

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY

**Net wars: Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton renew their cross-campus volleyball rivalry when they clash at Canton at 7 p.m.**

### TUESDAY

**Ballot box: The Republicans hold their presidential primary. A complete list of Plymouth polling places is on page A3.**

### THURSDAY

**City meets: The City Commission meets, first with the DDA at 6:30, and the regular commission meeting will start at the conclusion of that meeting. Both meetings take place at the Plymouth District Library.**

**Whaler night: The Plymouth Observer spent Friday night with the Plymouth Whalers and some of their fans. See how it all turned out in Thursday's Observer.**

**Senior luncheon: VFW No. 6695 Ladies Auxiliary sponsors a Senior Citizen Luncheon at the VFW Hall, 1426 W. Mill at noon. For details or to make reservations, call Millie Drake at 453-3586 or Ann Smith at 453-1529.**

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## Hulsing loses fight with Parkinson's

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Former Plymouth School Board president and longtime community leader Kenneth L. Hulsing, who was instrumental in several school reforms during the late 1940s and 1950s, died Feb. 14 in Newton, Mass., of complications from his battle with Parkinson's Disease. The day also marked his 88th birthday.

First elected to the school board in June, 1947, Hulsing oversaw dramatic changes in the district during his six year tenure, which included a stint as

president from 1949-50.

Under Hulsing's leadership, the district built its first two schools — Smith and Bird elementaries — in 24 years, and began the practice of naming its schools after outstanding teachers, administrators or board members.

In later years, Hulsing also served on the board of trustees of the Educational Excellence Foundation.

Born in Renville, Minn., Hulsing moved to Plymouth in 1942 after graduating from the University of Michigan. He worked for 37 years in the Detroit Diesel Engine Division of Gen-

eral Motors where he rose to director of engineering.

Hulsing's active role in the community went beyond his work with the schools. He leant his time and energy to many local causes, from the Boy Scouts and Rotary Club, to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Hulsing's wife, Esther, was also a fixture in the Plymouth community. In addition to serving on the school board for 18 years from 1954-72, four as president, she was also active in many local organizations. She also served as the township's clerk between 1978 and

1992.

In 1976, the newly named Plymouth-Canton Community School District honored the Hulsings' many years of service by putting their name on its eleventh elementary school, located at 8055 Fleet St. in Canton.

Many community leaders mourned the news of Hulsing's death, including former school board president E. J. McClendon, who was a longtime friend.

"Ken was one of the most dedicated

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### Man with a mission



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**He's a believer: The Rev. Virgil Humes, a Plymouth Township resident and pastor at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne, will be among those urging Plymouth Township to begin recognizing the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King.**

## Virgil's vigil

### Reverend continues push for diversity

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The Rev. Virgil Humes knows that activism and civil rights mean vigilance and noncomplacency. When three of his churchgoers at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne were ticketed for being parked between the sidewalk and the curb near his church Feb. 6, he and members of the community reacted, receiving statewide publicity.

Church members weren't given any warning, Humes said. A polite request to move the cars was all that was necessary, he added. About 350 people attended that service so parking was at a premium.

"I went to Wayne City Hall to make a statement asking for dialogue with that city to work together," said Humes, a Plymouth Township resident for five years. "I asked that they not act aggressively or hastily toward any church in the City of Wayne, that we talk about issues first."

The city manager and city police chief suggested that the tickets be sent in, admitting responsibility, but with

explanation, he said. A letter will be sent asking the city not to prosecute the \$20 tickets.

"They could have responded in another way," Humes said. "They have given more respect to bar patrons and house parties. Friends don't write friends tickets. We were not impeding traffic."

Humes said the Lord led him to Plymouth Township to add diversity. With George Ward, another Plymouth Township resident, and Jim Netter, a member of the Western Wayne chapter of the NAACP, he will ask the township board during its Feb. 29 meeting to honor Martin Luther King's birthdate next year with either a resolution or closing township offices.

"Why not display and recognize to the citizenry, as well as the personnel who work for the township, the works of Dr. King?" Humes asked. "If he were alive today, he would say to the township of Plymouth, 'You still have a way to go.'"

King's struggle continues, he said. "There still exists that glass ceiling that African Americans can't get through and women can't get through," Humes said.

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## Resident to township: 'Honor King'

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Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is observed and recognized throughout the country and in many municipalities.

Why not in Plymouth Township? That's the question George Ward, a nine-year Plymouth Township resident, will ask when he appears before the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, along with Jim Netter of the Western Wayne branch of the NAACP and the Rev. Virgil Humes, also a Plymouth Township resident.

Ward, a life member of the NAACP, wants the board to consider

a resolution and to form a committee to do something more to observe King's birthday.

"I want to do this in a positive way," Ward said from his downtown Detroit office where he is Chief Wayne County assistant prosecutor. "I don't want it to sound controversial. This could be revenue-neutral. It doesn't have to cost the township a lot of money. Every year the county observes the holiday and every year it's business as usual and township offices continue humming."

Plymouth Township had 1.1 percent African American residents at the time of the 1990 census.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said Tues-

day that she wasn't sure what Ward is proposing. "His letter asked if he could please address the board," she said. She added that Ward was to appear before the board earlier this year, but didn't show up. Ward said he had a conflict.

Netter annually monitors municipalities to see which observe the holiday the third Monday in January and which don't. According to Netter's list other cities or townships that remained open this year included Allen Park, Canton Township, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Redford Township, and Taylor.

The City of Plymouth kept its

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## OVDA board member resigns

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A member of the Old Village Development Authority said recent actions by the city administration have pushed progress in Old Village back a few years, so she will resign her position on the OVDA board.

Colleen Kelley, a member of the OVDA board the past two years, said she'll turn in her resignation before next month's board meeting.

Kelley, like many others associated with Old Village, isn't happy that for-

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## Sister says victim 'just wanted to get on with life'

Schwartz confident, A3

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The sister of Tracy Islam, the former Plymouth woman who police say was murdered and dismembered by her estranged husband at their Roe Street home, said "Tracy was a lovely woman who just wanted to get on with her life."

Anita Ross flew in from London to testify in the preliminary exam of Islam's husband, Azizul, who is charged in Tracy's death. He currently sits in the Wayne County jail, without bond, awaiting his trial on charges of murder and mutilation of a body.

Tracy had been living with Ross since last August, when Tracy unexpectedly left her Plymouth home and moved back to her native England.

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**Going to trial: Azizul Islam looks over at his attorney Michael Schwartz, who is holding a bag said to contain tissue, blood and bone samples.**



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offices open on King's birthday but moved its regularly scheduled evening meeting to the next day.

Offices were closed in Belleville, Dearborn, Detroit, Highland Park, Inkster, Northville Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne, and Westland.

Though Ward seeks election to the Wayne County prosecutor position, he called the timing for both efforts "coincidental."

Ward wrote in his Jan. 7 letter to Keen McCarthy, "I believe Dr. King's short but courageous life challenging segregation was of great service to the nation. He awakened our beloved country to what is implicit in our Declaration of Independence: before the law, 'all men (persons) are created equal, regardless of the color God used to create them.' Let's not take this Nobel Peace Prize laureate's historic achievements for granted."

Plymouth Township's omission of observance might just be that nobody ever brought up the issue before, Ward said. "I'm not trying to decide the means, but the outcome," he added.

Ward's children, now grown, became acutely aware of the differences between King observances in the Detroit school they attended and the lack thereof in

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**George Ward**  
—Plymouth resident

their Plymouth Township school, Ward said.

"I hope that we can solve our own racial problems and act in a spirit of brotherhood," Ward said. "The point to start is in my own home community."

Netter pointed out it was Ronald Reagan, a Republican, and a Republican Senate who signed the paperwork making the day a national holiday. This is a fact that some in the township might note considering the township's reportedly large Republican base.

The Rev. Humes, a five-year Plymouth Township resident, noted that he graduated from Morehouse College, the same college as King. "I advocate non-violent, peaceful memory of all of his accomplishments to bring the highest level of equality," Humes said. "I think that Plymouth Township should come to the table to honor him. There's a diverse population in Plymouth Township. We have to attract diversity to Plymouth Township."

### CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, Feb. 13, edition of the Plymouth Observer should have said that Community Crier owner W. Edward Wendover and his wife, Sally Repeck, are named along

with the city of Plymouth in a \$100 million civil rights lawsuit filed by Dr. Tom Prose of Plymouth. The Community Crier is not named in that suit.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

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The Board of Review will be held in Canton Township Hall in the lower level, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

Saturday, March 11, 2000 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Walk-in Schedule)  
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mer director Sherrie Pryor wasn't offered a full-time position, an intern won't be hired to replace her, and the OVDA's former chairperson, Susan Clark, won't be reappointed to the board.

"I feel the mayor has put us back to where we were a couple of years ago when I started," said Kelley. "We didn't have anyone to coordinate our activities and work with the city. Nothing much got done."

"Sherrie Pryor is the most talented individual I've seen, and for the city to let her go is amazing," added Kelley. "Susan Clark worked the hardest of anyone on the board. She has background and history on the board. She understands the issues."

Kelley noted Mayor Dave McDonald isn't aware of what is being done in Old Village because "he didn't participate enough to know."

Kelley was referring to last year when McDonald was the commission liaison to the OVDA. Kelley said he attended "only a few meetings."

The announcement of Kelley's resignation comes after Wednesday night's OVDA meeting which three of the six OVDA board members, two city commissioners and City Manager Dave Rich attended. Rich will now be using the city administration to oversee Old Village projects instead of a director.

"We had that before Sherrie and absolutely nothing got done," said Kathryn Smith, another OVDA board member. "He's concerned about saving money. I don't think he cares about what we think. He says he does, but none of us believe it."

However, Rich said he'll take control, and at the next OVDA board meeting he'll talk with members about the goals and mission of Old Village.

"It's a priority. Old Village is an integral part of the entire community," said Rich. "Where we can help and enhance existing businesses and residents we'll do it. It's part of our function as local government."

"I can, with existing staff, provide the same level of service, or better, to the board and meet their needs," added Rich. "I think we'll see redevelopment. The renaissance will continue."

McDonald believes Old Village is in good hands with Rich in control.

"People said the same things

when Steve Guile left, that it wouldn't be the same," said McDonald. "And, don't forget, I was the one who convinced the commission to hire an intern (Pryor)."

McDonald also took offense at the idea he's not in touch with Old Village.

"Just because I didn't attend meetings doesn't mean I didn't talk to Sherrie Pryor," said McDonald. "I think I knew what was going on down there."

"If there are complaints, nobody has contacted me," he said. "Maybe they should call me if they have any complaints or problems."

Many of the Old Village business owners aren't yet convinced, especially since McDonald was quoted as saying that "if you take out Station 885 and Lower Town Grill, what other draws do you have there?"

"Most business people I talked to took that as a slap in the face," said Ron Titus of the Village Business Association.

"We were taken aback by that," added Shannon Perry of the VBA. "We have nearly 100 businesses in Old Village and we pay taxes, too."

Greg Huddas, who owns Yer Grampa's Mustash on Liberty Street, said he was appalled to hear of the moves which led to Pryor and Clark leaving.

"When future elections come up, we'll remember what they created and vote according to their performance," Huddas said.

City Commissioner Michele Potter, the commission's liaison to the OVDA, said she'll make the city administration accountable for whatever happens in Old Village.

"I think it's fair to give Dave Rich the opportunity to prove that city staff can meet the needs of this board," said Potter. "However, if after a designated period of time they're not meeting these needs, based upon measurable criteria, I will fight tooth and nail for funding and approval of another intern."

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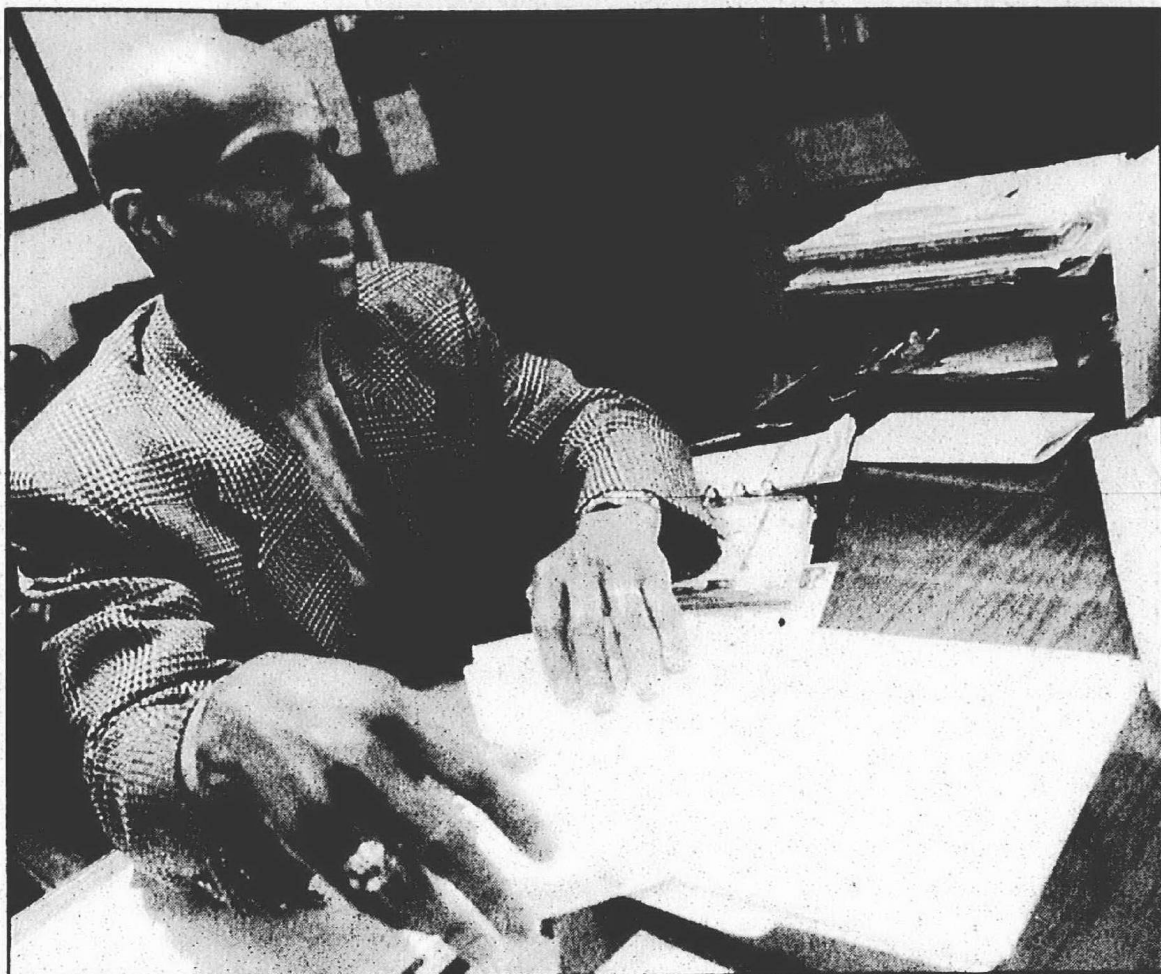
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**Ticket tussle:** The Rev. Virgil Humes displays the three tickets that were left on parishioners' vehicles during a recent service.

## Humes from page A1

Even in 2000, Humes says young people still use the "n" word against him on the street.

"Why should I have to be bothered by those types of insults in 2000?" Humes asked. "These types of sentiments are taught and encouraged by adults, by parents. Each person needs to make a personal effort to befriend someone from another culture to understand that culture, background, and differences."

As a student of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Humes recalled his shock when he went to a downtown department store in 1978 and he could still see the writing behind the paint near two water fountains: "Whites only" and "Colored only."

"That really bothered me," Humes said. He returned to Detroit realizing the struggle King experienced still exists today. "Sometimes we in the north hide behind the facade that everything is well," Humes said.

In 1996, Humes' church was badly vandalized with swastikas

painted on the back wall. Though the hurt still remained, Humes agreed to a Wayne County Circuit Court judge's request to allow one of the two vandals to do community service within Humes' church. The other man was sent to jail.

At first Humes questioned whether he wanted "a racist" doing work in his church. "I thought to myself, I'm in the business of changing people," Humes said. "If anyone was to change his mind about African Americans, we as a church should be able to do that."

Though the 19-year-old man did chores around the church, Humes was more interested in "changing his heart." A better relationship resulted and the man admitted he made a poor choice of friendships, Humes said. The other man never showed remorse.

Following that vandalism, Humes attended and submitted written Congressional testimony on May 24, 1996 at U. S. Congressional Judiciary hearings on church burnings and vandalism.

He recently received the Michigan Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Year 2000 Outstanding Civic/Religious Leadership Award.

The church broke ground in December for a new location on Michigan Avenue near Venoy that will be 24,000 square feet, three times larger than the present facility on Wayne Road in Wayne. The church has 700 members.

Humes and his wife, Kimberly, a professional engineer, have two children, Tiffany Rose, 15, who attends Plymouth Canton High School, and Virgil Phillip, 15, a Central Middle School student.

Humes, by profession, has also worked as an engineer for General Motors and a buyer for Ford Motor Company.

"Every now and then, communities need a wake-up call," Humes said. "I'm just trying to make the world a better place to live in. That's my purpose."

## 'The case is real thin'

Defense confident as case moves to circuit court

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Attorney Michael Schwartz, who is representing Azizul Islam against charges of murder and mutilation of a body, shares a law office with the flamboyant Geoffrey Fieger.

In an interview at 35th District Court, after Islam was bound over for trial in the death of his estranged wife, Schwartz appeared to have picked up some of Fieger's one-two punch aimed at prosecutors.

"Quite honestly, I think the prosecutor's case is real, real thin," said Schwartz. "I used to be a prosecutor, and I know they have a real weak case. They're going to have a hard time being successful."

Schwartz said he's been to very few preliminary examina-

**'The burden here is probably cause, the minimum burden, and they barely got through on that one.'**

**Michael Schwartz**  
—Islam defense attorney

tions in which 24 witnesses had to be called over a two-day period just to prove probable cause. And, he blasts the prosecution's case because it can't prove Tracy Islam was actually murdered, and by whom.

Schwartz doesn't believe circumstantial evidence will result in a conviction when put to a jury.

"These two prosecutors (Kellie Gleason and Mike Lehto), and they may need a few more, will have a hell of a time beating me

off because I'm going to take them apart, rip them up," said Schwartz.

"They can't show my client killed his wife. It's a smoke-screen because they have nothing," continued Schwartz. "Who is to say that my client transported or mutilated or killed Tracy Islam? There's not one person they presented who can say he did it."

Schwartz was on a roll and didn't appear ready to quit.

"The burden here (in a district court preliminary exam) is probable cause, the minimum burden, and they barely got through on that one," said Schwartz. "How are they going to get through on the toughest burden of beyond a reasonable doubt (in circuit court)? They'll never do it."

"I intend to wipe the floor with them," he said.

to court testimony

"I don't know how close he was, but she was very fond of Noel," added Ross. "Tracy often said Noel gave her back her self-esteem."

In the end, Ross believes Plymouth police have their man in the death of Tracy. During testimony, Ross said Azizul was frightened of Azizul during the last telephone conversation the two sisters had.

"The last call she actually said she was very, very frightened," said Ross. "She said Azizul was going to put something in her tea. I told her to be very careful."

When asked if she believed the murder and mutilation charges against Azizul, if she really thought he could have killed Tracy, Ross commented, "Of course."

## Voters go to polls for Tuesday's primary

With the battle between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain over in South Carolina, political eyes are now turning to the Michigan Republican presidential primary.

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., including those in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. City officials expect a turnout of about 10 to 13 percent. Plymouth Township offices closed early Friday because of the weather, and weren't available to predict a turnout.

All registered voters, regardless of party, are eligible to vote in Tuesday's primary.

Here's a look at where Plymouth voters need to go to cast their ballots:

### City

■ Precincts 1, 2, & 4 — Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

■ Precinct 3 — Central Middle School, 650 W. Church St.

### Township

■ Precinct 1 — Farrand School, 41400 Greenbriar.

■ Precincts 2 & 8 — Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft.

■ Precinct 3 — Allen Elementary School, 11100 Haggerty Road.

■ Precinct 4 — Township Clerk's office, Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

■ Precinct 5 — Bird Elementary School, 230 N. Sheldon.

■ Precinct 6 — West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail.

■ Precinct 7 — United Assembly of God Church, 48500 N. Territorial.

■ Precinct 9 — Church of the Nazarene, 45901 Ann Arbor Road.

■ Precinct 10 — Fiegel Elementary School, 39750 Joy Road.

■ Precinct 11 — First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial.

■ Precinct 12 — Pioneer Middle School, 46061 Ann Arbor Road.

■ Precincts 13 & 16 — Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ, 46250 W. Ann Arbor Road.

■ Precinct 14 — Labister Elementary School, 9300 Canton Center Road.

■ Precinct 15 — First United Methodist Church, 46301 N. Territorial.

■ Precinct 17 — Temple Baptist Church, 48535 N. Territorial road.

## Hulsing from page A1

leaders I have ever known. He had an incredibly creative mind," he said.

Both Rotary members, McClendon recalls the friendly competition he and Hulsing had in trying to sell the most tickets for the group's annual chicken barbecue fund-raiser.

"No matter how hard I tried, I could never beat him," McClendon said.

According to friends, the Hulsings moved from the Plymouth area late last year, so they could be near their daughter, Ann, who lives close to Boston.

Before leaving, the couple attended an August party given in their honor at the home of Plymouth residents Bob and

Nan Cooper, who were close friends.

"He meant everything to this community. Ken and Esther lived in Plymouth during a time when people did things for their community. They lived their own lives, but they would help others who needed it. They never made excuses," Nan Cooper said.

Becky Moore, the principal at Hulsing Elementary, recalls several visits the Hulsings made to the school over the years, including one last March when they participated in the Character Counts program.

"The Hulsings have set such high standards for us all. They were pillars in this community for so long. We are very proud

that the school was named for them," said Moore, who has been at Hulsing for nine years.

Moore said someone from Character Counts will go to each classroom and discuss Hulsing's death with students. In addition, students will be given class time to make cards, which will be presented to the family at a memorial service to take place sometime during May at St. John's Church in Plymouth.

Hulsing is survived by his wife, as well as daughters, Ann (William Concy) Hulsing of Massachusetts, Susan (David) Brownlee of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mary (Delmer) Fehrs of Eugene, Ore.; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Bomb scare turns out to be false

Tower Automotive employees were moved to another part of their building on Plymouth Oaks Boulevard Wednesday morning while police investigated a suspected bomb incident.

"Michigan State Police exploded the device," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Larry Carey. The package had nine-volt batteries wrapped with

wires.

Metropolitan Airport Police were also called, he said.

Though police initially thought that it was a bomb, they later learned that it was "a mock bomb imitation," according to Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

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leaving her family behind.

"They had marital problems for a long, long time," said Ross after her testimony in Azizul Islam's preliminary examination Wednesday in 35th District Court. "The only reason she stayed (for most of their 17-year marriage) was because of her children. She would have left many years ago, but waited until the children got older."

When Tracy moved to England last August, she left behind a son, Joseph, 16, and a daughter, Anna, 14.

"Tracy just wanted to build another life in England where she could have access to the children and the children could visit her in London," said Ross.

Ross said most of the arguments the Islams had surrounded money and control. Testimony during the preliminary examination showed the Islams

argued about Tracy running up credit card bills.

"I don't think he was abusive to her, but the impression I got was that he was totally in control," said Ross. "He controlled her. For him, the main priority was money. Money always seemed to come up."

Ross said Tracy Islam returned to Plymouth Dec. 16 to visit her children before the holidays and seek a divorce from Azizul.

"She kept telling him she didn't want anything, the money or the house, just keep it for the children," Ross said. "All she wanted was for the marriage to end and to walk away from him."

The final argument between Tracy and Azizul apparently occurred after he overheard a telephone conversation Tracy had with a male friend in England, Noel Finnegan, according



## Board to pare new school names

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The Plymouth-Canton school board, at its March 14 meeting, will devise a short list of names to consider for the third high school at "The Park."

Thus far board members have received nearly two dozen suggestions for naming the new high school. Trustees want to have a name in place before groundbreaking, which is expected some time this summer.

The long list of suggested

names includes Beck High School, Kent and Lolly Buikema High School, Cherry Hill High School, Harmony High School, IQ High School, PCEP Plymouth High School, PCS-West (for Plymouth/Canton/Salem), Plymouth High School, Plymouth-Canton West, Plymouth Centurion High School, Plymouth-Community High School, Plymouth-Superior High School, Plymouth-Western High School, Salem High School, Hugh Sarah High School, Superfly High, Jim Tantalio High School, Tribeck High School.

The Board of Education has

received several suggestions to drop "Plymouth" from the names of the current high schools, making them Canton and Salem, and then naming the new building Plymouth High School.

Another suggestion includes renaming Plymouth-Canton High School to PCEP Canton and Plymouth-Salem to PCEP Salem.

Anyone with suggestions for naming the new high school can contact the district's community relations office at (734) 416-2757.

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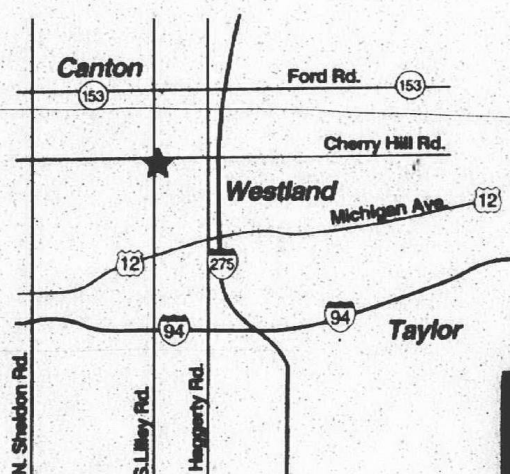
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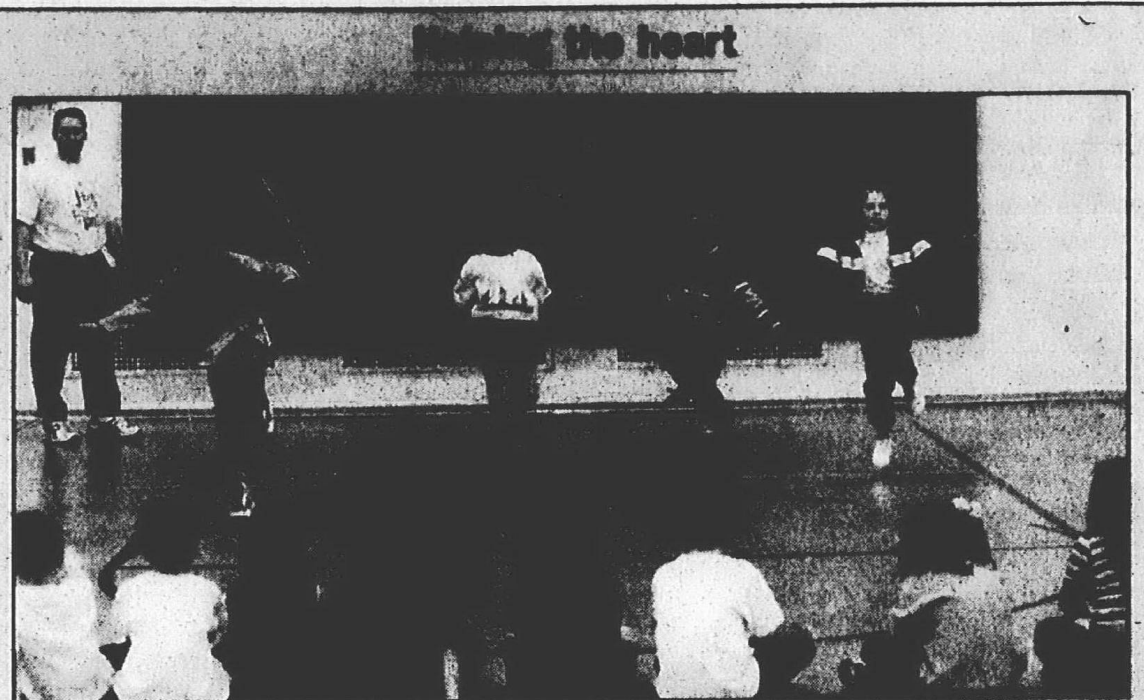
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**Hearts of rope: Bird Elementary Third Graders Aaron Ashton, 8, (from left) Bennett Ogg, 8, Aki Hamamoto, 9, and Emily Meade, 8, participate in the "Jump Rope for Heart" event Thursday in the school's gymnasium while a kindergarten physical education class watches. Children from first through fifth grades participated in the marathon event Wednesday and Thursday, raising approximately \$7,000 for the American Heart Association. A similar event at Hoben Elementary raised approximately \$2,000 for the charity.**



**Jump for joy: Aki Hamamoto, 9 (left), and Emily Meade, 8, both third graders, tandem jump rope during the "Jump Rope for Heart" event at Bird.**

## Officer sustains minor injuries

BY SUE BUCK  
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A Plymouth Township police officer sustained minor injuries Wednesday morning when the police car he was driving was struck by a suburban utility vehicle at the intersection of Ann Arbor and Lilley roads, police said.

Bill Groff, a middle school DARE officer for the Plymouth Canton Community School District, was northbound on Lilley when the accident occurred,

said Jamie Senkbeil, community resource officer.

"The light had turned green and he proceeded into the intersection when a vehicle going eastbound on Ann Arbor Road struck the patrol vehicle in the westbound lanes of Ann Arbor Road," Senkbeil said.

Both drivers refused treatment on the scene but Groff later sought treatment at a local St. Joseph Urgent Care facility, Senkbeil said.

Michigan State Police were called to investigate the accident that found the SUV driver at fault for disobeying a red signal, she said.

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# Tuesday's Republican primary turns into a showdown

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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It's showdown time in the presidential primary in Michigan. On Tuesday, Feb. 22, voters head to the polls in an open primary to help select their preference among potential nominees to face off in November against the Democratic contender.

Tuesday, voters will choose between George W. Bush, John McCain and Alan Keyes for the Republican nomination.

For Arizona Sen. McCain, Michigan is critical, according to state Sen. John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) his campaign coordinator here. He said the candidate is "running state to state," depending on victories to supply him with the volunteers and contributions needed to mount an offensive in the next state presidential primary. He needs a strong showing here as he heads into Super Tuesday, March 7. Between now and March 8, some 17 states will cast ballots.

## Learning Center takes applications

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is currently accepting applications for its summer term, which begins in June. Since enrollment is limited, it is important that applications be completed as soon as possible. Early applications will allow sufficient time for an assessment of each student before classes begin.

The tutorial sessions are designed for students from the first through 12th grade who are experiencing difficulty in reading and its related skills. Parents/guardians may choose one session in Block I: 9-10:30 a.m., June 10 to July 14; Block II: 9-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:45 a.m., June 19-30; Block III: 8:30-10:15 a.m. or 10:30 to 12:15 p.m. July 5-14; Block IV: 8:30-10 a.m. or 10:15-11:45 a.m. July 17-28. Individual or group instruction (two students) is available.

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For more information, please call (734)432-5586 or Sister M. Duane, (734)432-5585.

## EKG workshop set for nurses

A workshop, "Basic EKG Interpretation and Dysrhythmia Recognition," will be presented at Madonna University in Livonia 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and will conclude 8:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

The workshop will discuss "Sinus and Atrial Junctional and Ventricular Dysrhythmias" as well as "Heart Block, Pulseless Electrical Activity" and more.

Attendees can earn up to 9.5 contact hours. Madonna University is an approved provider of continuing education in nursing by the Michigan Nurses Association. Registrations received by March 24 are \$60 per person for nurses and other health care providers and \$35 per person for students.

To register or for information, call (734)432-5731 or fax (734)432-5364.

For Texas Gov. Bush, Michigan is "a firewall," according to Gov. John Engler, who is heading up Bush's effort in the state. A victory here could finish off the McCain insurgency early, before the long string of primaries over the next few weeks.

And Bush is favored here, at least among Republicans. When independents and Democrats are counted, polls show the race becomes a dead heat.

That's significant because Michigan's vote will be an "open primary," meaning anyone can enter the polls to pull the lever. It is not restricted to just Repub-

licans even though this is the GOP primary.

Still, the biggest challenge of Michigan's election Tuesday may be for voters as they attempt to decipher the ballot. The state's split primary has become very confusing for a good many voters.

First, the primary election Tuesday will be conducted like any other election. To cast ballots, voters must go to their regular precincts, as listed on their voter registration cards. It won't be until the March 11 Democratic caucus that voters will be asked to go to different locations

selected by the party.

Secondly, voters on Tuesday will see names on the ballot of contenders who have already dropped out. Only Keyes, the former president of Citizens Against Government Waste and founder of National Taxpayer Action Day, is still in the race. Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer and Orrin Hatch have already tossed in the towel.

So has Donald Trump, whose name will still appear on the ballot on the Reform Party ticket. Even though Trump and the Reform Party appear on the ballot, that party never had any

intention of counting the results from Tuesday's polling.

By state law, the secretary of state's office had to list all potential contenders on the ballot back in December. Trump didn't withdraw until recently, so his name appears even though the Reform Party will host its own national primary election later this year.

Likewise, Lyndon LaRouche will appear as the only candidate on the Democratic side of the ticket in Tuesday's primary. Democrats won't count the vote. Instead, they'll rely on their own "Iowa style" caucus meetings

Tuesday, March 11, to select between Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic Party's nomination.

When those caucuses roll around, voters will again be able to cast their ballots. All the Democratic Party will require of voters is that they declare themselves to be Democrats. But according to the Michigan secretary of state's office, there will be no crosschecking between the Democratic caucus and the primary election to determine if any voters showed up for both.

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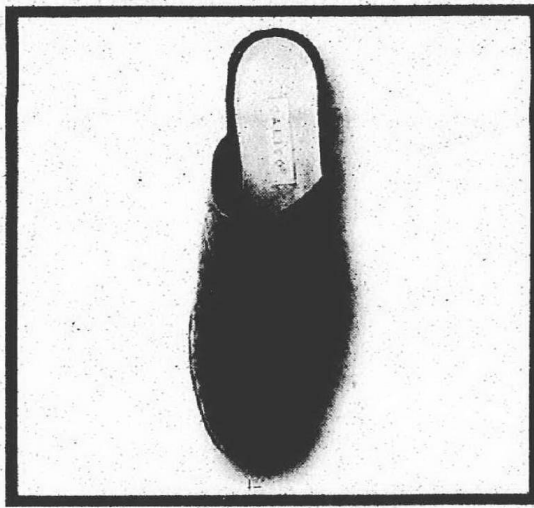
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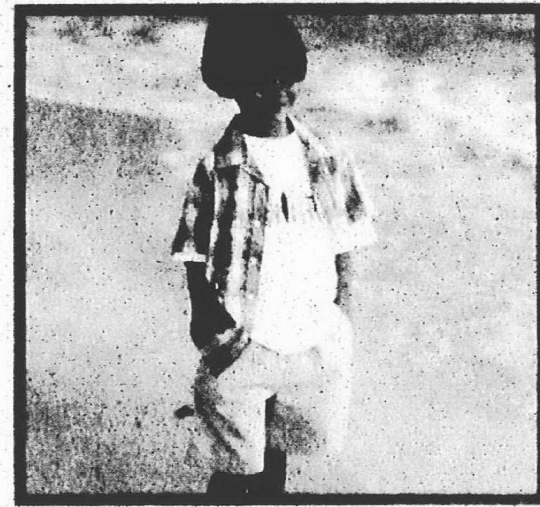
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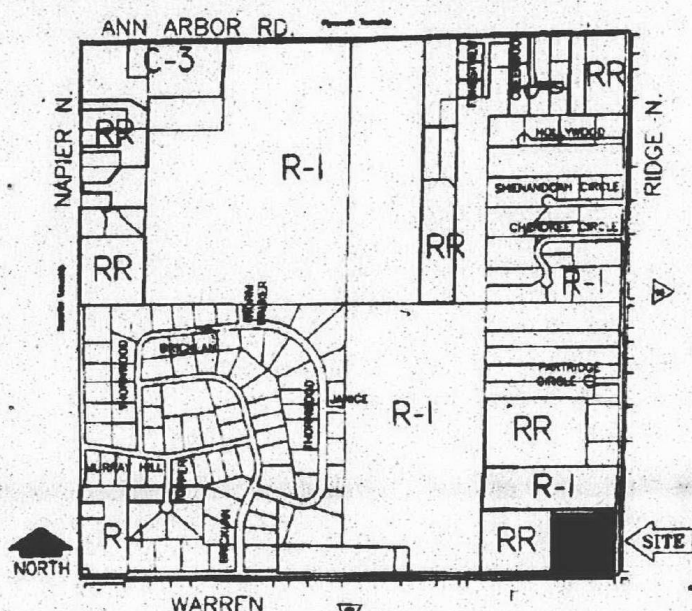
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 27.03 OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AT THEIR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2000, REFERRED THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER:

**CANTON CHARTER ACADEMY SPECIAL LAND USE** - RECONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NOS. 024 99 0008 000 AND 024 99 0009 702. Property is located on the northwest corner of Ridge and Warren Roads.



The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The revised information is available for public inspection in Planning Services at the above address.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 24, 2000 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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#### NANCY L. CHARLET

Services for Nancy L. Charlet, 69, of Plymouth were held Feb. 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Drex Morton officiating.

She was born May 27, 1930, in Redford and died Feb. 14 in Ann Arbor. She was a secretary for a real estate firm and came to the Plymouth community in 1944 from Redford Township. She was an avid sports fan and loved to bowl and play cards. She loved music and dancing.

Survivors include her two daughters, Vicki (Jay) Knecht of Walled Lake and Julie (Tom) Taylor of Westland; one brother, Jack Proctor of Rochester; and two grandchildren, Danielle and Travis.

Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

#### MARIAN MARGARET TAYLOR-ERB-WOODS

A memorial service for Marian Margaret Taylor-Erb-Woods, 84, of Texas (formerly of Plymouth) will be held May 17, 2000, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born March 16, 1915, in Plymouth and died Jan. 26 in The Woodlands, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Plymouth. She held a master's degree from Michigan State University and was a librarian and media teacher.

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er. She worked with the Plymouth and Dallas public school systems as well as the Livonia Public Schools, from which she retired in 1979. She was a 65-year member of Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity and a 60-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Historical Society.

Survivors include her two sons and family, William Erb and family of Kingwood, Texas, and Richard Erb and family of Grand Rapids.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society.

#### SHARON ANN ANDREWS

Services for Sharon Ann Andrews, 68, of Traverse City (formerly of Plymouth and Northville) were held Feb. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Frank Riley officiating.

She was born Nov. 10, 1931, in Highland Park and died Jan. 27 in Traverse City. She was a homemaker and interior designer. She used her expertise as a designer to decorate store windows in Plymouth, one in particular, the former Hugh Jarvis Hallmark Shop.

During her residency in Plymouth, she was active in community affairs, serving on the Plymouth Planning Commission and the Fall Festival Committee. She lived in Plymouth for many years before moving to Pinckney, Mich., and then to Florida. In Clearwater, Fla., she owned and operated a clothing shop. She also was a licensed real estate broker. When she left Florida, she returned to Michigan, to Northville and then went on to Traverse City. She loved to play cribbage.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Larena and Vance Keeney. Survivors include her daughter, Amy (Jim) Zabran of Holiday Park, Fla.; one son, Mark (Lorelei) Andrews of Oak Park; two sisters, Donna (Bob) Bentley of New Hampshire and Alice (Keith) Redman of West Virginia (formerly of Plymouth); and many nieces and nephews.

#### DOUGLAS K. SYSOL

Services for Douglas K. Sysol, 34, of Canton took place Feb. 16 at St. John Neumann Church, Canton.

He was born Feb. 22, 1965, and died Feb. 9 in Boston, Mass.

Survivors include his parents,

Douglas and Kristina Sysol of Canton; one sister, Wanda Elsafer; grandmother Clara Sysol; and two nieces and a nephew, Matthew, Victoria, and Jason.

Local arrangements were made by the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

#### BENJAMIN J. WARD

Services for Benjamin J. Ward of Canton were held Feb. 12 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Benjamin was born Feb. 6 in Ann Arbor. He died Feb. 10.

Survivors include his mother, Kimberly; grandparents, William and Anne; great-grandparents, Catherine Ward and Falio Mattioli; two aunts, Kristina Ward and Melissa Ward; and two uncles, Michael Ward and Steve Lewis.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

#### EVELYN M. COOK

Services for Evelyn M. Cook, 85, of Canton were held Feb. 14 from the chapel at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Drexel E. Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

She was born Dec. 16, 1914, in Canada. She died Feb. 10. She worked as a retail saleswoman.

Survivors include her two sons, Kenneth (Jurai) and Clifford; one sister, Lillian Earle; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

#### F. HARGER GREEN

Services for F. Harger Green, 82, of Plymouth Township were held Feb. 16 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with Dean Klump officiating.

He was born July 29, 1917, in Pontiac and died Feb. 13 in Superior Township. He had been a plant manager with the Fisher Body Plant in Livonia. He was a member of the Plymouth Lions Club, Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 and the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. He was also a member of the Shriners at the Moslem Temple Detroit, and the Scottish Rite-Detroit. He served in the Army during World War II and attained the rank of captain.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; one son, David (Sally) Green of owners Grove, Ill.; one daughter, Judy (Kenneth) Kruger of Midland, Mich.; four grandsons; three granddaughters; two grandsons-in-law; and one great-granddaughter.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Lions Club or to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

#### LEMBI S. BAKER

Services for Lembi S. Baker, 89, of Plymouth were held Feb. 19 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Jerry Yarnell officiating.

She was born Nov. 3, 1910, in Kearsarge, Mich., and died Feb. 10 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jon Karna and Aina Gruhler. Survivors include her daughter, Lois (Frederick) H. Gruhler of Plymouth; granddaughter, Amy Gruhler of Plymouth; two nephews; four nieces; and one great-granddaughter, Alexa Rickert of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

#### CLARENCE J. HOLMAN

Services for Clarence J. Holman, 87, of Plymouth were held Feb. 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. J.J. Mech officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

He was born Sept. 29, 1912, in Detroit and died Feb. 16 in Livonia. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Plymouth Knights of Columbus and the Plymouth Goodfellows. He was a prisoner of war during World War II. He retired from the Burroughs Corp., where he was a foreman. He also retired from the Plymouth Community Schools, where he was a custodian. He enjoyed fishing.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Joseph and Walter, and one sister, Dorothy. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Holman of Plymouth; three brothers, John Holman of South Lyon, Robert Holman of South Lyon and Charles Holman of Webberville; and one sister, Leona Schomberger of Plymouth.

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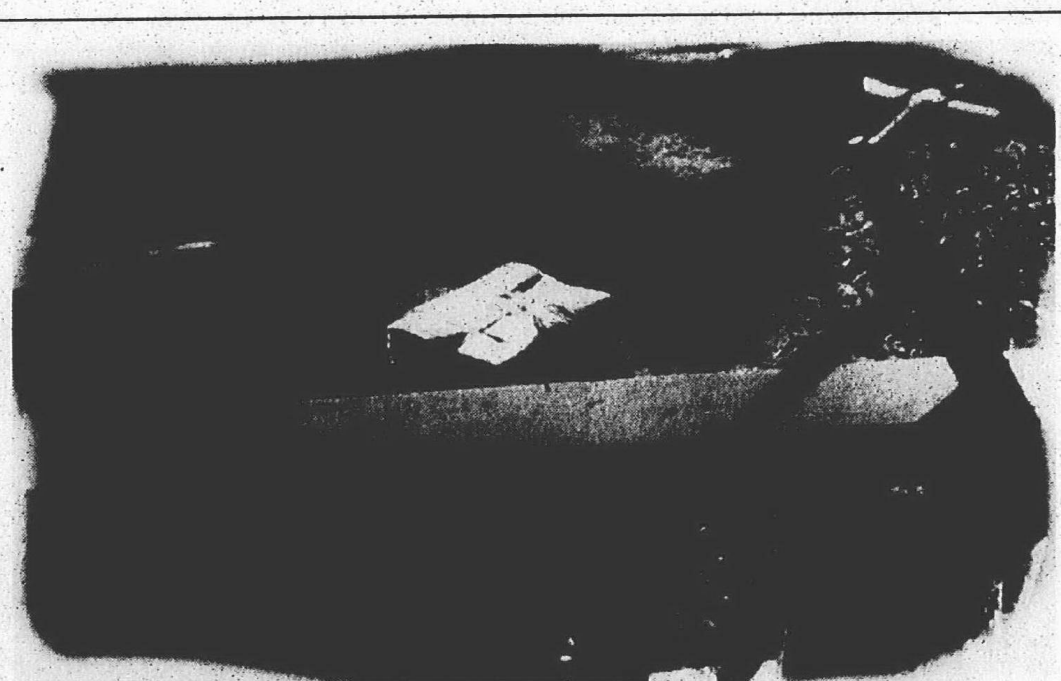
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# County will drop family planning clinical services

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Wayne County plans to quit providing clinical services in its Family Planning Clinics by mid-spring and is in the process of reassigning its 2,900 clients — including about 200 using the Westland clinic — to area private providers.

However, Patricia Soares, director of the county Department of Public Health, told the Observer the clinics will continue the services as before — a half-day per week — at the Westland site at Merriman and Palmer, as well as at the Taylor, Sumpter and Highland Park offices at least until the May 1 target deadline.

"We certainly plan to smooth" the transition to private providers as much as possible, Soares said, seeking private providers "in the same geographic area" as county offices.

Birth control and contraception services to be dropped include pregnancy-prevention Depo-Provera shots and field programs in which county public health nurses visit new mothers

**■ Birth control and contraception services to be dropped include pregnancy-prevention Depo-Provera shots and field programs in which county public health nurses visit new mothers and problem families.**

and problem families, Soares said.

She said her department will absorb the nine staff members specifically funded for family planning services.

The director said the decision to quit the provider role after nearly 30 years was due to declining usage at the offices, decreasing funding from the state and a countywide effort to cut expenditures in the wake of a \$10-million budget overrun for 1999-2000.

Mark Bertler, executive director of the Lansing-based Michigan Association for Local Public Health, expressed concern over the move, saying it and possible similar moves in the future in other counties are being taken because "the state isn't keeping up with its commitment" to the

counties.

He said state family planning funding was aimed to reach 75 percent, but it has been closer to 70 percent and is expected to reach only 50 percent in the 2000-01 budget.

Bertler said both a federal funding increase for 1999 and a \$20 million bonus Michigan got for being one of the five states nationally with the lowest abortion and teen pregnancy counts in 1998 haven't shown up in current and future budgeting and the state hasn't revealed where the money is.

Soares, in responding to an Observer inquiry triggered by calls to the newspaper, said the closing wasn't to be announced publicly until all answers were available.

## 'Transition plan'

Soares' department has been meeting with clinical providers and the state "and will develop a transition plan (in which) the health department will continue to play a role in family planning for the community," she said.

"We just won't be the direct provider of clinical services," but will make sure the services are "available and accessible" and "meet the needs of our community," she added.

Her department will continue providing family-planning public education community forums and working with Michigan's Family Independence Agency, social service agencies, community health centers and churches and also oversee clinical-service accessibility.

"Our intent is, we don't want clients from Taylor, for example, to have to go to Highland Park" for ongoing family planning services, she said.

She said there is "a considerable amount of county (general fund) tax dollars that augment these programs." She said the exact figures and all information

— including the names and locations of the private providers — will be available in about two weeks.

Besides federal money distributed by the state, Soares said, "We do charge third-party reimbursement" and have a sliding-scale fee for those below the poverty level.

"We did have more clients several years ago, and funding is based on the clients you serve," she said. With federal law getting more private providers to accept Medicaid patients — a large part of the county's clientele — "funding decreased. Money follows the clients."

Bertler of Lansing said not only isn't Wayne County "that outpost anymore" as sole provider of such services to the needy, but "the state also isn't keeping up with its (funding) commitment."

## '94 rates rose

A 1998 study showed rates for family planning services rose from about \$104 per year per person in 1994 to about \$129 in '98, but "the state is providing no increases at all," he said, despite

an 11-percent federal government funding increase.

"We're trying to follow the money," Bertler said, adding the state hasn't answered questions.

If state funding falls to 50 percent, other county health departments may cut their client list, he said.

Bertler said the \$20-million federal bonus, given to Michigan in 1999, also isn't showing up in new budget considerations.

"It's not only that the money's not there, but that it may be used for other things," Bertler said. "We think it should be used for what got us there."

He said family planning programs through sites like Wayne County have contributed to the abortion/teen pregnancy declines, "and we don't want to lose that momentum" and see program participants drop out.

The state's infant mortality rate has gone up a tenth of a percent the last two years, he noted.

"That's bad news and we don't want to see that kind of trend happen," Bertler said. "One of the reasons (it's going up) is pregnant women not being able to get into programs."

## Madonna offers auto business symposium on 'mistake-proofing'

The Angileri Quality Institute and Madonna University will host Symposium 2000, "Mistake-proofing," on Tuesday, April 11. Automotive expert John McElroy, editorial director of Blue Sky productions, will be the keynote luncheon speaker. The morning workshop on "Mistake-proofing" will be conducted by John L. Lindland of Eastern Michigan University, a consultant and seminar leader in the automotive and military industries.

Designed for Tier I and Tier II suppliers to the automotive industry, the Symposium will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall, at Madonna University in Livonia. The cost is \$95 for the entire day or \$25 for the lun-

cheon and keynote only.

McElroy has vast experience in covering the automotive industry for both radio and television stations. He has appeared on ABC's "World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings, CBS News with Dan Rather, NBC Nightly

News with Tom Brokaw and reports daily on WWJ 950 AM in Detroit.

During the event, a \$2,000 award will be presented to a Madonna University business student who has contributed significantly to quality improve-

ments in the automotive industry or related fields. Since 1997, four students have received this award.

The Symposium is sponsored by the Angileri Quality Institute and the Madonna University School of Business.

Reservations will be accepted through Tuesday, April 4. For more information, call the School of Business at (734)432-5354 or fax (734)432-5364.

The Angileri Quality Institute was established by Frank E. and Bessie Angileri of Livonia and is

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# Bankes seeks venue change in suit

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, stating Thursday that "I am the aggrieved one," said she is seeking a change in venue on a lawsuit filed against her in small claims court by a Dearborn photographer.

The suit, filed by lensman Craig Hanosh, seeks the \$190 he billed for seven 8x10s of additional poses of Bankes and family members which she ordered the day of the commission's January 1999 swearing-in ceremony - her first as a county commissioner.

Hanosh filed the suit in Dearborn's 19th District Court, but Bankes, R-Livonia, said she is seeking a change to Livonia's 16th District.

"I am the aggrieved one," she said. "I don't have any pictures of the swearing-in ceremony. It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing and he has the pictures."

Bankes said she is "very seri-



Lyn Bankes

ous about this because" Hanosh "has used our reputations (hers and Commissioner Ilona Varga's) for free publicity for his photo company and I won't take it."

Both commissioners were spot-

**'I am the aggrieved one. I don't have any pictures of the swearing-in ceremony.'**

*Lyn Bankes  
R-Livonia*

lighted in a special investigative report on the matter promoted and broadcast last week by WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

She said she returned the photos in May, calling them "bad pictures." She said she also was unhappy they weren't 5x7s and that "There were no numbers (sizes) on the piece of paper I signed - none," the day of the shoot, Jan. 5.

But Hanosh said he has "a signed document with her signature ordering 8x10s."

Noting Bankes' claim she signed an order with blank spaces, Hanosh commented, "And she's supposed to be a con-

sumer expert on contracts."

Hanosh said he never got the letters of dissatisfaction Bankes and Varga claim they sent.

Bankes said Varga, D-Detroit, also returned photos, is being sued by Hanosh and is seeking venue in her home district.

Bankes, a former state legislator, said she always orders only 5x7s because she feels they are easier to use and display.

Bankes said she tried to order that size at the time, but was told by a woman she believes was working with the photographer that the county was paying for everything and that 8x10 was the only size available.

On Thursday Bankes offered a settlement to the photographer.

If Hanosh will send her the seven photographs in 5x7 size, "I will pay for them - I don't care how ugly they are. Then he'd have his money and he wouldn't have to go to court."

# Laurel Park celebrates Mardi Gras with contest

Laurel Park Place continues its Mardi Gras shopping celebration through Saturday, March 4. Patrons can shop and collect a Mardi Gras bead and enter to win a trip for two to New Orleans. The trip includes accommodations in the Dauphine Orleans in the French Quarter, a New Orleans shopping spree and entertainment.

Patrons who shop once a week for three weeks and spend at least \$35 each trip may turn in the three receipts at the end of the three-week period and receive a gift certificate worth the lowest value of their receipt.

Shoppers who miss a week can look in the Thursday, March 2, issue of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for a

special coupon to help complete their Mardi Gras bead strand.

As part of the celebration the center is offering New Orleans' jazz, food and fun. From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, the Janet Tenaj Jazz Trio performs. From 3-6 p.m. shoppers can become real characters as caricature artists draw their likeness.

On Saturday, March 4 the Allan Barnes Jazz Trio is back with the grand finale 1-3 p.m. Also on March 4 (while supplies last) children can be entertained at a mask decorating session or a Mrs. Fields' Cookies decorating session. Clowns will be on hand 3-5 p.m. Saturday, March 4.

Laurel Park is at Newburgh and Six Mile in Livonia, just east of I-275.

# Bill would clarify liquor laws to stop Internet sales to teens

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The Internet is making many changes in our society - like how underage drinkers get their booze.

Websites now exist offering beer, wine and liquor for sale, to be delivered to the home by United Parcel Service or Federal Express, according to state Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi. She has introduced legislation aimed at keeping alcohol ordered by computer out of the hands of youngsters.

The sale of alcohol to minors, whether in person or over the Internet, is already illegal in Michigan. But minors have been

able to get home delivery of such beverages, according to legislative aide Daphne Reznik, as a recent sting conducted by the Ingham County Sheriff's Department showed. She noted that in another sting operation, conducted in Alabama, a minor was able to order and receive delivery of alcohol even though none of the information submitted to the seller matched the credit card to which the purchase was charged. Not only did the seller not check the buyer's age, it didn't check the credit card's billing information.

Cassis' bill would clarify that liquor control laws also apply to beverages sold over the Internet and make it clear that Internet

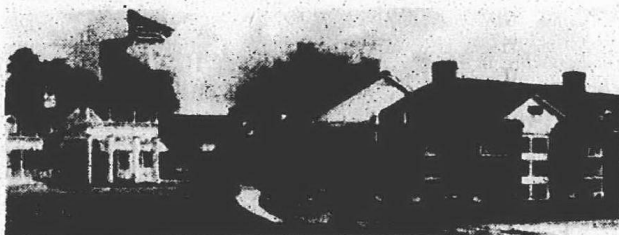
sellers must comply with Michigan law.

Cassis said she is adding provisions to the proposal to require that the package be labeled when it contains alcoholic beverages. She said she will adjust the requirements to match the current labeling practices of the major parcel delivery companies, such as UPS and Federal Express. But if adopted, the law would require delivery companies to get adult signatures for those packages identified by label as containing alcohol.

House Bill 4752 won approval from the Committee on Regulatory Reform Tuesday, Feb. 8, and was moved to the House for consideration.



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### All-League — again

Kari Jackson accomplished a few things at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, which concluded Feb. 12 at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind.

The senior at Hope College and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate won both the one-meter and three-meter diving titles at the league meet. She scored 419.45 points in the one-meter event (on 11 dives) and 448.90 in the three-meter (11 dives).

Both scores earned Jackson a berth in the NCAA Division III Championships.

She was also named to the all-MIAA swim team. It was the third-straight year that Jackson has been chosen to the all-league team.

### Ambassador commits

Alex Sawruk, a forward on the Compuware Ambassadors, has committed to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall.

"Alex has been a great addition to our team this season with his mix of speed and skill," said Ambassadors' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "He is sure to be an asset at Northern Michigan on the Wildcats' Olympic-sized ice sheet."

"Alex certainly has the potential to join the ever-growing list of impact freshmen in the CCHA who are coming out of the North American Hockey League."

A 5-foot-11, 186-pound native of Sault Ste. Marie, the 19-year-old Sawruk has collected 14 goals and 18 assists (32 points) while picking up 60 penalty minutes in 39 games.

Sawruk is the sixth Ambassador to commit to an NCAA Division I school this season. Others include Andy Burnes (to University of Michigan), Craig Kowalski (Northern Michigan), Michael Smith (Niagara University), Steve Jackson (Michigan State) and Mike Roemensky (Michigan). Jackson and Roemensky are already with their collegiate teams.

### Coaches needed

Swim coaches are needed in the Plymouth-Canton school system.

East Middle School is in need of both boys and girls swim coaches. The season begins in the first week of March. Those interested should call director of athletics Brian Wolcott at (734) 416-7774.

### Baseball registration

The Midwest Super League is now registering teams for its 16-and-under and 14-and-under leagues. Cost is \$175, with all teams making post-season play.

For more information, call (313) 292-4798.

### League leaders

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team was gunning for a top-four finish when it traveled to Henry Ford CC Saturday. Several team members have led them to that finish.

Angelica Blakely, a 6-foot-1 freshman center from Detroit Kettering, is one reason the Lady Ocelots are among the best in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Blakely was named conference player of the week last week after collecting 18 points, 18 rebounds and a blocked shot in a 65-58 loss to Flint Mott CC.

Blakely ranked second in the conference in scoring (17.7 points), first in rebounding (12.1) and field-goal percentage (57.6 percent), third in blocked shots (1.1) and seventh in steals (2.3).

Another highly-ranked Ocelot is sophomore point guard Antone Watson, from Detroit Henry Ford HS. Watson is second in the conference in assists (7.2 per game), eighth in scoring (12.9), eighth in field-goal percentage (46.8 percent), third in three-point shooting (37.0 percent), and tied for eighth in steals (2.2).

SC's Janelle Olson (12.7 points) and Carla Saxton (11.0 points) also ranked among the conference's best. Saxton, from Southfield-Lathrup HS, was ninth in rebounding (6.1), one spot behind teammate Carly Wright, a Garden City native (7.2).

Three Ocelots ranked in the top seven in assists, led by Watson. Olson averaged 4.1 and Saxton 3.3. Olson, from Troy Athens, was also sixth in steals (2.4) and Wright was second in blocks (1.6).

# Whalers sting Sarnia, 2-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine standing directly in the path of a speeding, out-of-control steamroller that has just lost its brakes.

You can now relate to the Plymouth Whalers' next opponent.

The Whalers continued their two-month long impression of a juggernaut Friday night, edging Sarnia, 2-1, on a third-period goal from rookie fourth-line winger Rob McBride.

Sarnia defenseman Scott Heffernan came within an eyelash of sending the game into overtime when his slapshot eluded Whaler goalie Rob Zepp and dinged the crossbar with 2:10 remaining.

Plymouth has now won eight games in a row and 11 out of 12, to improve its Ontario Hockey League West Division-leading record to 34-17-4. The fourth-place Sting dropped to 28-22-7.

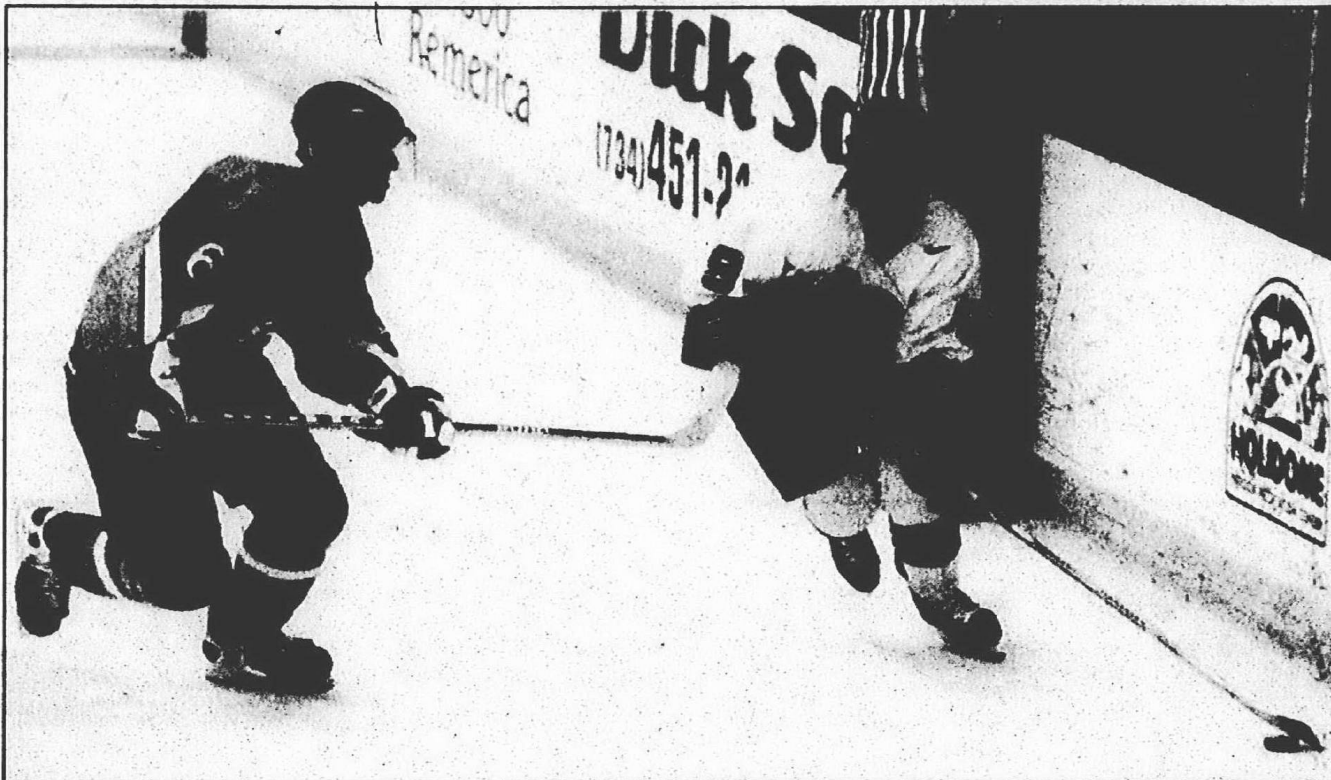
McBride's unassisted goal — his eight of the season — made a winner out of Zepp, who turned away 16 shots, including three break-aways.

Zepp's only blemish came five minutes into the game when Sarnia right wing Alex Buturlin one-timed the puck into the net while the Sting were enjoying a two-man advantage.

"The talent level of this team is not as high as last year's team that won 52 games, or other teams I've coached in the past," admitted Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer. "This team wins with effort and character. They never take a night off. Never."

"Tonight was the story of our season: A fourth-line winger scores a goal in the third period to win it. We have no superstars on this team. It seems like a different player makes a big play each night."

When you're in the kind of zone the Whalers are in



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

**Breaking away:** The Whalers' Stephen Weiss (right) eludes Sarnia's Dan Watson. Weiss scored Plymouth's first goal in their 2-1 win.

now, your confidence never wanes — especially late in tight games, according to DeBoer.

"The way we've been playing, even when it's 1-1 late in the game, or even if we're down one goal, there's the feeling that somebody's going to make a play to get us the win," DeBoer said. "It's been a very satisfying season because nobody expected us to be where we're at right now."

Considering the credentials both goalies brought into the game, it figured to be a low-scoring, defense-dominated contest. Zepp was the owner of a 2.47 goals-against average (second-best in the OHL) while Sarnia netminder Greg Hewitt boasted a 2.64 GAA (third-best in the league).

Thanks to Hewitt's solid play, Buturlin's ice-break-

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# Patriots stop Rocks' run

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Despite being down 10-6 and 13-9 in the opening game, Livonia Franklin never veered off course Wednesday in its Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball showdown with Plymouth Salem.

The host Patriots rallied to win the opening game and started strong and held on to win the second game in a battle of WLAA unbeatens, 15-13, 15-9.

Franklin, 38-5-1 overall, has one WLAA match to go. The Patriots can earn the top seed in the upcoming Western Lakes playoffs with a win Monday against host Walled Lake Central. Game time is 7 p.m. at Walnut Creek Middle School.

"There was an air of excitement coming into this match," Franklin second-year coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "For our seniors it was their last home game and we wanted to carry the momentum we had from the Schoolcraft Tournament (Feb. 5 when Franklin beat

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Salem in pool play and reached the semifinals).

"We prepared like we always have. We had solid practices. We tried to stay focused and maintain our game plan."

Salem, which dropped to 34-10-1 overall and 8-1 in the Western Lakes, appeared headed to taking a 1-0 first game lead as senior outside hitter Amanda Suder proved to be a one-girl wrecking crew with 11 of her team-high 13 kills.

But the Patriots began serving away from Suder and began getting some strong attacks of their own.

Franklin scored nine of the next 12 points capped by 6-foot-2 junior Kerstin Marshall's kill shot.

"We continued to side-out and regroup," Diegel said. "We needed to step up and pass the ball along with some aggressive attacking. But Suder is an excellent athlete, good serve receiver and passer. Give her credit."

Franklin jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the second game before Salem made a 6-2 run.

The Patriots, however, got the final three points to clinch the match.

"Some of our top players were deflated — we didn't handle the loss well from the first game," said Salem coach Tom Teeters, who was without middle blocker and primary passer Michelle Ginther (ankle sprain). "And we only got one block the whole match. We'll change more of our defense the next time. We won't go up and try to block them. We'll let them hit at us."

Teeters' game plan was designed to thwart the left-handed attacks from Franklin's 5-10 senior Tera Morrill, who finished with 12 kills.

Franklin's offensive attack was more balanced led by setter Lyndsay Sopko finishing with 21 assists-to-kills, four kills and four blocks.

Other top hitters included Marshall, seven kills; 5-10 middle hitter Andrea Kmet, six kills; Alexis

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## BASKETBALL

# Canton, Salem games cancelled

Plymouth Salem's and Plymouth Canton's basketball games, scheduled for Friday night, were both cancelled due to the predicted snowstorm.

The postponement at this time of the season has caused problems with scheduling. Originally, the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament was supposed to begin Tuesday.

But the final games will have an impact on the standings and the tournament pairings. So they have been rescheduled for Monday.

Plymouth Canton will travel to Walled Lake Western for a 7 p.m. game Monday. Plymouth Salem will host Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. Monday.

The make-up games has forced the WLAA Tournament to begin on Wednesday.

Best guess has fourth-seeded Canton hosting fifth-seeded Livonia Churchill in the opening round of the WLAA Tournament at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Sixth-seeded Salem will travel to third-seeded Farmington for a 7 p.m. game Wednesday.

Three of six league games were played Friday.

# Top dog

# Salem outduels Canton, captures district crown

BY C.J. RISAK  
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It was satisfying for Plymouth Canton, to be sure. The Chiefs opened their wrestling season with a victory over campus rival Plymouth Salem, something they hadn't done in a decade.

But it was the Rocks who got a meet win when it was most needed, avenging that opening loss to Canton by topping the Chiefs 38-21 in the state team district tournament Wednesday at Salem.

The Rocks followed the dual win over Canton with a 42-29 triumph over Livonia Churchill in the district final. Which means Salem advances to Wednesday's Garden City team regional, where it will meet Dearborn Fordson (16-5 in dual meets) in the semifinal.

The Salem-Fordson meet winner will go against the Redford Catholic Central-Novici winner for the regional championship.

"You can't win only five matches and expect to win," said Canton coach John Demick, whose team concluded its dual-meet season with a 19-6-1 record, best in school history. "We lost matches at 145 (pounds), 171 and 189 that had previously been wins for us."

"We only needed to have won two of



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

**A big victory:** Plymouth Salem's Rob Ash (right) helped Salem build an insurmountable lead by beating Churchill's Steve Lenardt on a technical fall. It was Ash's 100th career win.

these three to win, but it didn't happen today."

Each team had its share of close wins. In the end, it was Salem's strength in the lower weights that

proved decisive.

The Rocks won five of the six lower weights. Mike Goethe started it with a technical fall in 2-43 over Canton's Rob Schnettler at 103.

Kyle Pitt returned to action for Canton at 112 — he missed the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament with an injury — and he got the Chiefs only win in the lower weights, pinning Nick Moniodis in 2:41.

Salem won the next four divisions, however. Ron Thompson pinned Doy Demick in 1:46 at 119; Lucas Stump pinned Kevin Rodriguez in 3:15 at 125; Rob Ash defeated Greg Musser, 13-7 at 130; and Steve Dendrinod edged Chris Hoseny, 11-8 at 135.

The lead proved insurmountable, although Canton kept pressuring. Mike Siegrist edged Salem's Tony Kennard, 10-9, at 140 for the Chiefs second match victory.

A key confrontation came at 145, where Canton's John Pocock met Salem's Josh Henderson. At the WLAA Tournament, the third-seeded Pocock had upset the second-seeded Henderson in the semifinals by a 4-3 score. Pocock ended up placing second and Henderson was third.

This time, it was Henderson who emerged on top; he beat Pocock 9-3.

"The Pocock-Henderson matchup has gone back and forth this year, and it's always an exciting match," said Demick. "John did not shoot enough early on and let Josh get an edge."

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## League finals next

### Salem splashes Phoenix, Canton crushes Patriots in final duals

The preliminaries, if you will, are now officially over.

They came to a close Thursday when Plymouth Salem, winner of the last seven Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim championships, collected its seventh-straight win of the season in WLAA dual meets by beating the Farmington/Farmington Harrison combined team, 110-73 at Salem.

The Rocks added to their list of state-meet qualifiers by having its 200-yard medley relay make the cut in the win over the Phoenix. Eric Lynn, Jason Rebarchik, Ben Dzialo and Mike Johnson finished first in 1:42.01; the state qualifying cut is 1:43.09.

The Rocks won eight of 12 events against the Farmington combined team and were never in danger of losing. There were no double-winners in individual events for Salem; Mark Witthoff was first in the 200 freestyle (1:54.44), Greg Kubitski won diving (204.70 points), Ben Dzialo captured the 100

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butterfly (56.74). Brian Mertens took the 100 free (53.05), Jim Ross was on top in the 500 free (5:12.73), and Hugo Alvarez collected top honors in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.10).

Salem also was a winner in the 200 free relay, with Aaron Shelton, Lynn, Dave Carson and Johnson (1:32.17).

The qualifying of Salem's 200 medley relay against the Phoenix gave the Rocks a sweep of relay qualifiers; their 200 free relay qualified for state early in the season, and the 400 free relay qualified in the MISCA meet Feb. 6.

Johnson, Witthoff, Dzialo and Lynn teamed in that 400 free qualifier for a 3:21.59; the state cut was 3:23.09.

Lynn had a highly successful day at MISCA; he made state cuts in both the 200 individual medley (2:02.59; the cut is 2:03.99) and 100 backstroke (56.03; qualifying is 56.39).

Mertens also reached the qualifying standard in the 500 free (4:57.12; state cut is 4:57.39).

Which makes Salem's goal of an eighth-straight WLAA title reachable. No league rival has been able to stop the Rocks this season.

Salem hosts the WLAA finals once again. Swim preliminaries start at 1 p.m. Thursday; diving prelims are 2:30 p.m. Friday. The finals begin at noon Saturday.

#### Canton breaks .500

Plymouth Canton concluded its dual-meet season with a 120-54 victory over Livonia Franklin Thursday at Canton.

The win gave the Chiefs a 5-4 record. They were 3-1 in the WLAA's Western Division, placing second to Northville.

Trey Gercak was a double-winner in individual events for Canton, accounting for firsts in the 200-yard individual medley (2:21.60) and the 100 freestyle (54.62).

The Chiefs, who won 10 of 12 events, also got firsts from Shawn Bernard in the 200 free (2:13.06); Ray Ahern in the 50 free (24.81); Lake Brunner in diving (204.50 points); Brad Nilson in the 500 free (5:10.83); Matt Wisniewski in the 100 backstroke (1:02.37); and Scott Franke in the 100 breaststroke (1:20.46).

Steve Rice, Nilson, Yuhei Uno and Brett Reidsma combined for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:56.70).

With that part of the season behind them, the Chiefs can now focus entirely on next week's WLAA Championship Meet — which is what coach Ed Weber has been pointing them toward all season.

"We've been talking since the beginning of the season that this is what we're pointing for," said Weber. Some swimmers have already hit the goals we set for them; others will be going after them at this meet.

"We're right on track."

One swimmer who's hit one of his goals is Nilson, who qualified for the state meet in the 100 backstroke at the MISCA meet Feb. 12 at Eastern Michigan. Nilson was clocked at 55.89; qualifying is 56.39. He just missed making the state cut in the 200 IM (2:03.99) — his time was 2:04.21.

That's one event he's expected to swim at the WLAA's. Weber is hoping for dramatic drops from some of his other swimmers, and perhaps a couple more qualifiers.

On Jan. 27, Canton defeated WLAA rival Walled Lake Western 105-80, thanks to several top performances.

Jon Heiss had a season's-best 1:07.62 in the 100 breast; Ed Lindow also had a personal best in that event of 1:08.01, and Matt Schacht was timed at 1:11.12.

Nilson went 57.20 in the 100 back and 58.87 in the 100 fly; Gercak went 1:02.67 in the 100 back and 24.36 in the 50 free; and Rice went 5:26.87 in the 500 free.

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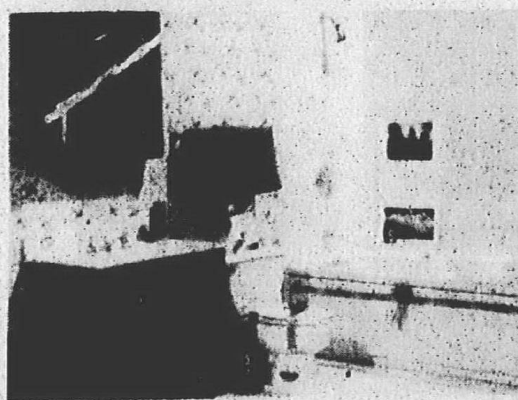
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## COLLEGE SPORTS

# SC clinches tie

Schoolcraft College's Carlos Briggs wasn't doing any cartwheels.

But the third-year coach could take satisfaction that the Ocelots clinched at least a tie for the Eastern Conference championship in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a sloppy 103-69 win Wednesday at Delta CC.

Schoolcraft, which improved to 21-5 overall and 14-1 in the conference, needed a victory Saturday (Feb. 19) at Henry Ford CC to win the title outright.

"One more to go," was all Briggs could say.

Mike Williams, a 6-foot-7 freshman forward from Detroit City High, led Schoolcraft with 19 points.

Nick Evola, a 6-7 center, added

## MEN'S HOOPS

17, all but one coming in the second half. Rob Brown chipped in with 15, while Lamar Bigby added 12.

Starting point-guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) got into early foul trouble, but Reggie Kirkland picked up the slack "with a good floor game and solid defense," according to Briggs.

Delta (12-13, 7-8) got 21 points from Montelle Lewis and 20 from Sebastian Manley.

Schoolcraft led 48-23 at intermission and made 16 of 22 free throws.

## Aquinas levels Madonna

It was no contest Wednesday as host Aquinas College (22-8,

10-3) rolled to an 88-54 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday over Madonna University (4-26, 2-11).

Guard Ross Willick was one of five Aquinas players to score in double figures with a game-high 20 points. Courtney Norman added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Saints. Kyle Pohja, Chuck Schuba and Tim Wasilk each added 10 points. Wasilk also had eight assists.

Madonna, outscored 44-25 in the second half, was led by Redford Thurston product Chad Putnam, who had 17 points and nine rebounds. Aaron Cox was the only other Fighting Crusader in double figures with 11. Dan Kurtinaitis had six assists.

Aquinas made nine of 18 three-point attempts and outrebounded MU, 47-28.

# Madonna shocks Saints

Chris Dietrich and Kristi Fiorenzi proved to be a solid one-two punch Wednesday as the host Madonna University women's basketball team surprised Aquinas College in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game, 71-62.

Madonna, with one WHAC game remaining, is 12-13 overall and 6-7 in the conference. The Saints fell to 18-8 and 9-4.

Dietrich finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds. She hit eight of 11 free throws and dished out a team-high five assists.

Fiorenzi, a Plymouth Canton product, added 17 points and six rebounds. Center Lori Enfiel added 10 points.

The Crusaders trailed by as many as 14 points with 8:58 left in the second half before outscoring the Saints 30-7 down the stretch.

Dietrich's three-pointer off an assist from Michele Miela with 3:53 to play gave MU the lead

## WOMEN'S HOOP

for keeps, 59-57.

The Crusaders made eight straight free throws in the final 1:25 to clinch the upset win.

Sisters Ronda and Rnee Botlitho combined for 29 Aquinas points with 17 and 12, respectively. Julie Murray yanked down 15 rebounds in the loss.

MU, however, outrebounded Aquinas, 53-44, and outscored the Saints off the bench, 25-10.

## Pioneers pound SC

The final result of Wednesday's game at Delta Community College left a lot of people, including Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata, asking what happened.

Delta 81, Schoolcraft 44.

SC had been playing very well. And the Lady Ocelots started Wednesday's game out well

enough, jumping out to a 16-9 lead with seven minutes left in the first half.

"Then (Delta) went on a 26-2 run," explained Lafata. "They led 35-18 at the half."

"They hit everything and we couldn't hit anything. After the way we played against Mott Saturday, I guess I just didn't expect this. I don't know what happened."

The loss left SC at 10-12 overall, 9-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Only one Ocelot reached double figures in scoring: Carly Wright (from Garden City), who scored 11 points. Carla Saxton was next best with nine.

Two of SC's top guns, Angelica Blakely and Antone' Watson, combined to score just 13 points.

Amanda Aldrich and Regan Zacharko had 15 points apiece for the Pioneers, who improved to 12-3 in the conference.



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## Whalers from page B1

ing goal stood up until the 16:41 mark of the first period when Plymouth center Stephen Weiss stuffed in a rebound shot to knot the game at 1-1. Damian Surma and Tomas Kurka assisted.

Zepp was spectacular when he had to be in the second period, stoning break-away opportunities from Jeff Heerema and Dusty Jamieson.

With both teams' defenses rising to the occasion, the game looked destined for overtime. However, with just over nine minutes to go in the third period, McBride stole the puck from a

Sting defenseman in front of the net and knocked it in before Hewitt could react. Plymouth peppered 24 shots at Hewitt.

**Plymouth 7, Guelph 5:** No doubt the Guelph Storm fans were loving this. The hottest team in the OHL pays a visit, and the Storm knock 'em around big-time, putting four goals into their net in the first period and making it 5-0 1:40 into the second.

Eric Beaudoin had scored two goals and assisted on another in the Storm's early rise.

Then came the fall. The Whalers put

four goals into Guelph's net before the second period was over, among them a short-handed goal from Kris Vernarsky and a power play goal from Justin Williams.

Stephen Weiss knotted it at 5-all with a power-play goal 2:41 into the third period. Damian Surma netted what proved to be the game-winner 6:32 into the period; Tomas Kurka's second goal of the game with 2:20 left iced it.

Surma and Weiss each had two assists in the game, too. Williams, Vernarsky and Randy Fitzgerald each had a goal and an assist, and Shaun Fisher had two assists.

## Wrestling from page B1

"Josh then proceeded to back up repeatedly, an illegal strategy of stalling, requiring John to continually step into him, exposing himself to getting taken down.

"The referee warned Josh against stalling early on in the match, but decided to let them wrestle on and did not penalize Josh for this," Demisick added. "So John was left to continually chase him and get further behind in the match with Josh taking advantage of this.

"This is quite a common happening by wrestlers if the referee chooses not to stop it and make both wrestlers wrestle. Even so, it was an exciting match to watch."

The Chiefs did get wins in the next two divisions. Scott McKee pinning James March in 1:08 at 152 and Shahein Rajae edging

Andrew Bennett, 5-2 at 160.

But the next three divisions went to Salem. Phil Portellos battled back to nip Derek Miller 12-11 at 171 (Miller was ahead, but Portellos reversed him late in the match); Mike Popeney beat Phil Rothwell 7-4 at 189; and Zack Jensen won on a void at 215.

Canton's Derek McWatt got the victory at heavyweight, 13-7 over Ricardo Smith. But Salem's victory was already in hand.

In the district final against Churchill, the Rocks dominated — so much so that they voided the last two matches and still won easily.

The Chargers won at 103, with Kyle Malo defeating Goethe 8-2. But the next seven divisions belonged to Salem.

Moniodis beat Brian Clement

11-10 at 112; Thompson won on a void at 119; Ash got a technical fall over Steve Lenhardt in 2:42 at 125; Stump pinned Nick Smith in 5:09 at 130; Dendinos beat Lev Mergian, 14-2 at 135; Kennard pinned Eric Kamm in 3:12 at 140; and Henderson pinned Ben Schepis in :35 at 145.

Churchill's Steve Abar got a technical fall in 6:00 over Bennett at 152 to derail the Salem express, but it was too late. The Rocks got just one more win, by Popeney on a void at 189, but the victory was safely tucked away.

Henderson's victory boosted his career win total to 100. It also insured that he'd get a chance to extend his match total — and his team's dual-meet total — in wins even further.

## Volleyball from page B1

Bowman, four kills and three ace serves.

Bowman, Kmet and Morrill each had seven digs.

"It was a total team effort," Diegel said. "We got fantastic defense from (Rachel) Bramlett, (Monica) Little and Bowman. Sopko did a phenomenal job setting and Marshall did a good job when she was in the back row."

Suder wound up with 13 kills and 16 digs. Denise Philips, a 6-foot right-side hitter, added 12 kills. Kelly Jaskot contributed 15

digs, while setter Jill Dombrowski had 27 assist-to-kills.

"We had to change our passing formations and give more responsibility to Amanda," Teeters said. "We tried to put some of our biggest blockers in front of Tera, but we didn't keep the right side wide enough."

Despite the loss, Teeters was not discouraged.

His team could possibly get two more cracks at the Patriots — Saturday, Feb. 26 at the

Western Lakes Tourney and possibly the regional.

"This team has exceeded our expectations by far," he said. "We knew Frnaklin would be one of the best teams around because they didn't graduate a lot of people. We lost four starters."

Meanwhile, Diegel is not taking anything for granted going into Monday's match with Central, which has only one WLAA loss (to Salem).

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## News anchor to serve as Salmon Stakes honorary chairperson



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Diana Lewis, news anchor for WXYZ-TV 7, is well known throughout the metro-Detroit area for her charitable and community work. But here's a not so well known fact . . . she also gets a thrill out of battling a salmon or trout in Michigan's Great Lakes waters. With that in mind, it's easy to understand why the Farmington Hills resident is the Honorary Chairperson of the 22nd annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament for the third year in a row.

"I like to work with the community and do what I can to help others," Lewis said. "If I can touch a life and make a difference, that's what life's all about."

"We are losing too many young people and this is a good opportunity to help

preserve some young lives. The fact that it's a fishing tournament and I enjoy fishing is icing on the cake."

The annual tournament, scheduled for Saturday, April 29, and based at the River Crab Restaurant in St. Clair, benefits neglected and troubled children and their families statewide.

The tournament was spawned from a conversation between the late Chuck Muer and his friend Al Tyrell more than 20 years ago.

Since its inception in 1978 the Salmon Stakes has netted better than \$1.2 million through corporate sponsorships and ticket sales and is the longest running charity tournament in the state.

You can help this worthy cause and come out a winner at the same time, even if you don't feel like fishing (although you'd be missing out on a barrel of fun and an opportunity at some big cash prizes).

Raffle/entry tickets are now on sale at Chuck Muer restaurants throughout

metro Detroit. Tickets are \$10 each and entitle the holder entry into the fishing tournament and an exciting raffle featuring a four-day trip for two to Mackinac Island, a two-day trip for two to Toronto and other great prizes.

The best part is that your ticket stub is also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any participating Chuck Muer restaurant nationwide.

Anglers who wish to compete (shore and boat fishing is allowed) must register after purchasing a ticket.

This year's tournament will be from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Cash prizes of \$500 will be awarded to: the fishing club with the heaviest total salmon weight; the largest total weight on one boat; and for the largest steelhead, coho, chinook and brown trout caught.

A special opportunity at winning even more cash awaits anglers this year as "Slippery Charlie" returns to the Salmon Stakes. In the week preceding the tournament one salmon will be

caught, tagged and released in southern lake Huron. If an angler registered in the tournament catches "Slippery Charlie" during the tournament the lucky angler will receive a \$1,000 bonus.

Tickets are available at Muer's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights or by calling 1-800-468-3727.

"I'm really excited and proud to have been asked to again be the honorary chairperson for the tournament," Lewis said. "My husband Glenn and I very much look forward to fishing in the tournament and participating in all aspects of this year's fund raising efforts. It's really nice to be involved with something that's great fun for all the participants and their families and at the same time raises money for such a worthy cause."

Free Fishing this weekend Michigan's first Free Winter Fishing Weekend will

be Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20, statewide. On these two days fishing license fees will be waived for residents and nonresidents. All fishing regulations still apply, you just don't need a license.

Free Winter Fishing Weekend was designed to allow residents and non-residents an opportunity to discover that the state provides four seasons of fishing fun for many popular species of fish.

Get out and enjoy the bite . . . and take along that friend or neighbor that has been "wanting to go, but haven't found the time."

The time is now!

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

## Adapting to the conditions – it's like night and day



**NATURE NOTES**  
The other night I set up my spotting scope that I use for bird watching and focused on Jupiter and Saturn.

They are both high in the southwestern sky, which made it easy to view them in our wooded neighborhood. My family was impressed when we saw the rings of Saturn and five moons of Jupiter.

Astronomy is a fascinating subject and may seem like a long way from learning about animals and plants on earth, but earth in space creates limitations and conditions that directs life on the surface.

When the earth spins, or rotates on its axis during a 24-hour period, life on the surface is subject to daylight and darkness.

Nocturnal animals adapt to the lack of light by developing senses that do not rely on light.

Bats use echolocation, moths can smell minute quantities of chemicals in the air, large ears allow more acute hearing, large

eyes allow what little light that is available to enter the eye.

All these adaptations developed because about half the rotation time produces darkness — why not take advantage of this time.

The earth's slight tilt on its axis causes the four seasons. If the earth was straight up and down, we would have the same basic climatic conditions all year long.

Michigan is in a position on the earth to exhibit a balance of all four seasons. In fall the shortening daylight length period provides a stimulus to animals to

prepare for the difficult season of winter.

Some animals migrate to warmer climes, others hibernate, while many grow thick coats of fur, or add more feathers to survive the cold winter temperatures.

Animals that prepare for the seasonal differences that the tilt of the earth causes are better able to survive. The consistent seasonal limitations have directed the kind of adaptations we now see in animals.

Our moon also influences life on earth. We may not think about it too much here in Michi-

gan, but the tides are a phenomenon that people in the ocean states deal with regularly.

Imagine a shoreline worm or crab that lives in Massachusetts during the winter. Part of the day they are covered with cold water, the other part of the day they are exposed to even colder air temperatures.

Ocean shoreline animals have varying conditions because of the moon's effect on our oceans.

The sun itself is the ultimate source of all our energy. Green plants are the only living things that can take the sun's light and convert it into energy for living

things on earth.

Heat from the sun drives all our weather patterns, which in turn creates climatic conditions which influence the kinds of plants that can survive and the animals that would live in such a habitat.

Astronomy is not just admiring planets, identifying constellations and telling Greek mythological stories.

An understanding of astronomy helps us determine why life developed the way it is today.

The more we understand how life exists and survives the more fascinating it becomes.

## Traveling the leagues: Plethora of 300 games makes it fun to watch



**TEN PIN ALLEY**  
My usual Monday night routine is to visit certain bowling leagues and watch some of the better bowlers.

Last Monday while I was at Merri Bowl, Rick DeLuca of Livonia shot a 300 game in the K of C Men's League.

This is Rick's first year back after sitting out the past three due to Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. It takes a lot of patience to come back to bowling from this very common but stubborn ailment.

For Rick, it was his second perfect; his other one also at Merri Bowl, in 1987.

He is now retired from his job at Ford Motor Co. and is enjoying bowling a lot more, a sport he took up at the age of 10.

DeLuca is carrying a 206 average while enjoying a current hot streak.

I asked what hot new ball he was throwing and he replied, "It is the Torq, that old Columbia ball from about seven years ago. It's still performing well."

So much for the latest hot new ball theory.

Next stop was Cloverlanes, for the Ladies All-Star Bowlerettes, and I arrived just in time to watch Jeannie Gebbia, formerly of Garden City and now living in Taylor.

She threw twelve perfect shots for the third 300 game of her career. Jeannie is the captain of the Community Bowling Centers team that features Aleta Sill, Marianne DiRupo, Joanne Pencola and Tracey Wade.

The twelfth strike had a stubborn 10-pin, but it went down and the other competitors ran up to congratulate her.

It looked for a while I would witness a third 300 in less than an hour when Stacie Gray started the next game with 10 strikes.

But the 11th shot crossed over, leaving the five pin and earning

her a fine 289.

There is a moral to this story: Bowling can be fun just to watch.

•The Alzheimer's Association's 11th annual Bowling Bonanza will be Saturday, March 4, at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Fee is \$10 per person with a \$25 minimum pledge per bowler.

Participants get to bowl three games, receive an event commemorative T-shirt, pizza and soft drinks and free rental shoes to those who need them.

Choose from either the morning or afternoon session. Bring friends and family.

Alzheimer's Disease places an enormous drain on a family's emotional and financial resources.

The Alzheimer's Association's Detroit Chapter is the only non-profit health agency exclusively dedicated to providing support to individuals and families affected by the disease.

More than 600 bowlers will participate, including the Detroit Parrot Head Club, Farmington Singles and corporate sponsor representatives.

Call (248) 557-8277 for entry forms or more information.

•The purse bandit has struck again — this time at Mayflower Lanes.

She poses as a friend of someone in the league, seems to fit right in with the crowd and in a flash is gone — along with somebody's purse.

She wears an oversize field jacket in beige or light green. The jacket is two sizes too large so she can stuff the purse away and move out.

She has preyed upon area bowling leagues and every center's league bowlers, particularly women's and senior leagues, should be on the alert.

•A special word of appreciation from the fifth annual Senior/Youth Tournament committee to Hershel Parris of Toarmina's Pizza on Seven Mile Road and to International House of Pancakes on Middlebelt Road, both in Livonia, for their contribution of door prizes for this successful event.

Many thanks to you both.

### BOWLING HONOR ROLL

#### Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

**Wednesday Men's Senior Classic:** Dick Barina, 298/701; Tom Sanford, 254/677; Howard Davis, 241/691; John Gendjar, 253/258/687; Gabe Fazekas, 236/278/686; Frank Palmeri, 256; Wil Suokas, 259.

**Good Neighbors:** Kathy Risch, 195; Gloria Mertz, 201; Pauline Polk, 190.

**Monday Seniors:** Gary Nagle, 245-247/712; Howard Davis, 257/687; Bill Britton, 246/678; Jack Dahlstrom, 244/668; Jim Rosni, 257/619.

**Friday Seniors:** Rich Zacheranik, 279/707; Tom Hay, 254/670; Stan Wesner, 256/650; Walt Arsenault, 226/643; Norm Kovala, 241/641.

#### Garden Lanes (Garden City)

**St. Linus Classic:** Scott Whisenand, 299-246/228/773; Scott Day, 258/277/772; Mark Gorno, 259/707; Larry Curtis, 279/701.

**Ladies Friday Classic:** Lisa McClenahan, 236/683; Dawn Williamson, 236/661; Tari Mitchell, 267/631; D. J. Wallace, 232/627.

#### Oak Lanes (Westland)

**G & G Auto:** Candace Brouwer, 210/602; Toni Strange, 218/567; Diane McGarry, 212/558; Gloria Mertz, 191/545; Judi Holleran, 212; Ann Niedermeyer, 210.

**Town 'n' Country Lanes (Westland)**

**Airlines:** Butch Warrington, 299/760

**Thursday Trio:** David Lawton, 299/754; Estes Duboyz, 300/754

#### Saturday Mixed: Bob Rising, 300.

**Westland Bowl**

**Wayne Memorial Fun:** Darrell Olds, 234/596; Tony Arnold, 195/504.

**St. Mel's Men:** Mel Wolicki, 245; Roy Linco, 214/622; Scott Stanley, 227/641; Mark Brooks, 289/750; Jay Morris, 267/671.

**A.M. Ladies Trio:** Rochelle Calsada, 221/589; Veda Zettel, 204/578; Louann Saavedra, 192.

**Thursday Men's Invitational:** John Paz, 300/732; Mike Paz, 279/690; Jon Anthony, 259/664; Glen Couch, 259; Jeff Hogan, 258.

**Monday 6:30 p.m. Men's:** Charles Taylor, 257/622; David Pydyn, 256/629; Harold Winters, 245/584; Jeffery Roberts, 244/598; Carl Kuehnell II, 244/655.

**Monday Morning Men:** Robert Roulin, 237/581; Judson Carter, 236/607; Randy Kline, 235/663; Bob Simmons, 234/587; George Herrick, Jr., 232/584.

**Sunday Sleepers:** Joe Helm, 279; Bill Caram, 279/709; Tim Whalen, 279/701; Dave Anderson, 279/684; Jeff Roche, 276/749; Gary Januszowski, 275/757.

**E/O Friendship:** Ron McIntosh, 226/520; John Vandermeir, 196; Jeff Tapper, 196; Annette Allison, 180/511.

**E/O Out to Lunch Bunch:** Bill Freeman, 267/628; Steve Goldener, 258/689; Gordie Peterson, 237/562; Ricky Palac, 232/613; Cindi Pickens, 188.

**Thursday Nite Mixed:** Keith Post, 245/674; Ken Forbes, 235/627; Dan Harrison, 232/599; Larry Cyr, 224/608; Candy Bailey, 209/551.

**Westland Champs:** Mary Marvaso, 269/646; Jennifer Manley, 210/520; Sunday Gains, 207/548; Donna Middleditch, 204/532; Dee Platt, 190/556.

**NASCAR Trio:** Ron Hicks, Jr., 253/630; Dan Doodie, 247/653; Augusta Bell, Jr., 237/638; Lou Swindell, 225; Lara White,

188/523.

**Sunday Youth/Adult:** Cody Verkerke, 108; Jacob Newcomb, 94.

**Saturday Youth (Coca Cola Majors):** Brian Peczynski, 245/687; Bradley Suchan, 233/557; Erick Shienke, 224/615; Tony Vitale, 214/568.

**Coca Cola Juniors:** Ryan Warner, 267/654; Eric Wojtkofsky, 252/656; Darrell Olds, 246/627; Greg Guwca, 230; Shelby Scott, 148.

**Coca Cola Preps:** Eric Bobby, 133; Joshua Peltz, 123; Olivia La Fortune, 123.

**Merri Bowl (Livonia)**

**Wednesday Sundersons:** Donna Dudek, 228/574; Marie Beland, 224/563; Pat Marotta, 213/560; Mary Mavien, 215/573; Denise Stancato, 208/211/590.

**Wednesday Toast & Coffee:** Joyce Gradinsko, 212/520; Diana Krupinski, 202; Peggy Caruana, 203.

**Strikes & Spares:** Greta Paschen, 239; Marlene Dahlin, 221; Joni Lumetta, 208; Barb Duffee, 205; Dorothy Bradford, 202.

**K of C:** Rick DeLuca, 300/670; John White, 278; Ed Lynch, 289/702; Jim Johnson, 278/746; Rich Madsen, 733; Don Blanchard, 709; Don Raby, 672; John Stephens, 669.

**Seniors Cupid's Arrow (9-pin no-top):** First place - Bill Dennis; second - Brenda Sheppard; third - Bob Crites; fourth - Charles Sergison; fifth - Elaine Seay.

**Cloverlanes (Livonia)**

**Friday Seniors:** Joe Newton, 246/648; Jerry Page, 256/232/670; Larry Slavin, 221/583; Ken McDaniel, 225/628; Frank Baron, 238/603.

**Tuesday Seniors:** Dan Uller, 217/603; Joe Newton, 244/222/652; Jerry Page, 257; Tony Rye, 234/223/640; Howard Simons, 245/596.

**All-Star Bowlerettes:** Jeanne Gebbia, 300-205/280/786; Lisa Bishop, 249/709; Stacie Gray, 289/672; Erica Mickowski, 276/675; Renee Palmer, 260/695.

**Thursday Junior House:** Mark Linsner, 258/715; Kent Woodward, 267/707; Erik Okerstrom, 269/664; Dave Noll, 269/686; Robert Gendjar, 286/655.

**St. Aidan's Men:** Mike Kowalski, 224/235-233/692; Pat Ramsey, 278/707; Rich Radak, 267/674; Vince Bastine, 251/631; Bob Kemp, 226/230/639.

**Junior House:** Barry Lawrence, 289/758; Erik Okerstrom, 257/718; Daniel Harris, 267/694; Brandon Teddy, 279/728; Bryan Lakatos, 256/749.

**ForMoCo Thursday Nite:** Darryl Blessing, 277/723; Rod Caldwell, 266; Ben Haynes, 252/741; Bill Bundon, 269/678; Larry Frank, 710.

**Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)**

**Nite Owls:** Darren Liptow, 254/710; Bob Easley, 678; Len Radtke, 664; Ray Card, 657; Dennis Madden, 656; John Sewruk, 776.

**Classico:** Rick Siedlaczek, 289/773; Mitch Jabczynski, 268/269/771; Brian Senda, 727; Gary Meyers, 299/719; Dan Mytty, 716; Rich Mason, 268/711; Phil Caldwell, 289/800; Don Parks, 300/757; Mike Caldwell, 278/723; Larry Franz, 267/717.

**Bowlerette:** Sue Marsella, 235/645.

**St. Pauls Mixed:** Dwight Sheets, 258/704 (first-ever 700, 20 pins over average); Jeff Kinville, 246/653; Joyce MacLennan, 226/541.

**Senior Men's Invitational:** Jess Macciocco, 277/717; Charlie Orbecky, 245/692; Mel Albitre, 653; Herb Richardson, 266.

**Westside Merchants:** James Robinson, 268/674 (155 pins over average).

**Woodland Lanes (Livonia)**

**Ford Parts:** Minh Grougan, 280/749; Dennis Weatherford, 269/764; Michael Yaros, 268/733; David Fitch, 278/706; Joe Helm, 266.

**Easy Rollers:** Marilyn Walters, 244 (105 pins 0/9).

**Men's Trio:** Dave Maran, 298/756; Mark Payne, 720; Steve Hubble, 287/727; Erv Watson, 707; John Muczynski, 703.

**Early Birds:** Laura Sakata, 206/552; Pat LaMorand, 208; Marilyn Gould, 533; Jean Jones, 203.

**Guys & Dolls (Seniors):** Henry Judge, 211.

**Senior House:** Jeff Roche, 268/712; Mark Payne, 266/729; Doug Spicer, 277/726; Dick Shoupe, 267/687; Scott Linsner, 367/672.

**Midnighters:** Evan Brown, 253; Vaughn Oliver, 243; Vic Snyder, 256; Tim Mielczarek, 238; Doug Wiseman, 223.

**Gay 90s (Seniors):** George Nutting, 222; Paul Brewer, 213; Chuck Simpson, 214; Bob Jones, 211.

**St. Edith:** Ken Lynch, 261/721; Mike Bauman, 268/725; Doug Johnson, 265; Mike Sinicola, 258; Larry Krol, 667.

**Lyndon Meadows:** Debbie Ellsworth, 201/539.

**Monday Seniors:** Howard Fetherston, 233; Bob Wilhelm, 237.

**Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)**

**Powertrain Men's:** Perry Yager, 297.

**Borough's Men:** Bryan Schwartz, 226/211-248/685; Dave Schwartz, 236/237/257/730.

**Sheldon Road Men:** Dave Kowalski, 245-235/267/717; Dave Eastman, 278/212-243/733; Sam Loicano, 277; Darryl Alexander, 246/265/709.

**Waterford Men:** Derek Verant, 268/709; Chuck Morris, 269/704; Kevin Trumbull, 254-239/299/792.

**St. Colette's Men:** John Glasgow, 276-243/714.

**Saturday Teens:** Adam Rudloff, 300.

**Super Bowl (Canton)**

**Friday Funsters:** George Bradley, 191-198/553.

**Parent/Child Mixed:** Keith Kingsbury, 559.

**Monday Canton Seniors:** Bob Makowiec, 194/503; Ed Grady, 190/212/570.

**Youth Leagues (Thursday Juniors/Majors):** Chris Rogiero, 208; Wilder Christofferson, 190; Brian Stack, 234/591.

**Thursday Preps:** Jessica Wampler, 192.

**Friday Bantams:** Whitney Bauer, 130.

**Al Harrison, 232/657; Debbie VanMeter, 212/591; Phil Szonye, 225/619; Bill Weed, 233/620.**

**Sunday Goodtimers:** Ron Peterson, 266/646; Bill Weiler, 246; Wayne Lanning, 256; Bill Vida, 226; Leonard Wispe, 212; Stan Miller, 227/550.

**B'Nai Brith Pishgah:** Allen Zupple, 226/256-226/708; Larry Horn, 237/236/688; Wayne Lusky, 245/669; Lyle Schaefer, 230/664; Keith Kingston, 248/657.

**Spares & Strikes:** Sheila Wellman, 233/548; Joanie Kaminski, 231/526.

**St. Paul's Men:** Michael Thompson, 267; Thad Studnicki, 654.







## BOYS BASKETBALL

Sunday, Feb. 20

## (CHSL Central-AA Playoffs at U-D Mercy's Calihan Hall)

Borgess vs. O.L. St. Mary's, noon.  
Redford CC vs. DePorres, 1:45 p.m.  
DeLaSalle vs. Divine Child, 3:30 p.m.  
Brother Rice vs. N.D. Prep, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Warren Zee at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Agape at West Highland, 7:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

CHSL Central-AA semifinal at Schoolcraft College, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Huron Valley at Inter-City, 7 p.m.  
CHSL Central-AA semifinal at Schoolcraft College, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

Agape at Det. Community, 7:30 p.m.  
Academy of Detroit at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27

(CHSL Finals at U-D's Calihan Hall)  
C-D Division final, noon.  
East-West final, 2 p.m.  
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Schoolcraft vs. highest seed at Concordia College, 7:30 p.m.

## ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Feb. 24

Ply. Whalers at Brampton, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27

Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

## PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Salem at Wyandotte (Yack), 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. G.P. North at St. Clair Shores Arena, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Franklin vs. Howell at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Farm. Unified vs. Wat. Kettering at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 25

Farm. Unified vs. Brother Rice at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Redford Unified vs. U-D Jesuit at City Center Arena, 4 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 21

Operation-Friendship Finals at Ladywood, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Walnut Creek M.S., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

Agape at W. Highland, 5 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Mich. School-Deaf at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

Luth. W'sid at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.  
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
N. Farm. at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Huron Valley at Saline Christian, 5 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.  
Agape at Taylor Light & Life, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.  
U-M Dearborn Tourney, 8 a.m.  
WLAA Tourney at Northville, TBA.  
Metro Tourney at Luth. N'west, TBA.

The following is a list of the best Observerland boys swimming times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax at (734) 591-7279 or voice-mail at (734) 953-2141.

## 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:42.01  
North Farmington 1:42.22  
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.26  
Livonia Stevenson 1:42.52  
Plymouth Canton 1:48.06

## 200 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36  
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 1:51.84  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:51.93  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 1:52.26  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.40  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.73  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:54.11  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:54.30  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:55.26

## 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:56.29  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:02.59  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:04.21  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:08.21  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:10.09

Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:10.72  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00

## 50 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.31  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.51  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 23.10  
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 23.11  
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.14  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22  
Matt Winiewski (Canton) 23.24  
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.29  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 23.31  
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 23.43

## DIVING

Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00  
Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 260.80  
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 246.15  
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.60  
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45  
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85  
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55  
Lake Brunner (Canton) 204.50  
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25  
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 186.60

## 100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.43  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.75  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 56.22

Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 57.71  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99  
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.33  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.37  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47

## 100 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.80  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 49.76  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 50.03  
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 50.39  
Mike Johnson (Salem) 51.00  
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.18  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42  
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 51.47  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 51.79  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.93

## 500 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.41  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:57.12  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 5:04.20  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:05.44  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80  
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:09.89  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:10.83  
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:12.73  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96

## 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:31.83  
Redford Catholic Central 1:32.31  
North Farmington 1:32.94

Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87  
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

## 100 BACKSTROKE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 55.89  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 56.03  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46  
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.68  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 57.69  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.15  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.07  
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45

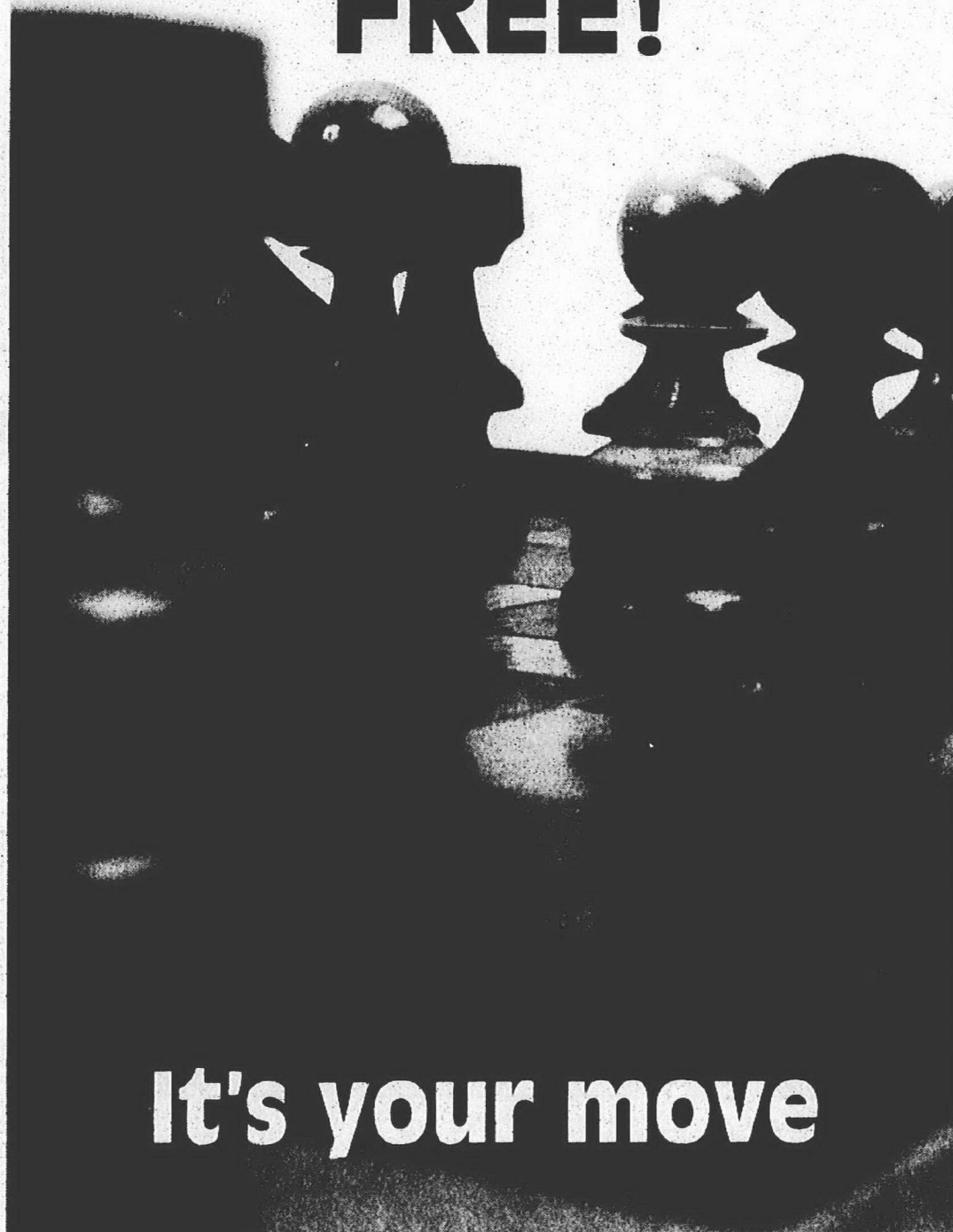
## 100 BREASTSTROKE

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:01.61  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11  
Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:04.62  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.55  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10  
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:07.62  
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Program showcases American opera

**K**imberly Swan's enthusiasm for opera increases as she speaks about the Italian tradition. Swan, along with tenor Jack Morris and baritone Dino Valle of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, will sing highlights from favorite Italian operas Sunday, Feb. 27, at Summit on the Park. Sponsored by Canton Project Arts, the "Opera Encore!" program surveys the



Kimberly Swan

#### "Opera Encore!"

**What:** Canton Project Arts program features a slide presentation about the history of opera in America, and performance by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Reception follows the concert.

**Where:** Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

**Tickets:** \$15, call (734) 397-6450 for reservations.

Arts at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia and in her private studio.

"Italian opera is very passionate," said Swan. "Verdi is probably the most prominent composer. He wrote for the voice. When I sing it, it's like magic."

Verdi Opera Theatre president John Zaretti designed the program and slide presentation. "Opera in America: Stories, People, Places" will focus on the development and history of opera from the 1800s to the present.

"John wants to educate, then we sing the examples of what he talked about," said Swan. "His whole idea is how the Italian opera came to America - Rossini, Puccini and Verdi. The Verdi Opera Theatre does a lot to educate. The concept is to continue the Verdi tradition. Sometimes the MET does Verdi's 'Rigoletto,' but they're doing more contemporary music. We're trying to keep the Italian tradition alive. Italians are very passionate people. They just love life and singing. All vocal music comes from Italy, the church in Rome, around the 15th-16th century."

Zaretti, in addition to talking about the history of opera, will also display his collection of rare opera posters.

"It's a fascinating story," said Zaretti, a Canton resident. "During the gold rush days, opera houses were above bars and would burn down all the time because they didn't have electricity. The program will follow the history with arias from Puccini's 'Girl of the Golden West' and 'La Boheme.' Caruso came in the era of the phonograph around 1904. There's a lot of great stars in opera and a lot of stories."

Zaretti hopes in the near future that the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan will be able to take productions such as "Opera Encore!" to the new performing arts center in Canton.

"We'd like to expand beyond just piano accompaniment to maybe even stage operas," said Zaretti. "We're finding the community is realizing the value of the arts. The heart and soul of the community is the arts program."

It looks like Zaretti may get his wish. Joan Noricks, a board member of Partnership for the Arts, which is overseeing the project, said decisions about the new performing arts center will be made sometime in March.

"It's very exciting," said Noricks. "In the next couple of weeks we'll be receiving the report from the consultant (AMS Planning & Research in Connecticut) and the Partnership for the Arts will come together to analyze it and make a determination of what's next - a fund-raising plan and perhaps a ground-breaking in spring 2001."

**Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to [lechomin@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:lechomin@oe.homecomm.net)**

#### Dedication:

(Photo below)  
Linette Popoff-Parks and Velda Kelly (left) rehearse Edward Elgar's "Sonata for Violin and Piano."



## MADONNA FACULTY SAYS LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

**L**inette Popoff-Parks calmly talks about the upcoming faculty recital at Madonna University. The music department chairman is excited about the eclectic program but states matter-of-factly that faculty frequently perform throughout metro Detroit. That's one of the benefits students receive when they take music courses at the university.

"We're performers anyway," said Popoff-Parks, a Plymouth resident. "It gives the student a chance to hear us. It's important for them to hear what we can do. And it's important for the community. We're offering them the opportunity to enjoy music. We will also talk about the music we're going to play, so we're an educator as well as an entertainer."

Popoff-Parks will be joined by three faculty members for the program on Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall.

An accompanist and chamber musician for series such as the Birmingham Musicale and the Grosse Pointe Chamber Music Society, Popoff-Parks recently accompanied New York baritone Erik Chalfant in an afternoon of classical and

contemporary song at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. She'll play Edward Elgar's "Sonata for Violin and Piano" with guest violinist Velda Kelly at the Madonna University recital. Proceeds from the \$5 admission will support the music scholarship fund.

"The recital is a nice variety of genres, styles, and colors with different instruments - flute, piano and voice," said Popoff-Parks. "We look to hire adjunct professors who are strong performers. All of our staff are devoted teachers who have the love of music in their hearts that drives them everyday."

Popoff-Parks is proud of the university that offers a major in music, with concentrations in performance, education, management and church music.

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**What:** The Madonna University music faculty plays a recital of music by Elgar, Bolling, Poulenc, and Mahler.  
**When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.  
**Where:** Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, at Levan, Livonia.  
**Tickets:** \$5, supports the music scholarship fund. For more information, call (734) 432-5709.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

**Vibrant sculptures: Michael Ragins stands by 'Pennsylvania Moon Set.'**

### Artist creates works of beauty in spite of 'fate'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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"Fate" is an appropriate title for the first work of Michael Ragins' newest series, which combines sculpture and painting. If it hadn't been for the devastating illness Neurofibromatosis, Ragins may never have begun to create works consisting primarily of yarn and sticks. The nerve disorder caused fibrous tumors to grow on his spine and made it difficult for him to use his arms and legs.

After surgery to remove the fibromas, Ragins began the long road back to recovery in rehab at the University of Michigan Medical Center. Instead of working in stained glass with the rest of the patients, Ragins asked his wife Annie to bring him some yarn and sticks.

A graduate of Center for Creative Studies, Ragins began his career as a painter. After earning a certificate for K-12 art education from Marygrove College, he taught in Detroit Public Schools but continued to paint. He discovered sculpture in graduate school at Wayne State University. It was during this time, that he developed medical problems. Within two years he was completely disabled and unable to continue teaching.

"I wanted to be a poetry painter but then the Dada

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## Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents 'Godspell'

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"Godspell" is one of Teri Giordano's favorite musicals. She auditioned for a part in the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's production, hoping to get cast in the ensemble. But director Jennifer Rembisz decided Giordano would be perfect as Mary Magdalene in the show that opened Friday and continues weekends through March 11.

"The song that she sings is 'By My Side,' and Teri has a beautiful soprano voice," said Rembisz. "She also read very well for the part, and I knew she could pull it off even though she didn't have the acting experience. After all, that's what directors are for, to direct the actors and help them develop their characters."

"It's a great opportunity," said Giordano, a Livonia resident and graduate of Stevenson High School. "I've learned

#### On Stage

**What:** The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "Godspell."

**When:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and March 5; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26; March 3-4, and March 10-11.

**Where:** 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.

**Tickets:** \$12 or \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 531-0554.

so much. It's been really interesting to step into the character and see how someone like her would follow Christ."

Giordano is taking voice lessons and sings at weddings and memorial services.

"My mom always wanted to sing but God gave me the voice," said Giordano. "I sing for my mother and my family. My mom and sister encouraged me to audition for the show."

In high school Giordano sang in the choir and was cast in the ensemble of two musicals presented by Jumpstart the Arts, a summer theater program for teens.

#### Background

Based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, "Godspell," an award-winning musical by John-Michael Telbelak with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, opened off-Broadway on May 17, 1971. It ran for 2,127 performances off-Broadway, and 527 on Broadway.

Rembisz set the play in the year 2000 instead of the 1970s so audiences could identify with it better.

"It read well then, and it was very controversial," she said. The characters wore clown-like costumes. Jesus had a clown nose, and wore a Superman shirt.

In the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford production, Jesus still wears a Superman shirt, but he's also wearing carpenter jeans because, Rembisz explains, Jesus was a carpenter.

To add authenticity to the show, Rembisz went to the Bible and read the Gospel according to St. Matthew. "The show made a lot more sense

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**On the set:** Caleb Gilbert (left to right), Jennifer Rembisz, Kevin Hentkouski and Keri Wayne on the set of "Godspell."

## HELP WANTED



**Self portrait:** This oil painting from the Vincent van Gogh, Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam is one of 70 works in an exhibition opening March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

## Art museum searches for volunteers for van Gogh's 'Face to Face' exhibit

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Three weeks to go and counting. Dianne Abel is keeping track of the days until - "Van Gogh: Face to Face" - the exhibit of the year opens at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Abel, associate director of development, volunteer services and special events, is responsible for recruiting volunteers to staff the 11 galleries that will showcase 70 paintings and drawings on loan from private collections and museums around the world.

"I don't think anyone ever imagined the magnitude of this exhibit," said Abel. "We're seeking to fill 2,800 volunteer positions dur-

ing the 13-week run. We've already sold 80,000 tickets, and have people calling from Indiana to Chicago and Cleveland. Excited is an understatement. Overwhelmed is closer to it. We've never had an exhibit of this magnitude."

"The 18 shifts a week we'll have for van Gogh is above and beyond everything we do," added volunteer coordinator Gloria Parker. "We're excited but it's a little scary, also."

More than 300,000 visitors walked through the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibit in a span of six months in 1997. The museum expects as many people to visit the van Gogh

Please see **VAN GOGH**, C2

#### Volunteers for van Gogh

For information on volunteering in the galleries for the "Van Gogh: Face to Face" exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., call (313) 833-0247 or visit the Web site at [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org). The exhibit opens Sunday, March 12, and closes Sunday, June 4. Volunteers will have their choice of these shifts:

- Friday/Saturday - 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.
- Sunday/Thursday - 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

■ An orientation in the lecture hall 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, will acquaint prospective volunteers with the DIA's eight service committees. The primary focus of the meeting will be on van Gogh volunteers.



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exhibit.

"We're going to be open seven days a week," said Abel. "We'll need nine volunteers per shift because of the high liability of the works. Each painting is estimated at \$30 to \$40 million."

Abel expects the Friday and Saturday evening volunteer shifts will be the most difficult to fill.

## Recruiting

"We're going to be recruiting van Gogh volunteers during a volunteer orientation on Feb. 27 and we'll have a signed interpreter," said Abel. "We're very diverse and invite people who are interested but physically challenged to volunteer. We want everyone to have the opportunity. We need volunteers to

greet people as they enter and exit the galleries. It's a perk. The goal is to rotate volunteers during their shift so they'll be able to see all of the exhibition."

You don't have to know anything about art to volunteer. There will be a short volunteer training session before every shift.

"They don't have to feel that they won't know what to do," said Abel. "We just want them to be a friendly face because when people feel welcome they want to come back."

## Help wanted

A volunteer for 15 years and a member of the DIA speakers bureau, Wendy Evans has been giving presentations on the van Gogh exhibit at a variety of venues. The Bloomfield Township resident is volunteer committee chairman. Like Abel and Parker she thinks the exhibit will be deluged with visitors and wants them to enjoy their stay.

"We learned a lot during

Egypt," said Evans. "We're more pro-active. We're restricting the numbers of school groups and the number of people we let into the galleries at any one time. We ask for people who can be a friendly face in the galleries but not discuss the art. They're to be extra eyes for the security force as visitors will only be allowed only so close to the art. There really isn't any criteria except they'll have to be able to stand for that length of time with short breaks."

Eileen Kozloff is looking forward to the van Gogh exhibit even though she'll be volunteering more hours than usual. The West Bloomfield resident is volunteer chairman. She gives 500-600 hours of her time to the museum each year. Only 50 hours are required from volunteers.

"We desperately need as many volunteers as possible," said Kozloff. "When you're representing the museum you put your best foot forward. We want them

to like what they're doing and to smile and greet the visitors that we're so happy to see. And volunteers get back more than they give. For Egypt and 'Angels from the Vatican' it was so exciting to see the enthusiasm of the visitors. The kids had so much fun seeing their names in hieroglyphics. For 'Angels' it was exciting to see so many elderly people in wheelchairs. It was almost spiritual."

Abel said members of corporations, book study and garden clubs, the PTA, and co-workers should consider volunteering in groups.

"We're taking teams of 10," she said. "We're going to take a photo of the groups for our Wall of Fame in the volunteer office. This is especially fitting since the exhibit is van Gogh's portraits."


## Museum shops

Bernadine Bennett believes volunteering in the galleries is a good way to find out more about

what's involved with donating time on a regular basis. As chairman of the museum shop volunteers, Bennett recruits sales people to help customers with merchandise. They must become members of the DIA's Founders Society and serve 50 hours a year.

The orientation on Feb. 27 will familiarize prospective volunteers with service in the galleries and the seven other areas of the museum. Bennett, a Canton resident, will need more help than usual to staff not only the museum shop but the 1,800 sq. ft. outpost store on the second level. In addition to helping customers, volunteers will restock shelves.

"I've sent out a van Gogh alert asking our volunteers to serve extra shifts," said Bennett. "Our buyer has ordered everything from tiny tea pots with van Gogh paintings on them to T-shirts with the DIA's van Gogh on it. We're launching our online catalogue March 1. Tell people to look for us at [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)."



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"We may be small but that's one of the advantages of studying here - individualized attention," said Popoff-Parks, a faculty member for 21 years. "And in the past two to three years, we've increased our concert offerings. The chorale performs at least four times a year and they're going to Ireland this summer."

## Partnering

"Students have the opportunity to audition and perform with the Livonia Symphony and write program notes for the orchestra," Popoff-Parks said. "We're always looking to improve the program. Faculty members are getting involved with organizations like the Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Livonia Piano Teachers Forum to further their own growth. We also offer a certificate in piano pedagogy. The 33-hours includes training to avoid pianistic injuries such as carpal tunnel

syndrome."

Donna Kallie is as big a cheerleader for music studies at Madonna University as Popoff-Parks. An adjunct associate professor of flute and voice for 20 years, Kallie, in addition to teaching 35 flute and piano students, is an instructor of music education for classroom teachers. She believes early exposure to music influences children to develop a love for it. Kallie's father was a professional clarinetist/saxophonist and her mother a pianist. Three of the four siblings in her family went on to teach music.

"I tell my students to perform as often as they can and frequently accompany them on

piano at recitals and competitions," said Kallie. "I tell them the flute is the framework of the puzzle. When you add the piano, you're able to look at the whole picture."

Although Kallie began piano studies in second grade, she didn't take up flute until the eighth grade. She believes it's never too late to learn to play an instrument.

"Flute is the hardest beginning instrument," said Kallie. "It has no reed or mouthpiece but hearing the pleasant sound and tone of the instrument I wanted to play it."

Kallie puts her talents into play when she joins Dave Wagn-

er, an associate professor of music, in the first four movements of Claude Bolling's "Sonata for Flute and Jazz Piano."

"This combination of jazz and baroque is very unique," said Kallie, a Plymouth resident. "It's a modern work, a classical work but with jazz accompaniment. It's fun to play with syncopated rhythms. It's not what you'd expect."

In addition to Popoff-Parks, Kallie and Wagner, adjunct music and voice instructor Gini Robison performs three selections, including Poulenc's cycle of songs about animals, with pianist Nancy LeGrand.

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(movement) introduced me to discarded or ready made that revolted against salon artists," said Ragins. "I started doing constructions, dark violets and brown, until my surgery in March 1999. That's when I used a bed pan as a form to wrap coils of yarn around. They formed a heart and then I added the sticks. I began doing brighter colors. They got braver with color and design and breaking up the form. The red, white and blue 'Annie T' was done for my wife. You can see the painting techniques more."

Ragins crosses two bicycle tires then wraps them with yarn in "Louisiana Charm." The struc-

ture for another fiber wrapped work is a chain link fence. Most of the pieces are based on the figure. People play an important role in Ragins' life. He credits his wife of 15 years, their two teenagers, family, friends, and the doctors and rehab staff for continuing to stand by him through the illness. The fact, they've touch his life and "make it a joy to be alive" shows in his art.

"I want people to enjoy it," said the 42-year-old Ragins, who's exhibited at the Detroit Repertory Theatre and the Sherry Washington Gallery which represents him. "I want them to walk away with something and

something that sticks with the thousands of images they'll see in their lives."

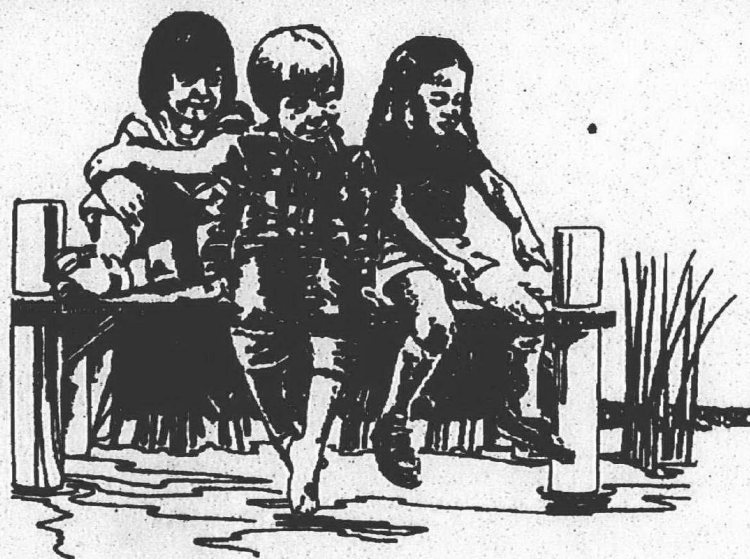
Madonna University art department chairman Doug Semivan thinks viewers will be moved by the works and the courage it took to create them. He's glad that he asked Detroit artist Gilda Snowden to curate Ragins' exhibition at Madonna University.

"Michael's ideas are fresh," said Semivan. "I don't think anyone here has seen anything quite like them. He explores his personal vision, the struggles he's been through. I try to motivate the students, for them to realize every moment counts."

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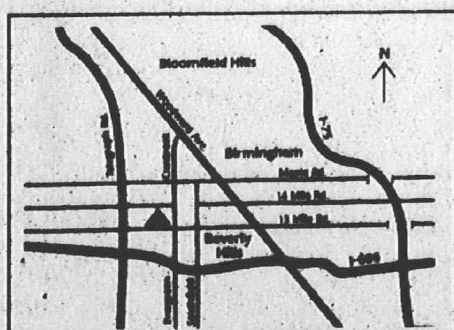
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#### LIBERTY FEST 2000

Call for artists for the 9th annual fine art and fine craft show on June 24 and 25 in Canton Township. Application deadline is April 15. (734) 453-3710.

#### METROPOLITAN SINGERS

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

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for new members by appointment. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. Dall (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

### CLASSES

8th Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia (734) 455-9517.

### CONCERTS

#### B'JAZZ VESPERS

Janet Tenaj & The Sven Anderson Trio, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

#### BORROMEO STRING QUARTET

Performs with James Dunham at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills. (248) 737-9980.

#### CLASSICS ON THE LAKE

Mexican pianist Myrthala Salazar will feature works by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos and George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" during her concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at St. Mary's College's "Classics on the Lake." (248) 683-1750.

#### DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Flutist Mananne Gegigian performs with the orchestra at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. (313) 565-2424.

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Introduction to the Classics Series presents "Mendelssohn meets Ellington" 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

#### GENNADY ZUT

Performs the bataika at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20 at The Jewish Community Center, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

#### JAZZ JAMBALAYA

The Ron English Trio performs at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, Rochester. (248) 651-0622.

#### MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Presents a week of entertainment starting with the Flying Karamazov Brothers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20; Kodo, Japanese drummers, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22; a Hoagy Carmichael Centennial Celebration at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 and Mark Russell at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Macomb Center is located one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall and Garfield Road, Clinton Township. (810) 286-2222.

#### SAINT THOMAS CHOIR

From St. Thomas Church, New York City. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

#### SYNERGY DUO

Michael and Cynthia Benson perform a piano concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21 in the Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-2030.

#### YOUNG ARTISTS

Will perform with the Pontiac Oakland Symphony at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 in Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus.

### FOR KIDS

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE**  
Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch. For ages birth to 4 years with a parent. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

#### KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to children age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

#### MOZART, MOMMY & ME

An interactive music class for children 18 months to 2 1/2 conducted by two speech-language pathologists. 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning Wednesday, March 8 at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Southfield. (248) 357-5544.

#### WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

#### WRITING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Harvey Ovshinsky, award-winning screenwriter, will conduct day-long creative writing workshops from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 for grades 6-8. Workshops take place at the Community House in Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

#### DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Opens Saturday, Feb. 26 — "Actual Size" a multi-media show through March 26. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

#### THE MANISCALCO GALLERY

Opens Saturday, Feb. 26 — "Fantasia" featuring Kevin Stanislawski, Gaya Zautashvili, Jim Blakesly and Marie Carlson through March 25. Opening night 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

#### ART IN THE CORRIDOR

Evanthia Samra exhibits at the Farmington Hills and Farmington City Halls located on the corner of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile roads. (248) 473-9570.

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through Feb. 25 — Inside the

BBAC: an exhibition of works showcasing student art 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

#### CENTER GALLERIES

Sherry Hendrick & Hugh Timlin: Fire + Water through March 18. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

#### CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

Through March 27 — Artwork of Deborah Donelson and Vidvuds Ziedris. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

#### DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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

#### FORD GALLERY

Through Feb. 25 — Three Women Consider the Body. Eastern

#### MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

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

#### MOORE'S GALLERY

Through Feb. 29 — Spirits in Stone: an exhibit of Shona Stone Sculpture. Special event to celebrate African American History Month, 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19 features African Rhythms and 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20, video and presentation and lecture on Spirits in Stone. (248) 647-4662.

#### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Through Feb. 26 — A New Breed of Art: Liz & Val. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

#### PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Feb. 26 — "Yixing 2K."

### Young Artists



Upcoming show: Amy L. Rice (clockwise, from top), Lisa Agazzi, Amy Petty and Jacqueline Bess make up the Young Artists who will be performing with the Pontiac Oakland Symphony at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University.

Michigan University Art Department, Ypsilanti (734) 487-1268.

#### GALERIE BLU

Through Feb. 26 — Exhibit of Biel, Valerie Parks and Robert Tucker. 7 N. Saginaw in Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

#### GALLERIE DE BOICOURT

Through March 11 — Photography of Bernadine Vida. 251 Merrill, Birmingham. (248) 723-5680.

#### ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through March 11 — New paintings by Ricardo Mazal. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

#### KREFT CENTER GALLERY

Through Feb. 27 — Rashid Johnson: Seeing in the Dark. Concordia College, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-7591.

#### LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Feb. 26 — Rich Katuzin pen and ink prints and Arthur Parquette's mixed media at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby through Feb. 29 — Quilts by Susan McClenaghan of Livonia. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Feb. 28 — "In Focus" a photography exhibit. 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

#### OM CAFE

Through March 5 — Paintings by Lisa Goedert. 23136 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 548-1941.

featuring more than 70 pieces of Chinese Yixing Teaware. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through March 1 — Poland: A celebration of art and culture. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

#### POSA GALLERY

Through Feb. 29 — James Hudspeth's Paleolithic-style art is featured. POSA Gallery is located at Summit Place Mall, Waterford. (248) 683-8779.

#### THE PRINT GALLERY

Through April 3 — Latin American artists including Lenora Carrington, Remedios Varo, Frida Kahlo, Gonzalo Cienfuegos and Fernando Botero. 29173 E. 7948 0470.

#### SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Feb. 25 — The oil and watercolor paintings of Diana Garmen. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

#### SPLASH GALLERY

"Burst of Color" by Detroit area artist Kpi. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6825.

#### SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through April 8 — Paintings by Elizabeth Murray. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-9039.

#### THE GALLERY

##### AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE

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

#### UZELAC GALLERY

Through Feb. 26 — Variety show featuring some of the gallery's most popular artists. (248) 332-5257.

#### WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through April 1 — First anniversary exhibition of small works. Reception 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 5. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

#### WATERFORD STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Through Feb. 29 — An exhibit of student art will be on display at 2100 Pontiac Lake, Waterford. (248) 623-9389.

### LECTURES

#### A DAY FOR WOMEN

The Birmingham Community House presents "Especially for You...A Day for Women" 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 featuring Dr. Judith Bries. Registration is \$48. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

### LITERARY

#### PASSION CAFE

A booksigning black history event featuring African dance, music and storytelling. Book signing by the authors of "Paradise Valley Days," 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

#### THE WRITER'S VOICE

The YMCA's 18th annual colloquium poetry series featuring Thaddeus Rutkowski, William Harris and Robert Jones is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. The Farmington Hills Family YMCA, Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. (313) 267-5310.

### MUSEUMS

#### CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through March 26 — Joseph Grigely: Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (800) GO-CRANBROOK.

#### CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

"Take My Picture, Please," a Festival of Cultural Snapshots. Adult Science Class — Fossils of Prehistoric Michigan" is 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 21 and 28. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3224.

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Opens Sunday, Feb. 20 — Martin Lewis: Drawings and Related Prints from the DIA collection. Through March 26 — Robert Frank: The Americans: Through May 31 — "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Month-long celebration of Black cultures presents storytelling at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. 5200

Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

#### MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through April 2 — "Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes." 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

#### TROY MUSEUM

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

#### CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"Clear Story: The Stained Glass Art of Mr. Samuel Hodge." 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

### THEATER

#### GEM THEATER

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays; 3 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

### DINNER THEATER

#### BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays). "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668 / (248) 645-6666.

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

#### SNOW WHITE

Sara Smith Productions Youth Theater at The Community House in Birmingham will show "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Performances are 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Tickets are \$7 per person (general seating). \$9 at the door. Reserved seating is \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theater at The Community House. (248) 644-5832.

### VOLUNTEERS

#### ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB

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

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

### Fun and laughter



PHOTO BY SUSAN WILSON

In tune: The Borromeo String Quartet (above) plays with James Dunham at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center.



## GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

## Get 'Together' with Sandy Duncan

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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With an endless supply of entertainment at your fingertips — the television remote control and computer mouse are but two sources — why forsake your warm, cozy living room for a cold trip to the theater?

That's a question Broadway star and television actress Sandy Duncan, who's slated next week to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, is well aware.

"They're going to need some publicity to get people off their butts and out in the cold," said Duncan from her New York City home where, the perky star adds, the theater season is notoriously slow when temperatures drop.

That potential audience members have a host of technology to turn to for amusement — individually-tailored variety shows, if you will — only increases the competition facing artists like Duncan and groups like the DSO. "I think people are making their own variety shows on the Internet, mixing and matching their own tastes," said Charles Calmer, artistic administrator for the DSO. Of course, drawing new patrons and subscribers is always a goal for venues like Orchestra Hall, too.

That's why "Together," which runs Thursday through Sunday and co-stars Duncan's husband Don Correia and the couple's longtime friend Guy Stroman, strays a tad from the typical musical variety show.

The self-arranged tribute to Broadway, which includes belted-out renditions of "New York, New York" and other classics, follows an opening program by the DSO. Led by conductor Randall Craig Fleischer, the orchestra program includes Copland's

**What:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Pop Series program featuring actress and dancer Sandy Duncan, her husband Don Correia and "Peter Pan" co-star Guy Stroman in "Together," a song and dance tribute to Broadway.

**When:** 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27

**Where:** Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Avenue in Detroit

**Tickets:** \$14-47 at Orchestra Hall box office or call the DSO at (313) 576-5111.

"Hoe Down" from *Rodeo*, Offenbach's "Can-Can" from "Orpheus in the Underworld" and Lehár's "Waltz" from "The Merry Widow."

While Duncan is well known — her credits include three Tony Award nominations, a starring role in the television show "The Hogan Family" and an Emmy nomination for her work in the mini-series "Roots" — Correia and Stroman are lesser known but both have a leading presence on the Broadway stage in their own right.

Most recently Correia appeared as Don Lockwood in "Singin' in the Rain," which won him a Tony Award nomination for best actor in a musical. Guy Stroman, Duncan's former "Peter Pan" co-star, originated the role of "Frankie" in the musical "Forever Plaid."

Even though "Together" promises high-stepping, high-energy song and dance from leading Broadway stars, there's a special camaraderie and warmth in the production, said Duncan.

That stems not only from the real-life relationships between the performers and the fact they've chosen their own material but also the trio's approach to performing "Together."

Yes, sincere camaraderie and enthusiasm are extremely important on stage, says Duncan. But, she and her co-stars

also try to establish a direct connection with the audience. And, they do so partly because, today, they aren't just competing with other stage performers but entertainment provided through technology.

"What we try to do is engage the audience right off the top. We chat about how each started (in the business) and how we met," said Duncan. "We explain a little about how we chose our material. So they feel like they know us."

Breaking the fourth wall in performance is nothing new, but it doesn't happen on computer and television screens.

The popularity of high-scale production musicals has also diminished the intimacy felt between Broadway audiences and performers, according to Duncan.

Yet, watching stage performance isn't a resigned, solitary experience. Unlike television or computer entertainment, live performance "isn't just a box that passes before you," she said.

That's not to say high-tech entertainment isn't valuable, just that we shouldn't dismiss the value of human connection through live performance.

"Anything you can do in front of a live audience to jar them into understanding that this is not a passive experience," Duncan said. "That's the magic of theater."

## Godspell from page C1

after I read it," she explained. "We worked on character development."

On stage, Caleb Gilbert who portrays Judas and John the Baptist, paints a mural as a way of foreshadowing the coming of Christ.

Kevin Hentkowski, a theater major at Wayne State University, portrays Jesus in the show. Jim Diggs of Plymouth is St. John.

"He has the most beautiful tenor voice," said Rembisz. "He did 'Godspell' in the early 1980s at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and is a graduate of

Brother Rice High School in Birmingham."

Keri Wayne is choreographing the show. Julie Yurconis is musical director and Giordano is assistant vocal director. A four-piece band will provide musical accompaniment for the show. Bryon Harvey portrays Matthew and is also assistant director.

This is the first time Rembisz is directing a show for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford. Matthew Ripper of Redford, president of the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, is the producer for "Godspell."

Rembisz, a Livonia resident

and graduate of Mercy High School, graduates in April from the University of Michigan. In the fall she'll start law school. In 1996 she founded Jack-in-the-Box Productions, a non-profit theater company dedicated to presenting high quality shows at an affordable price.

"Theater should be accessible to everyone," she said. "It's nice to have to pay only \$10 to see a live theatrical production. I want to be a professional producer. I work with people who want theater to be their life. Theater is a nice, creative outlet to express yourself and be something you're not for awhile."

## WSU Dance Company performs at Music Hall

Wayne State University Dance Company presents "Approaching Extremes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. \$15 general admission, \$8 for students. Call (313) 577-4273.

BY KEELY WYONIK  
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Performing at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts is a big deal, and the Wayne State University Dance Company is excited.

"We usually perform at the Bonstelle Theatre," said Linda Cleveland Simmons, who is directing the WSU Dance Company at the 8 p.m. performances Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26. "We'd be happy to fill 750 to 1,000 seats."

The company will perform new and repertory works of faculty and guest artists in the program titled "Approaching Extremes." Featured guest performances include new works by the Detroit Dance Collective, WSU grad Alan Danielson, artistic director of "Dances by Alan Danielson" in New York City, and Erica Wilson-Perkins, the King-Chavez-Parks Scholar-in-residents at the WSU department of dance.



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"There will be quite a bit of ballet on the program," said Simmons. "We're doing 'Ballet Variations,' which is a collection of solos."

Commenting on the state of dance in metro Detroit, Simmons said she's watched it grow and decline but believes it's on the upswing.

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**NP GALAXY QUEST (PG)**  
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**STUART LITTLE (PG)**  
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**THE GREEN MILE (R)**  
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# ART BEAT

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

## BENEFIT CONCERT

Jazz Dance Theatre gives a benefit concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 students/seniors, and available by calling (734) 995-4242. Proceeds will benefit needy patients and their families at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital.

The concert showcases an eclectic collection of jazz styles. In addition to established repertory works such as "Feel the Heat," "Passion" and "Life After," there will be the recently premiered "Parting of the Ways." Once again, the company features its Youth Dance Project involving 44 dancers who represent schools and dance studios in Ann Arbor, Livonia, Redford, Northville, Plymouth, Farming-

ton, and Canton.

## CARIBBEAN FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts an evening of tropical delight with their annual dinner/auction fund-raiser 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at the Mayflower Meeting House, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

Tickets are \$55. Call (734) 416-4278.

"Escape to the Caribbean" is the theme of this year's festivities. Listen to steel drum music as you stroll through the open-air market where silent auction items will tempt you. Offerings include tickets to the van Gogh exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, jewelry, furniture, digital camera, an extensive baseball card collection, weekend get-aways and condo vacations. Some of the most interesting items will be offered in a live auction. After dinner, dance the night away to the swing music of The Couriers.

## FINAL DAYS

Time is running out to see an exhibit by Livonia artist Arthur

Parquette. His one-man show of paintings continues Tuesday, Feb. 29 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

The 44 paintings concentrate on still life and East Coast scenes. Not to be missed are "Gloucester I" and Gloucester II" which capture the atmosphere of a fishing port.

Born in Chicago and now living in Livonia, Parquette has been a member of the Scarab Club in Detroit for more than 30 years. He's had "very little formal training" but did study briefly at the Society of Arts and Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies) with Sarkis Sarkisian and Guy Palazzola.

## ARTS MEETING

Artifacts Art Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Artist Chris Pegg will demonstrate decorative painting on wood and canvas. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 522-5989.

## PAINTING WORKSHOPS

D & M Studios will offer all day student painting workshops

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 and Thursday, Feb. 24 at 8690 Lilley at Joy, Canton.

Beginning Saturday, March 4, the studio will offer a cartooning class for girls only. The class will explore basic cartooning skills and how to create cartoons. Summer Art Camp sign-up has also begun. This year's theme is "Knights of the Roundtable-Medieval Madness." A 10 percent discount is offered before May 31.

For information, call (734) 453-3710.

## FREE CONCERT

The T'ang Quartet, which is formed from four musicians in the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, performs a free concert noon Wednesday, Feb. 23.

The quartet has performed all over Asia and America at venues ranging from concert halls to outreach programs in discotheques. For more information, call (734) 462-4403.

## "THROUGH THE YEARS"

The Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet

Singing in America presents their "Through the Years" concerts 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$11 adults and \$10 students (advance), and available by calling (734) 421-1425. For group ticket sales, call (313) 937-1322.

In addition to the Renaissance Chorus, the show features visiting quartets the "Jurassic Larks" and "Upstage Sound." Also on the program are the "Clarenceville Choraleers."

## VAN GOGH LECTURE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a lecture on the Detroit Institute of Arts' "Van Gogh: Face to Face" exhibition noon Tuesday, Feb. 29 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

The cost is \$3. Guests are invited to bring their lunch. For information, call Betsy Calhoun at (734) 416-4ART.

A member of the DIA's speakers bureau will present slides of paintings and drawings in the exhibit and talk about van Gogh and his work.

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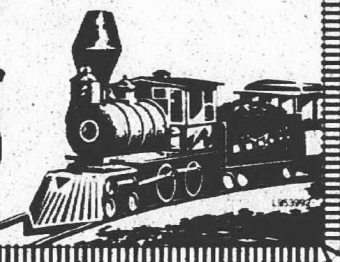
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The Kmart February 20, 2000 weekly ad circular, on page 10 features the DVD "Random Hearts." This DVD movie will be available Tuesday, February 29 at \$19.99. On the same page, the PC software "Disney 3D Adventure" will not be available due to a manufacturing shipping delay. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.



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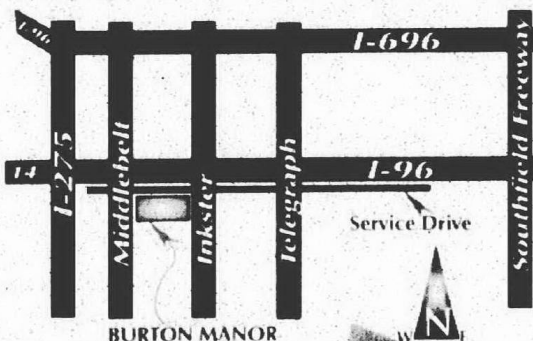
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Sunday, February 20, 2000

## Chase winter blues away with a spa day at home

### DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

Fighting the flu, cabin fever or the holiday bulge? With spring's first bloom still weeks away, get rid of the winter blues by having an in-home spa day.

You can even send out invitations and make it a party! It's also a great way to catch up with old friends.

Our schedules are so crazy that it's important to take time out for ourselves. Besides, with a little imagination and the proper products, any space can be transformed into a pampering retreat. And, if everything is planned in advance, you will enjoy the party as much as your guests do.

Here's a helpful guide to creating your personal day-at-the-spa:

#### ■ Set the mood

It's important that you make your guests feel at home. Clean out things you don't need, including furniture. Keep the room warm and cozy, 72 degrees is just about right. Program soothing, relaxing background music so you won't have to keep changing it.

Set up stations for each spa treatment, and have an area of cushy chairs and pillows where everyone can gather and gab. You can drape fabrics of rich colors over the tables and chairs. This helps to protect your furniture and adds to the soothing ambiance.

Scents will help to set the stage, as well. Eucalyptus and thyme work well, or you can put oils in a diffuser over a light bulb. Also, you can simply place favorite scented candles around the room.

Keep the lighting low and relaxed, but increase the light a bit in the treatment areas.

#### ■ Invite a few professionals

I recommend bringing in one or two experts to do facials, manicures, body massage and the like.

Check with your favorite esthetician to find out whether he or she makes house calls. You can also contact your stylist or local health food store for recommendations.

For licensed massage practitioners in your area, contact the American Massage Therapy Association at 1-888-843-2682. An in-home hour massage for one person runs about \$60. However prices do vary, and keep in mind the most expensive services are not necessarily the best for you and your guests.

Also, beware of prices that seem too good to be true, and don't be afraid to ask for references. After all, you are inviting this person into your home.

A professional esthetician should bring their own equipment, even a pedicure tub. You should only need to supply towels.

Now, if you just want to relax on your own, rather than throw a party, there are some great products and home remedies out there. Here are just a few that you may want to consider:

■ **Uvavita Exfoliating Dead Sea Mud Mask** - Despite its appearance and name, the mud in this product draws impurities from the skin and is a nice treatment to give yourself in between professional facials.

■ **Retuxureyes** by Mia Pella - For a quick pick-up or to relieve tired eyes, try this soothing eye gel. It feels slimy but soothes and hydrates dry eyes in minutes.

■ **MOP Bodywash and Bodybars** - Replace your basic bath bar with something nourishing, as well as, cleansing. MOP's Basil and Lime bodywashes, for example, purify and refresh the skin right in the shower.

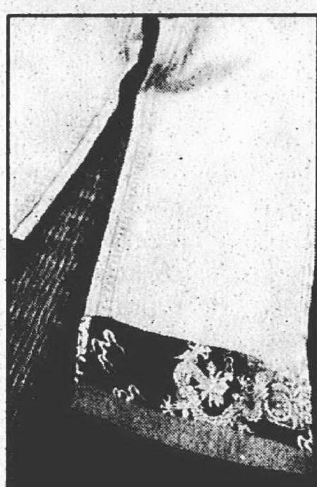
■ **Kiss My Face Olive Oil Bar** - Another good soap that helps repair dry skin.

The list of home remedies goes on and on. Experiment and have fun finding the products that work best for you and help you relax and enjoy what's left of this Michigan winter.

Please send your questions to: Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetics Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or call (248) 203-9477. Mary Anne Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at Red The Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.



**Fabulous fabrics:** Even jean jackets have come under the spell of the embellishment trend. At Rear Ends in West Bloomfield, a leopard-print fabric dresses up ordinary jean jackets.



**Time to trim:** From imported fabrics to dangling beads to French ribbon, all kinds of unique and interesting materials are being used to embellish blue jeans and other denim attire.

## An American classic helps you feel sophisticated and urban

BY CARL WALDMAN AND NICOLE STAFFORD

Blue jeans are an American classic, and, for years, we've been reinventing them.

Today, the evolution continues with embellished jeans and a turn towards chic style.

And the look - a cross between the funky 70s and the "Rhinstone Cowboy glitz" of the 80s - has been quickly embraced by fashion-forward shoppers in Birmingham and other local communities, according to Karen Daskas, co-owner of Tender, a women's clothing boutique in downtown Birmingham.

"We started carrying hand-embroidered jeans last fall when Gucci first introduced them," said Daskas of the demand for the look and its origin.

While the famous fashion house, headed up by designer Tom Ford, may have started the embellishment explosion, the trickle-down principle is already in full force. You don't have to look far to realize a host of mainstream designers, from Karen Kane to Tommy Hilfiger, are bedazzling denim to get in on the action.

Remaking blues jeans is nothing new, but our reasons for doing so usually are.

In the 60s, rebellious teens and hippies embellished their jeans with appliqué and patches. Shortly thereafter, bell-bottom and hip-hugging jeans grew out of the disco scene.

In the 80s, denim went designer, and status-conscious women of all

ages lived and breathed for their Gloria Vanderbilt jeans. Ripped jeans, too, hit the scene, coming to us via rock singers, punk rockers and other underground sources.

Along the way, all sorts of variations showed up, from stone-washed and acid-washed jeans to stretch and zipper-bottom silhouettes. By the 90s, pre-washed and "worn-in" denim aimed at comfort were a staple, and women and men alike were addicted to their blue jeans.

Today, denim seems to be helping us feel sophisticated and express our individuality.

And, the details are far from under-



**Patches:** Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham now carries jeans with patchwork.

stated.

From the waist to the cuff, the latest jeans are spruced up with sparkles, French ribbon, tapestry, rhinestones, studs and beads. Even jean jackets are being embellished.

"The whole craze about embellished jeans stems from people's wish for individuality," said Joie Rucker, denim design director for Guess jeans. "The idea ... is that people want to be different and unique. Customizing your jeans makes you different than everyone else. Kids on the street started this trend, and manufacturers capitalized on it."

Sharon Bergman, 39, of Bloomfield Hills, said she couldn't agree more. She wears embellished blue jeans precisely because they make her feel as if she's wearing a one-of-a-kind garment.

Jeans have "always been principal fare in my wardrobe," said Bergman. "Even before Brooke Shields told the world that nothing came between her and her Calvin's, I remember shelling out \$45 for my first pair of designer jeans ... I thought it was a fortune back then."

But, today, Bergman doesn't bat an eyelash at the high cost of embellished jeans, \$100 and up. That's because, in her opinion, they can worn in both casual and dressy settings depending on your outfit's styling. "It is a personal statement," she said.

While blue jeans are a basic wardrobe staple and denim is a familiar, comfortable fabric we've become

attached to, if not obsessed with, in America, their position in our society is changing, said Elaine Blumenfeld, owner of West Bloomfield's Rear Ends. "Denim has now entered a new fashion arena," she said. "When worn with a simple black cashmere sweater or sleeve tee, embellished denim will take you anywhere."

"Originally when we brought the embellished denim into the store, I thought it would appeal to our trendy 20 to 30-something crowd," she said. "But, on the contrary, it has appealed to our (more) sophisticated customer."

### Embellished jeans - do it yourself!

**What:** Instructions and help making your own embellished jeans with ribbon, fabric, lace, buttons and other materials

**Where:** Haberman Fabrics, 117 W Fourth Street in Royal Oak

**When:** Anytime during regular store hours, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; noon-5 p.m. on Sunday.

**Phone:** (248) 541-0010

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

### SPRING TRUNK SHOW

View whimsical designer Stoley Gretzinger's spring and summer collection for women at Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, through Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 855-8855.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

### CHINA PAINTER VISITS

China-painting artist Marie Woehrlé visits The Purple Bear, 244 E. Maple in downtown Birmingham, to demonstrate how she does her work and personalize children's china for customers through Feb. 26, 1-4 p.m. For more information, call (248) 645-0400.

### GUERLAIN FRAGRANCE EVENT

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a Guerlain facial and makeover event through Feb. 26, Cosmetics, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-3300, ext. 2102.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

### SWING THE NIGHT AWAY

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a Swing dance with free lessons, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

### COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts a sports cards, memorabilia and collectibles show through Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

### PRETZEL-ROLLING CONTEST

Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills and Auntie Anne's hold a pretzel-rolling contest for kids with prizes and giveaways, 4:30-6:15 p.m. For details, call the mall's management office at (248) 454-5010.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### FAMILY ARTS & CRAFTS DAY

Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, presents "Arts & Scraps," an arts and crafts project day for families, 1-3 p.m., Sears Court. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

### DKNY SPRING COLLECTION

DKNY's spring collection for women is introduced by a designer representative at Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 7 p.m., Oval Room, second floor. Reservations are required. Call (248) 816-4599.

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# WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

## WHAT WE FOUND:

- Sander's candy can be purchased at: The Chocolate Shop, 3316 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, (248) 553-3366, Kroger stores, the Bob Top Shop at 6 Mile and Newburgh roads and Farmer Jack and CVS stores.

- Tabs from canned soda pop can be donated to the following organizations: Rotary Club in Westland and the Belleville Moose Club, the Redford Elks Lodge on 6 Mile west of Beech Daly Road, Birmingham Schools, K of C on Farmington Road between 7 Mile and 8 Mile roads. Also, call area Veterans Hospitals, VFW's and the American Legion in Auburn Hills.

- An automatic potato peeler can be purchased at Mervyn's at Southland Mall.

- A coupon organizer can be purchased at Meijer stores.

## FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- We need to know the address and telephone number of the Bryant Center in Livonia (for donations of used Christmas cards).

## WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- An older style iron mangle for Donna of Troy.

- The ticket-stub picture from the May 12, 1999 Detroit Tiger baseball game against Oakland for Joyce of Canton.

- A store that sells Clarion lipstick for Loraine.

- An instruction book for a Wards sewing machine (#97035183, model UHPJR1930) for Joan, who lives in Redford.

- A store that sells Woodbury's green bar soap for Priscilla, a resident of Livonia.

- A store where a Chrome Sunbeam toaster, (#38066U) can be purchased for Dora.

- A restaurant that has fish & chip dinners similar to those that were served at Sutherland at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads for Donna.

- Any old photographs of the arcade inside Groom's Beach Resort in Whitmore Lake for Tim.

- The "50 Years of Racing Champions" digest with the Petty series from 1955, 1957, 1958 for Mike of Auburn Hills.

- A store that sells stuffed bear characters like Scarlet

O'Beara for Marianna of Livonia.

- A phonograph that plays 78 records for Eleanor of Farmington Hills.

- A June, 1948 Chadsey High School yearbook for Thomas of Livonia.

- A store where Revlon eyebrow pencil with refills can be bought for Sharon.

- A store where glass bridal slippers can be purchased (are shown at bridal shows) for Heather.

- A 1995 Farmington Hills High School yearbook for Stephanie, who lives in Farmington.

- A store where Luden's original menthol cough drops are sold for Pat.

- The Jungle Gardenia perfume by Tuvache for Janice.

- A shop or individual who can replace the frame on the handle of a needlepoint purse for Gail.

- A 1987 Boyd Santa Bear for Brenda.

- A store that sells 16-inch round seat cushions for Sherry.

- A store where an ear alarm (for use while driving a car) can be bought for Michael of Troy.

- A small, inexpensive starter piano for a 6-year child for Dale.

- A Millennium Princess Barbie doll for Carina who lives in Livonia.

- An Aug. 8, 1955 issue of Life magazine for Bill, a resident of Clarkston.

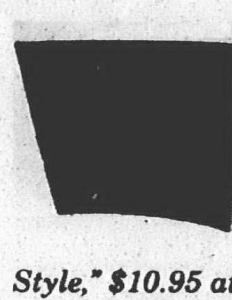
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## a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



**Easy wearing:** On vacation and seeking rest and relaxation? Kick back in style in Marc Jacobs' floral print bandana top of cotton taffeta, \$900, and tan striped skirt of cotton and silk, \$505, at Saks Fifth Avenue.



**Guy style:** There are many areas in life in which men are masters, but style is rarely one of them. For those men who are lost souls when it comes to fashion, consider Esquire magazine's "Things a Man Should Know About

Style," \$10.95 at area book stores.

## Malls celebrate events to attract shoppers

Despite the cold weather and restlessness many of us feel in mid-winter, February isn't a busy month for retailers and shopping centers.

Nonetheless, shopping malls always like to see foot traffic and keep loyal shoppers entertained and in good spirits as a result of their efforts.

It just makes good business sense. And several area shopping centers are making big "do's" out of upcoming events to drum up business and give area residents a reason to get out of the house and head to the mall.

### Mardi Gras madness

Livonia's Laurel Park Place is hosting a Mardi Gras celebration for three consecutive Saturdays between Feb. 19 and March 4.

Featuring New Orleans style jazz concerts, the event runs between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Other planned activities include portraits by caricature artists, mask-decorating and cookie-decorating for kids, clowns and other entertainers.

In addition, shoppers may enter a contest to win a New Orleans shopping spree for two or make purchases towards obtaining a mall gift certificate. By spending \$35 or more once a week during the three-week Mardi Gras event, shoppers earn a Laurel Park Place gift certificate equal in value to their lowest weekly expenditure.

### Black History Month tributes

At Southfield's Northland Center, Black History Month is the celebration

at hand, and several free events have been planned for shoppers starting Feb. 19 and ending Feb. 27.

Among the events scheduled to celebrate the Black History Month is a series of literary programs put on by Northland Center's African-American book store Truth Bookstore. The programs are slated 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 and 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the food court near J.C. Penney.

Other programs include performances by the Cass Technical High School Dance Troupe, noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and the Golightly Educational Center Choir and Pom Pom Team, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

In addition, Detroit Edison is presenting an interactive computer exhibit that explores African-Americans' impact on the nation's economic growth and cultural development. Entitled *Power Zone: Celebrating the Past, Working in the Present, Shaping the Future*, the exhibit runs noon-8 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday now through Feb. 27 and is located near the food court across from Imperial Sports.

Likewise, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn is hosting two educational performances on Saturday, Feb. 26 to commemorate Black History Month.

At 3 p.m., the Art of Motion Dance Theatre, a dance troupe comprised of children and adults, is slated to present pieces inspired by dance in Central Africa.

In addition to exploring themes like

family unity and sharing, the dance group will encourage audience participation by teaching specific dance moves.

At 6 p.m., musician Kevin Collins is scheduled to play African drums and other instruments. After his performance, which will accompany dancers, he plans to discuss the history of African instruments in performance. Both performances will go up on the shopping center's Fountain Court stage.

In addition, Fairlane Town Center, along with Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Network of Michigan, will present a stamp exhibit honoring significant Black Americans, from artists to politicians.

### Mid-winter mall events

Mardi Gras celebration, Saturdays, Feb. 19-March 4 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, call (734) 462-1100.

Black History celebration, Northland Center in Southfield, call (248) 569-6272.

Black History Month tribute, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, call (313) 593-1370.

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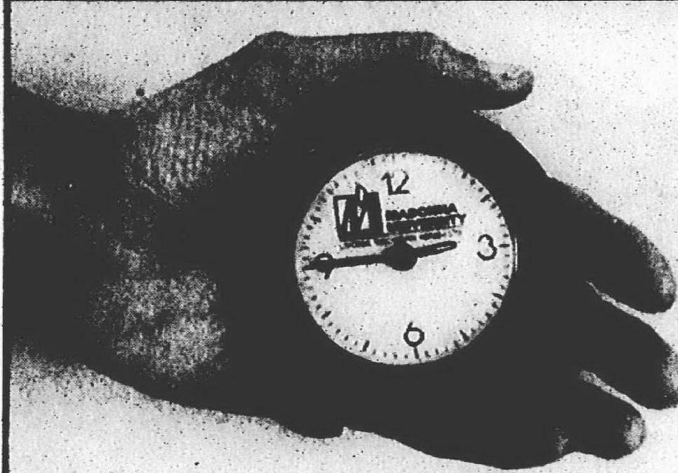
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# Spas offer relaxing relief from Michigan winter

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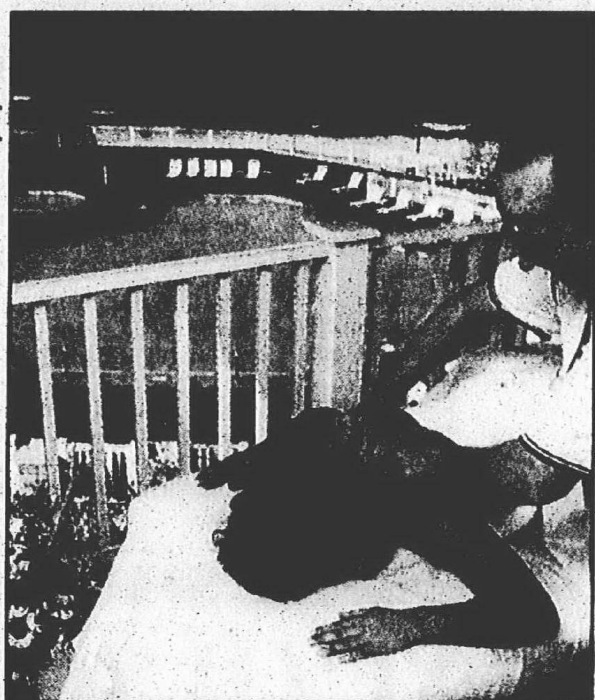
Everything is very relaxing at the Spa at the Inn at Bay Harbor, which celebrated its opening weekend on Feb. 11. "The inn is right on Little Traverse Bay," said Theresa Doeze-ma. "It's a tranquil setting."

**Escape:** You can relax at The Inn at Bay Harbor.

Nearby, is the spa at the Grand Traverse Resort, which opened in May of 1999. Both spas offer a variety of holistic health therapies to help you feel refreshed in mind, body and spirit.

"The best reason anyone would want to come here is because

Relax It's winter, but you can dream of the view of the bay at The Inn at Bay Harbor, which recently opened a European-style spa. Relax and feel the tension drain away as you enjoy a soothing massage.



THE INN AT BAY HARBOR

## Weekend Spa Getaways

**The Spa at The Inn at Bay Harbor** — 3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor, about a 1-1/2 hour drive from Traverse City, (231) 439-4000, (231) 439-4046, (800) 462-6963, www.innatbayharbor.com

### Spa specials/packages

■ **Experience the Magic, day package** — Half-hour facial, half-hour massage, manicure or pedicure, \$130 per person, through May 25.

■ **Romance Spa Weekend** — Two nights luxurious accommodations, champagne upon arrival, massage for two, dinner one evening, \$349 per couple, through April 31.

■ Variety of day and half-day spa packages available Monday-Friday such as Serenity by the Bay, which includes spa treatments and lunch, \$345 per person; A Bridal Day Package, \$310, and Mother-Daughter Package, \$265 per person. Call for more information about winter rates at The Inn at Bay Harbor and getaway packages.

**Grand Traverse Resort and Spa** — 100 Grand Traverse Village Boulevard, Acme, near Traverse City, (213) 938-2100 or (800) 748-0303, www.grandtraverseresort.com

### Spa packages:

■ **The Spa** — Three days, two nights deluxe accommodations, breakfast for two each day, and spa treatments, \$530 per person, based on double occupancy.

■ **The Deluxe Spa** — Four days, three nights deluxe accommodations, breakfast for two each day, spa treatments, two personal training sessions, unlimited fitness class participation, \$807 per person, based on double occupancy.

■ **Time Out** — Three days, two nights deluxe accommodations, dinner for two, spa treatments, breakfast for two each day, spa gift, \$635 per person, based on double occupancy.

### February and March specials:

■ **Breakfast Special** — \$99 per night in the Hotel, \$119 in the Tower with breakfast for up to two persons.

■ **Birthday Special** — Those with a birthday in February or March receive the second room night free when they stay at last two consecutive nights.

■ **Sunday Special** — Stay at least two consecutive nights, including Sunday, and the second night stay is free.

Specials are subject to availability and do not include tax and room charge.

we've integrated the spa into the entire resort guest experience," said G. Michael DeAgostino.

"Not only do we offer a wide variety of spa therapies in the comfort of one of the Midwest's finest destination resorts, but in addition, guests may select spa entrees in our restaurants."

The Spa at the Inn at Bay Harbor, owned by Boyne USA Resorts, is phase one of a two-part project that includes a fitness center and full-service salon. The spa is 2,300 square feet and has seven treatment rooms.

Spa director, Marie Saunders was affiliated with one of the Manhattan area's most popular spas. She has national certifications as both a personal trainer and aerobic instructor, and is both a national and international aerobic gold medalist. Spa supervisor Cynthia Gomes worked at the Aveda concept spa in Phoenix.

"The spa has a sky motif," explained Doeze-ma. "Everything is very relaxing and calming. When you walk into the spa you can let everything go. It's open to the public and our guests."

If you're skiing or golfing in the area, you can schedule a sports massage to soothe your tired muscles at the spa.

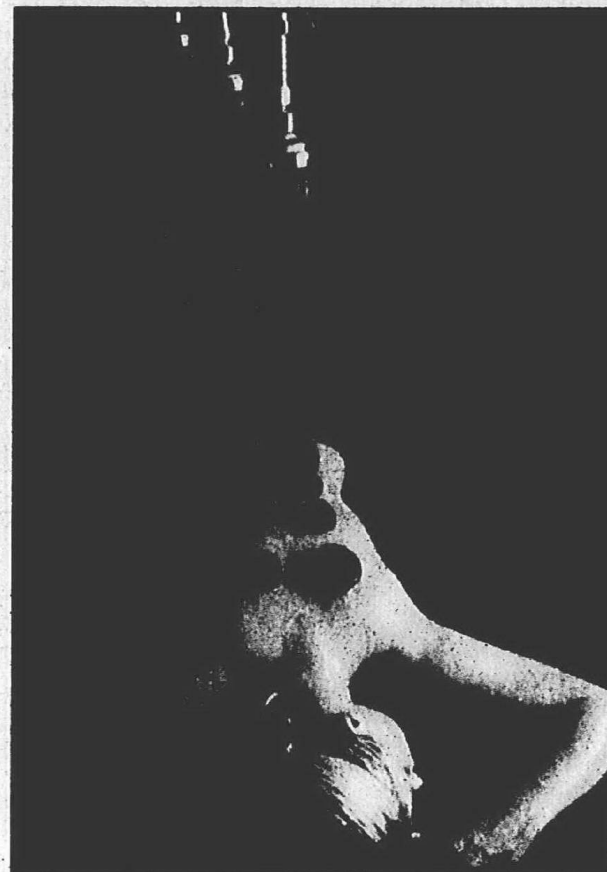
Treat yourself to a hot stone massage. "We're experimenting with Potoskey stones which hold heat more than normal stones," said Doeze-ma. Other highlights are a Rose Petal Body Wrap, Moor Mud Bath, and Abhyanga, a classic herb-oil massage designed to penetrate the skin, relax the mind and body. You can also get a facial, manicure, or make-up lesson.

Guests seeking a little more privacy also have the option of receiving in-room treatments.

"This has always been part of the resort," said Doeze-ma. "It wasn't an after thought. We wanted to open a spa that takes a holistic approach to fitness, the body, mind and spirit."

### Grand Traverse Resort

"The highlight of the full-service spa at Grand Traverse Resort is an 11,000 square-foot treatment facility dedicated to



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35 treatment areas and over 15 personal treatment rooms," explained DeAgostino. The 100,000-square foot spa complex includes two indoor pools, a tennis center with five indoor and four outdoor courts, cardio-theater with 20 state-of-the-art fitness machines, an aerobics/yoga studio, weight room four whirlpools, and a full service beauty salon and bar.

Spa guests experience an array of spa services from skilled professionals in a warm environment. The pampering services, including holistic health treatments, ensure total rejuvenation and renewal.

Treatments include thermal therapy, body wraps, massage, mineral masks, facials, and exfoliation. Spa recreation includes personal mind and body fitness

training, individual and group yoga instruction, body sculpting strength training, tai chi, meditation walks, water-based aerobic exercise, swimming instruction, personal and group tennis instruction, and year-round sports.

Spring doesn't officially begin until Monday, March 20. For those seeking a respite not far from home, a visit to The Inn at Bay Harbor or the Spa at Grand Traverse might be just what the doctor ordered.

"Not only can you be pampered, but it's also a good deal," said Doeze-ma referring to the Romance Spa Weekend special offered through April 31 at the Inn at Bay Harbor.

Both resorts are offering special winter rates, and spa packages. Call for details.

Celebrate Mardi Gras

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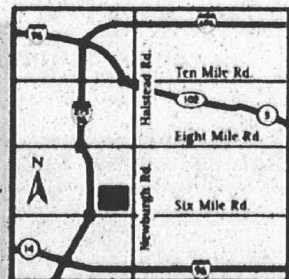
In celebration of Mardi Gras, Laurel Park Place is helping you indulge in shopping! Shop each of the three weeks designated below and you will receive a Laurel Park Place gift certificate worth the value of your lowest weekly receipt! Plus, you can enter to win a trip for two to New Orleans including airfare, accommodations in the historic French Quarter, a shopping spree and more!

Here's how it works. Simply make a purchase of \$35.00 or more each of the following weeks and you will receive a strand of Mardi Gras beads:

- February 14 — February 20: purple beads
- February 21 — February 28: green beads
- February 29 — March 7: gold beads

Bring the beads and your receipt to the Mardi Gras cart near Center Court to redeem them. When you have one strand of beads, you'll be eligible to enter to win the trip to New Orleans. Two strands of different colored beads: you'll be eligible to enter to win the New Orleans trip and receive a coupon for a free jerked shrimp appetizer at the Real Seafood Grill with the purchase of an entree. Three strands of beads (one of each color): you'll be eligible to enter to win the New Orleans trip and you'll receive a Laurel Park Place gift certificate worth the value of your lowest weekly receipt!

\*Theater, hotel purchases and Laurel Park gift certificate sales excluded. Only one receipt allowed from a department store. Receipts cannot be combined. All beads must be accompanied by a receipt. Additional rules and regulations also apply and are available at the Mardi Gras cart or the Management Office.



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3pm-5pm: Real Seafood Grill open house food sampling  
5pm-8pm: Evening jazz and singing

**Saturday, February 26**  
1pm-3pm: Jean Tardiff Art Sale  
3pm-5pm: Children's art painting and craft workshop  
5pm-8pm: Canasta games

**Saturday, March 4**  
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5pm-8pm: M&M's candy sampling  
8pm-10pm: Ballroom dancing

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## Our readers share yummy dessert recipes

By KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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Getting back to basic ingredients sometimes makes a dessert that reminds us of life's simple pleasures.

Camilla Watroba of Canton loves preparing poppy seed cake, especially for family members, so she decided to share her recipe with readers.

The recipe is more than 40 years old and one she received from her mother-in-law. It is a simple mix of a standard cake recipe with flour, eggs and sugar, highlighted with, of course, the poppy seeds.

"It's a delicious cake," Watroba said. "It's not real sweet. My sons have loved it since they were little."

Another reader put a new spin on oatmeal cookies, replacing the traditional raisins with Craisins (dried cranberries) and adding cranberry applesauce.

Julie Misaros of Farmington responded with a recipe that her family and friends "really love." She wrote: "I used a regular oatmeal cookie recipe and began modifying it a few years ago and this is the result. I hope you like it."

### POPPY SEED CAKE

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable or corn oil
- 1 can (8 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups flour
- 4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup poppy seeds

Blend the first five ingredients. Add and blend flour, baking powder and poppy seeds.

Bake in a tube pan at 350° F for 1 hour. After it cools, sift powdered sugar on top.

### FAT-FREE OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup egg substitute
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 packet (4 teaspoons) butter buds
- 1/2 cup cranberry applesauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 1/2 cups oatmeal
- 1 cup Craisins (dried cranberries)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Cream together brown sugar, sugar, egg substitute, corn syrup and butter buds. Add and blend cranberry applesauce and vanilla. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, then add to prepared mix and beat well. Stir dried cranberries into oatmeal then add to dough. Add walnuts and stir well.

Bake at 350° F on a greased cookie sheet for about 17 minutes until lightly browned. Cool 1 minute before removing to wire rack. Store loosely covered.

## Send us your RECIPES

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

### FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

## Ferrari-Carano makes superior red wines

Ferrari-Carano, located in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley, raised the quality bar for white wines when it debuted the 1985 vintage. Red wines were nice, but not among the top varieties.

Today that's changed. Winemaker George Bursick traced the road to excellence for Ferrari-Carano's reds.

Vineyard location took top billing among five major viticultural parameters contributing to superior red wines. Added to it are vine age, clonal selections, introduction of new rootstocks and new vineyard management techniques.

The majority of Ferrari-Carano's first red wines came from vineyards on the Alexander Valley floor.

"Soils there are too fertile and heavy to grow great red grapes," Bursick claimed. "Ferrari-Carano's early red wines showed their origin with some valley floor herbalness."

In 1988, Ferrari-Carano was among the first in California to use rotary fermentation tanks. Bursick attempted to make the best red wines using them.

"Rotos" extracted as much flavor as possible from valley floor fruit and made a big improvement in the red wines.

However, owner Don Carano and Bursick admitted that even with this advance, they were not close to where they wanted to be. They also realized they were beating a dead horse growing mediocre red grapes on potentially great chardonnay soil.

### Head to the hills

Ferrari-Carano abandoned Alexander Valley floor soils for red wines and headed to the mountains with a purchase in 1988 of a 1,200-acre former cattle ranch between 700 and 1,200 feet in elevation. About 450 acres of the parcel was cleared of some 5,000 cords of wood to create the vineyard. Another 600-acre Alexander

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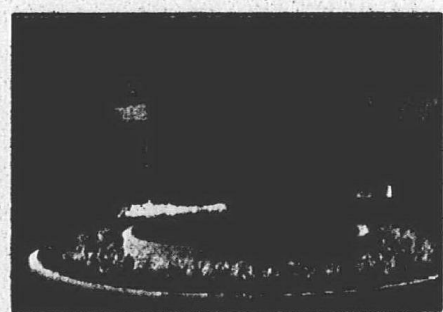
### Wine Picks

■ **Pick of the pack:** 1998 Byron Chardonnay, \$22. This beauty from California's Santa Maria Valley has class and breeding. It beats chards we've tasted at more than twice the price. Old vines zinfandel is the pride of California and these are among the best: 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard, \$18, and 1997 Montevina Terra d'Oro, Deaver Vineyard, \$22.

■ **Value reds under \$20:** 1998 Owen's Estate Shiraz (Australia), \$15; 1997 Foppiano Petite Sirah, \$17; 1997 Barwag Shiraz (Coonawarra, Australia), \$14; and 1997 Hogue Barrel Select Merlot (Washington state). We keep tasting wines under \$12 to recommend to you. They strike out often, but we hit pay dirt on the following.

■ **Chardonnay:** 1998 Owens Estate (Australia), \$12; 1999 Vina Tarapaca (Chile), \$7; 1999 Lindemans Bin.65, \$8

■ **Other whites:** 1998 Deinhard Dry Riesling, \$7; 1998 Deinhard Pinot Gris, \$8, and 1999 Tarapaca Sauvignon Blanc, \$7.



RAY HEALD

Great tastes: Ferrari-Carano winery in California's Sonoma County is as strikingly beautiful as its wines.

### LOOKING AHEAD

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## COOKING

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## ITALIAN

## TRADITION

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### Chef Aldo Ottaviani

**Training:** Self-taught; worked in family's restaurant in northern Italy (Umbria region) from the age of 8

**Mentor:** Mother

**Cooking philosophy:**

"The food should be as simple as possible to be good - with fresh ingredients."

**Cooking tips:**

■ Don't add olive oil to water when you're cooking dry pasta, but do so when the pasta is fresh

■ Always wash mushrooms despite what recipes say

■ Parboil ingredients before adding to pasta dishes assembled in a sauté pan

■ Cook with love

**Cooking for guests:**

A beautiful antipasti (appetizer), some good soup, some pasta, a vegetable that is fresh at the market and veal or fish. But, "it depends on what kind of friend you're having."

**Join Chef Aldo:**

6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 at Andiamo Osteria in Rochester to learn more about Contemporary Italian dishes. The cost is \$39.95 and includes dinner and a glass of wine. Call (248) 601-9300.

# Chopped

Watching Chef Aldo Ottaviani work - cradling a small bowl of chopped pancetta, tending a pan of sizzling olive oil, talking in his native accent about Italian bacon's saltiness - I couldn't help but imagine I was Italian and sitting in my grandfather's kitchen soaking up our family's treasured culinary secrets.

In reality, a handful of other food lovers - mostly couples in mid-life - and I were sitting in the back of the Andiamo Osteria restaurant in downtown Rochester trying to absorb as many of Ottaviani's masterful ways as possible.

Behind us, a singer crooned "Amore" to the delight of the restaurant's regular dinner guests.

Otherwise known as Chef Aldo or Mr. Aldo, he is the Andiamo restaurant chain's master chef and has long been a part of the metropolitan Detroit food scene. After emigrating from Italy in 1948, Aldo ran two Italian restaurants here, including Aldo's Restaurant for more than 40 years in Warren.

And, while Aldo is simply playing tutor - he holds demonstrations once a month at the restaurant - his food-loving audience cannot help but bring a host of emotions to the table.

That's food for you. And, it's a personal thing.

For some, watching Chef Aldo cook amounts to being in the presence of a food icon.

"An icon up there making something for us," says Ron Waxelle, a Rochester Hills resident attending the class.

"He's the master, the originator of the kind of food they put together here (at Andiamo)," says Lisa Anne Mithen. "It's the professor speaking. And, I like that he broke the barrier that we set."

The barrier is one of respect and awe, just another example of the intense emotions in the room.

However, Chef Aldo will have none of it.

"Leeks," the master calls out, ingredients plain and simple, as if they're numbers.

A pot of chicken broth bubbles before him.

"Chopped," he says of the leeks, then pauses. His dark, heavy eyes slowly pan the room.

"If you don't see it, you come closer," he commands.

Permission granted, the wide-eyed students jump to their feet and head to the demonstration table to eye a



Master at work: Chef Aldo Ottaviani (top photo) demonstrates his techniques in the kitchen at Andiamo Osteria restaurant in downtown Rochester. Chef Aldo's creation of veal piccata (above) is simple, but fresh and delicious.

bowl of chopped leeks.

"Can we ask questions?" one student inquires.

Again, permission is granted.

"The leeks," asks another student.

"Is it just the white? Can you use the green?"

No, the green is just for garnish, we are told.

"Mushrooms," says Chef Aldo, moving on. "Not raw," he says.

"They must be parboiled. Then they are much cleaner. Some books say you don't wash mushrooms, but you gotta wash 'em."

### ZUPPA DI CIPOLLA CON PATATA CON CRESCIONE

(ONION SOUP WITH POTATO)

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 2 1/2 bunches of watercress
- 2 large onions, julienned
- 2 potatoes, diced
- 1/4 pound butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parmesan cheese and croutons for garnish

In a small soup pot, sauté onions in butter to caramelize to a light brown. Sprinkle onions with flour, add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Then add potatoes and cook until they are tender. Season with salt and pepper and add watercress. Garnish with croutons and Parmesan cheese, then serve.

"Oh ... ahh," the responses bounce off an exposed brick wall, but Aldo's students continue to scribble down notes on menus and bits of paper, whatever they can find.

Though Chef Aldo has put his students at ease, the note-taking in the room is avid, the anticipation - what will he do next? - is palpable.

The soup's primary ingredients already simmering, we move on to seasoning.

"Thyme," says Chef Aldo.

"In the Italian language, we say 'teem.' It's a beautiful herb," he says, throwing some into the pot like a shaman whose magic broth will save the town from disease.

Dressed in a red turtleneck, Mithen, who is also from Rochester Hills, stands inches from Chef Aldo's demonstration table, writing on a legal pad.

"I wanted to emulate exactly what he was doing, not just his recipe, but his technique," she explains later.

Mithen says she did the same thing as a child, standing beside her Italian mother during dinner preparation.

"When I was up at the table with Aldo," Mithen says, "the musicians sang two Italian songs ..."

Teary-eyed, she continues: "They were singing 'Mama,' and it was like, ahh, like a moment up there. I can't explain."

"It's tradition. Think of your family traditions. Is there one that food isn't a part of? ... Food evokes emotion."





**Baked Alaska:** The meringue and cake insulate the ice cream in this wonderful dessert.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

## Salad is a quick, easy fix

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Confetti Pear and Spinach Salad is easily made, using fresh spinach and canned sliced pears, diced red bell pepper, walnuts and bacon.

### CONFETTI PEAR AND SPINACH SALAD

10-ounce package washed and ready-to-eat fresh spinach  
15-ounce can sliced Bartlett pears in light syrup, drained  
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper

1/2 cup chopped walnuts (toasted if time permits)  
3 strips bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled  
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar-based salad dressing  
1 teaspoon orange zest (grated rind)

Combine spinach, pears, bell pepper, walnuts and bacon in a salad bowl. Whisk orange zest into dressing and drizzle over salad. Toss before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from: *California Pear Advisory Board.*

# Baked Alaska: A seemingly magical dish

Who can find a better dessert than Baked Alaska?

The culinary alchemy in this seemingly magical dish relies on a basic principle — the meringue and cake are both poor conductors of heat. As a result, they insulate the ice cream while the meringue browns in a hot oven.

Making Baked Alaska requires just five ingredients, all of them sold at the supermarket. It takes a few, simple steps. Most of them can be done a day or more before the Alaska will be served.

You can use store-bought loaf cake for the slabs that form the base of this dessert. Or, make them from scratch using any favorite recipe, from a tender sponge cake to fudgy brownies.

You can use two pints of ice cream, making up combinations like this pairing of rich chocolate and strawberry. But if you prefer just one ice cream flavor, you can simply cut two slices from a half-gallon brick and shorten the preparation time by a couple of hours.

The soft meringue used to envelop the ice cream is made from pasteurized dried egg whites. Using this powder eliminates both the work of separating eggs and any concern about serving raw eggs. The satiny, marshmallow cloud of meringue it produces is stable and spreads like frosting.

After enrobing the Alaska in

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meringue, setting it on a tray of ice helps to ensure it stays frozen while the meringue takes on a glorious golden-brown halo in the heat of the oven.

### BAKED ALASKA

Fat-free chocolate or plain loaf cake, 13 to 16 ounces  
1 pint low-fat chocolate ice cream, slightly softened (see note)  
1 pint strawberry fat-free ice cream, slightly softened  
1/2 cup lukewarm water  
3 tablespoons dehydrated egg whites  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar  
ice cubes  
1 cup strawberries (for garnish)

At least 8 hours before serving the Baked Alaska, cut off the domed top part of the cake and set it aside for another use. Slice

the remaining rectangle of cake in half horizontally, making 2 slices, each about 1 inch thick. Place the bottom slice of cake on a heat-proof plate or a cake rack covered with foil.

Spread the chocolate ice cream over the cake, making a thick, even layer about 1 1/2 inches thick. Place the cake and ice cream, uncovered, in the freezer to solidify, 1-2 hours.

Set the second cake layer on top of the chocolate ice cream. Spread the cherry vanilla ice cream over it. Set in the freezer to solidify, 1-2 hours. At this point, you can cover the ice cream and cake with plastic wrap and keep it in the freezer for 1-2 days.

Set the oven rack in the lower third of the oven. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.

For the meringue, carefully clean a large bowl and the blades of a hand-held beater to remove any traces of grease. Dry them with paper towels. Pour the water into the bowl. Stir in the egg white powder and let it sit 3 minutes. It will be lumpy.

Starting on low speed, beat the egg whites until they are frothy. Add the cream of tartar. Increase the speed of the beater. When the whites are fluffy and opaque, start sprinkling in the sugar, a tablespoon at a time.

Beat until the egg whites are glossy and thick enough to make stiff peaks, about 8 minutes.

Scoop the meringue into a pastry bag. Pipe it to cover the ice cream, working vertically around the sides, and horizontally over the top. Dot rosettes along the edges of the top, bottom and corners. Or, spread the meringue over the frozen loaf of cake and ice cream with a spatula, making a thick layer and using a swirling motion to make the meringue look nice.

Fill a large, shallow baking dish with ice cubes. Set it on the oven rack. Place the Baked Alaska on top of the ice. Bake until the meringue is lightly colored, with darker ridges and points, 4-5 minutes, watching it carefully. Using a sharp knife, cut the Baked Alaska into slices. Serve immediately, garnishing the slices with fresh strawberries.

Note: In place of the two pints of ice cream, you can cut two slices, each 1 1/2 inches thick, from a half-gallon brick, trimming them to fit the cake. Stack all the cake and ice cream at one time, and freeze.

Each of the 8 servings contains 274 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## Wine from page D1

Valley mountain parcel was purchased in 1996 and planted in 1998.

Because Bursick and Carano thought futuristically, about six acres of prime Alexander Valley benchland had been dedicated to a vine nursery. There, 15 different clones of cabernet sauvignon on seven different rootstocks were evaluated. Similarly, experimental plantings of merlot, sangiovese, syrah, malbec, petit verdot and cabernet franc were made. "This created a huge library block from which we drew valuable information before we started to plant the mountain parcels," Bursick explained.

An experimental winery with in a winery was built at Ferrari-Carano's Dry Creek Valley prop-

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erty. In each vintage between 1989 and 1997, over 200 small experimental lots of red wine were carefully evaluated from library block grapes.

After experimenting for planting decisions, Ferrari-Carano focused attention to labor-intensive vineyard practices and management of its vineyards. When Bursick coupled this with wine-making techniques suited to mountain fruit intensity and managing tannins for drinkability, Ferrari-Carano's superior red wine image emerged.

With wines, the proof is in the

taste. Try these Ferrari-Carano reds on for size — 1996 Merlot, \$27; 1995 Cabernet Sauvignon, \$36; 1996 Zinfandel, \$16, a steal at this price, and 1997 Ferrari-Carano Siena (a luxurious blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and malbec) \$30.

### New wine books

No one other wine writer knows French wines like Clive Coates, author of "The Wines of France" (Wine Appreciation Guild, \$50). Having spent 20 years as a wine buyer for some of Britain's most prestigious wine firms, and passing the master of wine exam on his first try, he "retired" to wine writing. This is his sixth book, and it's written with authority and conviction about every French appellation. A must read for a wine aficionado.

"Wine Spectator's California Wine," by James Laube (Wine Spectator Press, \$40) is the most comprehensive guide available

to over 700 California's wineries, the wines, vintages and vineyards. Ratings and tasting notes for over 5,000 wines are included in this fully revised second edition. No other reference to the great wines of California is as complete. It's a fabulous reference that's written in an easy-to-read style.

### Wine savings

You can save 25 percent off every bottle on the wine list, over 300 labels, at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi. Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only. Wipes by the glass are excluded. Call (248) 348-5555 for reservations and information.

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

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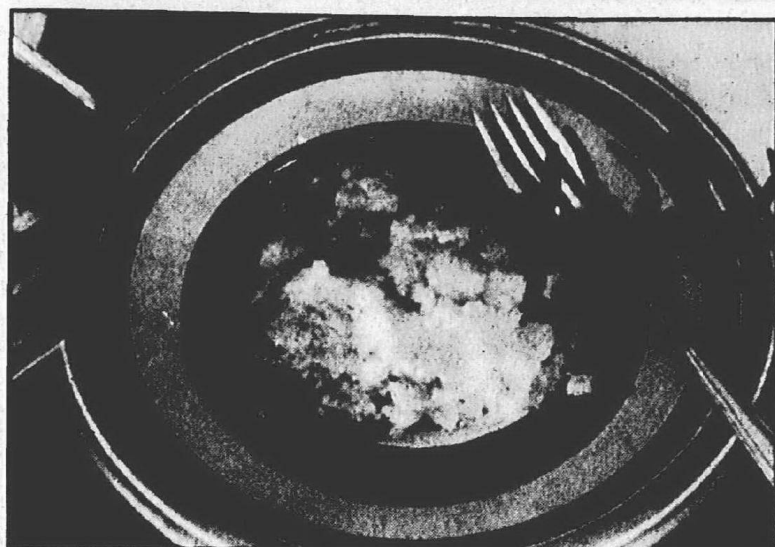
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**Cheese grits:** Stone-grinding grits produces a coarser texture, so the grits do not become as creamy when cooked. Check at specialty stores for stone-ground grits.

## Try these stone-ground grits with cheese

Hominy grits were first prepared by Native Americans. They soaked whole dried corn kernels in a mixture of wood ashes and water until the kernels shed their hulls and swelled. Dried again, this hominy was nutritious and kept through the winter.

Sometimes it was pounded into a coarse cereal and cooked with water.

These cooked grits had the bran and germ of the grain. An early settler who had arrived on the Mayflower, tasting this soft cereal, called it groats — at that time a European generic name for grain.

Eventually, according to historical records, a Virginian mispronounced this as grits.

Today commercial processors

steam the corn to remove the hull. They eliminate the germ and bran along with the hull, then fortify the cereal to replace much of its nutritional value.

Stone-ground grits made by small producers in the traditional way, by crushing the corn between millstones, retain the germ and bran. Often they are made from organically grown corn.

Stone-grinding produces a coarser texture, so the grits do not become as creamy when cooked. Specialty and natural food stores and mail order sources carry stone-ground grits. Avoid both instant and quick cooking grits.

A good Southern cook takes pride in making the smoothest grits, cooking them long and

slow while stirring constantly. Cooking the grits covered for a while makes it possible to finish them with less attention, so you can enjoy them without much fuss on a weekend morning.

### CHEESE GRITS

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup grits (not instant or quick cooking)
- 3/4 cup shredded low-fat cheese
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 325° F. Spray a loaf pan with cooking spray. In a small Dutch oven or heavy, deep saucepan, bring 5 cups of water to a boil. Add the

salt. Gradually stir in the grits. Cover the pot, reduce the heat, and cook 10 minutes. Stir 3-4 times, scraping up any grits sticking to the bottom of the pot.

Uncover, reduce the heat, and continue cooking until the grits are creamy and tender, about 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Mix the cheese and pepper into the grits. Spread the grits in the prepared baking dish. Drizzle the butter over the grits.

Bake 30 minutes. Serve hot or lukewarm.

Each of the four servings contains 192 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Send items for consideration in *Cooking Class Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net).

**Kitchen Glamour** features Signature Recipes of Michigan Five-Star Chefs at Kitchen Glamour, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. All celebrity chef sessions on Sundays begin at 12:30 p.m. March sessions feature Chef Derin Moore of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant and Jim Barnett, corporate chef of Unique Restaurant, including Morels and Northern Lake Seafood Co. On Sunday, March 5, Moore will instruct how to prepare finnan haddie and potato brandade with zucchini and oven roasted tomato coulis, roast veal loin on fresh braised artichoke and wild mushroom confit, garlic dumplings and cardamom jus, warm pineapple rum cake and ginger cinnamon creme anglaise. On Sunday, March 19, Barnett will feature tea-cured salmon gravlox, with potato galette, cucumber and sweet onion salad with dill creme fraiche, chanterelle and barley risotto with pan-roasted duck breast, huckleberries and red wide jus lie and bittersweet chocolate pot creme. The Celebrity Chef Series also features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS tele-

vision celebrity, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, in a one- or two-day session. Weir will feature recipes between the two sessions, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and caviar, salmon with asparagus and blood oranges on March 20, and crostini with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21. Kitchen Glamour also conducts sessions with cooking instructors at the Novi and Redford stores. This week, Linda Kay Drysdale will show techniques for creating a fresh lemon glazed cake, winter joy marmalade, orange pineapple bars and easy lemon squares. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Novi store in the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Next week, Teri Elwell will demonstrate how to prepare comfort foods, such as penne pasta with sausage and fontina cheese casserole, herbed chicken tetrazzini, zucchini creole and a cocoa brownie. Those sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, in Novi and Wednesday, March 1, in Redford. Larry Galbraith also will instruct sessions about pizza and calzones, 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, in Novi.

Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

**Cake Decorating** — Mary Ann Hollen will teach cake decorating methods at the Kitchen Glamour, 26770 Grand River, in Redford at four sessions on Saturdays in March. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

**Continuing Education Classes**  
**Schoolcraft College:** Thai Cuisine at Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 13 and 20; Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 16 and 23; Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres — Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

**Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center:** Mardi Gras, 6:30-9:30 p.m., March 7; Sausage Making, 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29; High Tea the British Way, 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 10, and 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15; New Orleans Brunch, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit HFCC at [www.hfcc.net](http://www.hfcc.net).

## Winterfest event will benefit club, culinary arts scholarships

An eclectic presentation of fine beers will be featured at the fifth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

The event raises money for the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club for scholarships for culinary arts students and to fund club activities. Last year's event raised \$5,000.

Patrons — who must be 21 to attend — can enjoy fine culinary cuisine along with a selection of 80 to 100 different beers. Tastings are limited to 50. Door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass also are available.

The menu includes barbecue chicken pizza, seafood pizza, and pizza with chevre, overnight

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tomatoes and marinated artichoke hearts, quesadillas and nachos, sausages, and oven-roasted potatoes and latkes. Pasties, smoked chicken wings and mini-burritos also will be available.

The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club, and Merchant's Warehouse of Dearborn and Royal

Oak. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the Student Activities Office, lower Waterman Center or at Merchant's Warehouse locations. The Student Activities Office is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Pituitary support

A Pituitary Disorders Education and Support meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 9 featuring guest speaker Dr. Nasir Haque. Haque is board certified in both Pediatric Endocrinology and Internal Medicine. He completed his endocrine training at Hospital for Sick Children, in London England, and Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He specializes on endocrine and metabolic disorders. Furthermore, he has experience treating GH Deficiency in both pediatric and adult patients. He is affiliated with St Joseph Pontiac and Oakwood Hospitals. Dr. Haque is developing a "Center of Excellence" focused on the health and well being of adult hypopituitary patients. To clarify hypopit it is deficient in one or more hormones. The location is Brighton District Library, 200 Charles Orndorf Drive, Brighton MI, 88116. Call (810) 229-6571.

### Amputee group

Amputee and Disability Group, a group open to those dealing with amputation or physical disability, their family and friends. The group promotes travel, recreation, social get togethers and health issues and serves Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday (March 15) of the month at Creative Controls. They are located at 1470 Suter, Troy, MI (Souter is located south of 15 Mile, between Rochester and Stephenson Highway). For more information call Mary Ann at (810) 415-5581 or email at map571@aol.com or visit <http://hometown.aol.com/map571/myhomepage/index.html>

### Tai chi classes

The Taoist Tai Chi Society (non-profit organization) offers ongoing tai chi classes Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m. in Livonia at 38121 Ann Arbor Road and day classes for seniors at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit their Web site at [www.ttcs.org](http://www.ttcs.org) or call the society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and health conditions.

### Lice prevention

The Wayne County Health Department will provide information on how to prevent head lice, small grayish-white wingless bugs that spread readily among school children.

"Lice lay hard, whitish, oval-shaped nits (eggs) on the hair shaft, usually less than one-half inch from the scalp," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Medical Director. "Head lice do not cause a serious medical problem, however, the main difficulty associated with these bugs is the severe itching from their bites."

The workshop is part of a continuing series of Health Education Forums offered by the county, will be held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at the Wayne Health Center, 33030 Van Born Road, in Wayne. The public is welcome. Call (734) 727-7100.

### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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## New breast biopsy device less invasive

STORY BY KURT KUBAN — PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOM HAWLEY



The Oakwood Healthcare System's Breast Care Center in Dearborn recently became the first health-care provider in the state of Michigan to utilize a breakthrough device in the fight against breast cancer.

This week, the center began using the Mammotome Hand Held Breast Biopsy System, an ultrasound-guided system that is much less invasive and more effective than previous methods of biopsy. For many women who have had an initial detection of an abnormality in their breast, this new equipment will mean a simple, painless biopsy procedure with little lasting effects.

The equipment can also be used on women who feel abnormalities in their breast, but due to dense breast tissue, they do not show up on a mammogram. Traditionally, these women would have had only one choice: having their breast surgically cut open, so a large amount of tissue could be extracted for further tests.

The new system, known as stereotactic biopsy, consists of a needle that is inserted into the breast. This needle extracts a tissue sample for further analysis.

Stereotactic biopsy has been in use for about three years, but the new Mammotome Hand Held Breast Biopsy System uses an ultrasound probe inserted on the head of the needle, which allows doctors the ability to pinpoint the areas

that are affected with abnormalities, such as nodules or calcifications.

"When using this instrument, there is never a point during the biopsy that we are not imaging at the same time, which means we know exactly where we are," said Sharon Helmer, a physician at the center.

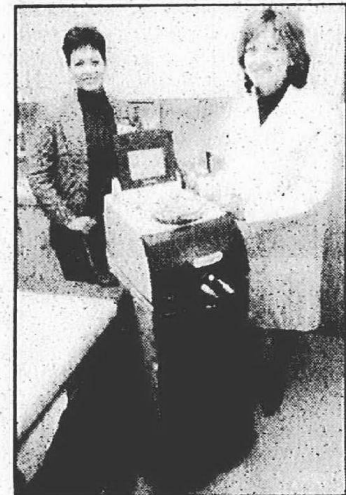
In addition to the ultrasound feature, the new Mammotome device offers several advantages over previous methods, including the ability to take much larger tissue samples, which allows pathologists to make a more accurate diagnosis.

It also allows the patient a far more comfortable experience. Only local anesthetic is used, and the entire procedure takes about an hour, and sometimes as little as 20 minutes.

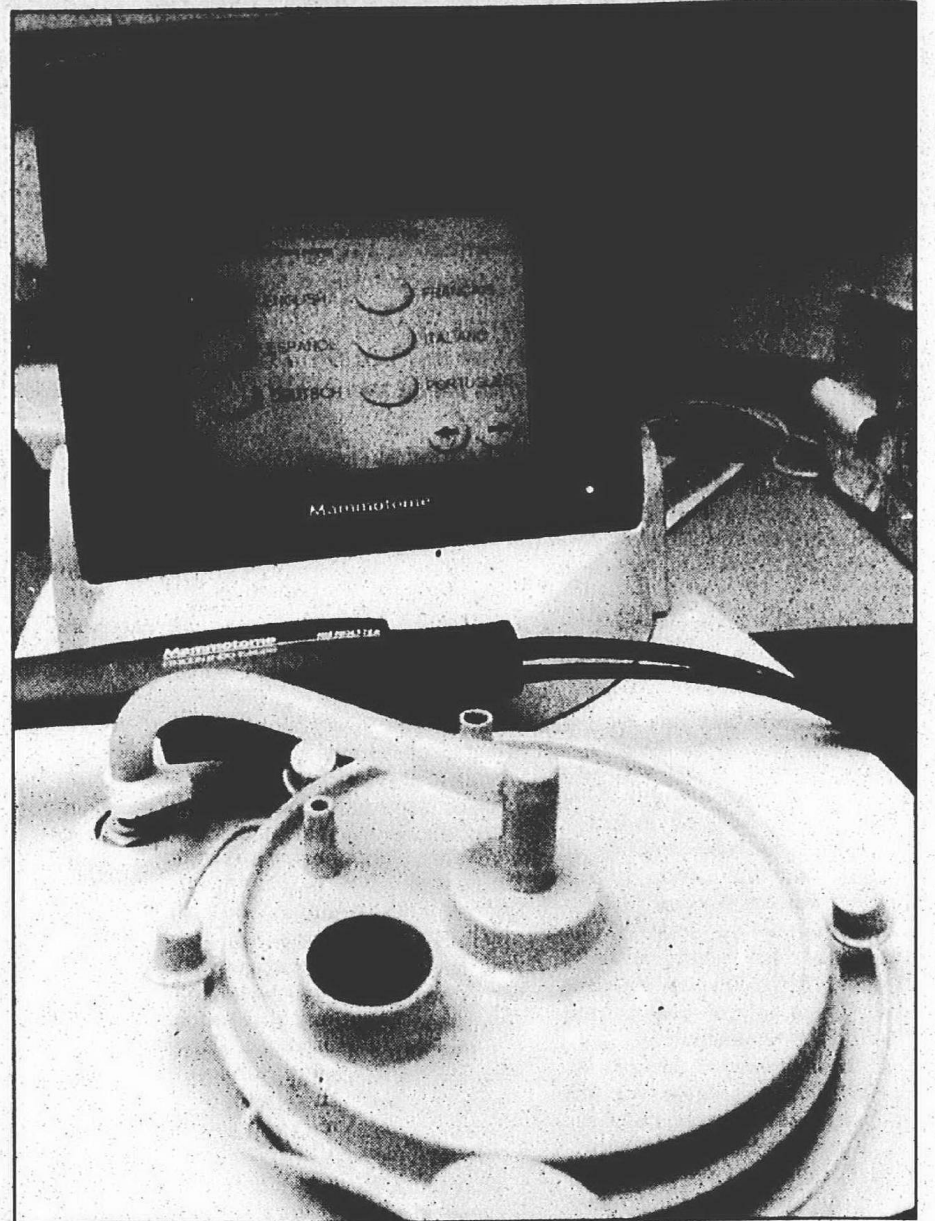
"It's a very comfortable procedure for the patient. Most women are able to leave and go to work, and don't even have to take Tylenol afterwards," Helmer said.

There are other advantages as well. Because of the better tissue samples, pathological results can be ascertained much quicker, meaning women have a shorter waiting period before they find out if the abnormality in their breast is cancerous. In the past, women typically had to wait up to a week before getting test results. They will now get them in about two days.

Helmer believes this



Trailblazers: Breast Care Center in Dearborn office manager Sandra Ziaja (left) and Dr. Sharon Helmer stand in an exam room with the new Mammotome system.



Technology: The new Hand Held Mammotome Breast Biopsy System is less invasive, does not require an incision and provides faster results to the patient.

shorter period can mean a great deal to a patient.

"Of course, like any human being, most women think the worst when going in for a procedure like this. It is very agonizing to wonder whether or not you have cancer. This new device just speeds up the whole process," she said.

The funding for the new Mammotome equipment was provided by the Kelly Sorini Women's Healthcare Classic (WHC), an annual golf benefit that began in 1993. Each year the proceeds from the outing are used to aid various Oakwood programs and equipment related to the area of women's health. After last year's event, a committee decided to use a large amount of the proceeds to purchase two of the new devices.

"This procedure will definitely help women not be quite so afraid. When you say the word biopsy, a lot of women immediately think about being cut open. This is a much easier way to do the very same thing without the invasiveness of the surgery," said Jan Fitzgerald, founder and general chair of the WHC. "We see it as a wonderful tool to improve the status of women's health in our community."

The 2000 WHC will be held June 19 at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club.

Helmer is also excited about the implementation of the new system. "This is a wonderful advance for women. It's just a much better procedure than we have used in the past," she said.

## County health officials promote condom use, safe sex

As killing as the canker to the rose.  
—John Milton, *Lycidas*, 1637

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With the thoughts of National Condom Week in mind, Wayne and Oakland County health officials hope folks also will be thinking about loving safely.

Began over 10 years ago National Condom Week is aimed at encouraging people to avoid at-risk behaviors.

"Make love, don't make problems," said Joy Schumacher, HIV/AIDS program coordinator for Oakland County.

Officials said the three key behaviors to avoid are:

- sharing needles and syringes with infected intravenous drug users;
- exposure to body fluids, especially blood; and
- multiple sex-partners.

The condom still, is one of the best protections against the spread of HIV, said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County medical director.

And, although the number of deaths in Michigan attributed to HIV and AIDS, its usual successor, has dropped precipitously due to new treatment programs — 60 percent between 1995 and '97 — the number of people contracting HIV has not.

Statewide, there continues to be an estimated 1,000 new infections a year, officials said. And there are at least 12,500 HIV infected persons in Michigan, they said.

"Though many people say abstinence would be better — and that's certainly true — we know people are going to have sex at some time," said Couth Calven, a 25-year veteran educator and HIV counselor/teacher with the Wayne County Health Department.

### 'Wide variety'

There is "a wide variety of people and styles of living," he said. "Some people are mainly interested in not abstaining, so we try to find some ways to get them to minimize their risk," including condom usage plus counseling, to find the most effective personal risk-reduction plans.

"Condoms still remain one of the better ways people can protect themselves" or their partners "and reduce the chances of contracting HIV," Calven agreed.

Both Wayne and Oakland counties, like their counterparts statewide, provide free condoms, along with testing for HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia — all via federal funding distributed by the Michigan Department of Community

Health.

Giving away condoms, said Calven, "isn't that big an expense to the taxpayer," especially when "the expense of medications and caring for someone contracting HIV or AIDS" is considered.

Calven re-words an old saying: "It's more like a gram of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

He noted marketing has changed — for example, condoms come in colors, may contain a spermicide and sometimes have flavors — and that the federal Food and Drug Administration is tougher on safety and reliability.

But there's also been a big change in attitude, he said.

Years ago, condoms were "What nasty people used when they did nasty things with other nasty people," he related.

"Now people think of them as life-savers and as something that can enhance lovemaking," making it "more comfortable, pleasant, pleasurable and with less worry about infection."

### Teenagers key

Teenagers are a key area of concern, said Calven, who began his career in adolescent counseling and family planning. "They can be shy in talking about sex, or in going to a clinic and getting protection, getting

tested.

"The more teens can talk about some of these things with agency or staff adults, the sooner they can get tested and get items for protection," he said. "I just can't feel there is anything real detrimental about condoms."

Both the Wayne County Health Department and the Oakland County Health Division offer free, anonymous and confidential walk-in HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases testing services for their residents Monday through Friday.

Appointments also are available. Wayne County accepts appointments for any day of the week, but they are only available on Monday nights in Oakland County.

Wayne County's hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. On Valentine's Day, the county will add staff to provide increased appointment and walk-in services during lunch and regular business hours.

For information on locations and times of clinics, contact the Disease Control Division at (734) 727-7124 or (734) 727-7125 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oakland County's clinic hours are noon to 8 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. For information on locations or for Monday evening appointments, call (248) 858-5416.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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### ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

### AA & ALANON

Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meeting meets Wednesday and Sunday from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance (5254 Inkster Road) at Garden City. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. "Alanon meet-

ing" Sunday ONLY.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information.

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# Are Net users social misfits isolated from family?



MIKE WENDLAND

Brace yourself for a barrage of anti-Net hype and hysteria from the traditional media about how regular Net users are socially isolated and abandoning family and friends for their PCs.

A new study from a couple of California researchers has been released that concludes that Internet use leads to increased social isolation. The conclusions are based on the results from just three questions on social isolation. It surveyed 4,113 American adults in 2,689 households.

Thirteen percent of "regular" Internet users (those spending five or more hours per week online) reported spending less time with friends and family.

Eight percent said they were attending fewer social events. And 26 percent said they were talking less to friends and family on the phone.

"The Internet could be the ultimate isolating technology that further reduces our participation in communities even more than television," said Stanford University Professor Norman Nie, one of the authors.

Who says people are isolated? E-mail, chat rooms, discussion groups and most Web sites are all about interactive communications. Frankly, I think this is a study aimed to give the television industry ammunition to attack the Internet, which is stealing away TV viewers by the millions. But it's very shaky ammo.

And I'm not alone in dising this so-called "scientific study." On Nando-Net (www.nandonet.com) Internet author Jakob Nielson says the conclu-

sions could hold true for many modern conveniences. "How do you define what you count as personal contact?" Nielsen asked. "You could have had some other report a hundred years ago that said the telephone would cause a loss in social relations and human contact. The big problem is that the definitions do not hold in the new human experience."

## Should you upgrade?

Not if you are a typical home or user running Windows 95 or 98. Win2K, which is now on store shelves everywhere, is aimed at medium and large business enterprises, places with lots of networked PCs. There are lots of glitches and incompatibilities with the hardware and software on typical home systems running Windows 98. Windows 2000 offers the business user great stability, lots of new laptop support that Windows NT didn't

provide and a less cumbersome interface.

But the high tech research firm the GartnerGroup forecasts that over the next two years 50 percent of medium-sized and large companies will encounter compatibility problems between Windows 2000 and business applications or network infrastructure. PC Mike's advice: On brand new systems, it makes a lot of sense to have Win2K installed. For older systems, you may want to wait until the bugs are ironed out a bit.

Do we really need this? Intel has introduced "the world's fastest computer chip," running at 1.5 gigahertz. That's very nice. But the new chip, code-named "Willamette," is way more... WAY more... than the average computer user will ever need. On the other hand, Intel says that that computers on Windows 2000, Microsoft's new business operating system,

would require about 250 more megahertz of power to provide the same level of processing performance as current NT desktops.

## Online hacker documentary

If you want to get an idea what hackers are like, there's a short film called "Disinformation" available for viewing on the Net at a site called Undergroundfilm.com (www.undergroundfilm.com). The film is about some Internet-obsessed people who call themselves the "Cult of the Dead Cow," a group of computer hackers who developed the "Back Orifice."

The "Back Orifice" is a computer application that allows anyone with marginal knowledge of computers to gain remote access control over Microsoft Windows machines connected to the Internet. The Web site is a bit balky and sometimes the

videos don't play so if you can't see it when you visit, try again. But it's worth checking out. The film is 11 minutes long.

PC Mike's number one internet rule is: If you get an e-mail that says "forward this on to as many people as you can"... don't. It's rude to forward unsolicited messages. Besides, 99.9 percent of the time whatever you're being asked to forward is a hoax or a stupid joke. So... don't. PLEASE!

"73" until next week.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>.

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### Partnership

Independent Delivery Services, Inc. (IDS) and Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia are pleased to announce that David Brandkamp has been hired as vice president of sales for Independent Delivery Services, Inc., an online grocery shopping service. He

brings with him over 20 years of experience in the supermarket industry, focusing on the scanning and in-store promotion arena. In addition, Brandkamp has had extensive experience in customer loyalty programs.

IDS is a technology-based company that enables supermarkets to effectively compete in the on-line business. Online services can be customized to include full service consumer home-shopping programs, from the creation and hosting of supermarket web sites, online and offline ordering, all the way through to pick, scan and pack technology for order fulfillment. In addition, IDS will offer e-merchandising solution-selling services for retailers that will enable them to participate in selling themes.

### New VP

Alice Morgan has been promoted to vice president at MORPACE International, Inc. of Farmington Hills. She specializes in development and management or research projects in the area of telecommunications. She was previously a research director for the company.

### New VP

John C. Koenig has been named vice president and chief financial officer of Hella North America by the company's board of directors. Koenig, with Hella since 1979, had been chief financial officer. Koenig is a longtime member of the American Management Association and Institute of Management Accountants. He and his wife, Barbara,

have six children.

### Merger

Harvey Johnson and Mario Grech, owners of three Allegra Print & Imaging Centers in Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Wixom, have reached an agreement with Brian Tyll and Bob Greene, owners of Berkley Printing and PrePress Shop, Inc. to merge their businesses. The combined operation will be one of the largest and most technically advanced commercial printing companies in the area. All five business locations will continue to operate under their respective names.

### PR director

Randy Eaton has been named marketing and public relations director for rootlevel, a Web-based application firm,

In his new position, Eaton will direct and manage all advertising, marketing, sales and public relations functions for the company.

The father of four grown children, Eaton resides in Plymouth with his wife Gillian.

### Promotion

Comprehensive Date Processing Inc., a Southfield based information technology staff firm, has named Sharon Ball director of recruiting and administration. Ball is responsible for manage the strategy and direction of all recruiting activities for the company. She oversees the direction and operations of the firm's recruiting department, having built the department upon joining CDP in 1993.

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

### SAT, MARCH 4

#### GROWING UP GRACEFULLY

Growing up gracefully—a seminar on etiquette for young ladies and gentlemen (ages 8-12) will be held from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the banquet room at the Country Epicure restaurant in Novi. Current subjects include letter writing and thank you notes; the proper way to answer the tele-

phone and what to say; how to introduce your parents and friends; developing good personal grooming habits; the do's and don'ts of traveling and other topics of proper social graces. The newly-revised seminar also includes topics such as family values, behavior at school and on school buses, participating in sports events and being with people different than ourselves. This seminar also features a three-course luncheon where children can learn by hands-on experience in the proper use of silverware, knowing what to do with the napkin, learning how to cut foods, table conversation and handling stemware. It also includes a write-in workbook,

handouts, pertinent literature and other items. The fee is \$125. For enrollment information call Margit Erickson at (248) 471-6170.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

#### BUSINESS IN CHINA

Oakland University's Professional Development and Education

Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), will present, "Opening Doors in the 21st Century: Creating Business Opportunities in China after WTO." The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000 in Oakland University's Meadow Brook Ballroom. The Detroit Regional Chamber, Pontiac Export Assistance Center - U.S. Department

of Commerce, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Leonard Woodcock Legacy are co-sponsors of the event. Dead-

line is Wednesday, April 5, 2000; enrollment is limited. Contact the Professional Development office at (248) 370-3033.

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In addition, a number of tendons surround the knee, and inflammation of any of them, gives rise to the misinterpretation that you are developing arthritis.  
The quadriceps tendon that anchors just below the knee is a favorite site of inflammation. The biceps femoris that inserts in the outside part of the tibia and fibula can cause a pain that comes with walking, is relieved by rest, and becomes worse with each step. The result is a perfect imitation of the features of knee arthritis.  
What makes diagnosis of these problems difficult for your doctor is that the reasons why these bursal and tendon problems occur are obscure. In most instances, you will not have experienced an injury or undue strain on the leg to explain why tendinitis would result.  
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## TUE, FEB. 22

**HEART RISKS**  
Be wise ... heart wise, heart risks will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
Group meets for people dealing with grief at 1 and 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 464-7810.

**PROSTATE CANCER**  
The "Us Too" Prostate Cancer Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 432-1913.

## WED, FEB. 23

**CARE GIVERS**  
A caregivers support group meets at St. Mary Hospital from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940 for information.

## THUR, FEB. 24

**CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION**  
A six week course providing information on pregnancy, labor, and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Weekend classes and a two-session refresher class are also available. Register early in pregnancy by calling (734) 458-4330.

**FIBER LECTURE**  
Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane is sponsoring a free lecture on fiber and disease prevention. Registered dietitian Conni Sroka of Henry Ford Health System will discuss high-dietary fiber intake and its role in preventing or treating obesity, hyperlipidemia, heart disease, high blood pressure, certain cancers, diabetes and gastrointestinal disorders. Meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Medical Center, 19401 Hubbard Drive (at Evergreen in Dearborn). Call (313) 982-8384 to register.

**BREASTFEEDING**  
A breastfeeding class will be held from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-1100.

**HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP**  
HIV/AIDS heterosexual support group and family is sponsored by Friends Alliance and meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago in Redford. More information call Kathleen (800) 350-7927.

## TUE, FEB. 29

**LIVING WITH DIABETES**  
Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 29 and ending March 23 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-8940.

## WED, MARCH 1

**YOGA**  
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7-15:8:15 p.m. March 1 - April 5. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

**AWAKE**  
The American Sleep Apnea Association (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) will host a discussion on "Surgery for Sleep Apnea, is it right for you?" at 7 p.m. by Dr. Gregory Stephens, D.O. (Otorhi-

nolaryngologist). Garden City Medical Office Building (Classrooms 3/4 lower level), 6255 Inkster Road in Garden City. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public. Call 458-3330 with questions.

## TUE, MARCH 7

**FOOD AND MOOD**  
Learn how food can affect moods and how moods can effect food choices. Tips and guidelines provided to help with emotion-based eating. Call (734) 827-3777 to register. Class runs from 7-9:30 p.m.

## SAT, MARCH 11

**PUBERTY/GROWING UP**  
"A Heart-to-Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up," provides both mothers and daughters ages 9-11 with accurate information about the normal physical and emotional changes that pre-teen girls will experience as they enter puberty. Ann Arbor class from 1-5 p.m. Ann Arbor St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 397-7557.

**TOURETTE BOWL-A-THON**  
Bowl-a-strike for Tourette Syndrome Awareness at 1 p.m. at Vision Lanes (call Debbie (734) 525-6245), Ford Road east of I-275, and Oak Lanes in Livonia (call Rhonda (313) 543-1285). Bowlers are asked to pre-register by mail or phone and then turn in donations when you arrive. Bowling includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, pop and prizes. If you don't raise donations you are invited to join in the fun anyway. The fee to bowl is \$6 per bowler (extra games \$1). You must register by March 4. Write TSA, Michigan Chapter Bowl-a-Thon, 416 Mary, Royal Oak, MI

48073. Or e-mail tsamich@USA.net

**WED, MARCH 13**  
**VEGETARIAN NUTRITION**  
Menu planning tips and resources for individuals of all ages who are already vegetarian, and those who are leaning in that direction. Includes hands-on cooking demonstrations. Class runs from 4-5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall Health Stop (620 Briarwood Circle). Call (734) 827-3777.

**YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT**  
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

## TUE, MARCH 14

**MASSAGE III (BODYWORK)**  
Advanced techniques that provide long-term results. Techniques include strain-counterstrain, trigger point therapy, myofascial release techniques. Class runs Tuesday, March 14 - April 4, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

## WED, MARCH 15

**DYSLEXIA SUPPORT**  
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute of Detroit Metro Center will meet from 7-9 p.m. at MDI, 30230 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. The topic will be Dyslexia: What is it, how is it treated and how important is early intervention? The presenter will be Ann L. Beatty, director, Fellow from the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators.

## THUR, MARCH 16

**BABY BUILDING**  
Learn the building blocks for healthy nutrition before and during pregnancy and during breastfeeding. Topics covered include the foods you should eat, rating your own diet, common food-related discomforts of pregnancy, hints for cooking and shopping and nutritious recipes. Class runs from 7-8:30 p.m. Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall's Health Stop of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. 620 Briarwood Circle. Call (734) 827-3777.

## THUR, MARCH 16

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
Providence Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia will host an immunization from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

## SAT, MARCH 18

**PREGNANCY PLANNER**  
If you're thinking about having a baby or are newly pregnant, come to this pregnancy planning

seminar. Presentations will cover a range of topics, including deciding if it is time to start a family, preparing for pregnancy, birthing options and parenthood realities. Optional tour of St. Joseph Mercy Family Birth Center. Class from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-3456 for information.

## WED, MARCH 22

**ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP**  
St. Mary Hospital and the Arthritis Foundation (Michigan Chapter) are sponsoring an Arthritis Self-Help Course, Wednesday, March 22, March 29 and April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B, St. Mary Hospital. This course provides arthritis education and skill building to help participants take a more active part in their arthritis care. Persons with arthritis or related diseases such as lupus, fibromyalgia, or scleroderma will benefit from this course. The cost is \$20 per person and registration is required. Classes are limited. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. For additional information or to register, please call (734) 655-8940.

## THUR, MARCH 23

**STRONG DAUGHTERS**  
Parents of pre-adolescent girls age 5 and up can develop practical strategies to help their children achieve and maintain high self-esteem. Class runs through April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Canton Health Center - 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 398-7557 for additional information.

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# February is macular degeneration, low-vision awareness month

The American Academy of Ophthalmology, the world's largest association of eye physicians and surgeons (Eye M.D.s), announces the observance of February as Age-Related Macular Degeneration and Low-Vision Awareness Month.

The Academy urges Americans to prevent age-related eye problems by having regular medical eye exams, and to talk with their

Eye M.D. about low-vision rehabilitation if they have visual impairment. Early diagnosis and treatment may slow or halt progression of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). For people with untreatable AMD, Eye M.D.s can provide low-vision rehabilitation services or refer patients to local agencies that can help with low-vision devices such as magnifying spectacles,

telescopes, closed-circuit television, large-print books, talking machines and other aids.

The Academy also warns Americans about claims made on the Internet, in newspapers, and in magazines announcing cures for macular degeneration.

"Investigate the claims thoroughly and talk with your Eye M.D. before undergoing any treatments," advises Academy

spokesperson Robert M. Christiansen, MD. "Most of these treatments have not been proven safe or effective, and may be very costly."

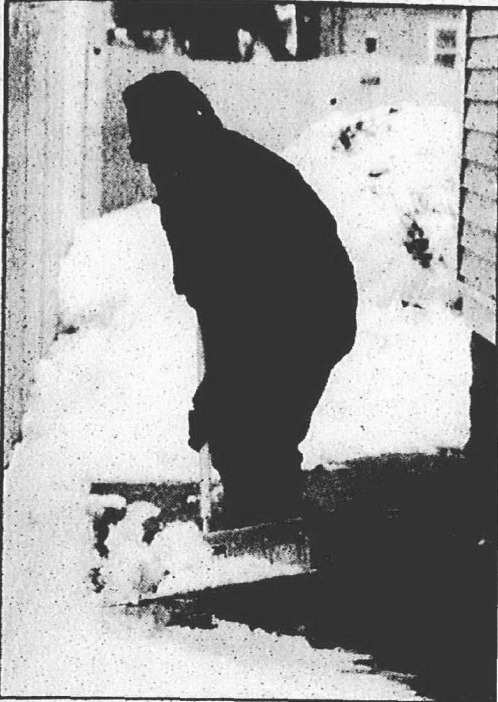
AMD is a progressive disease that affects the macula, the spot on the retina at the back of the eye responsible for central vision. Most people with AMD have the dry form, for which no effective treatment has been found. Although only 10 to 15

percent of people with AMD have the wet form, 90 percent of blindness from AMD is caused by this form of the disease. Fortunately, a type of laser surgery known as photodynamic therapy is expected to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration next month for treatment of the wet form of AMD. The clinical trials resulted in vision being either stabilized or improved in 40 percent of those treated.

Although these results are moderate, there are few other effective treatments available. However, research in innovative techniques continues, and increasingly effective treatments may be available in the near future.

Visit the Academy's Web site, [www.eyenet.org](http://www.eyenet.org), for more information on macular degeneration and for the Low-Vision Resource List.

## Avoid stress on the body, heart with proper shoveling techniques



**Back:** Remember to bend at the knees when shoveling snow.

When Old Man Winter delivers snow to your doorstep and driveway this winter, understand the risks of shoveling, says Thomas Simmer, M.D., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan vice president and corporate medical director.

"While snow shoveling can be an aerobic activity, it can also put people at risk for a heart attack or back injury," says Dr. Simmer.

"Individuals with a history of heart problems, who don't exercise regularly, or who have other risk factors for heart disease should consult with their physician before beginning this strenuous activity."

**■ Proper snow shoveling techniques can reduce back injury or lower your risk of a heart attack, says Simmer. You should face the snow you are about to shovel.**

Proper snow shoveling techniques can reduce back injury or lower your risk of a heart attack says Simmer. You should face the snow you are about to shovel. Always keep your back straight, your knees bent, and throw the snow forward. Avoid throwing snow over your shoulder. Twisting while throwing snow behind you can cause back

strain. In fact, experts recommend that you push the shovel to move the snow and avoid lifting whenever possible.

Even individuals in good physical shape should take some precautions when shoveling.

Before shoveling, warm up with a few stretching exercises.

Don't smoke or eat a large meal before shoveling.

Dress warmly in layers with a hat. Cover your neck.

Tackle heavy snow in two stages. Begin by skimming off the snow from the top, then remove the bottom layer. Avoid overloading the shovel.

Don't try to shovel too much too quickly. Allow yourself enough time to do the work so you don't feel rushed. Follow a

slow and steady pace. Take frequent breaks to stand up and stretch.

Drink water during breaks. Breathing cold air dehydrates the body.

The Blues have health education guidelines on how to prevent heart attacks, what to do for back pain, and information about other medical conditions available to members.

Most Blues members can obtain the guidelines by calling the company's nurse counseling line, called Blue HealthLine, at 800-811-1764.

### SHURGARD OF PLYMOUTH

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on MARCH 31, 2000 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #556, KEVIN GALLAGHER, Couch, chair, mattress, lamp, night stand, entertainment center, misc. boxes.  
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### CHARTER NOTICE OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 7	9 a.m. - Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 13	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 14	9 a.m. - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 18	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	First Come - First Served

Other hearings dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 18, 2000.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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### PLYMOUTH FINANCIAL CORPORATION NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE A STATE CHARTERED BANK

Notice is hereby given that Plymouth Financial Corporation, 249 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 has made application with the Commissioner of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau for permission to organize a bank to be known as New Liberty Bank, 245 N. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The application was accepted for filing on February 8, 2000.

Any person who desires to protest the application must, pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, as amended, MCL 487.330, MSA 23.710(30), file a written notice of protest with the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, 333 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite A Lansing, Michigan 48909 and with the applicant not later than March 6, 2000.

The application is on file with the Commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to section 30 of the Michigan Banking Code of 1969, being section 487.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Act no 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests may be made.

MICHAEL D. WEAVER  
Designated Representative  
249 N. Main St.  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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### NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ADOPTED PROGRAM FOR USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 2000

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 7, 2000, to hear public comments on the use of the 2000 Community Development Block Grant Funds, in accordance with Federal regulations. On February 7, 2000, after consideration of the information presented during the hearing, the City Commission adopted the following programs 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
2. Old Village Improvements	\$19,000
3. ADA Public Building Compliance	\$ 8,000
4. Administration	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE  
City Clerk

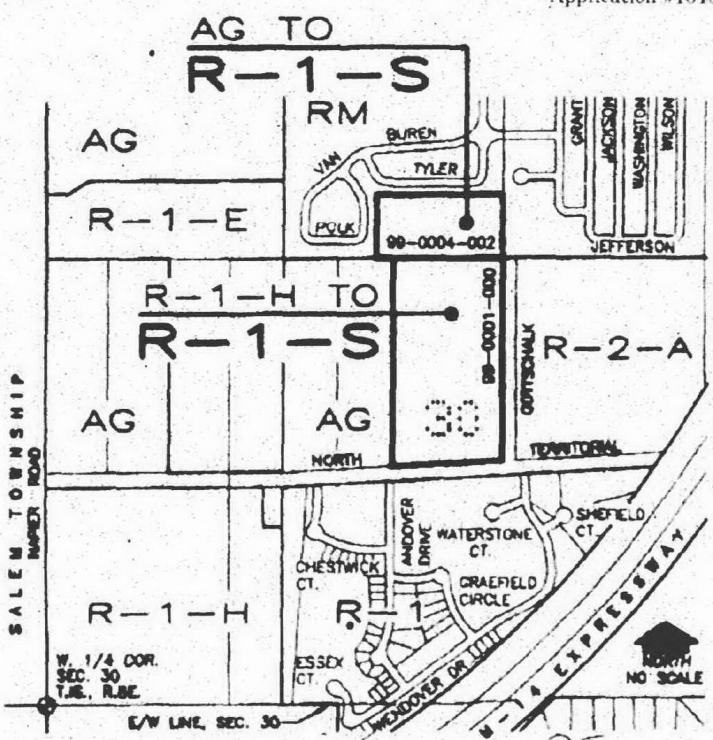
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: AG, AGRICULTURAL, and R-1-H SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
TO REZONE TO: R-1-S, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
DATE OF HEARING: MARCH 15, 2000  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described properties from AG, "AGRICULTURAL" District and R-1-H "Single Family Residential District" to R-1-S, "SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" District. Containing 25 acres, more or less.

Application #1615



#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

FOR PARCEL DESCRIPTIONS, SEE TAX RECORDS  
BASED ON TAX I.D. NUMBERS: R78-059-030-000-002  
R8-042-99-001-000

#### ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 115 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON  
EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. (734) 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

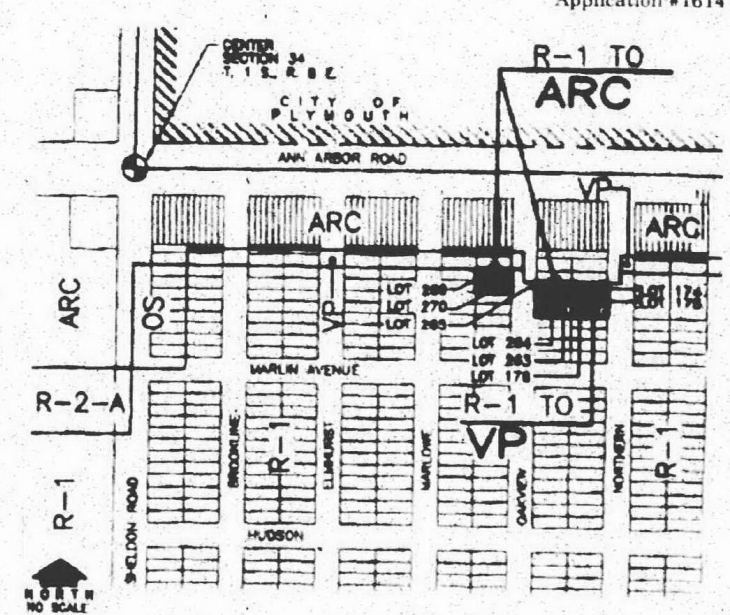
TO REZONE FROM: R-1, Single Family Residential  
TO REZONE TO: VP, Vehicular Parking, Lots 175, 176, 263, and 264, ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor, Lots 174, 265, 269, and 270

DATE OF HEARING: March 15, 2000  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described properties from R-1, "Single Family Residential" District, to VP, "Vehicular Parking", and ARC, "Ann Arbor Road Corridor". Containing 1.1 acres, more or less.

Application #1614



#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lots 174, 175, 176, 263, 264, 265, 269, and 270 including vacated Oakview R.O.W. Wide Green Meadows Subdivision, T. 1 S. R. 8 E., Plymouth Township, Liber 61 Page 94, Wayne County

#### TAX ID NUMBERS:

R78-059-030-174-000, R78-059-030-175-000, R78-059-030-176-000, R78-059-030-263-000, R78-059-030-264-000, R78-059-030-265-000, R78-059-030-269-000, R78-059-030-270-000.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 114 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON  
EFFECTIVE DATE

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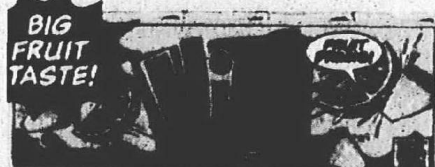
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