herbs.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 329, Protein (g): 36 Fat (g): 14.5, Sodium (mg): 330, Carbohydrates (g): 4.5. Percent of calories from fat: 40.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Good eating habits

Parents, meet the challenge of developing good eating habits in your young children.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring "NutriTots," a three-week program for children ages 2-4 years and their parents at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The program runs 6:15-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 26. Children will learn through the use of puppets, videos and other activities about good eating habits.

The charge for this series is \$20, which includes a grocery store tour, a recipe packet and food tasting. The grocery store tour will take place the second week of the program without the children. Siblings ages 5-12 may attend the children's activity room the first and third week.

For more information or to register, call the Saint Joseph Mercy Health-Line at (734) 712-6400 or (800) 231-2211.

Prevent wintertime falls

While toddlers can fall down and bounce back up, older adults require more care since their bones are more fragile. Besides snow and ice, the risks for seniors falling include weakened sight and orthostatic hypotension, "which is caused by a sudden drop in blood pressure when an individual rises quickly from a sitting or laying position," said Tom Hicks, director of the Botsford General Hospital Dementia Programs.

To prevent falls, Hicks suggests:

- Placing non-skid backing on rugs
 - Placing non-slip mats or a bench in the bathtub
 - Placing handrails next to the toilet and bathtub
 - Providing adequate lighting
 - Removing clutter
 - Reducing the amount of furniture in rooms
 - Limiting drinking before bedtime to reduce frequency of nighttime urination
 - Wearing low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes
 - Making sure driveways and sidewalks are shoveled and salted.
- "If you are with someone who falls, ask the person to try to move their extremities and to state their name, where they are and the year. Also, check for excessive bleeding," said Hicks. "If there is any pain when moving, dizziness or disorientation, call 911."

Botsford volunteers

Aside from making new friends and helping others, serving as a Botsford Health Care Continuum volunteer gets you a complimentary meal on the day you work and a 15 percent discount at the hospital's gift shop. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have excellent "people skills" and be able to give a minimum of four hours per week, or 16 hours per month.

Current volunteer openings at Botsford General Hospital include general patient services (visitor reception or meal tray delivery) and non-typing clerical assistance. Call Botsford's Volunteer Office at (248) 471-8082 for information.

Volunteers who enjoy sharing their time and talents with older adults are needed at the Botsford Continuing Health Center and the Botsford Assisted Living Facility. Volunteers can also perform light clerical and receptionist tasks. Call Mary Parmenier at (248) 426-6944 for information.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (local news, short news items, facts, statistics, physicians, companies).

We also welcome contributions from health and fitness related sources. Submissions that are newspaper type, typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page.

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Dietitian finds RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

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The American Dietetic Association recently presented its highest award to Deborah Silverman, a Plymouth resident and assistant professor of dietetics at Eastern Michigan University.

Silverman moved into the national spotlight in October when she was nominated and awarded the American Dietetic Association Foundation Award for Excellence in Dietetic Education. Over the last two decades, she has brought about much change in the educational programming at EMU as well as instituting progressive initiatives corresponding with the ever-changing field of health care.

"To be recognized by my peers in this manner has to be the most rewarding acknowledgment I have ever received," said Silverman who received a dual nomination by the Dietitians in Nutrition Support and Consultant Dietitians in Health Care Facilities dietetic practice groups, representing more than 10,000 dietetic practitioners.

A noted national lecturer, Silverman says dietitians' roles have evolved from the "traditional" hospital setting into alternative academic and health care positions that she could have only dreamed about for her students 20 years ago.

Changing gears

"There's no longer a traditional learner," said Silverman. "The opportunities available for a certified dietitian are numerous and a benefit to both the public and the professional alike."

Dietitians, different from nutritionists, are nationally certified to educate, evaluate and implement their knowledge of the basic diet in an effort to help people maintain optimal health.

"Dietitians are the true experts



Deborah Silverman

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of food nutrition. Nationally credentialed, I've seen my students apply their skills and knowledge of dietetics into positions at long-term care facilities, wellness programs, the traditional hospital setting, fitness facilities, food service companies and in private practice," said Silverman.

"There is a push more and more by businesses, companies and the health care industry toward getting back to the basics of food and in teaching the public they need to incorporate nutrition into their lifestyle rather

than as a treatment to an already diagnosed illness."

One of Silverman's former students, Jennifer Thornton, has applied her degree in dietetics to the position of nutritionist for the YMCA of Livonia. Thornton, 27, was hired on a regular basis as of 1996 to provide preventative medicine and wellness programming for members.

Thornton said she proposed the idea to the current YMCA supervisor, who was interested in enhancing already established wellness offerings. Taking on the title of nutritionist as a certified dietitian was twofold.

She said people generally have a better understanding of what a nutritionist does and often times the reaction from persons who visit dietitians is, "Are you going to put me on a diet?" said Thornton. "A diet is the last thing I want people to go on."

In the last two years, Thornton has provided personal counseling for members as well as publicly addressing service groups and organizations on the basics of nutrition. One-on-one services include nutritional reviews that enable her to discuss the foods that fall into the pyramid of nutrition and ways they can make improvements.

Second, persons can opt for a complete work-up that requires them to complete a three-day food diary and extensive lifestyle questionnaire. From the results, Thornton says she is able to illustrate what the responses say about their current nutritional status, where their weakness are and how specific improvements can be made.

"Jennifer has used her knowledge and experience to create a position in a non-traditional setting not unlike many of the graduates we see come out of the dietetics program at EMU," said Silverman.

"I credit the university with allowing me to be flexible with my own time so that I may bring

back real-life experiences into the classroom for the benefit of my students.

"My ability to accomplish this in my students is demonstrated by their professional achievements throughout the curriculum and later in their professional careers."

A primary example of Silverman's ability to marry her out-of-classroom expertise with her academic endeavors came to fruition in 1996 when she proposed and served as primary faculty to establish EMU Nutrition Services, a fee-for-service ambulatory care service operated by senior students in the Coordinated Program in Dietetics.

The center provides an on-campus interdisciplinary lifelong learning, research and information center for the promotion of optimal health through nutrition.

Other endeavors Silverman is currently involved with include adjunct assistant professor at Madonna University (Department of Family/Consumer Resources Dietetic program); resource pool clinical dietitian, University of Michigan Department of Food/Nutrition Services; dietitians and membership committee, The American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition; and the career enhancement task force, The American Dietetic Association.

Planning for the future

As the dietetic profession expands within the health care system, Silverman is continually looking for ways students can make themselves more marketable in their field of study.

"It's not enough these days just to be a dietitian. They have to be able to wear many hats and find areas to specialize in," said Silverman. "I look forward to the challenge that presents to me as an educator, mentor and colleague."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

JANUARY

MINI FITNESS CLASSES

Schoolcraft College offers almost 60, four-week mini physical education classes during this month to restart your metabolism after the holidays. The classes include yoga, aerobics, a variety of water-based exercise methods, swimming, karate and strength training. Fees range from \$9 to \$43. Call (734) 462-4413.

MON, JAN. 11

ADULT CPR

Both day and evening classes available. \$20 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 356-3900 ext. 255 to register.

STOP SMOKING

If you're ready to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital is offering a two-week, four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, from Jan. through Jan. 21, in the First Floor Conference Room/Registration is required, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

HOSPICE CARE COURSE

Madonna University in Livonia will offer "Spiritual and Ethical Considerations in Hospice Care from 1-4 p.m. on Mondays beginning Jan. 11 and from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 13. The non-credit fee is \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

TUE, JAN. 12

IMPOTENCY HELP

HIM (Help for Impotent Men) will discuss "Impotence: Man's Greatest Fear." Free of charge. 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Classroom 2 East A/B, 29050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Preregistration is required. Call (734) 655-1100.

WED, JAN. 13

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep it off. Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D. C.D.E., LifeSteps is a safe and effective weight

loss program that individualizes your new eating and activity pattern so that you lose weight permanently. A complimentary LifeSteps orientation class will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7-8 p.m. The class will meet in the Pavilion Conference Room B. The management class is a 12-week program meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 20 through April 7. Pre-registration is required, call (734) 655-8940.

THROUGH JAN. 19

STOP SMOKING CLINIC

The City of Livonia is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by anti-smoking presenter Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven night program will be held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. Remaining dates include: Jan. 11 through Jan. 15 and Jan. 19. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 for information.

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FELDENKRAIS

Feldenkrais Method® combines movement training and gentle touch to improve ease of movement, coordination, flexibility and posture. Eight-week program taught through March 9 by certified Feldenkrais practitioner. \$100 fee for entire course. 6-7 p.m. or 7:15-8:15 p.m. Preregistration/payment required. Botsford Integrated Medicine, 39630 W. 14 Mile Road, Walled Lake. Call (248) 926-6370.

WED, JAN. 13

EXERCISE

This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, (such as high blood pressure or cholesterol) and their families. Free, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 467-4134 for information.

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Learn about risk factors, signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Cost \$15. Free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members from 6-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Call (734) 643-WELL.

THUR, JAN. 14

HOSPICE CARE

Madonna University will offer the course "Psychological Components of Hospice Care" on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. Non-credit fee \$300. Students can earn 4.5 continuing education units. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

Web sites drop the ball in storm coverage



MIKE WENDLAND

Last weekend's massive snowstorm showed just how badly the area needs reliable and relevant Internet Web sites.

At a time when hundreds of metro area meetings, church services, sporting events and schools were forced to shut down because of the weather, most of the high-profile local sites had old news or generic weather stories.

If there ever was a time when the Net was needed to communicate the cancellations and current conditions caused by the snow emergency, it was last weekend.

Perhaps the most glaring example involved WDIV Online, the normally

excellent Channel 4 Web site that has a pretty sophisticated school closing list and a real time Doppler radar view that allows storms to be tracked on your PC screen. It was, however, inexplicably offline for most of the weekend.

Didn't any of the supervisors who supposedly manage the Web site know it was down? If not, the site needs new managers.

If they did notice and didn't call anyone in to fix it, well, that shows what kind of priority the Internet has with WDIV management.

For the record, the station says it was an unusually high number of hits that took the site down. Hogwash.

Their site crashed in November when they tried to put up the very dramatic video of the Hudson's implosion, too. Why didn't they bother to beef up the server if it couldn't handle a lot of

hits? But even if it did crash, restarting it is simple.

It wasn't until late Sunday night after I repeatedly noted their online absence on my PC Talk radio program on WXYT that the WDIV site struggled back into service.

But WDIV wasn't alone. It was a miserable showing for all of the local Web sites. WWJ radio had wire story copy on the big snow. WXYT Radio still had a Christmas poem on its home page. And the Observer & Eccentric, Detroit Free Press and Detroit News sites were also mostly recirculating old news.

The lack of really usable storm information underscores one of my pet peeves about online news sites.

Because most are run by outfits that publish hard copy newspapers, or broadcast by traditional radio or tele-

vision, they are invariably given the short end of the stick when it comes to staffing, money and content.

That's because the "old media" bosses who control these "new media" sites are afraid of their Internet offspring. They view the Net as a competitor, a rival for the eyes and ears of those who they'd much rather have reading the paper or watching and viewing a broadcast.

How else can last weekend's failure to communicate be explained?

Next time you hear one of those slick promos advertising an "old media" Web site, remember how out of touch those sites were last weekend.

So, what's needed? For starters, I suggest a new mindset for those who currently run news and information sites.

People read newspapers. They

watch television. They click through Web sites. User studies show that people come to a Web site to get specific information, not to leisurely peruse the news. Web sites are not read. They are scrolled.

A news and information Web site that is run by people who understand the Net will be a site that offers both immediacy and relevancy. That means the site will have round-the-clock staffing, 7-24 connection monitoring and lots of interactive lists and data bases that give people the information they need - such as church and school closings, neighborhood and subdivision news, school lunch menus, high school sports scores and lots of ways to search for very localized information.

The Internet is not a competitor for

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Business Marketplace items are welcome regarding mergers, changes, initiatives or announcements from companies in the Observer-area business community. Items should be sent to: Business Marketplace, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

Shareholder plan

Agree Realty Corp. of Farmington Hills announced that its board of directors has adopted a Shareholder Rights Plan designed to assure that all stockholders receive fair treatment in the event of any takeover. The key provision of the shareholder rights plan is a mechanism that will distribute for each outstanding share of the company's common stock one Right that becomes exercisable upon certain triggering events.

Tops again

Valassis Communications Inc. of Livonia announced it has earned a spot on Fortune Magazine's annual list of "100 Best Companies to Work For," climbing 30 positions to number 37, from last year's ranking of 67. The study was conducted by best-selling authors and concept creators Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz. Valassis has been named to this prestigious list three consecutive times. "Being named to this list again is exhilarating news for us," said Alan F. Schultz, chairman, president, and chief executive officer. "Valassis is producing very positive results in terms of our business and our shareholder value."

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the design, development, production, installation and servicing of dispensing systems for applying adhesive and sealant materials.

The internationally recognized symbol of ISO 9001 registration certifies that Sealant Equipment & Engineering meets the highest quality standards for the manufacture of dispensing systems

New merger

CRIS Information Services Inc., a Livonia-based information and investigative services company, acquired and merged with Ghent Security Services of Ann Arbor on Jan. 11. The company's services include: automated credit reporting, background and pre-employment investigations, due diligence business investigations, compliance reporting, asset searches, political investigations, worker's compensation investigations, industrial security, fraud detection, loss prevention and comprehensive licensed polygraph examinations.

"This exciting combination greatly strengthens our company. I know of no other company in this region that has the talent and experience and can provide such a broad spectrum of investigative services," said Jeffrey Vigue, CRIS president.

Air Conditioning membership

Bergstrom's of Livonia joined Air Conditioning Contractors of America for 1999. Bergstrom's is a partner company of Florida-based Blue Dot Services Inc.

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Kristyn Sobler

Account executive
Kristyn Sobler of Livonia was hired as assistant account executive with Shandwick. Sobler is a former Shandwick intern, where she provided support to existing accounts.

Financial consultant

Ralph H. Shufeldt Jr. of Canton joined First of Michigan's Dearborn office as a financial consultant. Shufeldt serves as chairman of the board of Canton's Downtown Development Authority and as an adviser on the Canton Transportation Committee.

ASC officers

ASC Inc., a Southgate-headquartered global specialty vehicle and products manufacturer with a plant in Livonia, has appointed John Nechiporohik chief operating officer and Brian Henriksen vice president of engineering and quality. Nechiporohik most recently was president of Automobile Special-



Brian Henriksen



John Nechiporohik

ty Co.

Insurance agent for Lutherans

James Ellis of Livonia joined the Park Jerritt III Agency of Aid Association for Lutherans in Livonia. Ellis will service families in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth.

Hearing Society Manager

The Livonia-based International Hearing Society appointed Cindy J. Helms manager of communications. She will act as editor and director of advertising for *Audicibel* magazine, the society's official journal. She previously has served as director of educational services and executive director of Leadership Michigan for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and as director of academic services for the educational institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association.

Food service management director

HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management company, hired Bruce Kane as a regional director of operations for the company's business, industry and school accounts in the Midwest. Kane, previously with Swanson Corp. of Omaha, Neb., will live in Canton.



Bruce Kane

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items for the Business Calendar are welcome from the Observer-area to announce upcoming events, seminars and programs of a business nature. Items should be sent to: Business Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; e-mail kmortson@oe.home-comm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

JAN. 11-25

LECTURE SERIES

The University of Michigan presents four free lectures on sustainable development, community and business in Hale Auditorium at the corner of Hill and Tappan in Ann Arbor. Will McDonough speaks on sustainable design 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11. Herman Daly speaks on sustainable economies 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Michael Hough speaks on sustainable cities 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. And Betsy Taylor speaks on sustainable consumption 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

FRI, JAN. 15

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The Livonia chapter of Business Network International meets 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on the corner of Plymouth Road and Stark in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 397-9939.

MON, JAN. 25

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Allan Rae, executive manager, manufacturing quality assurance system for DaimlerChrysler, is the keynote speaker for Madonna University's Angleri Quality Institute, "Supplier 2000: The Time is Now." Designed for automotive suppliers and purchasing managers, the Institute occurs 8-4:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall at Madonna in Livonia. The cost is \$176 and includes breakfast and lunch. To register, call (734) 432-5354.

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"old media." It offers customization features they can't even begin to touch. But, I'm afraid, as long as old media types control the purse strings on the news and information sites, all we'll get are sites that tease rather than please. I also have to be honest about my own site, too. Indeed, as fate would have it, on the very day I started writing this column, my pcmike.com site crashed. My site is hosted on the servers located at BigNet, probably the largest Internet service provider in the area. But when it went down Monday night, no one was on duty at BigNet to take my call. So my site stayed down until officials got my frustrated e-mails the next morning. Re-booting the crashed server was simple. Getting service, though, was not. BigNet offi-

cials assure me that won't happen again. They set up an emergency system to handle future problems.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Passionate director has faith in play

Theater has been in Michael Gravame's blood since second grade when he gathered classmates to put on a play just so he could direct it.

The Actors' Company's latest production, "Agnes of God," continuing Fridays and Saturdays through Saturday, Jan. 23, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, is proof of his passion.

Gravame founded the acting troupe in 1985 to direct such intense dramas as "Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's play about a young nun indicted for murder. Gravame warns that the production, which has an adult theme with some four letter words, is not suitable for all audiences.

Gripping drama

"It's a gripping adult drama about a nun who had a baby that's discovered dead in a wastepaper basket," said Gravame. "She's examined by a court-appointed psychiatrist who's an atheist. It's a good time to do this show because with news reports about icons shedding tears, we're questioning can miracles exist today. We're examining the meaning of love and exploring issues of faith and hope."

Rae S. McIntosh portrays the inquiring Dr. Martha Livingstone. A Beverly Hills resident, McIntosh serves on the board of Stagecrafters in Royal Oak. Gravame was a member of Stagecrafters for many years.

"For most roles for me the challenge is to make it as real as I can," said McIntosh. "She's harder, more businesslike than I am. I don't allow her to become soft."

"Agnes of God"

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16 and Jan. 22-23.

WHERE: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile Road, Livonia.

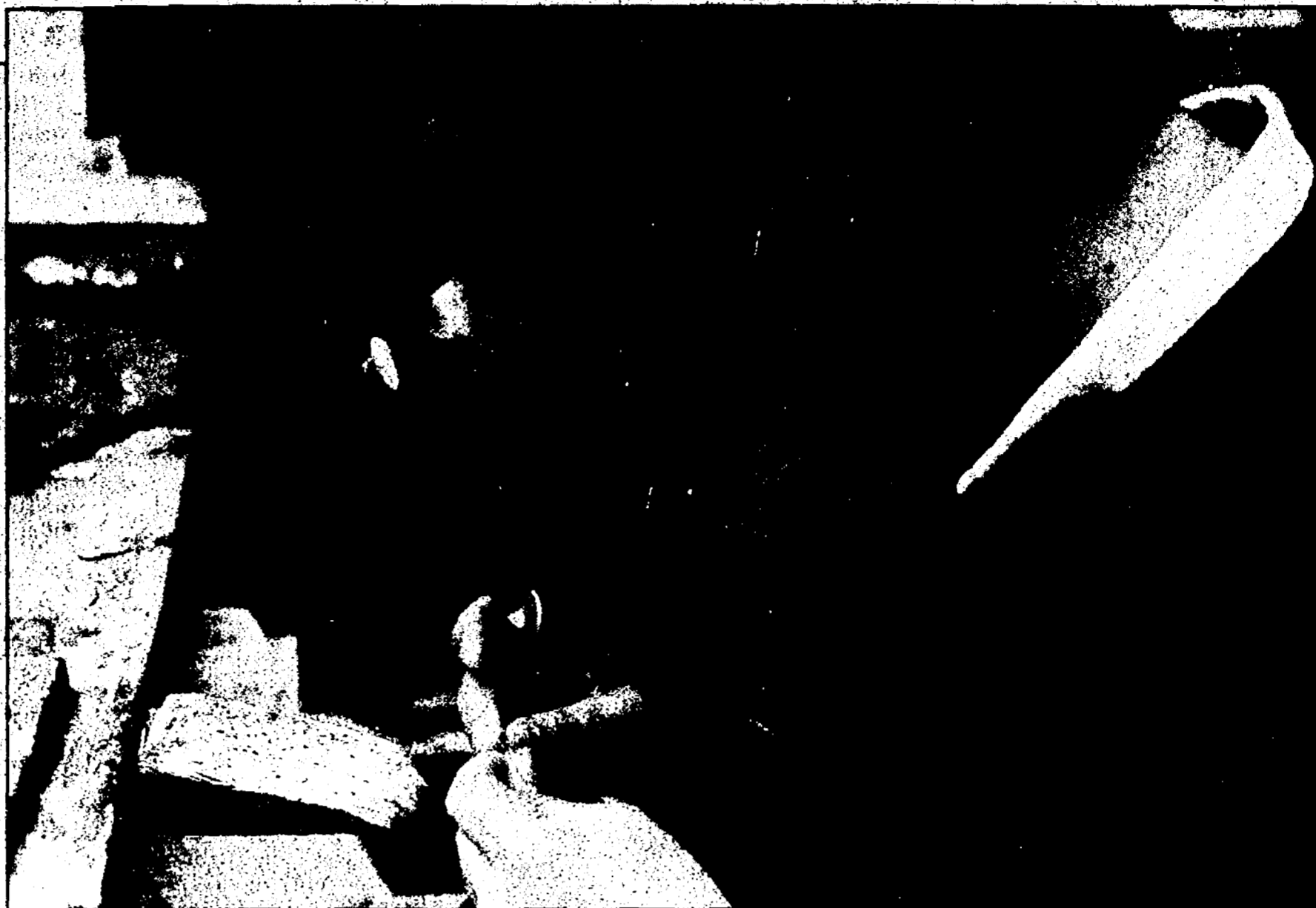
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part. The characters are complicated and go through a lot of different emotional levels.

"For my roles I like to get a feeling from the director, what he envisions, what the character looks like," she said. "I wanted to see what I might do differently and I wanted to work with Michael. He has a very fresh eye as a director."

McIntosh favorite parts of the play are the climactic scene and the last monologue. She's looked forward to rehearsing both since The Actors' Company began rehearsals in late November at First United Methodist Church

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PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Art of the jewel: Toros Chopjian works on ring he designed for a customer at his family's jewelry store in Livonia.

Brothers keep jewelry all in the family

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sitting in the back room of his family's jewelry store in Livonia, Toros Chopjian chuckles as he recalls when he and his brothers manufactured jewelry and set stones for major retailers in the basement of their Oak Park home in the early 1980s.

Eighteen years later, all of their hard work and financial struggles have paid off. Toros, Onnig, Matthew and Jack Chopjian now own jewelry manufacturing, wholesale and retail businesses in Livonia, Southfield and Chicago. Their success is due mainly to their custom-design rings, necklaces, pendants, bracelets and earrings.

"Each of us were working for jewelers and came home at night to work on our own pieces," said Chopjian, a longtime Livonia resident who now lives in Farmington Hills. "We would criticize each other's work, ask why did you do it that way. That's how we learned. We did no custom work. We had no money to buy gold."

Of Armenian heritage, the Chopjian brothers left Lebanon two years after Israel invaded the country in 1978. War was becoming a way of life in Lebanon. The country had suffered through a Muslim rebellion in the late 1950s and a 1975 civil-war between Muslims

and Christians. Toros, the eldest of the brothers, was the first to leave and lived for a while in Paris with an uncle. By age 16, he was sweeping up jewelers' dust afternoons after school. Gradually he learned to do repairs and eventually silver- and goldsmithing.

"We learned the old-fashioned way by hand, without using wax to cast and polished by hand with files," said Chopjian. "When we came here we had the new technology and didn't know how to work in wax. Now, we're combining wax and old techniques with new."

Onnig Chopjian, who immigrated directly to the U.S. with Matthew and Jack in 1980, believes that critiquing each others work is necessary to perfecting a jeweler's skills. The 37-year old Novi resident entered the business to please his grandmother who was disappointed because her son had chosen to go into shoemaking instead. Chopjian's great grandfather had been a jeweler in Turkey.

"You should always be criticizing your work," said Onnig. "Then you have to challenge yourself to do better. We're always bouncing ideas left and right. When there's no competition then you don't have to think about doing things better."

Onnig, an impressionistic painter, begins his designs with a sketch. Because he believes jewelry making is an art much like three-



Out of sight: This friendship ring is comprised of three separate rings which open to reveal a heart.

dimensional sculpture, Onnig has visited dozens of museums all over the world and the Louvre in Paris three times.

"Drawing is the foundation of any work," said Onnig. "When you see shadow in painting, it gives you depth. In jewelry, it's the same."

All in the family

Working together, the four Chopjian brothers opened Flash Jewelers in Southfield in 1982. Flash continues as a manufactur-

ing operation to this day. Personal Touch is their wholesale business and J.T. Diamond Design is their retail outlet in Southfield. Nearly three years ago, they opened Motif Diamond Designs in the Livonia Mall. A third retail location opened in Chicago in October.

Developing their jewelry business has been a family affair from the beginning with Toros and Onnig designing and fabricating jewelry, Matthew doing the casting, Jack setting stones, their mother Myda stringing pearls, and sister Tammi selling jewelry.

"When we first opened Flash, there were 35 jewelers in the building and we were in a price war," said Toros Chopjian. "We started building up a reputation with customers who care about designing and quality. When we make a ring we throw it against the wall to see if the stones come out."

Joanie Schott found out first hand that custom design is the brothers' strong point. The Livonia resident has commissioned Toros to create several charms, pendants and a bracelet using her grandmother's jewelry. A diamond watch is now three pendants one of which Schott proudly wears. The other two now belong to her sisters.

"Toros is very, very creative," said Schott. "He's reasonable and works with me to come up with the design."

OPERA

Rising opera soprano shines in Ann Arbor concert

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There was a feeling that Renée Fleming "was on the edge of breaking out" when she made her first appearance at a University Musical Society Concert, said Sara Billman, director of marketing at UMS.

In the six years since she last performed in Ann Arbor, Fleming has gone from the edge of fame to being strapped to a rocket headed for opera world stars.

This Thursday she'll perform an emotionally and musically diverse program of works by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Debussy, and Barber.

Fleming's UMS concert wasn't simply a case of checking this year's day planner to find an open date. According to Billman, it took several years before a date was available on Fleming's jam-packed schedule.

Billman said ticket sales were brisk for the concert at 4,000-seat Hill Auditorium. She compares ticket-buyer interest to the response to opera super-

star Cecilia Bartoli's sold-out September 1997 performance.

Since she last performed a program of Berg's compositions at Hill Auditorium, Fleming has had the type of hectic, yet impressive, schedule of performances that rival any of opera's top-level stars.

Last September, at the San Francisco Opera, she performed as Blanche Dubois in the world premiere of Tennessee Williams' classic "A Streetcar Named Desire," adapted as an opera by Andre Previn. Then, in October, Fleming traveled to the New York Metropolitan Opera where she starred in the new acclaimed production of "The Marriage of Figaro," alongside a stellar cast, that included Bartoli and Byrn Terfel.

After her appearance in Ann Arbor, Fleming will perform recitals at Carnegie Hall and Chicago's Orchestra Hall. And for those who can't hear and see Fleming for themselves, there's a new recording, "Star Crossed Lovers."



Rising star: Soprano Renée Fleming will perform recitals at Carnegie Hall and Chicago's Orchestra Hall after her Ann Arbor appearance on Jan. 14.

WHAT: Soprano Renée Fleming: In Recital

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14

WHERE: Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan campus, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor

PROGRAM: Musical works by Schubert, Gilka, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Wolf, Debussy, Barber and R. Strauss.

TICKETS: \$14-\$40, call (734) 764-2538, (800) 221-1229, or <http://www.ums.org>

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Questioning beliefs: (left) Dr. Martha Livingstone (Rae S. McIntosh), a court-appointed psychiatrist, examines Agnes (Tania Velinsky) in "Agnes of God."



Sisters: Audrey Morgan (left) and Sylvia Carter perform as the Delany sisters in "Having Our Say."

'Having Our Say' is heartwarming drama

"Having Our Say" by Emily Mann continues through Sunday, Jan. 31 at Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Performances Tuesday-Sunday, call for times. This week's show times, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10; 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 12-16; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 16. Special performances ASL-Interpreted, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 and Audio Described, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20. Tickets \$24 to \$36, available at Ticketmaster locations (248) 645-6666, or call the theater (248) 377-3300.

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If you live to be more than 100, you'll probably have a thing or two to say about your life, and chances are pretty good people will want to listen.

That's what happened to Sadie and Bessie Delany, two sisters whose life story, "Having Our Say," was the subject of a 1993 best-selling novel written with Amy Hill Hearth and adapted for stage by Emily Mann.

Now playing at Meadow Brook Theatre, "Having Our Say," is "a slice of history, an African American story," said Audrey Morgan who portrays Bessie. Sylvia Carter is Sadie. In the play, Sadie is 103, and Bessie 101. Bessie died in 1995, Sadie is still alive.

The sisters welcome a visitor, as they prepare dinner to honor their father's memory. While working in the kitchen, and visiting in the living room, the sisters share their lives with the audience.

Back then you could choose to get married or have a career.

'I love the women, they're so interesting, they complement each other so well. It's a story worth telling. It's important that people hear it, especially young African Americans.'

Sylvia Carter
Sadie in 'Having Our Say'

Both sisters choose careers. Sadie received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University, and became the first black woman to teach domestic science in the New York City school system. Bessie, also graduated from Columbia, and became the second African American dentist licensed to practice in New York.

"I like doing the play," said Morgan. "We speak directly to the audience. The sisters are constantly doing something, it's two hours of non-stop talking."

As sisters tell their story they take the audience back in time explaining what it was like to experience prejudice and segregation. Their father was a slave. Bessie and Sadie talk about the injustice of Jim Crow, living in Harlem in the 1920s, the Great Depression, and the civil rights movement. There are also heartwarming stories about their close family, and the values they learned from their parents - work hard, save your money, praise god, get an education, help and forgive others.

"It's something that every race should experience," said Morgan. "Every one is a part of Sadie's and Bessie's history. This is an opportunity to heal."

The Delanys were highly educated and very respected in the community. It's a piece of African American family history that many people aren't familiar with. After meeting the Delany

sisters Morgan said she hopes people will begin to care about the family, and take a different look at how they view African Americans. "Racism still exists, it's the core of this country," she said.

Bessie is outspoken, Sadie, her older sister, is quiet, and plays dumb to get what she wants.

"I love the story so," said Carter. "I love the women, they're so interesting, they complement each other so well. It's a story worth telling. It's important that people hear it, especially young African Americans. They get all caught up in believing I can't do this because I'm black, instead of realizing yes, this is an issue, but there's a way to rise about the situation you're in. Whatever it takes, keep your goal in mind, and try."

Many people don't realize that Jim Crow wasn't that long ago. There were still Jim Crow laws in Virginia as late as 1967.

"This was our life, and this is what we did," is how Carter describes "Having Our Say."

"It's not meant to offend anyone," she said. "This is American history told by two women who lived it."

"Having Our Say" is being presented as part of Oakland University's African American Celebration Month. Meadow Brook's associate artistic director Debra L. Wicks is directing the production.

ART BEAT

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LSO CONCERT

An ensemble of seven orchestra members perform classical chamber, jazz and pop music at

2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. LSO president Robert Bennett gives a short talk on orchestra operations before the concert then conductor Volodymyr Schesniuk tells about his experiences in Ukraine following the program.

Admission is free for Friends of the Library members, all others by purchasing a \$5 membership.

Also of note: The LSO presents "Deja Vu and Something New," a concert featuring internationally

acclaimed cellist Vagram Saradjian, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15, \$8 children age 12 and under. For more information, call the LSO hotline (734) 421-1111 or (734) 464-2741.

MEMBERS WANTED

Artists interested in joining an art group are invited to the 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 meeting of the Palette and Brush Club at the Southfield Cultural Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Pat Gloria will demonstrate Polaroid transfers. For more information, call (248) 683-5461.

LET THE MUSIC BEGIN

Village Music begins classes is Kindermusic, voice and beginning piano Monday, Jan. 25 in its studio at 130 East Liberty Street in Plymouth's Old Village

Norma Atwood, formerly with the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton, is now giving music classes at the studio she recently opened in Plymouth. To register or for more information, call Atwood at (734) 354-9825.



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in Royal Oak. "Agnes is being hypnotized and remembers," said McIntosh. "You see the doctor having made peace with herself."

Continuing story

"Agnes of God" is one of the last plays that Gravame will produce for a while in the area. He's frustrated that after 13 years,

he's still trying to get The Actors' Company "off the ground." He thinks he'll have more success in New York and will move there this fall.

Gravame's resume will show he has plenty of experience. Over the years the 33-year-old artistic director has produced "Godspell," "Wizard of Oz," "Jesus Christ

Superstar," and children's theater in such locations as the Cheboygan Opera House, Huntington Woods Library, nursing homes and a child abuse center.

"The Actors' Company doesn't have much money to pay people," said Amy Schell, producer. "We're trying to do a lot with very little, and I think we're doing that very well."

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Fleming
soprano

Times, Jan. 11

University of Michigan
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an upcoming CD of duets and arias with Placido Domingo.

"Renée is quickly approaching the upper echelon of sopranos," said Billman. "She has an amazingly sweet, but a big voice."

With uncanny interpretative ability that allows her to shape the musical text, critics claim Fleming can wring subtle emotion or reach the highest aural level of emotional impact.

Song recitals

Until the mid 1990s, UMS typically only had one song recital during its season. But recently, local audiences have responded to UMS' presentation of up-and-coming and established singers in diverse musical programs.

This season, UMS is presenting three other song recitals in addition to Fleming's concert.

Those concerts in late January, March and April will be performed at the 650-seat Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR
Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999. Artists should send self-addressed stamped envelope to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or call (734) 994-5260. Applications must be received by Feb. 5.

ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried "Art & Apples Festival," to be held Sept. 11-12, 1999 in Rochester Municipal Park. Slides must be received by March 1, 1999. Entry fee: \$25. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-7418 or (248) 651-4110.

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP
Auditions for ballet students for summer fine arts camp. Auditions include a masterclass taught by Jefferson Baum, Blue Lake's director of dance. Noon Saturday, Jan. 16, 3226 Old Main, Wayne State University, Detroit; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, School of Dance, 220 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. For details, call (800) 221-3796 or (616) 894-1966.

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS
Holding auditions for its spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center on 11 Mile Road, just east of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Chorus members come from all over metro-Detroit. Living in the Farmington area is not a requirement for membership. Chorus is open to people age 18 and older, musical experience is not necessary, but is helpful, all music and a practice tape is provided. Call Kathy Hall, (248) 471-4516.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Independent youth orchestra for students ages 10-18 holding auditions by appointment Saturday, Jan. 16. Call (734) 591-7649 or (248) 476-6341. Rehearsals 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Adult sing the group should attend rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 134 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester; (248) 370-2030.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, room 530 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road). Call Shari Clason (248) 349-8175 or the college (734) 462-4435 to schedule an appointment.

ZAMIR CHORALE
Open rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Auditions for all voice parts for 1999 spring season. Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield; (248) 851-8560.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN
Non-credit studio art classes and workshops, late January through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes. Including children's holiday gift workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia expo



Domestic bliss: The paintings of Doris Lee (from the 1940s and '50s) are on exhibit through Jan. 30 at the David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

ration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. Sheila Landis hosts free songwriting workshop 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20; fiction writer Kathe Koja hosts free writer's workshop 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

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

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

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

JINGLE BEL, INC.
Winter classes include participation in the Rochester/Troy Youth Community Show Chorus: ages 6-10 - 6:15-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-March 30; ages 11-16 - 7:8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13-March 30. Drama, singing, choreography classes, ages 6-14, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12-March 30. Other classes include drama for children, instruction in range of media, and instrumental lessons. For details, call (248) 375-9027.

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Registration for winter classes, Jan. 18-March 29. Classes for preschoolers to adults. New program, Winter Wonderart Day Camp, will be offered for students ages 6-11 during Feb. 15-19, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Winter classes & workshops for all ages, including sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film, drawing, children's theater, creative writing and more. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation. Saturdays, Feb. 6-May 15.

Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.
VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
"Set Building Workshop," presented by Larry Kaushansky of Wayne State's design program. Classes: Jan. 14 & 21. Feb. 16, 21 & 25.

CONCERTS

B'HAM MUSICALE
Celebration of National Federation of Music Clubs Day, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, featuring pianist Marian Siatczynski, and soprano Kaye Rittinger. The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham.

CONCERT FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN

"Ginka Ortega and Friends," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, featuring flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega, Spanish guitarist Bishr Hijazi, classical guitarist Helene Rottenberg, organist Charles Kennedy, mezzo soprano Irena de Tervo and the Sur Peruvian ensemble. St. John's Episcopal Church, Woodward at Fisher Freeway, across from the Fox Theatre, Detroit; (313) 962-7358.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Jan. 14-15, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; "Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration," a program of Dvorak, Ellington, Copland and a Gospel medley, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. "Pops Series: Big Band Salute," 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Jan. 22-23, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24. Tickets: \$13-\$63; (313) 576-5111. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Ensemble of seven members of the full orchestra in a performance of chamber, jazz and pop music, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Livonia Civic Center Library, Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads; (734) 464-2741.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
"Classics on the Lake," 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, featuring tenor David Troiano and soprano Valerie Yova in operatic arias and Broadway duets. Tickets: \$15 & \$25. Shrine Chapel, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 683-0521.

UNIV. MUSICAL SOCIETY
Soprano Renee Fleming 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Hill Auditorium, N. University at Thayer Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 763-3100. "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Tribute," Rackham Auditorium, 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18; (734) 764-0586.

LECTURES

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC
U of M Professor of Ethnomusicology Judith Becker

présents, "Volcanoes, Blacksmiths and the Power of the Gamelan Ensemble," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Britton Recital Hall, E.V. Moore Bldg., U of M campus, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0594.

BBAC
Three-week lecture series on the work and life of Picasso: Jan. 22 - "Picasso and Symbolism"; Feb. 12 - "The Spanish Artist as Social Critic"; March 12 - "A Portrait of the Artist." 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

MUSEUM CENTERS
Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Jan. 31 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land" 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through March 14 - "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions" 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY (OPENINGS)

C.R.A.I.G. GALLERY
Jan. 11 - "Effects of Light and Colour," new paintings by Nony Sobran, Compton Pappas, through Feb. 21. N. Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, downtown Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE
Jan. 11 - "Art of the Iris," works by various artists, through Feb. 5. Reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Sisson Gallery, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-6487.

PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL
Jan. 12 - "Japan Revisited," featuring Yoriko Hirose Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts, through Feb. 10. Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Jan. 14 - "Extraordinary Stitches: The art of fiber & thread," featuring works of 23 artists, through Feb. 25. Reception 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

WYLAND WILDLIFE GALLERY
Jan. 15 - Reception 6 p.m. for artist Morris Lee Sullivan, 280 Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 723-9220.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Jan. 15 - "Diversity: Victims & Survivors," paintings by Richard Kozlow, selected interviews from the university's "Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories," an archival collection assembled by UM-D Professor of History Dr. Sidney Bolkosky, through Feb. 14, 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

BBAC
Jan. 15 - "Narrative Now," featuring four emerging painters, curated by Dennis Nawrocki, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Robinson Gallery, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

FOCUS: HOPE
Jan. 16 - Over 100 photographs taken by students grades 9-12 who participated in "Focus on the Mission," through Jan. 31, 1355 Oakman Blvd., Detroit; (313) 494-5500.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

NETWORK
Through Jan. 14 - "Photoflux," an exhibit by four Cranbrook alumni, 7 North Saginaw St. in Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

CENTER GALLERIES
Through Jan. 15 - "eat right and think clean," a performance/installation by Eugene Clark, through Feb. 27, 201 Kerby, Detroit; (313) 664-7806.

HILL GALLERY
Through Jan. 16 - "Pak' al Tunich Stone Gardens," Maya architecture and landscapes, 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

REVOLUTION
Through Jan. 16 - Exhibition by sculptor Elena Berriolo "Enclosed Gardens," recent works on paper by Gina Ferrari, and ceramic sculpture by Korean native Jae Won Lee, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through Jan. 16 - "... skywalking," works by Gerhardt Knodel, 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 21 - New paintings by Fritz Mayhew, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through Jan. 22 - "Metaphors," works by Yvette Kaiser Smith, Wayne State University, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

SCARAB CLUB
Through Jan. 28 - 85th Annual Gold Medal Exhibit & Holiday Sales Show, featuring fine art, sculpture and photography by Scarab Club members, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Jan. 30 - "Spirit of Memory," paintings and prints by Sawsan Elgamal, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 30 - Paintings by Frank Bowling, 1616 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

KLEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 30 - Doris Lee's oils and gouaches from the 1930s and 1940s, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through Jan. 30 - Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild exhibit; works of photographer John Copa of Orchard Lake, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 466-2490.

YAW GALLERY
Through Jan. 30 - "A Gathering of Spoons," works by sculptor/silversmith Jonathan Bonner, 550 N. Old Woodward Ave., (248) 647-5470.

CARY GALLERY
Through Feb. 6 - "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

SWANN GALLERY
Through Feb. 6 - "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building," a photography show, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Feb. 7 - "Artists Under the Italian Influence," featuring work of Juliana Clendenin, Jim Cosgwell, Susan Crowell, Ed Fraga, Mark Pomilio, Debra Bosio Riley and Mel Rosas, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004.

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Feb. 13 - Paintings by Barbara Costello, 29 E. Grand River, Detroit; (313) 961-4336.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Feb. 21 - "Picturing Paris: 1850 to the Present," photographs from the Detroit Institute of Arts, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-3005.

PRESTON BURKE GALLERY
Through March 7 - "Historic Photos of Detroit," a look at downtown Detroit, 1888-1920, 30448 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak; (248) 549-5171.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Through March 15 - "Memory and Vision," A Celebration of Jewish Community, 1899-1999, museum-quality exhibition of art facts and photos chronicles 100 years of the organized Jewish community of Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Docents available for guided tours, call (248) 642-4260. Ext. 271.



To the point: Eastern Michigan University's Ford Gallery exhibits the ceramic sculptures of Dennis Tobin through Feb. 5. The gallery is in Ford Hall on the EMU campus; (734) 487-1268.

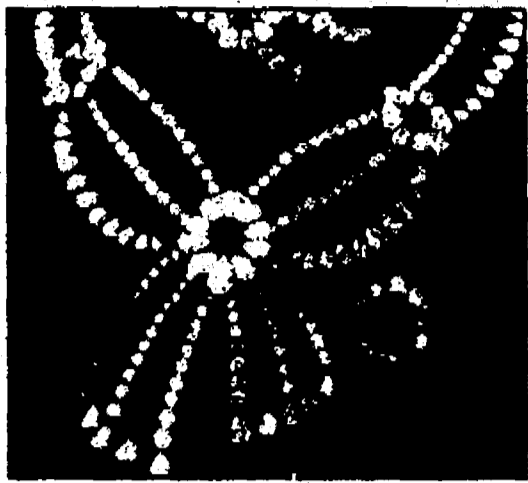
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Best friends: Diamonds and rubies from Cartier in the Somerset Collection in Troy sparkle with a characteristic brilliance.

The Jewelry Lady dishes on diamonds and disappointments

Is the bauble you received in your stocking not quite what you expected? How do you return holiday gift jewelry without offending your loved one? That's a question for the Jewelry Lady, the area's expert on all aspects of fine jewels.

The Jewelry Lady keeps her ring finger on the pulse of what's happening in the world, gem-wise. She shares her wisdom, expertise and opinions with you in this guest column.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

My husband bought me a pair of earrings for Christmas and I can't stand them. They look like something my mother would wear. How can I return them without hurting his feelings?

-Feeling Bad in Bingham Farms

Dear Feeling,

Ah, the irony of life. The Jewelry Lady recalls in great detail how customers in her family's jewelry store were often mismatched. Husbands who liked to buy jewelry often were paired with wives who found it frivolous, and vice versa. And then there was the matter of taste. It's a miracle that jewelry stores can stay in business when you consider all the possibilities.

The Jewelry Lady suggests that if your husband bought earrings that make you want to gag, you should return to the store, with both husband and earrings in hand, and choose another pair that you both like.

Returning such a personal gift for cash or a credit on your charge will only make your husband - and your jeweler - unhappy.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

A friend of mine bought a three-carat diamond. It's gorgeous. I would like to trade in my one-carat stone and add \$3,000 cash to buy a diamond like my friend's. Is this possible?

-Shopping for Trinkets in Troy

Dear Trinkets,

It's not likely. That's the first part of the Jewelry Lady's answer. The second part is: it depends.

Large diamonds are extremely expensive per carat. And you're not likely to find a diamond of that size at a cost anywhere near \$3,000, unless you're looking for a piece of charcoal with a touch of glitter. The other unknown is the value of your one-carat diamond.

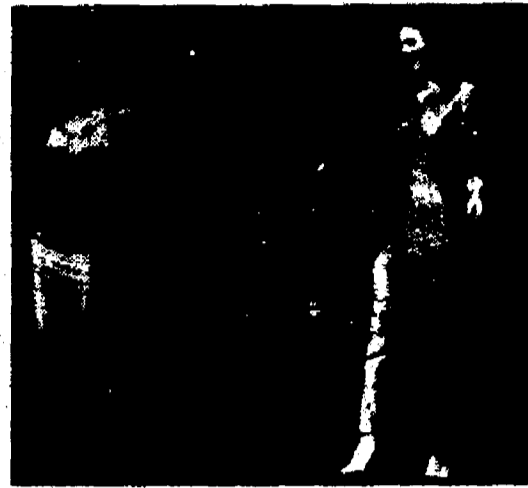
At risk of sounding like a broken record, the Jewelry Lady would like to ask if you know a trusted jeweler. Your job is to get at least one honest appraisal of the value of your existing ring - its trade-in value, not its replacement value. Add this value to your \$3,000 cash and you have your total budget. Your trusted jeweler will then be able to show you which diamonds are in your price range. They're not likely to be in the three-carat range, but chances are they will be noticeably larger than the diamond you wear now. And isn't that what you really want?

So do your homework, ask around for a good jeweler (and trust the Jewelry Lady, there are many, many honest jewelers in this area), and get ready to shine!

The Jewelry Lady welcomes your questions. Call her with your Valentine's Day queries, such as "Do I have to buy heart-shaped jewelry for my girlfriend?" Please contact her at (248) 542-4012, send a fax to (248) 582-9223 or e-mail her at: rodgers@mich.com.

Fash smash

Feline fatale: Dana Buchman's and Karen Harman's tiger-striped exterior oozes style. The snappy Pontiac Grand Am includes luggage that matches the interior.



5th Avenue combines with Woodward as New York designs ignite Auto Show event

Dapper dudes and divine divas:

Joseph Abboud's back to nature look (right) features earth tones and linen fabrics. Dana Buchman and Karen Harman (far right top) showed fluid, feminine fabrics. Supermodel Nadja Auermann (far right) turned heads at the Opera Theater, wearing a Buchman and Harman hand-embroidered silk evening ensemble.

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BY REBECCA W. KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

The Old-World interior of the Detroit Metropolitan Opera House pulsated with out-of-this-world fashions, music, and cars Monday night at the second annual Concept:Cure Fashion Jam.

The event was co-sponsored by General Motors Corp. and Hudson's and benefited the new Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The benefit kicked off the 1999 Concept:Cure sweepstakes, which consumers can enter to win original designer vehicles and pledge money for breast cancer research and awareness. The unveiling also helped kick off a series of events connected with the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center Jan. 9-18.

Despite dicey weather conditions, internationally-acclaimed designers Joseph Abboud, Dana Buchman and Karen Harman, Nicholas Graham representing Joe Boxer, Vivienne Tam and Max Azria convened on Woodward Avenue downtown to unveil their customized vehicles and spring designs before hundreds of fashion-hungry locals.

A videotaped Rosie O'Donnell opened the show with a lively original song, encouraging women attendees to "be

good doobies and check your boobies."

As the lights dimmed, multi-ethnic models sashayed down the runway past the designer vehicles, details of which were magnified on videoscreens above.

First up was Nicholas Graham for Joe Boxer, whose taxicab inspired Chevy Venture Minivan looked like it came straight off the streets of New York City. As The House Jacks rapped

catchy street music, models poured out of the yellow and black checked minivan draped in typical Joe Boxer style: comfy plaid drawstring pants, shorts, and weathered T-shirts. Graham's fashions were reminiscent of the disco era with a '90s twist. Shiny, colorful fabrics hung on buff bodies. Extremely large hair topped off minimalist makeup.

The minivan's interior is a taxi driver's dream come true: black, white, and yellow checkered seats, a working fare meter, two video screens, a television, and the classic Joe Boxer smiley

face splashed on the headrests and instrument panel.

Should the Joe Boxer cab ever be visible in your rear-view mirror, you'll be able to read its sassy greeting on the hood: "Have a nice day, get out of my way."

Divine fashion divas Dana Buchman and Karen Harman sent their models out on the runway to the snappy phrase, "I am a very stylish girl."

Intoned repeatedly to a funky beat, the audience was treated to very stylish girls indeed. Buchman's and Harman's fashions, hot off the spring New York runways, showed buttery yellows, soft whites, wonderful moss greens, and opaque blacks.

Buchman and Harman remained true to their classic lines, showing suits, belted, unstructured jackets and skirt lengths all over the leg. Show-stopper supermodel Nadja Auermann came out for the finale in a curve-conscious black dress.

"We have a very good business in the metro Detroit area because of the savvy, sophisticated women here," said Harman. "When we design our clothes we think of a woman, 30-90 years old, who's involved in her community as a professional or a volunteer, and whose time is at a premium."

Buchman's and Harman's Pontiac Grand Am Coupe reflected their vision of a stylish, busy girl. The deep gray zebra striped exterior opens up to a plush black leather interior accented with shiny chrome on the dash. Red carpeting and seat piping add flash.

"There is a wonderful symmetry between autos and fashion," said Harman. "It was really natural for us to do the car."

Runway taxi: Designing for Joe Boxer, Nicholas Graham created this eye-popping interior for GM's Chevy Venture minivan.



Disco fever:

Nicholas Graham for Joe Boxer combined '90s minimalist makeup and clothing lines with '70s-inspired fabrics, prints, and hair.



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

BEANIE BONANZA

The Plymouth Beanie Baby Show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 526 Farmer St. The show features new, current and retired Beanie Babies and accessories. Door prizes awarded every hour. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$5. \$2 ages 4-12. Call (734) 455-2110.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

SPRING FROCKS

Saks Fifth Avenue presents the Badgley Mischka

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Spring 1999 special order collection, 12-6 p.m. in the Designer Salon, second floor. Continues tomorrow (1/12), 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

STORIES FOR THE AGES

Carol Carpenter reads and signs from the book *Generation to Generation*, of which she is a contributing author. The book is a collection of stories and poetry about the special relationships between people of different generations. 7 p.m. Borders Book Shop, Southfield Road at 13 Mile, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

FROZEN FUN

The 17th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular opens with displays of over 100 street sculptures throughout downtown Plymouth. The Farmer Jack "Fantasyland" and the Bud Light light show begin.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

MONEY MATTERS

Authors Ron Yolles, president of Yolles Investment Management Inc. in Southfield, and Murray Yolles present and sign their book *You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable Retirement*. Proceeds from sales go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 6576 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Where can I find?

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

What We Found:

Salada tea bags in a small box can be found at Farmer Jack. You can write to the address on the box and the company will send you forms to order the tea.

A No More Lumps Sifter can be found through Tupperware. Call 1-800-858-7221 for a Tupperware distributor near you.

Counterpart Slacks can be found at Kohl's in Waterford.

For discontinued china/dishware patterns try Replacements, LTD, call 1-800-787-5223.

Almay translucent luxury finish loose powder can be found at Sav-More Drugs in the Bloomfield Plaza on Orchard Lake Road and Maple.

Sherry called with a tip for people wanting old books. Call the Eureka Book Co. catalog, 1-800-563-1222.

For Stu an AM/FM shower radio with a TV band can be found in the Sharper Image catalog. Call 1-800-344-4444.

The nine-inch zippered pouch with jumper cables can be found at Rite Aid at Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The video a "Year Without Santa" can be found at Noodle Kidoodle on Orchard Lake and Fourteen Mile roads.

Another reader called to say try a boat store, shoemaker, or luggage store to get a stroller snap repaired.

Found for Bonnie: 3/8 inch Christmas tree lights.

For Anna, the Otis Williams Temptations book.

You might try Kohl's or Mervyn's for women's "Days of the Week" underwear.

We're Still Looking For:

Pearl wants a 1944 Central High yearbook (called "Central Light").

Mitchell wants to find a collector to purchase old Super 8mm sound and silent movies of the Little Rascals, Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin.

Gerri is looking for Johnson's Purpose Shampoo.

Anne wants Evening in Paris cologne.

Looking for the Izzy Olympic mascot from the Atlanta games; any souvenirs, toys, watches or stuffed animals.

Betty from Canton is looking for Jill Sander men's cologne "Feeling".

Tim wants Caswell Massey fragrance Chokey, or Choky.

Madge is looking for the game Haunted Mansion from the '70s.

Pat of Troy wants someone to restring old sailboat models.

Carol is looking for the furniture Accolade II: bookshelves, end tables, etc.

Mary Ann is looking for the 3.5 ounce Dial (bar) soap.

Robin wants PMS mood nail polish.

Rita wants Pfeifer's salad dressing. Farmer Jack used to carry it.

Mary Jane wants a Fisher Price blanket bunny.

Larry is looking for a metal lid for his fountain straw holder.

Sharon is looking for M.J. Carroll hosiery from Winkler's and Chic black wash-

able leather tennis shoes from Kmart.

Vivian wants a pattern for a full-size canopy bed.

Sue is looking for a 1984 Wilton sports car cake pan, a 1982 and 1984 Wilton cake decorating pattern book.

John wants small model race cars with gasoline motors from the '40s-'50s.

Delores wants Revlon Moon Drops lipstick in million dollar red (it came in a green tube).

Deb is looking for the Luster Rose china pattern by Amcrest (sold through grocery stores).

Sonya is looking for a 100 percent men's wool Shaker sweater.

Dawn is looking for Almay hypo-allergenic water cold cream, and a lilac/lavender toilet seat.

Mary wants a Rubix Cube (with four square across the top), and a game from Avalon Hills about commercial airlines.

Michele wants a child's toy from six years ago called Picture Peg by Discovery Toys, produced by Ravensburger.

Jan is looking for a children's book, "Fairy Doll," by Rumer Godden.

Eileen is looking for a doll by Ideal from the '60s, "Kissey."

Carol wants the card game O'No 99 by Uno, and Santa Bears.

Margaret is looking for Hydro One eye cream and gel by Simplicity from Hudson's.

Kim is looking for the card game "Charge It," new or used.

Angie wants the Mr. Peanut ornament from Planters Peanuts.

Dottie is looking for Jeri Redding non-aerosol Flash Freeze hair spray.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

of block ice into dazzling works of art.

The competitions for the 1999 festival will be sanctioned by the prestigious American Culinary Federation. Over \$10,000 in prize money and scholarships will be awarded.

Other activities of special interest include the Farmer Jack Fantasyland presented in conjunction with First of America Bank and Media One. This year's theme is "Insects Inside," and will feature displays of wild and crazy bugs.

Also, see the Bud Light 24 Light Show, the Ford Ice Carving Competitions and the Community Federal Credit Union Student Carving Competitions.

The event is open 24 hours a day, and the sculptures are lighted at night. Event hotline number is (734) 459-9157.

IN AND OUT

Jacobson's announces its take on coming trends for 1999. Store your real and faux fur; embellish with brocade, lace and embroidery. Gray no longer matters; lighten up in white, aquamarine and turquoise.

Trade in your vitamin creams for anti-aging products. No need to indulge in at-home spa retreats; a little at-home aromatherapy should do the trick. Boleros are in; halter tops are out. Microfibers give way to iridescent cottons.

Get back to nature with leaf motifs, butterflies and dragonflies. Stilettos may be gone, but flats are cool and comfy. Capri pants and long skirts return to the streets this summer. Peasant blouses debut; no more sweater sets.

Get ready for spring!

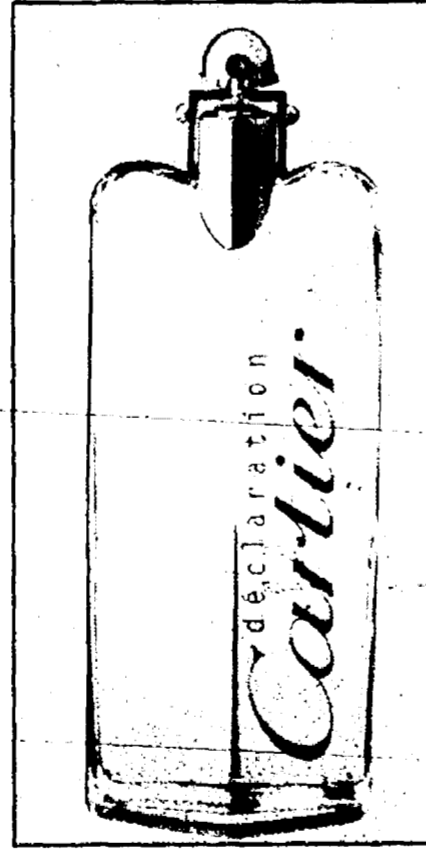
YOUNG AND VIBRANT

Estee Lauder introduces new products and collections for Spring '99. Resilience LIFT, for women in their 40s, 50s and beyond, was created to counteract skin conditions that result from hormonal aging, such as dryness, dullness and discoloration.

It helps skin cells produce

more collagen, immediately brightening skin upon application.

Go Tropical is Estee Lauder's color collection for spring. Tropical inspired, the collection combines an island color palette of pink, purple and fuchsia with bright bursts of turquoise, yellow and lilac, as seen on the runways.



Declaration's unique blend of Italian, Russian and African essences makes it an irresistibly exotic fragrance.

I DECLARE

Cartier's new fragrance, Declaration, is both exotic and complex, capturing the essence of Cartier and evoking shades of vast, dark forests, sun-soaked orchards and patiently-tilled gardens.

Declaration is composed of Russian birchwood, Italian bergamot, bitter oranges from the Ivory Coast and highlighted with wormwood, cardamom, cedarwood, vetiver and oak-moss. The result is a declaration of love that might be shared this Valentine's Day.

Cartier, Somerset Collection, Troy.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Northern capitals offer contrasting city styles

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Visiting three Baltic capitals - Copenhagen, Oslo and Helsinki - last summer made for some interesting contrasts and comparisons of these cosmopolitan cities on the Baltic Sea.

Copenhagen is like a fairy tale written by one of its famous sons, with its whimsical Tivoli Gardens, its cityscape punctuated by towering spires and its statues of Hans Christian Andersen and The Little Mermaid.

Oslo is its serious counterpart, with its compelling museum tracking Norway's resistance to the Nazis, its collection of the works of one of its famous sons, the painter Edward Munch, and its reputation for promoting worldwide peace and human rights.

Helsinki is probably the most cultural of the three cities, with its spectacular Art Nouveau architecture by world-renowned Finnish architects Alvar Aalto and Eilii Saarinen, its monument to and concert halls named in honor of composer Jean Sibelius and its recently opened Kiasma Museum of Modern Art.

We spent the most time in Copenhagen, where our high-rise accommodations in a hotel exuding Danish Modern design overlooked Tivoli. This came in particularly handy for watching the twice-weekly fireworks display, as well as the special red and white (Denmark's national colors) spectacular which followed the Danes' close match with Brazil in the quarter finals of the World Cup.

We found it a young, open city which includes an alternative lifestyle neighborhood known as Christiania, claimed by modern day hippies. Occupants don't pay taxes and do openly buy, sell and use marijuana and hashish, but we also saw signs warning against hard drugs.

Our only criticism of Copenhagen was of the food, which is expensive and not very good. The exception was the ice cream

cones, served along the Stroget, the milelong, pedestrian-only shopping street, where soft ice cream dipped in a cocoa-like powder might have been the best I've ever tasted.

We learned the most about Copenhagen on a walking tour led by an American musicologist who has lived there for a dozen years, studying ancient Danish music. Each day he takes English-speaking tourists to various parts of the city.

Copenhagen, much more than Oslo or Helsinki, is a city of bicycles. Danes pay, our American guide told us, the highest percentage of their income for social services of any Scandinavian country. Since it's hard to accumulate money for a car, much less a house, most of Copenhagen appears to ride bikes and live in rental units.

However, cars and private homes abound in both Oslo and Helsinki. It was in Oslo that we visited metro-Detroiter David Hermelin, now the U.S. Ambassador to Norway. After a tour of the American Embassy, which sits conveniently across from the palace and gardens of Norway's king, we drove to the Ambassador's Residence, where the house and grounds take up a full city block.

It was Hermelin who told us how wealthy Norway has become, thanks to its oil deposits, but that they have not let their wealth alter their culture or the seriousness of their vision. Part of that vision includes reaching out to other nations and promoting dialogue. It's no fluke, Hermelin says, that meetings for the Oslo Peace Accord and Ottawa Treaty on Land Mines were held in Oslo.

It was his wife, Doreen, who told us that the Norwegians, who endure some long, cold and dreary winters, have a philosophy that there is no bad weather, just bad dressing for that weather. She says mothers with weather-proofed carriages and strollers are outside in all temperatures and climates. And that

manufacturers of children's outerwear tag them with the temperature range they protect against.

Hermelin said we should not miss the Norwegian Resistance Museum, and he was right. Photographs, newspaper clippings, films and objects detail the continuing acts of defiance against the five-year Nazi occupation. Teachers refused to allow their students to be militarized; the clergy repeatedly raged against the Nazi edicts; and Munch, who died at 81 during the occupation, refused to join an "Honorary Art Council" being formed by the Quisling government.

The Munch Museum, housing many works by the expressionist Norwegian artist, gave us a new understanding of this man probably best known for his paintings "The Scream." As my husband wrote in the journal he kept of the trip: "Probably the most emotional art exhibit anywhere - but what terrible emotions. Nearly every subject, especially all the females, are in anguish. Easy to see the influence of other artists - Cezanne, Renoir, Gauguin, Monet all echoed. Quite an experience."

Visitors, we are told, are more impressed with Vigeland Sculpture Park than Oslo's residents. But it's hard not to be captivated by the 192 full-size sculptures of men, women and children, modeled in the nude by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland without assistance of students or other artists. He also designed the architectural setting and the layout of the 80-acre grounds which are part of Frogner Park.

Well-traveled friends, Sandy and Larry Altman of West Bloomfield, told us: "If you see nothing else in Oslo, you must see this." As you walk among the sculptures, you are confronted with the full range of human relationships from birth to death.

Helsinki, also, has more than its share of public art, including the wonderful statues of Finland's Olympic gold medalist



Finnish style: Judith Doner Berne visits a sculpture of Finland's great composer Jean Sibelius in Helsinki.

Paavo Nurmi, "the Flying Finn" in front of the Olympic Stadium, and the Jean Sibelius Memorial in Sibelius Park.

This city is a visual delight, its spacious streets interspersed with many gardens and parks. Both the design of the city and its architecture show the influence of its previous conquerors, Sweden and especially Russia.

But modern day architects have their day as well. The railroad station, designed in 1918 by Saarinen, is a notable example of modern architecture, as is the newly opened Kiasma, the museum of contemporary art, designed by American architect Steven Holl.

We stayed in Copenhagen for three days before boarding a cruise ship where Oslo and Helsinki were two of seven ports of call. Our shorter experiences there point up the problems of cruising to as opposed to actually staying in any major city.

We certainly got much more of a feel for Copenhagen. If we are lucky enough to ever revisit Oslo and Helsinki, I would not do it from a cruise ship.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident.



Beautiful Copenhagen: A bird provides a crown for Denmark's world-famous author, Hans Christian Anderson.

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Whitfield Invitational set

The eighth annual Jason Whitfield Gymnastics Invitational will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-24 at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena in Ann Arbor.

The meet is in memory of former Westland gymnast and Livonia Franklin student Jason Whitfield, a U.S. National Team member who was killed in a motorcycle mishap in 1991.

Approximately 500 gymnasts from across the U.S. will compete in four different sessions.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors citizens and students (ages 5-18). Children under-5 and U-M students will be admitted free.

Class II and IV competitors will compete at 8 a.m. followed by Class I, II and Elite gymnasts at 1 p.m. both on Saturday, Jan. 23. Illinois-Chicago and Michigan will face off afterwards in a collegiate dual meet at 7 p.m. (admission is free).

Class VI competition begins at 8 a.m. followed by Class V on at 1 p.m.

Commemorative Whitfield T-shirts and posters will be for sale. Proceeds will go toward the Whitfield Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

This year's scholarship winners, totaling \$10,000, include Jason Gatson, John Roethlisberger, Sean Townsends and Kris Zimmerman.

For more information, call (734) 525-1847.

St. Colette victorious

Tom Gillespie scored 15 points, including a game-winning three-point play with just two seconds to go, leading the St. Colette Cougars (grades 5-6) to a 33-30 double-overtime win over St. Anselm's of Dearborn in the finals of the Our Lady of Loreto Christmas Classic basketball tournament.

Keith Sied added six points for the winners.

Other members of the St. Colette JV squad include Dan Karas, John Mitchell, Don Hnt, Alex Welker, Nick Reed, Kyle Chitwood, Steve Mincilli, Jeff Belczak, Pat Foody, Tom Miller and Alex Brinza.

Charity hockey event

The Wayne Wheels Junior Hockey Club is sponsoring a benefit game at 8:15 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, for Jerry Ball Jr., a 14-year-old hockey player recently diagnosed with cancer.

The Wayne Wheels will play the Motor City Chiefs at the Wayne Community Center with all proceeds going to assist Ball.

There will be door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, a silent auction of donated Red Wings hockey tickets and jerseys plus much more.

For information on donating prizes, call Matt Cipriani at (734) 722-8223.

The Wheels beat the Wheatfield (N.Y.) Blades, 8-7 in overtime to capture the Champion's Trophy at the 1998 Rochester, N.Y., Invitational Christmas Tournament.

Ryan Thompson scored one minute into the extra period. Jason Tardif and Rob Krueger each notched a hat trick in the game. Goalie Mike O'Keefe won three games for the Wheels, including the title game.

Youth hockey runner-up

The Livonia B Pee Wee Panthers' attempt to win back-to-back tournaments fell short over the holiday break in the finals of the Farmington Hills Christmas Tournament, losing to the Plymouth Jaws, 6-1.

The Panthers qualified for the finals with a 3-2 overtime win over the Novi Panthers as Eric Harms talked the game-winner from Andrew Hinkle at the 6:58 mark.

Livonia jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a pair of goals from Hinkle with an assist from Martin Dale-Hench.

Members of the Panthers, coached by Vic Vicini, include goalie Jordan Boyajian, along with defensemen Andrew Kiseo, Kevin Brown, Darryl Cooper, Kevin Schulmeister, Kevin Shaffer and Kirk Becker; along with forwards Jason Maples (team captain), Matthew Vicini, Charlie Shipley, Daniel Trubak, Chris Ratliff and Brian Louwers.

Hawk spikes win

Solid serving by Stacie Graves and Rachel Zahn at critical points in the first and third sets Thursday helped Westland Huron Valley Lutheran take a season-opening 15-3, 2-15, 15-4 volleyball victory from host Saline Christian.

Graves served seven straight points in the opening game, while Zahn added four ace serves in the third and decisive game.

Jessica Whitaker, Anya Day and Stephanie Graves each recorded kills for the winners, while Gretchen Grosinake contributed three digs.

Spartans overcome Redford, 5-2

Despite injuries, Stevenson wins test in Suburban loop

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Its initials are the same but the Redford Unified hockey team is a real contrast to the first two that played since the program started in 1996.

For that reason alone, Livonia Stevenson coach Mike Harris knew a win over upstart RU wasn't a sure thing Thursday night at Redford Arena.

Add to it the Spartans were without three injured players, including leading scorer John May (ribs), and all Harris hoped for was a tie.

So when the Spartans skated off with a 5-2 victory to remain all alone in first place in the Suburban High School Hockey League standings, the Stevenson coach was feeling downright giddy.

RU, with a quarter of its roster from Redford Thurston after using Redford Union players exclusively its first two seasons, had just cracked the top 10 rankings in Class A and was riding a seven-game winning streak into the biggest game in program history.

Ironically, Stevenson was the last, and only other team to beat RU this year. The Spartans won the first meeting, 7-2, at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena.

The win leaves Stevenson at 7-1-1 overall, 7-0 in the SHSHL. RU fell to 10-2 overall and is in second place in the league at 6-2.

Joining May on the sidelines were forward Dan Wilson. Please see **STEVENSON ICERS, D2**



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Ice shavings: Livonia Stevenson's Mark Nebus (left) beats Redford Unified's J.J. Price to the puck during Thursday's Suburban High School Hockey League tussle.

McChristian hoops propel Stevenson

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Coach Tim Newman hopes winning will become contagious for this year's Livonia Stevenson boys basketball team.

The Spartans were 0-21 a year ago, but now find themselves 3-2 and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association after holding off city rival Franklin on Friday night, 49-45.

"Practices have been fun this year," Newman said. "The big difference is that we're working harder at all three levels than we have before."

"And some of these kids played some last year and that experience helps."

Junior guard Keshay McChristian, who paced the winners with 15 points, made two key plays down the stretch to break a 44-44 tie and give Stevenson the win.

Franklin, meanwhile, is off to an 0-4 start. Stevenson lead most of the way, but Franklin closed the gap to within two, 44-42, on a steal and layup by Dustin Kuras with 2:55 remaining.

Derek Schema then nailed two free throws with 1:44 to go to knot the score at 44-44.

That's when McChristian went to work, answering with a three-pointer just 27 seconds later, putting the Spartans up by three.

The teams then traded turnovers, but McChristian's steal and layup with 33 seconds to go clinched the win.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Franklin made just three turnovers in the final quarter, but all three proved to be costly.

Stevenson's Marty Kennedy picked off a pass with 1:12 to go after McChristian's three-pointer.

"I should have called a timeout before we that pass to the post, that was my fault," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "It frustrating. You could say our inexperience is showing. We also had a big lay-off, but we've been practicing hard and I'm pleased with that. It's disappointing, though, because we put a lot into this game."

Franklin, inactive since Dec. 15, had its non-league game Tuesday with Milford postponed. Stevenson, which also had its game Tuesday with Redford Union postponed, had not been in action since Dec. 17.

Senior forward Ryan Tobin came off the bench to score 11 points, while starting forward Brett Koch added eight for Stevenson.

"Tobin rebounded well and shut down their drives and baskets inside," Newman said. "And Koch was able to contribute in both spots (forward and center) and that's a luxury to have."

Newman changed defenses in the final quarter to in an effort to keep the Patriots from gaining the lead.

"We got burned in our man-to-man so we had to go with a 1-2-2 zone to make them go on the perimeter," the Stevenson coach said. "They

(Franklin) like to take it to the basket, and they pass it well. We didn't give them open looks.

"The difference was defensively — that's what won the ball game for us."

Kuras, a 6-foot-4 senior, led all scorers with 17 points. Schema, a 6-3 junior point-guard, added 13.

"We have to bounce back and learn from our mistakes, learn the game better and play hard the next time," Robinson said. "Defensively we're trying to play harder and be more intense. We also have to have a better understanding of offensive concepts, like moving without the ball, playing within that concept as a team, cutting down on the turnovers and playing better fundamentally."

Stevenson led 18-12 after one quarter, 29-26 at halftime and 38-33 after three quarters before the Patriots made a late run.

Stevenson shot 20 of 44 from the field, but just six of 17 from the line.

The two games we lost we didn't shoot well, and we didn't tonight," Newman said. "But the defensive intensity was there tonight and that's why we won."

"And Keshay did a nice job. He didn't shoot well from the line (two of eight), and he'd be the first one to tell you, but he got some steals and made some big plays for us."

Franklin was 16 of 43 from the floor and was nine of 12 from the line. The Patriots had 17 turnovers, while Stevenson had 19.

"Tim is doing a nice job, his guys playing better this year," Robinson said.

Grapplers in action



Stand-up guy: Livonia Franklin's Steve Mylonaki tries to escape Walled Lake Western's Pat Clark. Mylonaki was Franklin's lone winner on the Thursday night with a 13-1 decision. See page D5 for mat results.

Dewar's 37 torches Rockets

BOYS HOOP ROUNDUP

There's no question Walled Lake Western has a good basketball team this winter.

So good, in fact, it can spot Westland John Glenn a 17-point head start and still come back to win.

Unbeaten Walled Lake Western pulled nearly even by halftime Friday night after visiting Westland John Glenn scored the first 17 points of the game, then went on to post a 66-61 victory in their Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

The Warriors are now 6-0 overall while the Rockets are 1-3.

Ben Dewar was the shooting star for Western with nine three-pointers, the second time this season he's accomplished the feat. He ended with 37 points while Jeff Mitchell added 10.

Guard Reggie Spearman and forward Stephen Woods didn't start for John Glenn because they missed practices during the holiday break.

Ty Haygood scored 23 to lead the Rockets, Bill Fodor had 14 and Eric Jones 10. Jerry Hargan played a sound defensive game.

After the Rockets shot out to a 17-0 lead, Western fired back and trailed by eight, 23-15, at the end of the opening period.

It was 36-35 Glenn at halftime and 52-46 Western after three periods.

•**REDFORD CC 78, UD JESUIT 66:** The Shamrocks deal the Cubs their first loss of the season Friday night behind the 22-point effort of senior guard Nick Moore, 78-66.

The Shamrocks, 5-3 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League Central Division, had four players in double figures.

Senior guard Dan Jess scored 18 points, junior guard Rob Sparks 12 and senior forward Dave Lusky 11. Junior forward Matt Loras added nine points.

Moore, who made three three-point field goals, also had 11 assists. Loras led the rebounding effort with 12 and Lusky had 10. Jess sank four triples.

Seniors Mike Jones and Vince Alexander scored 26 and 20 points, respectively, to lead Detroit-Jesuit, 6-1 overall and 0-1 in the division.

"The key was we played real hard and with intensity for

four quarters," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "We talked about playing hard and with a little passion and the kids did that."

"It's a big win, especially in our league, when you win on the road, because most teams are pretty good home teams."

The score was tied, 13-13, after one quarter, but the Shamrocks moved in front at halftime, 34-29.

CC maintained a lead through three periods, 50-44, and outscored U-D in the fourth quarter, 28-22.

The Shamrocks sank 20 of 26 free throws; the Cubs made 13 of 16 chances.

•**RIVER ROUGE 68, WAYNE 55:** The state-ranked Panthers just had too much for the Zebras.

Ohio State signee Brent Darby scored 32 points Friday, night and Rodney Hughes contributed 14 as River Rouge remained unbeaten. The Panthers are now 6-0 overall, 2-0 in the Michigan Mega Red Division.

Visiting Wayne, 1-5 overall and 1-1 in the Mega Red; trailed by just two at the end of the first period, 13-11, but River Rouge asserted itself in the second by outscoring the Zebras 18-9.

Jamar Davis had 16 points and Rod Burge 11 for Wayne Memorial.

"Darby and Hughes are college players," coach Chuck Henry said. "They definitely made a difference."

Both teams were 10-for-12 from the free throw line.

•**LUTHERAN NORTH 53, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 52:** A driving layup with four seconds left by David Schwark plus an ensuing free throw let host Macomb Lutheran North escape with the win.

Schwark, a senior forward, scored 14 points but his team was led by sophomore center Stephen Green, who scored a game-best 22.

Junior guard Charlie Hoefft paced Lutheran Westland with 16 and forward Tom Habitz scored 14.

The Warriors are now 2-2 overall, 1-1 in the Metro Conference. Lutheran North, 4-2 overall, is 3-0 in the league.

"It was a tough loss for it being a three-hour trip," coach Dan Ramthun said. "A win would have been nice."

His team made 6 of 16 free throws while Lutheran North sank 13 of 19.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Churchill averts Farmington upset bid, 3-2

Livonia Churchill is coming along slowly, maybe a little more slowly than Coach Jeff Hatley would like.

Churchill edged the host Farmington Unified team, 3-2, Friday night, but a one-goal victory over a winless team isn't going to send any coach into Hockey Heaven.

"We're like no other team I've coached before," Hatley said. "We're capable of beating (state power) Trenton. But we also play to the level of our competition on any given night."

"We're struggling a little bit right now. Our kids are not executing any system."

They did, however, defeat Farmington, building up a 3-0 lead and giving up two third-period goals.

Churchill is now 5-3-4 overall,

4-2-1 in the Suburban High School Hockey League. Farmington Unified hasn't won a game in 12 tries.

Ryan McBroom played the first period in goal for the Chargers, Duane Jones the second and Matt Williams the third. Logan McBean was in the nets for Farmington.

Churchill opened with two first-period goals: Jason Turri, assisted by Dan Cook, made it 1-0 at 3:26 and Cook scored an unassisted marker at 11:39.

Adam Krug, assisted by Chuck Leight and Ed Rossetto, hit the margin to 3-0 at 12:40 of the second period.

Farmington came back in the third but was unable to tie the score in the final nine minutes.

Kevin Temerruusi scored an unassisted goal at 2:38 and Ross Patterson scored at the six-minute mark. Chris Howe and

ROUNDUP

Tony Ward assisted on Patterson's goal.

STEVENSON 5, BIRMINGHAM 5 (TIE): Three straight Birmingham goals, the last with 28 seconds to play Wednesday night, enabled the visitors to salvage a tie with Livonia Stevenson in a game played at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"We had a 4-1 lead going into the third period and we blew it," coach Mike Harris said after his team's record slipped to 6-1-1. "It is hard to stomach."

"I hope if anything positive is to come of this, it is that it proves to our guys that you can't sit back on your laurels. You must finish strong, like Birmingham did, and work hard all three periods."

The Spartans held a 5-2 lead after Dan Cieslak's second goal of the game, which came 30 seconds into the final period and 16 seconds after Birmingham Unified's Alex Navarre

scored his second goal of the game. Chad Herron scored to make it 5-3 with 9:09 to go and John Collins drew Birmingham within a goal with 6:14 to play. Bryan DeDotto's scored with 28 seconds left to create the deadlock.

Ryan Sinks scored twice for Stevenson and also drew an assist on a goal by John May, who had two assists in the game.

Chris Williams assisted on three Spartan scores while Mark Nebus and Tim Allen had one assist apiece.

Chris McComb played goal for Livonia while Birmingham's goalie was Mike Cahn. Stevenson had a 29-28 edge in shots on goal.

"I compliment Birmingham's effort," Harris said, "and hope that it convinces our guys that these other teams are really trying to beat us."

"We've got to get hungry and play with more discipline and determination."

CHURCHILL 2, NORTHVILLE 1: Justin Charnock's goal with 63 seconds to play Wednesday night gave host Churchill its victory.

"The game was a little sloppy," said

Chargers' coach Jeff Hatley, citing the holiday break as a reason. "We didn't move the puck."

"We got caught a lot and it resulted in takeaways. There was too much stickhandling with the puck. That's a no-no that we have to avoid in the future."

Rob Ryan's slap shot resulted in a goal by Northville's Adam Seloud at 2:56 of the opening period but Ryan McBroom shut the Mustangs down the rest of the way as Livonia Churchill improved to 4-3-4 overall and 3-1-1 in the SHSHL.

Ed Rossetto tied the score with 54 seconds left in the second period, assisted by Chris Galati. It came off a 3-on-2 break.

Charnock's unassisted tally decided the contest just 1:03 from its end.

"We've shown improvement in the first half of the season," Hatley said. "My biggest concern is that I hope we don't level off. We've got to get a better forecheck going."

"We're not where we want to be yet. We haven't played up to our potential."

REDFORD CC 12, WYANDOTTE 1: Dave Moss notched a hat trick Wednesday as unbeaten Redford Catholic Central (9-0 overall) blanked the host Bears in a Michigan Metro encounter at Yack Arena.

Brandon Kaleniecki added two goals for the Shamrocks, now 5-0 in the Michigan Metro.

DEARBORN 3, FRANKLIN 1: Giving up three power play goals doomed host Livonia Franklin.

Dearborn scored once in each period Friday and held a 30-20 edge in shots, on goal in dropping Franklin to 5-4 overall and 3-4 in the SHSHL.

Frank Geluso scored the Patriots' lone goal, in the third period and on a power play, naturally. He was assisted by Tony Sala and Chad Van Hulle in the game at Eddie Arena.

"We were 1-for-4 on the power play," Coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We played a great game overall."

"We played well within our systems. We worked 100 percent. We've just got to stay out of the penalty box."

Rob Williams and Chris Garbutt split time in goal for the Patriots.

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who has a broken jaw, and defenseman Jon Katulski, a broken wrist.

"I wanted to get out with a point - a tie is all I wanted," Harris said. "Coming in, we knew RU was waiting for us. RU is the most improved team in the league by far and Pete Mazzoni is one of the most impressive, up-and-coming coaches in the state."

The win came 24 hours after the Spartans blew a 4-1 lead and settled for a 5-5 tie against Birmingham Unified, which Harris called a "good wake-up call."

Each team had 11 minor penalties. The Spartans scored once with a one-man advantage and once with a two-man advantage. The Panthers had one power play goal.

"We did a tremendous job killing penalties," Harris said. "Eleven is way too many for this kind of game."

Dan Cieslak led the Spartans with two goals and an assist. The line of Mike Zientarski, Mark Nebus and Tim Allen accounted for three goals.

Nebus had a goal and two assists and Zientarski and Ryan Sinks contributed one goal and one assist each. Chris Williams also had an assist.

"We played as a team and were confident and focused,"

lead with 1:30 left in the second period.

RU's roster had improved since the last meeting with Stevenson with the addition of sophomore forward Jason Maul, who left his Triple A midget team before the holidays.

"I heard he had good wheels - and he does," Harris said.

The Panthers trailed 3-0 through two periods before RU senior forward Joel Halliday scored on the power play, assisted by senior defenseman Dave Sellin at 3:09 in the third period.

Following two unanswered goals by Cieslak, RU senior J.J. Price scored, assisted by Maul and junior forward Andy Dornfried with less than three minutes left.

Eric Pagel played in the RU nets and made a nice kick save early on a shot from point-blank range by Jason Gilder-sleeve.

Pagel's counterpart, Kevin Marlowe, also made key saves.


"We felt good in the first period but lost our composure at the end of the second and spent too much time in the box," Mazzoni said. "Stevenson's a solid team, the best in the league. We had to play our best game and we didn't."

See roundup of area games above.

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Discussion: Mark Nebus pleads his case with the official during Thursday's SHSHL encounter.

said Zientarski, whose perfect drop pass on a 2-on-zero rush led to Nebus' goal and a 3-0



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Salem stays unbeaten, 67-52

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BOYS HOOPS

Any Plymouth Salem basketball fan who, after a brief examination of the Rocks' early-season schedule, pencilled in "breather" next to last Friday's home game against Livonia Churchill knows now that was a mistake.

Sure, Salem managed to make it through the 1998 portion of its schedule unbeaten, and against an impressive array of foes, beating Monroe, Belleville and Detroit Northern. With another difficult non-league game lying directly ahead (the Rocks travel to unbeaten Riverview Tuesday), Friday's game at home against Churchill may have had the appearance of a nice warm-up opportunity.

Wrong. Salem did lead, from start to finish. But the Rocks (now 5-0) could never pull away from the die-hard Chargers (3-3), who trailed by 14 after a minute of the second quarter but were still within 12 with four minutes left.

The final — a hard-fought 67-52 Salem triumph — lived up to Rocks' coach Bob Brodie's expectations for the upcoming WLAA campaign. "(Churchill) wasn't going to die," he said. "I give them credit for hanging in there. But as I said from the start, this league's going to be tough."

Had the Chargers taken advantage of some early opportunities, they could have made it even tougher on the Rocks. Salem hit just one of its first eight shots; unfortunately for Churchill, those eight tries came in the Rocks' first two possessions.

"That's been our problem all year," said Charger coach Rick Austin of his team's lack of rebounding. "We work on blocking out every day in practice. It's an attitude."

"But we stayed in the game. Our kids started stepping up and playing more aggressively in the second half. I think we were intimidated by their size in the first half."

Despite its poor shooting, Salem led 7-0 with the mid-point of the opening quarter approaching. Churchill did close to within

10-8 with 1:15 left in the period on a three-pointer by John Bennett and a basket by Brad Beasco. But two hoops by Tony Jancevski and another by Mike Korduba allowed the Rocks to take a 16-8 lead into the second period.

It never got closer for Churchill.

Three turnovers in the first minute of the second quarter enabled Salem to score six-straight points. It was 26-10 with 4:05 left in the half; the Chargers didn't roll over, however, narrowing the gap to 28-17 at the intermission.

"At halftime, we made some adjustments on how we were going to attack their zone," Brodie said. "Offensively, we wanted to be more patient; defensively, we tried to speed them up. We put on just enough (pressure) to disrupt them."

Seven points by Aaron Rypkowski and five apiece from Adam Wilson and Jancevski sparked a 22-9 Salem run in the first 6:12 of the second half. The Rocks' 50-26 advantage with 1:48 left in the third seemed insurmountable — except to the Chargers.

Their 22-10 scoring run over the next six minutes (eight by Bennett) made Salem's life a bit uncomfortable, but didn't change the outcome.

"We looked awfully bad out there at times, but at other times we looked like our old selves," said Brodie, adding that because of the vacation and poor weather his team went seven days without practicing, a stretch that ended last Wednesday (Churchill played on Tuesday). "We were a little rusty, and it showed."

Jancevski finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds to lead Salem. Wilson added 13 points and five assists, Rypkowski had 10 points and eight boards, and Jake Gray contributed five assists and three steals.

Bennett's 19 points paced Churchill. Randall Boboige chipped in with 11.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Touching the ceiling: Livonia Churchill's John Bennett (left) tries to launch a shot against a Plymouth Salem defender during Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association tussle.

...the return home was n't so bad. Schoolcraft College's first-year women's coach, Karen Lafata, returned to the school she coached into the NJCAA Tournament last spring when the Lady Ocelots visited Macomb CC Wednesday. The results were much the same as those she enjoyed as Monarch coach — a blowout victory. "Yeah, it was nice," said Lafata. "We were ahead the whole game. We're going to be good." They played, SC led 40-24 at the half en route to posting its fifth-straight win (9-3 overall) in its Eastern Conference opener. Stacy Cain led the attack with 21 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds. Jackie Nolis totaled 18 points and 16 boards, with Bernadette Johnson netting 17 points. Jamie Lewandowski added five steals and six assists, Bernadette Reid had four steals and four assists, and Antone Watson made five steals. Macomb (1-8 overall, 0-2 in the conference) got 14 points from Brian England, 11 from Caroline Wyckoff and 10 from Jessica Davis. SC's men's and women's games against Mott CC, originally scheduled for Jan. 2, have been reset for Feb. 1 at SC.

Unbeaten Pirates sink Wayne

In a rescheduled non-league boys basketball game played Wednesday, Brian Dudek and Casey Watson scored 18 and 17, respectively, leading the unbeaten Riverview (7-0) past host Wayne Memorial (1-4). The Pirates, coached by former Westland John Glenn standout Steve Hawley, roared out to a 29-13 halftime lead. Junior forward Mike Zielinski led Wayne with 12 points, while senior guards Nathan Wade and Jamar Davis eight apiece.

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Attractive, fit, degreed SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, lively, kind, N.S., enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. #1193

ROMANCE, PASSION...

Honesty and laughs are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well educated female, 30s. If you are a successful, kind, sincere doctor. You should call me. #2081

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Attractive SWF, 27, N.S., black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, tall, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR. #2092

SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

SF, 36, loves animals, gardening, spectator sports, laughing, seeks SM, N.S. no kids, for new start possible LTR. #1865

TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW

Attractive SWF, 27, N.S., social drinker, a little heavy, enjoys travel, movies, theater, more, seeks attractive financially/emotionally secure SWM, 28-38, N.S., with similar interests. #1967

SWF - BUILT TO LAST

1963 limited edition Shelby spunky model, enjoys romantic, spontaneous excursions, or kicking back in neutral truck contains tennis racket, books, cds, yoga mat. Seeking ambitious SWM to copilot across life's roads. #1718

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'3", enjoys dining out, dirt Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM 25-35, who is not afraid of a commitment. #1656

FRIENDS FIRST

DWf, 31, red/green size 8, enjoys some sports, NASCAR, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son. Seeking SDWIM, 28-38, HW, proportionate, with same interests, for friends first, possible LTR. #1473

SOULMATE WANTED

Ambitious, attractive, college-educated, goal-oriented, optimistic SWFP, 31, 5'2", slender, red/green, N.S., enjoys music, movies, theater, dining, biking, rollerblading, ice skating, skiing, cuddling. Seeking soulmate with similar background/interests, for friendship leading to future. #1814

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Attractive, fit, fun-loving outgoing SWFP, 27, enjoys traveling, working out, movies, Red Wings, quiet nights, and more. Seeking confident, average attractive SWPM, 25-35, with sense of humor. #2086

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA

DWf, 27, 5'3", fun-loving, caring, loves movies, dining, bowling, Red Wings. Seeking a fun loving caring gentleman, 24-33, for a relationship. #1709

HELLO, FRIEND

Empire slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun smoker, 32. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy confident gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone to copy dinner dates lined with good conversation. #2320

BLUE-EYED BLONDE

Fun loving DWf, 44, blonde, slim, size 14, enjoys reading, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWIM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interests. Friendship first, possible LTR. #2267

ARE YOU I AM...

Healthy, happy, actively fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40ish, N.S., ND, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, hiking, travel, and having good conversations about it. #2269

LOOKING FOR YOU

Easygoing, overweight DWf, 43, 5'10", N.S., NDugs, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N.S., NDugs, South Lyon area. #1713

PRETTY BLONDE LADY

Refined, giving, loving, educated, European-born young 60ish, 5'5", good figured, N.S., many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-72, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N.S. for lasting relationship. #1297

THRILL SEEKER WANTED

Adventurous nurse, DWf, 46, 5'4", brown/brown. Seeking adventurous gentleman, 40-50, for fun times. N.S. preferred. #2170

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT

Facially secure, full-figured plus size SWFP, 50, 5'4", N.S., ND. Seeks SDWIM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship, possible LTR. #1651

VINTAGE WINE

Visionary dreamer, optimistic, music is sweeter shared, slim, clay-eyed, blonde with distinctive qualities, 5'7", educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm. 40-60. #2089

RN SEEKS HEALTHY RELATIONS

Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4", enjoys traveling, shopping, no dependents. N.S., social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. #1469

FIRST TIME AD

DWf, 39, 5'2", 105lbs, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys movies, dining in/out, loves to laugh. Seeking attractive, humorous, loving, honest DWIM, 38-42, with children/full head of hair, friendship first. LTR. #1897

TEDDY BEAR WANTED

SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+, with good communication skills who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. #1804

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

DWf, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SDWIM, 35-50, passion for life for a possible LTR. #1660

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Very attractive, athletic, slender, degreed DWf, 49, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, spontaneous, honest, widowed or DWIM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. #1588

YOUNGER MAN DESIRED

For romance and interesting times. Degreed, fit, fun-loving, feisty, pretty blonde, 50s. You're N.S., spunky, savvy, educated, kind, and well enjoyed. Line dancing, movies, theater, concerts, cooking. Call soon. #1907

SLENDER AND STYLISH

Active, independent, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, blue-eyed blonde, 40s, (looks 30s), 5'8", Birmingham home-owner, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, uncommitted, male counterpart, 6+, for extreme fun, romance, and adventure. #1803

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS

Bright, sweet, playful DWf, 5'8", 275lbs, curly, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/traveler to share time, talking, flirting etc. #1625

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN

Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. #1531

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED...

By very pretty, full-figured, blue-eyed blonde SF, 5'10", 125lbs, intelligent, man in Troy, seeks warm, intelligent man for friendship. #1772

INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Engetic, peppy, kind-hearted DWf, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, late 30s to 40s, for best friend first. LTR. #2263

LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR

Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWf, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N.S. enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking handsome, sincere, caring, financially secure, compassionate SWM, 45-55, for friendship leading to LTR. #2083

COWBOY WANTED

DWf wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50, over 5'9", weight unimportant, smoker, social drinker. Must be a two-stepper. #2053

SEEKING BEMBE OF HUMOR

DWf, 43, medium build, N.S., seeks a SDWIM, 40-50, N.S., employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. #1998

GOOD THINGS/ SMALL PACKAGES

Well-packaged emotionally, spiritually and intellectually, petite DWf, change matic, adventurous, passionate about life, likes the subtle to outrageous. Seeking a SM, for a monogamous relationship. #1967

TALL, ATTRACTIVE

DWf, 39, 5'8", enjoys dancing, jazz, affection. Seeking SBM, 40s, 6'4", who wants more than just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! #1995

52 YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL

Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. #1162

GENTLY USED

Blonde lady, tall, 5'8", 125lbs, enjoys life. Seeking gentleman, mid-50s-60s, to enjoy life with, friends first. #1906

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N.S., soul connection SWM, 38-48. #9723

PASSION FOR LIFE

Classy, spirited, poised DWf, 59, 5'2", seeks man of integrity, 58-65, N.S., romantic and fun, to share interests which include: dancing, traveling, movies, dining out. For friendship, leading to LTR. #1908

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR...

on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe God call and let's fly together. Seeking SBDM, 40-60. #1099

COFFEE, TEA, OR ME?

Tall, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. #9726

FIRST TIME AD

Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", N.S., enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. #1821

SINGLE WHITE MON

Independent SWF, 38, 5'3", 115lbs, smoker, ND, enjoys the simple life, rock music, comedy clubs, movies, fitness, outdoors, hunting, fishing. Seeking confident, emotionally/financially stable SWM, 38-45, ND, for LTR. #1802

A PINCH OF JUNGLE FEVER

Complex preference, not novelty, DWf, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks financially/emotionally secure, black gentleman, late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. #9890

PROVERBS 31:18

41, 5'8", 135lbs, N.S., non-drinker, Christian, brunette, seeks company of quality gentleman, for sharing and caring. Bloomfield area. #1719

GREAT PERSON/FUN

Black female, a young 50, affectionate, employed, N.S., social drinker, wide variety of interests. Seeking mature male, who's fun and affectionate, 46-54, N.S., with no hang ups. #1720

LOOKING FOR SANTA

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N.S., enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SDWIM, 38-54, 5'7"-6'4", N.S. All calls will be answered. #9198

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown, Lhasa moves, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #1721

STARGAZER

Shapely WF, 48, brunette, no dependents, seeks intelligent, educated WM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escapology on weekends, and lively conversation. Friends first, Rochester area. #1772

GREAT PERSON

Attractive BF, 50, 5'6", 150lbs, N.S., educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great mate, 48-55, HW proportionate, N.S. a must, for monogamous relationship. Race open, must live alone. No hang-ups/baggage. #9878

FRIENDSHIP SEARCH

SBF, college graduate, N.S., loves laughter, home movies, long drives. Seeking someone with whom to share friendship, possible LTR. #1820

THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET

Nature, kind-hearted, quiet SBF, 22, 5'10", enjoys books and movies, seeks ambitious SWM, 24-30, for friendship first, possible LTR. #1628

WANT TO FALL IN LOVE?

SWF, 38, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, N.S., for friendship, possible LTR. #1655

TAKE A CHANCE

Widowed lady, young 63, blond/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining out, animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. #1657

WHERE ARE YOU?

Employed, active DWf, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with varied interests, has searched far and wide for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. #1595

SHARE MY LIFE

Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5'10", enjoys antiques, animals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6'4", who enjoys the outdoors. #1597

EXPRESSIVE

Youngful, active, energetic, outgoing SWF, 5'4", seeks to meet SWM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. #1536

MOVIE BUFF

SWPM, 39, 5'11", N.S., with no children, enjoys the arts, tennis, travel, walking and bookstores. Seeking SWF, 32-45, with similar interests. #1592

NEW TO REDFORD

Tall, affectionate, attractive SWM, 28, 6'5", 240lbs, brown/blue, nice physique, enjoys working out, cooking, outdoors, sports, movies, music. Seeking SWF, 21-35, looks unimportant, for companionship and fun times together. #2266

SEEKING AN ANGEL

Attractive SWPM, 36, 5'6", N.S., ND, fit, financially stable, never married, no dependents, enjoys a variety of activities. Seeking SWF, similar qualities for friendship, possible LTR. #2173

HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH YOU

Fit, handsome, honest, open-minded SWM, 35, 5'11", seeks like-minded SF, race open. Respond to this ad and make both our days...or more! #2085

KIND...

Sincere SWM, 37, enjoys music, movies, laughter, and spectator sports. Seeking SWF, 27-38, for friendship, possible LTR. Kindness, honesty, and straightforwardness, are important. #1106

SINCERE FIRST TIMER

Shy, sincere SWM, 29, 6', 150lbs, brown/blue, art student, enjoys running, movies, Seeking sweet, honest SWF, 27-31, N.S., with great sense of humor, similar interests for friendship first, possible LTR. #1901

ONE-WOMAN MAN

Good-looking, professional DWIM, N.S., enjoys golf, movies, and cruising. Seeking female, 35-44, N.S. for possible relationship. #2175

ASIAN FEMALE WANTED

Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted, SAJ soulmate for monogamous LTR. #1714

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN

Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, N.S., social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, seeks female, 18-35. Kids ok. #2261

LOVE IS REAL

SHM, 43, 5'8", 170, no kids, creative, active SWM, 40, 5'10", 180lbs, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, theater, and movies. Seeking N.S., friendly, outgoing SDWf, 35-45, petite to medium build, for possible relationship. #9538

PLEASURES OF LIFE

Double eyed, mocha, bookstore browsing, witty, witty nighter, afternoon mall walks in the park, chicken salad on top, Dr. brown cream soda, SM, 46, seeks slim, spiritual SF, soulmate, 30-45. #2177

WANTED...BEST FRIEND/LOVER

Nice looking SWM, 46, 5'11", 180lbs, enjoys movies, she's looking for that special someone. She's attractive, warm-hearted, honest and loyal, age open smoker ok. Wayne/Westland area. #2172

TALK TO MY DAD

Warm, kind, sensitive down-to-earth DWPM, 40, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWf with kids for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. #2272

ROY ROGERS'S SEEKS DALE EVANS

Horseman seeks horsewoman SWM, 42, 6', 230lbs, beard, vegetarian, N.S., loves horses, animals, camping, nature, poetry. Looking for fun, romantic, adventure. I'm open, humorous, sincere, down-to-earth. #2265

TAKE A CHANCE

French, widowed female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or DWIM, with good moral character, who likes to dine out, go dancing for friendship, possible relationship. #2000

SEEKING SOULMATE

SM, 63, seeks kindred soul with SF person attached. He speaks speaking, intelligent, cultured, sensitive, imperfect, attractive, highly sensual, agnostic, loves music, the arts, hiking, dancing, poetry and romance. #2264

A QUALITY GUY

Sincere, romantic SWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining out, late concerts, dancing, plays, weekend getaways, travel. Seeking special friend to share quality times with. #2260

SPIRITED, ADVENTUROUS...

Spicy, athletic, fun-loving, thoughtful SWPM, 40, 6'5", seeks special SM, with WAIF, who is romantic, intelligent, sensual by nature, affectionate by choice. For LTR. #2144

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER

Spiritual, tall, dark, handsome DWIM, 50, looks young, 5'11", 165lbs, hair, mustache, plays tennis, lets build a log home. Owner seeks honest, fit WM under 50. #2142

SHARE MY DREAMS

Ruggedly handsome, humorous, retired DWIM, 51, 6'11", home-owner, enjoys gardening, hunting, Apalachians and fishing. Seeking honest, devoted, fit SDWf, with good morals. Let's build a log home together. Sincere replies only. #1818

SMILE WITH ME

Caring, attentive, friendly, handsome SWPM, 38, 5'10", 165lbs, enjoys movies, theater, 11. N.S. seeks attractive, fit monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donna, please. Talk to you soon. #3636

LOYAL

Tall, honest, humorous, financially stable, fit DWIM, 54, 6'4", N.S. in good physical condition. Would like to meet a slender lady, 42-50, for companionship possible LTR. #3541

Advertisement for Personal Scene featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman. Text: 'This winter, find someone who'll melt your heart. To place your FREE ad, call 1-800-518-5445. The best place to meet local people this winter. To listen and respond to a personal ad, call 1-900-773-6789. Call costs \$1.98 per minute. Must be 18 or older.' Includes the Observer & Eccentric PERSONAL SCENE logo.

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER

SWF, 47, 5'8", 125lbs, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking tall, handsome, secure SWM, 42-52, who's not afraid of commitment. NDugs or alcohol. #1537

BOWLING & RECREATION

Time right for ice fishing, light tackle key to success

Winter's icy grip has certainly taken hold of southeastern Michigan.

While many area residents are grumbling to themselves about overdue vacations to Florida and the exorbitant price of a good snow blower, anglers are licking their chops in anticipation of the long-awaited ice fishing season.

Most local lakes offer a solid layer of ice and the early reports filtering in indicate that so far the fishing has been great.

Many area lakes have already produced skillets full of tasty bluegill filets.

Lake Orion native Dale Cad-dick reported a good bite of bluegills just after Christmas on Long Lake, including one whopper gill that measured 10 inches in length.

Livonia's Dave Hartlock fished Kent Lake last weekend and returned home "with a bucket full of fish."

To date, the fish in inland lakes seem to still be holding in the shallow water weeds and along the edge of drops. They haven't yet moved into their deep, mid-winter holds.

Light tackle — the lighter the better — is the key to successful pan fish angling in the winter months.

Two- to four-pound-test monofilament spooled on an ultra-light spin casting reel and mounted on a short ice fishing pole is all that's needed.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

A spring bobber, which mounts to the end of your ice fishing pole and is available at any bait and tackle shop, is a huge asset in detecting a subtle bite from down below the ice.

Tiny jig heads and tear drops in a variety of colors are favored bluegill baits when tipped with a spike, wax worm or wiggler.

Don't be afraid to change colors if you're not catching fish. Many times, simply switching from white to red, or from chartreuse to green, etc. . . will trigger a bite.

Begin your presentation right at the bottom of the lake and vary your depth by 10- to 12-inch increments over the course of time until you locate the depth at which fish are holding.

Pay close attention to the depth when you get a bite so you can get right back into the fish after you reel one in.

A hand or power auger or a sharp ice spud is paramount to success.

A good approach is to drill a half dozen or more holes in the area you plan to fish as soon as you get to your spot. This way you can move around from spot to spot to find the fish without spooking them by having to make a new hole every half hour or so.

The fish are biting normally when the warm weather hits, so get out and enjoy the opportunity while it exists.

Don't wait until tomorrow or next week . . . remember the bumper of a season we had last year?

Osprey logo contest
Young artists between the ages of 12 and 18 are encouraged

to submit entries to the osprey logo design contest.

In a joint effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and the Detroit Zoo, four osprey chicks were released in Kensington Metropark last summer.

The hope is that these raptors will return to the area to nest and raise their young in a couple years when they reach maturity at the age of three.

More chicks will be brought into Kensington over the next two summers in an attempt to re-establish wild nesting populations in the park.

Young artists are asked to assist in the project by creating a logo that symbolizes the effort to re-introduce osprey to the area.

The winning design will be used in a variety of ways including use on printed material as well as t-shirts.

Designs should be done on an 8 1/2- by 11-inch unlined piece of paper. A clever title, such as "Osprey Return," can be included with the logo.

Entries must be received by February 1. Send entries to Osprey Contest, DNR Natural Heritage Program, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7994. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Miss America at bowling show

Are you planning to go to the Bowling Show next weekend at the Novi Expo Center?

Just in case you are still undecided, please note that Nicole Johnson will be there in person. She happens to be Miss America 1999 and will be making her appearance on Sunday, Jan. 17.

She will be there on behalf of the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show that is the co-host along with the bowling show.

Ms. Johnson is a national spokesperson and advocate for diabetic issues and will address the audience on the early detection, prevention and cure of diabetes as a national priority.

As pretty as she is, and not to be too chauvinistic in the eyes of the female readers, it is worth mentioning that Bob Greene will also be present on Friday and Saturday Jan. 15-16.

Best known as Oprah Winfrey's personal trainer, Greene will headline the show.

I wonder if either Greene or Johnson are bowlers?

If they are not, how about someone to volunteer to instruct them in the finer points of this game?



AL HARRISON

As a matter of fact, the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show is an like an extra attraction itself for bowlers, for after you have taken in the bowling show and perhaps come away with some good bargains in equipment or whatever it would be wise to take in the rest of the show.

Health and fitness is essential to any kind of athletic performance, and if we come away from this show with anything at all that will help keep us in better shape it will be of value now and in years ahead.

Greater Detroit Bowling Association members can clip the coupon in the January newsletter for \$1 off for admission to the show. Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

A word of caution on this extremely cold weather.

Be very careful when trying to remove the snow. Even persons in good health can get into harms way from too much shoveling. Bring the equipment in from the car at night, these sub freezing temperatures can cause damage to any bowling ball.

Leave plenty of extra time to get to the lanes, there are the usual delays from gridlock, bad drivers and stalled cars or accidents.

If you are driving to the Michigan State Tournament this weekend at Bay City, be extra careful with the weather and road conditions.

When you arrive at the bowling centers, please be careful to kick off the snow from your

shoes and boots as you enter.

Watch where you walk with your bowling shoes on, there are always those who will track up the place with wet shoes and you can have big trouble on the approach with water on your shoes.

Members of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association have by now received the January Newsletter.

The G.D.B.A. Semi-Annual Meeting will be 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 at Sunnybrook Lanes, 7191 17 Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

All sanctioned leagues should be represented at this meeting.

Jack Mordini, Assistant Executive Director of the American Bowling Congress will be the guest speaker and will address the new tiered membership program.

The program was adopted in nine different locales around the country this year on a test basis.

To be a delegate from a league, a current member of the league's board of directors may represent the GDBA.

Nominations will be taken for president and four directors. They will review 1997-98 expenditures. (Refreshments will be served.)

If your league does not have a delegate, they should appoint someone to attend and represent the league.

The GDBA, with nearly 70,000 members is the largest local association in the nation.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

MERRI BOWL LANES (Livonia)

Men's Senior House: Greg Bashara, 300-243-267/810; Ed Kulin, 267-236-241/744; Andy Rexin, 224-258-2576/739; Jim McPhail Jr, 236-237-287/60; Craig Senkowski, 258-290-227/775; Greg Nagle, 279-268-223/770.

Sunday Parent/Child: Sean Klisz, 200; All Clifton, 223/608.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Roy McMahan, 226-210/604; Harry Oumedian, 216/551; Joe Kubinec, 232/541; John Spletzer, 234/556; Betty Moore, 513.

K of C: Frank Hoffman, 237-237-237 (ABC Triplite Award); Chris Tuberos, 280/721; Randy Presnell, 721/Jim Montroy 686; John Stevens, 729 (4th 700 in December).

Youth Leagues: (Gutter Dusters) Matt Majewski, 135; Domine Fetter, 87-85; Kristi Singleton, 120; Danielle Maples, 120.

Strikes & Spares: Stevelyn Norman, 160; Cassie Renard, 172; Mark Musleh, 148.

Pepel Pros: Eugene Doss, 290-289/803; Brian Adams, 240-269/708; Dustin William, 225-233/658; Barb Baumeister, 153.

Pin Busters: Chaz Watkins, 120; Michelle Turnbull, 180; Jennifer Kiel, 137.

Pin Heads: Ken Coles, 172; Joe Rizzo, 197; Terri Hicks, 168.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Wonderland Classics: Ron Eisenbeis, 286/794; Don Parks, 279/766; Larry Franz, 267/734; Bryan Macek, 266-266/731; Brian Serda, 716.

Nite Owls: Alan Biasutto, 279/761 (170 pins over average); Kirk Herman, 697 (157 pins o/a); Darrin Liptow, 268/656; Shane Wyatt, 255/647; Kenny Myatt, 248/648.

St. Paul's Procheytan Mixed: John Hoard, 265/703; Mike Mackie, 258/691.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

Lyndon Meadows: Kathy Daniels, 201-202/539; Lyn Blaharski, 218.

Ford Parts: Brad Strange, 663; John Sikora, 668; Shane Hyatt, 659; Bob Thomas, 680; Brent Pond, 264/696.

Jack's & Jill's: Joe C. Monge, 602; David Weeg, 656.

Men's Title: John Wodarski Sr, 672; Dave Grabos, 707; Butch Cook, 276/714; Dave Myers, 276/696; Mike Schneider, 289/710.

Starlights: Tina Murray, 535; Linda Gossett, 218/616.

Morning Glories: Verna Reichert, 207.

Swingline Seniors: Fred Swan, 203-201; Fernando Melonio, 207; Teresa Melonio, 200.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: 206

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Waterford Men: Chuck Morris, 247/707; Ross Hauk, 279; Jerry Dasher, 254; Dave Bazner, 256/752; Chris Schemanske, 268/716; Ray Haan, 300/710; Keith Sockow, 268; Jim P. Sockow, 245-244-226/715; Jim C. Sockow, 258/736; Bill Clements, 248-256-235/739; Bill Toth, 279.

Burrheads Men: Bryan Schwartz, 248/699.

Powertrains Men: Pat Caram, 279; Dale Ling, 257/709.

St. Colette's Men: Bob Nunn, 248-300-214/762; Mick Madsen, 247/707; Frank Pencola, 249/719; Eddie Noff, 267; Jerry Sedler, 268; Chaz Perry, 268.

Plaza Men: Bob Smith, 259; Mike Buzell, 269-290-266/825; Art Scharr, 264; Sam Grego, 289/739; John Paz, 257/701; Sam Fullerton, 257/692; Walt Zawacki, 257.

Sheldon Road Men: Dave Bogedain, 278/660; John Cochenour, 277.

Keglers: Jeff Cameron, 257.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

St. Aidan's Men: Tony Kaluzny, 235-212-225/671; John Golen, 213; Conrad Sobania, 211; Cliff Merritt, 202; Vince Bastine, 203.

WESTLAND BOWL

Sunday Sleepers Invitational: Kevin Moreno, 298/745; Hector Ortega, 278/748; Jason Johnson, 279/782; Troy Lindon, 268/710; Vernon Peterson, 269/749; Shawn Arbogast, 257/715; Rick Trullard, 257/712.

Monday 6:30 Men: Gregory Tachour, 259/715; David Pydyn, 249/648; Hal Winters, 225/596; Jim Graves, 238/685; Lawrence Pydyn, 237/593.

Monday Morning Men: Bob Baker, 268/676; Dave Loos, 259/716; Dick B&nd, 256/693; Rick Farr, 686; Lance Howey, 676; Randy Kline, 678.

Monday 6:30 Men's: Ron Lundie, 265/654; Jim Graves, 258/665; David Adams, 247/643; Mike Johnson, 225/643; Bill Schaeffer, 234/658.

Tuesday Invitational: Dustin Vivier, 279-

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Country Keglers: Dean Johnson, 258; Dan Napier, 255/646; Marty Ellis, 244/641; Ed Dudek, 236; Mike Stark, 233/642.

Monday Midnight Men: Mike Alkasmikha, 278; Mike Kassa, 274; Sam Yono Jr, 268; Steve Hayoo, 714; Bassam Jabro, 697.

Wednesday Knights: Steve Lingertot, 290/759; David Green, 279/683.

Leen Lake: Scott Tutas, 254/715; Bill Mason, 248.

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Sandy Regan, 222; Anita Calchary, 218/562; Sue Kin, 222/583.

Sports Club: Kevin Kirma, 224/603; Ryan Shuna, 223; Mark Salmo, 581; Rita Dawood, 189/505.

Monday Nite Men's: Art Remer, 279/771; John Baughman, 277/748.

B'Nai B'rith Brotherhood-Eddie Jacobson: Howard Ward, 226-220/645; Barry Fishman, 221-211-211/643; Larry Slutsky, 245-221/641; Mike Klingler, 256/623; Marc Weberman, 220-205/627.

Ever-7: Tony Elias, 278/711; Rob Holton, 268/716; Dave Spitz, 267/684; Ron Mathison, 258/647; Mike Ksiemek, 255/659.

Strikers: Linda Alkammo, 222/560; Sue Yaldo, 207; Eddie John, 512.

Saturday Odd Couples: Steve Karakula, 257/660; Gilford Nutter, 245/610.

All Over Mixed: Robert Wojcik, 257/598; Jim Sestak Jr, 244/608; Maggie Olchanski, 216/543; Kathy Sestak, 195/523.

Country Keglers: Walt Ulrich, 258/625; Dave Kalliszewski, 258/665; Greg Bricker, 245; Patrick McComb, 244; Matt Masters, 244.

Country High School: Shawn Meyers, 290/703; Jordan Unovitz, 220; Melissa Miller, 209/567; Jenny Long, 183/533.

Country Juniors: Howard Hardy, 221/507; Kelly Buxton, 138; Jordan Paris, 137.

Country Pros: Brandon Gorosh, 161; Ryan Meyers, 160; Kerri Ann Sidor, 167; Christina Mousawad, 143.

Country Beginners: Brian Semorski, 106; Tony Shay, 90; Casey McKay, 103; Taylor Wagner, 76.

DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington)

B'Nai B'rith Morgenstern L'Chayim/Zeigel-Gross: Sandy Freeman, 218/605; Rob Benchik, 200-230; Mike Aron, 213-210; Mike Rosenfeld, 224; Hal Lempert, 212.

See bowling column above.

Crows proved to be intelligent city slickers around humans

During the last 20 years the crow population has increased more than 200 percent according to Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Count data.

Their opportunistic ways have undoubtedly contributed to this success, as well as their intelligence.

Crows are smart compared with other species of birds.

For instance, if a photographer and a friend go into a photographic blind and only one leaves, most birds feel danger has gone and will return to the nest. This technique has been used by photographers for years.

However, this technique does not work for crows.

If I recall correctly from an article I read years ago, crows can count to 11. They would know that a photographer was

still in the blind if only one of the two exited. Just watching crows gives me the feeling that they are aware of several things going on around them.

An increase in crows may be due to their ability to adapt to developed areas like cities and suburbs.

They know where dumpsters are for picking discarded French fries, and they constantly patrol the highways for roadkill.

Through the years they have discovered that living near humans is as safe as any other kind of habitat.

Crows, to my recollection, were not always as tolerant of humans as they are today.

If a car or person got anywhere near a crow they would fly away, especially cars. That is not the case today. I have seen many crows stand their ground at a roadkill while cars zoomed past.

But I had never seen one intentionally wait for traffic to stop like I saw the other day. As I slowed down for a red light, I watched a crow in the

right lane looking intently at something in the lane to my left.

It stood in the right lane only a few feet from my car and waited until I had stopped. While the car behind me slowed to a stop, the crow waited anxiously, slowly inching its way toward the gap between our cars.

The crow seemed to know we were going to stop, which would not endanger it at all. After we stopped, it moved between our cars and waited for the cars in the left lane to stop. Then, before the light turned green the crow reached its destination and pecked at something invisible to me.

I can't recall watching a crow behave so boldly around moving cars before. This individual has learned that stationary cars are not threatening.

Crows have also learned that dark, plastic trash bags often have edible food inside, even though they cannot see or smell the food.

They have made many associations which prove helpful in their success here in the city.

NATURE NOTES



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SHOWS

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show will be Jan. 27-31 at the Silverdome.

DEER AND TURKEY
The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

SPORTSMAN EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be March 5-8 at the palace of Auburn Hills.

SEASON/DATES

GOOSE
There will be a special late Canada goose season through

Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

TURKEY
Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring wild turkey hunting permit.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club

is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 686-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Domique Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim

Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13-14, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178