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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City Hall: *The Westland City Council will have two study sessions: 6:15 p.m. (proposed septic ordinance) and approximately 7 p.m. (Wayne Road resurfacing). Sessions will be at City Hall, Ford near Carlson.*

TUESDAY

Campaign finance: *Campaign finance reform will be Pat Donath's topic 7:30 p.m. at the Westland Democratic Club meeting, Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey in Westland. She became president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan in May 1999. For information, call (734) 422-5863.*

WEDNESDAY

Fun for young: *An After School Special will be held 3-5 p.m. at the Westland library, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. School-age kids will enjoy crafts, games and other fun. Call (734) 326-6123 for information.*

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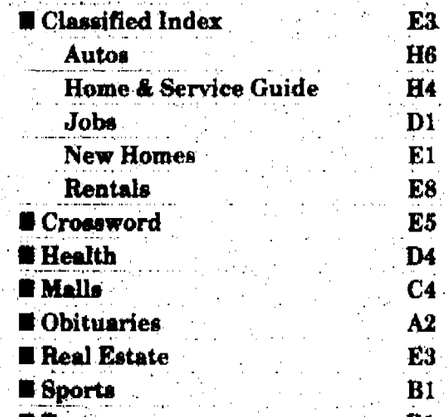

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Anderson vows to file complaint

■ Four Westland City Council members are being targeted for a potential complaint on an Open Meetings Act violation.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A complaint could be filed as early as this week accusing four Westland City Council members of violating the Open Meetings Act by deciding privately to fire City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said a complaint will be filed, "even if I have to do it myself," against colleagues Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James.

Richard Padzieski, chief of operations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said the four accused officials would be asked to respond in writing to the complaint if his office receives it.

Council President Pro Tem David Cox accused Anderson of political motives and said he isn't worried about a potential inquiry.

"I think it's terribly unfortunate that anyone would use this circumstance as

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Clerk search on tap

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Despite fears that City Clerk Patricia Gibbons' firing will hinder efforts to hire a top-notch successor, council President Charles "Trav" Griffin said he is optimistic.

"I think we'll have some good candidates," he said.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc has said the wave of controversy surrounding Gibbons' dismissal by a council majority could scare away the better clerk candidates.

"I think there may be some legitimacy to that," Griffin conceded Thursday during a telephone interview.

But he said those fears will be offset by other factors:

■ Westland clerks can earn "top-tier wages," currently as much as $75,394 a

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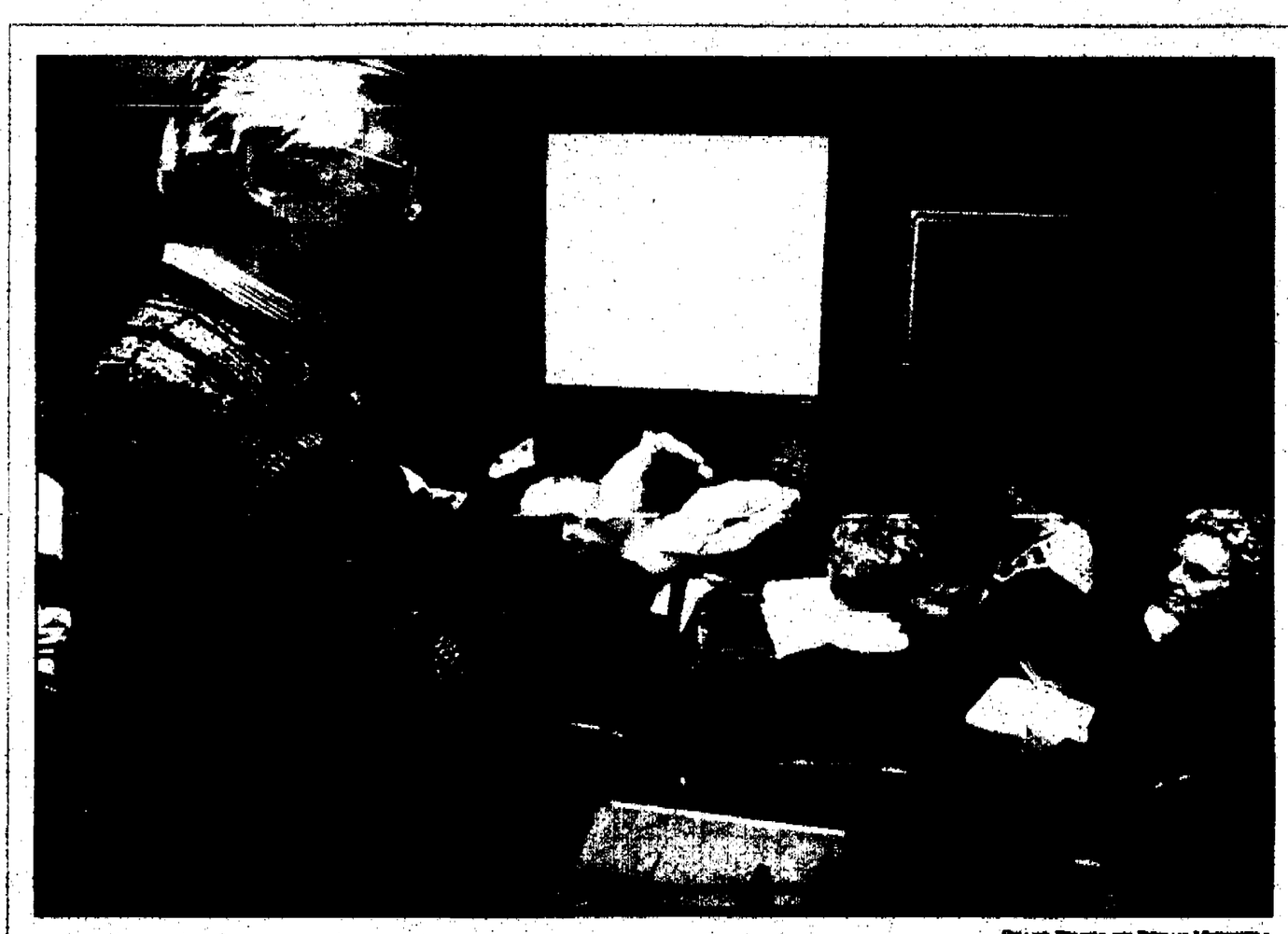

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In the know: *Steven Skowronski teaches seniors about computers at the Friendship Center in Westland. He said seniors at the center do well on the computer.*

Seniors: Learning computes

BY JULIE BROWN
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Steve Skowronski of Westland spent 30 years with Cadillac Motors as an engineer. He's retired now, but still shares his knowledge with others.

"We're starting with the basics," Skowronski said of a computer class at the Friendship Center in Westland. This past Thursday, he was discussing the Windows 95-98 operating system with some 25 seniors.

Their seven lessons will introduce them to the Internet. "They don't have any problem," he said of computer fears. "They just have to make time to practice."

The course includes an introduction to the computer, e-mail and the Internet. "I think they enjoy it," said Skowronski of the 100 currently signed up.

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Engler talk prompts educators' reaction

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BY JULIE BROWN
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Gov. John Engler, in his State of the State address this past week, proposed upping the foundation allowance in public schools to $6,500 per pupil.

"It would be a small increase for us," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent. He commended the governor for raising the floor, with the local district spending $6,117 per pupil. "Any increase in the foundation allowance would help."

Baracy noted, however, the difference wouldn't be great. He's concerned about closing the gap between districts such as Wayne-Westland and those that spend $12,000 per student.

The enactment of Proposal A in 1994 presented a "glitch" for Wayne-Westland and other districts which lost revenue, he said. Work with legislators on the glitch is needed, he said.

Baracy favors Engler's proposals to offer summer reading help for second- and third-graders with reading difficulties and mandatory summer school for those not reading by fourth grade.

"I think those are good ideas." Wayne-Westland has Camp Read-A-Lot for first- and second-graders, a five-week summer program being expanded to include kindergartners.

Funding is Baracy's only concern with the governor's proposals. "We hope it's not another unfunded mandate."

Lifting the cap on charter schools in Michigan concerns Baracy, who wants to see such schools operate under specific guidelines with the same rules and regulations as public schools.

"There needs to be a level playing field and right now we're not seeing that," the superintendent said.

Steve Becher, president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, applauds the governor's proposal to raise the foundation allowance. "We're certainly more than happy to see that," Becher said. "We will certainly accept any money the governor is willing to give us. This is a step, a small step."

The summer reading help is a good idea, Becher said, but like Barney he's concerned about it being funded.

The program needs to work, Becher said, and needs to help children with special needs. "You can't have one program that fits all."

Becher disagrees with the concept of charter schools, and is concerned about a charter cap lift being a tradeoff.

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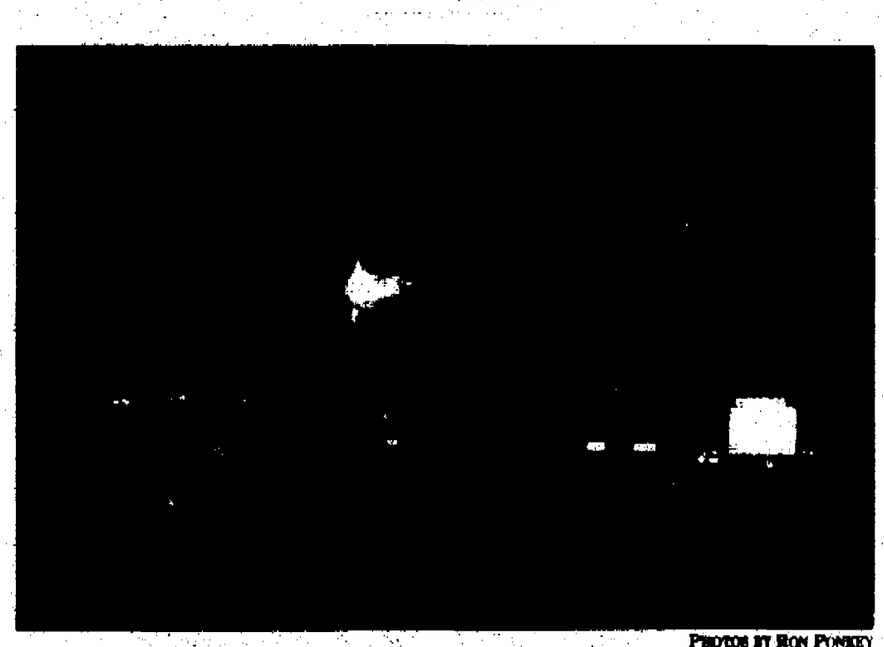

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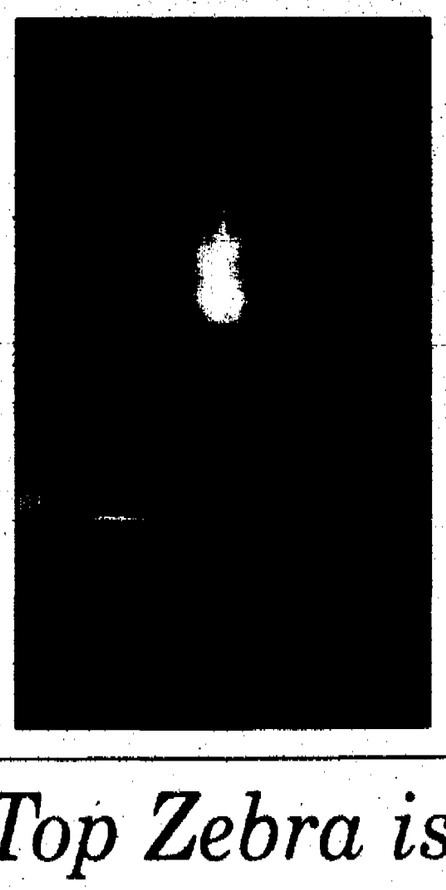

Call to action: *A telephone pole at Wayne and Blackfoot, south of Warren, caught fire Wednesday night after wires began arcing. The call came to the Westland Fire Department at 9:09 p.m., said fire Battalion Chief Kevin Riley. Traffic was shut down with police assistance on Wayne Road. "We kept an eye on the bar across the street," the only occupied building nearby, he said. Edison crews arrived at 9:40 p.m. and shut off the power. Traffic was allowed through after the fire was extinguished. The cause was uncertain, Riley said, but could have been weather-related. The only damage was to Edison equipment.*

Commissioners chosen

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Tired of the same people being appointed to government posts, Westland City Councilman Glenn Anderson called Tuesday for new faces on local boards and commissions.

His suggestion came on the same night that 35-year city and state legislator Justine Barns and longtime political activist Andy Spisak received Westland Planning Commission appointments.

"I do believe it's important to get some new people into our local government on boards and commissions," Anderson said.

Mayor Robert Thomas, who chooses appointees and seeks council confirmation, said he has selected new people such as Georga Conant, who received a Westland Cable Commission seat on Tuesday.

Thomas said other new faces will be chosen to fill other vacancies on boards and commissions.

Despite Anderson's concerns, he still joined his six council colleagues Tuesday in approving Barns for a planning

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Top Zebra is recognized

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National Merit Semifinalist Martina Moro has a bright future.

The Wayne Memorial High School senior, honored at Tuesday's Wayne-Westland school board meeting, carries a 4.667 semester GPA, including A's in four advanced placement classes: calculus, Spanish, English and chemistry.

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Trials ordered in city robberies

By [illegible] Clem
Staff Writer

A prison parolee, ordered to stay out of 7-Eleven stores as part of his release, faces trial on charges of robbing one of the convenience stores in Westland.

Ronald Keith Wallace, 24, could face life in prison if convicted of robbing the 7-Eleven at [illegible] John Hix on Dec. 31.

Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered Wallace to stand trial for armed robbery after the suspect gave up his right to a courtroom hearing on Thursday.

Wallace, jailed on a $500,000 cash bond, is accused of seizing an undisclosed amount of money after threatening to shoot a 7-Eleven clerk with a gun he never actually revealed.

A not-guilty plea has been placed in his court records. Police Lt. Marc Stobbe has described Wallace as a repeat offender who was on parole for other convenience store incidents.

Wallace will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

In another case Thursday, Bokos ordered 29-year-old Joe Ronnie Jacobs of Westland to stand trial for unarmed robbery amid allegations he robbed an 85-year-old woman outside the city's senior citizen Friendship Center.

Jacobs, jailed in lieu of a $25,000 cash bond, could face 15 years in prison if convicted. A not-guilty plea has been placed on his record.

The victim was assaulted and knocked to the ground by a 6-foot-2, 210-pound man as she arrived at the Friendship Center to play cards, police Sgt. Alan Ramsden has said.

The incident occurred at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 in front of the center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The woman wasn't seriously injured.

Like Wallace, Jacobs will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Lutheran High Westland honored

Lutheran High School Westland was a winner of the 1999-2000 Christus Award for Lutheran high schools, according to an announcement from the School Ministry Department of the Board for Congregational Services of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Lutheran High Westland, along with the other award winners, will be recognized at the annual Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Conference banquet in February in San Antonio, Texas. Ross Stueber, LCMS associate director of schools, noted that after reviewing the applications site visits were conducted by the selection committee at each of the winning schools to verify qualifications.

Each school demonstrated a strong commitment to a Christian mission with quality indicators in staff development, curriculum, strategic planning and a distinct religious dimension.

Each school was asked to identify a distinctive feature of high quality. Lutheran High School Westland cited the community's effort to meet special needs of diverse individual students and at the same time provide opportunities for all to participate in vocational training not usually available to Lutheran high school students.

The Tutorial Program (individual special needs) and Vo-Tech Program help meet divergent needs, according to school representatives.

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Kidney Foundation seeks vehicle donors

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OBITUARIES

PETER S. MAREK

Services for Peter Marek, 81, of Wayne were Jan. 18 in St. Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jack H. Baker.

Mr. Marek, born June 29, 1918, in Detroit, died Jan. 15 in Ann Arbor. He was a painter employed with Scott Paper Company. He was a veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; sons, Ronald (Lisa) of Cleveland, Ohio, Gerald (Jill) of Westland and Brian of Howell; daughter, Gail (Tom) Rigley of Westland; brother, Walter; sister, Ann Marek; friend, Richard Clemens; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

BRIAN P. O'DONNELL

Services for Brian O'Donnell, 18, of Westland were Jan. 19 in St. Mary Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Jack. H. Baker.

Mr. O'Donnell, born Sept. 3, 1981, in Dearborn, died Jan. 15 in Wayne. He was a student. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Surviving are his parents, Patrick and Janet O'Donnell, and brother, Andrew O'Donnell.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

SHIRLEE A. ALMAN

A memorial service for Shirlee Alman, 70, of Westland will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Alman, born Oct. 30, 1929, in Royal Oak, died Jan. 18 in Garden City. She was a caterer in the restaurant business.

Surviving are her sons, William Wells and Mark Alman; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

COLLEEN H. BLONDIA

Colleen Blondia, 69, of Westland died Jan. 19. Arrangements were handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blondia, born Feb. 1, 1930, in Detroit, died in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughters, Stacy Blondia of Westland and Elise (Ed) Krupa of Taylor; brothers, Bill (Sandy) Wilson of Redford, Ken (Tina) Wilson of Troy, Jerry (Charlotte) Wilson of Coldwater and Fred Wilson of Walled Lake; sister, Geraldine (Jim) Mackey of Redford; two grandsons; and friends, Charles Long and Darrell Hardenburgh.

BERNICE W. SMITH

Services for Bernice Smith, 76, of Westland were Jan. 21 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Robert McDonald.

Mrs. Smith, born July 8, 1923, died Jan. 19 in Livonia. She was a nurse's aide.

Surviving are her sons, Larry (Sharon) and Robert; brothers, Robert, William and Charles; sister, Imogene Burnett; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

IRIS ANN BARBARA

Services for Iris Barbara, 47, of Reading, Mich., were Jan. 21 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton.

Mrs. Barbara, born Sept. 27, 1952, in Detroit, died Jan. 15 in Hillsdale. She was a homemaker. She moved to Reading one year ago from River Rouge. She loved crafts and to sing and dance.

Surviving are her son, Aaron (Rachal) Barbara of Plymouth; daughters, Christine (Jerome) Thompson of Romulus and Sarah of River Rouge; brother, Joseph Sauer of Reading; sisters, Zada Laramie of Belleville, Rosemarie Zobel of Westland and Anna Virgil of Westland; and seven grandchildren.

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Paper seeking panelists

In an effort to keep in touch with the people we serve – namely, our readers – the Westland Observer staff is returning to a method we hope will help us do just that: citizen advisory panels.

The panel will consist of approximately eight to 12 members representing a cross-section of citizens from around the community. The panel would meet several times throughout the year, discussing with the editorial staff the content of the paper as it relates to the community, what readers would like to see, what the paper is doing right and what it's doing wrong.

We hope to include people who aren't generally in the limelight, to get their views on how the Observer should improve.

Meetings will likely be scheduled during evening hours, and we hope to have the first meeting by the early part of February. Meetings would probably be scheduled quarterly, perhaps with more frequent meetings at the beginning of the process.

Anyone interested in serving on such a panel is invited to call the Westland community editor, Julie Brown, (734) 953-2126, or e-mail her at jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

State DNR offering grants

■ The grants may be used for planting trees on school grounds, staging Arbor Day celebrations or purchasing forestry-related materials for school libraries.

To mark the 2000 celebration of Arbor Day, April 28, the state Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from schools and municipalities for Arbor Day mini-grants up to $200.

The goal of the grant program is to highlight Arbor Day and the value of trees and forests, and to recognize the importance of people improving environmental quality and quality of life in their communities.

The grants may be used for planting trees on school grounds, staging Arbor Day celebrations or purchasing forestry-related materials for school libraries. Applicants may request up to $200, but the amount requested must be "matched" with an equal amount of other funding and/or equivalent staff time (paid or volunteer).

For example, if students plant a tree for Arbor Day, the time they spend planning and participating in the event can be used as the grant match. (Instructions on how to calculate volunteer time are included on the application form). Projects must be completed by July 31, 2000, and grant money will be delivered after project completion.

Applications are due Feb. 4.

Fifty grants will be awarded. Application forms are available from the DNR Forest Management Division at (517) 335-3352. Arbor Day information packets are also available for teachers, youth group leaders and anyone who wants to learn more about Arbor Day and trees.

Arbor Day was started in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a journalist in what was then the Nebraska Territory.

In 1965, Gov. George Romney proclaimed the last week of April as Arbor Week, and the Friday of that week as Arbor Day – a tradition continued by every Michigan governor and Legislature since.

Awards help future teachers

Wayne RESA, the county intermediate school district, has established the Future Teachers Scholarship Program.

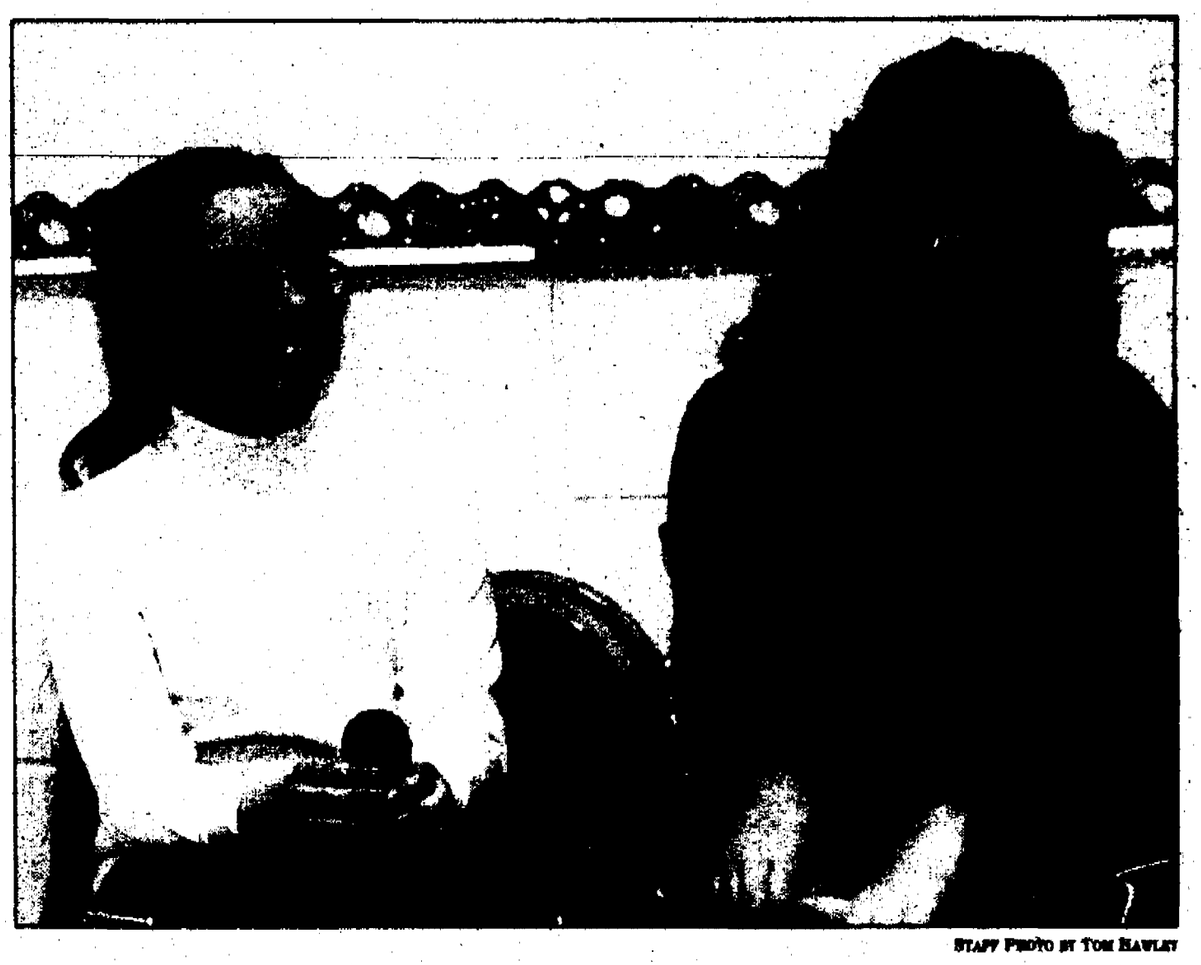
To assist aspiring teachers, Wayne RESA is offering $2,500 scholarships, for a cumulative four-year maximum of $10,000.

High school students, current undergraduates and adults exploring a new career are eligible.

To qualify, a candidate must be a resident of Wayne County, plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university in Michigan and have a B average. Applicants will be asked to submit transcripts and outline their education, community service and leadership activities.

A written essay addressing "Why great teachers are needed in our communities" will be required. The deadline for applications is Feb. 18.

To get an application, visit RESA's Web site at resa.net/scholarship or call (734) 334-1373.



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Representing Madison: *Mattie Dugan (left) and Chelsea Weaver will represent their school at the district spelling bee Feb. 24. Chelsea is the school champ, Mattie the runner-up.*

Hard work spells success at Madison Elementary

■ SCHOOLS

■ Competition at Madison went 15 rounds, starting with 10 students and ending with just Chelsea and Mattie. The students have had lots of practice, said Principal Mary Goedert, working with spelling lists for about four weeks.

Words can be tricky things, a statement fifth-graders in a spelling bee at Madison Elementary know is true without consulting a book.

"Similar" was the winning word and "courteous" the trip-up word Tuesday afternoon at the school spelling bee. Chelsea Weaver is the school champ, Mattie Dugan the runner-up.

Students are competing for the Feb. 24 Wayne-Westland district spelling bee.

Competition at Madison went 15 rounds, starting with 10 students and ending with just Chelsea and Mattie. The students have had lots of practice, said Principal Mary Goedert, working with spelling lists for about four weeks.

"I see them out in the hall, practicing."

The state emphasizes writing more and more in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test, even in math, Goedert said.

She doesn't see excessive reliance on the computer spell check among her students, but said that may be true for high school or college students.

"It has pros and cons," Goedert said of spell check. It can help kids with disabilities produce better work

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a political football," Cox said. "I have no concern whatsoever. There was no violation of the Open Meetings Act."

The council voted 4-3 Tuesday to boot Gibbons from her job, despite a storm of protest from angry residents who are threatening to start a recall campaign against Griffin, Cox, Scott and James.

Cox had indicated four days before the vote – prior to any public discussion – that Gibbons didn't have the votes she needed to keep her job.

"I think it was a serious thing that happened, especially the (alleged private) meeting or the gathering of consensus or whatever it was," Anderson said. "I believe it was a violation."

Anderson and colleagues Richard LeBlanc and Sandra Cicirelli supported Gibbons, a 23-year city employee who had served as clerk for 17 months.

Griffin has said he warned Gibbons of her impending dismissal because he didn't want her to be humiliated and caught off guard at Tuesday's meeting. He said he offered her a retirement package that she rejected.

Griffin, citing unspecified job performance concerns, placed Gibbons on leave and took her office keys four days prior to a council meeting that led to her ouster and the hiring, on an interim basis, of former Clerk Diane Fritz, who had retired.

Griffin has firmly maintained that the issue was dealt with appropriately and in a "humane" way.

Cox agreed and said, "I think most people realize that there's more to this than is being characterized by the minority of the council. It's a convenient political issue because the majority is not able to discuss the reasons for their decision. It would betray the employee/employer confidence ..."

LeBlanc said he would support Anderson's move to file a formal complaint against Griffin, Cox, Scott and James.

"I believe that so long as there is a cloud of uncertainty and disbelief regarding an alleged illegal meeting, it would benefit all parties – especially those accused and including the balance of the community – to have this issue resolved and decided by a party who has expertise on the Open Meetings Act," LeBlanc said Thursday.

"If Councilman Anderson is indeed going to press forward with this, I will support those actions," LeBlanc said.

The four accused officials could face fines of $1,000 each if it is proven they violated the law. They'd have to pay from their own pockets rather than using city money.

Anderson said he believes a complaint should be filed because Griffin, Cox, Scott and James betrayed the trust of colleagues and city residents.

"This is not just about Pat Gibbons," he said. "It's about what they've done to the city and the city council."

Cox offered a different view.

"I think there are certain people on the council who realize that we are not able to defend ourselves other than to say our decision is performance-based," he said. "Unfortunately, they were not happy with the outcome of the campaign of 1999 (which was won by Griffin, Cox, James and Anderson), and they are using this issue to continue."

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year, Gibbons was being paid $69,739.

■ Westland "is a desirable community."

■ Gibbons' dismissal marks the first time in the city's history that a clerk wasn't reappointed.

"I think the history in Westland is not such that we don't reappoint employees willy-nilly every year," Griffin said.

A council majority Tuesday fired Gibbons and brought back retired Clerk Diane Fritz on an interim basis. Fritz is being paid top wages.

The council – bitterly divided over Gibbons' firing – hasn't announced a process for hiring her successor.

"We'll have to sit down and talk with some of the council people and see how we go about this," Griffin said.

LeBlanc and Councilman Glenn Anderson, who along with colleague Sandra Cicirelli opposed Gibbons' firing, said they don't trust their colleagues to implement a fair process.

Griffin and council members David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James are accused of deciding privately to fire Gibbons in violation of the state Open Meetings Act.

"I think any belief that there was any spirit of cooperation or willingness to meet each other part of the way to cooperate as council members was pretty much destroyed by what they did," Anderson said. "I have no faith that there's any spirit of trust whatsoever."

LeBlanc indicated that the four-member majority will do as it chooses.

"I guess whatever they decide, I suppose the rest of us will be encumbered with that process," he said.

Griffin suggested that the council consider trying to hire one of the two other finalists who sought the clerk's job when Gibbons was appointed in August 1998.

He said he'd like to fill the job within six months.

One finalist, Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser, said Thursday she didn't know whether she'd be interested in the job.

"I haven't given it any thought. I'm so busy over here with the (Feb. 22 Republican primary) election and the budget that I haven't given it any thought," she said.

Langmesser said she has read newspaper accounts of Gibbons' firing.

"No one has approached me about the job," she said. "I have no further comment."

The other finalist, then-Grand Ledge Clerk Christine Hnatiw, couldn't be reached for comment. She has since taken a new job.

A panel of other city clerks who quizzed Gibbons, Langmesser and Hnatiw as part of the 1998 hiring process said that Gibbons stood out as the clear front-runner.

She "hit the mark most often" when answering questions, Novi City Clerk Tonni L. Bartholomew said at the time.

The council majority that fired Gibbons has cited unspecified job performance issues. Anderson, Cicirelli and LeBlanc gave Gibbons high marks.

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Seniors *from page A1*

Dorothy Hopps of Westland wants to keep her mind alert. "I just want to learn the computer," said Hopps, who's interested in graphics and greeting cards. "I'm computer-illiterate."

She's done some word processing. Hopps has heard only good reports on the Friendship Center class: "This is what you call modernizing the older generation."

Classmate Nancy Christoloveon of Dearborn got a computer this last year. "There are a lot of things I don't know." She's aiming to learn how the computer works and computer terminology.

Christoloveon has started to e-mail friends across the country and family members in Germany. Her desire to learn computer terminology was being met Thursday by Skowronski, who discussed the finer points of the desktop, icons and folders.

"That's all you really need," the volunteer instructor said in demonstrating pointing and clicking. He urged them to learn to use the mouse, noting women tend to have more trouble with that.

"They don't like mice," one man chimed in.

This is the second year for classes on the computers, said Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, director of the Senior Resources Department. "We've gone through 348 students in these classes."

MediaOne put cable in as a pilot program and monitors it, she said. The class: "It's a mixed group. A lot of husbands and wives."

Many are looking for something to do; in some cases they've received a computer for Christmas and want to use it. The seniors ask about buying computers and purchasing old city computers, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

"They play different games, they do e-mail and they do research," she said. Computers were donated by the Westland library and state Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton). Jim Wilson of the library installed the computers, said Kozorosky-Wiacek, who would appreciate a donation of computer paper.

Bhagvatilal Soni, a Title V/Senior Alliance employee, helps with such computer class tasks as e-mail, the Internet and printing. He learned the computer from his structural engineer son and is at the center daily.

Also helping is volunteer Judi Cornfoot, who contributes her talents on Tuesdays.

Reaction *from page A1*

"I'm wondering what the tradeoff will be. The governor has not been our friend lately. It'll be interesting to see what the Legislature does with this proposal. Hopefully, his promises will be kept," Becher said, citing laptop computers for teachers.

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Chosen *from page A1*

commission seat – 18 days after she officially ended an elected, four-year Westland City Council term.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott, ignoring a shout of "no" from the audience, made a motion for Barns' appointment.

"She served this community 35 years unselfishly (as a council member and state representative). She is a great lady," Scott said.

Anderson cast the lone dissenting vote against a motion by council President Pro Tem David Cox to appoint Spisak to the planning commission.

Spisak is a district court officer and former Westland deputy mayor, police officer and Wayne-Westland school board member.

Anderson said planning commission members should show "respect" and "tolerance" when dealing with the public.

During Spisak's school board tenure, Anderson said, "I saw many times that that was lacking."

Spisak won support from Cox, Scott and council members Sandra Cicirelli, Richard LeBlanc, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David James.

The planning commission handles site plans and other development issues that ultimately are decided by city council.

Other Tuesday appointments included:

- Cox and Sig Dietrich to the Local Development Finance Authority, which helps steer economic growth efforts in an industrial area near Cherry Hill and Newburgh.
- Ernest Johnson, Earl Limp, John Mason, Michael Rawson, Patricia Sawyer, Mike Troup and Paul Valovick to the Westland Parks and Recreation Advisory Council.

Reappointments included Angelo Plakas as city attorney, Tod Kilroy as planning director, Robert Kosowski as parks and recreation director, and Michael Harris to the Nankin Transit Commission.

Zebra *from page A1*

The AP grades boosted her GPA over 4.0.

"I know how difficult it is to achieve this," said Superintendent Greg Baracy, lauding Moro and her parents, Marty and Audrey. It takes dedication, hard work and commitment to achieve such an honor, said Baracy.

"She's going to go far," said board Vice President Mathew McCusker. His view was echoed by other board members.

"I think we've got a really good school district," said Ed Turner, a trustee.

Moro's accomplishment was based on her PSAT score of 207, which placed her in the 98th percentile in the U.S. for college-bound juniors. She took the SAT to validate her PSAT score, achieving a 1390 and placing in the 96th percentile.

Moro also took the ACT and scored in the 99th percentile, with a composite score of 33.

She is still deciding among the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, U-M Dearborn and Kettering University. Her school activities include the National Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society, Spanish Club and the Human Relations Committee. The swimming and softball teams have also benefited from her involvement.

A Wayne resident, Moro lives with her parents, younger brother and two younger sisters and is active in her church. Moro, introduced Tuesday by counselor Carol Hutchens, enjoys playing piano and spending time with her family.

Moro wasn't the only student recognized at Tuesday's meeting. Haley Brothers, a Vandenberg Elementary second-grader, was lauded as a winner in the National Pediatric Hospital Holiday Greeting Card Contest.

"You were very proud and so was I," Vandenberg Principal Karen Zokas told Haley.

"This is wonderful," board Secretary Martha Patsenbarger said in looking at Haley's design.

In other action, the board unanimously:

- Recognized Jan. 26 as School District Nurses Recognition Day in all district schools.
- Approved bid packages for work to be done at Elliott, Hamilton, Hicks and Vandenberg elementaries.

Area leaders oppose amending telecommunications act

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The Conference of Western Wayne, concerned over what it sees as an "erosion" of local control, has gone on record as opposing an effort in the state Legislature to amend the 1995 Michigan Telecommunications Act.

A unanimous resolution by the conference opposes state House Bill 4804 because it "undermines local municipal control over rights of ways" for telecommunications purposes and the franchising of same – rights which municipalities were granted by the 1995 act and the state Constitution, the conference said.

The resolution, passed Friday, Jan. 14, states HB 4804 "would effectively remove most municipal control of rights-of-way and substantially limit, if not overturn, the assessment of related fees, both of which would erode the ability of municipalities to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who serves as CWW chairman, called HB 4804, proposed by

Jack Kirksey: *Mayor of Livonia*

state Rep. Mark Shulman (R-West Bloomfield), "a misguided attempt" to amend the telecom act.

Kirksey added it is "another example of the erosion of 'home rule' that seems to be advocated by officials in Lansing on a regular basis."

The Michigan Constitution "clearly gives reasonable control over public rights-of-way exclusively to cities, villages and townships," Kirksey said, and local governments "will unquestionably oppose any effort to diminish their right to determine how these valuable public resources should be best utilized and managed."

He said municipalities are "certainly in favor of competition and new technology (in fact, we welcome it), but not at the expense of the health, safety and welfare of citizens and businesses within our community.

"It is imperative that" such municipal control "be continued and strengthened, not diminished in the manner set forth in HB 4804," Kirksey said.

Water-main break

In passing the resolution, conference members – who are the top elected officials from 18 western Wayne County municipalities – were mindful of an incident in Auburn Hills last year in which a contractor who wasn't under such control broke through a huge water-main while laying fiber-optic cable conduit.

The accident shut down the Great Lakes Crossing Mall, DaimlerChrysler headquarters and thousands of businesses and homes in the area for several days.

But the CWW didn't rule out any changes to the act, which expires Jan. 1, 2001.

"We may be able to change" some aspects of it, said Naheed Huq, assistant director of the conference and author of the CWW resolution.

Huq said HB 4804

- Gives municipalities only 30 days, instead of the current 90, to issue a permit and eliminates health and welfare from consideration, leaving only safety as a concern;
- Limits municipalities' ability to issue permits and assess related fees, eliminating those for providers who use federal, state or county roads;
- Says municipalities may require bonds for restoration only after a provider pulls out its telephone lines;
- Specifies that one member of the Public Service Commission mediate all rights-of-way disputes, instead of the courts;
- Requires, if a provider claims it's an emergency, that the PSC member issue an order within seven days without any hearing and without participation of the affected municipality;
- Apparently allows the awarding of attorney fees, damages and other monetary considerations against municipalities that violate the act.

CWW members said they need 90 days for permits because often the applications lack necessary information, or the information is incorrect or illegible, forcing them to re-contact the companies or their contractors and wait for the information.

Spearheading the opposition to HB 4804 is a coalition of municipalities from across the state called PROTEC, which states that local management of rights-of-way is "the only realistic means of overseeing the activities of numerous telecommunications companies currently doing business in Michigan."

PROTEC, an acronym for the Michigan Coalition to Protect Rights-of-Way from Telecommunications Encroachments, said the Auburn Hills incident was caused by the contractor having no information about where to dig.

Cathy White, chief assistant city attorney for Livonia and PROTEC chairwoman, said the coalition "is very pleased" that CWW has joined its efforts.

"There are a lot companies seeking to get into rights-of-way and cities need to be on top of all the providers," she said.

"Those kinds of problems get very expensive," she said of the Auburn Hills incident. "And where is the money going to come from to pay for that?"

The CWW membership includes the Observer communities of Livonia, Garden City, Redford Township, Wayne, Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

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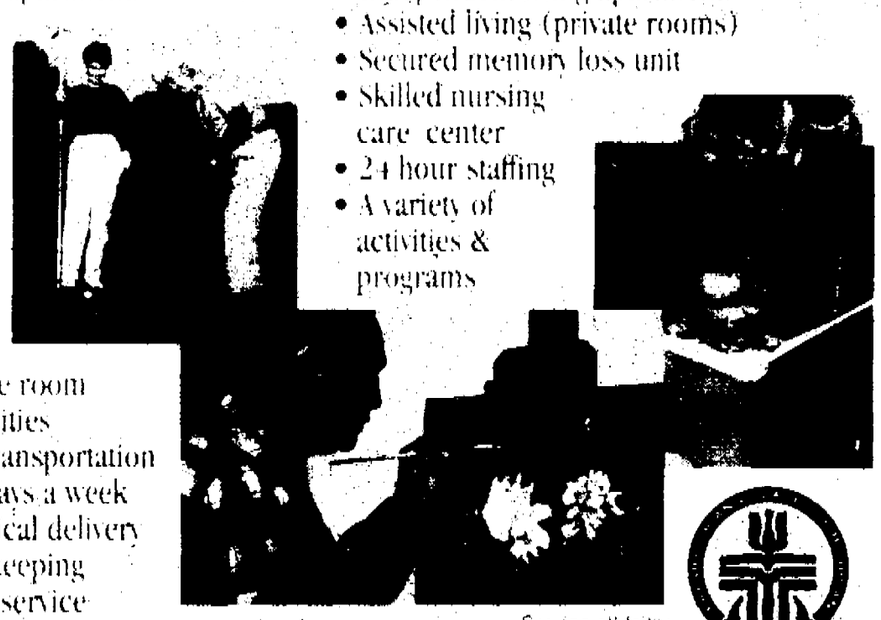

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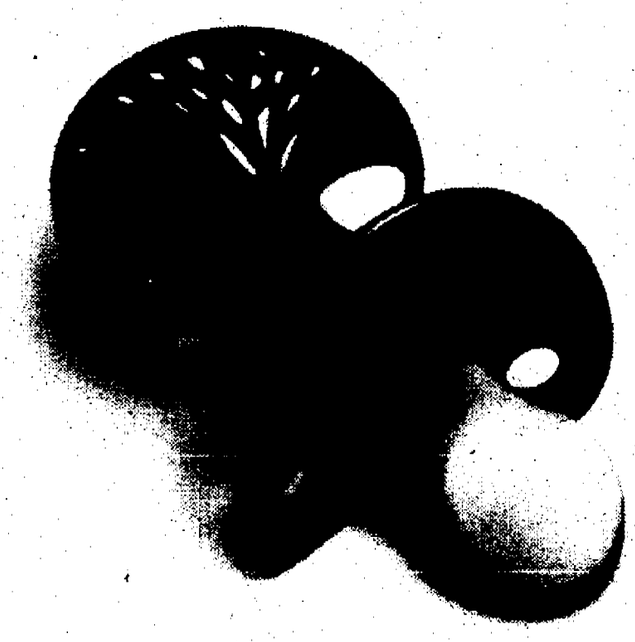

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2000

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REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent: none.

Also present were Acting City Manager Hines, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Cummings, Police Chief Harvey and Lt. Maier.

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

- Herman Bersano, of Garden City, thanked the community for donating blankets to Garden City Presbyterian Church. The church is having a chili cook off at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2000.
- Norm Brooks, of Garden City, discussed his street in disrepair (Block) and wanted to know what are the City's plans for streets in that area.

◆ **Item 01-00-001**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED. To approve the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-002**
Moved by Briscoe, supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

◆ **Item 01-00-003**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To re-appoint to the Board of Review:

Vern Herrick, with term to expire, January 1, 2003.
Charles Benton, with term to expire, January 1, 2003.
Ruth Benton, with term to expire, January 1, 2003.

AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Police Department Purchases.
   a. New Vehicles
   b. D.A.R.E. Vehicles
   c. Digital Fingerprinting Equipment
   d. C.L.E.M.I.S. Computer Workstations
   e. C.L.E.M.I.S. Mug Shot Imaging
2. Career Directions Assessment Center

◆ **Item 01-00-004**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of three (3) 2000 Ford Crown Victoria's from **Jorgensen Ford**, in the amount of $20,451.00 per vehicle. These vehicles are being purchased from the State of Michigan contract. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-005**
Moved by Wiacek, supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet Camero from **Buff Whelan Chevrolet**, in the amount of $20,885.39. These vehicles are being purchased from the State of Michigan contract. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-006**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of one (1) Dodge Durango from **Bill Snethkamp Lansing Dodge**, in the amount of $24,482.66. This vehicle is being purchased from the State of Michigan contract. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-007**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of Digital Fingerprinting Equipment from **Digital Biometrics, Incorporated**, in the amount of $41,928.00. This item is being purchased from the State of Michigan contract. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-008**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of 26 C.L.E.M.I.S. Computer Workstations with warranty from **Dynamic Computer Corporation**, in the amount of $43,848.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-009**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approved the purchase of C.L.E.M.I.S. Mug Shot Imaging to **Printrak Company**, in the amount of $43,263.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-010**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the fee in the amount of $16,000.00 to **Career Direction** for the Promotional Process of the Fire Chief Position. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Engler puts emphasis on education

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Evoking an image of East Germans clambering over the Berlin Wall to freedom, Gov. John Engler stole a line from President Ronald Reagan for his State of the State address Wednesday evening.

"Let me remind you that our Constitution established a system of free public education. It did not give districts the right to hold families captive behind a wall of separation called a district line," Engler said. "All families should be free to choose their public school."

Then, using words from Reagan's famous end-of-the-Cold-War speech, Engler urged state lawmakers to "tear down those walls!"

The image was enough to make some lawmakers uncomfortable.

"It is not one I would have used," said Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield. She doesn't favor raising the cap on the number of charter schools without more accountability. "I do not feel we should just let them go and look away."

Additionally, Quarles wants a plan in place for improvement of public schools, so that charters don't gut them and "leave empty walls standing."

Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said she, too, is unsure how well unlimited charter schools will work.

"This is an effort to put some entrepreneurial spirit into education," she said. "That's a nice approach, but you don't know how these things will work out because they are not strictly for-profit enterprises. There are other more important factors to consider."

Engler upped the ante in his annual address, his 10th State of the State speech, delivered to a packed House chamber in the Capitol Wednesday night. Last year, he advocated raising the cap on the number of charter schools from 150 to 200. In his most emphatic point of the evening, Engler called on lawmakers to "abolish" the cap altogether.

"He was talking about choice," Rep. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, said. "It's a different kind of barrier and it needs to be removed."

Even though Pappageorge favors raising the cap on charter schools, he's not sure he's willing to allow for "unlimited" charters.

On the other hand, Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, thought Engler was on the money. But then, DeWeese is a strong advocate of charter schools and was the primary sponsor of the bill last year to raise the cap.

"In certain instances, the child is not served well at all by being bound to a school that is not performing well. For that child, it is a life and death issue. If we don't equip children with the skills to go out into the world, they'll be confined to a certain kind of life. If we don't give them a quality education, we undermine them for life," he said.

But is it politically feasible, considering the Legislature wouldn't agree to 50 more last year?

"I think this is a matter of quid pro quo," DeWeese said. "He's put a lot more money in here. There's the $6,500 grant. There's the Golden Apple Awards. There's the computer equipment for teachers, and all that I think will be contingent on removal of this cap. There are a lot more carrots in here."

Education was the primary theme of Engler's State of the State. He offered a long list of changes, but his proposals won mixed reviews.

"He talked about $6,500 foundation grants for students in a 'multi-year budget,'" said Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos. "In a couple of years, we would have been there anyway."

"I find it a little disingenuous," said Democratic party chair Mark Brewer. "He's spent the last nine years dismantling education and attacking public schools. Now he wants to be the education governor."

Some of Engler's plans did play to universal approval. All lawmakers queried favored his proposal to create a new Golden Apple Award program, providing cash incentives to all employees of schools that rank high in improvement or overall achievement.

"I thought there was some balance there," Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, said. "The poorer districts can qualify for at least one of those awards. Of course, the highest achievement award will go to the richest districts."

"Cash can be a strong motivator," Rep. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, said.

One of the more unusual proposals put forward by Engler was for the creation of a "Principal's Bill of Right." Few details were given, but the gist of the plan is to give school principals more authority to run their buildings.

"I haven't seen the details yet," House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, said. "And it needs to be fleshed out. But I'm highly supportive of the concept. If we are going to make principals responsible for their buildings and their programs, let's give them the authority they need to do the job."

Pappageorge seconded that.

"Principals need to have the authority to run their buildings efficiently. We don't want some administrators telling them they can't have more brooms when they need them. The same goes with disciplinary matters," he said.

Because the Principal's Bill of Rights includes authority to "hire and fire building staff," DeWeese concluded that could mean Engler intends to attempt to reform teacher tenure.

"You might see something come forward," he said, "not eliminating tenure but changing it to make it easier to discipline or fire bad teachers."

Democratic chair Mark Brewer read it the same way. "I just see this as another attack on organized labor," he said.

Engler won his longest standing ovation of the evening in an entirely different area – when proposing that the income tax rate be cut to 4.2 percent.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, head of the House tax policy committee, said she was very excited about the proposal. She agreed that despite Engler's multiple proposals for new spending, there should be enough money in the budget to also cut taxes.

But Lingg Brewer called it "dangerous."

"One day this booming economy is going to end and we are going to need the money," he said.

Republicans were strongly supportive of Engler's plans for a one-time, intensive effort to get the last 36,000 remaining families off welfare roles. Democrats generally cautioned that the program needs to be done carefully to assure recipients aren't just pushed off the roles without adequate income or benefits.

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Talking it over: *State Rep. Bruce Patterson (center) plays host to Canton resident Chuck O'Grady (left) and Canton Trustee Phil LaJoy at Gov. Engler's State of the State address.*

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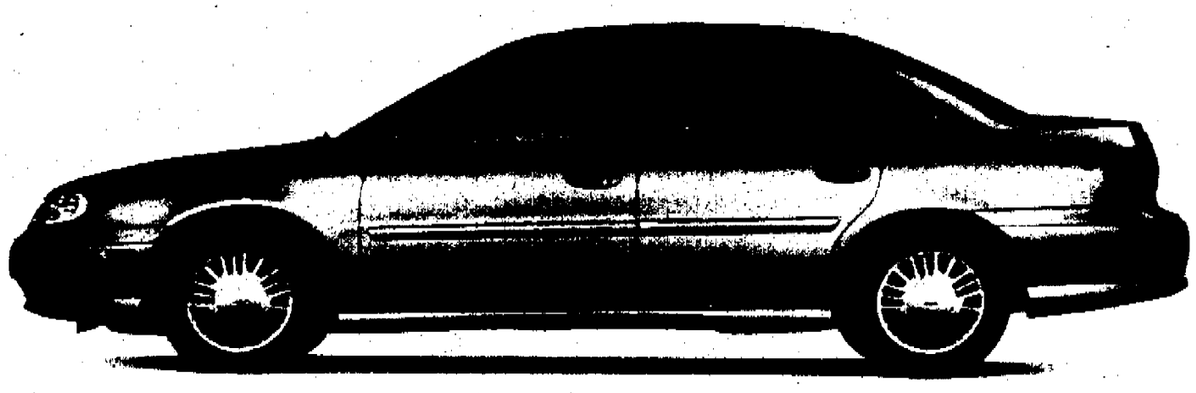

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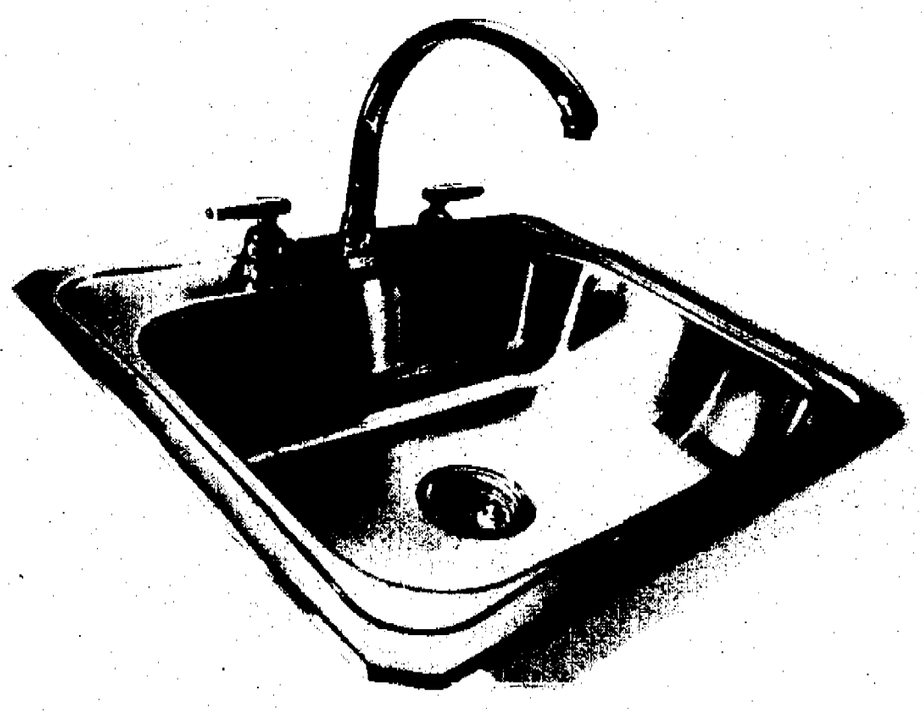

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Deal OK'd to use warehouse wall in Lions' stadium

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The "last major legal hurdle" to the creation of Ford Field, the future home of the Detroit Lions football team, was crossed Friday with a few pen strokes.

Legal documents were signed by the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority and Lions representatives that incorporated a portion of the old Hudson's warehouse into the new stadium as its south wall.

"The warehouse and the stadium are becoming one," said Mary Zuckerman, assistant county executive who is also the county's stadium project manager.

In the process, the Livonia resident said, some of the land also was deeded over to the Stadium Authority and the Ford Field Condominiums project, a commercial development that will be part of the stadium, also was created.

"This now allows the Lions to move forward on the entire construction process," Zuckerman said.

The team still will need to submit any contracts over $100,000 to both the Stadium Authority and the Downtown Development Authority for approval, she said, but "this was the last major legal hurdle. They'll now be moving ahead full force."

Zuckerman said the Lions began excavating the site in December, but that major work is scheduled to start Feb. 1.

The 65,000-seat Ford Field, situated adjacent to the new Detroit Tigers Comerica Park, is to be completed by August 2002.

Zuckerman said the commercial condominium setup "is a unique way of dealing with the fact" the Lions "had to bring a portion of the warehouse into the stadium site and how to make it work" best.

Michigan's condo law "allows you to subdivide a commercial piece of property" but also requires establishment of a condo association to manage such common-area issues as hallways and escalators, she said.

The Lions will develop all seven levels of the wall, which is actually the northern facade of the old warehouse, into an office/commercial area, she said.

Plans for Level 3 call for development of suites, club seats in the stadium and upscale concessions and restroom facilities for condo patrons, Zuckerman said. Portions of Levels 4-6 also will be suites, while the press box will be located on Level 7.

She said two units were being deeded to the Stadium Authority as part of the project. The remainder will be retained by the Lions.

Zuckerman said the Lions hope to begin the caisson work – installation of the large, vertical steel structural beams – by Feb. 1. Relocating a large, 48-inch water main from Adams Street also is needed, she said.

A permanent construction manager likely will be named "sometime in the early summer," Zuckerman said, with contracts for the steel, electrical and mechanical work announced shortly thereafter "and work to proceed full-tilt."

Wayne County's $20-million portion of the stadium project "stays the same," she noted. Most of the funds come from the sale of surplus county land, most of which is in Northville Township.

Writers help writers with on-line class

Writers know that the difference between a published story and one that remains in the drawer could be as simple as receiving a quality critique by an experienced writer. Schoolcraft College offers the opportunity for just such a critique in its Online Manuscript Critique class, starting Wednesday, Feb. 2. The eight-week online course accommodates beginning and experienced writers with busy or inflexible schedules.

"The class was a real luxury," says Marc Hassen of Canton, an alumni of last fall's online course and audit manager for AAA of Michigan, who submitted a few chapters from the novel he's working on for young adults. "I could set my own pace. I didn't have to carve the time out of my personal schedule to physically show up in class every week."

The work is reviewed and critiqued by Kathleen Ripley-Leo, author of a handful of books including "Town One South" and "The Old Ways." She was nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize, an award recognizing literary work published in magazines and small presses, and received two tributes from the State Legislature of Michigan for her work in the K-12 schools.

Ripley-Leo says many writers reach a point where they don't know how to proceed with their manuscript. "I will look at your manuscript and tell you about it," she says. "I'll give you a diagnosis and a synopsis, and you will be invited to rewrite and return it to me for a second critique."

She says she teaches students to discover what their writing actually conveys to the reader, not what the writer thinks is being conveyed.

Writers may begin to realize their voice while jotting images on paper during work breaks or by scratching poetry on napkins in a restaurant.

Hassen started out by story telling. A year and a half ago he decided to develop the characters and the plot into a novel.

"The novel's protagonist is an early-teenaged girl," he says. "She is based on stories I told my daughter when we were driving in the car."

Hassen decided to take the online class to keep up his momentum after completing Ripley-Leo's creative writing class. His short fiction from that class was published in The MacGuffin literary magazine last fall.

Hassen now is revising material that Ripley-Leo critiqued in the online course, hoping to one day get his novel published.

The Online Manuscript Critique class begins 7 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, for a $112 fee. Ripley-Leo will also teach a classroom-based Creative Writing course beginning on 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at for a $109 fee. For class information, call (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Youth hockey champions

Led by MVP Joey Schemanske, the Livonia Squirt Canucks took first place in the Farmington Hills Christmas Tournament.

The Canucks, coached by Chris Greco, finished unbeaten in four games including a come-from-behind win in the finals.

Other leading scorers for the Canucks including Stephen Greco, Michael Nussbaum, Jr. and Keith Yackley. Goaltender Alex Minito also stood out.

Rounding out the Canuck squad: Doug Cole, Ken Fraser, Vito Geluso, Nick Harakas, Nick Lawson, Brenton Mathena, Colin McClevarty, Michael Piotrowski, Ricky Rackley, David Wells and Stefan White.

Assistant coaches include Art Cole, Scott Lawson and Terry Yackley.

Team sponsors include Arthur R. Cole, CPA; Hytrol Manufacturing,Inc. and R&R Refrigeration.

Whitfield Invitational

The ninth annual Jason Whitfield Gymnastics Invitational will be Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5-6 at the University of Michigan's Keen Arena in Ann Arbor.

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

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

Session I, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, will feature Class III and IV competitors. Following the session, four gymnasts will be awarded scholarships through the Whitfield Memorial Foundation, which has awarded a total of $34,000.

Among this year's recipients are Trent Wells, Jock Stevens, Corey Burch and Jim Foody.

Class I and II gymnasts will compete in Session II beginning at 12:45 p.m. on Satuday, Feb. 5.

Session III will be at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 with Class V gynmasts. Session IV, featuring Class VI competitors, begins at 1 p.m.

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

Commemorative T-shirts and posters in memory of Whitfield will be on sale both days. They are also available by mail order.

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

St. Edith football signup

Football registration and open house for the St. Edith Eagles football program will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the school's gym.

All boys entering grades 3-8 this fall are invited to attend with their parents to meet the coaches and sign up for the 2000 seaon.

A freshman team, which will play a separate game schedule for boys in grades 3-4, has been added. St. Edith also offers varsity and junior varsity teams.

For more information, call Brad Dickey at (734) 542-0621 or Paul Hess at (248) 442-0238.

Collegiate hoop note

Albion College freshman **Stacey Supanich** (Livonia Churchill) has appeared in all 15 games for the 9-6 women's basketball team.

Supancih is average 6.3 points per game and is shooting 75 percent from the free throw line (33 of 44). Albion is 4-3 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Winterfest Run Feb. 13

The Riverview Winterfest, a 4-mile run sponsored by the Downriver Runners, will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at Seitz Junior High in Riverview.

The $14 entry fee (before Feb. 6) includes pancake breakfast, long-sleeve shirt, raffle, awards and mailed race results.

Late registration (Feb. 7-12) is $15 at Total Runner in Southgate. Race day registration is $18 at Seitz, located on the corner of Williamsburg and Kenneboe (between Pennsylvania and Sibley, and Allen Road and Fort Street).

Prize money will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers, along with the top two male and female masters runners.

For more information, call (734) 282-1101 or (248) 356-1177.

Rockets remain in the doldrums

Salem wins 66-56; Glenn now 2-6

BY ED WRIGHT
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If you walked into Friday night's Plymouth Salem-Westland John Glenn game with just under two minutes left, a peek at the scoreboard wasn't required to figure out who was destined to win.

A simple glance towards the John Glenn gymnasium court's east sideline would have told you everything you needed to know.

There, waiting to defend a Salem inbounds pass, was senior guard Eric Jones — the Rockets' primary outside scoring threat — with his hands on his knees, battling the fatigue that comes from playing over 30 minutes against a tenacious zone defense.

Less than 15 feet away from Jones was Yaku Moton — John Glenn's primary inside threat — planted on the bench with five fouls.

Fouls and fatigue: It turned out to be a rough combination for the Rockets, who lost to Salem 66-56.

"Part of our plan going into the game was to try to get their big guy into foul trouble by pump faking and getting him in the air on defense," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We also changed up our defense a little bit to make it more difficult for Jones to score. Overall, I was very pleased with our effort and the results.

"At one point late in the game, I heard (Jones) joking with one of the officials, saying he didn't know if he had enough left in him to finish the game. He had to work hard for his shots, which is what we wanted to happen."

The victory was a much-needed one for Salem, which improved to 4-5 overall (1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association). John Glenn's record fell to 2-6 overall and 0-3 in the WLAA.

"I thought we played hard and with a lot of heart right down to the end of the game," said John Glenn coach Mike Schuette. "Even when we fell behind at the end, we never quit. We just fell 10 points short.

"Salem played an aggressive zone defense against us. If we could have hit a couple outside shots, we could have loosened it up a little inside. But the shots weren't dropping."

Forward Ryan Nimmerguth paced the Rocks' balanced scoring attack, netting 17 points, including three triples. He was also a perfect 4-for-4 from the free-throw line down the stretch.

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Getting physical: *Westland John Glenn's 6-foot-8 Yaku Moton (right) battles for position with Salem's James McCaffrey.*

Gusick named All-America in soccer

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It was quite a 17th birthday for Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Gusick.

On Jan. 15, Gusick was honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas as a member of Girls Youth All-America Team.

Gusick, who has 46 goals and 22 assists in two seasons at Stevenson, played all last year for the under-16 National Team along with Portage Central's Lindsay Tarpley.

Gusick and her 1983 teammates were honored at the Baltimore (Md.) Convention Center. The group toured area Baltimore exhibits and took part in the NCSAA convention, which featured several noteworthy speakers including U.S. World Cup women's team coach Tony DiCicco.

Lindsay Gusick
All-America

While at Stevenson, Gusick has helped lead the Spartans to one state championship (1998) and a runner-up finish (1999). She will be a junior this spring.

During her year with the under-16 U.S. Nationals, Gusick competed in four tournaments, including one in Portland, two in Florida and another in Arizona.

They played international age-group teams from Japan, Germany and Sweden. They also took on 1982 Region squad and also played against players from the professional ranks.

"At that level they're so much bigger, faster and stronger," Gusick said. "It's more physical than high school. And with all the talented players on the under-16 national team, it's not like everybody stands out.

"I've started lifting weights and trying to get better with my fitness."

Two of Gusick's teammates on the under-16 squad, defender Jessica Ballweg of Metuchen, N.J. and Kelly McDonald of Littleton, Colo., were recently promoted to the under-18 squad.

Gusick's coach last year was the University of Virginia's April Heinrichs, who will coach the U.S. Olympic women's soccer team this fall in Sydney, Australia.

During the winter, the 5-foot-6, 120-pound Gusick plays for the Western Wayne Wildcats, an AAU basketball team. She is a three-year varsity player on the Stevenson girls team.

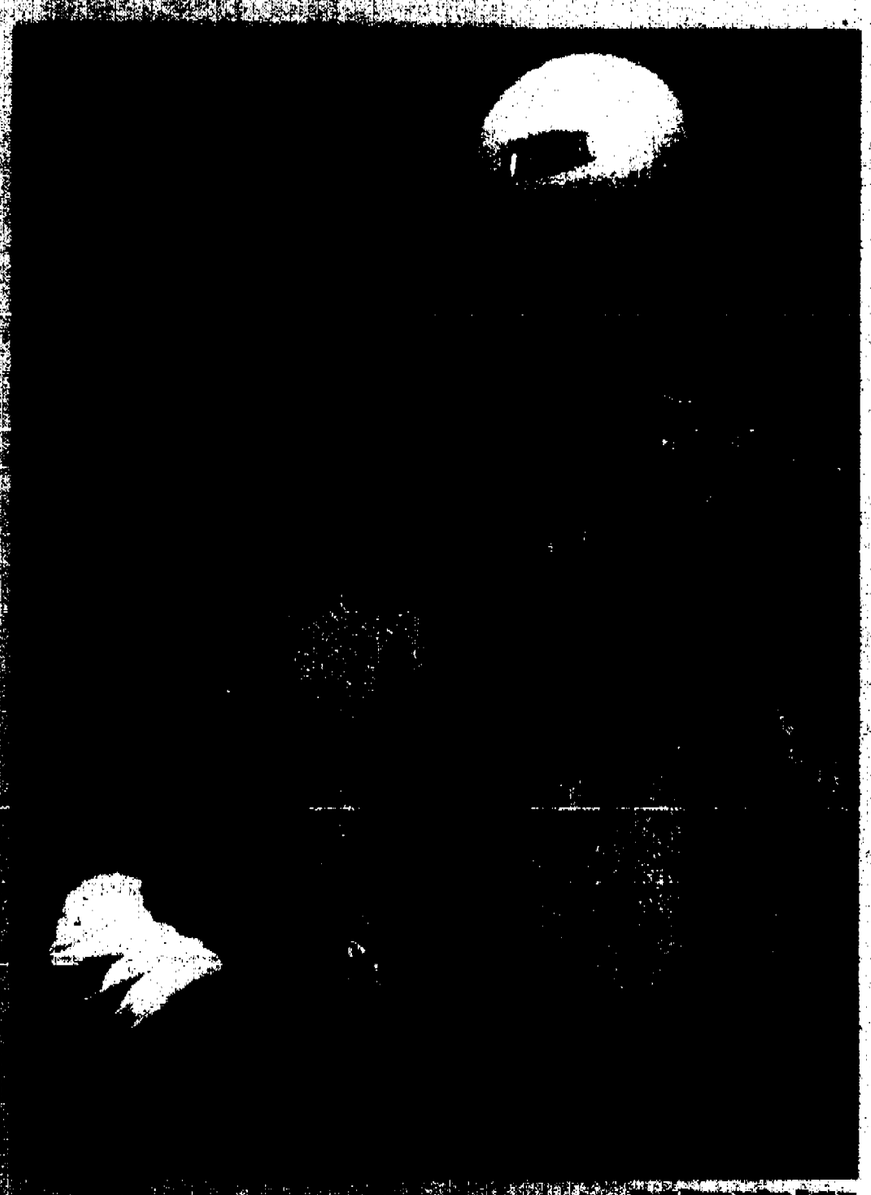
"Basketball keeps me in shape," she said. "It's fun when to switch back-and-forth to each sport. You don't get burned out."

Gusick also has already begun to explore her college options. She has made unofficial visits to Notre Dame and Maryland and has one coming up next weekend at Michigan. She also would like to visit Stanford.

She cannot make an official visit until July, but plans on making a commitment by next Thanksgiving.

Gusick may also be considered to play for the under-17 National All-Star team, which last year included Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell and Nicole Breger of Sterling Heights.

Patriots pierce Rockets



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Calderon Challenge pools area hopefuls

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Livonian Bob Calderon is an ambassador for the sport of pool whether it's for wheelchair or able-body players.

Calderon, a Vietnam veteran who lost both legs and a left eye in 1970 from a landmine explosion, is the 1999 World Wheelchair Games 9-ball gold medalist.

Over 50 players, mostly able-bodied, will compete at Westland's Electric Stick, located on 6581 N. Wayne Road, in the Bob Calderon Pro Challenge.

The single-elimination tournament will be from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday. The top three finishers will then take on Calderon to determine first, second and third place prizes. First place is a $1,000 cue stick.

Admission is $20 person person (includes table time and full buffet). Proceeds will go to Open Door Ministries and the National Wheelchair Poolplayers Association (where Calderon has served as president the past three years).

Calderon, a decorated Marine Corps veteran who received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, is pool's answer to golf's Casey Martin.

Martin, who suffers from a bone disease, just played his first PGA event using a cart.

"Bob has always opened doors for handicap people," said close friend and fellow pool shooter John Drouillard of Romulus. "He's not only opened doors for the disabled in billiards, but he's also working to get billiards part of the Olympic Games.

"He's quite a fighter and an encourager for the cause."

By winning the 1999 World 9-Ball Championship last October in Christchurch, New Zealand, the 49-year-old Calderon was extended an invitation last year to compete with able-body shooters in Spain.

He finished an impressive 42nd in a field of over 200.

"You have to reach that point of perfection just to get invited," Drouillard said. "He's quite skillful. I kid him that he doesn't dance well, but he shoots well."

Drouillard met Calderon through an area business contact.

"He bought some orthopedic equipment from me," Drouillard recalled. "I once played pool, but I was out of it for 25 years and I didn't want to play once I was in a wheelchair.

"He challenged me to get back out there. He said it was like riding a bike. Now I shoot in tournaments, too."

Calderon, who was in Minnesota over the weekend, was the Michigan Paralzyed Veterans Association Sports Director from 1990-95. He was also team captain and organizer of the 1998 Olhausen International Team 9-Ball Championship shown on ESPN.

In 1997, Calderon captured the State Wheelchair 9-Ball title. In 1998 he was team USA captain vs. Europe.

In 1999 he captured the Smoky Mountain Wheelchair 9-Ball Tournament in North Carolina.

This June he will defend his title in the World Wheelchair 9-Ball in Belgium and will represent the U.S. in the Para Olympic Games this October in Sydney, Australia.

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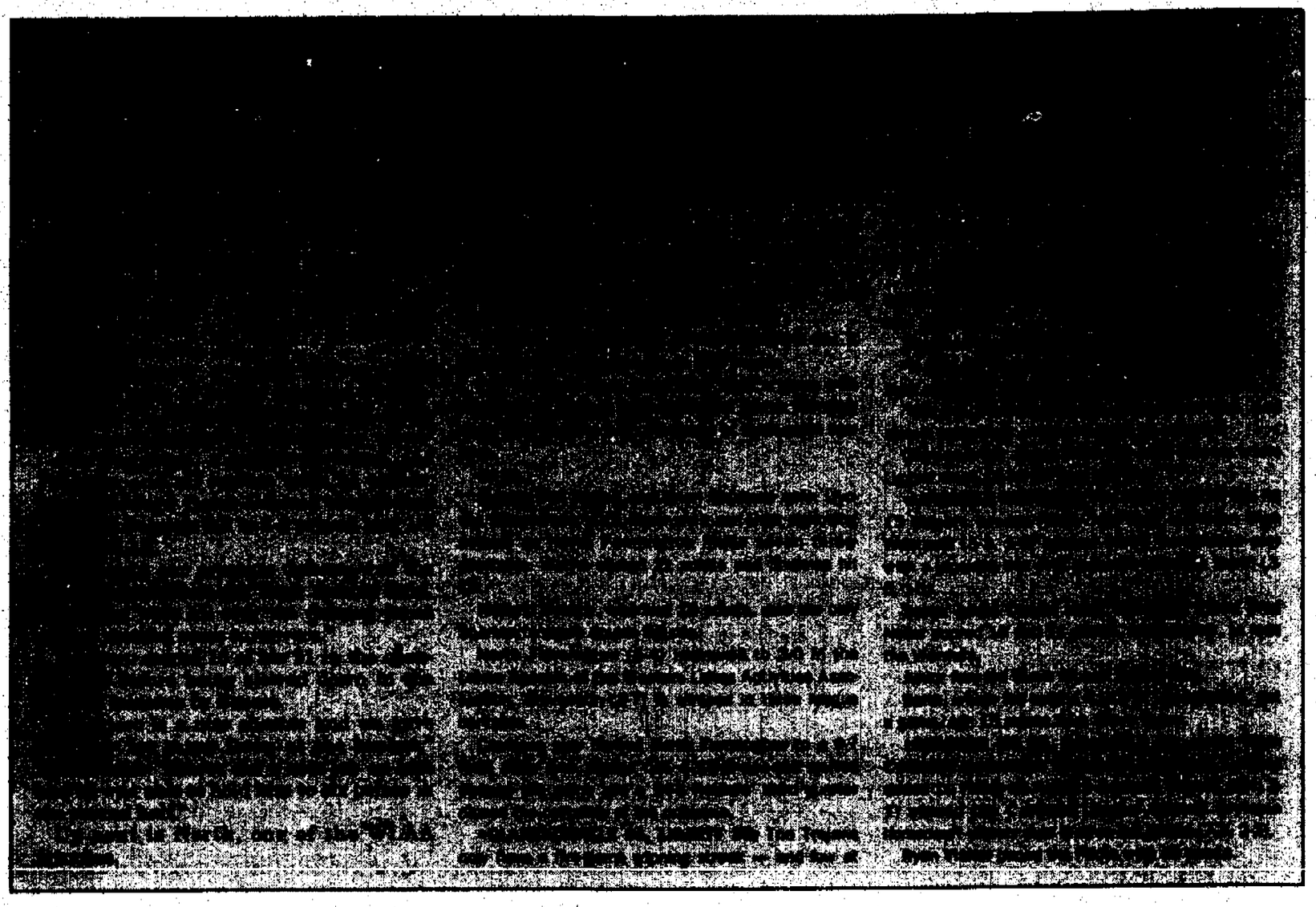

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Doldrums *from page B1*

Senior guard Andy Kocoloski chipped in with 13 points and four steals, while senior guard Ryan Cook and senior center Matt McCaffrey each tallied 10 points.

Jones, who played the entire 32 minutes, led the Rockets with 19 points and three steals.

Moton, who sat out most of the second half in foul trouble, dominated inside when he was on the court, racking up 18 tough points and 10 rebounds.

Guard Anthony Harrell was the only other Rocket who came close to scoring in double figures, dropping in seven points.

Both teams opened the game with their shooting touches in mid-season form. John Glenn converted 17-of-34 first-half shots (50 percent), but trailed at half-time, 39-38, due to the Rocks' equally hot shooting (48 percent).

The largest lead either team enjoyed in the opening 16 minutes came at the 5:00 mark of the second quarter when John Glenn's Will Massey drained two free throws to put his team up 27-22.

The turning point in the second half evolved during a 1:40 stretch in the third quarter when both Moton and Massey were forced to the bench with four fouls apiece. Up to that point, the tall and talented twosome had accounted for 16 of their team's 23 rebounds.

With their big men no longer accessible, the Rockets turned to their perimeter shooting to keep them in the game.

They remained competitive, but it was in spite of their shooting (6-for-34) in the second half, not because of it.

Led by Nimmerguth's outside shooting, the Rocks never trailed in the second half, although the Rockets trailed by just one, 53-52, with 4:48 to go when guard Brent Bogle drained a 15-foot jumper.

The decisive play of the game unfolded with 3:30 left and Salem — leading 57-52 — trying desperately to in-bounds the ball under the Rockets' basket against a gritty, full-court press. With the referee nearing the end of his five-count, Nimmerguth wound up and hit Cook with a three-quarter-court pass behind the John Glenn secondary, er, defense.

Cook, a wide receiver on the Rocks' football team, caught the ball in mid-stride and laid the ball in to put his team up 59-52.

The Rocks sealed the win from the free-throw line as McCaffrey and Nimmerguth sank two shots apiece in the closing minutes.

Led by McCaffrey's eight boards, Salem outrebounded John Glenn, 32-30.

The Rocks finished the game shooting 43 percent from the field (24-of-55) and 60 percent from the line (9-of-15).

After a promising start, the Rockets shot just 33 percent from the field (23-of-68) and 70 percent (7-of-10) from the charity stripe.

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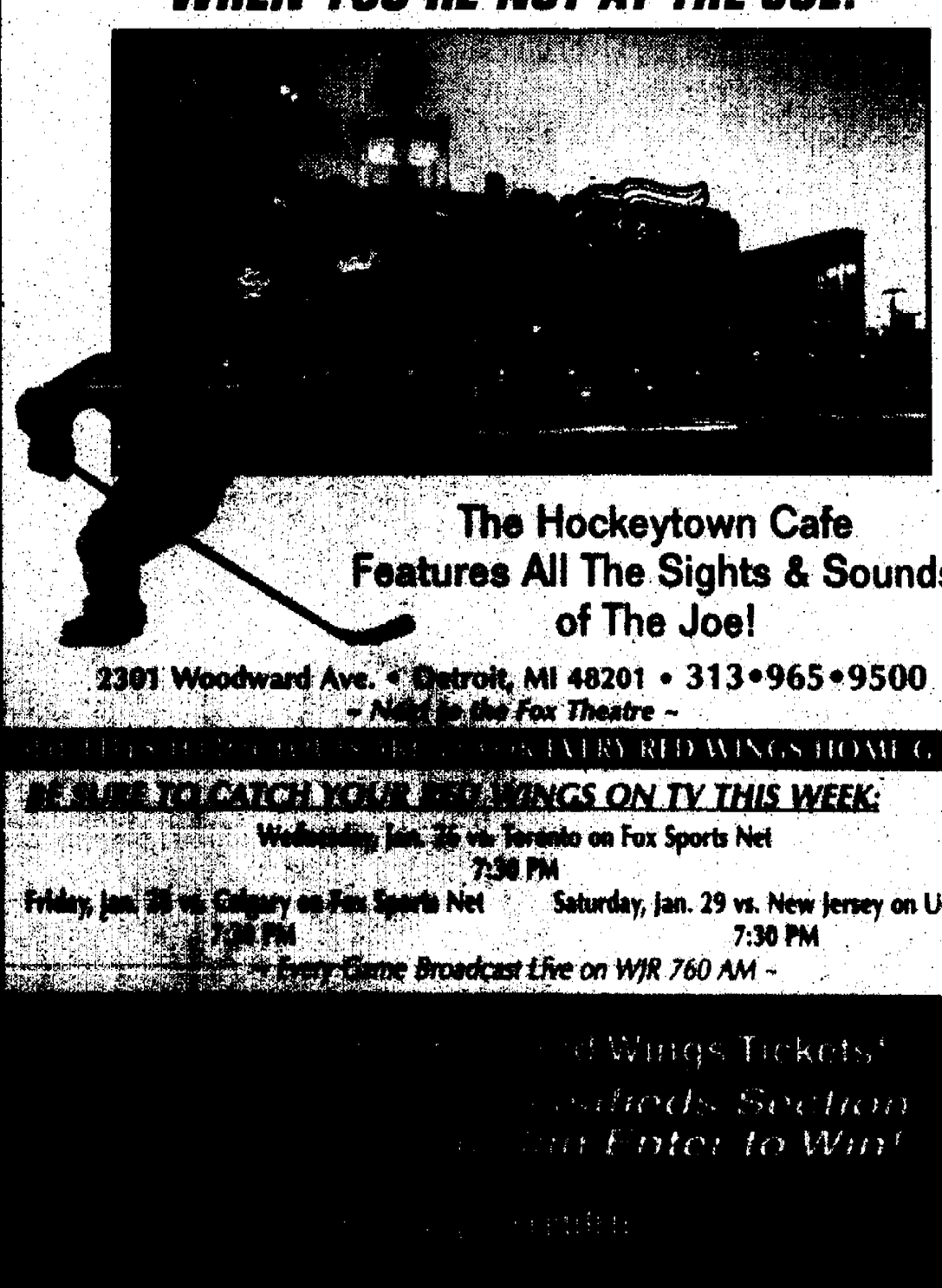

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COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL REPORT

Mitchell's 31 leads Ocelot rout of OCC

■ MEN'S WRAP

If consistency was something Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs was after, he got it Wednesday at Oakland Community College.

The Ocelots kept their record in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference perfect, outscoring OCC 65-39 in the first half and 65-37 in the second to post a 130-76 victory.

SC improved to 6-0 in the conference, 13-4 overall. The Raiders slipped to 6-11 overall, 1-5 in the conference.

SC dominated everywhere, connecting on 50-of-82 floor shots (61 percent) to OCC's 28-of-76 (36.8 percent).

The Ocelots were 10-of-22 on three-pointers (45.5 percent), while the Raiders made 5-of-20 (25 percent). SC also outrebounded OCC 48-40, had 35 assists and blocked nine shots.

Quentin Mitchell's 31 points (7-of-9 on three-pointers) topped the Ocelots; Robert Brown, Nick Evola and Brian Williams scored 17 apiece, Lamar Bigby had 16 and Dwight Windom netted 11.

Brown led the rebounders with 10. Windom had eight. Windom also had seven assists, while Reggie Kirkland dished out eight.

OCC got 18 points from Tim Swafford. Darnell Bobo had 12 points, and Edward Wallace, Eric Smith, Jeff Townsend and Rafiu Abira scored 11 apiece.

Saints sink Madonna

Madonna University proved no match for Siena Heights Wednesday, falling 116-86 in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played in Adrian.

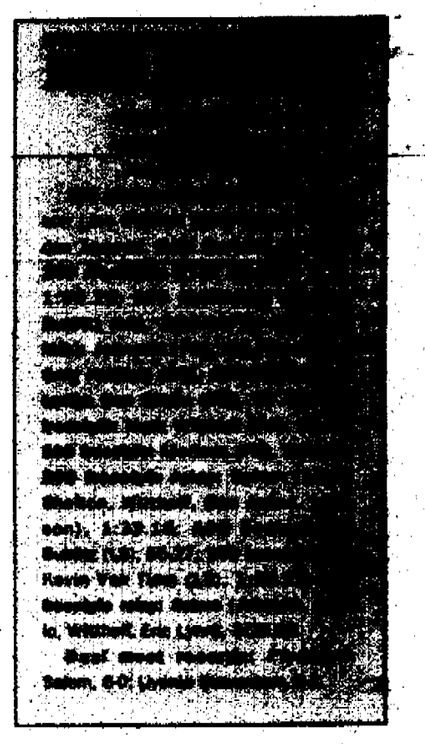
The Saints improved to 18-3 overall, 4-1 in the WHAC.

Madonna is 2-19 overall, 0-5 in the WHAC.

Siena Heights rolled to a 61-33 lead by halftime and coasted to the easy victory.

Jason Skoczylas' 16 points topped Madonna. Mike Massey added 15 points, Tom See scored 11 points, Josh Jensen netted 10 points and grabbed nine boards, and Trevor Hinshaw had 10 points.

Siena Heights got 17 points from Mike Brown, 16 from Sean Carlson, 14 from Justin Bascom, and 11 apiece from Jeff Gullekson and Don Marcero.



Crusuaders let Siena Heights off hook

■ WOMEN'S WRAP

This was one that shouldn't have gotten away.

Madonna University's women's basketball team led visiting Siena Heights by 12 points five minutes into the second half. And with less than two minutes remaining, they had a four-point advantage.

But the Saints had one run left, and they made it when it counted most, outscoring Madonna 7-0 in the last 1:28 to post a 75-72 victory in this Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played Wednesday at Madonna.

The loss dropped the Crusaders to 8-9 overall, 2-3 in the WHAC. Siena Heights is 10-10 overall, 4-1 in the WHAC.

Madonna led virtually since the game's beginning, but could not put the Saints away. The Crusaders were hurt by mediocre shooting, from both the field (27-of-69, 39.1 percent) and the free-throw line (12-of-23, 52.2 percent). Siena Heights was 29-of-67 from the floor (43.3 percent) and 14-of-21 from the line (66.7 percent). The Saints also outrebounded the Crusaders, 48-40.

Chris Dietrich paced Madonna with 17 points; she also had eight rebounds, seven steals and five assists.

Michelle Miela added 13 points, Lori Enfield had 12 points and nine rebounds, and both Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) and Carissa Gizicki scored 10 points.

Siena Heights was led by Allison Camp with 13 points. Bevin Malley and Amanda Lafontaine netted 12 points apiece, and Jamie Hallenbeck scored 10.

SC stops Lady Raiders

It wasn't an awesome offensive display, but the 26 points Schoolcraft College put on the board by halftime proved almost unreachable to host Oakland CC Wednesday.

The Lady Ocelots limited OCC to 11-of-44 shooting (25 percent) from the field and outrebounded the Raiders 39-24 en route to an easy 57-30 victory in a Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference game.

SC improved to 5-8 overall, 4-2 in the conference. OCC is 4-12 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

The Ocelots played steadily, if not spectacularly (26 turnovers), outpointing the Raiders 26-17 in the first half and 31-13 in the second. SC hit 24-of-54 floor shots (44.4 percent), including an impressive 8-of-12 three-pointers (66.7 percent).

Carla Saxton and Antone Watson topped SC with 13 points apiece; Watson also had six assists. Janelle Olson contributed 12 points and Angelica Blakely collected eight points and 12 rebounds.

OCC, using just five players, got 17 points from Mahogany Fletcher.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 129.20
WALLED LAKE 118.80
Jan. 20 at John Glenn

Vault: 1. Nicole Simonian (WJG), 8.85; 2. (tie) Kristen Costantino (WJG), 8.45 and Laurie Meguiar (WL), 8.45 each; 4. Sarah Chrcanorski (WL), 8.40; 5. Sarah Verhines (WJG), 8.05.
Uneven bars: 1. Simonian (JG), 8.50; 2. Laurie Meguiar (WL), 8.45; 3. Costantino (WJG), 8.4; 4. Hillary VanDusen (WJG), 7.25; 5. Verhines (JG), 7.00.
Beam: 1. Simonian (WJG), 8.80; 2. Costantino (WJG), 8.40; 3. Meguiar (WL), 8.25; 4. Sarah Chrcanorski (WL), 7.85; 5. Jenna Tobel (WL), 7.25.
Floor: 1. Simonian (WJG), 9.45; 2. Costantino (WJG), 8.65; 3. Jessica Hisop (WJG), 8.20; 4. Meguiar (WL), 8.00; 5. Pam Bean (WJG), 7.95.
All-Around: Simonian (WJG), 35.60; 2. Costantino (WJG), 33.90; 3. Meguiar (WL), 33.15.
John Glenn's dual meet record: 2-2 overall.

Tuesday, Jan. 25
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Redford, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 26
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Mott, Wayne, 7 p.m.
Livonia at Marian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Tay. Baptist, 7 p.m.
Detroit Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Agape at River of Life, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Riverdale Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
E. Kentwood Invitational, 9 a.m.
U-M Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
Clarkston Tourney, 9 a.m.
SENIORS HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 28
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Ply. Whalers vs. Ottawa at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 25
Livonia vs. G.P. Liggett at Ply. Auto Ford, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 26
Stevenson at Ridgewood, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. Canton, Salem vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 5 & 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 7 p.m.
Farm. United at Berkley, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 27
Redford United vs. Lincoln Park at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 28
Franklin vs. Milford, Stevenson vs. Farmington at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Redf. United at Woodhaven, 7:40 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Lanes at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 29
Redford United vs. Dearborn at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.
Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 2:20 p.m.
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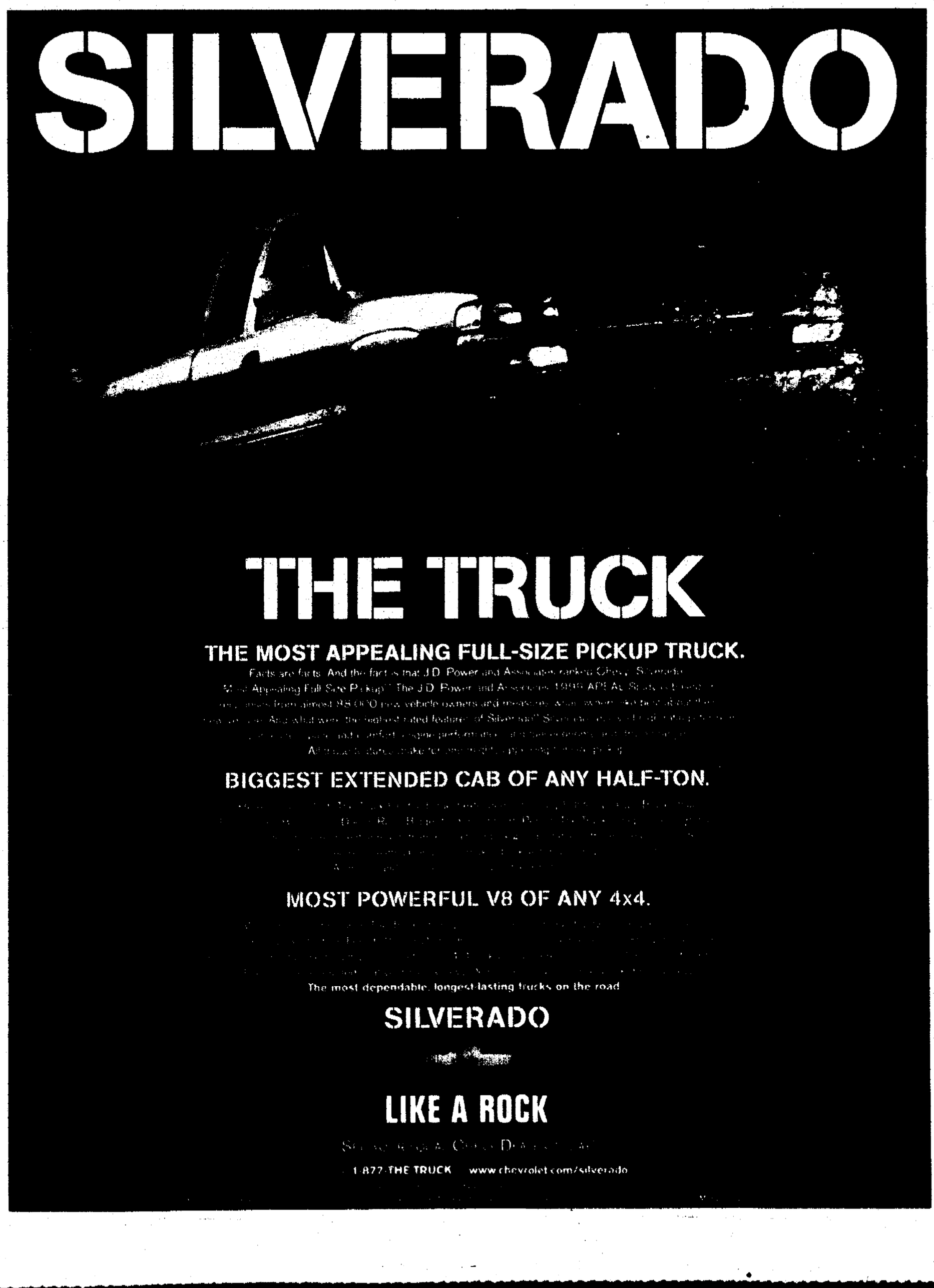

Chargers win in penalty fest

A whopping 39 penalties were called Wednesday night at Edgar Arena as Livonia Churchill avenged an earlier season loss with a 5-2 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Churchill improved to 10-4-1 overall, 9-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 5-1 in the Western Division.

Franklin dropped to 4-6-2 overall, 3-5-2 in the WLAA and 1-3-2 in the division.

Four goals came off the power-play, while two others were short-handed.

"We knew Franklin has this game circled on their schedule and they came prepared to play," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "The played another good game against us."

Churchill led 1-0 after one period on Jason Turri's goal at 14:09 from Adam Krug and Nate Jakubowski.

Franklin's Josh Garbutt tied it at 2:46 of the second period on assists from Frank Geluso and Sam Dismuke.

But Churchill scored the next four.

Turri added his second of the night on a power-play from Adam Jakubowski and Ryan McDonnell at 10:51 of the second period. Tom Sherman struck on the power-play at 12:30 of the same period from Kruga and Turri.

In the third period, Churchill went up 4-1 on Krug's unassisted power-play goal at 2:48. Sherman scored his second of the game, short-handed from Krug at 3:38.

Franklin's Matt Wissell scored on the final minute from Corey Garbutt against Churchill backup goaltender Mark Walczyk.

Franklin netminder Chris Garbutt made 19 saves, while Churchill's Ryan McBroom turned away 20.

"We played a good game, but we took too many penalties," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "Churchill could not score against us when we were at full strength, but they have a great power-play that we just couldn't stop.

"I felt we gave them all they could handle for a period-and-a-half.

"We were missing three key players, but the team stepped foward and played great hockey. Except on penalty-killing, we played three good periods of hockey."

Churchill had 17 penalties, while Franklin had 12.

"We're going to try to get ready for Trenton (Jan. 29), but if we put them on the power-play, we're not going to have a chance to win," Hatley said.

PREP HOCKEY WRAP

•**FRANKLIN 6, FARM. UNIFIED 3:** Livonia Franklin avenged an 8-0 loss to Farmington Unified on Dec. 3 as Patriots (5-6-2, 4-5-2) scored a pair of goals in each period against the host Flyers (9-5, 6-4) in a WLAA game Frdiay at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Sam Dismuke led Franklin's offensive attack with two goals and two assists.

Andy and Josh Garbutt, along with Jesse Wright and Adam Bierley also scored goals for the victorious Patriots.

Brandon McCullough, Wright and Bierley each added two assists, while John Nichol, Matt Wissell, Trevor Skocen and Paul Statham added one apiece.

Franklin goaltender Rob Williams made 28 saves.

The Flyers had a goal in each period — Glenn Hearn, Chris Hone and Kevin Temerowski. Preston Picard added two assists, while Temerowski, Brian Marion, Dan Mooney and Matt Lee added one apiece.

Farmington netminder Greg Diven made 26 saves.

•**STEVENSON 4, W.L. WESTERN 3:** Mark Nebus had two goals and two assists Friday as Livonia Stevenson (10-4-1, 8-1-1) held off host Walled Lake Western (3-9-3, 3-4-1) in a WLAa encounter at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Mike Peraino also had a pair of goals and one assist for the Spartans, who led 2-1 after two periods.

Stevenson assists went to Mike Majkowski, Alex Piotrowski, Matt Calus, Mark Blazok and Nick Harris.

Western's Kevin Dillon scored a second-period power-play goal to cut the deficit to 2-1 with 1:04 left in the period. Brian Hillebrand then tied it 45 seconds into the third period, but Nebus answered with a power-play goal and Perain scored with 6:22 left.

Paul Price scored for Western with just three seconds left.

Kevin Marlowe was in goal for Stevenson, while John Petrous tended net for Western.

"Up until this week I was pleased with the way we were playing, but unfortunately we seemed to have lost our mometum," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "We had an excellent first half and played well both at home and on the road. The test of any good team is to play well on the road.

"The second half of the season we have to play with intensity and be responsible on and off the ice. I'm encouraged we're still within striking disance and pleased with competed with every team in our league."

•**CHURCHILL 9, SALEM 2:** Listen to Livonia Churchill hockey coach Jeff Hatley and you'd believe this game, a 9-2 rout of Plymouth Salem Friday at Edgar Arena, meant nearly nothing.

Particularly where the future is concerned.

"I told the guys they've got to look at it like a three-game set, and the only one that matters is the last one, in the state tournament," he said.

Churchill, now 11-4-1 overall and 9-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, has beaten the Rocks (1-13 overall, 1-8 in the WLAA) handily twice this season. The Chargers could run into them again in the state district tournament.

The Chargers had some early trouble Friday with host Salem at the Cultural Center, but a five-goal third period iced it. Tom Sherman scored twice in the first period and Brian Grant got another to put Churchill up 3-1.

Salem's goal, which temporarily tied it at 1-1, was scored by Mark Nagel.

The Chargers took a 4-1 lead into the third period, Nate Jakubowski getting their second period goal, and Jason Turri increased their advantage to 5-1 early in the final stanza.

Steve Nagel pulled the Rocks to within 5-2, but Churchill got scores from Mike Andes, Ryan McDonell, Jakubowski and Sean Szostak to win going away.

Adam Krug had three assists for the Chargers; Turri got two.

Ryan McBroom was in goal for Churchill. Scott Stukel was in the net for Salem.

•**STEVENSON 2, W.L. CENTRAL 2:** Newly acquired junior goaltender Vladimir Hritcu stopped 45 shots Wednesday as last place Walled Lake Central earned a WLAA-Lakes Division tie with host Livonia Stevenson at Edgar Arena.

Central is 1-12-2 overall, 0-7-1 in the WLAA and 0-3-1 in the Lakes Division.

Stevenson is 10-4 and 7-1-1 in the WLAA. The Spartans are 3-0-1 in the Lakes.

Both Stevenson goals came in the opening period — Chris Wrigley from Mike Peraino and Sean Lewis at 11:12 and Peraino from Lewis and Mark Blazok at 3:00.

Joe Chagnon had both goals for Central, including the game tying goal from Nick Borg at 4:33. He also score dat 9:00 of the opening period from Chris Pyzik and Borg.

Stevenson netminder Kevin Marlowe faced just 14 shots.

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Westland Huron Valley tops Warren Zoe in MIAC match

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran won a pair of Michigan [illegible] Athletic Conference girls volleyball matches last week.

On Thursday, [illegible] Graves served eight points as Huron Valley [illegible] 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC with a 15-6, 15-[illegible] over Warren Zoe Christian in a match played at St. Paul's in Livonia.

On Wednesday, Rachel Zahn had five kills and Graves served 13 consecutive points in the second game as the Hawks turned back Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian, 15-5, 15-0.

Chargers zap North Farmington

Service with a smile.

That was the formula Wednesday for the host Livonia Churchill girls volleyball team, which swept visiting North Farmington in three games, 15-1, 15-3, 15-8.

Churchill is 15-3-2 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Sophomore Sheila Gillies served nine points in the opening game, while Amy Cadovich served 13 in the second game.

Cori Mack and Beth Bushey helped serve out the third game.

Shannon Munn and Bushey were Churchill's top attackers with seven and six kills, respectively.

Charger coach Mike Hughes also praised the defensive play and passing of Carey Ziomek and Michelle Esperza.

Patriots topple Westland John Glenn

Alexis Bowman served eight aces and coach Mary Helen Diegel emptied her bench Wednesday as Livonia Franklin cruised past host Westland John Glenn in a WLAA match, 15-1, 15-7.

"Everybody played and the points were spread out among the whole team," Diegel said. "It was a total team effort."

Franklin is 14-4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes.

Spartans ease by Walled Lake Western

Livonia Stevenson visited Walled Lake Western on Thursday and came back with a 15-5, 15-13, 15-5 victory.

The Spartans squared their WLAA mark at 1-1 in a 19-5-2 season.

"The second game took 1-hour and 15-minutes to play," Coach Kelly Graham of the Spartans said. "We were stuck on 11-11 forever.

"We didn't play very well, but our serving and our offense helped push us through."

Kate LeBlanc scored 21 kills to lead the Stevenson offensive attack while Katie Drews had 10 and Carly Wadsworth.

Kelley Hutchins set her teammates up 32 times.

Megan Urbats went 22-for-23 serving while Julie Pfiefer was 12-for-13 in digs. Christine Mathieson was 9-for-10 serving.

Livonia Ladywood trips Regina

Rachel Rock and Jessica Tilson each recorded six kills Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood earned a 15-10, 15-11 Catholic League Central Division victory at Harper Woods Regina.

Ladywood, coming off a 1-3-1 outing Jan. 15 at Comstock, is 12-10-2 overall and 3-0 in the Central Division.

Tilson also added three blocks in the victory, while freshman Kristen Bachor had the game-winning kill to go along with three digs, one ace and one block.

PREP MAT RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 43
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 27
Jan. 20 at Stevenson

103 pounds: Steve Cady (LS) pinned Roy Setsuda, 1:13; **112:** Josh Gunterman (LS) won by technical fall over Craig Aubry, 18-2; **119:** Bill Bullock (LS) p. Aaron Lucrero, 2:48; **125:** Dan Childs (WLC) p. Brian Schmidt, 0:17; **130:** Ryan Dropiewski (WLC) p. Mike Khoe, 3:23; **135:** Ian Huff (WLC) p. Alex Pushman, 0:58; **140:** John O'Brien (WLC) decisioned Matt Radley, 5-1; **145:** Chris Cooprider (LS) dec. Joe Marttila, 4-0; **152:** Imad Kharbush (LS) p. Dave Vidlund, 3:26; **160:** Mike Falzon (LS) won by tech. fall over Joe Moreno, 15-0; **171:** John MacFarland (LS) dec. Daryl Hilyard, 5-3; **189:** Eric Puninske (LS) p. Joe Hartley, 4:49; **215:** Tim McCarthy (LS) dec. Greg Hartley, 8-5; **heavyweight:** Paul Lindsey (WLC) p. Dan Hine, 4:18.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 9-3-1 overall, 3-0 Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division.

STERLING HEIGHTS 47
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 36
Jan. 20 at Sterling Heights

103 pounds: Mike Cascano (SH) decisioned Nader Al-Mooshi, 7-5; **112:** double void; **119:** Andy Hoppe (SH) won by technical fall over Dan Tondreau, 16-1; **125:** Dan Pulmer (SH) p. Jason Morin, 0:35; **130:** Mike Harmie (SH) p. Nick Elam, 3:04; **135:** Jason Russell (SH) p. Ernest Reddic, 0:34; **140:** Ryan Young (SH) p. Namrood Al-Mooshi, 1:01; **145:** Anthony Martinerio (SH) p. Ryan Bierschbach, 1:45; **152:** Jeff Potter (C'ville) p. Tim Punter, 4:41; **160:** Ryan Smith (C'ville) Dan Mauer, 4:47; **171:** Jose Aguilar (C'ville) p. Joe Ditraperri, 3:19; **189:** Steve Rotenheber (C'ville) p. Mark Mondory, 1:15; **215:** Jared Bened (SH) dec. Kalen McPherson, 8-6; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (C'ville) p. Pete Sabbasa, 1:30.

Clarenceville's overall dual meet record: 7-9.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 58
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 24
Jan. 19 at Clarenceville

103 pounds: Nader Al-Mooshi (C'ville) pinned Dan Basely, 0:41; **112:** Dan Tondreau (C'ville) won by void; **119:** Jason Morin (C'ville) p. Pete Daniels, 1:37; **125:** Josh Pransche (LW) p. Nick Elam, 1:20; **130:** Name not available (LW) p. Ernest Reddic, 1:36; **135:** Tim Murphy (LW) p. Namrood Al-Mooshi, 3:11; **140:** Lukev Michae (LW) won by void; **145:** Ryan Bierschbach (C'ville) p. Nick Petrew, 1:03; **152:** Jeff Potter (C'ville) p. Dan Unger, 1:00; **160:** Ryan Smith (C'ville) p. Aaron Rider, 0:21; **171:** Jose Aguilar (C'ville) won by major dec. over James Molnar, 13-3; **189:** Steve Rotenheber (C'ville) p. Matt Rae, 3:41; **215:** Kalen McPherson (C'ville) p. John Burkee, 2:26; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (C'ville) p. Josh Meyer, 3:29.

Clarenceville's Metro Conference record: 4-0.

ROSEVILLE 55
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 21
Jan. 19 at Clarenceville

103 pounds: Nader Al-Mooshi (C'ville) won by void; **112:** Dan Tondreau (C'ville) decisioned Curt Kratt, 4-2; **119:** Matt Bilbren (R) p. Jason Morin, 1:48; **125:** Charlie Ireland (R) p. Nick Elam, 2:50; **130:** Mike Wilson (R) p. Ernest Reddic, 2:35; **135:** Keith Victory (R) p. Namrood Al-Mooshi, 1:15; **140:** Paul Simmons (R) won by void; **145:** Robert Comito (R) p. Ryan Bierschbach, 4:50; **152:** Brandon Ahearn (R) dec. Jeff Potter, 14-8; **160:** Casey McClelland (R) p. Ryan Smith, 1:58; **171:** Matt McCartney (R) won by major dec. over Jose Aguilar, 14-0; **189:** Darrell Brandt (R) p. Steve Rotenheber, 0:55; **215:** Kalen McPherson (C'ville) p. Emmett Marshfield, 0:47; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (C'ville) won by void.

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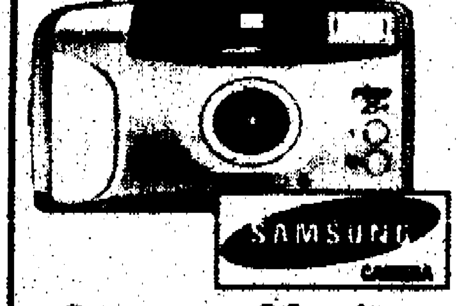

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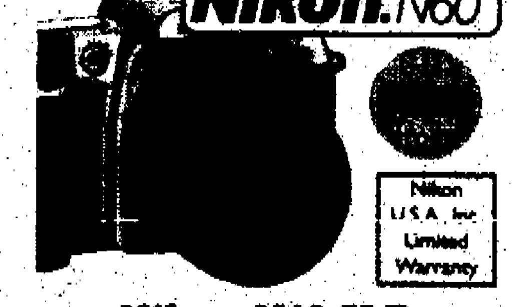

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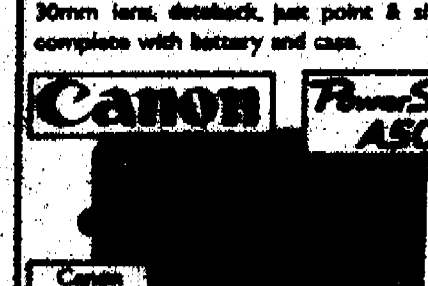

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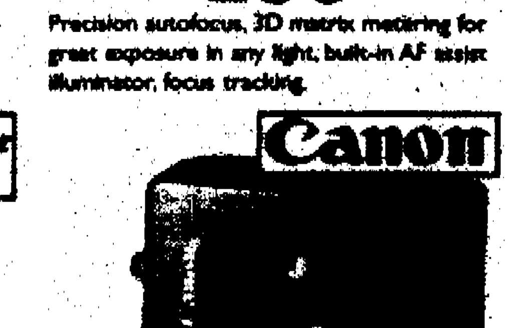

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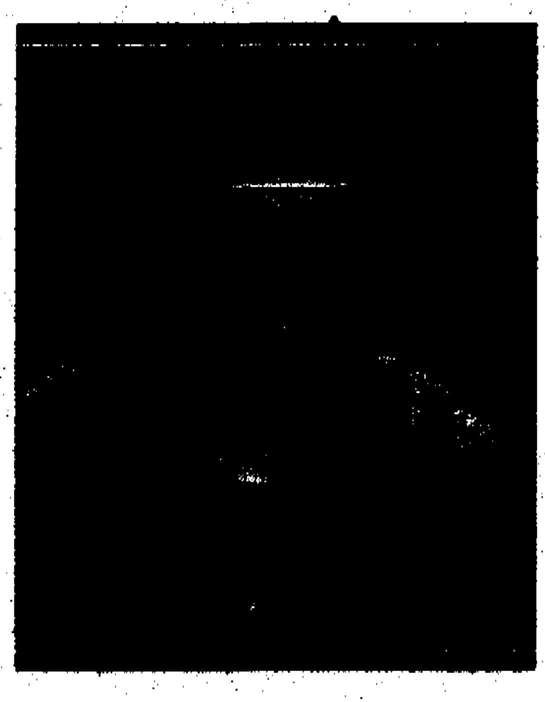

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Lane inspectors have important 'roll' to fill

TEN PIN ALLEY

AL HARRISON

They seem to be invisible men, they turn up at the bowling centers completely unannounced and by design, a total surprise.

They are the lane inspectors, employed by the local associations all around the nation, and locally by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

The purpose of the lane inspector is to make spot checks in every sanctioned bowling center.

One of them is Paul Hutchinson who grew up in Garden City and now resides in Dearborn Heights.

Many readers will recognize the name from when Paul ran a local pro shop for 10 years. Another is GDBA Director Ed Malinowski of Livonia.

I watched Hutchinson as he made a spot check at one of the local centers.

"Many current bowlers do not fully understand the lane conditioning process," Hutchinson said. "And think that the house is trying to pull a Halloween prank on them with a terrible shot."

Let's just look at what happens when the lanes are oiled. Nowadays they are usually done by machines which can spread the oil on the lane in a programmed manner.

In order to be legal within the "System of Bowling," each lane must have a minimum of three units of oil across the width of the lane surface. It can be more than three, and the center sector is usually given much more, 50 units or so is quite common.

The house decides how far down the lane they will oil, most places will go somewhere between forty to 50 feet from the foul line.

The exact amount requires a little guesswork on the part of the lane man unless he also has a device to measure what number of units he has put down.

Up until 1991, whenever a 300 game was bowled, that pair of lanes had to be shut down until a representative of ABC came out to measure the oil and certify that the lanes were legal.

Checking things out: *Paul Hutchinson of Garden City makes certain the lanes are certifiable.*

Nowadays the lanes must have been checked and certified within the previous 30 days, or else the lanes must then be tested sometime during the next 30 days.

It is now extremely rare that an honor score is rejected.

Hutchinson walks in with his testing equipment which resembles a gun case, and another that holds the electronic black box.

He will then randomly select a pair of lanes which are not in use to do his testing.

The first sampling is taken at about 50 feet. The next sampling is at where the oiling has ended, and then another at 15 feet, around the arrows.

Paul uses a tape that resembles Scotch magic tape which is run across the lane at these increments. The oil is absorbed into the tape, and then sealed in by a second tape.

It is then fed into the black box which measures by means of UV light to accurately tell how much oil is on each of the 40 boards across the lane. These figures are written into a report that is sent to the GDBA office for final analysis.

All of this procedure is being done on a continuing basis at odd intervals, therefore ensuring that league bowlers are going to get recognition for any honor scores bowled.

And that for all bowlers the shot will be up to a set of standards that make it a fair game for all participants.

There will always be some variance from house to house and from day to day as the changes in temperature, humidity and the type of oil used can have an effect on what the balls will do when they are rolled down the lane.

Most of the managers and proprietors are trying to give their bowlers the best possible shot without making it too easy.

One of the preferred oil patterns is called the "Christmas Tree," as the oil diagram would resemble that image on a chart.

The pro bowlers get a much more difficult shot set down than the league bowlers, and the early league bowlers will generally have more oil on the lanes than the later squads.

It is really up to the individual player to watch their ball as it rolls on down the lane to figure out where to play the shot.

If you are good enough and lucky enough to roll a 300 game, you can be reasonably sure that it will not be rejected because of the lane conditions.

That is a part of what your annual ABC and local dues are used for. It is one of the many benefits provided by your association to assure that all bowlers get a condition which produces a fair shot for all competitors.

Do the lefties get a better shot?

They get the same conditions, but since there are fewer of them, the lanes stay more stable on the left side. Those lane inspectors are there to protect and preserve the integrity of the sport.

Trout challenge on the way

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

BILL PARKER

Get out your fly rod, tie on a tippet and add an old ragged dry fly. It's time to wet a line.

Don't worry, there's no heat wave coming that's going to ruin our ice fishing season. It's just time for the sixth annual Sporting Flies Challenge, sponsored by the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

This year's event, held in conjunction with the Chapter's annual "What's New in Tackle Night," is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

For the past six years members of the Paul H. Young Chapter have transformed the Southfield Civic Center into a artificial trout stream and invited anglers of all ages to come and try their hand at casting to specific targets. The stream is actually a huge, winding piece of blue plastic.

Obstacles like papier-maché boulders, old Christmas trees and other woody debris are placed strategically along the stream and participants must cast to water targets placed among the debris.

"We try to set it up to look as realistic as possible," said Bob Batchik, director of the challenge. "We've got simple casts and challenging casts. It's really a lot of fun."

Participants cast three times at each of five stations. If you hit the target on your first cast you receive three points. Hit it again with your second cast and receive two more points, and hit it on your third cast and receive an additional point.

A perfect score on any one target results in six points. The highest point total at the conclusion of each event is the winner.

The Sporting Flies Challenge started out as a contest between TU chapters, but has grown in popularity and now includes three divisions of competition — an Individual Challenge, a Club Challenge and a Team Challenge.

The Individual Challenge costs $5 for each pass and individuals may pass through the course as many times as they want. The Club Challenge is a two-man team event reserved for clubs and organizations.

Entry fee is $100 and the winning team gets 75-percent of the collected entry fees. The Team Challenge is a four-man team event open to any and all comers. The entry fee is $100 per team and the winning team gets 50-percent of the collected entry fees.

Money raised through this fund-rising event is earmarked for stream improvement projects statewide.

"All the money goes into our annual grant fund for stream improvement," Batchik said. "We raised about $2,000 each of the last two years. We hope to do a little better this year."

The annual "What's New in Tackle Night" will also be held and includes representatives from local fly shops as well as tackle and equipment manufacturer reps. Food and refreshments will also be served and tickets for TU's raffle of a Jeep Cherokee will also be available.

For more information call up the Paul H. Young Chapter's web site at www.paulyoungtu.org or call Batchik at (248) 683-3688.

Explorers Club grows

In an effort to help youngsters explore Michigan's vast natural world the Michigan Department of Natural Resources a few years back started the Outdoor Explorers Club.

Membership in the club, which is geared for youngsters ages 12 and under, is free and club members receive a colorful and informative newsletter four times a year.

The newsletter is full of games riddles and activities as well as some surprises for its readers, such as the use of special pine-scented ink that was used in the winter edition featuring information on Hartwick Pines State Park and Michigan's logging history.

"The Outdoor Explorers Club newsletter was created because the DNR is committed to creating new opportunities for family interaction with educational activities that promote fun, appreciation and knowledge of Michigan's great outdoors," said K.L. Cool, director of the MDNR.

Over 10,000 youngsters joined the club last year, bringing the grand total to more than 30,000.

"Our goal is to reach 200,000 by the year 2002, making it one of the largest conservation youth groups in the world," Cool said.

To join the club send a sheet of paper with the name, address, phone number, age and date of birth of the prospective member to: Explorers Club, Department of Natural Resources, Box 30690, Lansing, MI 48909-8190.

Applications are also available at the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us and at all DNR offices statewide.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Send information or comments to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009).

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Local 182: Emil Heilman, 211; Roy Lince, 208.

Ford T&C Ladies: Darlene McMullen, 231.

Koffee Klatchers: Clara Hopper (91 average), 164.

Men's Trio: Mark Shiemke, 278/755; Kevin Muto, 278/760; Mark Howes, 722; Norb Dominguez, 691; Mike Travis, 695.

Early Birds: Laura Sakata, 213/525; Karen Govender, 207/528; Janet Chunn, 201/568; Judy Brosch, 509.

Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Ed Ash, 244; Ed Zdanowski, 265/632.

Livonia Elks: Bob Pierce, 297.

Senior House: Mike Norwick, 276/699; Mike Norris, 268/769; Pat Engebretson, 259/670; Jeff Roche, 256/720; Rob Schepis, 257/700.

Midnighters: Jim Zatinski, 232/566; Frank Nickowski, 266/664; Cullen Cacicedo, 223/586; Jim Ryan, 244/611; Paul Bruckner, 236/613.

Gay '90s (Seniors): Howard Featherston, 203; Stanley Skarbinski, 246/604.

Rollmasters (Friday Youth): Colin Zurenko, 248; Mike Wilkowski, 245.

Monday Seniors: Shirley Johnson, 215; Jim Meloche, 221; Gunther Goetzinger, 207; Pat Sparks, 204; Ruth Brewer, 206.

G&G Auto: Jim Gagleard, 268/738; Ken Smoltz, 266/720; Eric Wahlen, 266/748; Larry Ruzsas, 248/689; Scott Wilson, 237/692.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Kings & Queens: Steve Pencola, 253-251/707; Rick Knurek, 256/654; Mike Omilian, 645; Kevin Heikkinen, 244/636.

St. Sabina Mixed: Mark Santo, 277/723.

Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Karen Milligan, 224-202/604; Lisa Sallade, 217-208/582; Bev Munir, 207/551; Debbie Kohler, 204/537; Susan Tossava, 203/529.

Last Weekenders: Bob Truszkowski, 300.

Wednesday Sundowners: Mary Maver, 225/559; Pat Mardeusz, 219/528; Laurie Sackett, 215/520; Denise Stancato, 210-214/594; Linda Harding, 227/577; Marilyn Hassen, 213/543.

YABA Pepsi Pros (Youth Majors): Tony Fotiu (age 17), 300.

Strikes & Spares (Juniors): Jason Maples, 203.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

St. Aidan's Men: Pat Ramsey, 242-218/648; Mike Kowalski, 236/664; Dave Golen, 233/630; Jack Pomeroy, 242; Walt Merritt, 248; Dan Gauvin, 234/622.

Thursday Junior House: Barry Lawrence, 300/721; Brandon Teddy, 279/755; Mike Makowiec, 278/747; Bob Lee, 268/691; Nelles Denny, 267/726.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Marianne D'Rubo, 229-279-248/755; Lisa McCardy, 269-247-212/728; Renee Palmer, 248-262-211/721; Novella White, 224-258-216/698; Karen Merrill, 232-222-236/693; Jeanne Gebbia, 260-258/688.

Friday Seniors: Tony Golchuk, 223/592; Ken McDaniel, 229/619; Jerry Page, 233/661; Jim Townsend, 230/556; Harry Buhl, 221/562.

Tuesday Seniors: Andy Wright, 249/652; Larry Slavin, 235/547; Joe Buhagiar, 244/530; Bob Charbonneau, 225/585; Ken McDaniel, 216/615.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Friday Funsters: Edwin Ash, 202; Bob Vroman, 226; Freda Bernhardt, 199; Len Brown, 203; Grady Portwood, 205.

Monday Canton Seniors: Harris Barnes, 229/516.

Saturday Youth (11 a.m. Majors): Cory Cawcross, 238/613; Drew Barth, 272/616; Matt McCaffrey, 225; Diane Thomas, 143.

(11 a.m. Juniors): Nick Iann, 179; Brian Rzepka, 135.

(11 a.m. Preps): Angel Gallo, 143.

(11 a.m. Bantams): Michael Nadratowski, 133; Derek Saber, 131.

(9 a.m. Majors): Jon Robison, 214/604; Ken Barman, 214/587; Brian Stack, 210/527; Justin Horvath, 203/528.

(9 a.m. Juniors): Brad Hill, 174.

(9 a.m. Bantams/Preps): Ashley Greening, 149.

Friday Youth (Majors): David Jacobs, 242/676; Jason Walsh, 220/543; Keith Kingsbury, 205; Fritz Brian Pacznoski, 213/599.

(Juniors): Eric Rawson, 243/633; Justin Rozkowski, 213/516; Brad Fiorentino, 201.

(Preps): Wright Rosemann, 184/502; Cathy Fu...man, 140; Brandon Garcia, 137.

Thursday Juniors (Majors): Erik Morrisette, 155; Sean Miller, 122.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Paul Temple, 244-217-245/706; Ed Patrick, 254/661; Charlie Lawrence, 248/632; Jim Waldrep, 266/682; John Landuit, 259/662; Bob Sherwood, 257/664; Tony Wolak, 256/652.

Good Neighbors: Dot Haggard, 190/515; Gloria Mertz, 205/596; Annette Trader, 512; Pauline Polk, 211/514.

Monday Seniors: Pat Valerio, 268/675; Leonard Sobiechowski, 244/659; Jim Klebba, 659; Duane Kuras, 241/654; Ted Mack, 261/641; Howard Davis, 237/639.

Friday Seniors: Joe Buzanowski, 300-257/756; Al Thompson, 268/702; Tom Newbrough, 235/681; Bob Burmeister, 257/681; Ted Muraski, 257/674.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Darrin Clark, 264-226-225/715; Dave Clark, 248/699; Gary Czaja, 226/665; Stan Klos, 257/667; John Adomitis, 244/653.

Oak Lanes (Westland)

G&G Auto: Linda Dietz, 221/572; Candace Brouwer, 225; Sue Ivancik, 200/568; Sandi Smith, 209/566; Ann Niedermeyer, 225/569.

Town 'n Country (Westland)

Thursday Morning Men: Randy Stoddard, 300.

WB Memorial Open: Mike Chapman, 300.

Youth/Adult: Vicki Dean, 232.

W.C.R.E.S.A.: Gary Labadie, 236; Joyce Coffee, 218.

Morning Preps: Cory Harden, 192.

Morning Teens: Peter Bednarz, 257/685; Darrin Turner, 237/584; Evan Relich, 235/644; Sheila Honeycutt, 231/605; Erin Davis, 211/571.

Biltmore: Cheri Brezovsky, 256/608; Kelly Rusiiee, 205/540; Kathy Tokarz, 201.

Westland Bowl

St. Mel's Men: Jerry Kosc, 258/696; Troy Taylor, 254/628; Erik Hein, 241/646; Mike Kalem, 266/651; Max Bennett, 267/735.

Monday Morning Men: Randy Kline, 289/667; Vernon Looney, 263/701; Walter Machniak, 227/600; John Nakoneczny, 202/508.

Monday, 6:30 p.m. Men: Carl Kuehne, Sr., 267/677; Joe Dube, 259/628; Davis Pydyn, 255/667; Bob Darocha, 247/653; Mike Sosnowski, 245/582.

E/O Friendship: Dennis Allison, 214/583; James Javello, 212/576; Pat Tapper, 201/522; Dorothy Whitsett, 195; Sally Mersino, 192/504.

E/O Out to Lunch Bunch: Mike Abalos, 255/593; Randy Mulvin, 213/632; James Lauer, 234/654; Bill Freeman, 231/656; Shirley Couchman, 221/551; Michele Summers, 219/560; Deborah Powell, 205.

Thursday Men's 950: Don Goodby, 257-279-267/803.

Thursday Nite Mixed: Ken Forbes, 255/703; Dan Harrison, 246/672; Keith Post, 229/669; Candy Bailey, 260/628; Genevieve Forbes, 224/605; Sally Carabio, 210.

Westland Champs: Jerry Havro, 231/526; Susan Gams, 220/607; Dee Pidt, 215/540; Candy Loschiavo, 213/506; Jennifer Mantey, 200.

Sunday Sleepers: Ryan Wilson, 279/688; Larry Voitkofsky, 278/647; Gary Meyers, 277/695; Chris Klichoski, 273/756; Troy Lindon, 269.

NASCAR Trio: Augusta Bell, Jr., 248/563; Dan Doddie, 246/646; Brian Doddie, 213/544; Mike Boucher, 211/591; Holly Stevenson, 192.

A.M. Ladies Trio: Rochelle Casada, 235/565; Phyllis Hammerberg, 201/529; Louann Saavedra, 201/544.

Coca Cola Youth (Majors): Charles Swope, 202; Eric Elberling, 237/583; John Skope, 224/534; Mike Hiltunen, 256-208-226/690.

Juniors: Eric Voitkovsky, 204-209-210/623; Tatiana Carnahan, 153-166-145; Candice Ainsworth, 180; Trac Dougherbaugh, 138; Trey Raines, 191/551; Jeremy Hardy, 161.

Saturday Preps: Adam Whalen, 184; Samantha Blakes, 131.

Bantams: Logan Cheston, 142.

(Doubles): Keith Forsythe, 164.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Waterford Men: Chuck Morris, 289-210-247/836; Tony Shea, 212-247-269/728; Mark Pennington, 266-247/707; John Greghear, 244-259/...; John Thorson, 279/701.

St. Colette Men's: Clem Diglio, Jr., 275-264-289/828; Mike Ksiazek, 234-242-246/722; Noah Guck, 214-228-256/698.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Breakfast Mixed: Rod Allen, 232/624; Dennis VanMeter, 225; Walt Thomas, 245; Ted Mac, 226; Tony Varnas, 228.

Country Keglers: Dave Kaluzewski, 278/685; Dean Johnson, 275/702; Rich Nizza, 268/652; Gary Via, 247; Gerald Heath, 247.

EVEN-7: George Bering, 276/665; Craig Savalish, 278/676; David Chefan, 258/665; James Fidelt, Jr., 256; Greg Cooper, 255.

B'Nai Brith Pisgah: Keith Kingston, 234-248-248/730; Howard Waxer, 276/687; Bryan Levine, 247/665; Mitch Finkel, 224/664; Al Mudryk, 246/640.

Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson: Howard Waxer, 267-216-248/729; Dennis Eder, 263-233-226/722; Andy Rubin, 247/694; Lee Roth, 226/662; Gary Goldin, 242/649.

University Men's: Glenn Colgan, 279/706; Chris Semik, 279; Keith Guertin, 276.

Suburban Prop. Travel (Men): Jim Schaeffer, 266/718; Tim Magyar, 260/694; Bill Brinkley, 253; Dan Zak, 246/682; Tony Batarta, 244.

(Ladies): Bernice Anthony, 217/592; Judy Washington, 213/586; Nancy Severo, 201/508; Lisa Borowski, 197; Iris Morie, 193.

Sunday Goodtimers: Ray Hassen, 229/564; Ray Bucharter, 213; Barry Adler, 201.

Tuesday Trio: Lyle Schaefer, 279/728; Mitchell Alley, 257; John Osborne, 692.

Tuesday Morning Ladies: Debbie Ciaramito, 214/532; Dorothy Monetta, 213.

Metro Highway: Bruce Doran, 265-236-213/714; Paul Stoll, 258; T.D. Brown, 256-237-214/707; Jack Harrison, 248/653; Ed Thompson, 247/645.

Sunday Combos: Chris Kloc, 242; Jim Bainbridge, 234; Rebecca Sockow, 197/514; Kristie Rand, 211/500.

Strikers: Rita Dawood, 206/501; Debbie Leon, 202.

Monday Night Men: Norb Rzeppa, 289; Rick Rynicki, 280/766; Bob Koenig, 734.

Afternoon D'Lites: Sue Osten, 254/574; Fern Wallach, 218/551.

Monday Midnight Men: Sam Bakkal, 287; Mark Salmo, 269; Ray Toma, 672.

Saturday Odd Couples: Steve Karakula, 246/636; Wayne Kiester, 234/657.

Country Couples: Edwin Small, Jr., 255/647; Al Dubiel, 246; Peggy Bone, 197/516.

Temple Israel: David Marsh, 247; Freddy LaBelle, 236; Jack Kopnick, 639.

C/L Semi-Classic: Judy Washington, 257/656; Pam Jones, 244/601.

St. Paul's Men: Thad Studnicki, 279; John Gautherat, 618.

Rosedale Bowlerettes: Mary Nowak, 207/560.

Spares & Strikes: Helen Burger, 219/544; Kate Boghers, 209; Lila Smith, 205.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills)

B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeiger Gress: Ryan Lash, 269/682; Jon Firsht, 215/619; Marshall Spinner, 237/619; Steve Hoberman, 220-221; Mike Drakin, 236.

Downtown Fox: Ken Gross, 246/681; David Lazarus, 240/655; Jack Blaine, 234/608; Neal Drutch, 246/609; Bruce Rosenblatt, 233/608.

Wayne Bowl

Youth Leagues (Tuesday Night Majors): Amber Henn, 257; Dale Moore, 244. **Saturday Junior-Senior:** Tony Barber, 239-234/661; Joe Fisher, 278.

W.W.Y.T.C. Travel: Jennifer Sheridan, 252; Rob Tomlinson, 226-226/624; Niki Moore, 202/598; 152 pins o/a.

Novi Bowl

Westside Lutheran: Will Gruike, 268/735; Tim Warner, 255/705; Bill Bryant, 269/688; Steve Faith, 669; Jay Terranella, 269/651.

Cherry Hill Lanes

Friday Men: Bill Parris, 300; Patrick O'Neill, 289/697; Keith Sockow, 696.

Thursday Suburbanites: Debbie Hart, 212; Gina Johnson, 199.

Match Play Trio: Nancy Anthony, 289/689; Kathie Maher, 701; Mary Monaco, 258.

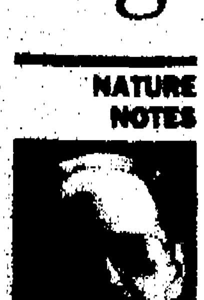
Monday Nite Men: Steve Klein, 288; Yves Simiansky, 700.

Taylor Lanes

Sunday Youth Classic Travel: Evan Reich, 245-247-226/718; Tom Hughes, 248/682; Keith Moore, 233/658; Jerry Long, 216; Howard Hardy, 236/622.

Big appetite for a little shrew

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

There was a light snowfall today, just enough to cover the ground in white. It allowed me to view tracks made by animals as they stepped on the ground.

Discovering tracks after a snowfall allows the winter walker to recall the activities of animals never seen.

One particular trail I discovered was not the typical foot prints of the animal, rather it looked like a trail made by a snake.

Across the undisturbed snow was a raised tunnel of snow with some abrupt bends and angles along its route. It was no more than three-quarters of an inch across. The snow was not deep, so some of the tunnel had breaks in the top.

Because the snow was not deep, this animal must have been very small to have been able to tunnel rather than run on the surface. My guess was that it was a shrew. Based on its size, possible a masked shrew.

A masked shrew is one of the smallest mammals in Michigan. They are about 4 inches long with a half-inch of that is tail.

Like all shrews in Michigan it has a pointed nose, its eyes are very tiny, there are no distinguishable ears and the masked shrew has a brownish body with a buff colored belly.

Shrews remain active all year and need to eat constantly. Though a masked shrew weighs about one-fifth of an ounce, or less than two pennies, they must eat about one and a half times their weight each day to survive.

This time of year masked shrews look for small invertebrates like wintering spiders, crickets, caterpillars, salamanders and any other animal matter they can find. Seeds are not a big part of their diet.

Though invertebrates are not active in winter, shrews are able to nose under leaf litter, explore hollows of logs or sticks to discover where they are spending the winter.

Small animals like the masked shrew are able to stay warm in cold winter temperatures by staying low to the ground and staying out of the wind.

Staying close to the ground is not hard for a shrew that stands 1/2-to-3/4 of an inch tall, and being that small allows them to find many areas of shelter.

While searching for their own food, masked shrews need to watch out that they don't become food for other animals trying to survive the winter.

Weasels, such as the least-and short-tailed are small enough to hunt in the haunts of the masked shrew. Owls are also potential predators of the shrew. Even larger species of shrew are threats. Being small is not easy in the natural world.

Shrews are difficult to see because of their size and speed, but with snow on the ground it is possible to at least see where these little dynamos have been hunting.

Be on the look out for evidence of shrews as you hike the trails in winter.

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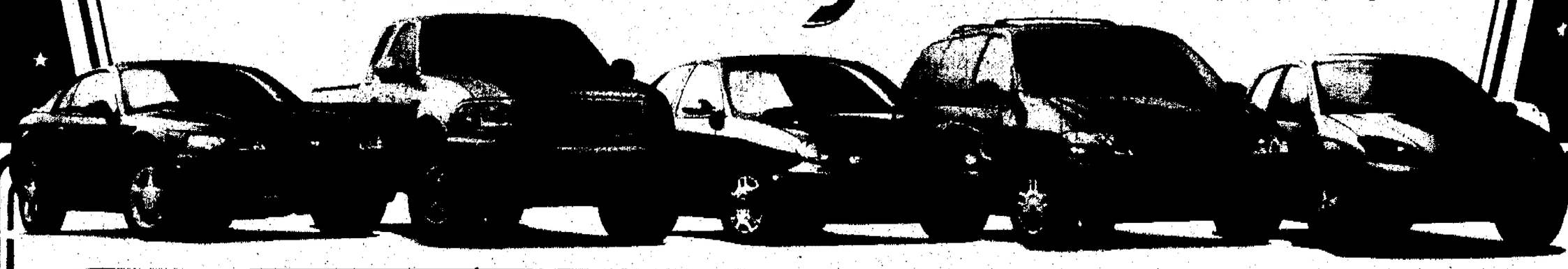

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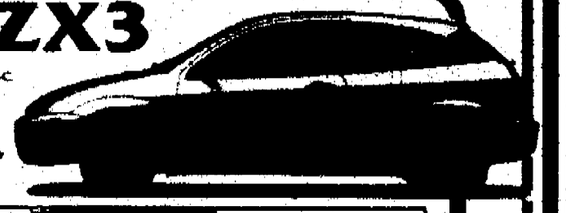

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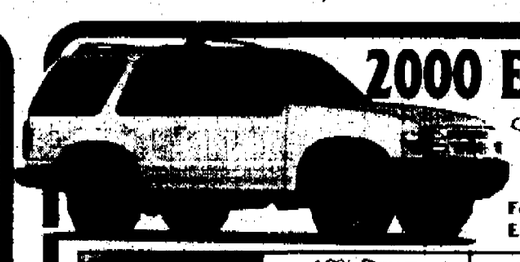

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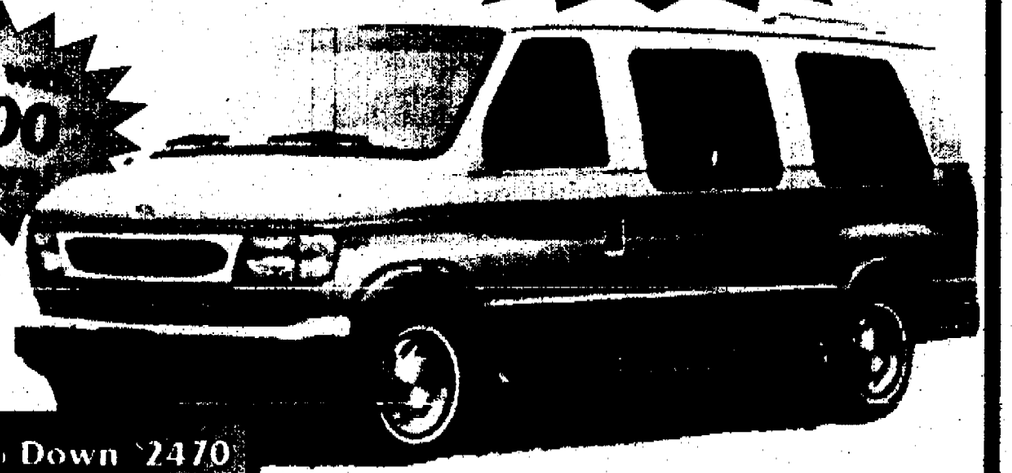

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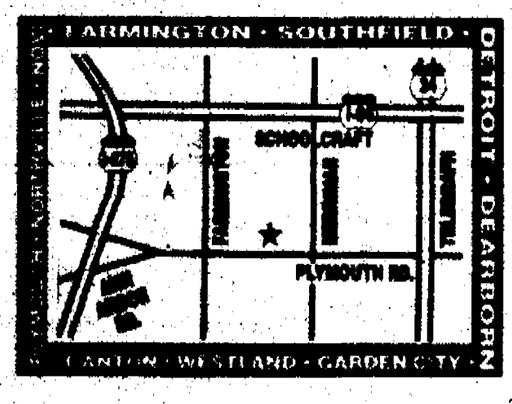

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Development director up for the task at hand

Ask Stella Greene one question about the Plymouth Community Arts Council and she's off and running like that unstoppable Energizer Bunny.

As the arts council's newly appointed development director, Greene is enthusiastic about finding new ways to inspire individuals, businesses and corporations to become involved with the organization dedicated to fostering and encouraging accessibility to quality arts experiences.

A series of writing workshops with authors is in the works, but already-established art classes, children's theater, scholarships, brown bag lectures, Music in the Park concerts, art in the schools programming, exhibits, and the Cultural Diversity Series have plenty of draw on their own.

Stella Greene

The cultural series continues Sunday, Jan. 30 with a celebration of Polish art, dance, food, and an exhibit of works by Marian Owczarski that continues through Wednesday, March 1.

What we do well

"We're focusing on what we do well," said Greene, who assumed the newly created position Sept. 1 although she's unofficially been doing the job for some time. "We have a wonderful director and team. It's really great to see 15 people excited about the organization. They have this enthusiasm to continue what we're doing. And things like this make it so easy."

Greene motioned to the exhibit by Plymouth artist Todd Marsee, now on display at the arts council.

"It's about the general public responding to an artist," said Greene. "That's what we're doing day after day with events and exhibits. That's why it's so powerful to have a local artist. He has his own friends and following in the community who will come in. They might not know about the arts council otherwise. We want to cultivate that and encourage them to come back."

Polish celebration

The arts council is hoping to draw a variety of new visitors with its Polish celebration. An opening reception, featuring the Wawel Folk Dancers of Hamtramck on Sunday, Jan. 30 will give visitors a taste of Poland. Three Brothers Restaurant and the culinary students at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools will prepare everything from pastries to traditional dishes.

St. Mary's College president Thaddeus Radzilowski will delve into "Modern Polish Art and Culture" at an upcoming lecture. There will also be sculptures on display by Marian Owczarski, artist-in residence at Orchard Lake Schools and a native of Poland. At the Jan. 30 reception, visitors will have the opportunity to ask Owczarski about the stainless steel sculptures he's created of Pope John Paul II, Joseph Conrad and other prominent Poles and Polish Americans.

The celebration is similar to one

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"Poland: A Celebration of Art and Culture"

WHAT: The Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food.
WHEN: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; sampling of Polish food and pastries at 1 p.m., performance by the Wawel Dancers at 2 p.m. Meet artist Marion Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday, until noon, Thursday-Friday.
WHERE: Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

Mark your calendar:

■ "Modern Polish Art and Culture" lecture by St. Mary's College President Thaddeus Radzilowski 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

All programs are open to the public. There is no charge.

Music critics: *(At right) Natasha Harhold practices in front of her toughest critics– Rhine (left) and Hope. (Photo below) Rhine is looking for a new home. His racing days are over after breaking a bone.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Musicians on track for Greyhound rescue

STORIES BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Duke's no pushover. Neither are Rhine and Hope, the greyhounds living with Natasha Harhold. When the Westland flutist hits a wrong note, they let her know.

Harhold's been doing a lot of practicing lately on behalf of greyhounds so these three are making sure she gets it right. Harhold and several wind players will perform a benefit concert Saturday, Feb. 12 at Madonna University. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. Event proceeds will go to TLC Greyhound Adoption, a nonprofit organization that secures homes for greyhounds after their racing days are over.

Joining Harhold on stage will be Donna Kallie, a Madonna University music professor; Benjamin Hayes (French horn), Cathy Feldman (flute), and her father, Irving (clarinet). The Feldmans teach at Evola Music in Canton.

"They're my biggest critics," said Harhold. "When they lay there and sleep, I know I'm not doing bad but when they run away I know I still have a lot of practicing to do."

WHAT: A concert to benefit TLC Greyhound Adoption.
WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.
WHERE: Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.
TICKETS: $5 adults, $3 students. Call (734) 765-2248 or e-mail greyhounddog@earthlink.net

Full house

Snuggled on the couch and floor, the three fawn-colored hounds seem pleased with the sounds coming from Harhold's flute. Duke has a special place in the Harhold household. He was the first greyhound Harhold and her husband, Mike, adopted after attending a Southfield pet care festival.

Hope was adopted as a puppy. Greyhound puppies are rare. Hope broke her rear leg so the owner/breeder decided to find her a home. The Harholds found her on the greyhound list on the Internet, and after talking with the breeder, went to Alabama to adopt her. The Harholds also have a 5-year-old lab/mix they adopted from the Michigan Humane Society in 1994.

Rhine, the Harhold's third foster dog, started racing at about 18 months, the typical age that greyhounds are sent to the track. He raced a year before breaking his back stopper bone. After healing, TLC Greyhound Adoption

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Greyhounds seek new homes

A greyhound's 12- to 14-year life span makes them an ideal pet. They're one of the few purebreds without genetic problems because they're bred for speed and agility, not looks. They can hit speeds of up to 45 miles an hour.

"Their dispositions, they're so gentle," said Natasha Harhold, who's adopted two greyhounds and fostered three since 1996. "We were concerned because we had a cat and greyhounds have a high prey drive but they're good with cats and small animals."

TLC Greyhound Adoption is constantly searching for homes for retired racing dogs. The $200 adoption fee includes spaying/neutering, dental cleaning, heart worm testing and six months of medication, up-to-date vaccinations, a collar and leash. Those interested in adopting can contact Harhold or visit the Web site at www.access-one.com/greyhoun/index.htm for more information and to complete an on-line application.

"We contact them to find out why they want to adopt. Then we

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Acting's no 'hard knock life' for star of 'Annie'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Not too much fazes Elizabeth Bezerko, especially when it comes to acting. The 9-year-old Farmington Hills girl is playing the lead role in "Annie Jr.," a shortened version of the musical about an orphan in search of a family.

Produced by Redford drama teacher Nancy Florkowski, "Annie Jr." continues through Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Presented by TinderBox Productions and the Youth Music Theatre of Detroit, it is directed by Stephanie Stephan.

"Annie Jr."

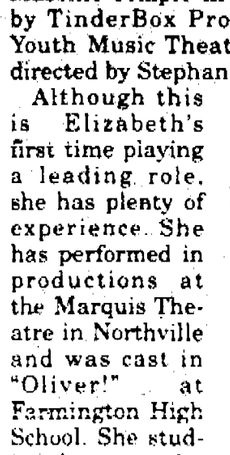
WHAT: TinderBox Productions presents a shortened version of the musical "Annie."
WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.
WHERE: Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit.
TICKETS: $5, call (313) 535-8962.

Although this is Elizabeth's first time playing a leading role, she has plenty of experience. She has performed in productions at the Marquis Theatre in Northville and was cast in "Oliver!" at Farmington High School. She studies dance at the Performing Arts Academy in Novi and began singing at the age of 4.

"I like performing and entertaining people," said Elizabeth, a fourth grader at Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington. "Annie's kind of two people. At the orphanage she's kind of mean, streetwise. Then with Daddy Warbucks, she's kind.

"The only challenge has been Sandy. Trying to work with the dog is kind of hard. I keep dog treats in my pockets. There's no dog trainer on set so I put them on the ground and she follows me."

Elizabeth has dreamed about playing Annie since she was 5 and saw the movie at a friend's house. A trip with her parents to see the live production convinced her that she wanted the role of the red-haired orphan. She hopes one day soon to dazzle audiences on Broadway. Time is running out, though. In a couple of years, she'll have reached the maximum age for playing the young girl.



Streetwise: *Elizabeth Bezerko in a scene from "Annie."*

"I really like that I get to sing by myself, and that I'm the star of the play," said Elizabeth. "I have lots of lines and sing lots of songs. Sometimes it's difficult because for songs like 'I'm Gonna Like It Here,' I have to really belt it out. But I really didn't have to learn the songs because I already knew them."

A father's prides takes over, as Rich Bezerko quickly adds.

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CONCERT

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra swings from France to Mexico

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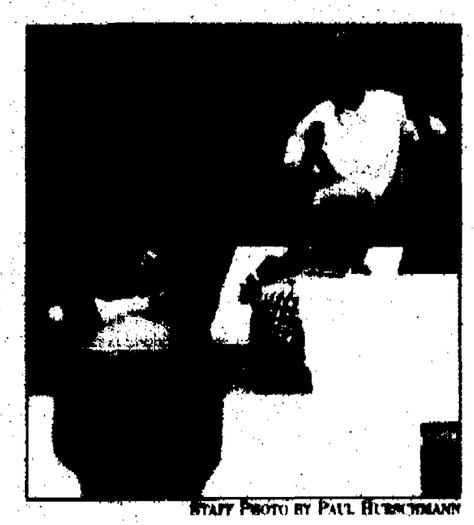
Before rehearsing Revueltas' "Ocho for Radio," conductor Nan Washburn asked how many members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra have played mariachi music. She "wasn't surprised when hardly any of the musicians said they had."

In her first season as conductor, Washburn has programmed a variety of musical styles. The next concert on Saturday, Jan. 29, is sure to intrigue the audience with pieces as varied as Haydn's "Lira Concertos," which aren't truly concertos, and Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing."

"I have very eclectic tastes and like to share them," said Washburn. "There's so much classical music and they don't all sound alike. There's a historical work by a woman composer on the chamber program and the piece by Revueltas, one of Mexico's most important 20th-century composers. The work is a delightful spoof on the sounds heard on Mexican radio including those sounds between channels."

The program is different from previous PSO chamber music concerts which featured several ensembles, each playing a particular piece of music.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

No, No Nonet: *Conductor Nan Washburn leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in a rehearsal for a chamber concert.*

"This year, I'm forming them into a mini orchestra of from 8 to 11 players to perform all of the pieces," said Washburn. "It's good for our principal players to solo so everybody gets to shine. It's my hope that this size ensemble will go out and perform and represent the orchestra at various locations in the community."

A pre-concert chat with Washburn will include a discussion about the history of the works on the program, and the composers who wrote them, including Louise Farrenc.

Farrenc was born in the early 1800s into an artistic family of sculptors and painters. By age 15, she was already an accomplished pianist. According to Washburn, Farrenc's "No, No Nonet" remained in manuscript in the Biblioteque Nationale in Paris for nearly 150 years and was only recently published.

"The most striking thing about Farrenc's music upon first hearing is that it does not sound French, especially when one considers the frivolous salon music dominating the Parisian musical tastes of the time. Her music is serious, full-scaled, well-crafted with a lyric beauty all it's own."

Young artists

Winners of the orchestra's Youth Artist Competition will receive their awards during the program. The students competed on Dec. 19 at Evola Music in Canton.

Washburn and orchestra members Victor Hickman and William Holsker chose Eric Liao, a 15-year-old pianist at Novi High School, to receive first place in the senior division.

First place junior division went to Tiffany Lin, a seventh grade pianist from Novi Middle School. Tied for second place in the senior division were Faith Scholfield, oboe, Plymouth Canton High School, and Robin Lin, piano, Novi High School.

Tiffany Lin and Liao will be featured at the children's concert in March.

The Plymouth Rotary Foundation presented a grant to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to help fund the student awards.

"No, No Nonet"

WHAT: Plymouth Symphony chamber concert features Poulenc, Haydn, Revueltas, Farrenc, and Ellington.
WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Pre-concert chat with director Nan Washburn begins at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Plymouth Canton Little Theatre inside Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road at Joy, Canton.
TICKETS: $12 adults, $10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112.

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last fall that spotlighted Japanese culture. Greene said, with so many companies doing business with the Japanese, the series served as a link between cultures.

"We reached out to Panasonic and they sponsored the tea and kimono ceremonies," said Greene. "They were eager to sponsor this to raise the comfort level of their own employees who were unfamiliar with the customs. Poland is an emerging country that companies are going to start doing business with. We encourage the public to take part during the student days and we'd especially encourage seniors."

The Cultural Diversity Series is also one of the ways, the arts council raises the awareness of children in a fun manner.

"School classes can come during the day and have a session with an artist or person from this culture," said Greene. "The culture boxes convey different aspects of cultures from their money to clothing and artifacts. When we started the arts council, it was to reach young children. It's heartwarming to see an organization 30 years later recognize its responsibility."

Greene hopes the arts council's Sunday, March 11 dinner/auction fund-raiser, "Escape to the Caribbean" at the Mayflower Meeting House, will attract anyone in search of a little fun, not just art lovers. Tickets are $55.

"We're trying to do something different than we've gone before," said Greene. "We're trying to put fun into it. The traditional auction will have a street vendor layout and Junkanoo musicians will be playing island music. We want people to come and have fun."

Networking in the community

Continuing to offer programs and events that attract new members are key to the future of the arts council but so is networking in the community.

"We've been networking one-on-one, talking to organizations and corporations," said Greene, a 20-year resident of Plymouth who until November served on the City Commission. "The best ambassadors for what we do are the people involved. The bottom line is we're all looking to improve our quality of life. I can tell you how the arts council has changed my life."

Greene became involved with the nonprofit after her daughter took art classes and won a scholarship from the arts council in 1991. Since then, Greene's served in a number of positions including president and chairperson of the capital campaign to renovate the facility purchased five years ago. Until that time, the arts council was housed above a clothing store on Main Street.

"When my daughter tried out for the Damaris scholarship competition in vocal, she was very shy and for her to get this small recognition this encouraged her to go to a couple of vocal camps including Interlochen. While there, she applied for the Interlochen Arts Academy as a creative writing student. She went there two years. I saw that child blossom through the classes here at the arts council so I wanted to say thank you and began helping out however I could."

Arts council president Dave Calzone thinks the board's selected the right person for the development director position.

"Any organization when you put on the level of programs that we do, require a consistent level of financing," said Calzone. "When we looked at that issue we knew we needed someone to assist in developing individual and corporate membership, and applying for and obtaining grant funding. An arts organization needs a regular membership base to support its programming."

Greene fears recent articles about the arts council's financial problems with the City of Plymouth could scare off new members. Not to worry. The arts council's board recently announced "that the City of Plymouth has voted to refinance the land contract on the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts," the home of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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

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set up an in-home appointment," said Harhold. "To the best of our knowledge, they're in good health. "They're not necessarily housebroken but they are crate trained so that makes housebreaking easier."

Since greyhounds retire at age 5, their prospects are dismal without the help of groups such as TLC Greyhound Adoption. Breeders either euthanize the dogs or sell them to research laboratories. Thanks to adoption groups which have sprung up over the last several years, breeders now turn the greyhounds over to the groups who find them good homes.

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"It's not just right to breed them, race them and kill them," said Harhold. "We want to find as many homes for them as we can."

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asked the Harholds to foster him. Looking at Harhold's smiling face it's easy to tell that this has been a labor of love.

"We invested in extra thick carpet and padding so when they lay on the floor it's easier on them," said Harhold. "I don't know why we invested in it because they lay everywhere but the floor."

Long and winding road

Harhold has a history of her own, musically. She's been playing flute since fifth grade and was offered a music scholarship to Wayne State University after graduating from John Glenn High School in 1989. She turned it down and went to work as a police dispatcher in Westland for three years before getting married. Realizing she missed the instrument, Harhold resumed flute studies with Kallie at Madonna University. She's attending Schoolcraft College full-time to satisfy general education requirements, and then plans to transfer to Madonna to pursue a degree in music performance and music education.

Harhold is looking forward to performing Charles Griffes "Poem," Doppler's "Hungarian Pastorale Fantasy," and Mozart's "Concerto in D Major." Peggy Anderson will accompany her on piano.

All of the musicians are volunteering their talents for the concerts including Kallie, a Madonna University music professor for 20 years. Kallie didn't hesitate when Harhold approached her with the idea to put on a concert to benefit greyhounds.

"I think it's a wonderful cause and I know she's very dedicated to what she's doing," said Kallie, minister of music at Divine Savior in Westland. "I always jump at any chance to perform to show my students to get out and play, and enjoy it."

Kallie and Harhold perform Doppler's "Andante and Rondo," arranged by Harhold, and Pachelbel's "Canon in D."

"What makes the Andante and Rondo fun is it's a light piece," said Kallie, who also performs at a faculty recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University. "The Pachelbel was not written for flute but for strings and keyboard. The difficulty is enduring as a flutist. You'll hear me taking large breaths."

Helping hand

Like Kallie, when Cathy Feldman found out about the concert through the Internet, she couldn't wait to help. The Westland flutist grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy before moving to Arizona and then Los Angeles where she played in several chamber music groups and symphony orchestras. She and Irving, a band director for North Dearborn Heights Schools for many years, will play a duet for flute and clarinet.

"When I saw the posting on the FLUTE LIST for performers for the TLC Greyhound Benefit Concert, I was really pleased to see that it was right here in Michigan," said Feldman. "I really believe in volunteering when I can and getting involved with my community."

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"We know them very well too, now," he said with a smile.

Rich thinks Elizabeth has a good shot at playing Annie on Broadway. The Bezerkos are planning a February trip to New York City to take in a few Broadway shows. While there, Elizabeth will audition for an agent.

But even if she never sets another foot on stage, Rich and his wife Margaret will be content with the growth they've seen in their daughter, including the ability to memorize 90 lines.

"The confidence level has gone up," said Rich Bezerko. "She's an all-A student too. She know if her grades slip, theater goes, but she's such a natural. We don't get that nervous any more watching her. She has a beautiful voice and is an excellent dancer."

Kids from Troy, Rochester, Westland and other communities in Wayne and Oakland counties make up the cast of "Annie."

"It's part of the Scottish Rite Mason family outreach program," said Rich. "It gives children outside of school a chance to do more challenging acting than in a drama club."

DSO enhances international stature

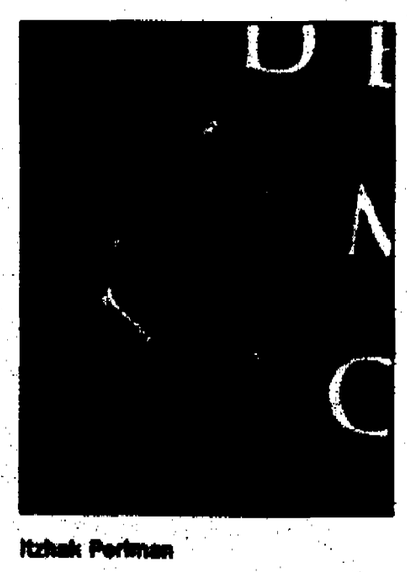
If there were any questions about the reputation of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra after a successful European tour, a multi-million-dollar expansion of Orchestra Place, and the construction of the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts, now there shouldn't be any doubts about their international stature.

On Wednesday, the DSO named renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman as principal guest conductor. Perlman, who debuted with the DSO in November, will begin a three-year tenure for the 2001 season.

In addition to conducting, Perlman will lecture and teach master classes.

For years, Perlman has been known exclusively as one of the world's foremost violin virtuosos. But five years ago, he began conducting. Since then, his performances at the podium have steadily increased.

While it's conceded that great performers do not necessarily make great conductors, the DSO will gain broader exposure with Perlman holding the baton.



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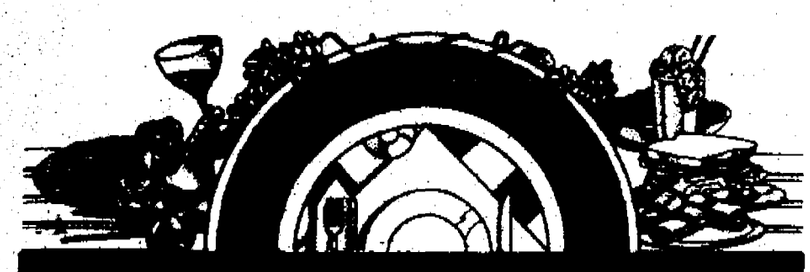

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ART SHOWS/ AUCTIONS

S'FIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Auction of fine art to benefit the Southfield Federation for the Arts at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28 and Saturday, Jan. 29. Preview with cash bar at 7 p.m. at 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Call (248) 424-9022.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION
Deadline for the third-annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are $500-$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Dr., Farmington Hills, 48331 or email for further info to CoufLinks@aol.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival — Art in the Village, Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

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 in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is $25. Booth space is $325 if accepted. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

CANTATA ACADEMY
Auditions for new members will be held on Sundays in January. The choir has appeared with every major orchestra in the Detroit area and has made biennial tours to Europe. Experienced singers are asked to call the organization's voice-mail at (248) 358-9868.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
January registration for ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, ballroom, stretch classes for ages 3 to adult. Class site is at 5951 John R, Troy (248) 828-4080

GRANTS AVAILABLE
The Art Center announces the mini grant deadline as Feb. 4 for cultural organizations, cities, towns, villages, schools, churches and civic groups to apply for arts-related projects from May 1 to Sept. 30. Grants may receive up to $2,000 per project. For more information, call (810) 469-8666.

JACKSON CHORALE
Auditions for alto singers are held on Monday evenings at Rochester High School, 180 S. Livernois, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 651-3085.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

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

PARK PLAYERS
Opens auditions for all roles in the spring production of the "Wizard of OZ." Auditions are 1 p.m. today for children, North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. Call (313) 538-2336 or (313) 592-4817 or (313) 835-1103.

RISING STAR SINGERS
Auditions are 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Open to ages 8-16 and involves choreography and movement using all talents of participants. Call (734) 354-9825.

S'CRAFT COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for new members in the Schoolcraft Community College Choir by appointment. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For information call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

VISUAL ART ASSOC. OF LIVONIA
Classes in oil, watercolor, mixed media, portraits and figurative drawing at Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-3710.

BELLY DANCING
Classes begin 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 for seven weeks at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 Ten Mile, Oak Park. Call (248) 967-4030.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. Call (248) 474-3174.

DRAWING & PAINTING
Classes taught by Karen Halpern at West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 4640 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield: watercolor painting through March 22, drawing, Mondays through March 20; oil and acrylic through March 24. Call (248) 738-2500.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older taught at 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 852-5850.

GLASSBLOWING
Touch of Light instructor John Fitzpatrick is taking applications for an eight-week class starting in early February at 23426 Weedards Ave., Ferndale. Call (248) 543-1868.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Jewish Community Center is at 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. Call (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program is held at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; intermediate level is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The site is 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 932-8699.

KINDERMUSIK
Introduce your child to the wonders of music at Village Music. Classes start this week at 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth. Call (734) 354-9825.

NAVEL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly at 32832 Merritt Dr., Westland. Call (734) 422-1246.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES
Seven week classes beginning 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Jewish Community Center, Oak Park, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. Call (248) 967-4030.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon. Live model session, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., every third Friday of the month. Starting week of Jan. 24. Call (734) 416-4278.

U-M DEARBORN
Art Museum Project offers studio art classes and workshops beginning on Saturday Jan. 29 at 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5058 for registration information.

VISUAL ART ASSOC. OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BELIAN ARTS MUSICALE
Chamber Music Concert performing works by Brahms, Debussy, Poulenc and Arvazian at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 5980 Rochester, Troy. $10 adults and $7 students. Call (248) 828-1001 for reservations.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Performs with the Farmington Community Band at 3 p.m. today at Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham.

BORDERS' CONCERT
Derek Bronston Trio will perform jazz at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28 at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-0110.

BOWER THEATER
Gemini will be performing "Good Mischief," a musical celebration for children and the whole family at 2 pm and 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 at Whiting Auditorium. Tickets are $8 for adults and $7 for children. Call (810) 237-7333 for tickets.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
Meliora Winds quintet perform at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in the library of the Cranbrook House at 380 Lone Pine, Birmingham. Tickets are $15-25. Call (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
Detroit Concert Choir will sing the pops series with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 26-29 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
3 p.m. today, "Fanfares and More" at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Gala preview concert with Renaissance High School Dance Company and Detroit All City Dance Company at 8 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 29 at the Adray Theater, Henry Ford Community College, on Evergreen and Ford roads. Tickets are $10-$15. Call (313) 965-3544.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
Vienna Choir Boys perform on Monday, Jan. 24 at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit. Call (313) 237-SING.

FERNDALE MUSIC SERIES
Peter Soave Quintet. Tango music with gandoneon and strings at 3 p.m. today at the Drayton Ave. Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest, Ferndale. (248) 546-2503.

FIRESIDE INN JAZZ
Wednesday night jazz with Chris Collins, Tenor saxophone, 8-11:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 at 28937 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt. Call (734) 762-7756.

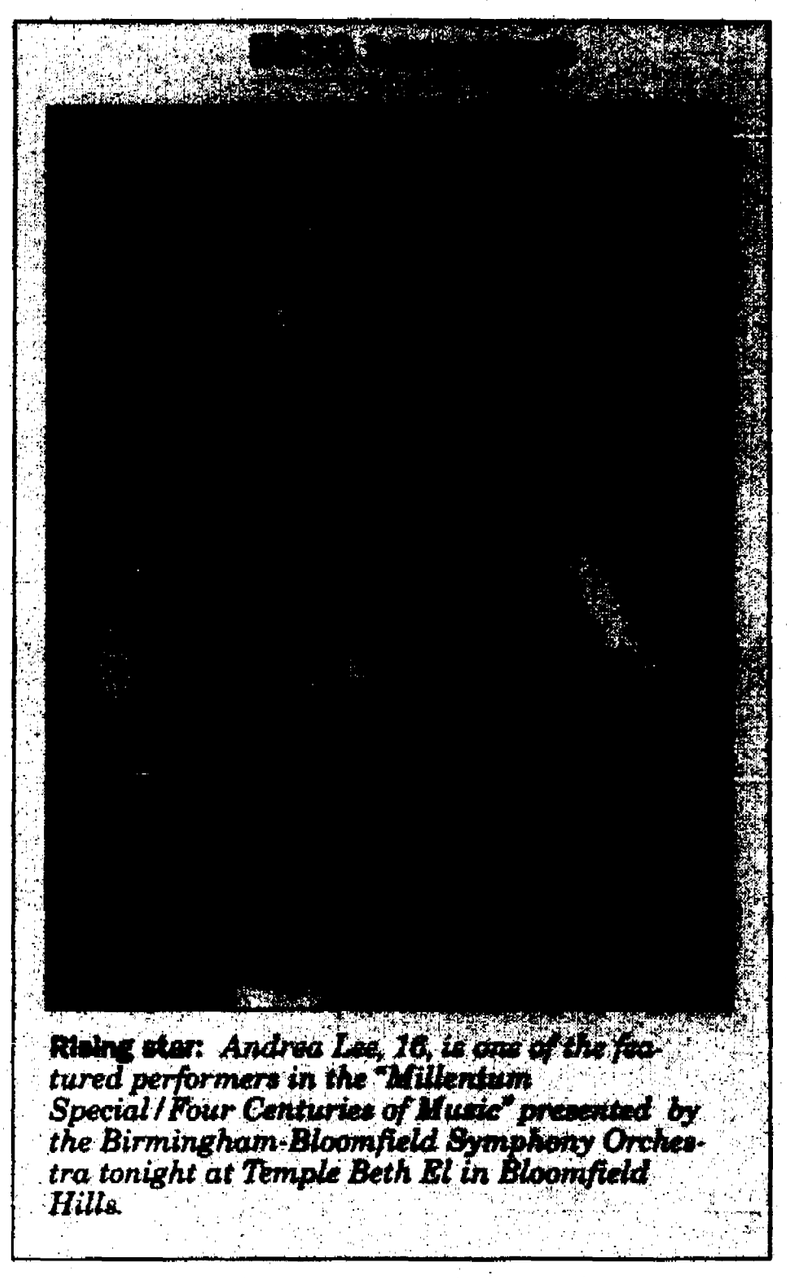
KIRK IN THE HILLS
Organ recital presented by Glenn Miller at 4 p.m. today at 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY
"No, No Nonet" by Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-2112.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
American String Quartet performs Beethoven at 4 p.m. today at Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. Russian National Orchestra performs 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. Barbara Hendricks, soprano, performs 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 North University Ave, Ann Arbor. Michigan Chamber Players performs Mozart, Haydn and Bach at 4 p.m. Jan. 30 at Rackham Auditorium 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. Call 800-221-1229.

MILLENNIUM SPECIAL CONCERT
Four centuries of music are celebrated in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra millennium special at 7 p.m. tonight at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads in Bloomfield Hills.
The award-winning orchestra will present one of the duo winners of the BBSO's Young Artist Competition, Andrea Lee, from Okemos. Tickets at $20 for adults and $15 for students are available at the door or by calling (248) 645-2276.

CRAIG TAUBMAN
Family entertainer whose albums have won two Parent's Choice Awards, performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. (248) 851-6880.



Rising star: *Andrea Lee, 16, is one of the featured performers in the "Millentum Special/Four Centuries of Music" presented by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra tonight at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.*

EVENTS

PERFORMANCE ARTIST ELLIOTT EARLS
"Eye Sling Shot Lions" Performance art with a hip-hop beat at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at Seventh House, Pontiac. Call (248) 335-8100.

SNOWFLAKE BALL
Orion Art Center celebrates its 11th annual ball on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion. Silent auction during a 6:30 p.m. open bar cocktail hour. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. $65 per person. Call (248) 693-4986.

TAMBURITZANS
This Eastern European folklore ensemble will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 808-4332.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch for 10 Mondays, beginning Jan. 24. For ages birth to 4 years with a parent at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER
Various Kindermusik classes for newborn to 7 years now through April 22. Enroll anytime. Classes held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call (734) 354-9109.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. A 10-week class on Wednesday and Thursday beginning Jan. 26 and 27. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

LECTURE

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
"Collecting Art: Greed, Need, Speed" by Carl F. Barnes, Jr. at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 307 Wilson Hall, Rochester. Call (248) 370-3005.

LITERARY

THE WRITER'S VOICE
YMCA's 18th Annual Colloquium Poetry Series with Cleveland performance poet Ray McNiece and Detroit poets Aurora Harris, Dennis Teichman and Scott Klein at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 26 at the Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth at John R behind DIA. Free. Call (313) 267-5310 Ext. 338.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 26 — Joseph Grigely' Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. Deaf since age 10, Grigely's work explores social interactions and the nuances of language. The museum's adress is 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Call 800-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Feb. 13 — Alejandro Garcia Nelo: Papel Picado, a traditional Mexican folk art. Through March 26 — Robert Frank: The Americans. Through May 31 — "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection". Through Feb. 13 — The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. All at 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 2 — Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes. The gallery is at 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

TROY MUSEUM
Through March 30 at 60 Wattles, Troy — "Going West-Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." Call (248) 524-3570.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY
Through Jan. 29 — "From Papyri to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible." Address, 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-9377.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Feb. 18 — Anne Fracassa, Gordon Price, Shelly Richmond and Mark Schwing at 35 East Grand River, Detroit. Call (313) 961-4336.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Gallery through Feb. 19 — "Collective Memories," work of artists Linda Soberman and Jennifer Martin at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 994-8004.

ART CENTER
Through Feb. 10 — An electronic exhibition of works by Robert Martin. Artists' reception is 1-3 p.m. today at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens. Call (810) 469-8666.

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE
Through Feb. 5 — Marji Silk: The New Millennium, 2800 S. Rochester, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 544-1203.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Feb. 14 — Diversity: Focus on India, U of M-Dearborn campus, Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5058.

BIRMINGHAM B'FIELD ART CENTER
Through Jan. 28 — Exhibition 2000 BBAC Faculty, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

CARIBBEAN COLORS
Through Feb. 12 — "Hawaiian Dreams," a watercolor exhibit by Julie Marionette Wistinghausen at 2966 Biddle Ave., Suite 101, Wyandotte in the Wyandotte Art Lofts.

JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY
The lustres of Paul Katrich at 404 East 4th St., Royal Oak. Call (248) 584-2223.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Graduate Works in Progress exhibition at Community Arts Building, Wayne State University, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Feb. 14 — Candace Compton-Pappas and Stephen Coyle. Through Feb. 5 — Visions of Peace and Evolution in the New Millennium. Shows at 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 27 — The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through Feb. 4 — Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund at 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Jan. 29 — Works by various artists, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

THE GALLERY AT MARYGROVE
Through Feb. 23 — "Dreams, Reflection & Space," painting and sculpture by Rick Vian and John Piet, 8425 W. McNichols at Wyoming, Detroit. Call (313) 927-1336.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Feb. 26 — Minotaurs & Models: Important Intaglio Prints from Pablo Picasso's La Suite Vollard at 163 Townsend, Birmingham. Call (248) 433-3700.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
"Personal Favorites: Fine Prints From The Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes" at Oakland University, 307 Wilson Hall, Rochester. Call (248) 370-3005.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Jan. 28 — Mixed media of Norma McQueen; through Jan. 31 — Watercolor portraiture of Toni Stevens, both at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 466-2490; through Jan. 31 — Schoolcraft College student artwork at the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. Call (734) 466-2540.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Feb. 28 — "In Focus," a photography exhibit. 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Call (248) 858-0415.

OM CAFE
Through March 5 — Paintings by Lisa Goedert portray the magic of moonlight, 23136 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 548-1941.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 19 — "Views from the Landscape," 407 Pine Rochester. Call (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Feb. 26 — "Yixing 2K," featuring more than 70 pieces of Chinese Yixing Teaware at 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Call (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS
Through Jan. 26 — "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4ART.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY
Through Jan. 28 — Richard Mock: Mock of the Times, University of Michigan School of Art & Design, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-0397.

S'FIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Jan. 28 — Images of Lost Spirituality with Southfield artist Charlene Jeter at 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Call (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Jan. 31 — Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equilla Slaughter, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 948-0470.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Feb. 5 — Bev Walker: The Light Beyond at 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 761-2287.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, 48325-1651. Call (248) 626-2285.

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FAR CONSERVATORY
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LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
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MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. Call (248) 349-0376 or email at **www.mcbb.org.**

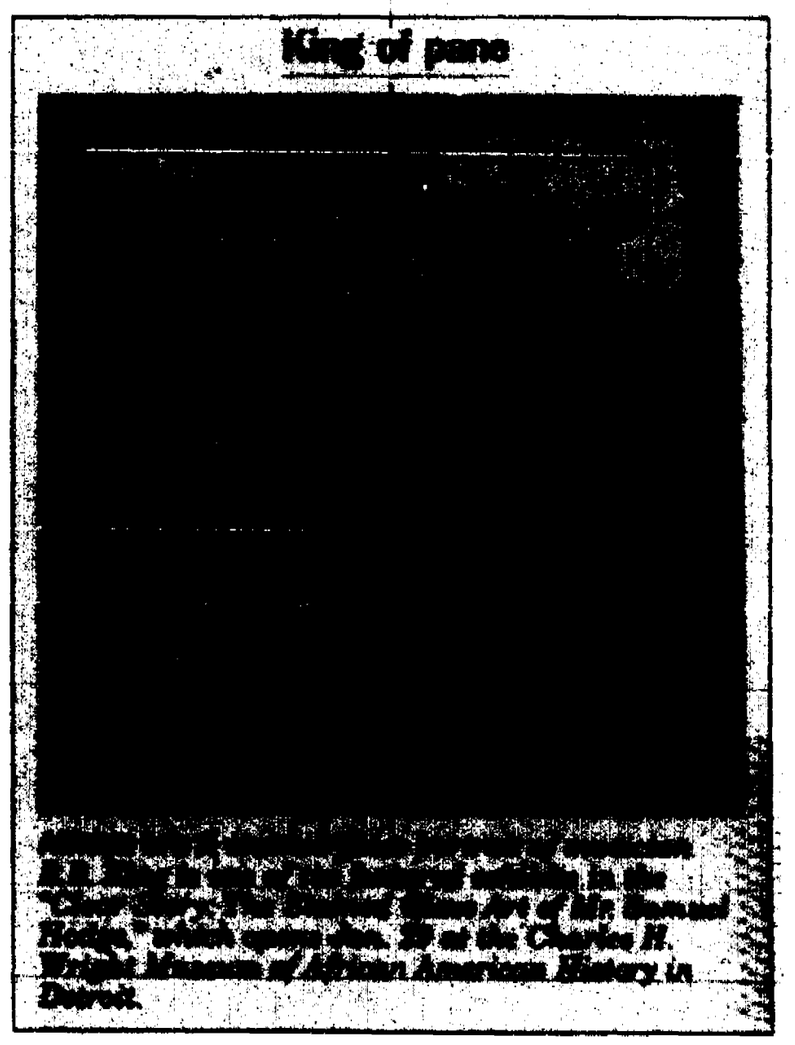
THEATER

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Oliver! Jan. 23, 28-30 and Feb. 4-5. Ticket prices $14, $2 discount for students 18 and under at 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2075.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

ART IN THE CORRIDOR
Opens Jan. 24 — Evanthia Samra exhibits at the Farmington Hills and Farmington City Halls located on the corner of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile. (248) 473-9570.

THE MANISCALCO GALLERY
Opens Jan. 29 — Nancy Prophit Memorial Exhibition through Feb. 19 at 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 886-2993. "Poland: A Celebration of Art and Culture" Opens Jan. 30 — Stainless steel sculptures of Pope John Paul II, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Joseph Conrad and other prominent Poles and Polish Americans by Marian Owczarski, artist in residence at the Orchard Lake Schools (through March 1, Joanne Winkleman Police Center for



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Time passes strangely when you're downtown

SHOP TALK

NICOLE STAFFORD

Gift shopping, Y2K worries, post-season bargain hunting – all long gone.

It only made sense downtown Birmingham was taking a well-deserved, winter break. Or, so I concluded last Wednesday in between sipping my Starbucks latte and heading down Maple Road to check out spring clothes at a local clothing boutique.

Outside Starbucks coffee house, a few of the baristas were chatting and joking around while one of their co-workers replaced outdoor light bulbs.

Across Old Woodward, a man strolled along the sidewalk, carrying a cell phone between his ear and shoulder, smoking a cigarette. He, too, seemed to be partaking in casual conversation, as opposed to one of those "important-matters-mean-I-need-to-be-on-the-cell-phone" dialogues we've all tired of witnessing. (Is anything that rush, rush?)

Bumbling around the corner came another cell phone user. She, too, appeared aimless in direction and conversation. I never imagined finding cell phone use refreshing, but, at that moment, cell phones looked better than shopping bags.

The American Flag perched above the Limited Express building seemed to flap in slow motion.

Other than a woman eyeing sofas in Jennifer Convertibles' store front, nobody seemed intent on anything, especially shopping. A few love birds, walking hand-in-hand, paused to look inside The Gap's windows. Just about everybody else simply drifted by, sipping warm coffee house drinks or talking and laughing.

Walking back to my car, the salt on the road and sidewalks crackled. A few cars sailed by, but their roars were shallow and soft. There were a few season leftovers: a sale sign at Art Loft; a row of flashing Christmas lights in the Subway sandwich shop; a pile of "Y2-K9" tins on a table inside Three Dog Bakery.

These were carefree and peaceful times in downtown Birmingham, a respite from the hurried, uneasy and fussy world of selling and buying, I was pleased to conclude. I took a sip of my latte and turned the key in the ignition.

And, then, like a New York – or should I say downtown Birmingham – minute, it was over.

Across the street was a woman overloaded with purchases, two shopping bags perched atop a large box, scurrying towards the southwest corner of Maple and Woodward. Worse yet, she was headed towards a sports utility vehicle "parked" illegally at the intersection with its emergency lights flashing.

A man in a leather jacket burst out of Wachler Jewellers carrying a small shopping bag, barely missing the woman and her bag-and-box balancing act.

Then, as if time had reverted, delivering people and place back into the hustle and bustle of late December, a slew of people came marching across Maple carrying bags of newly purchased goods.

The cars, too, seemed to be moving more quickly. Within minutes, they were backed up on both sides of Maple under a green traffic light. Then, more people, some walking quickly, some with shopping bags; the sound of a car horn; a woman leaving Three Dog Bakery with two bags of bones for Spot; and thumping house music coming from a teenager's stopped car.

Doesn't this place take a break, I asked myself. Isn't a downtown about more than just hurrying and getting things done and shopping? Don't people ever just hang out, look around, take things in?

The clock read 2:45 p.m. About 15 minutes had passed.

But, I rationalized, I suppose that's all that we can ask. There are still birthday presents and wedding shower gifts to buy. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. And, surely there are few teenagers with leftover Christmas money to spend. Spot probably misbehaves without his gourmet dog bones.

That's when I realized I had been privy to something rare, a time of rest, what felt like a moment, in downtown Birmingham.

It's true time flies when you're having fun. But with all the rushing around we do in our favorite downtown districts, how much fun can we be having?

Next time you're downtown, look around, listen. You, too, might pay witness to something unusual.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Just like home: *Marna T. Nemon, of Clarkston, sips coffee while Garrett and Guilford Guthrie, also of Clarkston, enjoy Ray's ice cream and play with toys at the quaint and cozy Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in downtown Clarkston.*

Downtown java

It's not Main Street without the coffee house

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Let's face it. Downtown coffee houses are nothing new; if you haven't ventured into one yet, surely you've spotted their trendy store fronts on the way to your Main Street florist, clothing boutique or gift shop.

But there's no denying the everyday importance that coffee houses have assumed; the chilly weather only makes it more apparent Main Street wouldn't be complete without a cozy coffee house into which to retire.

"There needs to be a gathering place. That's kind of important to keeping the homey feel of a downtown," said Ann Stevenson, owner of the Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in downtown Clarkston where local residents frequently stop to sip espresso drinks and spend time with friends and family.

Clarkston-area teenagers also regularly gather at the cafe, at 50 S. Main, to meet friends after school and socialize, said Stevenson.

Trend-setting downtown Birmingham has been home to several cafes for years. Today, four cafes, including Starbucks, serve espresso drinks to customers who work and live in the area; and, it's not uncommon to hear the cafe's baristas call out regular customers' drink orders before a request is made.

In downtown Rochester, home to a Coffee Beanery and newly-opened Starbucks, getting coffee is a "morning regiment" for people who live and work in the community, said Kristi Trevarrow, promotions and marketing director for the Rochester Downtown Development Authority.

In downtown Plymouth, the Coffee Studio across from Kellog Park not only provides java for a host of regular customers and is a gathering place for local teenagers but also serves as a meeting place and activity center for the town, said Paulette Wisnom, owner of the two-story, studio-style cafe.

"It's relaxed enough for people to meet each other. I know many people who have met in the cafe," she said. "The way society is going there is so much isolation and I don't think people have opportunities to meet up as much, especially in suburbia ... but this is conducive to that."

Coffee house identity

Coffee houses don't just serve us. They influence and reinforce our sense of ourselves and our downtown districts.

In downtown Rochester, news of Starbucks' plans to open a cafe in the district meant "we were finally getting into the 90s," said Trevarrow.

Blessed with large windows, wood floors and a second-story loft seating area, the Coffee Beanery satisfies Plymouth residents' taste for a dose of Soho, Wisnom said. The cafe even hosted a series of drum circle sessions. "We're sort of a haven for those who don't want a chain coffee house."

Likewise, the 12-seat Union General cafe is tucked inside a mid-17th century house and sports an eclectic mix of vintage furniture and accessories, in keeping with downtown Clarkston's small-town character.

"We have creaky doors and wooden floors – all that stuff that gives us a lot of character," said Stevenson.

"The modern coffee house probably wouldn't be appropriate for here – say what you'd maybe see in downtown Birmingham," said Stevenson. "I think you need to have a coffee house that fits the community."

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Modern and airy: *At Paulette Wisnom's Coffee Studio in downtown Plymouth daylight pours in through large windows, and patrons can recline with their espresso and a good book in the coffee house's second-story loft.*

Leiber handbag designed for Troy fund-raiser

The folks at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute have put their hopes in one bag.

A one-of-a-kind Judith Leiber bag to be precise.

The famous handbag and accessories designer has created a sparkling minaudiere bag to auction Friday, Jan. 28 at the institute's annual "Red Heart Blues ... and all that Jazz!" fund-raiser at Troy's Somerset Inn.

In the meantime, anyone who's interested in seeing the heart-shaped bag, which forms hearts and musical notes out of Austrian crystals and features a semi-precious stone clasp, can do so at Neiman Marcus' Somerset Collection store in Troy.

Leiber, who is known as the last hand-assembled handbag couturier in the United States, designed the handbag specifically for the fund-raising event to reflect its themes.

Leiber's handbags cost as much as $7,500 and are carried by some of the world's most famous women, including Elizabeth Taylor, Barbara Walters and Queen Elizabeth.

Money raised at "Red Heart Blues ... and all that Jazz!" benefits research and treatment for the prevention and cure of cardiovascular diseases at the institute.

Dinner, dancing, the sounds of jazz, a silent auction and award presentation are also slated for the event, which will be announced by WDIV-TV 4 health reporter Lila Lazarus and begins at 6 p.m.

Attendance at the event is not required to bid on the Leiber bag. For event tickets, priced at $200 and $300, or to place absentee bids call Henry Ford Health System's special events office at (313) 876-9259.

Dazzling heart: *Judith Leiber's heart and musical note purse, on display at Neiman Marcus, is made of Austrian crystals.*

Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

BRIDAL SHOW
Brides-To-Be Inc. presents a show of bridal fashions, trousseau wear and men's formal attire at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, noon-5 p.m. For more information, call (810) 226-2700. Tickets are $7 at the door.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

CALVIN KLEIN TRUNK SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a trunk show of Calvin Klein's spring collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

GOWN TRUNK SHOW

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Spring gowns and formal attire for women are informally modeled at Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., second floor.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

ERIC GASKINS COLLECTION
View Eric Gaskin's spring special order collection for women at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

STORE RE-OPENING
Fashions by Maria Bridal and Tuxedo host a champagne reception to celebrate the bridal salon's grand re-opening at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills, 4-9 p.m. For information, call (248) 375-4696.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

GIORGIO ARMANI TRUNK SHOW
View Giorgio Armani's spring and summer Black Label collection for women at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

PINEWOOD DERBY
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts the Livonia Family YMCA's Annual Pinewood Derby, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Food Court. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

DONCASTER SPRING SHOW
View a private trunk show of Doncaster's spring attire for women through Feb. 4 at a local representatives' house. For more information or to schedule a personal consultation, call (734) 416-8838 or e-mail Stylemadeeasy@netscape.net.

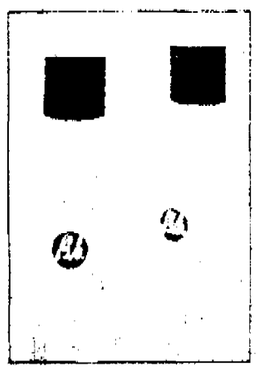
WNIC going!

Paint job: *Cynthia Canty (right), WNIC-FM Breakfast Club air personality, gets drilled by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve on how to quickly apply camouflage paint before an audience of Great Lakes Crossing shoppers. Members of the Marine Corps Reserve came to the Auburn Hills mall on Dec. 17 for a Toys for Tots event that was broadcast live on WNIC. More than 6,000 toys were donated because of the event.*

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Vintage Valentine: *There's nothing more romantic than Victorian style, so Maximal Art combined an image of a rose from a vintage, English etching, an old love letter and the shape of hearts to create romantic pieces perfect for Valentine's Day, about $32-250 at Ribbons or Magnolia in Birmingham, Janet Varner in Rochester and Ilona & Gallery or Platinum Treats in West Bloomfield.*



Frizz free: *Hip hair product maker Bumble and bumble makes DeFrizz to help you tangle with hair problems created by weather and humidity changes, about $10-17 at area salons.*

Royal robe: *Feel like royalty and stay warm this winter in a velvet robe with satin trim in sage green, $188 at Anthropologie Birmingham.*

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- **A thermal cloth curling iron holder** for traveling can be purchased at **Sally's Beauty Supply** stores.
- **A yogurt maker with cups** can be bought through the **Williams Sonoma catalog**.
- **Small brushes for cleaning electric razors** are available at **The Shaver Shop**, 61 W. Huron in Pontiac, (248) 334-1411.
- **Patterns for making a tractor mail box** are sold at **Winfield Collection Woodcraft Supply** in Fenton, Mich., (810) 629-7712.
- A **32-ounce jar of chopped garlic** can be purchased at the **Meijer stores in Westland and Novi**.
- **4711 cologne** can be purchased through the **Beauty Boutique catalogue**, (440) 826-2008.
- We found the following from readers:

An AM/FM portable radio "Bone Fon" and two yogurt makers.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- We need eight more Hudson's millennium Santa Bears for readers.
- We also need Hudson's Santa Bears from 1987, 1989, 1990, 1994 and Anniversary Bears.
- Three readers were interested in the 8-millimeter viewing machine.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- **A store that sells Royal Ice Cream** (black walnut) for Joanne who lives in Independence Township.
- **A store that sells Lagerfeld "Photo" shower gel** for Frank, a Southfield resident.
- **Music for the song "Violets in the Snow"** for Nancy, who lives in Waterford.
- **A 1952 Detroit Central High School yearbook** for Margerie, a resident of West Bloomfield.
- **A store that sells all-cotton (100 percent) tights in multiple colors** (size 14) for Trisha.
- **A store that sells Precious Moments' "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" figure** and a **shop that will repair the voice box of a 1970 Bozo the Clown doll** for Barbara.
- **A store that sells bean-bag filler** for Sue.
- **A store or stores where Miss Elaine sleep wear and Fundamental clothing can be purchased** for Irene.
- **A store in the Redford area that transfers eight-millimeter film into video** for Mrs. Miller.
- **A Harlem Globe Trotters video with MeadowLark Lemon and other old players** for Frank, who lives in Birmingham.
- **A store that sells AHAVA hand cream** for Rosemary of Birmingham.
- **A carousel slide projector for Margaret** of Orchard Lake.
- **An old-fashioned, two-handed, crank grinder for meat or nuts** for Jennifer, a Rochester Hills resident.
- **A store that sells Angel Soft & Gentle floral/ color toilet tissue** for Kathy of Redford.
- **A porcelain doll named Kathy from The Wuthering Heights Collection of Immortal Heroines from the World's Greatest Literature** for Nancy of Westland.
- **A store that sells Dogwood trees that are native to and grown in Michigan** (white flowers and planted as a specimen tree) for Wes, who lives in Rochester Hills.
- **Hudson's Santa Bears from 1987, 1988 and 1990** for Marilyn.
- **A store where a Gerrard turntable needle can be purchased** for Joyce.
- **A store that sells Christmas tree lights that look like candles and are filled with gold liquid** for Lynn.
- **A store that sells Murphy's Kitchen Care cleaner** for Ruth, who lives in Bloomfield Hills.
- **Atlantis Infinity II series luggage in the brocade/tapestry pattern** (purse or cosmetic style) for Gordon of Plymouth.
- **A 1966 Christmas charity CD released by 98.7 FM radio** for Chris of Oxford.
- **Mikasa Homespun stoneware** in "Almond Blossom" for Helen, who lives in Westland.
- The **Cooperstown figurine collection (1948 Cleveland Indians, item 8609) by FLAMBRO** for Karen, a resident of Westland.
- **A store where Charles of the Ritz Complete Cover-Up make-up in "Natural Cameo" is available** for Loretta of West Bloomfield.
- **Instructions for Vogue pattern #1312** (Santa, wreaths, ornaments and Christmas stockings) for Bonnie, who resides in Farmington Hills.
- **A contact address or phone number for The Brownstone Studio Fashion Apparel catalog** for Mrs. G of Bloomfield Hills.
- **Sierra's Incredible Machines III software** for Ed, a Troy resident.
- An **older Miss Piggy wristwatch** for Myra.
- **A store where a clip-on light for reading sheet music on a stand at a spinet piano can be bought** for Joan.
- A **store where a Farberware electric potato peeler can be bought** for Janet of Livonia.
- **A tape cassette of the soundtrack from "A Perfect World"** for Shirley.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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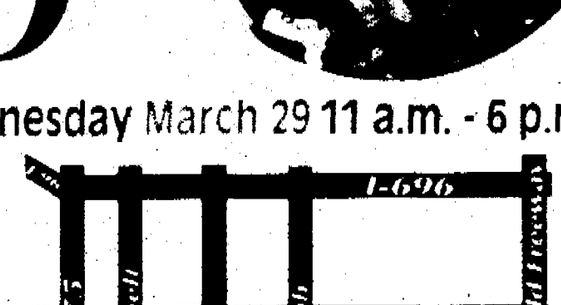

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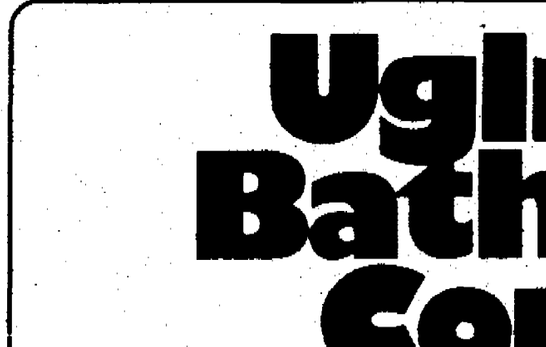

- Air Masseur Massage Bathtub by Jason
- Bath Cabinetry by Bertch
- Faucets by Harden
- Ultra-Flush Toilet By Gerber
- Tile Tub Surround
- Installation by Complete Home Improvement
- And More!

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Author quenches thirst for knowledge about breweries

Brewed in Detroit: Breweries and Beers Since 1830
By Peter H. Blum
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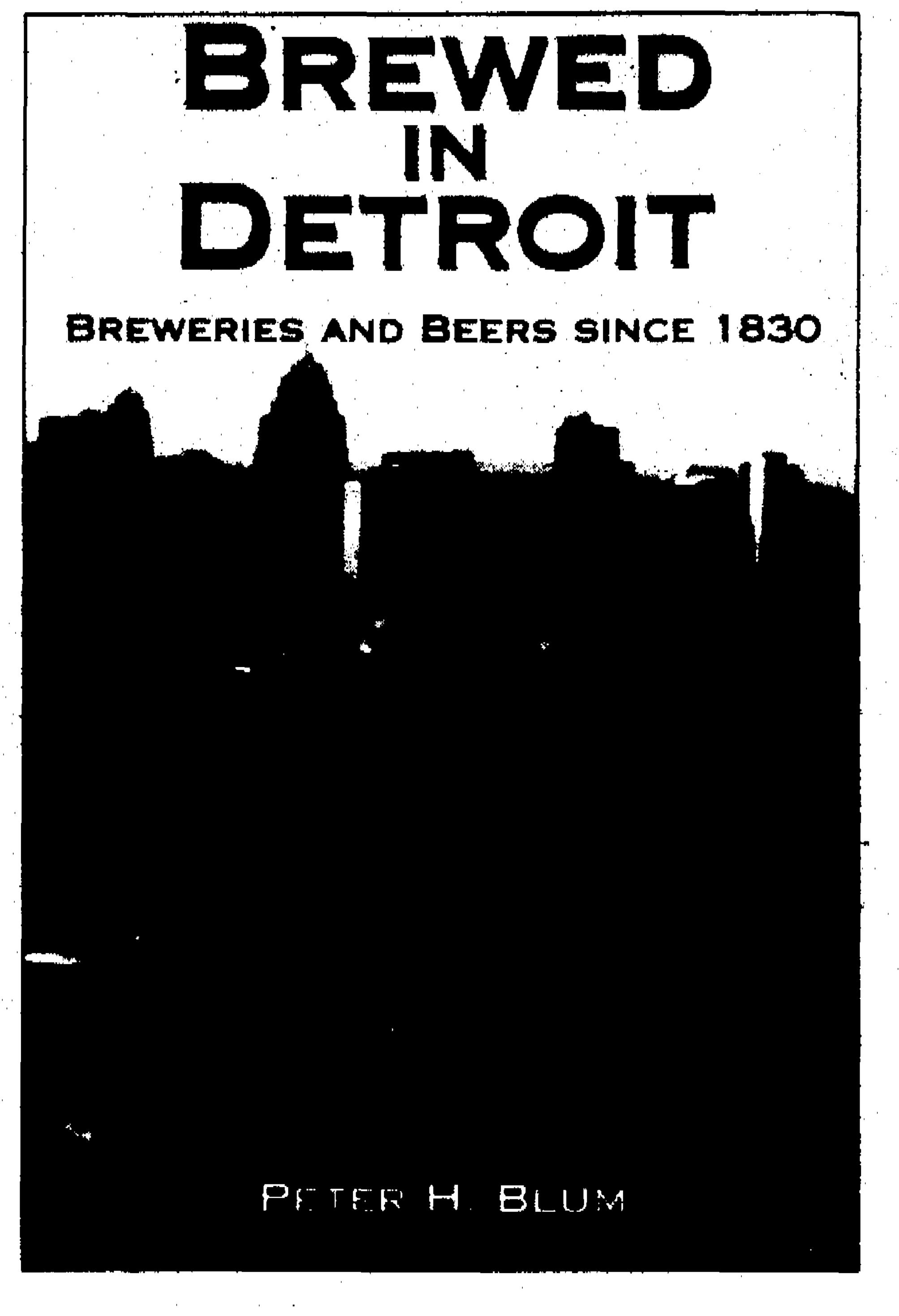

When you think of manufacturing in Detroit, you automatically think automobiles. But this area has been the home to a diversity of manufacturing concerns from salt mines to steel mills to chemical plants.

All that hard work in all those industries and on construction crews generated a powerful thirst. It was only natural that immigrant brewers would try to slake that thirst with the working man's favorite beverage, beer.

Peter H. Blum, a longtime employee at Stroh Brewery and Stroh family archivist, has written a thorough and lively account of the many breweries that filled that important social function from the 1830s to the present day. Blum's book is part business history, part social commentary and part celebration of the brewer's craft.

In the early days, when transportation was slow and unreliable and beer was highly perishable, local brewers supplied the area taverns and private homes. Blum traces the beginning of Detroit brewing to the British, Irish and Scot settlers. These early brewers created the heavy ales, porters and stouts that were the preferred drink of the British Isles.

They would very quickly be replaced by German brewers who brought the lighter, golden yellow pilsner that would become the standard for American beer. Detroit's large Polish community also produced their own brand of beer.

Blum begins his book with a colorful section reproducing advertising posters, calendars, serving trays and labels. Throughout the book, Blum tells collectors what might be available from the many defunct breweries and how rare they are.

The author follows the color picture section with a short history of beer and an explanation of how dry grain is transformed into that effervescent elixir.

The heart of Blum's book is a series of short histories of all known Detroit brewers, following their fortunes from beginning to end. The longest section, of course, chronicles the history of Detroit's most successful brewer, Stroh, which at one time was the third largest brewer in the United States.

■ Brewing has always been a highly competitive business, but the competition became especially charged following the repeal of Prohibition.

Brewing has always been a highly competitive business, but the competition became especially charged following the repeal of Prohibition. Though many brewers went under during the long drought, some, including Stroh, used their factories to make soda pop, ice cream and other products until the folly of Prohibition became evident. When repeal came, the survivors were ready to fill the void including such brands as E&B, Tivoli, Koppitz and Altes.

By the end of the war, three breweries fought for supremacy in Detroit – Stroh, Goebel and Pfeiffer. Anyone who was in Detroit during the 1950s will remember how spirited a competition this was. For much of the decade Pfeiffer held the top spot until a changing market and poor management decisions caused its decline. Goebel was noted for sponsoring sports programs, but it was soon bought out by Stroh.

Noting the national decline of regional brands, Stroh gambled on becoming a national player. The company bought Philadelphia's Schaefer and then Milwaukee's Schlitz, at one time the nation's top brewer.

The company closed its Detroit plant. But, in the end, Stroh could not compete with Budweiser and Miller on the national scene, and last year the company sold its brewing operations to Pabst and Miller.

But Blum's story of brewing doesn't end there. He writes about the rise of micro-breweries and brewpubs. The desire for more variety in styles has led to a mini renaissance in the brewer's art.

The book is richly illustrated with historic photos and advertising.

The pictures of the often ornately designed breweries are a special treat.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

AUTHOR SIGNING

Mary Quinley of Livonia will sign copies of her book "52 Ohio Weekends," 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Alfred Noble Branch of the Livonia library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 421-6600 for information.

POETRY READING

Clare Levine will read selections of the compiled poetry of her late husband, Lawrence Levine, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Northville Barnes & Noble bookstore. Lawrence Levine was a biology professor at Wayne State University who turned to writing poetry and essays during his retirement. Clare Levine will read from his work and sign books at the store, located off Haggerty Road near Six Mile.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

■ **The Carl Sandburg** branch of the Livonia library system continues its winter book discussion series with "Go Tell it on a Mountain" by James Baldwin. The discussion is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the library, located at 30100 Seven Mile Road. The series, entitled Reimagining Community, uses rich literature to examine how the concept of community has evolved during the past century. Guest scholars from Madonna University join participants in analyzing the readings. Call (248) 476-0700 for information.

■ The conversation continues as the "Cover to Cover" adult book discussion series meets 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at the **Loving branch** of the Ann Arbor District Library system, 3042 Creek Dr., near the corner of Packard and Platt. The group will discuss "The Handyman" by Carolyn See. Call (734) 994-2353 to register.

KIDS STUFF

■ Storytime events are planned at the Northville Barnes & Noble, Six Mile and Haggerty. Storytime for ages 4 and under will take place 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, while a storytime for all ages is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Each storytime is accompanied by a craft or activity. Call (248) 348-0696.

■ Join the fun in the Children's Amphitheater at the Dearborn Borders store as they explore the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors and more. The preschool prep party is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. The store is located off Ford Road near Greenfield. Call (313)271-4441 for information.

■ The Plymouth District Library will host a Caldecott Award read-in and mock election from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Some of the best picture books of 1999 will be displayed in the Storytime Room. Drop in and vote for the one you think is best. The results will be posted the following week when the official winners of the Caldecott Award are announced. The library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0750 for details.

■ **Barnes & Noble** in Northville will host an American Girl party for girls 7-11. This month's event – which begins 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 – will feature the story of Addie from the popular American Girl series. Featured will be games, stories and refreshments. Interested girls must register in person or by phone. Call (248) 348-0696.

■ **Ann Arbor Main Library**, 343 S. Fifth Avenue will host a visit by Tom Pohrt, noted illustrator and author of books for young people 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5 in the lower level Multi-Purpose Room at the library. There is no registration for this free event. Pohrt illustrated "Crow and Weasel" by Barry Lopez, and is the author and illustrator of "Coyote Goes Walking," and "Having a Wonderful Time." For more information, call (734) 327-8242.

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.

FINAL DAYS

"Looking Back/Facing Forward," an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Toni Stevens continues through Monday, Jan. 31 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival-Art in the Village Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources department at (734) 466-2540.

Canton Township is also seeking artists for its ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest June 24-25 in Heritage Park.

Deadline for application is April 15. Call (734) 453-3710.

In addition, any art student in middle or high school in the Plymouth Canton Schools can display and sell their wares in a student booth for free.

ART EXHIBIT

"Two Artists of the Millennium: Ellen Wilt & Robin Wilt" display their work through Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Exhibit Gallery at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The exhibit consists of fine art and multi-media works of a mother and daughter who are both accomplished artists known throughout Michigan and the U.S.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call art professor Ralph Glenn at (734) 432-5711.

NOTEWORTHY CONCERT

The men's chorus, "Measure for Measure," presents a concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Tickets are $8, $5 students/seniors, and will be available at the door 30 minutes before the concert. For advanced ticket sales or more information about this concert or other concerts in the Noteworthy Concert Series, call (734) 453-5280.

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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Schoolcraft College presents its annual Mardi Gras Celebration, "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are $30 if purchased before Friday, $35 afterwards, and available by calling (734) 462-4417. For information, call (734) 462-4435.

Dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine. The vocal choir SCool JAzz will also perform.

Looking Forward: *"Leaving Eden" is one of three new pieces in the show by Plymouth artist Toni Stevens.*

Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans marks 30th anniversary

PRNewswire —The year 2000 marks the 30th anniversary of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans. Starting in the spring of 1970, a group of 125 young artists from Ann Arbor began working on an art fair for local artists and craftspeople along with students from the University of Michigan called The Free Arts Festival. At the time, the Ann Arbor Art Fair was comprised of two fairs that were organized by two local merchant groups. The festivities of that summer marked the birth of what later became The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. It has since become the largest of the three fairs that comprise the Ann Arbor Art Fairs as well as the most successful art fair in the United States.

Funding for this new, third fair was provided by the artists themselves. In 1971, the administrative costs were met by the University of Michigan through the University Activities Center. The 1972 Free Arts Festival saw the initial inclusion of a complete entertainment program, a food service area, a children's art activity area as well as an added street that was allocated for the new fair. Shortly thereafter the event's name was changed to the Summer Arts Festival.

Fair artists met in 1973 to create a permanent organization to manage the new fair, which had grown to 250 artists. Using revenues from the fair, they hired a part-time coordinator and formed The University Artists and Craftmen Guild with member dues, a newsletter and a health insurance program. During these early days, fairs were sponsored by The Guild in the Michigan Ballroom, fall fairs were held on Sundays at the Farmers' Market and an art fair was held in Greektown in downtown Detroit.

As years passed. The Guild quickly outgrew its office space that had been located in the Michigan Union at the University of Michigan. In the early 1980s, The Guild left the security of the University of Michigan, formed an independent, nonprofit corporation, changed its name and moved to its present building at 118 N. Fourth Avenue in Ann Arbor. Today The Guild has approximately 1,300 professional artist members and has held constant with 540 booths at the Summer Art Fair since the late seventies. While most of the members remain in Ann Arbor and southeastern Michigan, members have relocated all over North America as well as Europe.

This year The Michigan Guild's Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair will take place July 19-22. For more information on events held by The Guild, please call (734) 662-3382.

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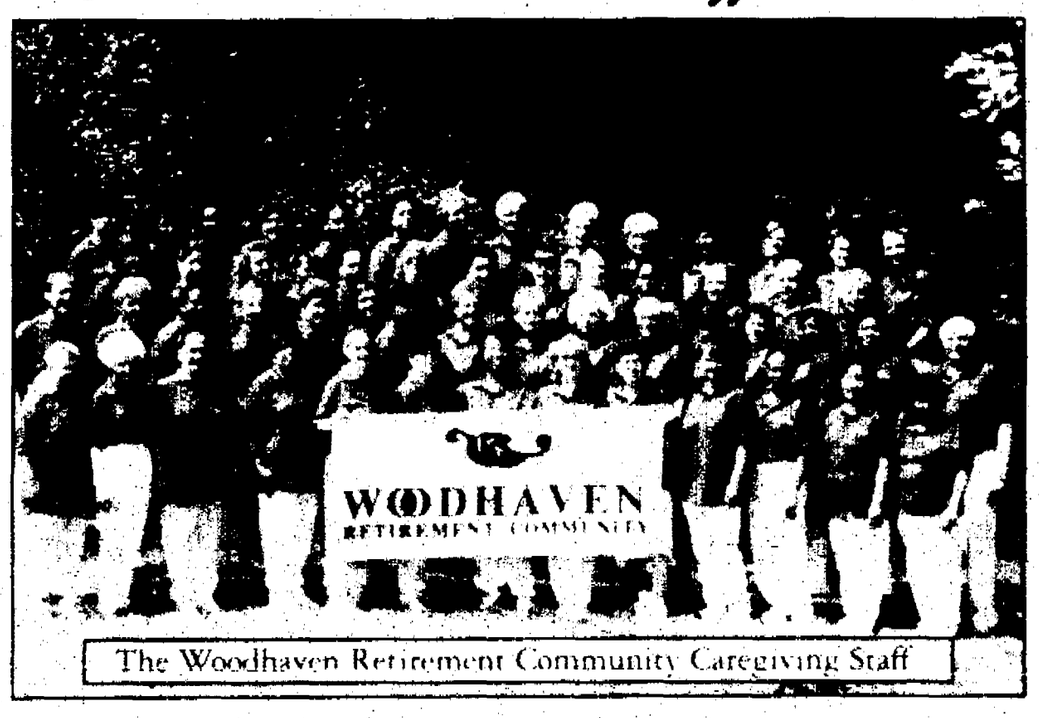

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American myth-maker Norman Rockwell finally getting his due

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

If Norman Rockwell would have been pleased. He often expressed doubt about his his ability and his place as a bona fide artist. But as Steven Spielberg tells us in the PBS show, he painted the American dream better than anyone else – so well, in fact, that his name became an adjective.

If you want to be part of Norman Rockwell's victory tour around America you will have to travel to Chicago sometime between Feb. 26 and May 21.

The Rockwell exhibit will come no closer to Detroit.

The exhibit features 70 paintings and all 322 of his *Saturday Evening Post* covers and is in Atlanta through the end of January.

In Chicago it will be installed in two rooms at the Chicago Historical Society's building, which is in the south end of the city's Lincoln Park (well north of The Loop).

This exhibit, a new book by the curator of his hometown museum (in Stockbridge, Massachusetts), and a recent 90-minute documentary on PBS are all part of a renewed interest in Rockwell.

Rockwell has been dismissed as too sentimental, too corny, too much of an illustrator - he did Boy Scout calendars for heaven's sake – to be considered an American master. He couldn't ever match up to Homer, Hopper, O'Keefe, Pollock, Wyeth or even Warhol or Grant Wood.

Or could he?

It is interesting to note the full title of the exhibit: "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People." It's as if to say: here is America's favorite artist; critics, art historians, pundits of high culture be damned. This show is for the American people he so richly evokes in his work.

It is also interesting to see that this tour ends in New York City, at the Guggenheim Museum, the famed circular, "ultra modern" structure conceived by another American master, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Here, the foremost depictor of small-town life comes to terms with the teeming, cosmopolitan, American mecca for art and artists: New York City.

How un-Rockwell.

Baby-boomers and their parents best remember Rockwell and those 40 years of covers for Saturday Evening Post.It is said that he never took on serious subjects until very late in life. By a poll of readers of the Post, his favorite cover is a boy and his grandmother saying grace in a small diner.

Supposedly by his own admission he painted an America he wanted to see; Rockwell's covers from the Depression do not reveal the despair that gripped the country.

The show comes more than two decades after his death and appears to be designed to bridge the turn of the century with a look back at our best and brightest moments: soldiers back from war, kids at the soda fountain, a whole family at the Thanksgiving table, a couple getting their marriage license. All his covers seemed infused with his sly wit, and like Hitchcock, he sometimes put himself into his own pictures.

Visitors to the exhibit will learn about his meticulous methods, his use of preliminary sketches and models, and about his life through a biographical timeline that includes photographs.

After Chicago the show goes to the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., then to San Diego, to Phoenix, back to Stockbridge (the Norman Rockwell Museum) then on to the Guggenheim for a long run (November, 2001 to mid-February, 2002).

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"We just drove through a Norman Rockwell town; or, "It was a Norman Rockwell family gathering."

You can call (312) 902-1500 for tickets. The museum's number is (312) 642-4600. As of this week the Illinois Ticketmaster Web site was not listing this event.

The Drake Hotel, Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, the Westin Hotel and the Four Seasons Hotel are close to the museum. About 60 hotels are taking part in a Chicago WinterBreak promotions and are advertising lowered rates for weekends through March. Call (888) FUN-EVENTS or (800)2CONNECT about various other deals and events.

Daydreaming: *"Girl At Mirror," an oil on canvas work by Norman Rockwell that was chosen for the March 6, 1954 Saturday Evening Post cover, is one of 322 of Rockwell's Saturday Evening Post covers that will be on display in Chicago.*

GREAT ESCAPES

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SKI UPDATES

Most of Michigan's 42 downhill ski resorts and ski areas currently report open runs, with plenty of good skiing anticipated for January.

One-fourth of Michigan's downhill ski areas have beefed up their snowmaking systems for this season.

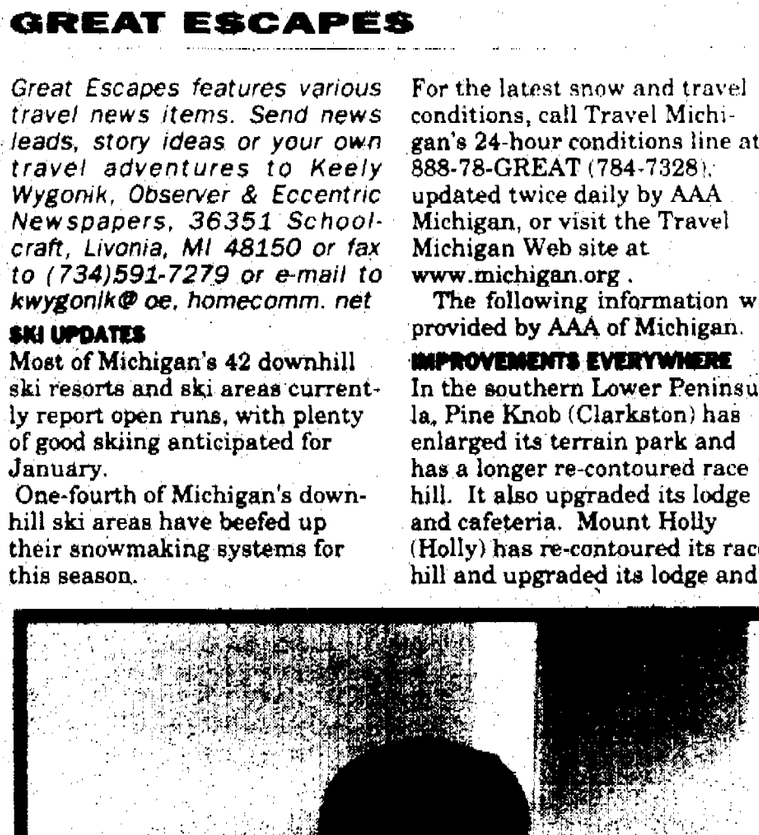
For the latest snow and travel conditions, call Travel Michigan's 24-hour conditions line at 888-78-GREAT (784-7328); updated twice daily by AAA Michigan, or visit the Travel Michigan Web site at www.michigan.org .

The following information was provided by AAA of Michigan.

IMPROVEMENTS EVERYWHERE

In the southern Lower Peninsula, Pine Knob (Clarkston) has enlarged its terrain park and has a longer re-contoured race hill. It also upgraded its lodge and cafeteria. Mount Holly (Holly) has re-contoured its race hill and upgraded its lodge and cafeteria. Mt. Brighton (Brighton), has a redesigned half-pipe that features shortened walls. Alpine Valley (Milford), has remodeled portions of its lodge. Cannonsburg (northeast of Grand Rapids), has increased grooming capability. Bittersweet (Otsego), has raised its ski peak to a 350 foot vertical drop, and sports a newly remodeled cafeteria.

In the northern Lower Peninsula, Caberfae Peaks (Cadillac), has added five new runs, a new day lodge and cafeteria, a new ticket sales office, and an expanded rental facility. In addition, Caberfae has boosted the height of North Peak to 485 feet vertical drop. Shanty Creek (Bellaire) opened Cedar River Village, located at the base of Schuss Mountain, which features luxury ski-in ski-out lodging, dining facilities, and slopeside condominiums. The area also includes a new snow-tubing park. Nubs Nob (Harbor Springs), boasts a new technology center and tuning center, where skiers may demo new skis and have their own skis and snowboards tuned for optimum performance. Nubs has also added another "just for kids" beginner's trail, and another Pipe Dragon grooming machine to keep their half pipe in prime condition for boarders. Mt. Holiday (Traverse City), has doubled the length of its tubing run, doubled the size of its beginner's area, and increased the size of its terrain park.



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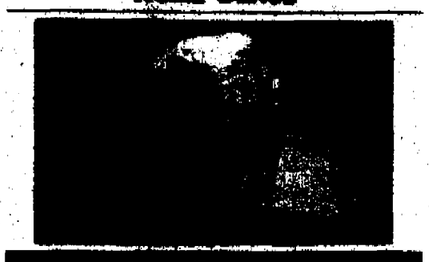

LOIS THIELEKE

Consider an oil change for better health

There is a war on fat. Good fat versus bad fat, monounsaturated versus polyunsaturated versus saturated, and health claims versus hype versus the truth. What are we supposed to believe?

During the past few years, the media has reported on scientific studies that suggest that monounsaturated fats, such as olive oil, may decrease the risk of heart disease. Maybe it's time to think about an oil change in your kitchen.

Studies that included countries that primarily use olive oil showed they had a lower incidence of breast cancer. There are also studies that suggest olive oil may reduce blood cholesterol.

Sources

Olive oil is a monounsaturated fat and affects the body the least. Monounsaturated fat sources include olive, peanut and canola oils.

Polyunsaturated fats include corn, safflower, soybeans and sesame seeds.

Saturated fats are from animal sources such as meats and milk products. There are three vegetable oils that are highly saturated – coconut, palm and palm kernel. Saturated fats can boost cholesterol and cause heart disease.

No oil or salad fat has just one kind of fatty acid so whatever fat you choose, use it sparingly. All vegetable oils contain about 120 calories per tablespoon. Reducing fats, even the good kind, reduces calories, too.

Don't be fooled by the words "light" on olive oil. It means the oil is light in flavor, not calories.

Flavors

Olives produce a different kind of oil depending on when they were picked and how they were pressed. The flavors are everything from a green spicy oil to light and mild. Extra virgin has a pleasant aroma and is strong but not overpowering. Extra virgin oil is the first pressing of the olives. The more pressings the olives have gone through, the lower the grade of olive oil.

Olive oil can replace other vegetable oil in cooking products, but when you want the flavor to come through, choose extra virgin olive oil. The price of olive oils can range from expensive to very expensive. Price has little to do with flavor: Buy a small portion until you are familiar with the flavor.

Use extra virgin or superfine blended oils:

- For dunking slices of fresh bread
- For salad vinaigrettes
- Sprinkled over tomatoes and onions with basil
- Drizzled on raw or cooked vegetables
- Drizzled over baked potatoes (add some Parmesan cheese and fresh herbs)

Extra virgin olive oil should be used in cold dishes or added to a dish that is hot, otherwise you could lose the flavor of the oil.

Don't use olive – or any other oil – in pastry unless it's called for in a recipe. Oil coats flour particles, preventing the water-flour interaction that is necessary for the development of gluten. Pastries made with oil tend to be very tender, yet crumbly and have a greasy feel in your mouth.

Olive oil has a low smoke point, so don't use it for deep-fat frying. The smoke point of a fat is the temperature at which the fat "burns" or is overheated and gives off a blue gas that can irritate mucus membranes (and set off your smoke detector). Use olive oil for sautéing or frying.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Hearty soups & stews
- Cooking with Girl Scout cookies

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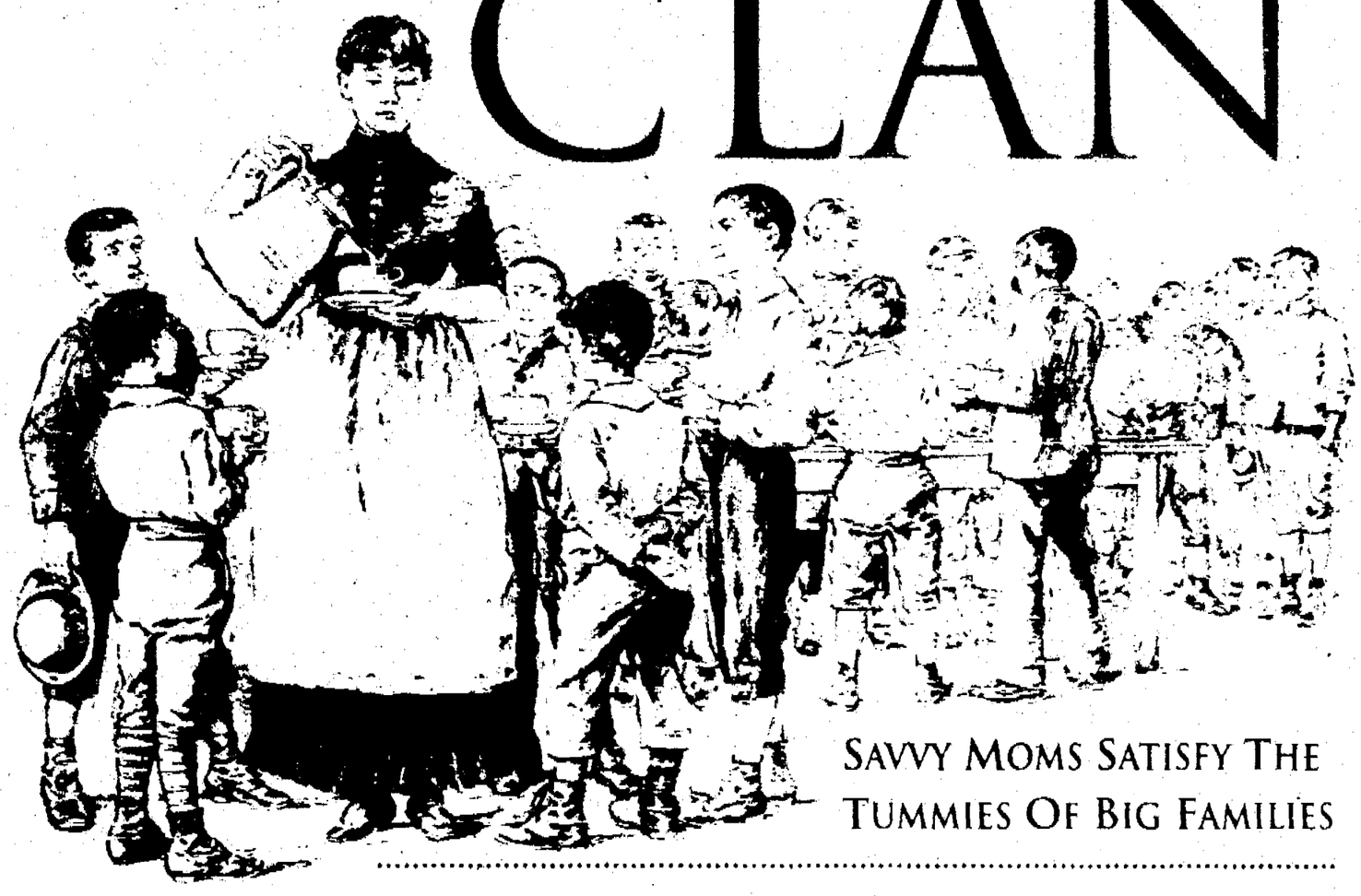

SAVVY MOMS SATISFY THE TUMMIES OF BIG FAMILIES

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

■ 'There may be some whining, especially when I try a new recipe, but the children have learned to eat what is put before them.'

– Nancy Sovran

What's a mother to do when it comes to satisfying the taste buds of a whole bunch of individuals? That's the challenge that two mothers face daily. Luckily, both are successful in meeting this demand.

Nancy Sovran of Southfield is the mother of seven children ages 3 to 12. Sarah Gijsbers of Beverly Hills has five daughters who range in age from 18 months to 9. Both mothers have some finicky eaters in their broods. However, both prepare only one dinner each day for their families.

"The picky eaters can select what they want from what is offered," said Sovran. "There may be some whining, especially when I try a new recipe, but the children have learned to eat what is put before them. However, I do try to make dishes that I know will please the majority."

Gijsbers also makes dishes that please the most members of her family. However, she too sometimes hears a few groans when she serves something new for dinner.

"I encourage the girls to take a few bites and try the dishes put before them," said Gijsbers. "If they don't like one particular offering, they don't have to eat it. They can fill up on the other available dishes."

Sovran and her husband, Andrew, a financial analyst at the Detroit Medical Center, learned early into their parenthood days that majority rule is the way to go when it comes to feeding a large family.

"You can't please everyone all the time, but we found – through trial and error – certain dishes such as stew, spaghetti and chicken casserole that appeal to most of the kids," said Sovran. However, two of their children offer the biggest challenge when it comes to foods.

Sarah, 12, the Sovran's eldest child, doesn't like her food to touch the other foods on her plate. She likes everything to be separate and because of this, she avoids casseroles.

"This is my fault," said Sovran. "I also keep my foods separate. She's acquired my fetish."

The Sovran's youngest child, Hope, 3, also has special needs. Born with spina bifida and paralyzed from the waist down, Hope is currently being weaned from a feeding tube and is trying regular foods for the first time.

"Her favorite food is Chee-tos," said Sovran. "She asks for these all the time, even for breakfast. However, we're trying to get her to eat other and more nutritious foods and we're having some success."

The Sovran's other children are, Joe, 10, Annie, 8, Mary Kate, 7, Dominic, 5, and Molly, 4.

Gijsbers Family

The Gijsbers's middle child, Annie, 6, is their fussiest eater.

"She doesn't like fruits or vegetables," said Gijsbers. "However, I don't force them on her. I don't like to make food an issue. Battles over food could lead to other problems, even eating disorders. So we just encourage her to taste these foods. She's now beginning to like salads."

The Gijsbers's other children are Deenagh, 9, Remy, 7, Demery, 2 1/2, and Emma 18 months.

Spousal support

Sovran's husband cooks dinner often. In addition, he is the family's main lunch maker.

"He makes the kids' lunches each night before going to bed. It's quite a production to watch as he lines up slices of bread for sandwiches and the fillings and fruits to accommodate each of the children's tastes," said Sovran. "He accomplishes this task quickly and well. He has it down to a science. Also, the kids are great helpers with the meals. Some are assigned to set the table, while others help with such tasks as pouring the milk or cutting up vegetables."

Gijsbers also gets help in the kitchen. Her husband, Brian, an attorney in private practice, often plans and prepares dinners, especially on Sundays.

"He does a good job with the main course," she said. "I usually help with the side dishes, and the girls make the salad. It's a nice family activity."

These two mothers of large families have discovered what a "small world" it really is. Four years ago they ran into each other while enrolling their youngsters in the preschool program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Beverly Hills.

"We were classmates ourselves years ago at St. Bede's School in Southfield," said Sovran. "We hadn't seen each other for years and had lost touch. Now our children are classmates and friends."

Reuniting, and seeing each other often at school functions, has provided them with a bonus. They share their kid-pleasing recipes, as well as tips for successfully raising so many children.

"It's good to have a friend who understands the same demands that you have," said Sovran. "Large families are a blessing, but also a challenge. And not just when it comes to feeding them."

We want to hear from you. How do you get dinner on the table, yet satisfy the appetites of all of your children? How do you encourage your children to eat vegetables, fruits and other things that are good for them? Is there a kid-friendly way to prepare cauliflower?

Send, fax, or e-mail your recipes and suggestions to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

See recipes inside

Hearty white bean chili a healthy alternative

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Sometimes change is good. Sheila Radtke of Westland adapted her chili recipe to what she considered a "more interesting" dish with ground turkey, a healthy alternative to traditional chili made with beef.

"People are shying away from red meat, but they have started coming back to it," Radtke said about her "recipe to share." "People are eating healthier, and they say you should eat more beans. This chili is something you can make in a Crock-pot and eat it whenever."

Radtke recommends that the chili is best if refrigerated, then reheated.

WHITE CHILI

1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup of diced green pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 teaspoon oregano
2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon crushed chili peppers
1/2 teaspoon garlic granules
3 (15-ounce) cans white beans
1 cup chicken broth
Salt and white pepper to taste

In a four-quart saucepan, brown the first five ingredients. Add two cans of beans (undrained). Drain the third can of beans, then blend the beans in a food processor to use for thickening the chili. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

Tips

- Keep canned broth in the refrigerator so the fat will congeal and be easy to lift off the surface before using. Who wants the extra calories?
- To freeze chili or soup, place a freezer-weight plastic bag inside a bowl, pour in chili or soup, then freeze. When solid, lift the plastic bag out of the bowl, seal and return to freezer for up to 3 months.
- For fast meals, freeze chili and soups in individual portions to be heated in minutes in the microwave.
- If you're going to be away from home longer than the cooking time, plug your slow cooker into an automatic timer. Set the timer to start the cooker while you're gone. Always place chilled food into the cooker that has a delayed starting time. Never let the food stand for more than 2 hours before the cooking starts.

Information from "The Food Lover's Tailgate," by Sharon Tyler Herbst, (Barron's Books, New York, 1994)

Does anyone use their grill in this weather?

OK, so we've had temperatures hovering around zero, and a few inches of snow on the ground. Summer seems like a long time ago, and so do Fourth of July barbecues, but we were just wondering: Does anyone use their grill in this kind of weather?

If you do, we want to hear from you.

- E-mail your favorite winter grill recipes, and tips for staying fired up when it's cold outside, to Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net
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Warm up your crew with meat loaf, stew

See related story on Taste front.

Got the whole gang over for a feast? Here's two hearty recipes for your crew to consume:

FAMILY MEAT LOAF

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 3/4 pound ground veal
- 3/4 pound ground pork
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon chopped basil
- 1 teaspoon chopped chives
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup of ketchup (or barbecue sauce), divided

Preheat oven to 350° F. In large bowl, combine all ingredients, reserving 1/2 cup ketchup or barbecue sauce. Place mixture in a greased loaf pan. Spread remaining ketchup (barbecue sauce) on top. Bake for 45 minutes to one hour. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Sarah Gijsbers

OVEN STEW

- 2 pounds stewing meat (beef or veal), cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 cups V-8 juice
- 2 cups onion, cut into large pieces
- 2 cups potatoes, peeled and cut into quarters
- 2 cups carrots, peeled and cut into large pieces
- 2 cups celery, cut into large pieces
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 5 tablespoons tapioca
- 1 medium can sliced mushrooms (optional)

Preheat oven to 250° F. Combine ingredients in roasting pan. Stir to mix. Bake for 5 hours. (No pre-browning of meat is required. Brown gravy is produced during baking process.) Serves 8-10.

Recipe compliments of Nancy Sovran

Kiwifruits kick winter blues

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) – California kiwifruits are one of the few fresh fruits in peak season throughout winter, the California Kiwifruit Commission points out.

The fruit is compact, completely edible, has lively flavor and pretty green color and delivers vitamin C and fiber, among other nutritious values. Here are some pointers for its use:

■ Choosing kiwifruit is easy, the commission says. Pick firm, unblemished fruit and test by squeezing gently. If the fruit gives to slight pressure, it is ripe. If it does not yield at all, it is not ready to eat.

■ Size does not matter. Smaller kiwis taste the same as larger fruit.

■ Kiwi will keep for several days at room temperature and up to four weeks in your refrigerator.

■ If your kiwifruit is not ripe and you get impatient, put it in a vented plastic bag with an apple or banana and leave it out on the counter for a day to two, to accelerate ripening.

■ You don't have to peel your kiwifruit: The fuzzy skin is edible and a lot of the nutrients lie just beneath it, so rinse it off and bite right in.

■ If you wish you can slice the fruit in half and scoop the inside out with a spoon. You can also quarter it like an apple, slice it like a banana or dice it like a tomato. Substitute it for other fruit or tomatoes in salads and sandwiches.

■ Kiwi acts as a meat tenderizer. Crush a fruit and use it alone or in a marinade. It will be effective on even tough meat after a soaking of only 30 minutes.

■ The kiwifruit has a long history – it was known and prized for its flavor and color at least 700 years ago in China.

■ The following recipe is quick and easy to make, to serve with tortilla chips or as an accompaniment to a meat or seafood dish:

Kiwi Mango Salsa

- 3 medium kiwifruit
- 3/4 cup mango, chopped (see note)
- 1 tablespoon minced green chilies (fresh or canned)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons honey
- 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- Pinch of salt

Peel kiwifruit and cut into lengthwise quarters, then slice. Place sliced kiwifruit into bowl with other ingredients. Mix gently.

Note: If desired, for the mango substitute 1/2 cup (about 12) diced dried figs.

Sense *from page D1*

Olive oil becomes cloudy and thick at temperatures below 45°F. Store olive oil in a cool dark place.

You can store olive oil in the refrigerator, but it will become cloudy. When you are ready to use the olive oil, take it out of the refrigerator and let it come to room temperature. The oil will become clear and thin again.

Studies have shown that using a monounsaturated oil is certainly better than using a saturated fat.

But fat is fat, so try to use it sparingly.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist for the Michigan State University extension of Oakland County, and a resident of Birmingham.

If you have questions about food safety, food and nutrition or food preservation, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, (248) 858-0904.

■ Fat is fat, so try to use it sparingly.

Store water for up to 6 months

"In case of an emergency you can store some water ahead of time," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the MSU extension of Oakland County's Food and Nutrition Hotline.

"Water can be stored for six months in clean plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel lined metal containers or other food grade containers. Water should not be stored in containers that have previously held toxic chemicals.

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DENTISTRY
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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.
THE BIGGER PICTURE
By addressing the problem of periodontal (gum) disease, dental patients can significantly improve their overall health picture. Researchers in both this country and Germany report periodontal disease appears to double the risk for both heart attack and stroke. What is the connection? Researchers speculate that the culprit is chronic inflammation. It raises levels of fibrinogen, a blood-clotting factor that is currently recognized as a marker of cardiac risk. Studies show that men with high levels of c-reactive protein (an indicator of chronic inflammation) are also at increased risk for heart attacks. Thus, when dentists combat the inflammation associated with periodontal disease, the healthful effect extends beyond the gums to the rest of the body.
February is "American Heart Month." Keeping periodontal disease in check through regular checkups and treatment of tooth decay provides benefits that reach far beyond the mouth. At LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES, we'll sure to review your oral and general health history and give you the options available to you. Your dental health is our number one priority. Please call 478-2110 to schedule an anointment for genital dental care. We're located at 19171 Merriman Road, where we are currently accepting new patients. Smiles are our business.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
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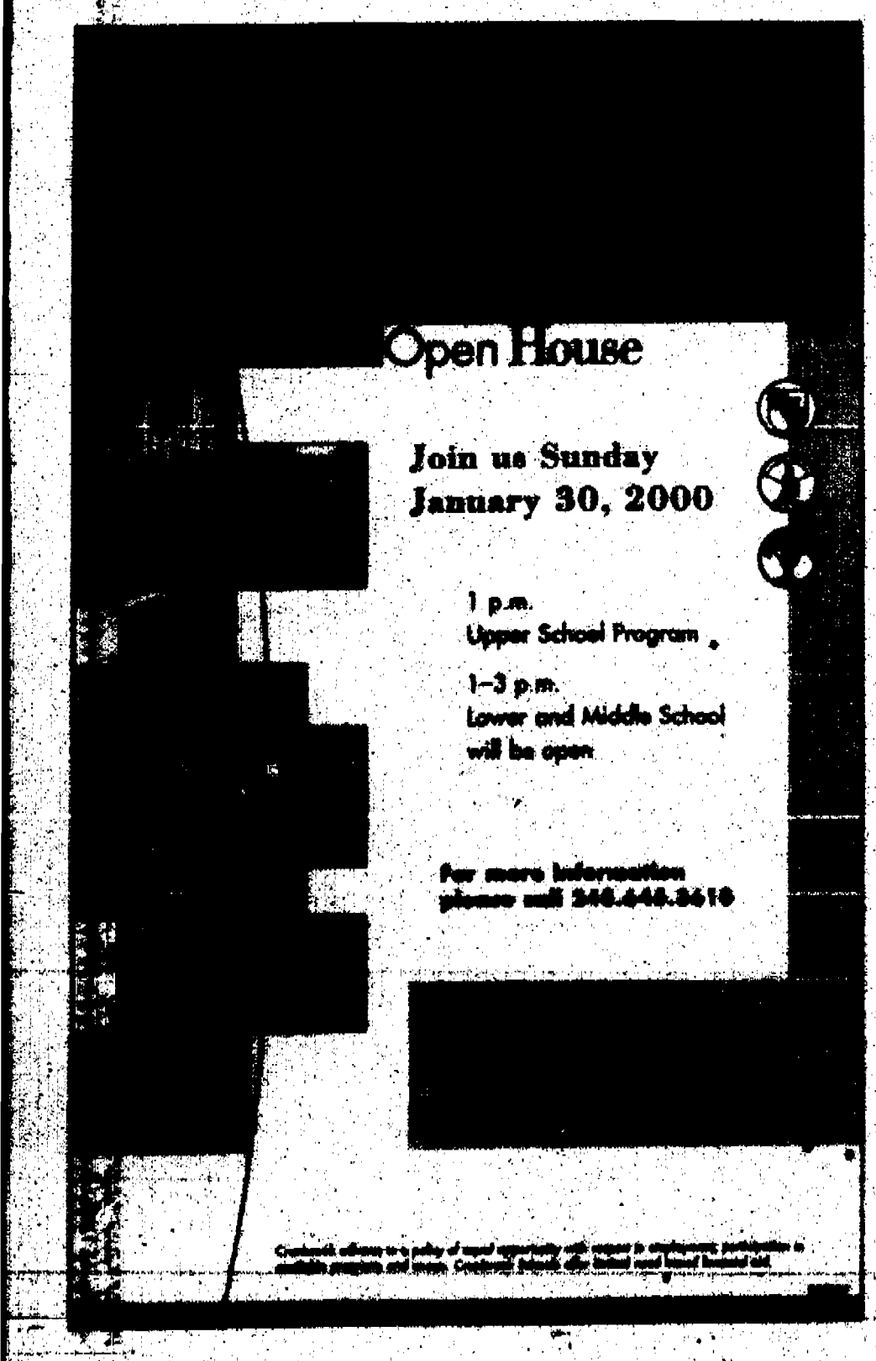
ASPIRIN AND SALICYLATES
At times, the old ways are still the best ways, in choosing anti-inflammatory medications such may be the case. We are at the entrance of a millennium that promises extraordinary advances in technology, medicine, and the treatment of pain. However, we should not drop everything that comes from the past as being out of date.
Aspirin and salicylates emphasize this point. None of the other twenty-three non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication introduced in the last century including the most recent ones, do a better job in fighting inflammation as aspirin and salicylates.
Nor are any of these other drugs safer than the salicylates. It is true that aspirin can cause bleeding, stomach ulcer, and is related to Reye's Syndrome - a condition in children of high fever, with possible liver and brain damage. However salicylate is just as effective as anti-inflammatory medication and carries none of the risks of aspirin.
In addition, because of the rapid introduction of these other anti-inflammatory drugs, the medical community has insufficient experience in identifying when these drugs may interact with other medicines to cause a toxic reaction or nullify the other drug effect.
In the case of aspirin and salicylates, which have been in use for a hundred years, these interactions are known.
Do not consider a physician old-fashioned because he prescribes salicylates. That decision is as up-to-date as a cellular telephone with Internet connectivity.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Holiday Blues?
Does this describe you...
- Hopeless
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When you're depressed, you often feel worse during the holidays. The Institute For Health Studies is now studying investigational medication for depression in adults 18 and older. All research care is provided at no cost to those who qualify.
Individuals experiencing poorly-controlled medical problems cannot be accepted for research. If you are interested in this research, please call.
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What's not to love about legumes?

What's to love about legumes? Plenty. Kidney beans, black-eyed peas, soybeans, lentils, chick-peas, black beans, pinto beans, limas, split peas and all other members of the legume family are low in fat and sodium and provide lots of protein, fiber, iron, potassium and magnesium.

A half-cup serving of cooked legumes contains as much as eight grams of fiber. About 75 percent of this is insoluble fiber, the kind believed to decrease the risk of colon cancer and other intestinal maladies. The remaining 25 percent is soluble fiber, which helps lower blood cholesterol. Among the B vitamins found in legumes is folate, a form of folic acid, which is linked to a reduced incidence of heart disease and birth defects.

Legumes are a nutritional bargain as well, providing eight grams of protein per serving at a much lower cost than meat. Although soybeans are the only legumes that provide all eight essential amino acids, you can easily add the missing ones by eating cereal grains like rice, pasta, or corn at other times during the day.

What's not to love about legumes? Well, there's that embarrassing gas, caused by compounds found naturally in beans that our bodies can't digest. Although you can't eliminate the problem completely, you can make it better by soaking, draining and rinsing dried beans before cooking, or by draining the liquid off and rinsing canned beans (this also removes excess sodium found in most canned beans). Then be sure to drink adequate fluids and build up tolerance by increasing the amount of beans in your diet slowly.

Another perceived drawback to eating legumes is preparation time, but this can be overcome in several ways. Canned beans are an option if you don't have time to spare. Or you can try the quick-soak method in place of the traditional overnight soaking for dried beans.

The quick-soak method involves boiling the beans in water for two minutes, then removing the pot from the heat and letting it sit for two to four hours with the cover on. Then drain, rinse and cover with fresh cold water and cook for one to four hours, depending on the type of legume.

Essentially neutral in flavor, legumes complement a variety of cooking styles and ingredients. They are found both at the center of the plate or in supporting roles and are essential to many ethnic recipes. This hearty, stew-like mixture of vegetables makes a delicious meal. Substitute, subtract or add whatever vegetables you have on hand.

Information compliments of the American Institute for Cancer Research. Visit them online at www.aicr.org

CHICK PEA AND VEGETABLE RAGOUT

1 1/2 cups diced (1/2-inch) onion
2 carrots, sliced (1/2-inch diagonals), about 1 cup
1 rib celery, sliced (1/2-inch), about 1 cup
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon curry powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 can (19 ounces) chick peas, rinsed and drained
1 can (15 ounces) cut up tomatoes with juices
1 medium sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 cup frozen cut green beans
1/4 cup raisins
2 small zucchini, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 cup plain nonfat yogurt, at room temperature
2 tablespoons chopped, dry roasted peanuts (garnish, optional)

Combine the onion, carrots, celery, garlic and olive oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet that has a tight-fitting lid. Cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat for 10 minutes; do not brown. Stir in curry and cumin; cook, stirring, 1 minute.

Add the chick peas, tomatoes, sweet potato, green beans and raisins. Cook, covered, for 10 minutes. Add 2 or 3 tablespoons water as needed to keep the mixture moist. Stir in the zucchini; cover and cook until all the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes longer. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Remove from heat, let stand uncovered. In a medium bowl, stir the yogurt until smooth. Add a spoonful of the hot vegetable mixture and stir to blend. Transfer to the skillet and stir to blend. Sprinkle with peanuts before serving, if desired.

Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains 318 calories and 6 grams of fat.

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Hearty dish: *Chick Pea and Vegetable Ragout – a hearty, stew-like mixture of vegetables – makes a delicious meal.*

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

ULTIMATE CHICKEN SOUP CONTEST

Temple Kol Ami will host its Second Annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest at noon Friday, Feb. 25 in the Temple social hall. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form and may include a brief explanation of the soup's origin, if possible to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. All mailed entries must be postmarked Jan. 28. A panel of judges will select the top 10 finalists who will be notified by Friday, Feb. 11.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call the Temple (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you. The winning recipe will be served at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

First prize is a feature segment on "Keith Famie's Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor.

Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield and third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

Judges include Famie and Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor, Observer features group.

CHOCOLATE CANDYMAKING

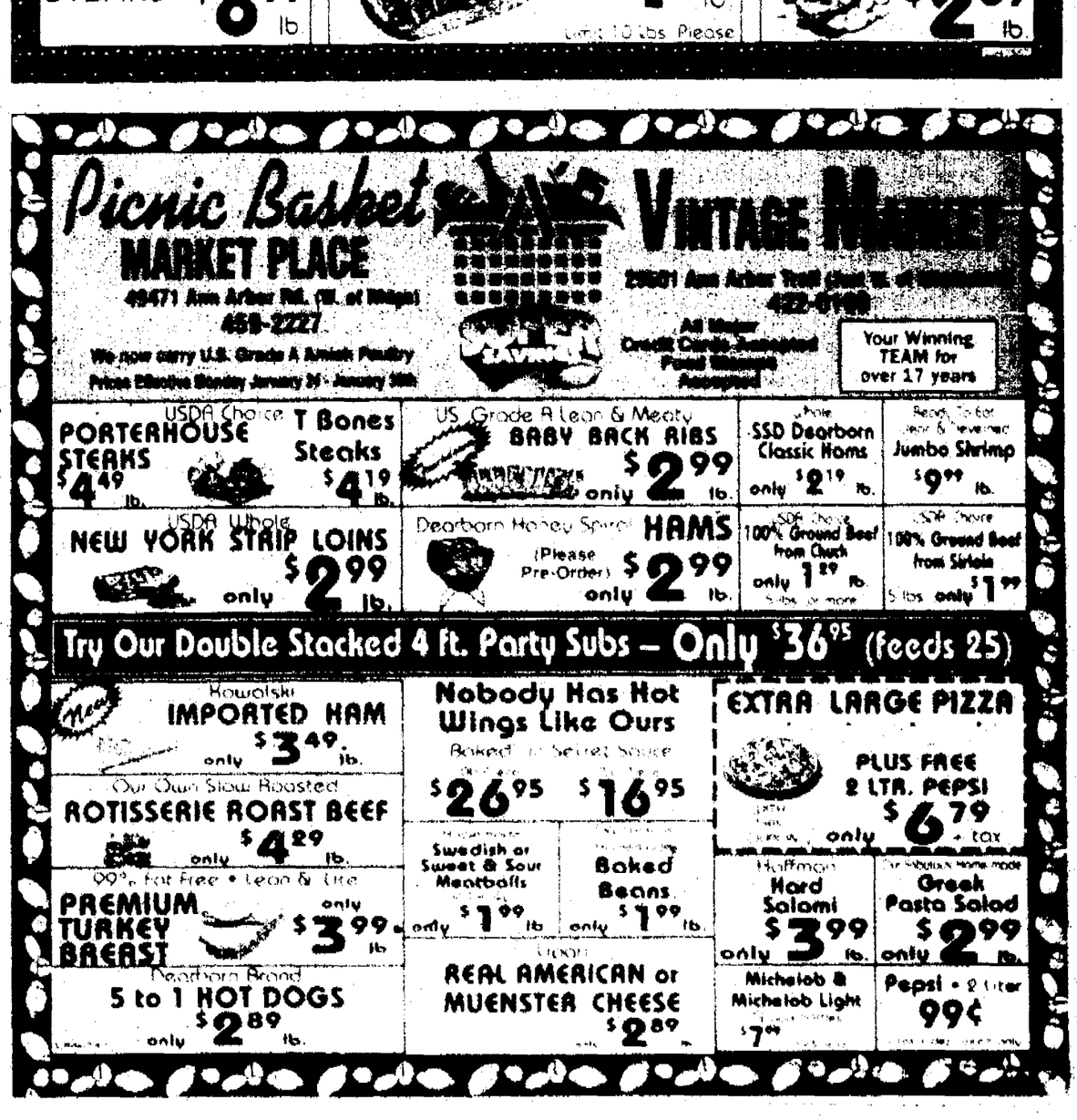
Learn how to make delicious chocolates, create delectable assortments such as dips, molds and creams, and experiment with a variety of flavors. 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at Berkshire Middle School, Room 108. The cost is $16. Call Birmingham Community Education to register (248) 203-3800 or check out www.communityed.net.

AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be offering a variety of culinary arts classes this winter including, Winter Soups & Stews, 6-10 p.m. Monday, Jan 31. All Things Chocolate, 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 1, 8 &15. European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 & 21. Thai Cuisine at Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13 & 20; Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 16 & 23.

Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m. Monday, April 3. Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17 & 24; and

Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres-Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday & Friday, April 20 & 21. To register, or for more information, call (734) 462-4448.



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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Home care

The first in a series of educational workshops for residents, families and members of the community. The first meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Marquette House (36000 Campus Drive) in Westland. Dr. F. Namei of Home Care Physicians has over 25 years experience helping caregivers cope with conditions of the elderly. Topics of the workshop include ways to regain dignity and self worth, improving the quality of life and strategies for living independently. Seating is limited so call (734) 326-6537 to register. Admission is free.

Think trim

Instead of New Year's resolutions, Lorraine Stefano, founder and director of Think Trim®, will suggest ways to develop New Year's solutions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Schoolcraft College (18600 Haggerty Road) in Livonia in Room LA 370. The fee for the all day class is $57. For additional information and to register call (734) 462-4413.

Alzheimer's workshop

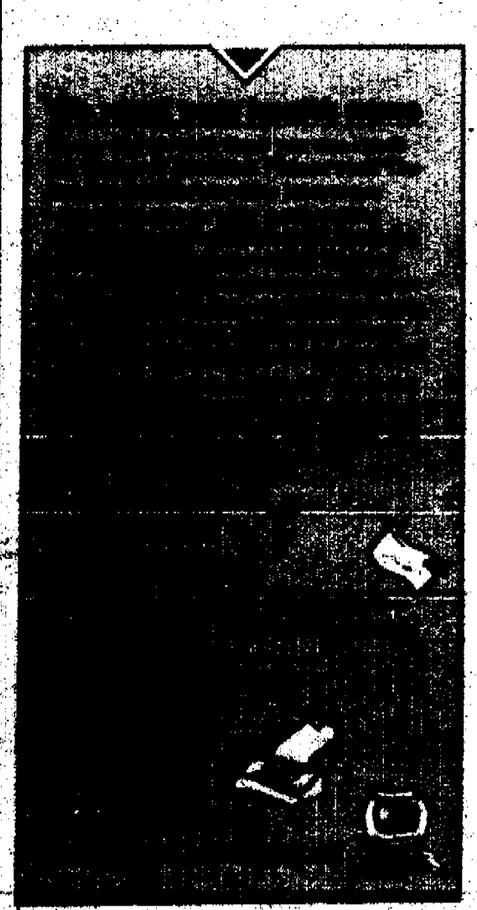
St. Mary Hospital is presenting a two-part workshop on the challenges of Alzheimer's disease from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 8 in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. On Feb. 1, Safwan Kazmouz, M.D., will discuss Alzheimer's disease and understanding behaviors. On Feb. 8, Constance Barber, Safe Return Specialist, Alzheimer's Association, will discuss safety issues and Kelley Fulkerson, Alzheimer's Association, will present safety issues in the home. This is a free workshop but pre-registration is required. Call 655-8940 to register.

Menopause support

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. Guest speaker, Archana Uppal, PT, MHS, will be discussing the causes of urinary incontinence, treatment options and how physical therapy can help manage incontinence. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting. For information call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

AWAKE meeting

American Sleep Apnea Association A.W.A.K.E. (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) will host a health/support group for people with sleep disordered breathing problems. Sponsored by Garden City Hospital - Sleep Disorders Center and Garden City Home Equipment the topic will be "What's new in CPAP/BIPAP masks?" Meets at 7 p.m. in classrooms 3 and 4 in the lower level of Garden City Medical Office Building (6255 Inkster Road). Call 458-3330 for questions.



Realistic resolutions

Experts offer advice on sticking to New Year's plan

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

For many people the New Year means a couple things. Not only is it a time to toss out another calendar, but it also represents the possibility for second chances and a new beginning. Many use it as the impetus to quit some of the bad habits that have accumulated over the years.

So, with dogged determination, they set out to tackle a new batch of New Year's resolutions, feeling this will be the year for success. More than likely, these resolutions will have something to do with the way a person looks and feels.

According to the American Medical Association, 50 million people nationwide began this new year by making resolutions that dealt with either diet or exercise. Unfortunately, history shows most of these people will fail to meet their goal of getting into better shape.

Most experts agree the main reason for this failure is rooted in unrealistic expectations. Wanting quick results, many people jump headfirst into fitness programs or embark on fad diets but soon lose desire because they find such endeavors are just too tough to stick with. Like clockwork, January brings a flood of new members into the local health clubs. However, people who have consistently worked out over the years know that by either February or March most of those new members will drop out like flies.

"We definitely have an increase in workouts in January and February. They can go up from as much as 300 to 1,000 a day, depending on the size of the club," said Brian Wolverton, who is a health and fitness instructor for Bally Total Fitness, which has 16 clubs in the Detroit area, including ones in Plymouth, Novi, and Dearborn.

"The tendency in the past is that people dropped off quickly because they either lost motivation or the goals that they set for themselves were unrealistic."

Darlene Zimmerman, a Northville-based registered dietitian points to similar factors for those who give up on diets.

"People tend to set expectations that are too high. They are not really realistic. January 1st comes along, so they plan to completely overhaul the way they eat. But they will find it is very difficult to change eating habits," said Zimmerman, who will soon be teaching courses on nutrition at Oakland University.

Both Wolverton and Zimmerman believe failure can be converted into success simply by altering thinking patterns when setting goals.

"I try to get people to focus on small changes in their eating plans, something that they are going to be happy with and be able to live with for the rest of their life. We're not talking about a diet, we're talking about a lifestyle change," Zimmerman said.

For example, just by substituting skim milk for whole milk, person can lose six pounds a year, and the same is true when spreading jam, rather than butter, on toast in the morning. Zimmerman also believes that fad diets, which come and go, should be avoided at all costs because the results they produce are almost always temporary.

"The question I always ask people is: What changes are you willing to make for the rest of your life? Most people don't want to drink Slimfast forever," Zimmerman said.

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Wolverton largely blames media sources, such as fitness magazines, for making people believe they can lose large amounts of weight in a short period of time, which can lead to frustration when such results are not achieved.

"Most research indicates that people can realistically lose no more than two pounds a week. But the majority of people who come in here have the goal of losing five or 10 pounds a week," said Wolverton, who, armed with the latest in health and fitness research, combats these misconceptions by stressing education to his new members.

Wolverton also tries to shift the focus away from losing overall weight, to altering body composition. He feels people need to concentrate on maintaining lean weight, while losing fat weight.

Both Wolverton and Zimmerman also stress the fact that too much too soon can be a sure road to defeat.

"The people we find who are most successful make changes gradually. People should look at their own lifestyle, their own eating plan, and then take as long as needed to make changes and turn them into habits. The goal is to make it something you do all the time," said Zimmerman.

"Individuals who expect too much and over-exert themselves on their first couple of workouts are sure to fail. I see this all the time with ex-jocks, who come in and think they can pick up where they left off 10 years ago," Wolverton said.

Another factor to look out for is the "all-or-nothing" attitude. Sometimes there are going to be lapses. Workouts will be missed, and ice cream will sometimes be eaten. People should not bring themselves down too far because of it. In fact, changing eating habits does not mean completely giving up one's favorite foods.

"I think restricting yourself creates bigger problems. If you tell yourself you can never have another Oreo cookie, all you will do is think about Oreo cookies. You shouldn't put that kind of pressure on yourself. All foods are okay in moderation. People just need to control portion sizes," Zimmerman said.

So, as January fades away, along with the memory of another New Year, the key to keeping those resolutions alive into the months of March, April and beyond is to modify thought patterns and expectations, before actually making lifestyle changes. Achieving a good quality of life does not mean having to look like a model on the cover of a fitness magazine.

It takes more than muscle to shovel snow

The American Heart Association suggests that the decision to shovel snow should not be made lightly. Shoveling snow might be one of the most strenuous activities some people will ever attempt.

Lifting a shovel piled with snow tremendously increases the heart's workload. The combination of sudden physical exertion and cold weather could have serious consequences. It's natural for the blood vessels to temporally narrow in cold weather. It can be even more dangerous if vessels are already narrowed due to fatty deposits. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions could cause a heart attack.

Dr. Barry Franklin, director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital has some information that might make you think before you pick up that shovel.

"Several years ago, researchers found that the heart rate and blood pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing. And, within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training. It is no wonder that each year many middle aged and older individuals experience cardiovascular complications during snow shoveling."

■ SMART MOVES

According to The American Heart Association, anyone who chooses to shovel should take precautions. They include:

- Warm up before you begin to shovel.
- Pace your work and take frequent periods of rest.
- Lift small, rather then large loads of snow.
- Refrain from consuming large meals before and after shoveling.
- Do not consume alcohol, caffeine, or use tobacco before or after shoveling.
- Avoid inhaling cold air by wearing a breathing mask or muffler.
- Protect exposed areas of the body from frostbite, another snow shoveling risk.

In persons who are normally inactive, with known or hidden heart disease , snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death. People who are most at risk are men and women over 40 years of age with a history of heart disease or symptoms that suggest a cardiac problem. They include angina, palpitations or dizziness.

Also at risk are those people with one or more of the major coronary risk factors (cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, or a sedentary lifestyle). For these people, the best solution is not to shovel at all.

Know the signs

The American Heart Association stresses, knowing the signs of a heart attack and getting to the hospital immediately can save your life. If you have any of these signs, get help fast.

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting for more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to shoulders, arms or neck.
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

Good technique: *It's important to remember to bend your knees when shoveling heavy, wet snow. You can cause back injuries if you're not careful.*

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 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.*

ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 968-0673 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

LIFESTYLE/WEIGHT MGT.
Review the basic tenets of good nutritional habits and safe weight loss techniques. Practice the art of communication and group facilitation through education, lecture and role playing. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800 AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

STEP WORKSHOP
This workshop will concentrate on choreography building techniques and fresh ideas as well as a review of the fundamentals and an update on the latest research. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800-AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

TUE, JAN. 25

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-4330.

LIVING WITH DIABETES
"Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes," Jan. 25-Feb. 17, from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

CPR RECERTIFICATION
This course is designed for healthcare professionals who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card issued by the American Heart Association or Red Cross. $25. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia. To register call (877) 345-5500.

WED, JAN. 26

NEWBORN CARE
A two session class meets at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes Child & Infant CPR conducted by American Heart Association instructors. Registration required. Call 458-4330.

WOMEN AND DEPRESSION
A mental health professional explains how to identify the signs, symptoms and causes of depression and explores treatment options in this free program. To be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Education Center Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-5400 to register.

HELP WITH FOOD
"Food for Thought — Calories, How Much, What Kind, Portion Sizes," from 7-8 p.m. at the Bentley Center in Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

SMOKING CESSATION
Providence Medical Center in Livonia will host a stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

THUR, JAN. 27

WEIGHT CONTROL
Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh will host the weight control program from 3-5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Call (877) 345-5500.

HEARTBURN
Heartburn: Put out the fire. "Treatments for Chronic Heartburn," will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. This program provides an overview of gastroesophageal reflux, otherwise known as heartburn, including diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment. To register call (877) 345-5500.

FRI, JAN. 28

PSYCHOLOGY COURSE
Madonna University will offer a psychology workshop during the winter term "Psychological Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect," from 6-10 p.m. and will conclude Feb. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the workshop examines why child abuse and neglect occur, who perpetrates such acts, the short and long term effects of child abuse and neglect and the various treatment strategies employed with abused children. The non-credit fee is $1000. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

Cool new Web sites worth checking out, bookmarking

PC MIKE

MIKE WENDLAND

One of the neat things about doing a column like this and covering the Internet for TV and radio is developing a network of friends, high tech news sources, tipsters and e-mail informants who send in lists of Web sites for me to check out.

Some are pretty lame. Many come from businesses and would be Internet entrepreneurs looking for free publicity. But many sites are useful, entertaining, informative and seldom trafficked. Those are the ones I love to share with you.

My good friend "Surfin'" Steve Colyer (steve@pcmike.com) is a regular on my weekend radio show on WXYT and the chief compiler of the Web site-of-the-Day feature on my PC Mike web site (www.pcmike.com).

Steve runs the Rochester Hills-based web site development and design company Awesome Pages (www.awesomepages.com or (248) 852-1930) and does a great job monitoring the Net for new and relatively undiscovered Web sites.

Here's some the latest hot surf spots Steve has found for us:

Netiquette (www.albion.com/netiquette/index.html)- You have your new computer and you're all wired to cyberspace. But what are the rules of the Net surfin' game? This site spells out the "do's and don'ts" of e-mail, chat rooms, browsing and discussion groups. A good place for newbies and old time surfers to brush up on our Netiquette.

FreewareHome.com (www.freewarehome.com)- Hold on to your mouse! This is the granddaddy of the free program Web sites. Business applications, games, desktop items, Internet, programming, system utilities and more. One huge web site.

Internet Society (www.isoc.org)- The ISOC is a professional membership society with more than 150 organizational and 6,000 individual members in over 100 countries. It provides leadership in addressing issues that confront the future of the Internet. Find out today where the Internet plans to be tomorrow.

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? (abc.go.com/primetime/millionaire/mill_home.html)- Move over Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, Regis has a hit show that is causing everybody to tune in. Call the toll free number to try to become a contestant on the show. Is that your final answer?

CoolQuiz.com (www.coolquiz.com)- So you think you are pretty smart when it comes to trivia? Test your skills with topics like mysteries, music, comedy, video games and more. Submit your own trivia question to stump their expert and maybe win a T-shirt. Use this site to warm up for "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

OnLine Health (onhealth.com/ch1/index.asp)- Thinking about improving the quality of your precious health for 2000? Find out what the New England Journal of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Harvard, Columbia and Stanford have to say about your health concerns. This is a site where you can get some reliable health tips and suggestions.

Kodak American Mile-Markers (www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/features/onTheRoad)- Imagine a trip of 3,304 miles from New York to San Francisco in a car. Now imagine taking a picture every mile along the way. Kodak and a patient young traveler did it in 6 days. See all the snapshots in a "Flash picture viewer" format.

Acronym Finder (www.acronymfinder.com)- Remember "TEOTWAWKI"? How soon we forget. Over 122,000 acronyms, a reverse look up, search database and more. There's computer, technology, business, government and other reference categories. (Hint... In case you missed it, The End Of The World As We Know It was what the Y2K doomsayers said would happen January 1.)

National Osteoporosis Foundation (www.nof.org)- "How dense are you" ... bone density that is. If you are concerned about osteoporosis, this site will give you the facts and some solutions to choose from. Video's, books, articles and abstracts, people, patients or professionals, it is all here for you.

Consumer Information Center (www.pueblo.gsa.gov)- This site is packed full of free information compiled by the experts on cars, business, federal programs, employment, children, travel and more. There is no excuse for shopping confusion after visiting this site.

DotComGuy.com (www.dotcomguy.com)- Imagine moving into an empty house, taking the clothes on your back and a computer. Now lock yourself in there for an entire year and you can't leave. BUT, you have the Internet and can shop till you drop. This site journals this one mans plan to do just that for the next year.

The Exhibit Hall (www.nara.gov/exhall) - The National Archives and Records Administration has collected the best sites related to the history and events of our nation. Documents, articles, pictures and a favorite, "When Nixon met Elvis!" A must see for this one at least.

Every month or so, I publish a list of promising Web sites sent in my readers. I can't promise I'll use every one sent, but I will check them all out and list the ones I think are the most appealing to a general audience. So, please, send along your favorites.

"73" until next week.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

TUE, JAN. 25

CONTRACTORS' BEST 2000

The American Subcontractors Association of Southeastern Michigan (ASA-SEM) will present a seminar entitled Contractors' B.E.S.T. 2000. Its theme will be, "Embracing Change," from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. The cost is $95 per person. Call Julie Smith at (248) 666-1234 to register. The seminar is sponsored by Powers Carlson & Associates, Plante & Moran LLP, and Arktek Enterprises. This event offers a wide variety of classes to meet the needs of a diverse group of contractors as well as an industry forecast by Construction Association of Michigan and a key note address by Michael Wickett.

WED, JAN. 26

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The regular meeting of Business Network International Laurel Park Chapter will be held form 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia Chapter will meet at the same time at St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon, Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

THUR, JAN. 27

MARKETING PLAN WORKSHOP

Definition and diagnosis of marketing problems; making profitable sales and pricing; making retail or industrial sales from 8:45 a.m. to noon at the Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Cost is $40 per person. Call the Service Corps of Retired Executives at (313) 226-7947.

FRI, JAN. 28

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The regular meeting of Business Network International Livonia Chapter will be held form 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark in Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

JOB FAIR

PSI Repair Service, Inc. a division of Phillips Service Industries, Inc., will be hosting a job fair and open house for entry-level sales professionals at the company's corporate headquarters facilities in Livonia from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Interested job seekers will have an opportunity to meet with company representatives and should bring several copies of their resume.

PSI is the largest independent industrial repair company in the U.S. and recently ranked 4th on Crain's list of Michigan's leading technology based businesses. *PSI is located at 11878 Hubbard. Call (734) 853-5000 for information.*

Grief support for children, adults

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. (CHHCS) is offering "Connections," a six-week series to help children and their parents/guardians "connect" with their feelings and better work through the death of a loved one.

The series will be held on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 25 through Feb. 29 from 6:30-8 p.m. There is a $20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed.

"Connections" is specially designed to help children and parent/guardian learn, share and talk about their feelings of loss and grief. The children who participate will be divided into age-appropriate groups. The parent/guardian portion of the group is offered at the same time but in a different room.

The adults will cover topics such as how to cope with and adjust to loss and how children grieve. At the end of the program, the two groups will be brought together to share in a memorial service to remember their loved ones.

Offered by CHHCS, call (734) 522-4244.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers *are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area. Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.*

New location

Dr. Roderico Luttmann, M.D. recently announced the new location of his practice as of Jan. 1. It will be at 577 Inkster Road in Garden City. The telephone number is (734) 458-2111. Luttmann will be sharing the office with Dr. Raju. Both are board certified pediatricians and members of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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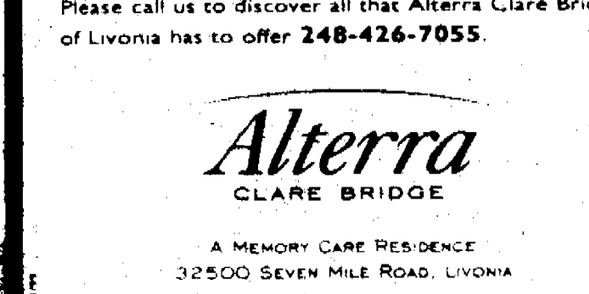

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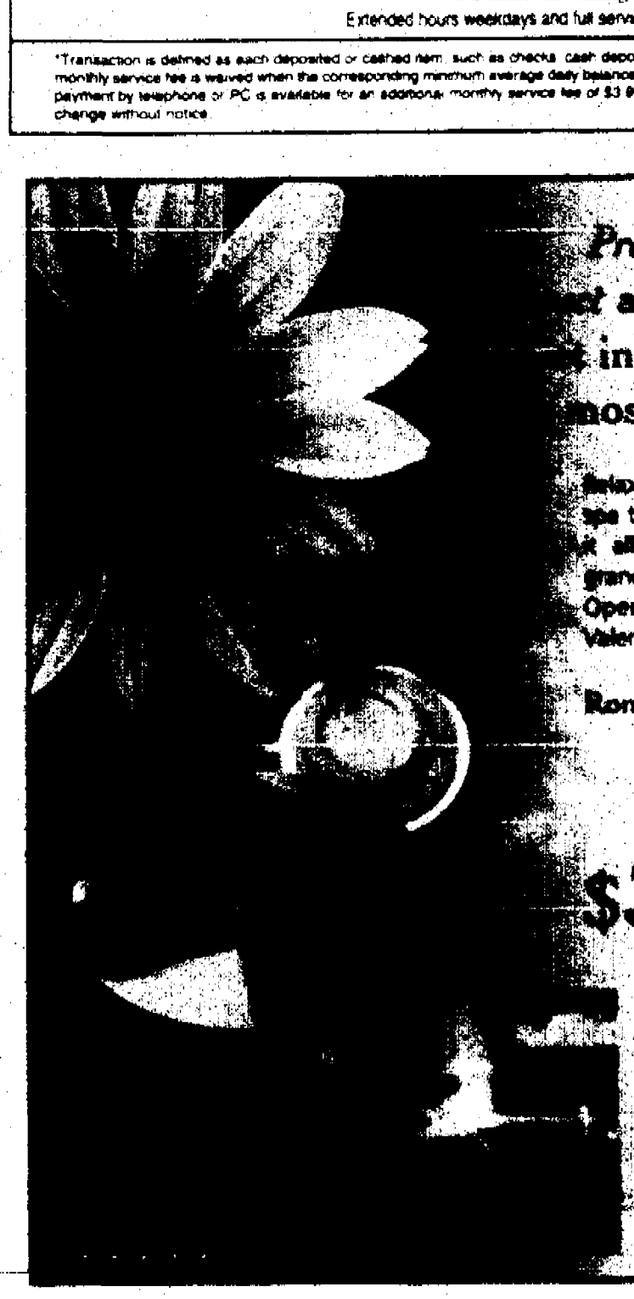

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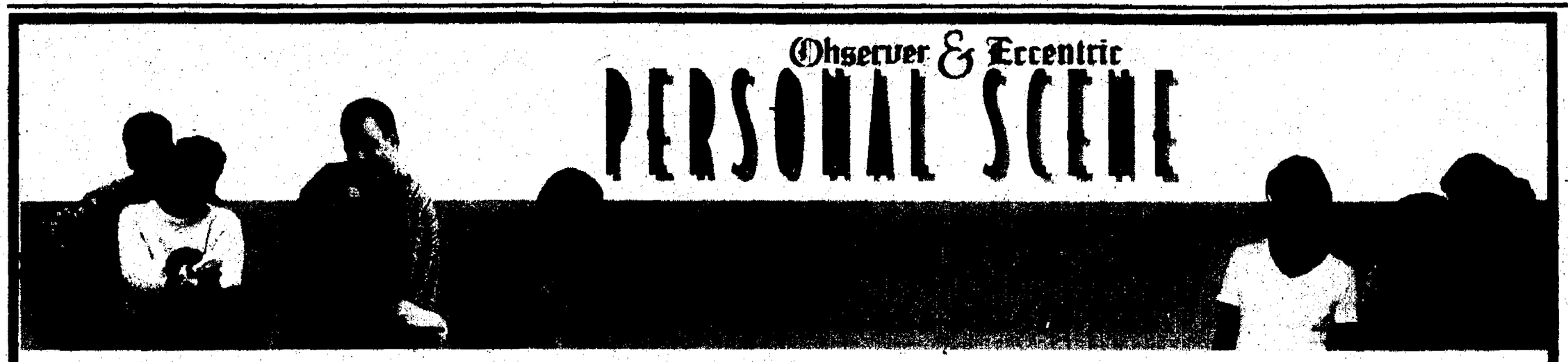
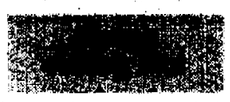




SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, politics, black and white films, antiques, computers. Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman. ☎1449

FUN ANYONE?
DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating, fun whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎6123

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green, full-figured, one 13 year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks "horseman" SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1421

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SBF, 32, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor. Seeking serious, positive, monogamous SBM for LTR ☎1444

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 33, 5'1", 118lbs, brown/brown, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun. Seeking SWPM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR. ☎1455

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals. Seeking loving, honest, communicative SWM, to help mend this broken heart. ☎1406

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports for special committed relationship. ☎6304

STILL SEARCHING
Full-figured honest caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, quiet nights at home, dining in/out. Seeking someone, 25-35, similar interests for possible LTR. ☎1037

LIGHTNING STRIKES
Intelligent, easygoing, sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially/emotionally secure SWM, 35-55, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. No games, please. N/S N/D. ☎6245

TAKE THE RISK
DWF, 29, 5'3", H/W proportionate, medical professional, mother of 2, seeks motivated S/DWPM, N/S, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1211

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 5'5", 170lbs, seeks financially secure, active SM, 31-48, any race, for serious LTR. No head games. ☎1132

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/blue, enjoys laughter, sharing, dancing. Seeking secure, outgoing SWM, 39-50, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded. ☎1390

WARM & FRIENDLY
SWF, over 46, 5'11", slim, blonde/blue, seeks S/DWM, 6'2"+, not obese, high morals, no drugs, for monogamous relationship. ☎1135

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

ANIMALHOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix. H/W proportionate not necessary. ☎1083

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. ☎1363

NEWLY SINGLE
DWF, 38, 5', brownish-blonde/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more. Seeking S/DWM, 35-45, for companionship. ☎1296

LIMITED TIME OFFER!
Act now! Versatile, physically fit, degreed SF, 49, 5'6", 130lbs, dark blonde/blue, enjoys exercising, outdoors, travel, hiking, gardening, and learning "new things. Seeking very attractive, articulate, educated physical fit man, 45-52, 5'10"+. ☎1278

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1222

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE, FUN
Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, snow ski traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 42-47, financially secure with class, integrity. ☎6063

SEEKS BIG MACHINE OPERATOR
If you are 32-43, and can handle those big loaders and can handle this blonde/blue, who knows how to push the right lever. Must be great with kids. ☎1129

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet romantic dinners, long walks, movies, living life. Seeking caring, understanding SM to share this life with. ☎1381

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, and laughter with me. ☎6061

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

SENSITIVE & TOUGH
SJF, mid-50s, 5'6", green eyes from Kentucky, financially secure, slim, imaginative, sweet disposition, educated, enjoys cooking, seeks "best friend" for conversation, fun, friendship, maybe more. ☎5602

LET'S MAKE MUSIC
SWPF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, N/S, enjoys singing, music, plays, movies, outdoors. Seeking S/DWM, for sharing similar interests and ourselves. ☎1298

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
Smart, sexy attractive SWPF, 45, petite, dark/hazel, seeks attractive, fun-loving, adventurous sincere SWPM, 40-50 who is interested in a monogamous LTR. ☎6153

HAPPY IN WATERFORD
DWPF, 45, 5'5", blonde/green, N/S, N/D, seeks S/DWPM, 35-50, N/S, with sense of humor, who enjoys outdoor activities, indoor activities loves life, and is searching for LTR. ☎1145

ATT: MENTALLY HEALTHY MAN
Attractive, petite DWF, 5'4", seeks DWM, 45+, for friendship first. You're divorced for sometime, enjoy the arts, biking, dancing, and more. You're emotionally stable, can communicate well, honest, N/S. ☎1133

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1", medium build, ready to start life over again, enjoys walks, bike rides, friends. Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor. ☎1440

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids, seeks gentleman who knows how treat a lady. Race age open. Be my first date. ☎1442

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing. Seeking SWM 46-56, similar interests, Sterling Heights. ☎1441

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel together, ness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎5597

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s N/S, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. ☎1176

NATURAL & CHARMING
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere man. Race unimportant. ☎1429

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 48, likes simple things in life. Seeking DW gentleman, 48-60, for friendship and fun times. ☎1446

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar LTR, to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust. ☎1213

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends. ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life. Seeking honest open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals. ☎1388

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating possible LTR. ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos. Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest for possible LTR. ☎1323

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

CREATIVE DISTINCTIVE
Creative, distinctive industrious ambitious confident SWF, 41, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys nature, horses, gardening, Reiki dancing, art, motorcycles. Seeking S/DM. ☎6059

IN SEARCH OF
Petite SWF, 23, brown/blue, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-25, to have fun and share life with. Must be willing to make time for relationship. ☎1283

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1279

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive, intelligent, free-spirited professional, getting disillusioned with finding a man to admire and desire, who's honest, fit, spontaneous, with sense of humor. I enjoy laughter, travel, conversation. Zest for life required. ☎1074

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. ☎1257

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

THIS IS WHERE LOVE IS
Appreciative, caring, open SWPF, 46, 5'8", 110lbs, auburn/blue, enjoys nature walks, animals, swimming, boating, learning to ski. Seeking honest, trustworthy SWPM, N/S, for LTR. ☎1237

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

NOT PERFECT IN ROYAL OAK
You don't need to be, either, but you need to be N/S, hopefully no dependents. I'm a SWF, 47, 5'3", 140lbs, no dependents, like cats, who wants to share life's adventures. ☎1147

BIG, BEAUTIFUL GAL
SF, 37, auburn/green, likes movies, dining out, cuddling, long walks. Searching for patient, loving, understanding WM, 35-45, employed, drug-free, for possible LTR. Westland area preferred. ☎1149

PEOPLE PERSON
DBPF, 40, 5'7", 216lbs, medium build, auburn/brown, freckles, pretty smile, one child, likes reading, traveling, shopping, helping others. Seeking SM, 40-52, for friendship first, possible committed relationship. ☎1166

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

AFFECTIONATE AND CARING
DWF, 48, vibrant, stylish, affectionate, unpretentious, looking for a male counterpart. ☎1013

ONE IN A MILLION IN NOV!
Very attractive SWF, young-looking 50, 5'4", brunette/brown, great shape/figure. Seeks truly very nice looking SWM, 45-53, honest, easygoing, N/S, no dependents, emotionally/financially secure, for sincere friendship, and possible relationship. ☎1128

LOOKING FOR A LOVING MAN
Female seeks a man who enjoys being close, spending time together, having some fun, and wants a relationship. ☎1471

MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fair-playing female enjoys indoor activities except cards, outdoor activities except golf. Seeking active college graduate, N/S. ☎1473

FRIEND/LOVER/ WIFE = 1 WOMAN
DWM, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, friend of "Bill W." considered handsome, seeks open-minded, slim, attractive woman, 21-36, for LTR leading to marriage. ☎1427

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1264

BE MY CHRISTMAS GIFT
Loving, caring, honest, sincere SACM, 28, 5'7", 170lbs, brown/blue, seeks open-minded, caring SF who loves kids/pets, for loving LTR. ☎1353

CALLING FOREIGN NATIONS
Attractive SWM, early 30s, 6'2", dark/blue, enjoys concerts, sports, movies. Seeking attractive, foreign female for relationship. ☎1349

FUNNY GUY
Sincere, athletic, funny SPM, 29, 5'11", enjoys sports, traveling, road trips, and the outdoors. Seeking attractive, fit SPF, 25-35, for possible LTR. ☎1331

TRUE ROMANCE
Employed SWM, 28, brown/brown, college student, enjoys cuddling, amusement parks, cider mills, vacations, music. Seeking SF, 22-31, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎6309

BELLEVILLE AREA
Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. ☎1175

MILD TO WILD
Totally honest and eclectic SWM, 34, 6'3", 230lbs, N/S, private pilot, part-time musician, diverse musical tastes, outrageous sense of humor, enjoys the outdoors, boating, camping. Seeking interested and interesting SWF. ☎1387

SBPM SEEKS SWF
SBPM, 53, 6'3", in search of athletic, good-looking SWF, 35-50, adventurous, likes to cuddle, who enjoys life, appreciates a real man. Call me. ☎1324

FIT & FUN
Attractive male, 37, 5'9", 160lbs, blond/hazel, business-owner likes sports, working out, skiing, reading, cooking, movies. Seeking fit, attractive, mature female who likes having fun. ☎1335

LET'S TALK OF OUR FUTURE
SM, 5'10", husky build, dark brown/green, with one daughter, values communication, loves music, laughing. Seeking plus-sized or full-figured woman, articulate, expressive, sensitive, passionate, caring. ☎1120

GOOD CONSERVATIVE
SWPM, late 30s, travel, plays, going up North. Seeking companionship first with independent, sincere, honest, caring and bit SF, 24-40. ☎1330

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923

HELLO LADIES
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

CITY TO RANCH
SWPCM, young 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, midwest ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, home body type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship possible relationship. ☎1277

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny goal oriented, SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks W H-AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and working out. ☎1430

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

REAL GENTLEMAN
SWM, 42, excellent physical condition, self-employed, enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, carpentry, loves children. Seeking affectionate, loving, honest woman with similar interests and spontaneity. ☎1431

AGGRESSIVE OLDER WOMAN..
wanted! Handsome, but shy SWM, 43, would enjoy meeting an aggressive older lady for dating, friendship, and possibly more. ☎1423

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic. Seeking a classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for a friendship and possible relationship. ☎6155

WAITING ON A FRIEND...
to fill my days and nights. SWPM seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

RECIPE OF LOVE
DWM, 5'11", 185lbs, curly salt-n-pepper hair, loves cooking, traveling, exercising, movies, shopping. Seeking fit SHF, mid-50s, who takes care of herself, to cook my recipes of love for. ☎1405

NICE-LOOKING GOOD GUY
Easygoing, honest, loving, affectionate, financially secure SWM, 61, 5'11", 220lbs, enjoys the outdoors, sports/golf, fine dining, theater, travel. Seeking very attractive, slim, honest SWF, size or under, for possible LTR. ☎1374

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR. N/S only. ☎1376

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys living well, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, and sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! ☎1327

HERE'S THE BEEF!
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly, SF for companionship. Age, area open. ☎4018

YOOPER-MAN, HE'S BACK
DWM, 45, 5'11", 230lbs, hard-working, up north kind of character, fun-loving, smart, honest, sincere, seeks that special woman, 35-50, to spend those special moments with. Western suburbs only please. ☎1086

SEEKING FRIEND
DWM, 55, 5'10", slim, athletic, nice-looking, open to share your life. Seeking pretty, interesting SWF, H/W proportionate for LTR. ☎1391

PAST YOUR PRIME?
You'll do just fine! Handsome, successful SWM, 48, tired of prima donnas, seeks a settled, sociable, sincere SWF, age open. ☎1389

ROMANTIC MAN
SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, traveling, dining. Seeking romantic woman for dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. ☎5454

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
Good-looking DWM, 44, spiritual, down-to-earth gentleman with integrity seeks S/DF, 30-50, who enjoys the simple pleasures in life, for friendship first, then see what develops. ☎1030

HOT COMMODITY
Affectionate, spontaneous, outgoing, faithful SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1366

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1060

SMART & SEXY
Honest, easygoing, fun-loving DWPM, 45, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes rebuilding houses, cars, and motorcycles, camping, swimming, beach. Seeking similar, female for relationship. ☎1321

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford. ☎5696

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-90, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship and possible LTR. ☎5970

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'8", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎5840

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 39, look younger, 5'3", 120lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45. ☎1142

MY CHRISTMAS WISH
Successful businessman, N/S, N/D, short, well-educated. Seeking one sweet woman, 35-45, N/S, short, H/W proportionate to call my own. Should be financially secure, confident. ☎1091

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed homeowner seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. ☎5357

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Simple, dry-witted college-educated DWM, 42, 5'9", 160lbs, enjoys nature walks, dining out, movies, theater, quiet evenings at home. Seeking secure SWF with similar interests, for loving LTR. ☎1234

HOMEOWNER
Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 48, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1364

BYPASSING THIS AD?
Think again! Mellow fellow, witty SWM, 45, with broad interests, loves a challenge. Seeking special connection with delightful, expressive lady, age open. ☎1362

GO TYPE
Athletic, incurably romantic, fun (I am told), emotionally/financially secure Harvard graduate, 6', eclectic interests. Seeking very sophisticated, attractive, secure SWPF, 28-36, for adventurous LTR. Searching for my soulmate. ☎1361

GIVE DAD A CALL
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves: camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point carnations, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎5873

HUGS & KISSES ALWAYS
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more. ☎5607

FROM NEW ENGLAND
PhD scientist DWM, 50, 5'10", trim, enjoys cross-country skiing, jogging, plays, bookstores, nature, Detroit Film Theater and hiking. Seeking intelligent, fit, happy woman, under 50, for relationship, romance. ☎6068

JUST BETWEEN US
Meaningful emotional exchange is sought by sharp, personable SWM, 43, with an honest easygoing understated lifestyle, looking for SWF for companionship. ☎1328

AN IMMEDIATE ATTRACTION...
can predict great satisfaction! Educated, fine, gracious SWM, 46, enjoys the arts, comedy, sociability. Who is attracted to an energized, romantic SWF, 35-51. ☎1326

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for serious relationship and fun. ☎5385

WATERFORD AREA
Attractive SWM, 52, 5'7", N/S, retired, enjoys travel, dining, movies, gardening, nature, quiet evenings with good conversation. Seeking SWF, over 58, no dependents, secure, similar interests, for LTR. ☎1472

RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG
SM, 34, 5'8", no dependents, software engineer, seeks family-oriented SF with no children, for friendship and a possible LTR. ☎1478

SINGLE AND LOOKING
Financially stable, kind, sincere, silly, romantic, affectionate SBM, enjoys cuddling, romantic movies, music, dancing, bowling. Seeking compatible SF with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1479

GOT MY ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble-free, N/S, nice guy who's down-to-earth? I'm 50+, 5'10", 155lbs, firm build. Favorite things: music, exercise and having fun. ☎1475

HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking slender, financially secure, marriage-minded lady 50+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship. Confident you will be pleased with this tall gentleman, N/S, N/D, fun to be with. Rochester Hills. ☎1470

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
SM, 60, seeks non-jealous, non-possessive, non-religious SF, for mutual great expectations of love, romance, fun, and more. ☎1468

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call. I'm waiting! ☎1469

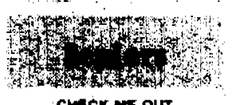
TOP GUN
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. ☎1299

CARING & SENSITIVE
DWM, 43, 5'10", 185lbs, N/S, who loves skiing, golf, travel, long walks, working out, romantic dinners. Looking for fit, attractive, young lady, 35-43, N/S. ☎1428

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually. Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF, children ok. ☎1393

MOVIE BUFF
I'm looking for someone to enjoy after work dinners and peaceful evenings together. Let's share life's experiences and learn from each other. ☎1365

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT LOVE IS
If you are reading this, then you've passed the first test. If you want to know more, you need to call. I promise you won't be disappointed. ☎1329



CHECK ME OUT
SWM, 64, 5'8", 180lbs, seeks friendly, retired lady 60-67 who enjoys RV travel, fishing, movies, outdoors, dining, light drinking/smoking ok, financially/emotionally secure, for a monogamous relationship. ☎1439

LOOKING FOR COMPANION
Attractive blonde, retired WF, seeks well-mannered WM, 65+, who enjoys travel, movies, dining, for friendship, good times. N/S preferred. ☎5450

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Attractive DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking. Seeking attractive, sincere SPM. Race unimportant. ☎1448

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1262

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship possible LTR. ☎1036

DO WE...
meet and see if it's meant to be? Handsome, youthful SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, seeks charming SWF, with vivacious personality for a possible relationship. ☎1467

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
Automotive executive, Northern Michigan, outdoorsman, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, muscular, fit, attractive, enjoys snow mopping, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, cooking, dining out. Honest, easygoing, nice guy, seeks friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1474

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

VERY GOOD-LOOKING
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports. ☎5377

FIRST TIME EVER, REDFORD
Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown, blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate, Kids ok. No games. ☎1424

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires and the lake. Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR. ☎1425

LATIN FEVER
SWM, 35, 6'2", brown/blue, loves live music, traveling, sports, movies. Seeking attractive, Latin/Cuban/Puerto Rican, SF for LTR. ☎1348

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