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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Study sessions: The Westland City Council plans two study sessions for Monday at Westland City Hall. At 5:30 p.m., the topic is the audit and at 6:30, the topic is the district court building.

School board: The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. at the administration building, on Marquette.

TUESDAY

Chamber lunch: "Detroit Metro Airport: Cleared for Takeoff" will be the topic of the Westland Chamber of Commerce business luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Joy Manor.

Museum: Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette.

Library friends: The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

WEDNESDAY

Sign forum: A Westland sign ordinance open forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office, 36900 Ford Road.

Dems to meet: State Sen. Gary Peters will be the guest speaker at the Metro Wayne Democratic Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Wayne Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

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Man keeps casket business alive

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Just when it appeared the city would close the lid on his casket business, Al Fay found a way to keep officials from hammering in the last nail.

Fay, 43, opened The Casket Showroom two weeks ago in a house he bought on Hunter, west of Wayne Road. He bought seven caskets and put them in his basement.

He decided to offer quality caskets at affordable prices, saying funeral costs shouldn't bury people in debt.

"He went into business without asking anybody," Westland Planning Director Tod Kilroy said.

Fay wanted to let shoppers visit his showroom and place orders for caskets, which he would deliver to funeral homes after getting them from his distributor.

Fay knew the cost of death. He spent \$7,500 when his mother died last June.

He paid expenses that included two funeral home "viewings" — one in Michigan and another in Florida, where his mother was buried. But he said local costs, alone, are too high.

"I wanted to see if there was a way to do it cheaper," he said.

Fay and his wife, Cheryl, decided to start a side business and sell caskets for less money than funeral homes

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Cost of death: Al Fay, 43, opened The Casket Showroom two weeks ago in a house he bought on Hunter, west of Wayne Road.

A good read



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

With feeling: Elliott Elementary School principal Johnnye Summerville reads poetry to students, parents and teachers who attended the bedtime story hour.

Kids learn fun reading brings

Wayne-Westland schools students are celebrating reading month by the book. At Elliott Elementary School on Tuesday, students and their families gathered for a Bedtime Story time as part of Read Across America.

The Elliott staff read Eric Carle books and a selection of poetry. Wearing their "Cat in the Hat" hats, they modeled strategies parents can use at home to strengthen their child's reading rates, fluency and comprehension, according to Johnnye Summerville, Elliott principal.

Each registered family was given a book by Eric Carle and a handout was given to parents with hints on how to help children become better readers. Tips include: start reading early to children, discuss what was read, have books at home, visit the library often, let children choose which story or book to read, read aloud with expression, connect writing to

Please see **READING**, A3



Read along: Elliott Elementary kindergarten teacher Molly McDowell, wearing a "Cat in the Hat" hat, reads "The Grouchy Lady Bug" at the bedtime story hour. The school was participating in Read Across America on Dr. Seuss' birthday on Tuesday.

Board filing date looms

Wayne-Westland school board member Martha Pitsenbarger plans to campaign for a new term, but colleague David James plans to step aside.

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Of two Wayne-Westland school board seats at stake, only one incumbent plans to seek re-election June 14.

Board member Martha Pitsenbarger confirmed Thursday that she will campaign for a new term, but colleague David James plans to step aside to wage a Westland City Council race this fall.

As of Friday, only Pitsenbarger and political newcomer Skip Monit had pulled nominating petitions from school board elections offices.

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Assessments up 1.6 percent for tax bills

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Few homeowners are expected to appeal Westland property assessments that generally rose only 1.6 percent this year for tax purposes.

Only 200 residents have phoned Westland Assessor James Elrod's office to schedule appeals with the Board of Review, he estimated.

Many of those homeowners may not even make their appointments, if last year's 40 percent no-show rate holds true.

Appeals have plummeted since Michigan voters in 1994 passed Proposal A, a tax-slashing plan that also limits assessment increases to 5 percent or the Consumer Price Index — whichever is less.

Those caps apply to assessments

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Elected to committee

Four members of the Western Wayne County Republican Club (formerly the Westland Republican Club) were elected to the 13th Congressional Republican Executive Committee by district delegates to the party's state convention recently.

Frankie Middleton of Westland was elected to serve as treasurer of the committee.

Ida Shelly of Westland, William Steele of Westland and James Rhoades of Garden City were also elected to the committee.

Steele and Middleton are the president and vice president of the Western Wayne County Republican Club, respectively.

PLACES & FACES

Pool time

Mayor Robert J. Thomas, his staff and city council representatives played pool at The Electric Stick in Westland recently to raise money for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The program was a round-robin tournament which matched the mayor's staff against the National Wheelchair Pool Players Organization.

Electric Stick owner George Marvaso, Thomas and his staff and council members Justine Barnes and Sharon Scott donated money to the event.

Wheelchair pool players Lance Kepler and Vince Jabkiewicz won the three-hour tournament in which 32 players participated.

Thomas presented \$700 to Jenny Lozano, MADD Chapter administrator and Darlene Hodges, MADD secretary.

Bunny hops in

The Easter Bunny will arrive at Westland Shopping Center at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Children of all ages are invited to welcome the Easter Bunny in West Court near JC Penney.

Also featured is an Easter magic show with Steve Ryder of Absolutely Baffling Magic.

Digital Image photographs will begin in East Court after the arrival and magic show.

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charge. Fay also has a midnight-shift factory job, and he and his wife have two teenage children.

Fay cited a Federal Trade Commission ruling saying that funeral homes can't refuse - or charge extra fees for - caskets bought elsewhere.

But city officials told Fay he can't have caskets displayed in his house.

"He never asked us or came to the city to see if what he was proposing to do was OK," Kilroy said.

It wasn't. Kilroy said Fay's business violated city ordinances because of several problems:

- He can't live in the same house where he has his business.
- He lives in a commercially zoned district, but his house doesn't conform to that use.
- His would-be basement

■ 'But he has to abandon the (casket) display business, and he can have no signs. This is not a code enforcement action. We are simply advising him that if he doesn't do this, it will be a code enforcement action.'

Tod Kilroy

-Westland planning director

showroom isn't accessible to handicapped people.

■ He has no paved parking, required for businesses.

But the problems haven't sounded a death knell for Fay's business. Kilroy said Fay can let customers place orders from a catalog.

"But he has to abandon the (casket) display business, and he can have no signs," Kilroy said. "This is not a code enforcement

action. We are simply advising him that if he doesn't do this, it will be a code enforcement action."

Fay would have preferred to keep his showroom, but he said he can live with city rules and still rest in peace.

"They want me to get rid of the caskets that I have and just do catalog sales," he said. "They gave me a month. They were real nice about it."

His said his business will offer caskets ranging from \$565 for "a metal, 20-gauge non-sealer" to \$1,510 for a poplar non-sealer.

"That's popular as in the wood, not as in popular," he said.

Buyers can choose from caskets with names like The Simplicity, The Rosegarden, The New Yorker and The Naturalist.

Fay hasn't decided how he will get rid of the seven caskets in his basement. And he said he will likely make less money without his showroom.

"I'll take the hit," he said. "But I got in this business to help people."

The Casket Showroom is located at 35279 Hunter. The phone number is (734) 722-5790. The business also has a Web site, www.angelfire.com/bc/thecasketshowroom/index.html

OBITUARIES

JOHNNIE E. FOSTER

Funeral services for Johnnie Foster, 66, of Westland were March 6 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with entombment at Cadillac Memorial West. Officiating was the Rev. John Payton from Temple Baptist Church.

Mrs. Foster, who died March 1 in Las Vegas, Nev., was born Oct. 1, 1932, in Knoxville, Tenn. She was a retail clerk.

Surviving are her daughters, Sharon (Leland) Weathers, Donna Foster and Deborah Foster; mother, Mary Bruno; sister, Billie Stockton; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

STELLA M. FOSS

Funeral arrangements for Stella Foss, 78, of Westland were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Foss, who died Feb. 28 in Wayne, was born June 16, 1920, in Greenville, Mich. She was a cook in a restaurant.

Surviving are her sons, Clarence (Eula) Foss, Joe (Mary) Foss and Robert (Martha) Smith; daughters, Ellen (Otto) Mason, Dorothy (David) Harris, Helen Smith and Barbara Rutledge; brother, Orville Frazee; sister, Lillian Meyers; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Foss was preceded in death by her husband, Duane.

SYLVIA E. JAMIESON

Funeral services for Sylvia Jamieson, 62, of Westland were March 6 in Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington. Officiating was the Rev. Rocky Barra.

Mrs. Jamieson, who died March 2, was born July 8, 1936, in Detroit.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; sons, Jerrald (Dawn) Kelly of West Bloomfield, Wayne Kelly, Mark (Kris) Kelly, James Kelly and Paul (Karen) Kelly; daughters, Cheryl (Paul) Stevenson, and Denese (Keith) Walker; stepsons, Robert and Donald Jamieson; brothers, Steve Jones, Rex Jones and Jerry Jones; sister, Doris Bis; nine grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

JOHN L. KING

Funeral services for former Westland resident John King, 80, were Feb. 13 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mr. King, who died Feb. 10 in Ocala, Fla., was born June 7, 1918. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 536.

Surviving are his son, John; daughter, Caroline Thomas; brother, Garnell Lloyd; two grandsons; and companion, Agnes Smith of Ocala, Fla.

Taxes from page A1

unless a home is either sold or improved significantly, such as having a garage added.

Slowly rising property taxes and assessments have left most homeowners pleased in recent

years, Elrod said. "Most people have been experiencing increases of about \$20 or \$30 a year in their taxes," he said.

"Proposal A has really taken all the wind out of people getting freaked out about their assessments going up," he added.

Still, homeowners will have opportunities Monday through Friday to make their appeals to the Board of Review.

Simply call 467-3160 for an appointment.

"Not even half of our appointments are filled," Elrod said.

Board of Review sessions are available for homeowners on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Commercial and industrial appeals will be scheduled during the Friday hours.

Residential appeals also are available on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Property owners also may appeal by mail, but the assessor's office has to receive the appeals by 2 p.m. Friday.

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Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Garden City decided on Monday, March 1, 1999 to submit the following projects for funding from the 1999/2000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

LOCATION	PROJECTS ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
Senior Center	Funding for Senior Center Coordinator	\$17,400 (15%)
City Parks	Replace playground equipment with ADA compliant and accessible equipment and surfacing.	\$50,000 (43.1%)
Memorial Pool Bathrooms	Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance project/remove physical barriers.	\$27,000 (23.3%)
City Wide	Housing Rehabilitation Program Administration & Audit	\$10,000 (8.6%) \$11,600 (10%)

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE E99-003

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Garden City by adopting an Emergency Ordinance which ordinance shall be designated as Emergency Ordinance #E of-003 said Code.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Emergency Ordinance E99-003 is hereby adopted under the provisions of Section 5.03E of the City Charter for the following reasons:

1. The IBM AS/400 mainframe computer hard drive failed.
2. Alternates would not be advisable.
3. The condition requires immediate attention.
4. The normal procurement process could exceed three (3) weeks.
5. Without the main computer system functioning properly City departments will not be able to provide necessary information and services to residents, vendors, employees, etc.

Said Emergency Ordinance shall read as follows:

Section 1. Waiver of public notice requirements for acquiring software recovery services by IBM at \$218.00 per hour not to exceed \$2,500.00

The public notice requirements of Section 10.04 of the City Code for bids for computer software recovery services are hereby waived.

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

This Emergency Ordinance is declared to be effective immediately.

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

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

Adopted: March 1, 1999
Reference: # 03-99-105
Publish: March 7, 1999

Town hall meeting March 11

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

Thomas and his directors attend town hall meetings to hear citizens' comments and concerns. Thomas has said the program is intended to make city government more accessible to the people it serves.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT MARCH 25, 1999

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m., March 25, 1999 at the City of Garden City, City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed zoning text amendments to Article 1, Section 161.003, Definitions and Article 19, Section 161.193, Central Business District of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Garden City to allow for low-intensity drive-through facilities in the CBD, Central Business District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed zoning text amendment and application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Saturday, March 27
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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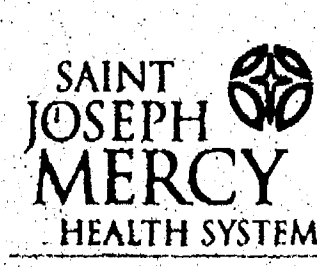
Presentations on:

- Physical aspects of pregnancy, from preconception to labor and delivery
- Pregnancy after 35, medical concerns
- Childbirth Education and Birthing Options/Trends
- Professionals Q&A Panel, (including obstetricians, a certified nurse midwife and obstetrics nurses)

Plus:

- A resource manual covering the above topics and more
- Optional 45-minute tours of the Family Birth Center before and after the program, plus time for optional lunch
- Light snacks and beverages

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on February 15, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and Streets, Sewer, Water Supervisor Morton, and Office Manager Albitus.

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

- ♦ John E. Dorr, of Garden City, discussed the sewer separation problems in the City and for homeowners to divert downspouts away from the house.
- ♦ Edward Kane, of Garden City, discussed the MDEQ Schedule and if anyone has talked to the other communities in the same situation.
- ♦ **Item 02-99-058**
Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of February 8, 1999. AYES: Unanimous
- ♦ **Item 02-99-057**
Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Credit Card Policy.
2. Purchase of Hewlett Packard Laserjet Printer - City Clerk Treasurer.
3. V-Box Salt Spreader - DPS Purchase.
4. Replacement Radios and Batteries - DPS Purchase.
5. Dell Computers and Monitors - DPS Purchase.
6. Program Yr. 1999 - Community Development Block Grant.
7. Salary Ordinance - Planning & Development Director.
8. Office Paper Products.
9. Voting Machines Purchase.

- ♦ **Item 02-99-058**
Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To award the bid of two (2) V-Box Salt Spreaders to Shultz Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$18,311.50 each (total amount \$26,623.00), to be charged to Account #401-401-332.022 and Account 401-401-332-023. AYES: Unanimous
- ♦ **Item 02-99-059**
Moved by Waynick; supported by Briscoe: Council was advised by the City Attorney to accept this amount based on the cost of collection over this debt. RESOLVED: To accept the \$12,000.00 settlement of the disputes arising after receipt of the five (5) vehicles originally awarded on November 30, 1998 with Winter Motors for \$15,480.00. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmember Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek and Briscoe. Motion passed.
- ♦ **Item 02-99-060**
Moved by Wiacek; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations with AFSCME, approval of Closed Session Minutes of January 4, 11, and 25, 1999, and discuss the Attorney's opinion regarding the investigators report. AYES: Unanimous

The Council went into Closed Session and when they returned the following motion was offered:

- ♦ **Item 02-99-061**
Moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To accept the AFSCME contract as proposed by the Administration. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmember Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. Motion passed. There being no further business in front of Council, the meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Storytime: Reginald Mason and his children, kindergartner Cristin Mason, 5, and second-grader Leah Mason, 8, (right) listen wrapped in their sleeping bags at the Elliott Elementary School bedtime story hour.



Listening: Renee Roberts holds her grandson Maleik Hull, 4. Her daughter Shaunete Roberts, 7, (foreground) second-grader and her brother (not pictured) Wiley Roberts, 9, fourth-grader, listen.



Reading: Danyelle Terry, 6 (left) a first-grader, reads to her mother, Venita, of Westland.

Reading from page A1

reading and have fun.

Here are some upcoming events that the elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland school district will be participating in to celebrate reading during the month of March:

■ Jefferson-Barns Elementary is holding a 600-minute reading club. From March 1 through April 29 each student is asked to read 10 minutes a day. The school this past week also held a Rock and Read Day, Pajama Day, Green Eggs and Ham day and a guest readers day.

■ At Schweitzer Elementary students will participate in a reading challenge. Students in grades kindergarten, first and second will read or be read to for 500 minutes. Students in grades third, fourth and fifth will read 800 minutes. An open hours program with story hour for children is

planned for 6 p.m. March 15.

■ At Madison Elementary students will be "Making a Splash by Reading" with a water theme. On March 10 illustrator Tom Woodruff will be presenting "Fish and Ships," an art workshop for students where they will learn how to draw Michigan ships and Great Lakes fish. Students and their families will participate in reading night 6:30-7:45 p.m. March 23. On April 1 the school will have a read-in. All month any child with a library card can bring it to the office to receive a candy treat.

■ At Kettering Elementary students will be reading for PAWS with a Cause, an organization that gives trained dogs to people with disabilities. Children are being asked to collect pledges from family and friends. The money will be donated to PAWS.

CHAMBER NOTES

Sign forum

Input from the business community is being sought on the Westland sign ordinance.

A Westland sign ordinance open forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office.

Members of the newly formed city council study group will take input from this forum into consideration. The group includes: Westland City Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin; City Planner Tod Kilroy; Building Director Bob Fritz; chamber Vice President of Government Affairs Mary Denning; chamber Executive Director Linda Shapona; and business owners Ron Farris and Sherry Craddick.

"We're excited about being able to work on a joint project with city council and city officials," Shapona said.

March luncheon

"Detroit Metro Airport: Cleared for Takeoff" will be the topic of the chamber's March business luncheon.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Joy Manor in Westland.

Michael Conway, director of external relations at Detroit Metro Airport, will be the guest speaker, sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation.

Conway will tell the Westland chamber what the airport expansion will mean to Westland. He oversees public information, media relations, customer service, community relations, environmental compliance, government relations, statistics and tours for Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airport.

Free expo tables at the luncheon are available with reservations by calling (734) 326-7222. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required.

After hours

The next informal after hours event for new chamber members is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at Farwell and Friends in Westland. All chamber members are invited to attend.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, spirits and soft drinks compliments of Farwell and Friends.

Jobs fair

The Westland chamber's third annual Jobs and Careers Fair is set for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center.

The fair, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, has been a sellout the past two years and has attracted at least 2,000 job seekers and more than 70 employers.

A large gift certificate good at any of the stores in Westland Shopping Center is being offered in a drawing. Young Country will also broadcast from the site.

Sponsorship levels are as follows:

- The premium deal, \$350 - offers \$50 off a table at the fair and a listing in all publicity materials.

- The basic success deal, \$200 - provides a 6-foot skirted table.

For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

Award nominations

Nominations are being taken for the chamber's spring awards

- the Athena Award and the Business Person of the Year Award.

The Athena Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies excellence in a business or profession, serves the community in a meaningful way and assists women in developing their leadership potential. The Business Person of the Year recognizes a Westland businessperson or manager who works to improve the business climate and overcome adversity in some way.

The awards will be presented at a murder mystery dinner, "Pasta, Passion and Pistols," beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$30 a person.

For nomination forms, contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Director nominations

Nominations are open for three-year terms on the board of directors of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Terms will run from April 1999 through May 2002. Nominations must be dues-paying members with full membership in the chamber.

To nominate someone, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or mail a nomination to the chamber office at 36900 Ford Road, Westland 48185 by March 15.

Golf classic

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pleasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22.

Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office. (734) 326-7222

Churchill forms partnership

Churchill High drafting students are using the latest in computer software, thanks to a partnership between the school and Livonia-based Unigraphics Solutions.

The software, which allows beginning drafting students to design three-dimensional objects, is the same software used by the automotive companies.

Each piece of 3-D software costs \$1,995. Dennis King of Unigraphics gave 20 pieces of

the high-end software this year to the school's drafting lab for \$1,000, said Jeff Hatley, industrial technology department instructor.

Up until now, Churchill students have learned beginning drafting techniques with basic two-dimensional software.

"However, most designers in industry use more advanced computer-aided design programs to design objects in 3-D," Hatley said. "From there, they can analyze the parts, join them in

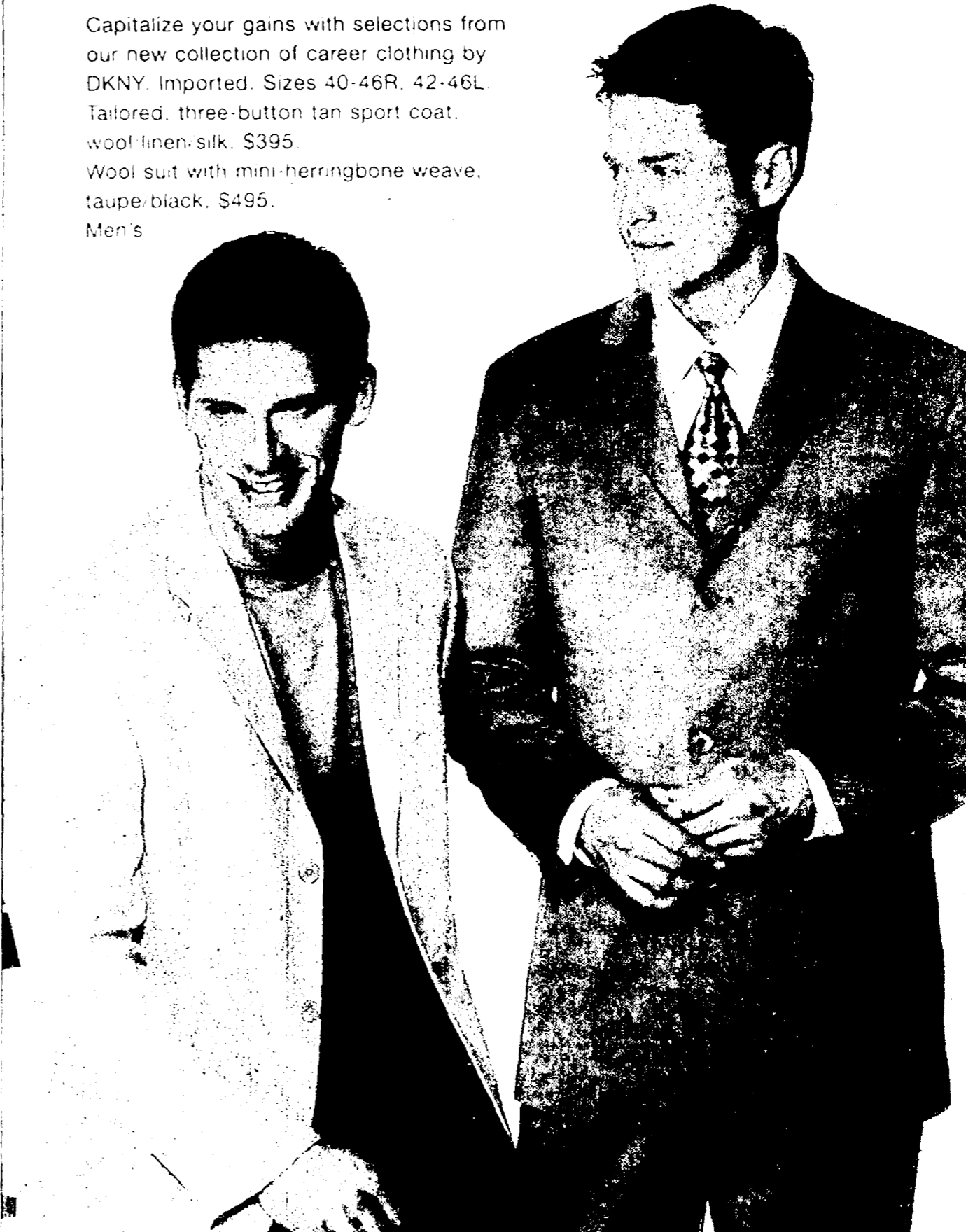
assemblies, and then create cutter paths for CNC machines to produce the parts."

Unigraphics has partnership programs with several universities. The company created the special 3-D software for Churchill, its first high school partnership, when asked to do so by Hatley.

"Through our educational partnership, Unigraphics will send us their upgrades, as soon as they are developed," Hatley said.

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Candidates face a 4 p.m. April 12 filing deadline if they want to be placed on the June 14 ballot. Voters will elect two board members to four-year terms.

"I'm going to run," Pitsenbarger, a Wayne resident and clinical social worker, confirmed Thursday.

Although she conceded that "four years is a long commitment," Pitsenbarger said she wants to remain involved as the 14,600-student district continues to improve in academics. Some gains have been made on state test scores.

Pitsenbarger also said she wants to continue on the board as the district builds classroom additions and makes other improvements from a \$108 million bond issue, approved last year by voters.

"I think the last four years have been good, and we've overcome a lot of obstacles," she said. "I just want to see us continue the growth of our school district and our community involvement. I am really excited about the completion of our buildings."

Monit, a Wayne resident and electronics firm project manager, serves on a bond construction committee and also helped wage a citizens' public campaign to win support for the February 1998, bond proposal.

"I don't really have an agenda," he said of his decision to seek a school board seat. "I'd like to continue the good things that are happening right now in the Wayne-Westland school district."

Monit said he wouldn't be aligned with any particular board members.

"I'll do the right thing," he said. "I'm not going to vote 'yes' because everybody else is voting 'yes.' I

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consider myself an independent." Monit and Pitsenbarger have already won the support of departing board member James.

"Skip and his wife (Kitty) worked real hard on the bond," James said. "I'm behind Skip and, of course, Martha. I think she obviously has done a good job."

School board members earn a cap of \$1,830 a year for meetings and vehicle mileage.

Candidates will have until 4 p.m. April 12 to file their petitions at elections offices, 3001 Fourth St., behind Wayne Memorial High School.

Other guidelines:
 ■ Petitions must be signed by at least 20 registered voters of the school district.
 ■ Anyone circulating petitions must be a registered Michigan voter.

■ A single petition form can't be circulated in more than one city or township. However, different petitions can be circulated in different communities served by the district to get the required 20 signatures.
 ■ An affidavit of identity must be submitted with petitions. It must be notarized, but candidates filing near the deadline should be forewarned that the elections office doesn't have a notary.

■ Candidates may withdraw from the race by 4 p.m. April 15, but only if they provide written notice to the school board secretary or an authorized agent.

3 Livonia schools launch partnership

INTERNATIONAL

Three Livonia schools have just launched a partnership with an international school in Johannesburg, South Africa.

To get to know teachers and students in the school, the three principals - Lynn Babcock of Grant Elementary, Tom Tobe of Emerson Middle and Michael Fenchel of Franklin High - recently traveled to the American International School of Johannesburg as guests of both the U.S. Department of State and the South African government. The state department paid the bill.

Since then, two school officials from South Africa - Joseph Carney, director of the state department's African regional office, international schools, and Leo Roberto, international school director, have spent a few days in Livonia, visiting the three schools and attending a meeting of the Livonia-Board of Educa-

tion.

Both groups are in the beginning stages of the partnership. As it evolves, it is hoped both sides will exchange pen pal letters, curriculum information and eventually teachers or students.

"It's an important way to open up the world to the kids at Grant, Emerson and Franklin," said Babcock. "Kids from all over the world go to that school. It's up to us to do whatever we want to do with the partnership."

With 375 students, the American International School is for students in grades kindergarten through 12.

Forty percent of the students are from the U.S. Twelve percent are Indian; 8 percent are South African. The remaining 40 percent represent 36 other nationalities.

"In our shrinking world, a partnership like this helps us to make connections between our students, your students, between our teachers and your teachers," Roberto recently told the school board trustees.

"This will broaden the perspective of students here. We must raise global citizens for the 21st century."

Fenchel said the partnership is a plus for both sides. "The overseas school benefits by maintaining a high level of communication with stateside schools. The stateside school gains a wider view of the world."

Both teachers and students participating in the partnership, Fenchel said, will have a new understanding of the similarities between people everywhere.



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Tinkham honor roll is listed

The Tinkham Alternative High School honor roll for the third marking period includes: THEODORE GAUSHAS, BEKIM GOCAJ, JASON GROSS, JAY'E HAYWOOD, ROBERT KELLY, CATHERINE MIJAL, JENNIFER NYKANEN, JENNIFER POTTER, DOUGLAS SMITH

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Public Hearing and Regular Session on February 22, 1999, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M.

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

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

♦ Program Year 1999 - Community Development Block Grant.

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Judge Hammer, Department of Public Service Director Barnes, Fire Chief Hines, Streets, Sewer and Water Supervisor Morton, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Miller.

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

There were no comments from the public.

♦ Item 02-99-062

It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of February 15, 1999. AYES: Unanimous

The Mayor then asked if any Board and/or Commission member would like to address Council.

♦ Gerald Couch, DDA Director, discussed rezoning and DDA boundary expansion.

♦ Item 02-99-063

It was moved by Councilmember Dodge; supported by Councilmember Wiacek: Council was informed that holding a public hearing on specific projects is one of the steps in applying for this grant.

RESOLVED: To call a joint public hearing before the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., in the IMC Room at Maplewood Center to discuss the upcoming Grant Application. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-064

It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Briscoe:

RESOLVED: To approve the bid for Optical Scan Voting Equipment in the amount of \$15,200.00, to Doubleday Brothers & Co., charged to Account #401-401-332.344. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-065

It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To approve the bid for Office Paper Products to Boise Cascade, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$63,430.00, as recommended by the City Manager, charged to Account # 101-292-726.100. AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Program Year 1999 - Community Development Block Grant.
2. Flow Monitoring Program.
3. Purchase of Hewlett Packard Laserjet Printer - City Clerk Treasurer.
4. Replacement Radios and Batteries - DPS Purchase.
5. Dell Computers and Monitors - DPS Purchase.
6. Housing Rehab Case # 9804.
7. Savin Corporation - Maintenance Agreement.
8. Two-Way Radio Equipment for New Ambulance.
9. Purchase of 1999 1/2 Ton Pickup with Lift Gate.
10. 6" & 8" Retainer Gland Sets.
11. Pardo/Hartel Repaving Project - Payment # 4.
12. John Pietras Memorial Pool - Payment # 4.
13. McKenna Invoice.
14. 21st District Court - Office Furniture.
15. 21st District Court - Carpeting.
16. 21st District Court - Painting of Court Office.
17. 1999 Assessment Change Notices.

♦ Item 02-99-066

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

RESOLVED: To approve the Community Development Block Grant budget of

\$116,000.00 towards ADA Compliance, Public Service Activity, Administration and Audit, and \$40,000.00 for Housing Rehab. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-067

It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To approve Corrective Action Plan steps 2, 3, and 4, the Work Plan, Budget and submittal to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Maximum costs not to exceed \$140,500.00, to be charged to Account # 592-594-966.000. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-068

It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

Council was informed that there would be an offset in Cost Center 201 because of savings in two other accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Hewlett Packard Laserjet 4500 Printer, in the amount of \$2,396.13, to EDS, State of Michigan end user computing (State Bid), charged to Account # 101-201-977.100. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-069

It was moved by Councilmember Waynick; supported by Councilmember Wiacek:

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of Replacement Radios and Batteries from Adams Electronics, in the amount of \$10,851.00. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-070

It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Waynick:

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two (2) Dell Computers and monitors from Dell Computer Corp. in the amount of \$3,211.40 per the State contract charged to Account # 101-441-977.100 and Account # 100-441-726.100. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-071

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

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case # 9804 to Mulligan Construction, the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$7,890.00, as recommended by the City Manager. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-072

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

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Maintenance Agreement to Savin Corporation, a single source item, in the amount of \$2,079.96, to be charged to Account #101-305-801.500. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-073

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

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Two-Way Radio Equipment to Adams Electronics Company, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,910.00 to be charged to Account # 101-343-977.000, 101-343-775.100, and 101-343-946.000. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-074

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

RESOLVED: To award the bid for a 1999 Ford F-250 pick-up with hydraulic lift gate to Signature Ford in the amount of \$17,773.00 per State of Michigan contract. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-075

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

RESOLVED: To reject the bid and PO # 99-533 issued to U. S. Filter for retainer gland sets. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. Motion Passed.

♦ Item 02-99-076

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

RESOLVED: To award Retainer Gland 6" and 8" sets to Ktna Supply in the amount of \$2,166.20 charged to Account # 692-593-977.800. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. Motion Passed.

♦ Item 02-99-077

It was moved by Councilmember Wiacek; supported by Councilmember Kaledas:

Council was informed that there is retainage for the sod and trees in the Pardo/Hartel Repaving Project.

RESOLVED: To approve Payment Application # 4 to Peter Basile & Sons in the amount of \$58,023.57. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-078

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

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Office Furniture to Office Depot, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$11,642.23, charged to Account # 101-136-977.100. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-079

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

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Carpeting to A. R. Kramer Flooring, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,575.00, charged to Account # 401-401-977.400. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-080

It was moved by Councilmember Kaledas; supported by Councilmember Lynch:

RESOLVED: To award the bid for Painting the Court Office to H & F Painting Company, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,700.00, charged to Account # 401-401-977.400. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-081

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

RESOLVED: To approve Lason, Inc., for the printing and mailing of assessment change notices as per Wayne County and issue a PO in the amount of \$4,440.12 charged to Account # 101-254-726.300 and # 101-292-726.200. AYES: Unanimous

♦ Item 02-99-082

It was moved by Councilmember Lynch; supported by Councilmember Waynick:

RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session to discuss the Attorney's opinion on Cable Franchises, pending litigation (Sunset Excavating), and confidential letter from City Attorney regarding personnel matters. AYES: Unanimous

Council returned from Closed Session and the following motion was offered.

♦ Item 02-99-083

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

RESOLVED: Preliminary Motion for Removal: Pursuant to the City Manager's Employment Agreement dated September 2, 1997, and pursuant to the Removal Provisions of the City Charter, Section 3.04; IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Jon W. Bayless, shall be removed from the position of City Manager for the following reasons:

1. He has lost the confidence of a majority of the Councilmembers.
2. He has failed to adequately respond to requests for information by the Council in a timely manner.
3. He failed to obtain bids for liability insurance in a timely and complete fashion. Due to his acts and/or omission, the City was unable to have sufficient information to determine whether they should change liability carriers during 1998.
4. He has consistently failed to amend and/or approve the procedures, for the billing of ambulance services, contrary to a motion of Council.
5. He has failed to timely fill or take appropriate action for filling the position vacated by Amy Miller; she advised she would be leaving in September 1998.
6. He has failed to collect or properly supervise the collection of thousands of dollars owed to the City/DDA by Garden City Hospital due to the hospital's failure to pay the differential in interest rates created by the DDA bond issuance for the hospital.
7. He ordered his department heads to process permits for a residential development, even though he had been notified that the developer had placed the utilities in the front yards of the homes, instead of the back yards, as required by the Ordinance, and the Site Plan approved for the development. This development is commonly known as Tall Timbers Subdivision.
8. He intentionally graded the performance of the Clerk/Treasurer during evaluations in September and November, 1998, as unacceptable in every category, due to his belief that he was receiving pressure to terminate the Clerk/Treasurer; also due to his belief that her termination was necessary for Mr. Bayless to retain his position.

Based upon the foregoing, Mr. Bayless is suspended from his duties, beginning this date and continuing for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days, with pay and benefits, pending a final Council resolution regarding this matter and pursuant to Garden City Charter Section 3.04.

A copy of this resolution and a copy of Section 3.04 of the City Charter shall be delivered to Mr. Bayless within twenty-four (24) hours of passing of this resolution.

For the record, Mr. Bayless made a request for a copy of the DelBiasi report and also stated his belief that the resolution has no grounds and is not consistent with the Charter.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Kaledas. Motion Passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Rouge report

Experts say bacteria levels in river still too high for human contact

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A report card to measure progress on the Rouge River has indicated the bacterial levels throughout the Rouge River watershed still remain too high for safe human contact.

"Although significant volumes of raw sewage have been eliminated, most of the Rouge River still does not meet the Michigan water quality criteria for human contact with the river during dry or wet weather conditions," the report stated.

"Forty-nine of the 80 bacterial sampling sites sampled from 1993 to 1996 have consistently exceeded the E.coli bacteria standard for total body contact during dry weather."

Released in February and currently under review by the state Department of Environmental Quality, the report suggests communities and counties eliminate illicit storm sewer connections and improve maintenance programs for septic tanks. It was modeled after a similar report in the Don River watershed in Toronto, which, like the Rouge, is an environmental "area of concern" in the Great Lakes Watershed.

And, like the Rouge, the Don River has combined sanitary and storm sewers in its older communities, and separated sewers in its newer ones and a remedial action plan to improve the river's water quality.

18 indicators

Water quality for human use was one of 18 environ-

mental indicators in the report. Other indicators were: stream flow, water quality for aquatic life, stormwater management, combined sewer overflows, woodlands, wetlands, meadows, riparian and aquatic habitat, frogs and other amphibians, fish, public understanding and stewardship, school-based education, recreation and use, stewardship-local governments, protected natural areas, restoration projects and business and institutional stewardship.

Compiled by Noel Mullett, a technical coordinator with Wayne County's Rouge Program Office, and RPO consultants Zachare Ball, Carol Hufnagel, Barry Johnson, Carl Johnson, Ed Kluitenberg and Don Tilton, the document is considered an "interim"

report card until the DEQ and state Department of Natural Resources review the environmental and performance indicators. It will be examined later by technical teams representing communities, university professors and environmental consultants.

The report was released to the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, a public advisory council established by the DEQ that is comprised of citizens, businesses, environmental advocates and academia. A final report card will be published by RRAC in October.

Mullett said many of the indicators are cross-referenced in the report. "I think once it is presented to the public it will need some consolidation," Mullett said.

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Advisory council outlines progress in stormwater management, CSOs

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The Rouge River interim report card released to the Rouge River Advisory Council indicated progress in stormwater management, combined sewer overflows, public understanding, school-based education, recreation and use, stewardship with local governments and

restoration projects.

But stream flow and woodlands have shown declines in progress, while no progress was reported in water quality, wetlands, riparian and aquatic habitat and fish.

The report includes a list of 19 "indicator" problems, including the following six, and possible solutions:

■ Stream flow — Flow has nearly doubled, increasing

the frequency of flooding, resulting in property losses and damage. The report suggests more detention ponds, created wetlands and redirecting roof downspouts onto lawns instead of concrete.

■ Woodlands — Trees help shade the river, minimizing excessive temperatures. Tree root systems stabilize stream banks, preventing erosion. Where woods have been

removed, the report suggests that restoration efforts should be initiated, targeting landowners.

Other areas show progress:

■ Water quality — Sampling upstream of areas with combined sewer overflows shows that water quality standards will not be met when all the CSOs are controlled. Storm water runoff is

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Variety marks S'craft's continuing education class lineup

Classes and seminars offered by the Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services run the gamut from computers to kitchen design. Upcoming courses include:

■ Basic Telecommunicator Training — This course is designed for new public safety dispatching personnel. Trainees will be certified in basic first aid and CPR, as well as learning about call taking, call processing and telephone and radio skills. The class meets for two weeks from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Monday, March 8. The fee is \$367.

■ On-Line Computer Courses — A series of on-line, interactive computer courses begins Wednesday, March 10. They include: Creating Web Pages,

Advanced Web Pages, Microsoft FrontPage 98, CGI Programming for the Web, Introduction to PC Troubleshooting, Introduction to Quickbooks and Windows File and Disk Management. All class fees are \$59.

■ Overview of ISO 9000/QS-9000 and TE-Supplement — This one-day seminar on Thursday, March 11 part of the Quality Standards-Manufacturing series, reviews the costs, implementation issues and benefits of quality management. The class is from 1-5 p.m. Fee is \$105 fee.

■ Basic Home Repair for the Beginner — Learn the right and wrong ways to do basic home repair, including fixing sticky

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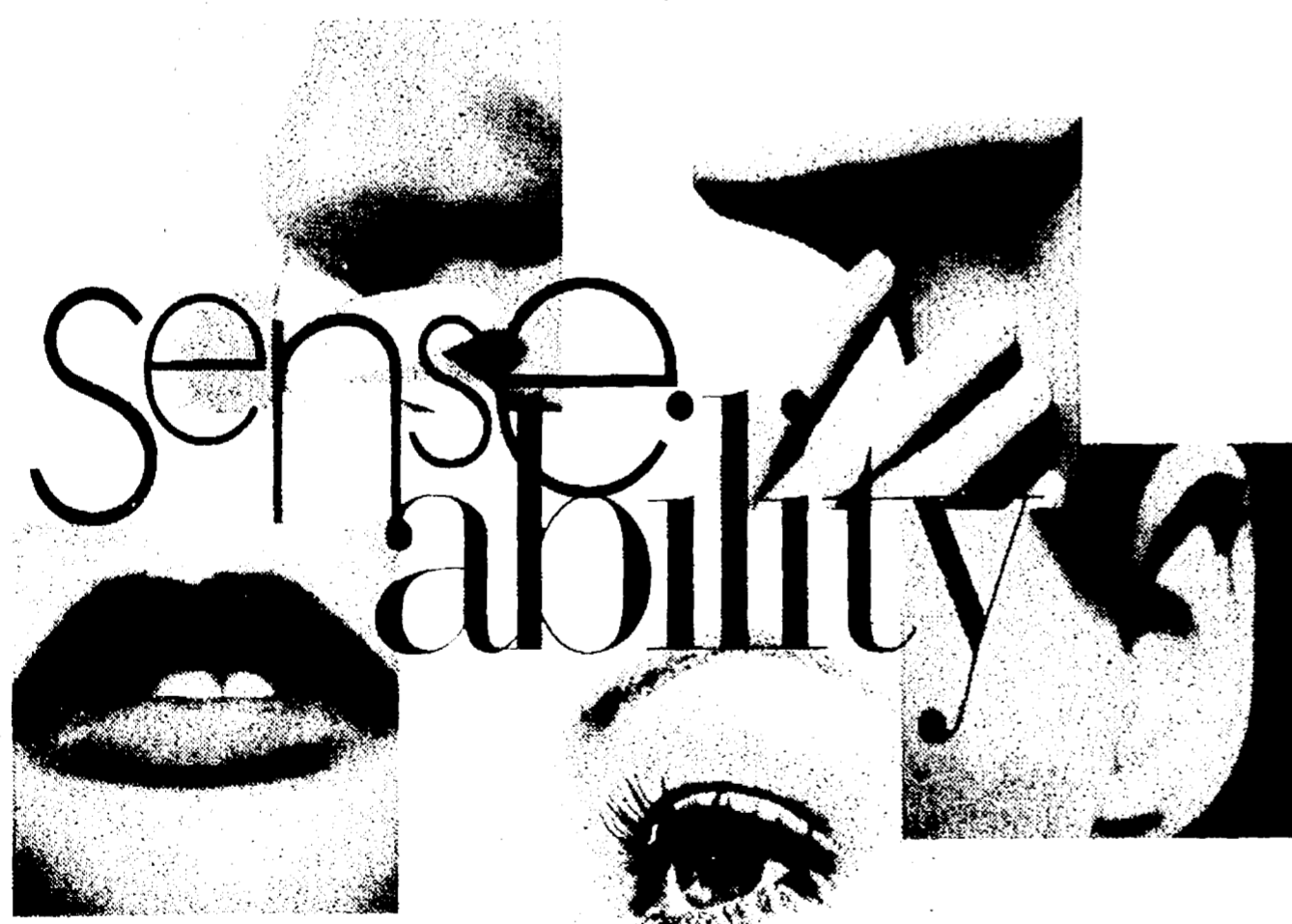
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Class of 1979
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July 24 at the Holiday, Laurel Park, Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net

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Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites, Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #3

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Class of 1969
Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press #2

Class of 1979
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GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Garden City Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for Roof Replacement at Garden City High School, Douglas Elementary School, and Cambridge Center. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after February 25, 1999. Any questions should be directed to Gary Marchel at 734-762-6306.

Published: February 28, March 4 and 7, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 15, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on March 15, 1999 at 8:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

To solicit public comments on the following:
Removal of the City Manager Pursuant to Charter Provision 3.04.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

Published: March 7, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING March 15, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on March 15, 1999, at 7:25 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. A99-

PROPOSED SALARY ORDINANCE: AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFS/MCE):

Section 1:

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Office Manager II						
Assessing Technician	\$14.04	\$14.45	\$15.01	\$15.59		
Purchasing Technician						
Office Manager I	\$13.90	\$14.17	\$14.65	\$15.21		
Senior Account Clerk						
Account Clerk IV						
Clerk-Typist IV						
Minutes Clerk						
Secretary I	\$13.78	\$14.05	\$14.40	\$14.79		
Clerk-Typist III						
Account Clerk III	\$13.63	\$13.75	\$13.99	\$14.14		
Account Clerk II						
Clerk-Typist II	\$12.72	\$12.97	\$13.26	\$13.51		

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Crew Leader	\$12.34	\$13.12	\$17.16			
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$12.27	\$13.08	\$16.36			
Surveyor/Meter II						
Equipment Operator III	\$12.05	\$12.78	\$16.09			
Light Mechanic	\$11.84	\$12.61	\$15.91			
Meter I	\$11.48	\$12.24	\$15.48			
Equipment Operator II	\$11.43	\$12.17	\$15.36			

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$10.85	\$11.48	\$12.17	\$12.91	\$13.66	\$14.50
Laborer	\$8.29	\$8.98	\$9.61	\$10.34	\$11.10	\$11.93
Account Clerk II	\$10.09	\$10.70	\$11.37	\$12.03	\$12.73	\$13.31
Clerk-Typist II						
Account Clerk I	\$9.33	\$9.87	\$10.46	\$11.09	\$11.77	\$12.49

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Office Manager II						
Assessing Technician	\$14.61	\$15.03	\$15.61	\$16.22		
Purchasing Technician						
Office Manager I	\$14.46	\$14.74	\$15.24	\$15.82		
Senior Account Clerk						
Account Clerk IV						
Clerk-Typist IV						
Minutes Clerk						
Secretary I	\$14.34	\$14.62	\$14.98	\$15.39		
Clerk-Typist III						
Account Clerk III	\$14.18	\$14.30	\$14.65	\$14.71		
Account Clerk II						
Clerk-Typist II	\$13.23	\$13.49	\$13.79	\$14.05		

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Crew Leader	\$12.84	\$13.65	\$17.85			
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$12.76	\$13.58	\$17.02			
Surveyor/Meter II						
Equipment Operator III	\$12.54	\$13.30	\$16.74			
Light Mechanic	\$12.32	\$13.12	\$16.55			
Meter I	\$11.94	\$12.79	\$16.10			
Equipment Operation II	\$11.89	\$12.66	\$16.98			

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$11.29	\$11.94	\$12.66	\$13.43	\$14.21	\$15.08
Laborer	\$8.63	\$9.29	\$10.00	\$10.76	\$11.55	\$12.41
Account Clerk II	\$10.50	\$11.13	\$11.83	\$12.52	\$13.24	\$14.05
Clerk-Typist II						
Account Clerk I						
Clerk-Typist I	\$9.71	\$10.27	\$10.88	\$11.54	\$12.24	\$12.99

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Office Manager II						
Assessing Technician	\$15.20	\$15.64	\$16.24	\$16.87		
Purchasing Technician						
Office Manager I	\$15.04	\$15.33	\$15.85	\$16.46		
Senior Account Clerk						
Account Clerk IV						
Clerk-Typist IV						
Minutes Clerk						
Secretary I	\$14.92	\$15.21	\$15.58	\$16.01		
Clerk-Typist III						
Account Clerk III	\$14.75	\$14.88	\$15.14	\$15.30		
Account Clerk II						
Clerk-Typist II	\$13.76	\$14.03	\$14.35	\$14.62		

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Crew Leader	\$13.36	\$14.20	\$18.57			
Carpenter/Mechanic	\$13.27	\$14.15	\$17.70			
Surveyor/Meter II						
Equipment Operator III	\$13.05	\$13.84	\$17.41			
Light Mechanic	\$12.82	\$13.65	\$17.22			
Meter I	\$12.42	\$13.24	\$16.75			
Equipment Operator II	\$12.37	\$13.17	\$16.62			

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000 EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Equipment Operator I	\$11.75	\$12.42	\$13.17	\$13.97	\$14.78	\$15.69
Laborer	\$8.98	\$9.67	\$10.40	\$11.19	\$12.02	\$12.91
Account Clerk II	\$10.92	\$11.58	\$12.31	\$13.02	\$13.77	\$14.62
Clerk-Typist II						
Account Clerk I	\$10.10	\$10.68	\$11.32	\$12.01	\$12.73	\$13.51

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	START	AFTER 1 YR.	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Office Manager II						
Assessing Technician	\$15.81	\$16.27	\$16.89	\$17.55		
Purchasing Technician						
Office Manager I	\$15.65	\$15.95	\$16.49	\$17.12		
Senior Account Clerk						
Account Clerk-Typist IV						
Clerk-Typist IV						
Minutes Clerk						
Secretary I	\$15.52	\$15.82	\$16.21	\$16.65		
Clerk-Typist III						
Account Clerk III	\$15.34	\$15.48	\$15.75	\$15.92		
Account Clerk II						
Clerk-Typist II	\$14.31	\$14.60	\$14.93	\$15.21		

OPERATION/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001 EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1987

	AFTER START	AFTER 1 YEAR	AFTER 2 YRS.	AFTER 3 YRS.	AFTER 4 YRS.	AFTER 5 YRS.
Crew Leader	\$13.9					

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doors, solving plumbing problems, minor carpentry and weatherproofing. The three-week class begins 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Fee is \$77.

■ **Design Your Own Kitchen** - This three-week class helps you design a functional, efficient and beautiful kitchen with the guidance of a certified kitchen design professional. It begins Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. for a \$57 fee.

■ **Historic Home Detective** - This four-week course will help you identify, research and understand historic homes and how to correct their most common problems. The class begins Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. for a \$77 fee.

■ **Women and Investing, Getting Started Toward a Financially Secure Future** - This three-week class will guide women in making solid investment decisions and taking care of their financial future. Topics include debt management, tax planning, inflation, cash management, risk management, investment planning, retirement planning and social security. The class begins at 7 p.m. Monday, March 15 for a \$49 fee.

■ **Natural Approaches to Pregnancy and Childbirth** - A midwife and childbirth educator will discuss vitamins and supplements, safe natural remedies for nausea, varicose veins, anemia and postpartum healing. The two-week class begins Monday,

March 15 for a \$60 fee
 ■ **Toddlers 101** - Part of the Your Toddler series, this one-day class will help parents understand toddler development and offer tips on how to accept and respect a toddler's behavior while teaching responsibility and building self esteem. It meets at 7 p.m. Monday, March 15. Fee is \$26.

■ **Legal Issues for the Entrepreneur** - This one-day class, part of the Small Business Entrepreneur Series, examines how to eliminate legal red tape in business planning by understanding the basic legal issues involved in starting and running a business. The class meets 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. The fee is \$39.

■ **Selling Yourself, How to be Likeable and Popular** - This four-week class will help you make a good impression, be more positive and enthusiastic, resolve differences, gain cooperation, be more tolerant and influence people more easily. It begins Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. for a \$65 fee.

■ **Homeopathy: Beyond the Basics** - This four-week class is for people familiar with the basic principles of classical homeopathy, have some experience using it and wish to explore it further. Topics include material medical and remedy essences, theories about potency and dosage and how to organize and use the repertory. The class begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday,

March 17. Fee is \$73 fee.
 ■ **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction** - Based on the mind-body work from the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, mindfulness can offer insight into the stress in your life and provide powerful coping strategies to manage stress. The four-week class begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Fee is \$72.

■ **Starting an In-Home Day Care** - This one-day seminar will help you realistically evaluate your options in opening a day care center for children. Topics include licensing, business and legal considerations, required record keeping, pricing and advertising. The class meets 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20. The fee is \$39.

■ **Effective Visual Communication Using Photoshop** - Learn to use Photoshop 5.0 for designing visual graphics that have practical applications in print, screen presentations and web pages. Students will apply techniques and concepts to actual design projects. The five-week class begins 12:15 p.m. Saturday, March 20 for a \$162 fee.

For information on these or other CES classes, call (734) 462-4448.

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

Appeals court rejects county's case to bid on highway projects

BY TIM RICHARD
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Wayne County has lost another round in its battle for a chance to bid on state highway projects.

A Court of Appeals panel March 2 refused to order the Michigan Department of Transportation to let the county bid on reconstruction of the I-275 freeway. Wayne CEO Ed McNamara - through then-corporation counsel Jennifer Granholm, now state attorney general - had asked for a writ of mandamus ordering MDOT to let the county bid.

"Mandamus is an extraordinary remedy and is appropriate only when there is no other legal remedy, legal or equitable, that might achieve the same result," said Judges David Sawyer, Richard Bandstra and Robert Burns. They overturned an order in the county's favor issued by Wayne Circuit Judge Edward M. Thomas.

"In this case, mandamus relief is inappropriate because plaintiffs (McNamara and several taxpayers) have another remedy that might achieve the same result," the panel said. It said the county should "appeal the denial of the pre-qualification

application pending in circuit court. If that appeal is successful, plaintiffs would be granted the right to be pre-qualified and to bid on the projects at issue."

The issue is also political. House Democrats last year sought to let counties bid on state projects, saying local government deserved the right to compete. But Republicans resisted, arguing that private contractors paying state taxes would be put at an unfair advantage.

The court opinion gave the history of the controversy:
 ■ Until 1992, MDOT negotiated its year-round maintenance contracts directly with various governmental units. Beginning in 1992, MDOT decided to test competitive bidding on the year-round maintenance contracts to see what private contractors would charge.

■ Wayne County's bid was approximately \$750,000 less than that of a private sector bidder and approximately \$386,000 less than MDOT's engineer estimate and therefore it was awarded the contract.

"The contract expired and was rebid in 1996. Wayne County's

bid was approximately \$1.9 million less than the next lowest bidder, a private contractor, and approximately \$210,000 less than the engineer estimate and again it got the contract."

In October of 1997, MDOT advertised for bids on design, building and maintenance for a portion of I-275 near I-96. MDOT rejected all bids as too high.

In December of 1997, MDOT again advertised for bids but "did not specify the bid was closed to governmental units, so Wayne County requested a bid proposal in January of 1998. However, it was informed that it had to be pre-qualified" under state law in order to bid.

McNamara filed suit in January 1998, arguing MDOT's pre-qualification requirement was unwarranted and illegal. He requested mandamus, said the county had to have avenue for appeal, charged MDOT unconstitutional deprivation of the county of due process rights, requested a permanent injunction and won in circuit court.

The Court of Appeals reversed the circuit court and sent back the case.

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"That will all be part of the discussion."

The document will only make suggestions as actual goals, target dates, recommendations and actions will be established through watershed planning efforts under the stormwater permit process overseen by the DEQ and the DEQ's revision of the Remedial Action Plan to clean the Rouge.

Grant money

Permit communities will be eligible for \$3.5 million in grant money from the RPO from April 1999 to March 2001 for illicit discharge elimination, public education, a public participation plan and subwatershed plan. A second phase calls for \$6 million in funding for pollution prevention initiatives and the implementation of subwatershed

plans from April 2000 to December 2002. Funds in both phases are subject to a local match.

The report is important as RRAC expands its membership to include seven representatives from the seven subwatershed groups of communities in the Rouge River watershed.

John Hartig, RRAC's vice chair, said it was important for those communities to be involved in the technical aspects of the report and ensure it is "defensible" before the Environmental Protection Agency or U.S. District Judge John Feikens, who has held hearings to oversee the cleanup. Those communities include Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland.

"One of the charges to RRAC

is to report on the programs to restore the river," Hartig told the council upon the report's release.

"Are things getting worse? Are things getting better or are they staying the same? Where do we want to go in the future?"

The report also was written in a fashion for local communities to ask themselves key environmental questions as they begin their general stormwater permit process, a crucial phase in the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

"It's concise, it's clear, it's measurable and a lot of good work went into it," Hartig said. "To have the impact it should have, we need input from the subwatersheds."

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seen as a significant contributor to the water quality problems. The state's general stormwater permit has been developed to meet the expected requirements of the EPA's proposed rules.

The report suggests the development of a uniform stormwater detention ordinance, addressing stormwater runoff quality and quantity.

■ **Combined sewer overflows** — The report asks whether the second phase to control CSOs (combined sanitary and storm sewer overflows) into the Rouge can be completed by 2005. Currently six CSO basins are in operation, capturing to date over 300 million gallons of combined sewage. Monitoring data, reviews and summaries of CSO facilities need to be kept up to date.

Other areas show no progress:

■ **Wetlands** — Land use indicates that approximately 4.2 percent of the watershed is wetland. According to the report, about 84 percent of wetlands in Wayne County have been lost, along with 46 percent in Oakland and 57 percent in Washtenaw counties.

As fish and wildlife habitat, wetlands provide food, cover and breeding sites essential to maintaining viable population, and trap sediment and nutrients that would otherwise pollute the river. They also reduce velocity of floodwater.

The report suggests communities evaluate existing wetland areas and protect existing and restore wetlands as appropriate.

■ **Fish** are often considered the best overall measure of a river's health because their presence indicates successful func-

tioning of many complex habitat systems, including stream flow, water temperature, water quality and channel habitat.

Fish consumption advisories remain in effect along the Rouge. The overall fishery is considered poor, while in the lower, downstream portions of the Rouge are severely degraded and appear strongly limited by poor water quality.

The report suggests modification or elimination of dams or other fish migration barriers, watershed-wide reductions in storm water runoff, instream fish habitat improvement projects and public education, the result of investigations of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries division, the University of Michigan and the Rouge Program Office.

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Sunday, March 7, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

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Sunday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Seven Peaks strives for the summit

No doubt! Australian wines have made an impact on American palates. In 1998, shipments of Australian wine to the U.S. increased 25 percent and rose over 31 percent in value with 3.75 million cases sold. Now, the Aussies have landed on U.S. shores and are striving for the summit with the brand Seven Peaks.

Global positioning is the buzz phrase in every corporation. It's no different in the wine industry. In 1996, Southcorp Wines of Australia, parent company for high-profile brands such as Penfolds and Lindemans, went global. It created a joint venture with the Niven family, independent grapegrowers in California, and created the brand Seven Peaks.

Over 25 years ago, the Nivens pioneered grapegrowing in California's Edna Valley near San Luis Obispo, in the region most often referred to as the Central Coast. Today, the Nivens farm about 1,000 acres of grapes. The partnership allowed Penfolds to utilize a similar climate and culture. Aussies are a lot like Americans!

What's in a name

Over 25 million years ago, when the Edna Valley/San Luis Obispo area was under the sea, movement of the Pacific and North American plates probably caused development of a volcanic series, known as morros, in the area. The steep rocks, remains of seven volcanic plugs, are distinctive geographic features defining the area. Traveling toward the Pacific Ocean, one views the seventh "peak" at the touristy, yet appropriately named Morro Bay!

Therein lies the origin of the fitting name of the wine brand Seven Peaks. But if you look carefully at the labels on the Seven Peaks wines, you notice several appellations including Edna Valley, Paso Robles and Central Coast. What's this about?

Seven Peaks Chardonnays and Pinot Noir are made principally from pedigreed grapes grown in the Niven's vineyards in the Edna Valley appellation. This region has garnered global respect for both of these grape varieties.

Please see WINE, B2

Wine Picks

Picks of the Pack: 1997 Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc \$18. Hands down best sauvignon blanc from this vintage. Superb balance of fruit and oak. 1997 Iron Horse Chardonnay \$22, exquisitely delicate and finesseful.

Other wineries besides Seven Peaks are into labeling syrah the Aussie way, shiraz. Two others we like are: 1996 Clos du Bois Shiraz \$15 and 1996 Geyser Peak Shiraz \$17.

Super chardonnays: 1997 Bonterra (organically-grown grapes) \$11; 1997 St. Francis \$12; 1997 Clos du Bois \$15; 1996 Chateau St. Jean Robert Young Vineyard \$24; 1997 Chateau St. Jean Belle Terre \$24; and 1996 Geyser Peak Reserve \$24.

Best buy chardonnays: 1997 Forest Glen \$10 and 1997 Amberhill \$9. **Serious cabernets and meritage:** 1996 Estancia \$12 (great value); 1995 Estancia Meritage \$25; 1995 Magnificat \$30 (one of the best from 1995).

Sena — now, signature wine from Chile produced by partnership between Robert Mondavi and Eduardo Chadwick, owner of Vina Errazuriz. Sena, about \$60, has been launched as an ultra-premium blend, principally cabernet sauvignon, showcasing the best of the best from Chile. You'll find it principally in upscale restaurants.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Main Dish Miracle
- Plant the seeds of good nutrition during March, National Nutrition Month

LEARNING BY DOING



OCC'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS



What's Cooking

WHERE: Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

- **Ridgewood Cafe & Bakery** — On the third floor of the J Building, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Call (248) 471-7786 for information.
- **St. Patrick's Day Buffet**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Ridgewood Cafe, all you can eat Grand Buffet with a variety of salads, pates, Irish dishes, French pastries, and homemade ice cream. Cost \$7.95 per person, first come, first served.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Fourth Annual Great Lakes, Great Wine Walk Around & Tasting**, Wednesday, May 12.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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Baking is a science, cooking is an art, Christopher Galli tells students enrolled in his baking class at Oakland Community College. "It has to be precise."

Even the mixing time makes a difference. Yeast breads need more mixing than muffins. If you mix muffin dough too long it won't be tender.

Hands on experience, lots of it, is what students enrolled in OCC's American Culinary Federation accredited culinary arts program get; from working in the kitchen and classroom with Galli and other chef-instructors, to waiting tables in the student-run Ridgewood Cafe.

What's for lunch is always a pleasant surprise at the Ridgewood Cafe. The menu changes daily and the products served are part of the day's lesson plan. "The cafe and bakery are outlets for student work," explained chef-instructor Kevin Enright.

Making mistakes is part of the learning process, and "sometimes



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Standing by: Above, Chef Christopher Galli watches student Fran Collins prepare pizza rolls for baking. Top left, Bonciare Lewis rolls out dough for danish. Chef Christopher Galli and student Matthew Welemirov watch her progress. Lower left, Chef Roger Holden prepared a white chocolate Grand Marnier raspberry Chamboard Bavarian served with an apricot sorbet, garnished with black currant serpentine.

it's painful to watch," said Susan Baier who chairs the school's hospitality department and was recently named teacher of the year by the Michigan Restaurant Association. "We work with students to help them develop their skills."

OCC emphasizes fundamental cooking skills, management skills and personnel skills. When you're working in a kitchen, you've got to be a team player and get along with people. The college offers degrees in restaurant and hotel management and culinary arts.

Baier is working with her staff on some curriculum changes including a new one-year certificate pastry arts program to help students enhance or upgrade their skills.

"We'll have day and evening classes available," said Baier. "The program will also be open to people who want to take a serious approach to pastry arts. We hope to have it available by January."

The average student enrolled in OCC's culinary arts program is 27-1/2. Some have just graduated from high school or vocational school, others are making a transition into a new career. Over 100 students ranging in age from 19 to 50 are enrolled in the program. Some will work in restaurants, country clubs and resorts, others will open their own businesses after they graduate.

Recent graduates include Richard and Linda O'Leary who operate the Acorn Cafe in Charlevoix; Don Welch of Confectionately Yours bakery in Livonia, Brad Dockery and Julie Herman of Annabel's Catering in Southfield.

Student who want to work full time and attend school, have the option of enrolling in a three-year apprentice program that's been offered at the school for the past 20 years. It's accredited by the Ameri-

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Celebrate 'The Great American Meatout' March 20

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

"Take a fresh look at nutrition" is the American Dietetic Association's theme for this year's National Nutrition Month celebration in March.

It's a theme that ties in well with "The Great American Meatout" on Saturday, March 20.

Since its inception in 1985, the Meatout has grown to become one of the largest nutrition education campaigns in the United States. It is sponsored by the Farm Animal Reform Movement in Bethesda, Md.

The Meatout challenges Americans to "kick the meat habit" for at least one day.

Dr. Dean Ornish spoke to more than 300 members of Congress and their staffs on Capitol Hill at last year's Meatout celebration. Dr. Ornish, one of the leading cardiologists in preventive medicine, is director of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, Calif. He has demonstrated that blockage of arteries can be reversed by following a low-fat, vegetarian diet in conjunction with exercise and stress management.

Since even small improvements in arterial blockages can significantly improve blood flow to the heart, this is a

On March 20th:

- Be kind to animals, don't eat them.
- A non-violent lifestyle begins at breakfast.
- Get the meat out.
- If you hate forests, eat a hamburger.
- Friends don't let friends eat meat.

wonderful option for anyone who has considered surgery to be their only choice.

Vegetarian diet

Over 30 million Americans have experimented with a vegetarian diet. Beef and veal consumption are down by 25 and 70 percent, respectively.

Vegetarianism among teenagers is growing at a fast pace, and it is not hard to go to a restaurant and order a vegetarian dish or purchase vegetarian products at the grocery store.

If you want to include more meatless dishes in your menus, try vegetarian products from Worthington Foods (Morningstar Farms and Natural Touch line), ShariAnn's Organics (yummy soups and beans) and Morinaga Nutritional Products (makers of Mori Nu tofu and the Mori Nu mates which can be made into tasty desserts).

What are you doing on March 20th? FARM suggest the following: Be kind to animals, don't eat them. A non-violent lifestyle begins at breakfast.

Get the meat out. If you hate forests, eat a hamburger. Friends don't let friends eat meat.

To find out what is happening to observe Meatout in your area, call 1-(800)-MEATOUT.

To order your "Get glad cow disease" T-shirts, contact Worthington Foods at www.morningstarfarms.com.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her web site at www.nutritionsecrets.com.

Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. See recipes inside.

DIETITIAN WYONIK

Share your Passover recipes

Passover is a time when friends and family gather around the Seder table. But making creative and satisfying desserts can be a challenge during this time because the use of standard baking ingredients such as flour, yeast, baking soda and baking powder are forbidden.

What's your favorite Passover dessert? Send recipes to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net by Friday, March 12. Be sure to explain why this is a good dessert. If you have a photograph of your dessert, send it along, we'll be happy to return it.

We'll share as many recipes as space permits with readers on Sunday, March 21. Everyone knows, the best recipes are ones you share.

Wine from page B1

From the Paso Robles appellation, Seven Peaks makes a dynamic Shiraz, with many of the characteristics of the Aussie version. All other wines using the Central Coast designation follow the Australian concept of winemaking — blending grapes without restrictions (in this case throughout the greater Central Coast) to create layers of flavors. Exciting on the horizon is the fact that Seven Peaks will soon plant shiraz from two Penfolds

renowned vineyards Kalimna and Magill. Southcorp has purchased vineyard land and they're in California for the long haul.

Tasting Seven Peaks

If you were to purchase a chardonnay or shiraz from, as an example, Lindemans, and taste these side by side against the same varietal wines from Seven Peaks, you'd say, Aussie style, but California fruit. And the folks at Seven Peaks would be

delighted with your astute palate! What creates the difference? Winemaker Ian Shepherd explained that the sunlight in Australia is more intense, soils are poorer and the grapes have stronger tannins, but not as aggressive as California red wines in general. But he also points to similarities such as forward fruit and for chardonnay, in particular, evident tropical, melon and peach flavors.

Available in our market

Seven Peaks wines available in our market are: 1996 Chardonnay, Central Coast \$13; 1996 Reserve Chardonnay, Edna Valley \$18; 1997 Pinot Noir, Edna Valley \$18, 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Coast \$13; 1996 Shiraz, Paso Robles \$18; and Cabernet-Shiraz, Central Coast \$18.

While we liked all the wines and recommend them highly, we

were blown away by the 1996 Seven Peaks Paso Robles Shiraz with its high-tone red fruits, coffee/cocoa nuances, plump middle and robust, rich finish.

French wines

Continuing the global theme and our ongoing search for good French wines at moderate prices, we've discovered D&H Signature wines.

D is Dominique Hebrard whose family owned Chateau

Cheval Blanc and H is Hubert de Bouard de Laforest, winemaker at the renowned Chateau Angelus in St.-Emilion. Try: 1997 D&H Sauvignon/Semillon \$9 and 1997 D&H Red Bordeaux \$9 (100 percent merlot).

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

OCC from page B1

can Culinary Federation through the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association.

"It combines classroom training with on-the-job training," explained Enright who coordinates the program for OCC. "Students work 40 hours a week in a restaurant, hotel or club approved by the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, and spend one day a week in the classroom."

Visiting chefs add another

dimension to the training that students receive at OCC.

On Saturday, March 27, the hospitality department is hosting the Young Chefs Regional Competition for Chaine de Rotisseurs, an international gastronomic society devoted to fine dining. The winner will advance to national competition.

Students competing in the event are under 27 years of age, and have less than five years experience in the hospitality

industry.

Ten chefs from the Midwest including Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin will be competing. Christopher Johnson, a student at OCC, is among the three chefs from Michigan who are competing.

"It's a learning opportunity for our students, and they donate money for scholarships because we're the test site," said Enright. "Some of our alumni are coming in to help us prepare a seven-

course dinner for the awards banquet."

In addition to hosting events, OCC invites professional chefs to teach workshops.

Sebastien Canonne will be presenting a two day workshop, Monday-Tuesday, May 10-11. Two one-day classes will be offered.

"He's one of the owners of the French Pastry School in Chicago," said Baier. "People travel

from all over the country to take his classes. We want to make it more accessible to people in the industry." The cost will be \$150 per class.

In May, OCC is offering a 7 1/2

week wine & spirits class that will meet in the afternoon, and is open to the public. Call (248) 471-7786 for information about the class, or workshop with Canonne.

Enjoy a taste of Ireland

See What's Cooking at Oakland Community College story on Taste front.

Pastry Chef Christopher Galli, a chef-instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, shared this recipe for Irish Soda Bread. The recipe is from "The Art of Irish Cooking."

IRISH SODA BREAD

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 4 cups white flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup buttermilk

Rub the butter into the flour. Add the salt and soda, mix all well together by running the dry ingredients through your fingers.

Add the buttermilk and stir into a soft dough with a wooden spoon.

With your floured hands knead lightly into a ball and turn out onto a lightly floured baking sheet.

Flatten the dough into a circle 1 1/2 inches thick with the palm of your hand. Make a cross in the center with a floured knife.

Bake at 425°F for 30 to 35 minutes.


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Live TV cooking show features Schoolcraft chef

Kevin Gawronski, Certified Master Chef and all-around bon vivant and raconteur, will become something of a television star. Gawronski joins the ranks of Julia Child, Paul Prudhomme, Emeril LaGasse and Graham Kerr Sunday, March 14 when he will cook live for two hours as part of Detroit Public Television's spring fund-raiser.

The program, "The Great Canadian Cooking Marathon," airs 2-4 p.m.

Gawronski will prepare: a three cheese and

shrimp stuffed mushroom appetizer; fisherman's stew with saffron cream; wild mushroom quesadilla; chicken tetrazzini; and Danish pastry.

These are the winning recipes in a contest for the best Canadian dishes, sponsored by Canadian Satellite Communications, Inc., which broadcasts Channel 56 programs in all the Canadian provinces. The cooking show is designed to give Canadian viewers a special treat during the pledge drive.

Gawronski, a West Bloomfield resident, will be the only chef in front of the camera, with assistance from five or six culinary arts students.

"I'm definitely going to practice before I go," said Gawronski. "I am looking forward to it. Channel 56 has done a notable job of broadcasting, and this is a way of giving something back."

Josette Marano, director of fund-raising program development at Detroit

Public Television, said Gawronski was an easy choice. "I knew Kevin when we worked together," she said. "I had no qualms about asking him."

His credentials are wonderful, and he is charming, entertaining and whimsical."

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

Enjoy 'Sensible' dishes during National Nutrition Month

See related Living Better Sensibly column on Taste front.

Join Beverly Price and Chef Annabel Cohen for a Vegetarian Extravaganza, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Orchard Lake Middle School. The cost is \$35, space is limited. To register, call (248) 539-2230. To find out about Living Better Sensibly programs for National Nutrition Month and spring call (248) 539-9424.

TOSSED MEATLESS SALAD NICOISE

Yield: 4 servings

- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 (9 ounce) package frozen cut green beans
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 small yellow or green sweet pepper, cut into strips

- 1/2 cup Greek olives or pitted ripe olives
- 3/4 cup bottled Italian salad dressing
- 4 cups torn romaine lettuce
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, sliced

In a saucepan cook the potatoes in lightly salted boiling water, covered, for 5 minutes. Add beans.

Return to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 4-6 minutes more or till potatoes are tender and green beans are crisp-tender; drain. Cool slightly.

In a salad bowl combine potato-green bean mixture, tomatoes, yellow or green peppers, and olives.

Pour salad dressing over mixture and toss.

Top lettuce with vegetable mixture and hard-cooked eggs (for "lacto-ovo" vegetarians). Serves 4

as an appetizer.

Nutrition information:
Calories 410, Protein 11g, carb. 29g, fat 30g, chol 213 mg, Sodium 507 mg

STRUDEL TRIANGLES WITH BRANDIED APPLES

- 1/4 cup low-fat cinnamon graham cracker crumbs
- 1 tablespoon brown rice syrup
- 2 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed
- Nonstick spray coating
- 1 tablespoon Canola or olive oil-based margarine
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup raisins, cranberries, or cherries
- 1 tablespoon apple brandy or

- water
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Combine cinnamon graham cracker crumbs and granulated sugar; set aside. Cut phyllo sheets in half crosswise. Spray the phyllo halves with nonstick coating. Sprinkle 1/4 of the crumb mixture on a phyllo half. Top with another sheet and another 1/4 of crumb mixture for a four layer stack. Cut the stack into nine rectangles. Cut each rectangle to form to triangles. Spray a baking sheet and place triangles on sheet. Bake at 375 for 6-8 minutes. Melt margarine in large skillet. Stir in brown sugar. Stir in apple slices, raisins, brandy, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cook about 5 minutes until tender. Top strudel with apple mixture to serve. 6 servings.

This is a Thai inspired recipe — it's an original recipe (meaning I made it up) — Annabel Cohen.

THAI-STYLE VEGETARIAN EGGPLANT WITH "BEEF" AND RED CURRY

- 3 tablespoons light olive oil
- 1 cup thin sliced onions
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 cups Morningstar Crumbles
- 1 tablespoon minced peeled fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon yellow miso (fermented soybean paste)
- 1/3 cup water or white wine
- 1/3 cup light coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon, or more to taste, Thai red curry paste
- 1 cup peas
- 4 small Japanese eggplants,

unpeeled, cut in half, lengthwise

Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add onions, and garlic and saute until softened about 3 minutes.

Add Morningstar Crumbles and ginger and saute one minute more. Add miso, water, coconut milk, soy sauce and curry paste cook, stirring until the liquid begins to thicken, about 1-2 minutes more. Remove from heat, stir in peas and set aside.

Cut eggplants in half, lengthwise. Cut slits into the cut side of the flesh. Place the cut eggplants in a baking pan, cut side up. Spoon the curry mixture over the eggplants and bake, uncovered for about 1 hour or until the eggplants are soft and the curry mixture is bubbly. Serves 4.

COOKING CALENDAR

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

HEALTH SEMINAR AND VEGETARIAN COOKING SCHOOL

Quick and easy non-meat recipes will be demonstrated 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at the

Metropolitan Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty Road (north of Five Mile Road). The cost is \$15 for the first-family member, and \$5 for each additional person from the same family. Call (313) 531-2479 or (248) 349-5683 to register.

Many vegetarian recipes will be available and a vegetarian cookbook will be given to each

participant who pays full price.

FOOD & NUTRITION CLASS

Eating out Healthfully, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Cost \$8 per class or three for \$20, call (734) 458-4274 for registration information.

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Use your noodle, include pasta in meal plans

By MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Whether you prefer a trendy pasta or an old-fashioned noodle, these carbohydrate-rich foods can play a delicious part in your health-conscious meal planning. March is National Noodle Month, a time to celebrate this economical and popular staple food. Although noodles have their origin in several basic Asian and Italian varieties, they are now used in virtually every international cuisine.

While the definition of a noodle varies, it is basically any flour paste that is boiled or cooked in liquid and has certain recognized shapes. Italian pasta, traditionally made from semolina wheat and water, comes in hundreds of different shapes — from cannellini to ziti. Oriental noodles are made from rice, wheat, beans (including soybeans), shrimp paste and even seaweed.

Noodles are a fundamentally low-fat food. It's up to you to enjoy them with sauces and other accompaniments that don't add too much fat to the dish. And, if you prepare pasta dishes with lots of vegetables, you can significantly boost the nutritional content of each serving.

Noodle soup is an exceptional comfort food for a blustery March day. Simmer chicken broth with diced celery, onion and carrots, parsley, thyme, bay leaf and peppercorns. Once the vegetables are cooked, remove and reserve them while you cook the noodles in the broth. Then restore the vegetables, heat and serve.

Use noodles in a Szechuan stir-fry, made by tossing cooked Chinese egg or soy noodles in a bit of heated oil in a large pan or wok. In a bowl, combine soy sauce, vinegar, Tabasco sauce, minced garlic, sesame oil and chicken broth. Then add the noodles, fresh bean sprouts and chopped spinach, toss well, and serve immediately.

NOODLE EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces medium egg noodles, uncooked
- 1 eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 3/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs (16 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided

4 ounces lowfat mozzarella cheese, shredded, divided

Prepare noodles according to package directions. While noodles are cooking, dip each slice of eggplant into egg substitute, then into bread crumbs.

Coat each side well. Spray a cookie sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Place eggplant slices on cookie sheet and place under broiler for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, or until lightly browned.

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium bowl, combine tomato sauce, garlic powder, pepper and oregano.

When the noodles are done, drain well. Spray a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Place a layer of eggplant in bottom of baking dish.

Layer half the noodles, followed by half of the tomato mixture. Sprinkle half the Parmesan cheese and half the mozzarella cheese on top. Repeat with another layer of eggplant, the remaining noodles, and the remaining tomato sauce and cheese on top.

Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and continue baking 15 minutes, until cheese is melted and top is lightly browned.

Shortcut tip: Bottled low-fat pasta sauce can be used in place



Meatless dish: Noodle Eggplant Casserole combines noodles, slices of broiled eggplant with tomato sauce and cheese.

of tomato sauce mixture. **Nutrition information:** Each of the 6 servings contains 333

calories and 7 grams of fat.

Melanie Polk is a registered

dietitian and Director of Nutrition Education, for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Baked Fish and Chips eliminates hassle of frying

AP — This baked version of Fish and Chips respects the spirit of the traditional dish but eliminates the hassle and fat of deep frying.

The recipe is one of some 400 featured in "Good Housekeeping Best One-Dish Meals" (Time

Inc., \$24.95). The book is full of imaginative ideas for a wide variety of family meals easy to prepare.

"One-dish meals are a fine old-fashioned idea whose time has come again," the editors say, "a classic concept that's perfect-

ly suited to the way we eat today."

The recipes featured include hearty soups, salads and sandwiches as well as casserole and skillet dishes. They range from Minestrone with Pesto to Bistro Chicken and Roast Vegetable

Sandwiches, from Smoked Turkey and Raspberry Salad to Apple-Cranberry Pork Chop. For dessert, find sweet treats such as Hazelnut Shortbread and Jumbo Gingersnaps in the Quick Desserts chapter.

3/4 teaspoon plus 1/8 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 pounds scrod, cut into 4 pieces
- 1 medium tomato, seeded and diced
- Feathery fennel tops for garnish

Preheat oven to 425° F. In shallow 2 1/2-quart casserole, toss potatoes, fennel, garlic, olive oil, 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Bake, uncovered, 45 minutes or until vegetables are fork-

tender and lightly browned, stirring once.

Sprinkle scrod with remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper and remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt. Arrange scrod on top of potato mixture; bake 10 to 15 minutes longer or until scrod flakes easily when tested with a fork. Sprinkle with diced tomato; garnish with fennel tops.

Makes 4 servings. **Nutritional facts per serving:** 320 cal., 30 g pro., 33 g carbo., 8 g fat (1 g saturated), 61 mg chol., 580 mg sodium.

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Jim Amick, MS, Detroit Red Wings supplement consultant, will discuss the importance of diet and basic nutritional supplementation 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Ct., Northville. He will also field questions pertaining to individual concerns. For information, call (248) 305-5785.

Baby-sitting class

Baby-sitting: Not just kid stuff, is a two-session workshop (March 20, 27) designed for youngsters ages 11-14. It offers young childcare providers the basic expertise they need to serve as responsible baby sitters. The class (\$25) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

Get the lead out

Health Alliance Plan Senior Plus has begun a free fitness program for seniors called "SilverSneakers®." Designed exclusively for seniors, program classes concentrate on overall body strengthening and toning. For more information, call (800) 801-1770.

Advanced directives

Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane is sponsoring a free lecture on advanced directives. Learn about options related to end-of-life decisions, the role of a patient advocate and the difference between a living will and a durable power of attorney from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the HFMC - Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

Osteoporosis screen

Bone density screenings will be performed March 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the F & M Drugstore, 35715 Warren Road in Westland to identify individuals at-risk for developing osteoporosis. Cost \$10; Call (800) 543-WELL to register.

Aging eyes

Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane is sponsoring a free lecture on eye problems 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, on "The Aging Eye," hosted by Dr. Nauman R. Inami, ophthalmologist. He will also discuss warning signs and treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. HFMC is located at 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

Fit for golf

Oakland Physical Therapy is presenting a seminar for those interested in golfing. The program will emphasize posture, flexibility, common golf injuries and prevention. Participants should bring a club and dress comfortably. There is no charge, but space is limited so an RSVP is required. Dates include 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 11 or 25, at the Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite B 124, Novi.

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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Postsurgery visit: Oakwood Hospital neurosurgeon Dr. Peter A. Zahos shows patient Betty Holt the 3-D imaging of her brain tumors. Zahos successfully removed the tumors using the StealthStation™ image-guided surgery system.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL BURCHMAN

New technology gives hope to patients with formerly inoperable brain tumors

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Until Betty Holt, 64, of Westland met Dr. Peter A. Zahos, a neurosurgeon at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, she thought her two brain tumors were inoperable.

That's what a dozen or more doctors had told her about the metastasized tumors nestled on each side of the back of her brain, one the size of a golf ball and the other the size of a grape. Holt had been diagnosed last October, after vision problems, weakness in her legs and "real bad" headaches sent her to her family physician.

Shortly after her diagnosis, Holt was admitted to Oakwood for brain swelling. She was adjusting to the word "inoperable," when Zahos walked in her room and offered her hope.

"He came in my room and started talking to me. He said, 'What do you mean we can't operate?'" Zahos, one of four neurologists on staff at Oakwood, doesn't claim to be a miracle man, but new technology allows him to push the edge of possibility for patients like Holt.

Oakwood's Division of Neurological Surgery recently purchased the sophisticated StealthStation™ Image Guided Surgery system pioneered by noted neurosurgeon Dr. Richard Bucholz in conjunction with St. Louis University Hospital. The system allows for faster and less invasive cranial and spinal surgeries. Prior to this system, the prognosis for patients like Holt was poor.

"Up until recently when a patient had more than one metastatic tumor from a cancer that started elsewhere, doctors felt surgery simply was not an option," said Zahos.

Dr. Norman Rotter, chief of Oakwood's Division of Neurological Surgery, said an additional 30 percent of brain tumor patients can now be helped surgically. "Now we can go after more than one (tumor)."

StealthStation™ in action

The StealthStation™ is the only one of its kind in Michigan to be interfaced with a state-of-the-art Zeiss NC-4 Microscope and Vista headset, said Zahos.

The system starts working when the surgeon's instrument touches the patient's anatomy. An optical scanner mounted above the operating table locates the instrument and establishes a 3-D image. A digitizer then translates the instrument's location to a computer, which matches the anatomy to the patient's pre-operative CT (computerized tomography) or MR (magnetic resonance) scans.

The powerful graphical and computing abilities of the Silicon Graphics computer show the instrument's location on a high resolution monitor prox-

imate to the surgeon's location in the operating field. Lines depicting the instrument's position appear over the patient's MR scans.

The system plays an integral role even before surgery by computing a three-dimensional model of a patient's head or spine, said Zahos. It allows the surgeon to perform virtual surgeries. A touch of the screen peels away scalp, bone and brain, revealing the most direct access to a tumor.

"This innovation is a great application for a number of neurological conditions, including primary brain tumor, metastatic tumors and complex spinal surgery," said Rotter.

Victims of catastrophic spinal cord injuries also benefit from the StealthStation™ system, especially in reconstructing fractured or shattered vertebrae, which requires intricate placement of pedicle screws. "It makes it almost foolproof," said Rotter.

Claiming some bragging rights for Oakwood, Zahos, who trained at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and is also on staff at the University of Michigan, said: "Our system is as compatible with any high-end equipment in the country."



A look inside: The StealthStation™ computes a three-dimensional model of a patient's head or spine.

More for less

The StealthStation™ allows neurosurgeons to perform "minimal access surgery" by making smaller incisions directly on top of the tumor. In the past, brain surgery required larger incisions and removal of larger sections of bone. Now, there's less probing of the brain and less potential for damage.

"If you can get to the tumor and not irritate the tissue around it, people do very well," said Zahos.

Holt, the first Oakwood patient to benefit from the Stealth Station™, initially was hesitant to have surgery until Zahos showed her the size of the larger tumor. Her children also encouraged her to trust Zahos' advice.

"Betty had a very positive outlook. She's a fighter. This was a difficult decision for her," said Zahos.

Holt had the surgery Nov. 12 and came through with flying colors. A week later, she and her daughter, Darlene Marranino, had lunch at the Red Lobster on Wayne Road. Holt used to work there; Marranino and her daughter, Kristen, still do.

Holt said Red Lobster's Joe Bauer bought her lunch to celebrate the occasion. "He's a great boss. He calls me all the time and wants to know if I need anything."

Today, Holt has better balance, better peripheral vision and no more numbness or headaches. She remembers very little pain from the surgery, which required two incisions. Following surgery, she had 14 daily treatments of radiation; she is currently undergoing six months of chemotherapy.

She lives with Marranino in Garden City while recuperating. She is anxious to be well again and is planning her annual camping trip to Texas this summer to see her two sons. However, not all her days are sunny and bright.

"I'm not always up. I get sad. I'm used to being the caregiver. I want to do for my daughter, not my daughter do for me. That's my baby."

The future

Zahos said neurologists at Oakwood have performed at least a dozen brain surgeries using the StealthStation™ since Holt's surgery. He foresees great things for the emerging technology of computer-assisted surgery.

"I see even better imaging coupled to newer techniques in surgery where you can use smaller scopes, smaller openings."

He hopes operative navigation systems like StealthStation™ will one day include "functional" imaging, which will impact those areas in the brain related to strength and motor functioning.

Meanwhile, he delights in Holt's continuing recovery. "Taking people through difficult times and having them do well, there's nothing like it."

Brain tumor symptoms: What to look for

A benign brain tumor consists of very slow growing cells, has distinct borders and rarely spreads to other locations. The cells of benign tumors have an almost normal appearance. Surgery alone may be an effective treatment. A brain tumor composed of benign cells - but located in a vital area - may be considered life-threatening even though it isn't malignant.

Surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy and various investigational treatments are used to treat malignant brain tumors.

The general symptoms listed below are found in most people with a brain tumor and are usually due to the space taken up by a growing tumor. Specific symptoms depend on

the tumor's location, type and size.

■ Headaches are the most common initial symptom. The majority of patients experience headaches sometime during the course of their disease. Typical brain tumor headaches come and go and do not throb. They are worse in the morning and improve gradually during the day.

They may rouse the person from sleep. These headaches may worsen with coughing or exercise, or with a change in body position, such as bending or kneeling. Headaches are due to pressure in the brain. Some people may experience neck pain as well.

■ Seizures are another common symptom of brain tumors. About half

of all patients experience some form of seizure during the course of their illness. Seizures are caused by a disruption in the normal flow of electricity in the brain. Those sudden burst of electricity can cause a variety of symptoms: convulsions, unusual sensations and loss of consciousness.

■ Mental changes frequently occur, including problems with memory, speech and communication, reasoning or concentration. Changes in behavior, temperament, interests or a state of confusion are other indications of mental changes.

■ Nausea and vomiting, drowsiness, vision problems, such as blurred or double vision, or loss of some visual fields, as well as the

headaches and mental changes are symptoms often caused by increased intracranial pressure.

■ Specific symptoms caused by a tumor's locations include: hearing problems such as ringing or buzzing sounds or hearing loss; decreased muscle control and lack of coordination, decreased sensation; weakness or paralysis; difficulty with walking or speech; balance problems; and crossed eyes.

Source: American Brain Tumor Association - A Primer of Brain Tumors Symptoms, www.abta.org/symptoms.htm. The American Brain Tumor Association's patient line is 800-886-2282.

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.

SAT, MARCH 6

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends will meet 1-5 p.m. at the Good Food Company-West, 42615 Ford Road in Canton (half-mile west of I-275). For more information, call (248) 349-4972.

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.

TUE, MARCH 9

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Do you want to learn how to communicate more effectively? Learn the skills you need to help take charge of your life and get

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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.

THUR, MARCH 11

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

A six week course at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital at (734) 458-4330.

CANCER SUPPORT

A self-help group designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Group meets in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital, free of charge. Call (734) 458-3311.

COUPLES' WORKSHOP

"Why Can't You Hear Me?" A communications workshop for couples 7-9 p.m. in West Addition Conference Rooms A and B.

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SAT, MARCH 13

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

This course include training in prevention, recognition, and rescue techniques required of professional lifeguards. Training also includes first aid and CPR. Prerequisites: age 15; 500 yards continuous swim, tread water two minutes with legs only, recover a 10-pound brick from 7 feet of water. Call (313) 576-4101. Saturdays, March 13-May 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia YMCA.

MARCH 16-17

HEALTH-O-RAMA

Oakwood Healthcare System presents "Project Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Laurel Park Place Mall. Many health screening tests will be performed: Blood panel testing is \$24. Prostate specific antigen testing is \$25. Colorectal cancer

screening test is \$8. Bone density screening is \$25. Body composition testing is \$5. Other tests are free. Call (800) 643-9355.

TUES, MARCH 16

CANCER SURVIVORS

The U-M Cancer Center is seeking men and women ages 18 and older who have completed cancer treatment within the last 3 years to participate in focus groups on March 16 or 24 (evenings). Eligible participants must have combined traditional treatments (surgery, chemotherapy, and/or radiation) with complementary therapies (such as massage, visualization, herbal supplements, spiritual, etc.) The groups will be held in Ann Arbor, and participants will receive \$50. Call the Cancer AnswerLine nurses at (800) 865-1125.

LYME DISEASE

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

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.

STROKE SUPPORT

For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at the Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call (734) 458-4396.

WED, MARCH 17

FOCUS ON LIVING

A self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the third Wednesday of each month. Call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, MARCH 18

STOP SMOKING

Better Living Seminars is sponsoring the "Stop Smoking Clinic" conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver at Plymouth Canton High School, Little Canton Theatre, 8415 Canton Center Rd., south of Joy Road. The seven night program has no fee, although donations are accepted. Pre-registration is not required. Clinic dates are March 18; Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26; and Monday, March 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (248) 349-5683 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no charge, donations are accepted.

SAT, MARCH 20

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery... Class based on the Lamaze method that increase knowledge of the birth experience. One-day workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost of class is \$55. To register call (734) 655-1100.

TOURETTE FUND-RAISER

The Tourette Syndrome Association will be holding their 13th annual Bowl-a-thon at 12:30 p.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland, 38250 Ford Rd. to raise funds for Tourette Syndrome awareness. For information call, (734) 641-8181 (bowling alley); or (734) 525-6245 (Debbie).

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New cardiovascular director

Peter McCullough, M.D., has been appointed director of the Cardiovascular Diseases Fellowship Training program at Henry Ford Hospital. McCullough will lead a fellowship of 17 physicians-in-training. He joined Henry Ford Health System as a senior staff in cardiology in 1997.

Medical staff elected

Elections were recently held for the 1999 Medical Staff officers at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Jose Evangelista, M.D., will serve as chief-of-staff; Eliezer Monge, M.D., is the new chief-of-staff elect; and Martin Daitch, M.D., was elected



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retary/treasurer.

Marketing promotions

The Marketing/Communications department staff promotions of Kolleen Doherty, Lisa Sultana-Bogacki and Michelle Goraj were recently announced by the MEDHEALTH Wellness Center of Plymouth.

Doherty will act as the Marketing/Communications coordinator for MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers' Plymouth and Riverview facilities. Sultana-Bogacki will assume the role of the Marketing Assistant for the Plymouth facility and Goraj will act as the Office Manager overseeing the Guest Relations staff at the Plymouth, Riverview and Sterling Heights facilities.

Conference participant

Dr. Gregory Kramer, a chiropractor from Livonia (33481 8 Mile Rd.) attended a chiropractic pediatric conference in Georgia to learn about the latest scientific literature documenting the effectiveness of chiropractic care for children. A repeating theme of the conference was that when nervous system interference is reduced, the body has a significantly improved ability to heal and regulate itself.

New podiatrist

Tameka Lee, DPM, has joined the Department of Orthopaedics as a bioscientific staff member at Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia. The medical center is located at 29200 Schoolcraft Rd. She specializes in foot surgery and related food disorders.

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Making adjustments

New voice technology translates speech to words



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK I am not writing this column.

Instead, I am speaking it. I am wearing a headset, much like the earnest-looking young people selling long-distance telephone services in those TV commercials. I am speaking words into a microphone and, almost instantaneously, words are appearing on my

computer screen. But the problem is those words are not necessarily the same words that I speak. Despite the claims of the makers of this voice recognition program of 90 percent and better recognition, my initial experiment is more like 50 or 60 percent.

The particular system that I am using for this experiment is from IBM and called ViaVoice. I'm using it because it came bundled on my new IBM Aptiva computer, and since it came as part of the package, I might as well give a try.

How does it work? Not very well. It's taken me the better part of 45 minutes

to write just the words you see up to this point. I have to keep going back and manually correcting the words ViaVoice gets wrong.

The on-line help feature that came with the application tells me that it takes some time for the program to recognize my particular speech patterns and for me to get the hang of dictating. Trust me, that is an understatement.

I'm lucky to get even a single sentence out of my mouth and onto the computer screen before having to go back and correct it.

Here's an example. The actual sentence I spoke that you just read above initially came out as: "I'm not key to get event as swindle out of mammoth and to the computer scream before having to go back and crack it."

Feeling frustrated

I don't know whether I should laugh at how funny ViaVoice translates me, or cry because of how frustrating it is to have to go back and correct the mistakes. I know I am sorely tempted, though, to truly crack this screen.

This is not fun.

ViaVoice says every time I go back and type in the correct word for the

bungled word, ViaVoice "learns."

And it does indeed seem to get that word right more often than not afterwards. But it is a slow process.

Learning to talk

Frankly, I just don't have the time to "teach" ViaVoice what I'm saying. Counting the installation process, the set-up and testing and now the dictating of this column, I've been messing with this program for close to two hours now and my patience is wearing thin. I usually enjoy writing this column. Doing it this way, "talking" my column out, is taking twice the time it should.

This is the second time I've had experience with voice recognition technology. A year or so ago, I tried out Dragon's "Naturally Speaking" system.

To "train" that program, I read into my headset microphone a long excerpt from a book for about 30 minutes. That excerpt was in the "Naturally Speaking" application memory and as I followed along the on-screen prompts, it tried to match up my pronunciation of each word with what its memory said it should be.

But when all was said and done, when I actually started to use the sys-

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Mike Wendland
—PC Talk columnist

well as equipment that interfaces with dictation gear and lets you play tape-recordings through your computer for automatic translation.

Also, to be very fair, dictating, rather than typing, is something that takes a lot of getting used to in terms of expressing yourself. Having to say "comma" or "period" or "question mark" instead of letting your fingers fly to the keyboard just does not come naturally.

In other words, I'm not a very patient person.

So for me, two hours of frustration is enough. I'm unplugging the headset. Someday, I suspect, as voice technology improves and really takes hold, I'm sure I'll be considered a dinosaur as I peck away on a crude keyboard.

But for now, I'm sticking to what works best for me.

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

tem, I experienced the same frustrations I'm now encountering with IBM's ViaVoice.

Some better than others

Now, all that said, I suspect that if you are already used to dictating, say with one of those business voice recorders for secretarial transcription, you may have a much better experience. Both the IBM and Dragon systems are available with optional add-on specialized medical and legal dictionaries, as

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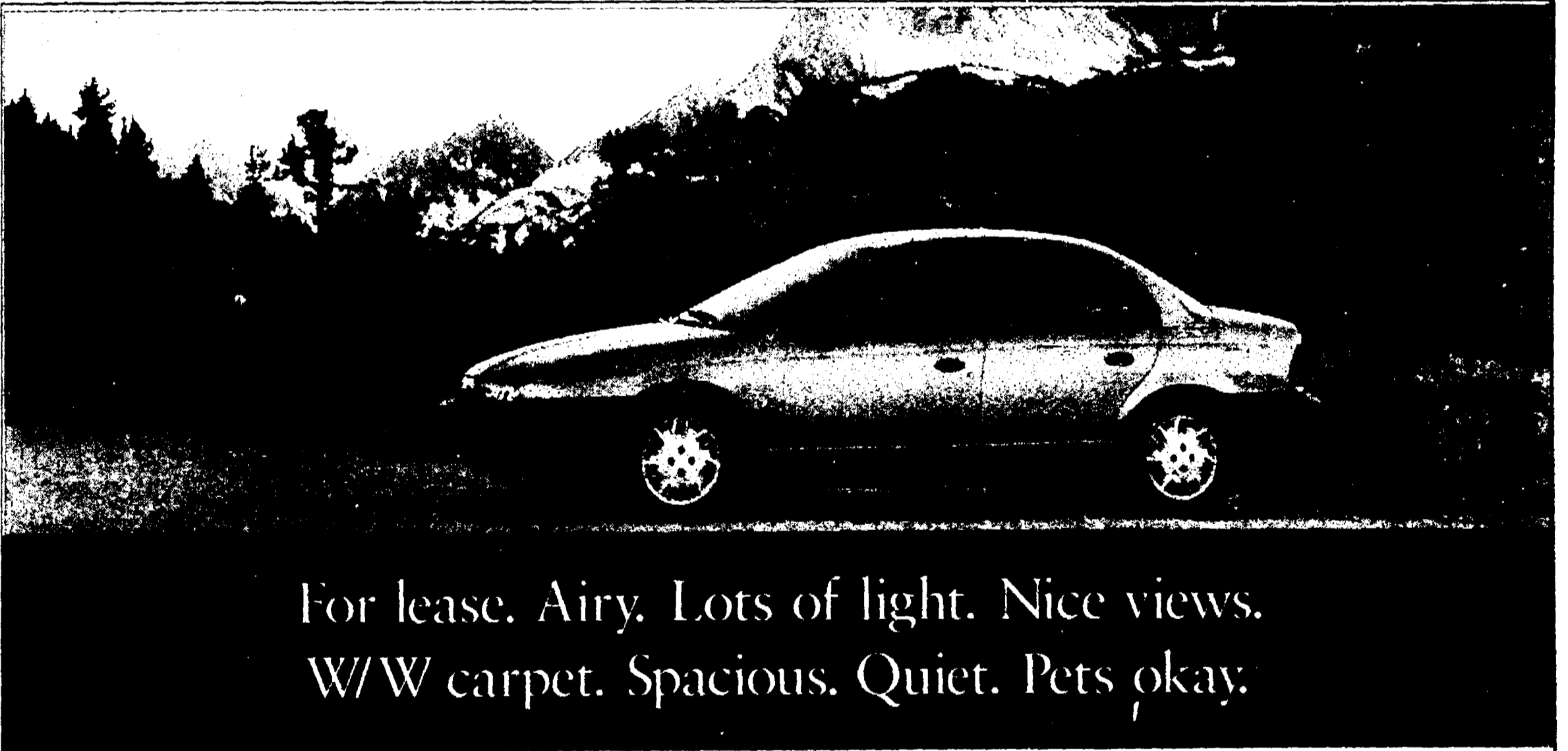
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Business relocates
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recently moved to Livonia (36115 Plymouth Road) and have expanded their home decorating business to include stenciling and faux finishing. Recently, Colby started offering free classes on wallpapering, sponging, ragging, bagging, dragging and crackle color wash. Classes are limited to eight people and require reservations. Call Pam at (734) 762-7273. Class members will receive a discount on supplies purchased for their home projects.

Company acquisition
Compuware Corporation of Farmington Hills announced it completed its acquisition of M.I.S. International Inc. (M.I.S.), a privately held provider of Information Technology (IT) professional services. The acquisition will be accounted for as a pooling of interests. Approximately 400 M.I.S. professional services personnel will transition to Compuware's Professional Services Division as a result of the acquisition.

Generous donations
The MichCon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of MichCon and the employees of MichCon donated more than \$1.9 million to nonprofit organizations across Michigan in 1998. The foundation donated \$1.4 million to projects and organizations. The recipient of the largest donation was the United Way. The 2,731 employees of MichCon donated \$502,000 to the United Way. MichCon contributed an additional \$225,000.

Medar delivers
Medar, Inc. announces it has been notified of releases for \$4.8 million of resistance welding controls for Chrysler programs. These releases are part of three programs that are expected to total over \$6.0 million.

Clients added
Hermanoff & Associates of Farmington Hills, a full-service public relations agency, has added three new clients: Yolles Investment Management, Inc.; GVA Strategis, a real estate

advisory firm; and Trimeridian, Inc., a company establishing clinics for compulsive gamblers in the U.S.

Record distribution
Valassis Communications, Inc., of Livonia, distributed a record number of free-standing insert (FSI) pages on Feb. 7, 1999. The average size booklet was 50 pages. The largest version contained 64 pages, and was distributed to 9.8 million of the 58 million households reached.

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New rep
James Ellis of Livonia, is the newest associate of the Park Jarrett III Agency of Aid Association for Lutherans of Livonia. He joined AAL in December and serves Lutherans and their families in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth.



Ellis

New president
George Thomas has been named president and chief operating officer for Simpson Industries, Inc. of Plymouth, a leading worldwide supplier of torsional crankshaft dampers, wheel-end modules and engine modules to the automotive and heavy truck industries.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, MARCH 10
MATH AND READING MEETING
The Livonia Kumon Math and Reading Center will hold a free parent information meeting 4-5 p.m. at 32625 W. Seven Mile, Suite 3. Parents will receive a detailed explanation of the Kumon Method, along with an opportunity to sign up their children for a free diagnostic test. For more information, call Fanny Ho at (734) 458-1854.

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

FRI, MARCH 12
BUSINESS NETWORK INT.
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TUES, MARCH 16
WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB
Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will discuss current legal issues, as well as her experiences as the state's first female attorney general, at the Women's Economic Club noon luncheon Tuesday, March 16, at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-5088.

CAREER WOMEN
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Auctions to help children and orchestra

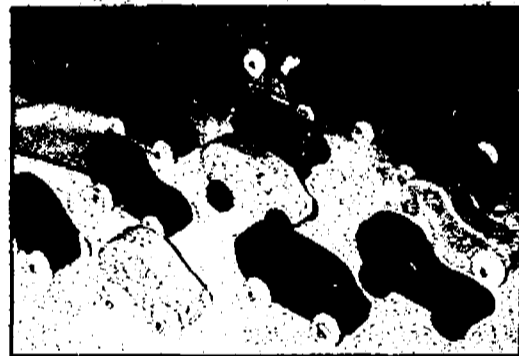
Auctions are a fun way to make purchases that bring pleasure, usually at a reasonable price. Two upcoming events worth bidding on benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and sick children.

The Michigan Woodworkers Guild's "Wood '99" showcases custom furniture and toys and features a silent toy auction to raise funds to help members meet their goal of making 500 toys for the children at Children's Hospital of Detroit by Christmas. On the block Sunday, March 14, will be activity toys, cars and a variety of children's items, all handmade by members of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild. The money earned from the auction will be used to buy supplies such as axles and wheels.

Woodworking angel

When Tony Pietrzak took over as toy chairman eight years ago, his goal was to make 200 toys for the sick children at Children's Hospital of Detroit. Last year, he and other members of the Guild made 500. They hope to meet that goal or surpass it in 1999.

If you've spent any time at Children's Hospital of Detroit then you've probably noticed the 13 rockers in the waiting rooms. All were hand-crafted by members of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild. Over the years, the



Children to benefit: Tony Pietrzak hand-crafted these toys for a silent auction at "Wood '99," which showcases work by members of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild.

Guild has donated 125 rocking horses to Spectrum Human Services in Livonia, ornaments for the Christmas tree in the child care center at St. Mary Hospital, and other woodworked items for causes for children.

Pietrzak has had cancer three times and beat it three times in the last 25 years. Now age 70, he makes the toys as a way of giving back for the extra years of life he's been given. "My payback is for children," said Pietrzak of Livonia. "I do this because I love kids. And I have a lot of fun. When I go to Children's Hospital, to see their eyes light up makes it all worth it."

Auctions
What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra hosts its annual dinner/auction Pops Concert fundraiser.
When: 6 p.m. Friday, March 12.
Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.
Tickets: \$45 adults, \$25 children. Includes cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, and a concert by the orchestra, call (734) 451-2112.

What: Michigan Woodworkers Guild presents a showcase of custom woodworking from furniture to toys, and a silent toy auction to benefit the children of Children's Hospital of Detroit. Admission is free.
When: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14.
Where: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile Road.

Dinner/Auction Pops Concert

The Plymouth Symphony League, the fund-raising arm of the Plymouth Symphony Society, will auction a variety of merchandise and gift certificates from local businesses such as Native West, Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers, Carlson Travel, Francis Jewelry Gallery, Verneulen Funeral Home of Plymouth, Heide's Flowers & Gifts, Art Perspectives, and the

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Famous flutists to perform

MELODY AND TRADITION INFUSE TALENTS OF RAMPAL AND GALWAY



At odds: Jean-Pierre Rampal (left) and James Galway have different temperaments, but both musicians cherish melodic music, and steer clear of "experimental" modern music.



BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Like a rare celestial convergence, the world's two most famous flutists will perform in the metro area March 11 — one in Ann Arbor, the other in Detroit.

Jean-Pierre Rampal will open a weekend performing Mozart's Concerto No. 1 for Flute with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under guest conductor Hans Vonk. James Galway, accompanied by Phillip Moll on piano, will play a selection of classical pieces as part of the University Musical Society series at Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan.

It was Rampal's emergence as a soloist in the 1950s that elevated the flute to the status of the piano and strings as a solo instrument. In the mid-1970s, Galway left his position with the Berlin Philharmonic to pursue a solo career that has made him one of the world's most popular classical musicians.

Despite differences in age — Rampal is 77, Galway, 60 — and temperament, both musicians cherish melodic music, steering clear of "experimental" modern music.

"When music is attractive to me, I love to play it. When it doesn't attract me, like avant-garde music, I don't play it," Rampal said in a telephone interview from New York City.

Galway said he is often sent experimental pieces, but he chooses more melodic modern works.

"I look for good tonality. I don't go in for this experimental music. Some write experimental music for me, quasi atonal. The trouble with this stuff is I don't know if I should play gentle, softly, or heroic. When I ask the composer, they say just soft or just loud, but I want to know what the music's about," Galway said in a telephone interview, also from New York where he was pulled from rehearsal to talk.

Family thing

Also, both musicians had fathers who played flute. Galway began his musical education as a small

child in Belfast, Ireland, playing a pennywhistle. "I learned the violin for a bit, but the violin I had was home for 3 million Irish woodworms. Then I learned pennywhistle, but my dad played flute and my granddad played flute, so it was a family thing," he said.

It was also a family thing for Rampal growing up in Marseilles, where his father was first flutist with the symphony and a professor of flute at the conservatory. But Rampal's parents didn't encourage his flute playing.

"It was not like now, nobody could suppose that you could make a career playing the flute, maybe in an orchestra but not as a solo performer," Rampal said. "He (his father) thought it was better to continue my studies and become a doctor, which I almost did. But music was stronger than medicine and I achieved my degree in music."

In fact, Rampal was in his third year of medical school when the Nazi occupation forces drafted him for compulsory labor in Germany. He refused to comply, went underground and headed for Paris, where he became first flutist with the Paris Opera after the war and began giving solo recitals on radio.

Both musicians have "crossed over" the line separating classical music from other kinds of music. Rampal has recorded English folk tunes and music from Japan and India, helping to create a new market for world music.

"I have all sorts of music in my life," he said. "The world is so big, you have to be open to anything, any culture. If you just limit your activity to one field, it's not good, it's not good for me."

Galway compared his interest in different kinds of music with Alec Guinness playing multiple parts in "Kind Hearts and Coronets."

Both flutists have encouraged modern composers by commissioning their works.

Ann Arbor composer William Bolcom composed a concerto for Galway, an old friend.

"We were in the Paris Conservatory together," Galway said. "The piece he did was tailor-made for me. That piece has one charming thing. Dizzy Gillespie died the week we were discussing doing this

piece and Bill and I both knew Dizzy."

Galway said a piece that Gillespie had written for flute was included in Bolcom's work in the slow movement.

"It was quite touching."

Galway said that when he plays with a symphony he generally tries to get them to play a new piece in addition to a piece from the standard repertoire.

Rampal and Galway have reached important junctures in their careers.

Career junctures

Galway said his recital at Hill Auditorium, featuring pieces by Reinecke, Prokofiev and others will be one of the last that he will do.

"I'm 60, I want to do other things. I want to conduct and play concertos," he said. "It's a bit hard on the old physique going around from one recital to another. I have to take account of my health. I don't want to do recitals when I'm 65. I don't want to walk on the stage when I'm past it like some do."

Galway is also "experimenting" with jazz. He said his interest has been sparked by trumpeter Wynton Marsalis playing the blues.

"I thought I had to learn it. My wife tells me 'I'll

Dueling flutes?

Who: James Galway
What: Performs a selection of classical flute pieces with piano accompaniment by Phillip Moll.
Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor
When: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11
Tickets: \$20-\$55, call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229

Who: Jean-Pierre Rampal
What: Performs Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1 with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra will also perform Brahms' Symphony No. 3. Guest conductor, Hans Vonk.
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 11-12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14
Tickets: \$13-\$48, call (313) 576-5111

Please see FLUTISTS, C2

EXHIBIT

Artist's childhood shapes haunting sculptures

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Walking around the burlap and resin life-size figures by Polish artist Magdalena Abakanowicz is eerie, the silence overwhelming. The armless figures undoubtedly allude to a tragic event permanently embedded in her brain as a young girl.

During World War II, Nazis burst into Abakanowicz's family home, on the outskirts of Warsaw, with guns blazing and shot off the arm of her mother. On loan from Bloomfield Hills collectors Gilbert B. and Lila Silverman, the work is one of three installed in the exhibition "Magdalena Abakanowicz: and the Mindless Crowd" at the University of Michigan Museum of Art through Sunday, May 2.

"It's very poignant and moving," said Annette Dixon, the U-M art museum curator who coordinated the exhibit at the request of the university's Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies.

The Center is commemorating Communism's negotiated collapse with "The Polish Roundtable, Ten Years Later" Wednesday-Saturday, April 7-10. The conference



PHOTOS BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

Eerie reminders: These three armless figures allude to Polish artist Magdalena Abakanowicz's horrific memory of watching German soldiers sever her mother's arm with a bullet during World War II. (The figures appear as if they were unearthed or dug up from tombs like mummies.)

gathers the intellectuals, church leaders and politicians, including President Lech Walesa, who participated in the unprecedented events of 1989. Besides the exhibit, the museum hosts an afternoon of new works in theater and dance inspired by Abakanowicz. Whitley Hill, a teacher at Milligan School of Dance in Redford, gathered performers for the program. Dixon will talk about Abakanowicz and her work before introducing dancers and a reading by playwright Robert Sulewski Thursday, March 18.

Losing herself in the crowds

Communism left its mark on Abakanowicz's psyche probably as much as the Nazis did. Abakanowicz witnessed the destruction of Warsaw and the Communist takeover in 1945. Of aristocratic lineage, the nine-year-old girl and her family fled to Gdansk in an effort to lose themselves in the anonymity of the crowd. "Magdalena was against the regime," said Dixon. "Her art really is a statement about the human condition, the resiliency

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"Magdalena Abakanowicz and the Mindless Crowd"

What: An installation of life-size figures by Poland's preeminent artist, Free, but a \$3 donation is suggested.
When: Through May 2. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-0395 or visit the web site at www.umich.edu/~umma/
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 ■ "The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater and Dance based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the museum Apse. Tickets are \$7 and available in advance at the museum gift shop. Seating limited, call (734) 647-0521.
 ■ Lecture — "Polish Art in Search of Freedom," Andra Rotterberg, director of Zocheta Gallery in Warsaw, discusses Polish art in the 1980s especially during the period of martial law, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10 in the museum Apse (free). Part of the University of Michigan's Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies' international conference — "Communism's Negotiated Collapse: The Polish Roundtable of 1989, Ten Years Later," April 7-10. Call (734) 764-0351 or visit the web site at www.umich.edu/~inet/PolishRoundTable/ for more information.

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of the spirit." On loan from the Des Moines Art Center, "Flock II (1990-91)" stops visitors entering the gallery. Cast from plaster molds of human bodies, the 35 headless and hollow figures is a narrative about crowds. According to a 1998 artist's statement, Abakanowicz's work is meant "to warn, to provoke thinking, to show to people the existential fears common to all of us, the doubts about ourselves, that we all suffer and the fear of crowds carrying the instinct of destruction of themselves and their surroundings."

"It's very poignant and moving," said Dixon. "It's as if they're silent witnesses to something. They're fragile, very vulnerable. There's also the tendency of crowds to act as herds. The crowd is a part of Communism. They're mindless, headless. They have no reasoning faculty to make them think. Interiors of the hollow shells of the figures are as important as the outside surfaces."

Abakanowicz didn't begin making the figures until 1974. Following graduation from the art academy in Gdansk, she painted large-scale canvases before turning to the monumental tapestries which made her famous. Enlarged sculptures of heads about brains run amuck followed. Then came the mind-



Poignant: Atala-Nicole Loud (left) and Jovita Weibel dance as part of a program of new works at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

less crowds. The Silvermans, who first saw Abakanowicz's work in the 1980s, have viewed the artist's crowds all over the world. Abakanowicz's three arm-

less figures and another of a child perched on a chair greet visitors to their home. Abakanowicz only began making children figures after the fall of Communism in 1989.

"We're attracted to it," said Lila Silverman of the installations sometimes numbering as many as 210 adults and children. "We actually loved her armies, the huge stands of headless figures in the field in Italy and others at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, and the monumental works in the Rose Garden at the Israel Museum."

Interpretive program

Abakanowicz's flock reminds Jovita Weibel of refugees. The Toledo, Ohio, resident studied dance in Switzerland (her homeland) and England, before coming to the U.S. five years ago. She is choreographing a piece for five dancers to music by Arvo Part after reading some books about Abakanowicz's work. The dance recalls the refugees Weibel's seen. Atala-Nicole Loud, one of two graduate students in the University of Michigan's dance department, performs it with Weibel, Nicola Gardiner, Erik Blair and Markos VanZwoll. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Loud also dances a solo.

"The Flock reminded me of

refugees I saw standing around at bus stations in my country," said Weibel, who applied to study at the University of Michigan after learning of professor Peter Sparling and the dance department from a mentor in Switzerland. "It's a very sad piece, the false hope, how people strive for something and are turned back."

Using stories culled from Abakanowicz's childhood in Poland, Hill choreographed a work set to the artist's writings. Before her family fled to Gdansk, Abakanowicz spent many hours alone with nature.

"As a child Magdalena was so drawn to nature," said Hill who teaches dance at Michigan State University this spring. "At the crack of dawn, she would sneak out of her room and would go down to the marsh and commune with nature."

Medieval genre

Sulewski will read from a translation of a 16th century play about the Resurrection. A doctoral student in comparative literature at the University of Michigan, Sulewski has had his own plays produced at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor.

"It's about devils running around and threatening people," said Sulewski.

'Fame' comes to Music Hall

The musical "Fame" opens April 27 at Music Hall in Detroit. Individual tickets (\$50-\$27.50) go on sale Monday, March 8.

Tickets can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Music Hall box offices and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets, call

(248) 645-6666 or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Group discounts (20 or more) are available by calling (313) 471-3099. For information call (313) 983-6611.

"Fame" is being presented by Olympia Entertainment and Jam Theatricals.

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be glad when you play Mozart's Concerto again. It's basically beginning again," he said.

He's not impressed by jazz flutists.

"Jazz flute players play too quick. I don't hear anyone who plays like (Ellington saxophonist) Johnny Hodges or with the intelligence of a Stan Getz or Bill Evans."

Before he gets around to a jazz CD, he has several recording projects, most recently released is "Tango del Fuego," a CD of Latin American music (which he said started out to be a jazz album) and a CD of three new concertos by Lowell Liebermann. He is also working on a CD he will record in May, "Music for My Little Friends," with music often played by student flutists, and a CD of popular music including the theme from "The Titanic."

Rampal still keeps a busy performing schedule and receives excellent notices.

Boston Globe, critic Richard Dyer reviewed a performance last year: "Rampal has never sought volume at the cost of other musical goals or at the cost of the natural quality of the flute. His sound is cultivated and eloquent."

But Rampal is recording less and is noticeably disenchanted with the recording industry.

"Nothing very exciting is being recorded. They only want opera singers, medleys and film music," he said. "Maybe it will come back, maybe not. The golden age was when I started my career."

He said he used to record five or six projects a year and is now down to one or two. He said this might reflect changing times and the drive to be current.

"Like the portable telephones, everywhere you go. It's a sort of madness, for what?" he said. "Phones without stopping. Nobody writes anymore, nobody writes letters."

When asked about each other a noticeable chill sets in. Rampal said he and Galway only played together once, "for a film, just a quick performance."

When speaking about doing a jazz recording, Galway mentioned that he considered doing Claude Bolling's suite but decided "it was French '60s music and not very good, I thought I could do better." Rampal's performance of Bolling's suite was one of his most successful recordings.

When the interview with Galway was ending, his Irish humor couldn't resist one last sally.

"After Ann Arbor, I think I'll go to Detroit and have a party with Jean-Pierre, it's only 40 miles away, right?"

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Bread Smith at its annual Dinner/Auction Pops Concert on Friday, March 12.

Items range from a hand-crafted wooden flute made by MickAnn Thompson of Brown City, to an authentic hand-painted Indian drum with metal stand from Native West gallery, a cut leaded glass vase, and a jeweled evening bag in the shape of a piano by designer Katherine Baumann of Beverly Hills, Calif. The bag, with more than 3,300 hand set black and crystal stones by Swarovski, was donated by Orin Jewelers of Garden City. Baumann's bags are numbered and registered with certificates personally signed by her. The piano-design evening bag is number 38 of 500 and retails at \$1,500.

Besides live and silent auctions, the "From Dance to Stage to Screen" performance by the orchestra includes selections from the "Trish Trash Polka" to music from "Les Miserables" and "Titanic." Guest conductor Gerald Yun is the final candidate in the orchestra's search for a music director/conductor after Russell Reed retires in April.

Born in northern California, Yun conducted the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and University of Rochester Orchestras in Rochester, New York. Currently completing his doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder, he has



Gerald Yun

guest conducted the Pike's Peak Philharmonic, Colorado Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Colorado Springs Young Artists Chamber Orchestra.

"It's our biggest fund-raiser," said League president Patty Perez. "We promised the orchestra we would donate \$25,000 a year to them through our fund-raisers."

Founded in 1954, the League hosts a number of events to raise money for the orchestra. Last year's dinner/auction raised \$8,500. A home tour, Christmas walk, luminary sales, and a Sugar Plum Tea after the orchestra's annual "Nutcracker" also helps meet the goal. A card party in April at Fox Hills in Plymouth is open to the public. Call Perez for more information. (734) 416-5293.

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11th Annual Spring Craft Show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 13, located on Newburgh Road just south of I-96 and north of Joy Road. Sponsored by the Churchill High Parent Teacher Student Association; (734) 422-4507.

COMMUNITY HOUSE ANTIQUES SHOW

Lectures, garden boutique, silent auction and raffle. Preview night - 6 - 10 p.m. Thursday, March 18; General show - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20; noon - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 21. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-5832.

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Juried art show featuring 50 artists. 7 - 10 p.m. Friday, March 12; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13; 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd., Bloomfield Township; (248) 646-4100.

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.

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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.

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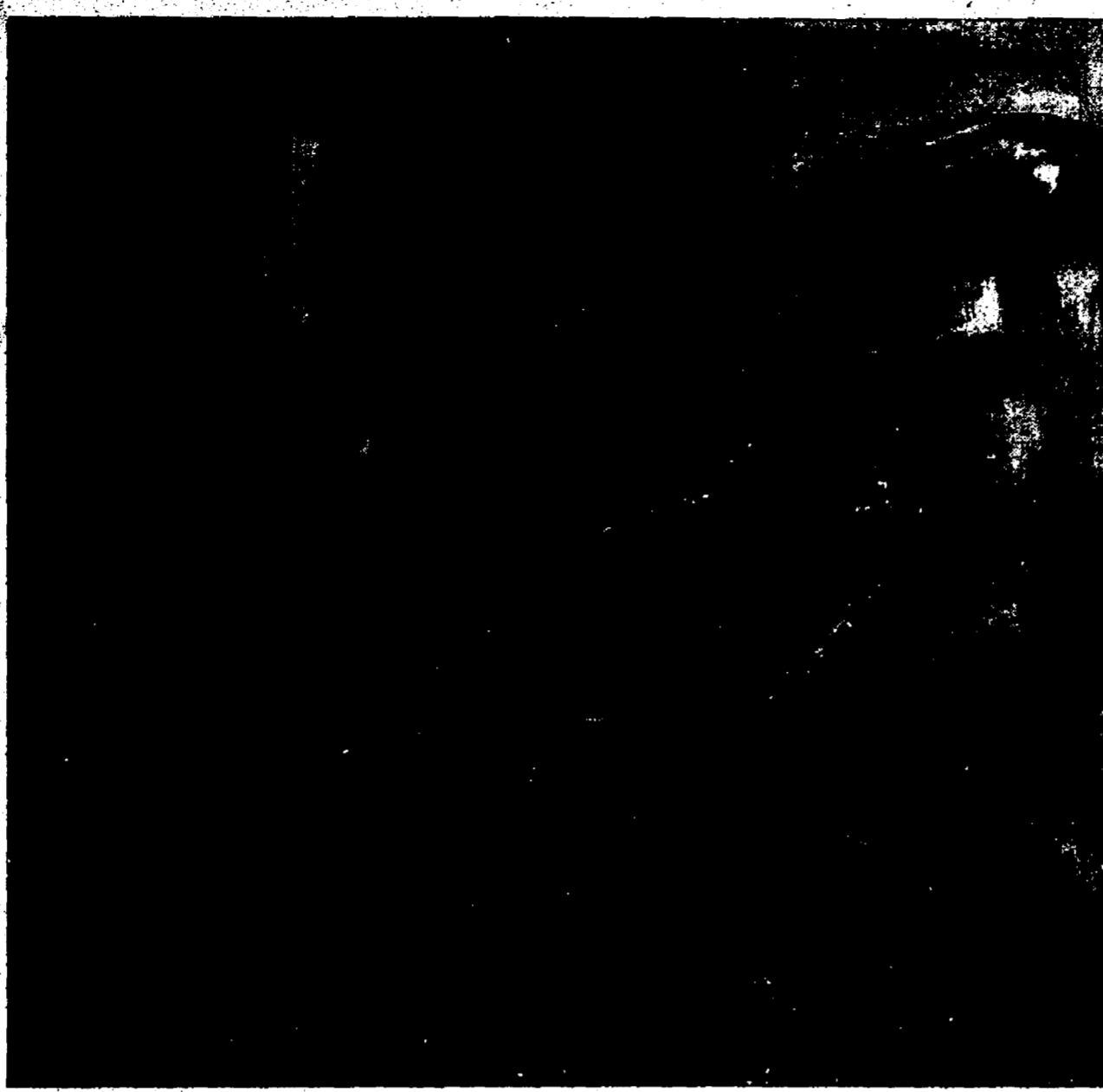
Applications are being accepted for the 24th annual 4th of July Art Show in Harbor Springs. Deadline: April 10. For an application, call the Harbor Springs Community School office and leave your name, address and phone number: (616) 526-5385.

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CCC'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.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Auditions for experienced performers for the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, which will take place Aug. 14 through Sept. 26, 1999. Also seeking theater students to apply for the tuition-free Michigan Renaissance Festival Academy. Must be high school senior or older to apply. Auditions held Saturday, March 13 by appointment only. Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. For an appointment, call Lu Harding Capots at (800) 601-4848.

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CONCERTS

B'HAM MUSICALE

"Crusade for Strings" 1 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Ave. at Longfellow; (248) 335-1160.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

Endellion String Quartet 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at the Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road. Tickets: \$25; (810) 751-2435.

DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Blackthorn will perform the music of Ireland for the fourth annual Irish Celebration, a fundraiser for the Fair Lane Music Guild and the Dearborn Community Arts Council, 7 - 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. School of Management lecture theater at the University of Michigan-Deerborn campus, Dearborn; (313) 943-3095.

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.

JCC INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

Senior citizens and youth from the former Soviet Union perform 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Building of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

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"11th Annual Piano Festival," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at Temple Beth El, Telegraph at 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 357-1111.

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Conductor: David Daniels and pianist Martin Katz, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Lydia Mendessohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave. at Woodward; (248) 264-2735.

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"Sleeping Beauty," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8917.

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BBAC

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TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The Ajanta Caves of India," a slide lecture by Dr. Walter Spink of the University of Michigan, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21. Troy Library, Big Beaver at I-75.

TOUR

DSO SHOWCASE HOUSE "BARE BONES" SNEAK PREVIEW TOUR

Self-guided tours of the DSO's 1999 designer showhouse and gardens, "Great Garage Sale Galore," 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20 and Sunday March 21, 1771 Balmoral Drive, Detroit; (313) 576-5155.

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MUSEUMS

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 Parr," More than 220 photographs from the legendary photographer. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY OPENINGS

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WENTWORTH GALLERY

March 7 - The Mediterranean scenes of impressionist John Zucchetto. Located in the Somerset Collection, 2801 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy; (248) 816-8372.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

March 8 - Graduate student exhibition, through March 19. Ford Gallery, Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti; (313) 487-1268.

SYBARIS GALLERY

March 13 - "Reality Studied With Thomas" metal constructions by Harriete Estel Berman, through April 24. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

PRESTON BURKE GALLERY

Through March 7 - "History: Photos of Detroit" a look at downtown Detroit, 1888-1920. 30448 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak; (248) 549-1111.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

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

DETROIT ARTIST MARKET

Through March 12 - "Wacky Painters," the work of six artists. 300 River Place, Ste. 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Through March 12 - "Michigan Women Artists," 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn; (734) 845-9629.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through March 13 - "30 Prints From The 30s," 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

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Through March 13 - Fourth annual art exhibition of students in Bloomfield Hills Schools, 536 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

SWANN GALLERY

Through March 13 - "The Mardi Gras Show," featuring a tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building, 1250 Library St., Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through March 14 - "Pushing the Envelope: New Developments in Photography," featuring the work of Marge Pacer, Lisa Steichmann and John Harnois, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH GALLERY

Through March 15 - Landscape paintings and digital collages by Ken Graning, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 299-0677.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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

ARTSPACE II

Through March 20 - Nick Blosser's egg tempera paintings, 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 258-1540.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through March 20 - The art of Ivar Stewart, 47 Williams, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

MATRIX GALLERY

Through March 21 - "Man, Woman, House," an installation of paintings and ink drawings by Shaee Kaia, 111 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor; (734) 663-7775.

BBAC

Through March 25 - Michigan Fine Arts Competition, featuring work by 90 artists, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through March 26 - Exhibition of paper weights from the Alfred Berkowitz collection, and an exhibit of paintings by Farmington Hills resident Leon Schlicht, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Through March 26 - "Bimex," the London Artwork from Bacon to Hirst, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6038.

CARY GALLERY

Through March 27 - New works by Marcia Freedman, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through March 27 - Photo work of Bas Jan Ader, Dan Graham, Gordon Matta Clark and Robert Rauschenberg, 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3700.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through March 27 - New paintings by Sam Gilliam and Dee Deak, recent sculpture by Louise Kruger, 107 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 442-3939.

NETWORK

Through March 27 - Masters featuring great art works by Irving Sook Kos, 7 North Saginaw St., Pontiac; (248) 334-8911.

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THE RUG RATS MOVIE (G) SUN. 11:30, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15

THEATER

'Sunset Boulevard' cast fine, but musical is misconceived

Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Sunset Boulevard' continues through March 21 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets available at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248)645-6666.



ART BEAT



Collage of sound: Kevin Dewey directs the musicians from Henry Ford Community College in a March 21 concert at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall.

The oil, watercolor, pastel, photography, colored pencil, and sculpture were judged by Marsha Weigand, an instructor at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Third grade students from Cass Elementary and residents of St. Jude Convalescent Home will visit the exhibit and meet with some of the artists. After seeing the art works students get to vote on their favorites. As part of their thank you notes, the students draw the art works they liked best.

Artifacts originated at the Art Store and More in Livonia in 1986 when Dave Messing, owner and teacher gathered together a group of students, teachers and friends to form the club. Its' goal is to provide members with an opportunity to exchange ideas on techniques and media, offer support and help, and venues to exhibit work. Members meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, September to April, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

POLISH BRUNCH AND DANCE

The Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble hosts their annual Polish Easter Brunch (Swieconka) and performance by the folk dance ensemble 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 750 North Beech Daly Road, between Ford Road and Cherry Hill, Dearborn Heights.

Tickets are \$16 and include brunch and 2:30 p.m. performance. Deadline for reservation is March 12. No tickets available at the door. For more information, call (734) 427-8640 or (734) 522-6560.

Susan Marzec, Radomianie's choreographer and artistic director, received her diploma in Polish folklore at the University of Marie Sklodowska Curie in Lublin, Poland. The dance ensemble's repertoire includes suites from the regions of Rzeszow, Krakow, Slask, Kurpie, Lublin, Opoczno, and Lowicz as well as Poland's national dances. A typical performance also includes background on the origin of the costumes and information about Polish traditions.

PRESIDENT'S "COLLAGE" CONCERT

The concert features 250 of Henry Ford Community College's best musicians and singers

performing everything from jazz to classical favorites, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall.

Instrumental groups, under the direction of Rick Goward, to perform are Studio 110 Jazz Orchestra, the Metropolitan Symphony Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Percussion Ensemble. Kevin Dewey, director of choirs and vocal music at the college, leads the Renaissance Voices, Vanguard Voices, the Evergreen Blues, the HFCC Show Group, and the HFCC Concert Choir in performances.

Tickets are \$15, and available by calling (313) 576-5111. Proceeds help defray the performing expenses for the college's music students and other group activities. For information, call (313) 845-6470.

EASTER EGG ART

Learn the art of pysanka from instructor Sandy Ewasek 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Carl Sandburg branch of the Livonia Public Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile Road.

This traditional Eastern European craft has been enjoyed for many years by people of varied backgrounds, though we usually associate it with Ukrainians. Beautiful, sometimes intricate designs worked on eggs are symbolic of good wishes, happiness, prosperity, and the fulfillment of wishes.

Students will learn the step-by-step technique for applying rich deep dyes and traditional designs.

A materials fee is due at the time of registration—\$3.50 for a small kit, \$7 for a standard kit. Students should bring one taper candle and candle holder, and one empty egg carton. Class size

is limited. Registration begins Monday, March 8. Call (248) 476-0700.

ARTS MEETING

The Friends of Polish Art holds a general membership meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19 at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy.

The featured speaker is Marian Owczarski, a professor and artist-in-residence at St. Mary's College, at Orchard Lake Schools. In his talk, "From 1980 to after Solidarity," Owczarski shows what's different about art after the Communist regime and before when artists had to hide to do certain work because it was not legal.

The meeting is open to the public and free. For information, call (810) 778-8035 or Jane and Edward Wojtan at (734) 425-2727.

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE

Johnny Trudell's Big Band, featuring Teddy Harris, Jr. and trombonist Al Grey, takes to the stage for an afternoon of Basie classics 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15. Proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival (July 18 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills) and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation. For reserved seat tickets, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454, or send a check payable to the Michigan Jazz Festival and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022.

CALL FOR POETS

Read your poetry at an open mike session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Barnes and Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.

This month's featured reader is Herb Scott of New Issues Press.

For more information, contact organizer Kathleen Ripley Leo at <http://northville.lib.mi.us/NAC/>

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ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission showcases art works in two venues through March 31. Farmington Hills watercolorist Gwen Tomkow exhibits landscapes in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

An opening reception with Tomkow takes place 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7 in the gallery. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

A watercolor painter for more than 20 years, Tomkow teaches at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. She currently is in the National Water Color Society exhibit touring the U.S. She recently received the Alexander Nepote Award for the painting "Path in the Night." The work is from a new series of van Gogh-like paintings filled with color, emotion and rhythmic impressions of the Leelanau Peninsula. Tomkow's work has been published in six books and appeared on the cover of "Splash 3" published by North Light Books.

Members of Artifacts Art Club display mixed media in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Great Lakes Youth Ballet Theatre is hosting an **Open Audition** for a **1999 2-week Summer Ballet Intensive Program** August 2nd - 13th


Date: Sunday, March 14
Location: Deborah's Stage Door Dance Center
1928 Star-Batt Dr.
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Time: 12:00-1:30 Ages 12-14
1:30-3:00 Ages 15 & up
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The Observer

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Sunday, March 7, 1999

The Jewelry Lady talks about rings

Dear Jewelry Lady:

My girlfriend told me that I could damage my engagement diamond when doing housework and other strenuous activities.

I thought diamonds were the hardest substance known to man. Does she know what she's talking about?

Skeptical Girlfriend

Dear Skeptical:

The Jewelry Lady knows that you would rather be right, but she has to side with your girlfriend, as distasteful as that may be. Yes, diamonds are forever, but did you know that they don't pop out of the ground perfectly faceted?

That's right, diamond cutters have to cut and polish dull-looking lumps of rough diamond until they look like dazzlers. This means rough diamond can be cut and polished. And, thus, faceted diamonds can be chipped and cracked.

So when you wildly wave your hands around solid objects, it is possible to chip your little lovely - or big lovely, as it might be, - diamond.

Also, if you are fond of chlorine bleach or other harsh chemicals for cleaning, I absolutely recommend wearing rubber gloves. These substances can discolor and weaken your diamond mounting.

Better yet, call a maid service. And take your girlfriend out to lunch.

Dear Jewelry Lady:

I am one of four sisters. My mother inherited a beautiful sapphire ring from her aunt. The problem is my mother can only leave the ring to one daughter in her will. Does she have to leave it to the oldest daughter?

Dutiful Daughter

Dear Dutiful:

Why does The Jewelry Lady get the distinct impression that you are not the oldest daughter? It is especially curious that you, rather than your mother, has contacted The Jewelry Lady for help.

Truthfully, this is a legal and family matter, and The Jewelry Lady is neither a lawyer, nor a psychologist.

However, she does know enough to tell you that a person may leave whatever she wishes to whomever she chooses, whether it be a diamond ring, an antique chair or a scrawny, half-dead cat.

Perhaps you should leave this matter to your mother, and try to make peace with your oldest sister.

Dear Jewelry Lady:

I am a senior citizen and my 85-year-old boyfriend bought me a lovely amethyst and diamond ring for my birthday. I now wear the ring every day in place of the diamond engagement ring (my husband passed away several years ago).

The problem is that, even though the amethyst stone looked beautiful when it was brand new, it looks lifeless in comparison to my diamond.

Should I return it to the jeweler?

Disappointed Senior

Dear Disappointed:

It's so nice to know that your 85-year old boyfriend hasn't lost any steam.

And there's more good news: If your amethyst was beautiful the day you received it, it is still beautiful today.

Unlike your diamond, when your amethyst collects a little dirt or grease on its underside, it simply stops shining.

Buy a jar of commercial jewelry cleaner (ask your jeweler which one), and soak your ring every night. Also, brush the ring with a soft brush each morning, then rinse and dry.

Your ring will look as good as new each and every day. So, you'll have no need for returns.

And, give your boyfriend a kiss from The Jewelry Lady.

The Jewelry Lady is available to answer all your pressing jewelry questions. You may reach her at rogers@mich.com or fax your questions to (248) 682-9223.

Gardener's paradise Goods for green thumbs abound

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Spring calls, and so beckons the bursts of color and lush tranquility of the garden.

And, whether dread or excitement accompanies the thought of traipsing through the backyard to take stock of winter's wrath and conjure up visions of spring and summer beauty, local retailers are ready to provide assistance.

Green-thumb types and homeowners may even find the plethora of garden products - from skin care items for overworked hands to children's rubber gardening boots - a bit overwhelming.

"It's a gadgety kind of world. Whether it's VCRs or pagers or cell phones, people want to have the same kinds of gadgets for gardening," Torre & Bruglio landscape architect Richard Tuttle said of the trend.

Based in Pontiac, Torre & Bruglio designed the meandering garden walkways on display at the Somerset Collection's Home and Garden Show, a 6,000-square-foot exhibit that runs through April 3.

And, if the show's gazebos, walkways and abundance of flowering plants - more than 2,000 - fail to provide ample inspiration and inducement, the Somerset Collection in Troy plans to hold 40 home and garden seminars to help familiarize shoppers with new products and ideas.

Each Saturday during the course of the show, L'Occitane, to name one participating retailer, will tender complimentary hand treatments designed to combat a hard day's work pulling weeds and skirting rose thorns.

Staff from Restoration Hardware, another Somerset Collection retailer, will talk about the season's most distinctive and unusual gardening products.

Call it Martha Stewart madness. Call it style for the garden. The idea, said Tuttle, is that when your "neighbor walks up, you have the colorful, little garden clogs ... and the special wand that sprays out water in a neat, single stream."

Gardening has risen to the level of lifestyle, said Bruce Butterfield, research director at the National Gardening Association in Vermont.

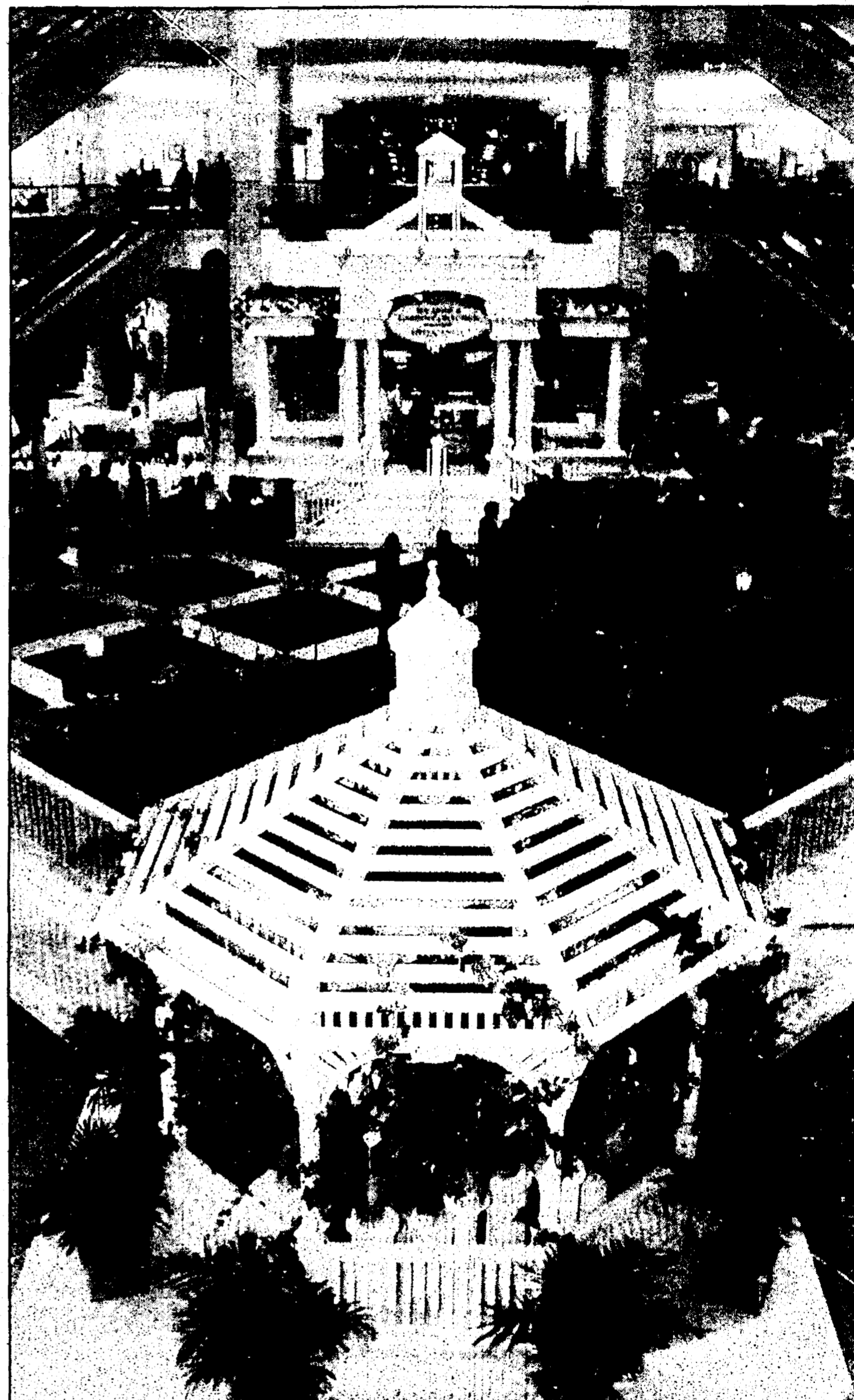
"It's as if it makes a statement," Butterfield said, noting total retail sales in the gardening industry rose from \$22.8 billion in 1992 to \$26.6 billion in 1997.

But, gadget mania isn't the only wave retailers are seeking to fulfill.

Today's homeowners not only spend more time at home, they also take a considerable liking to outdoor living. Thus the use of statuary - an essential element of the Southern garden - to create outdoor focal points.

Likewise, concrete patios, terraces, brick pavers and gazebos are being employed to blur the distinction between inside and outside the home.

Glass conservatories with an old-world style are



STAFF PHOTOS BY DONNA McLAUGHLIN

Lush gardens: More than 2,000 flowers, gazebos, walkways and other garden exhibits are on display at the Somerset Collection in Troy. The Home and Garden show runs through April 3.

also gaining popularity, said Dominick Tringali, the Bloomfield Township-based architect who designed the Home and Garden Show's stunning 23-foot gazebo showcase.

"It boils down to that people are just trying to capture and grasp as much space as they can ... and they're bringing the outdoors kind of indoors," said Tringali.

The Nature Company, located on the south side of the Somerset Collection, proffers an array of unusual products to enhance outdoor living.

In addition to ornaments, statues, water fountains and decorative bird feeders, the store sells

children's gardening activity kits and gear.

In fact, The Nature Company, which opened its first store in 1973 in Berkeley, Calif., is currently ringing up fewer garden tools and more decorative and activity items, said Heather Skiba, associate manager at the Somerset Collection location.

"These days people aren't laboring in their garden," said Skiba.

Regarding one's backyard as potentially mood-enhancing probably springs from recent interest in such movements as Feng Shui, Skiba said. Feng

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

FOR EVENING ONLY

View one of the most extensive collections of gowns through March 10 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection. Creations by Angel Sanchez, Mishka, Melinda Eng, Pamela Denri and more will be presented 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with informal modeling from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Also, Helen Morley will make an appearance. Couture Salon, third floor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

COLLECTION FOR MEN

Jacobson's presents Hart Schaffner & Marx/Johnston & Murphy Collection show at the Rochester Hills store. Noon to 4 p.m., Men's Department.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MISSSES, PETITES AND PLUS

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, and Dana Buchman informally show their spring 1999 collection for misses, petites and plus sizes. Informal modeling, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; wine and appetizers, 4:30 p.m.; fashion presentation, 5:30 p.m. Bridge Sportswear, second floor. Wardrobe consultations appointments are also available on March 13. Call (248) 614-3340

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

PROM QUEEN

Jacobson's previews Prom fashions at their stores in Birmingham, Livonia and Rochester Hills, 2 p.m., Ms. J Department.

MADE FOR MEN

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, presents custom shirts and made-to-measure for spring. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Men's Store, first floor.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

BEANIE MANIA

The Plymouth Beanie Baby show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Kids, age 4-12, admitted for \$2. For information, call (734) 465-2110.

VIPER TICKETS

Stop by Art Van Furniture in Waterford, Dearborn and Livonia to pick up four tickets to the Detroit Viper hockey game, March 20 at The Palace of Auburn Hills (while supplies last).

BOOK SIGNING

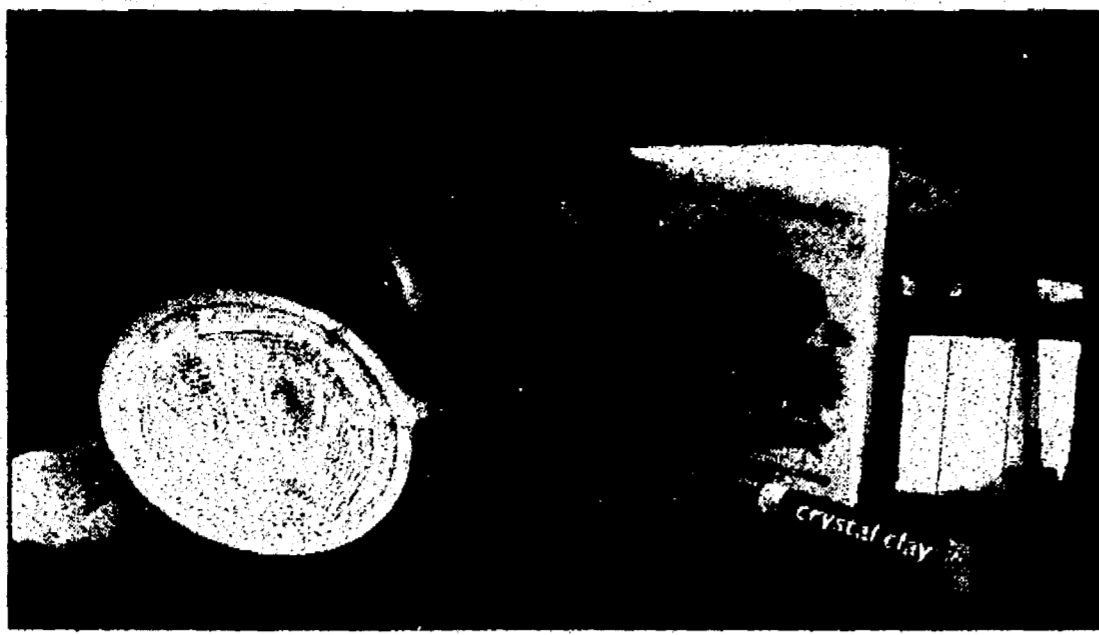
Dr. Sheila T. Gregory, Ph.D., signs her book "A Legacy of Dreams: The Life and Contributions of Dr. William Venoid Banks," at Hudson's, Northland in Southfield. 2-4 p.m., Book Department.

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Shui is the philosophy that says the arrangement of objects in a given space can affect mood.

Responding to the approach, retailers have also launched gardening products that cut down on labor and ease workload: self-watering plant containers, for instance.

"Rather than just weeding, gardeners are looking to clear their mind when they go into their garden," said Skiba. "They're just going out there to be in an open area and be peaceful."



Little gardeners: Natural Wonders at the Somerset Collection in Troy carries gardening accessories for kids. From left, butterfly net, bug box, rubber boots and a Garden Wizardry for Kids activity kit.

Local garden shows

The Somerset Collection's Home and Garden Show in Troy runs through April 3. The expanded show includes 6,000 square feet of lush gardens, 2,300 flowering plants, several garden walkways and gazebos. Also, the Somerset Collection will offer 40 home and garden seminars. For information, call (248) 643-6360, ext. 3.

The 1999 Builders Home & Detroit Flower Show features products and services for

the home and garden, more than 2,000 acres of gardens and expert presentations. The annual event runs March 18-21 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. For admission and schedule information, call (248) 737-4478 or visit www.builders.org

Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. March 27 and noon-6 p.m. March 28. More than 800 square feet of orchid exhibits will be on display. Gardening information will be available and plants will be for sale. For more information, call (734) 462-1100.

New Malls & Mainstreets editor named

Nicole Stafford has accepted the position of Malls & Mainstreets editor for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, replacing Linda Bachrack.

Stafford, who first began reporting and writing for the company in 1996, comes from the staff of the Clarkston Eccentric, where she covered Independence Township, the Village of Clarkston and local lifestyle.

Prior to joining the staff of the Clarkston Eccentric, Stafford wrote lifestyle stories

for the West Bloomfield Eccentric's award-winning "Lakes Life" section.

"I enjoyed working in Clarkston and covering local government issues there. I will certainly miss the community," Stafford said. "But, with this assign-

Nicole Stafford

ment come new challenges, greater responsibility and an opportunity delve into the exciting world of retail and fashion," she said.

Stafford, who has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, grew up in southern Oakland County. She presently resides in Independence Township.

The Malls & Mainstreets pages appear in all 15 Observer and Eccentric newspapers.

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? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Bruce believes he's found the unusual astrological phonograph records for which Frieda was looking. He has them on compact disc. She can reach Bruce at (734) 591-1717, ext. 203.

Another reader tells Mary that she can find **Almay Time-Off Makeup Re-texturing foundation** at most F & M stores or, "believe it or not," at Kroger stores.

Cal has about 30 pieces of the 9-inch, asphalt cork-tone tiles that Elaine was hoping to find for her basement. Call him at (734) 422-6239. Mickey also has some of the tiles and can be reached in the evening at (734) 453-2670.

Another readers says Ann Maria can find **Unique Cat Food at Chaps Feed Store** on Five Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia.

Willie can find **Dole pineapple frozen concentrate at Towns Square Market** at Joy Road and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights for \$1.59 per can.

Elaine tells reader Penny that **Zena jeans** can be found in the **Chadwicks of Boston** catalogue, or by calling (800) 525-6650.

Millennium countdown clocks are available through the **Voyager Collection catalogue**. Call (800) 333-8998.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Chuck is looking for the original **Calvin Klein men's cologne**. It was first available in the mid-80's and came in a blue container.

Fran is trying to find **Revlon Moon Gloss replenishing/cleansing lotion** for normal to dry skin.

Mary is looking for a **change purse** that has plastic pockets for quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. They were popular about 20 years ago.

Carol is looking for a tape of the **Irish Bricklay-**

ers Lament, the version that J.P. McCarthy always used to play.

Maureen is hoping to find a **Revlon Color-Lock lid protective shadow base**. It comes in a white tube with black letters and a black cap.

Dorothy wants to find out where she can get **Buster Brown socks** for ladies.

Carol is looking for **Curio cabinets** that hang on the wall.

Elaine wants to locate a **blender** from **New Tone Food Center**. It has been discontinued.

Marie is very interested in finding a **Hallmark Keepsake ornament** sold in 1995 called "**Santa in Paris**." The ornament has a Santa on top of an Eiffel Tower and is wrapped in garlands. The inscription on the ornament reads "Joyous Noel."

Laura is looking for **radiator covers** with the following approximate sizes: 36-by-27-by-9 inches, 27-by-26-by-5 inches and 30-by-27-by-7 inches.

Debra hopes to locate men's **Soap on a Rope**, preferably **Old Spice** or **English Leather**.

Linda is still looking for **Coty Product Chronologix lip makeup**. It comes in a tube like lip-gloss and has a sponge applicator. The shade is mulberry, and she needs at least six tubes.

Betty is looking for **L-Eterna 37 cream** by **Revlon**.

Jean is still trying to locate **ceramic mugs** that have small animal faces on the bottom of the cup that are visible when a child finishes his or her beverage.

Ellen would still like to find **Jean Michelle Swiss cleansing gel** for all skin types.

Chris still wants **L-Max Factor comb-on mascara** in black called **Super Lash Maker**.

Jackie is looking for **games** for a **Macintosh LC 475** that are suitable for children, ages 4 to 6.

Ed still wants to find **Campbell Soup mugs** with **Tara Lipinski, Michelle Kwan** and **Nicole Bobek** images on them. He recalls they were issued during a skating tour promotion.

Mary is still looking for **Tulip Town Village**, a set of hand-painted rabbit figurines and pewter buildings by **Anesco**.

Barb is still hoping to find **Kathy's Cheesecake**. A reader had called to say that the product was available at **Nino Salvaggio** markets, but Barb was unable to buy it there.

Compiled by Barb Pert Templeton

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TRAVEL

Florida's Ringling Museum is celebration of fine art

BY CORINNE ABATT
SPECIAL WRITER

You'd expect that if John Ringling of the famous Ringling Brothers family left anything for posterity it would be circus memorabilia. After all, his fame and fortune, and that of brothers Albert, Otto, Alfred and Charles, took shape under the big top.

But you'd be wrong. Dead wrong. John Ringling was more than a skilled circus manager/promoter. In his lifetime (1866-1936) he achieved wide recognition as a land developer, bigtime entrepreneur and, eventually, collector of fine art.

Nowhere is the evidence of these activities more enduring than in Sarasota, Fla. From the time they were married in 1905, John, 42, and Mable, 24, vacationed in Florida. Their commitment to Sarasota began in earnest around 1918.

While the Ringling influence is evident in many parts of this charming city, the legacy is most clearly seen and enjoyed by spending a day at the 66-acre Ringling complex called the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.

The name is somewhat misleading for it includes the cou-

ple's elegant, 30-room, Venetian-gothic mini-palace, Ca d'zan (in Venetian dialect House of John), as well as the art museum with a significant collection of baroque, 19th and 20th century works, formal and informal gardens, library, archives, Asolo Theater and finally the Museum of the Circus. Curiously, the latter was an after-thought, organized in 1948 by the State of Florida to honor John Ringling. His magnanimous gift to the people of Florida didn't include anything from the circus. That collection has been assembled with help from the many circus people living in the immediate area.

From 1924 to 1931, John and Mable acquired paintings done from 1500 to 1750 by masters such as Cranach, Rubens, Hals and Van Dyck.

The Italian paintings are said to be among the rarest and most celebrated in the country. Indeed, they are worth the visit as is the collection of tapestries, artifacts and more contemporary art. Nobody need mention that the money for all this came from one of the world's most successful showmen. Words like elegant, grandiose and awe-inspir-

ing come to mind immediately.

However, this is anything but a static collection. Gallery 3, "Early Renaissance Art in Northern Europe," recently renovated, is sensational in look as well as quality of art, such as "Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg as St. Jerome," 1526, by Louis Cranach the Elder. "The Judgement of Paris," by Ludovico David (Swiss, 1648 to about 1729) is a new addition to the collection. Coming up on the special exhibition schedule is "Blurring the Boundaries: Installation Art 1969-1996, through May 2."

John and Mable visited Italy numerous times and their fondness for things Italian is evident everywhere - the architecture, their art collection, the gardens, particularly Mable's wheel-shaped rose garden, and the spectacular, rectangular courtyard bounded on three sides by the wings of the museum. At the open end of the courtyard stands a bronze cast of Michelangelo's David and beyond the Fountain of Oceanus.

A quiet stroll to the rose garden relieves feelings of being bombarded by art, however outstanding, and proves to be a walk of discovery as you stop to admire banyan trees, each a seeming forest unto itself and the dwarf garden with its engaging, small, nevertheless life size, statues.

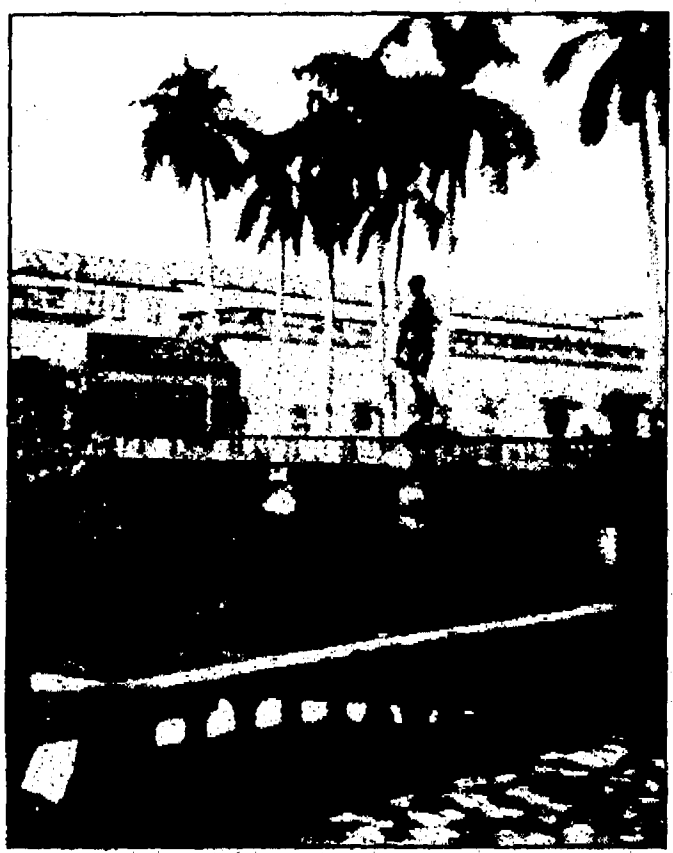
The Banyan Cafe on your way to the circus museum offers pleasant light meals. On a visit to the circus museum last November, it was fun to discover the woodworking shop where several retiree-volunteers were making a wooden carousel horse. Putting the finishing touches on the mouth was Jim Malcolm, a retired dentist from Three Rivers, Mich. As you might expect, that horse has a fine set of choppers.

Remarkingly it was about ready for paint, one of the two retired industrial arts teachers working on the horse, said a full-size person was their next project. The circus museum has interesting ongoing photography exhibits, beautiful circus wagons and paraphernalia, but no live shows as some folk expect.



JOHN AND MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART
Ca d'zan: The home of John and Mable Ringling in Sarasota, Fla., was completed in 1927 at a cost of \$1.5 million. Its Venetian Gothic style combines the Doge's Palace of Venice and the tower of the old Madison Square Garden in New York.

Sculptural courtyard: A bronze cast of Michelangelo's David is one of many statues in the museum's courtyard.



CORINNE ABATT

While still open, Ca d'Zan, facing Sarasota Bay, is being completely renovated. Another of those friendly volunteers said all of the furnishings won't be back in place until after 2000.

Meantime, the home is open while the restoration process continues. Art students sketch in the 30-foot high living room with its walls of pink, blue and clear glass panels. Visitors may walk around the house and savor the inlaid marble and parquet floors, the fabulous terra cotta decora-

tive pieces and the ceilings, especially the painting on the pecky cypress ceiling in the court. Mable loved decorative terra cotta as much as she and John loved the colors red and gold. No interior decorator worked on this house, the owners, particularly Mable, poured over every detail.

Hours for the Ringling Museum of Art are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission charge: adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; children under 12 free. Free to all Saturdays. Three well-stocked gift shops are

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For recorded message, call (941)359-5700 or write Ringling Museum, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, FL 34243. Their Web site is <http://www.ringling.org>

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The Little Inn of Bayfield in Bayfield, Ontario, has been awarded the CAA/AAA Four Diamond restaurant rating. The restaurant under the direction of Chef Jamie Stearns, specializes in fine regional cuisine and features many menu items from the fields, forests, lakes and streams of Huron County. Dishes include Terrine of Boar with a Grilled Plum and Pommery Mustard Dressing, Huron Game Farm Partridge with Juniperberry jus and Young Venison Loin with a Wild Blueberry Sautee are on the current menu.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Jacobs earns honors

Livonians Melissa Jacobs (Stevenson), Jamie Scott (Churchill) and Jenny Barker (Stevenson) dominated the awards banquet held recently for Madonna University women's soccer team.

Jacobs won four awards — MVP, Offensive Player of the Year, Sister Francilene Leadership Excellence and Ray Summers Athletic Excellence. She also was named to the all-NIAA Great Lakes and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference squads.

Scott was named Defensive Player of the Year and was recognized as the team's only WHAC Player of the Week. She was also selected to the All-WHAC squad.

Barker, meanwhile, took the Sister Nancy Marie Academic Excellence Award.

Westland Bruins champs

The Westland Squirt A Bruins won four straight games, including a 4-1 victory over the Kenwal Flyers of Dearborn in the championship final of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District II tournament held last month at the Southgate Arena.

Steve South had a hat trick in the finals, while Derek Brickan contributed the other goal. Tom Ciaverilla and Josh Williams each added two assists, while Joe Sadek also drew an assist.

The Bruins will play March 12-14 in the MAHA state tournament at the Ice Box Arena in Woodhaven.

The Bruins opened district play with a 6-0 win over Allen Park as goaltender Joe Prevost posted the shutout. The Bruins then won in a pair of shootouts over Dearborn (4-1) and Monroe (4-2).

South and Ciaverilla each scored twice in the shootouts. The other goal went to Adam Skiff. Goalie Joseph Garbutt also stood out.

Other member of the Bruins, coach by Scott Williams, include: Marcus Chartier, Eric Doolittle, Alex McDonnell, Michael Popp, Ryan Reynolds, Ryan Rippey and Ryan Wirth.

Assistant coaches include Duane Doolittle, Tom South and Joe Chartier. The team manager is Elaine South.

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On Dec. 28-30, the Bruins won the Minor Squirt A Division of the Greater Buffalo (N.Y.) Challenger with wins over Cazenovia Park, Buffalo Hornets No. 1 and Cheektowaga followed by a 3-1 championship win over Buffalo Hornets No. 2. The Bruins outscored their opponents, 23-4.

Cullin, Henry honored

Longtime Livonia Franklin assistant Gerry Cullin and Westland Glenn defensive coordinator Mike Henry will be among 21 honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Banquet, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Hall of Fame induction program at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be University of Michigan Head Football Coach Lloyd Carr.

To obtain tickets, send a check payable to M.H.S.F.C.A., along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ivan Muhlenkamp, Ticket Chairman, Hall of Fame Banquet, 2627 Willa Drive, St. Joseph, Mi. 49085.

The M.H.S.F.C.A. recently gave Special Menton to Livonia Franklin's Dave Fischer for its Academic All-State team.

Collegiate swim note

Grand Valley State junior Ted Burmeister (Livonia Stevenson) is making a bid to repeat as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference swimmer of the year.

Burmeister won the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 58.37 in the recent GLIAC Swimming and Diving Championships and also took the 200 breaststroke in 2:08.49.

His time in the 100 qualified him for the NCAA Division II championships March 8-13 in Buffalo.

Burmeister was also a member of the Lakers' third-place 400 medley relay team, which clocked 3:36.74.

Patriots storm into regional

Franklin topples Stevenson for school's 1st district crown

BY BRAD EMONS
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You can call them the new kids on the block.

Upstart Livonia Franklin, with just two seniors on its roster, proved Friday they're for real, winning the Class A district volleyball tournament at Livonia Ladywood.

The Patriots, who captured the Western Division title and took second during the regular season in the Western Lakes Activities Association, ran its overall season record to 35-12-1 with a 15-13, 15-9 win over city rival Stevenson in the championship final.

The victory avenged two regular season losses to the Spartans and moved Franklin into its first-ever regional appearance in school history.

Backed by a spirited Patriot crowd, Franklin stormed back from a 9-2 deficit in the first game and 9-6 deficit in the second to bring home its first-ever district trophy.

"In practice we keyed on fundamentals and do what we do best, which is to attack," Franklin first-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "We wanted to see Stevenson in the final because we had lost two very tough matches. We felt it was our turn."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Diegel also sold the Patriots all week on throwing all the records out of the window.

"When its the state tournament everybody is zero-zero, it's a clean slate and it's a whole new ballgame," the Franklin coach said.

Tera Morrill, a 5-foot-10 junior, was one of the Patriots' catalysts with 10 kills, four aces and two blocks.

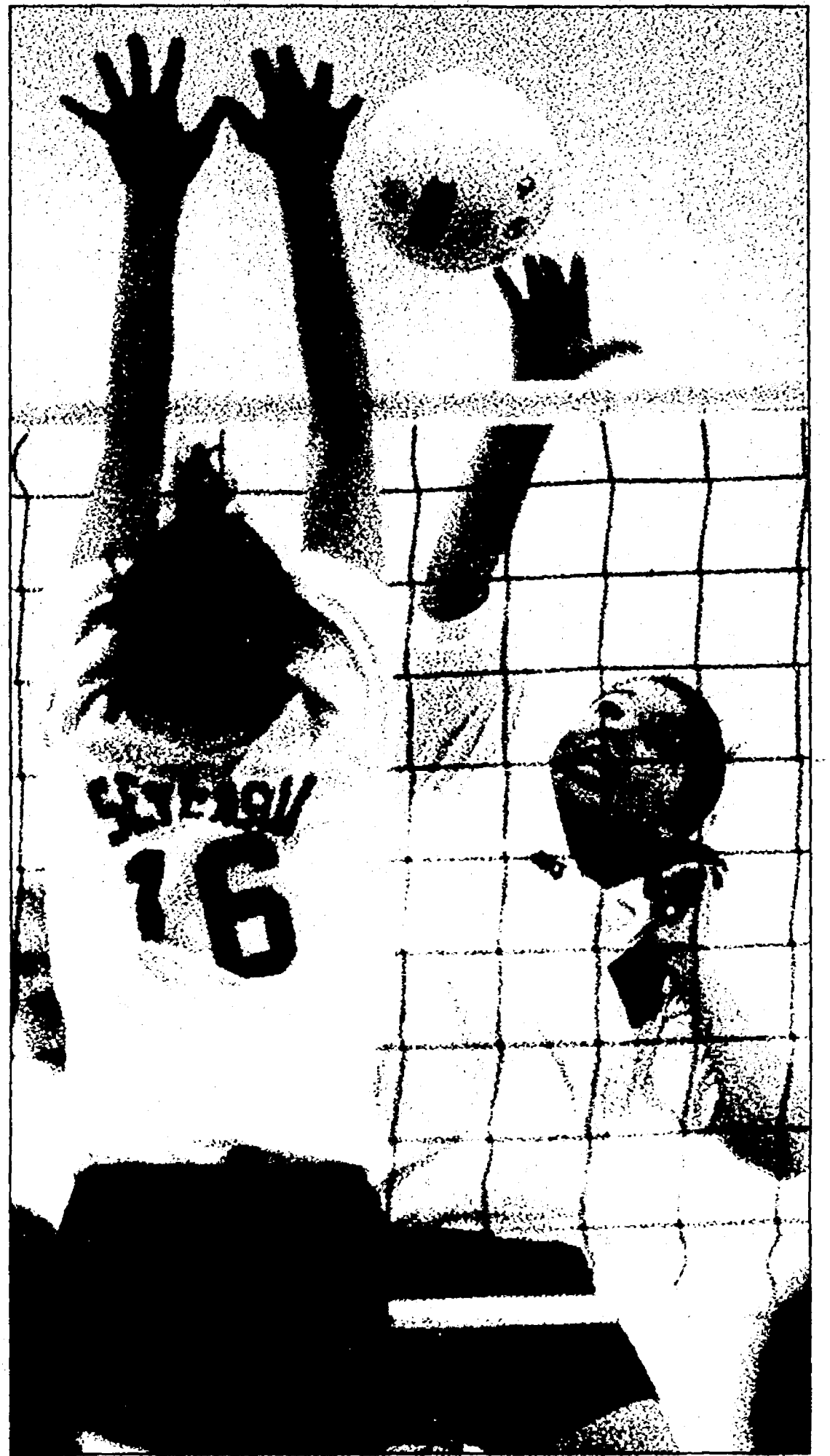
The lefty helped offset the hitting of Stevenson's outstanding 5-10 senior, Stephanie Dulz, who finished with nine kills, three blocks and two aces.

Morrill also came up with some key defensive digs off Dulz in the second game.

"Tera is an excellent all-around player," Diegel said. "And Dulz is a strong hitter. We were prepared for her to attack from the right side and fortunately we pulled through."

Andrea Kmet, a 5-10 junior, contributed six kills and one ace. Nicole Boyd, a 5-10 senior, added five kills, two blocks and one ace. Sophomore Kerstin Marshall also had a couple of blocks, while the Patriots also received

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Patriots' night: Franklin's Alexis Bowman (right photo) hammers the ball at Stevenson's Cassie Ehendt in Friday's district championship match at Livonia Ladywood. Meanwhile, the Patriots Andrea Kmet (No. 10) and teammates (left photo) celebrate.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Mott ends Ocelots' tournament run

Schoolcraft College lost to Flint Mott, 61-54, in Friday's National Junior College Athletic Association Region XII women's basketball semifinals, perhaps because the Ocelots forgot what got them there.

The defensive intensity that helped the Ocelots win Thursday's quarterfinal against Lakeland College (Cleveland), 86-68, didn't show in the first half at Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio.

Mott led 33-23 at halftime and by as many as 18 points with about 10 minutes remaining when the Ocelots tried to rally.

Schoolcraft, which finished with a 27-5 overall record, couldn't get closer than the final margin the rest of the way. SC won two regular-season meetings against Mott, by one and five points, respectively.

Mott advanced to the final with a 22-11 record. "We knew we were not in for an easy ballgame,"

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

SC assistant coach Marty Simmonds said. "In the first half we had no defensive intensity. We played desperate basketball (in the last 10 minutes), got intensity, started hitting baskets, but it was too big of a hole to come back from."

"Yesterday we had defensive pressure in the first half and it led to transition baskets, helped us get out and run, which is our game. Today we came out the other way."

Mott's Monisa McGee scored 20 of her game-high 29 points in the first half. She also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Sophomore center Stacy Cavin led the Ocelots with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Teammates Jamie Lewandowski and Esther Ross, both sophomore guards, contributed nine points each.

Sophomore forward Jackie Kocis scored six points and grabbed six rebounds for the Ocelots.

Mott helped seal the outcome by making 18 of 24 free throw attempts.

Each team made one three-point shot.

SCHOOLCRAFT 86, LAKELAND (Ohio) 68: SC a berth in the Region XII semifinals with an easier-than-expected victory Thursday over Lakeland CC (20-9) of Ohio.

The game was decided in the opening half, with the Lady Ocelots opening up a 45-27 lead by halftime. They maintained that 18-point advantage through the second half.

Cavin tied SC with a double-double, scoring 23 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Kocis also recorded a double-double, collecting 19 points and 12 boards. Samantha Theisen added 16 points and four steals. Antone Watson scored 13 points and five assists.

Walled Lake Western trims North Farmington in finals

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Walled Lake Western showed it can play a pretty stingy brand of defense on the basketball court, too.

The Warriors shut down North Farmington before a packed crowd Friday at Livonia Franklin to win their first Western Lakes Activities Association championship, 43-37.

"We take a lot pride in our defense," said Western senior Ben Dewar, who scored 13 points. "If we play good defense, that will lead to offense. We don't worry too much about that. The key is our defense."

The Raiders were the No. 1-rated defensive team in Oakland County, allowing an average of 42 points per game, but the Warriors might be able to make that claim now.

"At halftime we talked about getting some transition baskets, because it was difficult to score," Western coach Rex Stanczak said. "Luckily, the best thing

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we do is play defense, and we held them down."

North junior center Emir Medunjanin led all scorers with 15 points, but the Raiders had a hard time getting the ball to him in the post.

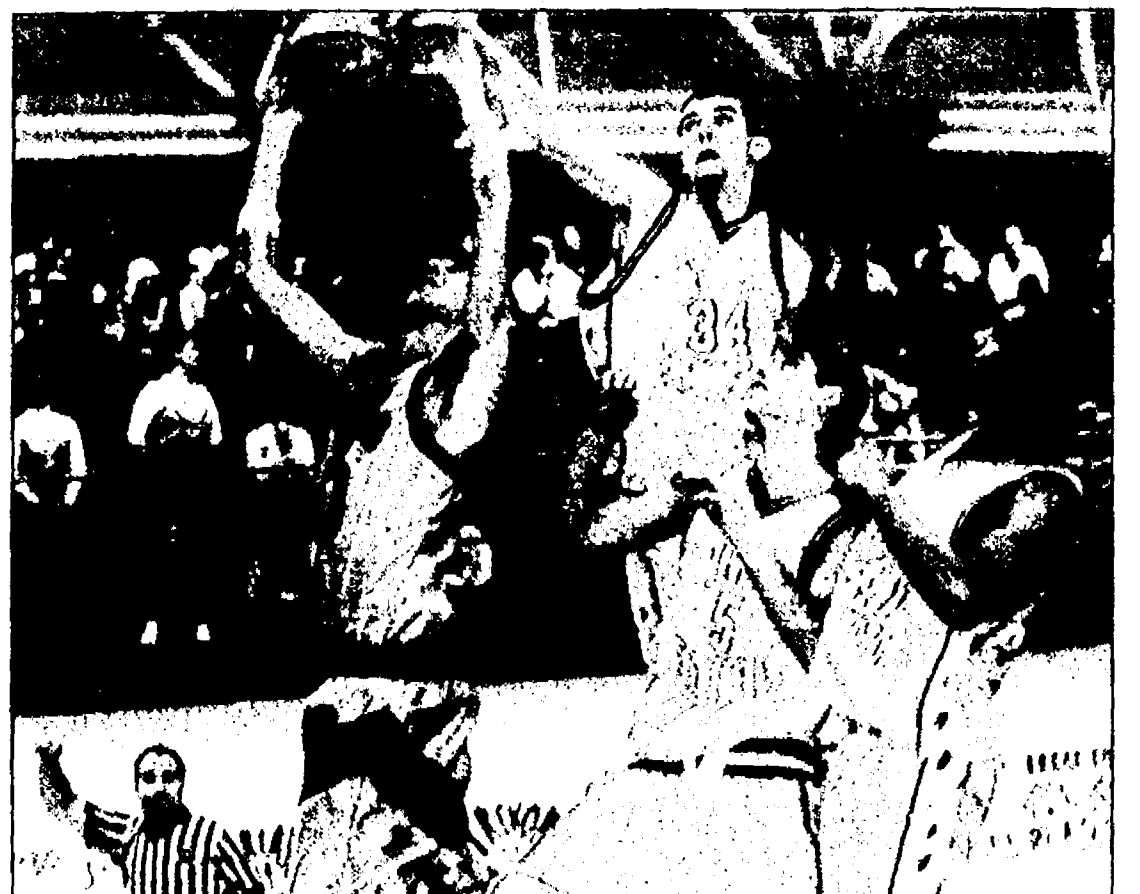
Medunjanin, who had only 10 shots but made seven, was guarded by Western's Jeff Mitchell with help from John Eagle.

"Jeff did a tremendous job, and he was giving up a lot of height," Stanczak said. "He's been in Ben's shadow all year but has done a great job."

"John Eagle is our spy. If Emir touches the ball, he was the double. He had to guard this guy and then double down. (Mitchell and Eagle) did a great job of forcing Emir to kick the ball out."

Mitchell also scored 14 points to lead the Warriors, who finish the regular

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Rebounding battle: Walled Lake Western's John Eagle (with ball) has inside position on North Farmington's trio of Emir Medunjanin (No. 34), Phil Watha (No. 5) and Adrian Bridges (No. 40) in Friday's Western Lakes championship game at Franklin

Patriots victorious from page D1



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Spartan hitter: Stephanie Dulz ended an outstanding career for Stevenson, who lost in the championship final of the Livonia Ladywood district against rival Livonia Franklin.

steady play from Alexis Bowman, Lyndsay Sopko and Lyndsay Duprey.

Kristi Copi added four kills, one block and an ace for Stevenson.

"It was tough playing Franklin a third time after beating them twice — and both those matches were wars," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team finished 34-15-2. "Franklin had the advantage. They had nothing to lose."

Graham said the Spartans had struggled with serve receive and blowing leads all season long.

"You don't know which team was going to show up — the A team, which plays with a lot of intensity, the B team — which is up and down, or the C team, which you have no idea who they are," Graham said. "Once we'd get down, teams would just pick us apart."

"And Franklin was more prepared to play us. They mixed up their hits. They tipped some balls and just didn't hit away. They were very effective."

The Spartans definitely had the tougher draw in getting to the final.

They opened with eight-time Catholic League champion Ladywood in the first round.

Dulz was on top of her game in the 15-9, 16-14 victory with 15 kills, 13 blocks (including three solos) and three aces.

"Stephanie will truly be missed," Graham said. "We'll miss both her ability and her leadership on and off the court. Those are big shoes to fill."

Junior Kate LeBlanc, expected to carry the load next season, added four kills and six blocks (four solo). Sophomore setter Kelley Hutchins came up with 12 assists in 40 attempts.

Ladywood was led by Central Michigan signee Jenny Young, who finished an outstanding career with 14 kills.

The host Blazers, who bowed out at 30-17-2 overall, had the second game tied at 14-all, but Dulz served an ace and Ladywood followed with two blown serves and a hitting error to end the match.

"Dulz is an awesome player," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "And

Stevenson played with more passion and intensity.

"When it's a 14-14 game the team that works the hardest will win. We missed a couple of serves and it was just a lack of execution."

The 6-1 Young had not practiced at full speed during the week after injuring her wrist in the Catholic League finals on Feb. 18.

"Stamina may have been a problem," Wyatt said. "But Jenny still played well."

Meanwhile, it was one of Ladywood's earliest district exits in more than a decade.

"I'm excited about next year, we've got seven juniors coming back," Wyatt said. "Last year we had senior dominated team. This year we were so young that we knew it would be tough to stay at the level of success that program had been in."

The second round featured a convincing 15-4, 15-5 Franklin victory over Detroit Redford.

Stevenson was forced to exert a lot of energy in a 15-9, 15-8 victory over Redford Union.

"We played them at the Schoolcraft Tournament and it went to three games, RU has always been real scrappy," Graham said.

Senior setter Debbie Christensen had 12 assists and one ace for the Panthers, who bowed out at 9-20-2 overall.

Nicol McCausland had six aces and three kills. Amy Walker chipped in with four kills.

But the night belonged to Franklin, which will face the Ypsilanti-Lincoln district champion in the first round of the regional, 4:30 p.m. Friday at Ann Arbor Huron. The second semifinal pits the Novi and Ann Arbor Pioneer district champions at 6 p.m.

The final is set for 7:30 p.m.

"At this point you can't hold back and you've got to keep your mistakes at a minimum," Diegel said. "You try to avoid giving them a window of opportunity."

"Stevenson came out very strong and we were fortunate to recover. We wanted to attack instead of remaining on the defensive."

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SHOWS

WILDLIFE ART

The 16th annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, Michigan's largest wildlife art exhibit and sale, will be held March 26-28 at

the Southfield Pavilion. Sponsored by the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, the festival annually raises money for wildlife habitat improvement projects statewide.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants. There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day. Tickets are available at Charlies Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

CLASSES

BACKPACKING 101

The first of a two-part course designed to introduce people to the joys of backpacking begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BACKPACKING 102

Part two of a basic backpacking class begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsman's Club is accepting registration for two

upcoming hunter education classes. The two-day sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28, and April 17-18, at the WCSC clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Cost is \$12 per student and includes text, equipment, range fees and lunch. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information and to register.

CCW LEGISLATION

Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold an informative seminar on legislation concerning concealed weapons permit (CCW) legislation, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Gander Mountain store in Taylor. State representative Raymond Basham (Taylor) will conduct the seminar. Call (313) 381-4735 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

CROW

The late crow season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, in East Lansing. The commission will be taking public comment on 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

MAPLE'S SWEET STORY

Visit the sugarbush and see how maple trees are tapped and the sap collected, then stop by the sugarshack and watch as the sap is boiled into maple syrup during this program, which will be held noon-3 p.m. weekends through the end of March at Kensington.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information. CLEAN WATER Learn all the facts about drinking water during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

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