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TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

WEDNESDAY

Ice time: The Plymouth Whalers host the Owen Sound Platers in an Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Arena, Beck Road north of M-14. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Call 453-8400 or visit the team's Web site at www.plymouth-whalers.com for ticket information.

SATURDAY

Choose your camp: The annual Camp Fair will be 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Carpenter Elementary School, 4250 Central Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Meet representatives of local, national and international summer programs in Michigan, nearby states, and Canada who will help you choose the right experience for your children ages 5-18. Camps attending include day, resident, travel, sports, science, arts, computer and other summer programs. For more information, call (734) 971-4537.

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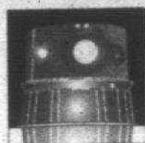
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Man charged in model home rape



Canton police teamed up with three other departments Wednesday to arrest a suspect for the Dec. 23 rape of a Realtor working at a model home on Woodbine Street. Police said publicity about the case helped.

By SCOTT DANIEL
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A 37-year-old Monroe man was arraigned Thursday on charges of raping a Livonia woman last December.

Mitchell Dean Sproessig will face four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in a preliminary exam March 1 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Sproessig will be charged as a habitual offender. He's currently on parole from a 1985 Texas conviction on a similar charge.

If convicted, Sproessig will have to serve a minimum of five years on each new count.

A not guilty plea was entered for Sproessig Thursday. District Court Judge John E. MacDonald set a \$750,000 cash bond and remanded the defendant to the Wayne County Jail.

"No young woman should have to go through this," Sproessig told reporters as he was escorted into the courtroom. "I'd like to say I'm sorry to her and her family."

He was arrested early Wednesday morning at a Taylor apartment complex. Canton police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said getting Sproessig off the street was a priority.

"We did feel this guy had the potential to assault again and again," he said. "We were glad to get him."

Please see RAPE, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Defendant: Mitchell Sproessig is led into 35th District Court by Canton police officers Thursday for his arraignment on criminal sexual conduct charges.

Former doughnut shop gets new life

By SCOTT DANIEL
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A breath of new life will be pumped into one of Canton's oldest business sites.

Flagstar Bank plans to remodel the Donut Scene and turn it into a branch office. The building, which is more than 30 years old, sits at the intersection of Ford and Lilley roads.

It's a significant development, according to Downtown Development Authority Liaison Angela Wolosiewicz.

Flagstar represents the first DDA business project east of Morton Taylor Road, she said.

"This will set the tone for how the rest will look," Wolosiewicz said.

The DDA encompassed only Ford between Sheldon and Morton Taylor,

FORD ROAD

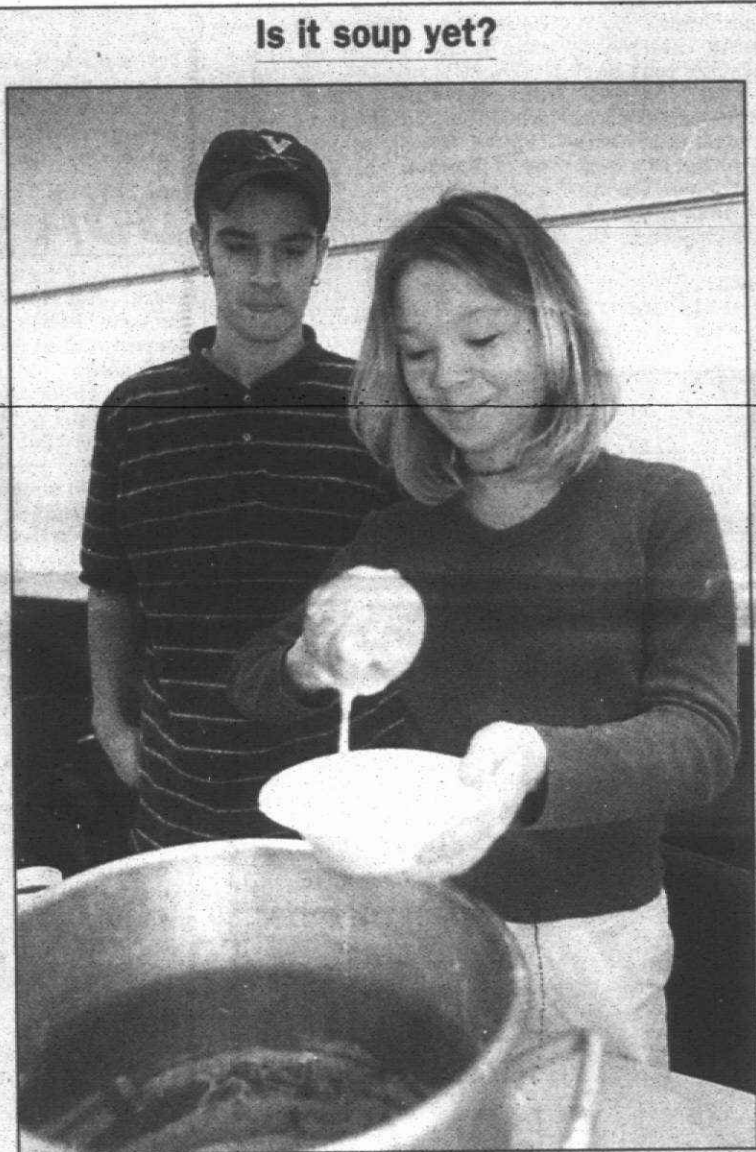
plus the Harvard Square shopping center on Sheldon until 1997. Its borders then expanded to Canton Center on the west and the township border near Lotz Road on the east.

The idea is for the entire DDA corridor to eventually have the same look with distinctive lighting, brickscares and greenery. Flagstar's arrival is a first step in that direction.

"It's important that we start on a good foot," Wolosiewicz added. "It'll dictate what happens in the east."

The DDA board saw plans for the bank for the first time Wednesday. No formal actions were taken, but specific

Please see BANK BRANCH, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Lunch is served: Sarah Lewkowicz serves up a bowl of vegetarian cream soup while Kris Neiger looks on at Plymouth-Canton's Starkweather Center Tuesday. The Soup Bowl Project Luncheon is an annual effort by Starkweather students to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Soup was donated by Bailey's Pub & Grille in Canton. Organizers expected to raise \$200 for the charity.

DDA board unanimous on Salla as coordinator

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As Canton's new downtown and community development coordinator, Kathleen Salla will have her hands full.

She'll have to focus on building strong relationships with township business people, for one. But she'll also have to keep communications clear between the Downtown Development Authority and Canton's planning commission and board of trustees.

It's a challenge Salla feels ready for.

"I think my most valuable asset is my interpersonal relationship skills," she told DDA board members Wednesday. "I think I'm able to work well with a variety of people."

"I have very strong listening skills, too. I like to sit down and talk with people and learn about their problems."

Salla was unanimously approved by the DDA. She won't have to go far to start her new job.

She's worked for the township for more than four years as a volunteer

coordinator. Salla told board members she's proud of the work she has done there.

"I feel I've been very successful with that," she commented. "We've placed more than 2,000 volunteers."

More than 40 people initially applied for the coordinator's position last fall. The field was whittled down to seven in January and three earlier this month.

Two other finalists turned the job down.

Pay range for the position will be \$36,300 to \$42,300 at midpoint. While that midpoint isn't the top of the scale, Salla's pay will likely be fixed there when she reaches it.

Compensation for several township officials, including the clerk and treasurer, are similar. Salaries do go up, however, as the overall scale is bumped up each year.

The coordinator's position will be paid 50-50 by the township and DDA. Board members greeted Salla with enthusiasm Wednesday.

"I've known the Salla for many

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Blast off!

Benefactors will shuttle students to space camp

By TONY BRUSCATO
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Students and teachers at Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township are flying high.

Fifth-graders and their teachers at Isbister will be the first of Plymouth-Canton's 14 elementary schools who will embark on free trips this year to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Titusville, Fla.

Benefactors, who want to remain

anonymous, are picking up the \$2.5 million cost to allow every fifth-grade student in the Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Taylor school districts to attend the Space Camp.

Students were told Wednesday they will be leaving March 7, and Isbister has been abuzz ever since.

"At first I thought the teachers were joking," said Michael Thorpe, 10, of Canton. "Then I realized this was reality."

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Law Enforcement Day for youths



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Inside look: Western Wayne County Special Operations Officer Mark Gajesk watches as Christopher Kopinski, 13, from West Middle School tries on a gas mask during a demonstration Wednesday. The Canton Public Safety Department hosted the Youth Leadership Canton program. Eighth-graders involved in the program spent the day watching demonstrations including self-defense, special tactical operations, a DUI arrest, K-9 and saw a videotape of an arraignment.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

STEVEN WALTERS
Steven Walters, 15, delivers the Canton Observer in the Carriage Hills subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since January 1998. The Plymouth Salem High School ninth-grader's favorite subjects are math and science. His hobbies are playing hockey and soccer, and playing on the computer. Some of his achievements are 10 soccer trophies, and two medals.
Steven plans to go to college. Meeting and talking with new customers is what Steven enjoys most about his route. Being able to communicate effectively is one skill he has developed by being an Observer carrier.
Steven is the son of Steve and Mary Walters. He has three sisters, Amy, 25, Nicole, 16, and Becky, 12.



Steven Walters

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Alleged video voyeur bound over for trial

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A 44-year-old Canton man was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court Friday on charges of electronic eavesdropping. William J. Muniz waived his preliminary exam in front of 35th District Court Judge John E. MacDonald in Plymouth. He'll be arraigned at the circuit court March 5.
The charge is a two-year felony. A personal bond of \$2,000 was continued by MacDonald. S. Roland Scott, a Detroit-based attorney representing Muniz, declined to comment on the case.
Muniz was arrested by Canton police Feb. 10 after attempting to secretly videotape his longtime girlfriend's 22-year-old daughter.

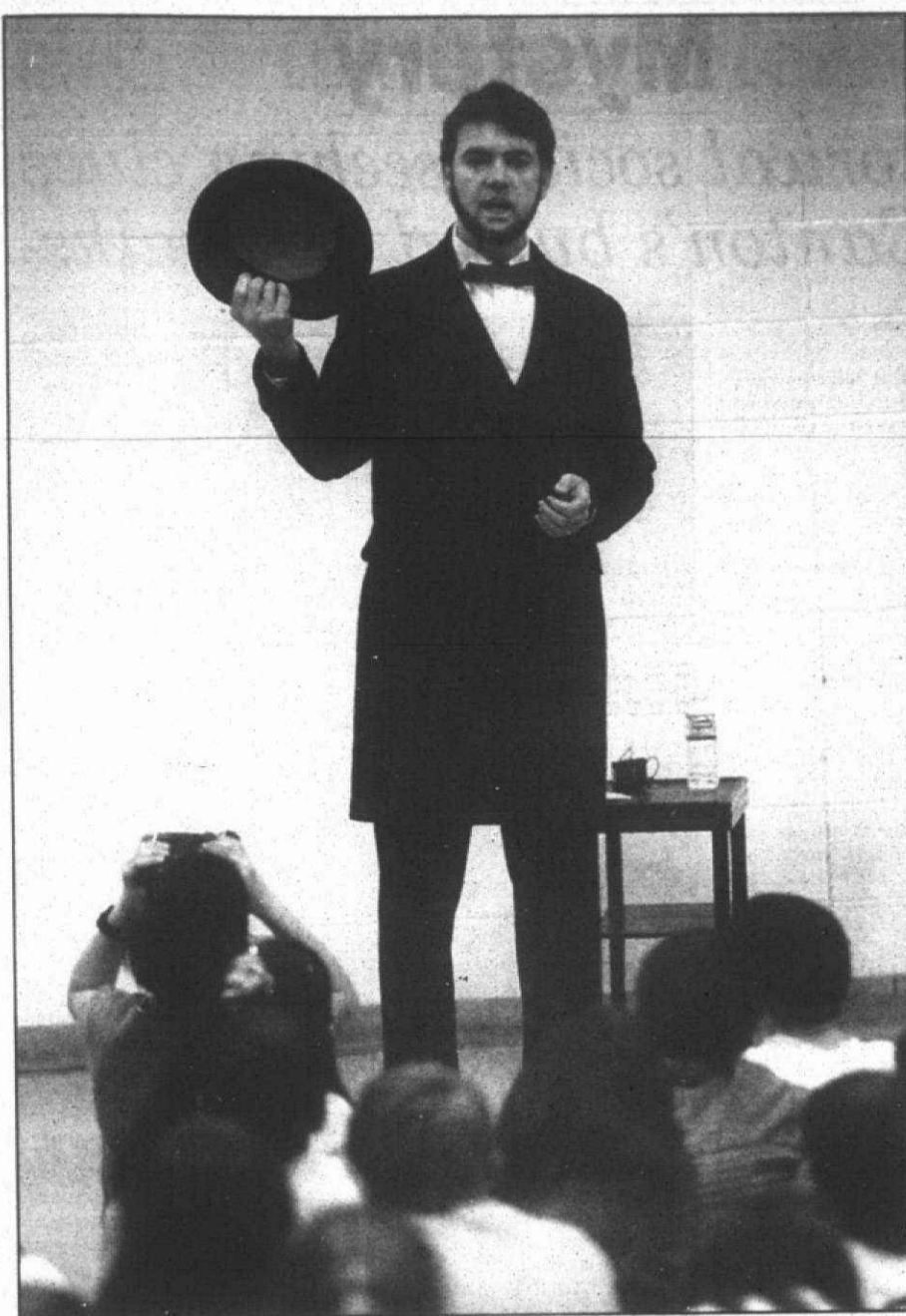
Police reports said that he concealed a video camera in a box and placed it in the Canton woman's bedroom. The camera was hooked up to a VCR in the basement of the home.
The 22-year-old discovered Muniz in the home Feb. 9. He later left.
She became suspicious after entering her bedroom and noticing that belongings had been moved, reports said. The woman spotted the camera and later contacted police.
Muniz made a seven-page statement to Canton police after being arrested. He apologized repeatedly in the statement about the incident.
The 22-year-old told police that Muniz had made inappropriate comments to her over the past six months.



Charged: Mitchell Sproessig (left) is arraigned in 35th District Court Thursday on criminal sexual conduct charges.

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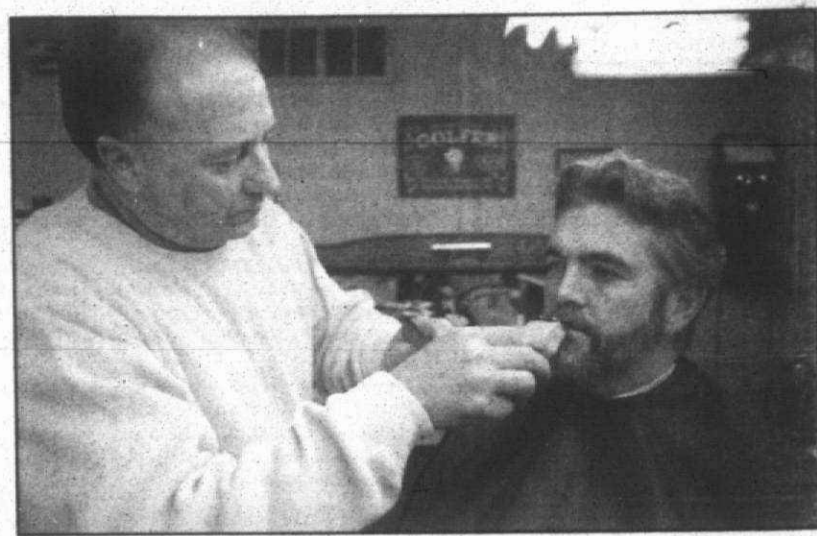
The victim, a 23-year-old Livonia Realtor, was working in a model home in Canton when the incident occurred Dec. 23.
According to Canton police reports, Sproessig entered the model home and began questioning the woman. He then grabbed her and sexually assaulted her in a bedroom, police said.
The young woman suffered minor injuries trying to get away from Sproessig.
His arrest was the culmination of weeks of work by the Canton, Livonia, Dearborn Heights and Taylor police departments.
Last month, the Livonia woman helped Canton police develop a composite drawing of Sproessig. The drawing and a description of his car was then distributed to local Realtors.
The department also hosted a well-publicized safety seminar for Realtors. Numerous tips were developed from these efforts, Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said.
On Monday, Dearborn Heights police spotted Sproessig and his vehicle. Livonia police followed up by doing overnight surveillance on Sproessig, Raycraft said.
Based on that work, he said they were able to locate Sproessig and arrest him Wednesday as he attempted to leave the apartment complex. Raycraft said the 37-year-old didn't resist arrest.



Role playing: 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, in costume as President Abraham Lincoln, performs for sixth-graders at Central Middle School in Plymouth Friday.

Honest Ron
Judge trims down for storyteller role as 16th president

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Even without his glasses on, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe did a double-take while squinting from the barber's chair to look at himself in the mirror.
"Wow, looks pretty good, doesn't it?" he remarked in amazement.
It's the first time in about five years that Lowe has been seen without his mustache.
"My wife hasn't seen me without it in a long time. Neither one of my boys (ages 4 and 5) have seen me without a mustache," he noted.
In order to realistically tell about the 16th president of the United States, Lowe agreed to shave his mustache to make Abraham Lincoln come to life.
"I colored my beard black. It will last six weeks, about the same amount of time it will take to grow my mustache back," Lowe said with a grin. "So, for six weeks I'll be looking like Abe Lincoln."
However, the judge is having fun portraying Honest Abe.
"An opportunity to make an impression on the kids, so it's well worth it," said Lowe.
Lowe was invited by Debra Christian at Douglas Elementary school in Garden City to do storytelling about Lincoln next week. In order to practice his act, Lowe asked Central Middle School teacher Margo Panko if he could practice on one of her classes.
"I asked for one class. So what does she do? Sets me up in front of several hundreds of kids to practice," quipped Lowe.
Seeing Lowe without his mustache is a rare sight, and it may be a long time before he shaves it again.



Close shave: Ron Lowe has his moustache shorn by Greg Hud-das at Yer Grampa's Moustache barber Shop in Liberty in Plymouth's Old Towne Thursday in preparation for his role as President Abraham Lincoln.

"Not many people have seen me without a mustache," said Lowe. "The only time I shaved the beard since law school was about eight years ago for the beard growing contest during the ice show. My wife made it real clear she wanted it back."
At Yer Grampa's Moustache on Liberty in Plymouth, barber Greg Hud-das took special care while shaving the beard and trimming the mustache, eyeing a photo of Lincoln brought by Beth Stewart from the Plymouth Historical Museum for the occasion.
"By the way, I have two tickets to the theater. You can have my seats."

Canton man gets EMU post

Paul Zwarka of Canton was approved by Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents as a new staff member. He is a work- place education specialist at the Center for Management and Leadership.

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locations of lighting and brickscaapes were discussed. Board members were enthusiastic about the project. DDA Chairman Ralph Shufeldt said it will take time for the district to have complete uniformity.
"We'll be doing this piecemeal," he added. "We can't do it all at once."
As for Flagstar, formal plans will likely be brought to Canton's planning department next month. Architect Jason Covalle hopes to have final township approval for the project by the end of April.
"We'd like to start construction as soon as possible," he said. The building, which has been vacant for more than a year, is 2,300 square feet. About 500 square feet will be added for a safe and drive through bays.
A new roof will also be added, Covalle said. Extensive work will be needed in the building's interior, he said.
There's currently no target date for opening the branch, which will be Flagstar's first in Canton. Covalle said the company is "building aggressively" and also plans new branches in Ypsilanti and Farmington Hills.
"I think the bank will be a good use for that corner," Wolosiewicz said. "It's not that intrusive. I think it will work out well."

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years," Jim Horen said prior to the vote. "I have nothing but the deepest respect for Kathleen professionally."
Hizen-Hiller agreed. "She's fully qualified," he said. "She's a good gal."
The board interviewed Salla for about 30 minutes. DDA member Penny Klei asked her what gave her the edge over other candidates.
"I've lived in and around the area for 27 years," said Salla. "I know the structure of the municipality and I know a lot of people in the community. Perhaps that gives me the edge."
She also explained to the board how much she enjoys working for the township. Salla said she was thrilled when the chance to move up in Canton came along.
"This is a wonderful opportunity for career advancement," she said.

Defendant ruled competent for trial

LEWD PHOTO CASE

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A Canton Township man who is charged with indecent exposure for exposing himself to children at the Plymouth District Library and leaving lewd photos of himself around town has been found competent to stand trial.
Randall Horace, 36, also waived his right to a preliminary exam in 35th District Court in front of Judge John MacDonald. He remains jailed without bond until his trial in circuit court.
At the hearing, Plymouth police added charges of exposure, being a sexually delinquent person, and habitual offender to the original four counts of indecent exposure which were levied after his arrest last October.
At the time of his arrest, Plymouth Detective Sgt. Steve Hundesmarck said Horace admitted to exposing himself at the library, confessing "I just can't help myself."
And that appears to be the case, according to a court-ordered psychological report.
According to the report, Horace "suffers from a disorder called Exhibitionism, which involves recurrent intense sexual urges and sexually arousing fantasies... His desire is to shock and observe, and there is no attempt of sexual activity with the observer."
Horace's attorney, Dan Weberman of West Bloomfield, said his client needs treatment, not incarceration.
"We are a humane society and treat those who are mentally ill, not lock them up and throw away the key," said Weberman. "Every time he's been busted, Randall says he has a problem. He needs intense, proper treatment."
Horace's girlfriend of eight years is still at his side.
"Randall is really a nice guy, and I'm willing to stand by him," she said. "He really needs help, and I hope now he'll get it."
Horace, who police say has a 10-year history of sex offenses and is on Canton's sex offender list, was caught by Plymouth police after exposing himself to teenage girls at the library. While executing a search warrant for Horace's Botsford Court home in Canton, police found sexually explicit photos of him having sex with other women, videos of himself, and clothing items identical to those he was wearing at the library.

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Locomotion: Christina Rotunno (from left), sons Franco, 6, and Dominick, 4, mother-in-law Joan Rotunno, Gregory Selewski, 5, and Vanessa Guastella, 16, all do "The Locomotion," at the Mother-Son Valentine's Dance at St. Thomas a' Becket Church on Feb. 6.

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED PROGRAM FOR USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 1999
The citizens of the City of Plymouth, Michigan are hereby advised that the Plymouth City Commission held a public hearing at the regular meeting on February 16, 1999, to hear public comments on the use of the 1999 Community Development Block Grant funds, in accordance with Federal regulations. On February 16, 1999, after consideration of the information presented during the hearing, the City Commission adopted the following program for the use of these funds:
1. Senior Programs:
a. Senior Citizen Van Driver \$22,000
b. Senior Citizen Van Dispatcher \$4,000
c. Senior Citizen Chore Service \$4,000
d. Senior Citizen Newsletter \$2,000
\$32,000
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Parents face trial in sex abuse case

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A Plymouth couple, charged with sexually abusing their own daughters, as well as other children, waived their preliminary exams in 35th District Court in Plymouth Friday afternoon.

Both are being held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$950,000 cash bond while awaiting trial in circuit court, and could face up to life in prison if convicted of the charges.

When each was asked several questions by Judge John MacDonald whether they understood the charges, each responded with simple "yes" and "no" answers.

The 44-year-old father, a bearded man dressed in blue jeans, dark blue shirt and walking shoes with no laces, stood motionless as the prosecution added additional charges to those he already faced.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Less added two additional counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, as well as two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, in the assaults of the daughters. During his arraignment Feb. 5, the father was charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, and two counts of sexually abusive activity.

The father has also been charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct, plus another of sexually abusive activity, in a separate case in which he's charged with having sex with a girlfriend of both his daughters.

No additional charges were

added to the 40-year-old mother, who was originally charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of sexually abusive activity in the case involving her daughters.

"I thought I did (know what was going on), but I had no proof," said a weeping Marie Armatis of Belleville, the mother's sister. "My sister's not guilty. She didn't do anything."

And then a revelation by a niece.

"He's a dog. He molested me when I was 14," said Linda Calhoun, 25, also of Belleville. "He should rot in jail, molesting innocent children."

Taped confessions
Less said the prosecution has taped confessions from both parents concerning the sexual activity.

According to Less, the woman said her husband would send her and their son to bed before sexually assaulting the girls. She reportedly became involved in later years by taking photos of the sexual activity.

Less said they have at least two photos as evidence. One shows intercourse with one of the daughters, one shows intercourse with the friend.

The prosecutor said police are looking through Plymouth-Canton high school yearbooks in an attempt to identify additional female victims who were photographed naked. Police say they have identified some additional victims, but won't be able to charge the couple in some of the cases because they are beyond the statute of limitations.

Less said the daughters are mentally impaired children,

with the sexual abuse starting at least 10 years ago.

Less noted the 18-year-old daughter had a baby shortly after the arrests. He said the hospital has asked for legal permission to remove the child, born with birth defects, off life support.

"The girl told us her father wouldn't buy any candy or pop if she didn't have sex with him," said Less.

The 19-year-old daughter is approximately six months pregnant.

"The oldest girl told us the abuse started when they lived in Sumpter Township several years ago, and that her father had sex with her about 60 times," said Less. "The wife was involved in taking photos of a dozen of those times."

DNA testing
Less said DNA testing will ultimately determine the father of the children.

Less revealed the third victim, a 16-year-old friend of the girls, had been sexually assaulted in 1997.

"It appears liquor was involved in seducing the young Plymouth woman when she was 14," said Less.

The case came to light when the 16-year-old son complained to a Plymouth-Canton high school staff person about not being fed enough food. Authorities say the sexual activity, Plymouth police were notified. The parents were then arrested Feb. 4 at their Main Street home.

The boy was reportedly not physically abused. Authorities say all three children are being cared for by a relative.

Less said the daughters are

Mystery

Historical society seeking clues to Canton's buried sidewalks

BY LILLY A. EVANS
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Sidewalks that lead nowhere, that were laid in the middle of nowhere, have to lead somewhere, according to a group of local historians.

Dave Curtis, trustee of Canton Historical Society, heard Office Max was going to build in the woods south of his home at Ford and Morton Taylor roads, so he and other Canton Historical Society members went to investigate mystery sidewalks he had heard about some 35 years ago.

"It was probably going to be one of the first subdivisions in Canton then the depression came along and took care of those thoughts," Curtis said.

Originally, the group thought the sidewalks might have been laid by men of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), a federal project that put men to work in the Great Depression of the 1930s. But township historical plans showed the sidewalks were platted out in the late '20s, which may have disproved the speculation.

Curtis also said there are traces of a farm house and possibly a silo on the land, but he thinks the sidewalks may have lined dirt roads that were the starting point of McIntyre Gardens subdivision. The sub was never completed.

Local author and historian Virginia Bailey Parker speculated that the sidewalks are evidence of the beginning of the trend to move to the suburbs, part of the migration pattern from the urban areas. Although, she said Canton would have been far from the city in the late '20s.

Curtis said in 1965 a guy he went to college with, whose parents owned the Rusty Nail



Covered path: Sidewalks in the woods near Ford and Morton Taylor roads may have been part of a planned 1920s subdivision that never took shape.

lounge, told him about the sidewalks.

In 1970, after Curtis bought a home south of the vacant land parcel he investigated the four, 100-yard concrete strips that run north and south and said he didn't think much of it.

Last fall Curtis went to take another look with members of the Canton Historical Society.

Curtis, his wife Ronni, Parker and her husband, Don, hiked into the woods to dig up and explore the historical evidence in fear it would be torn up by the new retail store before the puzzle is pieced together.

Another question this historic riddle poses is why would side-

walks go in before homes?

Parker said it may have made the land parcels more attractive to purchase if there were sidewalks. She said, of course the subdivisions of the '30s were much different than the subdivisions of today. The homes would have looked different than each other and been on much larger plots.

Curtis said he is not sure the significance of the sidewalks, or even if there is any.

Curtis hopes a portion of the fully intact concrete strips of walk will be saved since some of the woods are protected wetlands.

Reports offer different views on charter schools

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

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

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

positive."

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

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

'Disturbed'
"Frankly, I am disturbed by the management company

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

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

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

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

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

PSAs are organized outside the operating limits of the state's 560 public school districts with charters from universities (109), community colleges (one), intermediate school districts (15) and local school districts (12).

Nationally, charter schools are seen as alternative methods of schooling providing educational innovations.

Little innovation

But not in Michigan. "We've been disappointed when we look at the dictionary definition of innovation," said Jerry Horn, co-author of the WMU study. "They've come up with cooperative learning and uniforms. But a lot of us would

say, 'I've seen this before.'"

WMU's study added, "Many revert to 'canned curriculums.'" PSC's study agreed: "There have been few pedagogical innovations — e.g., practices found in at least one traditional public school in Michigan — in the study-area charter schools."

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

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

school students ..."

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

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

Church influence?

Moyer, a former public school

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MHS fund-raiser

Adoptable pets, training tips featured at March 7 event

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anyone with an interesting historic photo of a dog, cat or other animal is invited to contact the Michigan Humane Society's Community Relations Department at (734) 781-2109.

S'craft hosts open house March 21

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

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

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

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

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"I've wanted to go there for a long time, but my parents said it cost a lot of money," said Nathan Aubert, 11, of Plymouth. "Everybody was just screaming when we were told we could go for free."

The fifth-grade teachers at Isbister are just as excited as the kids.

"The noise and cheering when we told them was incredible," said teacher Linda Guenzel. "It's an unbelievable feeling that someone would be so gracious to donate an opportunity many wouldn't otherwise be able to have."

"The response from the children has been overwhelming," added teacher Jeff Quatro. "We're probably looking at a 99 percent participation rate. It's just incredible."

"I hope it will jettison some

young people into math, science or engineering as an eventual career," said James Richendollar, superintendent for Van Buren Public Schools. "If nothing else, it will give kids a great experience that would be difficult to duplicate in the classroom."

John Hale, principal at Edgemont School, who helped coordinate the district's involvement in the pilot project, called the experience "a wonderful opportunity."

About 500 fifth-graders from the district's six elementary schools would be making the trip next month.

The old adage "nothing in life is free" had some Plymouth-Canton parents, including Lisa Dietz, a bit skeptical at first.

"They came running in the door yelling 'can we go, can we go?'" said Dietz, whose twins,

Brad and Melissa, will be attending the camp. "We had to look at the papers to make sure it was true."

The money will be funneled through the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, which has worked with local business in the past in handing out 50 scholarships a year to the Space Camp.

RESA's superintendent is Mike Flanagan from Plymouth Township, and his connections with the U.S. Space and Rocket Center may have been the impetus for getting the grant money.

"The experience these students will receive during this week is just phenomenal," said Flanagan. "This is a pilot program that we hope to expand next year to include more children from more public school districts in the county."

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Jerry Sullivan, President UAW Local 600

I-275 construction

MDOT says expect delays as project gets April startup

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecom.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Smooth ride

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

Motorists and nearby residents can expect to see the following:

In April, crews will add temporary lanes and pave crossover lanes just north of Five Mile Road in Livonia and just south of Grand River in Farmington Hills. Similar to construction completed last year on I-275 between M-14 and I-94, traffic from the southbound side will cross over to the northbound side with temporary lanes allowing for three lanes of traffic in both directions, separated by a concrete barrier.

Contractors will remove old pavement and replace it with 12-inch thick concrete. That work will be completed on the freeway itself, the southbound ramp to I-275 from westbound I-696 in Oakland County, and entrance and exit ramps at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads.

The "loop" entrance and exit ramps at Six, Seven and Eight Mile roads will be closed for the 150-day duration of the project, but temporary crossover ramps will be built for I-275 traffic to travel through the construction area and directed to exit onto these mile roads.

The long, "sweeping" entrance and exit ramps on the southbound side of each of these roads will be closed only during their reconstruction. Access is expected on the northbound side of the freeway - the side open to traffic - during the ramp construction.

No two interchanges will be closed simultaneously; that is when the Six Mile interchange on the southbound side is closed for repairs, Seven and



Eight Mile interchanges will be open.

Repairs of 12 bridges over the freeway are expected to last through October. Motorists can expect traffic to be narrowed from two lanes to one in each direction. The time frame varies for the completion of bridge repairs, said Robin Pannecouk, MDOT spokesperson.

The southbound side is expected to be completed in July. Then the freeway traffic will be switched to that side, also with three lanes in both directions, so the northbound side can then be completed. The bridge work will continue, while the ramps on that side of the freeway will be repaired.

The construction is expected to be finished in October.

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

Concern about noise

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

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

Eustice said a sound study would be completed once the

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

"Concrete is louder than asphalt," Sharpe said. "You ought to consider using asphalt, not concrete." "The city has presented a request (to MDOT) that this be looked at further," Eustice responded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board member Kathleen

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

WMU's study said, "There is support for those who argue that the charter schools are skimming and increasing segregation ... (There is a clear trend toward fewer and fewer minorities in the PSAs.)"

Families needed for exchange students

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fabian has studied French for three years and English for six years.

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

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

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

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

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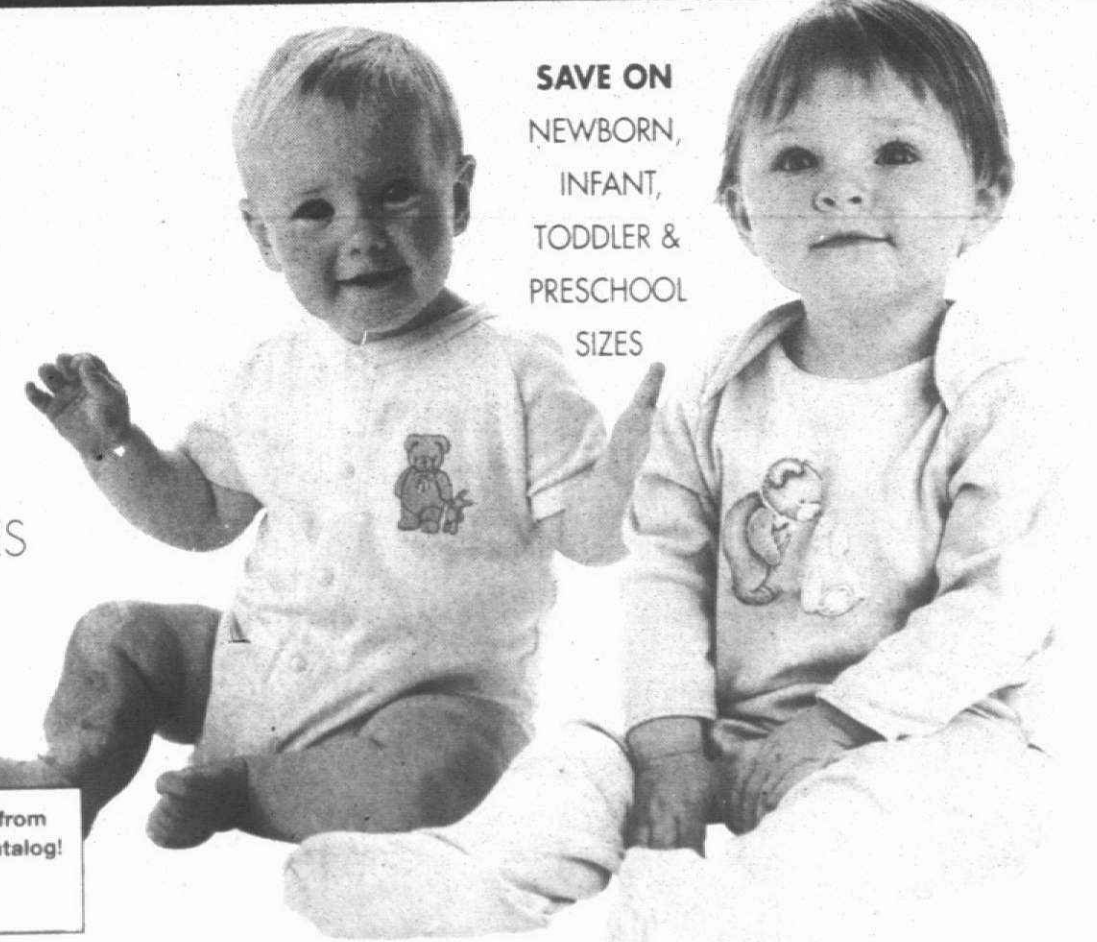
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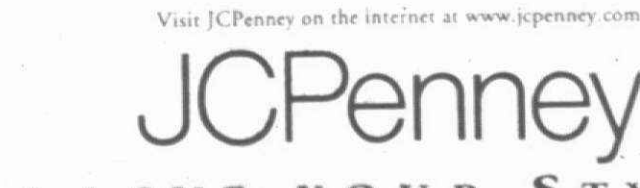
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Senate bills get tough with Internet predators

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Repeat offenders would serve an additional five years.

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

Internet.

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

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

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

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

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

The number of convicts who used the Internet is unknown.

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

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

Sunday fund-raiser will aid girl in battle against leukemia

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

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

Contributions are tax-deductible.

Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey and

Diane Miller, employees at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, are participating in a 26.2 mile run/walk in San Diego in May. Their fund-raising goal is \$3,600 each for the Leukemia Society.

St. Louis-Woolsey's daughter, Abby, has leukemia. When St. Louis-Woolsey decided to enter the May event in San Diego, her colleagues at Parisian rallied to help out. Miller decided to join the run/walk fund-raising effort.

Parisian colleague Martin Bell

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

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

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

SC students eligible for scholarships

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

To qualify, a current Schoolcraft student must have a 3.0 grade-point average, be accepted by the U-M at either the Ann Arbor, Dearborn or Flint cam-

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

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

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

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

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

Madonna will honor alumni

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

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

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

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

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

Casino training classes planned

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

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

For more information, contact Ken Harris at (313) 496-2606.

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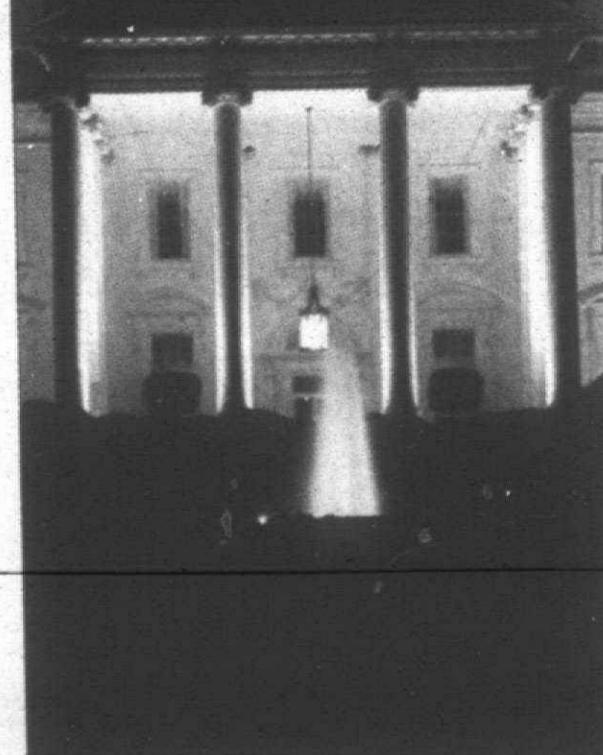
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Maipo Valley is Chile's most recognized winegrowing region. Located southwest of Santiago, with the Andes Mountains to the east and coastal mountain ranges to the west, its soils, climate and elevation are well-suited to grapegrowing. Vina Tarapaca's wines showcase these advantages with a New Age twist at very reasonable prices.

The history of Vina Tarapaca dates to 1874, but it was only in 1996 that Beringer Wine Estates began importing these wines into the U.S. for the first time. They've been in our market since mid-1997, but it was only recently that we were able to meet with winemaker Sergio Correa and learn the full story.

Winemaker

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

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

Rocky soils with round river stones became home to cabernet sauvignon,

Please see WINE, B2



Ideal growing conditions: Proximity to coastal mountain ranges brings multiple benefits to grapevines of Vina Tarapaca in Chile.

Wine Picks

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

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

Cabernets and cabernet blends pair with the hearty and more savory foods of winter. Among the best: **1996 Estancia Duo \$25;** **1996 Murphy-Goode Cabernet Sauvignon \$20;** **1996 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford;** and **1995 Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.**

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

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Cheers for Beer
- Recipe to Share

Maple Syrup Festival

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

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

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

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

Tree Tapping Tromp

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

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

WHAT: Learn how maple trees are tapped for sap.

Maple Sugaring Demonstration

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

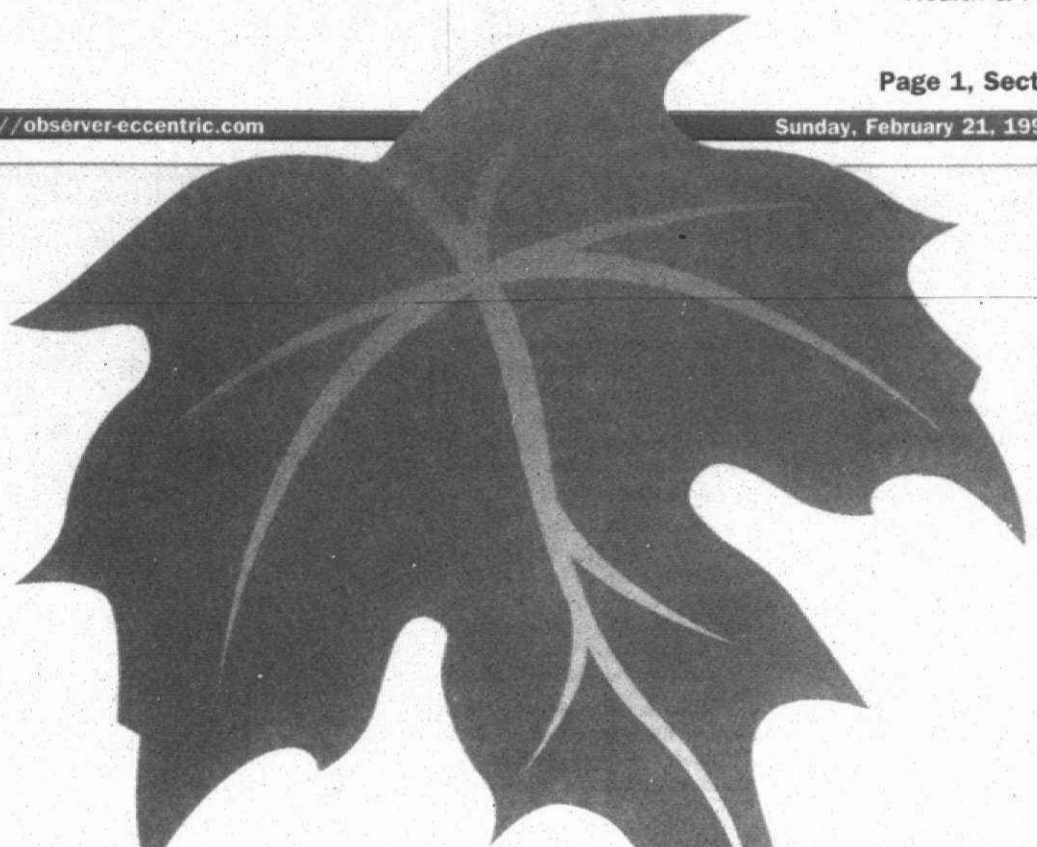
WHERE: Walks leave on the hour from the terrace of the Henry Ford Estate on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Learn how maple syrup is made from maple sap.

Call (313) 593-5338 for more information about the Tree Tapping Tromp or Maple Sugaring Demonstration.

It's a fact

- Michigan ranks 7th in maple syrup production in the United States behind Vermont, New York, Maine, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and Ohio.
- The production of maple syrup is the oldest agricultural enterprise in the United States.
- Only about 1 percent of Michigan's maple forest resource is used in maple syrup production.
- In an average year, each taphole will produce 10 gallons of maple sap, enough for about a quart of syrup.
- Maple syrup is the first farm crop to be harvested in Michigan each year.
- A maple tree needs to be about 40 years old before it will be large enough to tap for syrup.
- While the sugaring season may last 6 to 10 weeks, most of the sap will be collected in 10 or fewer days.
- Maple sap is boiled to remove the water and concentrate the sugars in a process called evaporation.
- Pure Michigan maple syrup has 40 calories per tablespoon and is fat-free. It has no additives, no added coloring and no preservatives.

Michigan Maple Syrup Association



Cranbrook Institute of Science gets

sap-happy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

steamy, not good for wallpaper."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See recipe inside.

For quick pot roast try heat and serve beef

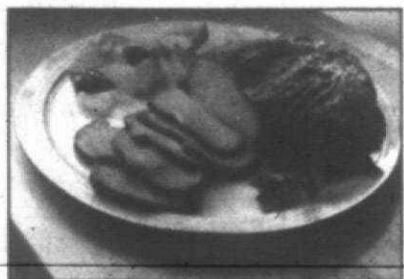
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Imagine, beef pot roast in 30 minutes, or 10 minutes if you cook it in a microwave. Sounds too easy to be true, but it's not.

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

Heat N' Serve Beef Pot Roast with Gravy, produced by Illinois-based RMH Foods, is one of the new crop of fully cooked, heat-and-serve beef products being offered at Sam's Club, Mei-



MICHIGAN BEEF INDUSTRY COMMISSION

Quick roast: When you don't have time to cook, but crave comfort food, try a fully-cooked, heat-and-serve beef pot roast.

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

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

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

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

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

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

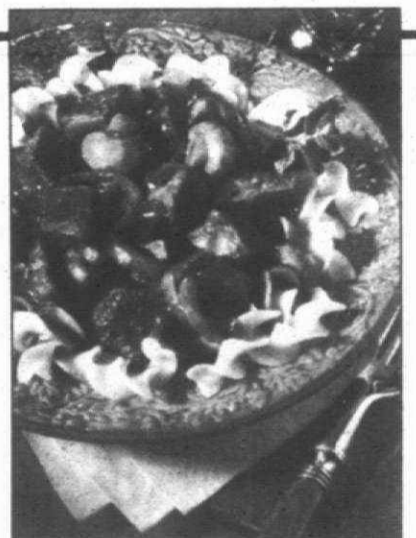
Fully-cooked, heat-and-serve beef products offer an alternative to people who crave mom's pot roast but don't have the time to prepare it themselves.

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

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

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

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



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

Pure maple syrup makes everything special

VERMONT MAPLE SAUSAGE PATTIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAPLE-MUSTARD DRUMSTICKS

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

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

Cook over medium-low heat,

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

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

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

MAPLE-BAKED CHICKEN

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

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

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

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

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

ORANGE-MAPLE SYRUP

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

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

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

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

Wine from page B1

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

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

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

The 1998 La Isla Sauvignon Blanc \$10, from a special vineyard parcel, is reminiscent of a French Sancerre. No wonder, 90 percent French clone! It has a fuller mouthfeel, is rich, balanced and really delicious with broiled fish that shows off its coconut notes in the finish.

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

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

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

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

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

Vina Tarapaca tasting notes

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

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

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

Quick Beef dishes

See related story on Taste front.

QUICK BEEF BURGUNDY

Total preparation & cooking time: 30 minutes

1 package fully-cooked, heat-and-serve boneless beef pot roast (1 3/4 to 2 1/2 pounds)

10 ounces uncooked egg noodles

1 pound small mushrooms

2 small onions, cut into thin wedges, separated

2/3 cup Burgundy or dry red wine

3/4 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves, crushed

1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 3 tablespoons water

Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

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

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

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

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

STEAK, PEAR & WALNUT SALAD

3 cups cooked tender beef steak strips

1 package (10 ounces) mixed salad greens

1 firm ripe pear, cut into 12 wedges

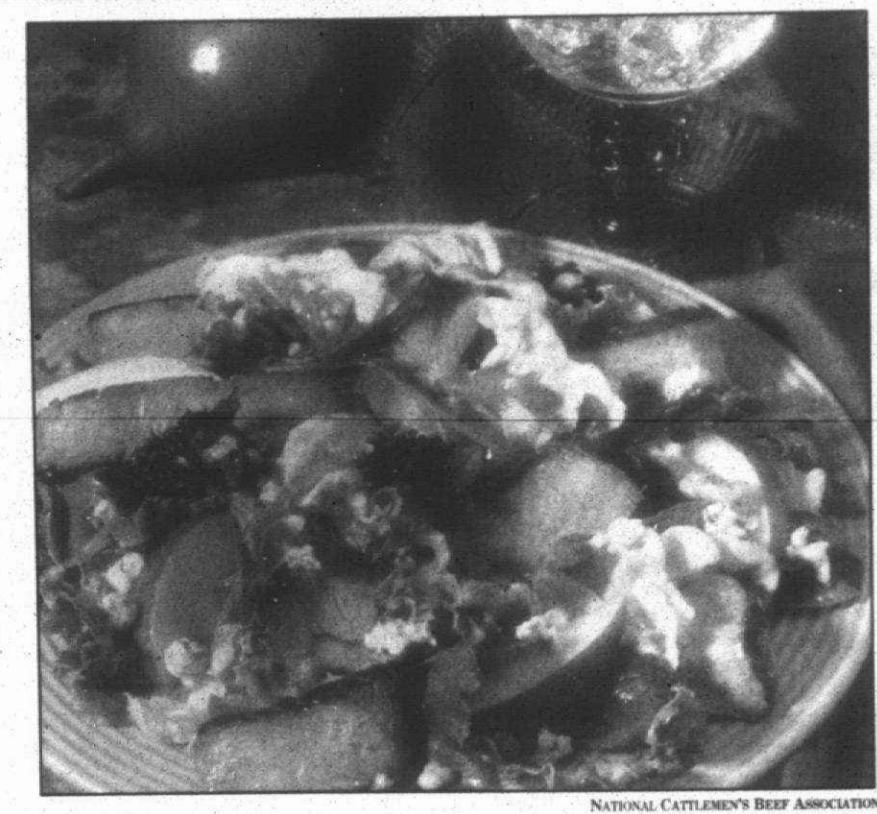
1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese

1/4 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts

1/4 cup prepared balsamic vinaigrette

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

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



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

Fashionable, indispensable garlic more than a nutrition accessory

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

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

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

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

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

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

and cut into 1-inch cubes

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

10 cups vegetable stock

Kosher salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste

1 tablespoon minced fresh chives

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note: To roast garlic heads, preheat oven to 325°F. Slice off top of each head; gently remove outer papery skin from sides of head. Place heads in ovenproof dish.

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

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne, County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell Revenue Bonds in one or more series, pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000), for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions and improvements to the water supply and sewage disposal system to serve the City.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

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LINDA LANGMESSER, Clerk
City of Plymouth

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Enjoy a taste of Canada, baked salmon with herbs

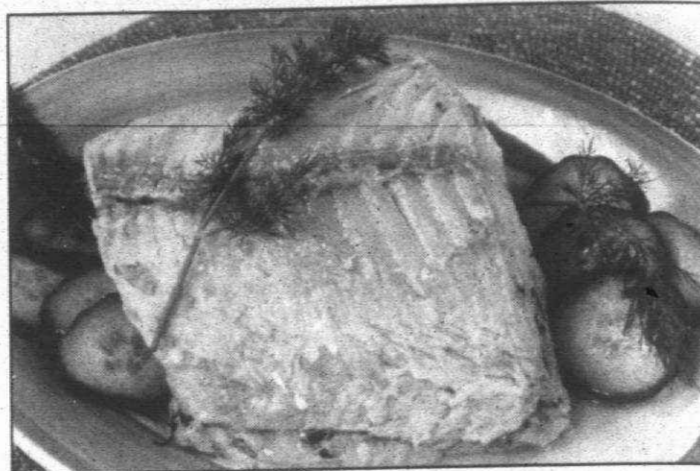
By MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Like American cooking, the cuisine of Canada originates from a melting pot of ethnic contributions. There are of course the French and English influences, but other traditions, especially Asian foods and flavors, can also be detected. Some foods, like corn on the cob, clam chowder, baked beans and sourdough bread, are as much Canadian as American.

Canadian food has a reputation for wholesomeness and freshness, and specialties vary from region to region, much as they do in the U.S. In Newfoundland, fresh cod and other fish are available year-round, and cod tongues are a particular delicacy, offering a delicate flavor and texture much like clams or scallops. Nova Scotia's varied cuisine reflects the contributions of Scottish, English, French and German settlers. Blueberries are also a favorite in this part of Canada, made into preserves, desserts, pancakes, breads and muffins.

New Brunswick is noted for its clams and clam chowder. The province also offers a distinctive vegetable called fiddlehead, as well as an edible seaweed called dulse. Prince Edward Island is known for its potatoes, a staple of the Canadian diet, and for its lobsters and oysters.

Quebec is the heart of a style of rustic French Canadian cooking called "habitant" cuisine, which is like a French peasant fare with thick bean soups and meat pies. Maple syrup is often used in cooking both here and in Ontario where most of Canada's maple syrup is harvested. Ontario has perhaps the most varied cuisine in the country, based on the cooking of early Mennonite and British settlers, but expanded by the presence of ethnic communities from throughout the world. To the West, Manitoba is known for the cooking of its Ukrainian settlers, including



Simple salmon: If you're hesitant about cooking fish at home, try Baked Salmon with Herbs. Baked in foil, this salmon is easy and delicious.

piroshki, a meat pie. In Saskatchewan you'll find dishes made with native wild berries and meals featuring migratory game birds like partridge.

Alberta is famous for beef, the Yukon and Northwest Territories often feast on wild game, and British Columbia is noted for salmon. Baked Salmon with Herbs features a baked whole salmon that can be served on a platter surrounded by hot cooked vegetables for a sumptuous feast in the Canadian style.

BAKED SALMON WITH HERBS

- 1 1/4 pounds salmon fillet
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
 - 2 tablespoons combination of chopped fresh herbs—dill, chives, chervil, basil, sage (optional)
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - Garnish (optional): Cucumbers slices, parsley, dill or watercress
- Place salmon on foil; measure thickness at thickest part.

Sprinkle parsley and herbs, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix water with lemon juice and sprinkle over salmon. Fold foil over and seal.

Place wrapped salmon on baking sheet and bake in 450° F oven for 10 minutes for every 1-inch thickness of fish, plus an additional 10 minutes cooking time, because it's wrapped in foil, or until salmon is opaque.

Unwrap salmon place it on warmed platter. Garnish with cucumber, parsley, dill or watercress (if using). Alternatively, arrange cooked vegetables on platter with salmon. Serve warm with lemon wedges.

To serve cold: While salmon is still warm, scrape off any dark fat. Brush salmon lightly with oil and cover with foil. Refrigerate until serving time.

Nutrition information: Each of the 4 servings contains 203 calories and 9 grams of fat.

Melanie Polk is a registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Center brings care to heart patients

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Symptoms of disease

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

About the institute

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

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

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

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

Treatment options

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MATTERS OF THE HEART

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

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

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

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

an advisory council to improve outcomes nationwide in heart failure.

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

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

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Web is a treasure trove of medical data

PC TALK
MIKE WENDLAND

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

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

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

is now widely available on the Internet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That works out to 68 percent of the

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

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

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

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

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

- Pubmed (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed) - This is a huge database of medical sites and Internet resources maintained by the National Library of Medicine.
- Healthweb (<http://healthweb.org>) - My favorite. Easy to navigate, created by librarians at university medical centers, it offers current and reliable information.
- Find a doctor (www.ama-assn.org) - This is the American Medical Association's searchable data base that lets you find every licensed doctor in the U.S., by name, specialty or location.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in bookstores or through his Web site at <http://www.pemike.com>

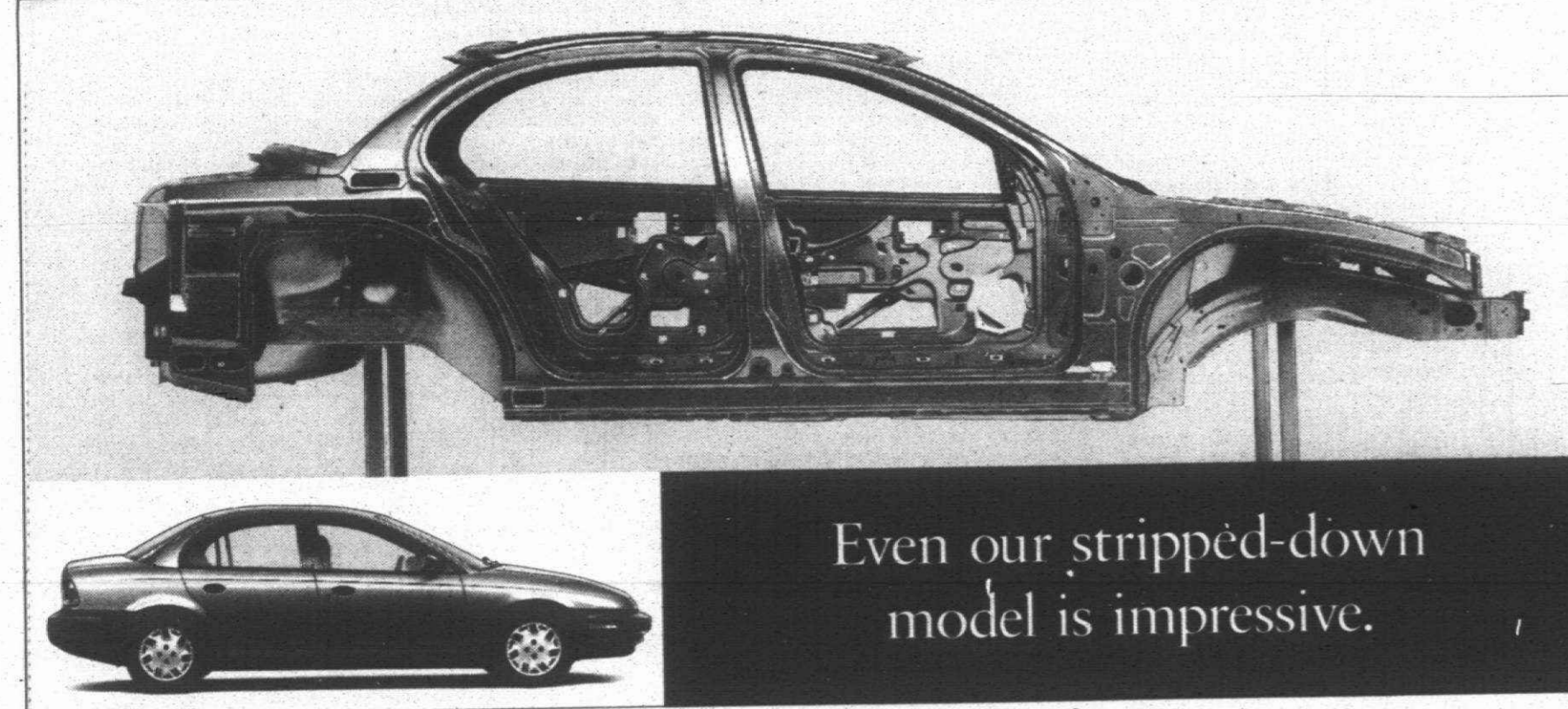
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Rehabilitation nurses
 The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses recently elected the following nurses to its 1999 board of directors: **Debra Dzenko** of Livonia (Health Care Professionals) as president-elect; **Pamela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

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

Tongue twister
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SUN, FEB. 21
OPEN HOUSE
 Garden City Hospital's Cardiology Services and Women's and Children's Services host an open house 2-5 p.m. at the hospital. Visitors may participate in cholesterol testing, lectures, massages, blood pressure screening and the American Heart Association's risk assessment. Demonstrations of CPR, kick boxing, yoga and the hospital's Web page will occur. The hospital is on Inker Road between Ford and Warren. Call (734) 458-4267.

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

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

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

WED, FEB. 24
POSITIVE LIVING
 "The Magic of Humor" is the last session in a four-part series about living a happy, healthy life through both physical and mental well-being. Starts 7 p.m. Cost is \$15. Registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

THURS, FEB. 25
HORMONES
 Botsford's Prime Time for Women features "Hormone Replacement Therapy and its Alternatives" at 7 p.m. in Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100.

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WED, MARCH 10
AGELESS NUTRITION
 St. Mary Hospital in Livonia presents a lecture called "Nutrition is Ageless" 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. No cost. Registration required. Call (800) 494-1650.

SAT, MARCH 6
PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING
 St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers prostate cancer screening 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, 14555 Levan. Screening is free and provides a prostate exam, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational materials. Call (800) 494-1650.

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

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

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The information includes comprehensive, up-to-date statistics for Michigan and regional areas regarding labor force size, unemployment rates and wages. Also available are employment forecasts by industry and occupation.

"What is especially helpful about this information is that it can be targeted to a specific region or community," said jobs commission director Doug Rothwell in a press release. "If you're a business person considering locating in a particular city and want to know the size of the labor force there, you can find out easily. Or, if you want to know the amount of money you can expect to earn in a certain occupation, you can learn that too."

The information is compiled by the Michigan Jobs Commission - Employment Service Agency's Office of Labor Market Information. It can be accessed at <http://www.state.mi.us/mjco> under the Michigan: Stats & Facts section.

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

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

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

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

New Plymouth bank
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Bodycote acquisition
 Bodycote International PLC announced the acquisition by its materials testing division in North America (Bodycote Michigan Induction in Canton) of two Ontario, Canada-based businesses: Ortech Corp. and Ontario Testing Laboratories Inc. Ortech provides testing and materials evaluation to the automotive, pharmaceutical, aerospace and textile industry. OTL provides materials testing to the steel-making and foundry industries.

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

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

IS IT A CRIME? OR A TORT?

Some of the confusion that a person may have in differentiating a crime from a tort stems from the fact that some crimes are also torts. For instance, if someone were to hit you, it would constitute the crime of battery, for which the person doing the hitting could be prosecuted by the state. At the same time, you could sue your attacker in a civil court to recover damages. As this illustration shows, tort law deals with individuals who have been wronged. Tort law compensates the victim with a monetary award that is intended to make him or her "whole". Criminal law, on the other hand, involves society and its efforts to punish individuals whose crimes cannot be tolerated.

And, even if the defendant has been found not guilty of a criminal charge (which requires that a jury establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt) the victim may still file a civil suit (in which to establish responsibility for an action requires a much lower burden of proof - a preponderance of the evidence) and win monetary damages.

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Dentistry in the 90s
 by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

WORD OF MOUTH

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

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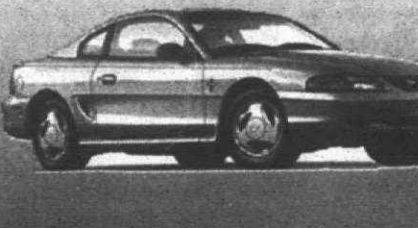
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Student tunes in to career in music

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

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

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

Accomplished musician

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

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

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

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

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

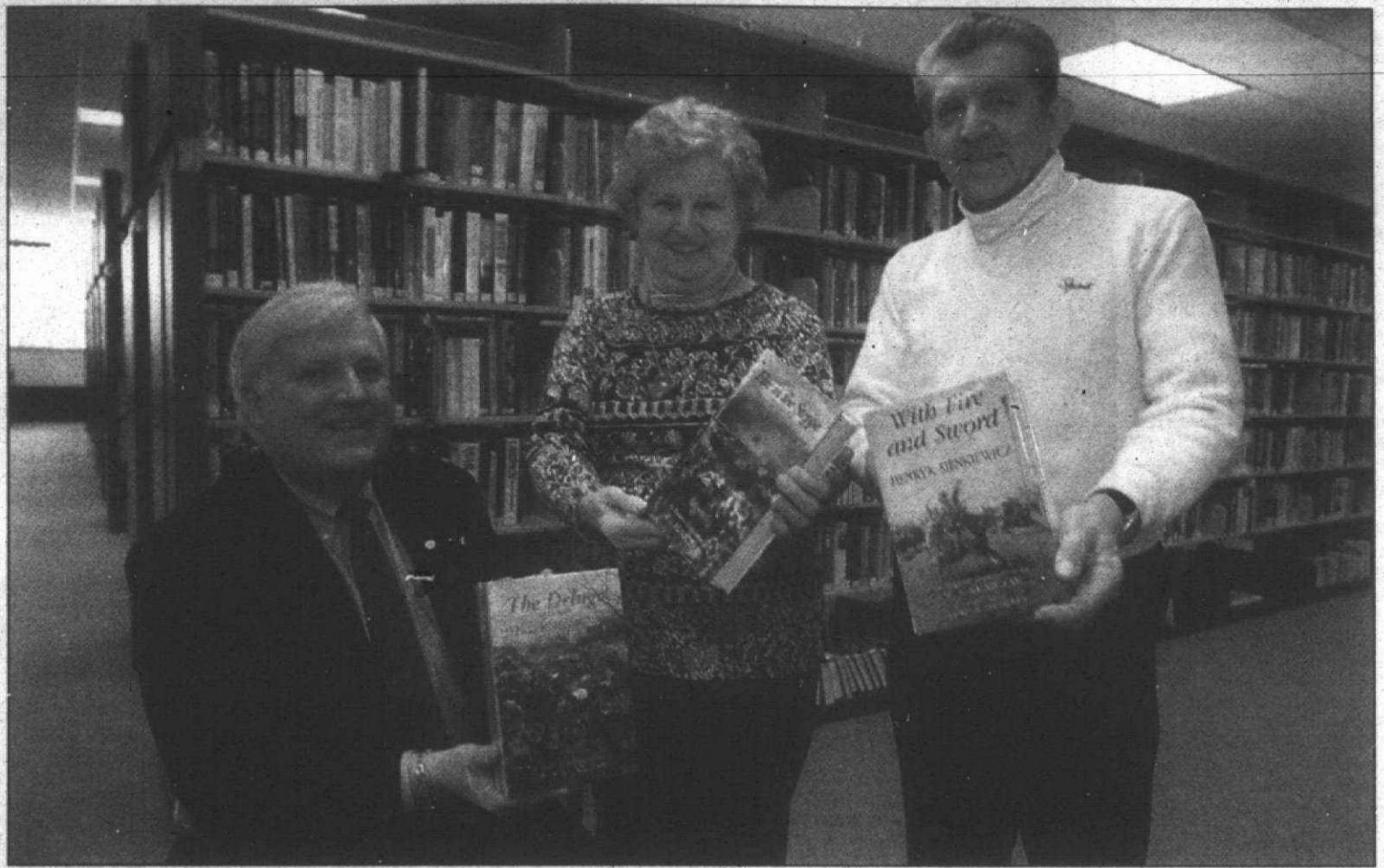
Family affair

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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

Friends keep Polish arts, culture alive

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

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

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

MAINTAIN YOUR HERITAGE

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

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

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

Friends of the arts

The Friends of Polish Art, by hosting the Youth Art Competition in June and the Richard Kubinski Art Competition in October, is not only keeping the arts alive but encouraging the development of artists of Polish descent. Founded in 1937, the group, an affiliate of the American Council for Polish Culture, has co-sponsored concerts and scholarships, the Friends hold Swieconka, a celebration of Easter and Spring with traditional foods and customs, and Wigilia, an evening featuring the breaking of the bread (oplatek), a meatless supper, and sing-a-long of Polish and English carols just before Christmas.

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

Expanding knowledge

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

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

Trip to Poland

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

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

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

ART EXHIBITS

Arts organizations encourage local talent

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

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



Anonymity by Rick Wedel



Torch Lake by Angie Nagle

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

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

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"Figure This"

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

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

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

Landscapes by Angie Nagle Miller

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

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

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

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

By Frank Provenzano
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And now, the long-awaited sequel to the optically drippy 1960s extravaganza "pop art." No new school of art or official "art movement" is required, just an acronym - VIA - a short-cut reference to Viewer Interactive Art.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM SACCOMBIO

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

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

Yet, inarguably, VIA is strikingly contemporary. In a world where consumers want more and more choices, VIA gives control to viewers by running an electrical current through their sensibilities.

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

Moving from light to black and

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

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

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

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

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

Timeless expression While watching visitors to his

What: "VIA - Y2K: The Paintings of Paul Lewis"; and, "The Paintings of Allen Berke"
When: "VIA - Y2K," through Friday, April 30; Berke exhibit through Saturday, Feb. 27
Where: Uzelac Gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, downtown Pontiac, (248) 332-0954
Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That could change through word of mouth.

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

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

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

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

"He's been working in the same tradition, but he's continued to get stronger," said Konikow, who also directs the Arts Festival, Plant Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307. (248) 651-7418 or (248) 651-4110.

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

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

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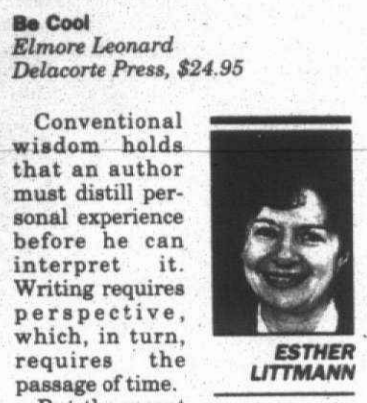
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By JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER
To Lawrence Jeziak, the unexamined movie isn't worth watching. "Sometimes, people get a little exasperated," said Jeziak, a writer, editor and media analyst who teaches film at Oakland Community College. "They say 'Can't you just enjoy it?'"

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The power of jewelry

Designer channels energy into tailor-made pieces

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

"Wars have been won and lost over jewelry," said Xenakis, a Chelsea-based designer who assigns more significance to jewelry than mere adornment. She sells her handmade, one-of-a-kind pieces at Just For Her, a small woman's clothing boutique in Troy, but also crafts custom jewelry, including some which aim to channel energy forces in the body.

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

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

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

"Any natural object has energy," she said. Skepticism about the healing power of stones is beside the point since, said Xenakis, all jewelry works in mysterious ways.

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

Jewelry also becomes a part of the person who wears it. "It's a part of you," said Xenakis. "It really becomes a part of you and has your energy. Whether or not people believe this, (jewelry) has your energy."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Likewise, one ought not fret about the loss of a piece of jewelry, said Xenakis. "People lose jewelry when it's not supposed to be with its owner anymore. So, don't despair. Some people find it again. But, if you don't, you weren't meant to."

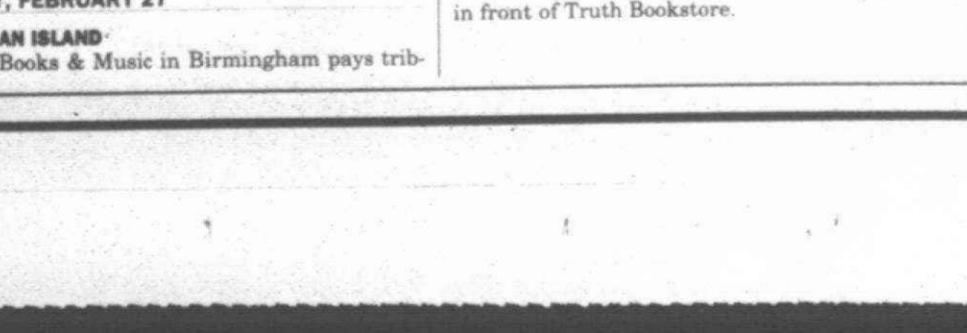
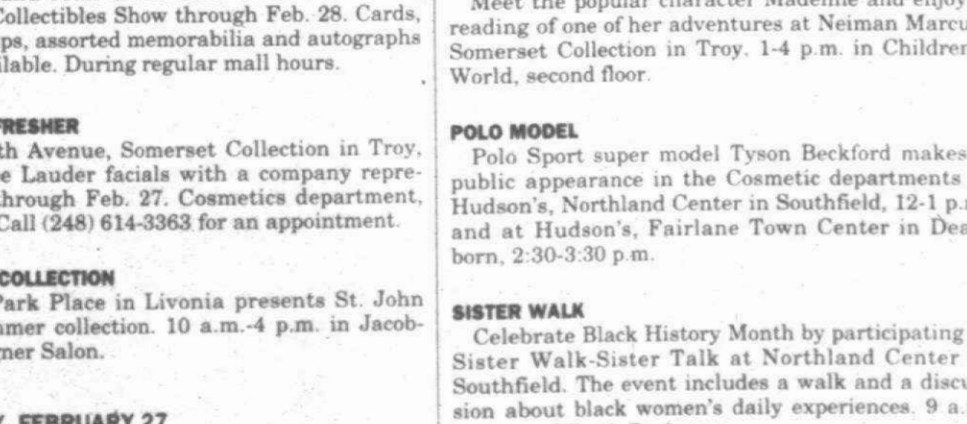
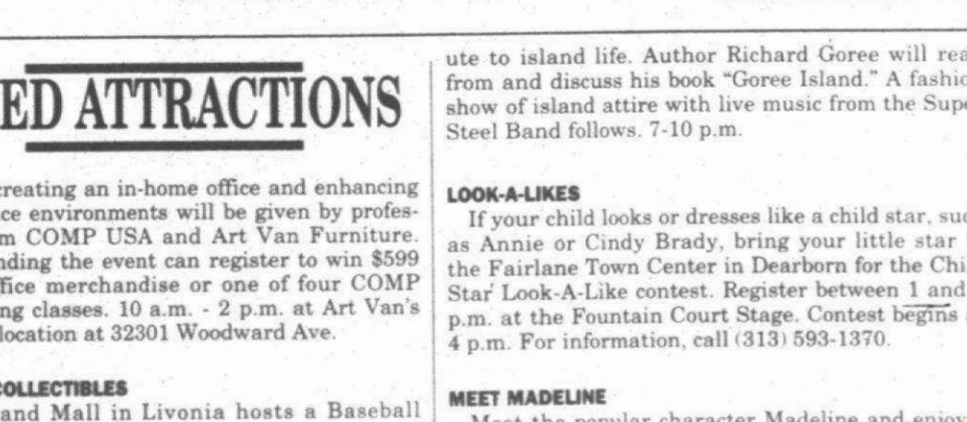
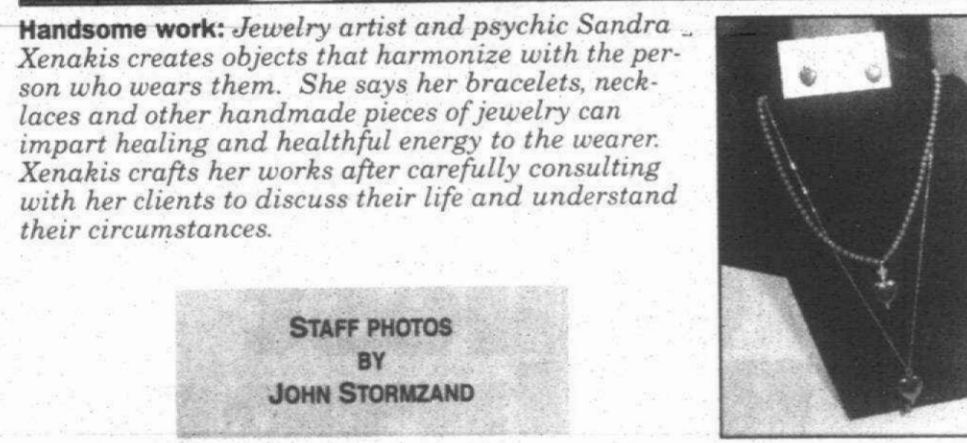
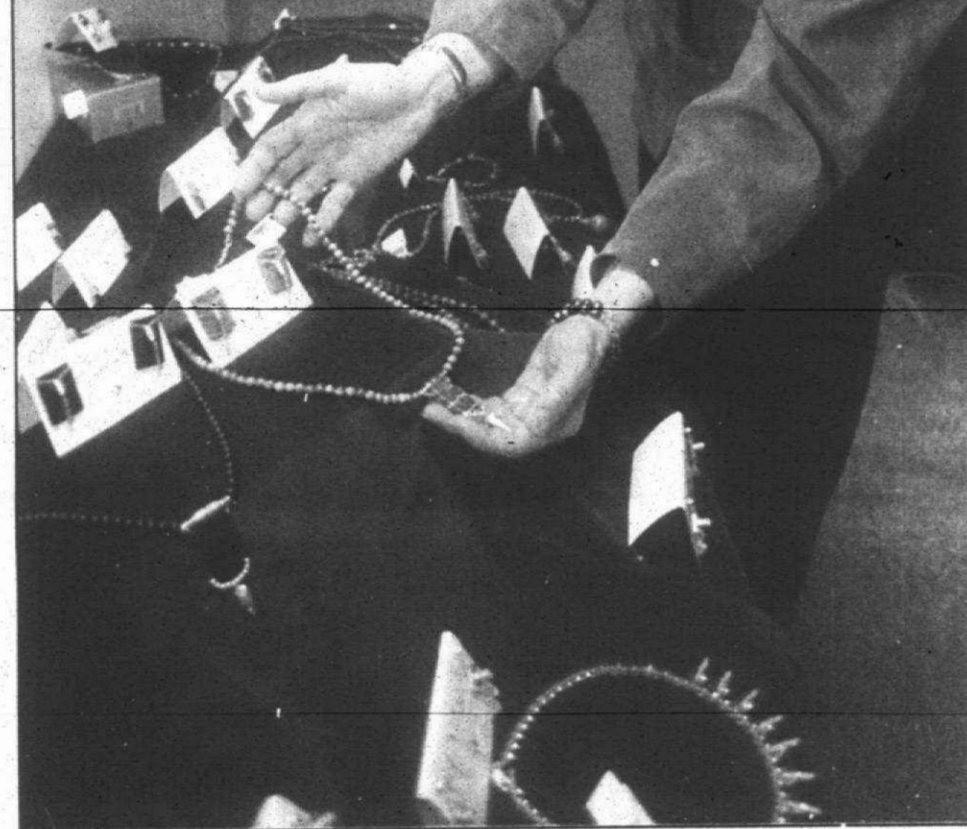
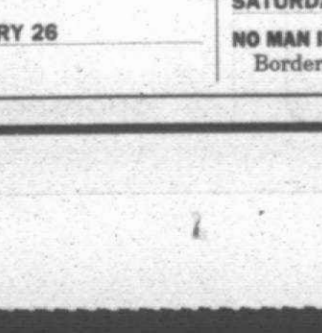
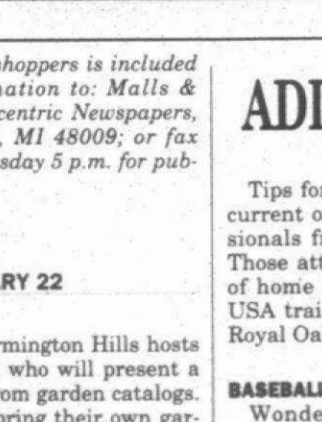
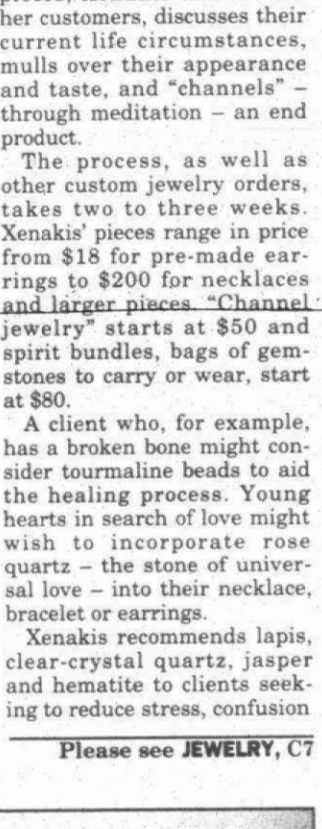
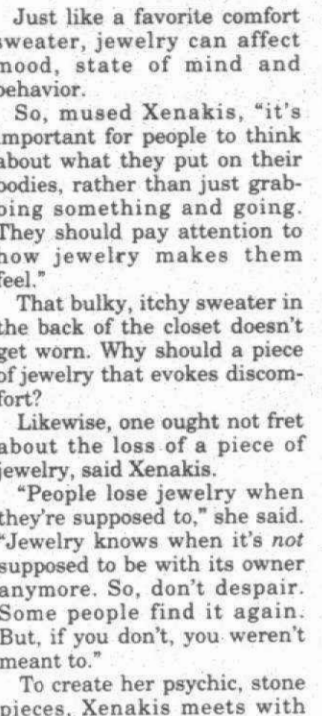
To create her psychic, stone pieces, Xenakis meets with her customers, discusses their current life circumstances, mulls over their appearance and taste, and "channels" through meditation - an end product.

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

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

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

Please see JEWELRY, C7



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

STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND

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

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

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

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

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

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND Borders Books & Music in Birmingham pays tribute to island life.

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

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 NO MAN IS AN ISLAND Borders Books & Music in Birmingham pays tribute to island life.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 MASTER GARDENER Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills hosts master gardener Peggy Malnati who will present a short program about shopping from garden catalogs. Participants are encouraged to bring their own gardening catalogs for exchange. 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 SPRING LAUREN SHOW Hudson's Twelve Oaks presents a spring fashion show featuring looks from Lauren by Ralph Lauren. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 A BETTER HOME OFFICE

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

What We Found: Northridge Pharmacy: (800) 350-7002 or www.northridgegifts.com: Cologne Guy, www.cologneguy.com: Colonial Drug, Boston (617) 864-2222.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR: Darlene is looking for High Karate men's cologne by Canoe from the 1970's.

Willie is looking for Dole Pineapple frozen concentrate. Sheila wants the 1993 Service Merchandise Collectible Silver Christmas bell.

Chuck is looking for the 1979 glass Hummel ornament. Penny wants Zena or Britannica jeans.

Jan wants Lip Chic (a liquid that is brushed over lipstick to seal). Linda from Troy is looking for

"Focus Art Form, Splash" hair products and Focus hair shiner.

Mary is looking for Tulip Town Village. It has hand-painted rabbit figurines and pewter buildings by Anesco from about 10 years ago.

Mike is looking for a 1950 Grosse Pointe High yearbook.

Elaine wants white fingertip terry cloth towels.

Mary Lou is looking for leather squares or round decorative mat (used on the top of desks and end tables to prevent scratches). Hudson's carried them, as did a store in Plymouth.

Mary is looking for the book "The Treasure Chest" from Harper & Row from the 1960's. It is a poetry book. She also wants Almay's Time Off Makeup Re-texturing Foundation in Almond Beige and needs an antique dealer to price her antique street lamps.

Daphne is looking for Yardley Lavender Powder. Mrs. Stroh wants the Jan. 1943 yearbook from Northern High school.

David is looking for a PC interface from Texas Instrument (64K) organizer from about 6 years ago.

Joe is looking for top fitted sheets. Sears sold them in their catalog. Yvonne wants cake eyeliner by Avon or Mabeline. Betty would like someone who teaches how to string beads. Pat is looking for a sheets and comforter set with the Toy Story theme.

Gloria wants the Mr. Peanut ornament.

Melissa wants the 1987 and 1988 Farmington High school yearbooks.

Diane is looking for wallpaper or wall border of monkeys, chimps or gorillas, and a coordinating bedspread and sheets.

Annette is looking for someone to repair a 1956 Wurlitzer jukebox.

Karen wants a battery operated hair dryer.

John is looking for Old Tavern Steak Sauce and Philadelphia Scapple or Scapple.

Joanne is looking for a figurine of Johnny Pfeiffer, who was the emblem for Pfeiffer beer.

Mary Lou wants the moisturizing body lotion Once Upon a Moment and an electric curling brush less than a half-inch.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas.

RETAIL DETAILS

BREAD IS LIFE Panera Bread, a neighborhood bakery-cafe opened Jan. 31 at Lakeside shopping center in Sterling Heights.

The bakery and gathering spot features more than a dozen varieties of its signature hard-crust, European-style bread and 10 types of fresh-baked bagels, as well as fruit-filled croissants, cinnamon rolls, muffins and dessert bars.

Fresh salads, made-to-order sandwiches, soup in sourdough bread bowls and espresso drinks are also available.

Lakeside's Panera Bread is located on the mall's lower level near JC Penny and is one of more than 100 locations across the nation operated by Saint Louis Bread Co.

FADE TO WHITE Call it the new optimism, the new millennium or just call it spring. Everything about the new fashion season looks lighter and brighter, says Gina Tovar, a fashion director with Nordstrom.

White, shades of white and a generally speaking, brunettes with olive skin look best in true, bright white. Fair skin and light-colored hair are drawn out by warmer whites, like ivory.

White's simplicity and versatility is a perennial classic. And, forecasts indicate fashion will continue to fall towards the light and white side over the next several seasons.

While Xenakis' offering of psychic jewelry is certainly unique, the rest of her pieces don't slack in the unconventional category.

A recent trunk show of her work at Just For Her - the Space Collection - showed off Xenakis' talent for making use of unusual jewelry ingredients. In this case, she incorporated small, metal parts formerly used in the aerospace industry as components of satellites and rockets.

Another collection melds fragile, Victorian buttons' with contemporary beads, metal and stone. Her best-selling necklace centers around the I-Ching, a Chinese good luck coin.

"I think people are looking for permanence and tradition - I take some of that and make it contemporary, make it new" she said.

Best of all, Xenakis' philosophy even figures into her return policy; if the ring doesn't fit - emotionally - just return it.

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TRAVEL



Stout-hearted men: The Lumberjack Spectacular at Outdoorama is March 5-7. From left to right, Dan McDonough, nine-time world champion, Curt Hiser, Pat Ogle and John Hughes, two-time cross-cut saw world champion.

New travel books fit in a purse

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Tiny Lynn Portnoy moved about her small, stylish store at the Claymoor Apartment building in Southfield fixing tea and talking about her love of far-away places.



"My passion is traveling," she said with an enthusiasm that left no doubts. "When I say passion, I don't golf, tennis or go to sports events, but I'm a compulsive traveler. I was born with a curiosity I haven't outgrown."

She said her passion is so great she had to drop her subscription to the National Geographic because she was driven to visit every place they covered.

More than 30 years in the clothing business has given her an opportunity to see many places. As a single woman, she developed strategies for traveling in comfort and safety that she is now passing along to others in what she hopes will become a series of purse-sized guides. "Going Like Lynn." The first is on traveling to Paris.

The books began with a program she did on "traveling with one bag."

"Conversation always developed that they wanted details about my trip," Portnoy said. "And these were secure women, independent women. When it came to vacation travel, they were intimidated to go. So I started planning people's trips. It's a regular part of what I do."

Portnoy's store, which specializes in dressing professional women, opened in downtown Detroit in 1980 where it remained until 1991 when she moved to Southfield. The University of Michigan graduate began her fashion career with Joseph Magnin in San Francisco. She then joined the Claire Pearone store at Somerset Mall.

Portnoy, who lives in Bloomfield, began working on the travel book by sending out a questionnaire asking for ideas on destinations and concerns. She said Paris was the No. 1 choice for destination, followed by New

York and Italy. She said her series will follow that order.

"The No. 1 concern, which surprised me, was safety. I've never felt unsafe," she said.

That doesn't mean she takes the issue of safety lightly or hasn't developed some strong ideas about it, especially her conviction that small hotels offer the safest havens.

"Everyone says it doesn't matter where you stay, and it does. I only stay in small hotels where there's a human there," she said.

The small hotels don't handle the convention trade and they don't provide indifferent one-size-fits-all service.

"I feel more secure in a small hotel, someone knows who I am, and you don't have drunk people," she said.

Her book lists a handful of small hotels in Paris, all within walking distance of museums and shops.

"I'm a workaholic and when I get out on a trip, I want service," she said. "My time is valuable to me. A good concierge is like having a nanny. They make reservations and they tell you where to walk and where not to walk."

Portnoy advises women, and men, too, not to advertise themselves as American tourists.

"Never wear running shoes," she said. "They mark you as a tourist. Wear dark walking shoes."

She also advises that travelers keep a notebook with all their numbers written down such as your Visa or MasterCard number and expiration date, medical numbers, phone numbers, etc. She also advises making a copy of your passport.

"I keep telling people, if you feel unsafe, get off the street, to into a tobacco shop or cafe and they'll call you a cab," she said.

A sense of humor and an expectation that you're bound to make mistakes are also helpful. Portnoy tells some funny stories about herself in her book. For instance, there was the time some smoked fish almost got her arrested as a terrorist in Jordan.

As Portnoy says, these embarrassing moments are later trea-



A tea break: Lynn Portnoy (left) and her friend Linda Talbot enjoy tea and coffee at the Glaces de la Maison Berthillon in Paris.

sured memories.

Another concern of women traveling alone is about where to dine and how to cope with dining alone.

"They want to know about dining out in restaurants and how they will be treated," Portnoy said.

She lists her favorite restaurants in a range of prices.

A special feature of Portnoy's book is devoted to shopping in the city that made shopping famous. But Portnoy doesn't send travelers to Dior's. She said a woman is more likely to want to buy some lingerie or French chocolate or "overspend for some lipstick."

Of course, if you go Portnoy's way, you'll only have one bag and won't have room to carry back a lot of souvenirs.

"I only do carry-on. If I can't carry it on the plane, it doesn't go with me," she said.

She went to the back of the store and brought out a blue men's travel bag. On a rack of dresses, she separated a small grouping that she uses in her seminars to show just how little you need to carry.

This kind of light traveling might be harder for a man. Portnoy said men pack more than women.

Her book tells women what to bring that will provide them with enough clothes, accessories and toiletries for a week.

The tiny book includes

itineraries for a two-day trip and a weeklong trip.

"I'm a frustrated painter, I'm a visual person," she said. "I'm eccentric and highly visual. Paris is one of the most visual places. The street markets as much as the museums. Wherever you walk, the whole city, there is something to see. New York is the most interesting city but Paris is the most beautiful."

Her store features displays of the compact book which she has been promoting. A man from Howell came in to buy a copy for his Paris-bound daughter. His wife had heard Portnoy on the radio.

"This is so exciting," she said as she enthusiastically signed the book, obviously eager to share her passion with a young woman off on an adventure.

"The strongest education I've had is what I've learned from traveling," she said. "I've been with descendants of kings and descendants of slaves. I'm richer than people with money in the bank. I'm trying to give women the courage to go."

"Going Like Lynn" can be ordered for \$12.95 plus \$2.75 per book for shipping and handling by writing Lynn Portnoy, 29260 Franklin Road, Suite 123, Southfield, MI 48034 or by calling (248)353-2900. You can also contact Portnoy by e-mail at goinglikelynn@womenbiz.net

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DESTINATION IRELAND

The Community House Travel Department is offering an Irish adventure for May 13-21.

With a tour beginning in Dublin, a luxury coach winds along the west coastline with an Irish guide pointing out the island's scenery. Travelers will enjoy touring historical sites such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, Blarney Woolen Mills and Glendalough. Other hot spots on the trip include tea and scones at an Irish farmhouse and shopping at the Waterford Crystal Factory.

First-class accommodations for seven nights will be provided and a full Irish breakfast served daily. The tour includes roundtrip air between the United States and Dublin, passage on the Shannon Ferry Service and all hotel service charges and baggage handling.

To register for this Irish Adventure or to receive information about other trips through The Community House in Birmingham, call (248)594-6419.

BIKE MAINTENANCE

Get your bike ready for spring with this instructional clinic at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at REI, 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville. The class teaches the basics of chain, brake and derailleur adjustment and how to fix a flat. Staff will go over the techniques and tools needed for basic bike maintenance. For more information, call (248)347-2100.

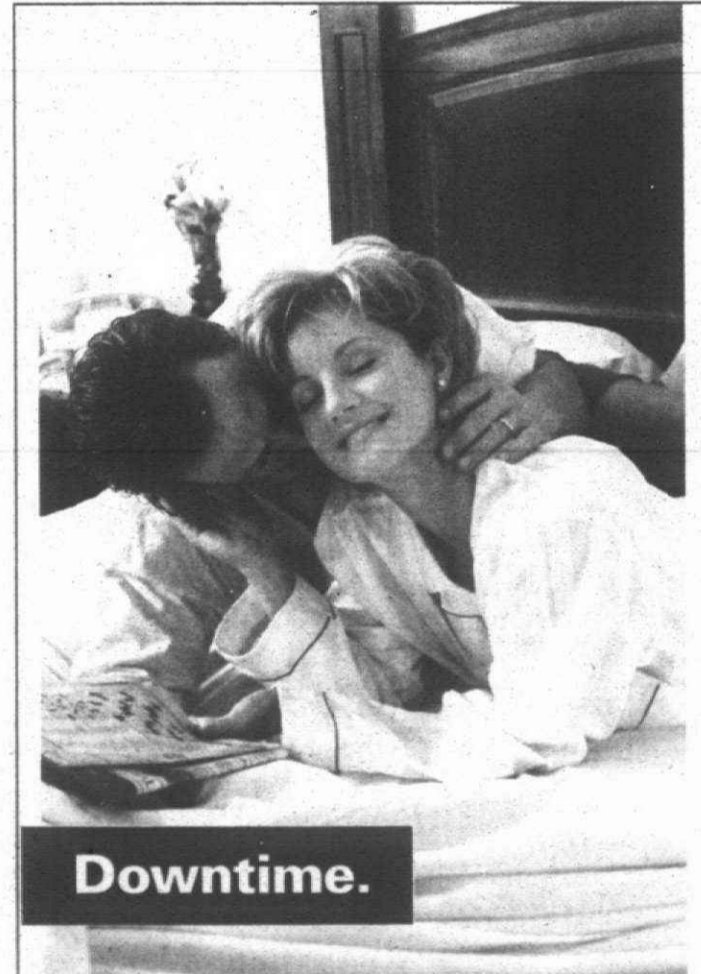
OUTDOORAMA

The Outdoorama sport and travel show, produced annually by the Michigan United Conservation Club, will open Feb. 26 and continue for 10 days through March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, Novi Road and I-96, with product exhibits, entertainment, seminars and information for outdoor lovers of all ages. Featured entertainment includes ventriloquist Steve Hall and his sidekick Shotgun Red; the Lumberjack Spectacular; Danger Action Theater; dog trainer Len Jenkins; archery demonstrations; fishing contests and Big Buck Night with hunting tips from Dave Richey and Byron Ferguson.

Hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Feb. 26; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and March 6; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 28; 4-9:30 p.m. March 1-2; noon to 9:30 p.m. March 3; 4-9:30 p.m. March 4-5 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 7.

Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for age five and younger.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

NCAA III qualifier

Kari Jackson, a senior at Hope College and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, came close to a clean sweep of all honors available to her at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships, Feb. 10-13 at Hope.

The Flying Dutch were meet winners, compiling 533 points — 123 more than runner-up Calvin College. Jackson did her part for Hope, earning all-MIAA honors for the second time in her career by finishing first in one-meter diving (407.45 points) and second in three-meter (443.00). Her three-meter score was just 6.7 points behind first-place finisher Kara Davidson.

Nonetheless, both scores earned Jackson a trip to the NCAA Division III Championships, March 11-13 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Hoop reversal

What a difference a week makes.

Hope College was trailing MIAA leader Calvin College by three games early in February. In a week's span, the Flying Dutch erased that deficit, in part with a 78-70 triumph over Calvin Feb. 10. They followed that with an 88-69 win over Albion College Feb. 13 and a 85-73 victory over Adrian Wednesday.

In the win over Calvin, Mark Bray, a junior guard and a Plymouth Canton graduate, led Hope with 17 points. Bray followed that with a 15-point performance against Alma. His 32-point week earned him nomination as MIAA player of the week (which went to Calvin's Aaron Winkle).

Hope improved to 13-10 overall, 9-4 in the MIAA. Bray was averaging 7.8 points, 2.4 rebounds and a team-high 3.6 assists through the Albion game.

Warnke playing tough

Wayne State's women's basketball team has struggled throughout this season, and last Wednesday's game against visiting Ashland was no exception as the Lady Tartars fell 83-74.

Junior forward Sarah Warnke, a Plymouth Canton graduate, led WSU with 20 points and 12 rebounds in 27 minutes. Britta Anderson, a senior forward and another Canton HS graduate, added six points in 13 minutes.

The loss left WSU with a 6-19 record, 4-14 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Bowl-a-Thon

The Independent Order of Foresters are sponsoring the Bowling for Miracles family bowl-a-thon from noon-4:30 Sunday at Taylor Lanes. The benefits from this fundraiser go to the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds and awareness for hospitalized children.

Cour Benevolence #1136, the IOF chapter sponsoring the event, will have the entire bowling center set aside for Sunday's benefit, which will also include a raffle featuring 150 items and a silent auction offering another 40. Last year, the IOF bowl-a-thon raised \$9,000 for CMN; the goal this year is \$15,000.

More than 12 million children are treated annually at over 170 CMN hospitals across North America. The local CMN hospital is the William Beaumont Children's Center.

For further information, call IOF public relations officer Raymond Klieber at (734) 425-0106.

Adult softball

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division is running adult softball leagues this spring and summer in men's slow pitch, women's slow pitch, co-ed slow pitch and men's modified. Registration for returning teams begins March 1; new teams can register starting March 15. Play begins April 26.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

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.

Rocks roll to regional

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The Plymouth Salem wrestling team employed a simple strategy to win its team district championship on Thursday: cautiousness.

According to Rocks' head coach Ron Krueger, his team took its time in both dual meets against Livonia Churchill and Plymouth Canton to post big wins when it was said and done.

"We treated the teams with respect and we did not overlook anyone," he said. "I thought we wrestled real well and it resulted in a couple of nice wins for us."

WRESTLING

The Rocks downed Churchill 45-26 in a semifinal match before rolling over Canton 61-15 for the championship. Canton won a lopsided match against Livonia Franklin 72-12 to advance to the final against Salem.

Salem (11-1) opened the match with five straight pins by Charles Hamblin (275 pounds), Jeff Bennett (103), Ron Thompson (112), Rob Ash (119) and John Mervyn (125) for early control of the evening.

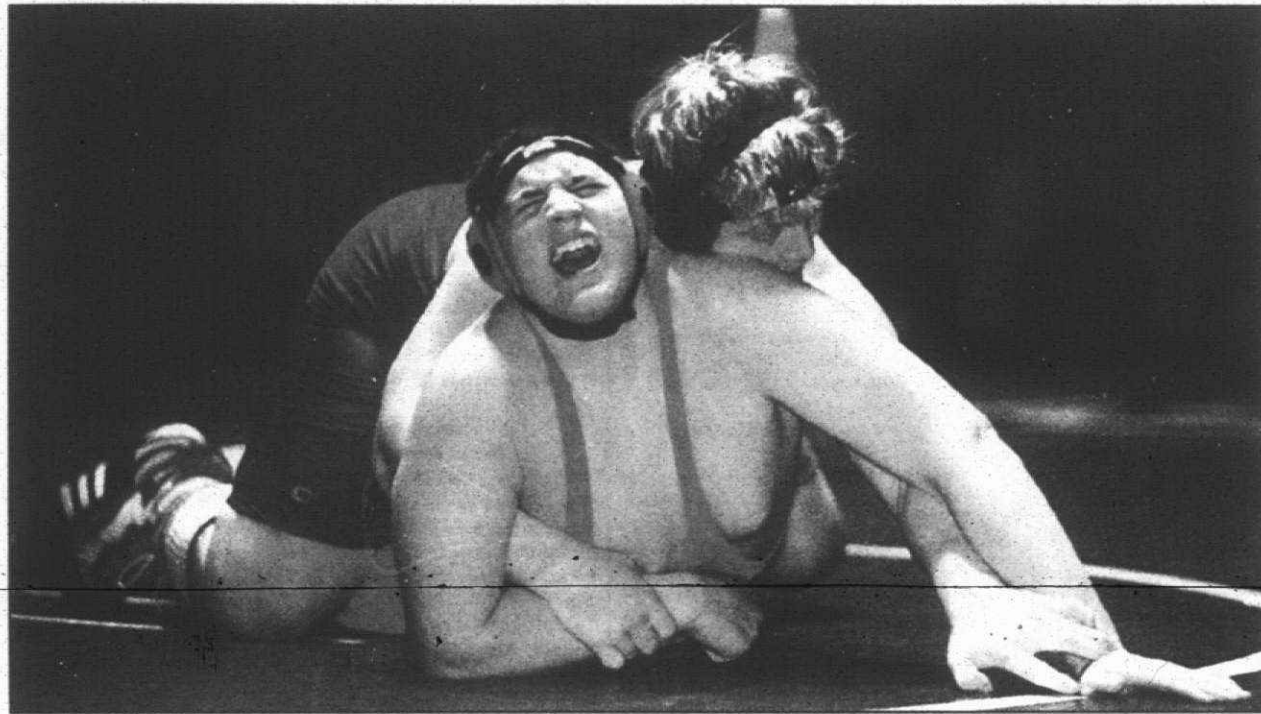
Canton's Greg Musser (130), Jim

Shelton (140) and Rob Demsick (160) posted the only wins for the Chiefs, with Shelton and Demsick winning by pin.

John Henderson (135), Greg Smith (145), Greg Eizans (152), Mike Popeny (171), Geoff Bennett (189) and Pat O'Connor (215) posted the other wins for Salem. All won by pins except for Henderson and Eizans.

Canton was missing four wrestlers due to injury or sickness but head coach John Demsick felt that his team still would have had a tough time against the Rocks.

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Heavyweight triumph: Salem's Charlie Hamblin (on top) gets the better of Canton's Derek McWatt in the heavyweight weight class of Wednesday's team district final, which the Rocks won.

Stevenson splashes Salem

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The cat-and-mouse game continued Thursday night between two favorites for the Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim championship.

Livonia Stevenson, ranked No. 7 in Class A, came away with a 97-89 dual-meet victory at Plymouth Salem, the WLAA Relays champion.

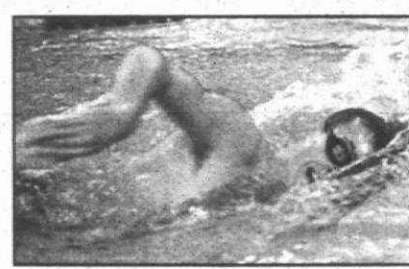
Salem ended its dual-meet campaign at 7-3, while Stevenson finished 8-3.

Both teams now set their sights on Thursday's preliminary round of the WLAA meet Thursday at Salem.

Among the other favorites is Lakes Division dual-meet champion North Farmington and Plymouth Canton.

"It's always good competition against Salem," Stevenson coach Doug Buckler

SWIMMING



A winner: Brian Mertens won the 500 freestyle for Salem.

said. "This is the fourth time we've seen each other and it's great. We just

pound each other up.

"But the two teams get along so well that it's hard to stay on edge. It's like a chess match between both of us and North for the league meet. And you can't forget Canton. They have a fine swim team if anybody falters."

Stevenson captured eight of 12 events and got a state qualifying time in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Justin Ketterer, Mike Malik, Joe Bublitz and Keith Falk posted a time of 3:22.3.

Both Bublitz and Falk were individual double winners.

Bublitz finished first in the 100 butterfly (55.79) and 100 backstroke (56.71), while Falk took the 100- and 200 freestyles in 50.72 and 1:50.35.

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Precision teams make nationals

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Talk about taking the fast road.

Or maybe a quick skate?

What the Plymouth Figure Skating Club's precision skating teams wanted to do at this year's Midwest Regional, held last weekend (Feb. 13-14) in Huntsville, Ala., was "have clean skates," according to team director Carrie Brown.

If they could do that, things would go well, Brown felt. "I thought every team, if they skated their best,

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they could qualify," Brown said. "I didn't really expect that to happen... but it did."

Brown added, "Everything just came together," which is why Plymouth — a club that has never before sent any team to the National Precision Skating Finals — is sending all four of its teams to this year's nationals, March 10-13 in Tampa.

"Our goal all season was to get to nationals," said Brown. "The skaters who

chose to do this were very dedicated. The girls were very, very focused."

The top four teams in each of the three regionals (Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific) advance. Next year's nationals will be hosted by Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Plymouth club's junior team, consisting of 20 skaters 15-18 years old, earned the gold medal at the regionals. If there was a surprise at the regional, this certainly wasn't it. In seven previous competitions this season, the Plymouth Junior team had earned five gold

medals and two silvers.

"They're going in as favorites to medal (at nationals)," Brown predicted of their junior team.

The other Plymouth teams that qualified are the Juveniles (11-and-under), consisting of 24 skaters; Intermediates (15-and-under), consisting of 20 skaters; and Novice (14-and-under), consisting of 24 skaters in a more competitive division of precision skating.

Indeed, precision skating might best be described as team figure skating. Groups

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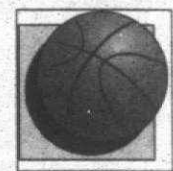


Champs: Skaters with the Juvenile team of Plymouth Gems on Ice work on routines at Compuware Arena. It was one of four Plymouth teams to qualify for nationals.

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Glenn guns down Salem; Canton clubs Northville

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
STAFF WRITER



Right play, wrong sport. But it worked anyway.

Westland John Glenn executed the two-minute drill Friday night to upend Plymouth Salem for a late-season basketball win on the road, 62-59, giving the Rockets confidence heading into the playoffs.

The teams had already played 30 minutes on the night, but the score remained deadlocked at 56-56 with two minutes remaining but Glenn managed to hang on for the win.

Eric Jones hit a leaning jumper in the lane with 1:40 to go for the Rockets and Salem's Mike Korduba knocked down the front end of a one-and-one to make it 58-57 at the 1:27 mark.

Glenn's lead grew to four points, 61-57, as junior forward Ben Harris rolled in a lay-up with 1:15 left and hit one of two free throws with 37 seconds left.

Harris lead the Rockets in scoring, finishing with 18 points on the night.

"Ben Harris stepped up," said Rockets head coach Mike Schuette. "He was not a starter most of the season and Reggie (Spearmon) will not score a lot of points but he will come and a lot of things happen."

Spearmon, a senior guard, scored only two points but handled the ball plenty at critical points in the game for the Rockets.

Jones hit another free throw with 26 seconds to go to before Korduba added a meaningless lay-up for the Rocks with three seconds remaining.

A last-second shot by Salem fell short as time expired.

Schuette said his team's level of confidence has grown and his squad isn't intimidated in big road games.

"We feel very fortunate that we've gotten two wins on the road here and that has helped this team," he said.

Glenn held a single-digit lead over Salem throughout most of the night but couldn't put a run together to blow their lead open. Salem put together a couple of runs but never enough to gain an advantage in momentum.

"To their credit, they never let (our lead) get beyond two points or four points," said Schuette. "But, to our credit, we never let their quick little runs get carried away and get to a six, seven or eight-point run. I think you saw two pretty good ball clubs out here playing smart basketball the entire 32 minutes."

According to Schuette, the win was more important than most.

"We think we beat probably the best team in the league," he said. "Walled Lake Western and North Farmington certainly have a claim to it but, we think we think that Salem is just a great team. For us to beat them on their court, late in the season... hopefully, it's going to carry over into the next five or six games and get us into our district."

Salem head coach Bob Brodie cited a lack of consistency as his team's main problem Friday night.

"We're playing in spurts and we're not playing consistently at all right now," he said. "Defensively, we didn't do a good job tonight. We tried to up our pressure but when we did, they'd go by us or we didn't rotate quick enough."

Brodie credited Glenn with a solid performance, utilizing their talent in the right way.

"They played smart and they're a smart team," he said. "It's hard to go out and guard them (the guards) when they've got speed themselves in order to get past you."

After the tough loss dropped the Rocks into the midst of a tight playoff picture for next week's

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Patriots ambush Rocks

Livonia Franklin pulled off a stunning 9-15, 17-15, 15-9 girls volleyball victory Wednesday over visiting Plymouth Class A.

Unranked Franklin, now 29-0-1, will take a 9-1 record into Monday night's showdown with No. 5 Walled Lake Central, the only unbeaten team left in the Western Lakes Activities Associ-

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Game time is 7 p.m. at Franklin.

With the loss, Salem falls to 32-7 and 7-2. The Patriots received timely hitting from Nicole Boyd, Tera Morrill and Andrea Kmet, along with strong passing from setter

Lyndsay Sopko. Sophomore Kerstin Marshall and Boyd came up with key blocks in the third and decisive game.
Angie Stillman led the Rocks with 32 kills, while Amanda Suder and Andrea Pruetz contributed 12 and 11, respectively. Setter Laine Sterling had 42 assists. Suder, Sterling and Alekha Marquez each added 12 digs. Erica Stein had 12 aces.

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"I've always said that Salem has a well-coached team and a developed system," he said. "We were short handed ... with them we still would have come up short."

The Chiefs improved from 0-10 and 1-8 overall records in the last two seasons to finish at 6-6 this year.
Despite Thursday's loss, Demick was encouraged with the direction of his program.
"We made some good changes (since last year) and we're working hard to turn things around," he said. "We want (Salem) to be a little nervous, seeing that we're doing good things, but

they're such a well coached team that you don't expect anything less than a walk-over against an organization like (theirs)."

With the win, Salem advances to the regional tournament that ended their season a year ago.
Several Rocks were to wrestle in yesterday's individual district tournament as well but Krueger didn't want to put any added pressure on them beforehand.
"I don't want to jinx anybody," he said. "We've got some kids that can do real well but I don't want to put the kiss of death on anybody. In some of weight classes, some of the kids are real close."

One might think that the deeper you get into the tournament the harder it gets, and that's true, but Krueger said the first round is the most nerve-racking in Saturday's individual tournament.
"It's the first round that's the hardest," he said. "If they lose in the first round, they're out. But, if they lose in the second round, they get a wrestle-back and get into a double-elimination."
"It's tough because if a guy gets a bad draw and has to wrestle the toughest kid right off the bat, they're done."

The three goals doubled Smith's season total, bring it to six; Fisher, who scored twice



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Schoolcraft 58, Alpena 53: It's school-record time for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team.
The Lady Ocelots, in Karen Lafata's first year as their head coach, collected their school-record 19th-straight win and their 23rd victory of the season, also a school record (against three losses), Wednesday at Alpena CC. They are 15-0 and winners of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

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Trip north is worthwhile for Ocelots

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At one point, Alpena was the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference co-leader, with wins in its first six league games. That streak ended Jan. 23 with a loss to — guess who? — Schoolcraft.

Since then, the Jacks have struggled. Entering Wednesday's home game against SC, they had lost six of their previous eight conference games.

Can you think of a better sign for vengeance?
Perhaps not, but the Ocelots were certainly prepared for it. They carried the fight to Alpena, leading 41-32 by halftime en-

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Skaters

of 20-to-24 skaters execute exact routines, and are judged for their precision and ingenuity. Although fairly new in the world of figure skating — indeed, precision skating began as entertainment between periods of the University of Michigan hockey games in 1956, by a group known as the Hockettes — it could soon be an Olympic sport.

First competed on a national level in Canada in 1983 and in the U.S. in 1984, the inaugural Precision Skating World Tournament is slated for Minneapolis-St. Paul next year.

"Skating is usually so individualistic," said Brown. "You're going for yourself. This offers skaters an opportunity to learn about team concepts."

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Shamrocks clinch league title, set sights on state

Redford Catholic Central wrapped up the Michigan Metro Hockey League championship and now it can concentrate on a bigger prize.

The Class A state championship. The Shamrocks finished the regular season league schedule with a 13-1 whipping of Ann Arbor Huron on Friday at Redford Arena. The win came two days after CC beat Allen Park Cabrini, 5-1.

CC, which begins post-season play on Thursday against Livonia Stevenson in the first round of the districts at Eddie Eger Arena, finished the Metro with a 14-1 record.

The Shamrocks are 20-1 overall.

The Shamrocks. Todd Bentley, Chris Morrell, Matt Van Heest, Joe Moreau, Rick Buttery, Derek Genrich and Pat O'Dea scored one goal apiece.

Keith Rowe and Ryan Yost had four assists each. Shawn McGowan and Jeff Good contributed three assists apiece.

Chipping in two assists apiece were Brandon Kaleniecki, Bentley, Holland and Nathan LeWerne.

Ben Dunne played the first two periods in net and Andrew McCoy finished the third.

The Shamrocks had a 75-9 shots on goal advantage.

Against Cabrini, the Shamrocks jumped to a 5-0 lead before Cabrini

scored with three seconds remaining in the game.

Rowe scored two goals and Bentley, David Moss and Pat O'Dea had one goal each.

Moss and Moss also had three assists each. Derek Genrich, Holland and Erik Hawkins assisted on one goal apiece.

St. John used the same goalie rotation that he used against Huron.

Franklin 3, Lapeer West 0: Livonia Franklin (7-13-2 overall) gained its first shutout in four seasons Wednesday as goaltender Chris Garbutt made 18 saves in a non-league victory over Lapeer West (10-7-2) at Edgar Arena.

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conference tournament, Brodie knew that each game is big in the Western Lake Activities Association.

"Every game you play in this conference is a rivalry," he said.

Senior forward Aaron Rypkowski led all scorers in the game with 19 points for the Rocks, including all three of Salem's three-pointers (all in the opening quarter). Salem's junior forward Matt McCaffrey added 12 points while senior forward Mike Korduba and senior center Tony Jancevski each had 10 points.

Senior guard Bill Feder scored 13 points and senior center Ty Haygood had 12 points in the win for Glenn.

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respectively.

Other Stevenson individual winners included Malik in the 200 IM (2:07.3); Kevin Van Tiem in the 100 freestyle (1:04.97); and surprise win by diver Mike Baskin (173.10 points).

Salem, meanwhile, made a state cut in the 200 freestyle relay as Andrew Locke, Aaron Shelton, Mark Witthoff and Matt Casillas finished in 1:31.93. The Rocks edged Stevenson in that event for second with a time 1:35.2.

The Rocks also won the 200 freestyle relay as Shelton, Locke, Paul Perez and Witthoff finished in 1:44.28.

Locke won the 50 freestyle in 22.19, while Mertens took the 500 freestyle in 5:00.24.

"We're trying to get all our relays qualified and our medal was a little disappointing," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "We had one good swim out of four."

"We had several good swims, but there were more not so good."

"Mertens had a good swim in the 500 and Perez did a good job in the 100 butterfly."

Olson can now turn his attention to the WLAA meet.

"Thursday's prelims are important," Olson said. "We've got to be ready and I think they understand what they have to do. Our guys got to step up, but if we're tired and don't step up, we don't win. It's going to take a little more to get over the top."

Salem honored its six seniors

New baseball league aims to attract top collegians

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There is a new baseball team in town, and if all goes as planned, it will make a name for itself out of town as well.

The Michigan Panthers are an expansion members of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League and intend on making their home this summer at Livonia's Ford Field and Bicentennial Park.

Former Redford Catholic Central and University of Detroit-Mercy pitcher Steve Ross, 25, is the team's president and minority owner. Ross, a Garden City native, owns the Sports Academy, an indoor baseball and softball facility in Novi.

The majority owner is Bill Clark, who owns Quadrants Construction Co.

"What makes the Panthers unique from others that have played out of Livonia is they will truly travel out of town, making overnight visits, when playing away from home."

Eight of the 10 teams in the Great Lakes are based in Ohio. The wooden bat league is one of eight sanctioned nationally by the NCAA and partially funded by Major League Baseball.

The 13-year-old league has a long list of alumni in the Major Leagues, including current Tigers pitchers A.J. Sager and

Brian Moehler. There are no age limits but players must have completed their freshman year in college but still have college eligibility remaining.

Most of the Panthers' 25-man roster will be made up of NCAA Division I players. At least 15, according to Ross, will come from outside the Detroit area or out of state. Players from as far away as West Virginia University and University of Cincinnati dot the roster.

Some will stay with area residents or be put up in corporate housing and have day jobs, Ross said.

Admission to games is free this year, according to Ross.

Ross' goal is to "bring quality baseball to the Detroit area. When you get 25 Division I II players on one team it's inherent that the ball is going to be better. It's a pro organization from top to bottom."

Except for the fact that the players aren't paid. According to NCAA rules, the clubs can only pay for the players' meals and their motel room on trips.

The franchise fee cost \$3,000 and Ross estimates expenses for the first year to approach \$25,000. The team is seeking sponsorships.

Ford and Bicentennial fields could be temporary homes for the team, which is hoping to build its own facility for the year 2000 in Livonia, according to

Who: Michigan Panthers (Maybe that's a good omen. The last team called that was a United States Football League championship in 1983, their inaugural season.)
Home fields: Ford Field and Bicentennial Park, Livonia.
Team colors: Black and red.
Affiliation: Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League.
League members: Michigan Panthers, Michigan (Monroe, MI), Monarchs, Grand Lake (Salina, Ohio) Mariners, Sandusky (Ohio) Bay Stars and Lima (Ohio) Locos will play in the West Division; Youngstown (Ohio) Express, Stark County (Canton, Ohio) Terrors, Northern Ohio (Strongsville) Baseball, Columbus (Hilliard, Ohio) All Americans and Delaware (Ohio) Cows are in the East Division.
Some famous league alumni: Shane Reynolds, pitcher (Houston Astros); A.J. Sager, pitcher (Detroit Tigers); Brian Moehler, pitcher (Detroit Tigers); Dustin Hermanson, pitcher (Minnesota Expos); Matt Mieska, outfielder (Chicago Cubs); C.J. Rogs.

is the highest level of amateur baseball. You'll see some in the pros."

The rental of both Ford Field and Bicentennial was met with approval by Lyle Trudell, administrative assistant for the Livonia Parks and Recreation, as long as scheduling wasn't made at the expense of other leagues.

Great Lakes games will be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as Saturday afternoons and evenings.

The Adray Metro Baseball Association, down to four teams from eight last year, plays games at Ford Field on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. DeSana's team, along with unlimited age teams from Warren and two from Canada chose not to return to the Adray circuit.

High school aged teams and over 30 leagues also use Ford Field and Bicentennial Park.

"We don't want to displace anyone that's been a good customer," Trudell said. "The Panthers are considered a renter, anyone can apply to use the fields."

Opposing teams will stay at area hotels when playing the Panthers.

Trudell said the league is "absolutely a good thing for the city. It's something good for residents to see."

Talent for everyone
Trudell isn't worried the new

team will stockpile players also courted by the Adray Metro Baseball Association, which includes 20-under teams Hines Park, Decision Consultants Inc., Michigan Lake Area Rams and Adray.

Ross, who played in the Livonia league, said the Panthers won't target that talent pool. He may be interested in players who have graduated from the Adray league, however.

Ron Blackmore, a Panthers' acquisition who graduated from Livonia Churchill and now plays at the University of Detroit-Mercy, is a good example.

He played for DCI in the Adray loop last year.

"I spent three years in that league, went to Johnston (Pa.) for the national tournament with Walter's Appliance and to Altoona (Pa.) for the regionals with Hines Park," Ross said. "If I didn't want to do anything to that league."

The recent renovation of Bicentennial Park's No. 1 diamond helped the Panthers' chances of calling Livonia home. Lights, a sodded infield, home run fence, scoreboard and new bathrooms were added in the last couple years, according to Trudell.

"It's become quite the quality field," Trudell said, "arguably as good as Ford Field's. There aren't a lot of bleachers at Bicentennial but that can be fixed."

Plymouth Canton 69, Northville 55: Canton's Joe Cortellini drained five three-pointers (four coming in the second half) to finish with 19 points for the Chiefs, leading all scorers.

Scott Somulski, Mike Major and Jason Waidmann each had 10-point evening in support of Adray.

Northville (????) was led offensively by Marshall Knapp who had 12 points in the loss. Brett Allen and 11 points and Ryan Eller has 10 for the Mustangs.

"It was a close game most of the way," Canton head coach Dan Young said. "We had a good balance of scoring inside and outside. We were good from the line and it was a good win for us."

Canton (10-7, 8-3) hit 19 of 24 free throws in the game after scoring 10 for 22 in Tuesday's game.

The Chiefs held a one point lead, 27-26 at half-time but used quarter scores of 19-14 and 23-16 to blow the lead open late in the game.

Plymouth Christian 61, Oakland Christian 59: Plymouth Christian hung on for the win to remain undefeated in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

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BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 951-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

200-YARD MEXLEY RELAY
(state cut: 1:42.99)
North Farmington: 1:42.19
Plymouth Salem: 1:44.28
Livonia Stevenson: 1:44.30
Plymouth Canton: 1:45.60
Redford Catholic Central: 1:47.35

200 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 1:49.39)
Keith Falk (Stevenson): 1:45.36
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC): 1:48.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson): 1:50.61
James McPartin (John Glenn): 1:50.75
Matt Casillas (Salem): 1:51.97
Kurtis Hornick (Canton): 1:52.49
Don LeClair (Canton): 1:53.11
Brandon Digla (N. Farmington): 1:53.63
Jim Gabriele (N. Farmington): 1:53.78
Bill Randall (Churchill): 1:53.94

200 INDIVIDUAL MEXLEY
(state cut: 2:03.99)
Keith Falk (Stevenson): 2:00.50
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson): 2:00.95
Mike Malkin (Stevenson): 2:07.30
James McPartin (John Glenn): 2:07.36
Paul Perez (Salem): 2:09.59
Mike Nemer (Stevenson): 2:09.82

50 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 22.59)
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington): 21.68
Andrew Locke (Salem): 22.19
James McPartin (John Glenn): 22.65
Kurtis Hornick (Canton): 22.70
Keith Falk (Stevenson): 22.80
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC): 22.81
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson): 22.88
Don LeClair (Canton): 23.09
Mark Wachberg (N. Farmington): 23.18
Bill Randall (Churchill): 23.55

DIVING
Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington): 261.75
Chris McPartin (John Glenn): 257.20
Chris Franzlans (Redford CC): 256.30
Mike Matis (Redford CC): 230.50
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington): 197.65
Greg Kubitski (Salem): 180.95
Blake Brunner (Canton): 177.00
Mike Baskin (Stevenson): 173.90
Kory Stevens (Redford CC): 172.10
John Chase (Salem): 168.95

100 BUTTERFLY
(state cut: 55.59)
Keith Falk (Stevenson): 54.00
James McPartin (John Glenn): 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson): 55.45
Brett Meconis (Redford CC): 55.68

500 FREESTYLE
(state cut: 1:03.19)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington): 1:02.68
Keith Falk (Stevenson): 1:03.76
Mike Nemer (Stevenson): 1:04.97
Kevin Van Tiem (Stevenson): 1:05.13
David Hartmann (Farmington): 1:05.58
John Markou (Redford CC): 1:06.01
Sandy Webster (Warner): 1:06.91
Joe Zaid (N. Farmington): 1:07.27
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC): 1:07.30
Aaron Shelton (Salem): 1:07.90

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cut: 3:23.09)
North Farmington: 3:21.17
Livonia Stevenson: 3:22.30
Plymouth Salem: 3:24.04
Redford Catholic Central: 3:24.16
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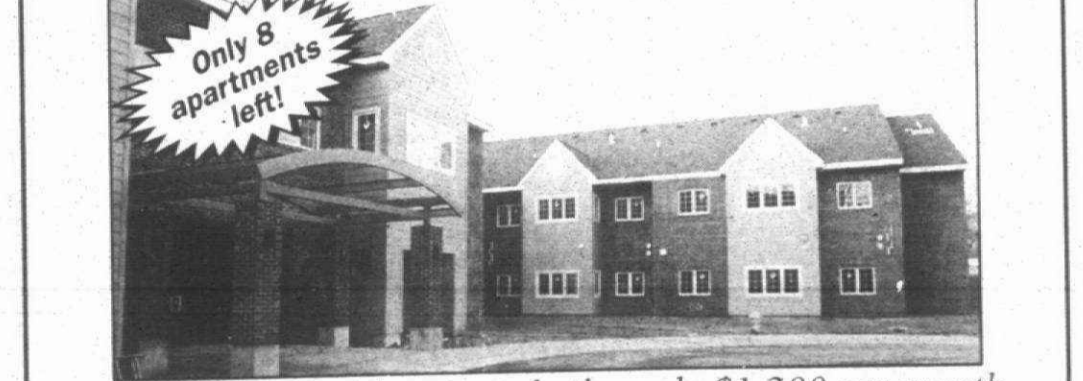
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Youth prevails against seniors

In Mayflower challenge event

Almost five years ago Eleanor Hill, the youth league director and coach at Mayflower Lanes approached Ron Lancaster, then pro bowler at Mayflower Lanes, to again emceed the Senior Men's Classic League with the notion that her kids were always trash talking that they could beat the seniors classic league bowlers in a head-to-head match.

The idea soon became reality as committees were formed and the owner pledged full support of such a plan. In the fourth annual Senior Youth Challenge Feb. 6 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, and to nobody's surprise, the kids again beat the seniors in a really nicely run event.

It was again emceed by Michael Barr of WJR. Opening ceremonies included introductions of Kevin Kelly, Redford Township Supervisor; Henry Mistele, proprietor of Mayflower and Beech Lanes; American Bowling Congress and Greater Detroit Bowling Association Hall of Famer Tony Lindeman; GDBA President Richard Reading.

Also introduced was Lou Saad, the oldest entrant at 95, and Colby Gill, the youngest at the age of six.

Tammy Plochan sang the National Anthem and Barr then rolled the traditional first ball, a strike to launch the journey.

The bowlers wish to thank the following donors who contributed donor prizes: DiLaura Bros., Township Hardware, Pro-Am Bowling Supply, Redford Coin & Jewelry, John Laffrey's Steak House, Murray's Auto Supplies, Red Robin Restaurant, Performance Tool Co., Linda's Hair Salon, The Looney Baker, Quick Stop Oil Change, Family Video, Redford Bowling & Trophy, D.B.T. Awards & Graphics, Sports Mania, The Outback, AMC Wonderland Theaters and Bread Basket Deli.

Other sponsors included Leon's Restaurant, Z & Z Pro Shop, Six Mile Association, Taylor Lanes, Bowlers Padock Pro Shop, Strike Force pro shop, Truanis Candies, Mesquite Junction, Bowlers Aid Pro Shop, Ballistic Bowling Balls and Done Rite Bowling Supply.

The event also raises several thousand dollars each year for various charities and a youth scholarship fund in which the youth participants are able to win money for their higher education.

Mike Lucas was the highest scoring senior with games of 243-203-257 and a 703 total. Bud Kraemer finished second with 195-267-221 and 683 followed by Ed Patrick with 205-246-220/676.

The 95 year old Lou Saad finished with 144-186-146/476, something some 20-year olds couldn't do.

John Cobane was the top scoring lady senior with 148-175-153/476.

HONOR ROLL

GARDEN LANES (Genoa City)
St. Ursula Classic: Jim Barina, 200/205-279/812; John Admitt, 244-364-222/730; Dennis Rochester, 244-364-234/712; Dave Clark, 244-236-212/690; John Miller, 220-236-236/692; Dan Bollinger, 236-221-225/694; Bill Paris, 209.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)
Friday: Steve Davis, 236/705; Stan Gajack, 245/900; Cass Fogole, 299/635; Wally Thompson, 267/683; Phil Wojcik, 256/668.

WESTLAND BOWL
Sunday: Shoppers Det Pels, 280/750; Craig McClain, 287/740; Mike Chapman, 278/737; Charlie Rife, 255/705; Terry Teater, 256/738; Ken Fister, 300/711.

PLAZA LANES (Livonia)
St. Alan's: Steve Weber, 236; Chris Skages, 225/609; Mark Wagner, 225; Forrest Aut, 219; Conrad Sorkin, 223.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
Sethley: Mike Uva, Kenh, 300-300/787.

WESTLAND BOWL
Friday: Dan Fehrerbach, 258/707; Brad Roth-Batholon (Edie Jackson).

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PRO TIP OF THE WEEK

He is in the GDBA Hall of Fame and the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame. Mike tells us, "For most of the people who come in for lessons, it is most often a lack of the fundamentals. A simple matter of timing. Where in the approach does it start the arm swing? To correct the timing, push away with the start of the first step. Try not to grip the ball too hard, this makes it more work and less accurate. "Most of the time other bowlers will give advice to someone who is struggling, but more likely it is the wrong advice. Even a very good bowler who is in a slump should take a look at their timing. "Keep it simple. Let the weight

Trumpeter swams move into new surroundings

When Konrad Lorenz alerted the world to the process of imprinting, I'm sure he would never have imagined that this basic behavioral action would be so beneficial.

In a natural situation, the first living thing a young bird would typically see, would be their parents. Researchers have capitalized on this natural behavior.

Scientists have arranged it so sandhill crane adults hatched and raised endangered whooping crane young.

When the sandhill cranes were ready to migrate to their winter site, the young whooping cranes followed. The purpose behind this kind of program is to establish a new wintering and breeding population of whooping cranes.

Most success has resulted. A modification of this imprinting process was used this past fall to take three trumpeter swans from southern Canada to southern Indiana.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASONS/DATES
CROW
The late crowd season runs through March 31 in the Lower Peninsula.
COYOTE
Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.
FOX
Gray and red fox season runs through March 1 statewide.
RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season runs through March 1 statewide.
STURGEON
Sturgeon spearing season runs through Feb. 28.

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SPORTSFISHING EXPO
The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo will be March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special appearance by national wallye angling champion Ted Takasako on Friday, March 5.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

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