

## Tell us what you think

To keep in touch with our readers, the Canton Observer is forming a citizen advisory panel.

The panel will consist of eight-12 residents and others from the Canton community and will meet several times throughout the year with the editorial staff. Our meetings will focus on the content of the paper, what readers would like to see, what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong.

What kind of panelists are we looking for? Anyone with an interest in what goes on in their community and how it's reported in the media.

We hope to have the first meeting by the end of February and will meet quarterly after that.

### To volunteer for our panel:

- Call Canton community editor Tedd Schneider, (734) 459-2700
- Or e-mail him at: tschneider@oe.hometowncomm.net

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Meetings:** Canton's Board of Trustees and Planning Commission will not meet this week due to the state primary. Trustees will meet in a study session Feb. 29 and in regular session March 14. The planning commission will meet Monday, Feb. 28. Each of the meetings will be held at the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road starting at 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY

**Primary:** Tuesday marks this year's presidential primary in Michigan and Canton. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. John McCain, George W. Bush and Alan Keyes highlight choices among Republicans. Democrats will hold their state caucus on March 11.

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# Bush visit set for primary Tuesday



**Texas Gov. George W. Bush will stop in Canton Tuesday to meet with township officials and voters. The event, sponsored by Canton's Chamber of Commerce, will start at noon at Summit on the Park.**

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A last-minute get-out-the-vote effort could boost the number of ballots cast in Tuesday's presidential primary.

Republican party officials have waged a recent telephone campaign designed to bring voters to the polls, Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said. But she still expects a turnout of less than

15 percent of registered township voters.

"There doesn't seem to be a lot of enthusiasm generated for the primary," said Bennett.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. It's an open primary, meaning anyone may vote for candidates from any party.

Tuesday's ballot will include:

- Republicans Gary Bauer, George

W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin Hatch, Alan Keyes and John McCain.

- Democrat Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.
- Reform candidate Donald J. Trump.

Despite appearing on the ballot, Bauer, Forbes, and Hatch have dropped out of the race. Trump has also backed out.

Voters will be able to cast an "uncommitted" vote in each party if none of the candidates captures their fancy.

As of press time Friday, no write-in candidates had filed paperwork with the state. Bennett said an affidavit must be filed in order for a write-in vote to count.

Just 12 percent of registered voters

participated in the 1996 presidential primary. More than half came from absentee ballots. Bennett wouldn't be surprised if that happens again.

"We mailed out 4,300 absentee ballots," she added. "We've received 3,100 back so far."

Older township residents tend to vote absentee, Bennett said.

"A lot of our voters who are over 60 years of age choose to vote the absentee ballot option," she commented.

Except in cases of emergency, absentee ballots must be turned into the Canton clerk's office by 4 p.m. Monday. Others may be dropped off Tuesday.

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## Future firefighters?



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**Wow:** Michael Farrere, 2, looks up in awe at one of the Canton fire engines during a tour of Fire Station One Thursday morning. Michael, his mom Emma (standing at right) and a group of other mothers and their preschool-age children from the Canton Newcomers Club took part in a "Moms and Tots" outing to the station. Other interested groups included the "Book Club," "Chick Flick Night," "Couples Social" and "Wallyball." Canton Newcomers is an organization for area women interested in participating in civic, social or charitable activities. For more information call (734) 451-5426, or visit them on the Web at: <http://www.cantonnewcomers.com>



**Out of the way:** Ryan Toth, 18 months, gets a chance to sit in the driver's seat of one of the Canton Fire Department's engines during a tour of Fire Station One Thursday morning. Firefighter Chris Stoecklein, who led the tour, is at right.

# Bandit strikes Canton shop

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A Sheldon Center Road business was the scene of a strong-armed robbery early Thursday morning.

A suspect described as a white male, age 35-40, with a small build and glasses robbed Hyatt Cleaners shortly before 9 a.m., according to Canton Police. Less than \$1,000 in cash was stolen.

Police believe the robber was driving an older model Jeep Cherokee. Employees of nearby Calvary Baptist Church saw the man drive away in the vehicle southbound on Sheldon Road, reports said.

Police used a K-9 track to confirm witnesses statements.

"We followed his footprints from the cleaners to the church," Township Officer Leonard Schemanske added. "The dog followed tracks where the Jeep

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# Michigan, I-275 grant sought

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton recently submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to receive \$300,000 in federal and state funding to landscape and enhance the area around the I-275/Michigan Avenue interchange.

In 1997, the township received a similar grant from the Michigan Transportation Enhancement Fund, which it used to landscape the I-275/Ford inter-

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# Abraham: Tax reform needed at federal level

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Welcomed to town by a winter storm, U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham was the guest speaker at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting held at the Summit Friday.

With the Senate on a winter recess, Abraham has returned home to Michigan and is traveling across the state in an effort to stay in touch with his constituency.

"I try to get around to our major communities in the state to give updates and reports of what I'm doing," Abraham said.

"I view visits like this as part of my job. I think it is the duty of a public servant to give a regular accounting of

what is going on and get a sense from the group of what is important."

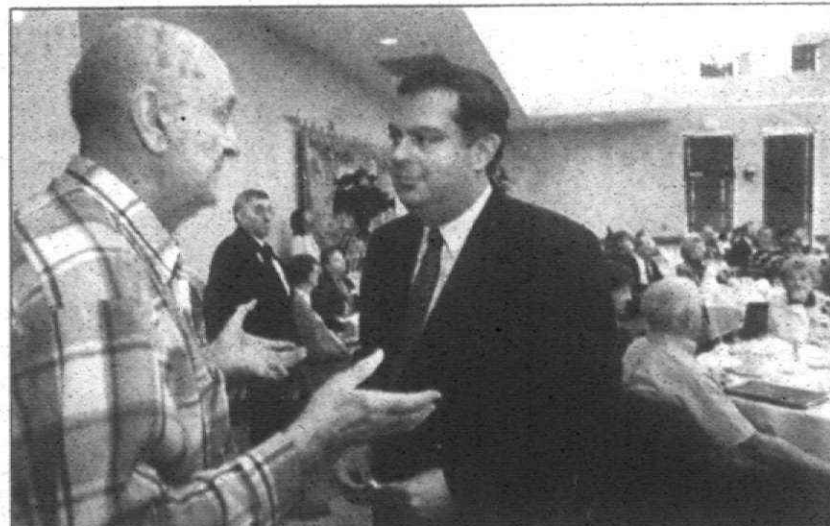
Abraham, who is up for re-election in November, addressed a host of issues during his speech, including his concerns about national security and the budget surplus.

He also discussed several of his accomplishments since being elected in 1994, such as his work on the Congressional Accountability Act.

"I think he addressed some important issues. He is a very capable man, and I'm confident with him being our senator," said 35th District Judge John McDonald.

Although many members were miss-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

**Breaking bread:** United States Sen. Spence Abraham (R-Michigan, right) listens to Canton business owner Mike Zeleji following the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Summit on the Park Friday afternoon.



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Bennett said.

Canton has four new precincts. Bennett said it's likely two more will be added after the 2000 elections.

New precincts include:

■ 27 — Bounded by Canton Center on the east, the township limit in the west, Cherry Hill on the north and the Plymouth-Canton School District line in the south. Voters will cast ballots at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

■ 28 — Boundaries include Beck in the west, Canton Center on the east, the township limit on the south and, roughly, Newton Road in the north. Voters should report to Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road.

■ 29 — A small portion of the

precinct is bordered by Lilley in the west while the majority is bordered by Haggerty, the township limit in the east, the Plymouth-Canton School District line in the south and Ford in the north. Votes will be cast at Eriksson Elementary, 1275 N. Haggerty Road.

■ 30 — Borders include Warren Road in the north, Cherry Hill in the south, I-275 on the west and the township limit in the east. Votes will be cast at Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport, 8550 N. Lilley Road.

More than 120 election workers will operate the township's 30 precincts. Bennett said she has a solid staff.

"We're in better shape than we have been in years," she added.

## VOTING PRECINCTS

Here's a list of Canton Township's voting precincts for Tuesday's primary.

No. 1 & 23 — First Baptist Church, 44500 Cherry Hill Road.  
No. 2 — Human Services Center, 44237 Michigan Ave.  
No. 3, 10 & 21 — St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road.  
No. 4 & 18 — Miller Elementary School, 43731 Hanford Road.  
No. 5 & 19 — Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty Road.  
No. 6 — Royal Holiday clubhouse, 39500 Warren Road.  
No. 7 — Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road.  
No. 8 — Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road.  
No. 9 & 29 — Eriksson Elementary School, 1275 N. Haggerty Road.  
No. 11 & 19 — Tonda Elementary School, 46501 Warren Road.  
No. 12 & 14 — Hulsing Elementary School, 3055 Fleet Street.  
No. 15 — Walker Elementary School, 39932 Michigan Ave.  
No. 16 & 17 — Bentley Elementary School, 1100 S. Sheldon Road.  
No. 20 & 26 — Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.  
No. 22 — Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road.  
No. 24 & 25 — Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road.  
No. 27 — Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.  
No. 28 — Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road.  
No. 30 — Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport, 8550 Lilley Road.

## Democrats to hold caucus in March

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Tuesday's primary won't be voters' only chance to pick a candidate for president.

Michigan's Democratic Party will hold its caucus March 11. Vice President Al Gore and former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley will be on the ballot.

"The whole process should take about two hours," MDP spokesman Dennis Denno said. "It depends on each site. There's a lot of local control."

Canton residents wishing to participate

must be at the caucus site by 11 a.m. Plymouth's Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, will host the caucus locally. The facility is located just north of Main Street and west of Mill (Lilley) Road.

Voters must meet several criteria to take part in the caucus:

■ Each must be willing to sign a piece of paper declaring Democratic Party affiliation.

■ Canton residents must be registered to vote in the November general election.

Casting a ballot in Tuesday's primary doesn't preclude voters from participating in the March 11 caucus.

"We're discouraging Democrats from doing that," said Denno. "We only want them to take part in the caucus."

Lyndon LaRouche will be on the primary ballot as a Democrat. He isn't recognized by the national or state Democratic parties, however.

As for the caucus, it works a bit differently than the primary.

Voters will first declare they are a Democrat in writing. Each will then be divided up into Gore or Bradley "preference groups."

Local Democrats will then speak to each group. Ballots will then be cast, said Denno.

## Housing grant helps those with disabilities

People with disabilities will have housing opportunities available, thanks to two new grants totaling up to \$772,000

awarded to Springhill Housing Corp., a local non-profit organization located in Birmingham. The first grant of \$672,000 is

from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to acquire and renovate two houses for people with disabilities and provide rent subsidies.

"Each home will provide long-term supported housing for three people," said Marc Craig, Springhill executive director.

The second grant is a "challenge grant." Donors Joseph and Betty Erwin of Milford have offered to match other donations to Springhill, dollar to dollar, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

"We are hoping that both people and businesses will respond to the challenge grant," Craig added. "Our goal, depending on the money coming in, is to provide eight houses a year for people with disabilities for the next five years."

Springhill was formed in 1990 to create desirable housing for people with disabilities and to assure long-term availability and affordability of homes. Currently, Springhill owns and manages 16 locations, providing homes to about 100 people. Springhill has no paid staff, and money raised goes directly into housing.

Springhill is continuing to accept donations of cash, real estate, and vehicles to match the funds under the challenge grant. For more information about Springhill or to help in raising funds for the challenge grant, call Marc Craig at (248) 276-8011 or mail donations to Springhill Housing Corp., P.O. Box 1661, Birmingham, MI 48009. All donations are tax-exempt, as allowed by law.

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ing because of the weather conditions, the gathering did include local and state politicians including Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, State Sen. Loren Bennett and State Rep. Bruce Patterson.

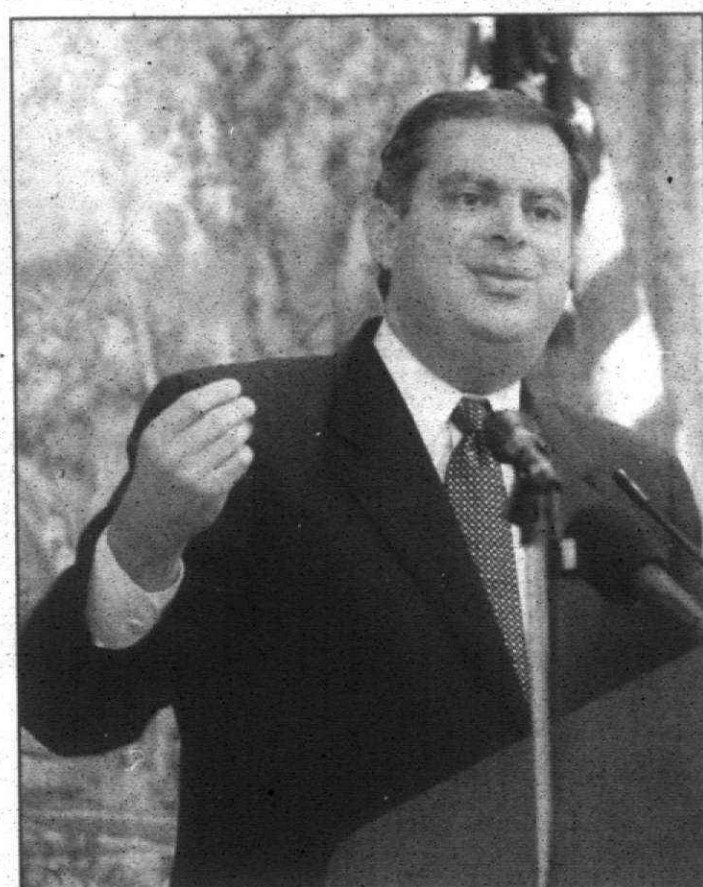
"I was worried with the way the weather was that the senator wouldn't be able to make it," said Tom Gerou, a Canton resident and chiropractor who is also on the chamber's board of directors.

"I thought his speech was really good. I learned a few things today. It sounds like he is working hard for us in Washington."

After his speech and a short question and answer period, Abraham ventured back out into the snowstorm on his way to similar stops in Detroit and Monroe.

However, before leaving, he acknowledged the fact that his work as a public official is only an extension of the people who elected him.

"Those of us in public office like to take the credit for some of the important accomplishments," he told the gathering, "but at the end of the day, it is people like you in this room, and people like you around the state, that make it all work."



Guest speaker: United States Senator Spence Abraham (R-Michigan) addresses the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Summit on the Park Friday afternoon.

## Bandit from page A1

left." A 42-year-old female employee of Hyatt Cleaners wasn't hurt in the incident, reports said. She told police that the robber came into the shop alone at 8:48 a.m.

The man, who she said was wearing a brown leather jacket, jeans, a cream colored scarf and a gray hooded sweatshirt, grabbed her by the arm and ordered her to open the cash register.

"He covered his face with the scarf and had a gray hood on," said the employee, who wished not to be identified. "I could just

barely see his eyes." The suspect kept one hand in his coat and implied that he had a weapon. Reports said the employee never saw a gun, however.

"He was very calm and said he wouldn't hurt me as long as I gave him the money," the 42-year-old woman said.

The man then took the money and fled southbound toward the church on Joy Road, reports said.

"There's nothing you can do to prevent this kind of thing," said the woman, who manages the shop. "There's nothing that I

could've done differently (to stop it)."

She's just hoping police catch the bandit.

"If I saw him again I would know him even though he was covered up," the woman added.

Hyatt, located in the Sheldon Center Plaza, has been in business for about 18 months. It serves as a drop-off service with cleaning done off site.

The business has never been robbed before, the employee said.

It was the first such robbery in Canton this year, said Schemanske.

## Grant from page A1

change.

The fund receives most of its revenue from the Federal Highway Administration. Each year since the program's inception in 1992 MDOT has awarded \$20 million to various roadway beautification projects around the state.

Township officials believe they have submitted a solid application and should get favorable consideration from the state.

"The state is looking for a high visibility area, as well as a good design. I think we have demonstrated both with our proposal," said Mike Ager, the manager of Canton's resource development.

"We have a good track record with the I-275/Ford Road interchange, and this project will have a very positive impact on the area."

Ager believes enhancing the Michigan/I-275 interchange is just as important as the Ford project, which was completed during the 1998-99 construction season.

"These are areas where a high volume of people come into Canton. We are making an effort to enhance the image of our community, so it makes sense that we should beautify these two entry ways," Ager said.

All the enhancements will be constructed within the clover-shaped area of the interchange.

Funding for plants and other construction expenses will be provided by MDOT. The township will be responsible for covering the cost of the design, which is being done by Beckett and Raeder of Ann Arbor, as well as maintaining the area after its completion.

Normally the local community would have to

provide 20 percent in matching funds to receive the grant, but in this case MDOT would provide the \$60,000.

"MDOT is taking on more of an active role in the enhancement of our state's roadsides," said Paul McAllister, the manager of MDOT's Enhancement Program. "When you enhance roadsides, you are really affecting a third of your community. These are areas of the community that are in very high use, and most people are going to see them."

Ager said the township has learned a few lessons from the Ford project.

"With this project, we are going to try some different things than we did at the I-275/Ford interchange, like spreading out the plants a little more. We are also hoping to use some brick pavers to make the area a little more attractive," he said.

In addition to the aesthetic benefits, local business owners feel there may be an economic impact as well.

"It should help us," said Bob Patel, owner of the Fellows Creek Lodge, which sits just east of the interchange on Michigan Avenue. "There isn't a lot happening out there right now. This project could attract something like a nice restaurant to the area, as well as draw in people from outside of the community."

The application process normally takes about six months. MDOT officials expect to make an announcement sometime in the spring.

"We're hoping to find out as soon as possible, so we can get the project done during this construction season," Ager said.

## Community leader Hulsing leaves mark on P-C schools

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

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 General Motors where he rose to director of engineering.

Hulsing's active role in the community went beyond his work with the schools. He lent 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 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 fundraiser.

■ '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  
—Friend of Ken Hulsing

"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. Moore said most of the students were able to meet and shake hands with the couple during that visit.

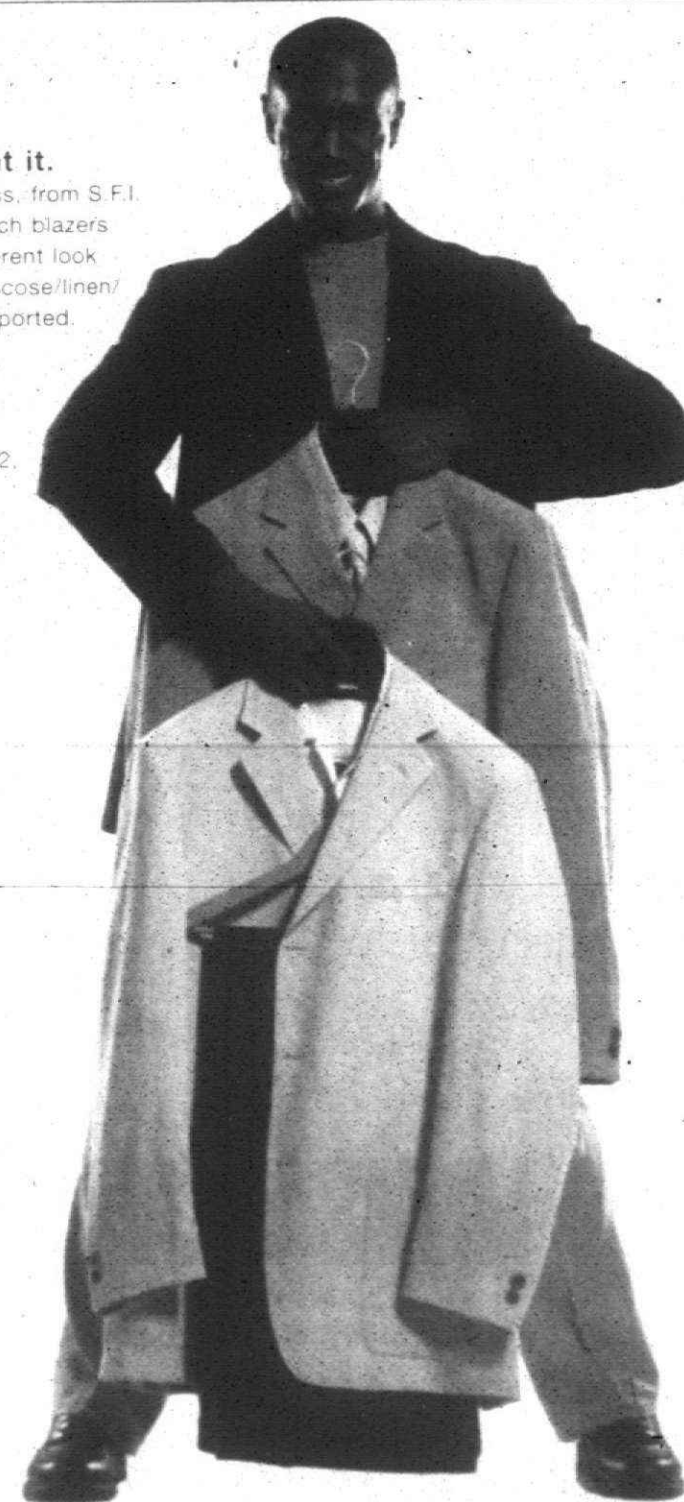
"The Hulsings have set such high standards for us all. They were pillars in this community for so long. We are very proud that the school was named for them," said Moore, who has been at Hulsing for nine years.

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.

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## Student Academy Awards competition applications set

Applications for the 27th Annual Student Academy Awards competition, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, are now available. Entries must be submitted by April 3 in order to be considered for this year's prizes.

For the program, the country is divided into three regions and students submitting films must first compete in the appropriate regional competition. Winning films from each of the three regions will then compete as national finalists. These films will be screened at the Academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif., and voted upon by the Academy membership — the same film artists and craftspeople who vote to select Oscar-winning films.

The regional coordinators are Dan Ladely at the Mary Rieppa Ross Film Theater at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and

Barbara Scharres at the Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Films may be entered in one of four categories: Alternative, animation, documentary or narrative. To be eligible, films of 16mm or larger must be produced within the curriculum of an accredited college or university, in a student-teacher relationship, and must have been completed after April 1999. All Region Two entries must be received at the regional center by 5 p.m. April 3.

Students ultimately selected as national winners will be flown to Los Angeles to participate in a week of industry-related activities and social events that will culminate June 11 with the awards presentation ceremony at the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater. Along with their trophies, Gold Medal winners in each of the four categories

receive \$2,000. Silver Medal winners take home \$1,500, and Bronze Medal recipients are awarded \$1,000. An Honorary Foreign Student Award also will be presented at the June ceremony, as will the Directors Guild of America Student Film Award.

Students interested in entering the competition may download an application from the Academy's website at <http://www.oscars.org/saa> or send their application request, along with a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 8949 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90211, Attn: Student Academy Awards.

Regional Two Coordinator Dan Ladely can be reached at (402) 472-5353. He will accept all Region Two entries.



# Islam to stand trial for murder

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A Plymouth man accused of killing and dismembering his estranged wife then dumping her body parts in Dearborn and Ohio will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Following seven witnesses and eight hours of testimony Wednesday afternoon during the conclusion of a two-day preliminary examination, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe ordered Azizul Islam, 50 of Plymouth, to stand trial for the murder and

dismemberment of his wife, Tracy, 35.

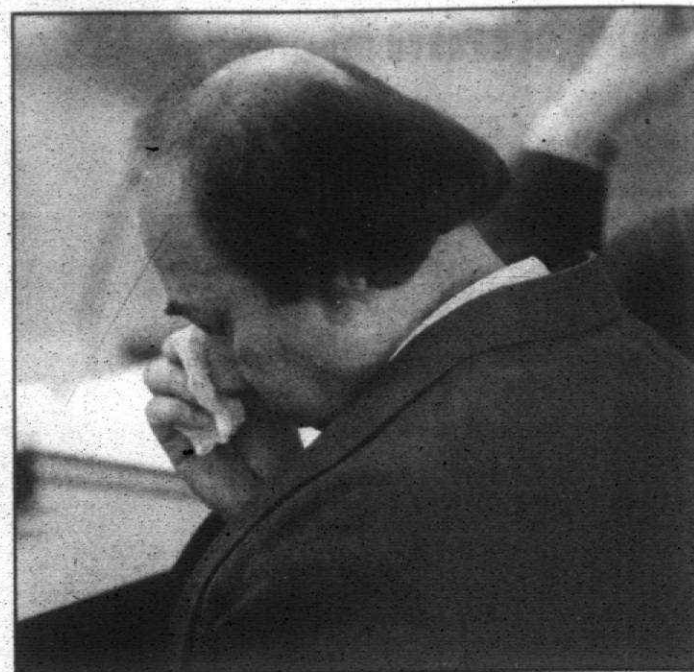
"The court is satisfied they (prosecutors) presented a probable version of the events that transpired," Lowe said in his ruling, which means Islam will stand trial for murder.

Tracy Islam, who left her Plymouth family in August because of marital problems and moved to England to live with her sister, returned Dec. 16 to be with her children and finalize a divorce. She was scheduled to return to England on Christmas Eve.

However, after an argument on Dec. 19 when Azizul overheard Tracy talking on the telephone to a male friend in London, Tracy went to bed about midnight and was never seen again. Testimony indicated Azizul and their two teenage children believed Tracy left once again without notice.

The prosecution pulled out all the stops in presenting its case, including testimony by Tracy Islam's sister, Anita Ross, who was flown in from London to testify.

"She called me on a daily



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**Emotional: Defendant Azizul Islam wipes a tear from his eye during testimony from Plymouth police Detective Lt. Wayne Carroll in the second day of his preliminary hearing in the murder trial of Tracy Islam. Islam began openly weeping when Carroll read his report regarding the statements Islam allegedly made following his arrest in the case.**

been married 17 years before allegedly breaking up last August over credit card bills run up by Tracy.

"Azizul told us he met Tracy while going to school in England," said Carroll. "Azizul Islam said that upon her return to the United States (Dec. 16), he was sure she had returned to the street life. He was surprised by her appearance, that she wore short skirts, had her hair bleached out and wore a nose stud."

Much of Wednesday's testimony centered on DNA evidence, which proved that the body parts found in a Dearborn Dumpster belonged to the torso found in Ohio.

Heather Spillane, a Michigan State Police crime lab scientist, testified DNA from the body parts matched a sample of blood found on the Islams' basement floor, as well as residue from a toothbrush left behind by Tracy.

DNA tests of the body parts also concluded the body was that of Tracy Islam because the DNA

matched the DNA profiles of her two children, Joseph, 16 and Anna, 14.

However, it couldn't be determined if a hacksaw with blood found on the body. The DNA was from a female, but not necessarily Tracy Islam.

Wayne County Medical Examiner Cheryl Lowe testified the finger tips of the victim "were obliterated with some kind of saw."

She concluded what many, except the defense, believe they already knew.

"The cause of death is violence ... the manner of death is homicide," said Lowe.

During final arguments, prosecutor Mike Lehto admitted that it's taken a long string of evidence to show a crime has been committed, especially without a cause of death.

"We can't show the exact cause of death because of the cunning of the defendant," said Lehto. "His planning was meticulous and almost successful."

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# Tuesday's Republican primary turns into a showdown

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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.

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 caucuses 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.

## 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.

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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.

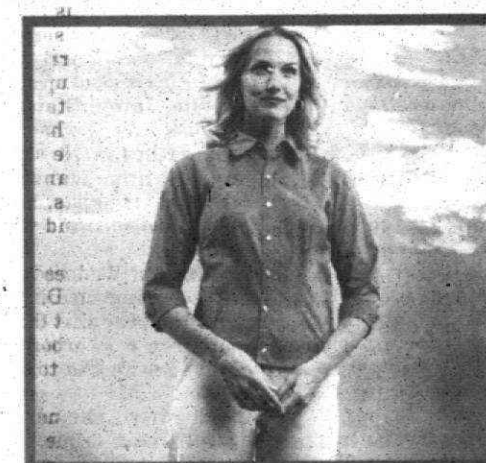
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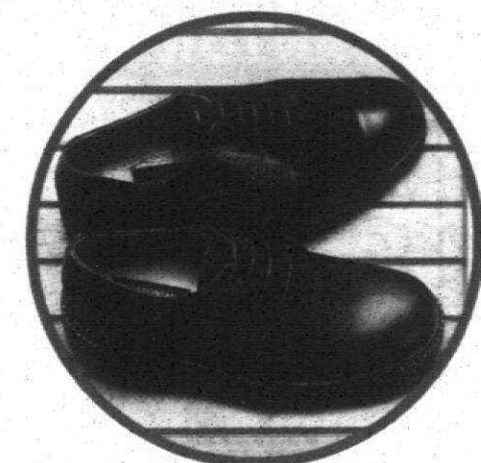
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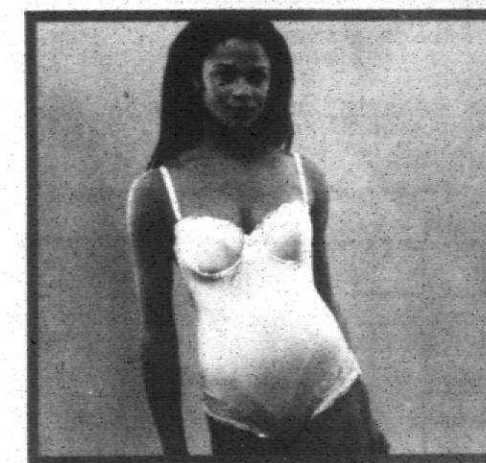
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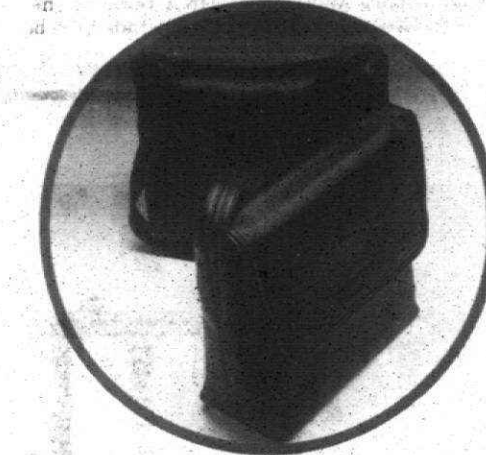
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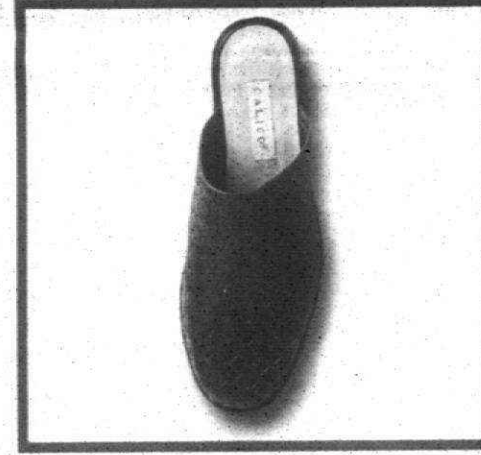
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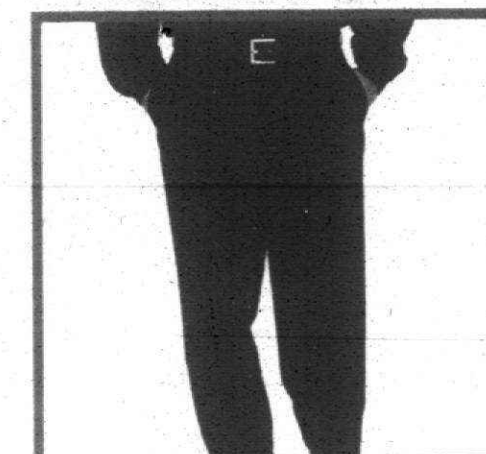
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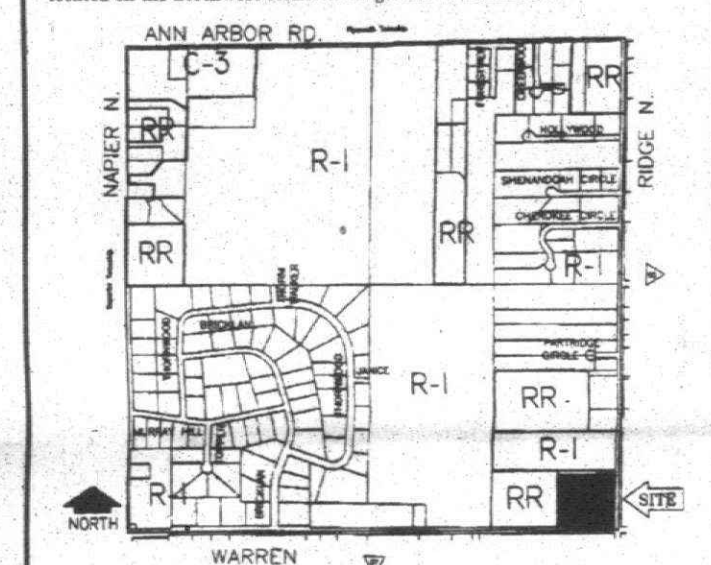
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The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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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# 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 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 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 Anglieri 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 luncheon 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.

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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-Nowi. 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.

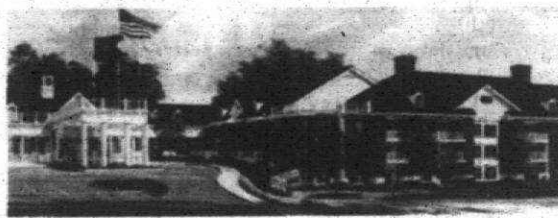
Cassis said she is adding provisions to the proposal to require that the package be labeled when it contains alcoholic beverages. She said she will adjust the requirements to match the current labeling practices of the major parcel delivery companies, such as UPS and Federal Express. But if adopted, 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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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### 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 (36.8 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 (1.5).

## 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 HURSCHEMANN

**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 unbeaten, 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 regrouped," 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 have 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.

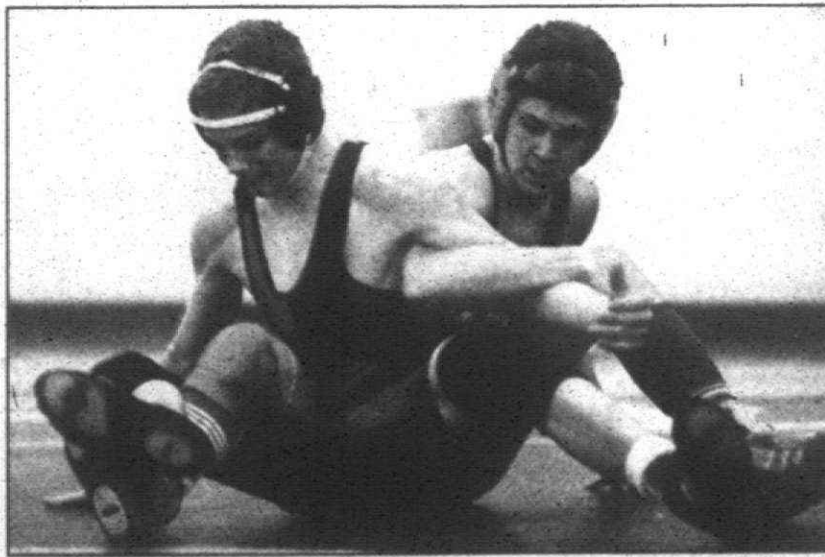
But it was the Rocks who got a meet win when it was most needed, avenging that opening loss to Canton by topping the Chiefs 38-21 in the state team district tournament Wednesday at Salem.

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-Novi 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 HURSCHEMANN

**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 Dendrinos edged Chris Hosey, 11-8 at 135.

The lead proved insurmountable, although Canton kept pressing. 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 WLAAs 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 WLAAs title reachable. No league rival has been able to stop the Rocks this season.

Salem hosts the WLAAs 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 WLAAs Western Division, placing second to Northville.

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 Bruner 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 WLAAs 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 WLAAs. Weber is hoping for dramatic drops from some of his other swimmers, and perhaps a couple more qualifiers.

On Jan. 27, Canton defeated WLAAs 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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Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for those age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from any band member or at the door. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The Lions will sign autographs beginning at 6:30 p.m. and during halftime at the game. The game starts at 7 p.m. Polaroid pictures at \$5 each

can be purchased for the autograph signing. Select autographed Lions items will be available for a silent auction during the game.

Proceeds from the event will help defray expenses for the 65-member Thurston High School Honors Band trip to Carnegie Hall on April 21. The band hopes to raise \$65,000 to help fund the trip. The Thurston Band is one of nine bands out of 77 nationwide that have been invited to play.

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**ACTIVITIES**  
**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS**  
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Paul X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. Dennis Bidigare, well-known charter fisherman on Lake Michigan, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, Feb. 29 meeting. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsman's Game Dinner Saturday, March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Tickets will be available at the Feb. 29 DAS meeting or by calling Tom Moores at (248) 634-5789, Mary Karakas at (248) 545-1181 or Linda Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

**BASS TOURNAMENT**  
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake,

June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**  
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparato at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Larry Ancypa, commander of the Metro Detroit Power Squadron, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday, March 1 meeting. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**  
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club

meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**  
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

**SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**HERITAGE PARK HIKE**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

**POINTE PEELE ICE HIKE**  
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Sunday, Feb. 27. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

**SHOOTING RANGES**  
**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Road, which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

**METROPARKS**  
**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are

free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

**2000 PERMITS**  
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**  
**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

**PERMITS**  
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

**STATE PARKS**  
**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area,

Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

**WAYNE COUNTY PARKS**  
**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

**SYMPOSIUMS**  
**BLACK BEAR SYMPOSIUM**  
Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will sponsor a Black Bear Symposium beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, March 10, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Several distinguished researchers will be on hand discussing issues including: Bears Around the World; Bear Population Dynamics; Cultural Carrying Capacity Concepts; Land Use Trends and Bear Habitat, and much more. Admission is free and the symposium is open to the public. For more information call Tim Reis at (517) 373-1263.

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# BOWLING AND RECREATION

## A charitable catch

### News anchor to serve as Salmon Stakes honorary chairperson

Dianna Lewis, news anchor for WXYZ-TV 7, is well known through 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 to 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 the 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 Two in Madison Heights or by calling 1-800-468-3727.

"I'm really excited and proud to have been asked to be the honorary chairperson for the tournament," Lewis said. "My husband Glenn and I very much look forward to fishing in all aspects of this year's fund raising efforts. It's really nice to be involved with something that's good 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

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 on why not take advantage of this time.

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 and 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 globe 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 Michigan, 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

My usual Monday night routine is to visit 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 years due to Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. It takes a lot of patience to come back to bowling from the 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 than he did 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.

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 someone's purse.

She wears an oversized 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 a local bowling league 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 Hershey's Parrot Pizzeria 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.

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.

It's \$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 for 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 nonprofit 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.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Sunday, Feb. 20

(CHSL Central-AA Playoffs at U-D Mercy's Cailhan Hall)  
Borgess vs. O.L. St. Mary's, noon.  
Redford CC vs. DePores, 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.

Saturday, Feb. 27

(CHSL Finals at U-D's Cailhan 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'sld 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.

WLA Tourney at Northville, TBA.  
Metro Tourney at Luth. N'west, TBA.

## BEST BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING PERFORMANCES

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 DiGlia (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  
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Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25  
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 186.60

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Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:09.89  
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Jim Ross (Salem) 5:12.73  
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North Farmington 1:32.94

Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87  
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

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Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.68  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 57.69  
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Ed Lindow (Canton) 1:08.01  
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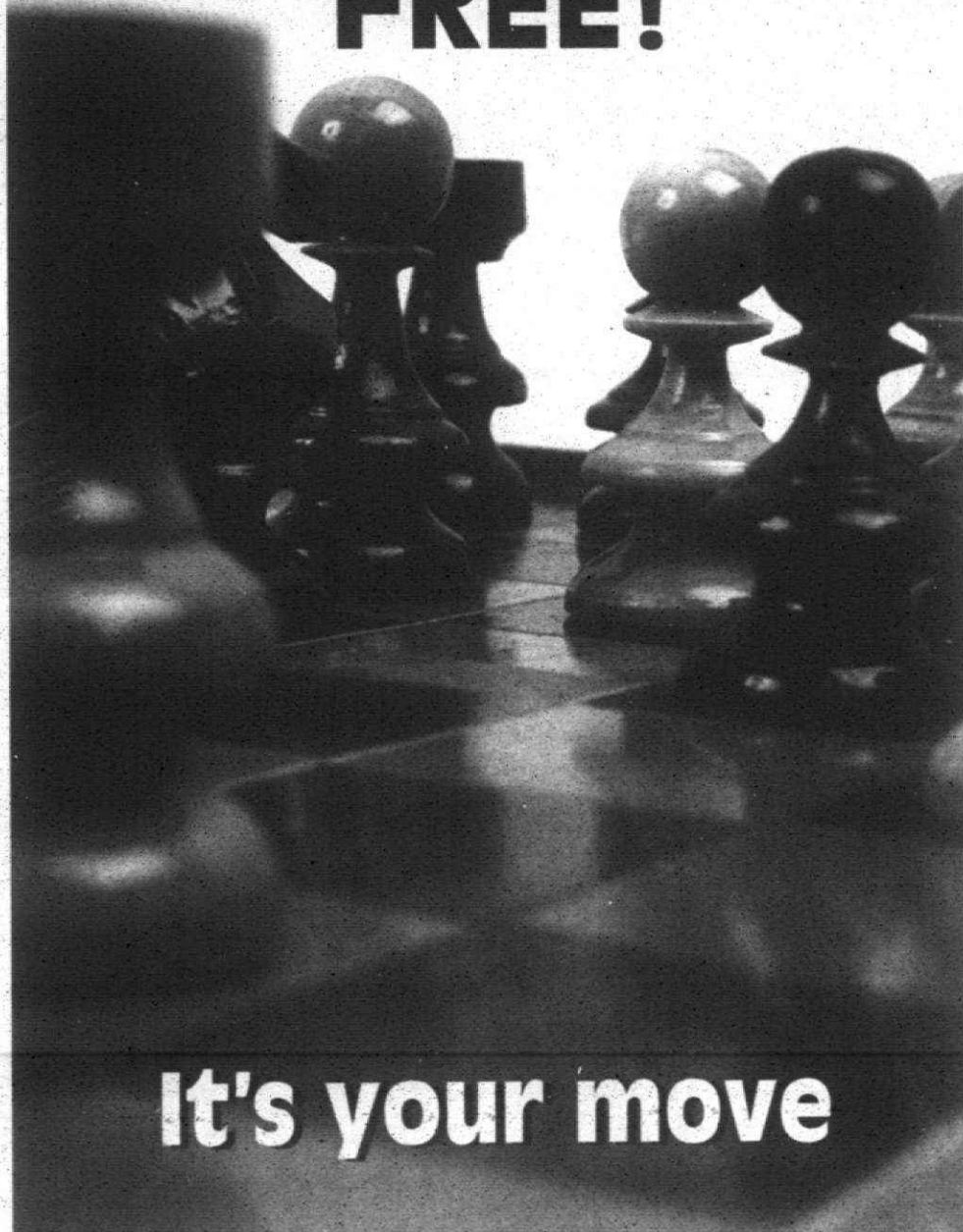
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Program showcases American opera

Kimberly 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 [lchomin@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:lchomin@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 HÜRSCHMANN

Linette 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, Bolting, 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 BRYAN 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 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.

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On the set: Caleb Gilbert (left to right), Jennifer Rembisz, Kevin Hentkowski 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

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



# Van Gogh

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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 the 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 exhibit."

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."

"We learned a lot during

## 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."

Bileen 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 Van Gogh 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."

# Faculty

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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.

# Fate

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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, 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 any one 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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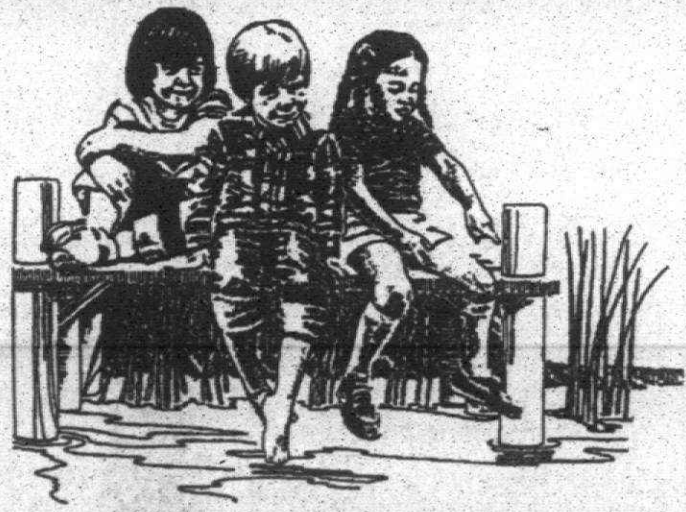
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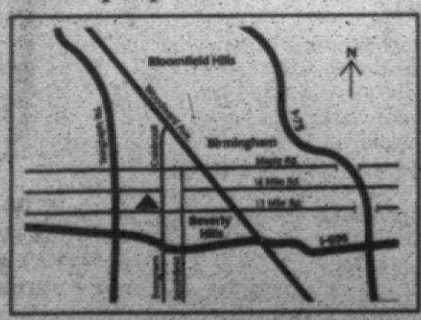
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**CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY**  
Through March 27 — Artwork of Deborah Donelson and Vividus Zvedris. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

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

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## Chase winter blues away with a spa day at home

### DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

Fighting the flu, cabin fever or the holiday blues? 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 ambience.

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.

**■ Retuxeyes 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.

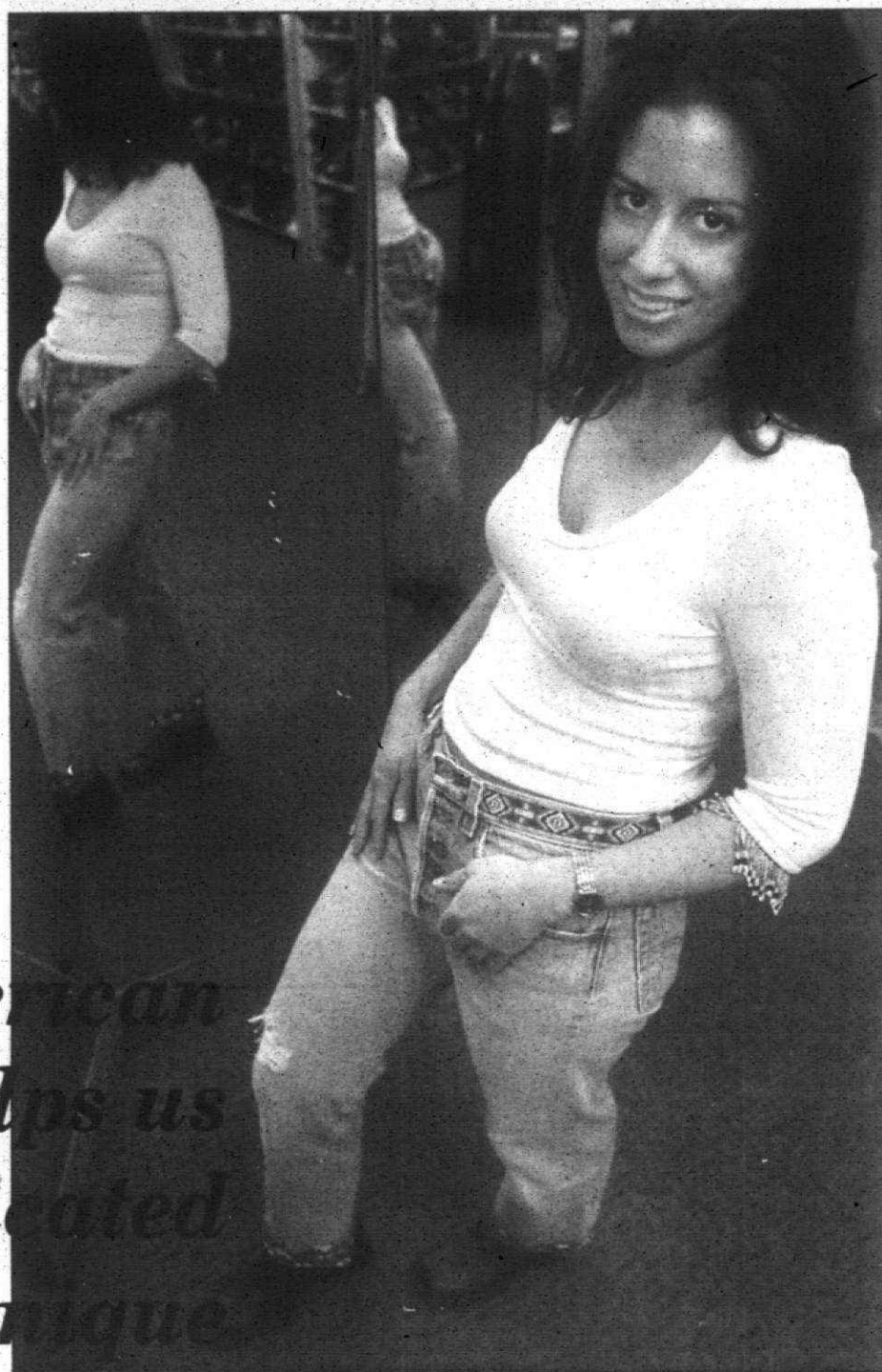
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**Fabulous fabrics:** Even jean jackets have come under the spell of the embellishment trend. At Rear Ends in West Bloomfield, a leopard-print fabric dresses up ordinary jean jackets.



**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.



**Setting trends:** Sherri Christy, who works at West Bloomfield's Rear Ends, which carries loads of embellished jeans, models a pair from the store. The embellished denim trend is already big in Birmingham, West Bloomfield and other local communities.

## An American classic helps us 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 city 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 blue 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 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 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**CHINA PAINTER VISITS**  
China-painting artist Marie Woehrle 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 & Crafts" 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.

## 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, VFWs 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 Mei-

### 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 mangler 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 Lorraine.

— An instruction book for a Wards sewing machine (#97035183, model UHJR1930) 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, (#39066U) 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

jer stores.

— 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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### O'Bears 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 1985 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.

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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 shirt 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 "to 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 Goghly 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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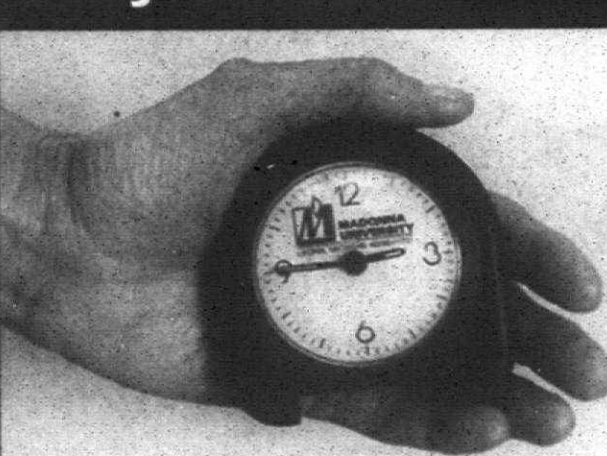
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# Spas offer relaxing relief from Michigan winter

BY KEELY WYONIK  
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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.



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## Weekend Spa Getaways

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■ **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.

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### 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.

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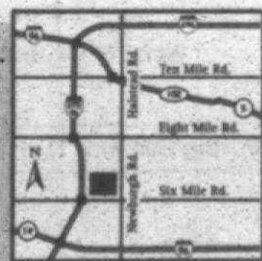
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Here's how it works. Simply make a purchase of \$35.00 or more each of the following weeks and you will receive a strand of Mardi Gras beads:

- 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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- 1pm-3pm Allan Barnes jazz trio
- 1pm Real Seafood Grill cajun-style food sampling
- 3pm-5pm Roaming jester and magician

Saturday, February 26

- 1pm-3pm Janet Tenaz jazz trio
- 3pm-5pm Children's face painting and mask decorating
- 3pm-6pm Caricature artists

Saturday, March 4

- 1pm-3pm Allan Barnes jazz trio
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## FOCUS ON WINE



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### Ferrari-Carano makes superior red wines

**F**errari-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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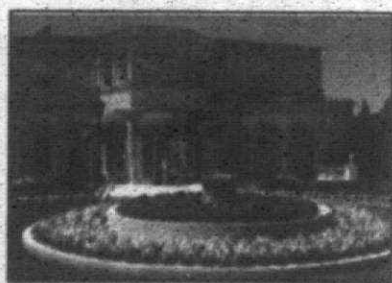
#### Wine Picks

■ **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 Barwang 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 Deinhart Dry Riesling, \$7; 1998 Deinhart 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.**

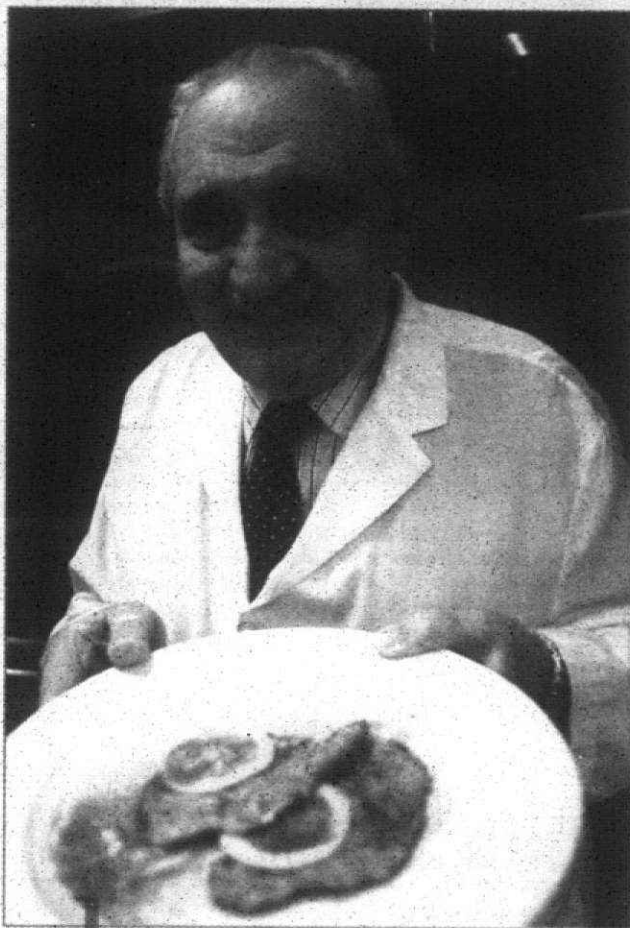
#### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Winter Grilling
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## COOKING IN THE ITALIAN TRADITION

STORY BY  
NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF PHOTOS BY  
JOHN STORMZAND



### 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.

# Chilled

**W**atching 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."

## 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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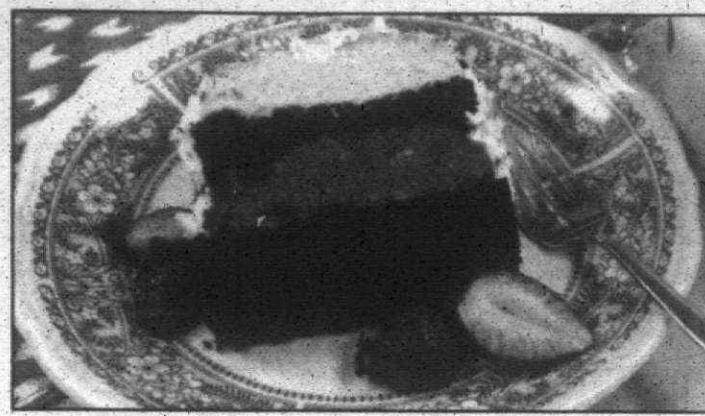
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Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.





**Baked Alaska:** The meringue and cake insulate the ice cream in this wonderful dessert.

## 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, dried 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.

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## 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 bakes 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  
1/8 cup 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.

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.

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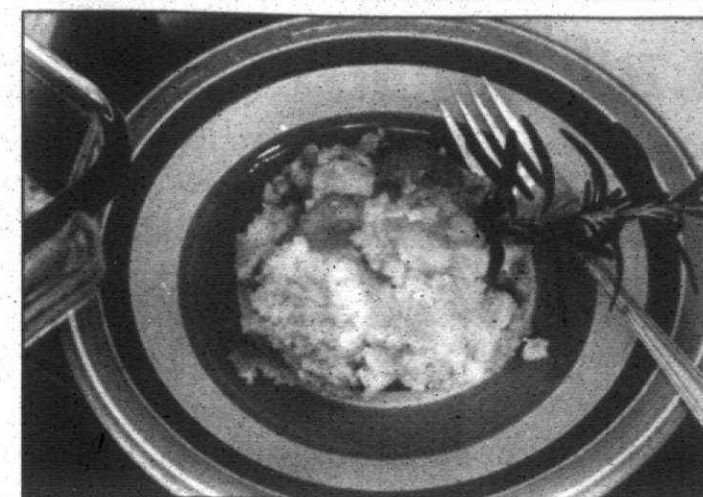
"Wine Spectator's California Wine" by James Laube (Wine Spectator Press, \$40) is the most comprehensive guide available

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 Cheez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Dr. in Novi, Monday-Thursday, through May 2000. Discount offered with meals only, wines 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.



**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.

## 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.

**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 cream anglaise. On Sunday, March 19, Barnett will feature tea-cured salmon gravlax, with potato galette, cucumber and sweet onion salad with dill cream fraiche, chaterelle and barley risotto with pan-roasted duck breast, huckleberries and red wide jus and bittersweet chocolate pot cream. The Celebrity Chef Series also features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS television 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 over 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 cream 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.

## 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.

## 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 cheddar, 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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### 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 (Suter 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](mailto:map571@aol.com) or visit <http://hometown.aol.com/map571/myh/omegapage/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.ttc.org](http://www.ttc.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 Lawrence, 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.

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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



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.

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.

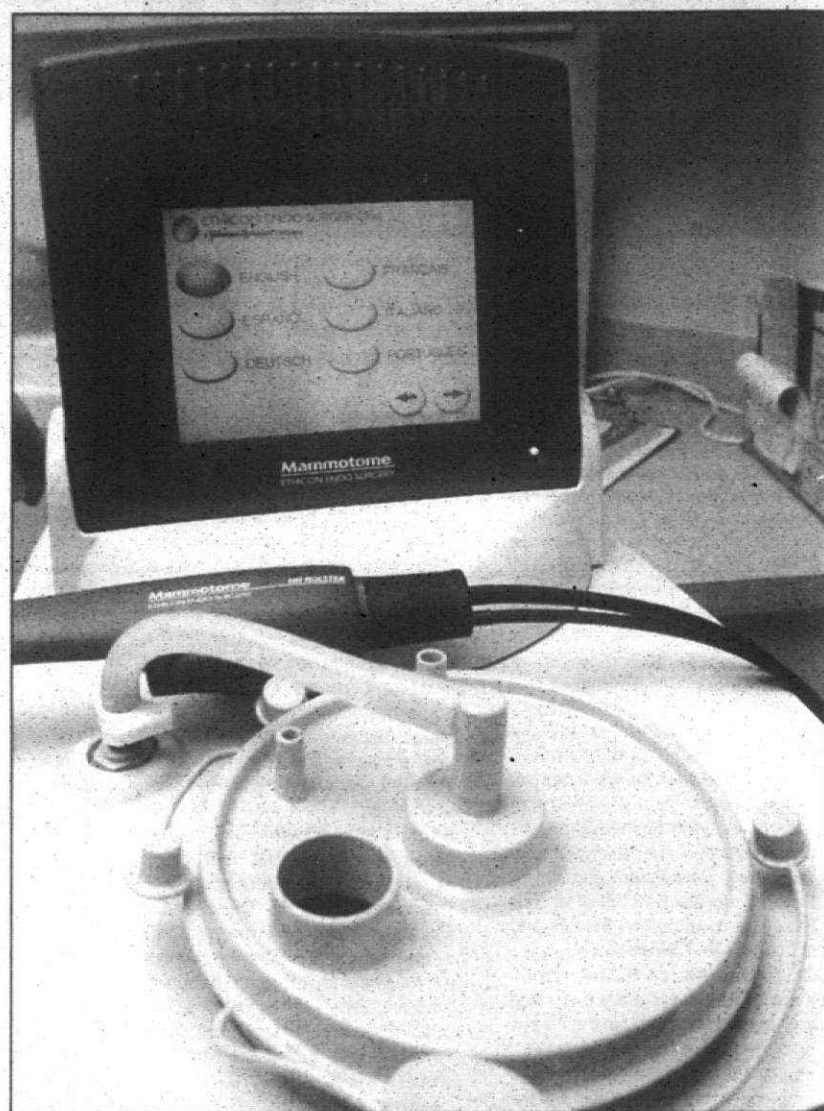
In addition to the ultrasound feature, the new Mammotome device offers several advantages over previous methods, including the ability to take much larger tissue samples, which allows pathologists to make a more accurate diagnosis.

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



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 Lawrence, 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 — 80 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 disease 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.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visting 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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### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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) 776-9415. Everyone's welcome. "Alanon meet-

### ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

## Are Net users social misfits isolated from family?



PC 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.

Not if you are a new study 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 2,589 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](http://www.nandonet.com)) Internet author Jakob Nielson says the conclusions 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](http://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>

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### 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 Allegria Print & Imaging Centers in Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Warren, have reached an agreement with Brian Tyll and Bob Greene, owners of Berkeley 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.

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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. Deadline is Wednesday, April 5, 2000; enrollment is limited. Contact: the Professional Development office at (248) 370-3033.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. I feel irritable, I can't relax                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. I notice my heart beating rapidly                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. I feel worried, anxious and fearful                     |

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. The Institute for Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of integrative medicine for anxiety. If you are selected, all research-related costs and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about anxiety.

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# Datebook

## TUE, FEB. 22

**HEART RISKS**  
Be wise... heart wise, heart risks will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

**GROUP 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 Carol Stokoe 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) 655-1160.

**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. Address: 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.

**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.

## WED, MARCH 1

**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. (Otorhinolaryngologist). 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 affect 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-thon 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-counter-strain, 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**  
The Arthritis Foundation (Michigan Chapter) is 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 child achieve and maintain high self-esteem. Class runs through April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 398-7557 for additional information.

# 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 modest, 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 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.

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**DUCT CLEANING**  
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Fidelity Investment Advisors, Inc. [www.fidelity.com](http://www.fidelity.com)

**FLOORING**  
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Gallerie [www.gallerie.com](http://www.gallerie.com)  
Cowboy Trader Gallery [www.cowboytradergallery.com](http://www.cowboytradergallery.com)

**GOLF**  
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Livingston County Human Services [www.liveston.org](http://www.liveston.org)

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Head You Win [www.headyouwin.com](http://www.headyouwin.com)

**HEALTH CARE**  
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Nature's Better Way <http://www.naturesbetterway.com>

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**HOSPITAL SUPPLIES**  
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Identification Lamination Products <http://www.identification.com>

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J.J. O'Connell & Assoc., Inc. [www.oconnellinsurance.com](http://www.oconnellinsurance.com)

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Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. [www.birchlerarroyo.com](http://www.birchlerarroyo.com)

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**RESTAURANTS**  
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Woodhaven Retirement Community [www.woodhaven-retirement.com](http://www.woodhaven-retirement.com)

**SHOPPING**  
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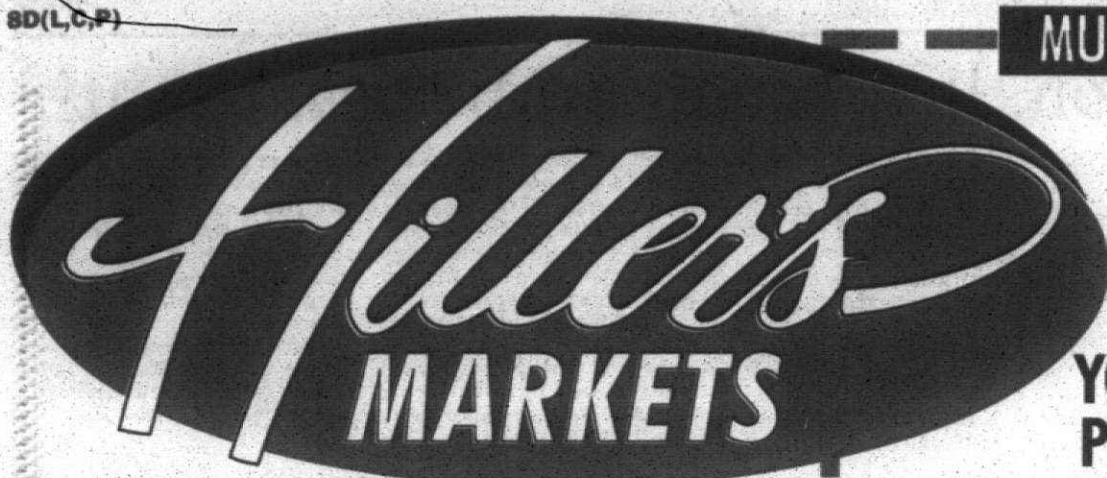
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