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THE WEEK AHEAD

Lanes of fun: Bowlers are invited to visit Wonderland Lanes in Livonia 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday for \$1.50 a game, including shoe rental. For information, call (734) 427-1060.

MONDAY

City council: The Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers, second floor of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road.

TUESDAY

Magic class: Register by Tuesday for Thursday's magic class with instructor Randy Shaw. The class meets 7:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, until April 8, in the Brayman Room of the Bailey Center, behind City Hall in Westland.

SATURDAY

Bowling outing: The Westland Chamber of Commerce will host the WinterFest Bowling Outing 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Lane sponsorships are available by contacting the chamber, (734) 326-7222.

Vegas night: St. Theodore Church's Men's Club and Confraternity of Christian Women will have a Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Parish Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is \$2. There will be a 50/50 drawing every hour and beer, wine food and refreshments for a nominal charge. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

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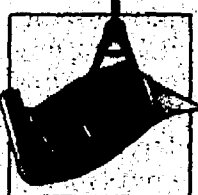
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Bailey Center problems cited



A report unveiled Monday indicates deficiencies with the Bailey Recreation Center. Some affect life and safety, according to Sverdrup Facilities Inc., which is studying the city's recreation needs.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A new report cites some glaring deficiencies at the Bailey Recreation Center as city officials entertain the possibility of building a new, multimillion facility.

Some problems, such as inadequate smoke detectors and no emergency

lighting system, could threaten lives, according to outside consultants.

"These are issues that affect life and safety," said Dan Stewart of Sverdrup Facilities Inc., a company studying Westland recreation needs.

The new report, unveiled Monday, may bolster Mayor Robert Thomas' position that Westland needs a new recreation complex. But the findings

also are fueling charges that the administration has neglected the Bailey Center.

"I would say that the administration's attitude towards the recreation department and the Bailey Center has been to do what has to be done only when absolutely necessary," Councilman Glenn Anderson said Friday.

The mayor couldn't be reached at his office Friday morning, but Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said the city is addressing some of the problems. Others will be discussed during upcoming budget talks, he said.

The new report estimates that a new recreation center would need 75,000

square feet of space to accommodate programs that residents want, based on a recent telephone survey of 605 households.

Big change

That's more than double the size of the 30,000-square-foot Bailey Center, built in the late 1970s behind City Hall on Ford Road.

"If the city cannot maintain what we currently have, how could we possibly maintain a new facility more than twice the current building size?" Anderson asked.

"Much is being said about facilities

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Fun: St. Matthew Lutheran teacher Rich Schumacher starts to get buried as a snowman from his seventh- and eighth-graders. Teacher Beth Gojkov (left) is covered by her third- and fourth-graders. They also used slices of cucumbers as eyes and noses.

Students can pack it on

It was a little like a scene from "Jack Frost" this week at St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School in Westland.

As a reward for meeting a fund-raising goal, kids turned administrators into human snowmen and women.

Some 140 students in kindergarten through eighth grade were challenged to raise money for the church and school expansion. During the "Cans for Christ" campaign, the kids were challenged to raise \$1,000 by collecting cans, bottles or cash.

During the week of Jan.

13 through Jan. 22, they raised \$2,000 and as their reward Tuesday they turned 12 teachers and administrators into snowmen.

The brainchild of Rich Schumacher, the seventh- and eighth-grade teacher at St. Matthew, he and pastor Kurt Lambert, principal Jeff Burkee, teachers Tom Pfeiffer, Beth Gojkov, Barb Hinck, Carol Burk and Ann Pfeiffer, teacher's aide Charleen Sliva, computer teacher Laura Corsun, school secretary Patricia Angove and church secretary Michele Weiss were covered with snow by the students.

Two police officers exonerated in gambling raid

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Two veteran Westland police officers have resumed their normal duties after being cleared of misdemeanor charges for being at a high-stakes football gambling party.

Police Chief Emery Price returned the officers to their jobs after an internal investigation found no reason to punish them.

The officers had been placed on desk duty after being ticketed during a Jan. 17 raid on a high-stakes gambling party at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Royal Oak police announced Tuesday that misde-

meanor citations had been dropped against 369 people as authorities tightened their focus on party organizers.

Price said the two Westland officers found themselves in an embarrassing situation after simply being invited to a football party where some others apparently engaged in high-stakes gambling.

"It's a shame. I have two guys here who got invited to a party," Price said. "Were they playing the high-stakes football squares? Probably not, because it was too expensive for them, to tell you the truth."

Officers from Farmington Hills, Royal Oak and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department carried out the raid, and some police officials have been accused of grandstanding for the media.

"I think it's a good lesson for all of us not to jump the gun," Price said, referring to some law enforcement officials, the media and citizens who called him to voice support for firing the two officers.

"I think this should teach all of us a lesson: Wait until you get all of the story," he said.

Despite intense scrutiny of the case, Price had refused to name the longtime Westland officers until their conduct could be investigated.

All along, he had referred to them as "good guys" who have served their department well, although he said he didn't condone their presence at the gambling party.

Man's exam postponed in death of 2-year-old boy

The preliminary examination for a Westland man charged in the death of a 2-year-old was postponed Thursday.

Hassan Clark, 30, who was arraigned Jan. 17 in the death of Michael Towne, is to undergo a psychological competency exam in the next eight weeks.

Westland 18th District Court Judge Gail McKnight tentatively set Clark's next exam for March 25. His exam will probably be a combination competency hearing and preliminary exam, according to his attorney Steven C. Bullock.

In the Jan. 14 incident, Clark was caring for Michael Towne while the

boy's mother, Kimberly Howie, was working, police said.

Clark and Howie lived together at The Orchards of Newburgh, an apartment complex near Glenwood and Newburgh where Westland paramedics and police officers found the lifeless child about 2 p.m. Jan. 14.

Paramedics took Michael to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne, where it was learned that the boy had chicken pox and minor bruises although doctors didn't see immediate signs of foul play.

One day later, however, the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office

ruled that Michael's internal injuries were far more serious than had been suspected. The office determined that the boy had been "beaten to death," according to a police report.

The child suffered abdominal bleeding and a liver fracture, and his pancreas had been pushed against his spine, splitting it in two, the report said.

Westland police also are investigating medical examiner reports that the boy may have been previously beaten.

The latest charge against Clark came as he was already awaiting trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for negli-

gent homicide, punishable by two years in prison.

Clark was accused of driving a car that crossed the center line and hit another vehicle head-on on Feb. 7, 1998, on Newburgh Road near Palmer.

Jessie Dwayne Ridner, a 31-year-old passenger in the car Clark was driving, died from massive internal injuries.

Officer Julie Alsip testified during an April 30 hearing that empty beer bottles were found in the car and that she smelled the "strong odor of intoxicants" in the vehicle.

OBITUARIES

MARY G. FILBIN

A memorial service for Mary Filbin, 90, of Westland will be Feb. 5 in Cleveland, Ohio. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Filbin, who died Jan. 25 in Ypsilanti, was born June 25, 1908, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a saleswoman at Higbee's Department Store, retiring after 21 years of service. She was a graduate of West Technical High School in Cleveland. She came to the Westland community in 1991. Mrs. Filbin was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Park, Ohio. She was a member of the Maryknoll Mission Group in

Cleveland, Ohio. She loved reading and family gatherings.

Surviving are her daughter, Jane (Robert) Pavol of Canton; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Filbin was preceded in death by her husband, Austin, and son, Robert.

MURYL N. CANFIELD
Funeral services for Muryl Canfield, 75, of Westland were Jan. 29 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Kip Gravelle from Church of the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Canfield, who died Jan. 26 in Wayne, was born June 16, 1923, in Detroit. He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his son, Dennis; sister, Amie Anderson; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Canfield was preceded in death by his wife, Mary.

AGNES A. PUMMILL
Funeral services for Agnes Pummill, 75, of Westland were Jan. 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Pummill, who died Jan. 24 in her Westland residence, was born Sept. 30, 1923, in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Reber Jr.; brothers, Ronald Parrish and Charles Parrish; sister, Marian Vincent; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pummill was preceded in death by her husband, Reber; daughter, Cary Johnson; brothers, Vern Parrish, Gary Parrish, Carol Parrish, George Parrish and Ross Parrish; sister, Fran Parrish.

Surviving are her husband, Michael; sons, Bradley and Tyler; daughters, Chelsea and Taylor; father, Walter "Doug" St. Louis of Westland; mother Gilda "Bobbie" Grumble of Alabama; brother, Mark (Dawn) St. Louis; sister, Sheri (Tim) Rainey.

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GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
6000 MIDDLEBELT
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 9, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M.. THE AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BIDDING WILL START AT THE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES.

YEAR & MAKE	STYLE	VIN #
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1985 DODGE	VAN	1B7MD34W4FS536985
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Public Hearing and Regular Session on January 18, 1999, at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:25 PM.

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none. Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Salomone.

◆ Comcast Franchise Agreement Extension.

There being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, and Police Chief Kociss.

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

- ◆ Ed Weiland, of Garden City, reiterated his opposition to closed meetings and requested they be more open.
- ◆ Lyle Dickson, of Garden City, discussed the following items: 1. Recognizing the national holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Garden City. 2. Status of the Elissa Breen vs. Garden City litigation. 3. More information on the investigation approved by Council at a prior meeting. 4. Additional information on the Oakwood hospital situation.
- ◆ Edward Kane, of Garden City, commended Council for listening to public discussion items.
- ◆ **Item 01-99-016** It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Wiacek: **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes from the meeting of January 11, 1999, as written. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-017** It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Briscoe: Council was given various information regarding the Ameritech bills, and further information will be forthcoming. Questions regarding an IRS payment were addressed. **RESOLVED:** To approve the Accounts Payable, as submitted. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-018** It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Briscoe: **RESOLVED:** To reappoint Edward Kane to the Planning Commission, term expires March 31, 1999. New term will be March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2002. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-019** It was moved by Councilmember Lynch: **RESOLVED:** To reappoint Harriette Batchik to the Planning Commission, term expires March 31, 1999. New term will be March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2002. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-021** It was moved by Councilmember Waynick; supported by Councilmember Kaledas: **RESOLVED:** To reappoint Randy Templeton to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expires March 31, 1999. New Term will be March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2002. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-022** It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Lynch: Council requested information on the extension issue and that public access be part of the agreement. **RESOLVED:** To extend the term of the Comcast Franchise agreement (Ordinance #99-001) to July 31, 1999. **AYES:** Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items: 1. Engineers Report. 2. Resolution - Essential Service Vehicles. 3. Resolution - Water/Sewer Rates. 4. Mike Williams. 5. Traffic Control Order Library. 6. Salary Ordinance - Planning & Development Director.

- ◆ **Item 01-99-023** It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Kaledas: **RESOLVED: WHEREAS,** the City of Garden City opposes the water and sewer rate increases which greatly exceed the rate of inflation; and **WHEREAS,** the City of Garden City water and sewer rate increases greatly exceed the rate of increase inside the City of Detroit; and **WHEREAS,** the City of Garden City and other suburbs have made tremendous financial investments in sewer facilities over the past several years; and **WHEREAS,** these investments have certifiably reduced the flows and demands on the Detroit sewer system; and **WHEREAS,** the Detroit Water and Sewer Board is proposing excessive and unreasonable rate increases; and **WHEREAS,** the residents of the City of Garden City cannot afford to continue to absorb these excessive rates of increases; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the City Council of the City of Garden City strongly opposes the recurring water and sewer rate increases and will pursue every available means to stop any and all of these increases; **AND, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT,** the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the City of Detroit City Council, Detroit Water and Sewer Board, Conference of Western Wayne, Wayne County Commission and surrounding communities involved in this same position. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-024** It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Wiacek: Council informed the public that \$35,785 was budgeted and to date a little over \$30,000 has been spent on Midtown West. **RESOLVED:** To authorize Williams & Beck Inc. to review the "As-Built" drawings at a price not to exceed \$3,200.00 for the Midtown Drainage & Paving Project and to provide a detailed report to the City Council, to be charged to Account #593-592-801.001. **AYES:** Unanimous
- ◆ **Item 01-99-025** It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Lynch: Council was informed that this type of TCO may help the situation, but enforcement presents some challenges. **RESOLVED:** To approve Traffic Control Order #463 "Parking for Library Only". **AYES:** Unanimous

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALYSSON M. BETTIS,
Treasurer/City Clerk

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It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to remove these classrooms and clean up the property and remove any rubbish resulting from this move.

Submit a bid inside a sealed envelope marked "Surplus Portables" to:

Barbara J. Evanson, Supervisor for Business/Warehouse
36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185
no later than 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 3, 1999

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NEWSPAPERS

1996 General Excellence Award

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Westland's Geri Schroeder was handed a check Friday for \$20,000 by W4 Country (106.7 FM).

Schroeder, a devout listener of W4 Country, was the first caller Jan. 21 when afternoon host Michael J. Foxx failed to play the guaranteed 20 songs in a row.

W4 Country promises to play 20 songs in a row or give \$20,000 to the first caller who catches the mistake.

Schroeder, her husband of 19 years and her two high school children have already stripped the living room wallpaper in preparation for remodeling. The family also plans to take a vacation and pay off bills.

On Jan. 21, Schroeder, who rarely calls for a contest, felt compelled to try. Her son thought she would never get through and was wasting her time. But after 10 minutes of fighting the busy signal she got through.

Title winner

Kendra Phillips, 19, of Westland recently won the title of Miss Junior America, Westland, and will be competing for the title of Miss Junior America East Coast in February. The winner of the East Coast title will travel to New York to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

Phillips is Phillips a 1998 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She has spent 14 years studying dance and is a member of the Plymouth/Canton Ballet Company and the Encore Dance Academy Competition Team. The Encore Dance Academy and the Grosse Ile Dance Academy are sponsoring Phillips.

She is the daughter of Craig and Beverly Phillips of Westland.

Information night

A family information night of health-care support services will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Marquette House dining room in Westland.

Speakers will include Dr. Robert Silverstone of Westland Medical Group, Judi Neubecker of Mercy Continuing Care and Linda Taub of St. Joseph Mercy Home Care in Ann Arbor.

Police seeking robbery suspect

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Police have released a drawing of the suspect in robberies in Garden City and Westland.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10 tall with a thin build, brown with gray streaked curly medium-length hair and mostly notably very crooked teeth.

The suspect is sought in connection with a Jan. 13 robbery of Fantastic Sam's on Ford Road in Garden City, according to Detective Sgt. Michael Lindman.

At 7:45 p.m., the suspect entered the Fantastic Sam's and told an employee he wanted a haircut. The employee asked the man for a telephone number, then he said he actually wanted her to open the cash register.

Holding his hand in his coat pocket, Lindman said the suspect implied he had a gun but did not show a weapon to the employee.

The man told the employee no one would get hurt if he was given the money. The woman was unable to open the register, as was a second employee to come over to assist her. Finally, a third staff member came over and was able to open the cash register. The suspect then fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.


A witness who was at the rear of Kitty's Restaurant saw the suspect running north through the parking lot but didn't see him get into the vehicle, Lindman said.

The sketch was made by Dearborn police Detective Sgt. Karen Wieniewski.

The same man is believed to have been responsible for a Jan. 11 robbery at Hancock Fabrics on Ford at Wildwood in Westland.

As in the Garden City robbery, the suspect implied that he had a weapon but didn't actually show a gun to the store employee.

Anyone with information about the suspect can call Garden City police at 525-8088 or Westland police at 721-6311.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE E-99-002

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Garden City by adopting an Emergency Ordinance which ordinance shall be designated as Emergency Ordinance #E-99-002 of said Code.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Emergency Ordinance E-99-002 is hereby adopted under the provisions of Section 5.03E of the City Charter for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City has experienced flooding in portions of its sanitary sewer system during unusually heavy rain events in late winter of 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City, on January 14, 1999, received approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to make temporary emergency system modifications to some of the in-line storage vortex regulator facilities in the Merriman Road and Middlebelt Road trunk line sewers by the removal of the weir plate access plates; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence in having the emergency system modifications implemented, since the time of year when the unusual storm events may occur is approaching; and

WHEREAS, the normal contract award process of developing full contract and bidding documents, advertising, receipt of sealed bids, contract award and contract start-up would extend the time required for obtaining a contractor and implementing the emergency system modifications;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The City Council waives for 30 days the requirements for advertisement and receipt of bids for the purposes of obtaining a contractor to provide the emergency system modifications to the various in-line storage vortex regulator-weir systems.
2. The City Council authorizes the Administration and DPS to prepare, or have prepared, a statement of the scope of work required and to solicit quotations from at least three (3) qualified contracting firms for conducting the work.
3. For the Administration and DPS to bring a recommendation to the City Council for approval of one of the contractors, so that the recommended contractor may proceed with emergency system modifications as soon as possible.

Except as herein modified, said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

This Emergency Ordinance is declared to be effective immediately.

The provisions of this Emergency Ordinance shall be automatically repealed as of the thirty-fifth day following the date on which it was adopted unless repealed sooner.

JAMES L. BARKER
Mayor

ALYSSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Reference #01-99-033

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Deadline set for land sale

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Livonia Public Schools and a local real estate developer have until mid-April to agree on a sale price for the former 43-acre Cooper school site in Westland.

Last year's investigation of the contaminated property unearthed no reason the land can't be developed safely as long as proper techniques are used, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, in a Jan. 22 letter sent to parents and residents in the Cooper community.

On Dec. 14, the developer, Jonna Realty Ventures, and the school district signed an agreement to begin the next phase of the investigation into Cooper's future.

The agreement gives both sides 120 days to reach a deal on the sale of property now owned by the school district.

"The district's goal is to have something better there than what is there right now," Liepa said. "We want the developer to stay interested."

Because of contaminated soil conditions, the Cooper acreage has been fenced-in and off-limits

to visitors ever since the contamination was discovered in 1991. Soil tests done by the state showed high levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and PCB.

In the 1960s, the district built Cooper School on a former dump filled with such household trash as old bricks and glass.

The fenced-in eyesore seemed ordained to sit neglected and avoided, awaiting a multimillion dollar cleanup some day.

Then, in July 1998, a team led by Jackson-based Consumers Renaissance Development Corp. once again began studying the site to determine its development potential under "Brownfield" legislation.

"Brownfields" are a state-authorized way to revitalize land not being used because of environmental contamination. The city of Westland formed a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and would incorporate the Cooper site into its redevelopment plan.

The authority allows Westland to use captured tax dollars to clean up and redevelop contaminated sites in the city such as the Cooper site.

Over a four-month period in late 1998, environmental consul-

tants from Arcadis, Geraghty and Miller took more soil borings at the Cooper site, especially in areas not previously analyzed by the state.

"The investigation shows no indication of an environmental or human health hazard, and that the property has development potential," Liepa said.

"There are techniques (such as a permeable cap) to allow development of the property while protecting public health and the environment."

The developer has not yet disclosed development possibilities, Liepa said. However, Jonna Realty earlier ruled out subdivision-type homes and industrial development.

Any development, Liepa said, would be subject to approval by the city of Westland.

"We are optimistic this process will result in a development proposal that we can all be proud of," Liepa said.

"Jonna is interested in the property. Now we have another 120 days to see if we can come up with a plan. There has to be agreement between parties."

"They will have to talk to Westland about financing, and do more legwork on the site."

Map puts spotlight on city



Westland is on the map - and it's in color.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is offering an updated map of Westland printed on glossy, full-color paper.

It's the first new city map put out by the chamber in four to five years, according to Linda Shapona, Westland Chamber executive director.

Printed by NovoPrint USA Inc. of Milwaukee, the map was in the planning stages for about eight months, Shapona said.

The map, which shows Westland, plus Wayne, Garden City, Inkster and parts of Livonia and Canton Township, also contains ads from 40 local advertisers.

On the reverse side is a map of metropolitan Detroit.

"It's very user-friendly and very easy to read," Shapona said.

The map is being distributed to businesses and some residents and will also be for sale to anyone who wants one.

Maps will be sent to all 1,650 businesses in Westland, Shapona said.

Each advertiser in the map gets a minimum of

Getting around: This is a portion of the Westland Chamber of Commerce map.

15 maps, she said.

About 2,000 maps will be on sale at the chamber office at \$2 each, Shapona said.

Maps will also be distributed free to all new residents in the new residents packet produced by the chamber. Maps will be included in business relocation packets and in packets prospecting for new chamber members, Shapona said.

The city was a big help in producing the map, she said.

"They made sure all the information they had was absolutely up to date," Shapona said.

Plans now are to update the map every two years, Shapona said.

And so far, the response to the map has been very positive, Shapona said. "It's a quality map."

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and far too little about programs," Anderson said later. "I know it is exciting to talk about something grand and new, but I believe a greater emphasis should be placed on programs within the Bailey Center and in our neighborhood parks."

Anderson said the city should consider a satellite recreation facility on Westland's far southeast side, possibly as an addition to a newly planned fire station. He also said the city should consider decentralizing recreation activities by placing more emphasis on neighborhood parks.

The new report on recreation facilities cited a long list of problems at the Bailey Center. It recommends "immediate action" for smoke detectors and emergency lighting.

Anderson said those issues should be part of "routine maintenance."

Kosowski said the center has enough smoke detectors but lacks "visual flashing lights" for emergencies.

To address a separate problem of no emergency lighting, Kosowski said the city is considering using a generator now located at the police department.

"We've been working on that for a couple of weeks," he said, adding that the issue will be discussed in about two weeks during budget talks.

Help the disabled

The recreation report also suggested that any Bailey Center renovation should address issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act, such as dead-

end corridors and inadequate elevator size and door clearances.

Said Kosowski: "We have the largest therapeutic program (for the disabled) in western Wayne County, and we have never heard one complaint. We feel we are in total compliance with ADA."

Kosowski estimated that 50 to 100 wheelchair users participate each week in Bailey Center programs.

The report also indicated that one large boiler should be replaced with two smaller ones if the city renovates the center.

"Right now we have one boiler for the entire building," Kosowski said. "It never gets any down time. It never has time to rest ... But it's not like we're in dire need. It's not broke."

Anderson said he has pointed out maintenance problems for more than a year - specifically the need to maintain a gymnasium floor. He said the floor hasn't been completely refinished this decade.

Anderson said the Bailey Center ranks only behind Westland's ice arena as the city's "most neglected facility."

The recent survey of residents indicated that 51 percent had visited the Bailey Center for purposes such as youth and adult athletic activities, personal fitness and meetings.

Of those who participate in indoor recreational activities, 44 percent said the Bailey Center is meeting their needs.

Of those who have visited the center, however, 58 percent said

it meets their needs. Of those who use it at least once a month, 67 percent said it meets their needs.

"The primary reason that residents thought the facility did not meet their needs was that it does not have the programs desired," the report said.

But Anderson said city officials should consider a wide range of issues before forging ahead with a new recreation center that, according to one consultant, could carry a price tag of \$15 million plus land costs.

New location?

Some officials have said they'd like to locate a new center in an area between the library on Central City Parkway and the Kroger store on Ford Road.

The new report indicated that most Westland residents would be willing to pay user fees. Thomas has said the center could be built with tax revenues from a special Tax Increment Finance Authority district north of Ford Road.

But, Anderson said, "We need to do a better job of maintaining and improving what we have before we propose adding any additional burdens on the budget. We need to keep an eye on the possibility that these economically prosperous times will not last forever, and the additional burden on the budget could be more than we can handle."

Anderson said he hopes the new Bailey analysis will be "a wake-up call" for the entire council.

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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The investigation that resulted in breaking up a multimillion dollar air bag theft ring that had been operating in the metro Detroit area stemmed from the work of two special investigations units.

It has been nearly two years since the Western Wayne Auto Theft Team, a multijurisdictional unit headed by the Michigan State Police, executed a search warrant on C.J. Metro Automotive Supply in Detroit seizing thousands of suspected stolen air bags.

On Monday, state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announced that two West Bloomfield men, Joseph Silver, 74, and

Clifford Cohen, 49, the company's owners, had been charged with racketeering and conspiracy to receive and conceal stolen property.

Although his unit handled the investigation, State Police Lt. Ed Gerds said that the case really came from the Metro Street Enforcement Team, with officers from Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Inkster.

"MSET officers were actually following a suspect who was going to C.J. Metro," said Gerds. "They turned the case over to us. We went in with a search warrant."

After executing the search warrant in 1997, the auto theft team seized about 1,100 air bags from the business. Then the task was identifying which air bags

had been stolen.

"A four-year felony wasn't stopping these people but 20 years for racketeering gets their attention," said Gerds.

While some of those buying the air bags might say they didn't know the equipment was stolen, Gerds noted that there are many telltale signs.

"They (the suspects) knew the majority of the airbags weren't legit," said Gerds. "They could see that the wires were cut. They knew they were buying the air bags cheap and selling them cheap. Then the mechanic bills the insurance company for the full amount."

Beyond the financial cost and inconvenience to owners, Gerds said thefts also raise a safety concern.

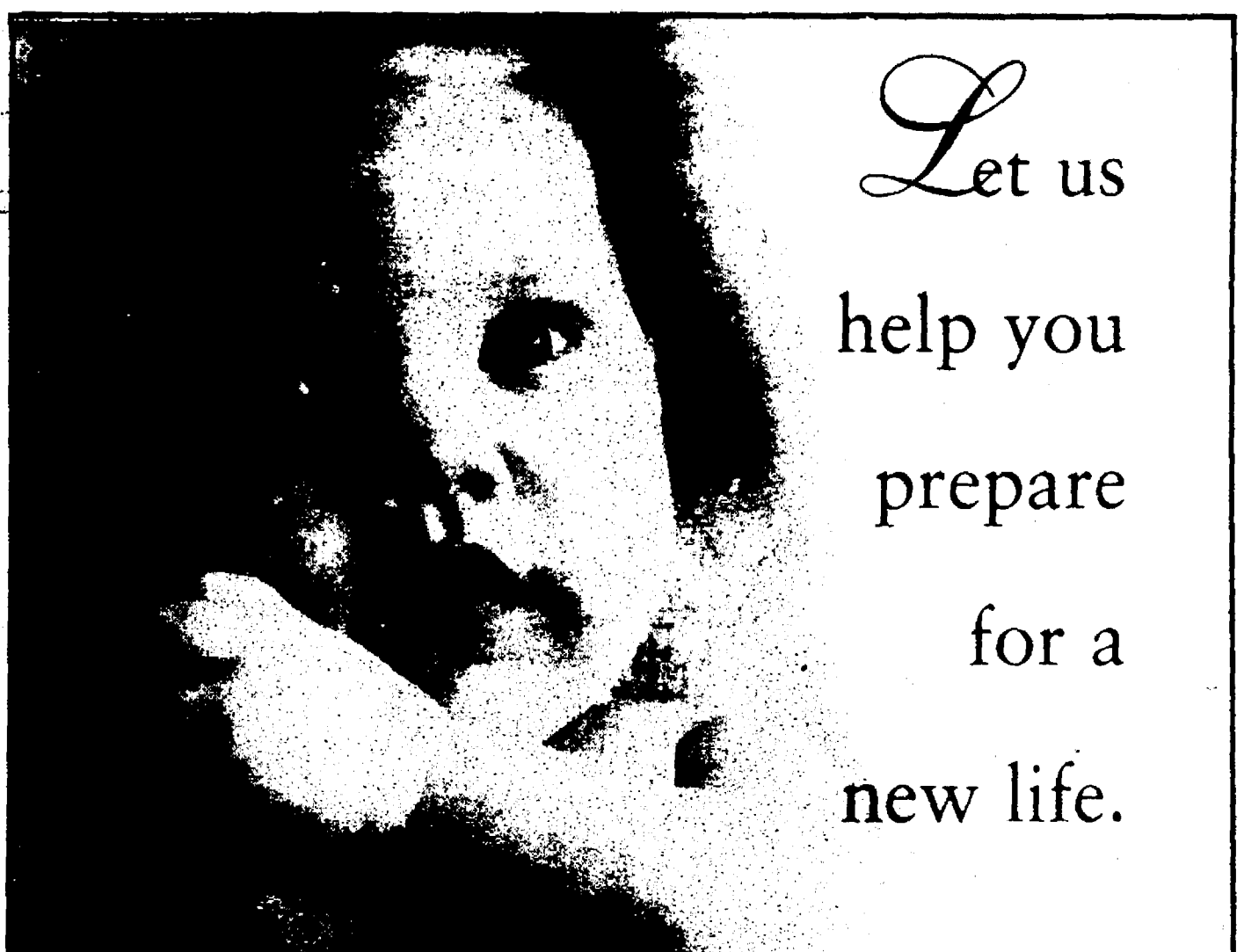
Charges follow in air bag case

Church groundbreaking



Photo by ROY POKRY

Getting started: The Rev. Gerard Bechard sticks a shovel in the ground to mark the start of construction for a new Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland. Featuring a geodesic dome, the church is expected to be completed by fall with a dedication on Oct. 28, the Sts. Simon and Jude feast day, according to Mary Elizabeth Sanchez, church secretary. The new church will be built near the old church, which is located on Palmer, while the old church will be converted to classrooms and a hall.



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AUDREY M. SANDERS
Funeral services for Audrey Sanders, 73, of Westland were Jan. 29 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.
Mrs. Sanders, who died Jan. 25 in Wayne, was born July 8, 1925, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.
Surviving are her sons, Albert (Judith), Carl (Sharon) and Richard (Stacey); daughters, Mary (Robert) McCormick and Paula (Richard) Gabel; brothers, Murph Eminger and Donald Eminger; sisters, Patricia Galneuw and Dolly Millard; and six grandchildren.
Mrs. Sanders was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and brothers, Fredrick Eminger and Lawrence Eminger.
RICHARD C. KURGIN
Funeral services for Richard Kurgin, 60, of Inkster were Jan. 28 in St. David Episcopal Church in Garden City. Arrangements were made by Uht Funer-

al Home.
Mr. Kurgin, who died Jan. 26 in Garden City, was born May 5, 1938, in River Rouge. He was an automotive mechanic.
Surviving are his sons, Donald Gimotty and Christopher Kurgin of Texas; daughters, Jill Schuchard of Algonac, Mich., Jackie Webb and Karen Gimotty; brother, Jack Kurgin; sisters, Marion Crowell of Westland, Louisa Propes of Livonia and Jill Avery of Pinckney; and five grandchildren.
Mr. Kurgin was preceded in death by his sister, Lillian Hehn.
HATTIE V. TICE
Funeral services for Hattie Tice, 95, of Wayne were Jan. 26 in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.
Mrs. Tice, who died Jan. 24 in Westland, was born Sept. 5, 1903, in Kalkaska, Mich. She

was a nurse's aide.
Surviving are her godchild, Penny Watts; two brothers; several nieces and nephews and cousins. Several members of her family reside in Westland and Livonia.
Mrs. Tice was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.
MARY MILCHUS
Funeral services for Mary Milchus, 87, of Westland were arranged by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.
Mrs. Milchus, who died Jan. 26 in Westland, was born Feb. 6, 1911, in Benld, Ill. She was a secretary for an automotive company.
Surviving are her son, Norman (Natalie); brothers, Alec and Andrew Chaklosh; and two grandchildren.
Mrs. Milchus was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph.
Memorials may be made to Presbyterian Village Endowment Fund.

STEPHEN R. WOLFE JR.
Funeral services for Stephen Wolfe, Jr., 68, of Westland were Jan. 30 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.
Mr. Wolfe, who died Jan. 26 in Wayne, was born April 18, 1929, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was an auditor for the federal government.
Surviving are his wife, Alice; son, Donn; one niece; one grand-nephew and one grandniece.
RUTH RAPTOSH
Funeral services for Ruth Raptosh, 86, of Dearborn Heights were Jan. 29 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Willet J. Herrington III from St. Andrew Episcopal Church.
Mrs. Raptosh, who died Jan. 28 in Garden City, was born Dec. 11, 1912, in Arbroath, Scotland. She was a homemaker.
Surviving are her daughter, Janet Ankofski of Westland; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Raptosh was preceded in death by her husband, Paul.
Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House.
DR. JULIUS E. KARL
Memorial services for Dr. Julius Karl, 67, of Westland were Jan. 30 in Fred Wood Funeral Home.
Dr. Karl, who died Jan. 25 at his Westland residence, was born April 5, 1931, in Pinino, a small town near the border of Germany and Poland. He served an apprenticeship as cabinet maker and was active in church leadership in Erkelenz, West Germany. In 1953, he immigrated with his family to Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He attended Bible School in Edmonton, Alberta, and eventually settled in Hamilton, Ontario, where he pastored the Gemeinde Gottes. He came to the United States in 1961 and attended Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore. He earned a bachelor's degree in Bible and history from Anderson University, a master of divinity

degree from Anderson School of Theology, master's and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University in Germanic languages and literature with minors in theology and education. He became an American citizen in 1973.
Prior to returning to the pastoral ministry, Dr. Karl taught at Anderson University, where he met and married his wife. He also taught at Indiana University, Edgewood High School in Indiana and Ballard High School in Louisville, Ky. He began pastoring New Life Community Church in 1981 and continued to serve there after his retirement.
Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Carol; son, Robert; daughter, Caroline; sisters, Erna Boehling and Frieda Karl of Hamilton, Ontario, and Gertrud Schulz of Edmonton, Alberta.
Memorials may be made to the Gideons International, 11532 Parkview, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
February 8, 1999**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 8, 1999, at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #99-
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 4.00, SUBSECTION 161.048 (C) (10) SCHEDULE OF OFF-STREET PARKING OF CHAPTER 161 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO REVISE THE PARKING STANDARDS FOR CLINICS OF DOCTORS, DENTISTS, AND SIMILAR PROFESSIONS.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
That Subsection 161.048 (C) (10) Schedule of Off-Street Parking of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

Land Use	Required No. of Parking Spaces	Per Each Unit Measure as Follows
Professional Offices, Clinics of Doctors, Dentists, and Similar Professions	1.0	150 sq. ft. of usable floor area

All Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this amendatory Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.
The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective ten (10) days after enactment, but not prior to publication, as required by law.

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE #99-
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 1.00, SUBSECTION 161.003, DEFINITIONS OF CHAPTER 161 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:
That Subsection 161.003, Definitions of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:
FLOOR AREA, USABLE NONRESIDENTIAL: Eighty (80%) of the gross floor area.
All Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this amendatory Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.
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Specifications and bid forms will be available at the walk-through.
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State of the state

Local reps give MEAP scholarship plan high marks

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"They told us in caucus he would have something to electrify the place," said freshman state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, minutes before Gov. John Engler started his Jan. 28 State of the State address.

Engler did. He offered a \$3,000 per head carrot to get students in both public and private schools to take the MEAP tests. It was one of the few times he got bipartisan applause in the bitterly divided State Capitol.

"For all Michigan high school graduates who master reading, writing, math and science," the governor said, "each of you will receive a Michigan Merit Award - a \$2,500 scholarship that can be used for further study at a Michigan school of your choice."

"I further propose that all of you who pass your seventh- and eighth-grade MEAP tests in reading, writing, math and science be awarded \$500" - for a total possible \$3,000. Funds would come from the state's settlement with the tobacco industry.

"Public money flows to higher education anyways. That isn't unusual," said Patterson, who liked the idea.

"A great idea. A great incentive," said Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, who will have a key vote on the House Appropriations Committee.

More skeptical was Rep. Ger-

ald Law, R-Plymouth. "You know, it's tied to the proficiency exam. I would have used ACT and SAT," which are college entrance exams.

Law touched on a sensitive point. Doves of high school students in Northville, Livonia, Farmington and Birmingham have skipped the MEAP high school proficiency exams. They don't get state-certified diplomas, but otherwise the state is powerless to punish them.

School chief's view

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis pledged in December he would seek ways to get high school 11th-graders to take the tests, which are needed to track schools' performances and were demanded by big employers because local diplomas are meaningless.

"Excellent. Much needed," said freshman Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, whose first post in a long political career was trustee of Schoolcraft College.

"It mirrors the Hope school plan. A good idea," said Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, part of the House Democratic leadership that last year floated a similar scholarship idea. "You get good test scores, you get the money. That's not all bad."

Neither DeHart nor other lawmakers could answer the question: If students in private, parochial and "home" schools are eligible for grants, would their composite test scores have to be published, the same as public

and charter academy results? "Private schools don't publish their results," said DeHart.

"He's run out of ideas in his third term," said Mark Brewer, Democratic state chair. "He wants to give the impression he's doing something."

"He has surpassed the Hope plan," said Republican floor leader Andrew Raczowski of Farmington Hills. "A Michigan Merit scholarship is not just a B average but proficiency in essential areas."

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, interviewed prior to Engler's speech, concentrated on taxes and roads. He called Engler's proposed personal income tax cut from 4.4 to 3.9 percent over five years "a tax shift" because motorists were hit in 1997 with a four-cents-a-gallon fuel tax hike.

"He should have funded roads out of the general fund. We should not have had a (fuel) tax hike," said Brown, starting his second term.

Charter school concerns

Brown also took a dim view of Engler's call for more public school academy charters, which are mostly issued by universities. "Do you want a college board overseeing two times, three times, four times as many academy students as the college students they're overseeing?" Brown asked.

Until Engler's scholarship electricity, most talk on the floor was speculation about how the

governor would finesse some kind of administrative takeover of Detroit public schools.

"I'm a product of Detroit public schools - Redford," said Patterson of Canton. "It's terribly distressing what's going on. It'll take the energetic services of a professional to make it work."

"I don't know about mayors' taking over school districts," said Kelly of Wayne. "We oughta have a state superintendent elected by the people with power to do these things."

"Truthfully, I don't think it will pass constitutional muster," said Kelly. The Michigan Constitution gives the State Board of Education "leadership and general supervision over all public education," telling the Legislature to "maintain and support" it.

"Bad," said DeHart of Westland. "To say he wants to give control of the schools to mayors is crazy. It won't have any impact on the kids. And I do see a constitutional problem."

"That city is run no better than the school district," said Law of Plymouth. "Maybe we can appoint a third party to run it." Law was unsure whether the Legislature would adopt Engler's plan to allow mayors such as Dennis Archer of Detroit and David Hollister of Lansing to take over the schools. "But maybe the best thing is holding that hammer over people's heads."

Schoolcraft seeks state funding for technical center

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Gov. John Engler is expected to release his proposed budget Feb. 11.

If it doesn't include money for Schoolcraft College's proposed technology center addition to the Waterman Campus Center, Schoolcraft administrators expect to lobby state lawmakers for money in the state's capital outlay budget.

On Wednesday, Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell told the college's board of trustees he was disappointed the proposed center was not one of eight state projects chosen by the state Jobs Commission. The commission awarded eight grants totaling \$39 million. Schoolcraft had proposed a \$6 million, 32,000-square-foot facility to commission officials in October.

"We still have requests in for capital outlay," McDowell said. Schoolcraft has talked with state lawmakers and officials in the Department of Management and Budget, McDowell said.

The Jobs Commission did

not have enough money to pay for all proposals received and will not have additional money for these centers, said Doug Stites, the commission's chief operating officer, in a Jan. 19 letter to McDowell.

Many proposals had value, Stites said. "MJC will support colleges in pursuing additional funding through the capital outlay process. We encourage those interested to approach their Michigan legislators regarding the availability of funding through the capital outlay committee."

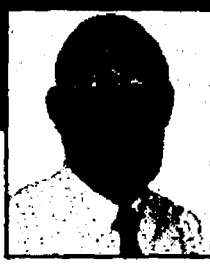
State criteria

Stites indicated the Jobs Commission plans to allow additional participation in the Michigan Technical Education Center project, which allows the center an opportunity to identify itself as an M-TEC facility.

State criteria calls for M-TECs to publish a consumer report, participate in a career preparation system and use M-TEC signs, logo and name.

McDowell welcomed the commission's support, but told

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trustees one state criteria item for M-TECs "concerns" him, namely the establishment of a governing board that has authority over center programs and reports to the college board of trustees.

"I think we need to find out more about that," McDowell said.

If money is appropriated, this year's money would allow Schoolcraft to be reimbursed for last year's architectural work. Next year's money would pay for construction drawings and bid documents to be completed in 2000, while the third year will pay for the actual construction in 2001.

Lease agreement

As part of the college's continued upgrade of its technology, trustees approved Wednesday a three-year lease agreement with National Education Training Group, a subsidiary of Harcourt Brace and Co., to use the company's entire current and future multimedia technology and business skills training courseware.

The program will cost \$23,339 the first year and \$21,219 each year for the second and third years. Walsh College will serve as NET Group's Michigan agent. NET Group is based in Naperville, Ill.

The college will have access to more than 350 technology and business skill courses covering more than 15 topic areas, with 16 courses added monthly.

"We'll be using that (program) now, and we'll put that in the new facility once it's built," McDowell said.

S'craft to host middle school college night

Upcoming events at Schoolcraft College include:

■ **Middle School College Night:** Ten colleges, including Schoolcraft, will present information on their programs and courses of study for eighth graders and their parents. The public can drop into Room 200 of the McDowell Center any time between 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.

■ **Watch the nationally ranked men's team play at 7:30 p.m. or cheer on the women's team at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3.**

■ **Grazing Night:** Enjoy a variety of dishes prepared by students in the culinary arts department, mingle in the culinary arts kitchen and meet Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The munching begins at 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 462-4423 for reservations.

■ **Red Cross Bloodmobile:** Help alleviate a national blood shortage by donating blood in the Waterman Center from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4.

■ **International Dinner:** Eat a five-course meal of authentic Mexican food prepared by second-year culinary students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 in the American Harvest Restaurant. The price is \$25.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

■ **The 26th annual Schoolcraft High School Girl's Volleyball Invitational tournament is Saturday, Feb. 6.** For information call (734) 462-4417.

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Readers respond with donations, storage space

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Metro-Detroiters are known for their generosity, and they surprised a Farmington Hills woman who made a plea last week in the Observer Newspapers for storage space for wheelchairs that are donated to handicapped people around the world.

Hours after the article ran about a need to store used wheelchairs donated to Wheels

for the World, Dorothy Pitsch's phone began ringing.

"It's been tremendous," said Pitsch, Wheels for the World metro-Detroit chairwoman. "It's more than what I expected," she said. "We're organizing the areas now and confirming the storage spaces."

Wheels for the World was launched in 1992 by Joni Eareckson Tada who lost the use of her arms and legs after a diving accident when she was 17.

Since 1992 the organization has placed 6,000 people in wheelchairs.

Pitsch's work inspired a call Thursday night from Joyce Bryant who offered 400 square feet of storage in her unused Plymouth garage. Jerry Gorecki, a Howell resident, donated warehouse space for the month of April.

Chris Haas, from Bushnell Congregational Church near the Southfield freeway and Grand River, said he is seeking permis-

sion from church officials to use an empty gymnasium to store the equipment. And a Clinton Township man said he had enough space to store 50-70 wheelchairs.

One woman offered to donate an aluminum walker. And a Farmington Hills nurse, Lenore Reese, promised Pitsch that she will collect walkers from nursing and retirement homes.

A Plymouth woman who requested anonymity told Pitsch she would donate three

wheelchairs her daughter outgrew. Wall Street Travel Agency of Plymouth offered to donate 800 square feet of temporary storage space for deliveries Monday through Friday.

While the response has been tremendous, Pitsch said, she's hoping someone will donate the use of a trailer truck.

Anyone donating a truck, wheelchairs and other equipment or storage space, may call Pitsch at (248) 661-3317 or Jan Glovak at (248) 661-0964.

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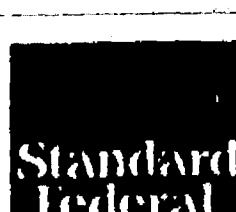
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Eating well best prescription for good health

Eat an apple for rosy cheeks, use cucumbers for toning, an apricot mask for firming and carrots for clear eyes. A poor diet can have devastating effects on your body, health and how you look.

If you're on an "iffy" fad diet, or seldom eat fruits or vegetables, you may want to change a few of those habits. Granted, there are a million beauty and hair products with vitamins added, but eating nutrient rich foods is a better idea.

It is still not known if these vitamin enriched beauty products can penetrate the skin enough to do any good. We do know that eating nutritious foods will help you look and feel good.

Iron deficiency

An iron deficiency can result in a pale and itchy complexion. Iron deficiency is usually called "tired blood" however, your blood is not tired, you are. Generally, the iron from animal foods is better absorbed than iron from vegetables. Eating a vitamin C rich fruit or vegetable, along with foods containing iron, help your body absorb iron better. For example, serve an iron enriched cereal with a glass of orange juice. Excellent sources of iron are red meats, egg yolk, green leafy vegetables, dried fruits (apricots, prunes and raisins), dried beans, potatoes, enriched and whole grain cereals.

Zinc

A zinc shortage can make your skin dry, flaky and rash prone. A zinc deficiency also delays wound healing. Sources for zinc are meat, liver, eggs, poultry, seafood, milk and whole grains.

Not having enough riboflavin or vitamin B2 will cause cracks in the skin at the corners of the mouth, inflamed lips or a sore tongue. Scaly skin around the nose and ears can also be a symptom of this deficiency. Milk, cheese, fish, poultry and green vegetables are great sources of vitamin B2.

A vitamin D, calcium and phosphorus deficiency, will slowly make your bones dissolve or break easily. The loss of bone that supports your teeth will eventually account for tooth loss. Foods that are rich in these nutrients include milk, yogurt, sardines and canned salmon (with the bones), collard greens and spinach.

Niacin

Niacin is essential for healthy tissues. A niacin deficiency may cause many skin ailments. Food sources for niacin are liver, yeast, lean meats, whole grain and enriched breads and cereals.

Biotin is essential for strong hair, nails and healthy skin. Sources are egg yolk, peanut butter, liver and most fresh vegetables.

Vitamin C helps form collagen, the protein that holds tissues together and gives you healthy teeth and bones. Lack of vitamin C can cause sore gums and bleeding under the skin. Cantaloupe, citrus fruits, raw cabbage, strawberries and tomatoes are all good sources of vitamin C.

Vitamin A helps keep your skin from being dry and flaky. It also helps your eyes function. Night blindness is an early symptom of a vitamin A deficiency. Eggs, butter and liver provide this vitamin. Cantaloupe, carrots, sweet potatoes, green and yellow vegetables contain carotene, which the body converts into vitamin A.

Essential fatty acids help keep your skin moist and supple. These essential fatty acids come from cooking oils such as corn, olive or safflower.

Water

Don't forget to drink water, it keeps your body hydrated, and your skin

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Eating Better Sensibly



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Culinary art: James Oppat of Troy (left to right), Wes Holton and Ami Galofaro of Plymouth learn by doing in the culinary arts kitchen at Schoolcraft College. Chef Kevin Gawronski and Jean Paul LePage (below) at work in the culinary kitchen.



WHAT'S COOKING AT SCHOOLCRAFT

An appetite for learning

Editor's note: This is the first of an ongoing series of articles about local culinary arts programs. Next month we'll visit Oakland Community College.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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No bones about it, Schoolcraft College in Livonia has one of the finest culinary arts programs in the country. When he talks about it, Certified Master Chef Kevin Gawronski doesn't mince words.

"If you take all the years of knowledge and experience of our staff it's insurmountable," said Gawronski who has managed the culinary arts program for the past four years. "We change our menu to meet market needs. So far we feel we've been ahead of the industry."

With five American Culinary Federation Certified Master Chefs on staff, and others like graduate Kelli Lewton who operates her own business — 2 Unique catering and event planning, the culinary arts

program offers students many of the ingredients they need to be successful in the restaurant/hospitality industry.

"There are few schools that can compare to our quality," said Gawronski. At this year's Plymouth Ice Spectacular Tajana Raukar won two gold medals — in individual and team competition.

What she likes best about her instructors at Schoolcraft is the encouragement and support they offer.

"They give me space to work on my ideas and incorporate what I learned," she said. "They are very nice in how they explain things."

On Feb. 13, Schoolcraft students will compete in the ACF Junior Hot Foods Competition against students from Macomb and Oakland Community College. The winner will advance to regional competition in Wichita, Kansas in March. Who ever wins the competition will represent the Midcentral region, which includes Michigan, at the

Chop, chop: Students learn basics, such as how to chop green onions.

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■ **American Harvest** — Restaurant operated by Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department in the Waterman Center on the north end of the campus. Open for lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

■ **The Professor's Pantry** — Fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta, holiday treats and other items, prepared by culinary arts students, are offered for sale 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. The Professor's Pantry is also located in the Waterman Center. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5380 for information.

■ **International Dinners** — Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary arts students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine is served with each meal and there is a brief explanation of the wine's origins. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$26.95 per person, plus tax. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations. Upcoming dinners include: Authentic Mexican, Thursday, Feb. 4; French Thursday, Feb. 11; Regional American, Thursday, Feb. 18; and Italian, Thursday, Feb. 25.

■ **Grazing Nights** — Enjoy dishes prepared by culinary arts students. Mingle in the Culinary Arts kitchen in the Waterman Center where this fare was created under the guidance of Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel — 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, March 17, March 24 and April 21. The cost is \$15, payable at the door. Call (734) 462-4423 for your reservation.

■ **Continuing Education** — Schoolcraft offers a variety of cooking classes including European Bread Making, and Pasta Cookery. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

She fought to lose weight 'Slow But Sure'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Over the past five years, I've watched my friend Sandra Dalka-Pryby shrink in some ways, and grow in others.

She's half the person she was when we met in 1993, but still a huge presence in my life. Pryby is a good friend to have. She's funny, supportive, a good listener but also a good talker.

It took my friend nearly five years to lose 170 pounds reducing the weight on her 5-foot 7-inch frame from 325 pounds to 155 pounds. She's kept the weight off for almost two years. It wasn't easy, but she did it. "Slow But Sure," the title of her newly published book by Doubleday.

"I'm just an ordinary woman, a busy wife and mother of three," she said. "If I could take control of my life and make healthy changes, so can others. That's why I wrote 'Slow But Sure.' I wanted to share my weight-loss, get fit journey

■ **A writer, always in search of a good story, Pryby knew in her heart that she had one to tell and share.**

with others so they, too, can be successful."

Pryby's journey was a painful one that began May 26, 1993, when she decided once and for all to lose weight.

"No longer was I overweight," she wrote. "I was obese, an awful word in anybody's vocabulary!"

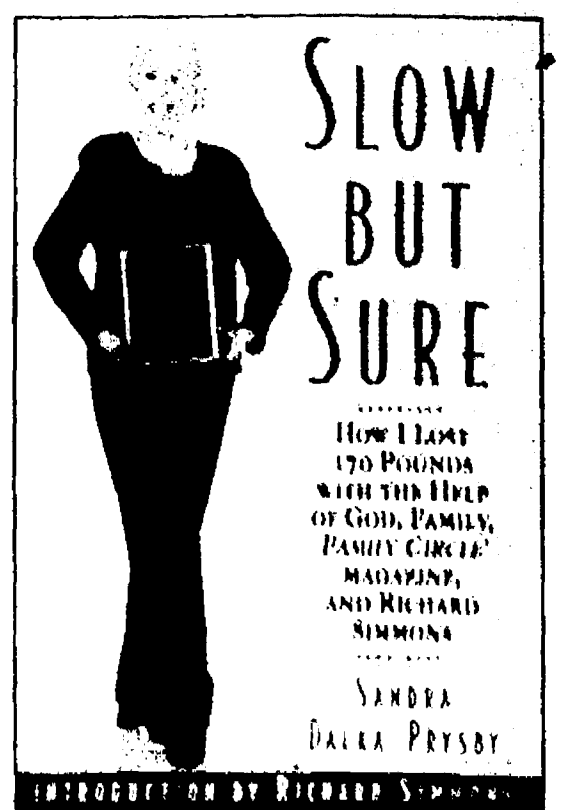
Pryby was depressed and worried about a family trip to Washington, D.C. "My excess weight was restricting my movements in my home," she wrote. "How could I walk around the nation's capital and visit all the monuments. It would wreck the family's vacation."

A writer, always in search of a good story, Pryby knew in her heart that she had one to tell and share.

She wrote to the editors of "Family Circle," one of her favorite magazines, and pitched this idea:

"I propose 'Family Circle' help a 48-year-old mother of three children share her life. This woman, an active and popular suburban at-home mom, is 160 pounds overweight and smokes up to three packs of cigarettes a day. She has spent more than 35 years on reducing diets — some successful for a while, some not. This woman is 1-1/2 years away from her 50th birthday and knows if she doesn't do something now, she may not have another chance. I propose that 'Family Circle' provide her with a nutritionist, a diet plan, a smoke-ending program and, more important, a medium to tell her story and struggles and provide her with someone (your readers) to whom she is accountable. I am this woman. I am the one who needs help, and I'm desper-

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finals in mid-July in Chicago.

The 2-1/2 hour contest tests the student's skills in a variety of areas. The first hour tests basics such as how to dice an onion, mince garlic and chop parsley. For the second part, each four-person team must prepare an appetizer or salad, soup, entree and dessert for four people. They will be judged on their skill, technique, creativity and sanitation/cleanliness. Flavor, composition and nutritional balance are some of the elements judges will consider.

Competition

Students competing are enrolled in the Salon Competition Class this term. Aside from the thrill of competing, and chance to win a medal, the competition is an opportunity for learning.

"The students can take the skills they're learning in the classroom and using everyday," said Gawronski. "Most of our students work in restaurants. They can refine a dish for competition. There's a lot of teamwork involved."

Scott Swamba will be competing. "It's a lot of hard work and repetition," he said. "You're always working on the plate to bring it to your standard of perfection."

Swamba and Raukar say competitions also help them keep up with culinary trends and are the source of ideas.

"I go to competition to see what other people are doing and it reminds you of something that you can do for yourself," said Raukar.

Swamba, like Raukar, is happy with the quality of the teaching staff at Schoolcraft. "In the business, people skill skills are important," he said. "Schoolcraft has a very caring staff, they encourage you to strive for excellence. I want to be creative and do food the way I've been taught to do it. The people who graduate, one way or another, come back to thank the chefs."

Typical student

It's hard to define who is a typical culinary arts student at Schoolcraft College. There are currently 140 students enrolled in the full-time program that takes two-and-a-half years to complete. Gawronski said the average student is 29 years old. Some have just graduated from high school or vocational school. Many students have been out in the world working and want to train for a new career or fine tune their skills. Some students are retirees who just want to become better cooks or start catering businesses.

The hours are long, and often you have to work weekends and holidays, but a career in culinary arts has its rewards.

"There are people who say their passion has always been food, but they focused on busi-

ness and realized they hated their job," said Gawronski. "We get a lot of people who were in the medical field. They're coming from a stressful job into a stressful job, but they're doing what they enjoy. No two days are ever the same. It stirs excitement, you're creating and working with your hands."

After graduating from the program, Schoolcraft culinary arts graduates often get jobs in some of metro Detroit's most popular restaurants such as Five Lakes Grill, the Ritz Carlton and Rocky's.

Gawronski is working on building a network of Schoolcraft culinary arts program graduates to help students find jobs in other parts of the country.

For him, everything he does comes down to basics.

"Nothing we do hasn't been done before, it's the way we do it that's different," he said. "We're limitless with what we can do to food."

Learning the basics

At Schoolcraft, students learn the basics - why foods have to be cooked a certain way and how to pair them. Pork loin can be served with roasted beets, but you have to cook them separately.

"Foods are naturally simple," said Gawronski. "We don't need to manipulate or accentuate them. Carrots are naturally

sweet, you don't have to add sugar. We are becoming more nutritious conscious. We're trying to stay away from infusion confusion, you confuse the taste buds."

Looking forward, Gawronski is working to maintain the quality level of his staff and the level of understanding of market needs.

"We do a lot of traveling," he said. "We're taking students to Switzerland May 9-20. Chef Leopold Schaeli, will be our tour guide. He's from Switzerland and fluent in the language. We'll be visiting three different culinary schools."

Earlier this year, Gawronski visited culinary arts schools in Florida and California. He's going to Las Vegas this week to attend a food educator's conference, and visit Las Vegas Community College, which has a culinary arts program.

"We're avidly seeking what people are doing," said Gawronski. "Why reinvent the wheel?"

Keeping current also means making equipment purchases that will help students obtain a market edge. The school recently purchased a new smoker, and is considering a new baking oven.

Metro Detroit is an interesting place to be. Among the trends Gawronski sees is more emphasis on vegetables and nutrition. He's also interested in kosher cooking.

Certified Master Chef Dan Hugelier, a culinary arts instructor at Schoolcraft, was a consultant for the newly opened La Difference in West Bloomfield.

Observer & Eccentric Newspaper wine columnist Eleanor Heald describes the menu at La Difference as "rooted in classic French cooking, displayed with American flare, and adhering to all kosher dietary requirements."

"Our diversity warrants us to view these things (such as kosher cooking) more closely," said Gawronski. "Learning about different ethnic groups is part of our knowledge base."

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The magazine editors liked her idea, and told her to find a nutritionist near her, Beverly Hills, Mich., home. She was also told to start a journal of her progress, struggles and feelings. This brutally honest journal is the foundation of her book.

After one failed try to find someone to help, she found Muriel G. Wagner, a Southfield-based registered dietitian who later became an Observer & Eccentric Taste columnist. Her Main Dish Miracle column appears in Taste on the second Sunday of every month.

Wagner helped Prysby stop smoking and developed a weight-loss program for her. When Prysby reached a plateau in 1996 and her weight loss stalled for six months, Richard Simmons stepped in to help Prysby across the finish line to her goal.

Along the way there have been lots of friends and angels who helped. The Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, which is near her home, offered Prysby and her family a free membership. They also introduced Prysby to a trainer who helped set-up and oversee a fitness program. Prysby would later repay the favor by starting a fitness class at the club WOVs - Work Out With Sandy - for overweight

women like herself. Not everyone was supportive, and some people credited others with her success. "Give me a dietitian and a health club membership and I'll lose weight too," some said. But Prysby knows it's not that easy. She did the work, "Family Circle" just gave her the tools.

"Slow But Sure" is a book about Prysby's struggles and triumphs. She explains how she got so heavy and how she got thin. Prysby is a gutsy lady who shares intimate details about her life including how being so overweight affected her relationship with her husband and other family members and friends.

Some people were uncomfortable with the new trim Sandy, and she lost friends because of it. "I've heard that some believe I'm not as 'nice' as I used to be. What they are really saying is that I am not available to do the things they want," she writes.

Each chapter is filled with motivating and inspiring tips to help you successfully reach your weight-loss goals. "Slow But Sure" will also help you say "no" and trim some of the fat from your life - the unnecessary tasks that add up to aggravation, and prevent you from reaching your goals.

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from being dry and flaky. Drink eight glasses of liquid a day. It can be juice, soft drinks, milk, coffee or tea, but the best is just plain water.

The caffeine in coffee, tea and soft drinks may be counterproductive as it can act as a diuretic. If you drink a lot of coffee, tea and soft drinks you may be losing more liquid than you're gaining. Water also helps your body take advantage of all the nutrients it gets from food.

I hope you see a pattern here. Your healthy glow, and looking good, is accomplished by eating a variety of nutrient dense foods such as grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables. Malnutrition has a devastating effect on your skin and impairs any healing your body needs to do. No one wants dry, flaky skin, hair loss and brittle nails, or to look older than you really are.

Beauty cream and supplements may help, but good food is the best answer. If you are one of those chronic dieters, a junk food lover, or someone who skips meals, you may want to consider taking a vitamin supplement. Talk to your health care provider before prescribing mega-doses of vitamin supplements for yourself.

Don't forget exercise. People who exercise regularly usually have a healthy glow, they look and feel better. A variety of good food and regular exercise will help you look good.

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Sandra Dalka-Prysbly shares family-tested recipes

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Sandra Dalka-Prysbly.

CHICKEN FAJITAS

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 dashes Tabasco sauce
- 1 pound chicken breast, skinless, boneless and cut into strips
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 8 (6-inch) corn tortillas
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large green bell pepper, thinly sliced into strips
- 1 large red bell pepper, thinly sliced into strips
- 2 cups tomatoes, thinly sliced

1 cup nonfat sour cream

In large container with tight-fitting lid, combine soy sauce, garlic, black pepper and Tabasco sauce. Cover and shake to mix. Add chicken and onion. Cover. Turn upside down to coat.

Refrigerate 2 hours, turning occasionally. Place tortillas in oven to warm per package directions.

In large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken strips (reserve marinade) and cook until no longer pink, stirring often.

Remove chicken. Add marinade and bell peppers. Sauté until vegetables are tender. Add chicken and tomatoes. Reduce heat and simmer until tomatoes are hot.

Place 1/8 mixture in center of tortillas. Top with 1 tablespoon sour cream. Fold to enclose filling. Serves 8.

PORK FRIED RICE

- 3 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1/2 pound pork tenderloin, diced
- 6 whole green onions, minced
- Egg substitute equal to 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 cup carrot, shredded
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups long-grain rice, cooked and chilled

In large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add pork and cook over medium-high heat, stirring often, until no longer pink. Remove and set aside. Add 1 tablespoon oil to skillet and heat.

Add egg substitute and scramble until all liquid is set. Remove to plate and cut into small pieces. Add remaining oil to skillet. Add onions, celery and carrots.

Cook, stirring often, until vegetables are tender, about 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium. Add soy sauce and pepper. Add cold rice, pork and eggs. Stir well. Cover and cook rice mixture for 3 minutes or until well heated. Serves 8.

Book Signings

Sandra Dalka Prysbly will be signing copies of "Slow But Sure — How I lost 170 Pounds with the Help of God, Family, Family Circle Magazine, and Richard Simmons." (Doubleday, \$22.95) at the following times and locations:

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 — Borders Book Shop, Southfield at 13 MfE Road, Beverly Hills.

■ 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 — Featured speaker and book signing as part of the Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills annual fundraiser, "Ladies Nite Out," Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield, Beverly Hills. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, call (248) 540-2459.

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield, Beverly Hills.

Easy vegetable dish hearty winter fare

See related story on Taste front.

This recipe from the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Kitchen, compliments of Chef Kevin Gawronski, is a hearty winter dish.

MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE COUS COUS

- 2 cups cous cous
- 2 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 cup green onions, diced
- 1/2 cup fresh fennel, diced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup Tomato concasse (peeled,

seeded diced tomatoes) or 1 cup canned diced tomatoes

- 1 tablespoon basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chives, sliced fine
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 cup vegetable or chicken stock

Bring the 2 cups of vegetable or chicken stock to a boil. Add the cous cous and salt and pepper. Turn off the heat and cover tightly. Let stand for 10 minutes.

Place the vegetables in a separate pan with the 1 cup of vegetable or chicken stock and cover. Place on moderate heat and cook the mixture until the vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes.

Fold the vegetables and the cous cous together. Serve hot. Serves about 4 people.

Offer football fans cheeseburger noodles

AP Cheeseburger Noodles combines some favorite foods in a tasty dish to offer football fans.

The noodles form a hearty pasta base to combine with meatballs, onions, cheese, sour-cream and ketchup.

This version calls for low-fat ingredients and is easy to prepare.

CHEESEBURGER NOODLES

- 1 pound extra lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup dry bread-

- crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 14 1/2-ounce can fat-free chicken broth
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 8 ounces medium or wide egg noodles, uncooked
- 1/2 cup nonfat sour cream

- 1 cup shredded low-fat Cheddar cheese

Combine ground beef, breadcrumbs, onion powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt and egg; mix well. Shape into about 36 3/4-inch meatballs. Heat oil in a large skillet coated with cooking spray. Add meatballs and cook until browned on all sides. Drain well. Combine chicken broth, water, ketchup and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt; add to skillet. Bring to a boil, stir in noodles, making

sure they are covered by the liquid. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until noodles are done. Stir in sour cream and cheese. Cook until thoroughly heated and mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. (Do not boil.)

Makes 6 servings. Nutrition facts per serving: 378 cal., 28.7 g pro., 36 g carbo., 12.7 g fat, 98.3 mg chol., 456 mg sodium.

Recipe from: National Pasta Association.

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

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food. Flores and Cox will be selling B.B.Q. Basting Buddy at the show for \$6. It is also available at Westborn Markets for \$6.95. Spring Home & Garden Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6.50 adults, \$4.50 seniors, \$3.50 children ages 6-12. Children under 6 admitted free. For more information, call (248) 737-4478.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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For people with emphysema, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung diseases, knowledge is crucial. Botsford General Hospital is sponsoring "Breather's Education Class," a new program to help lung disease patients and their families make informed decisions about their treatment and ensure the quality of their day-to-day lives.

The four-week series runs 1-3:30 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 5-26, and covers in-depth information about lung diseases, the latest news in treatments and therapies, and current medications and inhalers on the market. Sessions will include preventive tips and area resources for those with lung diseases. All classes held at Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.

The fee for the entire series is \$30. Because of limited space, preregistration and prepayment is required. Call (248) 477-6100.

Cancer support group

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is offering a new and unique support group for people with cancer and cancer survivors. "Wellness and Spirituality: The Mind, Body and Spirit Connection" is a four-week series that begins 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the McAuley Cancer Care Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

The nonsectarian group will discuss the current increased interest in spirituality in our culture, finding meaning in the cancer journey, exploring the dimensions of spirituality, wellness and spirituality and other topics.

"Identifying and validating spiritual needs and discovering the power of spirituality can help those with cancer meet the challenges they face," said Jack Harrington, M.S.W., a social worker who will help facilitate the support group along with Debbie Mattison, M.S.W.

For more information or to register, call (734) 712-2920.

Sweet teeth and sun rays

If your sweet tooth really aches this time of year, head outside to soak up some sun.

"For some people, cravings for sweets and starches increase during dark winter days," said Dr. Norman Rosenthal, senior researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD and author of "Winter Blues" (Guilford, 1998).

Blame it on the brain chemical serotonin, he said. "Dark days cause serotonin levels to go down, which makes appetites go up. Bright light, on the other hand, increases serotonin levels, which should help calm cravings."

The amount of light needed varies from person to person. "We do know that you need more light than you normally get indoors. So get outside on sunny days for 10 to 30 minutes, preferably in the morning, even if it's cold."

Just too blustery out there? Consider an indoor light box. These full-spectrum lamps have been used for years as a treatment for seasonal affective disorder. For more information, check out www.lighttherapyproducts.com on the Web or call (800) 486-8723.

Source: "Prevention" magazine, February 1999.

We want your health news

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

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Warning!

Shovel at your own risk

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Every winter, medical experts sound the warning about shoveling snow: Know yourself and know your task.

Unfortunately, there are too many people who fail to heed the warning and end up in hospital emergency rooms with heart attacks.

"There have been several that I've seen personally, including one cardiac arrest," said Dr. Brian Cook, medical director of Emergency and Urgent Care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "I cannot remember a year when I haven't seen someone drop dead in their driveway."

Cook also said it isn't the veteran heart-attack patient that ends up in the emergency room; rather, it's more likely the newly diagnosed heart patient or the undiagnosed John Doe.

Risk factors include a sedentary lifestyle, smoking, high "bad" cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes, and a family history of heart disease.

Some people just don't learn. They eat too much, drink too much, smoke too much, work too much and exercise too little. And they misplace their common sense when that first big snowstorm covers their driveway.

"After a heavy snowfall, it is common to hear reports of individuals with chest pain and possible heart attacks who have been rushed to the emergency room," said Dr. Dexter W. Shurney, corporate medical director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

"Shoveling snow has been compared to a maximum treadmill workout. People who don't exercise regularly, especially those who are overweight or have a history of heart trouble, should check with their doctors before they dig in."

"The relationship between snow-shoveling and major injuries, including back, cardiovascular and musculo-skeletal problems, is no coincidence," said Dr. William Bender, president of Michigan Chiropractic Council. "A number of injuries, even deaths, could be averted each year if people followed these simple tips while shoveling." (Read accompanying "Snow-shoveling tips")

If physicians and chiropractors had their way, snow shovels would be sold only to the physically fit.

"One key factor is to be in an regular aerobic exercise program. That will reduce your risk" and allow you to better gauge your work tolerance when shoveling, said Cook.

Medical experts agree that avoiding snow shoveling-related heart attacks is also a matter of how you shovel. If you must lift rather than push, use your legs. Stressing your upper body muscles puts more strain on your heart.

The Michigan Chiropractic Council recommends pulling snow rather than pushing or lifting. Simply

THE WRONG WAY



Bad shoveler: Scott Daniel risks a back injury, or worse, by using just his upper body muscles to toss the snow over his shoulder.

THE RIGHT WAY



Good shoveler: Observer staff member Scott Daniel demonstrates the correct way to shovel snow by bending at the knees, keeping the spine straight and tossing the snow in front.

attach a flat piece of plywood, metal, plastic or cardboard, roughly 4 by 14 inches in size, to the back of the tines of a garden rake with string, wires or clamps. Use the rake in an upright position, similar to the way you would use a household broom.

Julius Toth, an engineer with R. J. Engineering Company in Belleville, translated this concept into an inexpensive marketable item: the sturdy plastic "E-Z Duz It Backsaver." The Backsaver attaches to any standard garden rake and sells for \$5 at many area hardware stores.

"This concept is supported by a simple law of physics that states it requires far less energy to slide a 20-pound weight than it does to bend down, pick it up and then move it," said the energetic 77-year-old Toth.

Whether you push, pull or lift, always take smaller bites out of the snow and pace yourself. And never

drink alcohol before shoveling, warns Cook. "It makes you more susceptible to cold injuries. It vasal dilates so you get that flush, and it changes the distribution of blood in the body."

Dr. Steven Keteyian, an exercise physiologist and program director of Preventive Cardiology at Henry Ford Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute, said it's not uncommon for patients in the hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program to admit to shoveling snow prior to their heart attack.

He emphasized three factors that often precede a snow shoveling-induced heart attack: large driveway, large meal and alcohol. "All of these of issues you look back on and kick yourself."

Keteyian said the risk factors of shoveling snow can't be emphasized enough; however, their practice "comes down to common sense." His best recommendation: "Just send a 15-year-old son out to shovel."

SNOW-SHOVELING TIPS

Save yourself a trip to the hospital emergency room for an aching back or broken heart. Before you start digging your way out of the next snow storm (yes, there will be more!), read and reread the following snow-shoveling tips from the medical experts:

- Do a brief warm-up in your home to stretch your back, neck, arms and legs. "This makes the muscles more elastic," said Dr. Brian Cook of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.
- Use a shovel appropriate in length and weight to your height and strength.
- Push the snow. If you must lift, bend from the knees while lifting and keep the spine as straight as possible.
- Avoid heaving snow across a wide area; deposit it close to where you are shoveling.
- Pace yourself by shoveling no more than five loads a minute. Don't shovel for more than 15 minutes without taking a break. Pause and stretch every five minutes by standing up straight.
- Tackle heavy snow in two stages. Skim off the top first. Take smaller scoops of snow, keeping them light.
- Never throw snow over your shoulder. Twisting can strain your back. Bending and twisting the spine are common causes of disc and ligament damage. Face the snow being

shoveled. Throw the snow in front of you.

- Dress warmly in layers with a hat. Cover your neck.
- Don't work up a sweat. Bodies lose heat faster in damp clothes. Take a break if you're beginning to sweat.
- Don't smoke, drink alcohol or eat a heavy meal before shoveling. These activities strain your heart.
- Don't hold your breath while shoveling. This makes your heart rate and blood pressure rise.
- Don't be task-oriented. Clearing your driveway doesn't have to be done in one session.

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Canton Chiropractic Life Center.



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Now is the time for cold-proofing your children

The season for runny noses and soaring fevers is upon us. However, there are some sure-fire ways to protect your young children from the perils of a bad cold this winter.

"Actually, avoiding the spread of colds is two parts common sense, one part determination," said Dr. Tarek Garada, a pediatrician at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

"What we call the 'common cold' is actually a contagious viral infection of the upper respiratory tract and can be caused by a number of run-of-the-mill rhinoviruses or coronaviruses. Couple your child's underdeveloped immune system with the variety of settings and people they come in contact with on the average day, and they have the potential of coming down with several colds in any given season."

One of the simplest and most effective ways of pre-

venting the spread of colds is hand washing, and plenty of it.

Garada suggests teaching a child to wash his or her hands thoroughly and vigorously (both front and back) with soap and under running water:

- after coming home from school;
- before meals;
- after using the bathroom;
- after playing, and
- after spending time in public places, such as the mall.

"I always advise parents not to send their child to day care or school if they have developed a cold," said Garada. "It's not only discourteous to expose your child's infection to classmates, teachers and their families, it's also callous to send a sick child out when

they need plenty of fluids, bed rest, and a big bowl of chicken soup."

Good hygiene at home is also key, added Garada. Being particularly fastidious, using antibacterial soap, washing floors and toys, not allowing a sick child to share towels or playthings with others and, of course, a lot of good "TLC," are excellent preventative measures for keeping colds at bay.

Lastly, Garada recommends taking your child to the pediatrician if cold symptoms result in:

- increased throat pain;
- coughing that lasts more than a week or produces green or gray sputum;
- a fever over 101 degrees F., or
- shaking chills.

The Botsford site on the Internet is at <http://www.botsfordsystem.org>

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Medical Newsmakers are welcome from throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. E-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Kudos for Oakwood

The Oakwood Healthcare System Community & Corporate Health Department was recently awarded the "Helping Hand Award" from the Michigan Head Start Association for providing 33 1/2 days of screening at 16 Head Start sites. Blood pressure and hematocrit screenings were conducted for 482 children during July and August of 1998, of which 150 (31 percent) required follow-up due

to abnormal readings. All parents/guardians with children who presented abnormal hematocrits were counseled and provided with educational literature on increasing iron levels. Of those families requesting additional support, 48 were also provided with phone counseling by an Oakwood dietitian in Community Health.

New employees

Heather Refalo of Redford and Amy Rogissart of Plymouth have been added to the staff at the MEDHEALTH Wellness Center's Plymouth location. Refalo is the newest member of the Guest Relations Staff. She will provide support to the Marketing & Communications Department. Rogissart is the new physical

therapy secretary and will report to the office manager of Physical Medicine. She is responsible for scheduling appointments, typing progress and discharge notes, putting charts together and signing up new patients.

New Oakwood doc

Adelita Alcalá-Saenz, M.D., of Dearborn recently joined the family and pediatric practice at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Garden City. Alcalá-Saenz specialized in family practice. She performed her residency with the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University.

Alcalá-Saenz comes to Oakwood from Macomb Hospital in Warren. She is fluent in Spanish and English. To make an appointment, call (734) 762-3600.

Ritter Engineering gets ISO-9002 certification

Ritter Engineering Co. has been awarded ISO-9002 certification for its Farmington Hills location.

The ISO-9000 quality standards demand specific quality system requirements. Ritter Engineering underwent and passed a quality system audit by Global Registrars Inc. of Pitts-

burgh, Pa., a third-party registrar.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, FEB. 3

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh. The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile near Farmington. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

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FRI, FEB. 5

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THURS, FEB. 11

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Certified Hazardous Materials Managers of Michigan sponsor a seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call (734) 971-7080.

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.

FEB. 2, 9, 16, 23

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT

Garden City Hospital has formed a new support group for people recovering from an eating disorder or for those in need of peer group support. Meets 6:30 p.m. Call (734) 458-3395.

TUES, FEB. 2

LUPUS MEETING

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter meets 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. Topic: "How Will My Family or Significant Other Accept the Changes in Our Lives?" Call Andrea Gray, (734) 261-6714.

TUES. AND THURS, FEB. 2-25

DIABETES EDUCATION

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes," a series of eight classes on self-care and management of the disease 7-9 p.m. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, FEB. 3

INFANT CARE CLASS

New Parents Network: "The First Days Home." Learn how to deal calmly with the unexpected when your baby comes home. Parents-to-be and veteran moms and dads welcome. From 12:30-2 p.m. at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5 donation. Call (248) 477-6100.

THURS, FEB. 4

SCHOOLCRAFT BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Schoolcraft College 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fifty donors, chosen randomly, will receive a free movie pass, courtesy of AMC Theaters. One donor will win a free night's hotel stay, courtesy of the Marriott Corp. The college is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, west of I-275 in Livonia.

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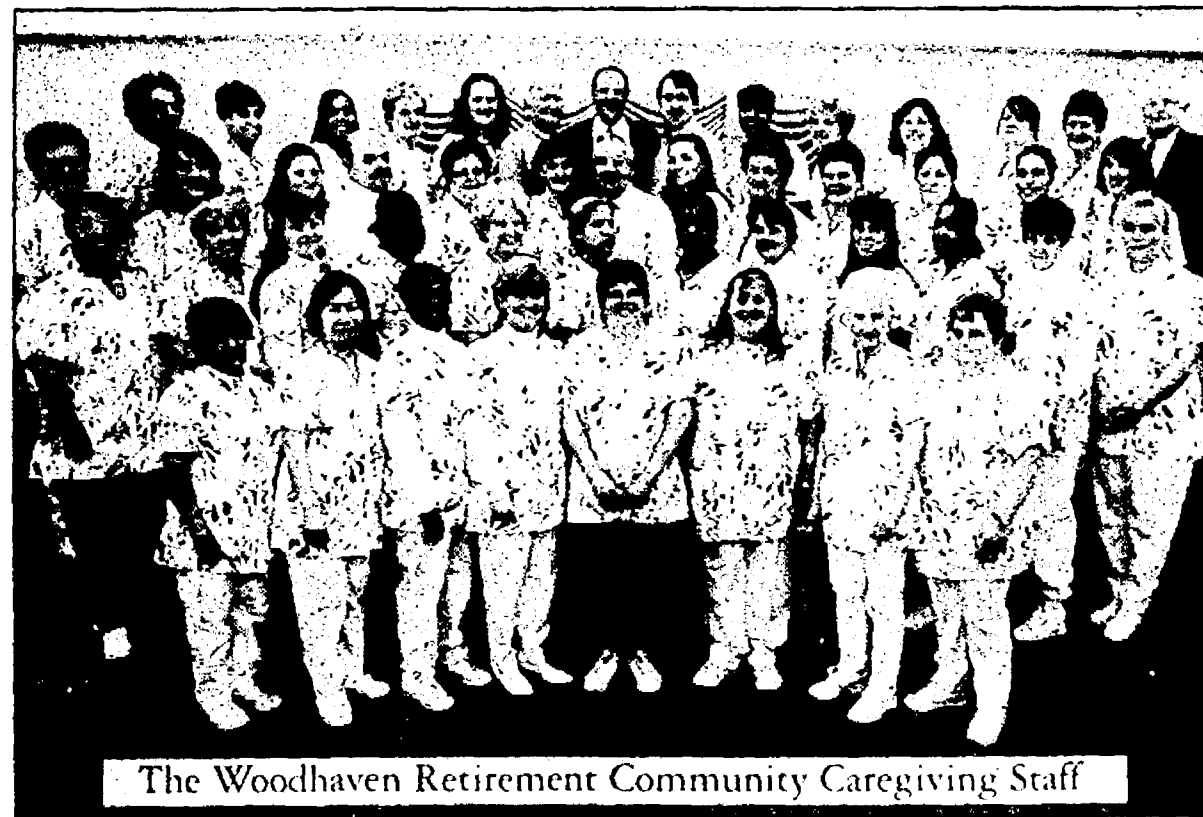
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Internet radio keeps Wendland up at night



MIKE WENDLAND

One of the most vivid memories from my childhood is falling asleep in the wee hours of the night while listening to the radio. From my bedroom, with a little plastic earphone plugged into my transistor radio so my parents wouldn't know I

was still awake, I'd listen to far off stations. I knew by heart their call letters, frequencies and even their jingles.

There was WBZ in Boston. WOWO in Indiana. WLS in Chicago. Sometimes, if the ionosphere was charged just right, there'd be even more distant stations to hear amidst the static and squeals and fading signals, stations from St. Louis, New York City, Nashville.

It was all quite wonderful and adventurous. Just like frontier kids dreamed of far away places listening to train whistles in the night, my pre-teen late night radio tuning took me to cities and towns I could only imagine before.

As a boy of 11 or 12, I was dizzy with the excitement of it all. It was as if I were a privileged eavesdropper on the world, and to this day, four decades later, I vividly remember the thrill I got every time I tuned in these long distance stations.

So it was with a sense of deja vu that I discovered several of Internet Web sites the other day that do even better than my boyhood nine-volt battery-powered transistor radio.

With these Web sites, there is no static. No fading signals. No interference. And they are available all the time, not just at night and no matter what the atmospheric conditions happen to be doing to radio waves.

And these sites open a listening window on the entire world, not just a region a dozen states across.

My current favorite site is a Web site called Earth Tuner (www.earthtuner.com), a sort of radio "jukebox" that contains direct links to more than 1,000 different radio stations, from the BBC to Radio South Africa to Caribbean Radio. Just scroll through a list of the stations and click on the hyperlink and there's the broadcast, playing right through the speakers on your PC using the RealAudio streaming sound player.

Now to use this, you need to download a small file. You can use it free for a couple of weeks but eventually, they want \$22.95 if you plan to keep it. And keep it you will want to do because the program lets you click on a place anywhere on the globe and hear a radio station from that area.

I listened to "Radioactiva" in Bogota last week as they covered the devastation from the massive earthquake in Columbia. My Spanish was just good enough to give me a chilling first hand report that the local papers and broadcast media couldn't begin to supply.

Then, on the day the Pope visited St. Louis, I used Earth Tuner to listen to KTRS in St. Louis as it covered the departure of the Pope from that city's Lambert Field.

After I heard the St. Louis station send off the Pope, I clicked on to BBC Radio 5 in London and heard a show called "Late Night Live" cover the story of a writer found murdered after he wrote a book about the IRA.

Amazing. All this from my house...with no static. It's a good thing I didn't have this back in Bay City those many years ago. I never would have gotten any sleep.

Here are some other Internet sites that offer radio programming over the World Wide Web.

■ **TalkSpot** (www.talkspot.com)
TalkSpot.com offers an interactive Web-only broadcasting, with three channels of news and

entertainment content. It sounds just like radio but it's 'Net-only. You can chat with the on-air host and other TalkSpot viewers, participate in interactive polls, or just sit back and watch through a WebCam.

■ **International Radio** (<http://goan.com/radio.html>) - From Aruba to Zimbabwe, this mega site specializes in live International radio stations. It's not shortwave stations, but local stations, even college campus stations.

■ **Live Radio on the Internet**

(<http://www.frodou.net.com/radio.htm>) - This is the biggest site yet, with 2,000 links that are maintained. That means when they no longer work, they're removed. That assures you that if the station's listed, you can listen.

I need to address a question here about my radio show on WXYT. I get asked all the time why WXYT doesn't broadcast my computer show or, like WJR, WYUR, WRIF and many other local radio stations, make its pro-

gramming available on the 'Net. I'm sure this column will result in more questions.

I can only say that when I ask this question of station execs, I'm told it is the policy of the station's owner, CBS, not to broadcast on the Internet.

Personally, I think that's a short-sighted policy. That it limits us from a wider reach. But, hey, I don't own the station.

So, for now, you'll still need a radio to hear my PC Talk show.

Mike Wendland covers technology and the Internet for NBC Television stations coast-to-coast and is heard talking about computers every Saturday and Sunday from 4-6PM on AM1270, WXYT in Detroit. He is the author of six books on the Internet and can be reached through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Local groups offer scholarships and cash prizes

There are few scholarships and opportunities for students pursuing the arts, and the Livonia Arts Commission and Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan are doing something about it.

The Livonia Arts Commission will award \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors or students attending a school where they're studying visual arts, theater, music, dance, architecture, or graphics. One of the criteria in the third annual scholarship search is that applicants must be Livonia residents.

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is hosting a competition in May and will award cash prizes to winners.

Young artist searches

The deadline for entries for the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's fifth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition is Saturday, Feb. 13. For more information, call Verdi Opera Theatre president John Zaretti, (734) 455-8895.

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for young artists to award \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors or students attending a school where they're studying the visual arts, theater, music, dance, architecture, or graphics. Applicants must be Livonia residents. Deadline for entry is March 1. To apply, call Livonia's community resources office, (734) 486-2540.

Student search

As the deadline to apply for scholarships, and enter the competition nears, both organizations worry that interested students might not hear about them in time.

"We want to give as many students the chance to apply," said Patricia Tavidian, a member of the Livonia Arts Commission's scholarship search committee with Dorothy Wilshaw and Eugenia Ritters. "We want to nurture the arts in Livonia and to help young artists develop."

Last May, the arts commission was able to award six students \$1,000 each after a previously awarded scholarship was returned because the student decided not to pursue the arts.

The winners included Richard Daniel Allie, Natalie Ross, Jeremy A. Little, Jennifer Pfister, Lisa Shaw, and Andrea Pyrkosz.

"We look at transcripts, overall grades to see are they a good student," said Tavidian. "Academic performance indicates a potential for continued success. The students audition or present a sample of their work, a portfolio. We ask, does the student express a strong commitment to the arts?"

Future singers

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is also looking for young talent devoted to their art.

Finalists, however, must compete against one another in the nonprofit organization's fifth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition.

Founded to encourage and help develop young amateur vocal talent,

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Young vocalists: The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan awarded cash prizes to (left) Melissa Clairmont (second place), Caitlin Lynch (first place) and Jeremy Peters (third place).

ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATES

JAPANESE CULTURE



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

A glimpse of Japan: Yoriko Hirose Cronin (left) and Emi Kumagai Watts exhibit their art works at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts in Plymouth.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Jennifer Tobin is still talking about the traditional Japanese tea ceremony Emi Kumagai Watts performed at the Plymouth Community Arts Council as part of a monthlong celebration of Japanese culture.

"As much as we're different we're also alike," said Tobin, arts council executive director. "It enriches people's lives to learn about other people's customs and cultures. The tea ceremony is a very old tradition. Every movement is so deliberate and means something. It awakens all the senses. You have to be quiet so you can hear the sounds of the water pouring and the tea leaves being stirred. The whole idea is to slow down and enjoy the peacefulness."

Kumagai Watts, a Sumi-e brush painter from Bloomfield Hills, and Yoriko Hirose Cronin, a woodblock artist from Farmington Hills, are displaying their work at the art center through Feb. 12. Along with the paintings and prints, the arts council is presenting kimono wearing demonstrations and has showcases filled with abacus, chopsticks and wooden clogs.

One of a series of programs focusing on cultural diversity, "Japan Revisited: A Glimpse of Japan" will also introduce the country's arts to 400 third graders from Plymouth Canton Schools thanks to a grant from the schools.

JAPAN REVISITED

WHAT: The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a glimpse of Japan with an exhibit of Sumi-e brush painting and woodblock prints by Emi Kumagai Watts and Yoriko Hirose Cronin; and displays of origami and culture-related objects.

WHEN: Continues through Friday, Feb. 12. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, until 2 p.m. Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

WHERE: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278.

RELATED ACTIVITIES: All programs are free and open to the public.
 ■ Lecture on woodblock prints by Yoriko Hirose Cronin 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.
 ■ Kimono demonstration/fashion show 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Origami demonstration and workshop for all ages follows at 3 p.m.

Tea ceremony

Kumagai Watts studied the tea ceremony for 10 years while working as an accountant in Japan. Unchanged for centuries, the step-by-step ritual encompasses a number of arts from the paintings or scrolls hung behind the table to the ceramic teapot. To further her involvement with the ceremony brought to Japan from China by students of Buddhism in the eighth century, Kumagai Watts took classes in calligraphy, sumi-e pottery, haiku, and flower arranging. She frequently incorporates poetry and calligraphy in the paintings. Japanese children are taught both arts from an early age.

"The calligraphy is important because the scrolls are very important in the ceremony, the hanging of them and the poetry," said Kumagai Watts.

Traditional vs contemporary

Japanese culture definitely affects the work of both artists although

Hirose Cronin creates primarily abstract works and Kumagai Watts, traditional Japanese florals and landscapes. Both are inspired by nature. Their palettes, although differing in intensity, resonate with colors found only in Japanese inks and watercolors.

Using rice or silk paper, Kumagai Watts, usually with one stroke, lays down a leaf directly with the brush. The peony, chrysanthemum and wisteria are all from her garden. The plum blossoms, pine trees and bamboo are traditional Japanese subjects that remind her of home.

"You need to concentrate," said Kumagai Watts, who never brush painted until moving to the U.S. in 1985. "Now I don't miss Japan because of my paintings. But when I first moved here, I couldn't write poems."

Kumagai Watts finishes the painting by signing her name in calligraphy then stamping it with her seal. After the paper dries, it shrinks. She then brushes the backside with glue

and mounts it on handmade cotton or silk paper. After framing, Kumagai Watts displays her art at the Lawrence Street Gallery in Pontiac, Atrium Gallery, Northville, and Cary Gallery, Rochester.

"Traditional wet mounting sometimes messes up the painting," said Kumagai Watts. "It's very hard to do, to put glue all over. You need to concentrate because it can break the paper."

Updating tradition

In keeping with traditional Japanese woodblock technique, Hirose Cronin, who earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Art, and a master of fine art from Wayne State University, begins with Japanese paper and tools such as horse hair brushes and a baren made of bamboo sheath. The number of colors in a print determines how many blocks she must carve and so limits the number of prints produced usually to fewer than 10. For "Homeward Bound X," printed three years ago, Hirose Cronin carved 10 to 12 blocks. From a water series, the work mimics the Japanese rivers that roar down from the mountains.

"I like to layer the colors just like life is layers of our experience," said Hirose Cronin. "Depending on your life experience you see something different from my work."

Cronin stresses she presents herself "as an artist not as Japanese." She immigrated to this country 28 years ago. Although working with

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MUSEUMS

Artists explore 'Weird Science' at Cranbrook Art Museum

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Perhaps a new opening line might be considered for the Book of Genesis. Something like: "In the beginning, there was cloning. And from there, things only got weirder."

That, of course, might not please fundamentalists, but it offers a description of how far and relentlessly fast science is moving from the realm of comprehension into a frightening place where ethics and aesthetics are mere after-thoughts. And where a replicated ewe named Dolly is the poster child.

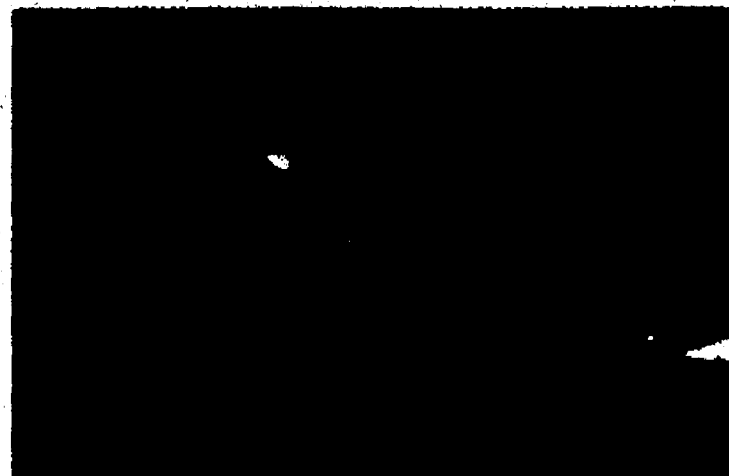
Besides genetic engineering of animals and human body parts, how weird is the world of science?

Atomic and biological weapons of mass destruction have become passé. A population explosion of anonymous communities is floating in cyberspace. Meanwhile, outer space is becoming littered with satellites. And a multitude of virtual realities are replacing the real thing.

By any standard, science is a very weird place — and getting stranger and stranger.

Which only makes science — the subject, not the method — a perfect topic for a contemporary art exhibit.

Opening today, "Weird Science" at Cranbrook Art



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Fact or mystery? Artist Mark Dion with his reptile specimen project, one of four in "Weird Science." Dion hopes to encourage questions about the methods and purpose of preserving natural history.

Museum, features the work of four American artists who turn their ironic sensibilities on scientific methodology.

The exhibit marks a milestone for Cranbrook, said

WHAT: "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring works by Mark Dion, Gregory Green, Margaret Honda and Andrea Zittel

WHEN: Through Saturday, April 3

WHERE: Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, (248) 639-3323

RELATED EXHIBIT

WHAT: "In the Dark," an exploration of the sights, sounds, smells of the dark through life-like dioramas, hands on computer games, realistic specimens and fiberglass models

WHEN: Through Sunday, May 2

WHERE: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, (toll-free) 1-877-GO-CRAN-BROOK

Gregory Wittkopp, director of the art museum.

"We're at the point where we can organize shows of this caliber, not just be one of the venues of a traveling exhibit."

By no means, does "Weird Science" set out to bash science as calculating or inhumane. Nor do the

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exhibits of Mark Dion, Gregory Green, Margaret Honda and Andrea Zittel impose a Dr. Strangelove scenario of a world out of control.

The point of "Weird Science" is more subtle, and even respectful: Science without a conscience is mere fact gathering.

And while the four artists present distinctly different projects, there's a common theme: Too often, science is taken for granted as the means to "progress."

As many contemporary artists continue to explore mediums and subjects such as gender, identity and pop culture, there's a growing interest in the dynamo propelling technological, and medical inventions, said Irene Hofmann, curator at Cranbrook Art Museum.

"These artists use the language of science, but they're not constrained by the conclusions of

science," said Hofmann.

In other words, the artists in "Weird Science" search to evoke those feelings that led Descartes to doubt, Newton to dream and Einstein to consider the relativity of the universe.

Religion of the day

"Science is the religion of the day," said Mark Dion, an artist from Pennsylvania who is self-taught in the field of natural history.

In a darkened gallery, Dion has arranged more than 100 reptile specimens on a long table. Jars of formaldehyde, snakes, lizards, and frogs are illuminated by lights beneath the table, giving the feeling of entering a mad professor's laboratory.

Amid the dramatic science-fiction setting, Dion hopes his exhibit will encourage questions about research methods, and the

actual presentation of natural history.

"There's a mystery that often gets overlooked in natural history exhibits," said Dion. "Scientists study life through studying death."

The specimens are borrowed from Cranbrook's Institute of Science. In stark contrast to the interactive approach taken by the revamped exhibits at the science institute, Dion contends that understanding nature requires contemplation, not interactive displays.

"The problems of science aren't so much in the research, but in how the research is translated to the public," said Dion.

"Just because you can press a button to get information doesn't mean you know more."

Blurring the line

Along with Dion's project, the

stacked chicken coops of Andrea Zittel, Margaret Honda's observations of an Eastern Box Turtle and Gregory Green's custom-built satellite blur whatever line existed between art and science.

Why not communicate their ideas through more traditional artistic media, such as painting or sculpture?

"There's a desensitizing in those mediums," said Dion.

"The 'art experience' is a virtual experience. You don't see the 'thing,' but a representation of the 'thing.'"

Zittel's chicken coops offer a twist of humor. The coops were constructed in an actual scientific experiment with the explicit purpose of breeding a chicken that could fly.

Meanwhile, Honda has transferred the sterile laboratory conditions used to study a Box Turtle. Drawings of the live turtle

living in the tight constraints under a bright lamp, Honda demonstrates, reveals the unnatural way nature is examined.

But perhaps more than any artist in the exhibit, Green's self-anointed space program, "Gregnik," (named after the Soviet "Sputnik" program) offers the novel insight into the complex world made by science.

Individual power

Since the rise of totalitarianism and mass media this century, artists have dealt with issues of power and manipulation in their work.

Green, who confesses to a "western cowboy mentality," has gained international attention for his views on the potential of technology when placed in one person's knowing hands.

For "Weird Science," Green constructed his own satellite,

which broadcasts on an FM frequency, heard through nearby earphones. The project marks the latest phase in Green's exploration of science for potential uses of violence.

Green's earlier work dealt with how an individual could build an arsenal of deadly weapons, such as a pipe bomb disguised in a suitcase.

The same scientific principles that lead to discoveries that benefit mankind, reminds Green, can also destroy innocent victims.

While today, many artists are trumpeted as celebrities or glorified decorators, the thoughtful artists in "Weird Science" offer hope that in the 21st century artists can once again be thought of as shamans.

They'll be needed in a world where counting sheep will have a whole new meaning.

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and to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language. Ten finalists will compete against each other on May 2 during concert at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren.

Open to all Michigan high school students ages 15-19, the competition awards \$1,000 to the first place winner, \$300 for second place, \$200 third place, and \$50 to the rest of the 10 finalists.

In addition to having the opportunity to perform before a live audience, taped selections by prize winners will be broadcast on the Verdi Opera program aired weekly on radio station WCAR 1090 AM. Candidates cannot have previously performed as a professional artist.

Last year's top prize went to Caitlin Lynch, Marian High School, Bloomfield Hills. Melis-

sa Clairmont of Chelsea High school took second prize, and Jeremy Peters, Traverse City High school, third. High merit awards of \$50 each went to Natalie Ross, Churchill High School, Livonia; Juli Baraily, Okemos High School; Audrey Dillon, Interlochen Arts Academy; Tara Lee, Edsel Ford High, Dearborn; Jennifer Meggit, Bedford High, Temperance; Claire Molloy, Grosse Pointe South High, and Lindsay Wills, Traverse City High.

"We like to adjudicate on potential rather than on people who are advanced or who have arrived," said John Zaretti, president of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and a Canton resident. "The age limits on most vocal competitions are generally too high, that's why we decided to provide this opportunity to high school students. By doing this we send a

message that we hold high these young people's talents and we encourage and support them in their development."

Karen Vanderkloot DiChiera, education director for the Michigan Opera Theatre, and professors George Shirley of the University of Michigan, and Elsie Inselman, University of Windsor are this year's judges.

Contestants must submit an audiotape of two Italian classic songs or opera arias of their choice. Songs or arias must be sung in Italian.

"There's nothing for high school students and we want to provide them with some funds to further their talent," said Zaretti.

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

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traditional Japanese tools, the prints definitely show influences of Western culture. Hirose Cronin's newer prints can be found at the Cary Gallery in Rochester and T'Marra Gallery, Ann Arbor.

"I compete with other artists," said Hirose Cronin. "It's a competitive world. Detroit art means gutsy art. I don't want to be a pretty art maker. I'm moving into more gutsy and political work sometimes using Xerox transfers. My belief is if there is no abstract quality, there is no work."

As part of the continuing series, the arts council is planning a diversity program spotlighting the Hispanic culture this spring. The art work of West Bloomfield artist Nora Mendoza will be featured. Tobin is currently looking for performers, people with textiles or anything related to Hispanic culture.

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Dinner/dance fund-raiser

The diversity series is just one of the programs through which the arts council brings art and culture into the community. "In the Mood," an annual dinner/dance with silent and live auctions will raise funds not only for its diversity series but for teacher assistance grants, student fine arts awards and scholarships, classroom presentations of art and culture, and art exhibitions 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 13, at Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth.

Tickets are \$55 per person, call the arts council (734) 416-4278.

The event begins with a silent

auction featuring art items, jewelry, and merchandise, services and vacation opportunities from local businesses. Some of the highlights are a Punch and Judy puppet theater by Northville artist Charles Aimone, metal sculpture by Don Thibodeaux, Detroit and an etching by Jean Poulet, Livonia.

Dance to Swing music by The Couriers following a gourmet meal and an auction of affordable works from Marlin Art of New York. Al Townsend arranges all of The Couriers music. Townsend played lead trombone with the Gene Krupa Band in the late 1940s. He makes the nine-piece band sound as if it's been transported from the '40s and '50s and landed on the "Sunny Side of the Street."

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The Eastern Michigan University department of music presents a winter concert featuring the University Wind Symphony, under conductor Max Plank, and the Symphonic Band, under David Woike, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 in Pease Auditorium. Admission is free.

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

Canton Project Arts hosts an exhibition by students in the 1997-1998 Photography Project at Focus: HOPE. The show, which reflects students' perceptions through the eye of the camera, continues to Monday, Feb. 1 in the pre-function area of Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

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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 in Rochester Municipal Park. Slides must be received by March 1. 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.

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

GREENTOWN CALL FOR ARTISTS
Artist application now available for the 1999 Greentown Art Fair, held May 21-23. Deadline: Feb. 10. For information, (734) 662-3382.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships to Livonia residents who are currently high school seniors or college students. Deadline: March 1, 1999. Call Livonia Community Resources Dept. (734) 466-2540.

LIVONIA CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its annual juried Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline: Feb. 15. For an application, call the Livonia Community Resources Dept. (734) 466-2540. The arts commission is also looking for artists to exhibit in their juried show "Fine Arts in the Village" being held in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival. Entry fee: \$25. Cash prizes total \$2,500. For an application, call Robert Sheridan (734) 422-6400.

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

"A PERFORMANCE CLASS"
Christina Kammueller presents her adult advanced/professional level students, 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Marygrove College, Detroit. Free. (248) 932-8699.

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN
Non-credit studio art classes and workshops 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
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CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin mid January. Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 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.

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Latin Passion: Musica Viva presents legendary Spanish guitar master Juan Serrano in a concert with guitarist Bishr Hijazi (left) and flutist Ginka Gerova de Ortega, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 851-6987.

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METRO DANCE
Swing class begins Feb. 3, preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 207-8970.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Registration for winter classes, mid January-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 CENTER
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SWANN GALLERY
Free life drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture. 14 p.m. Sundays, 1250 Library Street, Detroit, (313) 965-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
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CONCERTS

B'HAM MUSICALE
A salute to American composers 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, featuring soprano Soo Yeon Kim, flutists Johanna Beth Sennett and Philip Kideman, saxophonist Betty Hixon. The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates Street; (248) 335-7160.

DSO
"Glennie's Glory," featuring conductor Dennis Russell Davies, 8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, Feb. 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

MUSICA VIVA
Legendary Spanish guitar master Juan Serrano and flutist Ginka Gerova de Ortega, and guitarist Bishr Hijazi in a "Duo Flamenco," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 851-6987.

PENELOPE CRAWFORD
Performs piano and harpsichord, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$12. \$9 students/seniors/Academy of Early Music members. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

SOUTH OAKLAND CONCERT BAND
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Troy High School, (248) 644-3485.

LECTURES

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Beginning Feb. 6, a four part seminar on the directing process. "The Director's Notebook," coordinated by the Plowshares Theatre Company. For information, (313) 872-0279.

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

VOLUNTEERS

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LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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DIA
Volunteers for Art to the Schools program. Volunteers use slides from collection to help students explore art. Also volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training session, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Call the Detroit Institute of Arts, (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/MUSEUM (OPENINGS)

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Jan. 31 - "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, through April 3, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. \$3 students/children/seniors; (248) 645-3323.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Feb. 1 - Photography by Linda Joy Solomon, through Feb. 26, 24350 Southfield Road, (248) 424-9022.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Feb. 2 - "The art of Jane Dyer," through Feb. 28, 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Feb. 2 - Michigan Water Color Society's 51st Annual Traveling Exhibit, through March 11, second floor of the Executive Office Bldg., 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

BBAC
Feb. 5 - "Student Show," through Feb. 19, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Feb. 5 - The art of Ivan Stewart, through March 20, 47 Williams, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Feb. 5 - "Looking Forward, Looking Black," a group show through March 31, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

GALERIE BLU
Feb. 5 - "Best Buddies," featuring works of Britto, Haring, Scharf and others, through Feb. 27, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 454-7797.

GALLERY: FUNCTION ART
Feb. 5 - "Vessels, Boxes and Baskets," featuring more than 100 works, through March 31, 21 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-0333.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Feb. 5 - Leah Wingfield; also new work by Stephen Clements and John Healey, through Feb. 28, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 333-2060.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Feb. 5 - "Blimey!" the London Artworld from Bacon to Hirst, through March 26, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK
Feb. 5 - "Manuel Antonio Baez's 'Phenomenological Garden,'" through Feb. 27, 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

UZELAC GALLERY
Feb. 5 - Oil paintings of Allen Berke, through Feb. 27, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Feb. 6 - "Luke Gray: Recent Paintings," through March 6, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Feb. 6 - Paintings by Joel Sheesley, Oscar Lakeman and Kikuo Saito, through Feb. 27, 107 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

DIA
Feb. 7 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks." More than 220 photographs from the legendary photographer, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Feb. 10 - "Michigan Women Artists," through March 12, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-9629.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

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

HENRY FORD COMM. COLLEGE
Through Feb. 5 - "Art of the Iris," works by various artists. Sisson Gallery, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-6487.

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

BBAC
Through Feb. 12 - "Narrative Now," featuring four emerging painters, curated by Dennis Nawrocki, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Robinson Gallery, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

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

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Feb. 14 - "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, 4901 Evergreen Road, #1165 AB, Dearborn; (734) 593-5058.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Feb. 19 - "Alumni Exhibit: Honoring artist who are dedicated educators of K-12," 5400 Gullen Mall, on the Wayne State campus, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 19 - "Beyond the Surface," and "Water Marks," 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

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

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.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Feb. 25 - "Extraordinary Stitches: The art of fiber & thread," featuring works of 23 artists. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

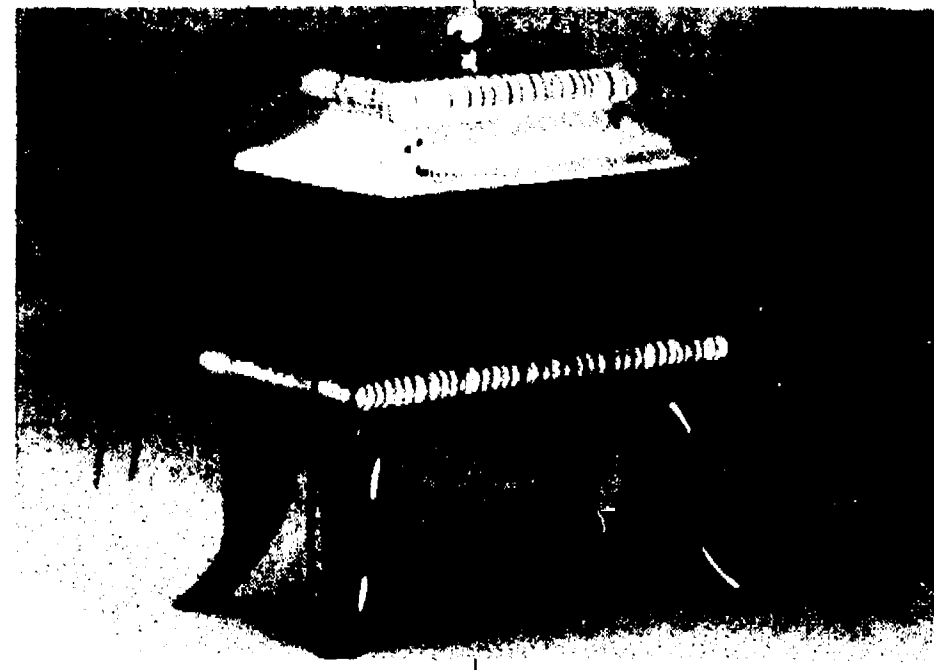
CENTER GALLERIES
Through Feb. 27 - "Eat Right & Think Clean," Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design, Detroit; (313) 664-7806.

N'NAMANDI GALLERY
Through Feb. 27 - "Master Painter Norman Lewis, 1909-1979," 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through March 2 - "Wendy Ewald: Photographs from the Dreams Series," 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through March 6 - Teapots, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

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



Many forms: "Vessels, Boxes and Baskets," opens Friday and runs through March 31 at Gallery: Function Art, 21 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-0333.

Malls & Mainstreets

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Sunday, January 31, 1999



Floating diamonds: Jeffrey Robert's MicroCord necklace at Jacobson's (from \$240).

Say 'I love you' with simple gifts

Valentine's Day is two weeks from today, which leaves plenty of time to find your sweetheart the perfect card and gift. And when it comes to Valentine's gifts, nothing beats the old standbys: flowers, chocolates, jewelry, trinkets from the heart (a music box or engraved item, for example), and/or a night out.

So, how much might these things cost? For a dozen premium, long-stem roses, expect to pay at least \$60, said Victor West, owner of Vanessa's Flowers in Plymouth and Julie Stanley, owner of A Purple Rose florist in Livonia. At Moran's in Birmingham they're \$85, and at Holland's Floral & Gifts in Rochester, you can get a dozen long-stem roses in a box for \$45 and arranged in a vase for \$55.

Roses are still the most popular for Valentine's Day, but because they're so expensive, a lot of people are opting for mixed bouquets featuring spring flowers, Stanley said. For the same price as a dozen roses, you could get a mixed bouquet that's three times as big, West added. Mixed bouquets start at about \$20 to \$35, depending where you shop.

At Godiva Chocolatier at the Somerset Collection in Troy, you can get a one-pound, 33-piece, square box of assorted chocolates, wrapped in the company's traditional gold foil paper and topped with a Valentine's Day ribbon for \$35. Or you can get a 12.5-ounce, 30-piece assortment in a heart-shaped, red velvet box for \$55. Godiva also has a shop at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

At the Chocolate Shop Featuring Sanders Products at 12 Mile Road and Farmington in Farmington Hills, one-pound, heart-shaped boxes of assorted Sanders chocolates start at \$11.99. Phone (248) 553-3366.

Lonnie Kanode, a spokeswoman for Tiffany & Co. at the Somerset Collection in Troy, said that for Valentine's Day, the store likes to promote its engagement rings and Elsa Peretti heart-shaped items, which include crystal paperweights (\$40 to \$45 each), pendants in sterling silver and 18 karat gold, and matching earrings and bracelets. The silver pendants start at \$60.

For something unique and memorable, how about a music box from the San Francisco Music Box Company? If you get the kind that's also a trinket box (\$14 on up), you can tuck another gift inside. The store's wooden Inlaid Sorrento Music Boxes, \$55 on up, are especially beautiful and you pick the tune that's installed from a list of songs. Store locations: Novi, Westland, Waterford.

Things Remembered has a very pretty, heart-shaped crystal and gold trinket box (about \$8 for a small) and lots of other nice items that can be engraved with a special sentiment. Engraving is \$3 per word or \$5 for each of the following items: a full name, a date, two single names or "I Love You." Locations: Novi, Southfield, Troy, Waterford and Westland.

Finally, it's nice to get away sometimes, even if you don't go very far from home. Many hotels are offering special overnight packages for Valentine's Day.

Birmingham's Townsend Hotel package includes champagne and strawberries, a rose on the pillow and breakfast. The price varies from \$249 to \$539, depending on the room. The hotel's restaurant and bakery also will be offering special items for Valentine's Day.

The Southfield Marriott's package is \$149 and includes a bottle of champagne, dinner for two, breakfast, tax and gratuity. The Livonia Marriott's package is \$109 and includes champagne for two, a rose and a chocolate on the pillow.



DONNA MULCAHY

Healing Hands



Touch therapy: Massage therapist Sarah Young lays hands on Lindsey Jacobs. Young practices a combination of Swedish, neuromuscular and myofascial massage techniques.

BY LINDA BACHRACK PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Let me demonstrate what it feels like to relax," says massage therapist Sarah Young, the resident de-stresser at Lori Karbal's Birmingham skin-care boutique.

Young instructs me to enter her tiny, tranquil massage room, lie on the bed with my knees elevated (I didn't even bother removing my coat), close my eyes and take 10 long, deep breaths. "The key," she says, "is to breathe in all of the things that make you happy and blow out all of the bad stuff." Try it. It works. It takes some concentration but I emerged feeling less tense and noticeably more mellow.

"Do this before you go to bed," suggests Young, "instead of watching the evening news. It's almost a form of meditation and it's a way to get in touch with your body."

However, those in need of more intense therapy or a real retreat into "la-la land" should let Young get her hands on them. Her mix of Swedish massage, neuromuscular therapy and myofascial techniques have clients singing her praises.

"She can cure a two-day headache in a matter of minutes," says manicurist Marshelle Elsass, whose shoulders stay tensed most of the day as she bends over her customers' needy nails.

Adds Mark Parton, owner of R&J Coffee Shop in Royal Oak, "I had lower back pain that has disappeared thanks to Sarah's massages and her recommended stretching exercises."

Young's interest in massage therapy began some 15 years ago when she worked as a counselor at HAVEN, a Pontiac shelter for abused families. She attended a seminar on touch therapy and it struck a chord. "The whole concept of mind/body medicine was developing," says Young. "I just remember hearing that infants need touch or they die." Having worked with people who were never touched or were touched inappropriately, Young became enthralled with the power of human touch. She attended more seminars and read books, eventually pursuing a masters degree in exercise science at Oakland University.

"Initially, I question clients as to why they are coming in for a massage," says



Body and soul soothers: Tools of the trade include Aesop Resurrection Aromatique Balm, Molton Brown Body Lotion and Sensual Massage Oil, Kiehl's Body Massage Oil and a Diptyque Tubereuse candle. All from Lori Karbal et al, Birmingham.

Young. "Some have specific neck, shoulder or back pain. Others just need an hour to escape the world." Young works a little deeper than many therapists, but it "hurts good," say her devotees. It's all about bringing your body into balance and defining the problem. Young prods her clients to explore their lifestyles - do they sit at a computer all day, tend to hold their breath, breathe shallowly, get little exercise? "Car seats often are the culprit when it comes to lower back pain," says Young, "and the way you sleep can affect your body's alignment."

With regular massage, you can get in touch with your body, increase flexibility and blood flow, and restore circulation in the lymphatic system. "I can't massage away fat, though," Young says.

Classical baroque music fills Young's snug hideaway and a lemongrass candle subtly scents the room. The cool periwinkle blue walls and fabric-draped ceiling add a sense of repose. Perhaps if you close your eyes and relax into your body, Sarah Young's healing hands will leave you with a renewed energy, not to mention less pain in the neck.

HOW TO CHOOSE A MASSAGE THERAPIST

The state of Michigan has no licensing procedures, so if you're looking for a good therapist, you should rely on those who are nationally certified by the AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association), IMF (International Myomassetics Federation) or NCTMB (National Certification of Therapeutic Massage & Body Workers). Young holds AMTA and NCTMB certifications.

You also may call the AMTA for a listing of massage schools in the area. Most importantly, says Young, talk to your potential therapist and make sure your personalities mesh. Remember, you're in charge. You should speak up if you're uncomfortable, and your therapist should listen. If you want to concentrate on specific parts of your body, let your therapist know.

Sarah Young, at Lori Karbal, et al, 554 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 258-1959.

Glassware bonanza yields more treasures than trash

You can imagine Gerry Goodman's elation when a man called to offer her a warehouse full of glass, brass, silver, ceramic and other miscellany.

"His 'get rid of's' were my finds," said the owner of Wells Freight & Cargo in Birmingham. Goodman started her business 25 years ago, buying glass and pottery from manufacturers. Though she has had up to 11 stores in the metro area, there is just the one Birmingham location remaining.

Even so, Goodman jumped at the chance to sift through the cartons full of wares that she bought sight unseen. It even meant renting a vacant condominium for inventory purposes. Once she started ripping open boxes, Goodman

found over 1,000 pieces of glass, including vases, pressed glass bowls, cobalt blue clear and frosted glass pieces and tall hurricanes. "Both treasures and trash," she said showing off some giant cylindrical vases that can't be found anymore.

"Glass and crystal are the diamonds of the home," says Goodman, who gushes over a huge cobalt bowl that she calls a "contact lens for an elephant." It pained her to discard the various chipped and cracked glass pieces, but her bounty was considerable by anyone's calculations. In fact, she'll have to store much of the take in a warehouse of her own. It certainly won't all fit in the store.

In addition to glass, Goodman's newly found collection includes brass and cop-

per. "I don't want to look like Pier I," she says, "but some of the candlesticks will be lovely once they're cleaned and polished."

She also unpacked some Vermont-made Bennington pottery, blue and white porcelain, colored ceramics and silver trays. She found some highly collectible porcelain swans, as well.

"It's a mishmash," she exclaims. But it will all be buffed to a shine and ready to sell in the store next week. "And the prices will be incredible - from 50 cents." A real warehouse sale.

- Linda Bachrack

Wells Freight & Cargo, 820 South Old Woodward, Birmingham.



1,000 points of light: Candlesticks were part of Goodman's "find."

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

IMAGE POINTS

Yvette D. Austin, president of Austin's Image Consulting Services in Detroit, is the featured speaker at the meeting of the Association of Image Consultants International, Southeast Michigan Chapter. She will address "How to Put Together a Seminar." 6 p.m. Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. Non-members welcome. RSVP (734) 665-1188.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

MIRIAM'S STORY

Author Miriam Winter reads from her memoir, *Trains*, and discusses her experiences as a hidden child in Poland during and after World War II. 7 p.m. Borders Book Shop, Southfield and 13 Mile roads, Birmingham.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BOOK SIGNING

Lawrence Graham, one of our nation's most promi-

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nent spokesmen on race relations today, signs and discusses his new book, *Our Kind of People*. 7 p.m. Borders Birmingham, 34300 Woodward.

CREATIVE EDGE

Allison Parks discusses *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron. The book is a guide to discovering and recovering our creative selves. 7 p.m. Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield and 13 Mile roads, Birmingham.

SPRING STYLES

Roz & Sherm presents the complete Lafayette 148 trunk show for Spring '99, with representative John Muller. The show continues through Saturday, Feb. 6. 6536 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

FIRST FRIDAY

The Detroit Institute of Arts hosts its monthly Hudson's First Fridays at the DIA program featuring an Insider's View on African art in the African galleries, a World Music Series called Carnival Night and a drop-in workshop to create milagros. 6-9 p.m. All DIA galleries will be open.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

FAST FUN

Parachute Express, a nationally-known musical trio and part of the Gymboree Play Program, takes the stage at Fairlane Town Center to tickle the funny bone of children and parents. 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SPIRITUAL ART

Rajiv Khatau, curator of African artifacts, brings his collection to Art Van Furniture. Enjoy his presentations and advice. 2-4 p.m., 22555 Greenfield, Southfield.

SONG FEST

Two of a Kind, the musical duo of David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans, perform their "Caring for the Earth" program that involves interactive singing, movement, puppets, sign language and more. 2 p.m. Borders Farmington Hills, 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

VISIONS OF YORE

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center hosts Visions to Remember, an antiques show and sale to benefit Friends of Vision. Today 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6. 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe shores. For preview party reservations, call (313) 824-4710.

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 item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank you.

WHAT WE FOUND:
 Found Kikkoman sweet/sour sauce mix at Kroger's on 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads.
 The flannel jeans can be found through the Land's End catalog 1-800-346-4444 or the L.L. Bean catalog 1-800-221-4221, and also through Haband's catalog 1-800-742-2283.
 Bison or buffalo meat can be found at Papa Joe's on Rochester and Hamlin roads in Rochester and at any Merchant of Vino stores, Maple and Coolidge in Troy or on University in Rochester, and at the Double E Buffalo Ranch in Vanderbilt, Michigan, (517) 983-4433 (they ship UPS), and at any grocery store in Traverse City.
 Yardley English Lavender liquid soap can be found at the Meijer store on Coolidge in Royal Oak.
 Tatiana perfume in the 1 oz. size is at Levin's Beauty Supply at 6716 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.
 Jean called with a suggestion for a replacement for Covermark: She uses Lydia O'Leary, the Robert Parities make it in Rutherford, N.J. JCPenney and Hudson's carry a similar product called

Dermablend.
 Marlene might call Royal Radio in Royal Oak to have her Zenith radio console repaired, (248) 548-8711.
 For Bob, found the Elvis Presley dolls. Three music stands for Jack.
 Anne Klein II perfume has been discontinued, could try Fragrances Unlimited at (734) 434-0629. Mary has vintage Barbie clothes.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:
 Kelly is looking for a small stuffed bear "Soft Dreams," with a heart on the pocket, terry cloth. Target used to carry it.
 Leona is looking for a group of hearing impaired people who will be traveling for the New Year's Eve 2000.
 Janet wants the old 3-inch floppy discs for her word processor.
 Roberta is looking for sterling silverware by Lenox, "Golden Winslow," any pieces.
 Sharon wants the Byers Caroler doll "Apple-lady" (she is seated on a bench).
 Barb is looking for full-size sheets, pillow shams, valance (plaid) by Dan River "Sagamore" (nautical theme).
 Jean wants replacements for her old bubble lights for her Christmas tree.
 Anne is looking for rum raisin ice cream.
 Sue wants Tweed cologne by Lenthic.
 Diane wants the talking Mrs. Beasley doll.
 Joanne is looking for Revlon's Moondrops Red Pagoda (green tube) lipstick.
 Brim coffee for Shelly.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

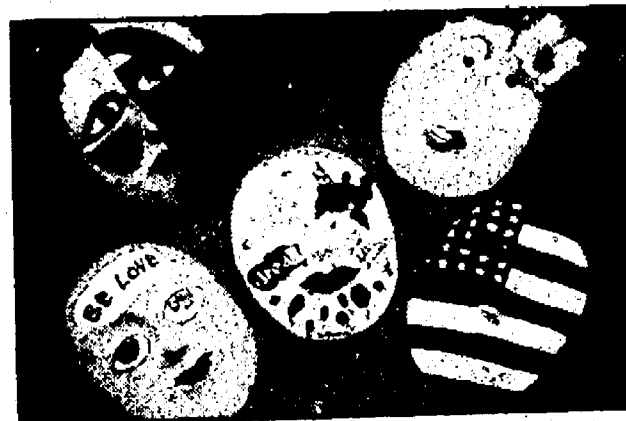
RETAIL DETAILS

HEAD MONCHOS

CTR, the world's first non-surgical and non-detectable, direct-to-scalp hair replacement procedure, is now available in Michigan. HRS: Hair Replacement Systems in Farmington Hills and Ann Arbor offers the revolutionary Cosmetic Transdermal Reconstruction (CTR) procedure to men and women with partial or complete hair loss due to hereditary factors or medical treatments. Human hair grafts are created duplicating the characteristics of the individual's own hair and the natural hair is looped through completely permeable, skin-like bases that are so thin and transparent, the hair appears to be growing directly from the scalp. No lumps, bumps, ridges and seams and no more bad toupees. Mary Krasman and Terry Drilich, president and vice president of HRS, are on-site business owners who work directly with every client. For more information, call (313) 769-9400 in Ann Arbor or (248) 539-4247 in Farmington Hills or toll-free (800) 756-9401.

SMILING FACES

A collection of ceramic masks, hand painted by



local and national celebrities and artists, will be displayed in three Detroit-area shopping centers during the month of February. The masks, which will be auctioned at the March 13 MASKorAIDE for COTS fund-raiser to benefit homeless people, will be displayed at Lakeside in Sterling Heights (Feb. 4-11), Twelve Oaks mall in Novi (Feb. 12-18) and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn (Feb. 19-26).

"The goal of the MASKorAIDE event is to help change the face of homelessness," explains Diana Leone, Lakeside marketing director. Artists include Jeff Bridges, Pam Dawber and Mark Harmon; comedians Sinbad and Soupy Sales; musical artists Marshall Crenshaw and The Temptations and Mary Wilson; radio personality Casey Kasem; and figure skating champion Tara Lipinski. Local mask makers include Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Mort Crim, Carmen Harlan, Brendan Shanahan, Gilda Snowden and many top business executives.

Each of the three shopping centers also will display 500 miniature ceramic masks painted by area school children.
 The March 13 MASKorAIDE event will take place at the International Banquet Center in

Greektown's Athenum Hotel. Tickets are \$100.

FAIRLANE FUN

Escape the winter blues at Fairlane Town Center's Winter Family FunCentral. Every Saturday in February, Fairlane is offering free family-oriented activities at the Fountain Court Stage. Included are the musical trio Parachute Express on Feb. 6; Aardvark, Arthur and Ms. Page Turner in "Arthur's Wonderful Kind of Storytime" on Feb. 13; the Mosaic Youth Theater of Detroit and the lovable Lamb Chop on Feb. 20; and Child Star Look-A-Like contest on Feb. 27. Most of the activities begin at noon.



SPRUCE UP

The seventh annual Spring Home & Garden Show returns to the Novi Expo Center Feb. 4-7. The show has more than 300 exhibitors including the latest technology, products and services for the home. Featured attractions include Home & Garden Television's "Fix-It-Up!" and "Before & After" host Pat Simpson covering the Top Ten Home Enhancements; PBS's "This Old House" master plumber and heating contractor Richard Threthewey; WJR's "The Appliance Doctor," Joe Gagnon; "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haegge; plus landscaped, flowering gardens, presentations of decorating, home repair and remodeling. Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR Radio and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road.

RETAIL BOOM

A strong finish gave Michigan retailers a solid holiday shopping season. Sixty-two percent of the state's retailers rung up sales gains over last year, with increases averaging 8.2 percent, according to the Michigan Retail Index. The index is a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and is based on a monthly survey of MRA members.

"Cold weather during the final days of the season gave an extra boost to sales, which continued strong right up through the end of December," said Larry Meyer, chief executive officer of MRA. "All in all it was a very good season, with retailers beating last year's strong numbers by more than eight percent."

Jewelry stores led the industry with 90 percent reporting increases. Furniture and appliance retailers followed at 81 percent.

Romance revealed

Enter our Valentine's Day poetry contest and win a makeover for two

Ahh, love! Valentine's Day is for lovers, and you and your heart's desire deserve a day of pampering to celebrate your devotion.

Malls & Mainstreets, as a token of appreciation to our devoted readers, invites you to prove your flair for poetry by finishing the following sonnet. Just give us a couple of steamy, romantic lines. We'll pick the prose that makes our heart go pitter-pat.

The winners will share a Valentine's Day filled with pleasure and relaxation at Figaro salon in downtown Birmingham, including hairstyling and manicure for the poet and the poet's muse, make-up application for her and skin-care analysis for him. And we'll publish your sonnet on Valentine's Day in the Malls & Mainstreets section of the

newspaper.
 So, open your hearts, put pen to paper and create an original ending (with apologies to Will Shakespeare's Sonnet 116):

*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
 Admit impediments. Love is not love
 Which alters when it alteration finds
 Or bends with the remover to remove...*

Send your love lines to Malls & Mainstreets, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48301 or fax to (248) 644-1314 or E-mail to lbachrack@oe.homecomm.net. The deadline is Wednesday, February 10. We'll contact you if your sonnet sings and captures our hearts.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinema</p> <p>Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-375-2660 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. THRU THURSDAY</p> <p>NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP SHE'S ALL THAT (PG-13) 12:50, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 5:10, 5:40, 7:15, 7:45, 9:25, 9:55</p> <p>NP IN DREAMS (R) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30</p> <p>NP THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG) 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 6:30, 8:20</p> <p>GLORIA (R) 12:45, 7:30</p> <p>VIOLIN (R) 3:05, 5:15, 9:50</p> <p>THE FACILITY (R) 10:10</p> <p>BUCK'S LIFE (G) 12:30, 2:20, 4:15, 6:10</p> <p>ENEMY OF THE STATE (R) 9:00</p> <p>Showcase Westland 1-8 6000 Wayne Rd. One E. of Warren Rd. 313-728-1860 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. 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Nomads take an around-the-world odyssey

By J. Lewis and Gayle Fountain
AROUND THE WORLD TRAVELERS

Oh! The places you go! The people you meet! When you are a Nomad, the world is at your feet. In the 727 Nomad Clubhouse members jet off on trips ranging from a one day mystery trip to a 28-day trip Around the World. Of course, there are countless other exotic destinations in between.

Our Around the World Odyssey, the 13th for Nomads, but the first with this plane, began on Oct. 19, 1998. We arrived at the Nomad's World Terminal and the capable ground staff lifted our bags from the trunk of the car, and took them to the plane while we parked in the well-lit lot. We were assigned seats which we kept for this entire 28-day trek which covered 28,255 miles, 61 hours of flying time, included seven additional refueling stops, visited nine destinations and encompassed more memorable experiences than we even imagined.

It is difficult to comprehend the number of hours, days, months and the countless details required to plan a trip of this magnitude. Trip directors Patrick and Ann Whitehead accomplished this and the trip was not only memorable but flawless.

An orchid lei welcomed us to the beautiful Garden Island, Kauai. The Kau'i Marriott Resort and Beach Club was exquisite. Even the dolphins seemed to realize this group was special as they punctuated our boat trip with leaps and spirals over the course of several miles. The scenery was magnificent: Spouting Horn Blow Hole, Hanalei Bay, Waimea Canyon, Napoli Coast. The Fern Grotto was special to one of our couples and they celebrated their honey-

moon spot with their four children. One son serenaded his parents with an Hawaiian melody.

Three members dropped out of the odyssey in Kauai. One woman suffered chest pains and ultimately had triple-bypass surgery. Another couple decided that the trip might indeed prove too exhausting and decided not to go on.

Our next destination: the Cook Islands. But before we reach the Cooks we must refuel on Christmas Island. We landed to an audience as this was not the day for the scheduled weekly flight. It was our lucky day. The tanker truck only had half enough fuel and had to go to the other side of the island for more, so we were allowed to deplane. The natives, like entrepreneurs everywhere, quickly rounded up supplies of T-shirts, caps and shells and set up shop. Many of us waited in line to have our passports stamped with Christmas Island. Imagine our surprise when the stamp read Kiribati and also had the next day's date as that was when the scheduled plane arrived.

Finally, on Oct. 22, beautiful Rorotonga, a South Pacific island most often reached via New Zealand. Another lei welcome, and the tour group took us to the cultural activities and scenic highlights in shifts as they were not accustomed to such a large group. The friendly Rorotongans are renowned Polynesian dancers and singers and entertained us in full costume. A glass-bottomed boat took us to a nearby island for a barbecue in quite a rustic environment - especially in regard to bathroom facilities. The food was wonderful and the grilled wahoo out of this world.

The next destination was another beautiful South Pacific Island and we crossed the International Date Line to reach it. A

native flower lei welcomed us to Vanuatu on Oct. 26. Again, tours were in smaller groups to adapt to the limited island resources. A cultural tour included a demonstration of the past: food and its preparation, costumes, crafts, medicine and dance. These people do know how to barbecue and the food was fit for a gourmet.

Manila in the Philippines was reached on Oct. 28. Red Carpet cannot begin to describe our welcome here. We were whisked (along with our baggage) onto buses from on the tarmac and a police escort delivered us directly to the historical Manila Hotel. We passed the colorful Jeepneys sitting in the rush hour traffic. What a thrill to see Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in the hotel and sit at the desk where so many momentous decisions were made. A private shopping tour at Tesoro's was available.

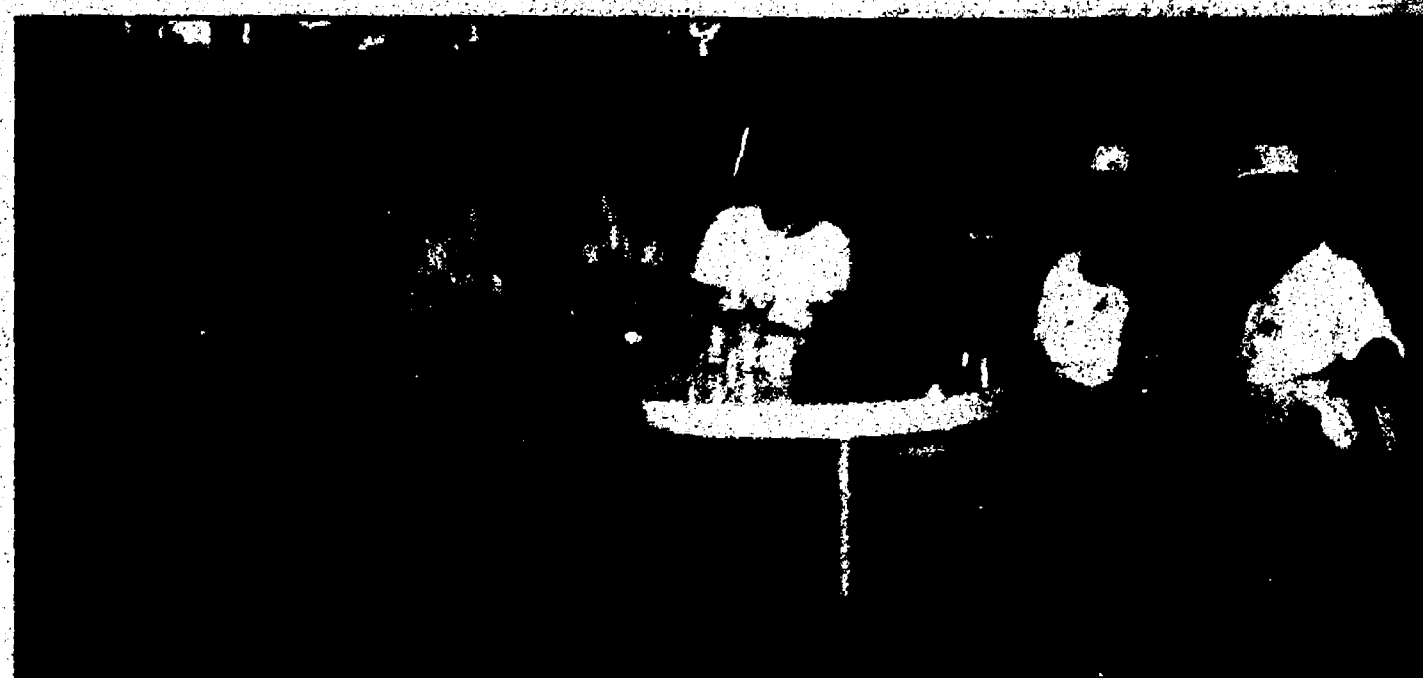
The Manila American Cemetery and Memorial was breathtaking. Tears were visible in most eyes as we gazed out over the 162 acres and onto the 17,206 white granite crosses arranged in concentric circles marking the graves of allied war dead.

The ruins and memorial at Corregidor made one almost believe they could see Gen. MacArthur standing on the Lorch Dock and exclaiming, "I shall return."

But another adventure loomed before we left Manila. As we taxied out to the runway, it was discovered that one of the wing flaps were not operating properly. Not to worry! It was for this reason that Nomad's very capable mechanic was aboard. Bill Santana Jr., with the help of Harry Boyd the flight engineer soon had the problem solved and we were safely air borne.

The "fine" city of Singapore was reached on Halloween. Our arrival was somewhat delayed, but our tour group whisked us directly to the scheduled cultural event and nothing was missed. A tour of the city including the Temple, Chinatown, the harbor from Mount Faber, the Botanical Gardens, shopping and a tour of Malacca, Malaysia, were part of this stop. Malaysia was truly a shopper's paradise. For \$5 American we bought two T-shirts, four postcards, two stamps and \$3.20 change in Singapore dollars.

Our welcome to India on Nov. 3 was a flower lei and a good luck statue. Madras, India, was a change from the pristine Singapore. I don't think any of us were properly prepared for India during the monsoon. The staff at our hotel could not have been more attentive. Their aim was to



Beachcombers: Nomads relax on the beach at Rorotonga.

please and our slightest wish was their command. Our days were spent on leaky buses visiting temples, the museums and the city. Buses even stayed overtime to take us on a shopping junket.

Another unexpected event occurred as we prepared to leave India during a torrential downpour. It seems that we did not have the necessary military clearance to fly over the Maldives, and it took the best efforts of the Roger MacDonald and Al DeRiemacker, the pilots, Harry Boyd, and Patrick Whitehead, the trip director, to get us airborne again.

From the Seychelles and two refueling stops (Djibouti and Cairo) the intrepid Nomads followed a course to Rome, Italy, arriving on Nov. 9. Rome was in the midst of labor disputes with transportation and the cabs were on strike during our three-day stay. We visited the Vatican and we all marveled at the Raphael frescoes and Michelangelo's work in the Sistine Chapel. St. Peter's Basilica and Square were toured at length with many other landmarks of ancient Rome seen from the bus. A tour of the Colosseum was awesome and one could almost see the lions pacing in the lower level as they waited to be released into the arena.

London was reached on Nov. 12 and was the last stop on the Nomads' odyssey Around the World. It was seen in grand Nomad style. A marvelous dinner aboard the Venice Simpton Orient Express and another dinner on the River Thames. There were tours to Stonehenge and Windsor Castle. Visits to the tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Harrods, Hyde Park, the Cabinet War Room and all else that makes London special.

On Nov. 15, the nine-member Clubhouse crew delivered its 141 passengers safely back to the Nomads terminal, tired, but well satisfied. There was a rousing thank you to Patrick and Ann Whitehead, the trip directors who attended to the endless details (and headaches) that go into a trip of this scope. We are all deeply indebted to the very capable crew: pilots Roger MacDonald and Allen DeRiemacker, flight engineer Harry Boyd, mechanic Bill Santinas, flight attendants Jessie Weyand, Judi Hunter-Sawyer and Barbara DeRiemacker, who made our trip so enjoyable, comfortable and safe.

We said our good-byes to the 150 people who are now much more than traveling companions and wished them God-speed until we meet again on another Nomad Odyssey.

For more information on the Nomads, write Nomads World Terminal, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Detroit, MI 48242-1799 or call (734)941-8000.

J. Lewis and Gayle Fountain live in Plymouth.



Big Ben: The famous London tower was one of the must-see sights the Nomads experienced.

World traveler: Gayle Fountain of Plymouth models a T-shirt on Christmas Island.



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Jaskot, Sherron finalists

Cross country runners Chris Jaskot (Livonia Franklin) and Katie Sherron (Livonia Stuyvesant) are among 112 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

A record 504 schools submitted 2,784 applications for this year's award.

To be eligible, student must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale), and have previously won a varsity letter in the sport in which they are applying. Students were also asked to show involvement in other school and community activities, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Applications were judged by a 58-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members and board members from MHSAA schools.

Fall sports recipients will be announced Feb. 10.

The top 24 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients will be recognized Saturday, March 27 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing during halftime of the state Class C boys basketball final.

Glenn gymnasts fall

Chelsea Keesling captured all four events en route to an all-around score of 36.30, leading Farmington Unified to a 136.15-131.30 girls gymnastics win Thursday over host Westland John Glenn.

Keesling was first on vault (8.8), floor exercise (8.9), uneven parallel bars (9.4) and balance beam (9.2).

Glenn's Jessica Beach was second all-around (35.05) with a second on bars (8.65) and thirds in the vault (8.65), floor (8.75) and beam (9.0).

Teammate Nicole Simonian, third all-around, was second on vault (8.7) and third on bars (8.55).

St. Patrick's Fun Run

St. Mary Hospital and the Livonia Family YMCA will stage its annual St. Patrick's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 13.

The 3-mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 5-miler at 9:15 a.m. The 1-mile starts at 9:30 a.m. All events will start and finish at the Livonia Y.

Registration will be from 7:30-9:15 a.m. at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (next to the Livonia Y).

Entry fees are \$12 (before March 8) or \$17 (after March 8). Each participant will be guaranteed a long-sleeved T-shirt if registered by March 8.

Breakfast cost for non-runners is \$3 (ages 11 and up), \$1.50 (ages 3-10). For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

Teen Adventure Club

An orientation meeting for the Livonia Family YMCA's Teen Adventure Club (ages 12-18), will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the lobby meeting room of the Y.

The club is for teens interested in outdoor education, climbing, backpacking, camping and community service projects.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3324.

Youth hockey runner-up

The Livonia Hockey Association Mite B Devils took second behind the Mite B Flyers in the championship game in quest of the Gordon Butler Trophy during a holiday tournament (Dec. 29).

The Devils reached the final by winning the West Division. They also came home with the Shoot-Out contest trophy, beating out 10 other teams including the Mite B Vipers in the finals.

Members of the Devils, coached by Cliff Andrews, include: Max Albulov, David Gasior, Eric Pliako, Steve Tenaglia, Chris Cassar, Jacob Brosky, Gary Omell, Tod Jaggi, Mitchel Hughes, Stefan Kubus, Trevor Baruzzini, Zachary Anderson, Bryan Kozlowski, Jake Andrews, Adam Kwiatkowski and Andy LaBerge.

Assistant coaches include Tom Kwiatkowski and Jim Kubus. The team manager is Mark LaBerge. The Devils are sponsored by 7-11 at Joy & Merriman in Westland; Bob Peck's Show & Go Investments of Farmington Hills; and Tax Solutions, Inc. of Plymouth.

Patriots in groove vs. Churchill

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Livonia Franklin may not be the best girls volleyball team in the Western Lakes Activities Association just yet, but the young Patriots are certainly going to be heard from.

With just two seniors on the roster, up-and-coming Franklin beat rival Churchill for the second time this season, 15-11, 15-4, before a spirited home crowd Wednesday night.

Franklin is now 24-9-1 overall and 4-0 in the WLAA, while Churchill falls to 12-5-2 and 3-1.

The Patriots appear to be making a smooth transition under first-year coach Mary Helen Diegel. She inherited the junior-laden team from Ann Hutchins, who resigned in the off-season after guiding the Patriots to a Western Division title last year.

"Our crowds have been accumulating a little bit more each time out since our

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first tourney," Diegel said. "And any time one of the Livonia teams play each other, it's a big match. The importance was a little more heightened because we're crosstown rivals. Plus it was a division game."

"And considering that, I can't be more proud of the way we played."

Franklin serve-received flawlessly against the Chargers — 50-for-50 with 15 assists.

Churchill jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the opening game, but Franklin clawed back by outscoring the Chargers 10-2.

Nicole Boyd then served out of the last three points, including two aces. The senior finished with four kills, four digs and one block.

In the second game, Franklin took control early, building leads of 7-0 and 9-1.

Junior Tera Morrill then came up

with a spectacular dig for a kill to make it 13-3, and that shot all but finished off the Chargers.

Morrill, a lefty using a variety of off-speed hits, led Franklin attackers with nine kills. She also had two aces and a block.

"Some of those are planned or set up so you can change the pace of a hit," Diegel said.

The Patriots also got solid play from setter Andrea Kmet (three blocks and seven digs), setter Lyndsay Sopko, Alexis Bowman, Rachel Bramlett, Monica Little and Lindsey Duprey (the other senior).

"The last practice we worked specifically on serve reception," Diegel said. "That's where the offense starts — with good defense."

"And I'm proud they heeded my five keys to the game. They accomplished all five goals."

Churchill, which has beaten the Patriots once in three meetings this season, never got its attack going. The

Chargers also had five service errors.

Luca Steca was Churchill's top hitter with four kills, while Lauren Ruprecht had three.

Chargers' coach Mike Hughes could only sit back and watch helplessly as the Patriots had their way in the hour-long match.

"We hadn't practice well all week and it carried over," the Churchill coach said. "We had trouble serving to a specific area on the court. Passing was not the problem. We needed to hit and didn't."

"Give Franklin a lot of credit. They passed it well and did all the kind of things necessary to win."

But Hughes also said, "We can play better."

"Not taking away anything from Franklin, but we beat ourselves," he said. "We had some kids who didn't want the ball."

"We ceased to attack and they picked us apart. We weren't playing our defense or offense."

Moore red-hot as CC downs Borgess

Guard nets 33 in victory

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"Overrated" chants could be heard from the stands in Detroit Catholic Central's gym Friday night, but they didn't last long.

They were directed at CC senior point guard Nick Moore, who only proved why he rates among the top players in the state.

The Redford Bishop Borgess fan might want to thank Moore for quieting him and keeping his voice from getting hoarse.

Moore scored 17 of his game-high 33 points in the third quarter to help the Shamrocks erase a 31-29 halftime deficit and beat Borgess, 84-68, in a Catholic League Central Division game.

Moore made seven of 11 shots in the third quarter, including three from three-point range, and in the fourth quarter he dominated with his passing. On three straight fourth-quarter possessions in the half-court, Moore drove by his defender and made nifty passes for Jayups — one to senior forward Anthony Tomey and two to junior guard Rob Sparks.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the Catholic League Central Division where they are in sole possession of second place. Borgess, which won the first two meetings with CC, to 5-7 overall, 3-3 in the Central.

So, tell us Nick, did you hear the heckling?

"I heard it but I don't believe it," said Moore, a University of Toledo signee who averages 18 points and nine assists. "I thought they were talking about our team but then I realized we're not ranked. Borgess is our crosstown rival and I knew they'd come ready to play. They beat us twice and that's been curdling in my stomach. I couldn't see them winning three times. We knew we'd hit our shots in the second half. This is our gym and we've got

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to keep shooting."

Moore's outburst was a carryover from Tuesday when he scored 31 in a win over Birmingham Brother Rice, including 16 in the fourth quarter.

CC made 18 of 27 shots in the second half, including seven straight to end the third quarter, and finished the game 29 for 51 (57 percent). Borgess was 19 for 62 from the floor (31 percent).

"Nick got warm on us, came out in the third quarter and displayed what type of player he is," Borgess coach Rosey Barnes said. "He rose to the challenge for them. Big time players show up in big time games."

The Shamrocks scored a whopping 33 points in the third quarter to lead 62-53 heading into the fourth. Senior guard Dan Jess scored nine of his 11 points in the third quarter, all on triples, including one just before the buzzer sounded.

Sparks, asked to play more inside recently with junior forward Matt Loras' minutes limited because of a back injury, scored 17 points for the Shamrocks. Loras added 12 and Tomey also finished in double figures with 10.

Tomey laughed at the suggestion that the only other time he's been in double figures this year was for turnovers. He heard the overrated chants too and knew Moore would have the last laugh.

"He's the best player I've seen," Tomey said. "He distributes it, shoots it. You never know what comes next. You can't get to his head. You can yell whatever you want but he's so mentally tough."

Senior forward Justin Gleton scored 21 points for the Spartans. Sophomore center Marcuz Young scored 15 points and Curtis Allen added 10. Donald Didlake contributed eight.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

His ball: Redford Catholic Central guard Nick Moore (right) was in control most of the night against Borgess, scoring 33 points.

Schoolcraft takes 1st, wins overtime affair

Lady Ocelots capture 11th straight

First place belongs to the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team.

The Lady Ocelots took over first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference with a tense 67-66 overtime victory Wednesday night over host C.S. Mott.

Schoolcraft led the tight game at halftime, 34-31, but Mott came back to earn a 57-57 deadlock at the end of regulation.

Belinda Reid led the Lady Ocelots with 15 points, nine assists and three steals.

Samantha Theisen contributed 13 points, as did Stacy Cavin, plus nine rebounds and three steals. Cavin had 12 rebounds.

Jackie Kocis contributed 11 points and six rebounds to help nationally ranked Schoolcraft win its 11th game

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in a row and go to 15-3 this season, which includes a 7-0 conference mark.

•SIENA HTS. 52, MADONNA 51: Madonna University's women's basketball team lost a toughie Wednesday night to Siena Heights, 52-51.

Chris Dietrich scored 15 points but only one other Lady Crusader was able to reach double figures. Katie Cushman scored 11.

The Saints had only one player in double figures, Dana Falke, who had 14 points. Siena Heights led, 33-32, at the half.

Lori Enfield led Madonna in rebounding with eight and Kathy Panganis got seven. Cushman had three assists. Carissa Gizecki and Jennifer Jacek two each.

Gizecki and Cushman each had two steals.

Dietrich made 3-of-5 shots from the three point distance.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Mott hands Ocelots 1st cage loss, 78-75

Good things have to end, but it's not necessarily bad. Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team saw its hopes for an undefeated season end Wednesday night with a 78-75 loss at C.S. Mott College.

Schoolcraft's 16-game winning streak is history as Mott climbed into a tie for first place with the Ocelots in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Both have 6-1 records.

Schoolcraft is 16-1 overall but may tumble from its No. 13 NJCAA rating. Mott is 15-3.

Dashawn Williams paced Schoolcraft with 22 points and David Jarrett added 20. Lamar Bigby scored nine points and Derek McKelvey added eight.

The two teams have a rematch Monday night at Schoolcraft, a game that was rescheduled after snow forced the cancellation of its Jan. 2 date.

Guard Arnold Lakes had 21 points for Mott and Larry Patrick, a 6-foot-6 forward, scored 18. Daniel Lawsen added 13 points.

"Mott played harder," Coach Carlos Briggs of the Ocelots said. "Their backs were to the wall and they came out fighting. They wanted it more than we did."

"We didn't knock down the shots we normally knock down. They pounded us in second and third chances. And their defense disrupted our offense."

Schoolcraft made 18-of-24 free throws while Mott only went to the line eight times, making three. Mott held a 42-37 halftime lead.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne rallies past Romulus

Wayne Memorial rallied in the final quarter to earn a 54-51 Mega Conference Red Division boys basketball victory Friday over visiting Romulus.

The Zebras are 3-8 overall and 3-3 in the Mega-Red. Romulus is 5-5 and 3-3.

Down 17 at the half after being blanked 14-0 in the second quarter, Wayne outscored the Eagles 41-21 in the second half.

Senior guard Jamar Davis, who scored 11 of his game-high 18 points in the second half, connected on two free throws with 11 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Rod Burge, who added seven fourth-quarter points, finished with 11 along with Robert Price.

Wayne took the lead 46-45 in the fourth quarter on three-pointers by Justin Goins, Shane Nowak and Burge.

Kevin Thomas and Daryl Mason each had 12 points for Romulus. Byron Cole added 11.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 67, LUTH. N'WEST 37: Senior forward Tom Habitz scored a game-high 17 points to lift Lutheran High Westland (6-4, 5-2) to the Metro Conference victory over host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (0-10, 0-5).

Junior guard Charlie Hoelt contributed 15 points for the winners.

Jimmy Ieng led the Crusaders with 15 points.

JOHN GLENN 79, STEVENSON 61: Despite 10-of-23 free throw shooting, Westland John Glenn (6-4, 4-2) rolled to a Western Lakes Activities Association victory Friday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (4-7, 1-4).

ROUNDUP

The Rockets jumped out to a 48-30 halftime lead and never looked back.

Senior guard Bill Foder scored 16 points and dished out three assists to pace Glenn. Junior guard Eric Jones added 14 points and three assists, while senior center Ty Haygood had 13 points and 15 rebounds. Junior forward Ben Harris chipped in with 11 points.

Two juniors paced Stevenson in scoring — Harland Beverly (14) and Keshay McChristian (11).

CANTON 57, FRANKLIN 40: Mike Major and Jason Waidmann each tallied 13 points Friday as visiting Plymouth Canton (6-5, 4-1) downed Livonia Franklin (0-10, 0-5) in a WLAAC encounter.

Senior Dustin Kuras, despite being saddled in foul trouble, led Franklin and all scorers with 15 points. Junior Jason Micallef added nine.

Canton jumped out to a 36-22 halftime lead. "Canton doesn't make a lot of mistakes and they do a good job with a patient offense," Franklin coach Dan Robinson.

HARRISON 77, CHURCHILL 58: Senior Andrew Burt poured in 21 points and snared 10 rebounds Friday to lead host Farmington Hills Harrison (6-4, 3-4) past Livonia Churchill (3-8, 0-5) in a Western Lakes game.

The Hawks roared out to a 27-12 first-quarter lead.

"We came out and played," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We stressed fun and

chemistry and we took it seriously."

Junior Joe Hundley added 17 points and nine rebounds.

Senior guard Bob Austin, starting in place of Matt Reed (football recruiting trip to Michigan Tech), added eight points along with senior guard Lemar Wilson. Senior guard Falonzo Porter added seven.

John Bennett, a junior forward, led Churchill with 16. He made three triples. Senior guard Devin White added 11 and senior forward Ryan Vickers had 10.

Harrison made 20 of 31 free throws, while Churchill was 11 of 16.

REDFORD UNION 69, STEVENSON 67: Senior Jason Patterson scored 20 points and teammate Nick Dyc added 13 Wednesday, lifting visiting Redford Union (2-7 overall) to the non-league victory at Livonia Stevenson (4-6 overall).

Stevenson jumped out to a 21-10 first-quarter lead, but RU caught the Spartans after three quarters, 47-46.

Junior guard Keshay McChristian scored a game-high 22 for the Spartans. Junior Harland Beverly added 11.

The game was a makeup from a snowed out date (Jan. 5).

MACOMB CHRISTIAN 40, HURON VALLEY 30: Jeb Holland notched 14 points and Ryan King added 10 Friday as host Warren Macomb Christian (4-8, 2-3) turned back Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Huron Valley did not have a player score in double figures.

Agatha freshman scores 33 in upset of Loyola

Friday night's game between host Redford St. Agatha and Detroit Loyola was worth the price of admission, especially for the Aggies' fans.

Freshman guard Dan Boulter scored a career-high 33 points, including a tip-in at the buzzer to break a tie score and give the Aggies a thrilling 76-73 victory.

The basket capped a rousing comeback by the Aggies, who

outscored Loyola 27-18 in the fourth quarter to erase a 55-48 deficit after three quarters.

Boulter made 11 of 16 field goal attempts, looking nothing like a freshman. Senior guard Gelano Miles added 10 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Boulter scored 14 in the fourth.

"Miles and Boulter really stepped up big," St. Agatha

coach John Fenbert said.

The outcome leaves both teams tied atop the Catholic League C-D West Division with 4-1 records. St. Agatha is 9-3 overall and Loyola is 9-2.

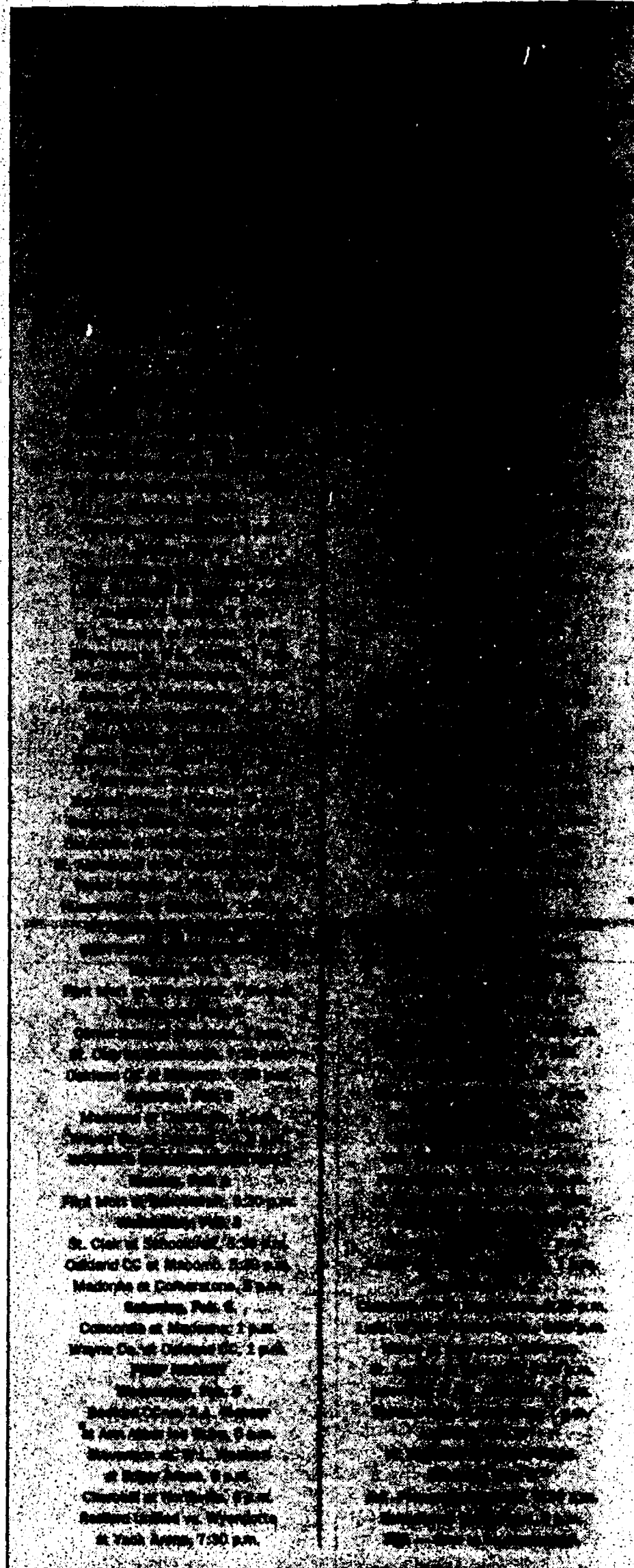
Junior forward Greg Russell joined Boulter and Miles in double figures with 13 points.

Dallas Logan, Greg Pauldo and Jason Butts scored 17 points each for Loyola.

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The Spartans committed only nine turnovers to the Shamrocks' 10. But Borgess wasn't going to catch the Shamrocks the way it shot in the fourth quarter, making only four of 19 shot attempts.

"The first half we looked sluggish, they looked quicker to the ball," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "The last couple games Nick has really taken over. He's as good a guard that we've ever had. He sees the floor so well."



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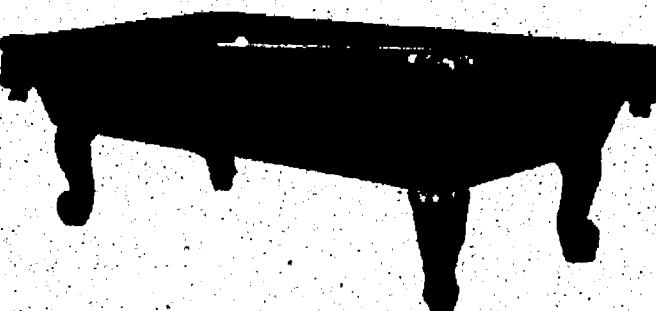


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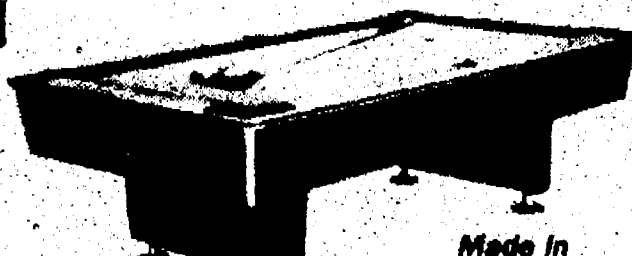
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Siena Heights runs past Crusaders

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Two field goals by Mike Maryanski, one a three-pointer, and another by Mike Massey in the first 3:19 of the second half provided Madonna University's men's basketball team with its highlight Wednesday when it hosted Siena Heights, the ninth-ranked team in the NAIA.

That 7-2 surge allowed the Fighting Crusaders to trim the Saints' 12-point halftime lead to 45-37. Consecutive baskets by Justin Bascom pushed Siena Heights' lead back to 12, and Madonna never got closer than 10 in eventually losing 92-66.

The defeat dropped the Crusaders to 5-17 overall, 1-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Siena Heights is 20-3 overall, 6-1 in the WHAC.

At the 16:05 mark of the second half, the game was delayed for 30 minutes when Margaret See, the grandmother of Madonna freshman forward Tom See, suffered a heart problem while watching the game from the stands. She reportedly stopped breathing briefly, but was resuscitated by Dr. Douglas Marsh, Madonna's team physician, and

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taken by EMS to St. Mary hospital where she was recuperating Friday.

The stoppage in play allowed the Saints to regroup. Coach Fred Smith tried to get his players to relax a bit: "I thought we were out there fighting ourselves a bit," he said. "Here we were, coming off an emotional loss to Cornerstone last Saturday, and we were playing a team that's struggling. They thought we should be doing better than we were."

"We were not having fun. We were losing the attitude game. I told them we've just got to take care of ourselves."

Smith's instructions were simple. "We played more relaxed," he said. "And we forced the tempo, and that was the difference."

The short-handed Crusaders, who had nine players available for the game (including recent addition Scott Emert, a Madonna soccer player), simply could not keep pace. Dan McKian, a senior forward from Plymouth Salem, led Siena Heights in minutes played with 29:58; the Cru-

saders had five players with more minutes, including Mike Massey, who played all 40.

Still, Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki was pleased with his team's effort. "I thought we played them pretty tough," he said. "The thing is, we had open looks (at the basket) and you just have to knock them down."

"But that's part of the game." Although the Crusaders never led in the game, they never let the Saints get away. A basket by Maryanski with 3:19 remaining in the first half trimmed the deficit to 34-26, but Siena Heights finished the half with an 8-4 run (five points by Mike Brown and a three-pointer by McKian) to take a 42-30 lead into the intermission.

After Madonna's spurt to open the second half, and the 30-minute stoppage for Mrs. See, the Saints took complete control. In the next 10 minutes, they outscored the Crusaders 27-12 to increase their lead to 72-49. Brown, who finished with a game-high 25 points (including 6-of-11 on three-pointers), got three triples in the run.

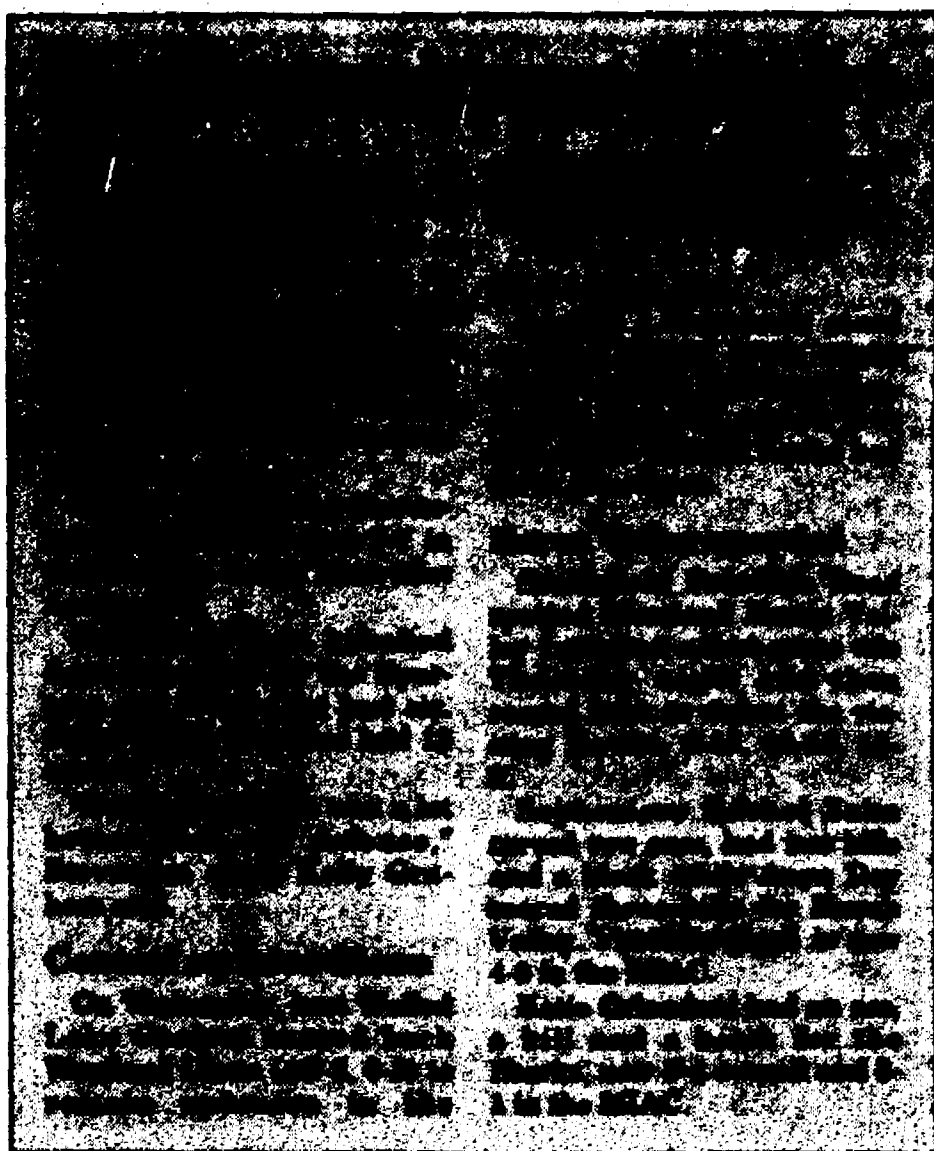
"This is a fun team," said Smith of Siena Heights, a team he has coached to the NAIA

National Tournament the last three seasons. "These guys play so hard. They're not a physical real team, but they work hard."

Although neither team shot particularly well from the floor (Siena Heights: 30-of-77, 39 percent; Madonna: 24-of-65, 36.9 percent), the Saints forced 19 turnovers while committing just nine and nailed 12-of-32 triples (37.5 percent) compared to the Crusaders 4-of-29 (13.8 percent).

Maryanski led Madonna with 19 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Jason Skoczylas added 16 points and 11 boards, and Mike Massey scored 17 points, with five rebounds and three assists. However, Massey's shooting was off; he hit just 5-of-21 shots (24 percent).

For Siena Heights, joining Brown (who also had seven rebounds and two steals) in double figures in scoring were McKian with 15 points (and two steals); Steve Bennett with 11 points and five boards; and Bascom with 10 points and seven rebounds.



BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of boys Observer/land best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cut: 1:42.99)
North Farmington 1:42.19
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.71
Plymouth Salem 1:45.23
Plymouth Canton 1:45.60
Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35

200 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 1:49.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.75
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.63
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:54.89
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:56.41

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cut: 2:03.99)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.34
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.69
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:12.11
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20

50 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 22.86)
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 22.30
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 23.00
Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 23.18
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 23.38
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

DIVING

Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 232.85
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 221.35
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.45
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00
Jared Goldman (N. Farmington) 151.15

100 BUTTERFLY

(state cut: 55.59)
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.99
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.51
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59
Paul Perez (Salem) 57.13
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 57.84
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 59.10
Josh Morgan (Garden City) 59.88

100 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 49.46)
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 48.17
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49.30
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 49.66
Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81
Andrew Locke (Salem) 50.50
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 50.94
Bill Randall (Churchill) 51.36
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 51.62

500 FREESTYLE

(state cut: 4:57.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:11.43
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:12.55
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:16.83
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:20.60
Craig Paske (N. Farmington) 5:22.45
Loch Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:23.54

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 1:31.99)
Plymouth Salem 1:32.80
Plymouth Canton 1:33.38
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.68
North Farmington 1:34.80
Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35

100 BACKSTROKE

(state cut: 56.39)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42
Devon Hopper (Farmington) 59.24
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46
Justin Allen (Canton) 59.82
Brad Neilson (Canton) 1:00.48
Adam Chiasson (Wayne) 1:00.84
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:00.97

100 BREASTSTROKE

(state cut: 1:03.19)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:06.14
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.15
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.70
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:08.43
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:08.52
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:08.86
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:08.86

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cut: 3:23.09)
Redford Catholic Central 3:25.50
North Farmington 3:26.08
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.56
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29
Plymouth Salem 3:32.75

SWIM RESULTS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 102

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 84

Jan. 29 at G.P. North

200-YARD MEDLEY: South,

1:50.63; 200 freestyle: Ryan Meekins (CC), 1:51.36; 200 individual medley: Brett Meconis (CC), 2:13.05; 50 freestyle: Josh Markou (CC), 23.62; diving: Greg Brazunas (CC), 256.30 points; 100 butterfly: Meconis (CC), 56.1; 100 freestyle: Meekins (CC), 49.45; 500 freestyle: Semmler (GPS), 5:06.69; 200 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Tim Ryan, John LaRuffa, Erik Ruselowski, Chris LaFond), 1:40.04; 100 backstroke: Dawson (GPS), 1:01.16; 100 breaststroke: Yavor (GPS), 1:07.01; 400 freestyle: Redford CC (Markou, Ed Lesnau, Meconis, Meekins), 3:27.4.

CC's overall dual meet record:

6-2.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 110

WARREN DeLaSALLE 72


Jan. 27 at Ann Arbor Huron

200 freestyle relay: Redford CC

(Bryant Steele, Chris LaFond, Brett Meconis, Ryan Meekins), 1:47.35; 200 freestyle: Steele (CC), 2:00.76; 200 individual medley: Ed Lesnau (CC), 2:13.08; 50 freestyle: LaFond (CC), 24.57; diving: Greg Brazunas (CC), 219.55 points; 100 butterfly: Meconis (CC), 55.68; 100 freestyle: Josh Markou (CC), 51.62; 500 freestyle: Matt Miller (CC), 5:27.75; 200 freestyle: DeLaSalle, 1:42.05; 100 backstroke: Steele (CC), 1:03.2; 100 breaststroke: Mike Kruszewski (CC), 1:08.43; 400 freestyle relay: CC (Meekins, Markou, Meconis, Lesnau), 3:25.5.

CC's Central Division record:

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103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (LS) dec. Harry Leitsitz (NF) 7-2; 112: Bill Bullock (LS) pinned Ramis Bajrami, 5-18; 119: Zack Yaffai (LS) p. Rifa Bajrami, 5-18; 125: Matt Redley (LS) dec. Asif Raha, 10-4; 130: Dustin Obeid (LS) dec. Trevor Clark, 6-5; 135: Brian Kassa (NF) dec. Chris Cooperider, 5-2; 140: Imad Khambush (LS) dec. Fritz Schultes, 1-0; 145: Mike Faison (LS) p. Pat Sidur, 4-53; 152: Joe Jamieson (LS) p. Brian Shapiro, 3-18; 160: Brian Barker (LS) won by void; 171: Mike Redley (LS) p. Shelby Berger, 1-43; 189: John MacFarland (LS) dec. Mike Stein, 4-3; 215: Eric Puninske (LS) p. Dave Liggins, 2-23; heavyweight: Mark Costella (LS) p. Josh Sikora, 2-10.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 9-10 overall, 3-1 WLAA.

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Slow-starting Spartans whip Franklin, 8-1

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Most hockey coaches wouldn't fret about an 8-1 victory, but Livonia Stevenson's Mike Harris

raised some legitimate concerns following Thursday's outcome against Livonia Franklin.

And even though Stevenson is 11-1-1 overall and comfortably leading the Suburban High

School Hockey League with an 11-0 record, Harris believes the Spartans are living dangerously.

"I'm worried about the guys," Harris said. "This is the third game in a row we can't seem to get up.

"We need the opponent to score first to wake us up. But give credit to Franklin. They always play us tough. They're a hard working team and they contained us at the start."

Hard to believe, but it was 0-0 after one period with Franklin goaltender Rob Williams turning aside 13 shots.

His counterpart in net, Chris McComb, faced just three shots, including one that rang off the crossbar fired by Franklin's Tony Saia.

It remained 0-0 until 5:17 of the second period when Saia scored from Adam Sexton and Brandon McCullough to make it 1-0 for the Patriots.

Just seconds later Stevenson

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tied it up and before the period was over the Spartans rang up five goals in rapid fashion.

Outshooting Franklin by a two-to-one margin on the night (38-19), the Spartans tacked on three more goals in the final period to win going away.

"We've got to learn to control the tempo of the game and we haven't done that until the second period the last three games," Harris said. "It concerns our coaching staff. It seems we're going through the motions. We showed what we're capable of, but it's a bad habit we've gotten into and we have to lose it quick."

Ryan Sinks and Mark Nebus each had two goals and one assist for Stevenson. Linemate Jason Gildersleeve added three assists.

Mike Zientarski also scored twice for the Spartans, while Joe Suchara had a goal and two assists. Dan Cieslak tallied the other Stevenson goal.

John May chipped in with a pair of assists. Chris Williams and Mike Nebus contributed one assist each.

"Stevenson is a talented team with a lot of seniors and that makes a difference," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "They're a good team. They deserve their ranking and their record."

The loss dropped Franklin to 5-9-1 overall and 3-8-1 in the SHSHL.

It was only the night before that the Patriots nearly upended the league's second-place team Redford Unified before losing 4-3.

"We're a young team, we have only two seniors," said Jobbitt, who has just 16 on his roster and plays just two lines with one for-

ward in reserve. "We just don't have enough stamina to go against teams like this on successive nights even though we work hard on conditioning."

Jobbitt couldn't fault his team's effort.

"The first period I couldn't ask for more and the goal (by Saia) was set-play called from the bench off a faceoff," he said. "They executed it well."

"They gave all the could and it's the only thing I could ask. I can't fault the kids. Rob (Williams) played well. Their first four goals were just break-downs in front of the net."

Looking in from the outside, many coaches would like to have Harris's problems.

"We played good enough to win," Harris said. "But we still didn't get it going until they (Franklin) scored."

"If we do that that in the state tourney, it may end before we want it to."

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Chargers get solid goaltending in 2-1 win

Goaltender Ryan McBroom was solid in the nets as Livonia Churchill earned a hard-fought Suburban High School Hockey League victory Wednesday over Dearborn Unified at Edgar Arena.

Churchill is now 8-4-4 overall and 7-3-1 in the league. Dearborn is 10-4-2 overall and 8-4-1 in the SHSHL.

Jason Turri started off the scoring for Churchill with an unassisted goal with 11:44 left in the opening period.

Adam Rourke then scored what proved to be the game-winner with 6:33 left in the second period from Adam Jakubowski.

Dearborn cut the lead to one with 4:09 left in the final period on Brent Hohnicki's goal from Joey Virga and Andy Howard.

Dearborn Unified then had the potential game-tying goal denied by a high stick.

"We played well the first two periods," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "But we didn't bear down and get the puck deep in our offensive zone in the third period."

"Plus, we made a couple of soft passes out of our own zone that almost cost us. Dearborn, however, is a good team with a lot of foot speed up front."

"Overall I'm encouraged from what I saw from our team."

"We'll do anything we can to play at a high level at the end of the season."

ROUNDUP

•REDFORD UNIFIED 4, FRANKLIN 3: Second-place Redford Unified (13-2-1, 8-2) held off pesky Livonia Franklin (5-8-1, 3-7) in the second game of a double-header Wednesday at Edgar Arena.

RU outscored Franklin 3-1 in the opening period. Dave Sellin opened the scoring at 7:45 from Joel Halliday and Jason Moul, but Franklin's Ryan Tracy tied it from Andy Garbutt and Frank Geluso at 8:33.

Jon Duke made it 2-1 RU on an assist from Mike Karath at 11:11, while Sellin scored on a nifty unassisted effort at 12:59.

Andy Dorfmeier gave RU a three-goal cushion at 3:22 of the second period. Halliday and Bill McSween assisted on the goals.

Franklin's Chad Van Hulle answered with a power-play goal from Tracy and Saia at 5:35.

Saia then opened the third by scoring unassisted at 1:50, but the Patriots couldn't score the equalizer.

RU outshot Franklin, 24-17. Eric Pagel was on goal for RU, while Chris Garbutt minded the net for Franklin.

"We played a terrible first period, but then we made some adjustments for the second and played well," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "Then we played great in the third."

"The first period we got caught running around, but thereafter we were hustling all the way and playing better systems. We scored a power-play goal and killed off penalties. We gave it all we could."

"I consider it a win because RU is the second best team in our league and they're well coached."

•STEVENSON 10, FARMINGTON UNIFIED 0: Forward Tim Allen had a seven-point night Friday as host Livonia Stevenson (12-1-1, 12-0) rolled past Farmington Unified (12-13-1, 1-10-1)

67 goals stops Whalers

Two of the Ontario Hockey League's powerhouses collided Friday night before a 3,000 fans at Commodore Arena with the visiting Whalers (67 goals) coming away with a 2-1 victory.

Pyatak, now with the Whalers, scored the game-winning goal in the second period. He had two assists from Phil Housley and Chris Chelios.

Ontario's Jonathan Zito had it at 11:31 on an unassisted power play shot, beating Whalers netminder Robert Hodge (18 saves).

With just 14 seconds left before the first period, Ottawa's Dan Teasdale scored what proved to be the game-winner, his 28th, from Jon Zien and Brian Campbell.

The win improved Ottawa's OHL record to 37-4-3.

in an SHSHL game played at Edgar. Goalie Kevin Marlowe, who made 11 saves, notched his fourth shutout of the year. The Spartans unloaded 49 shots on goal.

Allen had two goals and five assists, while John May added two goals and four assists.

Other Stevenson point producers included Ryan Sinks, two goals and three assists; Mark Nebus, two goals and two assists; Mike Nebus, one goal and three assists; Chris Williams and Jason Gildersleeve, two goals and one assist each.

Others getting into the act include: Jon Katulski, one goal and two assists; Mike Zientarski and Bryan Dery, two assists apiece; Dennis Queener, goal; Kayan Tait, Willie Wilson and Joe Suchara, one assist each.

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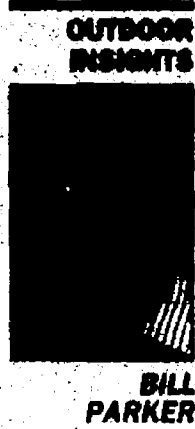
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Lakes access becomes public



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Public access to the Great Lakes and Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes is often a controversial topic.

While land-locked boaters and anglers want more access many lakefront home and property owners vehemently oppose proposals for public access on "their" lakes.

Their main concerns generally focus on increased traffic both on the water and the surrounding land. Many times, lake or property owner associations purchase tracts of land the state has eyed with plans for a public access sites.

Granted, lakes with public access sites are usually more crowded with recreational boat traffic than neighboring "private lakes" that lack public access. But if all lakes were accessible to all boaters the current overcrowding conditions would be alleviated. Boat traffic would be spread out over so many more lakes than are now accessible that overcrowding problems would take care of themselves.

A fact often overlooked is that the lakes belong to all of us, not just the select few who can afford the exorbitant cost of lakefront property and the excessively high taxes that go along with it.

Controversy simmers

A proposed access site to Lake St. Clair has brought about just that type of conflict.

A short 30-minute drive from the heart of the Observer & Eccentric area, Lake St. Clair is located between the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers.

With 420 square miles of surface area it attracts anglers and boaters from throughout southeastern Michigan. The lake features a world-class smallmouth bass fishery as well as outstanding fishing opportunities for walleye and perch.

Anglers also catch muskie, blue gill, channel catfish, white bass, salmon, trout and crappie with regularity.

The proposed site — the Clinton River Cut-Off Site — would be located in Harrison Twp., on Jefferson Avenue between Crocker Boulevard and Shook Road near the Clinton River Spillway.

It includes the now-closed Admiral Marina and would be the southern-most public access site on Lake St. Clair on the U.S. side of the lake.

Site plans call for a small park, six boat ramps and parking for 62 cars. Future plans include barrier-free shore fishing access. The site would provide access to the lake on a year-round basis.

"I think it's a great idea," said Rochester Hills resident Harold Leider. "I've been fishing that area of the lake near the spillway for 45

years and it's always a problem getting there. The closest public launch is the (Metropolitan Beach) Metropark and that's a couple miles further north. Unless you have a really big boat, you end up wasting a lot of time getting down there from the Metropark.

"Not only will it take pressure off the other boat launch sites, but you'll save quality fishing time, too. From the new site you can be fishing in five minutes."

Local opposition

Some local residents, on the other hand, oppose the site and fear it will bring more congestion to an area they feel is already clogged with traffic. Some went so far as to say the DNR should alleviate current traffic congestion before plans for the access site move forward.

"I oppose the ramp 100-percent," said Jim Sunstock, president of the Venice Shores Property Association, which includes 271 homes in Harrison Township. "We don't need any more traffic. It's not a good site and the people here are mad. It will get opposition. We will file a law suit if the proposal goes through."

Proponents of the project, including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, note that if a commercial business — like a restaurant or store — were to be built on the site the increase in traffic would be much greater than if a public boat ramp is built. Some local residents don't see a traffic problem.

"I live right at the proposed site and traffic is not a problem," said Charles Brady. "If you really want to see traffic go down to the Warren Tech Center. What we have here is no traffic."

Steve Jones, a business owner on Jefferson Avenue and local charter boat captain feels the proposed location would be an good spot for a public access site.

"I think it would be an excellent site," he said. "We need access in the main body of the lake."

"I don't see the traffic problem some people have suggested. Jefferson is not rear-end alley as some people have stated."

It's unfair to lay current traffic problems on the DNR. Those matters should be dealt with by the county road commission or the township itself. As far as an increase in traffic, when Admiral Marina was operating at full speed there was daily launching and parking for more than 50 cars and that didn't significantly bottle up traffic on Jefferson.

The DNR should be applauded for its effort to open another public access site on the shore of Lake St. Clair. Hopefully, the department won't back down from the protests of a few area residents and will make the correct decision and increase public access on Lake St. Clair for all the tax-paying citizens of Michigan.

A decision is expected within 60 days.

Stay tuned.

These bills more than monetary

Bills, bills, bills.

They are inevitable in our society, but seldom welcomed. A bill to a bird is a necessity, without one they would die.

"I was reminded of an unusual birds' bill when I spoke with a woman near

Davisburg who identified a crossbill in her yard. Michigan sports two species of crossbills, the red and the white-winged. Red crossbills are more likely to be seen in southeastern Michigan, but its not impossible to see a white-winged crossbill this far south.

Both species of crossbill live to the north in coniferous tree country. Canada and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan are good places to find these birds.

Their crossed mandibles, hence the name crossbill, are designed to extract seeds from under the scales of conifer cones.

Crossed mandibles of the crossbill are designed to perform a specific job very efficiently. The upturned bill of an avocet is designed to allow this beautiful shorebird to gently sweep the surface of a pond for small aquatic organisms.

Filtering for food is done with a duck's bill. A duck's bill is flat and wide so it can grab more plants and seeds from underwater.

Once a duck lifts its head out of the water, all the water from inside its mouth will drain through small, tooth-like open-



TIM NOWICKI

ings. This sieve-like arrangement allows the food to stay inside the mouth, while eliminating the water, which it does not need.

A species of duck that has a noticeable modification of this is the shoveler. Like its name suggests, a shoveler's bill is wider than normal.

As the commercial suggests, "wider is better" for getting more food with one mouthful.

However, a wide bill would not function very well in extracting nectar from a flower. Hummingbirds have a long, narrow, pointed bill which allows them to probe deep into a flower to reach the nectar source.

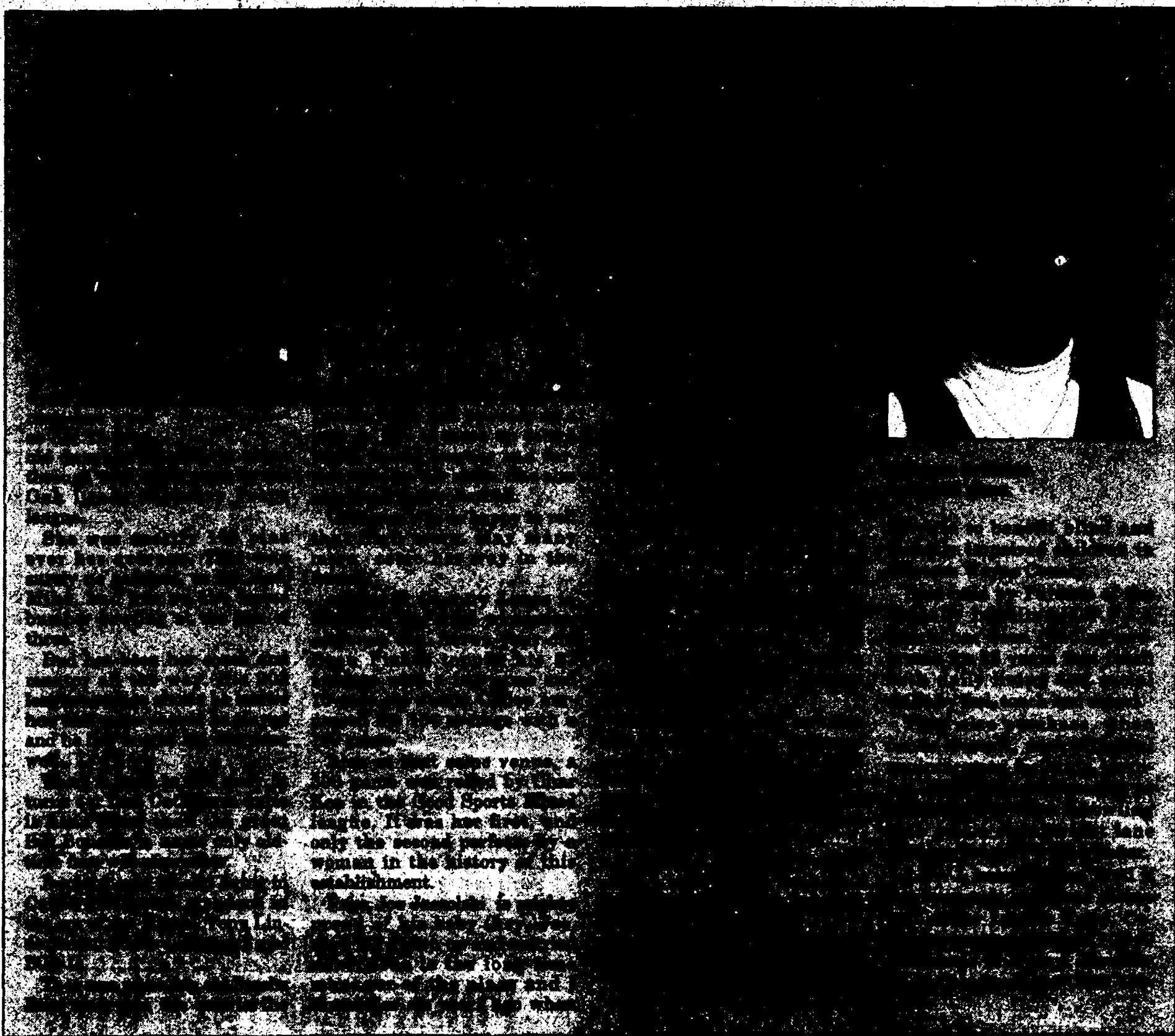
A long pointed bill is great for sipping nectar, but it would not help the cardinal crack a seed. Stout, short mandibles of the cardinal, and other seed eaters, transfer a lot of power to the bill.

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Bills to you and I are necessary evils, but to a bird they are a necessity. A dysfunctional bill spells death for a bird.

Terns, cormorants and eagles have been found in the state with crossed mandibles. These birds did not want to start eating conifer cones, they had birth defects that prevented them from eating.

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PRO TIP OF WEEK

Ryan Wilson is the proprietor of Pro-Am.

A resident of Garden City, Ryan bowls in the All-Stars and Michigan Majors. He has collected seven-teen 300 games along the way.

Pro-Am is one of the most reputable shops in the area and he offers this advice to any bowlers who are looking to buy a new ball.

"It is the responsibility of the bowler to tell the pro shop exactly what the vital information is and to explain it to us — where you bowl, what kind of a



Ryan Wilson All-Star bowler

shot you prefer (second arrow straight down, little or lot of hook, etc.) and whether you throw sort of fast, medium or slower speed.

"From that information we know how to fill in the blanks. Bowling balls nowadays are the same as golf clubs. Irons are designed for a certain distance and the material of a ball is designed for a certain reaction on the lanes.

"All too often a customer will come in and say, 'I bowl on the second arrow and that's where I want to stay.'"

"That is no information at all. You cannot judge by that. We have to know what kind of ball you are currently using, where you're bowling.

"You have to be able to explain ball reaction — and a lot

of people don't know what is happening to their ball on the lanes.

"This is a common one: 'The ball is not hooking. I need something that will hook more.'"

"They buy one of the bigger hooking balls and the problem is worse. The real problem is that the ball is rolling out. It is hooking too early. They went the wrong way with more hook when they should have gone with a pearlized ball to get down the lane better and get stronger back-end reaction.

"We have to ask the questions and depend on the customers to give the right information as to what their ball is doing. It is very easy for us to fit a person with the right ball with a very simple formula; I have ball A, it is doing B and I need it to

do C. "Just be able to explain this and we can get you fitted right. Sometimes people will ask for a particular ball that was hyped up a lot in ads and claims to add 30 pins to your game.

"This is more up to the individual bowler. Any ball is designed to function best on a certain condition. Therefore, it is all the more important to supply information to the pro shop guy.

"The two main considerations are ability and budget. Nowadays every company is making a popular priced ball, so we have to know what price line they want to hold. We can still get them set up right without spending the house payment on it."

Ryan Wilson will answer your questions on the phone. Call (734) 427-0570.