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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Study session: Westland City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday for a study session on the second floor of Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road. Topics include: the major and local road funds and the status of the general stormwater permit.

TUESDAY

Democratic club: "Welfare Reform: Good News/Bad News" will be the topic of a talk by Marguerite Kowaleski, volunteer advocate with a welfare rights office, to the Westland Democratic Club Tuesday. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road.



Kowaleski

THURSDAY

Info meeting: A parents' information meeting for the Westland All-Stars Drama Club as they get ready to start their next production is 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday at the Bailey Center behind City Hall in Westland.

SATURDAY

Museum open: The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturday at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

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Man charged in Internet sex case

For the first time in Westland, a sex crime investigator has encountered a case involving allegations that a minor was lured for sex on the Internet. A Westland man has been charged.

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A Westland man is accused of getting a 13-year-old girl drunk and having sex with her after the two met on the Internet, police said.

Brian Joseph Rose, 21, faces possible trial for first-degree criminal sexual conduct after the girl alleged he enticed

her into meeting him, Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry said.

Rose, charged Feb. 11 in Westland 18th District Court, faces a March 25 hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Rose's case marks the first that Terry, a sex crime investigator, has encountered in Westland involving allegations that a minor was lured for sex on the Internet.

The suspect could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted as charged. Rose is accused of having sex with the girl during the early morning hours of Nov. 26 at his place of work in Westland, Terry said.

Terry identified the girl's residency only as a western Wayne County community to help protect her. Rose couldn't be reached for comment, nor could his defense attorney, Michael Rex.

Terry provided this account of allegations in the case:

"A girl met a guy on the Internet, and he enticed her into meeting him. They went out, and there are allegations that he got her drunk and had

sex with her," Terry said.

"They met in a chat room on the Internet. He picked her up one evening near her home," the sergeant said. "She said he supplied her with alcohol and she became intoxicated. He was later charged with a sex act involving an incapacitated person - which is first-degree CSC (criminal sexual conduct)."

The girl apparently sneaked out of her parents' house but was confronted when she returned about 6 a.m., and Terry said the girl told them about the incident.

Rose is free on a personal bond as he awaits his March 25 hearing on felony sex charges.

Kids prove they can be good spellers

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Amanda Dewyer's home turf proved lucky for her Thursday as she claimed victory over 22 other students in the Wayne-Westland school district's spelling bee.

Competing at Adams Middle School, where she is an eighth-grader, Dewyer won top honors in the 19th annual, districtwide contest.

"I'm so happy. I studied a lot," Dewyer, 13, said, winning her title after correctly spelling "veneration."

Adams Principal Celestine Sanders wasted no time making a school announcement, and Dewyer became a hallway celebrity as friends crowded around to congratulate her.

Dewyer competed in the school library against top spellers from each of Wayne-Westland's 17 elementary schools, four middle schools and two private schools, St. John's Lutheran and St. Mary Catholic.

As a crowd of 200 parents and educators watched, students one by one suffered elimination from the spelling bee.

Runner-up Jennifer Zhao gave Dewyer a good challenge until she misspelled "benign."

Some students shed tears and had to be consoled by parents and educators.

"You feel bad for these little kids. You can see their sweating bullets," Dee Martin, spelling bee promoter and longtime district learning consultant, said.

About 40 minutes into the contest, only six students remained in competition, including Dewyer, Zhao and top spellers from Edison, Hamilton, Kettering and Roosevelt elementaries. Then spelling bee officials called a recess.

"It's scary. I'm really nervous," Dewyer said during the break, not realizing she would win. "When I'm up there, I feel like, am I going to get the word right or not? Then I look over at the judges to see what they're going to say."

She said she worked hard to prepare for the contest and had help from her parents, Debbie and Darryl Dewyer.

"I studied a lot, and my mom and dad helped me by giving me the words and



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Taking a spell: Spelling bee winner Amanda Dewyer takes her turn at the Wayne-Westland district's annual bee, while runner-up Jennifer Zhao looks on.

letting me spell them," she said. "I'm very proud of her," Debbie Dewyer said, hugging her daughter after the spelling bee ended. "She's a 4.0

student. She studies a lot."

Amanda Dewyer said her favorite

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The winner, Amanda Dewyer reacts as she wins the bee.



Sharing: Debbie Dewyer and her daughter Amanda are emotional after Amanda's win.

2nd look at Anthony's Pond condo case sought

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Allegations that two businessmen cheated Westland condominium buyers out of tens of thousands of dollars may resurface in 18th District Court.

Judge Gail McKnight last July dismissed criminal charges against businessmen Alvin Berton Bright Jr. and Michael Edward Morche. The men had been accused of wrongdoing at Antho-

ny's Pond condominium development on Hix Road between Warren and Joy.

McKnight ruled that prosecutors didn't provide evidence to support charges that Bright and Morche obtained money under false pretenses.

But Karen Woodside, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, said McKnight will be asked to reconsider her decision in the wake of new evidence.

Charges against the businessmen surfaced after Renee and Larry Pan-

ny claimed they lost \$65,000 on a partially built condominium that remains unfinished, more than two years after construction began.

Another couple, Marilyn and Amir Kashat, said they spent more than \$100,000 for a condominium that another family occupied for 15 months. The Kashats finally got to move into their home last fall after a Wayne County judge ordered the other occupants out.

In October, Woodside announced there would be an appeal in Wayne County Circuit Court of McKnight's decision to drop criminal charges, which Woodside contended shouldn't have been dismissed.

However, Woodside said Friday that the appeal will now be dropped as long as the allegations are considered along with new evidence in Westland 18th District Court.

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Toarmina's poised for bigger bite of pizza market

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Toarmina's Pizza, based in Westland, is looking for a bigger slice of the area pizza market.

The franchise has plans to expand this year in its biggest expansion ever, according to Lou Toarmina, president of Toarmina's.

Toarmina, 36, and founder of Toarmina's, has hopes to sell franchises to open nine more locations in 1999. The company is looking at Troy, Rochester Hills, Rochester and Auburn Hills. Another ideal expansion area would be Farmington, Toarmina said.

Oakland County is the targeted area for the company which has 19 stores, mostly in Wayne County.

Toarmina's already has a small presence in Oakland County with one store in Waterford and the most recently opened location in Sylvan Lake. It opened this year.



The stores are typically 1,000 square feet and employ seven to 20 workers per store. Opening 10 locations in one year is the most the company has ever done, Toarmina said.

The 12-year-old company went from 13 to 18 in one year, but that was the result of people coming in and asking to buy franchises, he said.

"This is the first time we've aggressively gone out to do that," he said.

Toarmina said he has been working on lower volume stores in recent years to increase business and now feels ready for expansion.

He has also been studying the market and talking to people he considers to be experts such as former Dino's and Domino's executives.

In the pizza business, people are always selling something - making it easy to get into conversations.

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNELI

In community: Lou Toarmina and the Westland Rotary sell pizza at WinterFest.

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Toarmina said. His goal is 50 stores in southeast Michigan, earning \$300,000 per year, 20 percent for the franchise owners. Toarmina's is trying to get a bigger bite despite a market of heavy hitters such as Domino's, Little Caesars and Pizza Hut. But in the whole pizza industry regional chains are gaining market, Toarmina said. Toarmina said he can compete by keeping a community feeling about his chain. He's done that by being active at many community events. In Westland, Toarmina has been active with the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary and many city events such as Westland Sum-

mer Festival and the city garage sale. He is also involved with the Make A Wish Foundation. Chainwide, the goal is to be "almost like a mom and pop operation" and at the same time offer what the others offer, including good food and clean restaurants, Toarmina said. Toarmina says his company is more franchisee-friendly than its competitors, who sell supplies from their own units to franchisees. "We go out and get the best prices we can find," Toarmina said. The company also promotes the three Cs: consistent quality, cleanliness and customer service as part of the company's philoso-

The 24-inch pizza continues to be a Toarmina's mainstay, and the company plans to come up with a deep dish pizza to be introduced during this summer.

phy, he said. Toarmina's is also making its way with the technology of today - a Web site at www.toarminaspizza.com where visitors can learn about the history of the company such as that the company still uses Grandma Santa Toarmina's dough recipe and that the company's first location opened in June 1987 in Westland across the street from the very first Little Caesar's Pizza. Also, Toarmina's Ypsilanti location is in the site of the very first Domino's Pizza. "VR Metro Malls did that for us," Toarmina said of the Web site. "We're going to use that a

lot this year." Also, this year retired Red Wing Gordie Howe has started as a spokesperson, which attaches a big name to Toarmina's. The company recently introduced the "Howe #9 Pizza" which comes in a box featuring the image of Howe's famous #9 jersey. The 24-inch pizza continues to be a Toarmina's mainstay, and the company plans to come up with a deep dish pizza to be introduced this summer, Toarmina said. People are looking for a better product, Toarmina said. "That's our niche - we can offer a better product."

OBITUARIES

NANCY A. TALBOT
A memorial service for Nancy Talbot, 87, of Westland will begin 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 2707 Middlebelt Road, Westland. Officiating will be the Rev. Jerry Yarnall. Mrs. Talbot, who died Feb. 12 in Garden City, was born July 29, 1931, in Detroit. She was a receptionist for a dental office.

WILLIAM F. THORE
Funeral services for William Thore, 88, of Westland were Feb. 17 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Officiating was the Rev. David G. Mulder.

Mr. Thore, who died Feb. 13 in Ypsilanti, was born Sept. 27, 1910, in Mount Airy, N.C. He was a repairman. Surviving are his wife, Erma; sons, James Thore of Florida and Jack (Geneva) Brewer of Garden City; daughters, Shirley (Lee) Looper of Tennessee, Patche Wilkinson of Tennessee, Alice Applegate of Garden City, Sharon Ladd of Garden City and JoAnn (Robert) Keenan of Garden City; sister, Lennes Smithers of Mount Airy, N.C.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the family fund.

at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Dean Klump.

Mrs. Thompson, who died Feb. 14 in Superior Township, was born Sept. 9, 1921, in Flint. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, David (Candy) of Plymouth and Allan (Kathy) of Chelsea; brother, David Short of DeWitt, Mich.; sisters, Lucille Crough, Phyllis Reynolds and Ruth Daly all of Lansing; two granddaughters. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

GARY R. BENARD
Funeral services for Gary Benard, 46, of Westland were Feb. 16 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus from St. Raphael Church.

Mr. Benard, who died Feb. 11 in Garden City, was born Oct. 11, 1952, in Detroit. He was a property manager for apartments and condominiums.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma; son, Arthur; daughters, Noreen (Dennis) Teneyek and Margaret; parents, Robert and Virginia Benard; brothers, Avryl Snyder, Richard, Robert and James; sister, Sandra Gillig; and three grandchildren.

IRWIN S. PERRIE
Funeral services for Irwin Perrie, 71, of Westland were Feb. 19 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home of Westland with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Officiating was the Rev. John F. Quigley.

Mr. Perrie, who died Feb. 16 in his Westland residence, was born Sept. 9, 1927, in Detroit. He was a computer programmer analyst.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn; sons, Steve (Stephanie) and Don (Stacey); daughter, Lynn (Rick) Stout; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice or Ward Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH R. THIBODEAU
Funeral services for Joseph Thibodeau, 99, of Westland were Feb. 20 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Scott Thibodeau. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Thibodeau, who died Feb. 17 in Southfield, was born Feb. 7, 1900, in Stoneham, Mass. He was an analyst.

Surviving are his sons, Thomas (Jan), William (Virginia), Dennis (Donna) and Robert; brother, Joseph; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Thibodeau was preceded in death by his wife, Jean. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

DAVID S. KOLOD
Funeral services for David Kolod, 48, of Westland were Feb. 18 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Kolod, who died Feb. 16 in Wayne, was born Sept. 17, 1950, in Dearborn. He was a deputy director in the printing industry.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra; sons, Kevin Kolod, Gregory Dines and Jeffery Dines; daughters, Jill Kolod and Mary Dines; brother, Alan Kolod; sister, Jackie Firavich; and four grandchildren.

FRANCIS A. KOSLOW
Funeral services for Francis Koslow, 77, of Westland were Feb. 20 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Dave Brown.

Mr. Koslow, who died Feb. 17 in Garden City, was born July 12, 1921, in New Kensington, Pa. He was a pharmacist.

Surviving are his wife, Marion; sons, Mark and Scott (Patricia); daughters, Vicki (Ken) Oliver and Sharon (Greg) Urbanski; and seven grandchildren.

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Funeral services for Robert Biel, 69, of Westland were Feb. 12 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City. Officiating was the Rev. Marc Gawronski from St. Stephen-Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Church.

Mr. Biel, who died Feb. 9 in Garden City, was born Nov. 26, 1929, in Detroit. He lived in Westland the past three years. He was a former Detroit resident. He was a store manager for Perry Drugs.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; son, Ken (Reema); daughters, Cindy (Joe) Maiorana, Debbie Hunt and Lisa (Augie) Martinez; brother, John (Kay); sister, Jean Ross; and eight grandchildren.

ANNA M. THOMPSON
Funeral services for Anna Thompson, 77, of Westland were Feb. 17 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial

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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.



On the floor: Grandmother Jenny Bostwick of Westland square dances with her grandson Shane Miller, 4, of Wayne at the mother-son dance.



Dance-hall days: Dads and daughters participate in the opening dance of the daddy-daughter dance. Below, Tyler Simpson, 4 of Westland got into the music at the mother-son dance.



Special couples feel like dancing

Different generations took to the dance floor this week at Westland's Bailey Center. Daddy-daughter and mommy-son dances were sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at the Bailey Center. Each couple received a souvenir balloon and each son or daughter received a souvenir balloon. Square dance caller Mike Brennan provided the music as couples could do mixers, traditional squares and other special dances.



Flower girl: Kurt Johnson of Northville pins on a flower onto his daughter, Gen, 4.

Westland man arrested after macaroni theft

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Two Livonia police officers escaped injury early Feb. 13 when they dodged a car driven by a man they were pursuing over the shoplifting of a macaroni and cheese dinner.

At the end of a dead-end street, the man pulled into a driveway, backed up and headed at officers, according to a Livonia Police Department report. One leaped out of the way, while the other, who was half out of his car, jumped back in and closed the door, police said.

"He was very intent on getting away, it looks like," said Lt. Ben McDermott, department spokesman.

Police eventually arrested Nathan Douglas Monthei, 29, after a chase through residential areas. There was a box of Kraft family-size macaroni and cheese, priced at \$4.49, in the car, police said.

Monthei, of Westland, faces two charges of felonious assault and one misdemeanor charge of retail fraud. He is being charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of any prison sentence if he is convicted.

Monthei scheduled for a Tuesday preliminary hearing in 16th District Court.

The incident began shortly after midnight Feb. 13 when

police got a call about a suspicious vehicle outside the Farmer Jack at Five Mile and Middlebelt.

A plainclothes officer, Jeffrey Weiss, responded and watched the 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass for about 10 minutes before a man who had been sitting in it entered the store, Weiss' report said. A plainclothes sergeant, Dariusz Nisenbaum, followed him in.

A short time later, the man walked through the only open checkout line. As he brushed past a customer paying for her purchases, a box of macaroni and cheese fell out of the front of his jacket, police said. He picked it up and ran, a store employee yelling and following him.

The man ran to the Oldsmobile, where there was a woman in the passenger seat, and drove west on Five Mile, with Weiss following. The man turned north on Hidden Lane, now pursued by the Weiss and Nisenbaum.

The man appeared to be stopping when he pulled into the driveway, police said, but then backed up and turned sharply toward them, heading south on Hidden Lane, then west on Five Mile. Weiss' report said the Oldsmobile missed him by inches.

Uniformed officers eventually arrested the suspect near Middlebelt and Schoolcraft Road.

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"This case remains under investigation by Westland police, and they have direction on what they need to do," Woodside said. "There are a number of things that need to be put on the (court) record to see if the judge will change her mind."

In her earlier decision, McKnight noted that Bright and Morche had a complex and troubled business arrangement at Anthony's Pond. But, she ruled that, based on evidence present-

ed in her court, the two men didn't appear to have set out to cheat condominium buyers.

Woodside said she believes there is other evidence that can be presented during a new hearing to show otherwise.

When given the opportunity, Bright and Morche have declined to comment on the case. However, defense attorney Thomas Meconi has called the prosecution's case "mental gymnastics of an extreme sort."

PWP chapter plans 2 events

The Wayne-Westland chapter of Parents Without Partners has announced a new address in time for two upcoming events.

The group is moving to Warren Valley Country Club, 26116 Warren, between Inkster and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights, member Tom Jackson said.

The chapter is sponsoring a

"President's Dance" and open house from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the new location. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The group also is sponsoring "The Bunny Hop" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 26 - at the new location. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers.

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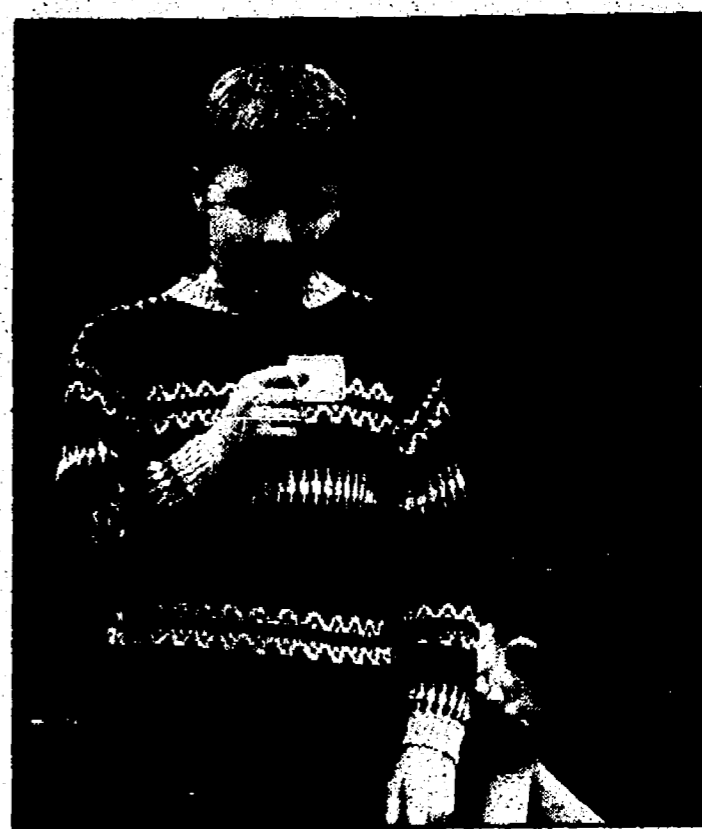
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Practice makes perfect: Lauren Senia of Wildwood Elementary takes her turn at Thursday's Wayne-Westland school district spelling bee as some of her competitors look on.



Tension mounts: David Benson of Hamilton Elementary makes it to the finals in the district spelling bee, as Edward St. Antoine of Roosevelt waits his turn.

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subjects are English and history, and her hobbies are reading and listening to music by artists such as Monica and N Sync.

Now that she is district spelling champion, she gets to compete in regional competition in March, amid hopes of also advancing to state and national finals.

Wayne-Westland's Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee is named after a former district educator.

Other participants, starting with Wayne-Westland elementary spellers, included Bryan Anderson of Edison; Crystal Beaver of Elliott; Kristin Queen of Hamilton; Drake Yharbrough of Hicks; Justin Collop of Hoover; Nicole Szyszkowski of Jefferson-Barns; Karissa Bolton of Kettering; Cecilia Bright of Lincoln; Whitney Michelle Sonak of Patchin; Edward St. Antoine of Roosevelt; Elek Earl Hutchinson of Schweitzer; Bradley Barron of Taft-Galloway; Megan Shirshun of Vandenberg; Jennifer Swartz of Walker-Winter; and Lauren Senia of Wildwood.

Other spellers from Wayne-Westland middle schools included Shawna Neumann of Franklin, Brooke Houck of Marshall and Frank Asher of Stevenson. Participants from private schools included Abby Pitt from St. John's Lutheran and Bridget Chalupka of St. Mary Catholic.

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***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
February 1, 1999**

The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of February 1, 1999; the full text of the minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: Joanne Morgan.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee Frank Kokenakes presented the Golden Apple Award to Robert King, special education teacher at Churchill High School.

Outstanding American High School Recognition: President Dianne Nay presented a resolution to Principal Rod Hoeman for Churchill High School being recognized as one of 96 Outstanding American High Schools by the U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing Churchill High School as one of 96 Outstanding American High Schools throughout the nation.

All-State Athlete Recognition: Trustee Kenneth Timmons presented a resolution to Stephen Polanski, a senior at Stevenson High School. The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing Stephen Polanski, a senior at Stevenson High School, for being named the Division I medalist in golf in the state of Michigan in 1998, a title generally accorded to the best individual junior golfer in the state.

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Watters and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 1999; IVB Minutes of the Closed Session of January 11, 1999; IVC Minutes of the Closed Session of January 18, 1999; IVD Minutes of the Closed Session of January 25, 1999; VI. Move that general fund check no. 310349 through 310975 in the amount of \$3,052,467.66 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,979,563.91 be approved. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation-High School Student Activities Programs: Students from CHS, Kristin Derwich; FHS, Kristi Kalousek; and SHS, Leanne Schraufnagle; presented the student activities programs available to students in the three high schools. They described a wide-ranging schedule of events including several community service projects, contests, dances, talent shows, and club activities.

30-Year Resolution: Motion by Lessard and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the proposed resolutions of appreciation for 30 years of service with the district for the following employees: Sharon Bernath, Dan Burk, Karen Copeland, Robert Dennis, Larry Dove, Candace Greene, David Watson, Phyllis Weeks, and Irwin Weisberg. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Watters and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to: Kerrie Adams, Charlene Baringhaus, Arthur Enderle, Matthew Fournier, Lisa Friedman, and Matthew Grodzinski. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: Motion by Nalley and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by: Beverly Rowley and Betty Tutigian. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson displayed the "MEAP, MEAP" shirt to be worn by staff during the MEAP testing of students at Garfield Elementary School; announced that Paul Serri, science teacher at CHS, wrote an article for The Science Teacher regarding formative assessment strategies; reported that the Education Alliance Committee of the Livonia Chamber met with CHS, FHS, and SHS representatives of the class of '94 to share their experience in career decision making, both in high school and during the last five post-graduate years; reported a partnership with Farmington Public Schools through the AIESEC (U of M) organization which will organize and facilitate first-hand, real life international and business experiences directly for students and as an enhancement of classroom curriculums in the Livonia Public Schools and Farmington Public Schools; congratulated Nankin Mills Elementary School for being awarded a \$900 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council; announced the winners of the DECA state conference: Erin Ennis, Ryan O'Connor, Shanna Bergin, Kristen Ostrander, Adrienne Salcau, Mike Moseley, Will Katz, Bryan Budd, Dan DiPonio, Carl Pasciak, and Adam Guyot; and introduced the video that highlighted the spring break presentation held at Dickinson Center titled, Kids in the Sun, Parents in the Dark.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board discussed the following topics: Transportation Department's annual Blood Drive in the Board Room on Friday, February 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the spring break seminar titled, Kids in the Sun, Parents in the Dark at Dickinson; Donuts for Dad at Marshall Elementary School; DARE graduations; Mr. Morgan attending a national legislative conference in Washington D.C.; and the Student Activities Programs.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Regular meeting of February 1, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Publish: February 21, 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.
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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.
Thursday	March 11, 1999	1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
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	46.52%	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 BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 1999**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Public Hearings and Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 1999, at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:25 P.M.

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

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Salomone

Ordinance Amendment - Parking Standards.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:28 P.M.

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

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

Ordinance Amendment - Floor Area - Usable Nonresidential.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and Community Center Supervisor McKarge.

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

Matthew Hahn, of Garden City, discussed removing debris from the DDA project, congested parking on John Hawk, and invoice payments.

Herman Bersano, of Garden City, discussed contacting our Congresswoman regarding senior citizen housing grants, restricting parking to one side of the street, and, for re-addressing the closing of Pierce Street.

Item 02-99-043 It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Briscoe:

Council was advised by the City Attorney that whenever Council meets minutes should be taken and approved.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the special workshop of January 30, 1999.

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-044 It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Wiacek

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of February 1, 1999.

AYES: Unanimous

The Mayor with the approval of Council, added an item regarding the Corrective Action Plan.

The Mayor with the concurrence of Council, suspended the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the Council resumed normal rules of order and offered the following motion.

Item 02-99-045

It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Dodge:

Mr. Kane, of Garden City, discussed the MDEQ schedule and questioned what the other communities are doing, and if they are acquiescing the State.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Engineer's requested proposal to approve the revised Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Corrective Plan Schedule, Revised as of February 8, 1999, "Current Request for Approval" with the understanding that if it is not accepted by MDEQ then we would adopt the "MDEQ Current Schedule".

Item 02-99-046 It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Dodge:

RESOLVED: To table motion 02-99-045.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge and Kaledas.

NAYS: Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Wayneck.

Motion to table fails.

Note: A friendly amendment was offered by Councilmember Briscoe to approve only the "Current Request for Approval" not the "MDEQ Current Schedule". Councilmember Dodge withdrew support on motion 02-99-045 and the motion was then supported by Councilmember Kaledas. This friendly amendment was accepted by Councilmembers Wayneck and Kaledas, the mover and supporter of the motion.

Item 02-99-048 It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

RESOLVED: To approve the City Engineer's requested proposal to approve the Michigan Department of Environmental

Quality (MDEQ), Corrective Plan Schedule, Revised as of February 8, 1999, column, "Current Request for Approval".

AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Wayneck.

NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. Motion passed.

Item 02-99-047 It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Wayneck;

Council discussed the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals reviewing McKenna & Associates invoices. Mr. Ed Kane, Chairperson, Planning Commission stated they have only seen one set of invoices.

A friendly amendment to delete the McKenna bills from the accounts payable list was made.

RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, minus McKenna & Associates invoices totaling \$8,137.50.

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-048 It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Wayneck:

RESOLVED: To appoint Mary Ann D'Angelo to the Commission on Aging, term to expire on December 31, 2002.

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-049 It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Wiacek:

RESOLVED: To appoint Pete L. Tavormina to the Commission on Aging term to expire on December 31, 2002.

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-050 It was moved by Councilmember Briscoe; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To appoint Doris Wilcox to the Commission on Aging term to expire on December 31, 2002.

AYES: Unanimous

Mayor Barker at this time apprised Council that he had appointed Councilmember Lynch as the liaison to the Cable Commission.

Item 02-99-051 It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To accept Ordinance #99-002 to amend Article 4.00, Subsection 161.048 (C) (10) Schedule of Off-Street Parking of the Code of the City of Garden City to read as follows:

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

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-052 It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To accept Ordinance #99-003 to amend Article 1.00, Subsection 161.003, Definitions of Chapter 161 of Title XV of the Code of the City of Garden City to read as follows:

FLOOR AREA, USABLE NONRESIDENTIAL: Eighty (80%) percent of the gross floor area.

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-053 It was moved by Councilmember Wayneck; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

RESOLVED: To set a public hearing on the CDBG Program for February 22, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

AYES: Unanimous

Item 02-99-054 It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Wiacek:

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Premium Unleaded Gasoline and #2 Diesel Fuel, Tanker & Tank wagon deliveries Option 1 (1 yr. contract) to Atlas Oil, as recommended by the City Manager, in the amount of \$49,000.00, to be charged to Account #101-292-740.100.

AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Credit Card Policy.

2. Maplewood Center - Digital Duplicator (copier).

Item 02-99-055 It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

RESOLVED: To award the bid for the duplicator, accessories, and warranty to Savin, the lowest bidder to meet bid specifications, for the amount of \$10,828.20, charged to Account #401-401-332.021.

AYES: Unanimous

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Reports offer different views on charter schools

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The public got two different reports on the troubles of Michigan's 183 public school academies, alias "charter schools."

Public Sector Consultants Inc. pictured metro area schools as struggling with startup costs, disadvantaged by inability to sell bonds, closing the gap with traditional schools on MEAP tests, and "having considerable trouble" with federal-state special education rules.

PSC's study was authored in part by Nick Khouri, a former Engler administration Treasury official who called his picture of charter schools as "essentially

positive."

Western Michigan University pictured outstate charter schools as "skimming" good students, giving parents little influence, attracting for-profit companies that run "cookie-cutter" operations, failing to offer lunch and special education programs, and suffering "high rate of attrition among teachers, students and even principals."

The WMU report was leaked Feb. 15 to wire services and widely reported. The PSC report wasn't unveiled until the Feb. 18 afternoon meeting of the State Board of Education with few reporters present.

'Disturbed'

"Frankly, I am disturbed by the management company

approach," said Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, president of the eight-member State Board. "It circumvents the intent of the Legislature - power to principals, power to teachers, power to parents."

Beardmore also was unimpressed by charter school complaints about startup costs because they had had state, federal and private help.

"Their (charter schools') statements of philosophy were used as marketing tools," added member Herb Moyer, D-Temperance, indicating he was unhappy with their lack of educational innovation.

The two studies were ordered by the Legislature in its 1996 school aid act. PSC's covered nine counties, including Wayne,

Oakland and Livingston. WMU's covered the rest of the state.

PSAs are organized outside the operating limits of the state's 560 public school districts with charters from universities (109), community colleges (one), intermediate school districts (15) and local school districts (12). Nationally, charter schools are seen as alternative methods of schooling providing educational innovations.

Little innovation

But not in Michigan.

"We've been disappointed when we look at the dictionary definition of innovation," said Jerry Horn, co-author of the WMU study. "They've come up with cooperative learning and uniforms. But a lot of us would

say, I've seen this before."

WMU's study added, "Many revert to 'canned curriculums.'"

PSC's study agreed: "There have been few pedagogical inventions - e.g., practices found in at least one traditional public school in Michigan - in the study-area charter schools."

The two studies agreed charter school students are performing below traditional public school students on standard MEAP tests in math, science, reading and writing.

PSC admitted: "The percentage of students scoring 'satisfactory' at charter schools is lower than at a majority of local traditional public schools." But it softened the blow by saying, "The rate of improvement in MEAP scores is greater among charter

school students ..."

The studies agreed charter schools had many management and startup problems. WMU's found four kinds of groups forming charter schools: converted private schools (most), converted public schools ("a handful"), "Mom & Pop" operations (short-lived) and franchise or "cookie-cutter" schools.

WMU found "extensive nepotism in employment of relatives," teacher salaries as low as one-third of those in traditional public schools, and "poorly prepared" leaders dissatisfied with their lot.

Church influence?

Moyer, a former public school

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MHS fund-raiser

Adoptable pets, training tips featured at March 7 event

The Michigan Humane Society will be celebrating the special relationship between metro Detroiters and dogs, cats and other pets with a "Pets of the Century" tribute that will air during the group's Third Annual PETelethon fund-raiser Sunday, March 7.

The PETelethon will feature celebrity hosts and special guests, veterinarian and training tips, and adoptable pets. Donations can be pledged during the PETelethon to the Michigan Humane Society.

In conjunction with the telethon, the MHS is holding a My Pet Is a Hero contest. Your pet doesn't have to be Rin Tin Tin or Lassie to qualify; just being there every time you need a friend will suffice.

Just write and inform the MHS in 200 words or less why your pet (or the pet of someone you know) is a hero. Include a photo of your pet, along with

your address and phone number with the entry and drop it off at any metro Detroit Pet Supplies "Plus" store or mail your entry to the MHS Community Relations Department, 37255 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

The top three entrants in the My Pet Is a Hero contest will be invited to appear with their human companions on the telethon. Broadcast on WKBD-TV UPN 50 between noon and 5 p.m., the PETelethon is the largest television fund-raiser for pets in the country and the first devoted to animals in Michigan.

The top three finishers will receive Pet Supplies "Plus" gift certificates valued at \$500, \$200 and \$100. The fourth- through 10th-place finishers in the contest will receive a one year's supply of dog or cat food.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Everyone who drops an entry at Pet Supplies "Plus" will receive a

gift pack.

Looking back on the special role that pets have played in people's lives during the 20th century, the "Pets of the Century" tribute will feature fascinating photos of pets throughout the 1900s. Local pet lovers are invited to contribute to this fascinating tribute.

Copies can also be dropped off at any Pet Supplies Plus store. Pet owners are urged to provide copies rather than the originals, since the MHS cannot assume responsibility for the return of photos. Everyone who drops off a photo at Pet Supplies "Plus" will receive a gift bag to make up for the cost of the copies.

Anyone with an interesting historic photo of a dog, cat or other animal is invited to contact the Michigan Humane Society's Community Relations Department at (734) 721-2109.

S'craft hosts open house March 21

Learn how to apply for college, choose classes, get financial aid and what program fits your career plans at Schoolcraft College's open house noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21.

Visitors may take guided tours of the campus and talk with current Schoolcraft students. Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, career planning, tutoring, student activities and athletics, weekend college and distance learning and Continuing

Education Services.

The event includes free information materials and faculty members will answer questions and give hands-on demonstrations to acquaint visitors with degree programs. Computer-assisted drafting and electronics will demonstrate software, computer graphics will conduct a hands-on workshop, biology will demonstrate techniques used in DNA fingerprinting and CES will offer materials on the Talented and Gifted Program for

children.

Schoolcraft offers classes of fewer than 30 students, tuition is half that of four-year colleges and universities and a wide range of class times during days, evenings and weekends so students can work while taking classes.

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UAW Local 600 wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who sent cards and donations, and gave blood to the victims of the February 1, 1999 Ford Rouge Plant Powerhouse explosion. Your concern, support and prayers have touched the lives of the victims and their family members who struggle to cope with this disaster.

The community outpouring has been tremendous and is appreciated by all. We ask you to keep the families of our fatalities, and those who continue the daily struggle for life, in your thoughts and prayers.

Jerry Sullivan, President
UAW Local 600

I-275 construction

MDOT says expect delays as project gets April startup

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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If you are one of the nearly 200,000 motorists who travel on I-275 between Five Mile Road and the interchange with I-96, I-696 and M-5, you should expect traffic congestion and allow yourself more time this spring and summer to get to your destination.

In April, the Michigan Department of Transportation and its prime contractor, John Carlo Inc., will begin the \$49 million freeway reconstruction, calling for the reconstruction of the freeway and entrance and exit ramps, and the repair of bridges over the freeway. The project's completion date is set for October.

"It will be congested, but we have done everything in our power to minimize the impact," said Mike Eustice, MDOT resident engineer, to an audience at the Livonia Civic Center auditorium Thursday during a public information meeting.

The freeway will not be widened from its four lanes in Wayne County in each direction, but auxiliary lanes for entering and exiting the freeway will be lengthened to allow for easier access, MDOT officials said.

State Transportation Director James DeSana said a "great effort will be made" to minimize motorist inconvenience. I-275 is the second-busiest freeway in the state, behind I-75.

"Our contractor will be maintaining three lanes of traffic in each direction in daytime hours, working 24 hours a day, and will maintain access to at least two major interchanges at a time during the reconstruction process."

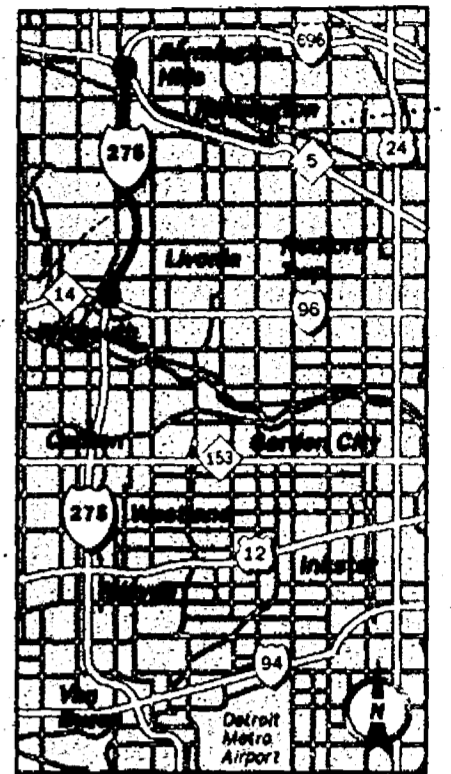
State officials were pleased that the construction bid came in at \$49 million, less than the earlier estimate of \$80 million. Originally the project was to last two years, but it was compressed into one.

Smooth ride

I-275 will be resurfaced this year between I-696 in Farmington Hills and Five Mile in Livonia.

Motorists and nearby residents can expect to see the following:

- In April, crews will add temporary lanes and pave crossover lanes just north of Five Mile Road in Livonia and just south of Grand River in Farmington Hills. Similar to construction completed last year on I-275 between M-14 and I-94, traffic from the southbound side will crossover to the northbound side with temporary lanes allowing for three lanes of traffic in both directions, separated by a concrete barrier.
- Contractors will remove old pavement and replace it with 12-inch thick concrete. That work will be completed on the freeway itself, the southbound ramp to I-275 from westbound I-696 in Oakland County, and entrance and exit ramps at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads.
- The "loop" entrance and exit ramps at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads will be closed for the 180-day duration of the project, but temporary crossover ramps will be built for I-275 traffic to travel through the construction area and directed to exit onto these mile roads.
- The long, "sweeping" entrance and exit ramps on the southbound side for each of these roads will be closed only during their reconstruction. Access is expected on the northbound side of the freeway — the side open to traffic — during the ramp construction.
- No two interchanges will be closed simultaneously; that is when the Six Mile interchange on the southbound side is closed for repairs, Seven and



- Eight Mile interchanges will be open.
- Repairs of 12 bridges over the freeway are expected to last through October. Motorists can expect traffic to be narrowed from two lanes to one in each direction. The time frame varies for the completion of bridge repairs, said Robin Pannecoek, MDOT spokesperson.
- The southbound side is expected to be completed in July. Then the freeway traffic will be switched to that side, also with three lanes in both directions, so the northbound side can then be completed. The bridgework will continue, while the ramps on that side of the freeway will be repaved.
- The construction is expected to be finished in October.

Eustice said the design concept helped reduce the costs to taxpayers. "By buying into the design concept, we're able to bring in more ideas from contractors, Eustice said.

Concern about noise

Not everyone at the hearing was happy with the concrete design. Three area residents complained that the freeway should have an asphalt surface to minimize the traffic noise.

David Sharpe from Farmington Hills told MDOT he was concerned about the noise. Eustice told him he didn't expect the traffic to increase. Sharpe also asked whether there would be increases once the M-5 connector was completed between 12 Mile and Pontiac Trail in the upcoming years, to which Eustice also was uncertain.

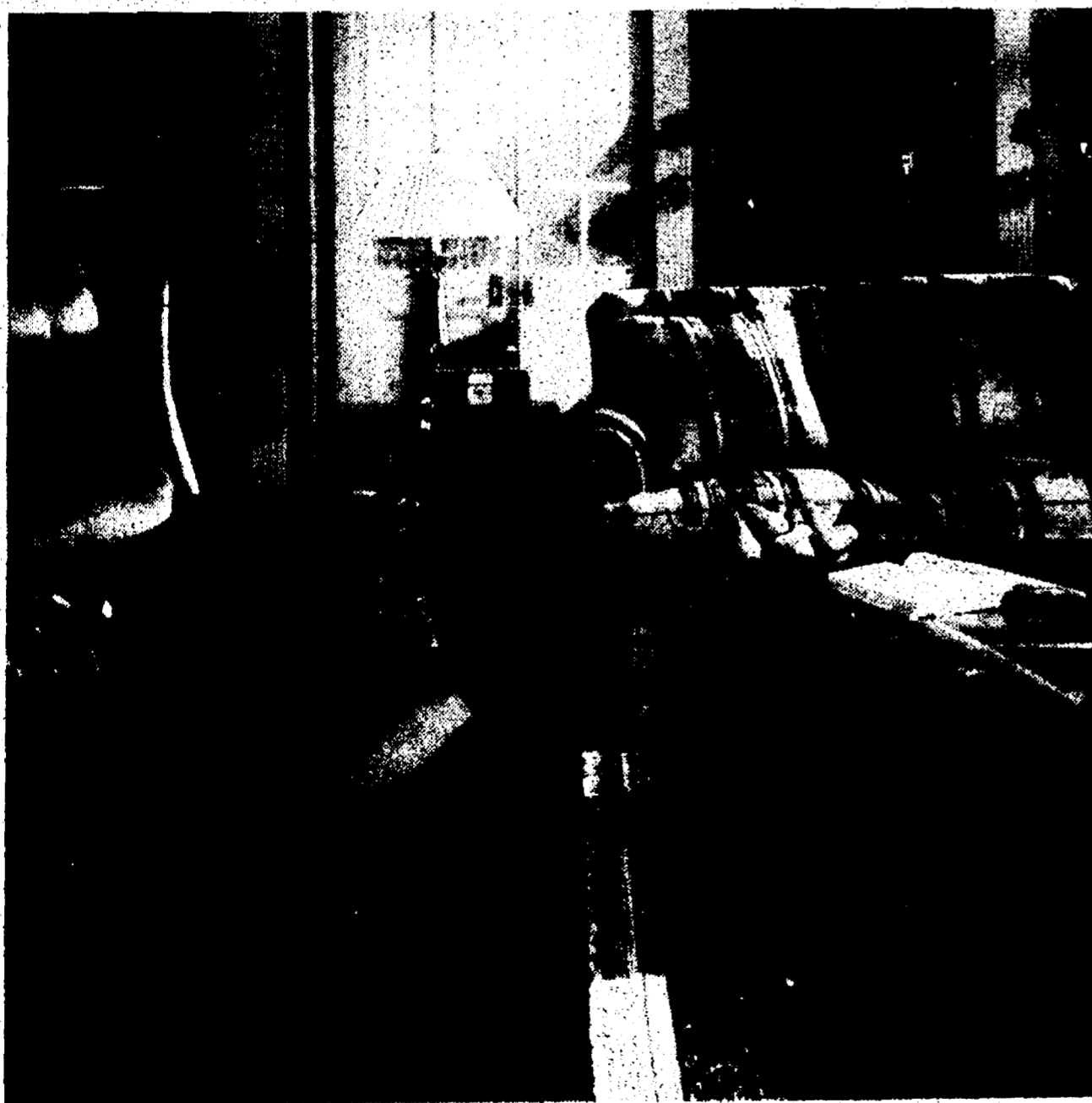
Eustice said a sound study would be completed once the

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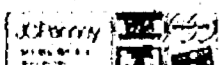
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construction was completed. MDOT officials said a study completed now would not give an accurate depiction of the noise when the road is full of potholes and in disrepair.

But Sharpe disagreed. "Concrete is louder than asphalt," Sharpe said. "You ought to consider using asphalt, not concrete."

"The city has presented a request (to MDOT) that this be looked at further," Eustice responded.

Larry Shoup of Farmington Hills complained that an environmental impact study was not completed to check on decibel levels of the traffic. MDOT offi-

cial responded that one was not required since it was a reconstruction project, not a new road.

MDOT officials did not give any indication the plans would be revised to include an asphalt surface during this year's construction, but they said they would take into consideration the public comments.

"I'm not going to leave here and forget about this conversation," Eustice said.

Livonia City Council President Jack Engebretson said the Livonia council had not received complaints about noise problems. "The city has granted a

waiver of noise abatements to facilitate a completion of the job," Engebretson said. That abatement allowed the nighttime construction.

Engebretson said the freeway was in need of the repairs. "As (Wayne County Executive) Ed McNamara likes to say, 'it's a short-term inconvenience for long-term relief,'" Engebretson said.

MDOT officials expect to complete a map and brochure of the construction project in March for the public. If residents have any questions about the project, they can call Robin Pannecouk at (517) 373-1036.

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superintendent, raised the question of church influence in some charter schools.

"I asked," replied Gary Miron of WMU. "Many students said it was a Christian school. The leaders didn't." Later he said, "There was no evidence of it in the curriculum."

Added Khouri: "In many cases, a pastor was an organizer. That in itself isn't illegal."

Board member Kathleen

Straus, D-Detroit, was concerned about racial diversity within individual charter schools, but the studies didn't help her much.

WMU's study said, "There is support for those who argue that the charter schools are skimming and increasing segregation ... (T)here is a clear trend toward fewer and fewer minorities in the PSAs."

President Beardmore was concerned that many companies view charter schools as chances to make money. WMU's study said some viewed the \$5,600 per pupil in state aid as a chance to clear a profit of \$1,000 per child, particularly since charter schools are weighted toward the lower grades that are cheaper to operate.

Families needed for exchange students

Lynne and Gideon Levenbach of Plymouth Township are coordinating a search for 15 local families who would like to host a teenager from a foreign country for the 1999-2000 school year.

Two students seeking homes include Paulina, 16, from Poland and Fabian, 17, of Sweden.

Both students are sponsored by the Program for Academic Exchange (PAX) which will provide medical insurance and money for personal expenses.

Paulina has studied English for four years. She wants to study international politics and become a diplomat. She is studying many languages and loves watching the news and reading newspapers.

"She has a wonderful sense of humor, enjoys music from classical to grunge," says Gideon Lev-

enbach, adding "she swims, plays volleyball and plans to learn to play tennis this summer."

"She is eager to share her Polish culture with her host family and school. She even promises to cook some Polish food," he said.

Fabian enjoys chemistry and physics and plans to become an engineer. He has many sports interests which include soccer, tennis, swimming, skiing and sailing. He has been playing soccer for 10 years. Fabian describes himself as "quite talkative," and is eager to share his Swedish culture. His French teacher describes him as "friendly, polite, always cooperative and helpful." He is described as "honest, trustworthy and responsible."

Fabian has studied French for

three years and English for six years.

The Levenbachs have placed and supervised more than 175 students in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties for the last 11 years.

"Students and families have formed bonds of love that have transcended cultural barriers," says Lynne Levenbach.

This spring, the Levenbachs and their two sons will travel to Paris to attend the wedding of the boy they hosted in 1988-1989.

Couples or singles, with or without children, who have an interest in hosting Paulina, Fabian or any other students, are encouraged to call the Levenbachs at (734) 453-8562 or (734) 453-6851 or e-mail to LLevenbach@juno.com

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Senate bills get tough with Internet predators

BY TIM RICHARD
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Another "get tough" package of bills has been passed by the state Senate, this time covering sexual predators who use the Internet to target children.

The votes were 33-0 and 34-0 during the Senate's half-hour session Feb. 17. The bills go to the House.

Senators didn't discuss the \$24,000 per inmate cost of

adding two years to a convict's sentence if he used Internet to solicit a minor for sex.

"If you are a sexual predator using the Internet, we are going to find you, we are going to get you, and we are going to put you in jail," said Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, sponsor of SB 7 defining the crime.

"More than 16 million children use the Internet every day, and this technology gives pedophiles and other predators unfettered access to minors," said Rogers.

"These bills say that we are not going to let these reprehensible people turn the Internet into a weapon to use against innocent children," said Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, sponsor of SB 217 setting a two-year prison sentence for use of the Internet. The penalty would be on top of any sentence imposed for the sexual assault.

Repeat offenders would serve an additional five years.

A third bill, SB 117, is aimed at curbing pornography on the

Internet.

All area senators voted yes except the absent John Cherry, D-Clio, and Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, missed one vote.

A week earlier, lawmakers decried Gov. John Engler's proposed 8.6 percent increase in the Department of Corrections prison budget while schools were getting half that increase or less.

But Mary Lannoye, Engler's budget chief, pointed out that

the Legislature itself is defining more crimes and mandating longer sentences.

The Senate Fiscal Agency said the package would have an "indeterminate" cost. About 2,400 cases a year involve child abusive commercial activity, kidnapping, stalking or criminal sexual conduct. About half the offenders get prison sentences or jail time.

The number of convicts who used the Internet is unknown.

It costs the state an average of \$18,000 a year to house an inmate. SFA said that, assuming a prisoner with a two-year sentence actually serves about 16 months, the cost per person is about \$24,000. Assuming 5 percent of the cases involved Internet and minors, prison costs could increase by \$2.3 million.

Under Hart's bill, convicts also could be fined up to \$2,000 for a first offense and \$5,000 for a subsequent offense.

Sunday fund-raiser will aid girl in battle against leukemia

A fund-raiser for the Leukemia Society of America Team in Training Marathon is set for 6-8 p.m. in Hidden Cove Estates Clubhouse, 15311 Five Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road (north side of Five Mile).

Cost is \$25 per person and includes a light supper, refreshments, desserts and entertainment.

Contributions are tax-deductible.

Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey and

Diane Miller, employees at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, are participating in a 26.2 mile run/walk in San Diego in May. Their fund-raising goal is \$3,600 each for the Leukemia Society. St. Louis-Woolsey's daughter, Abby, has leukemia. When St. Louis-Woolsey decided to enter the May event in San Diego, her colleagues at Parisian rallied to help out. Miller decided to join the run/walk fund-raising effort.

Parisian colleague Martin Bell

is hosting the fund-raiser along with Reuben Scheldon Lambert.

"I know this marathon will probably be the most physically challenging event of my lifetime and yet it seems so small a feat in comparison to the challenges that Abby has faced," writes St. Louis-Woolsey in a fund-raising letter to family and friends.

Tickets for the event "Abby's Road to Success" are available at the door.

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Schoolcraft College students transferring to the University of Michigan are eligible for a scholarship worth a minimum \$700, awarded by the University of Michigan Northville Alumni Club.

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pus, and submit a statement of no more than 250 words explaining career goals and how a U-M degree will help meet those goals.

Applicants also must include a copy of all college transcripts with the application.

Applications are available at Schoolcraft's Counseling Office in the McDowell Center and must be submitted to the Mar-

keting & Development Office by Friday, April 16. Marketing & Development is located in the Administration Building. For more information, call (734) 462-4417.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

Madonna will honor alumni

Madonna University is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the university.

To qualify, nominees must have earned a degree from Madonna University and have contributed to Madonna while a student and alumnus. The award winner will be honored at commencement Saturday, May 8.

"We have many supportive alumni who have remained true to their alma mater and have accomplished a great deal," said Sister Mary Lauriana, vice president for university advancement. "They excel in their careers and in their service to the community, which is an extension of the mission of Madonna University - education for truth, goodness and service."

A brief, written statement of the accomplishment of the alumni should be mailed to Sister Lauriana at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150. Deadline for nominations is Saturday, March 20. Nominations may be e-mailed to: nodge@smtp.munet.edu

For more information, call the Advancement Office at (734) 432-5603.

Casino training classes planned

Wayne County Community College District officials and employers from the Greektown Casinos are inviting residents to attend an orientation for casino training classes beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Downtown Campus, 801 W. Fort in Detroit.

Anyone interested in becoming a casino dealer, slot attendant, casino security officer or a casino cashier should attend the orientation meetings, which are offered Feb. 24, March 3, March 10 and March 17. Those attending will be invited to a job fair 3-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 30.

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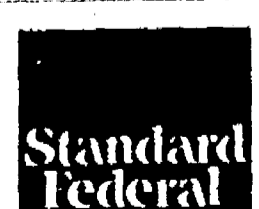
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Winemaker

Correa, a 27-year-veteran of the wine industry, has been a major force in the development of the modern wine era in Chile. He spent several harvests studying in Bordeaux and his regular visits to both France and California keep him up-to-date on the vast wine improvements made in both wine regions.

There are many comparisons to be made between Chile and California, both in climate and experimenting with new grape varieties such as viognier and syrah. Correa's extensive knowledge of Chile's growing regions and high-tech use of satellites, providing soil profiles, allowed him to plant varieties in the places they will grow best.

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Wine Picks

Picks of the Pack: 1995 Quintessa \$90. Yes, it's up there in price, but give it a blind taste challenge against a first growth Bordeaux at twice the price and you'll be amazed! Hands down, the best Bordeaux-blend from California we've tasted from the 1995 vintage.

If you're opting for red wines only, you may be missing some very tasty and versatile whites. Try: 1997 Murphy-Goodie Pinot Blanc \$14; 1996 Morgan Reserve Chardonnay \$28 (dynamite!); and 1997 Murphy-Goodie Fume II \$25 (wow!).

Cabernets and cabernet blends pair with the hearty and more savory foods of winter. Among the best: 1996 Estancia Duo \$28; 1996 Murphy-Goodie Cabernet Sauvignon \$20; 1996 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford; and 1995 Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.

Best buys at \$10 and under: 1997 Dolis Cotes du Ventoux (red) \$7; 1997 Hogue Semillon \$7; 1997 Forest Glen Merlot \$10; and 1997 Vermont Merlot \$10.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Maple Syrup Festival

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28.

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

ADMISSION: Included with admission to the Cranbrook Institute of Science, \$7 adults, \$4 children (ages 3-17) and senior citizens (age 60 and over), children age 3 and under, and members, free. Call (877) GO-CRANbrook for more information.

HIGHLIGHT: All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast Sunday, Feb. 28. Seatings at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. followed by a 90-minute program. The cost is adults \$10, children (age 12 and younger), \$8. Preregistration required, call (248) 645-3230.

Tree Tapping Tromp

WHEN: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

WHERE: Meet at the Pony Barn on Fairlane Dr., University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, off Evergreen between Michigan Ave. and Ford Road.

WHAT: Learn how maple trees are tapped for sap.

Maple Sugaring Demonstration

WHEN: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 6.

WHERE: Walks leave on the hour from the terrace of the Henry Ford Estate on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Learn how maple syrup is made from maple sap.

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- Michigan ranks 7th in maple syrup production in the United States behind Vermont, New York, Maine, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and Ohio.
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- In an average year, each taphole will produce 10 gallons of maple sap, enough for about a quart of syrup.
- Maple syrup is the first farm crop to be harvested in Michigan each year.
- A maple tree needs to be about 40 years old before it will be large enough to tap for syrup.
- While the sugaring season may last 6 to 10 weeks, most of the sap will be collected in 10 or fewer days.
- Maple sap is boiled to remove the water and concentrate the sugars in a process called evaporation.
- Pure Michigan maple syrup has 40 calories per tablespoon and is fat-free. It has no additives, no added coloring and no preservatives.

Michigan Maple Syrup Association



Cranbrook Institute of Science gets

sap-happy

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Warm days, cold nights, believe it or not, spring is just around the corner. Michelle Goyette and her staff are getting a little sappy at the Cranbrook Institute of Science where they're planning the 25th annual Maple Syrup Festival Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28.

"As soon as the sap starts running the trees will start budding, unless we cool off," said Goyette. "The sap is a sure sign of spring."

Like berries in a berry patch, you can't predict when the sap will start running. "You need warm days 40°F or above, and cool nights 25°F or lower," said Goyette who is head naturalist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

If you've ever wondered how maple syrup is made, you'll want to attend the festival.

A maple tree is ready to tap when it is at least 10 inches in diameter. You can add a second collection spout to trees over 18 inches in diameter. According to the Michigan Maple Syrup Association, a single taphole produces a quart to a gallon of sap per flow period (from a few hours to a day or more) with a seasonal accumulation of 10 to 12 gallons per taphole.

"It takes about 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup," said Goyette. "Sap is 98 percent water and tastes like water."

Because sap is mostly water, you have to boil it until the water evaporates leaving only syrup. "You have to boil the sap until it reaches seven degrees above the boiling point of water, about 219°F," said Goyette. "It takes a couple of hours to make syrup and the kitchen gets very

steamy, not good for wallpaper."

They don't tap maple trees at Cranbrook Institute of Science for the maple syrup but to show visitors how it's done. "It's a nice family activity," said Goyette. "It gives you a lot of information."

At the festival you will learn about the history and science of making maple syrup, and observe tree tapping along Cranbrook's Nature Trail. There will be maple candy demonstrations, and you'll even get to sample some. Maple syrup will also be offered for sale.

After seeing how maple syrup is made, you might decide to give it a try. You can buy supplies at the Cranbrook Nature Center, or call The Sugar Bush, (517) 349-5185.

The Michigan Maple Syrup Association provides a lot of information about making maple syrup at their web site, www.mimapslesyrup.com

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is also hosting some sappy events.

If you want to see how maple trees are tapped for sap, stop by the Pony Barn, just past the Henry Ford Estate on Fairlane Dr., on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 for a Tree Tapping Tromp through the woods at the nature preserve on campus.

Maple Sugaring Demonstrations will be offered 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Groups will leave the terrace of the Henry Ford Estate on the U-M Dearborn campus every hour for a walk to the meadow where sap is collected, to the evaporator where sap is made into maple syrup.

See recipes inside.

For quick pot roast try heat and serve beef

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Imagine, beef pot roast in 30 minutes, or 10 minutes if you cook it in a microwave. Sounds too easy to be true, but it's not.

"Heat-and-serve" fully-cooked beef products are what's new at your grocery store. "We're letting people know what's out there. You'll be seeing more of it," explained Monica Feeser, director of promotions for the Michigan Beef Industry Commission.

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jer and Kroger. "The manufacturer does all the work," said Feeser. "They're real easy, and they taste really good."

RMH Foods' products are made with Certified Angus Beef. They were among the top five finalists for "Best New Beef Product in America," an award sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Association.

Other products on the market, or soon to be, include Burnett & Son Beef Pot Roast, Mallard's Cooking Made Easy Beef Tips and Beef Pot Roast, Mosey's Time for Dinner Beef Pot Roast, and Lloyd's BBQ Beef. The cost ranges from \$4.99 to \$6.99 a pound. Look for these products in the meat department of your favorite grocery store.

"People are working longer hours than they were 20 years ago and don't have time to cook," said Feeser. "Today, 70 percent of consumers spend 30 minutes or less preparing a meal at home, compared to 2-1/2 hours in 1960. Nearly two-thirds of dinner decisions are made the same day and the majority of consumers wait until 4:30 p.m. to decide what to have for dinner because of their busy schedules."

With little time to cook, convenience has become more important than ever. One-third of all Americans have eaten

some type of ground beef in the past 24 hours, and burgers are the most popular use of ground beef. Steaks account for 17 percent of all beef meals served at home, but Americans are buying fewer cuts from the chuck and round, because they take longer to prepare. Thirty-six percent of consumers surveyed said pot roasts take too much time to prepare.

Fully-cooked, heat-and-serve beef products offer an alternative to people who crave mom's pot roast but don't have the time to prepare it themselves.

Consumers said they would probably serve pot roast once a month if it was fully cooked and only needed to be popped in a microwave for 15 minutes, according to a survey by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

I kitchen tested the boneless Heat N' Serve Beef Pot Roast with Gravy by RMI Foods with good results. Consumers have the option of reheating the meat in the microwave, which takes 10 minutes, or in the oven at 350°F for approximately 30 minutes. I chose the oven.

The meat was juicy and tender and didn't taste salty. While the meat is cooking, you can quickly prepare a potato, vegetable and salad. Start to finish, this dinner is ready in 30 minutes. That includes time for reheating and thickening the gravy with cornstarch and water.

If you're counting calories and fat grams, or concerned about the amount



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Hurry up dinner: Quick Beef Burgundy, made with fully-cooked, heat-and-serve boneless beef pot roast, is ready in 30 minutes.

of sodium in your diet, be sure to read the label. These products might not be for you.

A 3 oz. serving of pot roast, but let's be realistic, have you ever eaten a 3 oz. serving of anything? is 190 calories. Total fat is 14g, saturated fat 6g, cholesterol 50mg, sodium 400mg. Total calories from fat 130.

For taste and convenience, heat-and-serve beef products are worth a try. Just be sure to eat lots of veggies. See recipe inside.

Pure maple syrup makes everything special

See related story on Taste front.

VERMONT MAPLE SAUSAGE PATTIES

- 2 slices whole-wheat bread
- 1/3 cup low-fat milk
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed of fat
- 1 cup peeled, grated apple (about 1 large apple)
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon dried rubbed sage
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mace
- Pinch of ground red pepper (cayenne)

Finely crumble bread into a mix-

ing bowl, stir in milk, and set aside to soak.

Finely chop the pork with a large knife. Add the chopped pork to the soaked bread along with apples, maple syrup, sage, thyme, salt, black pepper, ginger, mace and red pepper.

Mix together thoroughly with clean hands (the mixture will be fairly soft.) Form the sausage mixture into 16 patties, using about 3 tablespoons per patty. (Wash hands and everything touched by raw pork thoroughly.)

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Brown half of the patties until no longer pink in the center, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a serving plate and cover to keep warm. Repeat with remaining patties.

Patties can also be baked in the oven at 400°F for 5 to 8 minutes. This keeps more of the flavor in the sausage. Makes 16 patties.

Recipe from the Inn at the Round Barn Farm/Waitsfield, Vt. featured in "Innkeepers' Best Low-Fat Breakfasts: 60 Delicious Recipes Shared by Bed & Breakfast Innkeepers Across the Country," by Laura Zahn, Down to Earth Publications, St. Paul, Minn.

MAPLE-MUSTARD DRUMSTICKS

- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup bottled chili sauce
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons prepared white horseradish
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 2 1/2 to 3 pounds chicken drumsticks

Prepare a medium-hot fire in a barbecue grill. Meanwhile, in a small non-reactive saucepan, combine maple syrup, chili sauce, vinegar, horseradish, and mustard.

Cook over medium-low heat,

stirring to dissolve mustard, until sauce is hot, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

Grill chicken, turning once, 15 minutes. Brush with some of the sauce and continue to grill, turning and brushing occasionally with sauce, until chicken juices run clear when pricked with a knife tip, 20 to 25 minutes longer. Stop basting about 5 minutes before chicken is done. Serves 6.

Recipe from "365 More Ways to Cook Chicken," by Melanie Barnard, HarperCollins Publishers.

MAPLE-BAKED CHICKEN

- 1 (3 pound) broiler-fryer chicken, cut into 10 serving pieces or 3 pounds drumsticks, thighs or wings
- 1/2 teaspoon fried-chicken seasoning or poultry seasoning

- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, cut into small pieces

Optional garnishes: parsley sprigs

Heat oven to 350°F. Remove any visible fat from chicken pieces.

Rinse chicken under cold water; blot dry with paper towels. Rub with seasoning blend, salt (if desired), and pepper.

In large baking dish, arrange chicken pieces in single layer. In medium-size bowl, blend syrup, mustard, and lemon juice; pour mixture over chicken. Dot with margarine.

Cover with foil; bake 30 minutes. Uncover dish; bake basting

occasionally with pan juices, until browned and glazed, about 20 additional minutes. Transfer to serving platter; garnish with parsley. Serves 5.

Recipe from "Essence Brings You Great Cooking," by Jonell Nash, Amistad Press, New York.

ORANGE-MAPLE SYRUP

- 3/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/4 cup orange juice

In a small saucepan, bring maple syrup and orange juice to a boil over high heat, stirring frequently. Serve warm. Makes 1 cup.

Make a double batch of this syrup and store in the refrigerator for French toast, pancakes or waffles.

Recipe from "365 Delicious Low-Fat Recipes," by Phyllis Kohn, HarperCollins Publishers, New York.

Wine from page B1

merlot and syrah. Some merlot was also planted in sandy soil while chardonnay and sauvignon blanc were planted in deep, fertile soils.

"There are numerous advantages to grape growing for fine wines in Chile," Correa said. "Among them are low disease pressures because of isolation between the Andes and the ocean. Soils are very acidic, therefore Chile has not experienced the ravages of phylloxera and may never. We are still planting grape vines on their own roots and are not using rootstock."

Most Vina Tarapaca wines range in price between \$7 and \$10. While Correa is introducing new grape varieties to Chile,

wines principally available now are sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. Since these are the top four most-requested varietal wines in the U.S., we're all in luck.

Vina Tarapaca tasting notes

Fruity and crisp, the 1998 Estate Sauvignon Blanc \$7, paired well with a delicate Asian-styled seafood preparation.

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Among the chardonnays are 1998 Estate \$7 and 1997 Reserva \$10. The Estate is a fruit-driven wine with fresh, fruity finish. The Reserva has very complex aromas and flavors. At

this price it has an amazing finish with loads of finesse.

Merlots are 1996 Estate \$7 and 1996 Reserva \$10. The estate is fruit laden and easy drinking, but the Reserva has more guts in a medium-bodied wine with complex, generous layers of fruit.

In cabernet sauvignon, Vina Tarapaca offers 1996 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon \$7 and 1994 Reserva \$10. Again the Estate is fruit driven and with a medium body, it is a great value at this price. The excellent structure of the Reserva, with its depthful fruit and distinct spicy notes, is well worth the added price.

Tarapaca, Signora Arturo Zavala, the guiding force of the winery for a half century. Interesting to note: Vina Tarapaca has the largest planting of syrah in Chile.

In Zavala, bright red fruit accents are enhanced by two periods of aging in French oak, eight months as individual wine components, then another 13 months as the blend. "I put my personality in this wine," Correa concluded.

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Quick Beef dishes

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QUICK BEEF BURGUNDY

- Total preparation & cooking time: 30 minutes
- 1 package fully-cooked, heat-and-serve boneless beef pot roast (1 3/4 to 2 1/2 pounds)
- 10 ounces uncooked egg noodles
- 1 pound small mushrooms
- 2 small onions, cut into thin wedges, separated
- 2/3 cup Burgundy or dry red wine
- 3/4 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves, crushed
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 3 tablespoons water
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Cook noodles according to package directions; drain and keep warm.

Meanwhile, remove pot roast from package; transfer liquid to Dutch oven. Cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces; set aside.

Add mushrooms, onions, water and marjoram to liquid. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, uncovered 7 to 8 minutes or until vegetables are almost tender; stir occasionally.

Add beef. Bring to a boil. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until beef is heated through; stir occasionally. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 1 minute or until thickened. Serve over noodles; sprinkle with parsley if desired. Makes 4 servings.

STEAK, PEAR & WALNUT SALAD

- 3 cups cooked tender beef steak strips
- 1 package (10 ounces) mixed salad greens
- 1 firm ripe pear, cut into 12 wedges
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts
- 1/4 cup prepared balsamic vinaigrette

In large bowl combine steak, greens, pear, cheese and walnuts. Drizzle with dressing; toss to gently coat. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's tip: Strips of ready-to-serve deli roast beef or slices of heat-and-serve beef tri-tip roast can be substituted for the beef steak strips.



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Main dish salad: Steak, Pear & Walnut Salad made with strips of cooked beef, packaged salad greens and prepared salad dressing can be on the table in 15 minutes.

Fashionable, indispensable garlic more than a nutrition accessory

AP - Guess what this one's about: "Garlic, Garlic, Garlic" (Houghton Mifflin, \$16) by Linda and Fred Griffith.

It does indeed offer more than 200 recipes for what its authors enthusiastically dub "the indispensable ingredient, nearly as vital as salt."

They sadly acknowledge a certain resistance or, even worse, indifference on the part of Americans to this pungent vegetable. But they suggest that times are changing and that the clove is coming into its own.

"Today garlic is fashionable, almost everyone likes it," they say, quoting authorities who champion its flavor and its health benefits, and citing the growing cachet of exotic garlic varieties at specialty food stores.

The authors' previous cookbook, "Onions, Onions, Onions," won a James Beard award. In their new book they offer

recipes that range from starters such as Roasted Garlic Pate to Honey-Poached Garlic Sauce for Ice Cream, a provocative idea for dessert. The Creamy Roasted Garlic Soup with Leeks and Potatoes (recipe follows) would be a heartwarming item on a cold day. It really is creamy although it does not have a drop of cream or milk, and it has sautéed, thinly sliced garlic as a crunchy, toasty garnish.

CREAMY ROASTED GARLIC SOUP WITH LEEKS AND POTATOES

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 5 plump heads of garlic, roasted (see note), plus 3 plump garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 4 cups well-washed, thinly sliced leeks, including tender green
- 3 pounds large Yukon gold potatoes, peeled

- and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 10 cups vegetable stock
- Kosher salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh chives

Heat olive oil in a small saucepan or skillet over medium heat. Add sliced garlic and sauté just until crisp and golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Do not let garlic get too dark or it will be bitter. Using a slotted spoon, transfer garlic to paper towels to drain. Reserve.

Combine hot olive oil and leeks in a large, heavy soup pot. Cover tightly and cook over very low heat until leeks are quite wilted, 15 to 20 minutes, stirring from time to time. Add

potatoes, thyme and stock. Cover and cook over medium heat until stock is bubbling, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to low and simmer until potatoes are very tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove soup from heat. Pour 2 cups of the stock into a measuring cup and reserve.

Working in batches, puree soup and roasted garlic together. Return puree to pot, season with salt and pepper, and stir over medium-high heat until

bubbling. If soup is too thick, thin with as much reserved stock as needed to give the soup a pleasing thickness. Adjust seasonings, adding more salt and pepper to taste.

Ladle into heated soup plates and sprinkle with crisped sliced garlic and fresh chives. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Note: To roast garlic heads, preheat oven to 325°F. Slice off

top of each head; gently remove outer papery skin from sides of head. Place heads in ovenproof dish.

Spoon 1 tablespoon of oil over each head, then drizzle 1 teaspoon of water over it. Cover tightly with foil. Bake garlic for 1 1/4 hours. Uncover, baste with any remaining pan juices, and bake uncovered until golden, about 15 minutes more. Roasted garlic may be stored in the refrigerator up to 10 days.

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Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DW dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

JUST FOR YOU

Good-natured, 40-year-old SW dad, 5'9", with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys outdoor activities, romantic dinners, dancing, long walks and more. He wants to share a long-term relationship with a sincere, caring SWF, 30-40. Ad# 5658

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1070

THE MARRYING KIND

Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad# 2328

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad# 4275

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 41, 5'10" seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1951

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

MOMS WELCOME

Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad# 2415

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Don't miss out on meeting one of the good guys. This loving 36-year-old DW dad, 6'1", height/weight proportionate, with brown hair and blue eyes, is ISO a drug-free, good-natured SWF, under 45, who enjoys dining out and movies. Ad# 6683

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad# 1961

MEANT TO BE

SW PM, 39, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys traveling, meeting new people and just keeping active, would like to meet a SWF, 32-45, to share his life with. Ad# 5511

DELIGHTFUL

Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir. He also enjoys kids, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a good SWCF, under 50, for possible marriage Ad# 3580

SAY-ING MY PRAYERS

Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad# 4322

JUST LIKE YOU

Professional SBCM, 36, 5'5", 155lbs., is seeking a humorous, outgoing, never-married SCF, 27-38, N/S, childless, who loves the Lord. Ad# 7474

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad# 2753

FRESH START

Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8860

DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2799

IT COULD BE YOU!

SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad# 7453

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad# 1907

SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad# 1050

LET'S MINGLE

SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad# 9614

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 6789

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad# 3336

GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad# 1991

CALL SOON

Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 7612

LOVE & LAUGHTER

Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4475

ALL IN TIME

Outgoing, professional SWM, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF, under 40, who enjoys life. Ad# 1478

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This open-minded, exuberant 45-year-old SBCM, 5'11", 185lbs., N/S, drug-free, never-married, is in search of an attractive, sincere, slender to medium-built SCF, 21-45, for a possible serious relationship. Ad# 2730

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Handsome SBCM, 24, 5'9", is seeking a beautiful, caring SBCF, 22-35, who enjoys dining out, spending time with friends, the outdoors and more. Ad# 3615

SHARE MY WORLD

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Everybody knows that honey and lemon is good for a chest cold and gargling with salt water soothes a sore throat.

The Observer Health & Fitness staff is planning an issue on folk remedies, those tried-and-true Rx's straight out of your grandma's kitchen. We'd like to know how your folks and grand folks cured what ailed them when the doctor wasn't around. What do you do for your sniffles, bee bites, warts and tummy aches?

Send your ideas (not your potions) to: Observer Newspapers, Attn.: Renee Skoglund/Kim Mortson, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax: (734) 591-7279. E-mail: kmortson@oe.homecomm.net.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Red Cross volunteers

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers to assist with blood collection and disaster services. The Red Cross meets nearly 100 percent of the blood needs in our community, providing life-saving blood supplies to hospitals throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Volunteers assist with registering donors, labeling blood collection containers and serving refreshments to donors. Volunteers never come in direct contact with blood. Training is provided, and no experience is necessary.

Disaster volunteers help on local disasters, mostly single-family home and apartment fires. Volunteers are fully trained by the Red Cross to visit disaster sites, offer support to victims, assess damage and dispense vouchers for food, clothing and other necessities.

For more information, call the Dearborn Service Center at (313) 274-5450 or the Livonia Service Center at (734) 422-2787.

Prostate screening

If you think prostate cancer is a man's disease, you're half right.

Prostate cancer not only affects the grandfather, father, husband or son, but the whole family - emotionally, financially and physically.

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will conduct free prostate screenings 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, 14555 Levan. The screening provides a prostate exam by a physician and a blood test to measure the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) level, as well as educational material.

Preregistration is requested by calling (734) 655-8940 or toll-free 1-800-494-1650.

Memory quiz

Does memory decrease with age? Read over this list for one minute, then try to recall as many words as you can:

- pickle
- mailbox
- artist
- lipstick
- button
- shovel
- table
- engine
- balloon
- nickel

The average score for each age-group:

- up to age 30 - eight or nine right
- 30-40 - seven or eight right
- 40-60 - six or seven right
- 60-70 - five or six right
- 70+ - four or five

If you did better than your age-group, great! If not, don't panic - there's great variability in how people perform on memory tests. However, if you found it difficult to remember more than one or two words with serious effort, see your doctor.

Source: "25 Tips to Recharge Your Memory," by Rick Chittis, as printed in Prevention magazine, February 1999.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (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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TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Center brings care to heart patients

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

After more than a year of denying she had heart trouble, Sandy Garbarino realized she either had to seek help or die.

"I had trouble accepting it and I didn't go for treatment the first year," Garbarino said.

"It's a very scary feeling. You're listening to what they're saying, but it doesn't hit you right away. Then it got so bad, I went to emergency at Botsford and met Dr. Levine."

That decision marked the beginning of a new life with a new heart for the Redford Township woman, one of the first patients at the Michigan Institute for Heart Failure and Transplant Care at Botsford Hospital.

Dr. T. Barry Levine is director of the institute, which represents a new medium for medicine that brings the experts and facilities out of their ivory towers and big cities to the communities where sick people live.

The institute is the only free-standing heart failure and transplant center in the United States.

Garbarino was able to receive all her preparatory and post-operation care a few miles from her house. The actual heart transplant was June 29, 1998, at the Cleveland Clinic.

"The institute is a dream and a vision in the next step in health care," Levine said.

"It's based on taking centers of expertise and moving them from isolated academic environments and tertiary care facilities and bringing them to the people and doctors."

Symptoms of disease

In 1996, at 49 years old, Garbarino knew something had gone terribly wrong.

She had trouble breathing and couldn't finish the smallest tasks. After a visit to an emergency room, Garbarino was told she had a bleeding ulcer and congestive heart failure. A heart monitor told doctors that her heart was weak and regularly stopped beating. A transplant was her only hope.

She was immediately admitted to Botsford Hospital and began a series of blood tests, chest X-rays and psychological reviews to make sure she could emotionally handle the trauma of a new heart. Then she was taken by ambulance to the Cleveland Clinic where she waited for one month for the next available heart.

The only information Garbarino has regarding the donor is that her heart came from a woman who lived and died in Chicago.

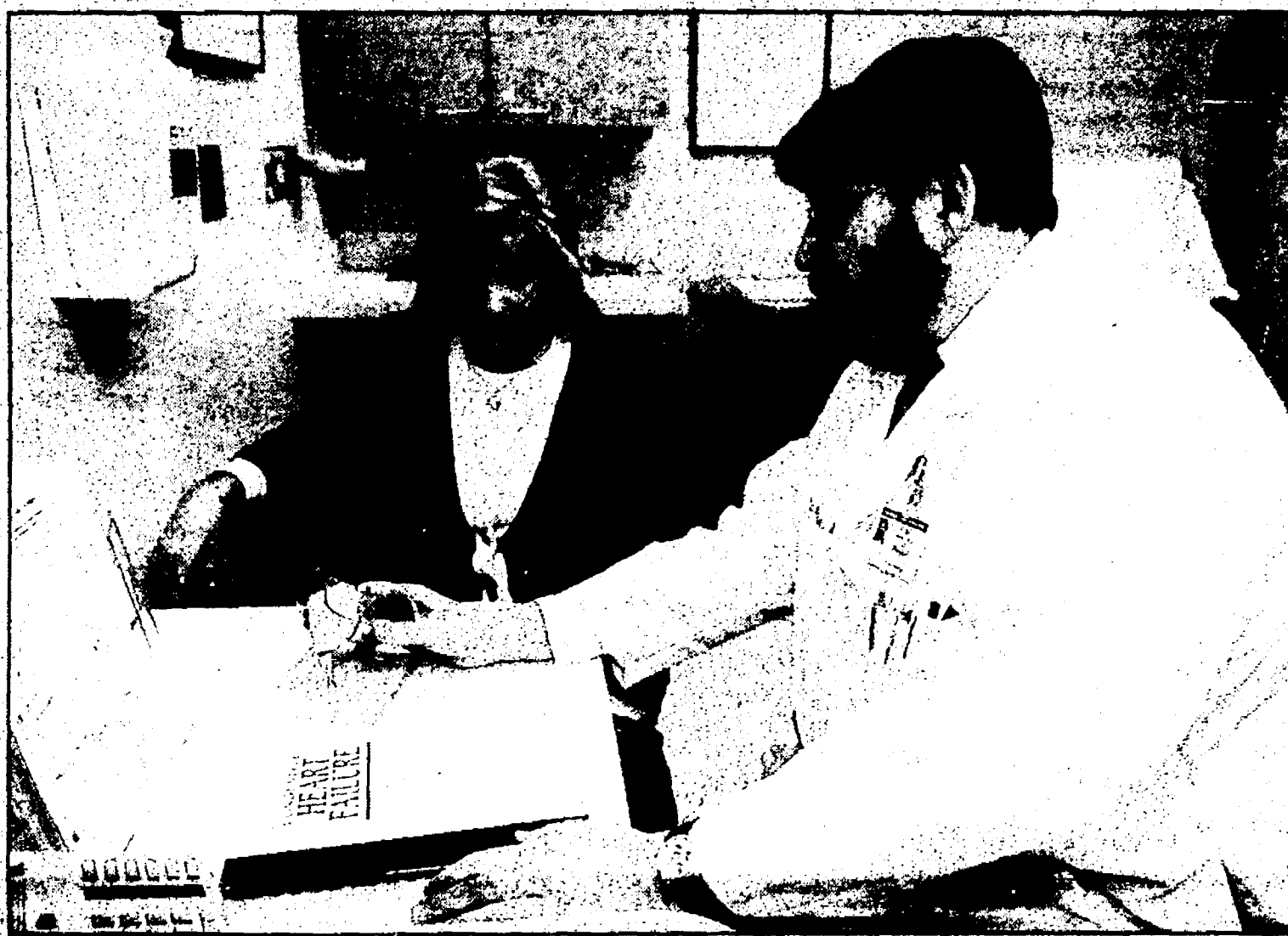
In Michigan last year, there were 60 heart transplants, compared to 120 transplants at the Cleveland Clinic during that same time.

"It took me awhile to accept the fact that that was the way I had to get a heart," Garbarino said.

"I'm very grateful to the donor. I don't think I want to know the age of the patient, I think it would bother me if it was a young donor, but I couldn't be more grateful for what she and her family did for me and my family."

A real estate appraiser, Garbarino returned home and received the remaining of her extensive followup care at the Institute. At first, she had a biopsy done weekly, then every two weeks, then once a month and finally after six months she now needs followup care every two or three months.

Off of work on medical leave, Garbarino plans to return once she gains more strength, especially in



Consultation: Dr. Barry T. Levine of the Michigan Institute of Heart Failure and Transplant Care at Botsford Hospital discusses follow-up care with Sandy Garbarino of Redford Township.

her legs, which are weak and hinder her from going up and down stairs. While she gets stronger, and in fact, for the rest of her life, Garbarino plans to continue going to the institute, which opened in a hospital wing, previously used for the emergency room, in September 1997.

About the institute

That date marked a dream come true for Levine and Dr. Robert Stomel, Botsford chief of cardiology and director of the Institute of Cardiovascular Health, who wanted to build a bridge between the academic world of studies to the doctors treating patients.

"It is meant to bring our clinical program for heart failure treatment and education facility to the community where the people are," said Levine, a professor of medicine at the University of Michigan who worked for 10 years at Henry Ford Hospital and 10 years at the University of Minnesota.

"New insights develop and never germinate, because of an inherent bias, between academic medicine where you think scholarly thoughts

and physicians on the front line," he said. "There can be a lack of communication between these two environments, because of barriers between the town and the gown. We've taken the best of the academic world and taken it to the best of the clinical world and pushed forward with this concept."

The institute has 500 some patients. Last year, six institute patients had heart transplants.

"Seven out of eight people referred to us for heart transplants don't need transplants," explained Levine, who stresses the importance of exhausting all other treatments first.

In the last seven years, the number of people donating their organs has remained constant, he said. Rather than look to increase the supply, he is working to limit the demand by making his patients' hearts healthier.

"Surgery is one aspect of the solution," Levine said. "There are other ways of dealing with the problem and we're exploring the full gamut."

Consider that some 80 percent of patients who visit emergency rooms

with heart failure are admitted for hospital stays, Levine said, adding that last year, \$40 billion was spent on last patient treatments in the United States and 60 percent of that represented hospital stays. Limiting hospital stays not only saves money, but keeps his patients happier.

Treatment options

Referring to a patient who came to his office experiencing heart failure earlier in the morning, Levine said, he was able to adjust her treatment and send her home.

"I said: 'Here's what you can do at home and I'll see you tomorrow.'"

Other members of the institute have launched a home visit program with patients who have a hard time getting around, but still want the comfort of living at home. The institute also conducts research on new treatments with willing patients. In fact, last year 16 papers on research conducted at the Institute were published in medical journals.

"A lot of what we're doing today is based on work that was done 10 years ago," Levine said.

The institute not only offers residents educational programs, like "Heart to Heart" and "Mended Heart," monthly support groups, but last year also provided more than a dozen seminars and lectures for doctors to keep them current about new developments.

"What makes us so unique is the fact that if you talk to transplant centers around the country, they make money doing transplants," Levine said. "We can act as true advocates for the patient offering them the best and most appropriate care without subtle implications of finding people for transplants."

Meanwhile, the institute saved Garbarino long trips seeking treatment in other communities.

"At Botsford, with Dr. Levine, I had excellent treatment," she said. "They knew the ups and downs of it and saw me through it along with my family and friends. I never felt like just a number there, they were very caring. It made me live. The support and the knowledge that the people have, I felt very secure with it."

MATTERS OF THE HEART

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. There are some 4.6 million people in the country who have congestive heart failure, according to the American Heart Association. In fact, every year there are 400,000 new cases.

And the older you are the more likely you will have heart failure. People 70 and older have a higher incidence of heart problems, according to Dr. T. Barry Levine, Michigan Institute for Heart Failure and Transplant Care.

"It used to be that patients would have heart failure and die and now patients are living," Levine said.

Heart failure doesn't mean that the heart suddenly fails or stops, but that the muscle is weakened and works less efficiently, according to Action HF,

an advisory council to improve outcomes nationwide in heart failure.

It usually develops after damage to the heart, from causes like a heart attack and high blood pressure.

The number of deaths from heart failure in the United States has more than doubled since 1979, according to Action HF. In fact, each year 4,000 to 7,000 new heart failure cases are diagnosed.

Every 29 seconds someone suffers from a coronary heart problem in the U.S.

And every minute someone dies from a heart attack. The American Heart Association reported in 1995, the last available statistics, that \$3.4 billion was paid to Medicare beneficiaries to treat congestive heart failure.

Web is a treasure trove of medical data



PC TALK
MIKE WENDLAND

I spent much of last week in St. Petersburg, Fla., at a place called the Poynter Institute for Journalism Studies. It's a sort of journalism "think tank," if you will, a place where reporters and editors come for intense training on how to do their jobs better.

I'm lucky to go down there several times a year as one of the institute's visiting faculty members, specializing in new media. And last week I was helping teach a group of health and medical reporters how to use the Internet.

As I went through my presentations, a key point I kept making was that the Internet has made reporters more accountable to their readers because the information journalists used to have first and best access to,

is now widely available on the Internet.

Indeed, thanks to the Internet, many consumers have become experts at what I call "do-it-yourself medicine," using the Internet to research health, fitness and disease information.

At the end of my teaching session, one of the participants, a journalist who works in Washington, D.C., came up to share with me his own story. Last year, he said, he was suddenly called home to the Midwest to be with his elderly mother, who was scheduled for emergency surgery.

As he sat in his mother's hospital room, he surfed the Internet, laptop computer attached to her telephone, desperately seeking information about the medical condition that had put her in the hospital.

What he found greatly alarmed him. "The type of surgery she was going to have had a great risk," he told me last week. "It required very

delicate work around her facial nerves. One slip and her appearance would forever be affected."

The doctor planned to get a tissue sample from his mother, freeze it and send it in for analysis. What the journalist found was that such a test in his mother's case was far from reliable.

"The medical Web site I visited said, in fact, that freezing that particular type of tissue brought dubious results. So I printed the Web page out and faxed it to her doctor and, in fact, the surgery was canceled."

The journalist's story illustrated my teaching point perfectly. For what he experienced has been shared by millions and is one of the Internet's most amazing success stories. Indeed, just last week, a new Harris poll reported that 60 million people searched the World Wide Web for health care information in the last 12 months.

That works out to 68 percent of the

estimated 88 million people now online, making health and medical news the Internet's most eagerly sought information.

And here's the most amazing part: Nine out of 10 people surveyed said they found the health information they were looking for on the Internet.

To be sure, there is a lot of quackery on the Internet. People pushing dubious cures, alternative "medicine" that sometimes does more harm than help, dangerous drugs and dietary supplements. In fact, one place everyone should bookmark and use to check out online health and medical information is a place called "Quackwatch" (www.quackwatch.com), run by a real doctor and devoted to exposing the dumb and dangerous.

But there are also a whole bunch of terrific medical sites. Here are four favorites we shared at Poynter last week:

■ Medscape (www.medscape.com) - Geared for consumers and searchable.

■ Pubmed (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed) - This is a huge database of medical sites and Internet resources maintained by the National Library of Medicine.

■ Healthweb (<http://healthweb.org>) - My favorite. Easy to navigate, created by librarians at university medical centers, it offers current and reliable information.

■ Find a doctor (www.ama-assn.org) - This is the American Medical Association's searchable data base that lets you find every licensed doctor in the U.S., by name, specialty or location.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. 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>

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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Rehabilitation nurses

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses recently elected the following nurses to its 1999 board of directors: **Debra Dzenko** of Livonia (Health Care Professionals) as president-elect; **Pamela Thomson** of Dearborn (Garden City Hospital) as president-elect; **Kathleen Urban** of Westland (Garden City Hospital); and **Luana Rohlin** of Redford (Garden City Hospital) as director.

Doc welcomed

Doctor **Wilbur L. Smith** has joined Henry Ford Hospital as chair of Diagnostic Radiology.

Smith is an expert in filmless radiology and is known for his innovative research into residency training programs. He previously served as associate professor of radiology and pediatrics at the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

Guv reappointed

Doctor **Thomas C. Royer** has been appointed to a second five-year term as chairman of the Henry Ford Medical Group Board of Governors. The 24-member board monitors and establishes policies related to the 1,000-member Henry Ford Medical Group, which staffs Henry Ford Hospital and the Henry Ford medical centers throughout southeast Michigan.

Tongue twister

Doctor **Kathleen Yaremchuk**, director of the Smell and Taste Clinic at Henry Ford Health System, has been named president of the Michigan

Otolaryngological Society. Yaremchuk joined Henry Ford in 1984 and was appointed director of the Smell and Taste Clinic in 1994. She got her medical degree in 1978 from the University of Michigan.

Promotions

MEDHEALTH Systems has announced the promotion of **Connie Scaparo** to corporate director of wellness activity programs for the Plymouth and Riverview wellness centers and **Dustin Duryea** to assistant head athletic trainer at the Plymouth facility.

Scaparo joined MEDHEALTH Systems in 1993 as an aerobics instructor. She is working on an associate's degree in fitness leadership at Henry Ford Community College.

Duryea joined MEDHEALTH Systems in 1998 as an athletic trainer. He has a bachelor's degree in sports medicine from Eastern Michigan University.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

SUN, FEB. 21

OPEN HOUSE

Garden City Hospital's Cardiology Services and Women's and Children's Services host an open house 2-5 p.m. at the hospital. Visitors may participate in cholesterol testing, lectures, massages, blood pressure screening and the American Heart Association's risk assessment. Demonstrations of CPR, kick boxing, yoga and the hospital's Web page will occur. The hospital is on Inkster Road between Ford and Warren. Call (734) 458-4267.

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. 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.

FRI, FEB. 26 AND MARCH 5

PARENT-DAUGHTER CLASSES

Attention, parents of girls age 5-11. Learn strategies to help counter cultural stereotypes. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters," a six-hour, two-part class from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the SJM Canton Health Building, 1600 Canton Center, Canton. The cost is \$65. Class fills quickly. Call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 321-2211 to register.

WED, MARCH 10

AGELESS NUTRITION

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia presents a lecture called "Nutrition is Ageless" 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. No cost. Registration required. Call (800) 494-1650.

SAT, MARCH 6

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers prostate cancer screening 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, 14555 Levan. Screening is free and provides a prostate exam, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational materials. Call (800) 494-1650.

TUES, MARCH 16

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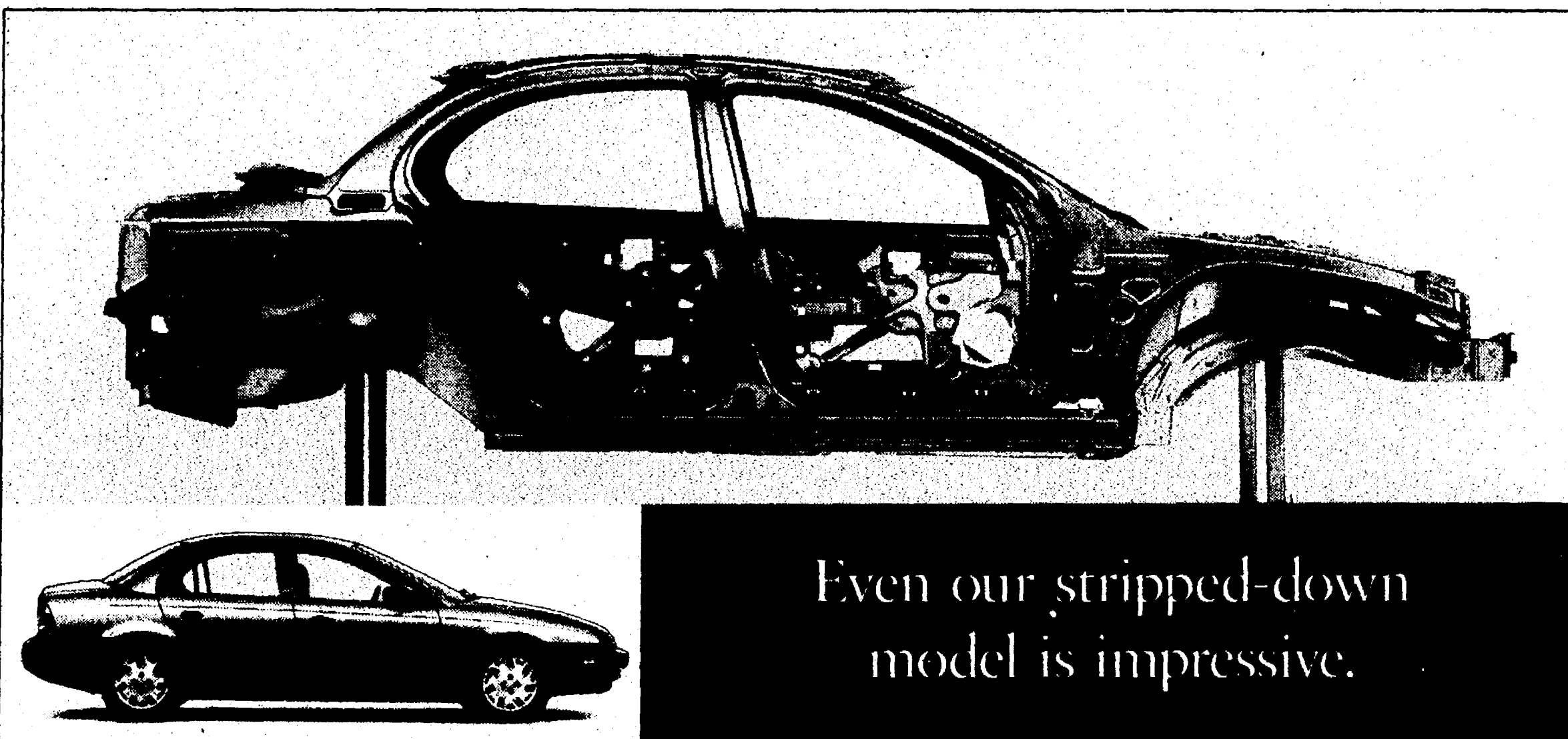
Support group meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502.

HEALTH-O-RAMA

Oakwood Healthcare System presents "Project Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16-17, at Laurel Park Place Mall. Many health screening tests will be performed: Blood panel testing is \$24. Prostate specific antigen testing is \$25. Colo-rectal cancer screening test is \$8. Bone density screening is \$25. Body composition testing is \$5. Other tests are free. Call (800) 543-9355.

LUPUS MEETING

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter meets 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty. Randy Schad, a registered pharmacist from Beaumont Hospital, is the guest speaker. Topic: "Help Me Make Sense Out of All the Medicines I Take for Lupus." Call Andrea Gray, (734) 261-6714.



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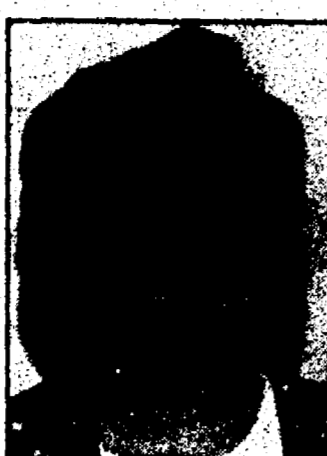
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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS



Kathleen George

Event coordinator
The Talent Network, Inc. of Canton announced that Kathleen George has joined the company as event coordinator and director of corporate development. She will be a liaison between the company and meeting planners, entertainment agencies and party planners.



Antoinette Wirth

Appointed
Antoinette Wirth, co-owner of Livonia's ETD Temporary Service, has been named to the Catholic Social Services of Wayne County board of directors. CSSWC is a non-profit, social service organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families.

Valassis promotion

Valassis Communications Inc. in Livonia announced the recent promotion of Lori Pepper to manager of its insert publishing department. Pepper began her career at Valassis in March 1987 as a proofreader in the customer service department and progressed steadily. She lives in Detroit and is the external vice president of the Dearborn Heights Jaycees.

Shaw goes Long

Livonia resident Rick Shaw has joined Long Term Preferred Care, an independent, long-term care insurance marketing company. Shaw will be responsible for marketing long-term care insurance in the Livonia area. Shaw graduated from Spring Arbor College in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in human resources.

New LSSM director



Laura M. Pollaccia

Laura M. Pollaccia of Livonia is the new director of the Division of Services for Persons with Disabilities at Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. The division serves more than 260 individuals in 39 homes in the Lower Peninsula and provides community support to people living in their own homes and apartments in Wayne and Gladwin Counties.



Andrew W. Zeisser

Zeisser tapped
Plymouth resident Andrew W. Zeisser has been named vice president for original equipment technology by the Hankook Tire Co. Zeisser will concentrate on coordinating activities aimed at augmenting the number of Hankook's original equipment relationships in North America.

Zeisser brings 18 years of technical experience to Hankook with a progression of original equipment positions and responsibilities based on accumulated successes in the industry.

She has 22 years experience in her profession and was previously executive director of Alternative Services, Inc.

New financial analyst

Daniel Hawn of Livonia recently joined First of Michigan's Investment Banking Department as a senior financial analyst at its Detroit headquarters. Hawn, a CPA, formerly was a senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. He is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He graduated from Cleveland State University in 1981 with a degree in chemistry.

Jobs commission touts Web site

(PRNewswire) - A wealth of Michigan labor market information that can be a helpful resource to business people, local government officials, the news media and the general public is now available at the Michigan Jobs Commission Web site. The information includes comprehensive, up-to-date statistics for Michigan and regional areas regarding labor force size, unemployment rates and wages. Also

available are employment forecasts by industry and occupation. "What is especially helpful about this information is that it can be targeted to a specific region or community," said jobs commission director Doug Rothwell in a press release. "If you're a business person considering locating in a particular city and want to know the size of the labor force there, you can find

out easily. Or, if you want to know the amount of money you can expect to earn in a certain occupation, you can learn that too." The information is compiled by the Michigan Jobs Commission - Employment Service Agency's Office of Labor Market Information. It can be accessed at <http://www.state.mi.us/mjc/cep> under the Michigan: Stats & Facts section.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Government contracting

Schoolcraft College will host a dinner seminar on changes in the government contracting process Thursday, March 4. Col. Paul Dronka, Army Commander of the Defense Contract Management Command, will discuss how partnerships, corporate contracting and electronic commerce mean an expanded government market.

Dronka is responsible for administering more than \$10.5 billion in government contracts among 500 companies in Michigan and northern Ohio.

The seminar begins with appetizers and a networking session at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts department. The seminar will end with a question-and-answer period.

Tickets are \$45. Reservations required. For additional information, call (734) 462-4438. The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center.

New Plymouth bank

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The acquisitions open several new markets to Bodycote and provide its North American testing group with a prestigious technological center.

in the 90s
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WORD OF MOUTH

Anyone who views gum disease as an isolated infection that is unrelated to the rest of the body should view the problem within the context of the body's entire skeletal system. Teeth are rooted in bone, and there is a close link between the health of the jawbones and general bone strength. This is of particular importance to older people (especially post-menopausal women) who experience weakened bones due to the bone-thinning disease osteoporosis. According to a recent study, women with osteoporosis of the hip were nearly twice as likely to have loose teeth, and were more likely to have lost teeth, than women with healthy bones. Thus, systemic bone loss increases susceptibility to tooth loss due to gum disease.

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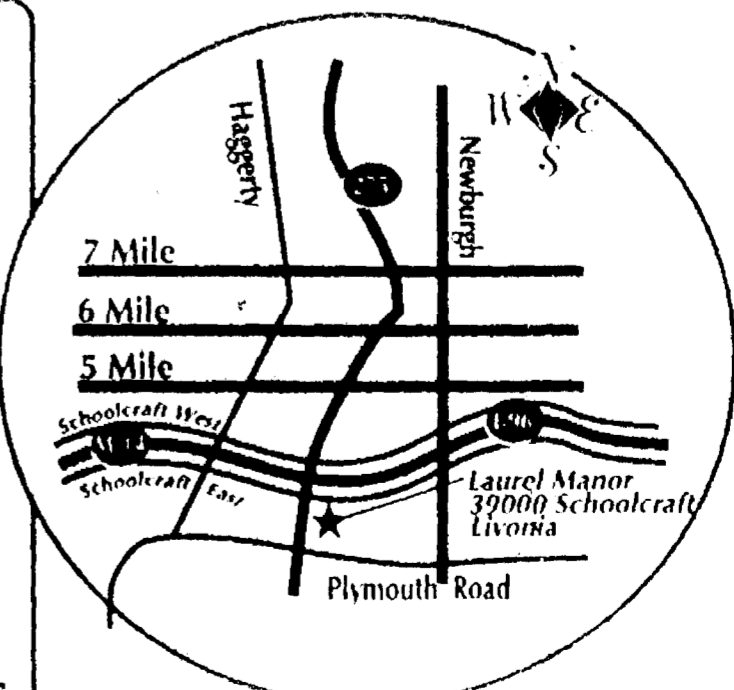
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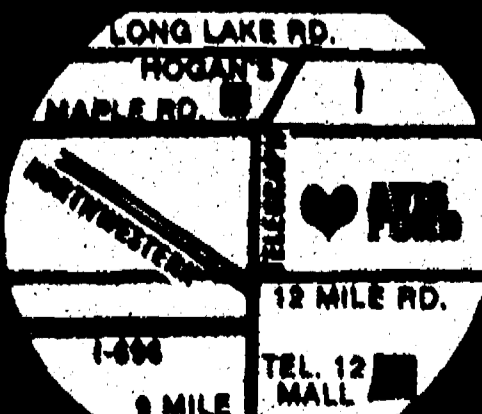
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Student tunes in to career in music

Jenine Lawson was barely walking when she knew music would be in her future. Lawson's mom, Linda, taught her the first notes on the violin at age 4. Now a sophomore at Hope College in Holland, Lawson hopes one day to compose classical and new age music for a living.

She's well on her way to that music career. Of Hungarian heritage, Lawson recently won the Hungarian Arts Club scholarship, which she received at the White Rose Ball in early February, and the Endowed Scholarship and Distinguished Artist's Award scholarship at Hope College.

"Music is the way I can express myself," said Lawson, a multi-talented student who received top honors in the Math, Science and Computer program at Churchill High School in Livonia. "It's a way of life for me. I enjoy the gratification of preparing a piece and performing it and seeing how the audience enjoys it."

Accomplished musician

Lawson honed her orchestral skills while playing with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic in the late 1980s until 1994. She has attended most of the summer music camps including those at Interlochen Center for the Arts, Cranbrook, Wayne State University, the University of Michigan, and Blue Lake.

Although still in her teens, Lawson has already performed with the Oakland Suzuki Chamber Ensemble and the Symphonia Ensemble. In May, she will spend two weeks touring Europe with Hope College's symphonette. Along the way, she will stay with host families in Hungary, Vienna and Romania. One of the highlights for her is meeting relatives in Romania and staying 40 miles away from where her grandmother was born. Unfortunately over the years, her family's connection to distant relatives in Hungary has been lost.

"I'm interested in finding out about the cultures, how they react to the music," said Lawson.

This is not Lawson's first musical experience out of the country. Lawson studied piano with Donald Morelock at Schoolcraft College and in 1997 took part in the annual trip Morelock takes his students on to the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music in Russia.

"It was a really great experience," said Lawson. "The professor there showed me a lot of great ways to touch the keys and the different expressions that Russians have on music."

Family affair

As she was growing up, Lawson and her family frequently played together for their own pleasure. Linda and husband Bill both play violin. In fact, they met while playing in the orchestra at Wayne State University where Jenine's grandfather Robert Lawson formerly was chairman of the music department. Lawson alternates between playing violin and piano.

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Young artist: Jenine Lawson won the Hungarian Arts Club scholarship.



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Keeping heritage alive: Jane and Edward Wojton, on behalf of the Friends of Polish Art, recently presented Michael Deller (seated), Livonia's head librarian, with a trilogy of historical novels by Polish author Henryk Sienkiewicz.

Friends keep Polish arts, culture alive

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When Edward Wojtan's father fled Poland to avoid being drafted into the Russian army in 1912, there was little time or money to enjoy the performing and visual arts or read historical novels such as Henryk Sienkiewicz's "Trilogy." He worked seven days a week in his butcher shop in the Warrendale area of Detroit to make a life for his family.

Still, immigrants like him sought to keep their culture and the music of Frederic Chopin, Ignace Paderewski and Arthur Rubinstein alive by forming the Friends of Polish Art. Many years later Wojtan and his wife, Jane, also of Polish heritage, joined the group that sponsors annual visual art competitions in the Galeria of Orchard Lake Schools, a bi-annual short story competition, scholarships and performances by groups such as the Krakow Chamber Orchestra to perpetuate Polish culture. As representatives of the Friends of Polish Art, the Wojtans recently donated Sienkiewicz's "Trilogy" and a companion volume to the Livonia Public Library. The Polish novelist, short story writer and journalist was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1905.

"We want to foster Polish art and culture and preserve it for generations to come," said Edward Wojtan, a Livonia resident who writes

MAINTAIN YOUR HERITAGE

the Friends newsletter. "You should be an American first, but you should know about your heritage and be proud of it."

Halina Ujda, of Birmingham, joined the Friends 40 years ago. Born in Poland, Ujda believes the arts are vital to the human spirit.

"More than anything the arts, whether it's high art or folk art, music or writing, make life worth living," said Ujda, second vice president of the Friends of Polish Art. "It bothers me that when the schools start cutting their budget, the arts are the first to go."

Friends of the arts

The Friends of Polish Art, by hosting the Youth Art Competition in June and the Richard Kubinski Art Competition in October, is not only keeping the arts alive but encouraging the development of artists of Polish descent. Founded in 1937, the group, an affiliate of the American Council for Polish Culture, has co-sponsored concerts by pianist Leszek Bartkiewicz, and the Warsaw Winds with the Detroit Institute of Arts. They also presented a bust of Frederic Chopin, created by Orchard Lake artist Marian Owczarski, to the American Center of Polish Culture in Washington, D. C. Owczarski will speak about Polish arts, before and after Solidarity, at the next Friends of Polish Art

meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple in Troy. For more information, call (810) 778-8035.

A professor and artist-in-residence at St. Mary's College, Owczarski is a 1961 graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. He creates stainless steel sculpture, most recently featured in the exhibit "The Pride of Poland" at the Grand Rapids VanAndel Public Museum.

"The arts are very important because this was part of the information about the culture," said Owczarski, who judges the Friends of Polish Art competitions. "From 1980 to after Solidarity, I will show what's different about art after the Communist influence and before when artists had to hide to do certain work because it was not legal. The art shows the life that was then. The art became more free and the look is different, lighter."

Preserving culture

To fund the arts competitions, concerts and scholarships, the Friends hold Swieconka, a celebration of Easter and Spring with traditional foods and customs, and Wigilia, an evening featuring the breaking of the bread (oplatek), a meatless supper, and sing-a-long of Polish and English carols just before Christmas.

"To maintain your heritage, it's important to know where you've been to know where you're going"

said Henry Pawlowski, a Farmington Hills resident born in Poland.

Expanding knowledge

Livonia's head librarian Michael Deller is grateful for the Friends' gift of Sienkiewicz's novels because it allows readers to learn about the nation occupied by Russia, Germany and Austria between 1795 and 1918. Although fiction, Sienkiewicz (1846-1916) based his events on historical fact. Originally written in Polish, the modern translation is by W.S. Kuniczak with foreword by James Michener.

"Our budget never allows us to buy everything we'd like especially when you're dealing with authors from other countries," said Deller.

Trip to Poland

For those who'd like to learn more about Poland, the Wojtans will give a slide show, "Our Vision of Poland," 10 a.m. Monday, April 12, at the Noble Library in Livonia.

The Wojtans have returned to Poland every year since 1993 taking tour groups with them. Aug. 16-30 they will savor the beautiful garden surrounding Chopin's home, hear a piano recital of his music at Ostrogski Palace in Warsaw, and visit the 600-year-old Monastery of Jasna Gora to see the Black Madonna icon and priceless jewels. For more information about the trip, call (734) 425-2727.

"We try to spread the idea that Poland is a cultural country," said Wojtan.

ART EXHIBITS

Arts organizations encourage local talent

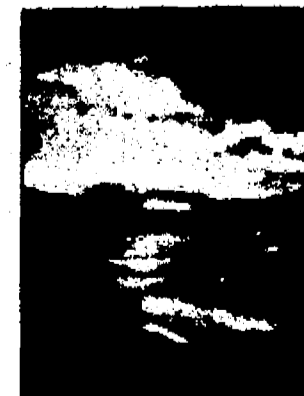
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Rick Wedel thinks one painting is worth more than the hundreds of video images he used to create for Ford Motor Co.'s corporate communications department. The "big still," as he likes to refer to the computer graphics he first studied at Eastern Michigan University, is similar to the large-scale abstracts he creates these days. Unlike the medium of video, computer graphics and paintings are capable of holding the viewer's attention for more than just a half a second.

Wedel's paintings, which in most instances hide the identity of figures and environments, are on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through Friday, Feb. 26. Wedel is one of



Anonymity by Rick Wedel



Torch Lake by Angie Nagle

two painters being showcased by the Plymouth arts council and the Livonia Arts Commission in February. The realistic landscape paintings of Angie Nagle Miller are on display at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery.

"Computer graphics was like a 'big still' when I first began my studies at Eastern Michigan University," said Wedel. "Then I took drawing and painting classes and fell in love with traditional media. In my paintings, I have more of an interest in overall patterning. My 'Stance' series continues

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"Figure This"

WHAT: Abstract oil paintings by Rick Wedel, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

WHEN: Through Friday, Feb. 26. Call (734) 416-4278 for show hours.

WHERE: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction), Plymouth.

Landscapes by Angie Nagle Miller

WHAT: An exhibit of scenic paintings presented by the Livonia Arts Commission.

WHEN: Through Feb. 28. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Gallery offers Y2K art that's flashy, fun, contemporary

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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And now, the long-awaited sequel to the optically drippy 1960s extravaganza "pop art."

No new school of art or official "art movement" is required, just an acronym - VIA, a short-cut reference to Viewer Interactive Art.

With its distinctively Information-Age name, "VIA - Y2K" is making its word-of-mouth debut at the Uzelac Gallery in downtown Pontiac.

While most exhibits appear for three to four weeks, "VIA - Y2K: The Paintings of Paul Lewis" will receive a three-month opportunity to catch on.

Since gallery owner Chuck Uzelac hasn't found an effective way to advertise the exhibit because of the difficulty of fitting Lewis' stylized VIA on a printed announcement card, he's betting that word-of-mouth might turn "VIA - Y2K" into the major surprise exhibit of the winter gallery season.

The word-of-mouth might go something like this:

Long after Andy Warhol and Roy Liechtenstein transformed celebrities and cartoonish logic into the equivalent of tabloid art comes VIA - the next phase in day-glo and inflated sensibilities. Bell bottoms, lava lamps and incense are optional.

Black lights and a remote control dimmer switch, by the way, are included in the price of the paintings.

From light to black

"It's totally different, totally new," said Uzelac. "In the art world, those are the qualities that make a difference, especially to trendsetters. Of course,



Feeling gritty: The Uzelac Gallery mixes cutting-edge and traditional exhibits. The staff includes Chuck Uzelac, (left), Larissa Funyak and Lisa Konikow.

(VIA) isn't for everybody, but what kind of art is?"

Yet, inarguably, VIA is strikingly contemporary.

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Right before your eyes, Lewis' acrylic and phosphorescent paintings are transformed with morphic-like illusion with a simple turn of a dimmer switch.

Moving from light to black and

vice versa is similar to watching the transformation of an image from a negative to a print. Or in some of the paintings, it's like watching a hologram expand and shrink.

Lewis' vibrant colors and easily accessible pop art style evoke a sense of high-energy and ease. There's nothing to "get" about these paintings. They're immediate and engaging.

Several of the paintings depict familiar faces, including an early portrait of Picasso, Michangelo's

David, a replica of Rembrandt's self-portrait, a magazine-like close-up of Gloria Estafan, and Marilyn Monroe's famous flirtatious pose as she playfully tries to keep her skirt from rising.

Other works are abstract drippings of phosphorescent, acrylic and latex paint combined to have the maximum transformative effect and optical illusion.

Timeless expression

While watching visitors to his

What: "VIA - Y2K: The Paintings of Paul Lewis"; and, "The Paintings of Allen Berke"
When: "VIA - Y2K," through Friday, April 30; Berke exhibit through Saturday, Feb. 27
Where: Uzelac Gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, downtown Pontiac, (248) 332-5257
Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday

gallery marvel as colors rise and fade in response to a dimmer switch, Uzelac said a common VIA experience typically elicits a timeless expression.

"People just stand there and say, 'That's cool.'"

But there's more beyond Lewis' optical trickery, said Uzelac.

"This isn't a gimmick or about bringing the 60s back," he said. "The fact that Paul (Lewis) is a fine artist, and has the ability to literally replicate just about any painting style makes quite a difference."

In the near future, Uzelac expects Lewis to complete a Monet-like landscape painting. By slowly dimming the light to black, the painting will become transformed through the four seasons.

"Can you imagine this show in New York," said Uzelac, who is currently setting up exhibits for Lewis in Florida, and trying to push the work into the cutting-edge circles in New York.

Ironically, Uzelac didn't have to look far to discover Lewis, who's studio was about 100 feet from Uzelac's back door. But Uzelac is cautious about referring to Lewis as a "local artist."

"The connotation of 'local' is that if an artist is from here, then he can't be a significant artist."

That could change through word of mouth.

Expressionism of Allen Berke

In the front space at Uzelac Gallery, the expressionistic paintings of Allen Berke offer a stark contrast from Lewis' neon-like vibrations, hung in the darkened back space.

Whereas Lewis' work elicits an immediate response, Berke's subtle brushstrokes and compositions require in-depth study.

The 15-piece exhibit reveals a painter who searches to stretch his emotionally-infused canvasses in a range of subject-matter, but who's most proficient when painting human forms assembled in a fluid puzzle.

Nearly 20 years ago, Lisa Konikow, director at the Uzelac Gallery, began to represent Berke, who teaches at Wayne State and the Center for Creative Studies. At the time, Konikow was co-director of the now closed Xochipilli Gallery.

"He's been working in the same tradition, but he's continued to get stronger," said Konikow, who also directs the fine art competition in the annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" festival in downtown Pontiac.

Considered together, "VIA - Y2K" and Berke's paintings represent the type of cutting-edge and traditional mix unseen at most other galleries, said Konikow.

"In Pontiac, we have this grittiness," said Uzelac. "There's a feeling that we can take more chances."

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with multiple scenes expressed on a single image, fleeting figures, some more focused, a time lapse. These were the things I was interested in video, a statement about a period of time."

In his first non-university solo exhibit, Wedel handles his subject matter, the figure, in a variety of ways. In some of the works, Wedel's figures are little more than a shadowy outline. In others, the figures are vibrant and obvious. His palette varies as well from lightness to darkness.

Wedel never thought about drawing or painting while growing up in Kansas. Now, he can't

get it out of his mind. After graduating in April, Wedel painted full time all last summer to "see if he could work unsupervised."

Encouraged by the amount of paintings he sold at the fine art and craft show held as part of Canton Township's Liberty Fest last June, Wedel would like to paint full time, but his financial situation makes that impossible. By day, he works as an assistant to the director of 16 Hands Gallery in Ann Arbor but at night he layers oil media on canvas, masonite and paper. View more of Wedel's works at his Web site: www.geocities.com/soho/museum/3555

Landscapes

In an era when artists are struggling to find venues to display their work, the nonprofit arts organizations are doing a fine job of introducing visual artists such as Wedel and Nagle Miller to the community.

Nagle Miller, who began painting full time since 1979, has little trouble selling her work because she's built a reputation over the years by exhibiting and winning awards in shows such as Our Town in Birmingham; Michigan Women Artists at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn; and the Scarab Club's Silver Medal exhibit in Detroit.

"I paint for the enjoyment and to be able to share it with other people," said Nagle Miller, "not really for the money."

A member of the Ann Arbor Women Painters and formerly on the board of the Michigan Water Color Society, Nagle Miller leans toward Impressionism in some of the paintings. Many are patch-like which is quite understandable because the Ann Arbor artist is a quilter.

Since most of the painting is done in her studio, Nagle Miller takes photographs of landscapes

on trips to northern Michigan, and the western and southern U.S. For one week every summer, she paints with a group of artists at Torch Lake.

"I sometimes paint the same photo like 'Torch Sunset III' which I painted 10 years ago," said Nagle Miller. "The more recent work is a little more detail oriented."

Unfortunately, Nagle Miller's series on Egyptian mummies is not represented in the show. She painted the first works on the unusual subject eight years ago. The wrapped pieces, darker in color, related to the illnesses of friends.

"I was always fascinated by mummies," said Nagle Miller. "As a child the mummies were always the first thing I wanted to see on visits to the Toledo Museum. 'Some are actually unwrapped and there's a hint of a figure.'"

Nagle Miller has been asked to exhibit her mummy paintings in Germany in August.

"The more I studied the mummies the more I became fascinated," she said. "Some of the paintings are spooky and I wouldn't hang it in my own home."

Mosaic Youth Theatre presents original production

PRNewswire - In celebration of Black History Month, Henry Ford Museum will host the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit's original production, "heartBEAT," at the museum's Anderson Theater for two performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students/seniors, call (313) 982-6001.

Through the vibrant languages of theater, dance, rhythm, and song, "heartBEAT" creates a moving account of the battles of love and hate faced daily by our youth. The result is a roller-coaster retelling of stories from the teens own lives - powerful, funny, and relevant for theatergoers young and old.

The Mosaic Youth Theatre's participation in Black History Month at Henry Ford Museum

continues with a scheduled performance by the Mosaic Singers on Saturday, Feb. 27, at noon and 2 p.m. The performance is free with admission to the museum.

"We are excited to host the Mosaic Youth Theatre at Henry Ford Museum," said Steven K. Hamp, president. "Henry Ford Museum and the Mosaic Youth Theatre share a common goal of inspiring youth through creative outlets."

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit is an internationally-acclaimed, multicultural youth theater which won the 1998 Governors' Award for Arts and Culture for its "outstanding contributions regionally and statewide." For more information on Black History Month events at Henry Ford Museum, call (313) 271-1620.

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Brother Tim, who plays trumpet with the jazz band and symphony at Livonia's Stevenson High School, also plays piano.

"We're a musical family and enjoy playing music together," said Linda, who taught in the Livonia Public Schools until the early '90s when strings were cut from the budget of elementaries in the district.

Preserving heritage

Lawson thrives on winning. From playing varsity soccer in high school and being named Most Valuable Junior Varsity Player two years in a row, to competing with 26 other applicants for the Hungarian Arts Club scholarship of \$1,000, Lawson works hard to achieve her goals. She is exactly the type of student the arts club wants to encourage. From the first scholarship awarded 40 years ago, the Hungarian Arts Club has sought students like Lawson - dedicated, disciplined and involved with the fine arts.

The winner is presented with the scholarship at the annual White Rose Ball, held to introduce young women of Hungarian descent to society. The club has also presented folk ensembles from Hungary at the Hungarian American Cultural Center in Taylor, and exhibits of Hungarian needlework and pottery.

"The club was founded to perpetuate Hungarian culture and art," said Violet Misangy, club president. "The White Rose Ball used to be a tradition in Europe where young women were introduced to society and marriages were arranged. The ball introduces young people to their heritage."

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

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Sponsored by Pewabic Pottery. Artists, dealers and collectors display and sell ceramic art tiles, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7. St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward (1/4 mile north of Square Lake), Bloomfield Hills; (313) 822-0954.

BEAD BONANZA

Sponsored by the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild. Featuring 41 vendors from throughout the country. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Van Dyke Park Hotel, 31800 Van Dyke, Warren; (810) 977-7043.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried "Art & Apples Festival," to be held Sept. 11-12. Slides must be received by March 1. Entry fee: \$25. Also seeking dance, music and theater ensembles to perform at the event. Performance artists' applications must be received by April 9. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-7418 or (248) 651-4110.

BOHEMIAN MUSIC COMPETITION

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

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Arts League of Michigan with DTE Energy Detroit and U-M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens is sponsoring, "People, Plants and Cultures," a juried arts exhibit, April 8-11. Submitted work must be created within past three years. Selected artists will be invited to participate in educational programs. Non-refundable entry fee of \$15 per artists permits up to three entries. Deadline: 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999. Applications available from The Arts League, 1528 Woodward Avenue, Ste. 600, Detroit, MI 48226. For information, (313) 964-1670.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

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-Deerborn, 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.

HARBOR SPRINGS SUMMER SHOW

Applications are being accepted for the 24th annual 4th of July Art Show in Harbor Springs. Deadline: April 10. For an application, call the Harbor Springs Community School office and leave your name, address and phone number; (616) 526-5385.

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.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD

An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Monday, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

OCG'S WOMEN IN ART EXHIBIT

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

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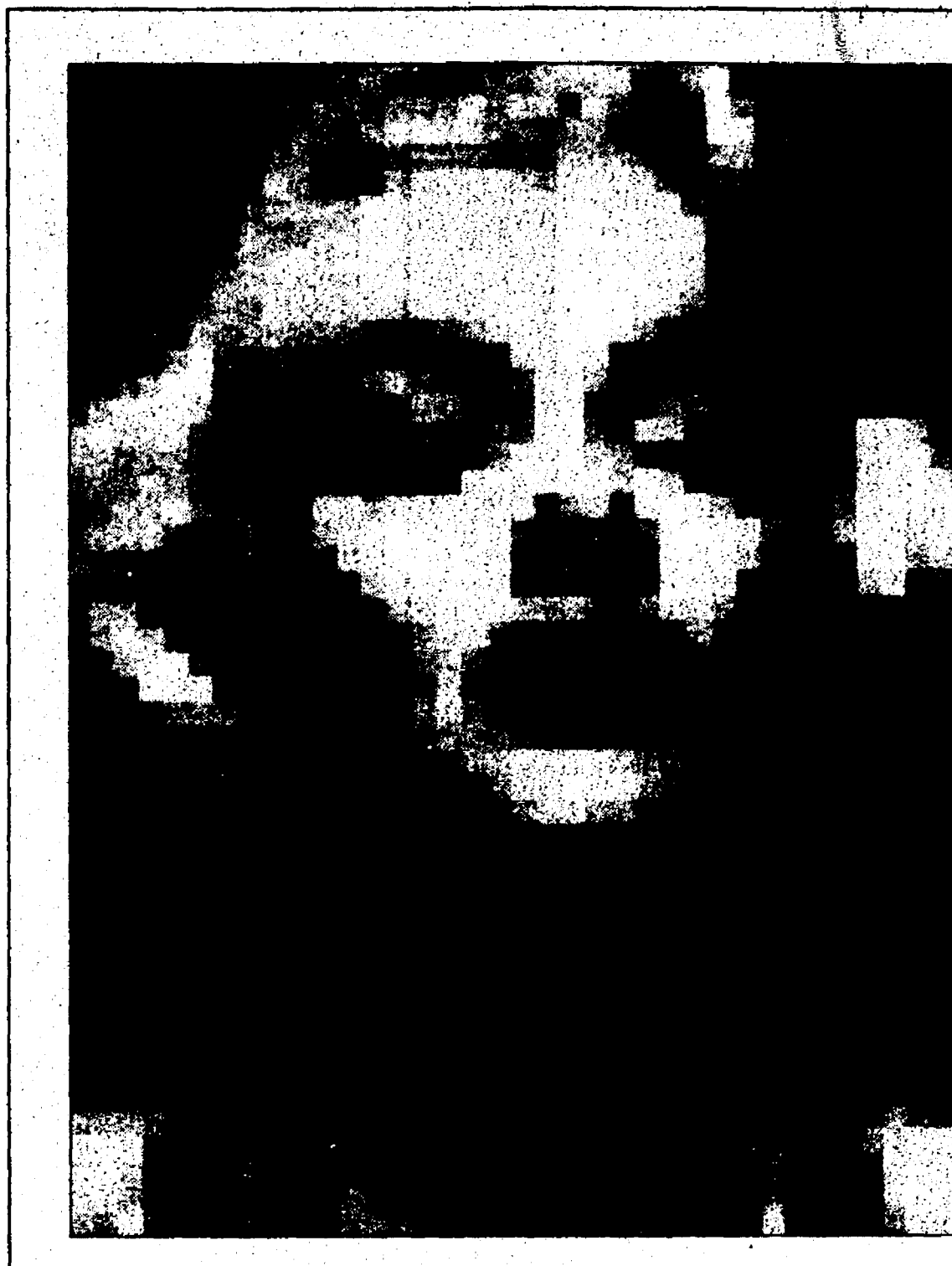
Two \$1,000 merit scholarships offered to graduating high school seniors in Macomb, Oakland or Wayne counties who plan to major in visual arts. Application deadline: April 17. To obtain an application, or for more information, call (248) 651-4110.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Calligraphy, bookbinding and beading classes through March. 8156 Cooley Lane Rd, White Lake. Call (248) 360-6429 for more information.

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That look: The art of Yvaral is on exhibit through March 31 at Masterpiece Gallery, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 594-9470.

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Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

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Preschool and adult classes. 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

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

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VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM

"Set Building Workshop," presented by Larry Kaushansky of Wayne State's design program. Classes: Feb. 21 & 25. Call (248) 644-2075.

CONCERTS

B'JAZZ VESPER

Singer Susan Chastain and pianist James Dapogny, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. First Baptist Church, 300 Willis Street, Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

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.

DETROIT CHAMBER STRINGS

"Around the World in 80 Minutes," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Ave., at the corner of Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills; (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 CIVIC ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Broadway Today," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Jazz diva Dee Dee Bridgewater and Detroit's own Geri Allen, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Yan Pascal Tortelier leads the DSO. 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27; 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4; 8 p.m. Friday, March 5 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Dean Rutledge of Focus Hope in concert at "Acts" coffee house. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. 32473 Normandy Rd. Franklin; (248) 626-6606.

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.

JAZZ NETWORK FOUNDATION

Generation to Generation Jazz Series presents Baritone saxophonist Cecil Payne. 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 832-3010.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

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 SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Broadway All the Way," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, at M 59 and Garfield Road, Clinton Township. (810) 286-2222.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Classic guitarist Jason Vieaux in concert. Saturday, March 6. Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia. (248) 975-8797.

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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.

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UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Countertenor David Daniels and pianist Martin Katz. 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor; (734) 764-2538.

DANCE

MUSIC HALL

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

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BBAC

Lecture series on the work and life of Picasso: March 12 - "A Portrait of the Artist," 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

LAWRENCE TECH

Landscape architect and artist Mark 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 Plovshares Theatre Company. For information, (313) 872-0279.

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB

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

MUSEUMS

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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.

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

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Feb. 26 - "MFA Thesis Exhibition," the art of Jennifer Rosenfeld, Meekyung Shim and Linda Soberman, through April 2. Opening reception 5 - 8 p.m. Wayne State University, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

CARY GALLERY

Feb. 27 - "New Works - Recent Paintings," art by Marcia Freedman, through March 27. Reception 6 - 8 p.m. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

Through Feb. 21 - "Effects of Light and Colour," new paintings by Nely, 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 CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through Feb. 26 - Photography by Linda Jay 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.

GALERIE BLU

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

NETWORK

Through Feb. 27 - Manuel Antonio Banz's "Phenomenological Garden," 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-8911.

N'NAMANDI GALLERY

Through Feb. 27 - "Master Painter Norman Lewis, 1939-1979," 161 Lowery, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through Feb. 27 - Oil paintings of Allen Burke. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5267.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Feb. 27 - Paintings by Joel Sheesley, Oscar Lakeman and Kikue Sato. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

C-POP ART GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 - "Art from Concentrate," David Whitney Building, 1553 Woodward, Suite 313, Detroit; (313) 964-0911.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 - "Images ex-pose-d," a collection of work by Gigi Boldon, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Leonard brings Chili back, but music detour is deadly

Be Cool
Elmore Leonard
Delacorte Press, \$24.95

Conventional wisdom holds that an author must distill personal experience before he can interpret it. Writing requires perspective, which, in turn, requires the passage of time.

But the recent hit film "Shakespeare in Love" and Elmore Leonard's latest crime fiction novel "Be Cool" suggest otherwise. Both stories feature protagonists who construct a plot, one episode at a time, by simply recording the events that take place in their own lives as they occur.

Accordingly, all an author needs at the outset are believable characters with "an edge, an attitude," and the plot will write itself.

It's a good gimmick in a comic film or novel, if not a very convincing one. But the idea of the spontaneous write-as-it-happens script certainly gives Leonard's sequel to "Get Shorty" a jump start.

Insouciant hero Chili Palmer, one-time loan shark turned successful movie producer, returns for a repeat performance in "Be Cool." He's earned a name and a legitimate bank account with two films ("Get Leo" and "Get Lost") and wants to keep the momentum going.

Creative juices are temporarily on hold, however, so Chili remains open to movie pitches, regardless of their source. One comes from Tommy Athens, former street buddy, one-time racketeer, now in the recording business.

Tommy wants Chili to make a movie of his life: "See, I think you're the guy to do it, Chili, 'cause you and I have shared some of the same experiences, you might say. I tell you something, you know what I'm talking about."

Problem is, while they're eating lunch at a hip L.A. restaurant, Tommy gets shot. Chili catches sight of the killer, and the killer gets a good look at him.

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So now our hero has two parties determined to take him out. When a dead body is found propped up behind his home-office desk, it's clear that the hoodlums know where to find him.

But Chili doesn't flinch. He's too busy garnering experiences for his film plot — or trying to manipulate people and shape events to fit the storyline. Besides, he's learning the music business so he can make Linda a big star.

And that's where Leonard, the author of 36 novels, gets sidetracked. "Be Cool" is packed with detail about the music industry — from how recordings are "hustled" by "promo guys," to the practice of dubbing in instrumentation and voice-overs, to discussions of terms like "alter-native" and "metal." That's great for music buffs, but whatever tension Leonard builds — and it is considerable — is dissipated by mega-doses of information.

Right after Leonard puts you on the edge of your seat, he invites you to lean back and enjoy bits of movie trivia and instruction in Music Media 101. At the end, the plot has shifted focus and the resolution is anticlimactic.

Perhaps, allowing the characters to lead the plot only works for fictional authors. But then, Leonard admits that's the way he usually writes, and there's no arguing with success. Only, this time the characters led the author astray. "Be Cool" turns out leaving some readers lukewarm.

"Be Cool" can be purchased at local bookstores.

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English and German. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047, mailbox number 1893. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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So now our hero has two parties determined to take him out. When a dead body is found propped up behind his home-office desk, it's clear that the hoodlums know where to find him.

But Chili doesn't flinch. He's too busy garnering experiences for his film plot — or trying to manipulate people and shape events to fit the storyline. Besides, he's learning the music business so he can make Linda a big star.

And that's where Leonard, the author of 36 novels, gets sidetracked. "Be Cool" is packed with detail about the music industry — from how recordings are "hustled" by "promo guys," to the practice of dubbing in instrumentation and voice-overs, to discussions of terms like "alter-native" and "metal." That's great for music buffs, but whatever tension Leonard builds — and it is considerable — is dissipated by mega-doses of information.

Right after Leonard puts you on the edge of your seat, he invites you to lean back and enjoy bits of movie trivia and instruction in Music Media 101. At the end, the plot has shifted focus and the resolution is anticlimactic.

Perhaps, allowing the characters to lead the plot only works for fictional authors. But then, Leonard admits that's the way he usually writes, and there's no arguing with success. Only, this time the characters led the author astray. "Be Cool" turns out leaving some readers lukewarm.

"Be Cool" can be purchased at local bookstores.

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English and German. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047, mailbox number 1893. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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Great cast, set, costumes in 'Never the Sinner'

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Never the Sinner," through Sunday March 7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Community forums follow Thursday evening and

Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Mort Crim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. Call for details. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900. BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Jewish Ensemble Theatre has staged a great looking pro-

duction of John Logan's "Never the Sinner." Innovatively directed by John M. Manfredi, the production is sometimes absorbing, sometimes tract-like. The trouble lies in Logan's script. Perhaps it's impossible to take a fresh look at young men who think they're superior enough to murder a child, commit the perfect murder, are accountable to

no one, etc. We've all heard these Wagnerian, Nietzschean philosophies somewhere, and their shadow floats over the play like the image of the hawk Nathan Leopold opens Act 1 with.

David Wolber shines as 18-year-old Nathan Leopold who drives the car while his best friend, 19-year-old Richard Loeb, murders 14-year-old Bobby Frank. John Hawkinson as Loeb gives us a nervous, laughing grow up to be, as Leopold says, "Comfortable, quite ordinary."

It's Hannah Arendt on the banality of evil. Greg Trzaskoma is strong as Robert Crowe, the State's Attorney who wants the death penalty. Trzaskoma makes quoting the Bible seem naive; he's a perfect foil for Darrow's sophistication, and he knows it. Carey Crim is very strong as Dickie Loeb's main girlfriend, Germaine, and as Reporter #2. Crim strides across the stage with great confidence and seems

Hal Youngblood brings a sense of mercy, brains, and world-weariness to the role of Clarence Darrow. The trouble is, we've heard these splendid speeches about great intellectuals who are really 10 year old boys at heart. It all sounds like Germany in the 1930s, rather than Chicago in 1924. Darrow gets Loeb and Leopold 99 years and life, and it gives the author a chance to speculate that these two would grow up to be, as Leopold says, "Comfortable, quite ordinary."

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Carey Crim is very strong as Dickie Loeb's main girlfriend, Germaine, and as Reporter #2. Crim strides across the stage with great confidence and seems

to be in every pressroom in Chicago.

Lewis Bowen is very fine as Reporter #1; he walks like a brash, cocky man. When Bowen thanks Loeb for an interview, his eyes shine at the story he's gotten.

Jim Shanley is quietly terrific as Reporter #3, and as Dr. White who understands why the killing took place, but isn't interested in the sanity of either Leopold or Loeb.

Evelyn Orbach's artistic direction was superb. The set by West End Studios was inventive, so were scenes and props by Monika Essen, lights by Rita Girardi, and sound by Brett Rominger.

Mary Anne Davis was a fine production stage manager and Ernest McDaniel deserves kudos for tech director. But Edith Leavis Bookstein deserves a round of applause for costume design. I loved the clothes. I could almost imagine Dick Loeb "being worried about his suit."

ART BEAT

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AUDITIONS
Singers/dancers and actors needed for productions of "Medea" and "The Birds" which will be rehearsed and presented in Greece from mid-June to mid-July.

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MUSICAL AFTERNOON FOR KIDS
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ART MEETING
Three Cities Art Club holds its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Plymouth Township Clerk's office at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

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work. A ribbon is awarded at each meeting to the most popular painting as determined by a vote. You need not be a member to win.

March's program features award winning Canton artist Connie Lucas who will demonstrate watercolor and explain her vibrant techniques. For more information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

VOICE SCHOLARSHIPS
The Plymouth Community Chorus will award scholarships to students pursuing studies in vocal music, an applied vocational career in vocal music, or voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community singing. Three scholarships will be awarded to deserving high school students—\$800 to a graduating senior, and \$400 each to first and second year students.

Deadline for application is March 8. For an application form or more information, call Sherrie Northway at (313) 533-4796 or write to the Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 77027, Plymouth, 48170.

In the last 14 years, recipients have gone on to study at music schools such as the Academy of Popular Vocal Arts, Interlochen and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camps.

ART CLASSES
The Art Gallery/Studio is offering classes with Lin Baum beginning 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 18 at 29948 Ford Road, in Sheridan Square Shopping Center, Garden City.

The fee is \$50 for four weeks. Members of the Garden City Fine Art Association receive a 10 percent discount.

Deadline for registration is

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CALL FOR ARTISTS
Canton township is looking for artists to exhibit in the Fine Art and Craft Show Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20 at Liberty Fest '99 in Heritage Park.

Deadline for entry is April 15. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Categories include painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel, and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise allowed. Artists can choose to display their work under the big tents or bring their own tent.

Any art student in middle or high school in the Plymouth-Canton School District can display and sell their art in the student booth. There is no entry fee for students.

PHOTO SEMINAR
The Photographic Guild, based in metropolitan Detroit, holds its 36th annual photographic seminar March 19-21 at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Well-known photographers, including Gordon Brown and Herb Jones, present programs on subjects ranging from digital photography to video imaging, black and white printing, glassware, color slide "sandwiches," and landscape, night and nature close-up photography. Workshops will be held on video, live models, black light, bird and flower photography.

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Sunday, February 21, 1999

Lipstick hues less than pretty

Is it just me or have you noticed that the latest style in lipstick borders on the necrophiliac? Pretty young girls wearing blue, brown and even green lipstick. This is 1999. If we went back to plague-ridden years, we would not hesitate to either make a donation, or start a telethon for them.

William Shakespeare wrote of Juliet: "Beauty's ensign yet is crimson in thy lips and in thy cheeks and death's pale flag is not advanced there." How could he have known that he was predicting cosmetic colors for the millennium? And he was in the 16th century? Talk about foresight!

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

So what's up? Hero-in-chic? Dead-girl chic? Just plain ugly chic?

Or could it be another desperate attempt by the cosmetic companies to resuscitate their youth market? I thought that young girls today were happier with their faces than when I was a kid. They certainly seem to be happier with their bodies.

Remember when we were teenagers "they" used to tell women "be sure to sleep with your lipstick and a mirror under your pillow. Be sure to rise before your husband so he will never see you bare faced."

Yikes! Where could a woman be kissed (don't answer that!)? I learned in the 1950s that lipstick was the true motif of the decade. All women would wear their wonderful red lips with pride and some daring. Was the red of the 50s the death mask of the 90s? The term "teenage" was yet to acquire its own stature and culture.

My grandmother and mother both considered lipstick to be as vital as clean underwear. My sister picked up on that (no, I definitely did NOT!) And she is always "with her lips."

It's interesting that as a makeup artist, when I see a woman without lipstick, she looks dead. Is that her intent? Her anti-cosmetic statement? Lack of knowledge?

I personally believe that it is impossible for the average mother to give advice to their daughters here; experience is wear-dated and, by the time a new generation achieves adulthood, the conditions of their lives have been altered so much that one's experience is no longer applicable.

Remember what you wore? Falsies (on your eyelids and other areas). Pale, pale lipstick. White foundation. No blusher. My God, our mothers were Dusty Springfield!

Back then, women were warned they would never find a husband if they didn't wear lipstick...at least. How nice that women can now say "so what" and not be ostracized.

Our current female generation has been told they will find companionship by the weight of their personality, sense of humor, intellect, sexual versatility, and even income. Isn't it amazing that women were at one time conditioned to connect finding a mate with a single swipe of lipstick?

Even then, they needed me since women only did their upper lips and blotted to transfer lipstick color. Double yikes!

As for guys, what an interesting quandary, both then and now. The "good girls" wore subtle pastels shades of lipstick. The "bad" girls wore red. Guys always wanted to marry good women, but have sex with bad girls. What a hoot to think that the wives would rush into the bathroom when the lights went out, single swipe that upper lip and become the floozies about which their mates always fantasized. Those, my dear, were the good old days! The millennium is 10 months away. Will anyone besides the eternal Joan Collins or Monica Lewinsky be left with that "waxy buildup" look on their lips? Let's hope that women have more sense and realize that you wear the makeup. The makeup doesn't wear you!

In re-reading this, I muse that it might seem odd that a man who has made his living for the past 35 years as a makeup artist would write about such things. I guess that I must be in a philosophic frame of mind. I just returned from a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean where I reflected on my life, my industry, and some of the passengers on the ship. But that's another story!

Jeffrey Bruce will be giving a free lecture/demonstration on Sunday, March 28 in Rochester. For more information about this event, as well as appointments for private makeovers in Novi in April (February and March are sold out), please call 1-800-944-6588. Also, you may e-mail Jeffrey at jubb@worldnet.att.net or visit his web site: jeffrey-brucecosmetics.com.

The power of jewelry

Designer channels energy into tailor-made pieces

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER
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If jewelry designer Sandra Xenakis' philosophy on beads, stones, metals and other matter of ornamentation comes into vogue, jewelry is about to get heavy.

"Wars have been won and lost over jewelry," said Xenakis, a Chelsea-based designer who assigns more significance to jewelry than mere adornment.

She sells her handmade, one-of-a-kind pieces at Just For Her, a small woman's clothing boutique in Troy, but also crafts custom jewelry, including some which aim to channel energy forces in the body.

Xenakis will also be available to speak with jewelry lovers and potential customers at a trunk show slated for March 11 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the store.

The self-taught jewelry designer and psychic of 12 years calls these pieces — made of natural stones that some claim have healing and spiritual powers — "channel jewelry."

"I think stones have energy," said Xenakis, who only recently combined her talent for creating jewelry with what she calls her intuitive capabilities.

"Any natural object has energy," she said.

Skepticism about the healing power of stones is beside the point since, said Xenakis, all jewelry works in mysterious ways.

Jewelry is symbolic — consider the power turned over to rosaries and good luck charms.

Jewelry also becomes a part of the person who wears it.

"It's a part of you," said Xenakis. "It really becomes a part of you and has your energy. Whether or not people believe this, (jewelry) has your energy."

Just like a favorite comfort sweater, jewelry can affect mood, state of mind and behavior.

So, mused Xenakis, "it's important for people to think about what they put on their bodies, rather than just grabbing something and going. They should pay attention to how jewelry makes them feel."

That bulky, itchy sweater in the back of the closet doesn't get worn. Why should a piece of jewelry that evokes discomfort?

Likewise, one ought not fret about the loss of a piece of jewelry, said Xenakis.

"People lose jewelry when they're supposed to," she said. "Jewelry knows when it's not supposed to be with its owner anymore. So, don't despair. Some people find it again. But, if you don't, you weren't meant to."

To create her psychic, stone pieces, Xenakis meets with her customers, discusses their current life circumstances, mulls over their appearance and taste, and "channels" — through meditation — an end product.

The process, as well as other custom jewelry orders, takes two to three weeks. Xenakis' pieces range in price from \$18 for pre-made earrings to \$200 for necklaces and larger pieces. "Channel jewelry" starts at \$50 and spirit bundles, bags of gemstones to carry or wear, start at \$80.

A client who, for example, has a broken bone might consider tourmaline beads to aid the healing process. Young hearts in search of love might wish to incorporate rose quartz — the stone of universal love — into their necklace, bracelet or earrings.

Xenakis recommends lapis, clear-crystal quartz, jasper and hematite to clients seeking to reduce stress, confusion

Please see JEWELRY, C7



Handsome work: Jewelry artist and psychic Sandra Xenakis creates objects that harmonize with the person who wears them. She says her bracelets, necklaces and other handmade pieces of jewelry can impart healing and healthful energy to the wearer. Xenakis crafts her works after carefully consulting with her clients to discuss their life and understand their circumstances.

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BY
JOHN STORMZAND



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MASTER GARDENER

Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills hosts master gardener Peggy Malnati who will present a short program about shopping from garden catalogs. Participants are encouraged to bring their own gardening catalogs for exchange. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SPRING LAUREN SHOW

Hudson's Twelve Oaks presents a spring fashion show featuring looks from Lauren by Ralph Lauren. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m.

TRUNK SHOW

The Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, hosts a Spring trunk show featuring Brighton Leather handbags and the art clothing of Jennifer Sly Kirk, who will attend the event. Light refreshments will be served. Noon-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

A BETTER HOME OFFICE

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Tips for creating an in-home office and enhancing current office environments will be given by professionals from COMP USA and Art Van Furniture. Those attending the event can register to win \$599 of home office merchandise or one of four COMP USA training classes. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Art Van's Royal Oak location at 32301 Woodward Ave.

BASEBALL COLLECTIBLES

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a Baseball Card and Collectibles Show through Feb. 28. Cards, coins, stamps, assorted memorabilia and autographs will be available. During regular mall hours.

SPRING REFRESHER

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, offers Estee Lauder facials with a company representative through Feb. 27. Cosmetics department, first floor. Call (248) 614-3363 for an appointment.

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents St. John spring-summer collection. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Jacobson's Designer Salon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

Borders Books & Music in Birmingham pays trib-

ute to island life. Author Richard Goree will read from and discuss his book "Goree Island." A fashion show of island attire with live music from the Super Steel Band follows. 7-10 p.m.

LOOK-A-LIKES

If your child looks or dresses like a child star, such as Annie or Cindy Brady, bring your little star to the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn for the Child Star Look-A-Like contest. Register between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Fountain Court Stage. Contest begins at 4 p.m. For information, call (313) 593-1370.

MEET MADELINE

Meet the popular character Madeline and enjoy a reading of one of her adventures at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy. 1-4 p.m. in Children's World, second floor.

POLO MODEL

Polo Sport super model Tyson Beckford makes a public appearance in the Cosmetic departments of Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, 12-1 p.m. and at Hudson's, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

SISTER WALK

Celebrate Black History Month by participating in Sister Walk-Sister Talk at Northland Center in Southfield. The event includes a walk and a discussion about black women's daily experiences. 9 a.m. in front of Truth Bookstore.

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. And 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:

Northridge Pharmacy: (800) 350-7002 or www.northridgegifts.com

Cologne Guy, www.cologneguy.com: Colonial Drug, Boston (617) 864-2222.

For the **J.L. Hudson demolition video**, you might try any of the television stations, they might sell you one.

A reader called from Florida to say the **original aluminum Christmas tree** with color wheel in its original box was seen at the Great Midwestern Antique Emporium in Drayton Plains on Dixie Hwy.

Magic Lady underwear made by Exquisite can be found in the Lane Bryant catalog (800) 248-2000.

A **Jet Stream Convention oven** can be found at Kitchen Glamour stores.

Ginger Bread cologne by Demeter's can be bought at Shine on Washington in Royal Oak, (248) 414-5277.

A reader called to say for the **Tec cleaner** use Lysol Extra Strength Toilet bowl cleaner. It whitens the porcelain very well.

The **heating element** that defrosts freezers can be found in the Harriet Carter catalog (800) 377-7878.

Annie called to say **Lenox Golden Winslow silverware** is a current pattern. Lenox bought out the Kirk Steiff Company. It can be found at Heslop's and Jacobson's. And Nat Schwartz, (800) 223-3003, has it reasonably priced.

Underarm dress shields can be found in the Lingerie department at Jacobson's in Birmingham and also at any Joanne Fabrics. And through Kleinert's catalog (334) 897-5764 and also in the Vermont Country Store catalog (800) 362-8440.

Found a copy of the **J.L. Hudson demolition, macrame plant holders, 1994 & 1995 Holiday Barbie** and the count down clock.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Darlene is looking for **High Karate men's cologne** by Canoe from the 1970's.

Willie is looking for **Dole Pineapple frozen concentrate**.

Sheila wants the 1993 **Service Merchandise Collectible Silver Christmas bell**.

Chuck is looking for the 1979 **glass Hummel ornament**.

Penny wants **Zena or Britannica jeans**.

Jan wants **Lip Chic** (a liquid that is brushed over lipstick to seal).

Linda from Troy is looking for

"Focus Art Form, Splash" hair products and Focus hair shiner.

Mary is looking for **Tulip Town Village**. It has hand painted rabbit figurines and pewter buildings by Anesco from about 10 years ago.

Mike is looking for a **1950 Grosse Pointe High yearbook**.

Elaine wants white fingertip **terry cloth towels**.

Mary Lou is looking for **leather square or round decorative mat** (used on the top of desks and end tables to prevent scratches). Hudson's carried them, as did a store in Plymouth.

Mary is looking for the book **"The Treasure Chest"** from Harper & Rowe from the 1960's. It is a poetry book. She also wants **Almay's Time Off Make-up Re-texturing Foundation** in Almond Beige and needs an antique dealer to price her antique street lamps.

Daphene is looking for **Yardley Lavender Powder**.

Mrs. Stroh wants the Jan. 1943 **yearbook** from Northern High school.

David is looking for a **PC interface** from Texas Instrument (64K) organizer from about 6 years ago.

Joe is looking for **top fitted sheets**. Sears sold them in their catalog.

Yvonne wants **cake eyeliner** by Avon or Mabeline.

Betty would like someone who teaches **how to string beads**.

Pat is looking for a **sheets and comforter set** with the **Toy Story** theme.

Gloria wants the **Mr. Peanut ornament**.

Melissa wants the 1987 and 1988 **Farmington High school yearbooks**.

Diane is looking for **wallpaper or wall border** of monkeys, chimps or gorillas, and a **coordinating bedspread and sheets**.

Annette is looking for someone to repair a 1956 **Wurlitzer jukebox**.

Karen wants a **battery operated hair dryer**.

John is looking for **Old Tavern Steak Sauce** and **Philadelphia Scrapple** or **Scrapple**.

Joanne is looking for a figurine of **Johnny Pfeiffer**, who was the emblem for Pfeiffer beer.

Mary Lou wants the moisturizing body lotion **Once Upon a Moment** and an electric curling brush less than a half-inch.

Compiled by *Sandi Jarackas*.

RETAIL DETAILS

BREAD IS LIFE

Panera Bread, a neighborhood bakery-cafe opened Jan. 31 at Lakeside shopping center in Sterling Heights.

The bakery and gathering spot features more than a dozen varieties of its signature hard-crust, European-style bread and 10 types of fresh-baked bagels, as well as fruit-filled croissants, cinnamon rolls, muffins and dessert bars.

Fresh salads, made-to-order sandwiches, soup in sourdough bread bowls and espresso drinks are also available.

Lakeside's Panera Bread is located on the mall's lower level near JC Penny and is one of more than 100 locations across the nation operated by Saint Louis Bread Co.

FADE TO WHITE

Call it the new optimism, the new millennium or just call it spring. Everything about the new fashion season looks lighter and brighter, says Gina Tovar, a fashion director with Nordstrom.

"White, shades of white and a

new palette of whitened colors are a refreshing counterpoint to last season's dark shades, and a beautiful way to celebrate spring," she said.

This spring, Nordstrom will carry a spectrum of white, which is not only a mood-booster but also makes for a fresh, modern fashion statement.

An easy complement to darker shades of clothing already in the closet, white is good buy, as well. Combining "shades" of white will also be current this spring. Stone, ecru, cement and ivory complement each other and coordinate well with darker colors. Most importantly, such variety means that there's a shade of white out there for every skin tone.

Generally speaking, brunettes with olive skin look best in true, bright white. Fair skin and light-colored hair are drawn out by warmer whites, like ivory.

White's simplicity and versatility is a perennial classic. And, forecasts indicate fashion will continue to fall towards the light and white side over the next several seasons.

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and distraction in their lives.

"The colors coming in for spring are very soothing," said Xenakis of current trends in clothing and jewelry. "And, to me, that makes a lot of sense because of the times we're in now. We're in a very chaotic time."

"What I'm saying is, there is an inward component to the way you dress," she said. "And, that is important and figures into buying jewelry, as well."

While Xenakis' offering of psychic jewelry is certainly unique, the rest of her pieces don't slack in the unconventional category.

A recent trunk show of her work at Just For Her - the Space Collection - showed off Xenakis' talent for making use of unusual jewelry ingredients. In this case, she incorporated small, metal parts formerly used in the aerospace industry as components of satellites and rockets.

Another collection melds frag-

ile, Victorian buttons with contemporary beads, metal and stone. Her best-selling necklace centers around the I-Ching, a Chinese good luck coin.

"I think people are looking for permanence and tradition - I take some of that and make it contemporary, make it new" she said.

Best of all, Xenakis' philosophy even figures into her return policy: if the ring doesn't fit - emotionally - just return it.

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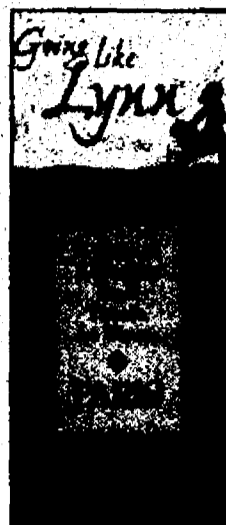
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New travel books fit in a purse

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Tiny Lynn Portnoy moved about her small, stylish store at the Claymoor Apartment building in Southfield fixing tea and talking about her love of far-away places.



York and Italy. She said her series will follow that order.

"The No. 1 concern, which surprised me, was safety. I've never felt unsafe," she said.

That doesn't mean she takes the issue of safety lightly or hasn't developed some strong ideas about it, especially her conviction that small hotels offer the safest havens.

"Everyone says it doesn't matter where you stay, and it does. I only stay in small hotels where there's a human there," she said.

The small hotels don't handle the convention trade and they don't provide indifferent one-size-fits-all service.

"I feel more secure in a small hotel, someone knows who I am, and you don't have drunk people," she said.

Her book lists a handful of small hotels in Paris, all within walking distance of museums and shops.

"I'm a workaholic and when I get out on a trip, I want service," she said. "My time is valuable to me. A good concierge is like having a nanny. They make reservations and they tell you where to walk and where not to walk."

Portnoy advises women, and men, too, not to advertise themselves as American tourists. "Never wear running shoes," she said. "They mark you as a tourist. Wear dark walking shoes."

She also advises that travelers keep a notebook with all their numbers written down such as your Visa or MasterCard number and expiration date, medical numbers, phone numbers, etc. She also advises making a copy of your passport.

"I keep telling people, if you feel unsafe, get off the street, to into a tobacco shop or cafe and they'll call you a cab," she said.

A sense of humor and an expectation that you're bound to make mistakes are also helpful. Portnoy tells some funny stories about herself in her book. For instance, there was the time some smoked fish almost got her arrested as a terrorist in Jordan.

As Portnoy says, these embarrassing moments are later trea-



A tea break: Lynn Portnoy (left) and her friend Linda Talbot enjoy tea and coffee at the Glaces de la Maison Berthillon in Paris.

Stout-hearted men: The Lumberjack Spectacular at Outdoorama is March 5-7. From left to right, Dan McDonough, nine-time world champion log roller, Curt Hiser, Pat Ogle and John Hughes, two-time cross-cut saw world champion.

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OUTDOORAMA

The Outdoorama sport and travel show, produced annually by the Michigan United Conservation Club, will open Feb. 26 and continue for 10 days through March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, Novi Road and I-96, with product exhibits, entertainment, seminars and information for outdoor lovers of all ages. Featured entertainment includes ventriloquist Steve Hall and his sidekick Shotgun Red; the Lumberjack Spectacular; Danger Action Theater; dog frainer Len Jenkins; archery demonstrations; fishing contests and Big Buck Night with hunting tips from Dave Richey and Byron Ferguson.

Hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Feb. 26; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and March 6; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 28; 4-9:30 p.m. March 1-2; noon to 9:30 p.m. March 3; 4-9:30 p.m. March 4-5 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 7.

Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for age five and younger.

For information, call (800)777-6720.

DESTINATION IRELAND

The Community House Travel Department is offering an Irish adventure for May 13-21.

With a tour beginning in Dublin, a luxury coach winds along the west coastline with an Irish guide pointing out the island's scenery. Travelers will enjoy touring historical sites such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, Blarney Woolen Mills and Glendalough. Other hot spots on the trip include tea and scones at an Irish farmhouse and shopping at the Waterford Crystal Factory.

First-class accommodations for seven nights will be provided and a full Irish breakfast served daily. The tour includes roundtrip air between the United States and Dublin, passage on the Shannon Ferry Service and all hotel service charges and baggage handling.

To register for this Irish Adventure or to receive information about other trips through The Community House in Birmingham, call (248)594-6419.

BIKE MAINTENANCE

Get your bike ready for spring with this instructional clinic at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at REI, 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville. The class teaches the basics of chain, brake and derailleur adjustment and how to fix a flat. Staff will go over the techniques and tools needed for basic bike maintenance. For more information, call (248)347-2100.



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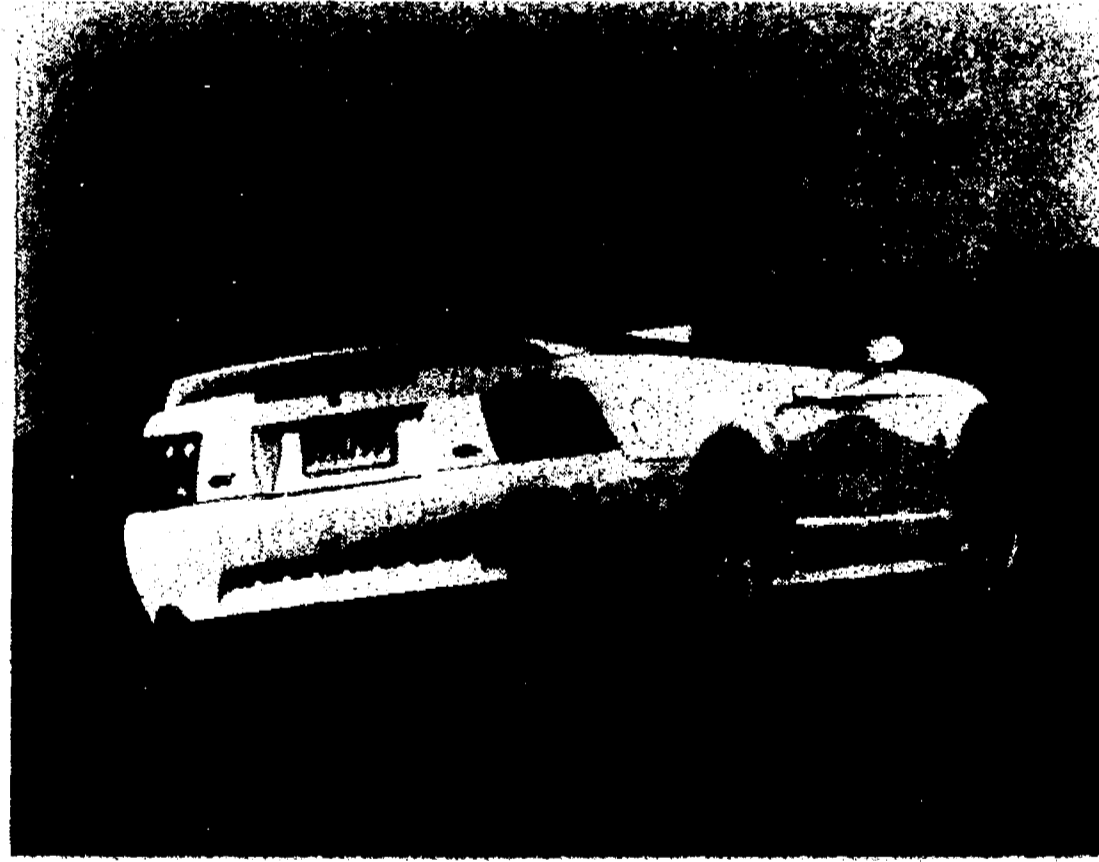
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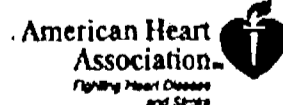
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Westland Panthers 1st

The Westland Panthers Squirt B team (ages 9-11) captured the district title by beating the Detroit Dragons, two games to one, including a 5-1 victory Wednesday at Trenton Ice Box II.

The Panthers advance to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state tournament, March 3-7, at the Wayne Civic Arena.

Members of the Panthers, who finished 19-1-2 in Little Caesars play, include: Chris Allen, John Ballarin, Jeff Cox, John Dean, Matthew Haskell, Paul Litwinczuk, Tommy Lorenz, Johnathon Lysko, Joseph Rawson, Ryan Rawson, Jacob Renner, Corey Strauss, D.J. Tracy, Ricky Wynierko, Daniel Setser and Matthew Byle.

The coaching staff includes Pat Rawson, Mike Rawson, John Ballarin and Matthew Byle. The team manager is John Dean.

Midget B Devils crowned

The Livonia Midget B Devils captured four straight game en route to the Dearborn Hockey Association winter tournament title (Jan. 28-31) capped by a 3-1 victory in the finals over the Livonia Leafs.

Devil goals were scored by tournament MVP Mark Tice, Scott Hines and Clint Cezon. Assists went to Justin Torcolacci, Nathan Zuziak and Josh Moyer.

Goalie Aaron Schientz posted a 2-0 shutout in a third-round Devils win with Bill Hanley and Aaron Swintek scoring goals. Assists went to Cezon, Hanley and Hines.

In the second round, the Devils edged the Leafs, 2-1, as Hines had a goal and assist. He assisted on the game-winner by Moyer with just 12 seconds left. Tice also drew an assist.

In the opener, goaltender Jeff Perkins notched the shutout in a 2-0 victory over the Woodhaven Leafs. Brandon Wallace scored the Devils' first goal from Swintek and Hanley, while Hines added an unassisted goal.

WYAA spring registration

Baseball and softball registration (1999 season) for the Westland Youth Athletic Association will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, through April 17, at the WYAA Compound, 6050 Farmington Road.

The cost for baseball is \$65 for Pony (ages 13-14) and Colt (15-16); \$40 for Mustang (9-10) and Bronco (11-12) with fundraiser (or \$90 without fundraiser). No fundraiser is required for Pony or Colt (20-game Pony schedule).

Tryouts for Mustang is at noon for for Bronco at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Central City Baseball Park.

Softball signup fees are \$65 for Appaloosa (15-18), no fundraiser required; \$40 for Shetland (8-11) and Filly (12-14), or \$90 (without fundraiser).

The youth baseball signup fee is \$30 for Coach-Pitch (7-8) and T-Ball (4-6), or \$80 (without fundraiser).

Opening day is at noon Saturday, May 1 at Central City Baseball Park. The third annual WYAA picnic is Saturday, June 5. (All participants will receive a Major League replica uniform to keep.)

For more information on registration, call (734) 421-0640. To sponsor a team, call Bud Somerville at (734) 729-9667.

CC mat correction

Redford Catholic Central sophomore Tom Buddenborg should have been listed as a third-place finisher in the Catholic League wrestling tournament, Feb. 13 at Birmingham Brother Rice.

Buddenborg won three of his four matches by pin at 112 pounds.

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Y Meteors, an under-10 boys soccer team, sported a 7-0-1 indoor record en route to a first-place finish at the Soccer Zone's final session.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Dave Burton, include Kyle Bogen-schutz, Ben Burton, Evan Chapman, Bret Driscoll, Andrew Eshaki, Alex Grimes, David Herbeck, Steve Hart, Matt Loney, Kevin Murphy, Bryon Niemczak, Matt Rzepka, Ben Schroeder and David St. Amant.

Assistant coaches include Dave Schroeder and Gary Niemczak.

Going airborne



Balance beam: Westland John Glenn's Jessica Beach was the top point producer in Thursday's dual meet victory against Trenton. For more details on the girls gymnastics meet, see page D4.

Wooden bat league coming to Livonia

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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There is a new baseball team in town, and if all goes as planned, it will make a name for itself out of town as well.

The Michigan Panthers are expansion members of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League and intend on making their home this summer at Livonia's Ford Field and Bicentennial Park.

Former Redford Catholic Central and University of Detroit-Mercy pitcher Steve Ross, 25, is the team's president and minority owner. Ross, a Garden City native, owns the Sports Academy, an indoor baseball and softball facility in Novi.

The majority owner is Bill Clark, who owns Quadrants Construction Co.

What makes the Panthers unique from others that have played out of Livonia is they will truly travel out of town, making overnight visits, when playing away from home.

Eight of the 10 teams in the Great Lakes are based in Ohio. The wooden bat league is one of eight sanctioned nationally by the NCAA and partially funded by Major League Baseball.

The 13-year-old league has a long list of alumni in the Major Leagues, including current Tigers pitchers A.J. Sager and Brian Moehler. There are no age limits but players must have

completed their freshman year in college but still have college eligibility remaining.



Ford and Bicentennial fields could be temporary homes for the team, which is hoping to build its own facility for the year 2000 in Livonia, according to Ross.

An expanding league

The league was formed in 1986 with Columbus, Ohio, and Lima, Ohio remaining charter members. Sandusky and Salina, both also from Ohio, have been members since 1990. Delaware, Ohio, has been in the league since 1992.

Also joining as expansion teams are the Michigan Monarchs, out of Monroe, and three teams from Ohio: Youngstown, Canton and Strongsville.

Jim DeSana, who had an unlimited age team in the Livonia-based Adray Metro Baseball Association last year, is running the Michigan Monarchs.

"Everyone is ecstatic," league commissioner Brian Sullivan said. "The new teams all seem very solid, are recruiting players from quality Division I programs. It's just going to enhance our reputation nationally. This is the highest level of amateur baseball. You'll see some in the pros."

The rental of both Ford Field and Bicentennial was met with approval by Lyle Trudell, administrative assistant for the Livonia Parks and Recreation, as long as scheduling wasn't

prohibited.

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Housing for summer

Some will stay with area residents or be put up in corporate housing and have day jobs, Ross said.

Admission to games is free this year, according to Ross.

Ross' goal is to "bring quality baseball to the Detroit area. When you get 25 Division I of II players on one team it's inherent that the ball is going to be better. It's a pro organization from top to bottom."

Except for the fact that the players aren't paid. According to NCAA rules, the clubs can only pay for the players' meals and their motel room on trips.

The franchise fee cost \$3,000 and Ross estimates expenses for the first year to approach \$25,000.

The team is seeking sponsorships.

Upset win puts Pats in title matchup

Livonia Franklin pulled off a stunning 9-15, 17-15, 15-9 girls volleyball victory Wednesday over host Plymouth Salem, the No. 7 ranked team in Class A.

Unranked Franklin, now 29-10-1, will take a 9-1 record into Monday night's showdown with No. 5 Walled Lake Central, the only unbeaten team left in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Game time is 7 p.m. at Franklin.

"Monday's match will be very interesting, pitting two teams capable of winning against each other," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "The team that is most focused with the least amount of mistakes will win."

With the loss, Salem falls to 32-7 and 7-2.

Nicole Boyd and Tera Morrill led the Patriots with 13 kills each, while

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Andrea Kmet had 10 and Kerstin Marshall eight. Lyndsay Sopko had 15 assists. Alexis Bowman had 10 digs and eight aces. Lindsay Duprey added eight digs and Boyd had four aces.

"I'm proud of our girls," Diegel said. "They stepped up to the challenge and it feels good to be able to beat a team on that level. Salem is a quality team and the match itself exemplified excellent volleyball on both sides."

Spartans whip John Glenn

Livonia Stevenson rolled to a 15-3, 15-5 WLAA victory Wednesday over host Westland John Glenn as sophomore setter Kelley Hutchins had 12 assists and three aces.

Stephanie Dulz was 11-for-11 hitting

with six kills. She also went seven-for-seven serving with three aces.

Other contributions came from Kate LeBlanc, Cassie Ehlerdt and Carly Wadsworth, two kills apiece. Brenda Pedersen and Megan Urbats also served without an error.

Stevenson is 28-13-2 overall and 7-3 in the WLAA.

Chargers stop Canton

Livonia Churchill improved to 24-10-2 overall and 7-3 in the Western Lakes with a 15-8, 15-8 win over visiting Walled Lake Western on Senior Night.

It was the last home match Thursday for seniors Courtney Lim, Becky Weber, Brazilian exchange student Fernanda Leite, Luba Steca, Jessica MacKay, Lauren Ruprecht and manager Stephanie Graber, an exchange student from Germany.

The national anthems of three countries were played.

Churchill coach Mike Hughes singled out the defensive play of Lim, Weber, Ruprecht and Sarah Hennessey. The Chargers also received strongplay from Marsi Phillips.

Huron Valley prevails

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, behind Jessica Whitaker's five kills and two aces, earned a 15-12, 15-11 victory Thursday at Taylor Baptist Park.

With the win, the Hawks improved to 9-9 overall and 7-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Taylor Baptist is 5-15 overall.

Senior Anya Day, who had two kills and two aces, served nine points in the second game. Junior Stacie Graves added three kills.

Franklin notches 1st win of season

Put one in for the win column — finally — for the Livonia Franklin boys basketball team.

The Patriots, starting three sophomores and two juniors, earned their first victory of the season Thursday at home against Livonia Churchill, 84-67.

Franklin is now 1-15 and 1-10 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill drops to 4-13 and 1-10.

Junior guard Derek Schema played a strong all-around game for the Patriots with 21 points and seven rebounds. He made eight of 10 free throws and hit a pair of three-pointers.

Junior forward Jason Micallef added 17 points and six rebounds, while sophomore center Mike Copeland snared 15 rebounds to go along with six points.

Jamie Kuras, playing in only his second varsity game, added 11 points, while Ian Reid had 10.

"We did things more fundamentally sound on a consistent basis and made good decisions attacking their press when we needed to," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "And we knew when to pull it out. We talked about having intensity and not having mental lapses."

Churchill, which couldn't overcome a 39-25 hal time deficit, was led by junior forward John Bennett's team-high 16 points.

Juniors Randall Boboige and Brandon Garlacz contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

"I want to congratulate Franklin — they deserved to win," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "They played hard in every aspect. They beat us to loose balls, rebounded and did everything we need to win. Robinson and his team controlled the tempo."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 61, CLARENCEVILLE 42: Junior guard Charles Hest scored in 20 points Friday, including 14 in the third quarter, lifting host Lutheran High Westland (11-5, 10-3) to a Metro Conference victory over Livonia Clarenceville (8-10, 5-7).

Hest had eight to spark an 18-5 Warriors' run in the second period. "We were kind of sluggish, then in the last two minutes of the first half we got it going," said Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun, whose team averaged an earlier loss to the Trojans. "Our defensive kind of kept us in it."

Senior forward Tom Habitz added 12 points for the winners. Ryan

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Ollinger, a senior forward, contributed 11. Freshman forward Brent Habitz blocked four shots.

Clarenceville, which trailed 27-14 at intermission, got 12 points from junior guard Scott Carr and 11 from senior forward Rick Murphy.

JOHN GLENN 62, SALEM 59: Westland John Glenn (10-8, 8-3) pulled off a mild upset Friday against Plymouth Salem (14-3, 8-3) in a battle of WLAA. Glenn led 31-25 at halftime.

Junior center Ben Harris led a balanced Glenn attack with a team-high 18 points. Three other Rockets scored in double figures — Bill Foder (13), Ty Haygood (12) and Eric Jones (11).

Salem also had four players score in double figures — Aaron Rypkowski (19), Matt McCaffrey (12), Mike Korduba (10) and Tony Jancevski (10).

HURON VALLEY 53, MT. CARMEL 46: Junior guard Rene Arnal scored a game-high 21 points Friday, leading Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-13) to the non-league victory over Wyandotte Mount Carmel (1-15).

Alan Kleinke, a 6-2 junior forward, added 14 points. Brian Johnson, out the past month with a bruised knee, played in his second game. The 6-4 senior contributed 10 points.

Huron Valley led by only one, 24-23, at halftime but outscored Mount Carmel 18-4 in the third quarter to take command.

"We stuffed them defensively," Huron Valley coach Bill Ohlsson said. "Brian got us going. He can jump and block shots. He played tough inside along with Alan."

"It was nice to have balance finally again."

Mike Russo scored 15 for the Comets, all on three-point shots.

WAYNE 68, WOODSTOCK 47: Senior Jamar Davis scored 21 and senior forward Nathan Wade added 16 Friday as host Wayne Memorial (6-11, 4-5) turned back the Vikings (3-12, 2-7) in a Mega Conference-Red Division encounter.

Michael Williams led Inkster with 15.

Wayne made 15 of 22 free throws, while Inkster was nine of 20.

N. FARRINGTON 77, STEVENSON 61: Emir Medunjanin, a 6-6 junior, scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds Friday to power North Farmington (13-3, 9-1) to the WLAA victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-12, 2-9).

Brian Shuman added 13 for the victorious Raiders, who jumped out to a 20-2 first quarter advantage.

Marty Kennedy led Stevenson with 15 points. John Van Buren added eight.



Good Habitz: Freshman forward Brent Habitz of Lutheran Westland makes the pass in front of Cville's Scott Hall.

Young leads Blazers to 8th title in row

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Livonia Ladywood senior Jenny Young tried to rub the soreness out of her right hand at the conclusion of the Catholic League volleyball championship match Thursday night.

That was understandable given Young's monster kills that powered the Blazers to an easy 15-6, 15-5 victory over rival Farmington Hills Mercy in front of a packed crowd at Madonna University.

"Actually, I dove on the floor and hurt it a little bit," said Young, who had 15 kills and served three aces. "It's nothing major; I'll be fine."

The inconvenience of a little pain wasn't about to keep Young from savoring the moment as Ladywood (26-15-1) captured its eighth consecutive league title.

"This is awesome," Young said, adding the thrill of victory would make it difficult to sleep that night. "Today everyone was into it. Everything came together,

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and the defense was better than it's ever been."

Indeed, the Blazers were near flawless and had their best effort of the season, according to Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt. Mercy coach Ed Moeller said he hadn't seen the Blazers play better.

"We had a lot of blocks; we touched everything (defensively) and had a lot of movement," Wyatt said. "When we do all those things, we play really well. We definitely played well."

The Marlins had the momentum early in the match, taking a 4-2 lead in the first game on a pair of kills by junior Carrie Brankiewicz and junior Amy Miller's ace.

But it gradually shifted to the Blazers, who scored the next 13 points on four service rotations. Junior Kelly Casey served the last seven in a row, during which senior Tracey DeWitt had two of her four match kills.

After senior Mary Gignac

served two points for Mercy, there were three sideouts before Young finished the first game on the service line.

The Blazers, who were minus DeWitt when they lost the first dual match between the teams, again were helped by her presence, as they were when they defeated Mercy in the Feb. 4 rematch, 15-12, 15-5.

Besides being Ladywood's primary serve receiver, DeWitt also combined with junior Jessica Tilson to present a formidable blocking duo on the defensive right side. Junior Jenni Gregor also contributed in that regard.

"Their two outside hitters are their most dominant hitters; so we had to get good blocks on them, and everything else worked out," Wyatt said.

Unlike the first Mercy match, the Blazers were solid on defense, which allowed them to set up their offense and get the momentum rolling in their favor.

In the second game, Ladywood raced to an 11-0 lead and all but decided the issue before it was five minutes old.

Sophomore Desiree Betts served the first three points and DeWitt the next eight. Young had five mighty kills during the run of points.

"That was our defense again," said Young, who vowed she wouldn't be shut down again after Ladywood lost the first match. "If the defense can't get it to the setter, I can't hit it."

"We just never got our offense going," Moeller said. "When you don't, you give the other team too many easy balls, and that's when someone like Jenny Young can hurt you. And the rest of their team hurt us as well."

The Blazers extended their lead to 13-2 before the Marlins scored the next three. Betts served the last two points, with Young getting one more kill to punctuate the victory.

Sophomore Erin Bartee had 29 assists and junior Patty Horal four kills for Ladywood, which plays the Detroit Public School League champion in the annual Operation Friendship match 6:30 p.m. Monday at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

BANTAM & HAWKS TAKE 2ND
The Livonia Hockey Association Bentam B Hawks took third out of 10 teams in the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV playoffs held recently at Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

The Hawks scored wins over Redford (3-2), Howell (6-4), Plymouth (3-1) and Farmington Hills (4-3).

Alex Villarruel tallied the game-winner in the fourth overtime against Howell.

The Hawks lost in four OTs to Southfield, 3-2, and were eliminated by Novi, 5-3.

The Jaguars defeated Southfield in two subsequent games to advance to next month's MAHA state tourney.

Other members of the Hawks, sponsored by Coverall of Detroit, include Kris Bechamp, Pat Boucher, Mike Clarey (team captain), George Georvassilis, Dru Girard, Bill Kane, Nathan Krzyaniak, Jeff Martell, Kyle O'Neil (assistant captain), Eric Sabuda (assistant captain), Nick Staffend, Mark Walczyk

The Livonia Hockey Association Division, while leading the second in the Senior Youth division, both teams played out of Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The teams are coached by Laura Edney and Carol Judawka.

Both the Iceettes and Iceine will compete Feb. 25 in Southgate before returning home March 26-28, to Edgar.

One session will be from 9 a.m. to noon and followed by the second session from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The cost for each session is \$30. Parents and coaches can attend free.

Registration closes Feb. 24. The clinic will be limited to the first 40 per session.

For more information, call (734) 591-2323.

WAYNE SOFTBALL SETS UP
The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for men's, women's, co-ed and men's over-40 softball teams from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

League play will be Monday (women's); Tuesday (men's C-D), Wednesday (co-ed and men's over-40); Thursday (men's C-D); Friday (men's D-E and over-40).

The cost is \$425 per team with no residency requirements. The schedule is 14-16 games with one umpire per game, along with an official scorekeeper. The cost also includes All-Star game, playoffs and awards.

For more info, call Keith Alexander at (734) 721-7400.

Lady Ocelot cagers post record 23rd win

It's school-record time for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team, which defeated host Alpena on Wednesday, 58-53.

The Lady Ocelots, in Karen Lafata's first year as their head coach, collected their school-record 19th-straight win and their 23rd victory of the season, also a school record (against three losses), Wednesday at Alpena CC. They are 15-0 and winners of the Michigan Community College Athletic

Association's Eastern Conference. SC gets a first-round bye in the MCCA state tournament, which begins Monday; the Ocelots host the Oakland CC-vs.-St. Clair CCC winner Wednesday in a quarterfinal game.

The winner of Wednesday's quarterfinal advances to the state semifinals, hosted by Glen Oaks CC in Centreville Friday.

The state championship is Saturday at Glen Oaks.

Samantha Theisen led the Ocelots against Alpena with 18 points. Belinda Reid added 10 points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals, and Jackie Kocis had 10 points and eight boards.

SPRING ARBOR 82, MADONNA 63: Madonna University came up flat Thursday at Spring Arbor, as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leaders put a hurt on the Lady Crusaders, 82-53. The loss left Madonna with a 15-13 overall record, 4-9 in the WHAC; Spring Arbor is 26-3 overall, 12-1 in the conference.

The Crusaders had a whopping 31 turnovers to Spring Arbor's 18, while the Cougars enjoyed a 38-33 advantage on the boards. They also limited Madonna's Kathy Panganis, the league's leading scorer averaging better than 19 points in WHAC games, to six on 3-of-8 shooting.

Andrea VanderHorst led the Cougars with 30 points; Courtney Thompson added 20 and 10 rebounds.

For Madonna, Chris Dietrich led with 15 points and five rebounds. Michelle Miela added 10 points and six boards.

SC road trip a success at Alpena

It's never easy going 3½ hours north to play at Alpena CC, and this season's Lumberjacks' team made such a trip even more ominous for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team.

After leading 41-32 by halftime, the Ocelots came away a 91-82 triumph.

The win clinched second place in the conference for SC, 21-4 overall and 11-4 in the conference. Flint Mott has clinched first with a 13-2 record; Alpena slipped to fourth in the conference with an 8-7 record (14-12 overall).

The Ocelots have a first-round bye in the MCCA Tournament, which begins Monday. On Wednesday, they host the winner of the Delta-vs.-Henry Ford CC game at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of that game advances to the MCCA Semifinals at Kalamazoo Valley CC. The championship game is Saturday at KVCC.

Derek McKelvey, who has struggled a bit offensively the last few games for SC, discovered his three-point scoring touch against Alpena, nailing six of them in a 30-point performance. Lamar Bigby added 17 points, Dashawn Williams had 15

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and David McGlown scored 10. Jeremy DeLaughter's 28 points topped Alpena. Jamal Edwards added 19.

SPRING ARBOR 73, MADONNA 68: It was a game Madonna University wanted very badly, but couldn't get.

Spring Arbor moved into a tie for sixth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference by edging the Fighting Crusaders Wednesday at Madonna. Both teams were 4-9 going into yesterday's WHAC finale; Madonna slipped to 8-21 overall, while Spring Arbor improved to 7-24.

A three-pointer by Madonna's Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) knotted the score at 57-all with 7:15 left.

The Cougars, however, scored five straight points — including including one of seven triples by Bryan Gordon — to open up a 62-57 lead, an advantage that was threatened but never eliminated by the Crusaders.

Mike Massey's 30 points and five assists paced Madonna. Putnam added 17 points, and Mike Maryanski had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Gordon's 31 points, seven rebounds and three steals topped the Cougars. Shawn Brown contributed 20 points, seven assists and four steals.

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Spartans dunk rival Salem

BOYS SWIMMING

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The cat-and-mouse game continued Thursday night between two favorites for the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim championship.

Livonia Stevenson, ranked No. 7 in Class A, came away with a 97-89 dual-meet victory at Plymouth Salem, the WLAA Relays champion.

Salem ended its dual-meet campaign at 7-3, while Stevenson finished 8-3.

Both teams now set their sights on Thursday's preliminary round of the WLAA meet Thursday at Salem.

Among the other favorites is Lakes Division dual-meet champion North Farmington and Plymouth Canton.

"It's always good competition against Salem," Stevenson coach Doug Buckler said. "This is the fourth time we've seen each other and it's great. We just pound each other up."

"But the two teams get along so well that it's hard to stay on edge. It's like a chess match between both of us and North for the league meet. And you can't forget Canton. They have a fine swim team if anybody falters."

Stevenson captured eight of 12 events and got a state qualifying time in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Justin Ketterer, Mike Malik, Joe Bublitz and Keith Falk posted a time of 3:22.3.

Both Bublitz and Falk were individual double winners.

Bublitz finished first in the 100 butterfly (55.79) and 100 backstroke (56.71), while Falk took the 100- and 200 freestyles in 50.72 and 1:50.35, respectively.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Spartan flyer: Stevenson's Keith Falk, shown here swimming the butterfly in an earlier meet, captured both the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events against Salem.

Other Stevenson individual winners included Malik in the 200 IM (2:07.3); Kevin Van Tiem in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.97); and surprise win by diver Mike Baskin (173.10 points).

Salem, meanwhile, made a state cut in the 200 freestyle relay as Andrew Locke, Aaron Shelton, Mark Witthoff and Matt Casillas finished in 1:31.93. The Rocks edged Stevenson in that event for second also with a time 1:35.2.

The Rocks also won the 200 freestyle relay as Shelton, Locke, Paul Perez and Witthoff finished in 1:44.28.

Locke won the 50 freestyle in 22.19, while Mertens took the 500 freestyle in 5:00.24.

"We're trying to get all our relays qualified and our medley was a little disappointing," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "We had one good swim out of four."

"We had several good swims, but there were more not so good. Mertens had a good swim in

the 500 and Perez did a good job in the 100 butterfly (second place)."

Olson and his team can now turn its attention to the WLAA meet.

"Thursday's prelims are important," Olson said. "We've got to be ready and I think they understand what they have to do. Our guys got to step up, but if we're tired and don't step up, we don't win. It's going to take a little more to get over the top."

Salem honored its six seniors — Locke, Casillas, Kevin Crabill, Jim Peace, Fred Klein, German exchange student Stephan Gammel and the late Mike Kilgore, a member of last year's Salem team who died of a heart attack last March.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 97
PLYMOUTH SALEM 89
Feb. 21 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Aaron Shelton, Andrew Locke, Paul Perez, Mark Witthoff), 1:44.28; 2. Stevenson, 1:46.37; 3.

Salem, 1:48.61.

200 freestyle: 1. Keith Falk (LS), 1:50.35; 2. Matt Casillas, 1:53.44; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:55.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Mike Malik (LS), 2:07.3; 2. Michael Nemer (LS), 2:09.82; 3. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:11.63.

50 freestyle: 1. Locke (PS), 22.19; 2. Brad Buckler (LS), 23.93; 3. Mike Johnson (PS), 24.15.

Diving: 1. Mike Baskin (LS), 173.90; points: 2. Greg Kubitski (PS), 168.35; 3. Jason Zykowski (LS), 164.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 55.79; 2. Perez (PS), 56.13; 3. Brandon Truscott (LS), 59.6.

100 freestyle: 1. Falk (LS), 50.72; 2. Casillas (PS), 51.96; 3. Witthoff (PS), 52.33.

500 freestyle: 1. Mertens (PS), 5:00.24; 2. Malik (LS), 5:11.64; 3. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:16.93.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Locke, Shelton, Witthoff, Casillas), 1:31.93; 2. Salem, 1:35.2; 3. Stevenson, 1:35.55.

100 backstroke: 1. Bublitz (LS), 56.71; 2. Shelton (PS), 58.93; 3. Lynn (PS), 1:00.05.

100 breaststroke: 1. Nemer (LS), 1:04.97; 2. Kevin Van Tiem, 1:05.13; 3. Jason Rebarchick (PS), 1:10.17.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Ketterer, Malik, Bublitz, Falk), 3:22.3; 2. Salem, 3:24.04; 3. Salem, 3:33.11.

WESTERN LAKES RELAYS	
Following is a list of boys' championship swim relays and during series. Results can report updates to Dan O'Brien by filing information to (734) 961-7278 or calling (734) 963-2141.	
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 3:45.00)	
North Farmington 1:42.19	Plymouth Salem 1:44.28
Livonia Stevenson 1:44.30	Plymouth Canton 1:45.00
Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35	
500 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:48.30)	
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:48.36	Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61	James McPartin (John Glenn) 1:50.75
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:51.97	Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:53.11	Brandon Digis (N. Farmington) 1:53.63
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78	BH Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cut: 2:03.00)	
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50	Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.30	James McPartin (John Glenn) 2:07.36
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:09.59	Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.82
Brett Meonis (Redford CC) 2:11.06	Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.63
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:11.63	Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05
50 FREESTYLE (state cut: 23.00)	
Matt Zald (N. Farmington) 21.68	Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.19
James McPartin (John Glenn) 22.65	Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80	Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.86	Don LeClair (Canton) 23.09
Mark Wachoberg (N. Farmington) 23.18	BH Randall (Churchill) 23.55
100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 55.00)	
Joe Labovic (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	Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00	Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 173.90
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10	John Chasen (Salem) 168.95
100 BUTTERFLY (state cut: 55.00)	
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00	James McPartin (John Glenn) 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45	Brett Meonis (Redford CC) 55.68
Paul Perez (Salem) 56.13	
100 BACKSTROKE (state cut: 56.00)	
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.66	Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 57.39	Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06
James McPartin (John Glenn) 58.42	Aaron Shelton (Salem) 58.77
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.46	Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.66	Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:00.05
100 BREASTSTROKE (state cut: 1:03.10)	
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68	Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.97	Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.13
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58	Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01
Sorny Webber (Wayne) 1:06.91	Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:07.27
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30	Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90
400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state cut: 3:23.00)	
North Farmington 3:21.17	Livonia Stevenson 3:22.30
Plymouth Salem 3:24.04	Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16
Plymouth Canton 3:29.29	

Correction Notice

In our February 21st ad, we advertised a Sprint PCS phone (model QCP2700) and promotion which included a \$30 mail-in rebate, 500 bonus minutes and free long distance.

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Trojans advance to Capac regional

CC pins Stevenson at Bedford

Two area teams are moving on in the state team dual wrestling tournament.

As expected, Livonia Clarenceville scored lopsided wins Wednesday over host Inkster (60-21) and Lutheran Westland (55-21) in garnering its first district crown since 1977.

"We'd seen both those teams and placed ahead of them at every tournament we met in," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said.

Meanwhile, in matchup of the top two finishers at this year's Observerland Invitational, Redford Catholic Central scored a convincing 54-17 triumph over Livonia Stevenson in the Division I district finals at Temperance Bedford.

Clarenceville advances to the Division III team regional Wednesday at Capac.

The Trojans (17-6 overall) will face the host Chiefs at 6:30 p.m. Metro Conference co-champion Harper Woods meets Memphis in the other semifinal.

"It will mean even more if we can win the regional title," Skinner said. "And we'll be looking to get some revenge on Capac."

Clarenceville lost to host Capac in the Class CC football playoffs, 48-28, last November.

The Trojans' top records heading into the tournament include

130-pounder Dave Lemmon, 45-3; 189-pounder Walter Ragland, 41-8; 145-pounder Matt Weihl, 36-15; 103-pounder Danny Tondreau, 39-8; 215-pounder Kalan McPherson, 15-4; and 171-pounder Adam Marcum, 33-14.

CC, which edged Stevenson by three points at Observerland, lost three of its first four matches before coming on strong.

In the 119-pound match, CC's Chris Peterson was trailing Zack Yaffai, but came through with a hip throw to score a pin in 4:31.

Freshman Jason Abshire then won at 1:30.

The Spartans would win just one more match — Imah Kharbush at 140.

"We're starting to come around," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "Abshire got us on fire. Ryan Rogowski (152) won a big match and we moved (Mitch) Hancock up to 160 and he got a major decision."

"We feel we can win just about any match if we're close coming down to the last three weights."

Despite a 9-9 record, the Shamrocks appear to be peaking at tournament time.

They will meet WLAA champion Northville in one semifinal, 7 p.m. Wednesday at South Lyon. The other semifinal pits Plymouth Salem and Dearborn.

CLARENCEVILLE
 103 pounds: Stevenson (CC) pinned Chris Peterson (CC) p. 4:31; 119 lbs: Stevenson (CC) pinned Zack Yaffai (CC) p. 4:31; 130 lbs: Stevenson (CC) pinned Dave Lemmon (CC) p. 4:31; 145 lbs: Stevenson (CC) pinned Matt Weihl (CC) p. 4:31; 171 lbs: Stevenson (CC) pinned Adam Marcum (CC) p. 4:31; 189 lbs: Stevenson (CC) pinned Walter Ragland (CC) p. 4:31; 215 lbs: Stevenson (CC) pinned Kalan McPherson (CC) p. 4:31.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
 103 pounds: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 119 lbs: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 130 lbs: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 145 lbs: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 171 lbs: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 189 lbs: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 215 lbs: Clarenceville (CC) pinned Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL
 103 pounds: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 119 lbs: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 130 lbs: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 145 lbs: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 171 lbs: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 189 lbs: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 215 lbs: Redford Catholic Central (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31.

TEMPERANCE BEDFORD
 103 pounds: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 119 lbs: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 130 lbs: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 145 lbs: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 171 lbs: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 189 lbs: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31; 215 lbs: Bedford (CC) pinned Livonia Stevenson (CC) p. 4:31.

PLYMOUTH SALEM
 103 pounds: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31; 119 lbs: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31; 130 lbs: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31; 145 lbs: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31; 171 lbs: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31; 189 lbs: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31; 215 lbs: Plymouth Salem (CC) pinned Dearborn (CC) p. 4:31.

DEARBORN
 103 pounds: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31; 119 lbs: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31; 130 lbs: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31; 145 lbs: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31; 171 lbs: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31; 189 lbs: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31; 215 lbs: Dearborn (CC) pinned Plymouth Salem (CC) p. 4:31.

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made at the expense of other leagues.

Great Lakes games will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as Saturday afternoons and evenings. The Adray Metro Baseball Association, down to four teams from eight last year, plays games at Ford Field on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. DeSana's team, along with unlimited age teams from Warren and two

from Canada chose not to return to the Adray circuit.

High school aged teams and over 30 leagues also use Ford Field and Bicentennial Park.

"We don't want to displace anyone that's been a good customer," Trudell said. "(The Panthers) are considered a renter, anyone can apply to use the fields."

Opposing teams will stay at area hotels when playing the

Panthers.

Trudell said the league is "absolutely a good thing for the city. It's something good for residents to see."

Talent for everyone

Trudell isn't worried the new team will stockpile players also courted by the Adray Metro Baseball Association, which includes 20-under teams Hines Park, Decision Consultants Inc.,

Michigan Lake Area Rams and Adray.

Ross, who played in the Livonia league, said the Panthers won't target that talent pool. He may be interested in players who have graduated from the Adray league, however.

Ron Blackmore, a Panthers' acquisition who graduated from Livonia Churchill and now plays at the University of Detroit-Mercy, is a good example.

He played for DCI in the Adray loop last year.

"I spent three years in that league, went to Johnstown (Pa.) for the national tournament with Walter's Appliance and to Altoona (Pa.) for the regionals with Hines Park," Ross said. "I don't want to do anything to that league."

The recent renovation of Bicentennial Park's No. 1 diamond helped the Panthers'

chances of calling Livonia home. Lights, a sodded infield, home run fence, scoreboard and new bathrooms were added in the last couple years, according to Trudeau.

"It's become quite the quality field," Trudeau said, "arguably as good as Ford Field's."

"There aren't a lot of bleachers at Bicentennial but that can be fixed."

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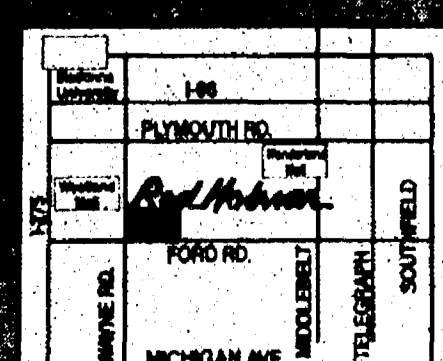
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