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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton planning commission holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The agenda includes a public hearing for the proposed expansion of St. Thomas A'Beckett Church.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers hold their regular monthly meeting at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is the guest speaker. For information call 451-5426.

SATURDAY

Ice Time: The Plymouth Whalers host the Toronto St. M Majors in an Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Arena, Beck Road north of M-14. For tickets or information call the Whalers, 453-8400, or visit the team's Web site at: www.plymouth-whalers.com.

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Blaze leaves residents homeless

No injuries reported; 8 apartments totaled

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In just a few short weeks, Dorothy Johnson will take two of her daughters to Alabama for an ice skating competition.

She had special costumes for fifth grade Sara and sixth grade Nichole stored in their Canton Crossings townhouse apartment for the event.

But the beautiful outfits and the rest of the Johnsons' belongings are gone now, destroyed by a Friday afternoon fire at the Joy Road/I-275 complex.

"It's OK," said father Eric Johnson. "It's only stuff. It can all be replaced."

The fire broke out just before 1 p.m. in the attic of Building 20, near the middle of the complex. An exact cause was unknown Friday afternoon.

No injuries were reported.

Canton and Plymouth township fire departments responded to the scene. It took three fire engines and 15-20 firefighters to bring the

blaze under control by about 3 p.m.

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said the configuration of the apartment buildings made it a tough fire to fight.

"It kept us from getting where we wanted to get," he said. "It forced us to set up differently than we would've liked."

The configuration didn't delay dousing the flames, Rorabacher added.

"The difference was in dealing with the smoke," he said. "Our firefighters had to constantly deal with the smoke."

Eight townhouse units were contained in the apartment building. Six of the eight are currently rented.

All of the units appeared to be a total loss, Rorabacher said.

"The whole roof is gone," he added. "There's a lot of water damage. I'd be surprised if they could fix it."

Canton Crossings manager Debrah Henson said the units will be rebuilt as soon as possible. She couldn't provide a damage esti-

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On the scene: A Canton firefighter uses an ax as part of efforts to extinguish Friday's fire at the Canton Crossings complex off Joy Road. At right, firefighters from Canton and Plymouth Township responded to the blaze, which destroyed an eight-unit building.

DDA to interview top prospect for job

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The leading candidate for a Canton downtown and community development coordinator will be publicly interviewed Thursday.

The Downtown Development Authority will hold an interview at an 8 a.m. special meeting at township hall. Chairman Ralph Shufeldt said the DDA board will vote yes or no on the

candidate, whom Canton officials have declined to name.

The decision to hold a public interview represents a change from the township's previous position, which called for a three-member committee to conduct private interviews with finalists for the job.

The committee, including Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Public Safety Director John Santomauro and Administrative and Community Ser-

vices Director Dan Durack, whittled the final seven candidates down to three earlier this week. They also made a recommendation as to who they believed the leading candidate is.

On Wednesday, the Observer filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the township for names and background information of the seven finalists for the position.

According to the law, public agencies must respond within five business days

of the request. Under unusual circumstances, the public agency can extend the time limit to 10 days, the law adds.

Township officials have elected to take the 10 business days to respond in full to the request, according to Personnel Services Manager Dave Medley. It was unclear Friday whether information about the leading candidate would be provided prior to Thursday's DDA

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Wanted: Name for new school

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton school board is looking for community participation in naming the district's new middle school, which is slated to be open in time for the 2000-2001 school year.

The new middle school, to be constructed at Hanford and Canton Center roads, will be the first for Canton Township.

Board President Mike Maloney announced at last Tuesday's school board meeting that a list of names for the school is starting to grow. Thus far, that list includes Heritage, South and Millennium.

"If there are any individuals in the community that have suggestions, they should contact a board member directly and it will be placed on our list," said Maloney.

Three of the five Plymouth-Canton middle schools — East, West and Central — are named for directions. Pioneer Middle School, the newest of the middle schools built in 1968, was named because it was the first to be constructed with a different educational design.

The new middle school, approved by voters last October, will replace Lowell Middle School. The Plymouth-Canton district will lose its lease for Lowell with Livonia Public Schools in August 2000, the same time the new building is expected to be ready for classes.

Groundbreaking for the new school will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

Canton's past moves west



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN



Relocation: A little bit of Canton history found a new home Wednesday, as a 60-year-old farmhouse and five barns made their way from the old Shultz Farm at Proctor and Beck roads to their new home in Ypsilanti Township. Robert Shultz, who owns the buildings and was raised on the farm built by his parents, Elmer and Lenora Shultz, decided to make the move after selling the land for development as part of the new Central Park subdivisions. Shultz had been leasing the land for the past few years. The moving process took about eight hours as the buildings were loaded on flatbed trucks and utility lines were raised along the route. The Canton Police department handled traffic control.

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Realtors' safety focus of seminar Thursday

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In a perfect world, safety in the workplace wouldn't be an issue.

But the reality is that many people face potentially dangerous situations every day on the job. Real estate agents fall into that category.

Late last month, a 23-year-old Livonia woman was allegedly raped at a home construction site near Lilley and Palmer roads in Canton. A suspect, who is described as being in his 30s, 6 feet tall and about 170 pounds, is still at large, according to police.

In response to the incident, Canton's Police Department is holding a safety seminar Thursday designed for Realtors and sales people in model homes.

■ Last month, a 23-year-old Livonia woman was allegedly raped at a home construction site near Lilley and Palmer roads.

Officer Leonard Schemanske, who'll conduct the seminar 7-9 p.m. in the department's second-floor training room, said the focus will be on educating realtors and helping them recognize "red flags."

"Each case is unique," he said. "But they have to have a plan about what to do if something does happen."

New home construction is still going strong in Canton. Schemanske said there are currently 60 residential developments either under construction or

planned.

Combine that number with the fact that there are 19 real estate companies in Canton, Thursday's seminar becomes even more relevant, he said.

Michael Peck, executive vice president of the Western Wayne and Oakland County Association of Realtors, agreed.

"We encourage all of our people to go to safety classes," he said.

The association does hold annual safety seminars itself. But, Peck said, a little more education won't hurt.

"We've had several (criminal) incidents recently in Canton and Livonia," he added.

Schemanske will cover four areas in the seminar.

In terms of safety in the workplace, having access to a phone is critical, he said. Realtors should make their appointment schedules known as well, Schemanske said.

Suspicious situations should be reported. That would include clients that make inappropriate remarks of a sexual nature or, perhaps, clients that appear intoxicated, said Schemanske.

Rape prevention and what to do before, during and after an incident will also be discussed.

For more information or to register for the free seminar, contact Schemanske at (734) 397-5344.

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Patterson sets sights high for House term

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If Bruce Patterson has his way, tax increases will be a lot harder to push through the Michigan Legislature.

The rookie 21st District state representative, R-Canton, recently introduced a bill in the house that would require a two-thirds vote in both chambers for a hike.

State House Resolution "B," which was simultaneously introduced in the Senate by pal Thad McCotter, would amend Michigan's constitution to require such a vote.

"I think it has a very good chance of passing," said Patterson, whose district covers most of the township.

A similar measure was stopped by former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley last August. He said the legislature may not require a "super majority" vote to approve tax increases.

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'I do': New State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, (right) takes his oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver. Looking on are Patterson's wife, Phyllis, and two of his three children, Laren and Denise.

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Police seek I-275 driver in road rage altercation

Police are looking for a 30-40-year-old man who may have endangered the lives of two Canton residents late Tuesday evening.

According to reports, a 24-year-old woman and her younger brother pulled out of an Ann Arbor Road gas station at about 8:30 p.m. heading westbound near I-275. A man, who was not described in police reports, followed them in a dark colored Ford F150 truck onto the highway.

Reports said the man pulled in front of the Canton residents and stopped on the southbound exit ramp. He then began flashing his lights.

The woman and her brother were able to get away, however.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, February 9, 1999 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE RECREATION MASTER PLAN SECTION ENTITLED BASIS FOR ACTION PLAN, SUBHEADING ANALYSIS OF PARKS AND RECREATION STANDARDS, AND SUBHEADING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE, INCLUDING TABLE 4, AND TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF APPENDIX F "SUMMIT ON THE PARK STATISTICAL INFORMATION" AND THE ADDITION OF APPENDIX G "SUMMIT ON THE PARK PROPOSED FUTURE EXPANSION SCHEDULE".

The proposed amendments will be available for public inspection in the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Written comments addressed to the Board of Trustees will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

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OBITUARIES

IRENE H. GLORE

Services for Irene H. Gloré, 82, of Canton were Jan. 27 in St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Meade Cemetery, Ray Township, Mich.

She was born Sept. 10, 1916, in Ray Township. She died Jan. 23 in Livonia. She was a supervisor for the photographic department in General Motors, Detroit. She retired in 1975 after 25 years of service. She moved to the Canton community from Detroit 15 years ago. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. She was a member of the Vivians and Plymouth Elks. She loved to ballroom dance and to travel. She graduated from Armand High School with honors.

Survivors include her husband, Vance Gloré of Canton; one daughter, Carol A. Ano of Ann Arbor; one son, James D. (Beverly) Gloré of Schaumburg, Ill.; five grandchildren, Sheila, Sharon, Allison Gloré, Allen, David Ano; one sister, Mabel Ohman of Ray Township; and four brothers, Wilbur Heldt of Ray Township, Russell Heldt of Ray Township, Robert Heldt of Ray Township and Richard Heldt of Armada.

GERTRUDE L. HEINTZ

Services for Gertrude L. Heintz, 93, of Northville were Jan. 25 in the Vermulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Larry Mattis officiating. Burial was in Lapham Cemetery.

She was born April 16, 1905, in Plymouth. She died Jan. 23 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include her daughter, Doris Hardesty of Northville; one son, Harold Heintz of Salem; one granddaughter, Ruth Alexander; one grandson, Kenneth Hardesty; and five great-grandsons, Patrick Alexander, Timothy Alexander, Kenneth Hardesty Jr., J. Edward Hardesty and Joseph Hardesty.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or American Cancer Society.

MARY C. FILBIN

Services for Mary C. Filbin, 90, of Westland will be Friday, Feb. 5 in Cleveland, Ohio. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born June 25, 1908 in Cleveland, Ohio. She died Jan. 25 in Ypsilanti. She was a salesperson at Higbee's Department Store. She retired after 21 years of service. She was a graduate of West Technical High School in Cleveland. She came to Westland in 1991. She was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Park, Ohio. She was a member of the Mary Knoll Mission Group in Cleveland. She loved reading and family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Austin Filbin, and one son, Robert Filbin. Survivors include her daughter, Jane F. (Robert) Pavol of Canton; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

RICHARD F. GARRETT

Services for Richard F. Garrett, 65, of Canton were Jan. 29 in the UH Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

He was born July 14, 1933. He died Jan. 24 in Canton. He was a driver.

He was preceded in death by her brother, Leonard Garrett. Survivors include his companion, Vi Monroe; four sons, Keith, Richard, Raymond, Gary; two daughters, Leola, Diane; one sister, Claudette Forbes; and eight grandchildren.

CHARLES R. CROWTHER

Services for Charles R. Crowther, 87, of Glen Arbor (formerly of Plymouth) were in Glen Lake Community Reformed Church with the Rev. Stephen Wing officiating. Local arrangements were made by Lovell Funeral Home, Traverse City.

He was born May 5, 1931 in Detroit. He died Jan. 23 in Glen Arbor. A Korean War veteran, he served in the Navy Air Force.

State of the state

Local reps give MEAP scholarship plan high marks

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

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

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

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

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

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

More skeptical was Rep. Engler.

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

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

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

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

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

Charter school concerns

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

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

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4. Which statement is true of the roosting bird?
a. America's first began selling commercial Valentines. b. Producing a Valentine during Prohibition was illegal. c. Shoes with hearts on them were all the rage.
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LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.
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HURT AT WORK

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Though these provisions were established to protect those injured on the job, the fact of the matter is that in any judicial or quasi-judicial hearing at which the other side is represented by attorney(s) and you are not, whether or not fairness was the intent of the process, you will be at a disadvantage.

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Schoolcraft seeks state funding for technical center

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

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

On Wednesday, Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell told the college's board of trustees he was disappointed the proposed center was not one of eight state projects chosen by the state Jobs Commission. The commission awarded eight grants totaling \$30 million. Schoolcraft had proposed a \$6 million, 32,000-square-foot facility to commission officials in October.

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

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

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

State criteria

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

State criteria calls for M-TECs to publish a consumer report, participate in a career preparation system and use M-TEC signs, logo and name. McDowell welcomed the commission's support, but told

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

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

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

Lease agreement

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

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

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

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

S'craft to host middle school college night

Upcoming events at Schoolcraft College include:

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

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

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

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

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

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Readers respond with donations, storage space

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eating well best prescription for good health

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

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

Iron deficiency

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

Zinc

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

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

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

Niacin

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

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

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

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

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

Water

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

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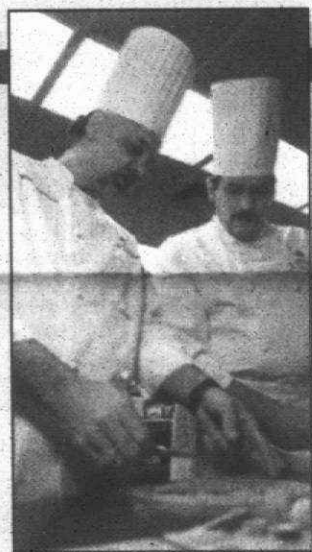
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Culinary art: James Oppat of Troy (left to right), Wes Holton and Ami Galafaro of Plymouth learn by doing in the culinary arts kitchen at Schoolcraft College. Chef Kevin Gawronski and Jean Paul LePage (below) at work in the culinary kitchen.



WHAT'S COOKING AT SCHOOLCRAFT

An appetite for learning

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

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

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

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

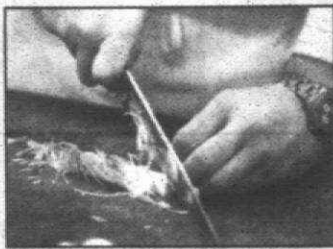
program offers students many of the ingredients they need to be successful in the restaurant/hospitality industry.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

She fought to lose weight 'Slow But Sure'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

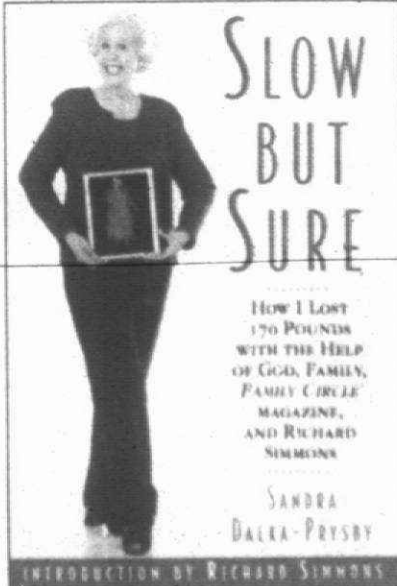
Prysky was depressed and worried about a family trip to Washington, D.C. "My excess weight was restricting my movements in my home," she wrote. "How could I walk around the nation's capital and visit all the monuments. It would wreck the family's vacation."

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

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

"I propose 'Family Circle' help a 48-year-old mother of three children share her life. This woman, an active and popular suburban at-home mom, is 150 pounds overweight and smokes up to three packs of cigarettes a day. She has spent more than 35 years on reducing diets — some successful for a while, some not. This woman is 1-1/2 years away from her 50th birthday and knows if she doesn't do something now, she may not have another chance. I propose that 'Family Circle' provide her with a nutritionist, a diet plan, a smoke-ending program and, more important, a medium to tell her story and struggles and provide her with someone (your readers) to whom she is accountable. I am this woman. I am the one who needs help, and I'm desperate."

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finals in mid-July in Chicago.

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

Competition

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

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

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

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

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

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

Typical student

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

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

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

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

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

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

For him, everything he does comes down to basics.

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

Learning the basics

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ate."

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

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

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

Along the way there have been lots of friends and angels who helped. The Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Club, which is near her home, offered Prysby and her family a free membership. They also introduced Prysby to a trainer who helped set-up and oversee a fitness program.

Prysby would later repay the favor by starting a fitness class at the club WOWS — Work Out With Sandy — for overweight

women like herself.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sandra Dalka-Prysby shares family-tested recipes

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

CHICKEN FAJITAS

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

1 cup nonfat sour cream

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

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

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

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

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

PORK FRIED RICE

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

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

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

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

Book Signings

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

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 — Borders Book Shop, Southfield at 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills.
■ 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 — Featured speaker and book signing as part of the Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills annual fundraiser, "Ladies Nite Out," Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield, Beverly Hills. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, call (248) 540-2459.
■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield, Beverly Hills.

Easy vegetable dish hearty winter fare

See related story on Taste front.

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

MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE COUS COUS

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

seeded (diced tomatoes) or 1 cup canned diced tomatoes

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

Bring the 2 cups of vegetable or chicken stock to a boil.

Add the cous cous and salt and pepper. Turn off the heat and cover tightly. Let stand for 10 minutes.

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

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

Offer football fans cheeseburger noodles

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

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

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

CHEESEBURGER NOODLES

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

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

1 cup shredded low-fat Cheddar cheese

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

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

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

Recipe from: National Pasta Association.

COOKING CALENDAR

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Lung disease classes

For people with emphysema, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung diseases, knowledge is crucial. Botsford General Hospital is sponsoring "Breather's Education Class," a new program to help lung disease patients and their families make informed decisions about their treatment and ensure the quality of their day-to-day lives. The four-week series runs 1:30-3 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 5-26, and covers in-depth information about lung diseases, the latest news in treatments and therapies, and current medications and inhalers on the market. Sessions will include preventive tips and area resources for those with lung diseases. All classes held at Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The fee for the entire series is \$30. Because of limited space, preregistration and prepayment is required. Call (248) 477-6100.

Cancer support group

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is offering a new and unique support group for people with cancer and cancer survivors. "Wellness and Spirituality: The Mind, Body and Spirit Connection" is a four-week series that begins 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the McAuley Cancer Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. The nonsectarian group will discuss the current increased interest in spirituality in our culture, finding meaning in the cancer journey, exploring the dimensions of spirituality, wellness and spirituality and other topics. "Identifying and validating spiritual needs and discovering the power of spirituality can help those with cancer meet the challenges they face," said Jack Harrington, M.S.W., a social worker who will help facilitate the support group along with Debbie Mattison, M.S.W. For more information or to register, call (734) 712-2920.

Sweet teeth and sun rays

If your sweet tooth really aches this time of year, head outside to soak up some sun. "For some people, cravings for sweets and starches increase during dark winter days," said Dr. Norman Rosenthal, senior researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD and author of "Winter Blues" (Guilford, 1998). Blame it on the brain chemical serotonin, he said. "Dark days cause serotonin levels to go down, which makes appetites go up. Bright light, on the other hand, increases serotonin levels, which should help calm cravings."

The amount of light needed varies from person to person. "We do know that you need more light than you normally get indoors. So get outside on sunny days for 10 to 30 minutes, preferably in the morning, even if it's cold." Just too blustery out there? Consider an indoor light box. These full-spectrum lamps have been used for years as a treatment for seasonal affective disorder. For more information, check out www.lighthouseproducts.com on the Web or call (800) 486-6723. Source: "Prevention" magazine, February 1999.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Warning!

Shovel at your own risk

By RENEE SGOGLIND
STAFF WRITER

Every winter, medical experts sound the warning about shoveling snow: Know yourself and know your task. Unfortunately, there are too many people who fail to heed the warning and end up in hospital emergency rooms with heart attacks. "There have been several that I've seen personally, including one cardiac arrest," said Dr. Brian Cook, medical director of Emergency and Urgent Care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "I cannot remember a year when I haven't seen someone drop dead in their driveway."

Cook also said it isn't the veteran heart-attack patient that ends up in the emergency room; rather, it's more likely the newly diagnosed heart patient or the undiagnosed John Doe. Risk factors include a sedentary lifestyle, smoking, high "bad" cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes, and a family history of heart disease.

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

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

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

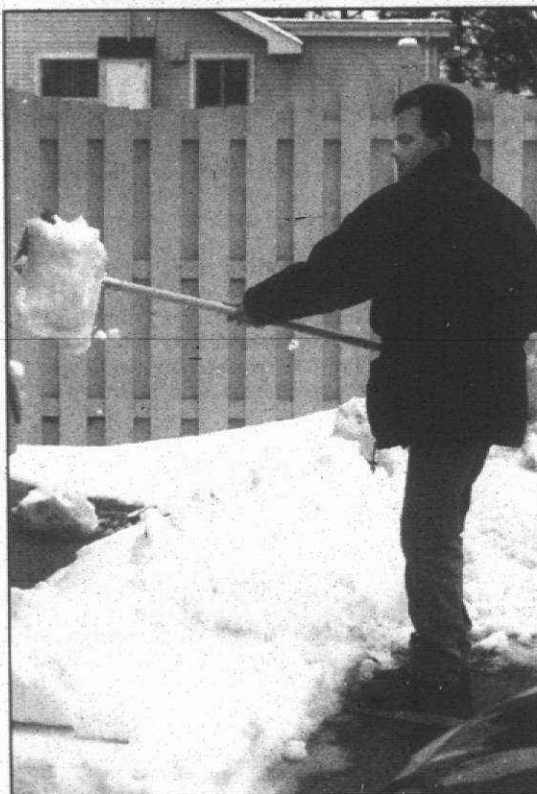
The relationship between snow-shoveling and major injuries, including back, cardiovascular and musculo-skeletal problems, is no coincidence, said Dr. William Bender, president of Michigan Chiropractic Council. "A number of injuries, even deaths, could be averted each year if people followed these simple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

If physicians and chiropractors had their way, snow shovels would be sold only to the physically fit. "One key factor is to be in an regular aerobic exercise program. That will reduce your risk" and allow you to better gauge your work tolerance when shoveling, said Cook.

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

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

THE WRONG WAY



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

THE RIGHT WAY



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Steven Keteyian, an exercise physiologist and program director of Preventive Cardiology at Henry Ford Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute, said it's not uncommon for patients in the hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program to admit to shoveling snow prior to their heart attack. He emphasized three factors that often precede a snow-shoveling-induced heart attack: large driveway, large meal and alcohol. "All of these issues you look back on and kick yourself."

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

SNOW-SHOVELING TIPS

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

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

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

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



THE "BACKSAVER"

Julius Toth boasts of removing more wet snow than men half his age with his "E-Z Duz It Backsaver." The Backsaver is available for \$5 at several area retailers, including:

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(734) 422-2750
- Duke's Hardware**
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- Zerbo's Health Foods Supermarket**
34164 Plymouth (Livonia)
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- Richardson Drug Store**
42433 Ford (Canton)
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For more information on the Backsaver and local retailers who sell it, call R. J. Engineering at (734) 397-2319.

Now is the time for cold-proofing your children

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

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

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

One of the simplest and most effective ways of preventing the spread of colds is hand washing, and plenty of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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

Kudos for Oakwood

The Oakwood Healthcare System Community & Corporate Health Department was recently awarded the "Helping Hand Award" from the Michigan Head Start Association for providing 33 1/2 days of screening at 16 Head Start sites.

Blood pressure and hematocrit screenings were conducted for 492 children during July and August of 1998, of which 150 (31 percent) required follow-up due

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

New employees

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

Rogissart is the new physical

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

New Oakwood doc

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

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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

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EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT

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

TUES, FEB. 2

LUPUS MEETING

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

TUES. AND THURS, FEB. 2-25

DIABETES EDUCATION

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

WED, FEB. 3

INFANT CARE CLASS

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

THURS, FEB. 4

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

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Ritter Engineering gets ISO-9002 certification

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

The ISO-9000 quality standards demand specific quality system requirements. Ritter Engineering underwent and passed a quality system audit by Global Registrars Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pa., a third-party registrar.

Ritter Engineering is headquartered in Pittsburgh, with service centers in Farmington Hills, Chicago, Milwaukee, Erie, Pa., and Philadelphia. It was founded in 1951 as a distributor of fluid power and lubrication components and systems.

Hydraulic Company of America, an engineering and manufacturing subsidiary, was added later. Ritter is recognized as the world's largest distributor for Parker Hannifin, a worldwide leader in the production of motion and control components and systems for the industrial and aerospace markets.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, FEB. 3

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

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

FRI, FEB. 5

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth and Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

WED, FEB. 10

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THURS, FEB. 11

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

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

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Internet radio keeps Wendland up at night



MIKE WENDLAND

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

I'd listen to far off stations.

I knew by heart their call letters, frequencies and even their jingles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Live Radio on the Internet**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Local groups offer scholarships and cash prizes

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

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

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

Young artist searches

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

■ The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for young artists to award \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors or students attending a school where they're studying the visual arts, theater, music, dance, architecture, or graphics. Applicants must be Livonia residents. Deadline for entry is March 1. To apply, call Livonia's community resources office, (734) 466-2540.

Student search

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

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

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

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

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

Future singers

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

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

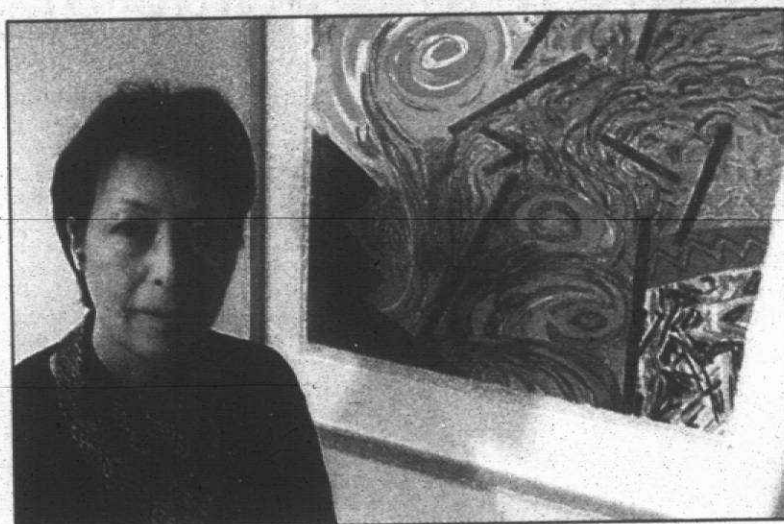
Founded to encourage and help develop young amateur vocal talent,

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

ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATES JAPANESE CULTURE



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

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

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

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

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

"JAPAN REVISITED"

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

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

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

RELATED ACTIVITIES: All programs are free and open to the public.

■ Lecture on woodblock prints by Yoriko Hirose Cronin 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.
■ Kimono demonstration/fashion show 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Origami demonstration and workshop for all ages follows at 3 p.m.

Tea ceremony

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

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

Traditional vs contemporary

Japanese culture definitely affects the work of both artists although

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

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

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

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

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

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

Updating tradition

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

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

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

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MUSEUMS

Artists explore 'Weird Science' at Cranbrook Art Museum

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

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

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

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

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

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

Opening today, "Weird Science" at Cranbrook Art



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

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

The exhibit marks a milestone for Cranbrook, said

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

WHEN: Through Saturday, April 3

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

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, (248) 645-3323

RELATED EXHIBIT

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

WHEN: Through Sunday, May 2

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

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

Gregory Wittkopp, director of the art museum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

science," said Hofmann.

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

Religion of the day

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

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

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

actual presentation of natural history.

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

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

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

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

Blurring the line

Along with Dion's project, the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Individual power

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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traditional Japanese tools, the prints definitely show influences of Western culture. Hirose Cronin's newer prints can be found at the Cary Gallery in Rochester and TMarra Gallery, Ann Arbor.

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

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

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

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

The event begins with a silent

ART BEAT

FREE CONCERT
The Redford Civic Symphony continues its 43rd season with a

concert featuring young artists from Thurston High School 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 in the cafeteria at Thurston High School in Redford.

WINTER WINDS

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

Admission is free.

"FOCUS ON THE MISSION"

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

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

CCC'S WOMEN IN ART EXHIBIT

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN

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

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Offers a range of art classes, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin mid January. Eight week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

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Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR

Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999. Artists should send self-addressed stamped envelope to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or call (734) 994-5260. Applications must be received by Feb. 5.

ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES

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

CANTON CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

GREETTOWN CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

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

LIVONIA CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

METRO DANCE

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER

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

PEWABIC POTTE

Winter classes, including tile making, basic ceramics, wheel throwing for ages 13 and up. Call for fees, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

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

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Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 334-1300.

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PENELLOPE CRAWFORD

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

SOUTH OAKLAND CONCERT BAND

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

LECTURES

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

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

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

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B'HAM MUSICALE

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

DSO

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

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PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL
Through Feb. 12 - "Japan Revisited," featuring Yoriko Hirose Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts. Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4447.

GALLERY BLU

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

GALLERY: FUNCTION ART

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

HABATAT GALLERIES

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

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

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

NETWORK

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

UZELAC GALLERY

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

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Feb. 6 - Paintings by Joel Sheesley, Oscar Lakeman and Kikuo Saito, through Feb. 27. 101 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

DIA

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

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

FOCUS: HOPE

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

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

CARY GALLERY

Through Feb. 6 - "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

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Through Feb. 6 - "Tribute to the J.L. Hudson Building," a photography show, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

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ARTS

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TRAVEL

Nomads take an around-the-world odyssey

BY J. LEWIS AND GAYLE FOUNTAIN
AROUND THE WORLD TRAVELERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Manila American Cemetery and Memorial was breathtaking. Tears were visible in most eyes as we gazed out over the 152 acres and onto the 17,206 white granite crosses arranged in concentric circles marking the graves of allied war dead.

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

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

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

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



Beachcombers: Nomads relax on the beach at Rorotonga.

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

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

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

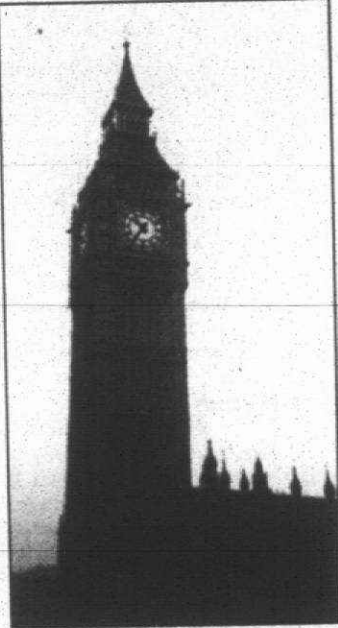
London was reached on Nov. 12 and was the last stop on the Nomads' odyssey Around the World. It was seen in grand Nomad style. A marvelous dinner aboard the Venice Simpton Orient Express and another dinner on the River Thames. There were tours to Stonehenge and Windsor Castle. Visits to the tower of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

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

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

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

J. Lewis and Gayle Fountain live in Plymouth.

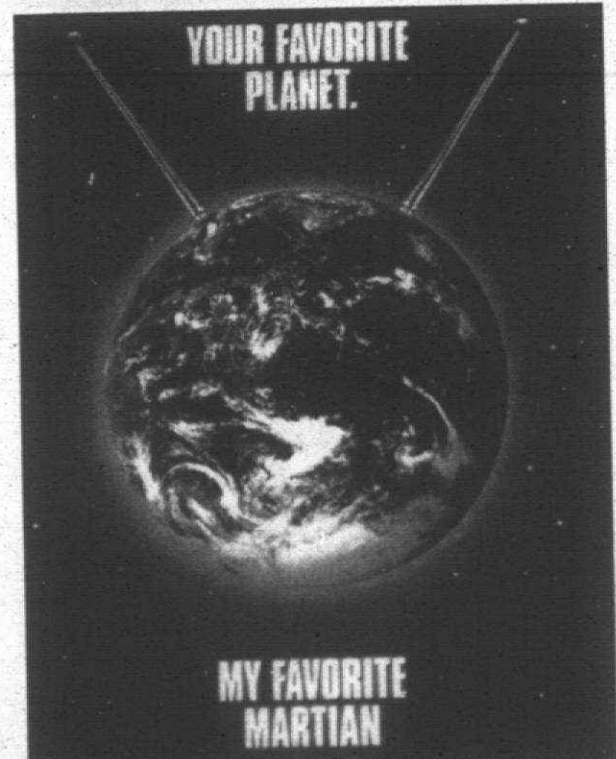


Big Ben: The famous London tower was one of the must-see sights the Nomads experienced.

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



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Championship presentation

Madonna University's men's soccer team will be presented with its trophy for winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference soccer championship last fall at halftime of Wednesday's men's basketball game between Madonna and Cornerstone. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The Crusaders won their second-straight WHAC title, posting a perfect 14-0 league mark and a 20-3 overall record.

Three Crusaders were named honorable mention All-Americans in the NAIA: senior defender Ryan Mollien, junior midfielder Charlie Bell and senior forward Scott Emert. Emert was WHAC player of the year, collecting 22 goals and assists; Bell had five goals and seven assists, and Mollien had five goals and six assists.

Bell and Mollien were also named honorable mention All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

CCJBBA Connie Mack

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is forming a Connie Mack team to play in the Southeast Michigan high school league.

The team will be open to residents in the Plymouth and Canton communities who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors this year.

For more information call coaches Mike Diedrich at (734) 394-0454 or Rich Shook at (734) 455-1984.

Fishing trivia contest

Fishing enthusiasts take note. Here's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo in the process.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo, which will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One weekly winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 1.

This week's question is:

The biggest freshwater fish in the Great Lakes is the lake sturgeon. What is the weight of the current state record for lake sturgeon?

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 1.

St. Edith football

Any boys entering the fourth through eighth grades in the fall who are parish members of St. Edith, St. Collette, St. Aidan, St. Kenneth or St. Maurice are eligible to play for the Livonia St. Edith football team. Registration is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at the St. Edith gymnasium on Newburgh Road just south of Five Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information call coach Bill Hamilton at (734) 462-3917 or coach Brad Dickey at (313) 240-6130.

Soccer ref classes

The Plymouth Soccer Club will sponsor a class for anyone (12 to adult) interested in becoming a soccer referee. The program will consist of four Saturday classes (attendance at all four is mandatory): Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. All classes will be in the card meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

To register, send your name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, Inc., to Brian LaMasse, 238 Coronation Court, Canton, MI, 48188. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call Brian LaMasse, Plymouth Ref and Rules, at (734) 397-8325.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Make that 4 straight

Canton clips Franklin to stay in WLAA title race

Two teams headed in opposite directions.

For Livonia Franklin, their basketball course has been downhill since the start of the season. For Plymouth Canton, a slow start has been replaced with an uphill ride.

On Friday, Franklin helped sustain the Chiefs upward momentum, losing 79-61 at Franklin.

The Patriots remain winless at 0-10; they are 0-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton improved to 6-5 with its fourth-straight win; the Chiefs are 4-1 in the WLAA.

"I thought we played well," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We had pretty good scoring balance, and we played good defense."

"They played hard, though. Franklin never gave up."

Still, the Chiefs took command early and never surrendered it. They led 22-12 after one quarter and 36-22 at the half.

"Canton doesn't make a lot of mistakes," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "Dan (Young) does a good job. They're patient."

Mike Major and Jason Waidmann led Canton with 13 points apiece. Jim Reddy added eight.

Franklin got 15 points from Dustin Kuras and nine from Jason Micallef.

The Chiefs enjoyed a wide edge from the free-throw line, making 21-of-34 (63 percent); Franklin was 12-of-18 (67 percent).

Salem 46, Farmington 38: It wasn't exactly a dominating performance, but Plymouth Salem nevertheless manufactured another win Friday at home against Farmington.

The win pushed the Rocks' record to 11-0 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA. Farmington slipped to 3-7 overall, 0-4 in the WLAA.

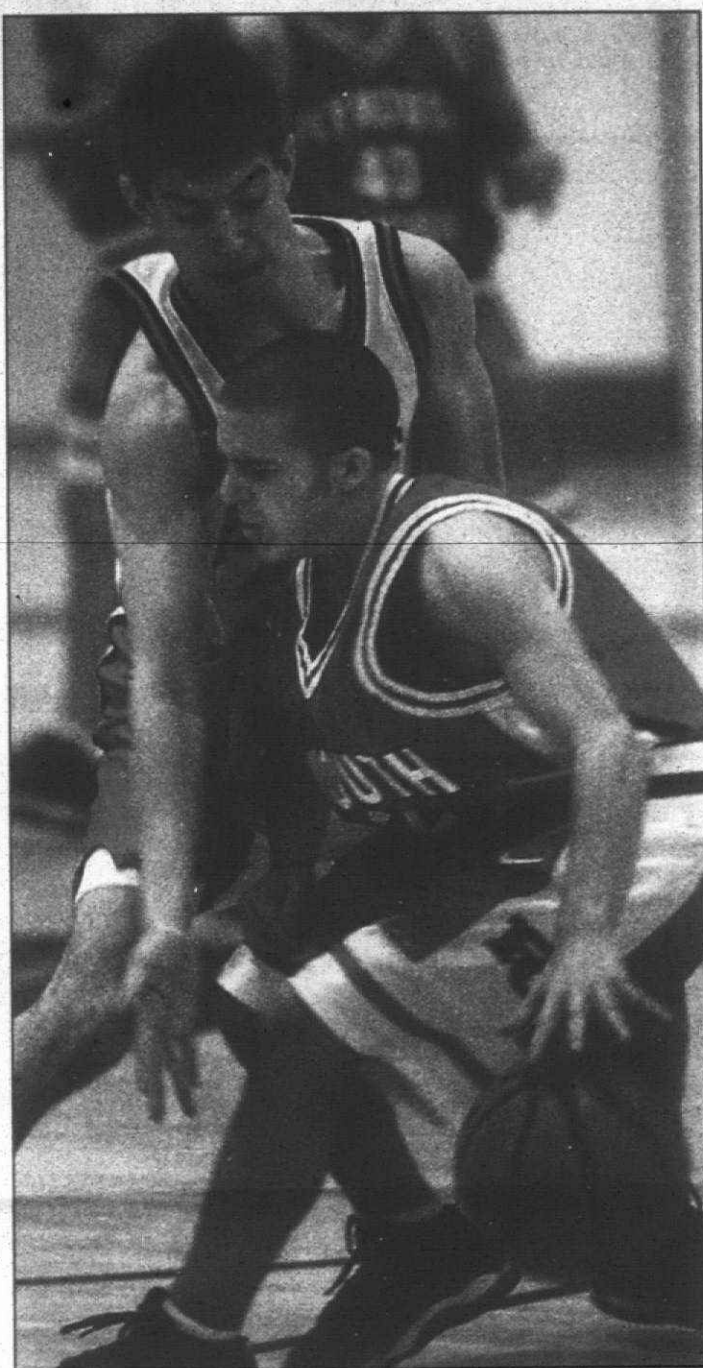
"We led wire-to-wire, but we never really pulled away at any time," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Both teams seemed to struggle. It was a real sluggish game."

"They were real deliberate on offense, but they didn't get a whole lot of opportunities, either."

One senior Brodie wanted more out of was guard Aaron Rypkowski. The Rocks' coach pulled Rypkowski in the first quarter and "told him he has to get to the glass and get some rebounds."

Talk about responsive. Rypkowski did indeed follow directions, finishing with 11 points and grabbing a team-high 14 rebounds. Tony Jancevski added 10 points and 10 boards, and Rob Jones scored 10 points.

Justin Milus topped the Falcons with 13



Ready to go: Canton's Jimmy Reddy (with ball) evades Franklin defender Dustin Kuras. Reddy scored eight points in the Chiefs' victory.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

points. Chad Seaborn added seven.

The Rocks led 14-13 after one quarter, then stretched that to 30-22 by halftime. It was 42-30 after three periods.

PCA 66, Oak. Christian 53: Plymouth Christian Academy enjoyed a happy Homecoming Friday, knocking off Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. The win improved the Eagles' record to 11-1 overall, 5-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference; Oakland Christian fell to 4-6 overall, 1-4 in the MIAC.

Victory was never in doubt for PCA, which led 19-10 after one quarter and 37-24 at the half. The Lancers managed to narrow the gap to eight after three quarters, but never got within striking distance.

Derric Isensee led the Eagles with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Dave Carty and Mike Huntsman added 12 points apiece, and Jordan Roose had 11 points and six steals.

Roose, Huntsman and Evan Gaines (seven points) — who was selected Homecoming King — all had three fouls by halftime. Kurt Slagenwhite filled in for Roose, the team's point guard, and performed ably, according to coach Doug Taylor: "He ran the point, very well and didn't turn the ball over."

Jimmy Mehlberg's 18 points paced Oakland Christian. Josh Means added 14.

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

Junior guard Charlie Hoeft contributed 15 points for the winners.

Jimmy Ieng led the Crusaders with 15 points.

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

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

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

Two juniors paced Stevenson in scoring — Harland Beverly (14) and Keshay McChristian (11).

Madonna's still struggling



C.J. RISAK

son after another.

It's discouraging, sure. But adding to the frustrations of Madonna's 5-17 sea-

It must hurt to watch.

You gotta wonder how much more of this Bernie Holowicki can take. While progress is evident in every other Madonna University sports program, the Crusaders' men's basketball program he coaches struggles through one losing season after another.

It's discouraging, sure. But adding to the frustrations of Madonna's 5-17 sea-

son is the realization it has nothing to do with Holowicki's coaching.

Progress was being made this season. "When we came back from Kalamazoo, we were flying high," said Holowicki. "We had won two of three games."

Then came the news: starters Narvin Russaw and Nick Hurley did not make grades; neither did Ian Wincher. Soon thereafter, Matt Martinez and John-Mark Branch would quit the team.

Five players lost. Of the eight remaining on the roster, four are freshmen and one's a sophomore.

Another lost season. Another year of building for the future.

There wasn't a whole lot expected of Madonna this season. But reaching double-figures in wins was certainly a reachable goal — at least until the new year began.

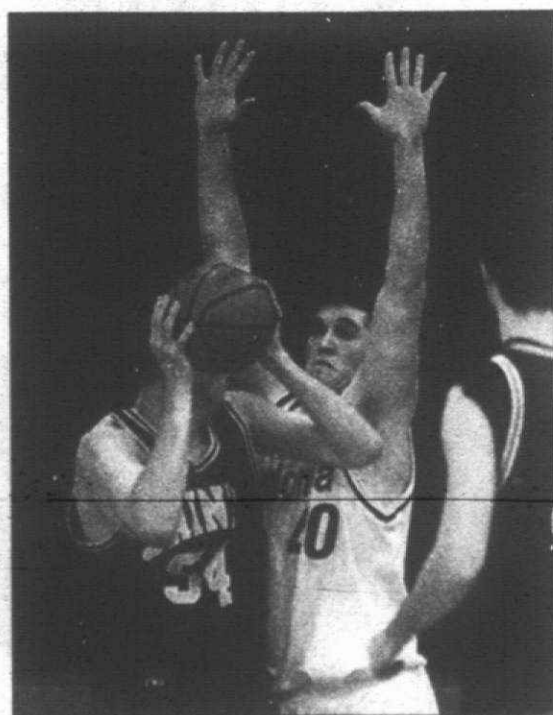
Since that time, the Crusaders have gone 1-6. Last Wednesday against Siena Heights — the ninth-ranked team in the NAIA — Madonna (now 5-17) made a battle of it for a while before succumbing to superior numbers and firepower.

There won't be many bright spots, in terms of victories, for the Crusaders the

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Bernie Holowicki
Madonna men's coach



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Tall order: Madonna's Jason Skoczylas tries to prevent the pass of Siena Heights' Justin Bascom.

Saints crush Crusaders

BY C.J. RISAK
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Two field goals by Mike Maryanski, one a three-pointer, and another by Mike Massey in the first 3:19 of the second half provided Madonna University's men's basketball team with its highlight Wednesday when it hosted Siena Heights, the ninth-ranked team in the NAIA.

That 7-2 surge allowed the Fighting Crusaders to trim the Saints' 12-point halftime lead to 45-37. Consecutive baskets by Justin Bascom pushed Siena Heights' lead back to 12, and Madonna never got closer than 10 in eventually losing 92-66.

The defeat dropped the Crusaders to 5-17 overall, 1-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Siena Heights is 20-3 overall, 6-1 in the WHAC.

At the 16:05 mark of the second half, the game was delayed for 30 minutes when Margaret See, the

MADONNA HOOP

grandmother of Madonna freshman forward Tom See, suffered a heart problem while watching the game from the stands. She reportedly stopped breathing briefly, but was resuscitated by Dr. Douglas Marsh, Madonna's team physician, and taken by EMS to St. Mary hospital where she was recuperating Friday.

The stoppage in play allowed the Saints to regroup. Coach Fred Smith tried to get his players to relax a bit: "I thought we were out there fighting ourselves a bit," he said. "Here we were, coming off an emotional loss to Cornerstone last Saturday, and we were playing a team that's struggling. They thought we should be doing better than we were."

"We were not having fun. We were losing the attitude game. I told them we've just got to take care of ourselves."

Smith's instructions were simple. "We played more relaxed," he said. "And we forced the tempo, and that was the difference."

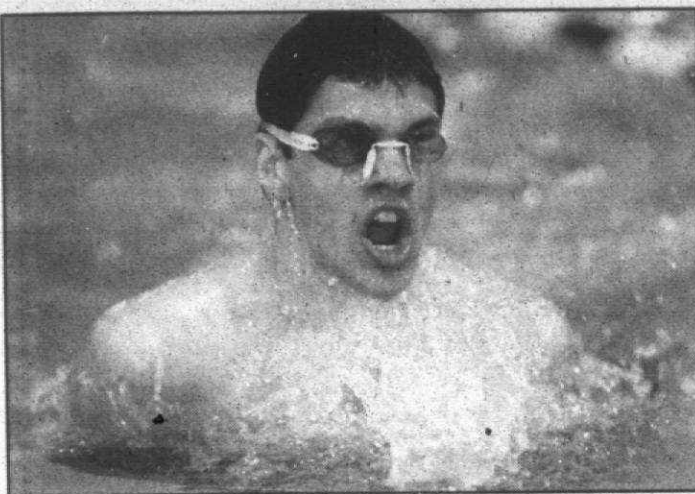
The short-handed Crusaders, who had nine players available for the game (including recent addition Scott Emert, a Madonna soccer player), simply could not keep pace. Dan McKian, a senior forward from Plymouth Salem, led Siena Heights in minutes played with 29:58; the Crusaders had five players with more minutes, including Mike Massey, who played 41:40.

Still, Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki was pleased with his team's effort. "I thought we played them pretty tough," he said. "The thing is, we had open looks (at the basket) and you just have to knock them down."

"But that's part of the game."

Although the Crusaders never led in the game, they never let the Saints get away. A basket by

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First-place finisher: Paul Perez earned one of Plymouth Salem's firsts against North Farmington, winning the 200-yard individual medley in 2:09.62.

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SWIM RESULTS

NORTH FARMINGTON 106 PLYMOUTH SALEM 80

Thursday at North Farmington

200-yard medley relay: 1. North (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg, Matt Zald), 1:42.19; 2. Salem (Matt Casillas, Aaron Shelton, Paul Perez, Mike Johnson), 1:48.92; 3. North (John Kern, Jon Zald, Oz Pearlman, Dan Goshorn), 1:51.23.

200 freestyle: 1. Brandon Digia (NF), 1:53.63; 2. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:55.36; 3. Aaron Rycroft (NF), 1:57.50.

200 individual medley: 1. Paul Perez (PS), 2:09.62; 2. Jim Gabriel (NF), 2:12.32; 3. Craig Paske (NF), 2:13.25.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Zald (NF), 22.30; 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.39; 3. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 23.18.

Diving: 1. Joe Lebovic (NF), 219.00; 2. Justin Goodwin (NF), 197.45; 3. Greg

Kubitski (PS), 180.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Adam Farber (NF), 56.59; 2. Paul Perez (PS), 57.13; 3. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 57.84.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Zald (NF), 46.17; 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 50.75; 3. Brandon Digia (NF), 51.68.

500 freestyle: 1. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:09.32; 2. Craig Paske (NF), 5:22.45; 3. Loch Rycroft (NF), 5:24.93.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Aaron Shelton, Dan Jones, Mark Wittthoff, Andrew Locke), 1:34.42; 2. North (Brandon Digia, Dan Goshorn, Aaron Rycroft, Mark Wachsberg), 1:34.80; 3. Salem (Jason Reberich, Kappler, Dave Carson, Mike Johnson), 1:38.30.

100 backstroke: 1. Jim Gabriel (NF), 57.15; 2. Matt Casillas (PS), 1:00.51; 3. Eric Lynn (PS), 1:00.97.

100 breaststroke: 1. Adam Farber (NF), 1:02.68; 2. Jon Zald (NF), 1:08.86; 3. Aaron Shelton (PS), 1:10.11.

400 freestyle relay: 1. North (Aaron Rycroft, Brandon Digia, Matt Zald, Jim Gabriel), 3:33.74; 2. Salem (Andrew Locke, Dan Jones, Mark Wittthoff, Matt Casillas), 3:36.45; 3. Salem (Mike Johnson, Paul Perez, Brian Mertens, Eric Lynn), 3:36.68.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 118 NORTHVILLE 86

Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: Canton (Justin Allen, John Heiss, Kurtis Hornick, Don LeClair), 1:45.79.

200 freestyle: David Whitbeck (N), 1:55.79.

200-yard individual medley: Scott Whitbeck (N), 2:07.44.

50-yard freestyle: Kurtis Hornick (PC), 22.73.

Diving: Blake Brunner (PC), 177.00 points.

100-yard butterfly: Kurtis Hornick (PC), 58.01.

100-yard freestyle: Brad Neilson (PC), 53.14.

500-yard freestyle: David Whitbeck (N), 5:03.78.

200-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Chad Williams, Justin Allen, Matt Wisniewski, Brad Neilson), 1:36.92.

100-yard backstroke: Aaron Reeder (PC), 58.22.

100-yard breaststroke: Mark Kowalski (N), 1:06.45.

400-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Chad Williams, Bill Stewart, Matt Wisniewski), 3:35.71.

Canton's dual-meet record: 2-3 overall, 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 2-0 in the Western Division.

Moore carries CC to victory

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

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

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

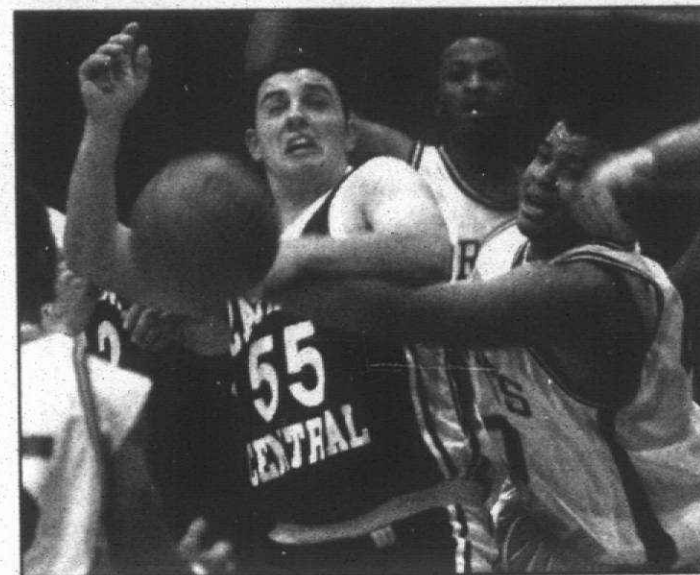
Moore scored 17 of his game-high 33 points in the third quarter to help the Shamrocks erase a 31-29 halftime deficit and beat Borgess, 84-68, in a Catholic League Central Division game.

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

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

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

"I heard it but I don't believe it," said Moore, a University of Toledo signee who averages 18 points and nine assists. "I thought they were talking about our team but then I realized we're not ranked. Borgess is our



Battle inside: CC's Anthony Tomey (left) and Borgess' Justin McClain scrap for a rebound.

crosstown rival and I knew they'd come ready to play. They beat us twice and that's been curdling in my stomach. I couldn't see them winning three times. We knew we'd hit our shots in the second half. This is our gym and we've got to keep shooting."

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

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

"Nick got warm on us, came out in the third quarter and displayed what type of player he

is," Borgess coach Rosey Barnes said. "He rose to the challenge for them. Big time players show up in big time games."

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

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

Tomey laughed at the suggestion that the only other time he's been in double figures this year

was for turnovers. He heard the overrated chants too and knew Moore would have the last laugh.

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

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

The Spartans committed only nine turnovers to the Shamrocks' 10. But Borgess wasn't going to catch the Shamrocks the way it shot in the fourth quarter, making only four of 19 shot attempts.

The first half we looked sluggish, they looked quicker to the ball," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "The last couple games Nick has really taken over. He's as good a guard that we've ever had. He sees the floor so well."

Rocks rout Falcons for 3rd-straight win

VOLLEYBALL

Now this is more like the Plymouth Salem volleyball team we are used to.

After opening the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-match season with a rare defeat, losing at Walled Lake Central, the Rocks have regrouped and rattled off three-straight league wins, the latest coming against visiting Farmington last Thursday, by a 15-4, 15-3 score.

In its last three league wins, Salem has not lost a game and has allowed a total of 21 points to be scored against it in six games.

The Rocks improved to 23-6 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA with the win over Farmington. Angie Silman led the Salem

offense with six kills; Sarah Jensen and Jill Dombrowski added three apiece. Dombrowski also had 13 assists to kills, while Eric Stein got five service aces and Amanda Soder paced the defense with four digs.

Roeper rips PCA
Bloomfield Hills Roeper outlasted Plymouth Christian Academy 15-10, 15-9 Thursday at PCA. The loss the Eagles to 4-7-1 overall; Roeper is 9-7-3.

Jenny Sutherland's six kills led PCA's attack; she also had three blocks. Debbie Gullidge had five service aces and Rachel Sumner got 13 assists to kills.

WRESTLING RESULTS

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Mott brings Ocelots' win streak to a close

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

SC HOOP

loss at C.S. Mott College. Schoolcraft's 16-game winning streak is history as Mott climbed

into a tie for first place with the Ocelots in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Both have 6-1 records. Schoolcraft is 16-1 overall but may tumble from its No. 13 NJCAA rating. Mott is 15-3. Dashawn Williams paced

Schoolcraft with 22 points and David Jarrett added 20. Lamar Bigby scored nine points and Derek McKevey added eight. The two teams have a rematch Monday night at Schoolcraft, a game that was rescheduled after snow forced the cancellation of its Jan. 2 date.

Guard Arnold Lakes had 21 points for Mott and Larry Patrick, a 6-foot-6 forward, scored 18. Daniel Lawsen added 13 points. "Mott played harder," Coach Carlos Briggs of the Ocelots said. "Their backs were to the wall and they came out fighting. They wanted it more than we did."

"We didn't knock down the shots we normally knock down. They pounded us on second and third chances. And their defense disrupted our offense. Schoolcraft made 18-of-24 free throws while Mott only went to the line eight times, making three. Mott held a 42-37 halftime lead.

SC wins in OT; Madonna falls

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

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

WOMEN'S HOOP

Belinda Reid led the Lady Ocelots with 15 points, nine assists and three steals. Samantha Theisen contributed 13 points, as did Stacy Cavin, plus nine rebounds and three steals. Cavin had 12 rebounds. Jackie Kocis contributed 11 points and six rebounds to help nationally ranked Schoolcraft

win its 11th game in a row and go to 15-3 this season, which includes a 7-0 conference mark.

Lady Crusaders nipped Madonna University's women's basketball team lost a toughie Wednesday night to Siena Heights, 52-51. Chris Dietrich scored 15 points but only one other Lady Crusader was able to reach double figures. Katie Cushman scored 11. The Saints had only one player

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

Lori Enfield led Madonna in rebounding with eight and Kathy Pangonis got seven. Cushman had three assists, Carissa Gizecki and Jennifer Jacek two each. Gizecki and Cushman each had two steals. Dietrich made 3-of-5 shots from the three-point distance.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

SHOWS

BOAT SHOW
The annual Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 6-14 at Cobo Center, (800) 932-2628.

DEER AND TURKEY
The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center, (800) 324-3337.

CAMPER AND RV
The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 13-23 at the Novi Expo Center.

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING
The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

SPORTFISHING EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special

appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki on Friday, March 5. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak at the show include walleye pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kavajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Casanda and Matt Straw, and Michigan's own Tom Huggler.

OUTDOORAMA
Outdoorama '99 Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720.

CLASSES

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

ACTIVITIES

SPORTING FLIES
The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting its fifth annual Sporting Flies Fundraising Challenge beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Southfield Civic Center. Individuals and teams can try their hand at casting to targets on an artificial stream. Admission is free and the cost to walk the course is \$5 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Paul H. Young Chapter for stream restoration projects in Michigan. Call (248) 594-8283 for more information.

ISLAND LAKE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a long (six-eight miles), fast-paced hike through the Island Lake Recreation Area on Sunday, Feb. 7. Interested participants should meet behind Oil

Dispatch on the southwest corner of Middlebelt and I-96 in Livonia. Call (313) 584-5351 or (734) 421-4397 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BOBCAT
Bobcat season runs through Feb. 16 in Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalamazoo, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Oshtemo, Roscommon and Wexford counties and in Arenac County west of I-75 and north of M-61. The season runs through March 1 in the Upper Peninsula and in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties in the northern Lower Peninsula.

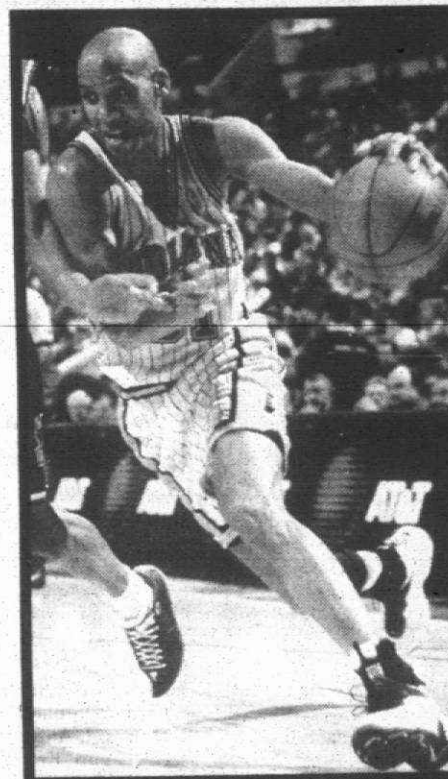
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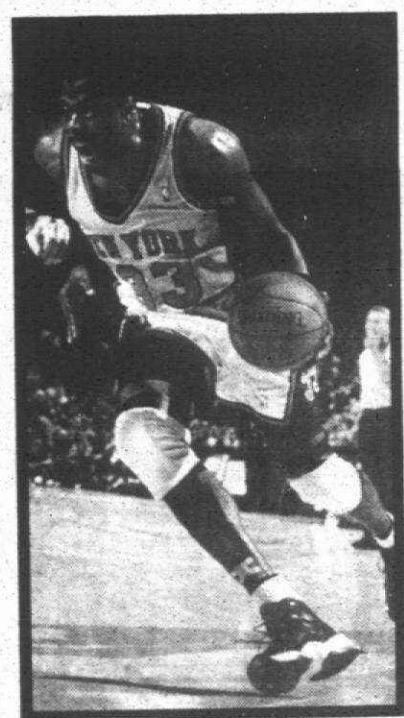
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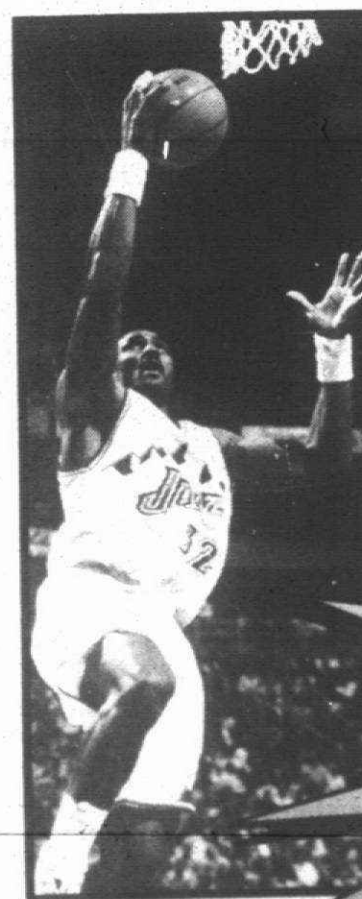
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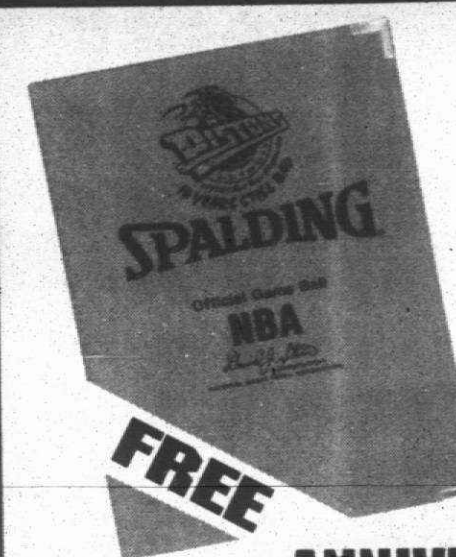
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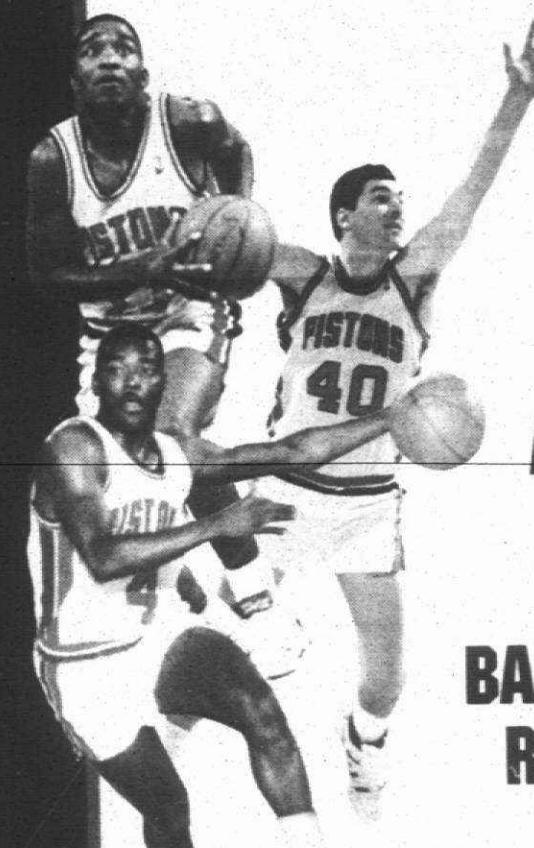
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How about those amazing kids?

When it comes to bowling, the younger set seems to keep getting better and better.

Vicky Kowalski of Livonia was a proud mom last week as her 12-year-old daughter, Cathleen, came through with a 235 game in the Oak Lanes Saturday Preps league.

She was exactly 100 pins over her average. This was surely no accident, as her dad, Mike, had her on the lanes bumper bowling at the age of three.

Dad has been her coach and mentor all the way. His 208 league average shows he knows how this game should be played and he has taught his daughter well.

There is more to this story. It turns out that Cathleen's uncle is none other than the great Bill Bunetta, a name only old-time fans will remember.

Bunetta, now 78 and living in California, was a standout in the era of Joe Norris, Tony Lindemann, Eddie Lubanski and Billy G.

That was when his old Strohs Beer team was the best in the

TEN-PIN ALLEY



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land and also heralded the television era for the Pro Bowlers Tour, in which Bunetta was a frequent performer.

So perhaps there is some truth to the belief that bowling skills are hereditary.

As for young Cathleen, she is out there every Saturday bowling with her friends and having a lot of fun doing it.

What's next for this sixth grader at St. Michael's school in Livonia? She will be ready in a year or two to move up to the youth travel leagues and further develop her skills. She also enjoys playing volleyball.

Cathleen was so happy to roll that high score. May many more come her way in the future.

Town & Country Lanes in Westland had some youngsters come up big. Seven-year-old Beau Fisher topped his 87 average with a 192 game and 10-year-old Justin Collop surpassed his 104 average with a 199 game.

Also at that same venue, a 300 game was rolled by Char Kea in the Good Sports Mixed league. It was her first, and only the second perfect by a woman in the history of this establishment.

Papa Joe Jaszolski is mighty proud of his baby (hey, Joe, she's 30, grown up and married now). Joe is the long-time manager of the place and I remember six years ago when

lefty Sandy Nowlen had the first-ever 300 by a woman in the house.

Are you ready to win some money with your bowling skills?

Perhaps the Hamtramck Singles Tournament is for you. Just under way now for a couple of weeks, this long running event offers one of the biggest cash prize listings anywhere in this area.

First place in the handicapped singles division pays \$25,000 guaranteed.

Sometimes the winners are not the top bowlers in town, but the luckiest. Or the hottest.

In the early standings, George Roberts III leads the handicapped singles with 980+60=1042. Second belongs to Jason Johnson of Farmington Hills, who has 1009+0=1009, but he leads in the optional scratch singles with that score.

Patty Morrison of Clarkston has third place in optional ladies singles with 726-168-894, while Hall-of-Famer Sandy Winbiger leads in the same category with 970+20=990 total pins.

For more information or entries call Joann Taylor or Carol Hagen at (248) 546-0070 or (248) 543-7303.

On Saturday, March 5, 1999, there will be a Bowl-A-Thon at Woodland Lanes in



Cathleen Kowalski Rolls 235 game.

Livonia to benefit blind and visually impaired children in Western Wayne County.

It is held by Parents of the Visually Impaired (L.P.V.I.), which has been funding programs for 25 years that teach both daily living and social skills by feel, touch and sound.

They also purchase, when funds permit, technological equipment to facilitate learning. Each sponsor donating at least \$100 toward a bowling lane gets a sign at that lane showing they are a contributor.

L.P.V.I. puts children first! If you have any questions please call either Lucille Fritz, Co-Chairperson at (248) 471-3940 or Bonnie Sheridan, Bowl-A-Thon Coordinator at (734) 459-3439.

Lakes access becomes public

Public access to the Great Lakes and Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes is often a controversial topic.

While landlocked boaters and anglers want more access many lakefront home and property owners vehemently oppose proposals for public access on "their" lakes.

Their main concerns generally focus on increased traffic both on the water and the surrounding land. Many times, lake or property owner associations purchase tracts of land the state has eyed with plans for a public access sites.

Granted, lakes with public access sites are usually more crowded with recreational boat traffic than neighboring "private lakes" that lack public access. But if all lakes were accessible to all boaters the current overcrowding conditions would be alleviated. Boat traffic would be spread out over so many more lakes than are now accessible that overcrowding problems would take care of themselves.

A fact often overlooked is that the lakes belong to all of us, not just the select few who can afford the exorbitant cost of lakefront property and the excessively high taxes that go along with it.

Controversy simmers

A proposed access site to Lake St. Clair has brought about just that type of conflict.

A short 30-minute drive from the heart of the Observer & Eccentric area, Lake St. Clair is located between the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers.

With 420 square miles of surface area it attracts anglers and boaters from throughout southeastern Michigan. The lake features a world-class smallmouth bass fishery as well as outstanding fishing opportunities for walleye and perch.

Anglers also catch muskie, blue gill, channel catfish, white bass, salmon, trout and crappie with regularity.

The proposed site — the Clinton River Cut-Off Site — would be located in Harrison Twp., on Jefferson Avenue between Crocker Boulevard and Shook Road near the Clinton River Spillway.

It includes the now-closed Admiral Marina and would be the southern-most public access site on Lake St. Clair on the U.S. side of the lake.

Site plans call for a small park, six boat ramps and parking for 52 cars. Future plans include barrier-free shore fishing access. The site would provide access to the lake on a year-round basis.

"I think it's a great idea," said Rochester Hills resident Harold Leider. "I've been fishing that area of the lake near the spillway for 45

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years and it's always a problem getting there. The closest public launch is the (Metropolitan Beach) Metropark and that's a couple miles further north. Unless you have a really big boat, you end up wasting a lot of time getting down there from the Metropark.

"Not only will it take pressure off the other boat launch sites, but you'll save quality fishing time, too. From the new site you can be fishing in five minutes."

Local opposition

Some local residents, on the other hand, oppose the site and fear it will bring more congestion to an area they feel is already clogged with traffic. Some went so far as to say the DNR should alleviate current traffic congestion before plans for the access site move forward.

"I oppose the ramp 100-percent," said Jim Sunstock, president of the Venice Shores Property Association, which includes 271 homes in Harrison Township. "We don't need any more traffic. It's not a good site and the people here are mad. It will get opposition. We will file a law suit if the proposal goes through."

Proponents of the project, including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, note that if a commercial business — like a restaurant or store — were to be built on the site the increase in traffic would be much greater than if a public boat ramp is built. Some local residents don't see a traffic problem.

"I live right at the proposed site and traffic is not a problem," said Charles Brady. "If you really want to see traffic go down to the Warren Tech Center. What we have here is not traffic."

Steve Jones, a business owner on Jefferson Avenue and local charter boat captain feels the proposed location would be an good spot for a public access site.

"I think it would be an excellent site," he said. "We need access in the main body of the lake."

"I don't see the traffic problem some people have suggested. Jefferson is not rear-end alley as some people have stated."

It's unfair to lay current traffic problems on the DNR. Those matters should be dealt with by the county road commission or the township itself. As far as an increase in traffic, when Admiral Marina was operating at full speed there was daily launching and parking for more than 50 cars and that didn't significantly bottle up traffic on Jefferson.

The DNR should be applauded for it's effort to open another public access site on the shore of Lake St. Clair. Hopefully, the department won't back down from the protests of a few area residents and will make the correct decision and increase public access on Lake St. Clair for all the tax-paying citizens of Michigan.

A decision is expected within 60 days.

Stay tuned.

HONOR ROLL

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Morning Stars: Donna Herrin, 244-232/654.

Koffee Klutchers: Nell Norville, 211-267/654.
Mens Trio: Minh Grogan, 278/691; Scott Linsner, 267/764; Steve Hubble, 258/710; Erv Watson, 707; Mark Howes, 693.

Allstate Ladies: Diane Madaj, 245; Carolyn Bowen, 206; Mike Gillespie, 206.

Livonia Elks: Paul Simmons, 289.

Senior House - Premium Bowling Products: Don Johnson, 300/698; Mickey Smith, 278/728; Bill Morris, 267/707; Bud LeBlanc Jr., 244/696; Mark Konopatzki, 239/679.

Midnight Mixed: Paul McMurry, 703; Bob Laliberte, 656; John Hurley, 658; Noreen Rose, 242.

Guy 90's (seniors): Bob Radtke, 248; Peg Somers, 204.

Monday Specials: Howard Featherstone, 210; Joe Pallen, 208.

Lyndon Meadows: Melinda Phifer, 246-248/684; Linda Macinkowicz, 201.

Swinging Seniors: Ed Jones, 212; Fred Swan, 213; John Shand, 229; Mario Melonio, 211.

Local 182: Al Harlin, 221; Joe Eadeh, 221; Darlene Lupo, 224; Phil Ninni, 213.

Ford Parts: Russ Miller, 300/749; Greg Stoltz, 265/717; Gerald Hollowell, 269; Greg Sands, 257/650.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Classic: Ronnie Moore, 300/779; Rich Trullard, 279/770; Rick Patton, 725; Tom Hay, 289.

Nite Owls: Mike Piontek, 267-268/753 (210 pins o/a series); Mark Linsner, 654; Ray Card, 651.

No Names: Jim Freebairn, 656.

MERRI BOWL LANES (Livonia)

Senior House: Gary Nagle, 300 (3 weeks in a row); Mike Pierce, 300; Brian Broughton, 300; Ryan Wilson, 268-202-269/739; Dick Shoupe, 267-276-279/822; Eric Tully, 222-279-279/780; Dave Tome, 203-224-299/726; Robert Trent, 290; Garrett Nagle, 268-215-257/740.

Rite on Time: Bob Spaw Jr., 279/795; Scott Moore, 279/731; Jim Good, 267/727; Jack Osborne, 258/752; Bill Ferguson, 276; Brian Grant, 276.

Tuesday Merri Bowlerettes: Jan Ream, 277; Shannon Kleesch, 212-225-212/649.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Fred Janoules, 235/575; Roy McMahan, 203/563; Ben Krumpholtz, 201/511; Al Dawson, 554; Mike Oueddine, 553.

Newburg Ladies: Alice Kolasov, 215; Nancy Brown, 194.

Early Risers: Jane Vivian, 202.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Livonia)

Good Neighbors: Gail Galitz, 232.

Wednesday Senior Mens Classic: Mike

Adorjan, 267-236-247/750; Jim Casteel, 256-234/670; Walt Arsenault, 212-259/642; Stan Gagacki, 215-234/644; Bob Pershing, 247/603; John Bierkamp, 243/648; Chuck Ruel, 256/645.

Monday Seniors: Paul Temple, 245/677; George Komptowicz, 253/655; Walt Arsenault, 246/655; Tony Gulchuk, 244/647; Dil Clack, 244/609.

Friday Seniors: Ed Patrick, 256/678; Frank Federico, 246/668; Hank Pearson, 248/656; Bud Kraemer, 234/653; John Bercl, 244/636; Gery Zaleski, 251/626.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

St. Aidans Men: Walt Merritt, 236-221; Tony Kaluzny, 212-213/620; Ken Binder, 218; Scott Waldorf, 215.

FoMoCo Thursday Night: Steve Gutesky, 269/714; Jerry McCall, 268; Randy Thompson, 267/690.

Pistols & Potticoates: Dave Eastman, 286.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Marianne DiRupo, 279/753; Missy Sullivan, 268/674; Robin White, 267; Tracey Wade, 256/685; Darlene Dysart, 255/693; Aleta Sill, 247; Cheryl Daniels, 247.

WESTLAND BOWL

Sunday Sleepers Invitational: Troy London, 300/771; Steve Salazar, 279/710; Darin Kolb, 268/708; Pat Engbreton, 257/703; Joe Lafata, 290/705; Kurtis Paul, 300/719; Mijal, 289/704; Shawn Arbogast, 279/719.

St. Meis Men: Larry Arpi, 225/631; Barry Vess, 244/680; Mark Brooks, 245/612; Tom Popek, 253/609; Rex Kosinski, 238/649; Doug Early, 243; Gary Morton, 234.

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Scott Whisenand, 223-256-203/682; Brian Jonca, 203-215-257/675; Dan Bollinger, 233-269/673; Larry Curtis, 223-223-215/661; Jim Buzanowski, 236-225/658; Mark Gorno, 257-215/657.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Youth Leagues:

Saturday 9 a.m. Preps: Devin Cain, 168.

Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: David Huebler, 173.

Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Matt Buresh, 220/520; Ken Bazman, 257/681; Tony Vitale, 222/625; Brian Stack, 222/583; Matt McCaffrey, 246/556.

Saturday 11 a.m. Preps: Chelsea Woodruff, 119.

Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Ryan Craig, 199/534.

Friday Bantams: Paige Bartsch, 119.

Friday Preps: Ashley Carroll, 157; Ricky Huddleston, 169; Laura Justice, 122; Danielle Reinhart, 130.

Friday Juniors: Melissa Lesz, 162; Matt Lipford, 214; Kyle Andrews, 163.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Powertrains Men: Craig Lawrence, 289;

Rich Planko, 267.

Burroughs Men: Rich Barker, 269; Bryan Schwartz, 245/691.

Waterford Men: Dave Bauman, 269/706; Kenny Tockstein, 224-270-238/732; Jay Shin, 268; Brian Zapalski, 254; Mike Sockow, 256; Keith Sockow, 247/702; Jeff Bigenho, 268.

Sheldon Road Men: Charlie Raffle, 2990184-226/709; Dave Eastman, 268; Mark Bailey, 276.

Plaza Men: Mike Moore, 256; Larry Minehart Jr., 254; Jay Gniewek, 276; Dennis Martoia, 251; Sam Lolicano, 235-289-233/757; Dave Jacek, 258; Rick Bolan, 245/715.

Keglers: Bob Bray, 240/695; Chris Kozan, 254; John Tursell, 258; Shawn Perry, 267; Dan New, 270.

Guy's & Dolls: Bobby Thompson, 279-268-201/748.

St. Collette Men: Mark Jensen, 256; Warren Whitehouse, 259; Jim Bainbridge, 252; Frank Pencola, 268/708; Paul Davis, 267; Jeff Terberg, 289/696.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Prince of Peace: Barbara Urbain, 227/570; Jo Kay James, 207/537.

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Karen Henderson, 231/551; Susan Duquette, 199.

Loon Lake: Doug Hess, 225/588; Scott Tutas, 220.

Sports Club: Donny Asher, 241; Sam Kizy, 235/652; Linda Alkammo, 215/547.

Wednesday Knights: Larry Gerstein, 257/670; Howie Gerencia, 256; Eric Bright, 257.

St. Pauls Men: Ed Wright, 265/626; Kevin Klemet, 275; Calvin Smith, 716.

University Mens: Butch Cook, 264; Darryl Reddick, 255; Chuck Rosin, 687; Glenn Litbow, 677.

Advanced Youth (seniors): Dot Harrison, 208/541; Gordon Gregoroff, 205.

Tuesday Mixed Trio: Bob Johnson, 276/718; Joe Stankis III, 268; Kim Kelm, 689.

Farmington Schools: Carl Berman, 245; Brad Jaffe, 214; Susan Zack, 152.

Monday Nite Mens: Jeff Morton, 276; Danny Wright, 268; Kevin Kizy, 717.

Greenfield Mixed: Tom Gow, 253-215-248/716; Bill Weed, 223-213/625; Chris Brugman, 203-247/630; Ed Bin, 257/565.

Sunday Goodtimes: Wayne Lanning, 226-211/636; Ralph Davis, 227; Bernie Buchalter, 179/67 pins o/a; Mike DiAngelo, 211.

Metro Highway: Jim Tomaszewski, 247/622; Mark Strzalkowski, 245-205/617; Dick Willman, 227; Ken Smith Jr., 225; Brian Legowski, 222-220.

Country Couples: Dan Small, 243/643; Ed Stroud, 232; Kim Wellman, 202/526; Patty Fox, 201.

Saturday Odd Couples: Tom Goddard, 263; Wayne Kiestler, 247/637.

All Over Mixed: Jim Moris Sr., 235/Glenn Joppich, 222/580; Maggie Olschanski, 213/555; Patti LaPlante, 201; Vicki Tondreau, 551.

B'Nai Brith Plague: Matt Friedman, 235-222/651; Ricky Reznik, 229-214-201/643; Allan Salomon, 254/641; Marc Eizelman, 232-224/640; Larry Horn, 205-237/636.

Monday Midnight Men: George Kassa, 265; Rand Dawood, 258.

EVER - 7: Dennis MacDonald, 289/707; Mike Ksiazek, 268/661; Ron Mathison, 262/672; Bob Stewart, 256/709; Tim Jones, 255.

B'Nai Brith Brotherhood - Eddie Jacobson: Mike Lieberman, 267-216/682; David Radner, 237-211-203/651; Mark Rappaport, 212-224/624; Mike Klingner, 253/616; Eric Goldberg, 247/615.

Sunday Comics: Bob Aldrich, 264/654; Warren Whitehouse, 214/634; Rebecca Sockow, 231/531.

Suburban Prop. Travel (men): Rudy Kramer, 253; Billy Gerace, 248/668; Dave Jacobis, 236/625; John Hurley, 236; Kevin Robbins, 235/661.

Suburban Prop. Travel (ladies): Gloria Mertz, 237/608; Patty Jaroch, 223/582; Jennifer Cribbes, 202; Yvonne Payne, 198.

DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington)

B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeiger-Gross: Bill Yaker, 242-209-211/662; Lee Weinstein, 277/623; Marshall Spinner, 210-222/621; Larry Garfinkle, 224-236/611; Jerry Broida, 202-228.

B'Nai Brith Downtown Fox: Allan Salomon, 247-210/654; David Rose, 235-214/622; Larry Kaplan, 253/620; Nancie Rakotz, 206-200; Jack Geer, 246.

BEL AIRE LANES (Farmington)

Local 600 Mixed: Jimmy Eckford, 269-209-235/713; LaRon Holsey, 269-202-280/751; Dwayne Smith, 276-279-232/787; Terence Polk, 279-234-209/722; Willie Chambers, 262-243/681.

Our Lady of Sorrows: Jason Parillo, 110-220-223/653; John Himebauch, 237-242/652; John Everrett, 616; Larry LaFond, 613; Robin Woods, 611.

Michigan Bell Men: Robin Woods, 213-210/623; Harry Katkowsky, 206-247-204/657; Tony Coppa, 246-212/644; Mike Chail, 210-220-202/632; Dave Anderson, 247/615.

NOVI BOWL

Westside Lutheran: Mike Faith, 278/744; John Grimm, 681; Lynn Lewis, 674; Randy Krohn, 634; Will Grukke, 630.

PRO TIP OF WEEK

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