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THE WEEK AHEAD

Goin' to the chapel: Local people explain why they're happily married on Page A3 and in the bridal section inside this issue of the Observer. The bridal section also includes stories on women who have been bridesmaids five times or more, on making your own bouquet and on two sisters and their two cousins who got married within two years of each other.

MONDAY

Presidents' Day: City offices and 18th District Court will be closed Monday. The Bailey Center, ice arena and library will be open. Trash pickup will be on schedule.

Coffee hour: U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled a coffee hour in Westland 8:30-10 a.m. Monday at Bakers Square Restaurant, 36101 Warren Road. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns. For more information, call Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

GOP party: The Western Wayne County Republican Club (formerly the Westland Republican Club) will hold a Presidents' Day party at 7 p.m. Monday at Amantea's, Warren near Venoy.

TUESDAY

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

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Demand for ice time heats up



The overwhelming demand for ice time at Westland Sports Arena has created long waiting lists for some sports and has kept other programs off the ice. Some officials see a need for a second ice surface.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A staggering demand to rent time on Westland's only indoor ice surface has left hundreds of hockey and figure-skating enthusiasts on the sidelines, officials say.

Some ice programs have long waiting lists while others remain shelved -

casualties of a booked-up facility, Westland Sports Arena officials say.

"It's a huge problem," facility manager Matthew Gorman said.

New groups seeking to rent the surface have to be night owls. The only time slots available are midnight to 6 a.m.

Arena officials say the ice surface is among the area's best. An outside firm that recently studied Westland recre-

ation programs found the 25-year-old arena to be in mostly good condition, despite some water seepage from outside.

Still, city officials face some critical decisions to address increasing demands for ice rental time.

Adding a second ice surface to Westland Sports Arena, at Wildwood and Hunter, could cost \$2 million to \$6 million depending on the scope of the project, Mark Ward, superintendent of operations, said.

However, overhead costs wouldn't escalate as dramatically as if the city sought to build a second ice surface elsewhere - potentially in a new recre-

ation center that some city officials envision.

Ice arena officials also say that two surfaces should be in one spot to accommodate tournaments and special events, and they concede that a new dual-rink facility would likely be cost-prohibitive.

Some questions

But some city officials also question adding a second ice surface to the existing arena at Jaycee Park.

"I would be concerned about taking away additional space from the park, especially the wooded area and the ball

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81 ticketed in sex club go to court

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Scores of people ticketed at an illegal Westland sex club saw each other again Friday - this time in court.

Married couples, dating pairs and singles, alike, appeared in Westland 18th District Court to answer to misdemeanor charges stemming from a Dec. 20 raid.

In most cases, they learned that the price of their alleged crimes amounted to probation and fines.

In all, 81 cases surfaced in court Friday, nearly two months after Westland police rounded up club-goers during a 12:30 a.m. raid.

Police said some people patronizing "Peaches 'n' Cream," 230 S. Venoy, were engaging in dance floor sex acts while others watched.

Authorities said defendants paid money to go to the club, where liquor also was allegedly sold without a license.

Four people didn't show up Friday for their arraignments and pretrials, prompting warrants for their arrest, court administrator David Wiacek said.

More serious felony charges still are pending against club operators as Wayne County prosecutors continue to sift through lengthy documents about the sex club, advertised on the Internet.

The defendants - some of whom were caught partially unclothed during the raid - appeared in full clothing Friday to answer to charges such as loitering in a place of lewd behavior and engaging in indecent or obscene conduct.

Of the 81 cases in court Friday:

- Thirty-six people pleaded no contest to charges, meaning they didn't have to publicly admit wrongdoing even though their pleas are treated as such.
- Fourteen pleaded guilty.
- Six entered not-guilty pleas and asked for jury trials.
- Six pleaded not-guilty and asked for a judge to decide their fate.
- Nineteen people pleaded not-

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Let me call you sweetheart



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Queen for a year: Director of the Friendship Center Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek (left) asked Helen Kennedy, last year's queen, what was the most exciting part of being the queen this past year. She answered participating in the parade.



Quite a couple: Above, Married 58 years, Victoria and Joseph Fink were honored to become this year's king and queen of hearts at the senior Friendship Center in Westland. The Finks have two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Some 325 people attended the Valentine party at the center, with entertainment by the center's choir and Phil Gram trio. At left, Margaret Luchewski (center) and other members of the Friendship Center choir entertain a large crowd at the Valentine's party at the center.

Judge rules man should be tried in boy's death



Rayshawn Otis Cobb

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A Westland judge ruled Thursday that Rayshawn Otis Cobb should stand trial for the murder of his girlfriend's 3-year-old boy.

District Judge C. Charles Bokos decided that Cobb - a 6-foot-1, 275-pound man - acted with malice when he hit toddler Darius Deshawn Conaway with his fist.

A defense attorney argued that Cobb didn't mean to hurt the boy when he hit him for urinating on a living room

floor on Dec. 2 at Hines Park Apartments, near Warren and Cowan. The child died five days later.

But Bokos pointed to testimony from a medical examiner who said the force of the blow knocked Darius across a room and slammed him into an object - ripping his skull and causing fatal head injuries. The boy also had bruises on his chest.

Bokos announced his ruling Thursday, three weeks after testimony concluded in Cobb's preliminary hearing. The judge had delayed his decision to review legal briefs submitted by attorneys.

Cobb showed no emotion as Bokos ordered him to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for felony murder, which involves first-degree child abuse. In the meantime, he will remain jailed due to the judge's decision to deny bond.

Cobb could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted.

In court Thursday, Bokos said the boy's injuries were too severe to have occurred during a fall inside the apartment. John Scott Somerset, assistant Wayne County medical examiner, has

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Grant to speed up computer network at library

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Users of computers at area libraries should be seeing an improvement in those services thanks to a grant received by the Library Network.

The \$148,000 grant under the federal Library Services and Technology Act will be used to study and implement improvements to the Library Network telecommunications network.

"Our communications are very slow to the Library Network. This is newer technology," said Sandra Wil-

son, director of Westland's William P. Faust Public Library. "Things get bogged down at the relay in Southfield. There is more information on the lines than they can handle."

The 56 individual participating libraries won't be getting new equipment at their sites with the physical changes being made at the Library Network.

"There have been all kinds of advancements and upgrades," said Garden City Library Director Joan Elmouchi. "The Library Network had a consultant come in and make recommendations. Since the changes will cost money, they will be implemented

with a grant."

Users of the Library Network computer system should be able to look up books or get information much quicker thanks to the improved technology, said Elmouchi.

The Democratic state representative on the Library of Michigan board, Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, was pleased that the libraries were awarded the grant.

"As a former librarian, I truly enjoy announcing the awarding of these funds," he said. "It shows a

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Wayne-Westland names new financial officer

The Wayne-Westland School board unanimously appointed a new assistant superintendent for business and finance Monday.

Gary M. Martin, executive director for business and finance for the Port Huron Area School District, will fill the position vacated last year by Patricia Brand.

Martin, who starts in his new position Monday, said he is "extremely excited" to be coming to Wayne-Westland.

The district is 20-percent larger than Port Huron in terms of students and staff, but 40-percent smaller in area, Martin said.

His first steps on the job will be to learn about district financing and understanding the district's revenue sources, he said.

The school district went

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through an extensive interview process to find Martin, said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent.

Martin earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Central Michigan University.

He has an extensive background in business and industry, Baracy said.

He has also served as chief financial officer for Port Huron schools since 1992, Baracy said.

Brand, who left the district at the end of November 1998, had been with the district since 1994. She took a job as Washtenaw Community College's vice president for administration and finance.

In the rhythm



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Wednesday, March 3, 7-8:30 p.m.
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Learn the signs of depression, the benefits of treatment, and resources for coping. Presented by Terese Rzeppa, MSW, CSW. Free. Location: Mission Health Building in Livonia, at Seven Mile Rd. and Newburgh Rd.

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Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
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For information or to register for any of these programs, please call Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine: (800) 231-2211

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Moving to the music: At top, Guy Louis brings the Chautauqua Express to Wildwood Elementary with music from Africa to celebrate Black History Month. At left, Students get in on the action playing a traditional African drum. Above, dancing is also encouraged at a Guy Louis show.

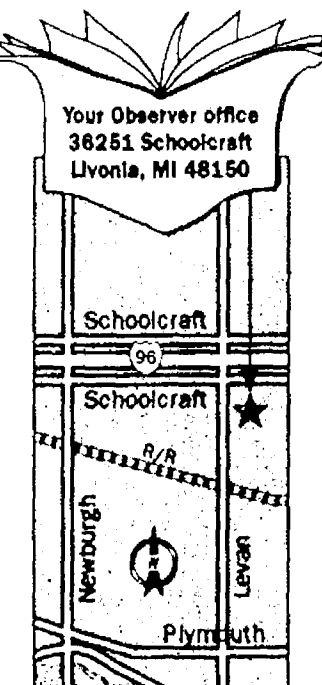
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commitment on the part of these libraries to provide the most up-to-date services and emerging technologies for their communities."

Before his 1988 retirement, Kelly worked as a librarian at John Glenn, Cherry Hill and Wayne Memorial high schools. The Wayne Library received an individual grant of \$16,322 to purchase items such as magnifying and hearing equipment to assist people who have difficulty using the library.

The libraries offer Internet access through the computersystem along with bibliography access to the local and member libraries.

At the Westland Library, Wilson said changes are being made

to do local computerized library searches without having to go into the Library Network system.

Part of the problem is caused by the type of information being transmitted via computer.

Wilson noted that bibliography information is relatively brief and quick to transmit while whole articles that take much longer to process.

"We hope it will speed things up. We're getting a new Internet provider - that bogs us down," she said. "In the next few weeks we'll see big changes. We hope taking the Internet off (the Library Network system) will speed it up."

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compared Darius' condition to a toddler falling from a two- or three-story building.

Bokos also pointed to a statement Cobb made in which he confessed to police Sgt. Tim Kennedy that he gave Darius "a good whack" with a closed fist after the child urinated on the living room floor.

Cobb shared the apartment with Darius and the boy's mother, Latonya Conaway. The defendant was baby-sitting the child while the mother was at work.

Conaway said Cobb had never before hurt her son. She testified Jan. 21 that the two played

together and that Cobb helped Darius learn to say his ABCs and to count.

Conaway said her son even referred to Cobb as "daddy" during the 10 months that the three lived together.

She said her son wasn't injured when she left the apartment at noon Dec. 2.

But she said Darius was bruised and unconscious when she next saw him, several hours later.

Cobb's next court appearance will be Feb. 25, when he will appear in Wayne County Circuit Court for a formal arraignment.

Town hall March 11

Mayor Robert Thomas has announced that his first Westland Town Hall meeting of 1999 will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Presbyterian Village, 32001 Cherry Hill between Merriman and Venoy roads.

Thomas and his directors attend town hall meetings to hear citizens' comments and concerns.

Thomas has said the program is intended to make city government more accessible to the people it serves.

Residents offer testimonials to happy marriage



Tim and Helen Banyai: Westland residents Tim and Helen Banyai were married June 17, 1967, when Tim was in the Army. After his discharge, Tim went to work for General Motors, where he still is. The Banyais have a son Tim Jr. (married to Peggy) and a daughter Tammy (married to Rusty Vore). Tammy gave the Banyais their first grandchild, Dawson Edward Vore, on Jan. 22. Tim and Helen are planning a trip to Hawaii this year to celebrate their 50th birthdays.



Future in-laws are still crazy (in love) after all these years

Editor's note: The following was submitted by Westland resident Jodi Morris.

As the story goes, Frank dropped Janet off in front of the old Hudson's building in Detroit and said, "OK, honey, run inside and get a dress. I'll drive around the block so that I don't have to park." This wasn't just any dress she was buying. This was to be her wedding dress. You see, on Jan. 13, 1967, Frank Johnson and Janet Woodruff were married. They had less than a week to plan their wedding because Frank was on leave from the military before he was to be shipped to Germany. And if they weren't married before he left, Janet couldn't go. They knew, even then, that they could not live without one another.

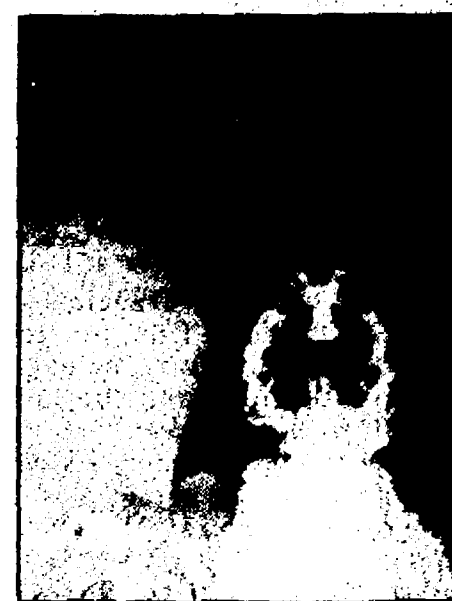
I know this story because I am about to become a Johnson. I am about to marry their middle son, Robert, and I can only pray that we have the kind of marriage they have had. The kind of marriage where 32 years later they still steal a peck on the cheek when they think no one is looking. The kind of marriage where he tells her she's beautiful, and really means it. The kind of marriage where going out of their way for the other person is not a favor, but a way of life. The kind of marriage where a person can feel the love and laughter that radiates from the two of them just by being around them.

Most importantly, I pray that when we have children, they feel about us the way we feel about them. We can't help but have the utmost respect for them because they give us the utmost respect. We would all do anything for them, but that's because they do the same for us. Everyone knows that life sends unexpected twists and turns, and Frank and Janet were not immune by any means,

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but they have proven that it's not what happens to you in life, so much as how you handle it, and Frank and Janet have proven that they can handle anything together.

The years have added a couple



Cut the cake: Frank and Janet Johnson were married Jan. 13, 1967.

of wrinkles an maybe some gray hairs, but there is no doubt that the years have made a love that was strong in the beginning into something to which words could not do justice, but something that can only be felt by being with the two of them. From Jodi and Bob, we love you Mom and Dad, and wish you many, many more years!



Vernon and Yvonne Falkner: Westland residents Vernon and Yvonne Falkner were married Jan. 4, 1947, at St. Mattheis Episcopal Church in Detroit. "We have known each other since I was 12 and my husband was 15," Yvonne wrote. "We were next door neighbors. We had two sons. Our oldest son Wallace died in 1981. He had a darling little girl Suzanne. Our youngest son is married and has two sons, Nate and Adam. They live in Ann Arbor."



Aspiring: Jodi Morris wants her marriage to Bob Johnson to be as happy as that of Bob's parents, Frank and Janet Johnson, shown here after 32 years of marriage.

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Barbara Wrenn, a resident of Westland, has been named to the dean's list for achieving a grade-point average of 3.5 for a recently completed semester at the Ethel M. Haab School of Business and Management of Concordia College in Ann Arbor.

Wrenn is enrolled in the accelerated degree program at Concordia.

The following Westland residents are among the more than 700 recent graduates of Madonna University in Livonia: Timothy Newman, learning disabilities; Rebecca Wise, sales specialist; Audrey Allen, nursing; Caroline Brodd, nursing; Kevin Ewald, social science; Carly Gagnis, nursing with honors; Jami Greer, nursing; Peggy Gutzman, marketing; Jessica Horkey, gerontology with honors; Bonnie Johnson, long-term care administration; Kathi Kobylarz, English with high honors; Brandi Livy, biology with high honors; Dawn Mayberry, nursing; Susan Perron, criminal justice; Michelle Saldana, nursing with high honors.

The following Westland residents were named to the dean's list in recognition of superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University in Livonia: Audrey K. Allen, senior, nursing; Christy L. Amthor, junior, long-term care administration; Aasha M. Bell, junior, nursing; Christine E. Benson, post degree, provisional program; Jennifer M.

Blackmore, senior, management; Jessica L. Boguslaw, junior, nursing; Michelle D. Bramble, junior, nursing; Hilary R. Brennan, sophomore, nursing; Caroline E. Brodd, senior, nursing; Tiffany M. Clemons, junior, biology; Jamie D. Cook, senior, criminal justice; Aaron Cortez, senior, undeclared; Phyllis K. Coughanour, freshman, legal assistant; Michael A. Cruz, senior, history; Joann P. Deogracias, senior, nursing; Carole L. Dillingham, sophomore, chemistry; Toni L. Earehart-Farmer, post degree, sign language studies; Cheryl A. Faucher, junior, general studies; Brian J. Fennelly, junior, management; Michael J. Fisher, freshman, accounting; Tammie J. Fitch, senior, gerontology; Albert M. Fuciarelli, senior, business administration; Amanda M. Fuciarelli, sophomore, athletic training; Carly K. Gagnis, senior, nursing; Anthony W. Gaedcke, senior, criminal justice; Mary L. Gaedcke, senior, psychology; Elena K. Garcia, post degree, provisional program; Alicia A. Gilboe, freshman, business administration; Jami L. Greer, senior, nursing; Christina F. Grim, junior, psychology; Kong-Chee Hang, post degree, journalism/public relations; Debra F. Hayden, junior, psychology; Crystal L. Hender-shot, sophomore, nursing; Andrea M. Hess, junior, nursing; Jessica L. Horkey, senior, gerontology; Chunman Hu, junior, management; Susan M. Hudson, senior, accounting; Jennifer J. Jodway, senior, merchandising management; Bridgett Johnson, junior, sociology; Angela Jones, senior, nursing; Matthew J. Kelly, junior, computer science; Virgil M. Ketz, senior, criminal justice; Muna K. Khoury, senior, journalism/public relations; Dawn K. Knowles, sophomore, journalism/public relations; Jerry J. Kuopus, senior, criminal justice; Colleen M. Kurth, senior, criminal justice; Maria G. Larkin, senior, English/speech; Bryce A. Loughlin, sophomore, history; Erin C. Mac Taggart, senior,

sign language studies; Teresa A. McClung, sophomore, nursing; Daniel T. McGurn, junior, computer information systems; Linda A. McIntyre, junior, psychology; Susan K. Miller, post degree, sign language studies; Angela J. Morgan, senior, nursing; Robert S. Muery Jr., freshman, criminal justice; Leslie L. Munding, junior, English; Jay T. Nelius, post degree, provisional program; Lan T. Nguyen, freshman, computer science; Karen E. O'Loughlin, junior, undeclared; Theresa M. O'Rourke, senior, marketing; Cynthia A. Paliza, senior, nursing; Aimee R. Parenti, sophomore, history; Susan A. Perron, senior, criminal justice; Ruth Ann Petres, senior, allied health administration; Gwenda R. Pfeil, junior, social science; Martha V. Potter, junior, nursing; Daniel M. Priest, post degree, long-term care administration; Kelly A. Provost, junior, nursing; Teresa R. Quattlander, sophomore, merchandising management; Martin F. Radtke, junior, general studies; Laura M. Rauls, senior, hospice education; Robynn G. Rhodes, senior, music; Courtney R. Sak, freshman, undeclared; Michelle M. Saldana, senior, nursing; Nicole E. Scharrer, senior, biology; Sherry L. Shultz, senior, child development; Robert M. Tedders, senior, mathematics; Jennifer A. Vaquera, senior, merchandising management; Yanina A. Vega, senior, Spanish; Delano C. Voletti, senior, business administration; Erin M. Walker, junior, accounting; Lisa Wojciechowski, post degree, nursing; Heidi L. Zegarowski, junior, psychology.

Kimberly M. Smith of Westland has been named to the fall 1998 dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University. To earn the honor, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes and have a grade point average between 3.40 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

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Redford sees ice revenue shrink Ice from page A1

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Growing competition among ice rinks has cut into revenue for the Redford Township Indoor Ice Arena, but "we're not losing money" overall, says Bill McSween, parks and recreation director.

"Our hockey association (rental) is doing fine, our ice skating is doing fine," he says. "We just don't have the late rentals we used to have."

In particular, Redford's rink, which has one ice surface, lost a late rental in the 11 p.m. to midnight slot on Saturday nights, which he projects to be roughly a \$16,000 loss for the fiscal year.

"It's very competitive now," he says, "something like 11 new ice surfaces" in a 10-square-mile area around Redford.

While Redford, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Garden City each have older, single-surface rinks, other communities have been adding ice surfaces, either municipally or privately.

For example, McSween says,

Farmington Hills has "four rinks they didn't have two years ago," noting two are municipal (the new rinks on Eight Mile Road), two are private (on 10 Mile Road).

To the south, Dearborn and Melvindale each added a new skating surface to give them a total of four. To the west, Plymouth Township has the 2-year-old Compuware Arena, which offers two ice surfaces. And a bowling alley there recently was converted into a private ice arena.

In addition, Novi opened a two-rink facility last September and Canton Township has approved a two-rink arena.

With the Detroit Skate Club's Olympic-sized rink, which opened in the last three years, there are 11 rinks available now.

The dual-surface rinks mean, says McSween, one ice surface is available on the hour, the other on the half-hour.

Which for Redford means, says McSween, "There's a real healthy competition for late rentals."

"Everyone can fill the primary hours, especially with more and more high schools" adding hockey programs. "The problem is filling the late ice times."

Last year, he says, Redford had every Saturday night booked from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. "Now it's every other week." But "We can go as late as anyone wants to rent the ice," McSween notes.

"I can remember after many of the rinks were closed," Redford was open. Friday and Saturday night hours ran from 3 in the afternoon to 4 and then 6 a.m.

"Back in the early '80s, we were almost going around the clock," he recalls.

Another popular time is 5:30-7 a.m. Sundays, he says.

Redford's prime-time is 5-11 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The group rental rate is \$135 per hour, while other hours rent at \$125 per hour - same as the hockey association rate, he says.

"You've got to understand, most of our ice is rented by the hockey association."

Some rinks like Compuware, he says, are charging up to \$200.

Open skating at Redford Arena is available during weekdays and from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Fridays and 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Rates are \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for children. During the daytime each week, the rates are \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for juniors. Skate rentals are \$2.

"We could do so much more with another sheet of ice," Jenny Walker, figure-skating director, said.

Consider:

- The Westland Hockey Association has a little more than 400 members and a waiting list that tops 100, Gorman said.
- The Westland Figure-Skating Club has about 300 members but can't expand due to a lack of rental time and space.
- Some employed parents want a daytime skating program for parents and tots to be offered in evening hours. Again, the arena is booked.
- Women's hockey leagues are growing in popularity, but the sports arena can't accommodate any program growth here.
- John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools would have no community rink to play in if they wanted a varsity program in Westland.

Arena officials have made room for some special events, but only by trimming open skating hours for local residents.

On March 7 and 14, Westland will host a two-tiered Michigan Amateur Hockey Association event, including semifinals and finals on both days. Gorman said thousands of potential spectators could visit Westland Sports Arena to watch some 20 teams play each weekend.

And, for two weeks ending March 18, the arena will welcome younger players, ages 7 to 18, during league playoff competitions sponsored by Little Caesars.

"This is a big deal," Ward said of the hockey events.

Tough debate

City officials will have no easy way out as they debate ways to address Westland's demand for ice space. Pickering said officials also should consider what facilities other communities and private groups plan to build in the area.

"The demand (for ice space) may eventually peak out," he said. "My gut feeling is that new ice may take away from our need to have another ice surface."

Others aren't so sure. Gillies indicated that local residents who play hockey and figure-skate would likely prefer to play on their home turf.

"We believe that the demand will be there," he said.

As city officials enter into spring budget talks, Gillies hopes that issues pressing to ice enthusiasts will be discussed.

At the very least, Gillies hopes the city will buy a \$75,000 Zamboni, an ice-maintenance machine.

No one seems to know when larger questions will be answered:

- Should Westland build a second ice surface?
- Is the community's level of interest sufficient to support it?
- Could the city find grants to help pay for it?
- Where would it be built?

Said Gillies: "These are the things that we'd like to talk about."

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 1999**

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 Cummings, Department of Public Service Director Barnes, and Community Center Supervisor McKarge.

Mayor Barker with the concurrence of Council moved Item B-2, Recreation Master Plan, to the A agenda.

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

- ◆ Lyle Dickson, of Garden City, discussed litigation between Elissa Breen vs. City of Garden City, and qualifications of boards and commission members.
- ◆ Ed Kane, of Garden City, discussed his qualifications as a commission member.
- ◆ Item 02-99-037 Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: Discussion by Council and audience addressed the proposed soccer fields, four (4) season use, impact on Marquette Park neighborhood, benefit to children, and balance of resources for all sports. **RESOLVED: WHEREAS**, the City of Garden City Council established the Garden City Recreation Commission by resolution on May 25, 1962 as an advisory commission; and **WHEREAS**, the City of Garden City has prepared the City of Garden City Recreation Master Plan to comply with the recreation plan requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and **WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission has made inquiries, investigations and surveys of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation facilities and services; and **WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held before both the Recreation Commission and Planning Commission on January 19, 1999 to enable citizens to express opinions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and **WHEREAS**, said Parks and Recreation Commission adopted the Garden City Recreation Master Plan by resolution on January 26, 1999 and the Garden City Planning Commission adopted a resolution of concurrence on January 26, 1999. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Garden City Council hereby accepts the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission to adopt the City of Garden City Recreation Master Plan 1999-2003. **AYES: Unanimous.**
- ◆ Item 02-99-038 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes from the meeting of January 25, 1999. **AYES: Unanimous.**

Mayor Barker announced it was time to receive communications from any board or commission. ◆ Ed Kane, Chairperson, and Harriette Batchik, Commissioner, of the Planning Commission, addressed the need for a full-time city planner on staff. The Mayor indicated there is currently a moratorium on hiring and firing.

- ◆ Item 02-99-039 Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: **RESOLVED:** To reappoint Lisa Morrow to the Recreation Commission, term to expire March 31, 2002. **AYES: Unanimous.**

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items: 1. Engineer's Report. 2. Recreation Master Plan (moved to A agenda.) 3. Storage Vortex Regulator - Weir Systems. 4. Community Development Block Grant Program. 5. Housing Rehabilitation Cases. a. Case #9802. b. Case #9803. 6. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Purchase. 7. Promotion of Charity Hockey Game. 8. Ordinance - Local Primary Election. Council elected to take no action on this item, therefore, local odd year primaries will be held in August.

- ◆ Item 02-99-040 Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: Council addressed the issue of weir location, reduced cost, and order of weir repair. **RESOLVED:** To authorize the City Administration to retain the services of Great Lakes Diving Company to remove the weir access plates on the three (3) Middlebelt Road weir locations in conformance with the request for quotes anticipated costs not to exceed \$2,000.00. **AYES: Unanimous.**
- ◆ Item 02-99-041 Moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: Council discussed various aspects of the procedure for these cases. **RESOLVED:** To award Housing Rehab Case #9802 to Re-Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$11,421.00, as recommended by the City Manager, to be charged to Account #248-248-337.150. **AYES: Unanimous.**
- ◆ Item 02-99-042 Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: **RESOLVED:** To award Housing Rehab Case #98043 to Rolfe Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$4,235.00, as recommended by the City Manager, to be charged to Account #248-248-337.150. **AYES: Unanimous.**

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Published: February 14, 1999

RAY V. ALVORD
Funeral services for Ray Alvord, 76, of Westland were Feb. 10 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mr. Alvord, who died Feb. 7 in Westland, was born April 24, 1922, in Macon, Mo. He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; sons, Danny (Lisa), Tim (Grace), Donald (Deanna) Dowell, David (Carolyn) Dowell, Michael (Sandra) Dowell and Mitchell (Karen) Dowell; daughters, Vickie (Robert) Johnson, Terri (Tony) Smith, Rhonda Check and Carol (Dennis) Smith; mother, Blanche; brother, Donald (Virginia); 32 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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.

IMOGENE JACOBSON
Funeral services for Imogene Jacobson, 69, of Romulus were Jan. 20 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mrs. Jacobson, who died Jan. 17 in Romulus, was born Nov. 24, 1929, in Isabella, Tenn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Kevin and Keith of Westland; daughter, Melissa Shinabarger; brother, Hoyt Gladson; sisters, Ila Blackwell and June Benaway; and two grandchildren.

JULIA A. DEATON
A memorial service for former Westland resident Julia Deaton, 59, of Trenton was Feb. 13 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Robert A. Clapp.

Miss Deaton, who died Feb. 9 in Trenton, was born Nov. 12, 1939, in Lexington, N.C. She lived in Westland for 20 years. She was a nurse for 23 years employed at the former Wayne County General Hospital.

Surviving are her sisters, Joyce LaPlante, Helen Lewis and Patricia Trudell; and 12 nieces and nephews.

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN V. GORDON
Funeral services for Kathleen Gordon, 88, of Westland were Feb. 10 in Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Arthur C. Whitbread.

Mrs. Gordon, who died Feb. 8 in Westland, was born May 29, 1910, in Detroit. She lived in Westland 49 years and previously resided in Farmington. She worked in the receiving department for a department store. She attended school in Detroit.

Surviving are her son, Harold (Edith) Hiersback of Fenton; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gordon was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence. Memorial contributions may be made to Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, 18140 Cornell, Southfield, MI.

DON S. BRADY
Funeral services for Don Brady, 55, of Westland were Feb. 13 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Brady, who died Feb. 9 in Garden City, was born Oct. 20, 1943, in Kentucky. He was an auto technician.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; son, Scott (Lori); daughters, Brenda (Kevin) Spence and Dionnia (Kevin) Teutsch; parents, George and Nevada Brady; brother, George (Mary); five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE #99-003
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, February 8, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #99-003
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%) percent of the gross 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.

JAMES L. BARKER
Mayor
ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted: February 8, 1999
Reference: 02-99-052
Publish: February 14, 1999

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
1999 BOARD OF REVIEW DATES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 2, 1999	9:00 a.m.
Monday	March 8, 1999	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9, 1999	1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 10, 1999	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 11, 1999	1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday	March 12, 1999	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 1999 Assessment Roll:

Monday	March 8, 1999	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9, 1999	1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 10, 1999	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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Friday	March 12, 1999	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT OR WRITE-IN Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 8, 1999.

Tentative ratios and factors for the 1999 tax year are:

Commercial Ratio	48.52%	1.0305
Industrial Ratio	49.77%	1.0000
Residential Ratio	45.67%	1.0948
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Taxes are paid on taxable value, which is the lower of assessed value or capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index) which will increase 1.6% for 1999. As a result, residential taxed values will increase only 1.6% unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property.

The 1999 Assessment Roll will be open for public inspection from March 3, 1999 through March 5, 1999 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Published: February 14, 18 and 21, 1999

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE #99-002
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, February 8, 1999, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #99-002
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.

JAMES L. BARKER
Mayor
ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Adopted: February 8, 1999
Reference: February 14, 1999
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County pay hike

Board can't muster votes to reject raise

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County elected officials will receive 18 percent pay increases over two years after Wayne County commissioners failed to reject the increases.

A motion to reject the raises fell one vote short at a commission meeting on Feb. 4.

The motion was supported, 9-6. But that motion failed because the county charter requires a two-thirds vote or 10 commissioners to deny the raises. Wayne County elected officials receive pay increases based on the governor's salary and actions by state lawmakers on recommendations that come from the State Officers Compensation Commission.

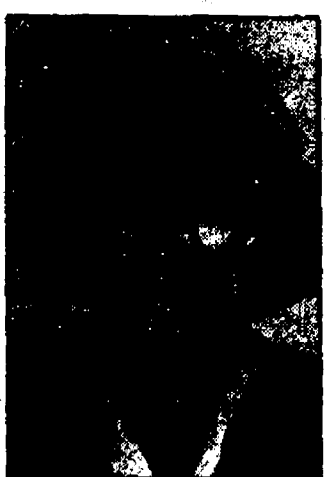
When the state Senate decided not to act on a House resolution to reject pay raises for Gov. John Engler, state senators and House members, their salaries increased Feb. 1.

Commissioners who supported the motion to reject the raises were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, and John Sullivan, R-Wayne, who also represents Canton, along with Edna Bell, D-Detroit, Edward Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, Joe Palamara, D-Wyandotte, Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, and Jewel Ware, D-Detroit.

Commissioners who opposed the motion — and supported the raises — were Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, Chris Cavanagh, D-Detroit, George Cushingberry, D-Detroit, and



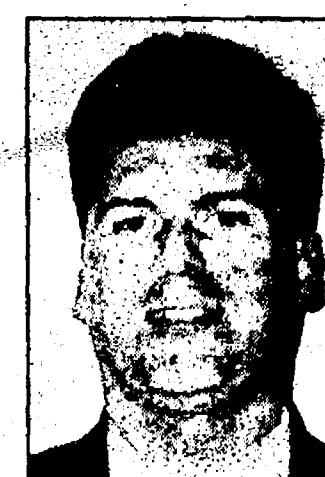
Bankes: The Livonia Republican voted to reject the pay raise.



Beard: The Westland Democrat supported the pay increase.



Husk: The Redford Republican voted to reject the raise.



Sullivan: The Democrat, whose district includes Canton, voted to reject the raise.

Ilona Varga, D-Detroit.

County commissioners received the raises after Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers received increases about two weeks ago. According to the county charter, the county executive receives 97 percent of the governor's salary. The prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds and county commissioners, in turn, receive percentages based on the county executive's pay.

Those salaries are adjusted on Jan. 1 of each year that the governor is granted a salary adjustment, unless it is rejected by a two-thirds vote of the commission, which "vote shall be taken," according to the charter.

"We were one vote short," Bankes said. Since it is effective, she wanted to return it until she found out it goes into the commission chairman's budget and not the county general fund.

Beard said she "thought it was

interesting the number of commissioners who counted noses before they voted" — meaning that they wanted to be sure there weren't 10 votes. She didn't elaborate on which commissioners.

"I voted for it because I thought everybody was entitled to a raise," Beard said. "I figured if the governor, the state senators and representatives were entitled to it, so were the county's elected officials."

"That percentage was recommended by the state."

Husk opposed the increase. "When you look at the raise, it is three or four times more than what people normally get. It looks outrageous."

"Nobody else is getting 9 percent, so why are the commissioners?"

County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of

\$123,481. County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary will receive the same percentage increases to \$132,036 in 2000, as the prosecutor's salary is 90 percent of the county executive. Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, Register of Deeds Forest Youngblood, Sheriff Robert Ficano and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz will receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

County commissioners would earn \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year, they earned a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's salary.

Solomon earns an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while Beard and Ware earn \$6,000 more annually in their respective leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an additional \$4,000 a year.

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accepted to benefit the children at the Operation Get Down Child Care Center, American Indian Health and Family Services, Harms Elementary School and First Step.

The event is sponsored by the Madonna University Student Government Association. For more information, call (734) 432-5425.

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On the other hand aging has usually made people, even some health professionals, uncomfortable. The aging process has been associated with sickness and decreased physical and mental abilities. We tend to concentrate on the downside of aging when in fact 95 percent of Americans over 65 live independently and many with preventive care are maintaining healthy active lives. Aging successfully or maturing (if you prefer) is not just good genes. A recent 10-year study showed how lifestyle choices rather than heredity influence one's health and well-being.

Older adults need to continue to maintain active physical and mental engagement in life. When planning for healthy senior years one should eat more fruits and vegetables, avoid smoking, get a yearly physical exam and have a regular moderate exercise routine.

LEGAL SENSE
By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law



SORRY SITUATIONS?

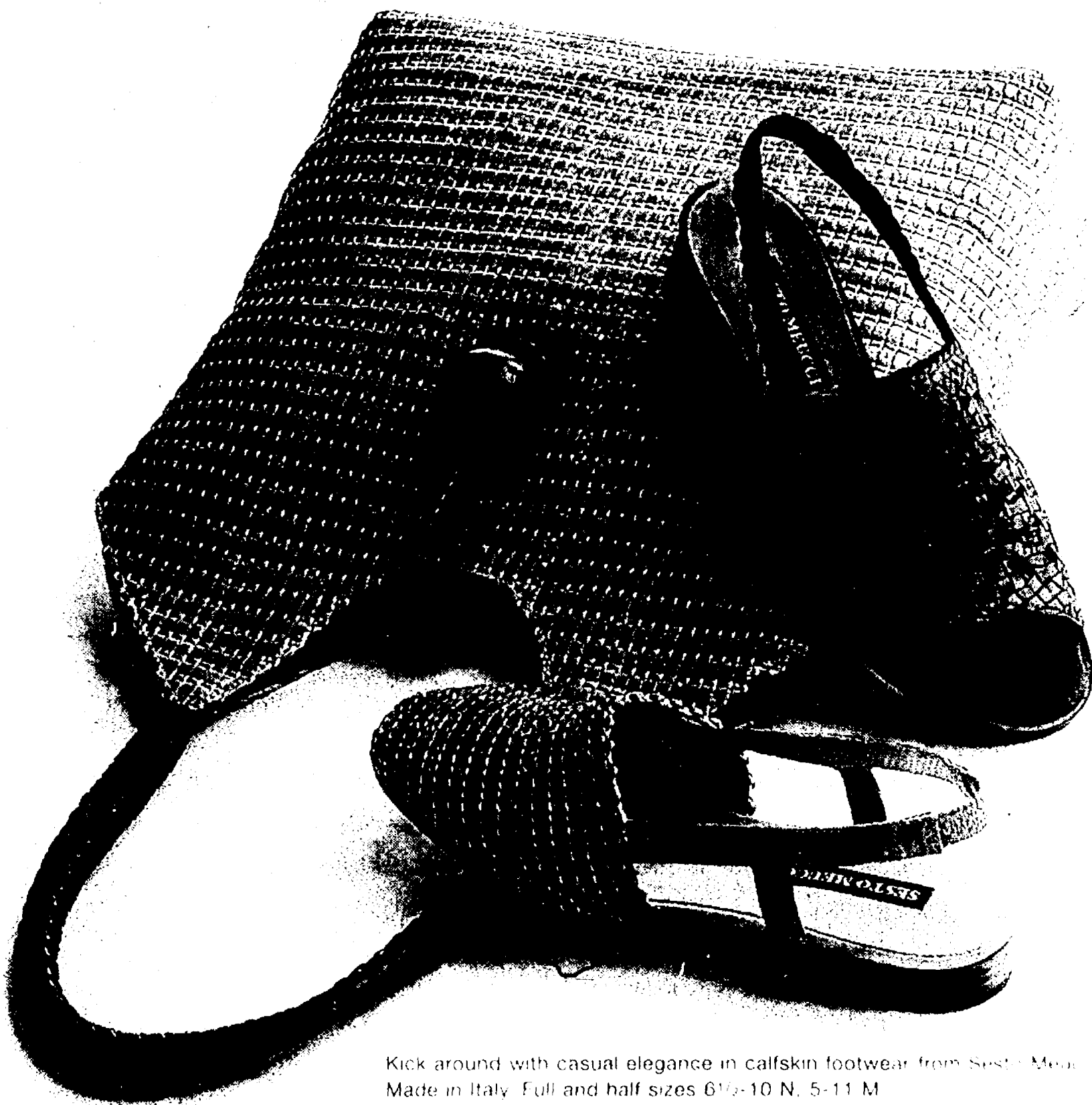
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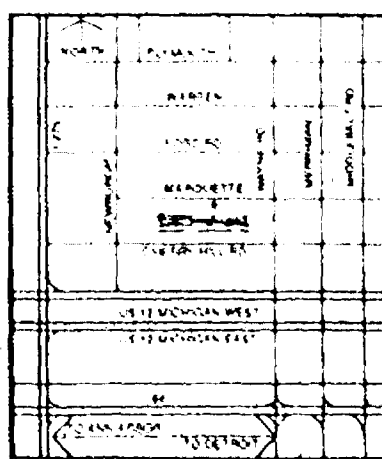
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ANN ARBOR MURON
Nov. 26 at the Holiday Inn-North Campus, Ann Arbor. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for July 17 and a reunion picnic for July 18. (248) 737-1398 or srdcarlson@aol.com

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August. (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August. (734) 729-6783

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. (248) 366-9493, press #8

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1969
Sept. 25 at the Athenum Hotel in Detroit. Cost is \$75 per person. (313) 884-5452 or ncwong_rn@juno.com

DETROIT CENTRAL
January-June classes of 1944
May 23 at the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Marcia Pollock, 29393 Laurel Woods Drive, No. 201, Southfield 48034

DETROIT COOLEY

Class of 1950
A reunion is being planned. (313) 421-3160 or (734) 625-2503

DETROIT PERSHING
Classes of 1949-53
Are planning a reunion. (734) 471-5609 or P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244

DETROIT REDFORD
Class of 1949
May 15 at Plum Hollow Country Club. (248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540

Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for May 15. (248) 476-4957 or (248) 644-7540

JANUARY CLASS OF 1969
A reunion is planned for July 17. (248) 624-8551 or (248) 644-0553

DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN
Class of 1959
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25. (313) 884-1243

Classes of 1950s-1960s
A themed reunion cruise is planned for Holland America's Westerdam, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale on March 13. (248) 646-3979 or (810) 777-4266.

DETROIT WESTERN
Class of 1949
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn. (313) 274-3214

FARMINGTON
Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington. (248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON
Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel, Farmington Hills. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GARDEN CITY WEST
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for September. (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979
Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West, Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GROSSE POINTE
January-June classes of 1949

Welcoming party Sept. 17 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, sit-down dinner Sept. 18 at the Detroit Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms and brunch Sept. 19 at the Bayview Yacht Club. (313) 885-2197

HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June. (313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546

HIGHLAND PARK
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion. (313) 864-5943, (313) 583-5418 or (313) 867-3201

January-June classes of 1950-51
Are planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

JOHN GLENN
Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland. (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214
Class of 1989
Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 360-9493, press #2

LADYWOOD
Class of 1988
March 13 at the Italian-American Club of Livonia. (313) 255-8078

LIVONIA BENTLEY
Class of 1964
July 24 at the Holiday, Laurel Park, Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net

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June 5 at the River Crest in Rochester Hills. Cost is \$50 per person. (248) 393-1151, (248) 969-8313, (248) 852-8744 or (248) 952-0444

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Aug. 7 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #6

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Nov. 26 at the Fox and Hound in Troy. (24) 366-7004, press #8

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Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. (734) 432-0774 or (734) 254-9616

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Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, Southgate. (734) 467-7694 or (734) 676-8906

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Class of 1979
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Class of 1969
Aug. 21 at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5

WAYNE
Class of 1950
Is looking for classmates for its 50th class reunion. (734) 428-9379 or (734) 721-8036

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 360-7004, press #1

Club
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guilty and had their cases set for future hearings.

Some defendants had attorneys appear on their behalf Friday, averting what could have been a possibly embarrassing situation. Some television crews showed up outside of the courtroom.

"We had very few people that did not show up," Wiacek said. "We had four warrants issued for non-appearance."

Defendants who pleaded guilty or no contest were fined \$360 and had their cases taken under advisement by the judges for six months to a year.

"If they successfully stay out of trouble," Wiacek said, "then the case will be dismissed and there will be no record."

The defendants could have faced maximum sentences of 90 days in jail and \$500 fines.

Wiacek said Bokos and McKnight were "very consistent" in their sentencing. City Attorney Angelo Plakas, assisted by several associates, arranged for the plea agreements, Wiacek said.

The judges Friday allowed most of the defendants to remain free. However, one man was turned over to police for a domestic assault warrant out of Pontiac, Wiacek said.

"The majority of the people did not have criminal records," he said.

Club-goers tended to be mostly from other cities, too.

"There were very few locals, very few," Wiacek said.

Food distribution set

Westland will be distributing surplus food at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, and Friday, Feb. 19. Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities on Thursday.

All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities on Friday.

Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis. Call the hotline at (734) 595-0366.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is taking bids on Asbestos Abatement at Roosevelt/McGrath and Walker-Winter Elementary Schools.

Pre-Bid Examination	4:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 18, 1999
Bids will be due	2:00 p.m.	Tuesday, March 2, 1999
Project Dates		June 21, 1999 - July 30, 1999

All bidders must be listed by the State of Michigan, Department of Community Health, Lead Remediation Program as an Approved Lead Abatement Contractor.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan as follows:

Amend Article IX, Section 9.6.1(b) of the Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 to delete the following:
Mini- or self-storage warehouses.

Amend Article IX, Section 9.6.2(d) of the Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 to add the following:
Mini- or self-storage warehouses.

All other provisions of Article IX of Ordinance 248 shall remain in full force and effect.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 2, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Dept. At 37095 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

ROBERT BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 22, 1999

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 22, 1999 at 7:20 p.m. regarding the possible uses of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The following are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 1999:

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or areas where 51 percent of the residents are of low and moderate income.
- To facilitate and/or support private (re)investment and development within the City of Garden City.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To conserve and improve older housing.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.
- To improve park facilities.

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- ADA compliance requirements for city owned property (Real and Personal Property)
- Public Service Activity (Funding for Senior Center Coordinator)
- Administration/Audit Expenses
- Housing Rehabilitation (City Wide)

Interested persons are invited to comment on the potential projects; listed above or suggest other projects. All projects must meet objective "A". Projects must benefit community development and/or housing needs of moderate and low income residents (*Subject to change.)

Further information is available by contacting Jon W. Bayless, City Manager, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734) 535-8830.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Plan for our next Job Fair on Wednesday, September 22, 1999!

Road money

Bill would give townships control

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, re-introduced a bill to give townships control over road maintenance money distributed by the state.

The bill has drawn fire from Wayne County road officials because they say the county stands to lose \$4.4 million under the Bennett proposal.

The bill, now in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Townships, allows townships to choose each year the primary and/or local roads that they want to have jurisdiction over, and receive money for that road. Townships would determine how that money is then spent.

County road officials criticized the legislation during an interview with the Observer editorial board.

"Senate Bill 112 would take \$4.4 million away from Wayne County," said Cameron Priebe, Wayne County's director of public services and assistant county executive.

Wayne County currently receives \$66.9 million under the current formula of the Michigan Transportation Fund. It would receive \$62.5 million under Bennett's bill, a decrease of 6.5 percent, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency. The change to Public Act 51 reduces county road money in 30 counties and redistributes that money to the remaining 53 counties.

Bennett said he introduced the legislation to give townships options and because he believes in

local control. Bennett also wants to put townships on equal standing with cities in the distribution of state transportation money.

"I am tired of townships being treated like second-class communities and its residents like second-class citizens. We are as capable of making decisions as any other community. If we happen to be townships, it doesn't make us less qualified. That must change."

Ron DeCook, deputy director of the County Road Association of Michigan, said that organization opposes the bill. The group represents 82 county road commissions and Wayne County's road division in its Department of Public Services.

"It is clear that not only is this system unworkable, but it would be a bureaucratic nightmare for businesses, motorists and truckers," DeCook said. "You would not know from year to year who is in charge of what section of road."

"In addition, maintaining the proper amount of equipment and staff levels will be futile and inefficient."

Bennett responded: "I am perplexed by the argument that to give townships the same authority of cities will create some chaotic situation."

Wayne County needs that money to deal with potholes and other maintenance items, and it "doesn't make sense" for Canton to take over the roads, Priebe said.

"They (Canton) are getting a disproportionate amount of money from what is collected there (in

Please see BILL, A8

Canton's Yack likes road option; Redford's Kelley is not so sure

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack likes the bill introduced by state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, allowing townships to choose the primary and local roads they want to have jurisdiction over, and receive money.

"We'd only opt for that, if we could do it for less money," Yack said.

Canton officials received a report last year from a consultant that found that three Oakland County communities spent between \$3.2 to \$8.1 million annually on roads, but the study wasn't able to determine actual costs of a takeover because records by the Oakland County communities didn't include levels of services it provided, such as street sweeping and snow removal.

But Yack still liked the options Bennett's bill gives a township.

"We believe we know what our needs are and it may produce some competition between a road commission and another contractor," Yack said. "Competition breeds quality and better service."

Yack said Act 51 monies are probably not adequate to do enough work countywide. "Maybe the county ought to be using some general fund money in addition to the Act 51 money," Yack said.

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley said he wasn't opposed to townships taking over their own roads or allowing them to inform road commissions about what roads they wanted jurisdiction over.

"I wouldn't have a problem with it, but I don't

know if we could do our own roads," Kelley said. Kelley estimated that Redford would be entitled to an amount between \$850,000 and \$1 million for roads.

"The county does our grading, traffic lights, snow removal and salt," Kelley said. "They do road signs and they do our drainage. We get a lot of services for that money, and I don't know if we could duplicate that."

To purchase equipment and hire 10 to 15 additional employees would involve "huge" start-up costs, Kelley said.

Pat McAvo, director of legislative affairs for the Michigan Township Association, said many township officials believe that they would not receive enough money to begin a department.

"Maybe it's enough to contract out for roads," McAvo said. "Maybe that's why you run into so much opposition from the County Road Association."

Van Buren Township Supervisor Helen Foster said she didn't view the road money as an "all or nothing issue."

With the control of money, "at least I'm there making road people accountable, asking where does this money go and how much is spent in my community. The part I would like to see, at a minimum, is for a township to have influence of the money that is spent there."

Road funding is not an easy issue, Yack said. "(Townships) would at least romance the idea. They would like to have a say-so when things are done, and when they should be done."

"Options are great."

STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

O-o-o-ops!

In the year-end rush, we lost track of Frank Kelley's last act as attorney general, an opinion on charging for 911 emergency telephone service.

A 1986 law said the costs would be borne by telephone users. The county board could levy up to 2 percent of the highest monthly rate charge for a one-party line. Anything above 2 percent would be paid by the county. For several years, the Legislature made grants to counties for 911 services.

"In 1991, however, the governor (John Engler) vetoed the appropriations for 911 ... for the 1991-92 fiscal year," Kelley wrote. So the Legislature amended the law for counties of

less than 500,000 (all but Wayne, Oakland and Macomb) to allow:

■ A 4 percent charge without a vote of the people.

■ A 16 percent charge with a vote of the people for up to five years.

Barry County Prosecutor Dale Crowley asked whether the charges could be cumulative — that is, up to a 20 percent total?

Yes, said Kelley, after researching lawmakers' amendments and speeches. "(The Legislature intended to empower counties, when imposing a surcharge for 911 services, to assess a maximum of 20 percent."


Committee OKs

The full Senate is ready to

take up two Senate bills that would permit tougher prison sentences for sexual predators who use the Internet to find young victims.

As reported out of the Judiciary Committee, SB 7 and 217 would allow a judge to sentence offenders to two years in prison for using Internet on top of the underlying crime. Repeat offenders could get an additional five years.

"Many children spend hours on the Internet doing research for the schoolwork and just having fun," said Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, sponsor of part of the package. "But that fun can quickly turn to tragedy if they are stalked by an Internet predator."



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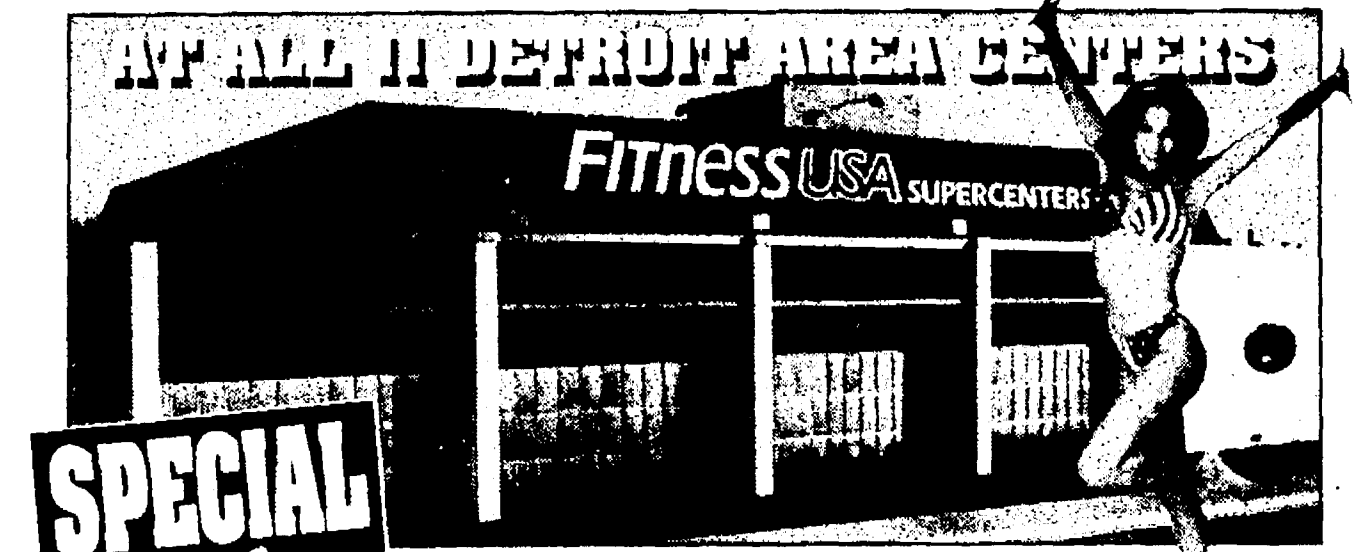


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KELLI LEWTON

Make sure you get your 'five a day'

It's February, and I have noticed a barrage of what I normally refer to as our "New Year do-gooders." After a month of holiday indulgence, preceded by a year of not meeting our resolutions, many of us took an oath this year to change our lives.

After the clock struck midnight on Dec. 31, we were going to spend more quality time with our families, read more and care more. But what is normally on the top of most resolution cards is — this is the year to be healthy, radiant, eat better and start exercising. I see evidence that people are taking their New Year's resolutions seriously as I wait for exercise equipment at my local (normally not overly crowded) YMCA. Yep, we're all going to figure it out this year and be the picture of health.

Since the start of the New Year, the buzz in the 2 Unique office is everyone's diet — high protein, low protein, liquid, shake plan, so on and so forth. I am not a medical expert, I'm a chef with some nutritional background and constantly read about food and diet. I've been watching my weight vigorously since the age of 13. I come from a long line of dieters. My mom informed me at a young age that "it's in our genes," and said I'd always have to be careful about my weight. Over the past 20 years I've come to the conclusion that you've got to eat your veggies!

Apple a day

The old "an apple a day keeps the doctor away" doesn't fall far from the tree of truth. My enthusiasm for this subject came last week after seeing my

What constitutes a fruit or vegetable serving:

- 1 piece of fruit such as an apple
- 6 ounces fruit or vegetable juice
- 1 cup raw vegetables
- 1/2 cup mashed or chopped fruit or vegetables
- 1/4 cup dried fruit

father (who is only 59) in the recovery room after his quadruple bypass surgery. It is foolish for us to think we can continually live fast, play hard and eat a poor diet year after year and not have it take a toll. I am not trying to over simplify, but a good rule of thumb to consider is — as close to vine as possible — fresh food is the ticket! If you can't pronounce many of the ingredients listed on the label, be suspicious of purchasing it. Less is quite often more.

The National Research Council, and the National Cancer Institute, urge us all to "strive for five." This means getting at least five servings per day of fruits and vegetables. Many nutrition experts encourage us to shoot for nine to ten servings per day.

Heart disease

Glady Block a nutritional epidemiologist, who holds a doctorate, at UCLA at Berkeley, says, "this is a tall order as only 10 percent of Americans get even five." Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States. It affects approximately 7 million Americans annually and causes 1.5 million heart attacks and 500,000 deaths each year. Studies tell us our taxes and health premiums are going up to finance approximately 300,000 coronary artery bypass operations each year, at the cost of around \$30,000 each or \$9 billion annually. I'm surprised that we are not seeing billboards plastered with veggie slogans or luscious fruited centerfolds in our magazines. A healthy diet can literally make the difference between life and death.

Veggies and fruits are one of the most powerful tools we have for attaining radiant health.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Recipe to Share

SOUL FOOD

GOOD FOR THE HEART AND SOUL!

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

February is Black History Month. First declared in 1976, it is a time to celebrate and learn about African-American heritage, culture and culinary traditions.

"Soul food" refers to both a method of food preparation and specific types of foods. The expression "soul food" is thought to have been derived from the cultural spirit and soul-satisfying flavors of African-American food. Gathering the family together for meals is an opportunity to nourish both the body and the soul.

My friend Cynthia told me about her family traditions. Cynthia's grandmother took pride in her ability to provide for her family and in her cooking talent. She was known for her homemade breads and cakes, freshly cooked greens and poultry, a variety to suit all tastes. Like my own grandmother, Cynthia's would "go out and get the chicken" and

butcher it at home.

While traditional African-American dishes like fried chicken, ham hocks and beans, grits, chitterlings, black-eyed peas and collard greens may nourish the soul and bring back fond memories of family gatherings, it's not the "soul" that is of concern, it's the "heart."

Occasionally, traditional food habits may conflict with nutritional needs. African-Americans in the United States are two times as likely to suffer from high blood pressure (hypertension) as whites. The disease affects African-Americans earlier and harder. Hypertension places African-Americans at risk for heart attack, stroke and kidney failure unless blood pressure is controlled.

There are some theories as to why African-Americans face such a high risk. The genetic factor shows a tendency toward being "salt-conservers." Environmental factors include a salt-rich West-

ern diet. Evidence suggests that African-Americans don't necessarily eat more salt, their bodies are just better at conserving salt. Regardless of the complexity of factors, because African-Americans face such a high risk of this deadly condition, the recommendation to follow a low salt diet as a preventative strategy is effective. This recommendation is a good one for everyone, regardless of race or nationality, to help battle against heart disease.

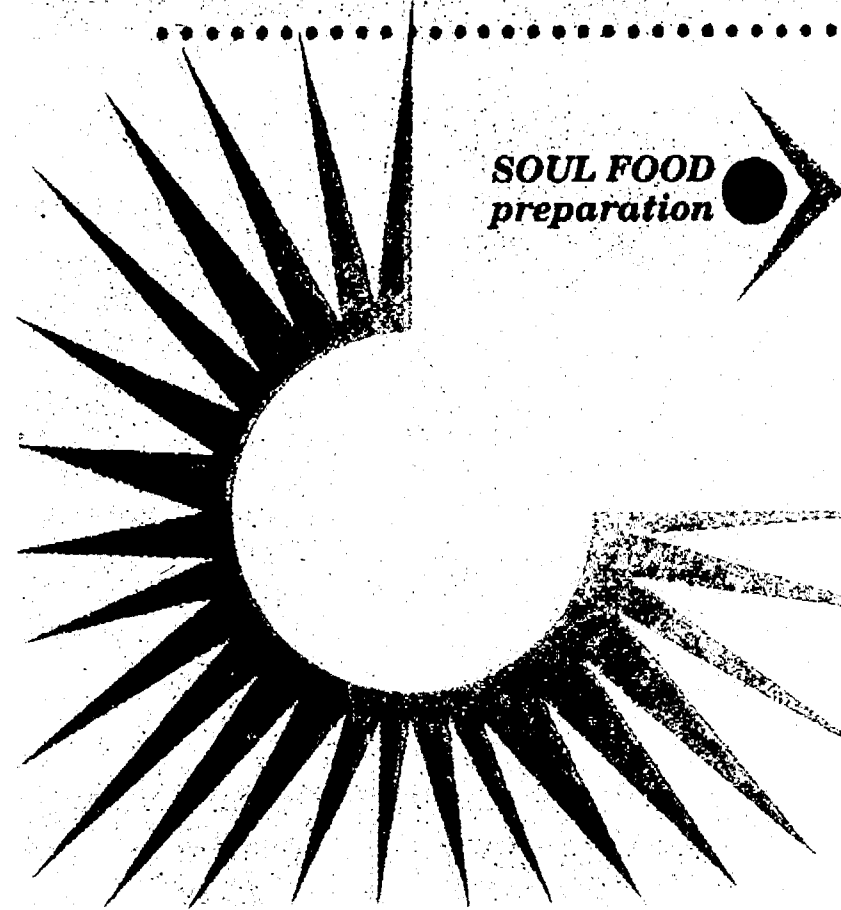
Black History Month

Besides hypertension, according to the American Heart Association, the most dramatic nutrition related disparity between African-Americans and white Americans is the high prevalence of obesity among African-Americans, especially women. It is interesting to note that African-American women have better body image perception and dramatically lower incidence of eating disorders. However, sometimes losing weight can help with blood pressure control.

Lorenzo Spratling, a culinary instructor at Breithaupt Career & Technical Center in Detroit, and a chef at the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield, recalls large family gatherings where traditional "soul" food was proudly prepared and served.

Today he reduces the fat and sodium in these traditional dishes but keeps the flavor in tact. See his recipes inside.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in food-service management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 200 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan. Look for Peggy's story on the second Sunday of the month in Taste.



Soul food preparation techniques such as frying and barbecuing meat and the use of hot sauces and black pepper can be made more healthy by:

- **Pan frying** — in less fat and using poly or monounsaturated oils such as canola, sunflower or olive oil. Use vegetable oil cooking spray and sauces to insure foods cook thoroughly without sticking.
- **Homemade** — rather than store bought barbecue and hot sauces may be lower in sodium. Start with ingredients such as low sodium tomato paste.
- **Vegetables** — such as turnip, mustard and collard greens, sweet potatoes, snap peas, chowder peas and black-eyed peas are wonderful sources of vitamins A, C and potassium. Prepare them without salt pork and fats to keep the sodium and fat low. Try using lemon juice or even smoked turkey or chicken for flavoring.
- **Hominy grits and corn bread** — can also be prepared with less salt to supply another nutritious source of B vitamins.
- **Add more low fat milk, yogurt and low fat dairy foods** — for calcium and B vitamins. Even though African Americans face a lower risk of the bone

thinning disease osteoporosis, getting enough dietary calcium is still important for overall good health.

- **Enjoy lean cuts** — of pork, poultry and fish cooked without added fats or salt.
- **To attain or maintain a reasonable body weight** — shoot for 11-15 calories per pound of body weight.
- **Keep dietary fat** — to about 30% of total daily calories or between 50-80 grams daily. Read food labels and choose lower fat foods most often.
- **Try to keep daily sodium intake** — to 2,400-3,000 milligrams. Take the salt shaker off the table and try not to salt foods during cooking. Use spice blends, either a homemade mixture or one from the grocery store.

Resources

Glory Foods from Columbus, Ohio makes a new line of seasoned frozen and canned foods. For information, call (614) 252-2042. For a catalog of books, publications and educational resources for African Americans, visit www.pomegranate.com

Lazy cook's Italian style bean soup will warm you up

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL G. WAGNER

I'm a fall-winter person as long as it's not icy outside. The cold days of winter make me yearn for cuddle foods like homemade soup simmering on the stove.

But as you know, I'm a lazy cook, and an impatient one too. I use canned vegetables, broth and beans as long as they enhance and not detract from the flavor of the finished product.

Such a recipe is my version of a hearty bean soup that takes only 10 minutes to prepare, but tastes like it's been simmering on the stove for hours. I call it Eating Younger Quick Bean Soup Italian Style.

The basis for this soup is chicken stock, but as you might suspect, it's not one that I make from scratch. I find that an acceptable canned chicken broth, personalized with simple herbs and vegetables will turn it into a respectable soup base. The taste of Swanson Fat-Free Chicken Broth used in this recipe suggests that there was a chicken involved somewhere in contrast to other watery versions that I have tasted.

I like the flavor of olive oil rather than canola oil for softening the onion. Both are low in saturated fat. The

smoked sausage choice can be yours, although it should be reduced fat. The Hillshire Farms Brand is one of the leanest and best tasting. Regular sausage has 10 times the fat and saturated fat. When you're reading the sausage label, take note that the values are for a two ounce portion. These days it's a good idea to brown the sausage slices thoroughly.

If a vegetarian dish is your goal, you can omit the sausage. The soup will have enough flavor from the herbs and vegetables. The beans contribute enough protein to make it a stick-to-the-ribs one dish meal.

Of course, the beans are ready cooked. Home prepared dried beans may be more flavorful and less expensive, but I'm willing to sacrifice some flavor and pay a little extra for the time saved and convenience. The same reasoning applies to the garlic. Besides, ready-chopped garlic is never sprouted when I'm about to use it.

The new tomato products are this busy cook's best friends unless fresh tomatoes are abundant and cheap. Canned tomatoes save much chopping and resolve seasoning questions. The one veggie that I use fresh is spinach. Wash it well (even the prewashed) and chop it coarsely after removing the stems.

Do use imported Parmesan cheese that is freshly grated. The difference in flavor between fresh Parmesan and the

boxed grated cheese makes the extra work time well spent. The nutrition and taste differences make nonfat cheese a poor trade-off in this case. One tablespoon of imported Parmesan adds little more than a gram of fat for its superior flavor.

This soup has lots of nutrients including vitamins A, B complex, C and K; soluble and insoluble fiber and antioxidants. The tomatoes are an excellent source of lycopene. The spinach is an excellent source of lutein and zeaxanthin that may protect your eyes.

For my fair weather friends, I soothe their winter woes with the soup and crusty French or Italian bread.

EATING YOUNGER QUICK BEAN SOUP ITALIAN STYLE

- 1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 (14 ounce) package Hillshire Farms Lean and Healthy Smoked Sausage, sliced
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 1 (16 ounce) package fresh spinach, washed and chopped coarsely
- 2 (14 1/2 ounce) cans Swanson's Natural Goodness 100 percent Fat Free Chicken Broth
- 1 (24 ounce) jar Great Northern Beans, drained and rinsed

- 1 (14.5 ounce) can Hunt's Diced Tomatoes with Italian Herbs
- 1 (15 ounce) can Hunt's Tomato Sauce — Chunky Garlic and Herbs
- 1 1/2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated

In a large saucepan heat oil. Add garlic, onion and sausage. Cook until sausage is well browned and onion is soft. Add remaining ingredients except Parmesan cheese. Stir to blend.

Heat to serving temperature. Do not boil. Pour into bowls, distributing sausage and vegetables. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately. Serves 6

Nutrition Values (per serving)

Calories - 237
Fat - 6.0g, Saturated Fat - 2.0g
Cholesterol - 28mg, Sodium - 1,010mg
■ Food Exchanges = 2 1/2 lean meats, 1/2 bread, 2 vegetables

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

Chef shares recipes for soulful dishes

See related Soul Food story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Lorenzo Sprattling.

UN-FRIED CHICKEN

- Serves to 6
Light vegetable oil cooking spray
2 pounds of skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 cups ice cubes
3/4 cup non-fat yogurt
1 cup dried Italian bread crumbs
1 cup flour
1 Tablespoon Old Bay Seasoning
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 Tablespoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon thyme

- 1/2 teaspoon basil
1/2 teaspoon oregano
Preheat oven to 400°F

In a large bowl, combine ice cubes and chicken and refrigerate half an hour. Place yogurt into a medium bowl. Place remaining ingredients into a large bag that seals tightly. Shake well to mix. Remove three pieces of chicken from ice water.

Roll each piece in yogurt. Put the chicken into the plastic bag, reseal and shake to coat thoroughly. Transfer the breaded chicken to a baking sheet that has been sprayed with the cooking spray. Spray each piece of chicken lightly with cooking spray.

Place the baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven and bake for 1 hour, turning the pieces every 15 minutes to assure even crispiness.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 175, Protein (g): 28, Fat (g): 3, Sodium (mg): 616, Carbohydrates (g): 5, Percent of calories from fat: 16.5.

COLLARD GREENS

- Serves 4
2 pounds collard greens
1/2 pound smoked turkey breast, cubed
1/2 pound cabbage (about 1/4 of a medium-size head)
1/2 cup finely diced onion
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 quart cold water

Wash greens thoroughly, discarding stems and yellow leaves. Cut greens and cabbage into small

pieces. In a large pot add water, greens, onion, black pepper and cayenne.

Simmer for 30 minutes. Add turkey breast and simmer 30 more minutes until greens are tender. Serve with a slotted spoon.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 92, Protein (g): 10.5, Fat (g): 2, Sodium (mg): 330, Carbohydrates (g): 13, Percent of calories from fat: 19.

SWEET POTATO PIE

- Serves 10
2 cups cooked sweet potatoes peeled
3/4 cup honey
4 egg whites
1 cup skim milk
1-1/2 teaspoons grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

- 1 (9) inch reduced-fat pie shell (recipe to follow)

Preheat oven to 375°F. With an electric mixer thoroughly blend all ingredients together. Pour the filling into the pie shell and bake about 40 minutes or until firm. Remove the pie from the oven and allow it to cool.

Nutrition information per serving (minus crust): Calories: 145

Protein (g): 3.5, Fat (g): 0, Sodium (mg): 60, Carbohydrates (g): 35,

Percent of calories from fat: 1.5.

REDUCED-FAT 9-INCH PIE SHELL

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 Tablespoons reduced-fat margarine, cold, cut into small pieces

3 Tablespoons cold skim milk
Mix flour and salt together in a bowl. Add margarine and blend with a fork or pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add milk and blend until ingredients hold together. Shape into a ball and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until chilled. Place the dough on a lightly floured board and roll out to about 1/8 inch thick circle. Roll the dough at least 2 inches larger than the pie pan.

Fold dough in half and gently place it in the pie pan. Unfold the dough and fit into the pan, tucking an extra 1 inch of crust to make a stand up edge.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 9, Protein (g): 2, Fat (g): 3.5, Sodium (mg): 141, Carbohydrates (g): 13, Percent of calories from fat: 35.

Here are some delicious ways to enjoy your veggies

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front.

LENTIL AND POTATO STEW

- 1 cup lentils
4 cups hot vegetable or chicken stock
1 Bay Leaf
2 potatoes, scrubbed and cubed
1 cup carrots, diced
1 cup parsnips, diced
1 cup turnips, diced
1 tsp. turmeric
1/4 teaspoon cayenne

- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon coriander, ground

- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
2 tablespoons cumin
2 large tomatoes, chopped or 2 cups canned chopped tomatoes
1 teaspoon honey
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

In a saucepan, heat olive oil and saute vegetables until tender (about 5 minutes).

Add tomatoes and spices and cook for 2 minutes. Add stock and lentils, simmer (uncooked) for 30-35 minutes until lentils are Al dente.

Finish by stirring in honey, salt and pepper. Serve.

Yield: 10-12 (10 ounce) servings.

EASY RATATOUILLE

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large Spanish onion, diced
4 cloves garlic (minced)
1 zucchini (medium diced)
1 yellow squash (medium

- diced)
1 eggplant (peeled and medium diced)
10 plum tomatoes diced or 2 cans
1 teaspoon capers (optional)
1/4 cup fresh basil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Heat oil, saute onions and garlic until caramel in color. Add diced vegetables, capers, reduce to a simmer (low heat) cover and simmer, stirring occasionally for 35 minutes.

Remove lid and continue to cook another 15 minutes, adjust seasoning, add basil. Eat with bread or as a chunky pasta sauce
Yield: 8 (6-8 ounce) servings.

Gobble up all the vegetables you can. Consider this hearty vegetable soup part of your arsenal for staying well.

GOOD FOR YOU GARDEN SOUP

- 2 quarts Veggie or Chicken Stock
3 carrots
2 zucchini

- 1 yellow squash
2 cloves of garlic
1 red pepper
2 tomatoes
1/2 cup button mushrooms
1 onion
2 stalks of celery
1 cup green beans
Clean and medium dice all vegetables. Place in a large stock pot.

Add stock. Bring to almost a boil. Reduce Heat and Simmer for 35-45 minutes.

Yield about 10 (6-7 ounce) servings.

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Vegetarian casserole hearty winter fare

AP — This nicely seasoned Vegetarian Couscous Casserole is a hearty main-dish offering. It's served over fresh spinach, to warm the family on a cold winter day.

VEGETARIAN COUSCOUS CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 cups water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup couscous, uncooked
15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
8 3/4-ounce can corn, drained and rinsed
8-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, drained and rinsed

7-ounce jar roasted peppers in water, drained and cut into strips

1/3 cup green onions, minced

2 tablespoons pickled jalapeno pepper, minced

1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

2 teaspoons sesame oil

1 teaspoon cumin

Nonstick cooking spray

6 cups fresh spinach leaves

Bring water and salt to a boil in saucepan. Remove from heat. Add

couscous and stir well. Cover and let stand 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Add black beans, corn, chestnuts, roasted peppers, onions and jalapeno peppers. Stir gently.

Combine cheese, vinegar, oil and cumin. Stir into couscous mixture. Spoon into an 11- by 7- by 2-inch baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F for 25 minutes. To serve, spoon couscous mixture onto individual servings of spinach.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 252 cal., 39 g carbo., 5 g fat, 13 mg chol., 14 g pro., 7 g fiber, 460 mg sodium.

Recipe from: Michigan Bean Commission.

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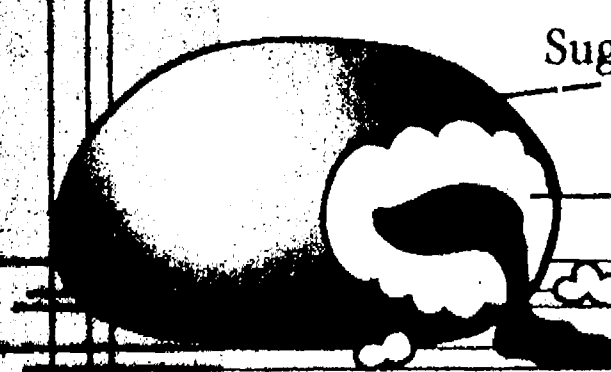
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Surprise someone with jam filled Sweetheart Cookies

Legend tells that ever since Saint Valentine drew a picture of a heart and wrote "from your Valentine" way back in 270 A.D., hearts have been a symbol of love.

Romance is at the center of these tender, heart-shaped sandwich cookies where the sweet red raspberry preserves peek out from both the edges and tiny hearts cut into the cookie tops.

SWEETHEART COOKIES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind (about 2 large lemons)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2/3 cup seedless raspberry preserves
- Powdered sugar

In a medium bowl, combine flour, oats, lemon rind, baking soda and salt; mix well. In large bowl, beat margarine and sugar with electric mixer until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; continue beating until light and fluffy. Stir in oat mixture; mix well. Cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350°F. Divide dough into quarters; work with one quarter at a time, keeping remaining dough refrigerated. Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut with floured 2 1/2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter. Use a 1-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut out a hole from the center of half the hearts. Reroll and cut scraps.



QUAKER OATS

Arrange cookies 1-inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Remove to wire rack; cool completely.

To assemble cookies, spread 1

teaspoon preserves in the center of each solid cookie. Lightly sprinkle cookies with cutouts with powdered sugar. Place sugar covered cookies, sugar-side up, on top of the cookies with preserves. Serve cookies within 1 day or freeze for longer storage.

Makes about 2 1/2 dozen.

Cook's tips:

Omit powdered sugar. Drizzle melted dark or white chocolate over cookies with cutouts.

Melt chocolate in a heavy saucepan or double boiler over low heat, stirring constantly, or, to microwave, place 1 to 4 ounces

Sweet: These cut-out butter cookies boast the nutty whole-grain texture of oats and the refreshing flavors of lemon and sweet red raspberry preserves.

chocolate in a microwave safe container; cook on medium (50% power) for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Stir.

To drizzle chocolate easily, spoon melted chocolate into 1-quart heavy-duty plastic storage bag. Seal bag. Cut a 1/4-inch or smaller opening in corner of food storage bag. Squeeze chocolate

over cookies with cutouts.

Nutrition information: 1 cookie Calories 130, calories from fat 45, total fat 5g, saturated fat 3g, cholesterol 20mg, sodium 160mg, total carbohydrates 20g, dietary fiber less than 1g, protein, 2g.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats

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Luscious poached pears are a Valentine's Day treat

BY MELANIE POLK
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It wouldn't be Valentine's Day without sweets, so it's fortunate that clever cooks have developed lots of ways to enjoy delicious treats that won't make you feel guilty about the indulgence.

Candied citrus zest adds fat-free color, texture and flavor to mousses, custards and other smooth desserts. In a medium-sized saucepan set over medium-high heat, combine 1 cup water and cup fresh, very thin match-stick-length strips of lemon, lime, orange or grapefruit zest (completely free of any white pith).

Bring to a boil and cook 3 minutes. Rinse zest under cool water in a sieve and let drain. Rinse out the saucepan, add 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 1 tablespoon light corn syrup and 2-1/2 tablespoons water, and stir until blended. Bring mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat,

Chocolate is a Valentine's Day tradition, and Poached Pears with Chocolate Sauce is a luscious way to enjoy this holiday favorite.

cover and simmer for 2 minutes.

Stir drained zests strips into the syrup, bring to a simmer again and cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 4 minutes until zest is tender and translucent. Remove zest shreds with a fork, spread on a sheet of wax paper, and cool. If you wish, save the syrup and drizzle it over fresh or poached fruit.

Meringue kisses are light and sweet and can be made in a variety of flavors — vanilla, chocolate, almond, orange or lemon. Serve them with fresh fruit or berries, or make meringue "sandwiches" filled with your favorite fruit preserves. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees and line 2 cookie sheets with foil. In a

large bowl, combine 3 large egg whites (at room temperature), 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar and 1/8 tsp. salt. Using an electric mixer on medium speed, whip until foamy. Gradually add 3/4 cup granulated sugar and whip until the whites hold medium-stiff peaks. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla extract and 1/2 teaspoon almond extract and whip until the whites are satiny and hold stiff peaks.

Drop the meringue by teaspoonfuls onto the prepared sheets and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until the tops of the kisses feel dry to the touch. Set the sheets on a rack to cool for 3 to 5 minutes, then peel away the



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Holiday treat: Poached pears with chocolate sauce is a tasty way to celebrate Valentine's Day or any special occasion.

backing paper or foil.

For orange or lemon kisses, reduce the vanilla to tsp. and omit the almond extract, add 1 teaspoon orange or lemon extract plus 2 teaspoons grated orange or lemon zest. For chocolate kisses, fold 2 tablespoons sifted unsweetened cocoa into the whipped meringue, leaving it slightly streaked.

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POACHED PEARS WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon

1 cinnamon stick

4 pears

4 tablespoons chocolate syrup

Sliced strawberries for garnish

In large saucepan, combine water, sugar, lemon rind, lemon juice, and cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved.

Peel, halve and core pears. Add pears to boiling syrup. (Pears should be covered in liquid; if not, double the amount of poaching liquid or poach in batches.)

Reduce heat to medium-low and

simmer gently for 15 to 20 minutes or until pears are almost tender (time will vary depending on ripeness and type of pear; remember, pears will continue to cook while cooling). Remove from heat and let cool in liquid.

Drain pears thoroughly and pat dry on paper towels. Arrange pear halves on individual plates. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Serve at room temperature.

Nutrition information: Each of the 8 servings contains 119 calories and less than one gram of fat.

Recipe and information provided by Melanie Polk, Director of Nutrition Education, American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Simple Beef Stroganoff ready in 20 minutes

AP This version of Beef Stroganoff is not only festive, it's simple to make and should have the cook out of the kitchen in 20 minutes.

The recipe calls for beef tenderloin tips stir-fried and combined with mushrooms, onions and broth. It is served over bow-tie pasta, accompanied by a salad of mixed greens dressed with a herbed vinaigrette.

BEEF STROGANOFF

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked farfalle (bow tie) pasta
- 1 pound beef tenderloin tips

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 to 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup ready-to-serve beef broth
- 1 tablespoon sliced green onion

1/4 cup dairy sour half-and-half

Cook pasta according to package directions. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, trim fat from beef; cut into 1-by 1/2-inch pieces. Spray large nonstick skillet with

cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef (half at a time) and stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface is no longer pink. Remove from skillet; keep warm. Season with salt and pepper.

In same skillet, cook mushrooms

and onion in oil 2 minutes or until tender; stir in flour. Gradually add broth, stirring until blended. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes. Return beef to skillet; heat through.

Serve beef mixture over pasta. Sprinkle with green onion; pass

sour half-and-half to put on top.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 344 cal., 30 g pro., 26 g carbo., 13 g fat, 344 mg sodium, 77 mg chol.

Recipe from: National Cattle-men's Beef Association.

Cool hot soup quickly

"Cold weather inspires many people to cook a large pot of homemade soup," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County.

If a large pot of soup is left to cool by itself it may take many hours before reaching a cool temperature. By that time it may have already begun to grow dangerous bacteria, which can result in food poisoning. The best advice we can give, said Treitman, is to cool that large pot of food quickly.

Here are some ideas:

Divide a large pot into several shallow containers (2 or 3-inches deep)

Use a large spoon to stir soup every few minutes to speed up cooling.

Place hot food in sink filled with ice water.

After cooking refrigerate soup after about 20 minutes cooling.

Refrigerate leftovers quickly after serving

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Child immunizations

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an Infant and Child Immunization Clinic 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. All state-required immunizations will be administered pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H. influenza type B for children under age 18.

Participants should bring all available immunization records. No registration is required. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or toll-free at (800) 494-1650. (Those attending should use the south entrance off Levan.)

Confident daughters

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's Women Health Services is offering "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters," a class designed to help parents meet the challenges of raising girls. Parents of girls ages 5-11 will learn strategies to help counter limiting cultural stereotypes.

The six-hour, four-session program is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 and March 5 at the SJM Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center. Class presenters are Carole Lapidus, M.S.W., and Sally Wisotsky, M.S.W. The fee is \$65.

For more information or to register, call Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

Cardiac open house

In recognition of American Heart Health Month and National Women's Heart Health Day, Garden City Hospital's Cardiology Services and Women's and Children's Services will jointly host an open house 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

During this "heart-warming experience," the public and hospital employees will be able to participate in cholesterol testing, lectures, massages, blood pressure screening and the American Heart Association Risk Assessment. Demonstrations of CPR, kick-boxing, yoga and the hospital's new Web page will be conducted throughout the day. Community vendors, such as the YMCA and Med-Max, also will participate.

For more information, contact Terry Carroll at (734) 458-4267.

Chocolate lowdown

It has nothing to do with love, but bittersweet chocolate is good for your heart. "We've heard about the antioxidant substances called phenols in red wine and grape juice; the cocoa in chocolate has them as well," said Dr. Elaine Feldman, a professor emerita of medicine, physiology and endocrinology at the Medical College of Georgia.

"These substances may prevent hardening of the arteries, heart attacks and possibly strokes.

The darker the chocolate the better, said Feldman, because darker chocolate has more pure cocoa. Milk chocolate has less cocoa and more fat and sugar but still yields some benefits from the cocoa bean. White chocolate, which has no cocoa, isn't heart-healthy. Stick with the bittersweet bonbons.

Source: *New Woman* 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 Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS

More than the common cold

BY JOANNE PORRETTA
SPECIAL WRITER

An incidence of respiratory syncytial virus, more commonly known as RSV, shut down baby-sitting services at the Farmington YMCA two days last month. The virus can lead to breathing difficulty in children, especially infants.

The center closed as a precautionary measure to ward off additional cases.

"A parent called on Tuesday evening (Jan. 26) and reported that the child had come down with RSV and was taken to the hospital," said Joanna Satterley, communications director for YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit.

"It was one of the more rare extreme cases. From there, the Farmington staff took immediate action. They contacted every parent that they were expecting to bring their child to baby-sitting on Wednesday and let them know that a child had been diagnosed for RSV."

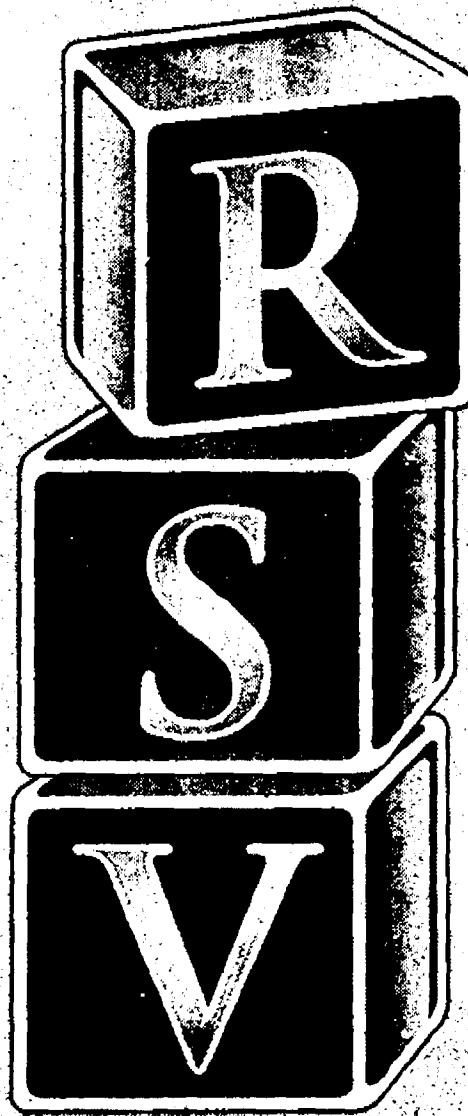
On recommendation from a physician, the Farmington center closed for two reasons, said Satterley: "One, that would give them the opportunity to completely disinfect every area; and secondly, that would give the other children an opportunity to develop symptoms, if they had RSV. That way, they wouldn't reinfect the other children."

The center reopened Friday, Jan. 29. A check of several other Farmington area child-care centers disclosed no other outbreak of RSV.

RSV is confirmed through a specific test using nose and throat secretions from the patient. The virus is spread through contact with droplets of mucus or saliva during sneezing and coughing. It can live up to six hours on surfaces such as toys, pacifiers, or table tops.

Causing colds

RSV is a virus that causes a percentage of colds; therefore, most adults and older children who contract RSV treat themselves as if they had a moderate to severe common cold. They usually do not seek medical treat-



ment other than over-the-counter medicine and home remedies.

However, in infants or high-risk children, the virus can lead to bronchiolitis, an infection that swells the air passages in the lungs.

Dr. Ian Fox of Botsford Pediatric Associates further describes the difference between RSV in a baby as compared to an adult.

"There's a particular equation that deals with the resistance of flow through a tube... If you have a big person, a little bit of congestion isn't going to be much of a problem. So when you look at a tiny tube, a baby's airway, a small compromise can cause big problems."

Fox said another problem with small babies experiencing the respiratory secretions is that babies, especially newborns, do not cough

well and have not fully developed the reaction to cough when a trickle is felt at the back of the throat.

In rare instances, RSV progresses to the point of severe symptoms that will warrant hospitalization. A high degree of respiratory distress, difficulty eating or sleeping, dehydration, rapid heartbeat and labored breathing are some of those symptoms. Pneumonia is a further complication of the virus.

"Pneumonia can be a complication of the lower respiratory tract. Less than 5 percent of cases proceed into pneumonia, or lower respiratory tract infections," said Fox.

In hospitalized cases, treatment may include intravenous hydration, suctioning of the airways, and frequent breathing treatments, which include medication to widen air passages, either with a hand-held nebulizer or by placing the child in an oxygen tent. Pulsoximetry, the amount of oxygen present in the blood, is measured. RSV infants usually have lower pulsoximetry levels. A drop below 90 percent may require immediate treatment with humidified oxygen.

Asthma risk

Dr. S. William Paris of Paris Asthma and Allergy Centers in Farmington confirmed media reports: RSV in infancy may lead to asthma later in life. However, he clarified that most children who develop asthma were at high risk for asthma already.

"We see kids developing the asthma if they are prone to developing it... It (RSV) causes an irritation effect. It makes the airways reactive by sensitizing them. I don't know if we really know totally why it happens, but we do know that sometimes a viral episode like this early in life can lead to an asthmatic situation."

"This can sensitize them, but then you know, if they have pets in the house, if they have molds, dust mites, et ceteras, those are the things that also trigger respi-

The virus can lead to breathing difficulty in children, especially infants.

ratory illness and asthma in children," said Paris.

RSV is most common in winter and early spring and usually begins to abate by April. It peaks in January and February,

accounting for the recent high profile of information brought on by the disease.

Dr. Ilene Wolff, a spokeswoman for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, said there was a large jump in RSV cases in January.

"Of the respiratory cultures that were tested for RSV, in December 30 percent were positive for RSV. That percentage jumped to 60 percent in January."

On the upswing

Although Dr. Michael Yangouyian, an emergency room physician at Garden City Hospital, has no true statistics, he believes the virus has increased since the beginning of the year.

"I don't have the definite numbers, but it seems like we're seeing more of it this year in the emergency room."

Yangouyian's advice to parents: "If there's an adult or another child in the house that has it, either avoid contact or utilize frequent hand washing. Of course, cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze, and don't share glasses or utensils, things like that."

Fox echoed this preventive course of action. "People who are more likely to get that newborn or baby sick are the brother or sister or cousin who comes in specifically to play with the child. One of the other children in day care brings it home, usually because their sibling brought it home."

"This is not going to usually occur from the stranger who is looking at a newborn in a mall. Most people who have a cold aren't going to poke their head in and look at the baby and cough on them. Most people would try to keep their distance with newborns."

Parents endure RSV nightmare

At 5 weeks old, my daughter, Natalie, had developed a slight cold. My husband took her in to the pediatrician's office; he brought back the news that she had received a breathing treatment, which turned out to be her first of many.

In my husband's hand was a piece of scrap paper containing only the initials "RSV." We were mystified. We had never heard of respiratory syncytial virus. To us, it seemed to be merely a case of the sniffles.

Over the next week, the sniffles turned into a full-blown cold. A tiny whistle could be heard occasionally when Natalie took a breath. A day later, the tiny whistle increased in volume and intensity until she began to sound like a pipe organ at times.

Another office visit followed, another breathing treatment, and we were sent home with the strict instruction of bringing her back immediately if she appeared to have difficulty breathing. We were instructed to check her fontanel (soft spot) for signs of bulging, or bring her in if her lips showed any bluish discoloration, if the wheezing became worse, or if she would not nurse.

We now understood RSV. To us, it meant that our beautiful newborn baby girl was becoming very sick. It meant that her tiny body and airway passages couldn't handle the secretions that were accumulating with each passing

day. It meant she was too tiny to cough, to clear her airways. It meant great fear.

The next morning, Natalie would not nurse at all and seemed to struggle to breathe if she wasn't propped up. I brought her into the pediatrician as quickly as possible, and after series of tests at the hospital, RSV now meant pneumonia.

Tears in eyes

Natalie was admitted immediately and found to be slightly dehydrated. She was whisked away and poked 20 times in attempts to place an IV for fluids - in the arms, legs, feet and scalp. She was finally brought back to me by a kind pediatric nurse with tears in her eyes.

"We can't get a line in," the nurse said wearily. "Nurse her every chance you get so that she doesn't become further dehydrated."

To me, Natalie's little face held a look of terror.

The following week was a blur. Natalie lying in the hospital pediatric unit, so tiny it seemed hard to find her in the huge, caged crib.

It was a week filled with breathing treatments, constant breastfeeding, visiting pediatricians and respiratory therapists. A pediatric cardiac consult was called in because the virus was exaggerating a slight heart murmur.

We became further terrified when the pneumonia was found in her other lung. We asked about antibiotics but were told they were useless, as her illness was viral. The hospital staff could only offer supportive care and the hope that the virus didn't progress.

Finally, the symptoms receded. Natalie began to sleep longer amounts of time, and her breathing became more clear. The interval between breathing treatments became longer. Natalie began to nurse with former hunger and energy. On her last day in the hospital, we heard the first loud "coo and chortle" of her life, at six weeks old. She was ready to go home.

We were discharged from the hospital with our own portable breathing treatment machine, called a nebulizer. Natalie needed a few more days of these treatments before they were discontinued. Fortunately, Natalie has not developed any complications from her experience with RSV, such as asthma or recurrent infections. She is a chubby, happy 3-year-old with a big smile and a big heart.

Memory lives on

My memories of Natalie's bout with RSV provoke gratitude that she was not one of the 2 percent of babies who cannot fight this germ away. My memories of RSV provide me with a great need to inform parents of other babies to



Joanne Porretta

be very, very careful and keep their newborn out of harm's way whenever possible.

My most haunting memory of RSV comes from the day I brought 5-week-old Natalie to her brother's school. He was proud and the children were very eager to see their classmate's new baby sister. The teachers didn't hesitate to take a peek, either.

Natalie was dressed in one of her cutest outfits, and I remember smiling with the fun of inviting children to gather around Natalie and delight in her newness. So they came in closer and closer to get a better look, close enough to see her face, her bonnet. Close enough to touch her.

And in the midst of the oohs and aahs and squeals of delight among the children, I remember that one them coughed.

Joanne Porretta lives in Farmington Hills.

Free computer eats into your privacy

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Post ... hey, buddy... want a free computer? Then head over to Free-PC.com (www.free-pc.com) and sign up. They're going to give away 10,000 Compaq Presario computer systems along with free Internet access.

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Well, for starters, you have to be demographically desirable. No kids or senior citizens. You need to make enough money

that you could afford to buy one of the sub-\$1,000 machines. And, here's the biggest catch of all in my book, you have to be willing to give away your privacy.

At last count, I've received 93 e-mails asking me what I thought about this much-publicized Free-PC.com site. Is it for real, the e-mails invariably ask? Is it a good deal.

My answer is ... yes and no.

Yes, a well-known Internet promoter named Bill Gross really does plan to give away the computer systems.

No, I don't think it's a good deal. That's because I am not willing to give up the personal information Gross and his online cronies want.

To be eligible for one of the free Presario systems, users must promise to use the computers at least 10 hours per month and to view advertisements that will be displayed constantly down the right side of the 15-inch screen, whether they are connected to the Internet or not.

Free-PC.com says it has figured out a way that lets it track just how often the computers are used, what they're used for and, in particular, what advertisements users read and what products they buy online.

The people behind the promotion say the marketing information collected from users will be kept separate from their actual identities. They explain that the data collected from 10,000 people is valuable to advertisers because it allows them to measure carefully what online pitches people best respond to.

How valuable? You may be surprised. The Compaq system being given away retails for under \$1,000. But can you imagine the price break Free-PC.com gets when buying so many, 10,000 at one time? Thus, it turns out that those free PCs aren't as valuable as the demographic information collected.

Gross as much as admits it. "Free-PC is the breakthrough first product to start an inevitable trend," Gross said in a statement. "Merchants will pay to reach you, so they essentially will

subsidize the cost of the PC, indirectly."

My question to you, dear reader, is: Are you so anxious to get something for free that you're willing to be thus reached?

I am amazed at the value of current demographic information collected from the Internet.

I have a free e-mail newsletter that I make available through my Web site. Right now, I have 2,500 subscribers. Once a month, I send out some Internet and computer news.

Hardly a week goes by that I am not contacted by some mail order company interested in buying the list of my subscribers.

"Those names are worth a lot," explained one Internet marketer, "because they are qualified. People responded to your subscription offer and you have their current and valid e-mail addresses."

This marketer offered me \$3 a name for every name on the list.

I didn't sell, nor will I, no matter how high the price goes.

I'm not against advertising. I sell ads on my site, even on my newsletter. Advertising is what pays for the time it takes to put together Web sites.

But the ability technology now gives us to track and measure and collect and store data on Internet buying habits is just too Big Brother-ish, at least in my book.

So, as to the Free-PC offer ... sorry, I'm not interested. And I urge you to think it over, too.

But, if you're willing to trade your privacy for free stuff, go ahead.

Here are some other free sites you may be interested in.

■ **Net Zero** (www.netzero.com) - This is an Internet Service Provider that that gives you free Internet access. The company requires users to look at a lot of ads and offer up demographic and buying information.

■ **Free E-Mail** (http://www.emailaddresses.com) - There are lots of advertising-supported free e-mail services. This site lists more than 650 of them.

■ **Reminder Service** (http://www.rememberit.com) - This site lets you store reminders about birthdays, meetings, anniversaries, whatever. You get an e-mail reminder as the date approaches. They promise to keep your name confidential, but they collect demographic information that can be shared.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book, "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet," is available in bookstores or through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Market analyst

Framatome Connectors International in Livonia appointed S. Lee Elliott II as market analyst for its North American operations. Elliott has a bachelor's degree in automotive marketing from Ferris State University and is a member of the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals.

Prior to joining FCI Automotive, Elliott was an engineering technician for Borg-Warner Automotive in Warren.

New partners



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Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc., a consulting engineering firm in Livonia, recently promoted five members to associates:

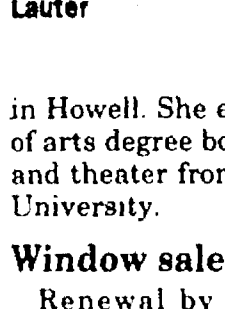
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(formerly Wayne County director of public services), who joined OHM in 1997; **William R. Zipp**, an OHM member since 1986; **Jeffery R. McIntosh**, an OHM member since 1986; **Evan N.**

Pratt, an OHM member since 1989; and **Matthew M. Pilarz**, an OHM member since 1990.

J.R. Thompson Co.

Amy Lauter of Livonia has been appointed a client service administrator at J.R. Thompson Co. She will service the Dodge Motorsports account. Lauter previously worked for WHMI, a radio station



Lauter

in Howell. She earned a bachelor of arts degree both in advertising and theater from Michigan State University.

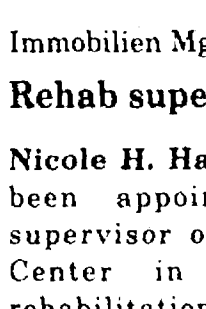
Window sales consultant

Renewal by Andersen Windows in Livonia recently hired **William Christner** as a sales consultant. He will visit customers' homes to assist them in all their window replacement needs, including design, structure and pricing. The Livonia showroom is located at 37144 Six

Mile, just east of Newburgh.

Mall manager

Robert I. Schostak, co-president of Schostak Brothers and Co., announced the appointment of **Reinhard Lemke** as general manager of Livonia's Wonderland Mall. Prior to joining the company, Lemke served as general manager of Inter shop Immobilien Mgmt GmbH.



Lemke

Rehab supervisor

Nicole H. Hall of Redford has been appointed afternoon supervisor of The Lakeland Center in Southfield, a rehabilitation and residential facility for persons with traumatic brain injury. She earned a bachelor's and dual master's degrees in public health and social work at the University of Michigan.

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MONDAY, FEB. 15**ALTERNATIVE HEALTH**

Cindy Klement, an Ann Arbor iridologist, herbalist and nutritional consultant, will discuss "Immune-building With Herbs and Nutrition" 7-9 p.m. at Ageless Wisdom in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 975-2444.

HERBS WARNING

Before you jump on the herbal medicine bandwagon, attend the Botsford Hospital Adults with Insulin Dependent Diabetes meeting to discuss "Herbs as Medicine" with Kay Sweeney, Ph.D., R.D. Learn why special care must be taken, especially when you are already ingesting prescription medications. The free meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

BLOOD DONATIONS

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Church of Christ-Plymouth, 9301 Sheldon Road from 2-8 p.m. For appointments, call (734) 453-7630.

TUES, FEB. 16**LYME DISEASE**

Support group meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502.

WED, FEB. 17**POSITIVE LIVING**

"Prescription for Burnout" is the third session in a four-part series about living a happy, healthy life through both physical and mental well-being. Starts 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session or \$45 for series. Registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

THURS, FEB. 18**HEALTHY COOKING DEMO**

Chef Larry Janes presents "Staying Healthy with Greens, Grains and Soy" 7 p.m. The cost is \$6. Registration required. Classes fill early. Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN), 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

FRI, FEB. 22**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Free blood pressure screenings sponsored by Botsford General Hospital will take place from 8-10 a.m. in Jacobson's court in Laurel Park Place. Call (734) 462-1100.

BLOOD DONATIONS

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39026 Five Mile in Livonia 3-9 p.m. Call (734) 464-1293.

WED, FEB. 24**POSITIVE LIVING**

"The Magic of Humor" is the last session in a four-part series about living a happy, healthy life through both physical and mental well-being. Starts 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session or \$45 for series. Registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

HEART-SAVER CPR COURSE

Livonia Fire and Rescue will conduct an "American Heart Adult Heart-Saver CPR Course" at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Conference Room A, 6:30-10 p.m. Contact Jim Egged at (734) 466-2444.

THURS, FEB. 25**HORMONES**

Botsford's Prime Time for Women features "Hormone Replacement Therapy and its Alternatives" at 7 p.m. in Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH

Cindy Klement, an Ann Arbor iridologist, herbalist and nutritional consultant, will discuss "Herbs for Healing" 7-9 p.m. at Healthways in Plymouth Township. Call (734) 975-2444.

Videoconferencing: passport to the world

Video Conferencing Central Reservations Inc. will celebrate its official grand opening at Laurel Manor in Livonia Thursday, Feb. 18, with "Around the World in 80 Minutes." The videoconference will span six hours non-stop from 3-9 p.m. with feature presentations scheduled every 80 minutes.

This open-house event will unite attendees with the latest videoconference technology and demonstrate the various features and technical capabilities of this growing communications medium. It is hosted with VCCR's new business partners, Troy-based Enticed

Information Technologies and Farmington Hills-based Telephone Support Systems, Inc.

Exhibitors include: Ameritech, Canon, Grace & Wild Digital Studios, Hitachi Software, Lucent Technologies, Sanyo Presentation Technologies, Sprint and many more.

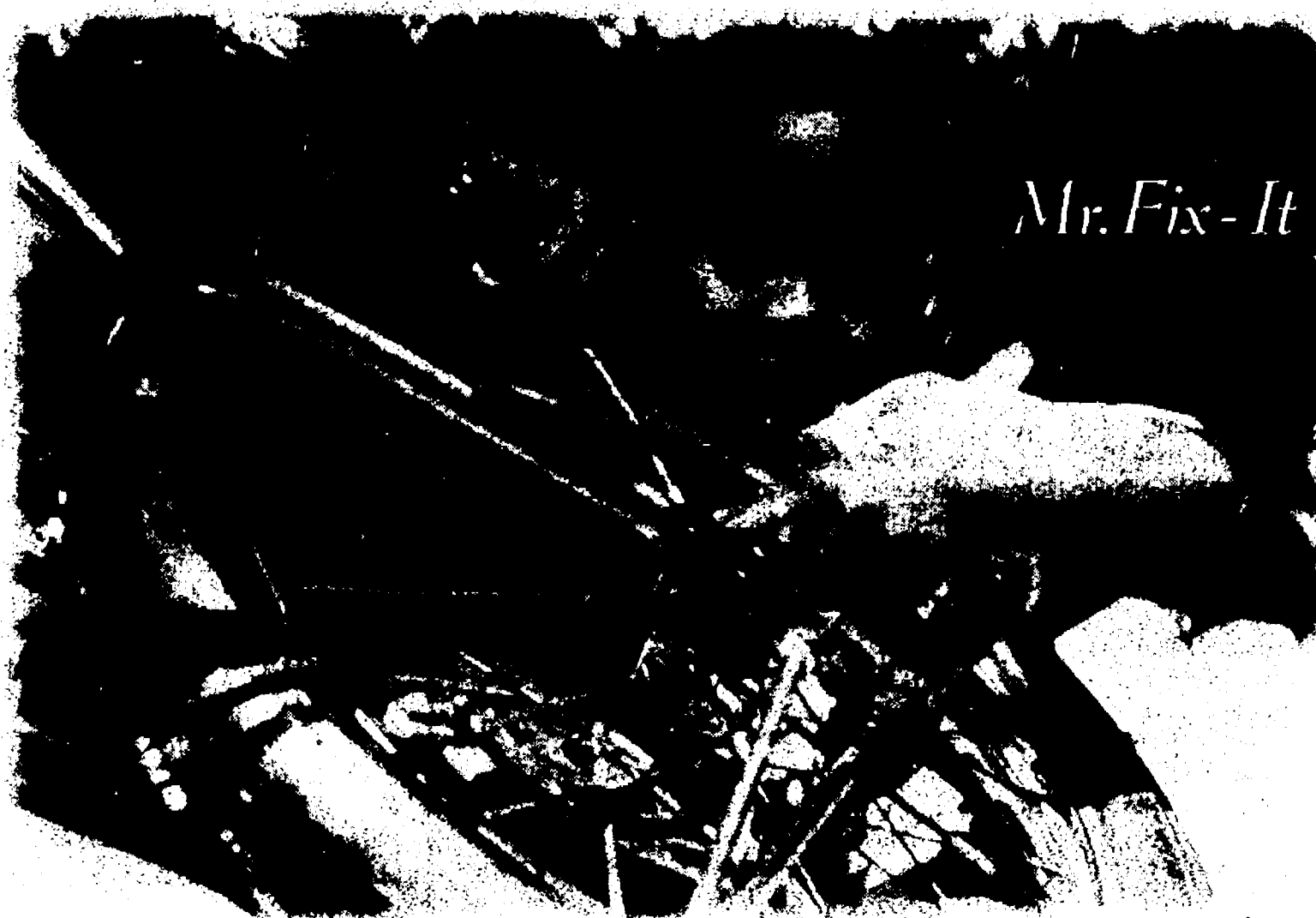
"We are holding this event to help educate a large and mixed audience about the many possibilities this communications technology has to offer. We are showing people that videoconferencing can be used for a simple face-to-face meeting or a large production to convey a single message to thousand of peo-

ple in locations around the globe," said president and CEO Tino DelSignore.

All six Laurel Manor ballrooms will be decorated in Italian, French, German, Mexican, Japanese and U.S. motifs - with food, beverages and music from the respective countries. The "countries" will be linked together by VCCR's Lucent Technologies brand multi-point conferencing unit.

The audience will be able to use the equipment and ask questions of the attending industry executives.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Guest conductor looks to youth for future

Anthony Elliott might be the conductor the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking to hire when Russell Reed retires in April. The orchestra has been pushing to create programs to nurture the love of classical music in the younger generation. Elliott has spent his entire professional career doing just that.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, Elliott, one of seven applicants being considered for conductor/music director position, guest conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. As part of the procedure to find a new conductor, applicants either guest conduct or rehearse with the orchestra.

"The Plymouth Symphony has a strong commitment to education of young people, and my life has been connected to the education of the young," said Elliott, a former conductor of the Vancouver Youth Symphony and Houston Youth Symphony and Ballet. "I'm very committed to it and the Plymouth Symphony shows that commitment."

Credentials

Over the last 20 years, Elliott has conducted and played cello with a number of orchestras. A student of cellist Janos Starker at Indiana University, Elliott began his performing career with the Toronto Symphony. He then became associate principal cellist of the Minnesota Symphony and a member of the teaching faculty at the University of Minnesota. It was upon his appointment as principal cellist of the Vancouver Symphony in British Columbia that he conducted the Vancouver Youth Symphony and the Vancouver Chamber Players.

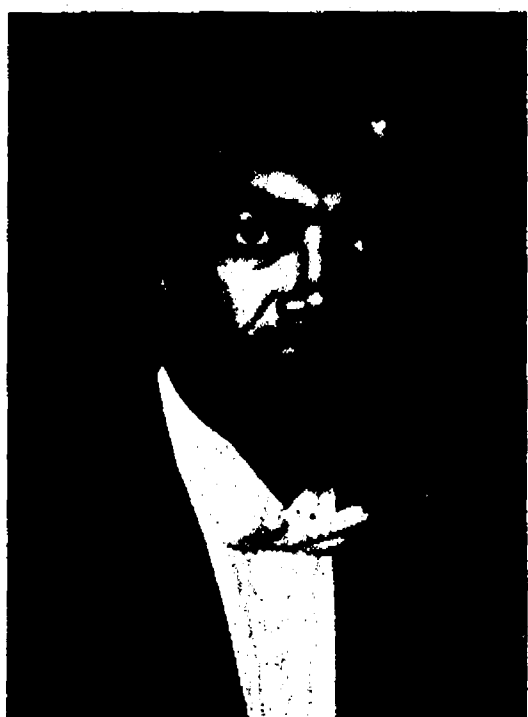
Elliott first met Reed in 1983 while teaching cello and conducting the symphony at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Reed was music director of bands and orchestras at Eastern Michigan University. The two frequently met in competitions around the state.

After leaving Michigan in 1987, Elliott taught cello at the University of Houston. Three years later he was directing the Houston Youth Symphony and Ballet. He became professor of cello at the University of Michigan School of Music in 1994. Winner of the Feuermann International Solo Cello Competition in 1987, Elliott has appeared as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, to name a few.

Early years

Elliott's first exposure to classical music at a local symphony concert left him wishing he knew how the music was made. Now, he'd like to make sure today's youth have the same opportunity to learn about Tchaikovsky, Ravel and Shostakovich. "It was an amazing experience," said Elliott. "There were these sounds and colors I'd never heard before and I developed a curiosity how these colors and sounds could be reproduced."

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February festivities: Anthony Elliott guest conducts the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in works by Shostakovich, Ravel and Tchaikovsky.

JAZZY BANDS RECAPTURE

Stan Kenton's musical magic

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Stan Kenton would have loved to hear the Clarenceville Jazz Series was not only being revived but features a warm-up band of young jazz musicians from Harrison High School in Farmington.

In his later years, Kenton promoted jazz and big band music to the young by establishing "Kenton Clinics" and performing at colleges and universities around the country.

Johnny Trudell's 19-piece Big Band is the main act that the Harrison High Jazz Band opens for Sunday, Feb. 21. Kenton alumni Bob Lympersis (trumpet), Jerry McKenzie (drums), and Chuck Carter (baritone sax) along with the rest of Trudell's band will recapture the magic of the songs Kenton played for sell-out crowds at Clarenceville in the 1970s. This is the first in a series of three concerts. Tributes to Count Basie and Woody Herman take place March 28 and May 16. Proceeds go to the Clarenceville Schools Alumni and Friends Foundation to further music programs at the high school in Livonia, and to the Michigan Jazz Festival taking place July 18 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

"We're going to have five saxes, five trombones and five trumpets recreating the sounds of the original Kenton orchestra," said Trudell, a professional trumpeter for more than 40 years and a member of the Fox Theater orchestra. "While he wasn't as popular as Benny Goodman and others, Kenton was innovative and created interest in the music in schools by doing clinics. We're opening with the Harrison jazz band because it's in keeping with what Stan Kenton began in the high schools and colleges and his idea of having music in the schools."

Lympersis remembers the crowds Kenton used to draw back in the mid to late 1940s when the Farmington Hills resident played hits such as "Intermission Riff," Kenton's theme song "Artistry in Motion," and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" with the band.

"Back then the Big Bands were hot — Ellington, Kenton, Count Basie," said Lympersis, who joined Kenton's band at age 19. "We were stars. You'd come out the stage door and they'd want your autograph."

On the road

Lympersis traveled all over the country with Kenton playing theaters, dance halls, and amusement parks such as the old Eastwood Garden at Eight Mile and Gratiot. Life on the road could be grueling. At the Paramount Theater in New York City, the band performed five to six shows a day from 11:30 a.m. to midnight. Any free time was spent in the recording studio. Lympersis was recently surprised to find some of those old recordings at Borders in Birmingham.

"We'd do two weeks of one-nighters then do a week at a theater," said Lympersis. "We used to fly a lot especially when we did concerts for the army. One of the guys wouldn't fly so we had to wait for him to catch up."

Hollywood happening

Lympersis didn't play in the original Clarenceville series but did take his



Artistry in Rhythm: The Clarenceville Jazz Series Revisited pays tribute to Stan Kenton who performed to sold-out crowds at the original series of concerts held at the high school in Livonia in the 1970s.

Stan Kenton Tribute

WHAT: The Johnny Trudell Big Band honors Kenton's music in a concert presented by the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. Featured guests are Kenton alumni Jerry McKenzie (drums), Bob Lympersis (trumpet), and Chuck "Rhapsody in Blue" Carter (baritone saxophone).

WHEN: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

WHERE: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia.

TICKETS: \$15, and available by calling (248) 474-2720/(248) 437-9468/(248) 473-8933.

daughter backstage to meet Kenton during one of his concerts. She'd heard all of Lympersis' stories about Betty Grable and Harry James watching the Kenton band playing the Hollywood Palladium. Mel Torme and Bob Hope used to sit in regularly with the band back then.

"Stan was a gentleman, easy to get along with," said Lympersis. "He was known for being innovative. We were the first band with five trumpets and

five trombones. His later years, he was into progressive jazz."

Jerry McKenzie joined the band after Lympersis left. Off and on between 1958 and 1972, the West Bloomfield drummer performed and recorded with Kenton, receiving back to back Grammy Awards for "Adventures in Jazz" and Kenton's "West Side Story."

"I'm thankful, I was able to work with him and thankful I was able to have those memories," said McKenzie. "Some of the most memorable experiences were when we recorded two tracks with Nat King Cole. We also were on the same bill with King Cole. Another time, it was Johnny Mathis. We also did Dick Clark's Bandstand."

McKenzie knew from age 3 when he saw Gene Krupa on TV that he wanted to become a drummer. McKenzie was fortunate to see and hear all the great Big Band such as Dorsey, Basie and Miller all in the comfort of his living room. Those days are gone. Today's kids have few opportunities to hear live Big Band music. The Feb. 21 concert will not only allow the next generation to

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Kathleen Ripley Leo

Favorite poems recorded for posterity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Read your favorite poem to possibly become part of history on Sunday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Plymouth District Library.

The readings are among the hundreds taking place across the nation as part of Robert Pinsky's search for America's favorite poems. The Poet Laureate of the United States started his Favorite Poem Project last April to create an audio and video archive of America's favorite poems by the year 2000.

Readers will be allotted two minutes to read the poem and 1-2 minutes to tell why it's their favorite. The poems do not have to be published.

"We're trying to attract poetry lovers of all ages, not necessarily writers of poetry because we'd rather they read other people's song writing and literary poetry," said Dixie Cocagne, librarian.

Cocagne sent letters to middle and high school English departments in Plymouth and Canton public and private schools, local literary groups, coffee houses, bookstores, and Schoolcraft College's poetry magazine to encourage people to read aloud their favorite poem and tell why it's their favorite. Readers will complete a submission form which will be mailed to Pinsky who'll select readers to record the poem of their choice for the archive.

The project, administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts with a \$500,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, is a partnership between the Library of Congress, NEFA.

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"Favorite Poem Project"

WHAT: Readings of America's favorite poems. Part of a project started by U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky last April to create an audio and video archive of America's favorite poems by the year 2000.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

WHERE: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. To register to read or for more information, call Dixie Cocagne, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 205.

DANCE

Metro area: A home away from home for Dance Theatre of Harlem

WHAT: Dance Theatre of Harlem
WHEN: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 16-21
WHERE: Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 963-7622

Program A (8 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, 3 p.m. Sunday)
■ "Allegro Brillante" by George Balanchine
■ "Le Corsaire" by Marius Petipa
■ "The Joplin Dances" by Robert Garland
■ "Firebird" by Jon Taras

Program B (8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. A 8 p.m. Saturday)
■ "Bugaku" by George Balanchine
■ "South African Suite" by Arthur Mitchell and Levine Naidu
■ "Sasanka" by Vincent Mantsoe

TICKETS: \$31.50-\$41.50, (313) 963-2366

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER
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For the fifth consecutive year, the Dance Theatre of Harlem hasn't been constrained by the Music Hall stage.

In fact, if it's February, expect to see Dance Theatre of Harlem dancers at schools throughout the area, including Plymouth Salem High School in Canton, Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield High School and Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

The tour of local schools by the legendary dance company serves as a prologue to their five-day public performance at Music Hall, which begins Tuesday night and runs through Sunday.

During a three-week period prior to the concert, dancers lecture, and teach how ballet can help students develop discipline to succeed at more than grand-plies and entrechats.

Ostensibly, the outreach program, "Dancing Through Barriers,"



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSDIANN

Tiny dancer: Plymouth Salem fresh man Tim Hannon, (left), attempts to hold ballerina Courtney Wilson of Africa and help her maintain her balance while spinning her, while announcer Tyrone Brooks of Virginia Beach, Virginia explains the moves.

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and Pinsky's Favorite Poem office.

According to Cocagne, the poetry collection at the Plymouth Library is very popular, traditional as well as contemporary. Libraries, in general, have been important to Americans since Benjamin Franklin set up the first circulating library in Philadelphia in 1731.

"Poetry plays an extremely important role in our culture," said Cocagne. "Poetry is so very personal. Everyone at some time in their life has written poetry in their life whether it's a love note

or a tribute to a family member who's died. We may not identify with the circumstances of the writer but respect the writer's very intimate feelings."

Poetry's influence

Kathleen Ripley Leo, moderator for the Plymouth readings, believes poetry impacts us in ways we've never thought. A poet, fiction writer and educator, Ripley Leo spends much of her time giving poetry workshops at such schools as Holmes and Cass elementaries and serving as poet-in-residence at Webster

Dolores Musson is encouraging everyone who loves poetry to read at one of the library sessions.

Elementary in the Livonia Public Schools district because she believes poetry teaches children metaphorical thinking and therefore enhances problem solving skills. This March she serves as poet-in-residence at the Manoogian School in Southfield and another high school in Whit-

more Lake.

"The readings will give a showcase for the favorite works over the ages that have somehow inspired people," said Ripley Leo, who reads from her five books of poems at a fund-raiser for St. Mary of Redford School today at Laurel Manor Livonia. "What

poets say impact across the demographic area. They impact our sensibility and common experiences that's why it's important to pay attention to poems. At a young age, we start with nursery rhymes filled with wisdom and beauty of life that introduce people to language."

Dolores Musson is encouraging everyone who loves poetry to read at one of the library sessions. The Canton resident reads her favorite poem "Composed on Westminster Bridge" by English poet William Wordsworth on Feb. 21. Musson learned of the

project while substitute teaching at Plymouth Salem High School where one of Cocagne's fliers was posted.

"I love poetry and think if more people would come forward we could promote literacy in the community," said Musson. "Poetry is like sunshine or music. Could you live without it? Reading the verse from a Valentine's card it will almost get stuck in your throat and bring tears to your eyes. Poetry's part of the human spirit and we should celebrate it. It's music without the sound of music."

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encourages students to confront obstacles in their lives, whether they are self-imposed or societal prejudices.

Ultimately, the program is to encourage students to develop a more positive self-esteem, according to Ann Fitzpatrick, spokesperson for Music Hall.

Opening up

Dance Theatre of Harlem has scaled back since the late 1980s when they had 50 dancers and could do "Giselle" at the drop of a hat, said Edward Schoelwer, company manager.

With a current group of 32

dancers, the nomadic New York-based troupe must tour regularly since they receive few subsidies, either public funds or private grants.

Over the past several years, Dance Theatre of Harlem has made regular stops in Detroit, Washington, D.C., Miami and Cleveland.

Schoelwer calls Detroit a "legendary theatre town" with a loyal audience. He is also encouraged by the steadily increasing audiences.

"Many who come have never seen theatrical dance," he said. "They come thinking they're

going to see flat shoes, then we throw in a Balanchine piece and it opens them up to the range of dance."

New dances

Each year, Dance Theatre of Harlem offers two different dance programs during their five-day performance at Music Hall.

A trip to South Africa in 1992 to celebrate Nelson Mandela's release from prison provided inspiration for Dance Theatre of Harlem founder Arthur Mitchell.

The new dance, "South

African Suite," will feature the premiere North American performance of the Sowetto String Quartet.

"The dance is indigenous sounds combined with classical music," said Schoelwer.

Another new dance, "Sasanka," features the work by South African choreography Vincent Sekwati Mantsoe.

The dance is a combination of animal-like and classical movements, according to Schoelwer. Mantsoe, a member of a South African tribe, also plays drums for his mother, who practices tribal medicine.

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In the fourth grade when students at his Rome, New York elementary school were introduced to music studies, Elliott asked his teacher if he could play drums in the school orchestra. The teacher returned from a back room with cello, instead.

"It was one of the most disappointing days of my life and one of the most pivotal days of my life," said Elliott.

As part of his guest conducting with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, Elliott will lead two concerts for Plymouth and Canton fourth graders at Plymouth Salem High School on Thursday, Feb. 18. Previous to the concert, Elliott will discuss the eight notes that comprise an octave and how they can be used to form a melody.

"For many young people it could be their introduction to classical music," said Elliott. "It should be exciting so they want to attend a concert and perhaps to study the clarinet or violin. For many of the prominent musicians and conductors a lot of seeds were sown early."

The program for the children's concerts, like the Feb. 20

"February Festivities"

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra features guest conductor Anthony Elliott.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. At 7 p.m. Elliott will give a pre-concert talk.

Where: Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Joy and Canton Center roads.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, call (734) 451-2112. Children through grade 12 free. Afterglow at Don Pablos Mexican Kitchen, 39895 Ford Road.

concert, includes Shostakovich's "Festival Overture," Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, and Ravel's Mother Goose Suite. The suite is a series of five movements that each relate to a Mother Goose story. "If they have an introduction before they come to the concert hall it makes the music that much more vivid," said Elliott. 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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perform before an audience of jazz lovers.

The 16-piece Harrison High Jazz Band, one of two in the school's music department, has performed in the Montreaux-Detroit Jazz Festival five times, and in Europe as part of World War II commemorations on the 50th anniversary in 1995. They'll play a range of music from traditional Count Basie to jazz funk.

"It's a real honor to be asked to play," said Mark Phillips, Harrison High director of bands and orchestras. "For the kids it's nice to play to a home crowd but it's exciting to play for a real audience that has an understanding and appreciation of jazz."

Phillips affection for Kenton's music goes back nearly twenty years to his student days at Wayne State University. At that time, Kenton's assistant director

Dick Shearer was instrumental in setting up what was then the new jazz program at the Detroit university.

"Dick Shearer had just come off the road with Kenton," said Phillips. "It made me develop a love for Kenton. Stan Kenton was a real innovator in jazz and always taking a lead throughout the 50 years he was leading bands."

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Second annual Solo Concerto Competition, open for orchestral instruments. High school and college students (between 16-22 years old), must submit performance tape by April 1, 1999. For application: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills; (248) 737-6936.

CANTON CALL FOR ARTISTS
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CALL FOR ENTRIES
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Michigan Watercolor Society's 52nd annual exhibition, to be held May 16-June 25. Slide deadline: March 15, 1999. For information, call Janet Hamrick, (248) 398-4089.

CALL FOR GLASS ARTISTS
The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-DeARBORN, in cooperation with the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery and the Fine Art Associates support group, is sponsoring an exhibit titled "Glass: Its Substance and Attributes," to be held May 15-June 27. Slide deadline: March 6. For information, call (313) 593-5058 or (313) 593-5087.

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.

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Harpisichord musician and University of Michigan faculty member Penelope Crawford with organist Charles Raines, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 644-5210.

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The Paris Piano Trio, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
"Young Artist Concert," featuring violinist Greg Staples, 8 p.m. refreshments, 8:30 p.m. performance Friday, Feb. 19, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
"An Evening with Bach and Stravinsky," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Kirk in the Hills church, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 650-2655.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Herbie Hancock Quartet," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, "Broadway Today," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Jazz diva Dee Dee Bridgewater and Detroit's own Geri Allen, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26

Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

GREATER ORION PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL
International award-winning duo pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center; (248) 693-5436.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
"Love Italian Style," a vocal concert of Italian love songs, arias and madrigals, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, Hammel Music Recital Hall, Telegraph Road, south of Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. MUSE Ensemble and Spencer Barefield Jazz Trio in celebration of Black History Month, 10:15 a.m. breakfast, 11 a.m. concert Sunday, Feb. 21, GEM Theatre, 333 Madison, Detroit; (248) 357-1111.

MACOMB CENTER
The Boys Choir of Harlem, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp.; (810) 286-2141.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

OAKLAND SINGERS
Combined concert with Oakland Singers Prelude and Oakland Singers Encore, 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 21, Varner Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester; (248) 471-7281.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
"A Musical Collage of Choral Music," featuring the Metropolitan Singers of Southfield, the St. Genevieve Parish Choir and the Intergenerational Choir, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Special Valentine's Day concert, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Program includes Shostakovich's Festive Overture and Schumann's Symphony #1 in B flat, Op. 38. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$9/children and seniors; (248) 424-9022 or (248) 851-7408, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 Mile and 1696

SYMPHONY CHOR, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp.; (248) 362-9329.

MUSIC HALL
The Dance Theatre of Harlem, Feb. 16-21, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-2366, (248) 645-6666.

LECTURES
ANN ARBOR AD CLUB
"The Psychology of Color," a lecture by Leatrice Eisman, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Holiday Inn North, Plymouth Road and US 23; (734) 382-9033.

BBAC
Lecture series on the work and life of Picasso: March 12 - "A Portrait of the Artist," "Lecture on Alexander Calder" by Arnauld Pierre, 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

BROWN BAG SERIES
"A Brief History of the Jazz and Blues Communities," 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Information Technology Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd.; (248) 858-0415.

GREAT LAKES BEADWORKERS GUILD
Presentation/lecture on African beads and beadwork by James Lewis, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak; (810) 997-7043.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Textile artists with work on exhibit at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery will discuss their work, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Maple and Drake roads, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

LAWRENCE TECH
Landscape architect and artist Marth Schwartz, adjunct professor of landscape architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Lawrence Tech's Architecture & Design Auditorium, 21000 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield; (248) 204-2878.

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

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB
Guest speakers will present a condensed version of their creative process workshop based on the book, "The Artist's Way," Southfield Cultural Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Rd., Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

MUSEUMS

DIA
Through Feb. 22 - "A Passion for Glass: the Aviva and Jack A. Robinson Collection," work by 57 artists in the studio-glass movement, 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUMS
Through Feb. 28 - "African American Portraits of Courage," 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-1726.

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.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through March 28 - "Blimey!" the London Artworld from Bacon to Hirst, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

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

DIA
Through April 25 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks." More than 220 photographs from the legendary photographer, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY OPENINGS

UMOJA FINE ARTS
Feb. 14 - The art of Joe Dobbins, Sr. & Joe Dobbins, Jr. Reception 1:6 p.m. Crossroads Bldg., 16250 Northland Dr., Ste. 104, Southfield; (248) 552-1070.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Feb. 15 - "Figure This," the art of Rick Wedel, through Feb. 26, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)
ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Feb. 14 - "Diversity: Victims & Survivors," paintings by Richard Koziow, 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.

CREATIVE RESOURCE 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.

U-M RACKHAM GALLERIES
Through Feb. 24 - "Fourth Annual Exhibit of Art by Michigan Prisoners," 915 E. Washington Ann Arbor; (734) 913-4849.

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.

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

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

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC
8th annual Ethel Curry Distinguished Lecture in Musicology presented by Prof. Phillip Brett, entitled "Benjamin Britten: The Politics of a Musical Life," 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, Rackham Bldg., East Conference Room; (734) 764-0594.

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

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

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

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 (313) 833-9178.

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Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 691-7279.

OPENING RECEPTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts an exhibit of colorful, expressive works by Rick Wedel Feb. 15-26 in the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

An opening reception to meet the artist takes place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18.

In Wedel's exhibition, "Figure This," the work contrasts the human figurative form with architectural elements through the use of layering techniques.

Wedel first satisfied his interest in image making through work in video production and computer graphics. He enjoyed manipulating images as a means to connect with his viewers. This interest eventually led him to earn a bachelor of fine art degree at Eastern Michigan University and to substitute oil media for digital image making. Currently, Wedel is working on the theme of elapsed time. His works show not only the three dimensions of space but also the fourth dimension of time through the use of multiple images.

For more information and exhibition hours, call the art center at (734) 416-4ART.

ART LECTURE

Harvard University associate professor of humanities, Ewa Lajer-Burchardth discusses Magdalena Abakanowicz's art, and its Polish context, past and present, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Admission is free.

"Magdalena Abakanowicz and the Mindless Crowd" is on exhibit at the 20th century gallery at museum through May 2. It focuses on the Polish artist's exploration of the atrophied body and anonymous groups of metaphors for the human condition. One of the highlights is "Flock II (1990-91)," a group of 35 figures in burlap and resin from the Des Moines Art Center. The work deals with the anonymous "crowd" so vulnerable to control by demagoguery.

In conjunction with exhibit, the museum hosts "The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater, Dance and Video based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

Tickets are \$7 and available by calling (734) 647-0521.

Also, April 7-10, a major international conference marking the 10th anniversary of the fall of communism in Poland takes place under the auspices of the

University of Michigan Center for Russian and Far East European Studies.

"INTO THE WOODS"

Tinderbox Productions presents "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, 8 p.m. Saturdays, March 6 and 13 and Friday, March 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Avenue, Detroit.

Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance, and available by calling (313) 535-8962.

AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is looking for six men, one woman and one girl (ages 9-11) for its' May production of Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark." Auditions are 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

Call director Ralph Rosatqi at (248) 669-0436, assistant director Diana Well at (248) 349-7110, the Plymouth Theatre Guild number at (734) 525-1206, or visit the Web site at www.causeway.com/ptg/

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, in cooperation with the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery and the Fine Art Associates support

group, is sponsoring "Glass: Its Substance and Attributes" by Michigan artists May 15 to June 27.

The exhibition showcases and celebrates Michigan artists and promotes the resources of UM-Dearborn to regional audiences. It will feature glass and various properties of glass and is offered in recognition of the extensive holdings of historic, decorative, functional, and contemporary studio art glass at UM-Dearborn.

Entries, in slide format, are due March 6.

Artists age 18 and older, living and working in Michigan are invited to submit work in any medium for consideration.

SEARS

On the back cover of the Sears Presidents' Day Sale Insert in this Sunday's February 14 newspaper, The sale dates are incorrect. The correct sale dates are Sunday, February 14 through Saturday, February 20. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



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ART CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding sessions in life drawing and batik workshops beginning the week of Feb. 15 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N.

Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. To register, call (734) 416-4278.

Take advantage of the opportunity to draw from a live model (no instructor) 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 16. The cost is \$9.

Batik workshops (adults and teens) take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (\$30), and 1-3 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 18, March 11 and 18 (20 each session). At least two sessions are needed to finish the works using this ancient Javanese wax-resist method.

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Who says you can have it your way?

Here's something I learned recently that really bugs me. I'm sharing it with you to see what you think of it. Let it serve as a friendly warning.

My 3-year-old daughter and I were walking through a mall one day last week when we came upon a Burger King. She asked if we could eat there and since it was lunch time and since she had been very good while I shopped, I said, "Sure, why not?"

When I got to the counter, I began placing our order.

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"I'd like a kid's meal with chicken strips, french fries, barbecue sauce and milk to drink for her, and I'll have..."

The teen-age cashier stopped me mid-sentence. "I'll have to charge you extra for the milk," she said.

"Excuse me?" I asked.

"I'll have to charge you the full \$2.69 for the Kids Club Meal, even though you're not getting the soft drink that comes with it," she said, "and on top of that, I'll have to charge you 89 cents for the milk, because our kids' meals don't come with milk. They come with a soft drink."

"I've never heard of that before," I told her. "I've ordered kids' meals at other Burger Kings and they've never charged me extra for milk."

"Well they should have," she said. "That's how we're supposed to do it. That's the way I was trained. Milk is more expensive than a kid's size soft drink and there are no substitutions with our kids' meals, so I'll have to charge you 89 cents more."

To make a long story short, I left. But my daughter still wanted her kid's meal, so I drove to another Burger King nearby. That restaurant did charge me extra for milk, but only four cents extra.

So which restaurant was wrong and why were they charging extra for a kid's meal with milk anyway? I mean, aren't kids supposed to be drinking milk?

I called the media relations department at Burger King's national headquarters in Miami, Fla., to see what gives.

Kim Miller, a spokeswoman for the company, said milk is more expensive to provide than child-size soft drinks, partly due to storage costs, and that if a franchise wants to pass some or all of that extra cost on to consumers it can.

"We can't dictate pricing to our franchisees because it's against the law, due to anti-trust reasons," she said.

"OK," I said, "but if a restaurant is going to charge extra for a kid's meal with milk, shouldn't it post something to that effect on the menu?"

"We want to be honest with our customers, but there are limitations to what you can fit on a menu and the majority of kids' meals are ordered with a soft drink," she said.

She added, "Many people view coming to Burger King as a special treat for their children and just give their children whatever they want, which is usually a soft drink."

Curious, I called McDonald's headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., to find out what its policy is.

Julie Cleary, a spokeswoman for the company, said franchise owners can charge extra for a Happy Meal with milk if they want. But most don't and those that do usually charge just a small increase - say five or 10 cents more, she said. She added that the most popular Happy Meal drink isn't a soda, but Hi-C punch fortified with calcium.

I wanted to find out what Wendy's policy was, too, but the spokeswoman who handles its children's meals did not return my messages.

So the bottom line is: You can have it your way at Burger King, but it may cost you extra; at McDonald's, you may or may not get a break today and at Wendy's, well, who knows.

All I know is that the hamburger chains spend so much money advertising their little toys in an effort to lure children in, that the least they can do is offer milk, at no extra charge, to kids like my daughter who enjoy drinking it.

Romance reigns at Tiffany Bridal Show



BY LINDA BACHRACK

PHOTOS BY HARRY VITANIS



Elements of bliss: The Tiffany Bridal Show at The Townsend Hotel brimmed with ideas for the bride-to-be, including festive food, wedding cakes from the Townsend Bakery and crystal candlesticks from Tiffany & Co.

When Tiffany & Co. and The Townsend Hotel team up to throw a party, you can bet it will be an elegant affair. Last Sunday, as snow covered the sidewalks of Birmingham, brides-to-be and their guests gathered in The Townsend's opulent ballroom for the second annual Tiffany Bridal Show and brunch.

Tables were draped in cloths of satin, linen and lace, each one an individual work of art. And centerpieces, designed by Marley's, ranged from mounds of roses to silver epergnes filled with baby's breath. As guests sipped mimosas and noshed on pre-brunch canapes, they browsed Tiffany's display tables that offered a selection of sterling silver flatware, china, crystal, wedding rings, invitations and gifts for the wedding party. Popular bridesmaid and groomsman gifts included sterling silver money clips, miniature silver picture frames, sterling cigar cutters and the signature Elsa Peretti bean-shaped lighter.

Pianist Kurt Kunz provided the musical accompaniment to informal modeling of designer bridal gowns from Alvin's Bride in Birmingham. Collections represented included Amsale, Couture Bridal, House of Givenchy, The Diamond Collection, Lazaro and Priscilla of Boston.

"The dresses are beautiful, the calories don't count and the jewels shine," said hostess Lonnie Kanode, of Tiffany & Co., as she welcomed brides-to-be and a smattering of future grooms. She urged guests to try all of the brunch food and to sample the cakes from the Townsend Bakery.

And what a lavish presentation of food there was. The bountiful fruit table included an array of fresh fruit, tarts and flans, even rum-soaked pears dipped in chocolate. Long tables groaned with brunch foods from eggs Benedict and smoked whitefish to tiny latkes with applesauce and assorted scones and pastries.

Lori Barton, of Waterford, attended the event with her mother Tina and her future mother-in-law Sharon Capitani. Barton will wed Mason Capitani, from Rochester Hills, on June 26. All the crucial decisions have been made for the

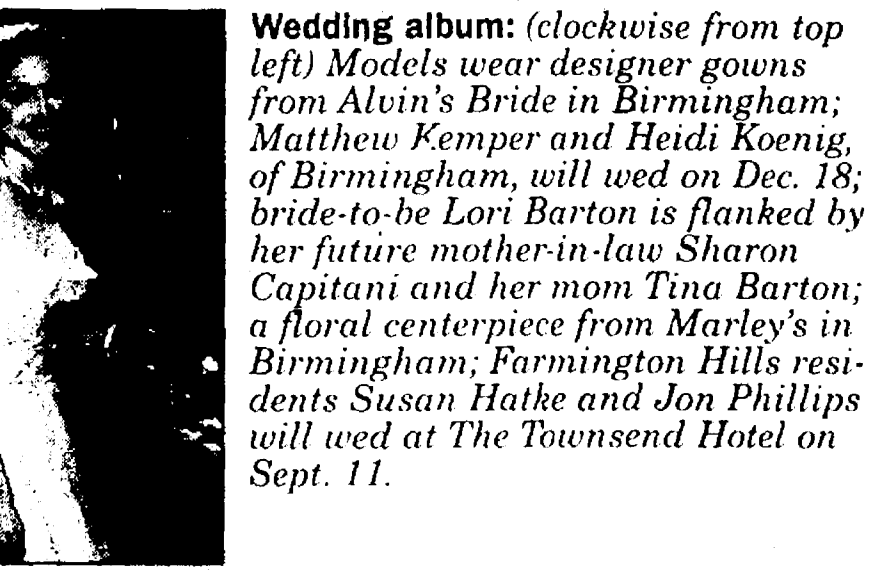
said. Her dress, from Alvin's, is a simple, white strapless A-line. Five attendants will wear champagne-hued gowns. The photographer's booked, the flowers selected. All the two real estate brokers need to do is show up and repeat their vows in front of 250 of their closest friends and family.

May 30 is the big day for Lisa Stone, a social worker, and her fiance' Jonah Sigel, a law school student from Toronto. The two have been engaged since last April when Lisa visited Jonah at the University of Miami and he popped the question at a local carryout. Little did she know that the four people in the restaurant who were holding magazines in front of their faces were actually her mom, her aunt, her sister and her brother-in-law. "I was stunned," said Stone.

Stone's dress also came from Alvin's. It's a white, off-shoulder style with no beading or embellishment. "I must have looked at 100 dresses, everywhere from Chicago to New York and Toronto, and the one I finally chose was one of the first I tried on," she said. Stone will have nine attendants at her Shaarey Zedek synagogue ceremony. She's still looking for a kosher bakery.

For Jamie Kohen, a teacher in West Bloomfield, the wedding gown dilemma was "no problem." She cut out a picture of a dress from a magazine, found it at Alvin's and it was love at first sight. "It's very simple," said Kohen. "No beads, no lace. It's fitted and has a long train." Kohen will marry Howie Blank, a medical school student from Maryland, in July at Wabeek Country Club. Her four bridesmaids will wear black dresses that "can be worn again." Home Bakery in Rochester will create the chocolate chip with chocolate ganache wedding cake.

All of the young brides-to-be gathered tips and ideas from the Tiffany Bridal Show. From centerpieces to cake, and diamonds to honeymoon suites, the gala provided a sensual afternoon escape into the world of romance.



Wedding album: (clockwise from top left) Models wear designer gowns from Alvin's Bride in Birmingham; Matthew Kemper and Heidi Koenig, of Birmingham, will wed on Dec. 18; bride-to-be Lori Barton is flanked by her future mother-in-law Sharon Capitani and her mom Tina Barton; a floral centerpiece from Marley's in Birmingham; Farmington Hills residents Susan Hatke and Jon Phillips will wed at The Townsend Hotel on Sept. 11.

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 15

ECO-TRAVEL

Borders Farmington Hills presents Travel Beyond Borders. This month's travel discussion group talks about Costa Rica and such activities as eco-tours and rain forest hiking. 7:30 p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

WOK COOKING

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Elizabeth King, author of *A Wok a Week: 52 Light & Easy Chinese Recipes*. Also, enjoy some delicious appetizers

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

featured in the book. 7:30 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CLASSIC RENFREW

Roz & Sherm presents the spring/summer trunk show of designer Renfrew. Today through Saturday, Feb. 20. 6536 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills.

FASHION FACTS

Fashion Group International of Detroit sponsors a day-long Career Conference for students seeking careers in fashion. The conference features small group seminars led by professionals in areas of the fashion industry including clothing design, jewelry, home interiors, cosmetics, customer service, promotion and store management. Students will have the

opportunity to be interviewed by personnel from Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Kmart Corp., Estee Lauder and other companies. \$25 includes lunch. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Rd., Troy. (313) 577-3318.

BRIDAL GOWNS

Alvin's Bride presents The Iliassa Collection of designer gowns. A representative will be present to assist you during this special preview. Call for an appointment, (248) 644-7200, ext. 24. Today through Sat., Feb. 20. 249 Pierce St., Birmingham.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

STYLE AND STONES

Hudson's Oakland Mall store presents a Tommy Hilfger Fashion Show featuring sportswear for men and women. Win a pair of tickets to the Rolling Stones "No Security Tour" Detroit show. 2 p.m. Mall entrance.

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:

The following is a list of sources for hard-to-find fragrances: Boyd's 1-800-683-BOYDS, Parfumelle 1-800-874-1118 or www.parfumell.com, The Fragrance Counter 1-800-843-6461 or www.fragrance-counter.com (on AOL, keyword: Fragrance).
 For people wanting Evening in Paris and Tweed colognes, there were a few people who had bottles of them, otherwise we did not locate a store that carries them.
 Rum raisin ice cream by Haagen Das is carried at Kroger on Long Lake in Troy.
 Kathy's cheesecake can be found at Nino Salvaggio's on Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road.
 Found the Cricket doll, defrosting heating element, the Holiday Barbie, more fold up music stands for Jack.
 For Marian, the Sarah Coventry jewelry. For Rich who is interested in the old 8mm movies of Charlie Chaplin, etc.
 A reader called to say the discs for computers are 3 1/2 inch and not 3 inch, can be found at any store, or any computer store.
 Roberta might try Replacements Ltd. for her Lenox Golden Winslow silverware, send a copy of the fork front and back. They said it might come under

another name. They do not have it.

Julie might try F&M stores for Pretty Hands & Feet lotion; they will order it for her. Thomas the Tank can be found through Totally Thomas Toy Department, 1-800-30 THOMAS in San Diego, Calif.

Any Radio Shack might be able to order a needle for the antique Edison phonograph.

For Judy looking for a film editor to transfer 8mm film, try Super Video on Northwestern in Farmington Hills, (248) 737-9180 or Troy Video Transfers, (248) 528-1868 on Rochester Road or All City Video on Woodward in Royal Oak, (248) 549-6800.

For Dale who might try the yellow pages in your area under Video Recorders Service & Repair. There are quite a few in the North Woodward area.

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Flannel-lined jeans can also be found in the Eddie Bauer catalog, 1-800-426-8020.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

For Debbie, ladies underarm dress shields.
 Carol is looking for Passion

Plum lipstick by Cover Girl.
 Becky is looking for the 1995 Holiday Barbie (in a green dress).

Fran is looking for macrame plant holders.

Joyce wants a countdown clock (not only for the millennium), a more generic one, with days, minutes, years, seconds for all years.

Nancy called to say she is looking for Tec Grout cleaner.

Becky now wants the 1993 and 1994 Holiday Barbie.

Geraldine wants Hanover baked beans.

Karen is looking for Hanna Barbera's Snaggle Puss dolls or any collectibles.

Ann is looking for a Jet Stream Convection Oven.

Margaret is looking for Ginger Bread cologne by Demeter's.

Mr. Malabran is looking for a video of the J.L. Hudson demolition.

Helen wants Magic Lady underwear, Hudson's and Penney's used to carry it.

Anna wants the Madame Alexander doll "Cynthia" from the 1950s.

Anna and Tim are looking for Caswell Massey fragrance Chokey or Chokey.

Kelly is looking for a small stuffed bear by the "Soft Dreams Company," in pastel terry cloth. It has a heart that goes into the bear's pocket on the front. Target used to carry them.

Leona is looking for a group of hearing-impaired people who will be traveling for the New Year's Eve 2000.

Sharon wants the Byers Caroler Doll "Appelady," (she is seated on a bench.)

Barb is looking for full-sized sheets, pillow shams, valance (plaid), by Dan River "Sagamore."

Melissa is looking for Farmington High School yearbooks, 1987, 1988 and 1990.

The bard waxes poetic

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Below, we print the winning sonnet submitted by William J. Dalrymple of Burton, Mich.

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enjoyed trying to finish something the great William Shakespeare began (and finished in good fettle)."

Dalrymple will treat two friends to a makeover at Figaro salon in downtown Birmingham.

Our thanks to all of you who put pen to paper and captured our hearts.

Share our favorites with the love of your life this Valentine's Day.

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

*With thorns of whim or fancy; discontent;
 Love is staid. And on its mortal ideal
 Rests noble thoughts of a lifetime spent
 In inner thought; Perfection - deep and real*

*Forever, love's the invention, sublime
 Of gods and mortals too, only bending
 To boundaries of a limitless time
 To the songs of the wind that Angels sing.*

*I vow in my heart of hearts to be true
 That, 'til eternity, my love is you.*

William J. Dalrymple

*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:*

*A mark that nature has allowed
 To be tenderly drawn upon thy brow.
 For my affections should now waver when,
 A fault no less than that of divine intent*

*Should lend itself to thy countenance.
 Allow me, instead, to be filled with this -
 The reminder of when first we kissed,
 And alone, let that be the tie
 That binds my soul forevermore to you.*

*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:*

*Rather, Love seeks to prove an anchor
 In a storm-toss'd world... a harbor,
 Safe from strife,
 Opens wide to embrace, to take her
 And rock her in a tranquil bay for Life.*

Laura Ash Joeckel

*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:*

*Oh no, love is an ever-fixed star
 That binds the traveler, though in distant lands
 Wandering astray: not lost, however far
 From that kind home where all keep
 love's commands.*

*Or 'tis an oak, deep-rooted, whose wide boughs
 Now veil Apollo's car with leafy shade,
 Now lose their leaves in autumn's sighs,
 Yet in its constant heart no change is made.*

*Love stirreth not, yet treads true lovers' lane
 Where'er they pace - and guides them
 home again.*

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Sun Valley offers an idyllic winter ski vacation

BY LAURA ASH JOECKEL
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Idaho may not be the first locale that comes to mind when you think about skiing out west. However, Sun Valley offers an idyllic winter resort experience for both downhill and cross-country skiers, without the crowds that plague more popular resorts.

Even during the New Year's holiday, when ski resorts operate at peak capacity, the lift lines were reasonable. Of course, part of the fun at that time of year is trying to spot celebrities. Since the 1930s, a long tradition at Sun Valley is attracting Hollywood, as well as European, royalty. Clint Eastwood, Robin Williams, Arnold Schwarzenegger and JFK Jr. were among those recently sighted enjoying the regions' low-key.

The primary ski area, Bald Mountain, known as "Baldy," is regarded by some as the "finest single ski mountain in America." With a 3,400 foot vertical drop, it offers perfectly pitched, consistently well-groomed ski runs that provide more challenges than their slope ratings indicate. The view from the summit at 9150 feet truly takes your breath away. As far as you can see, the jagged peaks of the Sawtooth Mountains, part of the northernmost range of the Rocky Mountains, etch a stark contrast between sun and shadow.

Sun Valley seems to attract a more mature crowd that skied with greater control than at

Useful Information

Sun Valley is 160 miles east of Boise, an easy 2-1/2 hour drive by rental car or shuttle bus service. Major airlines serving the area include Northwest, Delta, Southwest and United. Salt Lake City, Utah, also serves as a gateway, connecting with Horizon Air or Delta's SkyWest Airlines into the Hailey airport, just 12 miles south of the resort. Once in Sun Valley, the free KART bus service connects the ski areas with the town and resort areas.

In addition to the Sun Valley Lodge (room rates \$145-\$214, (800)786-8259 or www.sunvalley.com), there are many other lodging options ranging from condominiums to cozy bed and breakfasts. Call the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce at (800)634-3347 or www.visitketchum.com.

1999 daily lift ticket rates are \$54 adult, \$30 child.

most areas. This coupled with the fast chairlifts, fewer crowds and efficient run design made it easier to ski more runs in less time.

Compared with most ski lodges, which are functional at best, the award-winning day lodges at Sun Valley delight the senses. Built in the style of Yellowstone lodges, these massive log and stone havens provide a warm mountain ambience fueled by soaring fireplaces and tasty cuisine. From the sunny, glass-framed outdoor deck, the view from Seattle Ridge Lodge, atop Bald Mountain, overlooks a sea of snow-shrouded valleys. Leather chairs and couches, oriental rugs and marble tiled restrooms trimmed with exotic wood, make it hard to believe you're in a day ski lodge.

Snowboarders can access most runs, and beginners practice on their own mountain, Dollar, site

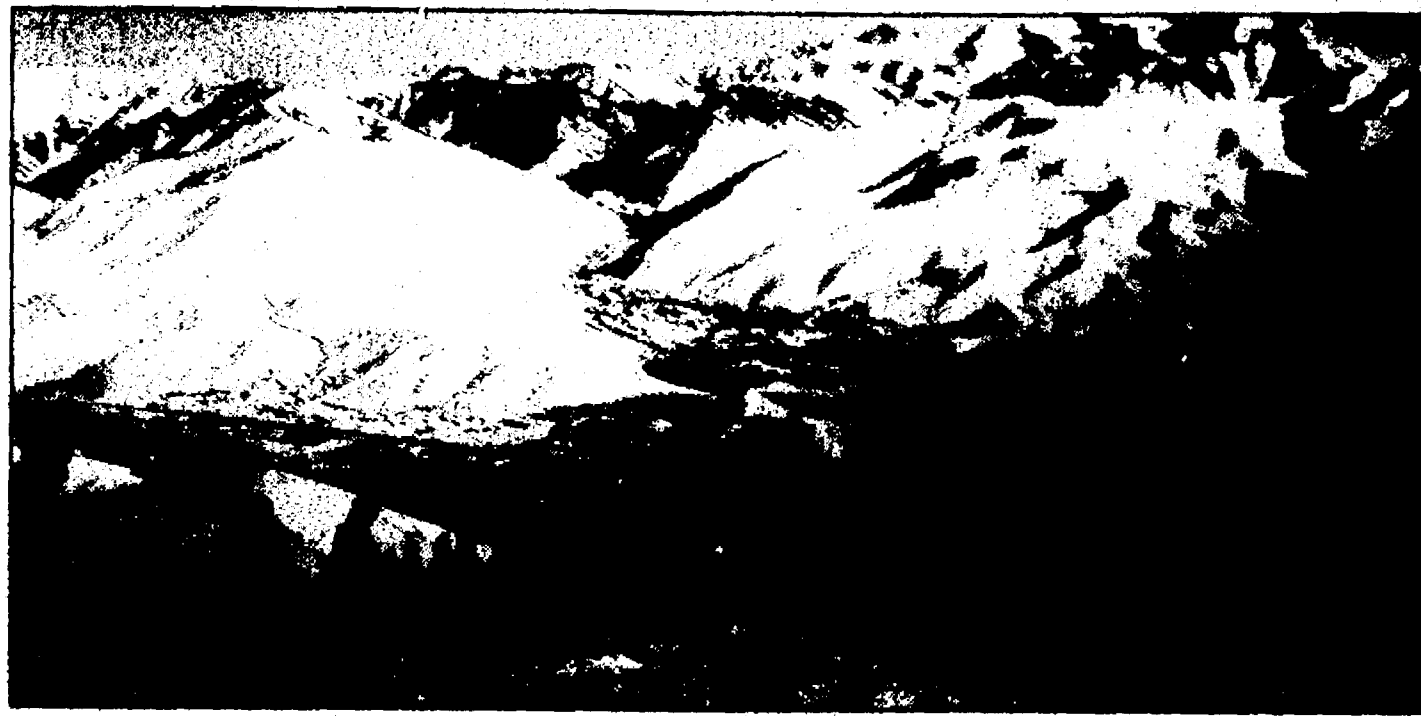
of the Sun Valley Ski and Snowboarding School.

To fully capture the Sun Valley experience, the historic Sun Valley Lodge provides the ultimate in comfort and recreation. Built in 1936 by Averell Harriman, Union Pacific Railroad heir and politician, its legacy as a magnet for the rich and famous is depicted in photographs adorning the hallways throughout the lodge.

Your first impression as you enter the grand foyer is one of welcoming luxury. A crackling fire warms the oak-paneled living room decorated in English country style. The sight of people clunking around in ski boots and parkas seems incongruous with the elegant setting. The second floor boasts a high-ceilinged sun room flanked by roaring fireplaces. Game tables, a grand piano and plush couches that let you sink into a book complete with the room's comfort. Palladian windows overlook the outdoor skating rink, whose twinkling lights cast evening skaters in a magical sparkle.

The Lodge provides frequent shuttle service to the ski areas, just 10 minutes away. As a convenience, guests enjoy complimentary ski storage at the River Run lift. After a bracing day on the slopes, nothing feels better than to melt into the glass-enclosed, heated outdoor swimming pool, followed by a sweat in the sauna. A bowling alley, movie theater, massage center, shops and restaurants round out the recreational pleasures.

When you need to explore beyond the Sun Valley resort complex, the town of Ketchum is a mile away by shuttle, car or foot. A former ranching and mining town that still retains its



Great views: Skiers are rewarded with breathtaking views of Sun Valley and the town of Ketchum from atop Bald Mountain.

rustic flavor, Ketchum hosts a variety of restaurants, shops, galleries and inns, all overshadowed by the benevolent face of Baldy.

It gourmet French bistro fare tempts you, the charming Evergreen Restaurant prepares exquisite food. That's where we spotted Clint Eastwood, a longtime Sun Valley resident. If you'd rather wrestle with a huge steak and potato, the crowded Pioneer Saloon pleases locals and visitors alike. Try the locally brewed Sun Valley White Cloud Ale. Another casual spot, the Warm Springs Ranch Restaurant, offers petite versions of its menu offerings. Ask to sit in the wood paneled bar area, with its large fireplace and picture windows overlooking the creek.

The excellent lumberjack breakfasts found at the kneadery, Esta's and Christina's provide the jumpstart you need to fuel your skiing day.

For a unique dinner experience, take a horse-drawn sleigh ride to Trail Creek Cabin, on the grounds of the Sun Valley resort. Bundle up and enjoy the incredi-

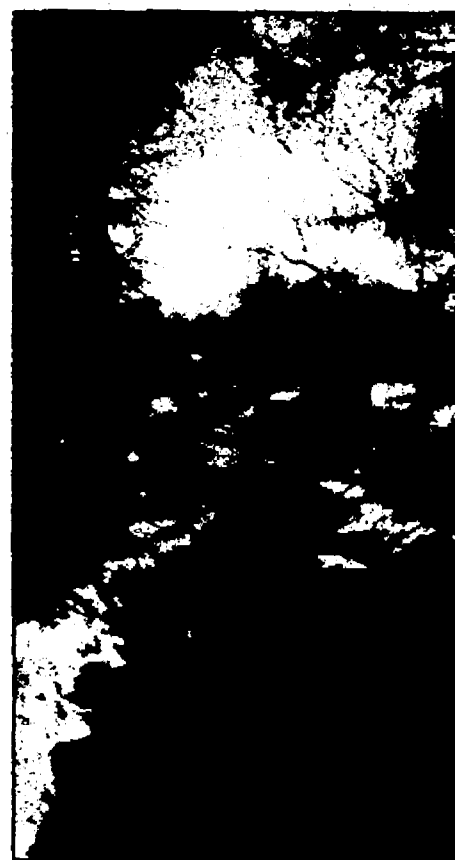
ble stars and moonlit valley on your journey. Be sure to book in advance because this popular outing can sell out quickly.

Those who prefer cross-country skiing will enjoy the complete Nordic Center at Sun Valley resort with a network of 40km of groomed trails that venture further into the valley past beautiful vacation homes and winding, rushing creeks. You can ski back to Trail Creek Cabin and take a lunch break. Snowshoe trails are also provided.

For the ultimate in cross country skiing, journey 26 miles north to Galena Lodge, where 50km of trails wander into towering pine-studded wilderness. Lunch is also served at the historic lodge. Other area diversions include dog sledding, snowmobiling and winter fly fishing.

If "roughing it in luxury," the design statement of Sun's Valley's creator, fits your lifestyle, then you won't be disappointed in the wealth of winter fun opportunities at Sun Valley Resort.

Laura Ash Joeckel is a West Bloomfield resident.



Wilderness: Cross country skiers and snowshoers encounter wonderful natural views on their treks.



Off to dinner: A horse-drawn sleigh ride makes for memorable dining at the Trail Creek Cabin.



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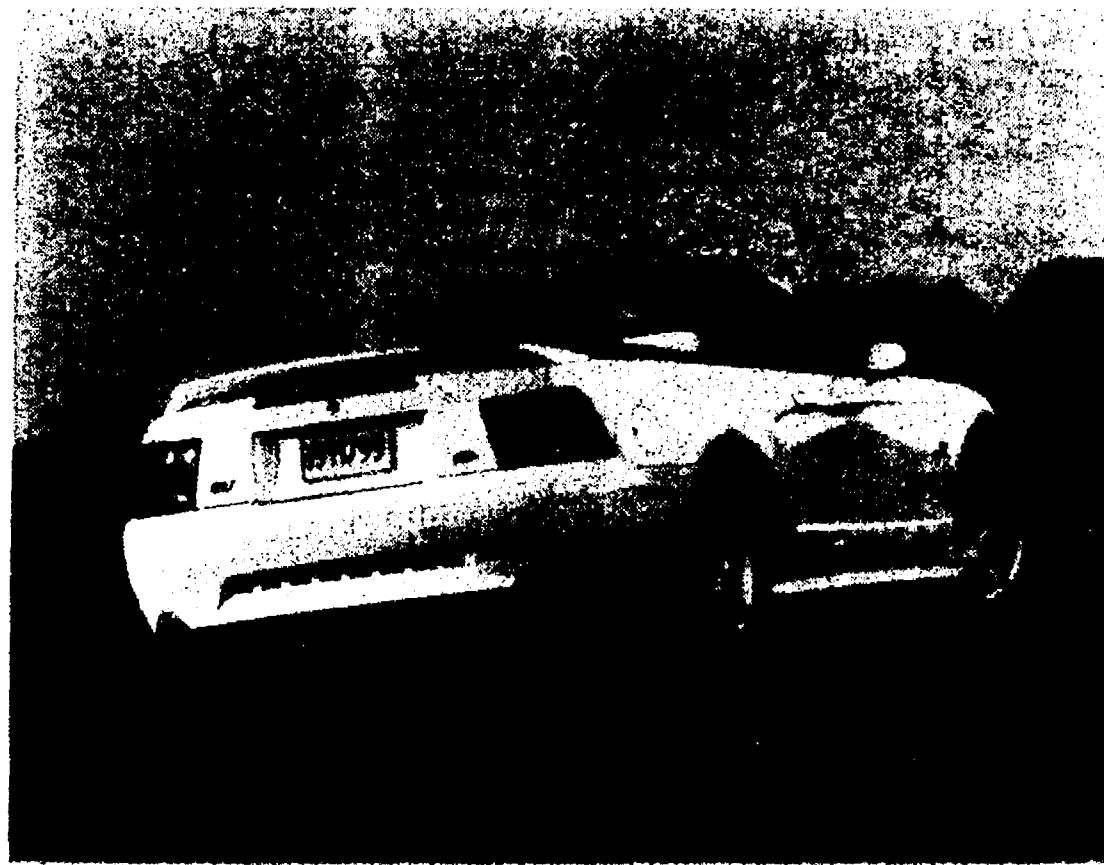
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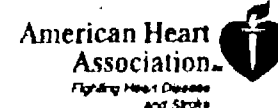
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Collegiate notes

•Michigan State University sophomore **Paul Terek** (Livonia Franklin) broke his old pole vault record with an NCAA provisional leap of 17 feet, 2 1/4 inches en route to a fifth place finish Feb. 6 at the Cyclone Invitational in Ames, Iowa. His previous record was 17-3/4.

•Ferris State sophomore center **Kevin Swider** (Livonia Churchill) has registered 17 points with 10 goals and seven assists for the Bulldogs' hockey team.

Swider has three game-winning goals for the Bulldogs, now 11-10-5 overall and 10-8-6 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (sixth place).

Last season he made the CCHA All-Rookie Team, finishing with 32 points (12 goals and 20 assists) in 35 games.

•FSU freshman goaltender **Phil Osaer** (Livonia/Redford Catholic Central) has compiled a 1-1-1 record with a 1.81 goals against average and a .945 save percentage.

He recorded a team-best 46 saves in a 2-0 loss to St. Lawrence (N.Y.).

His uncle is Ron Vanderlinden, head football coach at the University of Maryland.

Findling nets 1st place

Livonian **Michael Findling**, a sophomore at Redford Catholic Central, recently captured the Boys 16 singles title in the Snowflake Open at the South Bend Racquet Club in Mishawaka, Ind.

Findling, seeded ninth, upended top seed Jeff French of Munster, Ind. in the championship final, 6-1, 6-0.

He also posted a 6-4, 6-1 semifinal victory over Ken Howery (Aurora, Ill.); a 6-3, 6-0 quarterfinal triumph over third seed Nick Bishop of South Bend; and an opening-round 6-0, 6-0 win over Cory Huff of Elkhart, Ind.

Findling, who was a Class A state finalist at No. 3 singles for CC last spring as a freshman, competed this weekend in the U.S.T.A. Midwest Indoor Closed Boys 16 draw in Rochester, an event which featured the top 64 eligible players from Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

Findling qualified for the Midwest Indoor Closed with wins over Howery (ranked 63rd in the Midwest) and French (No. 37). He also scored wins last month against No. 45 Kevin Borzenski and No. 35 Ryan McCarthy at the Midwest Designated Closed in Midland.

Roller hockey tryouts

Travel roller hockey tryouts for the Skatin Station II, located on 8611 Ronda Drive, in Canton, will be:

- 14-and-under — 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22;
- 12-and-under — 8:30-10 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23;
- 16-and-under — 9-11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24;
- 10-and-under — 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

The cost is \$10 per person. Age is determined as of Jan. 1, 1999.

For more information, call Dave at (734) 459-6401.

AAU volleyball tryouts

The Motor City Volleyball Club will conduct spring USA/AAU tryouts Sunday, March 7 at Livonia Ladywood High School.

A non-refundable \$15 fee will be due at the tryout.

Tryout times include 18s, 9-11 a.m.; 17s, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; 16s, 2-4 p.m.; 15s, 4:30-7 p.m.. There are also openings for the 14-, 13- and 12-and-under teams on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call call Larry Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or Alex Perrin at (248) 594-4269; or E-mail to lxbvball@mindspring.com.

Baseball pitcher wanted

The Michigan Lake Area Rams baseball program is looking for 14-year-old pitchers for a Little Caesars travel baseball team.

Anyone interested must have at least two years of travel baseball experience.

Call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 274-6405 for more information.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Hartsells U.S. pairs champs

Westland duo captures senior title in Salt Lake

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Move over Karl Malone and John Stockton. The Delta Center in Salt Lake City may never see a pair again like Danielle and Steve Hartsell — at least on ice.

The brother-sister act from Westland, Michigan perfected their own version of the pick-and-roll by winning the Senior Pairs title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships — home of the NBA Utah Jazz.

Skating to the snappy "Piano Et Voix Rythmique," the Hartsells held onto their short program lead from Wednesday and garnered their first senior national title with a strong free skating program late Friday night.

The Hartsells will now represent the U.S. at the 1999 World Championships, March 21-28, in Helsinki, Finland.

"It was great to put everything together," said the 5-foot-9 Steve, a 21-year-old student at Oakland University. "We knew if we skated well, we'd win. It was not our best performance tonight, but we're extremely happy."

Steve and the 5-foot-3 Danielle, an 18-year-old senior at John Glenn High, were representing the Detroit Skating Club of Bloomfield Hills.

Also going to Helsinki are Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman, who finished second, and the third-place duo of Laura Handy and J. Paul Binnebose. Californians Tiffany and Johnnie Steigler finished fourth.

The Hartsells, who have been training out of the DSC since 1990, are coached by Johnny Johns and Mitch Moyer.

They also added a third coach to their team, Troy native Jason Dungjen, Ina's former partner. (The two placed fourth together in the 1998 Olympic Games.)

"Our coaches were extremely pleased with our



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

World Championship bound: The brother-sister team of Steve and Danielle Hartsell realized a dream Friday at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City, Utah by winning the U.S. Pairs Championships. They will compete March 21-28 in Helsinki, Finland.

performance," Steve said. "They're happy we skated as well as we did."

The higher altitude in Utah had somewhat an effect on their conditioning, but the Hartsells were up to the challenge.

"We've been training very hard and we're in the best shape we've ever been," said Danielle in an

interview Wednesday night with ESPN's Leslie Visser. "Jason (Dungjen) has been great help on and off the ice."

On Friday night, the Hartsells performed to the music of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Man in the Iron Mask," choreographed by Natasha Haase. Their

Please see U.S. CHAMPS, D6.

North passes test at Glenn, 50-47

Raiders can lock up top seed Tuesday

BOYS BASKETBALL

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North Farmington took its basketball show on the road to Westland John Glenn and left there having accomplished another major victory Friday.

The Raiders played an inspired second half and held off the Rockets at crunch time for a 50-47 win as the Western Lakes Activities Association race heads toward a conclusion.

North continues to lead the WLAA with an 8-0 record, but has another big game Tuesday when it travels to second-place Walled Lake Western (8-1).

"This is a great win for us," North coach Tom Negoshian said after his team improved to 12-2 overall. "John Glenn is a quality team and to get a win against them makes it a quality win."

"I'm just really proud of the kids. We've preached all year 'come to practice, work hard and good things will happen.' That's all we've talked about, and it has worked out for us. As long as we keep playing hard, we think we'll be alright."

Glenn's Ty Hagood made it difficult for the Raiders to feed center Emir Medunjanin in the post, but the 6-foot-6 junior still scored a game-high 17 points and had 12 rebounds.

Taking some of the pressure off Medunjanin, junior forward Adrian Bridges played a big role in the outcome, producing 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"Adrian didn't do anything real flashy," Negoshian said. "He hit the open shot and played a very steady game."

Senior guard Albert Deljosevic played a solid floor game (five assists) and scored 13 points for North, including a pair of threes. Junior forward Phil Watha had just one triple after making 10 in the previous two games, but he still contributed eight points.

Hagood, a 6-foot-4 senior, was a force in the post, especially on putbacks, and scored 16 points to lead Glenn, which



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MIERHILL

Rim action: Westland John Glenn's Ben Harris (left) and Ty Hagood (right) leap for the rebound during Friday's Western Lakes test. Adrian Bridges (middle) of North Farmington gets sandwiched on the play.

falls back to fifth place in the WLAA at 6-3 and slips to 8-6 overall.

"Ty Hagood is as fine a big player as I've ever coached," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said.

Junior Albert Jones scored nine of his 14 points in the first half to keep North the Rockets to a 23-20 halftime lead. Bill Foder added nine points

After spotting North a 5-0 lead, Glenn started rolling and went on a 15-2 run and led 15-9 after one quarter as Jones and Hagood scored six points each.

Deljosevic scored his team's last seven points of the half to keep North close after the Rockets had taken a 20-13 lead.

The momentum shifted in the third quarter to the Raiders, who used a 10-0 run (Medunjanin scored six of the points) to move in front, 32-26. But the Rockets answered with a 7-0 run to regain the lead by a point.

That was the last time Glenn was on top, however. Deljosevic and Bridges

Please see ROCKETS BOUNCED, D5.

Clarenceville wins thriller; Chargers get 1st WLAA win

Sophomore center Scott Wion made a short banker with three seconds remaining to give Livonia Clarenceville a dramatic 43-42 Metro Conference boys basketball victory over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Clarenceville, 6-8 overall, is now .500 in the Metro Conference at 5-5. Cranbrook slips to 5-9 and 4-6.

Wion led the victorious Trojans with 14 points. Junior guard Scott Carr, who tied the game at 41-all with a three-pointer, added eight along with Tim Riedl.

Cranbrook took a 42-41 lead with 15 seconds to go on a free throw by Adam Partridge, but Wion answered with the game-winning 10-footer.

The Cranes' Tyrell Smith led all scorers with 16 points. Vince Fulton added nine.

CHURCHILL 77, NORTHVILLE 73: Livonia Churchill (4-11, 1-8) earned its first Western Lakes Activities Association victory of the season Friday at the expense of the visiting Mustangs (5-9, 4-5).

Junior swingman John Bennett, who set the single-game Churchill scoring record Tuesday with 37 against Walled Lake Central, scored a team-high 18 points along with Ryan Vickers.

Avery Jessup and Justin Jakes each chipped in with nine points.

Brett Allen, a 6-foot-6 junior, led Northville and all scorers with 27. Ryan Ellen added 18 and Marshall Knapp chipped in with 15.

Churchill led by as many as 16 points in the third quarter before Northville put on a fourth-quarter spurt with a 30-17 run.

The Mustangs had the game tied with just under a minute left before Churchill put it away with five straight free throws.

Churchill was 18 of 27 from the line, while Northville was 10 of 20.

"We tried to delay the game and take some time off the clock and we lost some momentum," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "And their press gave us problems."

"But we came to play. Randall Boboige helped us defensively and Devin White did a good job running the point."

FARMINGTON 50, STEVENSON 45: In a WLAA game played Friday, the visiting Falcons (6-8, 3-5) kept their playoff hopes alive as C.J. Whitfield led the way with 12 points in a win at Livonia Stevenson (4-11, 1-8).

Matt Mikel and Justin Milus each added 11 points for the Falcons, who outscored the Spartans 13-8 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Farmington made 17 of 28 free throws, including 15 in the second half. Stevenson was just three of nine.

Stevenson junior guard Keshay McChristian led all scorers with 15 points. Senior center Ryan Tobin added nine.

HARRISON 64, FRANKLIN 38: Twelve players scored Friday as Farmington Hills Harrison (10-5, 5-4) cruised to a WLAA victory over visiting Livonia Franklin (0-15, 0-9).

The Hawks led by only two after one quarter, 13-11, but outscored the Patriots 22-6 in the second period and 17-2 in the third to take a commanding 52-18 lead.

Andrew Burt and Joe Hundley each scored 12 points to pace Harrison. Brian Nelson added seven, while Nick Hall contributed six points, seven rebounds and five steals (in the first half).

"We played well, as a team and as a unit," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said.

BOYS HOOP WRAP

Franklin guard Derek Schema led all scorers with 19, including three triples. Twelve of his points came in the final quarter.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 73, LUTHERAN EAST 58: A strong start and a strong defense will take a team a long way.

It took Lutheran High Westland to victory Thursday night over Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Lutheran Westland sprinted out to a 19-9 lead after eight minutes and added seven points to that in the third quarter for a 50-33 advantage heading into the last quarter.

Junior guard Charlie Hoeft led the Warriors with 20 points and senior forward Ryan Ollinger scored 19. Forward Tom Habitz contributed 14.

Senior guard Dorian Crawford scored 23 points for Lutheran East.

Lutheran Westland raised its record to 9-5, including an 8-3 log in the Metro Conference, while Lutheran East is now 3-10, with a 3-8 Metro mark.

WILLOW RUN 69, WAYNE 52: The host Flyers (10-4, 6-2) were flying high Friday against visiting Wayne Memorial (5-10, 4-5) in a Mega-Red Conference game.

Wayne led 14-13 after one quarter before Willow Run went on a 23-7 second quarter run. The Flyers extended their lead to 52-31 after three periods.

"We turned the ball over six times in the second quarter and they capitalized," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "They must have had six dunks on us — just amazing. They're probably the most athletic team in our league."

Junior Rod Burge led Wayne and all scorers with 17 points. Senior Jamar Davis and junior Mike Zielinski contributed 11.

Three Flyers scored in double figures — Josh Allison (13), Derrick McPhaul (11) and Jérmaine Logins (10).

REDFORD CC 54, BROTHER RICE 51: Down 29-22 at the half Friday, Central Division champion Redford Catholic Central (12-4, 6-2) stormed back in the second half to beat host Birmingham Brother Rice (4-11, 3-9).

CC outscored Rice 22-13 in the third period and 11-9 in the decisive final quarter.

CC ran a 1-2-2 half-court trap, forcing 17 Rice turnovers (28 percent of the Warriors' possessions).

Nick Moore and Dan Jess each scored 14 points for the victorious Shamrocks, who open the Catholic League playoffs Saturday against Southgate Aquinas at Schoolcraft College. (Pairings will be in Thursday's Observer.)

Matt Loidas added 12 points for CC. Dave Lusky and Anthony Toney combined for 22 rebounds, 12 and 10, respectively.

Sophomore guard Hayes Groomes led Rice and all scorers with 27 points. Leon McDonald contributed nine.

FAIRLANE 80, HURON VALLEY 32: Senior Michael Fencil led four players in double figures Friday as Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian (8-7, 7-1) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-9, 0-6) in a game played at Marshall Middle School.

Senior Don Smith added 17 points, while Ryan Orlewitz and Erik Owski contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Fairlane led 21-1 after one quarter and 46-11 at intermission.

Huron Valley got a team-high 11 points from Rene Arnal.

The Hawks made eight of 10 free throws, while Fairlane was 10 of 17.

Madonna tops Tri-State, 82-69; Schoolcraft wins 16th straight

Should you think the Madonna University women's basketball team that looked so impressive in season-league play of the season is the real deal? Or is the team that went into the tank once Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play got underway the right stuff?

The developments of last week leave further room for doubt. After all, the Lady Crusaders struggled through their first nine WHAC games, losing eight of them (after an 11-4 start to the season) to fall in the league's basement.

Then they bounced back with back-to-back wins, the first over Concordia College last Saturday (Feb. 6) and then a shocking 82-69 handling of league co-leader Tri-State University Wednesday at Madonna.

Madonna improved to 14-12 overall, 3-8 in the conference. The Thunder slipped to 17-8 overall, 9-2 in the WHAC.

A 10-0 run early in the game allowed the Crusaders to overcome a three-point deficit and take the lead for good. They were up 40-31 at the half, and withstood all Tri-State comeback attempts in the second half, although the Thunder did narrow the gap to two twice (at 54-52 and 56-54). Madonna, however, scored the next seven points to go up by nine and was never again threatened.

Ten players scored for the Crusaders, with nine of them getting five or more points. Kathy Pangonis led the way with 19 points and two steals; Chris Dietrich added 13 points, three assists and two steals, and Michelle Miela contributed 10 points, three assists and two steals. Katie Cushman and Lori Enfield chipped in with eight points apiece, Cushman dishing out

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Tri-State's Jill Fisher and Crystal Hardesty totaled 15 points each.

SCHOOLCRAFT 80, HENRY FORD CC 48: Now that's dominance.

Schoolcraft College had six players reach double figures in scoring Wednesday in rolling to its 16th-consecutive win against host Henry Ford CC.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 12-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, 20-3 overall. Henry Ford, which came into the game in third place in the conference, fell to 14-10 overall, 8-6 in the league.

"What can I say?" said SC coach Karen Lafata. "It was probably our best effort of the year. Everything was working."

SC hit 35-of-68 floor shots (51 percent), including 8-of-15 three-pointers (53.3 percent). Samantha Theisen paced the Ocelots with 22 points, five steals and five assists. Jackie Kocis added 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, with Antone' Watson getting 15 points, five boards and four assists; and Belinda Reid, Stacy Cavin and Kim Washnock (from Farmington High) each scoring 10 points.

Reid also had seven assists and six boards, and Cavin and Washnock got five rebounds apiece.

Zenah Mroueh's 13 points topped the Hawks; Lisa Guilar added 12.

SC had a 48-24 halftime lead.

Sharpshooter McKelvey gets Ocelots back on track, 92-79

It wasn't a matter of someone stepping forward for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, trying to get the Ocelots back on track.

It was six guys.

And the victim of this all-out blitz was Henry Ford CC, which SC dismantled 92-79 Wednesday at Henry Ford.

The win gave the Ocelots, who had lost three of their previous five games after winning 17 straight, a 19-3 overall record and a 9-3 mark in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Henry Ford fell to 14-9 overall, 9-5 in the conference.

SC, which connected on 34-of-58 floor shots (58.6 percent), had a 40-38 lead at the half — then outscored the Hawks 52-41 in the second half.

Six players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots, led by Derek McKelvey with 21 points (including five three-pointers).

Chris Colley added 16 points, while Lamar Bigby, Dave McGlown and Dashawn Williams had 13 points apiece and Quentin Mitchell scored 11.

The Hawks, who were 31-of-79 from the field

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

(39.2 percent), got 18 points from Tim Frye and 12 from Cliff Stewart.

TRI-STATE 75, MADONNA 57: A sluggish start doomed Madonna University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Tri-State University Wednesday in Angola, Ind.

The defeat dropped the Fighting Crusaders to 7-20 overall, 3-8 in the WHAC. Tri-State improved to 22-7 overall, 8-3 in the WHAC.

Madonna trailed 43-24 by halftime and could never sustain a comeback in the second half. The Crusaders hit just 23-of-59 shots from the floor (39 percent), compared to the Thunder's 24-of-50 (48 percent).

In addition, Tri-State committed just four turnovers in the game; Madonna had only 13.

Mike Massey was the Crusaders' main offensive weapon; he converted 10-of-20 shots, including 3-of-7 three-pointers, in scoring 24 points. Mike Maryanski added 10 points and 10 rebounds.


Tri-State got 19 points from Shaun Hill, 18 from Chad LaCross and 10 from Joshua Treesh.



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Checkmates: Catholic Central's Keith Rowe (left) gets tangled up with a Trenton player during Wednesday night's 4-4 deadlock.

Miracle on ice: Trenton icer pulled through in dark hour

The game was over, for all intents and purposes, even though the scoreboard showed 4:53 remained in the third period.



STEVE KOWALSKI

Trenton senior Joe Baker retreated to the locker room as he normally does after games, but not to remove his equipment and head for the showers. He reached for something to complement what everyone inside Trenton's Kennedy Ice Arena needed Wednesday night: prayers.

Baker came back with a rosary, which belonged to his teammate John Nadzam. Together with teammates and members of the Redford Catholic Central hockey team, they continued to pray in front of the Trenton net for a fallen teammate: Trojans' senior defenseman Kurt LaTarte.

Minutes earlier LaTarte was accidentally cut in the neck by the blade of a skate. After he returned to the bench he slumped to the ground in great danger, his neck bleeding profusely.

LaTarte is alive, following surgery to repair muscle and vein damage at the University of Michigan Trauma Center on Thursday, maybe because of the power of prayer and the incredibly quick treatment he received in the minutes after the accident.

The game between the top two teams in the state ended

in a 4-4 tie but there were only winners and heroes on both sides and in the stands.

Trenton trainer Lori Holcomb and assistant coach Rod Wakeham were the first to help stem the loss of blood from LaTarte's neck. Kudos also go to Dr. David Wolf, paramedic Alec Lesko and nurses Leslie Zancanaro and Michelle Ryan who rushed to the scene from their seats in the stands to help.

Wolf, Lesko and Zancanaro have sons on the Trenton team.

Trenton sophomore defenseman Andy Greene was on the ice with LaTarte when the accident occurred. A line change on the fly was upcoming.

"I was skating around looking for my partner," Greene said after the game. "I went to the bench, looked behind me and saw a pool of blood and people holding Kurt's neck. We're just praying he's all right."

Tears were shed by players and coaches on both sides who watched as LaTarte was wheeled away on a stretcher to an ambulance.

The gash LaTarte suffered was reportedly four inches long and two inches deep. The urgency to stop the bleeding is high in that area, according to Lesko.

"It's absolutely the worst area," he said. "The supply of blood to and from the brain has only one way to travel and that's through the neck."

"He was pretty strong through the whole thing. A lot

of times when people lose that much blood they can be combative but he kept himself calm."

Lesko said that following surgery on Thursday LaTarte was conscious and communicating by writing notes to members of his family. He was expected to be released on Friday or Saturday and a full recovery is anticipated, according to Lesko.

These are teams with long traditions of excellence in hockey — eight state championships for Trenton and three for CC — who have great respect for each other, yet few, if any friendships.

But they'll always have a special bond after this experience.

"It puts life in perspective," CC captain Keith Rowe said. "One minute you're bitter enemies, the next you're down praying together. It could have happened to any of us."

Nearly an hour had passed after the terrible incident when a CC player walked into the Trenton locker room to address LaTarte's teammates.

"The CC player said 'at school we pray every morning and tomorrow we'll devote the entire time for Kurt,'" Lesko said. "Which is awesome."

Which brings us back to the rosary Nadzam had in his locker, a constant reminder of his faith.

"Especially with teenagers, all you hear people talk about are the negative things," Lesko said. "How many kids carry a rosary with them? And he had one in his locker."

Spartans fall in triple OT, 2-1

This battle of state-ranked hockey teams went triple overtime Friday before it was decided.

Host East Kentwood, rated No. 5 in Class A, improved to 16-3-1 with a 2-1 victory over No. 2 Livonia Stevenson in the first round of the Falcon Classic.

Jeremy Bultema, capitalizing on a two-on-one play, one-timed a shot off the post for the game-winner at 4:48 of the third OT. (Each overtime was eight minutes.)

"It was a great high school hockey game, too bad somebody had to lose," said Stevenson coach Mike Harris, whose team is 15-2-2 overall. "It was a real nailbiter."

The Spartans arrived late, stranded one hour and 15 minutes in Ionia due to a 20-car pileup.

"They were very accommodating, but we didn't get much of a warmup and they came out banging," Harris said.

East Kentwood's Mike Bernard opened the scoring at 13:34 of the opening period.

Stevenson tied it on a Ryan Sinks power-play goal from Mark Nebus in the second period.

Spartan goaltender Kevin Marlowe "was sensational," in the nets, making 31 saves. The Spartans had 28 shots.

On Saturday, Stevenson played the loser of the Port Huron Northern-Grosse Pointe South game in the consolation game. Results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

•CHURCHILL 5, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Ed Rossetto tallied a pair of goals Friday, leading host Livonia Churchill (10-5-4, 9-4-1) to the Suburban High School Hockey League victory over Walled Lake Central (5-15-1, 3-10) in a game played at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers' Jason Turri opened the scoring from Adam Jakubowski at 10:19 of the opening period.

Rossetto then scored from Dan Cook at 10:20 of the second and added his second from Chuck Leight and Adam Krug at 5:39 of the third.

Derek Martin scored an unassisted goal at 8:41 of the third and Rob McIntosh closed out the Churchill scoring from Adam Wysocki and Andy Mitchell at 11:15. It was McIntosh's first varsity goal.

Goaltenders Ryan McBroom, Dwaine Jones and Matt Williams, each playing a period, combined for 12 saves and the shutout.

"I told the guys to go out and have fun," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We rolled through with all four lines."

•MILFORD 3, FRANKLIN 1: Kensington Valley Conference leader Milford (17-2-2 overall) need a pair of third-period goals to beat upset-minded Livonia Franklin (6-12-2 overall) in a non-leaguer Friday at Edgar Arena.

It was 1-1 after one period. Brandon McCullough scored for the Patriots from Tony Saia at 8:26, but Milford's Matt Masek countered at 12:53 from Jeff Phillips and John Rolis.

After a scoreless second period, Milford's Cory O'Toole scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 3:29 of the third. Paul Schiebolt added an empty netter with two seconds to go.

Franklin netminder Chris Garbutt made 25 saves. "The whole team played a great game. I was very happy," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "And it was one of the best goaltending performances we've had this year. It was a great effort for all three periods."

•STEVENSON 3, ROYAL OAK 3: Livonia Stevenson (15-1-2 overall) squandered a three-goal first period lead Wednesday as visiting Royal Oak (12-4-3) earned a tie at Edgar Arena.

"I hope we bounce back and learn from this," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "I'm disappointed with the lack of

team passing.

"We had a four-on-one, three-on-one and a pair of two-on-ones and didn't get a shot on net."

The Spartans scored three times in the opening period — Mark Nebus (from Mike Zientarski); Nebus again (from Joe Suchars and Zientarski); and Dan Cieslak (unassisted).

Tim Atkins of Royal Oak cut the deficit to 3-1 in the second period at the 12-minute mark. Zack Tufts added a goal at 9:05 of the third and James Trumble tied it with 6:22 to go.

Stevenson outshot Royal Oak, 28-20.

Chris McComb started in goal for the Spartans before being relieved by Kevin Marlowe in the final period.

•CHURCHILL 4, FARM. UNIFIED 2: A pair of third-period goals earned Livonia Churchill (9-5-4, 8-4-1) to a SHSLL victory over Farmington Unified (2-12-1, 4-16-1) at Edgar Arena.

Churchill led 1-0 after one period on Adam Rourke's unassisted goal at 11:22.

Adam Jakubowski made it 2-0 for the Chargers at 8:02 of the second period from Adam Krug and Ed Rossetto. Farmington then scored twice just 10 seconds apart to make it 2-2 after two periods — Tom Close (from Ross Patterson and Matt Lee) and Brad Hocking (from Kevin Temerowski and Karl Maus).

But Churchill's Dan Cook scored from Jason Turri at 1:02 of the third and Rossetto added an insurance goal from Andy Mitchell at 5:16.

Dwaine Jones tended goal the first two periods before giving way to Matt Williams, "who made a couple of nice saves late," according to coach Jeff Hatley.

Churchill's "pink line" of Adam Wysocki, Brian Grant and Rob McIntosh did a "bang up job" killing penalties in the final period.

Farmington was limited to 13 shots.

•FRANKLIN 2, NOVI 2: Tony Saia scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Franklin (6-10-1 overall) tied host Novi in a non-leaguer.

The Patriots outshot the Wildcats 34-17.

Saia scored from Trevor Skocen and Chad Van Hulle at 8:19 of the opening period, but Novi answered with two straight early in the third — Jared Gosno (unassisted) with 14:09 left; and Travis Malott (from Gosno and Justin Harvey) with 13:47 to go.

Saia then tied it from Andy Garbutt with 12:45 remaining. "We had two good periods of hockey then came out in the third period and totally broke down the first two minutes," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "But overall it was a great effort by the Patriots. We had guys hitting, diving and really hustling."

Rob Williams was in goal for Franklin.

•REDFORD CC 4, TRENTON 4: In a game overshadowed by tragedy Wednesday, the top two ranked teams in the state played to a 4-4 tie at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Trenton senior defenseman Kurt LaTarte suffered a severe wound to his neck from the blade of a skate with 4:53 left, causing an end to the game.

LaTarte was rushed to the hospital and later transported to University of Michigan Trauma Center, where successful surgery was performed.

Trenton, who won the earlier meeting this season, 1-0, scored three unanswered goals to rally from a 4-1 deficit and tie the Shamrocks.

The tie left CC at 17-1-1 overall.

Trenton junior Tony Zancanaro scored two goals, including the game tying tally at 8:47 of the third period, assisted by John Nadzam.

Joe Baker and Brent Ward scored the other Trenton goals.

Scoring goals for the Shamrocks were Erik Hawkins, Jim Spiewak, Brad Holland and David Moss. Pat O'Dea, Todd Bentley, Moss, John Bowers and Spiewak had one assist each.

Picking up assists for Trenton were Andy Greene, Alec Lesko, Justin Jabata, John Hackett and Angelo Petrucco.

But there was nothing to talk about after the game except for the health of LaTarte.

Whalers' Holsinger earns shutout in 4-0 win

The Plymouth Whalers continued their dominant play in the Ontario Hockey League Wednesday night, pinning a 4-0 shutout on the Sarnia Sting in front of 2,426 at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Whalers (41-9-3) remain tied with Ottawa (41-8-3) for overall points (85) in the OHL but the 67's have one game in hand.

Left wing Damian Surma's short-handed goal at the 4:48 mark of the first period opened the scoring for

the Whalers. It was his 13th goal of the season.

Center Harold Druken added another goal for the Whalers one minute later for an early 2-0 lead. Druken is the OHL's leading goal scorer with 46 on the season.

Right wing Jason Ward scored the only goal of the second period, his 16th of the year, giving the Whalers a 3-0 lead and right wing Adam Colagiaco scored his 30th goal of the season in the third period to cap

the scoring.

Goaltender Robert Holsinger, named the game's third star, made 16 saves for his third shutout of the season.

After putting 10 first period shots on net, Sarnia (28-17-5) managed only eight more shots the rest of the game, including a mere two shots in the second period.

Colagiaco (one goal, one assist) and Ward (one goal) were named first and second stars of the game.

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Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35

200 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 1:48.88)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:46.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.75
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:51.97
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49
Don LaClair (Canton) 1:53.11
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:53.63
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78
Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94

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
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.60
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.06
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:11.54
Aaron Shelton (Canton) 2:11.83
Aaron Shilton (Salem) 2:12.05
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 2:12.20

50 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 22.89)

Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 22.30
Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.35
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 22.65
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88
Don LaClair (Canton) 23.09
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington) 23.18
Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55

DIVING

Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 261.75
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65
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Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10
John Chase (Salem) 168.95
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 157.00

100 BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 58.89)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59

100 BACKSTROKE
(state cut: 58.39)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.39
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42
Aaron Shilton (Salem) 58.77
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46
Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.69
Brad Neilson (Canton) 1:00.48

100 BREASTSTROKE
(state cut: 1:03.18)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.23
Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:06.06
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:07.04
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30
Aaron Shilton (Salem) 1:07.90
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:08.38
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:08.52

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 3:23.89)

North Farmington 3:23.17
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16
Livonia Stevenson 3:25.31
Plymouth Salem 3:26.51
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29

100 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 4:57.98)

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.00
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:08.48
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60
Ed Lesau (Redford CC) 5:12.90
Byron Steels (Redford CC) 5:18.05
Danny Price (Farmington) 5:20.60

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 1:31.89)

North Farmington 1:32.37
Plymouth Salem 1:32.51
Plymouth Canton 1:33.38
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Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35

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Top guns: Franklin's Chris Supplee (top photo) won the 50-yard freestyle in 23.96 in Thursday's dual meet defeat against host Plymouth Canton. Meanwhile, Wayne Memorial's Sonny Webber (left), swimming the breast-stroke leg, took first in the 200-yard individual medley in a dual triumph against host Garden City. See results below.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIMMING RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 96, GARDEN CITY 74
Feb. 11 at Garden City

200-yard medley relay: Wayne (Adam Chiasson, Justin Smoes, Sonny Webber, Greg Sarkozi), 1:53.90; 200 freestyle: Sam Raub (WM), 1:59.40; 200 individual medley: Sonny Webber (WM), 2:15.40; 50 freestyle: Justin Smoes (WM), 25.2; 100 butterfly: Josh Morgan (GC), 1:01.60; 100 freestyle: Raub (WM), 55.9; 500 freestyle: Ian Maguire (GC), 5:46.76; 200 freestyle relay: Wayne (Smoes, Webber, Sarkozi, Raub), 1:43.5; 100 backstroke: Adam Chiasson (WM), 1:02.9; 100 breaststroke: Webber (WM), 1:09.8; 400 freestyle relay: Garden City (Scott Bernhardt, Josh Morgan, Ian Maguire, Justin Latham), 3:56.9.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 129, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 56
Feb. 11 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: Canton (Aaron Reeder, Jon Heiss, Matt Schacht, Eddie Lindow), 1:49.77; 200 freestyle: Kurtis Hornick (PC), 1:52.49; 200 individual medley: Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:11.63; 50 freestyle: Chris Supplee (LF), 23.96; diving: Blake Brunner (PC), 153.25 points; 100 butterfly: Don LaClair (PC), 1:01.4; 100 freestyle: Chad Williams (PC), 53.44; 500 freestyle: Brad Nilson (PC), 5:22.68; 200 freestyle relay: Canton (Don LaClair, Aaron Reeder, Matt Schacht, Jeremy Cook), 1:36.45; 100 backstroke: Kurtis Hornick (PC), 1:01.35; 100 breaststroke: Jon Heiss (PC), 1:09.03; 400 freestyle relay: Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Bill Stewart, Justin Allen, Chad Williams), 3:31.05.

Dual-meet record: Canton, 4-3 overall. 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 4-0 in WLAA's Western Division.

NORTH FARMINGTON 127, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 55
Feb. 11 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. North (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zald, Mark Wachberg, Matt Zald), 1:45.69; 2. Glenn (Garrett Stone, Dan Zoumbaris, James McPartlin, Jeff Anderson), 1:48.96.

200 freestyle: 1. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:57.91; 2. Sernet Alver (NF), 2:03.03; 3. Loch Rycroft (NF), 2:06.07.

200 individual medley: 1. Craig Paske (NF), 2:20.41; 2. John Kern (NF), 2:24.37; 3. Anthony Munaco (NF), 2:32.48.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Zald (NF), 23.11; 2. Mark Wachberg (NF), 24.32; 3. Dan Zoumbaris (WJG), 24.35.

Diving: 1. Joe Lebovic (NF), 261.75; 2. Chris McFarland (WJG), 257.20; 3. Justin Goodwin (NF), 197.65.

100 butterfly: 1. McPartlin (WJG), 54.56; 2. Digia (NF), 1:02.41; 3. Dan Fowler (WJG), 1:07.4.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Zald (NF), 52.03; 2. Stone (WJG), 55.66; 3. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 55.82.

500 freestyle: 1. Loch Rycroft (NF), 5:26.17; 2. Paske (NF), 5:27.69; 3. Alver (NF), 5:39.31.

200 freestyle relay: 1. North (Digia, Wachberg, Dan Goshorn, Aaron Rycroft), 1:36.47; 2. Glenn (Zoumbaris, Cory Marshall, Stone, McPartlin), 1:38.75.

100 backstroke: 1. Gabriel (NF), 58.25; 2. Kern (NF), 1:04.97; 3. Dan Bowman (NF), 1:07.03.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jon Zald (NF), 1:08.38; 2. Scott Clausen (WJG), 1:08.72; 3. Chris Clayson (NF), 1:14.28.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Glenn (Anderson, Stone, Zoumbaris, McPartlin), 3:49.09; 2. North (Stephen Pearse, Paske, Loch Rycroft, Aaron Rycroft), 4:08.9.

North records: 7-0 overall, 5-0 Western Lakes Activities Association, 3-0 Lakes Division.

WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Feb. 12
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Canton at Maple Woods, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'ld at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Agape at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.
Wayne, Feb. 12

Saturday, Feb. 13
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Belling, Feb. 13
Clarenceville at Luth. W'ld, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Inkster at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Agape at Greater Life, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Mount Carmel at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
MORIS COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
S'craft at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 7:30 p.m.
St. Clair at OCC-High Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Madonna at Stone Heights, TBA.
Schoolcraft vs. Wayne CC at River Rouge H.S., 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
S'craft at Oakland CC, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 5:30 p.m.
St. Clair at OCC-High Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.
Redford, Feb. 20
Stone Heights at Madonna, 8 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. Wayne CC at River Rouge H.S., 1 p.m.
Rochester at OCC-High Lakes, 2 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCCY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 18
Whiters at Toronto Majors, 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Whittiers Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21
Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Stevenson vs. Clarkston, Franklin vs. Lapeer West at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Western at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Redford CC at A.P. Canning, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Redford CC vs. A.A. Huron at Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Novi at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Churchill at Troy Unified, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16
Agape at Cornerstone, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Livonia St. Paul's, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'ld at R.O. Shrine, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Roper, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
CHSL at Madonna, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Agape at Greater Life, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Ledywood Invitational, TBA.
WLAA Tourney at Northville, 9 a.m.
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Oakland University's staff of head coach Mark Avery and assistant Dave Marcon will help conduct the clinic, along with former Milwaukee Brewer minor leaguer and University of Michigan player Andy Fairman.

Each player should dress in sweatpants and gym shoes. Participants should provide their own gloves (including catching gear).

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Churchill edges John Glenn girls

Westland John Glenn put up with a battle Wednesday, but nothing Livonia Churchill came away with a 15-5, 9-15, 16-14 girls volleyball victory.

Glenn falls to 1-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Churchill is 18-5-2 overall and 5-3 in the W.L.A.A.

Churchill coach Mike Hughes singled out the play of Sarah Hennessey, who played the three different positions — right side, left side and middle hitter.

"It was by far Sarah's best all-around effort of the year," Hughes said. "Glenn played very well, they were very competitive and played superior defense."

Top attackers for the Chargers included Amy Cadovich (five kills), Shannon Munn (four kills) and Luba Steca (three kills).

Junior middle hitter Nicole Panyard had five kills and five solo blocks for the Rockets. Jamie McLeod, also a junior middle hitter, added five kills, eight digs and four solo blocks.

Sophomore Holly Deedler recorded four aces. Senior setter Jessica Letourneau had 13 assists, while senior outside hitter Kristen Krohn contributed nine digs and two aces.

VOLLEYBALL

Warriors beat North
Lutheran Westland ran its Metro Conference record to 5-2 with a 10-10, 17-20 win Thursday at Macomb Lutheran North.

The Lady Warriors received timely passing from Katie Heiden, Karie Azzopardi and Heather Haller.

Sarah Marody served seven points, including a pair of aces. Heiden added six points with two aces.

Top hitters included Ann Schwecke and Stephanie Lynch, two kills apiece; Bekah Hoffmeier, Jen Dash and Amanda Sales.

Huron Valley falls

It won the first game, 15-13, but visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran couldn't put Macomb Zoe Christian away Thursday night, losing the next two, 15-7, 15-13.

Rachel Zahn had six kills for the Hawks, Jessica Whitaker five and Stephanie Graves four kills plus one block.

Zoe Christian is now 4-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 40-13 overall. Huron Valley Lutheran fell to 6-2 in the MLAC and is 8-5 overall.

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combined to give North a 39-35 lead at the end of three.

"We were standing around (in the first half) and, to John Glenn's credit, they were making us," Negoshian said. "We played better in the second half. I don't think they played any less hard. We'd make a run and they'd make a run, and we were fortunate to be ahead at the end."

The Raiders were poised to pull away in the fourth quarter when Watha's three made it

46-38 with under six minutes remaining.

But the Rockets cut the margin to a point twice. Ben Harris had a dunk to keep Glenn close, 48-47, but missed the free throw that would have tied it with 2:22 left.

After a series of missed shots and turnovers, Watha and Deljosevic made one free throw each in the final half minute to give North a three-point advantage. Jones attempted a three at the end, and Watha grabbed

the rebound after a miss.

"The kids really hung in there down the stretch and played tough," Negoshian said. "There's no mystery here as far as Xs and Os. The kids stepped up and made plays. John Glenn made plays, too, and we were ahead at the end."

"They're a very good ballclub. If the game had lasted a little longer, they might have gotten us with another one of their spurts."

The Raiders were 9-of-15

from the floor in the third quarter and 22-of-47 for the game. The Rockets made 18 of 51 shots. Glenn was 8-of-16 at the line and North 2-of-5.

"I thought both teams played well," Schuette said. "We just didn't make free throws and we made some bad passes."

"That's the way it's been all season. We always play hard but come up a point or two short. Our intensity on defense was real good. It could have gone either way."

U.S. champs from page D1

short program was choreographed by Alan Schram.

"I think mainly we just wanted to get a really good short program and hopefully be in the top three going into the long," Danielle said after Wednesday's performance. "This is a big shock."

On Wednesday night, the Hartsells established their lead by executing clean triple toe loops, an overhead lift and the required camel spins, not to mention a polished and powerful triple Salchow.

"Our main objective her was to get on the world team," Steve said during Wednesday's press conference. "We've never been to the worlds before and that's what we're here to do."

"If we end up winning the long program, then that will make it sweeter. But we're here to make the world team."

It got even sweeter Friday, especially after Ina and Zimmerman fell on a triple twist. That may have taken the pressure off the Hartsells, who skated consistently throughout the long program.

"I kind of knew what happened with them before we went out there," Steve said. "But we still had to go out there and do our own thing."

The Westland duo also brought out a difficult lift dubbed the "heart attack."

"The best I can explain it is that she (Danielle) goes up and



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Winning combo: Steve and Danielle Hartsell.

I'm holding her like a platter," Steve said. "Then she slips over from there into what people describe as a pencil position. I'm holding on from the wrist."

The gold medal pair will return home mid-Monday afternoon to Metro Airport on a Delta Airlines flight and then move on next week to Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada for the Four Continents competition, featuring champions from North America, Asia, Africa and Europe.

The Hartsells have steadily shown improvement since winning the U.S. Junior Nationals in 1995.

They were the World Junior Champions in 1997 and finished with a bronze medal last year in their inaugural U.S. Seniors performance in Philadelphia, Pa., moving up from fourth place after Jenni Meno and Todd Sand withdrew because of injury prior to the long program.

The pairs program was shown at 9 p.m. Saturday on ABC. The Hartsells will also skate in an exhibition performance Sunday at the Delta Center.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 39

LIVONIA STEVENSON 30

Feb. 11 at W.L. Western

103 pounds: Joe Moreau (LS) pinned Craig Bujold, 1:01; 112: Josh Gunterman (LS) decisioned Ryan Beech, 8:7; 119: Kevin Tindall (LS) p. Mike Law, 1:35; 125: Jacob Pattenau (WLW) dec. Dustin Oberd, 18:1; 130: C.J. Rasch (WLW) p. Chris Cooperider, 3:15; 135: Imad Kharbush (LS) dec. Geoff Zilan, 6:4; 140: Mike Fairzon (LS) dec. Denck Smith, 5:3; 145: Josh

Bagalay (WLW) dec. Joe Jamieson, 19:4; 152: Joe Weatherly (WLW) dec. Francis Kashat, 16:1; 160: Brian Barker (LS) p. Nick Lincoln, 0:31; 171: Norm Wroblewski (WLW) p. Mike Radley, 1:19; 189: John MacFarland (LS) dec. Tom Endlein, 6:3; 215: Neil Retherford (WLW) won by void; 275: Tony Henry (WLW) p. Mark Costella, 0:53.

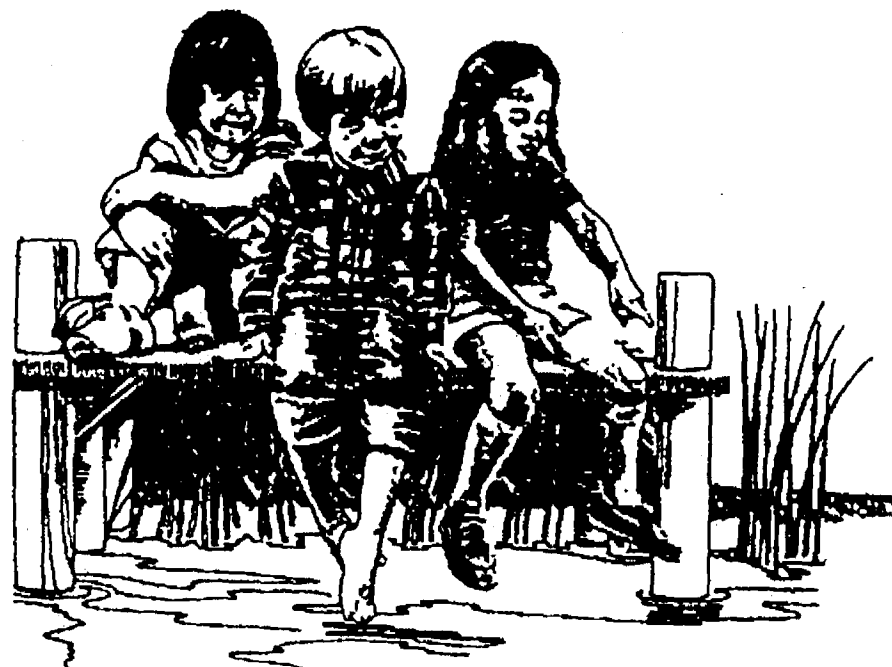
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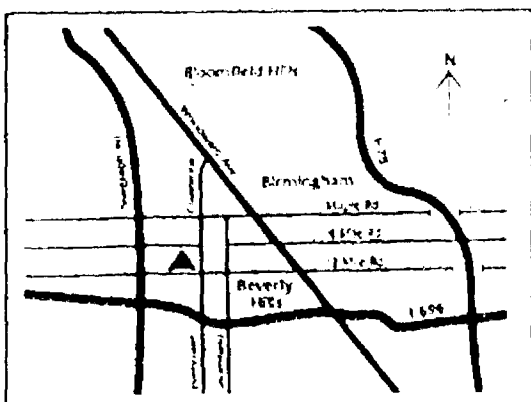
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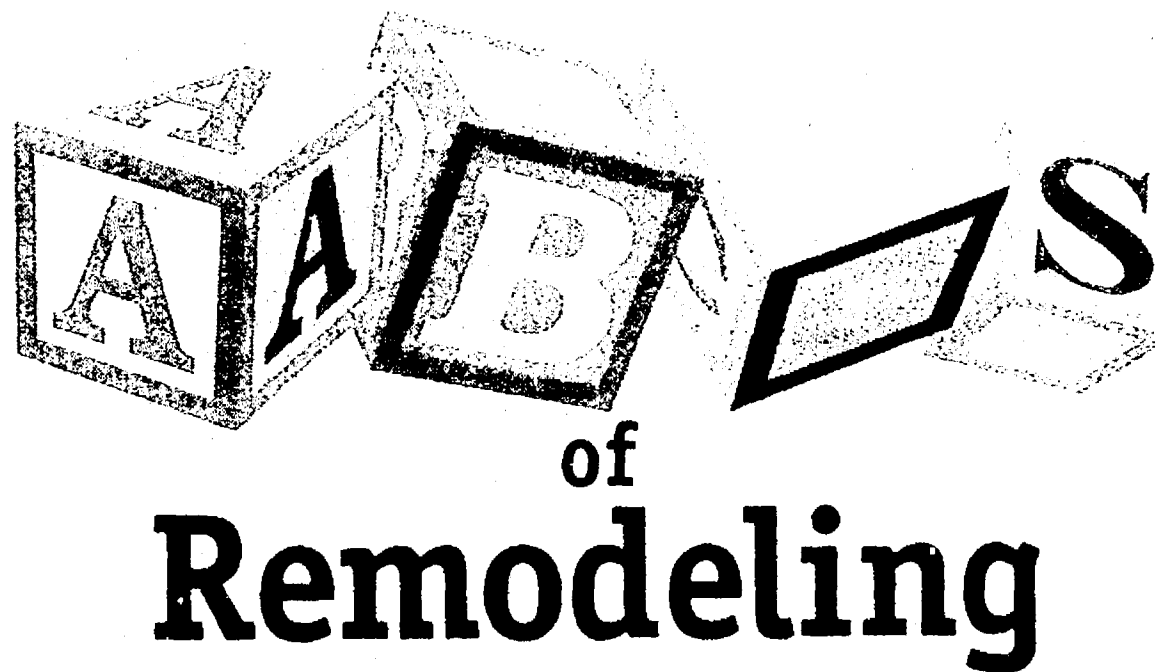
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A STEP AHEAD Cute, fit, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", N.S., rarely drinks, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo and romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. No pretentious kids. #1193.

DOCTOR WANTED Very pretty SWF, mental health care technician, youthful 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SWM medical doctor, 40-60, for companionship. Try it. #2720.

NO COUCH POTATOES DWF, 33, 5'10", blonde/blue, slim, mother of three, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dancing, hockey, darts, star gazing and travel. Seeking SWM, 32-42, with similar interests, HW proportionate, honest, faithful, trustworthy. #2410.

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LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, never married, two daughters (4 and 9), for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. #2145.

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STOP LOOKING Cute SWF, 28, 5'5", brown/blue, Seeking active SWM, 28-36, who enjoys music, animals, for possible LTR. No pretenses, no lies or N/Drugs. #2268.

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TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW Attractive SWF, 27, N.S., social drinker, a little heavy, enjoys travel, movies, theater, more, seeks attractive financially/emotionally secure SWM, 28-38, N.S., with similar interests. #1967.

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READ THIS SWF, 32, 5'2", brown/brown, full-figured, likes movies, reading, dancing, birds and writing letters. Seeking a SWM, 32-44, under 5'10" and 250lbs, N.S. #2358.

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COWBOY WANTED DWF wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50, over 5'9", weight unimportant, smoker, social drinker. Must be a two-stepper. #2053.

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WAITING FOR LIGHTNING... to strike! An appealing DWF, 50lbs, seeks a gentleman, 50-61, to enjoy dancing, dining out, casinos, and a good friendship leading to possible relationship. #2445.

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blue, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity, interests, sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. #2446.

DELIGHTFUL AND DOWN-TO-EARTH SWCatholic, 38, 5'7", brown/trim, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking a SWM, 38-42, who is fun, romantic, loves to game, lifestyle and partnership. All calls answered. #2448.

ANSWER MY AD You'll be glad you did. Looking to be educated, looking for a woman, N.S. gent, 53-68, for wonderful times together. I'm adventurous, attractive, work, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. #2320.

CLASSY LADY Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50, #2322.

LITTLE RED Spontaneous SF, 5'3", 130lbs, brown/green, seeks a man of honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. Dark eyes and long hair. #25232.

ARE YOU I AM... healthy, happy, spiritually fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40s, N.S. ND, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, his travel, and having good conversations about it. #2269.

LOOKING FOR YOU Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N.S. ND, enjoys movies, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N.S., N/Drugs. South Lyon area. #2283.

LOWLY IN GARDEN CITY DWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs, brown/green, works full time, loves children, enjoys bowling, movies, camping, travel. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, romantic S/DWF, 18-30, who likes outdoor, children ok, for LTR. #2721.

A QUALITY GUY Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman with sense of humor, for dining out, fall concerts, dancing, jazz, medical, intelligent, travel. Seeking special friend to share quality times with. #2260.

CHRISTIAN MALE Down-to-earth, secure, widowed BCM, 47, 6'4", 220lbs, N.S. ND, enjoys travel, martial arts, walking. Seeking attractive young woman, 26-49, Must have God first in your life. #2218.

ROMANTIC OUTDOORSMAN Adventurous, humorous, spontaneous, energetic, travel, Admiring out, theater, and evenings on the town. Seeking WF, 30-45, for possible LTR. #2177.

GEMINUS ONLY Aquarius DWM, 37 (looks 27), 5'7", 160lbs, hazel eyes, seeks beautiful Gemini lady for dating, possible monogamous relationship with right person. #2686.

CARING & SINCERE SWPM, 36, average build, N.S. enjoys movies, travel, outdoors, seeks petite SWF, 30-40, N.S. for serious LTR. #2631.

LOOKING FOR LOVE SWPM, 37, 5'9", 155lbs, N.S. enjoys trips. Seeking SWF under 40, medium to full-figured, proportionate, N.S. for friendship, fun and LTR. #2627.

PART-TIME GROWNUP Sincere SWM, 35, 5'9", 190lbs, fit, MBA, fun, positive, attractive, active, seeks fit SWF, 30s, active, seeks friends, friends and fireplaces. All replies answered. #2543.

WORKING MAN SEEKS MS. RIGHT Handsome, rugged, athletic, financially secure, trustworthy, shy SWM, 38, 6'1", 220lbs, has herpes (wants to be honest), seeks old-fashioned, attractive girl. Children ok. Let's talk. #2454.

VERY ATTRACTIVE SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed, seeks attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate. Must be outgoing and enjoy sports. #1904.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Attractive SWM, 36, 6', 190lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City. #1534.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY Sensitive, honest, 35-year-old SWM, who's athletic and outgoing, likes all outdoor and indoor activities. Seeking S/DWF, who is also sensitive and honest, with similar qualities for LTR. No baggage. #2441.

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11", no games. You won't be disappointed. #2457.

ITALIAN PRINCESS Fun-loving SWF, 32, 5'8", brown/amber, seeks romantic, energetic, athletic, professional man, 25-35, 5'10"-6'0", for possible serious relationship. #2451.

OUTGOING FEMALE Sensitive, social, sincere, humorous, loving, positive, upbeat SWF, 46, medium height/waist, seeks same in man. Call soon. #2139.

TALL, HANDSOME KNIGHT 40, 6'3", 190lbs, caring, sensitive, affectionate, sensual, athletic, very intelligent, seeks princess, 30-45, for romantic relationship. You like myself, love communication, sharing, affection, and are physically fit. Let's talk soon! #2723.

RARE FIND Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors, and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving, sweetheart, to share music, travel, dining, and romantic quiet times. Wisconsin area. #1665.

TREASURE UNCLAIMED!!! Caring, playful, exceptional, practical, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-sh, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 46, N.S. with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. #9554.

SINGLE IN LIVONIA Attractive, financially secure DWM, 46, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, moustache, N.S., light drinker, enjoys dancing, movies, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. #2544.

HOT COMMODITY Affectionate, spontaneous, outgoing, faithful SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #2544.

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER Spiritual, tall, dark, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5'11", 165lbs, hair, moustache, plays tennis, works out, homeowner, seeks honest, fit WF under 50. #2593.

HUMOROUS Fun-loving SWM, 42, 6'2", 195lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeks WF, 30-45, for relationship. #2637.

FIRST TIME AD SM, 42, 5'11", 245lbs, blonde/blue, moustache, seeks a woman, 28-42, 100-160lbs, who looks good in jeans or a dress and is honest. Meet me halfway! #2359.

COMPANION NEEDED Kind-hearted DWM, 42, 5'9", 145lbs, dad, likes hockey, running, race cars, music, family, yard sales, looking for active lady who need tender, loving care. #2355.

SIM TEACHER, 43 Caring, fun, intelligent guy, searching for a long-term relationship with a bright, warm, attractive woman. I enjoy music, dancing, reading, friends, walks and festivals. #2350.

FIRST TIME AD SM, 45, 6'3" wishes to meet lady for friendship, late night dinners, quiet evenings, long walks, movies, special moments, and relationship. #2351.

GOOD-LOOKING, honest, intelligent SWCM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blonde/blue, N.S. never married, with good sense of humor. Appreciates classy/wife, lady, adds, music, and small towns. For LTR. No games. #2357.

NATURE AND MY HARLEY CARE to join me? Attractive, fit, emotionally/financially secure DWM, 44, seeks attractive, fit, S/D, 35-50, for friendship, first and hopefully more. Detail in God. #2353.

SINCERE This, honest, humorous, financially stable, slim DWM, 54, 6'4", N.S. in good physical condition. Would like to meet a slender lady, 42-50, for companionship, possible LTR. #3541.

IT'S IN HIS KISS Nice-looking, intelligent, passionate, very financially secure DWM, 40, 5'9", 165lbs, seeks smart, sensual woman, who enjoys spirited conversation, casinos, ocean sunbathes. Smoker ok. #2352.

CAUTION: DON'T MISS OUT! WM, 51, secure, honest, 6' gray/blue, fit, seeks an honest female, 38-50, for a LTR. #1163.

TALK TO MY DAD Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 40, 5'9", brown hair, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. #2272.

SEEKING SOULMATE SM, 63, seeks kind soul with SF person attached. Me Spanish-speaking, intelligent, cultured, sensitive, imperfect, attractive, healthy, sensual, agnostic, loves music, the arts, hiking, dancing, poetry and romance. #2264.

LOVE IS REAL SHM, 43, 5'8", 170 no kids, creative, passionate, likes art and nature. Seeking a pretty or cute SWF, 29-39, with no kids, for true love, romance and friendship. #2176.

BEST FRIEND/LOVER Nice-looking SWM, 46, 5'11", 180lbs, enjoys most things, just lacking that special someone. She's attractive, warm-hearted, honest, and loyal, age open, smoker ok. Wayne/Westland area. #2172.

READY TO GO Sweet, sensitive SWM, 30sh, looking for a lovely female to spend time with and to seek out new adventures to share. #2634.

SMILE WITH ME Caring, attentive, friendly, handsome SWPM, dark blonde/large gorgeous blue hair. fit. N.S. seeks attractive, slim monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donnas, please. Talk to you soon. #2626.

PLAY WITH ME Fun to play with, you might become attached, lovable, affectionate, DWM, 47, 5'11", you can take me for walks, or show to your friends, college degree, papers available upon request. #1107.

NEW TO REDFORD Tall, affectionate, attractive SWM, 28, 6'5", 240lbs, brown/blue, nice physique, enjoys working out, cooking, outdoors, sports, movies, music. Seeking SWF, 21-35, looks unimportant, for companionship and fun times together. #2266.

SOMEONE SPECIAL DWM, 28, 5'11", 200lbs, dark blonde/blue, seeks a woman, cuddling with someone special. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who likes the same and more, for relationship. #2502.

SINCERE, EASYGOING Handsome, degreed, humorous, reliable SWM, 40, 5'9", seeks sim. attractive SWF who enjoys theater, foreign films, symphony, cultural events, week end getaways, dining out, no kids, open, romance. #1710.

VERY PERSISTENT Attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure SWM, 37, 6'2", 215lbs, seeks an attractive, financially secure, confident, and caring SWF, 25+, 5'5", for LTR. #2483.

YOUR SMILE WILL... start my days, and fill my nights. SWM, taller of one. Seeking active, fit, attractive SWF, 20-30, who is fun, fun-loving, must be honest, warm-hearted, love children. Now area. #1899.

RED OR WHITE? Dashing out executive, 45, wants to start cooness room and keep company. Seeking possibly med SWF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. #1548.

SEEKING TRUE LOVE Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, Asian male, 35, sincerely hoping to meet a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SWM, soulmate. For monogamous LTR. #1714.

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FUN GUY SWM, 27, 5'10", average weight, light brown/hazel, enjoys music, is strong, boating, bowling. Seeking SF for fun, conversation, dating, possible relationship. Race unimportant. #1599.

COWBOY HIPPIE Good-looking, professional DWM, N.S. enjoys golf, movies, and cruising. Seeking female, 35-47, N.S. for possible relationship. #2175.

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM, 42, 6'2", 200lbs, beard, dark brown/blue, N.S. social drinker, whose interests include: bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, seeks female, 18-35. Kids ok. #2261.

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS Open-minded, warm-hearted, clean-cut, self-employed SWM, 25, 5'8", 155lbs, med-up build, brown/blue, seeks playful, warm, attractive petite SWF, 23-30, with career goals, for LTR. #2507.

IN YOUR EYES... I find someone special DWM, 41, 190lbs, fit, short brown hair, nice guy, enjoys bike riding, ice skating, humor, music, movies art. Seeking fit SWF to share experiences. #2508.

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RECREATION & BOWLING

Tax contribution aids state wildlife

It is very heartening to learn that Michigan tax payers contributed a record amount of money last year to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund.



TIM NOWICKI

Last year over 55,000 contributors gave \$735,000. That is 25 percent more than contributions received during the previous year.

Establishing a new record amount of money received means that people are still interested in helping wildlife.

Throughout the years the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund has been in existence, people have learned that their money is reaping results.

Without money from this fund, researchers would not be able to manage some of the following projects:

The Kirtland's warbler, a small songbird whose nesting is unique to Michigan, were recorded in record numbers this past census.

Due to the efforts of past researchers like Dr. Nicholas Cuthbert and Harold Mayfield, researchers today are putting their findings into practice.

They have successfully learned the requirements of this species and with money from the fund they have been able to control the habitat to the benefit of the Kirtland's warbler.

People around the world are concerned about the decline in amphibian populations. Some species have not been seen since the early 1980s. One research study showed that ultraviolet rays can kill the embryos in developing eggs.

Recently, a fungus has been found to cause death in some frogs. Michigan is now monitoring the populations of frogs throughout the state by means of a volunteer based census system, coordinated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Money from the Nongame fund helps manage that project.

Trumpeter swans are now in the state of Michigan thanks to money from the Nongame fund. About 140 swans are now in the state.

Successful nesting recently occurred in Seney National Wildlife Refuge in the Upper Peninsula. More swans will be introduced to the AuSable River this summer.

Thanks to the fund, Michigan now has the heaviest flying bird and a bird that was once native to this area.

Due to the research of dedicated scientists, the necessary requirements of a few endangered species have been identified.

This then allows them to manipulate the species so that they can be reintroduced to the wild.

The peregrine falcon is a perfect example.

Once extirpated from the eastern states, the peregrine has made a remarkable comeback. Reintroduced birds are nesting in downtown Detroit. One pair has fledged 19 young birds during the last few years.

These are just a few of the many projects that are supported by the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund contributions.

When you return your Michigan taxes, consider checking off a contribution at the loon symbol.

The money you contribute is supporting all kinds of wildlife.

Entry deadline extended for designed Osprey logo

The Feb. 1 deadline for entries in the osprey logo design contest has been extended to March 1. Young artists between the ages of 12 and 18 are encouraged to submit entries of a logo that symbolizes the effort to re-introduce osprey to the area.



BILL PARKER

In a joint effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and the Detroit Zoo, four osprey chicks were released in Kensington Metropark last summer. The hope is that these raptors will return to the area to nest and raise their young in a couple years when they reach maturity.

More chicks will be brought into Kensington over the next two summers in an attempt to re-establish wild nesting populations in the park.

The winning design will be used in a variety of ways including use on printed material as well as t-shirts.

Designs should be done on an 8 1/2" by 11-inch unlined piece of paper. A clever title, such as "Osprey Return," can be included with the logo.

Entries must be received by March 1. Send entries to: Osprey Contest, DNR Natural Heritage Program, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7994. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

Nongame Wildlife Fund

Between ice fishing, rabbit hunting, searching for shed antlers and visiting all the outdoor shows in the area many people are also thinking about those dreaded tax returns.

While musing over your tax forms take a moment to consider making a small donation to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Wild game animals and fish like deer, turkey, salmon and trout receive much assistance from hunting and fishing license

revenue, non-game animals and fish don't receive such support.

The nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund was set up to provide such assistance. Donations to the fund provide critical support to many of Michigan's threatened, endangered and non-game species.

Last year, tax payers set a record as nearly \$735,000 was raised. That's a 25-percent increase over 1996.

"Last year was an exceptional year for the Nongame Wildlife Fund," said Ray Rustem, supervisor of the Nongame Wildlife Fund. "We were pleased to see a reverse in the trend of declining donor numbers to the program. The increased funding has allowed us to accomplish many things, including increasing our grant program by \$100,000."

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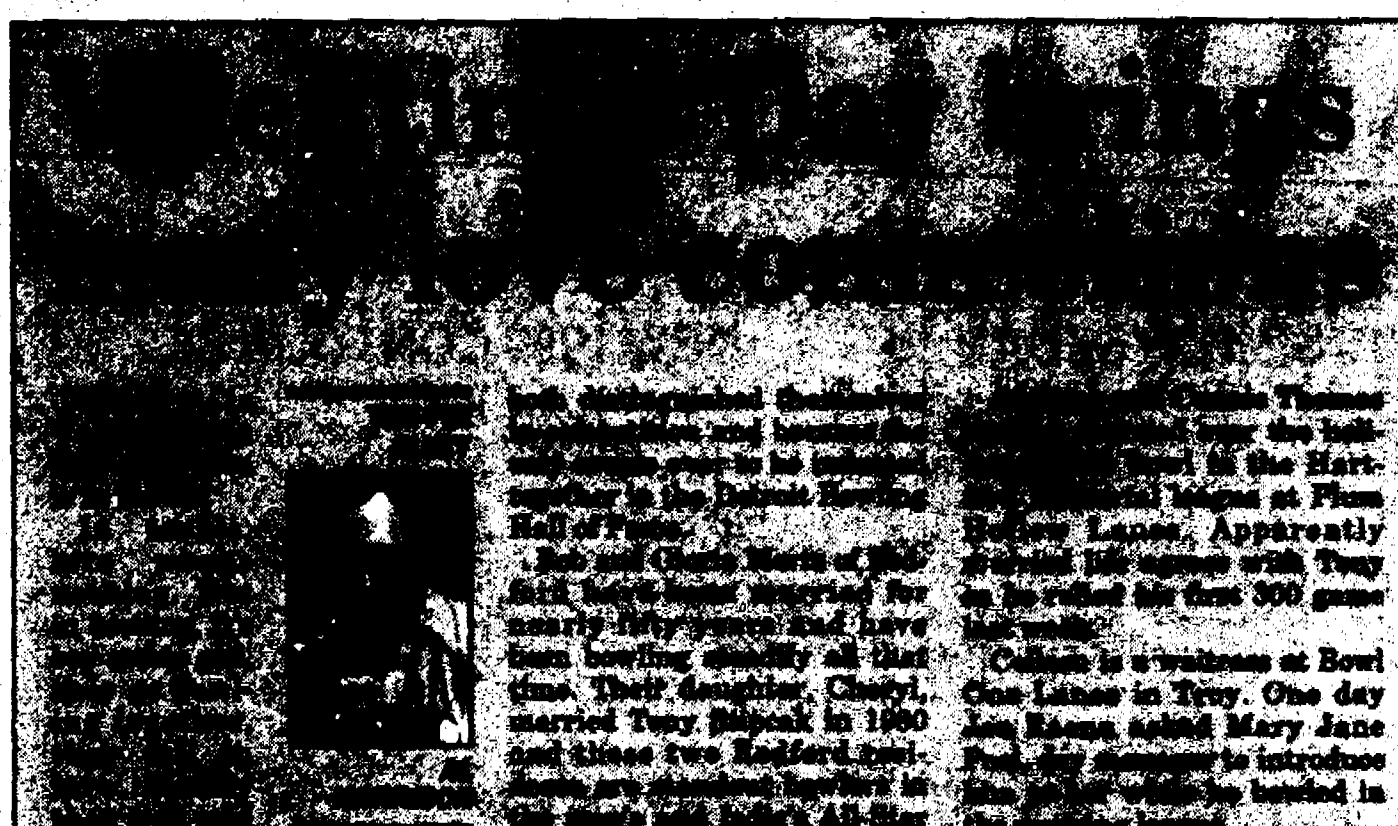
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Carol is one of the leading bowlers in the All-Star Bowlerettes at Cloverlanes and Mark is an excellent bowler as well.

Robin and Rich White did not meet on the lanes but Rich did propose to Robin by sending the message via the overhead sign system.

They dated and went to a lot of Detroit Tigers games that year as it was a World Series championship team.

Married in 1971, they have

with distinguished bowlers in the area and having the opportunity to be together in the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

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PRO TIP OF THE WEEK

All-Star bowler Moore offers advice on buying right ball

Planning to buy a new ball? Here's a rundown by Mark Moore of DiLaura Bros. Bowling Supply, one of the nation's leading bowling equipment distributors.

Mark is also a top-notch All-Star bowler himself. He averages in the 220s, has rolled twenty-one 300 games and eleven 800 series.

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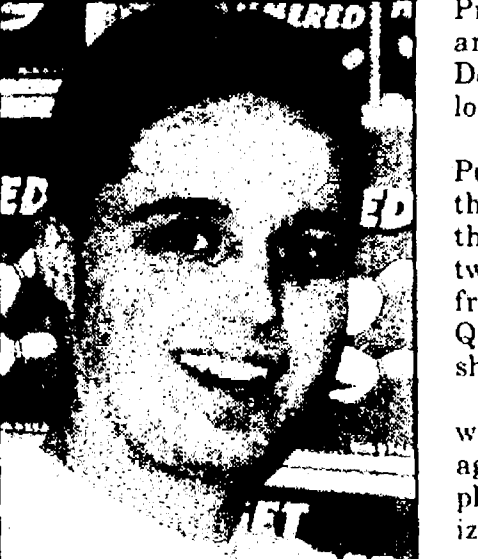
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know how to best match a ball to the individual bowler.

At the top end there have been plenty of new balls recently - the Sledge Hammer from Faball (they had this name copyrighted for five years waiting for a ball with their reactive mica cover).

This ball has been selling very well. It is very good for the high performance ball, gets through the mid-lane very well, rolls heavy hits hard.

Ebonite now has the Tombstone which was developed off the Rip Tide. It is a pro reactive coverstock.

Columbia's Surge just came. It is a superflex resin with mica in it. The field tests have been very good on this one. It is another ball designed to hook strong in the mid lane.

This results in a more even reaction for the better bowlers.

Storm has come out with the El Nino in the last few months, now its best-selling ball. It is now coming out with the El Nino Wrath, a modified pearlized version.

Brunswick, of course, has the ever popular proactive Zone

Pro Azure and Zone Pro Teal and has added the Zone Pro Deep Violet. The Violet will go longer with a late break.

Track, Inc has the new TKO Punch coming out. It is better than its own Triton Elite and the TKO's. It has a modified two-piece core, a little different from most and closer to the Quantum with its mushroom shaped block.

AMF has had a lot of success with the Night Hawk, a very aggressive ball for the better players, and will have a pearlized version in March.

The MJ Slam (one guess as to what MJ stands for) is a lower cost high end ball. Michael Jordan is now promoting AMF products.

This ball represents Michael Jordan's recent commitment to bowling, while the Zone Pros, El Ninos, Sledge Hammers, etc., sell at the high-end range.

Is there a \$300 ball? Yes, the Imperial Quantum from Brunswick with a suggested retail of \$299 (which includes drilling).

For most control ability, the Zone Pros stand out. A lot has to do with how the ball is drilled (see last week's Pro Tips for Lou Ivancik on that subject).

Mark cautions to not get a ball that is too much for you to handle. That again is where the pro shop comes in.

As to why some of these balls cost so much, it is due to the very sophisticated cover stocks and weight blocks.

The Zone pros with the pro active shell have been the hottest so far this year. El Nino has run a close second, but all of them are selling well.

All older bowlers remember the days when for \$25 you could get a Black Beauty - and it was all you would ever need. How times have changed!

HONOR ROLL

PLAZA LANES (Livonia)
Powerhouse Men: Clarence McCles, 257; Burroughs Men: Manny Gale, 257; Rich Barker, 254; Jim Morrell, 268/698.
Waterford Men: Mike Sockow, 267/278-185/730; Bruce Lauber, 257; Dave Wegman, 242/257-215/715; Tom Wegman, 265; Bob Johnson, 257; John Scherer, 267; Dave Bauman, 254; Chuck Morris, 277; Joe Rensch, 267.

St. Coletta's Men: Mark Jensen, 279/703; Dave Poma, 267; Larry Trainer, 266/693; Dave Croft, 269.
Shelton Road Men: Larry Minehart, 229-298/244/168.
Pizza Men: Tom Rowe, 257/707; Larry Minehart Jr., 263; Larry Gawlik, 269/697; Mark Johnson, 244/722; Dave Smyczynski, 269; Gary Anania, 265.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)
Youth Leagues (Thursday Juniors/Majors): Brian Stack, 243/596.
Thursday Pros: Jessica Wampler, 111; Chris Kunka, 134; Tina Willis, 127.
Friday Juniors: John Lenover, 186.
Friday Pros: Danielle Reinhart, 131; Blago Butkovich, 161; Darville Wrenn, 120.
Friday Majors: Dave Jacobs, 245/658; Tim Moncrief, 224/552; Brianne Harcourt, 192/501.
Saturday 9 a.m. Pros: Matt Uciniski, 180; Lindsey Bennett, 149.

Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Todd Schemanski, 244/589; Steve Jacobs, 202/522.
Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Tony Vitale, 240/620; Ken Bauman, 228/577; Leon Walsh, 234/623; Derek Vermeulen, 239/645; Matt McCaffrey, 216/502.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
Nite Owls: Tom Deog, 253/677; Anthony Young, 266; Nate Shields, 244/650.
Classic: Mike Surdyk, 289/784; Bryan Mack, 279/769; Phil Horowitz, 279/758; Ron Moore, 268/737; John Kotler, 289/734; Bob Wilcox, 277/733.
Motor City Mens Early: Bob Copcic Jr., 276/803; Larry Zubeck, 679; Tom Small, 871; Jon Curtis, 667.
Westside Senior Men: Floyd Morris, 233/686; Joe Torey, 238/681; Dan Glatter, 219/623; Bill Fife, 214/601; Dick Heib, 248/599; Don Hochstadt, 233/599.
St. Pauls Presbyterians: Danielle Lebord, 279/683.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)
Kings-Queens: Tom Cox, 296/637.
FoMoCo Thursday Night: Chuck Girard, 247/704; Wayne Walters, 268/674; Larry Frank, 686; Dave Diomed, 259.
All-Star Bowlerettes: Jeanne Gebbia, 279/704; Patery Wray, 268/731; Miss Sullivan, 267/684; Lisa McClenahan, 256/694; JoAnn Carter, 255; Cheryl Stipcak, 247/680; Angela Witt, 279.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Local 182 Retirees: Bob Monie, 256; Joe Eaden, 205; Bill Kappen, 242.
LEA Mixed: Mike Howard, 254.
Ford Parts Depot: Don Jordan, 290/7733; Bob Dougherty, 267/726; Dennis Weatherford, 674; Jim Millon, 670; Chuck Sturgis, 690; Ken Jacobs, 655.
Jacks & Jills: Chuck Estore, 682; Carrie Shaw, 243/562.
Morning Stars: Donna Herrin, 213/223; 226/672; Shirley Taylor, 233. Roxanna Mueller, 218.
Men's Trio: Mark Howes, 738; Rick Capaldi, 713; Rick Jones, 683; Steve Hubble, 682.
Early Birds: Sally Van Atta, 203; Judy Ponter, 514; Beth Sammut, 523.
Allstate Ladies: Eve Davis, 246; Leslie Peterson, 224.

Livonia Elks: Rod Cox, 268.
Thursday Night Men: Mike Travis, 268/773; Steve Wiczek, 278/709; John Barstow, 237/665; Ron Lutz, 245/642.
Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Gerald Brown, 269/711; Darren Kohn, 279/717; Dave Norwick, 267/709; Mark Papp, 258/712; Brian Gross, 278/757.
Midnighters: Evans Brown, 269/716; Tim Mieczek, 257/652; Mike Zielinski, 229.
Gay 90s (seniors): Chuck Simpson, 211; Harry Omedani, 225; Norm Renaud, 201; John Kilbourne, 205/565.
Saturday Youth (Rangers): Dan Lisinski, 264/623.
Monday Specials: George Gundlach, 211; Ted Mantha, 205; Fran Edington, 205.
Woodland Swingline Seniors: Jim Meloch, 233.

G & G Auto: Mike Hitchcock, 279/745.
MERRI BOWL (Livonia)
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Shelle Dundas, 214/545; Kim Eiler, 208/527; Lukan Smith, 208/518; Beth Carpenter, 210/527; Diana Krubinski, 216/207/558.
Senior Men's Bowlers: Joe Kubinec, 212/596; Cammie Leggett, 255/203/616; Jack Hausman, 220/205/597.
Newburg Ladies: Darlene Jablonski, 218; Joe Smith, 195; Maureen Cincio, 194; Alice Kolarov, 193; Kathy Tetlow, 191.
Early Risers: Diane Jaquinta, 217; Ann Michalski, 200/513; Cathy Truszynski, 231; 235/647; Jean Snyder, 522; Cheryl Stone, 503.
Youth Leagues (Pin Busters): Jonathan Cui, Ramiro, 342.
Pin Heads: Jon Krajewski, 215/557; Natl Horton, 668; Dave Heikinen, 214.
Parent/Child: Jessica Cichon, 243/641; Matts Clark, 165.
Gutter Dusters: Giovanni McDonald, 170; Gabby Vezosi, 131.
Strikes & Spares: Brandon Mound, 247; Kristen Richards, 185.
Pepsi Pros: Brian Adams, 246; Matt Boehm, 256; Pat Smith, 229.

TOWN 'N COUNTRY LANES (Westland)
Airlines: Fred Novakovich, 279; Larry Edwards, 268; Leon Smith Jr., 259; 701; Dick Coxier, 124; A Carver, 710.
Thursday Gals: Cindy Burns, 245/628; Pam McNeil, 243; Vicki Dean, 233/595; Pam Wilcox, 629.
Westside Proprietors Travel: Murray Hain, 243.
Intercity Mixed: Mark Brzezinski, 300.

WESTLAND BOWL
Sunday Sleepers: Rich Trullard, 279/782; Steve Attagast, 257/754; Pat Agio, 214/750; Tim Lindon, 269/706; Bud Clifton, 271/717; Joseph O'Connell, 269/701.
Tim Parrish: Bill Jacobs, 275/198 pins; Rick Wain, 279; Chris Kuznoski, 300; Rich Clark, 601.
St. Mel's Men: John Kosowski, 233/682; James Conko, 254/650; Earl Aury, 247/652; Earl Aury, 242/643; Barry Vess, 246/643.

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic: Dave Clark, 251/2320; 247/744; Mark Gorio, 200/265/246/711; John Aspinis, 232/236/236/704; Brian Jones, 263/244/695; Matt Dally, 237/225/231/693; Matt Masala, 214/235/221/670.


MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)
Monday Seniors: Tim McCarthy, 247; 243/715; Hank Pearson, 279/730; Cass Pogoda, 279/236/699; Jesse Macciocco, 279/688; Jack Dahlstrom, 267/671; Norb Gierewski, 268/668.
Good Neighbors: Gloria Mertz, 532.
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Rich Pachernik, 238/257/193/688; Tony Wolak, 246/213/662; Joe Pawlowski, 222/234/644; Al Thompson, 269/219/669; Ed Dudek, 254/217/641; Tom Bilarda, 257/621.

REDFORD BOWL
Suburban Proprietor Travel (Ivonia): John Hurley, 249/593; Bob Gratrix, 258/619; Mark Wright, 244/601; Dave Richardson, 239/598; Gene Guntzow, 225/610.
Suburban Proprietor Travel (Livonia): Janet Posing, 263/639; Bernice Anthony, 210/572; W. Waldrop, 198; Marie Bridges, 194.

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