



THE WEEK  
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**TUESDAY**

**Local government:** The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. April 25 in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Spring break fun:** Bring the kids in for a free morning of music, games, crafts and snacks 10:30 a.m.-noon at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. For more information, call (734) 455-4677.

**FRIDAY**

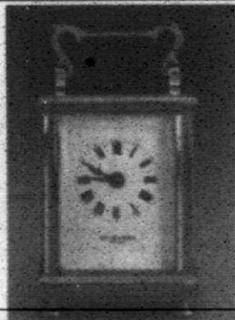
**Playoff hockey:** The Plymouth Whalers host the Soo Greyhounds in Game 4 of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Finals 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. For ticket information call the box office (734) 453-8400.

**SATURDAY**

**Garage sale:** The Plymouth Canton Civitans annual garage sale is set for 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

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**On the march:** Moms Bev Antoun (from left), Mary Halewicz and Jayanne Butine, along with Mary's kids Joe Halewicz, 12 (from left), Kristi, 14, and Tommy, 7, and Jayanne's kids John Butine, 4, and Andrew, 2, pose for a photo with their Million Mom March literature at Halewicz' home in Canton recently.

## Canton moms say march is wake-up call on guns

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As a mother and teacher, Mary Halewicz' life is devoted to caring for children.

Perhaps that's why recent tragedies at Columbine High and in Flint have affected her more than most. Instead of simply shaking her head in disgust, however, she's taking action.

Halewicz will lead a Canton contingent to Washington, D.C., this Mother's Day, May 14, for the "Million Mom March." The

aim, she says, is to spur change in American gun-control laws.

"We have to safeguard the kids," said Halewicz. "How can we keep them safe if we allow hand guns to be sold to felons at gun shows? There has to be an awareness. As a nation, we have to do something."

New Jersey mother Donna Dees-Thomases conceived the idea of a march last summer.

"On Aug. 10th, I had a wake-up call," she writes on her Web page. "I was watching news about the Granada Hills day camp shooting.

"The images of terrified children being led in a line from the carnage that had just taken place inside were too much to bear. They looked bewildered, confused and scared to death."

Dees-Thomases began a grassroots effort to organize the march shortly after the California shooting.

Barb Case, a Plymouth resident, is coordinating western metropolitan Detroit for MMM. It includes portions of Wayne, Oakland, Lapeer and Monroe counties.

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## Multi-lingual

### Officers in 'Spanish 101' learn to walk the talk

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The ability to communicate in a foreign language is becoming more important for Canton police officers.

According to Township Patrolman Eric Kaledas, it's not uncommon for him to come in contact with people that speak only Spanish.

"It happens once every few weeks or a month," he said. "It can be a difficult situation."

With that in mind, Canton's Police Department offered a four-day "Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement" course this week. Nearly two dozen officers, including seven from the township, participated in classes.

"The object of this program is communication not conjugation," said instructor Gilbert Mora, a retired DEA special agent. "We're talking about street Spanish. We want the officers to be conversational."

Canton Police Lt. Pat Nemecek said spring and summer bring an influx of Spanish-speaking workers to the township.

In order to effectively serve, officers must be able to communicate with everyone, he said. The course, Nemecek said, should make that possible.

"We thought with some basic Spanish," he added, "we might be able to get through situations much more quickly."

Officers from as far away as Kalamazoo and Saginaw attended the course. It's the first time the department has offered the program, Nemecek said.

"We didn't know how successful it would be," he added. "Because of the response we might do it again this fall."

Mora described his "students" as eager.

"These guys are doing very well," he said Tuesday. "They're doing the same

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## A moment to reflect during Holy Week



**On Good Friday:** Sarah Lindlbauer, 7, reads a book titled "Jesus: The Teacher" during a Good Friday service at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton. At left are Hannah Madill, 3, and Sarah's brother Jesse Lindlbauer, 5.

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## Golden Gate revival complete with new market

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Merchants in the Golden Gate shopping center at Lilley and Joy roads say plans for a new meat market to come on board is a sign the shopping center is coming back to life.

House of Choice is slated to take over the former Bob's of Canton space, said Mark Lewis, deputy building official with Canton Township. Owners Tom and Sharon Boji of Canton have officially applied for occupancy in the

**Heat & Sweep manager Julie Rogers said the grocery store would be a good fit for the center and likely draw customers who previously frequented Bob's.**

10,000-square foot space. They listed the proposed use as a grocery store specializing in fresh meat, deli, seafood and produce.

A sign on the building front said House of Choice is expected to open sometime in the spring.

Lewis said before House of Choice can open, the building must pass a fire marshal and building department inspection.

"We need to make sure the building's not disintegrating," he said.

Heat & Sweep manager Julie Rogers

said the grocery store would be a good fit for the center and likely draw customers who previously frequented Bob's. Heat & Sweep is just a few doors away from the House of Choice space.

"There's going to be a lot of customers who really want that," she said, referring to the type of business.

Heat & Sweep, a fireplace and grill retailer, was forced to move to smaller quarters in the northern part of the shopping center when the center's roof collapsed in January 1999. Other Gold-

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# Grievance moving forward

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Two Plymouth-Canton teachers will have to wait until late October to find out if they'll be allowed to put up school displays depicting gay and lesbian history.

In fact, the decision will most likely come after the month of October, which is Gay and Lesbian History Month.

West Middle School music teacher Mike Chiumento and Salem High School math teacher Tom Salbenblatt, both of whom are gay, were forced by interim

**■ Plymouth-Canton teachers Mike Chiumento and Tom Salbenblatt will have to wait until next fall before learning whether they will again be able to put up a controversial display marking Gay History Month.**

superintendent Ken Walcott last October to take down bulletin board displays depicting gay and lesbian history.

"The grievance was denied by the administration, and we moved it to the school board level, where we received a letter from Superintendent (Kathleen

Booher that the board would not hear it," said Chuck Portelli, head of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. "We are going to take the issue to binding arbitration."

The earliest date the two sides could agree upon is Sept. 20. With additional time to file

briefs, Portelli doesn't expect the issue to be settled until late November.

"We should be able to resolve this problem in-house, but sometimes that doesn't happen," said Portelli. "A third party will decide if the two have an academic right to put up the displays that might be considered controversial."

"They were informational displays, neither was teaching from them," added Portelli. "We feel they have the right to put up their displays."

# Thief gets CD player, damages car

About \$200 worth of music equipment was reported stolen from a 21-year-old Canton man's car early Tuesday.

According to township police reports, his 1994 Grand Prix was parked near his home in the 41000 block of Heathmore Court between midnight and 10 a.m. when the incident occurred.

Reports said someone entered through a door window and took a CD player. About \$150 worth of damage was done to the vehicle.

### DWLS

A 30-year-old Canton woman

was arrested Tuesday for driving with a suspended license.

A township officer spotted the woman heading southbound on Haggerty Road near Ford.

Reports said the officer ran a background check on her and discovered that she was driving illegally.

The woman was stopped and arrested. She was given a 35th District Court appearance date of May 18.

### Domestic violence

A 34-year-old Canton man told police he was the victim of domestic violence late Tuesday.

Reports said the man and his wife, who live in the 8100 block of Honeytree, began arguing about 11:30 p.m. At one point the argument turned violent as the woman bit and scratched the man, reports said.

The woman later spoke with officers at the Canton Police Department. She was subsequently arrested, according to

### COP CALLS

Tuning out

More than \$1,000 worth of stereo equipment was reported stolen from a 17-year-old Canton woman's car between Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Reports said speakers (\$200), a CD player (\$400), and numerous CDs (\$500) were stolen from the woman's 1995 Ford Probe. The incident occurred between 8 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday in the 1000 block of Heron, reports said. Police have no suspects.

The woman later spoke with officers at the Canton Police Department. She was subsequently arrested, according to

# Singers invited to festival

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Chambers Singers, a select men's choral ensemble from Plymouth-Canton, has been invited to participate in the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 11-13, 2000, held on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

The Chamber Singers will perform in the Ensemble Invitational Concert, in conjunction with the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. In addition to receiving a perfect score and a first division rating at the

MSVMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival, this group was selected as one of the 14 most outstanding ensembles in the state for 2000. This is the second time an invitation has been extended to a select ensemble from P-CPEP to perform at MYAF.

"The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is an extraordinary experience that showcases young artists with exceptional talents," Festival Chairperson Jon Fitzgerald said.

# HERO WORSHIP

## Local fan gets a chance to meet his favorite player

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There were bigger stars among the Detroit Tigers of 1945. Other fans could have their Hank Greenbergs and Hal Newhousers and Paul Richardses. For 13-year-old Tom Hymes, second baseman Eddie Mayo was The Man.

Mayo will never be confused with other, more famous Tigers second basemen like Charlie Gehringer or Lou Whitaker. He hit .252 over the course of his 12-year career, which ended in 1948. Known more for his glove (only 89 errors) than his bat, he only hit 26 home runs overall.

But it was one round-tripper in particular that caught Hymes' attention. It came on a sunny Friday afternoon in the middle of the Tigers' 1945 run to the World Series, and it became the basis for a friendship more than 50 years later.

"To this day, I can close my eyes and see the ball going down the right field line, trying to stay fair and get out of the park," Hymes said the other day, reminiscing at a desk in the sales area at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in Plymouth where Hymes was used car manager for 17 years. "And it did."

It wasn't just the fact the ball cleared the fence that burned it into Hymes' memory. It was what happened leading up to the home run, which broke a scoreless tie and lifted the Tigers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago White Sox.

Hymes had gotten to the park just before the game's 3 p.m. start. He met his brother, who had gotten off work at his job with the gas company and obtained seats by the railing, near the home team's on-deck circle. Mayo was set to lead off the bottom of the ninth and knelt on deck. The teenager,

### Eddie-fication

A look at Eddie Mayo's career, and the 1945 season for which Tom Hymes remembers him.

	1945	Career
Games At Bats	134	834
Runs	501	3,013
Hits	71	350
Doubles	143	759
Triples	24	119
Home Runs	3	16
RBI	10	26
Average	.54	.287
	.285	.252

scorecard at the ready, used his stubby little pencil and marked a home run for Mayo.

"Hey, Eddie," he called out, "I already gave you a home run and I don't have an eraser."

Mayo looked up, when a man sitting down t h e aisle from Hymes hollered, "Are you kiddin', kid? This guy can't get it out of the infield."

Crack. Some 325 feet later, the loudmouth was quieted and Mayo had solidified his place in Hymes' heart.

Mayo went on to hit .285 that year, the Tigers won the American League pennant by a game-and-a-half and won the World Series in seven games over the Cubs. He also continued to earn

really admired the way he played the game."

Hymes was a big fan back then, seeing nearly 30 games that summer. He still gets to five or 10 games a year. He was at the final game at Tiger Stadium last season, but had to leave early. Turns out Mayo was in the stadium, and Hymes missed his golden opportunity.

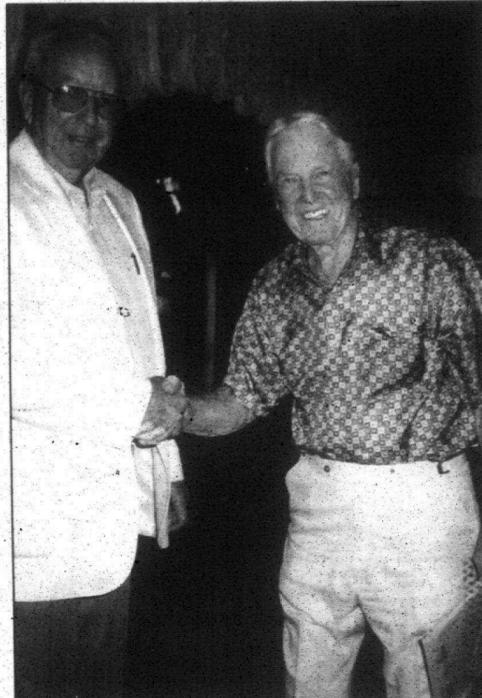
But chance has a funny way of coming back around. Hymes, told by co-workers the next day Mayo had been at the game, decided to write his hero a letter. Mayo responded and, a few months later, Hymes and his wife, Janet, found themselves winging west, headed out to visit an old Air Force friend in Palm Springs, Calif. Heading an invitation from the former Tiger, Hymes also visited Mayo.

"He was so upbeat," Hymes said of Mayo, who last week celebrated his 90th birthday. "You'd never know he's 90, he's so sharp."

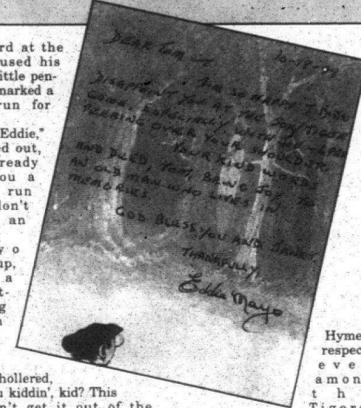
Hymes bought a paving brick as part of the opening of Comerica Park, and had his name inscribed along with Mayo's.

Mayo acknowledged the gesture in a return letter, thanking Hymes for something that "brings joy to an old man who lives in memories."

Two weeks later, in a sales office 3,000 miles away from Mayo, Hymes reflected on what it was like to meet a childhood hero, something few people get a chance to do.



Glad handing: Tom Hymes (left) gets a warm greeting from his boyhood baseball hero, former Detroit Tiger Eddie Mayo, during their visit last month in California. Left is a letter Hymes got from Mayo.



Hymes' respect, even among the Tigers'

o t h e r , brighter stars. "He was a tenacious player, and he played his heart out all the time," Hymes says now. "I

"That's why I tracked him down," Hymes said. "He was delighted. I think it was wonderful - for both of us."

# Grant deadline is approaching

## CANTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Students from Canton and Plymouth have until Monday, May 1, to apply for more than \$10,000 in academic scholarships available from the Canton Community Foundation.

Many of the scholarships, valued between \$500 and \$3,000 each, have drawn few applicants to date, said Joan Noricks, foundation president.

Local businesses, civic groups and area colleges and universities have been offering the scholarships through the foundation for a decade.

"I'm not sure why, but we haven't had as much interest this year as in previous years," Noricks said Wednesday.

Grants will be awarded in mid-May. A seven-member com-

mittee will make selections, according to Noricks.

Yazaki North America, an auto supplier headquartered in Canton, is among the companies offering scholarship this year. It will award \$3,000 to two high school seniors attending a college in Michigan.

Other scholarships are being offered by Bodycote Michigan Induction, Cleary College, Eastern Michigan University and Schoolcraft College.

Applications can be picked up at either the Plymouth or Canton libraries, high school counseling offices and the foundation office at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road. Call (734) 398-5000 for more information.

# Judge will award Crier bid Monday

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The fate of the Community Crier newspaper is expected to be determined Monday by federal bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes.

An auction April 19 produced two bidders for the newspaper. Tom Prose of Plymouth and Willett Communications in Wayne.

According to Prose, the bidding for the newspaper started at \$32,000 and went up in \$5,000 increments. The bidding stopped with Prose on top at \$37,000.

Prose said his final bid included \$50,000 down, with the rest to be paid over five years. He noted Willett's bid was \$352,000 with \$40,000 down and the rest payable over five years.

Prose said he expects Rhodes to accept his bid at a 10 a.m. hearing Monday. If he does, Prose will become publisher of the newspaper on Tuesday.

"I will bring in a new journalistic team to make the Crier a more positive and balanced pub-

lication," said Prose. "Our first order of business will be to apologize for the past sins of the Crier."

Doug Willett of Willett Communications doesn't believe it's a done deal, yet.

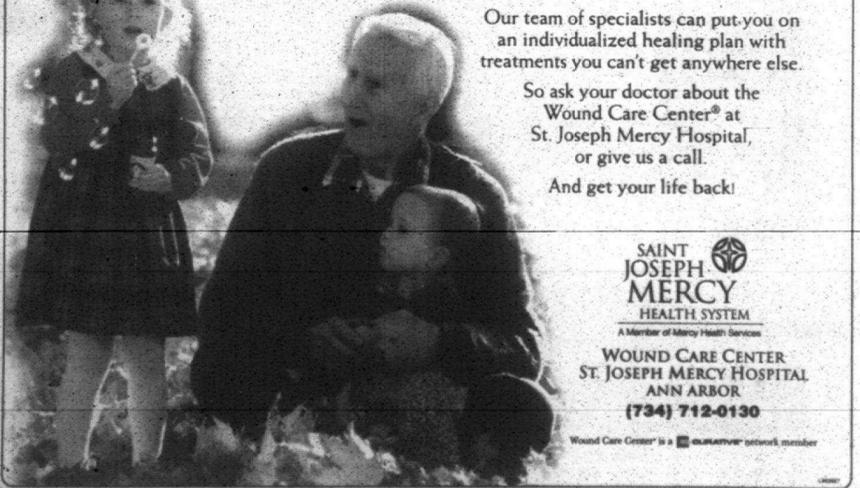
"Besides money, there are a lot of issues to be decided," said Willett, who declined to list what those issues might be. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens Monday."

Current Crier publisher W. Edward Wendover, who has owned the paper for 26 years, said the board of directors of the Crier evaluated the two bids on Friday, and will recommend one of them to the judge. When asked which bid it was, Wendover said, "It would not be appropriate to say at this time."

The Community Crier filed a Chapter 11 reorganization plan to pay off financial obligations, including \$687,000 in unsecured debt, secured debt of \$50,000 to National City Bank, plus secured and priority debt for federal and state taxes of \$107,000.

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# Board confirms Robinson as airports chief

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In an 11 to 1 vote, Lester W. Robinson became the new director for the Department of Airports.

He will direct operations at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (Metro Airport), including activities for the new Midfield Terminal, as well as Willow Run Airport. He will earn \$148,000 annually for the job, which will expire Dec. 31, 2002.

Wayne County Commissioners approved his two-year appointment Thursday following weeks of debate. Controversy centered around Robinson's experience with airport affairs.

"I would like to see Robinson

named as interim director," said Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township. Before casting the lone "nay" vote, she touted his credentials in the financial world but expressed concern over his ability to manage other aspects of airport operations. "He has no experience running an airport and (Metro Airport) is large."

Robinson, a certified public accountant, is not new to a county position or even to Metro Airport, which maintains a \$100 million operating budget. From 1991-1993, the Belleville resident served as deputy director at Metro Airport. Other county positions include: serving as chief financial officer, legislative auditor general and chief of staff to the county executive, Ed

McNamara. Reflecting on his experience in Wayne County and his financial work in the private sector, most commissioners felt confident Robinson would do the job effectively. Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, even went on record welcoming Robinson back. "I was sorry to see you go," she said.

Calling him "well-qualified," Beard said "we don't have to worry about breaking him into the people. We don't have to worry about breaking him into the county. He knows the process."

One process he is familiar with involves vendors' contracts. Recent allegations have been made against Wayne County officials accusing them of award-

ing contracts without receiving competitive bids. Some officials have also been accused of covering it up to protect their friends.

"I would never do anything like," Robinson stressed. "I believe my integrity and history with the county speaks for itself."

Commissioner Edward Boike, Jr., D-Detroit, spoke to Robinson's character before voicing his support. "We all know the integrity and value of having this man around," he emphasized.

To fulfill his new obligations, Robinson will leave a management position with Capital Financial Advisors International, L.L.C.

According to his resume, Robinson boasts over 26 years of

management and financial experience including governments, banking and financial institutions. He has served as financial officer on bond transactions ranging from \$1,017 billion to \$940,000.

He received a bachelor's of business administration from Michigan State University and did coursework in public administration at Eastern Michigan University.

Robinson said that "there will be challenges" in his new job, but he is planning to keep operations moving on the right track. "I don't think you will ever see that (elimination of the bidding process) happen again."

Richard Pearl contributed to this story.



Lester Robinson: The former McNamara aide was confirmed as the new airports director Thursday.

# \$4 million grant awarded for Willow Run Airport improvements

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Runways and infrastructure at Willow Run Airport are scheduled for some much-needed maintenance, thanks to a grant provided by the state.

Four million dollars has been earmarked for the airport, which houses about 350 planes regularly. The grant will cover expenses for new runway signage and lights, a new roof and elevator for Hanger 1, a newly constructed maintenance building and environmental projects.

"We're not making any physical changes as far as widening or lengthening the runways," said

Sean Brosnan, airport director. "We're reinvesting in the infrastructure."

Willow Run is one of 11 state airports to receive funds following the re-authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration package, which raised Michigan's share of federal aviation entitlements by 113 percent. Previously, Michigan received \$23.6 million annually, but recently signed federal legislation boosts that amount to \$54.4 million annually, starting next year.

"We'll get the money in October (2000) and spend it over the next year," said Brosnan. Work can not start until contractors

have been hired. Contractors can not be hired until state officials sign off on the grant.

Just the promise of extra money was good news to the director of the third busiest airport in the state.

"In the past, we weren't getting any money from the state or federal governments," Brosnan said. Officials rectified the situation once they were presented with information indicating how economically viable Willow Run is to Michigan and Washington. Tax dollars generated at the local airport are funneled to both state and federal agencies.

"On average, Willow Run generates in aviation tax dollars

alone about \$30 million annually," he said. "That doesn't even include sales tax, income tax and property taxes."

According to Brosnan, Willow Run has experienced significant growth in the past three years. "Willow Run averaged 50 million pounds of cargo per year up until three years ago. Since then, it has increased to about 200 million pounds of cargo."

The bulk of Willow Run's cargo business is provided by automotive companies and their suppliers.

"We have daily 747s carrying cargo to Europe," Brosnan said. Jaguar alone uses Willow Run to carry engines and transmissions

from metro-Detroit to England and Germany.

"We also have a lot of sports teams coming through here," he said. From professional hockey and baseball teams to participants of college athletics, Brosnan has seen all sorts of celebrities board and unboard DC9s at Willow Run.

Situated on 2700 acres, the airport straddles two municipalities: Ypsilanti and Van Buren Township. Improvements at the airfield mean good things for both communities as well as the counties and the state.

"(Additional funding) means continued business," he said. Federal legislators altered the funding allowance as part of

their routine review of the Federal Aviation Administration package, which includes funds for the Airport Improvement Program.

According to Robin Panneck, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation, the earlier package expired this year.

"There was a re-authorization due on the Aviation Package, and typically that is a good time to reassess."

Gov. John Engler also expressed joy over the increase of funds for state airports. The state airports will share \$10 million for improvements.

"These needed aviation projects will help lift Michigan aviation and the economy. We are pleased that Congress has not only restored current federal funding, but greatly increased Michigan's future aviation funding," he said.

# 19 vendors approved for Midfield Terminal

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Nineteen vendors have been selected to operate 80 restaurants and shops at the Midfield Terminal at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

"The terminal is scheduled to open by the end of 2001.

Airport department heads made their recommendations to Wayne County commissioners, who overwhelmingly approved them last week. Prior to commission approval, however, Chairman Ricardo Solomon instructed commission legal counsel Ben Washburn to include language stipulating that contract extension requests must come back to the commission for approval and that vendors will be subject to third-party audits by the commission.

According to Dave Katz, former director for the Department of Airports, commissioners support cleared the way for a \$730 million concessions/retail program.

About half of the chosen food vendors were selected based on their minority business enterprise (MBE) or women's business enterprise (WBE) status. County officials agreed to hire a percentage of certified members from these two groups for the Concessions Department.

County officials made similar accommodations for other departments under the Midfield Terminal project. The Retail Department requires about 30 percent of vendors to have MBE/WBE status.

Certification in any of these groups requires that employers maintain a certain percentage of employees belonging to that group. For instance, a company certified as an MBE must maintain a certain number of minority employees. County officials are responsible for checking the statistics before awarding them the contract as well as random checks during

the length of the contract. Federal authorities also follow through after the first year.

If the actual numbers do not reflect what companies claimed, the contract can be terminated, said Robert Murphy, corporate counsel for the airport.

"It is legal" to terminate their contract in that case, Murphy said.

Vendors were contracted to provide service for five or seven years, with an option to renew for up to three years. That option, of course, must be approved by the commission.

The following companies were awarded contracts:

**Duty-free contract:**  
■ World Duty Free; Glen Burnie, Md., seven year contract

**Retail contracts:**  
■ CA One Services, Inc.; Buffalo, N.Y., five year contract  
■ Metro Ventures/Paradies; Detroit, Mich., five year contract  
■ Pangborn Design, Ltd.; Detroit, Mich., five year contract  
■ OraOxygen; Ontario, Canada, five year contract

**Food contracts:**  
■ Compass Group USA, Inc.; New York, N.Y., seven year contract  
■ Concessions International; Atlanta, Ga., seven year contract  
■ On Line Café; Detroit, Mich., seven year contract  
■ The Sheik; Dearborn, Mich., seven year contract  
■ Host International, Inc.; Pacific Palisades, Calif., seven year contract

CA One Services was awarded three retail contracts. Metro Ventures/Paradies was awarded six retail contracts. Compass Group USA Inc. was awarded three food contracts.

# Fight looms over phone system

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The stage is set for a major fight in the state Legislature over control of Michigan's telephone system. With the state's telecommunications law, first adopted in 1995, set to expire at the end of the year, lawmakers are beginning to haggle over what to replace it with.

And while all parties say they want the same things - better consumer protection and customer service, increased competition among companies providing local service, and reasonable rates - they are proposing to do it in very different ways.

On the one hand, Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, is proposing to restore some of the traditional authority of the state Public Service Commission to regulate telephones. Specifically, his House Bill 4804 would give the PSC clear powers to hear complaints from competing local service providers when they believe "incumbent companies" - Ameritech and GTE - have engaged in anti-competitive practices.

The bill would address the concerns of critics of Ameritech that the company has thwarted efforts of new companies to enter the market. And the PSC has not been able to address those complaints since the passage of the 1995 law.

**Bill for repeal**

On the other hand, state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, has introduced his own version of reform, Senate Bill 1193. That bill simply repeals the telecommunications act of 1995.

Legislative aide Joelle Demand explained that it is not the senator's final proposal just a "new starting point."

Dunaskiss wants to start with a clean slate before determining what regulations are needed, she said. His end result, Demand said, will likely include consumer protection regulations, such as rules designed to reduce slamming, and efforts to increase local phone competition.

"The 1995 act has not produced what he wanted to see in terms of increased local competition," Demand said.

Ameritech spokesman Mike Barnhart explained the senator's

bill this way: "He is taking a zero-based approach to regulation. You've heard of zero-sum budgeting where you start with a clean slate and add back what can be proved is needed ... he is starting with a zero-based bill and will restore what regulations can be justified."

Although Ameritech has not endorsed Dunaskiss' bill, it does oppose Shulman's proposed revision. Barnhart said the Shulman bill would add "hundreds of pages of new regulations" on local phone companies, and that ultimately discourages competition.

Telephone deregulation dates back to the 1980s, when the federal government decided to break up the Bell system. While competition was opened in long distance services, local service was left in the hands of local monopolies. The 1995 Michigan law was intended to open up that market. And while an estimated 130 small firms have opened shop in Michigan to provide alternative local services, the vast majority of the residents do not have alternative local service available to them. An estimated 168,000 lines have been installed by competitors, compared to the 5 million lines operated by the state's largest "incumbent" local

provider, Ameritech. With the 1995 act set to sunset in December, the process of revising the law is just getting under way in Lansing this month with hearings on the topic before the House Committee on Energy and Technology, chaired by Rep. Mary Ann Muddaugh, R-Paw Paw.

**Ameritech response**

The committee has already heard from Ameritech Vice President Harry Smerjian, who responded to complaints that the company's phone rates are too high. The Michigan Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications has pointed out that the cost of base service in Michigan at \$10.77 is higher than in any other Great Lakes state. In Ohio, the rate is only \$6.50.

The Small Business Alliance of Michigan earlier this year said a survey of its members showed they considered high phone rates to be the number one obstacle to business growth in the state.

Smerjian, however, said that when the typical services provided to phone customers are considered, the overall bill for the average customer in Michigan is lower than in other states.

Lawmakers, however, also point out that Ameritech's yearly

profits in Michigan are much higher than in surrounding states. The hope is that the opening of local service to other firms will bring down rates through competition.

Legislators say much of the problem with competitors entering the market is long delays needed to hook up customer's phone lines to the rest of the phone system, operated by Ameritech and GTE.

To address that, Barnhart said Ameritech has put together a system of "electronic bonding," between its "operations support systems" and those used by competitors, reducing the time required to process customer orders for local service. Since competitors' operating systems are often not compatible with Ameritech's, the system has been delayed in the past, Barnhart said. The bonding system was completed just this month.

A key to opening competition, Barnhart argued, is allowing Ameritech to enter the long distance service market. While Ameritech is not presently allowed to offer long distance services, carrier companies like AT&T, MCI and Sprint are allowed to enter the local service market.

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# Census Bureau begins in-person visits on Thursday

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Beginning April 27, Census 2000 enumerators will be out seeking information from their neighbors who failed to return their census forms.

The Census Bureau is hiring people who live in the neighborhoods to ask these questions. Their belief is that people will be more willing to share this personal information with someone who looks like them, talks like them and shares their community concerns.

"It makes more sense to have people from your own community," said Michael Price, media specialist for Michigan representing the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Right now we are in the process of hiring over 31,000 enumerators," he said. "That's for the whole region. There are five offices serving Wayne County, and each will hire about 1,000 people."

## The task

Enumerators will canvass the neighborhoods morning, noon

and night through July 7. According to Price, they will need to work unusual hours because most people are away from their homes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"They need to go when they will find people at home," he said.

They have about 20 percent of households to cover in western Wayne County. The Farmington area will take less time, with about 15 percent of homeowners who need to be surveyed.

Enumerators will be wearing identification badges and carrying bags identifying them as representatives for Census 2000. Another identifying factor is that more often than not, teams of people will be canvassing the same area.

Enumerators will ask homeowners the questions which appeared on the forms sent to their homes. So, one in six homeowners will be asked about 50 questions while recipients of the short form will complete their survey in eight questions.

"It's relatively quick," said

Price.

Price could not comment on any parallel between the number of people who submitted a completed survey and those who received the short form compared to those who received the long form, but he did stress the importance of providing the information regardless of which form homeowners received.

"It is so important for both forms to be filled out. While the long form may seem intrusive, I-696, I-275 and M-59 have been created mostly because of the information that was provided on those forms," he said. "It puts our tax dollars to work for roads, hospitals, new housing, banks, day care and care for the elderly."

Information collected through the Census 2000 is confidential, yet people still refuse to answer

the questions. Price said lack of compliance is the result of several factors, but mainly it's due to a lack of understanding.

"There are people who were born outside this country, and may have had an experience with an abusive government; or there could be language barriers," he said.

Price said the hardest demographic to enumerate is the 18-34-year-old population.

"Often they are on their own for the first time and they don't feel they have to tell anyone about themselves," he said.

## Confidentiality issues

There are two reasons people are being asked to answer Census 2000 questions: power and money.

"Enumerators have sworn the information they get will be used

for the census only," Price said. "It will not be used for personal interest. It will not be shared with landlords. It will not be shared with credit card companies."

Information will be used to determine congressional appro-

priations and to determine how much money each municipality receives of the annual \$185 billion pie. Anyone found guilty of violating the confidentiality rule is liable for a \$5,000 fine and up to five years in prison.

## Class helps nurses start businesses

Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health will offer an on-line course entitled "Introduction to Entrepreneurship for Nurses." Fall classes begin the week of Sept. 5.

"This introductory course is designed to be a springboard for nurses who want to start their own business," said Kate Walters, a registered nurse and the course instructor. Participants will learn about other nurses in business and how they turned their ideas into successful endeavors.

Minimum hardware requirements for PC users is a Pentium processor with 64 MB RAM and at least a 6 GB hard drive. Macintosh users must have an OS 7.5.5. Both configurations require Internet Explorer 4.0 or Netscape Navigator 4.0 with a 28 KB modem.

Founder of the Michigan Nurses in Business Association, Kate Walters holds a bachelor's in nursing from Oakland University and earned her master's in nursing from Madonna University. She is currently pursuing another master's degree in professional accountancy from Walsh College. In addition to serving as an adjunct clinical instructor in Madonna's College of Nursing and Health, Walters manages her own business, Care Works Inc.

This course is offered for one semester hour credit for enrolled students and a maximum of 15 nursing contact hours may be earned. Madonna is an approved provider of continuing education in nursing by the Michigan Nurses Association. The MNA is accredited as an approver of continuing education by the American Nursing Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation.

Over the past 12 years, as one of the largest four-year nursing programs in Michigan, Madonna's nursing program has experienced an average of 96 percent of its nursing graduates passing the nursing board examinations on the first attempt. Madonna offers bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, as well as a degree completion program of registered and licensed practical nurses.

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## Summer camp has open house

The Child Development Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn invites parents to an open house 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, highlighting two summer day-camp programs for children from kindergarten age through 7 years old. Open house visitors will meet staff at the Center Office, Room 1031 in the CASL Annex, on the campus's Fair Lane Drive west of Evergreen Road.

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### WHAT IS AN AUTOIMMUNE CONDITION

You may have heard the phrase "autoimmune condition" applied to diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus erythematosus. What does the designation mean?

It refers to an inappropriate response by the body's immune system. When physicians discuss immunity, they are speaking about the ability of the white blood cells to respond to threats to the body. Most often these threats come from bacteria, viruses, and other infectious agents such as fungi. At times, the invader is a toxic substance like silicon.

The body responds by mobilizing lymphocytes to seal off these enemies to body stability. There are two forms of lymphocytes: the B-cells and the T-cells. B-cells make antibodies that circulate throughout the body. T-cells secrete substances called cytokines that stimulate cells to create defenses against the threat of intra-cellular invasion by the offending agent.

In Lupus erythematosus, the autoimmune problem is that B-cells make antibodies not against an infection by the body's own cells but against the kidney, in rheumatoid arthritis the T-cells are overactive and cause joint lining cells to make cytokines that initiate local inflammation.

At present, researchers have not identified what signals set off the lymphocytes to activate inappropriately. So preventing autoimmune disease is not possible.

The medical community has at hand medications such as steroids and methotrexate, which can slow activation of the lymphocytes. However, the need remains for therapies that can act more specifically and with less toxicity.



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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Silver champs

Madonna University Crusaders No. 3 12-and-under girls volleyball team caught fire when it had to, rebounding from a 2-4 record to collect its division title at the Silver Championship Saturday at Madonna. The AAU tournament, hosted by the Victor's Volleyball Club, included seven teams.

The Crusaders played shorthanded all afternoon, sometimes with only five girls and other times borrowing players from the Crusaders No. 2 team. They prevailed in the championship game by scores of 25-15 and 25-21. Sarah Alexander served nine-straight points and Chelsea Melon had a run of eight points on serves to spark the Crusaders.

Coached by Scott Kurtz and on occasion Amanda Suder, other team members on the Crusaders No. 3 team are Amy Doenitz, Laura Schroeter, Megan Hodges and Lauren Kurtz.

### Fast afoot

Andy Briggs, from Plymouth, registered the fastest time of the season in the 800-meter run for Western Michigan University. Briggs was clocked at 1:53.20 at the Notre Dame Quad meet April 1.

Briggs was also clocked at 1:57.96 in the 800 on March 25 at the Purdue Open. He and local teammates Mike Shull (from Plymouth Salem) and Ryan Kearney (from Livonia Churchill) have helped the Broncos post a 6-1 dual-meet record through April 15.

### Title tribute

The 1975 and 1991 Plymouth Salem state championship baseball teams will be honored at approximately 3:30 p.m. Saturday May 6, during a Salem-vs.-Plymouth Canton double-header.

State championship banners will be presented during the dedication ceremonies. Game action begins at noon.

### Kids Fishing Derby

Back by popular demand ... the Canton Parks and Recreation Services is once again sponsoring its annual Kids Fishing Derby, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Heritage Park ponds.

The Derby is open to boys and girls 15 and under — Canton residents only. Cost is \$1 per participant (payable the day of the Derby), for one-hour increments. Advanced registration, by phone or in person, is required.

The Heritage Park ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Each participant is responsible for his/her own equipment and bait. Check-in ends 10 minutes after the start of each scheduled hour.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

### Women's golf

Beginning golf lessons/clinics for ladies are scheduled for May 9, 16 and 23 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. The lessons/clinics will be conducted by Dave Horstman, a PGA professional, and his staff of assistants.

There are two times to choose from: 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person.

The three sessions include instruction in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management. Equipment needed includes tennis or golf shoes, a three- or five-wood, a seven-iron, a nine-iron and a putter.

The lessons/clinics are being conducted through Canton Parks and Recreation Services; there are no residency requirements. Canton residents may begin registering today, from 6-7:30 p.m.; non-residents may begin registering April 18, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Register at the Parks and Recreation offices, located at 46000 Summit in Canton.

Registration deadline is May 5 or when the class limit is reached. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

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



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN  
Two in a row: Pete DeBoer has taken the Whalers to the top of the OHL for the last two years.

## DeBoer is coach of the year

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Pete DeBoer will sometime in the next month complete his fifth year as coach of the Whalers. In that span, DeBoer has accomplished more than most coaches manage in a couple of decades.

And like most coaches, DeBoer will say without hesitation, "I'd trade 'em all for a championship any day."

Last week, DeBoer was named the Ontario Hockey League's coach of the year. It was the second-straight year the 31-year-old former Windsor Spitfire has been so honored.

And it is certainly a well-earned honor. Last season, the Whalers had a lineup that was difficult to match; four

### WHALERS

of those players are currently playing in the NHL.

With so much missing from that team, DeBoer — who has recounted his thoughts prior to the season countless number of times the past few months — figured "this would be a year like '96-97, a rebuilding year."

"We finished fourth that season and made the playoffs, but lost in the first round. That's the kind of year I thought this would be. We were just hoping to make the playoffs and get some of these young guys some experience."

One problem: DeBoer had some elder statesmen, namely defenseman Shaun

Fisher and forwards Randy Fitzgerald and Eric Gooldy, who had different ideas. All three are average players, and all three have provided the leadership necessary in transforming a rebuilding team into a Memorial Cup challenger.

Which is what the Whalers are. They began their best-of-seven OHL Western Conference final against Sault Ste. Marie last night at Compuware Arena; a win in that series would put them in the OHL finals.

During the regular season, this team that expected to be scrapping to make the playoffs put together a league-best 17-game win streak and posted a West Division-leading 45-19-4 record. For the second-consecutive year, the

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## Clutch hitting

### 6th-inning rally carries Chiefs to win

After suffering a setback against Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Northville last Monday, Plymouth Canton's baseball team bounced back to thump Livonia Stevenson 10-5 Wednesday at Canton.

The split left the Chiefs with a 5-2 overall record, 4-1 in the WLAA. They are 2-1 in the Western Division.

Jon Johnson struggled a bit but was good enough to beat Stevenson Wednesday, allowing three earned runs on eight hits and no walks, striking out six. The win gave him a 3-1 record.

The Spartans struck first, scoring three times in the top of the third inning, but Canton answered with four runs in the bottom half of the frame.

It remained a seesaw struggle until the bottom of the sixth, when the Chiefs broke a 5-5 tie by scoring five runs.

The big blow in the inning: a three-run home run by Jason Evans.

Jim Wisniewski, a sophomore, had a superb day with a single, a double and a home run, scoring three runs and knocking in two. Johnson was also 3-for-3, with two runs batted in and two scored. Bryan Kay added a run-scoring single.

**Northville 3, Canton 1:** Six free passes issued by Greg Neino hurt, with all three Mustang runs scored by runners who reached base on walks Monday at Northville.

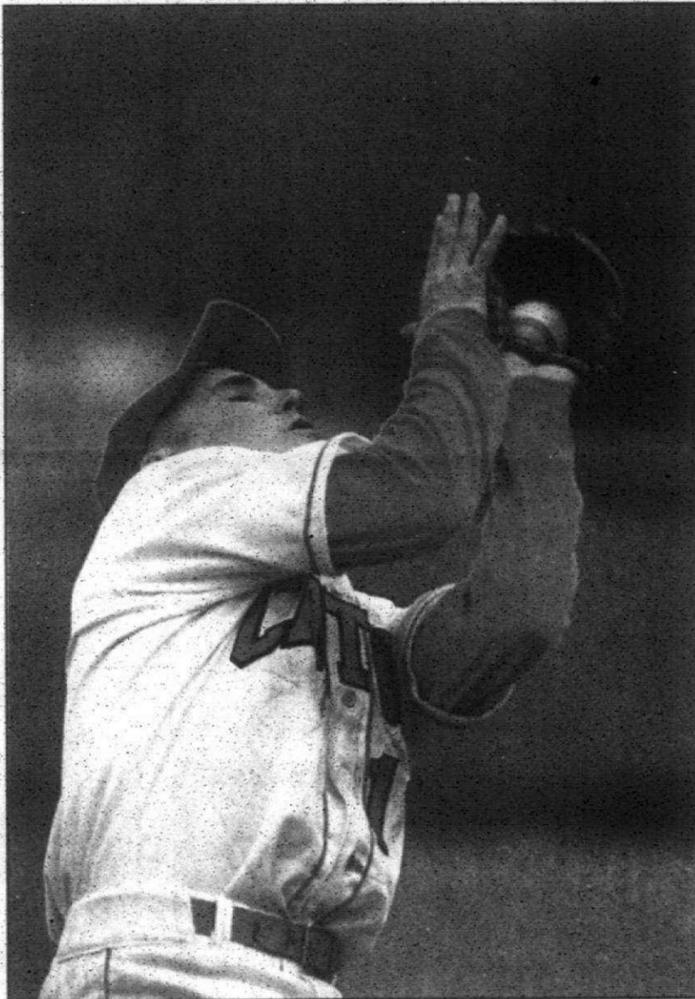
Neino, now 2-1, pitched well enough to get the win, tossing a three-hitter and striking out five. But three walks and a single led to two runs for Northville in the second, and a walk, a sacrifice and a single delivered another run in the sixth.

Canton scored its only run on a walk to Jason Evans, a single by Jason Waidmann and an RBI single by Brad Smigielski in the fifth.

**Inter-City Baptist 4, PCA 3 (9 inn.):** Errors betrayed the Eagles as they dropped their first game of the season.

Senior Derric Isensee pitched the last four innings for Plymouth Christian Academy and took the loss. He gave up a run in each of his innings, but only one was earned.

The Eagles scored in the second,



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN  
Making the catch: Jason Evans tracks down this pop fly off third base during Wednesday's game against Stevenson. Evans later smacked a three-run homer that nailed down Canton's win.

sixth and eighth innings as they fell to 5-1 overall, losing their first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference contest. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist is now 2-1 overall, 2-0 in the MIAC.

Sophomore catcher Brian Carnevale went 3-for-4 with a double, Isensee went 2-for-4, sophomore second baseman Mark Erickson 2-for-3 and sopho-

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## Canton stings Spartans, 9-3



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN  
Mound leadership: Pitcher Liz Dekarske has been sharp all season for Salem, one reason the Rocks are 7-3. But six errors against Northville Thursday were too much to overcome.

As Plymouth Canton softball coach Jim Arnold said, "We got everybody into this."

The result was similar to Monday's, when Arnold played 15 of his 17 players in a 5-0 whitewashing of Northville. On Wednesday everyone played as the Chiefs wrecked Livonia Stevenson 9-3 in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played at Stevenson.

The two wins boosted Canton's record to 7-1 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA.

Katie Conlon started for the Chiefs, working the first three innings and allowing three runs on five hits and three walks, striking out two. Laura Stewart relieved and pitched four innings of scoreless relief, surrendering two hits and a walk — and striking out 12, which would account for every out made.

Kelley Hutchins took the loss for Stevenson.

Kaitlin Anderson and Danielle Weber paced the Chiefs' offense. Anderson had two hits and three runs batted in, and Weber had two hits (including a triple) and

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### HOOP RECRUITS

## Standouts should elevate SC

BY C.J. RISAK  
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There were some considerable losses from last season's team that needed attention, in particular with the graduation of point guard Antone Watson.

It seems Schoplercraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata has not just addressed them, but improved the Lady Ocelots everywhere.

"We have four starters coming back," Lafata said, referring to last season's 11-14 team. She didn't exactly say the roles of her returnees could change, but the incoming class of nine players is formidable enough to cause alterations and carry SC to national prominence.

"We got size, quickness, athleticism — I couldn't be happier," Lafata said. "This is the best recruiting class I've ever had. We want to go to nationals and with this class, I think we can."

There are certainly a multitude of options that should be available. At the top of this class are a pair of recruits at a position help is most needed: point guards Rachel Ely and Crystal Crawford.

Ely is perhaps the program's top recruit; a 5-foot-3 Class D first team all-stater from Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, she is certainly an NCAA Division I prospect. Ely averaged 16.5 points and six steals a game.

"She's a catch," said Lafata. "She's quick and she's fast."

Crawford, a 5-5 Class C stand-out from Detroit Communications and Arts, was "a solid performer for them. With these two, we're not going to lose a beat."

Crawford, Ely and Lafata's recruit at shooting guard — Redford Thurston standout Kelly Grenan — will all be capable of supplying points from the perimeter.

Grenan, daughter of former SC women's coach Jack Grenan, was first team in the Mega Conference Blue Division; she averaged 22 points a game.

"She's a flat-out scorer," said Lafata. "(Crawford) and Grenan should light it up."

But that's just the backcourt. Lafata has also signed three centers and three forwards, and all can contribute.

Kelley Bendernagel is a 5-9 power forward from Novi HS who can go inside and score; she averaged about 10 points a game for the Kensington Valley Conference champions and was "a solid starter for them."

Katie Bradacs, a 5-10 small forward from Auburn Hills Avondale, is "a tremendous all-around athlete, and she can shoot the

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Kelly Grenan  
SC recruit

# Knocked around a bit

## Madonna struggles in a double setback against Siena Heights

A late rally went for naught for Madonna University's baseball team in the first game of its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header against Siena Heights Wednesday.

The Fighting Crusaders battled back from a 6-1 deficit to knot it at 6-all with a run in the bottom of the seventh, but the Saints got a run in the eighth and managed to hold on for a 7-6 victory in a game played at Madonna Park.

The second game was less dramatic. Siena Heights led from start to finish, posting a 4-1 triumph.

The twinbill setback dropped Madonna to 22-14-1 overall, 11-9 in the WHAC. Siena Heights was 16-30 overall, 8-8 in the WHAC through Wednesday.

Brian Jeffrey did most of the offensive damage for the Saints, clubbing a three-run double in a four-run third inning and then slugging a two-run homer in the fifth.

But Madonna, which scored on a two-out double by Jason

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

Brooks in the fourth, got four runs in the fifth to pull to within a run. A walk and an error put two runners aboard for Joe Pruchnik, and his double delivered both. Pruchnik was thrown out at third, however.

Another Saints' error put a runner on for Derrick Wolfe, and he slammed his third homer of the season to narrow the gap to 6-5.

In the bottom of the seventh, Mario D'Herin was hit by a pitch to start the inning and moved to second on a sacrifice by Pruchnik. With two out, Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson) came through with a pinch-hit single, knocking it at 6-all.

But the joy was short-lived. With one out in the eighth, Kris Henry hit a solo home run for Siena Heights, and the lead stood.

Jeremy Stevens went the distance, allowing six earned runs

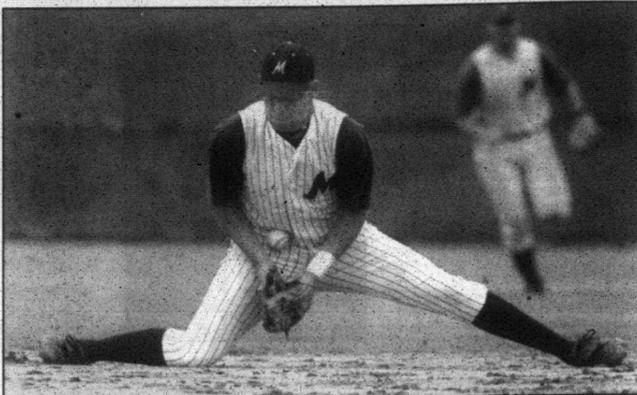
on nine hits and two walks, striking out seven. His record slipped to 4-3. The win went to Rob Hoshield, who gave up three earned runs in seven innings. Hoshield is 3-4.

In the second game, Madonna outdid Siena Heights 7-6, but couldn't outscore the Saints. The Crusaders only run came in the fourth, with Eric Lighthle scoring on an error on a grounder by Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton).

That trimmed Siena Heights' lead to 2-1, but the Saints got two runs in the fifth to clinch it.

Ryan Andrzejewski took the loss for Madonna, surrendering four earned runs (one on a Henry solo homer) on six hits and two walks, striking out five; he fell to 3-2. Kevin Barkholz was the winner, giving up one unearned run on seven hits and two walks, striking out three. He's 3-3.

The Crusaders are idle until this weekend, when they play a pair of double-headers at the University of St. Francis (Ill.).



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

**Making the play:** Todd Miller knocked down this grounder to shortstop and made the play at first, but his Madonna team couldn't quite handle Siena Heights otherwise - the Saints won in eight innings in Wednesday's first game.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>PREP BASEBALL</b> Friday, April 25 John Glenn at Dearborn (2), 11 a.m. Redford Union at Redford CC (2), noon Canton at Divine Child (2), 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27 Wayne at John Glenn (2), 11 a.m. RU at Southgate (2), 11 a.m. Canton at South Lyon (2), noon Salem at Norwood (Ohio), 4 p.m. Country Day at Redford CC, 4:30 p.m. Salem at Cincinnati Purcell, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29 Salem at Cincinnati Purcell, noon Salem at Marion (Ohio), 3 p.m. Blissfield Invitational, TBA (all double-headers) U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 11 a.m. Redford Union at John Glenn, 11 a.m. Shrine at St. Agatha, 11 a.m. Romeus at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m. Berkeley at Churchill, 11 a.m. <b>GIRLS SOFTBALL</b> Saturday, April 29	Chelsea Tournament, 9 a.m. <b>BOYS TRACK</b> Friday, April 28 Jackson Invitational, TBA Saturday, April 29 Lincoln Park Relays, TBA <b>GIRLS TRACK</b> Tuesday, April 25 Riv. Richard at Mercy, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29 DeLaSalle Invitational, 9 a.m. Lincoln Park Relays, TBA <b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL</b> (all double-headers) Saturday, April 29 Madonna at St. Francis (Ill.), 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30 Madonna at St. Francis (Ill.), 11 a.m. <b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL</b> (all double-headers) Tuesday, April 25 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Liv. Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m.	Thursday, April 27 Madonna at Saginaw Valley, 4 p.m. <b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS</b> <b>WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS</b> (Best-of-7 series) Tuesday, April 25 Ply. Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 Ply. Whalers at Erie Otters, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 28 Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29 Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 1 (if necessary) Plymouth at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 (if necessary) S.S. Marie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.
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# Chiefs edge N'ville; Rocks reign

Amy Driscoll won three events for Plymouth Canton's girls track team, and every one was essential.

In fact, every point the Chiefs scored in Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet against visiting Northville was needed. Indeed, it took a victory in the meet-ending 1,600-meter relay for Canton to edge ahead of the Mustangs and post a 70-67 triumph.

"The girls pulled this one out at the mile relay," said Canton coach John Venning. "It was one of those down-to-the-wire finishes, and anytime you have athletes like Jessica Levely, Amy Rogerson, Tekla Bude and Meredith Fox, you have to have confidence that you'll win the meet."

"Throughout the lineup the girls worked hard for this one. Hats off to Northville for a great meet."

Levely, Rogerson, Bude and Fox won the 1,600 relay in 4:28.4. It was one of three relay victories for the Chiefs; Levely, Erica Stoney, Sheri Leventhal and Sarah McCormack won the 3,200 (11:10.1) and Driscoll, Levely, Bude and Fox were victorious in the 800 (1:53.9).

### GIRLS TRACK

Driscoll also finished first in the long jump (16-feet, 4-inches), the high jump (4-10) and the 200 (28.4). Fox had wins in the 100 (13.5) and the 400 (1:04.4), and Levely was first in the 800 (2:40.0). Canton's other wins came from Milnye Matheny in the 100 hurdles (18.1) and from Ashley Boliard in the pole vault (6-6).

Alyson Flohr won both the 1,600 (5:43.2) and 3,200 (12:35.4) for Northville.

The Canton varsity is now idle until May 4, when it runs a WLAA dual meet at Livonia Churchill.

### April Showers Relays

With 10 first-place finishes, Plymouth Salem had no trouble racing to a victory at Wednesday's April Showers Relays in Ypsilanti.

The Rocks scored 144 points, placing well ahead of runner-up Ann Arbor Huron (101). Ypsilanti was third (79), Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard was fourth (76) and Westland John

Glenn placed fifth (56).

Five of Salem's wins came in field events - if you choose to refer to the 4x200 Throwers Relay as such. Tiffany Grubaugh, Michelle Bonior, Elikem Amable and Susan Woodard (all discuss/shot put competitors) won the race in 1:56.3.

Grubaugh and Bonior teamed for a first in the shot put (72-feet, 7-inches combined total) and Grubaugh and Miranda White were winners in the discus (211.5).

In the long jump, it was Brynne DeNeen and Jessica Shamberger who were best (30-6), and in the high jump it was Aisha Chappell and Autumn Hicks who won (9-10).

Erin Jensen, Jill Grey, Lisa Jasnowski and White took top honors in the 4x800-meter relay (10:37.9); Heather Whittington, Danielle Guerin, Kristen Kukhahn and Kim Wood placed first in the 3,200 medley relay (10:49.2); Bonior, Colina Davis, Shamberger and Rachel Wood combined for a win in the 4x100 relay (51.9); and Hicks, Grey, DeNeen and Jones captured the 4x400 relay (4:18.2).

Salem is now idle until May 4, when it hosts Livonia Stevenson in a key Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet.

### BOYS TRACK RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH CANTON 73 NORTHVILLE 64**  
April 29 at Northville  
Shot put: 1. Asa Hensley (PC), 45 feet, 10 inches (personal best); discus: 1. Hensley (PC), 120-10; long jump: 1. Ugo Okwumabua (PC), 20-2; 3. Jordan Champman (PC), 18-10 1/2; high jump: 1. Chapman (PC), 6-4; 2. Chris Kalls (PC), 6-2; pole vault: 1. Chapman (PC), 12-10; 3. Brian Page (PC), 10-6; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Pollock (N), 15-5; 2. Kalls (PC), 15-6; 3. Jim O'Brien (PC), 16-0 (personal best); 300 hurdles: 1. Pawlign (N), 42-0; 2. O'Brien (PC), 44-3; 3. Kalls (PC), 45-5; 100 dash: 1. Lankston (N), 11-1; 2. K.J. Singh (PC), 11-3; 3. Mike Parker (PC), 11-5; 200: 1. Lankston (N), 22-9; 2. Singh (PC), 23-3; 3. Jerry Gaines (PC), 23-7; 400: 1. Gaines (PC), 51-9; 3. Jack Tucci (PC), 55-6; 800: 1. Neadeau (N), 2:07.5; 3. Aaron Schmidt (PC), 2:12-0; 1,600: 1. Scott Gillen (PC), 4:49.5; 3. Ross O'Hara (PC), 4:56.4; 3,200: 1. Bilyk (N), 10:27.9; 2. Gillen (PC), 10:38.8 (personal best); 400 relay: 1. Northville, 45.7; 2. Canton, 45.8; 800 relay: 1. Canton (Singh, Nate Howe, Tucci, Jamie Bonner), 1:34.8; 2. Northville, 1:37.9; 1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:44.2; 2. Canton, 3:47.7; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton (Schmidt, Tony Mize, Page, Gaines), 8:34.9; 2. Northville, 8:37.0.

Canton's dual meet record: 2-1 overall; 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association-Western Division.

### PLYMOUTH SALEM 108 1/2 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 29 1/2

April 19 at Salem  
Shot put: Mark Synder (PS), 46.5; discus: Synder (PS), 125-10; long jump: Gabe Coble (PS), 20-3 3/4; high jump:

Johnston (PS), 11-2; 200: Coble (PS), 23-5; 400: Silva (PS), 55-8; 800: Donnie Warner (PS), 2:07.8; 1,600: Mike Carpenter (PS), 4:58-2; 3,200: Greg

Kubitski (PS), 11:12.4; 400 relay: Salem, 4:37; 800 relay: Salem, 1:37.9; 1,600 relay: Salem, 3:44.2; 3,200 relay: Salem, 9:02.8.

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### Canton rolls

Plymouth Canton entered the spring break with a 6-1-1 overall record in soccer thanks to a 5-1 victory over Westland John Glenn Wednesday at Canton.

The Chiefs are 4-0-1 against Western Lakes Activities Association foes, 1-0 in the Western Division.

Anne Morrell scored two goals and assisted on another to pace Canton's offense. Kara Marsh added two goals and an assist, and Melanie Dunn had a goal and an assist.

Salem 7, W.L. Western 0: It was no match Wednesday as Plymouth Salem thoroughly dominated Walled Lake Western at Western. Christian Shull accounted for two of the Rocks' goals and Jill Dombrowski, Salem's starting keeper, scored another.

Jessica Bucks, Jeannine Edwards, Jami Coyle and Katelyn Lee scored the Rocks other goals.

Salem improved to 5-0 in the WLAA; the Rocks are 2-0 in the Lakes Division.

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three. Bradacs is also a stand-out at volleyball and as a soccer goalkeeper.

The third forward is 5-10 Devin Francois, a 1998 graduate of Ypsilanti HS who is returning to school and could be quite a boost to the program. "She can

# DeBoer from page B1

Whalers had the league's best record.

DeBoer insists his second-straight designation as OHL coach of the year is a tribute not just to him, but to the Whaler organization — something not lost on DeBoer, who also serves as team general manager.

"This award is something for all of us, from the top down," he said. "It's a big credit to our scouting staff, and our owner (Peter Karmanos) gives us all the resources needed to be successful."

DeBoer will add that all he needs is "just stand behind the bench," as if all the other things will take care of themselves. It's a bit too self-deprecating, however.

In his five seasons, DeBoer has three division titles and a second place finish to his credit. Only once have the Whalers had a losing record, his coaching mark is 199-110-25.

The only thing his resume lacks is that Memorial Cup title,

plaf. Lafata.

The centers signed by Lafata include 6-foot Markeeta Hearn of Detroit Kettering.

"She reminds me of Charles Barkley," said Lafata. "She's real strong, she can go inside or outside, and she can rebound." Lafata

estimated Hearn averaged between 16 and 17 points per game for Kettering.

Keays Hamilton, another 6-footer, was a standout for Highland Park. "She's a real good athlete, a four-year starter and a

Weiss won't be eligible for that until next summer.

Dreams of playing pro hockey fill the OHL. "At this level, everyone has that goal," DeBoer said.

Including himself. Coaching in the NHL won't be too far in his future if he continues to string together seasons like the last two.

Rob Zepp, the goalie and backstop for the Plymouth Whalers as they pursue an OHL championship, was second in the voting for OHL goaltender of the year.

First went to Andrew Raycroft of the Kingston Frontenacs, who had a 3.43 goals-against average with a .918 save percentage. Raycroft helped Kingston post a 35-25-5 record; his 2,131 saves led the league.

Zepp was 36-11-3 in goal with a 2.38 goals-against average, including a .903 save percentage, three shutouts and 1,231 saves.

DeLaSalle 10-5, CC 0-5: After Warren DeLaSalle clubbed the Shamrocks in the first game of a Tuesday doubleheader, Redford Catholic Central rallied for a split of the twinnish with a in the nightcap, then added a 14-4 win over Birmingham Brother Rice on Wednesday.

Wednesday's second game against the Warriors was postponed because of darkness, with Rice holding a 9-4 lead in the bottom of the fourth. It will be made up on May 13.

"The first game against DeLaSalle was fairly close for a while, then they got a three-run homer to put it away," said CC coach John Salter as his team improved to 8-2 overall and 4-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division. "We didn't play that well and they hit the ball pretty good."

The Shamrocks scattered four

double-figure scorers," Lafata said.

The biggest of the recruits, quite literally, is 6-3 center Krystal Dennis of Redford St. Agatha. Honorable mention all-state in Class D, Dennis is tall

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drove in two runs.

Stewart, who has been superb all season for Canton, had a similar outing Monday. She blanked Northville on two hits and did not issue a walk, striking out 12.

Indeed, Arnold is happy with just about everything he sees on the field.

"I'm really happy and really pleased with the way we're hitting the ball," he said. "The defense is playing well behind Stewart, and we've got multiple-talented kids who can play multiple positions. That's a real pleasure to have."

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Canton is now idle until Saturday, when it plays in the Chelsea Tournament.

**Northville 5, Salem 4:** Plymouth Salem committed six errors, which led to three unearned runs and a loss against visiting Northville Wednesday.

The defeat left the Rocks with a 7-3 overall record, 3-2 in the WLA. It was Northville's first win after four losses in the conference.

"The pitchers are doing well, we're just not hitting the ball," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

Against the Mustangs, they

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# Wright reigning champ in Queens Tournament



The annual Michigan Queens Tournament is the premier women's bowling competition in the state.

It was held last weekend at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing.

And the winner and new champion — Julie Wright of Farmington Hills, a young lefty who defeated Tamika Glenn, another young southpaw from Farmington.

Both are members of the Monday night All-Star Bowlerettes League at Cloverlans in Livonia.

Two other All-Star Bowlerettes finished third and fourth, Novella White and Lisa McCarty, both of whom are members of the record-setting Turbo 2-n-1 Gripe/Remerica team, which established a new all-time world record for women's high series with their 3,557 score.

Another member of the same league, Livonian Pam Jones, had a separate story on how she combines her two interests, bowling and rabbits.

I referred to this story in a previous column, but it only ran in the Livonia editions.

Jones travels all over this continent on weekends to serve as a judge at rabbit shows. She also offers good advice to prospective or new rabbit owners at the Easter holiday.

"We beat on the bffl (Wednesday) pretty good," said Salter, whose team hosts Redford Union in a team doubleheader on Tuesday. "We just kept adding to our runs."

Mike Wadowski helped out the 14-hit attack by going 3-for-4 with two doubles. John Hill was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Matt Loras was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Adam Kline was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Kevin Entsminger (1-0) pitched a sparkling game, by striking out 14, giving up seven hits in 6 1/3 innings, with Kline getting the save. Dave Tovey

# BOWLING AND RECREATION

## BOWLING HONOR ROLL

**Garden Lanes (Garden City)**  
 St. Line Classics: Mike Baldwin, 224-232-247/683; Dave M. Bazzler, 212-235-234/681; Gary Czaja, 257-223/679; Mark Kozupski, 279/850; Jim Kovacs, 223-226-209/856.

**Westland Bowl**  
 St. Ma's Hook: Scott Grynian, 286/676; Mark Brooks, 268/691; Jerry Kobe, 279/623; John Kosowski, 244/680; Mark Gary, 246/639.

**Westland Lanes (Livonia)**  
 Motor City Eagles: Bob Capolic, Jr., 257/706; Art Mack, 289; Don Kohstrand, 679; Scott Meers, 253/866.

**Westland Lanes (Livonia)**  
 Youth League: John Hoffman, 104 average; 174; Matt Larson, 210; Sam Raick, 214.

**Westland Champs: Dee Pitt, 235/597;**  
 Angela McAllister, 227/571; Candy Loesch, 221/614; Susan Trachsel, 209/551; Donna Middlechild, 204/509; Sunday Gains, 202/582.

**NASCAR Tour: Doug Eisey, 255/559; Dan Doodie, 256/657; Bill Eisey, 236/627; Lou Swindell, 234/612; Mike Boucher, 225/652.**

**Youth League Saturday Coca Cola (Majors):** Stacy Vojtkovsky, 191/555; Kevin Dornell, 167; Trey Raynes, 257/748; (Pros): Richard Castan, 167; Jessica Barrett, 140; Andrew Galuska, 142; Jordan Blaes, 124; Sarah Lapinski, 148; (Bantams): Brandon La Anails, 101.

**Westland Lanes (Livonia)**  
 Westland Lanes: Annette Traser, 192; Pauline Pok, 208.

**Westland Lanes (Livonia)**  
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# BATH TIME FOR THE BIRDS CAN BE VERY ENTERTAINING

Our bird bath has been a constant source of entertainment since we got it.

We have all enjoyed watching the antics and interactions of birds using the bath. It also seems very reminiscent of people bathing.

First of all, many times there is a line for the bath.

Birds may be waiting on the edge of the bird bath, on the ground near the base, or on a branch nearby. Only one tub means

that some must wait. This reminds me of waiting in line for a shower at the camp ground.

In the bird world, bigger birds get to bathe first.

If a small house finch is bathing and a robin arrives, the finch makes a hasty departure. Fortunately, a bird bath does not take too long, so the finch can return in a short time to finish.

Watching a bird bathe can be very entertaining. Some of them really get into the water splashing with wings, tails, or both. Others seem more sedate when bathing.

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After a few wing strokes on one side it would raise the wing on the other side and repeat the process. It seemed like it directed its wing pit toward the sun when it changed wings.

Again, we know how important it is to get those pits DRY! They seem to feel the same way.

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 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudaj at (734) 591-0843 for information.

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**NATURE NOTES**

**TIM NOWICKI**

## Bath time for the birds can be very entertaining

Our bird bath has been a constant source of entertainment since we got it. We have all enjoyed watching the antics and interactions of birds using the bath. It also seems very reminiscent of people bathing.

First of all, many times there is a line for the bath. Birds may be waiting on the edge of the bird bath, on the ground near the base, or on a branch nearby. Only one tub means that some must wait. This reminds me of waiting in line for a shower at the camp ground.

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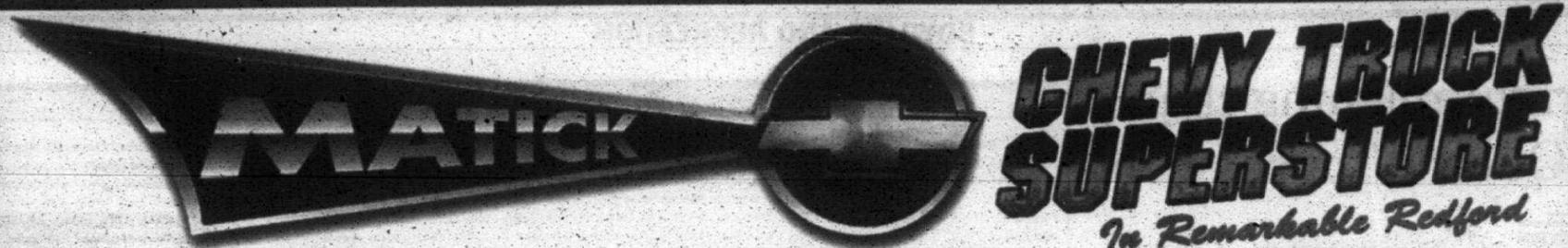
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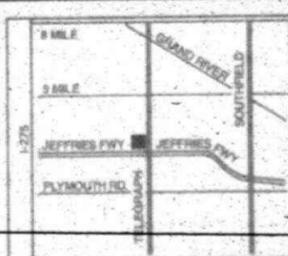
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Tango tantalizes audiences with its fiery passion

Tango may have originated in the brothels of Buenos Aires, but for Amy Calio, knowing the dance's history doesn't dampen her love for it. Just try to stop her from telling you about the sensuality and passion expressed in the dance of her homeland - Argentina.

Calio's spent the last nine years promoting the dance by founding the Latin and Argentine Tango Club of Michigan with her husband, Ray Hogan. Now she's bringing tango and the folk dances of Argentina to the metro Detroit area with a series of concerts featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria Friday-Sunday, April 28-30. Ballet Los Pampas combines traditional and contemporary dance forms which draw on Latin American cultures from the Andes Mountains, Argentine plains and city life of Buenos Aires.

"Argentinean tango was born in Buenos Aires," said Calio. "It was so sensual it was done by men. Women weren't allowed to dance it until later. The French took it and thought it was too sexy so they did a far-away tango where the partners held each other at

a distance. Then it came to the U.S. Now there are three types of tango - Argentine, American and International. The Argentine is freer, less structured than the American and International. In Argentina in the evening, people go to a milonga where they dance to six o'clock in the morning. It

Sensual dance: Argentinian dancers Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes.

doesn't matter who you dance with - your grandfather or a friend. You're not in love with the person but in love with the dance."

Calio, as a young girl, began dancing the tango on top of the feet of her father. She planned to become a professional dancer, but a tragic car accident left her paralyzed. Although the doctors said she would never walk again, Calio was determined to prove them wrong. She did seven years later. Nothing could stop Calio from getting back on her feet to dance her beloved tango.

"It's something I carry in my heart since a little girl," said Calio. "Because I was paralyzed for so long I couldn't be a professional dancer so I started the club and people were interested. I brought people from Argentina to teach and give demonstrations."

Josue Vazquez-Garcia of Canton is just learning the dance through the club and is looking forward to seeing Gonzalez, Cespedes and Ballet Los Pampas.

"The Argentinean tango is the best way to dance," said Vazquez-Garcia. "You can get as close as you can to a woman. The embraces are different between International and Argentinean tango. Argentinean they dance very close together."

Gonzalez and Cespedes remained silent as Calio told of her love for the dance during a recent interview.

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### Tango and Folklore Argentino

What: Dance concerts featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria. For tickets, call (313) 561-3236 or (313) 565-3329

8 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti (\$40, \$25 students)

6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Royal Oak Music Theater \$40, \$50 VIP tickets)

3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, Windsor (\$40 U.S., \$50 Canadian, \$70 VIP ticket includes afterglow)

### Festival of the Arts

What: Farmington community arts organizations present exhibits, concerts, theater, dance, poetry readings, and hands-on activities. Events are free except for gala, Farmington Community Chorus concert and Farmington Players production of Kiss Me Kate

When: Sunday-Sunday, April 30 to May 7; hours 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday-Friday, April 30-May 5, until 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7. Gala Preview Dinner Party 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, tickets \$20, \$35 couple, call (248) 473-1816

Where: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile (gate four), Farmington Hills



FIRST PLACE

Top Award: Elizabeth Sylvester of Beverly Hills won first prize for her oil *Life Supports* at left. Below, Alice Nichols' watercolor, titled *Rest Time*, came in second place. (Lower left) Nancy Hurd, a Livonia artist, took third place for this portrait of a girl with Shawl.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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The Farmington area is a hotbed for the arts and proud of it. Lily Dudgeon thinks that a good thing for the Farmington Artists Club, whose spring exhibit is one of the cornerstones of the Farmington Festival of the Arts Sunday-Sunday, April 30 to May 7.

The festival is sponsored by the Farmington Community Arts Council with support from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. The fifth annual festival features activities ranging from exhibits to concerts, theater, dance, and poetry readings. Since most events are free, Dudgeon expects the exhibit to draw a large audience. The only exceptions are the Saturday, April 29,



THIRD PLACE

Starry Night gala, Farmington Community Chorus concert and Farmington Players production of *Kiss Me Kate*.

Mary Brecht Stephenson, an artist and former curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts, selected 84 pieces for the exhibit from 154 entries. Mediums ranging from oil paintings to pastel, wood blocks and monotypes will be on display as well as the winner by Elizabeth Sylvester of Beverly Hills. Unframed art offers festival visitors the opportunity to buy at reduced prices.

"It's nice because people come and pass through our area and they might buy a piece," said Dudgeon, president of the 145-member club. "It's important to our members to show their work but also to promote the public's interest in art. The Farmington Community Arts Council provides us with funding for prizes, and a place for our own show."

Nancy Coumoundouros, coordinator of the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, helps produce the extravaganza of the arts. Several of the more than 20 organizations belonging to the arts council are participating.

"The idea is to showcase all the groups from the Embroiders Guild to the Community Band. Members of the Ridgewriters will read their poetry," said Coumoundouros. "The



SECOND PLACE

Farmington area is very rich in the arts. The festival combines the best of an art fair and a music festival and also includes literature, dance and all the other arts."

The preview party Saturday, April 29, kicks off the festival, which officially opens with the Farmington Area Arts Commission's annual awards ceremony 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp will be this year's artist-in-residence. The Farmington Community Chorus will receive the Distinguished Service to the Arts-Group award.

Silent and live auctions will feature works by former artists-in-residence Edee Joppich, John Glick, Kegham Tazian, Alice Nichols and Howard Weingarden.

"The gala is the first chance for anyone to walk through the exhibit and purchase art," said Coumoundouros. "It's black-tie optional with a full gourmet dinner and music by the Matt Michaels Trio. It's just a fun evening, and the proceeds go to support the festival."

### Festival history

Paul Barber came up with the idea for the festival six or seven years ago as a way to unify arts organizations

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Arts festival: Members of the Farmington Artists Club prepare for their spring show.



PHOTO BY BETTIE CANNON

Spring concert: Livonia Civic Chorus director Jim Whitten and his wife, Terese, rehearse a duet.

## Livonia chorus marks 35 years of joyful singing

BY BETTIE CANNON  
SPECIAL WRITER

What Livonia organization has in its ranks a chiropractor, a couple of dentists, comedian/writer, housewives, mothers, businessmen and women, doctors, retirees, a few twenty-somethings, and even a Gen-Xer or two?

The Livonia Civic Chorus, and its members do have something in common - they love to sing. The chorus, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, will mark the event 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, with a Spring Show in the auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$8, \$4 seniors/students. Call (734) 466-2410.

The chorus was formed in 1965 when a few neighbors from Livonia's Kimberly Oaks subdivision, who were also members of a local church choir, gathered in somebody's basement or garage to sing at block parties, picnics and barbecues in the summer.

Kim Alderman of Westland remembers when her father was a member, and what a close-knit group it was.

"The men began by going Christmas caroling in the area, stopping at each other's homes for a drink, socializing and singing late into the evening," she said. "Not to be outdone, the women planned golf outings and picnics. They really had fun together."

Then someone got the idea to ask for financial support. The city of Livonia, which continues to support the organization, agreed to provide a small grant

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## BOOKS

### Book signings

■ The Kingsley House, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia will be open for tours 2-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, and Arliss Ryan will be present to sign books and answer questions. Her book will be available for purchase. At 4 p.m. Ryan will give a presentation about the process of researching a historical novel in the meeting house. Her presentation will include slides of historic documents and photographs, Ryan's mother, Laura, will also be present. Call (248) 477-7375 for more information.



■ Borders Books in the Arborland Mall, 3527 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor - 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.

■ Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3.

## 'Kingsley House' author builds on family history

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Getting your first novel published is difficult, and Arliss Ryan has the rejection slips to prove it.

But like her Livonia ancestors - Nathan and Mary Kingsley who persevered in hard times - she kept writing, believing that one day she would succeed.

Ryan will discuss *The Kingsley House* (St. Martin's Press, April 2000, \$25.95), a historical novel inspired by her relatives, on Sunday, April 30, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

The real Kingsley House, built in 1843 by Ryan's great-great-grandfather Nathan Kingsley, has been preserved at Greenmead since 1977. It was originally an 80-acre farm. The house was on Farmington Road north of Five Mile Road.

"My mother started documenting our family history," said Ryan. "She assembled an album of documents and pho-

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graphs. When I would visit she'd say, 'Let me show you what I discovered.' My gosh, I thought, this is a novel waiting to happen.

"I spent four years writing the book," she said. "I'd call mom and say, 'Here's a question, what do you think?' She'd go to the library, cemetery or Greenmead to get an answer."

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"As the story spanning five generations unfolds, you become acquainted with the Kingsleys and feel as if you know them and their neighbors. Picture Livonia through the eyes of Mary and Nathan Kingsley — nothing but farm land and forests — no subdivisions or malls."

"There's plenty of drama too — a runaway slave takes refuge in Mary's cellar, spiritualists hold a séance in the parlor, a diphtheria epidemic brings heartbreak to the family. Scheming Horace, Nathan's son, tries to cheat his wife out of her property and commit her to an insane asylum."

"It's a wonderfully romantic story," said Ryan. "The house did inspire me very much. There are no pictures of Nathan or Mary, so I don't know what they looked like. But the house is simple yet beautiful, and all done by hand."

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Then, Gonzalez's hands danced as he spoke in his native language. Like Calio, Gonzalez loves the dance so much he wants everyone to know about it. This is his second trip to the U.S. In 1994-95, he toured for six months, bringing tango and salsa to American audiences.

"A dance only lasts three minutes but in those minutes you can express yourself in so many ways," said Gonzalez as Calio served as translator. "I want to go around the world introducing people to Argentine dance. It's something that's inside of yourself that you can express on stage. I want people to understand what it's all about. Some people go through life without knowing that you can dance and not feel anything."

"Back home in Argentina, Gonzalez and Cespedes dance at Casa Blanca, a club in San Telmo, with the Buenos Aires Ballet. They are also members of the Brandon and Salta ballets. Cespedes started dancing at eight years old. She's now 26 and still loving it."

"I will do anything to learn," said Cespedes. "Even though I go to the university, I always come back to dance. The tango is the only dance that offers something different than other dances. We're living a very fast life and people don't take the time to understand. In this dance you can feel the other person and communicate. It can be love or with someone who will become just a friend."

"You don't have to be a professional dancer to enjoy the tango. In addition to the production, showcasing Argentine tango and the country music of Argentina, Calio is hosting Pemas in the area. A Pema is an Argentinean celebration featuring food, music and dance. There will be a complimentary lesson before each beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call (313) 561-3336."

"Saturday, May 20 Gonzalez and Cespedes will teach the tango at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, Dearborn. Saturday, May 27 at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor. Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecom.net

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for music and other costs, and space for the concerts. The group immediately began the schedule it continues today — a Christmas concert and Spring Show each year. They have performed their Christmas program for patients and residents from Presbyterian Village in Redford each year since 1965.

Under the direction of Jim Whitten of Farmington, the Livonia Civic Chorus has grown to 70 members and holds auditions each January. "We are actively looking for new members," he said. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

Whitten was appointed director of the chorus in 1994. In commenting on previous shows, chorus vice president Nora Gross, treasurer Macaire Boos, long-time member Eleanor Smith of Livonia, and chorus librarian Shirika Batosh of Belleville, said they have always been varied and professional. The quality of performances has not changed over the past 35 years.

"Hard work and enthusiasm, plus a talented membership, are some of the reasons the women gave for the group's success. "We made all our own costumes-years ago," said Boos. "We made one blue and silver outfit with silver shoes. We were all dressed alike and changed our look each year."

Gross remembers that the men wore a blue blazer with gray slacks one year. Today, the singers wear a black skirt or pants, white blouse or shirt with red button-downs and a sash. Not only did the members have music and lyrics to memorize, lines to learn, dance steps to practice, costumes to design and sew; they also designed sets, painted furniture, donated props and did everything to put on a show. Members don't make their own costumes anymore, but they still paint and build sets, and set the stage for the musical performances.

From the beginning, most performances were presented at Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group also sings at local malls, nursing homes, at Greenmead, and the Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.

Each performance throughout the year is closed with "Music You Are a Friend to Me." The chorus's signature song tells how much music means to the singers. At the Christmas concert, former chorus members are invited to the stage to sing with the group.

"No founding members are in the chorus now," said Whitten. "I think our signature song says it all. Through the chorus I have made friends, shared joys and sorrows and worked hard to present musical programs to the community. Come join us."

Bettie Cannon is a Farmington Hills resident and a member of the Livonia Civic Chorus.

Reflections exhibit spotlighting more than 70 pieces of art, music and literature created by students from across the United States. More than 600,000 entries were received. A musical composition by Nico Canzano of Livonia can be reviewed by means of a score and tape.

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in the Farmington area. Barber, as music coordinator for Farmington Public Schools, had produced a similar festival for students. Barber also founded the Farmington Community Band with his wife Fern in 1966. The band, which is a member of the Farmington Community Arts Council, closes the festival with a concert 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7.

"We wanted to find a way to showcase all of the arts groups and unify our talents," said Barber. "We'd done something like this in the schools over three days but with the Costick Center available we thought why not make it a week-long celebration? We bus students in on Tuesday and Thursday, and this allows kids in groups such as the North Farmington Jazz Band to perform."

"There's something special every day. We want to show what all is going on in the arts. The Farmington Players have been around a long time, and the community chorus is celebrating 20 years. Many of the groups have been here 20 years and up."

The Farmington Artists Club has come a long way since holding its first exhibit in a hobby shop in the plaza downtown. Founded in 1965, the club went from location to location until it was invited to participate in the festival. Annetta Lind, one of the charter members of the club, remembers the early years when exhibits were held at banks and churches.

"I'm happy to be part of the festival," said Lind, who won an honorable mention for her mixed-media work based on a math equation. "There's lots of light, and the festival brings in a lot of school children and people to look at the art."

New this year is the PTA Arts and Crafts Fair. The fair will be held at the PTA building, 1111 N. Telegraph, Dearborn, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Tickets are \$15. (248) 553-2955.

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NEW PASSAGES is hosting this fund-raising event 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 in downtown Pontiac's Habitat Galleries. Uzelac Gallery and Galerie Blue. Entertainment includes chamber, jazz music and a harpist. For information call (248) 253-0316.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at Franklin's juried show to be held September 4. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48134. Applications must be received no later than May 1. To receive an application call (248) 644-3349.

DANCE AUDITIONS

THE EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE is auditioning for male and female professional level dancers age 18 and older from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at Oakland University Varner Hall, Room 132. (248) 852-5850.

HUDSON'S ART PARK

MICHIGAN ARTISTS are welcome to submit proposals for Hudson's Art Park, which will be located in Detroit's Cultural Center. Deadline for proposals is Monday, April 24. Artists must submit no more than 10 slides, a list of works, resume and cover letter. To: Hudson's Art Park, DAM, Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through April 30 — Richard Ritter's Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass. The gallery is on the third floor of the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Deerborn, campus. (313) 593-5400.

ART CORRIDOR GALLERIES

Through May 31 — The work of Donna Vogelheim in the second floor of the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Livonia, Farmington. BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER Through May 5 — Art Awards 2000: BBAC High School Competition. Through May 27 — Joe Zajac: Vitreous Ideas. Through May 5 — Art of a New Century, sculptures by members of the Sculptors Guild of

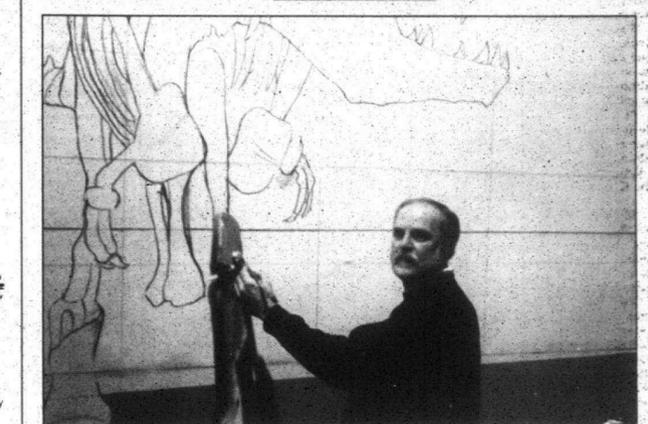
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TONY 'N TINA'S Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

CLASSES

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER Spring and summer classes in a wide variety of media begin April 24 at 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

Krall on the wall



Art expressions: Local artist and designer Rick Krall demonstrates his art of painting on large canvases or backdrops in conjunction with the traveling exhibit "Take My Picture, Please: A Festival of Cultural Snapshots" at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Institute of Science.

LECTURES

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE Presents Charles A. Krause, one of America's most distinguished foreign affairs correspondents, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25. Tickets are \$12 per person. 380 S. Bates; Birmingham. (248) 644-2476.

MUSEUMS

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA Through April 28 — Image Light & Structure 2000: 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

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24-28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 1st to 9th grade students. Weeklong camp costs \$170 for BBAC members and \$180 for non-members. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY Key Ritterger performs at noon Tuesday, April 25 at the Detroit Public Library, 3rd floor in the fine arts room, 5201 Woodward, Michigan, 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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# Malls & Mainstreets

## Preppy look resurfaces as country club chic

Ever have an urge to ditch the tight little black numbers in your closet and buy a good polo shirt and pair of madras pants? Well, here's your chance. Ready or not, the preppy look is once again hip. And, for lack of a better label, this time around it's being called country club chic.

The look is somewhere between what you might be wearing on a golf course in Charlevoix and year 2000 versions of Rob and Laura Petrie from the Dick Van Dyke Show.

Nautical motifs, polka dots, gingham prints, clam diggers, flat-front Bermudas and golf-inspired shoes all are in the forefront of the look, an eclectic one suitable for both men and women to wear day and night.

Of course it can be worn to the country club and on the golf course. More importantly, the trend has no limits and makes for easy dressing for all locales and occasions.

Like 80s prep, the shapes are tailored and simple. Unlike its predecessor, though, country club chic is far from monotonous and conservative.

From young, club hip-hoppers to the classic, distinguished set who never stopped wearing the look, post-modern preppy can be worn by any age group.

To keep it fresh, stay away from pink and green embroidered ladybugs on your lapels, knee socks with loafers, and sweaters over the shoulders. (They're signs you're stuck in 80s prep mode.)

The trend scores big on the comfort scale. Best of all, it's easy to incorporate your own individual style and personality into country club chic.

Think classic clothes, Armani for example, and kick it up a few degrees with pieces or accessories that have sex appeal.

For him, khakis are essential, and those with a slimmer leg and no pleats are the most recent designs.

Men's shirts hug the body, much like they do in women's wear, although there is a renewed emphasis on button-down shirts in textured plaid and modern surf prints.

Among the trends highlights for women is a revival of the blouse. Cropped, cap-sleeved peasant tops and shirts with men's styling have been fashioned in feminine, pastel, sheer silks, as well as, polka dots and madras prints in cotton and shantung.

Button-front shirts are back, too. Tucked in, left out or tied at the waist, these classic shirts couldn't be more sexy when buttoned low and paired with a pair of fitted, ankle-grazing khakis.

Also back in style is the shirt dress. This time around, however, the fabrics are cool and laid-back. And, denim and stretch poplin are excellent choices.

I like the shirt dress: worn fitted without all the buttons done; and both with or without a skinny belt. Pair the dress with flat sandals, open-toe shoes or flip-flops.

While I'm sure you have something hanging in the back of your closet to get you started on the country club chic look, here's an A to Z list of stores where I spotted key pieces:

■ AK Armani Exchange, the Somerset Collection in Troy, for cap-sleeved, peasant tops

■ United Colors of Benetton for madras pants

■ The Gap for polo shirts (Hey girls, try a boy's polo shirt in size XL, they're cropped and fitted for a third of the adult size price.)

■ Imelda's Closet in downtown Birmingham for Kandahar golf shoes without spikes

■ Kmart for Dr. Scholl's and flip-flops

■ Loehmann's for gingham button-down shirts with ruffled sleeves

■ Old Navy for ankle-grazing, flat-front khakis

■ Ralph Lauren departments at area department stores for gingham print pants in silk and tops with polka dot prints

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**Mission possible:** Marie Masters searches for slimming and attractive swimsuits at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection in Troy. The suits will be featured in the June edition of her Internet fashion magazine for women who live in the Midwest.

## Fashion and geography

### Web site aims to put Midwest style on the map

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Dressed in a simple ivory suit and coral top — a measured splash of the season's hottest color — Marie Masters has come to the Somerset Collection with many missions.

A free-lance writer, self-described clothes horse and Troy resident, Masters' concrete mission is to find a shimmering bathing suit to feature in the June edition of her Internet fashion magazine Midwest Woman.

Launched in March with a target audience of women between the ages of 30 and 55, the quarterly publication's motto is fashion for America's heartland. The "e-zine" also pays close attention to Midwestern lifestyles and will be updated monthly.

"We're looking for a Miracle suit today," says Masters, making her way towards Hudson's, the retailer she hopes to feature because it's based in the Midwest. The bathing suit will be photographed for a feature on figure-flattering swim wear.

And, while Masters is taking a "real clothes for real people" approach to her web publication, uniting women in the Midwest with functional fashion is only one of her larger missions.

"It's more than just fashion. It's the whole lifestyle," she says. "It's a celebration of women living the four-season lifestyle."

In Masters' opinion, Midwestern women's fashion needs and wants differ from their counterparts on the East and West coasts.

Yet, "we're kind of dictated by West Coast and East Coast fashion," she contends.

True, it's not clear which force — fashion trends or lifestyles — is more dominant and defining in women's closets, but there's undoubtedly a connection.

One clothing category that's significantly impacted by geography and lifestyle is outer wear, says Masters. For example, women who live in the Midwest must have at least a winter coat, pair of boots and raincoat, given the season changes. Transition clothing, pieces suitable for wear between seasons, are other essentials.

While Midwestern women are well aware of their wardrobe needs, they may not realize how such requirements impact their shopping decisions, overall image and clothing budgets.

Most importantly, Masters would like to see women from the Midwest take charge of their fashion destiny and have influence over clothing designers, much in the same way fuller-figured women have in recent years. "I think the trends have kind of been handed down to us. I would like for us to export something," says Masters. "And, if we haven't established a style, I'd like to see us do that."

Such a process will be on-going, as well, she adds. Since women's lifestyles are constantly evolving, "fashion has to evolve with us," says Masters.

"Thus, her job will be to continually tap into 'what women want,' she says. "My goal is to make women feel good about themselves."

*Midwest Woman is located at www.midwest-woman.com.*

## Collectible compact exhibit stops at Neiman Marcus

It's been said good things come in small packages. Sometimes, the packages are just as special as the contents. And, that's often the case with fragrances, particularly compact designs designed to hold solid perfume.

Blurring the boundaries of exhibit.

**New era: Estee Lauder's millennium compact is available for purchase at the exhibit.**

between fragrance and art is Estee Lauder's traveling, museum-style exhibit of perfume compacts, on display now through May 8 at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Tracing Estee Lauder's long history of creating the elaborate compacts, the exhibit contains nearly 100 of the company's designs, including several from private collectors.

The hand-made compacts, which contain a pat of solid fragrance, reflect a broad range of styles, from traditional cameo designs to Art Deco.

In addition to the exhibit, which is

making a five-city tour in the United States, a master craftsman will be on hand to demonstrate how a one-of-a-kind perfume compact is created. The process, including conception, typically takes about three months.

Also, six compacts designed by Estee Lauder for Neiman Marcus will be available for purchase.

Estee Lauder has offered limited-edition perfume compacts during the holiday season for more than 30 years. A distant cousin to the more ubiquitous powder compact, the glamorous perfume vessels, have attracted a following of collectors in recent years.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

a display of designer shoes such as Ferragamo, Donald Pliner and Bacco Bucci plus \$25 off purchases through April 30. For details, call (248) 642-1965.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

**MAKEUP EVENT**  
A representative from Christian Dior presents From the Runway to Your Way, an event designed to help shoppers take advantage of current makeup trends through April 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics and Fragrances, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-9000 ext. 466.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

**CAROLINA HERRERA SHOW**  
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Carolina Herrera's Fall 2000 Collection with informal modeling through April 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. For details, call (248) 614-3393.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**SHOE MONTH CELEBRATION**  
Maxwell men's clothing, 116 N. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, celebrates shoe month with

**OUTDOOR CLUB DAY**  
Eastern Mountain Sports, the Somerset Collection in Troy, offers a 20 percent discount on all in-stock merchandise to members of outdoor organizations, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 816-9681.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

**CLUB MONACO SHOW**  
Club Monaco, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a trunk show of their spring and summer collections, 2-5 p.m. For details, call (248) 649-2665.

**ART VAN CELEBRATES**  
Art Van Furniture celebrates the 15th anniversary of their clearance centers with in-store entertainment, food, refreshments and special savings, 2-4 p.m., locations in Livonia, Novi, Waterford and Westland.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

**BOUQUET SHOW**  
The Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, hosts a bouquet show featuring unique clothing, jewelry, toys and gift items through May 1, 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 30 and 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on May 1. For additional information, call (248) 661-6740.

## 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) 901-2655 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

### WHAT WE FOUND:

— A reader has an instructions manual for an Elma sewing machine.

— A reader has a recipe for old-fashioned steam pudding.

— Wood 1/2 barrels can be purchased at Home Depot stores.

— A reader has Royal manual typewriter ribbon.

— A reader has an Olivetti typewriter.

— A reader has an airbrush with compressor.

— We found a reader who will make a quilt that someone else has designed.

— Downey honey butter can be purchased at Farmer Jack stores.

**WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**

— An aluminum wash board (24-by-12 inches) on a wooden frame for Mary Jo, who resides in Birmingham.

— A store that sells old-fashioned, metal toy jacks with red sponge balls for Deborah.

— The Parker Brothers game Master Boggle for Kathy.

— Parts for a Sears rag/floor scrubber made in the 60s for Jackie of Livonia.

— An owner's manual for a 1992 Camaro automobile for Neil.

— A store where packaged,

dried demi-glace mix can be bought.

— The children's books *Judy Jo of Apple Market Street* and *The Coffee Pot* for Judy of Bloomfield Township.

— The Parker Brothers game *Master Piece* for Kendra of Plymouth Township.

— A business or company that will repair the arm of a stereo for Burt, who lives in Clarkston.

— A store in the Livonia/Redford area that sells Hush Puppies shoes for Margaret.

— A videocassette tape of the Disney movie *Bambi* and its soundtrack on compact disc for Norma of Livonia.

— Serving pieces for the 1847 Rogers Brothers silver-plate Remembrance pattern for Sally.

— A January 1947 Northwestern High School yearbook.

— A store or catalog that sells Oriental glass wind chimes (in a rectangular shape with a red bamboo top and red string ties) for Norman, who resides in West Bloomfield.

— A store that sells Lee's dungaree-style blue jeans for boys, formerly carried by Ward's, for Marcia of Canton.

— A 1951-52 Fordson Dearborn High School yearbook for Evelyn of Westland.

— A 1953 Southwestern High School yearbook and related school memorabilia for Carrie.

— A store where Revlon's collagen cream lotion in a jar can be purchased for Virginia.

— A store that sells Touch & Glow moisturizing makeup in the shade "Crème Beige."

— A store that sells high-quality baby scissors for Robin, who lives in Commerce Township.

— An extended, wood porch swing that attaches to the ceiling for Maxine of Bloomfield.

— A store that sells Carlotta

perfume for Bea.

— A compact food processor by Moulinex for Marilyn.

— A store where nylon wind bonnets with ties can be bought for Marguerite.

— A street guide for Detroit and its suburbs.

— A store where a lead tester for use on china and other dish ware can be bought for Cam.

— A store that sells pop-up coffee filters for Dan of Westland.

— A 1951 St. Hedwig High School yearbook for Betty of Dearborn.

— A store where Penny Brite's paste copper cleaner can be purchased for Eunice.

— A store that sells Jennifer curtains, formerly carried by Hudson's, for Rose of Plymouth.

— A store where a Pokemon candy mold can be bought for Darlene.

— The card game *Chronology* for Mary of Redford.

— An item from the product line *Paintings by Peg* called "A Special Event for Baby's First Year" for Tina.

— A store that sells Little Tyke's outdoor houses for Catherine.

— A store where soft-sole house slippers (size 12) can be bought for Mrs. Amato.

— A store that sells 100-percent, petroleum jelly lip treatment for Anne of Redford.

— A videocassette tape of the film *Mickey Goes to a Circus* for Dee.

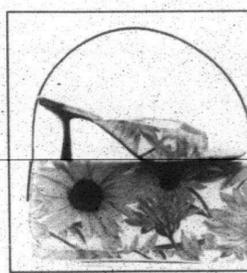
— A store in the Canton area that sells mother-of-the-bride dresses.

— The cookbook *Sweet Miniatures* for Marcie, who lives in Farmington Hills.

— Compiled by Sandi Jaracka

## a la carte

### STUFF WE CRAVE



**Arrangements:** Floral detailing is an undisputed spring trend every year. If, however, you don't like flower appliqué, which is in abundance right now, or floral print tops and bottoms, try flowers printed on a bag or pair of shoes like Dolce & Gabbana's sunflower print accordion bag in silk and leather, \$665, and matching slide, \$375, both at Saks Fifth Avenue.

**Asian enrichment:** Pack sushi for lunch inside the Sumo lunch box, \$15.95, or round out your new sushi and saki sets with a tea candle, \$14.95, sushi eau de toilette, \$15.95, or tea soaps, \$6.95, all at Aetheria in Ferndale.



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TRAVEL

# Spend a weekend exploring Cleveland's treasures

MARY QUINLEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

In the mood for a rockin' weekend jaunt? Then roll on down to Cleveland, an Ohio metropolis perched on the shores of Lake Erie. Here's a sampling of the town's diverse treasures:

### North Coast Harbor

High-tech wizardry, innovative films and videos, and an impressive gallery of musical "greats" adorn the rooms at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

There's an extensive collection of personal memorabilia, including Buddy Holly's high school diploma, a leather outfit and guitar that belonged to Elvis Presley, and, one of Keith Moon's report cards with a notation "shows promise in music."

Not a rock fan? Perhaps the museum's rhythm and blues, soul, country, or folk music exhibits will be more appealing.

Tour Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River (an Indian word meaning "crooked river") aboard the Goodtime III, a sight-seeing and entertainment cruise ship. The 1,000-passenger, triple-deck ship delights riders with laid-back, relaxing cruises through October.

The Great Lakes Science Center isn't just for kids. More than

### If you go

Cleveland is about a 3½ hour drive from the Detroit area. For information on attractions and events, contact The Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland at (800) 321-1004 or (216) 621-5555, or visit their Web site - www.travelcleveland.com.

#### What's happening:

- May 16-18 and June 23-26, Major League baseball at Jacobs Field, Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians
- Through May 28, *Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats*, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- May 28 through July 30, *Faces of Impressionism: Portraits from American Collections*, The Cleveland Museum of Art
- Through Tuesday, June 6, *Mysteries of Egypt*, Great Lakes Science Center
- June 25, *The Three Tenors*, Cleveland Browns Stadium
- Through August, *Roots, Rhymes & Rage: The Hip Hop Story*, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

350 interactive exhibits and an OMNIMAX Theater supply an afternoon of fun for all ages.

A golfers paradise! Ohio ranks sixth in the nation for number of golf facilities, and, more than half of the state's courses are located in the Greater Cleveland area. The courses vary from a sporting par-three to championship layouts.

Come aboard and check out the Steamship William G. Mather. This floating museum once hauled iron ore and coal to Cleveland's steel plants for more than a half-century.

### The Flats

Converted warehouses furnish a potpourri of eateries, nightclubs, and breweries in The Flats, an area of level land situated on both banks of the Cuyahoga River.

During the warm seasons, restaurant patio chairs, protected by extra-wide umbrellas, fill quickly. Have a seat. Keep watch for passing freighters as they slowly slip by.

In the mid-1830s, the west side of the river was called Ohio City and the east side was named Cleveland. A lengthy war raged between the two rivalries. Thankfully, in 1854, a peaceful settlement was reached when Ohio City became a part of Cleveland.

### Ohio City

Once inside the West Side Market, a blend of tantalizing aromas surrounds shoppers. This Old World-style market, built in 1912, provides space for more than 100 merchants who represent a multitude of ethnic groups.

I decided to stand at a booth to watch the young man with the saw. However, when he informed me that the "meat" he was cutting was a lamb, I mumbled "thank you," and, quickly wandered away in search of other



Dining: Have a seat at one of the restaurants on the banks of the Cuyahoga River.

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Market: Go shopping at West Side Market.

"fresh" edibles.

It's true. West Side Market's reputation for fresh meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, baked goods, cheeses and herbs is not an exaggeration. Hours of operation vary.

The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, one of the country's oldest

zoos, is located five miles south of downtown.

In addition to housing "traditional" animals and displays, a spectacular two-story exhibit dubbed The RainForest is featured. Take a stroll through this tropical land. Watch for the giant anteater, the sloth, and dozens of tropical birds. And, be sure to experience the power of a tropical rainstorm - without getting wet. In June, the zoo's newest attraction, the Australian Adventure, will open.

### University Circle

It's called a circle, but actually it's shaped like a square. Plan an afternoon or a day side trip to check it out.

Eight museums, several performing arts organizations, lush gardens, appealing architectural structures, and eclectic eateries fit snugly within a one-square mile on Cleveland's eastern edges.

### Shopping

Did you know that the country's first enclosed shopping cen-

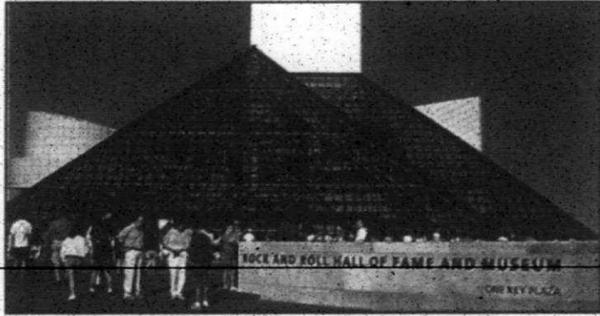
ter was built in 1890 in downtown Cleveland? It's called The Arcade.

Three levels of specialty stores and boutiques are enclosed in this atrium-style mall. Watch for the center's grand reopening in the spring, 2001.

Terminal Tower, a renovated train depot, houses an upscale shopping mecca known as The Avenue. Located at Tower City Center, The Avenue sports more than 100 shops, eateries, and entertainment facilities.

Save some energy to experience the bustling Warehouse District. In addition to shops, this historic area boasts some impressive mid-nineteenth century architecture and numerous dining possibilities. Park the car, put on your walking shoes, and follow the suggested strolls detailed in the "Walk Cleveland" brochure. It's a great way to explore the city's unique architecture, public art, restored historical sites and parks.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and author of "52 Ohio Weekends."



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KELLI LEWTON

## It's time for tea all over the world

While I was growing up, I shared a special ritual with my Irish grandmother, Ruth. Every other Saturday afternoon, we worked on a small craft project and ate lunch, which was followed by my favorite part of our afternoon visits—tea time.

She boiled the water in her copper kettle until it spouted a furious whistle. The hot water was then poured into a fine porcelain teapot decorated with beautiful roses that I know had to be hand painted. She then took two bags from her special tin and carefully placed them in the teapot, whispering with a knowing smile that we have to let them "bathe" for a bit.

After what seemed like a 20-minute bath (it was probably more like five minutes), she tipped the dainty pot with its slender spout over both our fancy cups whose roses matched that of the pot. The perfumed amber liquid would gently spill into our cups where we would both add a cloudy veil of milk and a dollop of sugar.

On about my 12th birthday, I traded my afternoon Saturday tea time for my Saturday swim team practices. I was reunited with tea six years ago when I turned in my coffee mug.

Tea seemed much different then I remembered it. Today there is a myriad of boxes to choose from: herbal, green, fruited and berried. Many even tout medical claims on their packages. I started experimenting slowly, and now I have to admit, I'm a full-fledged, tea-bag-in-my-purse, "tea-totaler."

### Tea has a legend

Legend has it that in 2737 A.D. the Emperor Chen-Nung was heating

Please see **TEA, D2**

### Tea glossary

#### BLACK

- **Darjeeling:** An Indian tea that has an intense aroma and is very flavorful.
- **Keemun:** From China, a mild tea regularly consumed as a morning beverage.
- **Assam:** This tea has a malty flavor and is traditionally used in breakfast blends.
- **Black Flavored or Scented Earl Grey:** Flavored with Bergamot, a Cantonese fruit.
- **Lapsang Souchong:** A black tea from China, Lapsang souchong has a smoky, almost tarry flavor, resulting from being processed over pine root fires.
- **Fruit Flavors:** Any base tea that has the addition of fruits or flowers.
- **Oolong and Formosa Oolong:** This style has several grades and is often known as the "best in the world".
- **Wen Shan Pouchong:** This unique tea has an exotic perfume aroma.

#### GREEN

- **Gunpowder:** This Chinese tea has a grassy fresh taste.
- **Dragon Well:** A delicate Chinese green tea, with a very nice aroma.
- **Sencha:** A Japanese green tea, pan-fried for a light color but rich taste.
- **Genmicha:** This is a blended Sencha, with toasted and popped rice.

#### TISANES AND HERBALS

- **Peppermint:** This tea is popular hot or cold, blended with other teas and herbs, or alone for a cool flavor.
- **Berry Teas:** These teas are best when blended with other herbs, spices or teas. Popular flavors include raspberry, blueberry and strawberry.
- **Hibiscus:** This tea has a tangy flavor and is best blended with other fruit and spices.

#### NO CAFFEINE, PLEASE

- **Yerba Mate:** This tea is known for its ability to energize without caffeine. It is made from the leaves of an evergreen shade plant from the rain forest.
- **Chai:** This Indian tea drink is made from black tea, various spices including cardamom, cinnamon, ginger, pepper and cloves. Mixed with milk, this drink can be served either hot or cold.
- **Rootbeer:** A popular tea from Africa, it is served and brewed like regular tea.
- **Bubble Tea:** This tea is a real treat, blended with ice, sweetener and soy milk. The blend is shaken in a martini shaker, creating a frothy, cold tea beverage.

Source: 1999 Tea Tutorial

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Glorious grapes
- Spring parties

# Stressed? Turn off the TV, Turn on the stove



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS R.D.  
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SPECIAL WRITERS

Have you heard of "Cartoon Foods?" These are products that resemble and are named after popular cartoon figures.

Turn on the TV between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. or any Saturday morning and you will see a plethora of advertising for these products. In this media-saturated world, television advertising shapes both our children's food choices and values, which alarms many adults.

April is Stress Awareness Month, and this week, April 24-30, is National Turn Off the TV Week. While turning off the TV can cause stress for those who love to watch it, perhaps April is a good time to give it a try. Instead of viewing a steady diet of cartoon food ads, why not teach our children about the joys and rewards of cooking?

Children and adults alike tend to enjoy food more when they take part in its

preparation, so get the "potatoes" off the couch and into the kitchen! Ask them to help decide which dishes they would like to prepare.

Give them some choices: pizza, spaghetti or pork chops. Preparing dishes without running to the store will help with your stress level.

Make sure that you've blocked enough time for family cooking. Don't add this activity to an already hectic schedule unless you omit something else.

Turn on the radio or your favorite CD. Upbeat dance type music can keep everyone moving and in a good frame of mind.

Once dinner is prepared and it's time to eat, slow down and play relaxing music, so you won't eat as fast. Remind everyone to savor each bite and to remember to breathe during the meal. It aids with digestion.

Ban reading and TV viewing at the table and keep conversation light. Many digestive problems are caused by stress. Relaxing while eating helps reduce stress.

### Eating like the pioneers

Here's an idea to help break the cartoon food habit: Ask your children to help you discover the kinds of food that kids ate before the era of television. With students learning American history in fourth and fifth grades, you'll be surprised at how much they know about this subject.

The Johnson family from Livonia recently made johnny cakes as a special treat. The recipe is on the side of the Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix.

"My son, Ryan, had a crossword puzzle homework assignment where Johnny Cake was one of the answers," said Robin Johnson. "Making them was a tasty history lesson."

Picking strawberries at a u-pick farm is a fun spring outing. Making pies or jams from the harvest makes the experience even more rewarding.

Visiting a dairy or poultry farm can be fun. It is important to show our children that chicken isn't really something that comes in nuggets.

Friendship Bread, an Amish tradition, is a fun and delicious sweet dessert bread to bake and to give. A bit of starter is saved each time the recipe is made, to pass on to friends.

Kids love this bread because it is delicious, fun to make, fun to give to friends and very unique. It is also very unlike any cartoon food that they see advertised.

### Destressing

Since April is Stress Awareness Month, it's a good time to talk about stress.

What helps you relax? Some people unwind with exercise. Please see **STRESSED, D2**

### HOW TO CONTROL CRAVINGS FOR "CARTOON FOODS"

Some cartoon foods may be as nutritious as their non-cartoon counterparts, but most are more expensive.

Eating is and should be a pleasurable experience. Both parents and kids should feel good about what kids are eating.

#### CARTOON FOOD GUIDELINES:

- Ready-to-eat breakfast cereals are probably the most popular of the cartoon foods. Many are sugar frosted or contain artificial colors and flavors. Choose breakfast cereals with the most fiber and nutrients and the least amount of sugar and coloring. Set limits on how many times a week your child can eat the high sugar cereal or mix the cereal half and half with a non-sweetened variety. Watch how much sugar your child may be spooning from the sugar bowl. They may get more sugar per serving from a cereal they sweeten themselves than from a sugar-frosted one.
- Nothing beats home cooking, but kids are bombarded with advertising for canned spaghetti, boxed macaroni and cheese and frozen dinners. These products are high in sodium and fat and may be lower in high

quality protein than the homemade version. Be sure your child drinks a glass of milk with these meals and eats a piece of fruit, applesauce or canned fruit for dessert. Choose frozen dinners that have less than 600 milligrams of sodium per serving. Ingredients are listed in descending order by weight.

Choose canned pasta that has meat or cheese as the first ingredient on the ingredient list. Better yet, use fun-shaped pastas like dinosaurs or teddy bears in your own homemade pasta dishes.

Snacks and desserts can be a part of your child's healthy diet, but proceed with caution if your child is eating these in lieu of eating whole grains, fruits, vegetables, milk, meat and other high quality protein foods.

Choose juice boxes that contain 100 percent juice. Choose dried fruits like raisins, dates and apricots rather than fruit roll-ups. Watch out for beverages or snacks that have artificial colors. Some "juice" beverages come in colors never seen in nature. When your kids ask for cartoon foods, what they may really want is food that is fun.

### A-a-a-h-h-h, remembering mom's great cooking

Do you remember the smell of your mother's pork roast, beef stew or barbecue ribs emanating from her kitchen?

Do you remember racing up the stairs from the landing and bolting into the kitchen, asking "What's for dinner?"

If you do, and remember those magnificent dishes your mother used to make (or still does), we would like to hear from you for an article honoring moms on Mother's Day.

We welcome you to share your stories, and if you can, mom's favorite recipes with our readers. Tell us why dinner was, and is, an event

your family looks forward to, not only on holidays, but every day.

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### Give grits a try, you might like 'em

BY PATSY LAFAYE  
SPECIAL WRITER

The staple food thought to be eaten only below the Mason Dixon line is working its way to other parts of the country.

Grits, said to be passed on from the Native Americans to the settlers, are being found in homes and

restaurants across the U.S. They have been served at political fundraisers and in the White House. Grits were even featured on "Good Morning America." A lot of Southerners believe grits, catfish, and kudzu will slowly take over the world.

Please see **GRITS, D2**

# Tea from page D1

water under a tree when a gust of wind scattered the leaves into his boiling water. According to the American Premium Tea Institute, "tea" is the processed leaves of the Camellia Sinensis, and the beverage is derived from infusing those leaves with hot water. The extended definition of tea refers to those blends that are created using herbs, flowers and other botanical ingredients.

People today are sipping tea to do everything from lowering cholesterol to losing weight or improving skin tone. A botanical blend packaged under the tea label exists to assist in curing or helping just about any problem or condition.

Tea is the second-most consumed packaged beverage in the world, only overshadowed by water. U.S. tea sales have risen from approximately \$65 million in 1995 to almost \$99 million. It would seem many are discover-

### Growing regions

ing the emotional and health benefits of our modern day tea selections.

Like wine, tea comes in a variety of flavors, colors and grades. There are numerous specifications that will determine its final label. Here is a breakdown of various teas and their origins:

China: The greatest diversity of tea comes from its birthplace here. Among the most popular are Keemun from the Anhui province, a low-end tea frequently used in the U.S. for making a base for iced teas. Other popular teas include Yunnan, Fujian, Ti Kuan Yin and Lap Seng.

India: This country is the world's largest producer of tea. India's diverse topography is reflected in its wide range of tea varieties. Ninety-nine percent of the tea processed here are black teas including Darjeeling and

Assam. Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon): This nation is the world's third largest tea exporter. Nearly all of Sri Lanka's teas are processed black. Due to its altitude, the nation's Ceylon teas grow more slowly, yield less product, but are of extremely high quality.

Taiwan: Known for producing Formosa Oolong, considered the champagne of teas, this island also produces certain gunpowder teas.

Japan: Almost all of the tea produced in Japan is green tea. Approximately 98 metric tons of this type of tea is produced annually. Japan is also known for Gen Mai Cha, a popular blend of green and Sencha teas, and roasted Hojicha tea.

Tea tips

- Store tea bags in cool dark place.
- Never hold a finished tea for

more than an eight-hour time period.

- Be sure to properly sanitize storage and brewing vessels.
- Allow brewed tea to cool for an hour before adding ice for cold tea beverages.
- Don't be afraid to mix and match teas with assorted fruits, yogurts or milks. Tea smoothies are the rage throughout the world.
- Pick up a copy of the "Herbal Companion" and learn more about mixing different botanicals to fill your own health prescription.

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# Stressed from page D1

A healthy jog or brisk walk can lift the spirits as well as help keep you in good physical shape. Others enjoy being creative. Gardening, sewing and painting are all great activities for relaxing.

Cooking is something everyone can enjoy. Parents are always looking for tasty recipes that provide good nutrition for our families. It's very satisfying to create a meal that is both delicious and nutritious.

There is nothing more soothing than a big pot of chicken soup cooking away on the stove. The aroma brings back fond childhood memories. (Another bonus, chicken soup really does give you relief from the common cold. A recent University of Nebraska study showed that chicken-soup eases respiratory congestion.)

All of us are different, and we react differently to aromas. Perhaps your "de-stressor" is the smell of hot cinnamon rolls baking in the oven, or a steamy pot of tea.

Kathy Blake of Farmington finds nothing more relaxing than a cup of tea, a comfortable chair and her cat, Bee Jay, sitting on her lap.

"Tea is a real comfort drink for me," said Blake. "I especially like it on Sunday mornings while reading the paper."

Just as you can hit the off button on your TV remote control, you can also turn off stress-causing behavior.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 34-year-old Farmington Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company. Michele MacWilliams is president of Metro Media Associates in Clarkston.

See recipes inside Taste.

# Turn off TV; share bread and chicken with family and friends

Recipe story on Taste front. Boneless, skinless chicken breasts can be used for the Lazy Day Chicken or use a whole chicken, cut into pieces if you want. Friendship Bread includes a starter dough you can give friends for their own bread.

### LAZY DAY CHICKEN OR PHEASANT

Flour for dredging, about 1/2 cup  
1 teaspoon pepper  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 rounded teaspoon anchovy paste  
Four boneless, skinless chicken breasts (or a whole chicken, cut into pieces)  
1 medium sized onion  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 medium sized tomatoes, chopped into small 1/4-inch pieces  
1 cup white wine  
1/2 cup green olives (black

can be substituted), chopped

Mix flour and pepper together. Dredge chicken pieces in flour/pepper mixture until lightly coated. Heat anchovy paste and olive oil in a large skillet (one that has a lid) and brown chicken on all sides.

Remove chicken and add onion and garlic. Sauté until onion is translucent. Put chicken back in skillet and add tomatoes and wine. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 1/2 hour for chicken breasts or about 45 minutes for chicken pieces. (For pheasant, increase this time up to 1 1/2 hours in order to make meat more tender. Just check periodically to be sure liquid is not evaporating.) Add olives 2 or 3 minutes before serving; just to warm through.

**Nutritional information per serving:** Calories: 403; protein (g): 30; fat (g): 19; sodium (mg): 456; carbohydrates (g): 19;

and percentage of calories from fat: 42.

### FRIENDSHIP BREAD

Makes 2 loaves for you and starter for four friends.

To make starter: (If you don't have starter from a friend, make the starter first.) Do not use metal utensils or containers. Do not refrigerate.

1 teaspoon active dry yeast  
1/2 cup milk, warmed to 110° F  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar

In a small bowl dissolve yeast in milk and let set for 10 minutes. Combine flour and sugar in another bowl and add the milk/yeast mixture. Mix thoroughly. Place in a 1-gallon zip-top bag and begin counting tomorrow as Day 1 below.

Directions to make Friendship Bread: Start from starter. Follow these instructions once you receive a bag of starter from a

friend or, if you have made the starter above. Do not use metal utensils or containers. Do not refrigerate.

Leave it alone for the first day, then mash bag on the second, third, fourth and fifth days. On the sixth day, add to the bag 1/2 cup each of flour, milk and sugar. Mash bag again. On the seventh, eighth and ninth days, mash bag and let the air out.

Empty contents of bag into large mixing bowl on the 10th day. Add 1 1/2 cups each of flour, milk and sugar. Combine ingredients thoroughly.

Here you have a choice. To make 2 loaves and starter for four friends, pour 1 cup of mixture into each of four 1-gallon zip-top bags and give to friends along with instructions. (Remember, do not count the day you divide as the first day. Rather, count the following day as Day 1.)

Or you could make 2 loaves

now and two loaves later plus 1 starter for a friend or freezer: pour 1 cup of mixture into a zip-top bag to use as starter. Pour 3 cups into another zip-top bag and freeze to use later, beginning at this point once it is thawed. To the remaining 3 cups in your bowl, add the following and mix well:

1 cup oil  
1/2 cup milk  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a separate bowl, mix dry ingredients:

2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder

Combine wet and dry ingredients thoroughly. Mix additional 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/2 cup sugar together. Reserve half of this mixture. Shake the other half mixture into 2 large, well-greased loaf pans. Pour batter into pans and sprinkle leftover cinnamon/sugar on top of each loaf.

Bake at 325° F for one hour. Let cool before taking bread out of pan.

Note: Starter can be frozen. (It won't completely freeze.) Just give it one extra day after thawing. Recipes courtesy of HDS Services.

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# Grits from page D1

Restaurants throughout the South serve grits with breakfast as a standard part of the meal. As franchisees of some of those restaurants open in other parts of the U.S., grits gets to go along.

To correct a rumor, grits don't grow on trees. They are white or yellow corn, dried and soaked in lye to remove the skin, then rinsed several times. Once it becomes hominy, it is dried and ground into grits.

Grits are simple, nutritious, and contain almost no salt or fat and are a good source of carbohydrates, fiber, protein, minerals, vitamins, and energy.

But with all the "fixin's" that truly make them good eatin', they might freshen you up a mite. Of course, you can make

grits low-fat or no fat, depending on the ingredients you mix with them.

The taste ranges from a delicious sweet and nutty flavor, to pasty, also depending on how they are prepared. Thick, or "tight," can be used for fish bait, mortar, chinking for log cabins or spackling compound.

"Not just for breakfast any more," Diane Pfeifer said in her book "Gone with the Grits," (March 1992, published by Strawberry Patch), "grits lend a nonfat creaminess to dips and sauces, a sponginess to breads and chewy volume to bar cookies. Cooked with sturdier grains, they create exciting and economical meat alternatives for stuffed dishes and casseroles."

Grits reduce calories in some

of her vegetarian dishes, and Pfeifer offers calorie-cutting suggestions too.

There are regular, instant, or quick-cooking grits. Stone-ground or regular are harder to find. Quick and instant can be found at the grocery.

Some people think quick tastes better than instant. Made from scratch is much better than instant. This may come as a surprise but, not everyone likes grits. Not everyone will even give them a chance. I admit it could be a taste that needs cultivating. The taste is in the way they are fixed.

Southerners like them with eggs, biscuits, cream or red eye gravy, cheese, sausage, or just dishes and casseroles.

Grits reduce calories in some

Grits can be a great substitute for pasta or rice. Any sauce or gravy that you would put on pasta or rice is ideal with grits.

Be sure to make enough for leftovers. Put the leftovers in a flat bowl or pan, cover them with clear plastic wrap and put in the refrigerator.

Cut them in small pieces and roll the pieces in corn meal and fry them until golden brown the next morning.

There are plenty of recipes on the Internet, so there's bound to be some to your liking. Give grits a try. Who knows, you might like them.

*Patsy LaFave is a Waterford resident. See recipes inside.*

# Grits liven up casseroles

Cheese Grits Casserole is a great vegetarian dish from Eugenia Harris' country singer Emmylou Harris' mother.

**CLASSIC SOUTHERN CHEESE GRITS CASSEROLE**  
Makes 8-10 servings  
6 cups water  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups coarse ground grits  
1/2 cup butter  
4 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
3 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350° F and liberally butter a 2 1/2-quart baking dish.

Heat salted water in a heavy saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour the grits in slowly, stirring constantly as you go. Turn to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes, stirring frequently.

Remove from heat and add butter and all but a quarter-cup of the cheese, stirring until both are melted. Slowly add four or five tablespoons of the hot grits to the beaten eggs, stirring constantly.

When eggs are warmed up, pour them into the remaining grits and mix well. Turn out into the buttered baking dish, sprinkle the remaining cheese on top and bake for one hour. Serve warm.

**ULTRA GARLIC GRITS CASSEROLE**  
Makes 6-8 servings.  
1 head of garlic  
Olive oil  
4 cups water  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup coarse-ground grits  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup 2 percent milk

Preheat oven to 350° F and use olive oil to liberally grease the inside of a two-quart baking dish.

Remove the loose, papery outer skin of the head of garlic (individual cloves will still have their peel). Rub lightly with olive oil and place in oven on a baking sheet or in a pie pan. Roast for 30-35 minutes until the cloves are soft when pressed. Remove from oven and set aside.

While the garlic is roasting, bring salted water to a boil in a heavy pot and slowly pour in the grits, stirring all the while. Turn heat to low and let simmer, stirring occasionally for about 15 minutes, until all the water is absorbed and the grits have softened some.

They should be about the consistency of oatmeal or slightly thinner than mashed potatoes. You might want to cook in a double boiler to prevent scorching. Remove from heat.

Break individual cloves off the head of garlic and squeeze between your fingers to extract the pulp. Put in a blender with eggs and milk and blend until some of the garlic is pureed but there are still small chunks. Add the garlic mixture to the grits and mix well. Bake in a 350° F oven until firm and golden on top. Serve warm.

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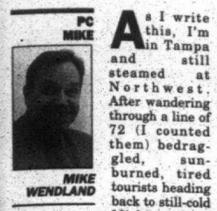


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## Reporter enjoys pit stop in Laptop Lane at Florida airport



MIKE WENDLAND

**A**s I write this, I'm in Tampa and still steamed at Northwest. After wandering through a line of 72 (I counted them) bedraggled, sunburned, tired tourists heading back to still-cold Michigan from their spring vacations here in Florida, the Northwest ticket agent could barely muster a smile.

No problem. It was indeed a surly crowd. I smiled back brightly enough for both of us. I was heading home after a tough week on the road for business. So what if the line at the Tampa airport was turning mean? I wasn't going to get mad. I would soon be home.

"All I need is a boarding pass," I said, indicating I'd be carrying on luggage and his job would be easy.

"You'll need more than that, sir. Your flight was canceled." He hooked me on a 10:35 p.m. flight because, he said, the airport tip in Detroit had been closed because of Friday's rains.

"Why don't I believe him? Closed?" "That's what we're told, sir." The line behind me was getting angrier by the minute. Word had spread and most were also heading to Detroit.

"So, taking the boarding pass, now with five hours to kill, here I am in Laptop Lane. It's a comfortable cubicle equipped with a speedy Internet port to which my laptop is now connected, a Nortel telephone that I can use to call anywhere in the U.S. toll free, a FAX machine, a Pentium desktop with a nice 17-inch monitor and, Tony, my "Cyberpace concierge."

Really, that's what his business card reads. If I have any technical questions, any difficulties hooking up, just holler, he says. I didn't. I'm attached and online in under three minutes. I hear him helping other customers though, getting their AOL accounts to log on. Showing them how to configure their network connections. He's pretty good. I could use him as a guest techie on my radio show.

There are a dozen other Laptop Lanes that have opened across the country, including Detroit. I found this one from a

catchy sign in the hallway. "Peace, quiet and a TI Line," it promised. Looking at all the angry people waiting at the gate for a plane that won't leave for four hours yet, I shuffled in, handed Tony my Amex card and, for about \$2 for every five minutes, an comfortably ensconced in my quiet little cubicle.

It will cost me close to \$25 bucks for an hour. I'd blow that much on dinner at the airport restaurant down the terminal hallway. I decided to settle for the peace, quiet and TI. I'll eat peanuts on the plane. And write this column.

But maybe it was meant to be. This is a pretty nifty discovery. Laptop Lane. I like it.

Meanwhile, here's what's been happening on the Net this week.

**Goofing off**  
A new study says workers are stealing company time to surf the Web for fun, checking stock prices, porno sites and passing along company secrets to outsiders by e-mail.

In addition, nearly one out of five respondents received at least one potentially offensive e-mail per month from a co-worker. One in three corporate workers said they spend 25 minutes or more each day using the Internet for personal reasons.

Much of that time is spent shopping, with the most popular destination sites for vacations and vehicles. Employees report worse behavior among their colleagues. Nearly one in 10 respondents say they have seen co-workers accessing adult sites, while nearly one-third say they have seen co-workers job hunting on the Internet.

The result? An increasing number of companies are limiting Internet access and instituting sophisticated eavesdropping and surveillance policies to monitor just what it is workers are doing when they log on to the Net. The survey of 600 users from different corporations was commissioned by Etron Software, which makes e-mail filtering software.

**AOL tactics**  
America Online may be the world's biggest commercial online service but there's a lot of people who think its turning into the Net's biggest bully, too. The latest flap stems from tricky programming tactics in the latest version of AOL's software that makes it all but impossible for users to access rival Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

A suit filed earlier this month charges that it's an attempt to eliminate competition in the Internet Service Provider Market by preempting the existing dial-up settings of other ISPs' customers. There "is no legitimate business justification" for such action, says the suit, which

is being supported by a half-dozen ISPs around the country. And that's just the latest complaint about Version 5 of the AOL software. Other class action suits have been filed accusing AOL of making it intentionally difficult to uninstall its software and having adverse effects on other Internet programs installed on the hard drives of AOL subscribers. AOL claims it has received few complaints but when problems do occur, it's the fault of the user, not the software.

**Y2K alarmists**  
Just when you thought it was safe to open your e-mails, the Y2K alarmists have found a new cause: The current turmoil in the financial markets. You'd think they'd be hiding out of embarrassment. But not so.

Now they're using the mailing lists they collected during the height of last year's Y2K worries and telling their former followers to hold on to their freeze-dried food stocks and keep gasoline in the generator because the market crash is going to trigger the mother of all economic depressions.

What's their angle? Greed. They're trying to get people to invest in coins and speculate in gold as a protection against dot-com mania. Toss their spam in the trash. These people have no credibility.

**Are You Depressed?**  
Answer the following questions based on the last 2 weeks or more.

**YES, NO**

1. I feel sad, unhappy, self critical

2. I feel tired and have little energy

3. I have trouble sleeping or eating (either too much or too little)

4. I don't enjoy activities that I used to

5. I feel uneasy, restless, irritable or guilty

6. I have trouble concentrating, remembering things or making decisions

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more questions, you may be suffering from depression, 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 investigational medication for depression. If you are selected, all research related costs and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about depression.

**INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH STUDIES**  
(517) 349-5505 1 (800) 682-6663  
Robert J. Bielecki, M.D.

### MEDICAL BRIEFS

#### Volunteers needed

Want to give and get at the same time? The Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Tea Time" event for interested volunteers 2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 4. While sipping tea and nibbling baked goods, potential volunteers will learn about the hospital's different programs and ways they can give of their time and talents. They'll also tour Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and meet staff members and other volunteers. For more information, contact Oakwood at (313) 791-4711.

#### "Be a nurse"

In celebration of National Nursing Month, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum announces the 10th annual "Be a Nurse," program held on the following dates: noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6; 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 7; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 14.

Visitors can listen to their heartbeats, take their own pulses, and learn the major parts of the body, while learning what the nursing profession is all about. The program is sponsored by the museum and the nurses at the University of Michigan Health System.

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is located at 2220 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 936-7457.

#### Health conference

Madonna University will host a health conference titled "Providing Healing and Hope to the Human Spirit: A Guide for Health Professionals." The purpose is to provide participants of all faiths thought-provoking sessions on spirituality, ethics, faith, mentoring and justice issues in health care.

Sessions will be conducted by medical ethics and nursing professionals from St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Mercy Hospital Services, William Beaumont Hospital and the University of Michigan Health Center. The event is sponsored by Madonna University's Department of Nursing.

The pre-registration fee for nurses, physicians and other health professionals is \$50; walk-in registration is \$60; student registration is \$25. All fees include conference materials, boxed lunch and refreshment breaks. For more information, call (734) 432-5466.

#### Health fair

The Oakwood Healthcare Center and the Family Resource Center of Westland will sponsor the "Lincoln-Jefferson-Barns Health Fair" 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland.

Participants will learn about nutrition, growth and development, safety, community resources, and drug, alcohol and smoking cessation. Over 350 students and family members attended last year's event. For more information, call the Oakwood Healthcare Center at (734) 728-2423 or the Family Resource Center at (734) 595-2279.

#### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsletters (appointment-free news items to the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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**Loving life:** Branden Jones, 6, hasn't let two heart transplants slow him down. He plays the drums and sings in his church's choir. He hopes to run the 50-yard dash in the U.S. Transplant Olympics this July in Orlando, Fla.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

## Music of the hearts

### Six-year-old drummer lives because two families gave gifts of love

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER  
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**W**henever Carolyn Hanson, 28, of Detroit speaks publicly about the need for organ donations, she often concludes by saying, "Don't take your organs to heaven, because, heaven knows, we need them here."

Her son, Branden Jones, 6, plays the drums and sings in his church's choir because someone donated a loved one's heart. In fact, Branden has received two heart transplants, the first one at 20 months and the second in September 1998. Both transplants were done at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

"I thank God every day for the two families that benefited Branden. Even the first heart lived for three years in Branden," said Hanson.

According to the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, 10 Michigan children received heart transplants and eight received kidney transplants in 1999. Eleven children received healthy livers, and 26 were given the gift of sight with a cornea transplant.

Still, many more people could have been saved. While 116 patients received an organ transplant so far this year, 47 have died waiting. And the waiting list is growing. Almost 2,500 people are waiting to receive solid organs: kidney (1,736), heart (84), lung (130), liver (349) and pancreas (149). Another 134 are waiting for corneas.

"In the last three months, we have had six of our lung patients die," said Mark Gravel, Donation and Organ Preservation Services Director at the U-M Medical Center.

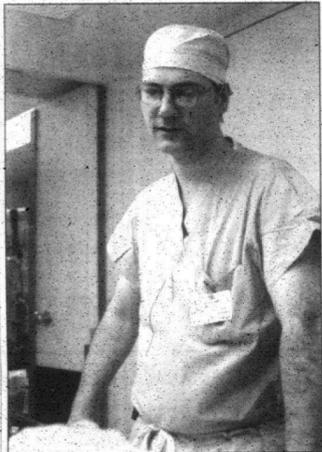
Michigan's consent rate of 21.2 percent ranks slightly below the national average for the number of families who consent to donation.

Considering these statistics, Branden Jones was lucky.

#### A young boy's ordeal

It was obvious soon after Carolyn Hanson gave birth to twin boys on Dec. 2, 1993, in a small hospital in Fargo, N.D., that something was wrong with Branden. "His temperature was dropping and he kept on turning blue," said Hanson.

Branden was flown to the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis, where he had his first heart surgery at three days. During the delicate operation, Branden's nerves to his right



**Skilled hands:** Dr. Alvise Bernabei, director of thoracic organ transplants at Henry Ford Hospital, performed five heart transplants in five days in February.

diaphragm were severed. A second surgery quickly followed to tack down the right diaphragm so it moved in tandem with the left.

When Branden was nine months, Hanson moved her family to Detroit and began taking him to the U-M Medical Center. At 14 months, he underwent back-to-back surgeries. He was a little baby with a big heart defect. Hanson defined the problem in dictionary terms: "Transposition of the great vessel with double outlet right ventricle plus ventricular septal defect and pulmonary atresia."

"There were no specific procedures for his defects," she said, "but in his case, they were trying anything to keep him alive."

Three weeks later, Branden went into a "third-degree heart block." A pacemaker was implanted, and things went smoothly until he was 19 months. Then, while visiting family in New Orleans, Branden developed severe breathing problems and could not stay awake. Mother and son flew back to U-M on a survival jet.

"The prospect of a heart transplant loomed, but doctors feared scar tissue and a build-up of antigens would not make Branden a good candidate. They were mistaken. When they tested his rejection factor, it was zero on a scale of 0-15. "It was like a miracle," said Hanson. "They expected it to be 15."

Branden went on a donor list at noon July 28, 1995. By 4 a.m. the following day, he had a heart, and by 7 a.m. he was in surgery. Twelve hours later, for the first time in his short life, Branden had a healthy heart. "He bounced back within a month. We went home happy campers," said Hanson.

#### A second transplant

Three years after his first transplant, Branden's body began to reject the heart. This time, the wait for a new heart was a bit longer, two months. On Sept. 17, 1998, Branden received his second heart, another gift of life. "So far since this second heart, we've had nothing, no rejection. Every biopsy has been coming back clean," said Hanson.

Last year, Branden participated in "Just Zoo It," a 5K run and walk sponsored by the Michigan Coalition on Donation to raise money for organ and tissue transplants. "He huffed and he puffed, but he made it," said Hanson.

This year Branden hopes to participate as a member of Team Michigan in the U.S. Transplant Games June 21-24 at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Hanson, who works at the Allen Park Post Office and is taking classes to become a paramedic, has been working overtime to raise the money.

"Branden was working to run the 50-yard dash, but we don't know if we can make it."

Even if Branden doesn't get to run in the U.S. Transplant Games, he'll continue helping Hanson create awareness or organ donation. "He's quite the talker," she said.

#### Heart transplant surgeon

Dr. Alvise Bernabei is director of thoracic organ transplantation for the Henry Ford Health System. In February, he did five heart transplants in five days — perhaps a record for any major organ transplantation center.

"When you're doing it, you don't realize how much work you're doing," he said.

Early heart transplant patients did not survive very long because of problems with rejection. However, a breakthrough in the late 1970s with the development of an immuno-suppressive drug called cyclosporine increased survival. Based on Gift of Life statistics from 1996, the one-year survival rate for heart recipients is over 92 percent.

(For kidney recipients it's almost 96 percent; for liver recipients, it's more than 77 percent.) However, the problem remains finding a donor who matches in blood type and organ size and who is free of viruses. The donor-recipient age ratio is not a factor. A heart from an 18-year-old can be transplanted into a 65-year-old man, said Bernabei. "Statistically, the younger donors contribute better organs. As a person gets older, there's more of a chance of something wrong."

If the donor is over 40, a cardiac catheterization and echo cardiogram must be done to ensure there is no cardiac disease. Hearts from donors over 55 are not accepted, he added.

There are restrictions for recipients as well. They must have no significant disease processes, such as cancer or diabetes, and they must be able to sustain the rigors of the transplant. "They must be able to maintain lifelong immuno-suppressive medications and undergo routine biopsies of the heart," said Bernabei.

He views heart transplants as the last possible solution to a problem. "For some people, they have deteriorated so much there's nothing left to offer them except a heart or lung transplant. This is their only opportunity to regain their former lifestyle."

He related a success story about one of his patients, a 37-year-old mother of two who had been bedridden with heart failure for over a year. After her transplant, "she was able to walk up and down the (hospital) hallways within months."

Although hesitant to cite statistics, Bernabei said 50 percent of heart recipients are still alive after 10 years and 50 percent of lung recipients are alive after five years. But these percentages represent a continuum. The fact is, transplant patients can live a long time.

Bernabei remains in awe of medicine's ability to transplant the heart from a once-living donor into the body of a living recipient. "It truly is a miracle," he said. Yet, the average person is not aware of the miracle of organ donation.

"A lot of people on the waiting list die," he said.

#### Michigan Donor Cards

Eighteen months ago, the Secretary of State began an enrollment card program, making it easier for residents to place their names on the Michigan Donor Registry. The registry is maintained by the Gift of Life Agency in Ann Arbor.

The donor registry is a 24-hour computerized database with names of people who have indicated they wish to be an organ or tissue donor upon their deaths.

Every driver license and identification card mailed from the Secretary of State's office includes a pre-printed, postage-paid enrollment card. People can sign the card and drop it in the mail. The information is then forwarded to the Gift of Life Agency.

In January, the Secretary of State expanded the enrollment program. People can now place their name on the donor registry online through the department's Web site at [www.sos.state.mi.us](http://www.sos.state.mi.us).

Since the enrollment program began, more than 190,000 names have been added to the Michigan Donor Registry.

People interested in obtaining a donor registry card or more information on organ donations can contact Gift of Life Agency at (800) 482-4881.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome and should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail [rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net) or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

#### WED, APRIL 26

**ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION**  
Free outreach program on "erectile dysfunction" (impotence) presented by Dr. John Frederick Harb 7 p.m., St. Mary Hospital, Marion Professional Bldg., 14555 Levan Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 462-5855.

#### THUR, APRIL 27

**IMMUNE SYSTEM DISORDERS**  
Topics will cover the latest technology and remarkable success by top immunologists for immune system disorders such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, arthritis, chronic fatigue, lupus, and more. Free. 7 p.m. Comfort Inn, 2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor.

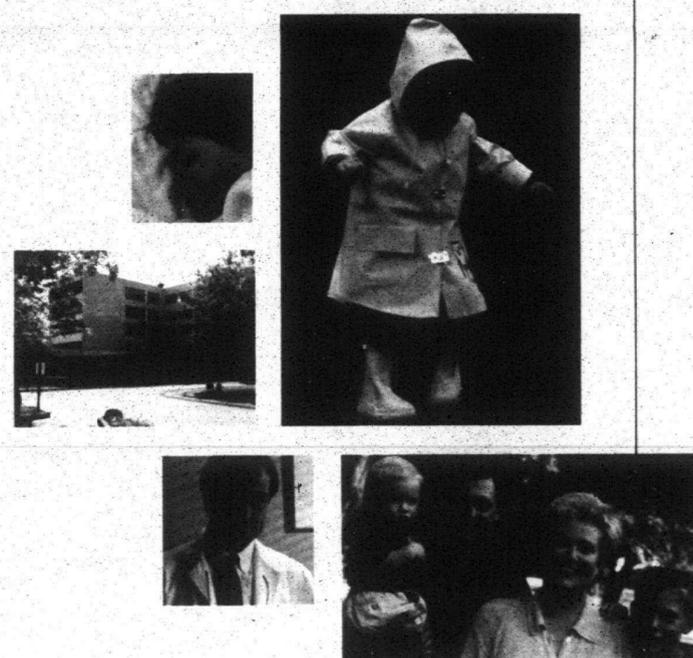
#### SAT, APRIL 29

**TAI CHI BENEFITS**  
Dr. Jena Goodman will be giving a free lecture on the health benefits of Taoist Tai Chi on Sat. April 29 from 10 a.m. to noon, 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. This public is welcome. Call (248) 332-1281.

#### TUE, MAY 2-16

**BIOPHYSIOLOGY**  
Learns to use muscle testing techniques to determine which vitamins, herbs, and foods are best. Cost is \$115. Class runs Tue. May 2-16, from 6-9 p.m. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street. 207-0557.

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## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

## Office of the Year

**Accountants Connection Inc.** of Livonia has been awarded the Office of the Year Award by the Michigan Association of Staffing Services for the largest increase in production in the state of Michigan during 1999. The company provides temporary and permanent placement of accounting and financial professionals. They can be reached at (734) 513-7800.

## Excellence award

**Johnson Controls** in Plymouth has received Ford Motor Company's 1999 World Excel-

lence Award in the gold category for the automotive batteries it supplies. The company was one of just 11 Ford suppliers around the world to receive the award for 1999.

"We're honored to receive this award from Ford, which recognizes our efforts for excellence in quality," said Greg S. Moore, manager of original equipment sales.

"The suppliers who have earned the World Excellence Award are members of an exclusive world-class club," said Carlos Mazzorin, Ford group vice president of Global Purchasing and South America.

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: *Observer Newspaper*, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: *Business Calendar*.

## WED, APRIL 26

## BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call BNI office at (810) 323-3800.

## FRI, APRIL 29

## BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 323-3800.

## SAT, APRIL 29

## BRITISH ANCESTORS

The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will sponsor a workshop titled "Netting Your British

Isles Ancestors" using the Internet beginning 2 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Avenue (three blocks west of Tiger Stadium), Detroit. No charge. For more information, contact Richard M. Doherty at (248) 879-9352 or Dena Lange at (248) 478-8496.

## FRI, MAY 12

## FIESTA HISPANA BALL

The Michigan Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Andersson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

# One week to a better lifestyle

Do you want to live a more healthy lifestyle but need some help in getting started?

Dr. Arthur Weaver, a Wayne State University emeritus professor of surgery and well-known anti-smoking crusader, extends an invitation to participate in his Better Living Seminars Health Camp near Grayling, Mich., May 7-14. The camp offers an interesting, informative and exciting approach to health education combined with a full week's vacation on 900 wooded acres surrounding Lake Shellenbarger.

A variety of health seminars will be offered during the week, including:

- Stop smoking
- Vegetarian cooking
- Weight control
- Stress control
- Lo-impact aerobics

Many people use this camp as a "live in" smoking cessation opportunity that has 24-hour support available, said Weaver. "Several people have been able to stop smoking who have tried everything else without success."

Weaver has conducted hundreds of smoking cessation programs in this country and abroad for more than 30 years. His "Breathe Free-Stop Smoking Programs" have been held in Livonia, Southfield, Plymouth and at Botsford General Hospital in Novi.

**The camp offers an interesting, informative and exciting approach to health education combined with a full week's vacation on 900 wooded acres surrounding Lake Shellenbarger.**

The Health Camp seminars will be interspersed with recreation, fun and time for socializing with staff and guests. There'll also be time for thoughtful reflection. Delicious vegetarian meals that include fruits, nuts, vegetables, whole grains and dairy products will be served three times a day.

"Individuals seeking changes in their eating patterns have found that the one week with individual nutrition consultation and the opportunity to experience the really delicious low-cholesterol cooking made making changes quite easy," said Weaver.

The Better Living Seminars Health Camp is staffed by volunteer professionals. The all-inclusive price is \$425 per person or \$800 per couple. For more information, contact Weaver at (248) 349-5683 or e-mail: aweaver@webbnet.net

## Peak performance coach Tony Robbins to speak

Anthony Robbins, "America's Results Coach," is coming to the Palace of Auburn Hills on Wednesday, May 10, to host "Results 2000 - Peak Performance for the New Millennium."

"Our objective is not simply to inspire and entertain. We want to empower anyone who attends with the proven tools they need to achieve measurable and lasting results in their lives," said Robbins.

Featured speakers include Donald Trump; General H. Norman Schwarzkopf; Sugar Ray

Leonard; Brian Tracy, sales authority; Joan Lunden, broadcast journalist; Herb Cohen, negotiation expert; and Sanford Botkin, former IRS attorney and tax expert.

Robbins was featured in the Jan. 10, 2000, issue of "Newsweek" article on the United States self-improvement industry. He is the author of several motivational books and educational videos. Reserved seating tickets for the event begin at \$49. For more information, call (800) 683-3370.

OMNIBUS, the online program that enables students to earn three degrees in four years, is accepting applications for fall 2000. A collaboration between Schoolcraft College and Madonna University, the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program grants an associate, bachelor's and master's degree with one application process and for a set fee.

Students accepted for the associate degree at Schoolcraft automatically are accepted for the advanced degrees at Madonna. Students complete 152 credit hours, studying in three 12-week terms per year, with one four-week intercession and no classes in August and December.

Tuition remains \$190 per credit hour, including all fees, books and course materials. It is guaranteed for the entire four-year program and totals \$29,000 for the three degrees.

OMNIBUS students do their

work, team projects and communication online. The program stresses: Core business skills, information retrieval from electronic as well as traditional sources, skills in managing work using information technology, teamwork skills, and global management and leadership skills.

The first OMNIBUS students, who began their studies in 1997, will receive their master's degree in July 2001. Of the 16 students studying now at Madonna, 11 placed on the dean's list for the fall semester.

"The program clearly reflects the revolution in education," said Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft College associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance learning. "We see record enrollments for Web-based courses. Even law and nursing courses have gone online. There is no significant difference in the quality of the instruction a stu-

dent receives on campus or at a distance."

The OMNIBUS program places emphasis on four areas, developing one during each of the four years of study: Effective communications and decision making; global citizenship and diversity for international development; paradigms for organizational change; and tomorrow's leadership for world organization.

Orientation for new OMNIBUS students is sched-

uled for Sept. 9-10. There is a nonrefundable application fee of \$120, which is applied toward tuition. Applicants must furnish transcripts, achievement test results, a letter of intent and a letter of recommendation. In addition, there are computer and software requirements students must fulfill.

Call (734) 462-4599. Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

### 1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements on Napier Road and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of two-lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the northern edge-of-pavement of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Napier Road approximately 5,370 feet to the south right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit along Napier Road consists of the following parcels/Lots: Lot numbers, 212-263 of the Country Acres of Plymouth Subdivision No. 4, 264-299 of the Country Acres of Plymouth's Subdivision No. 5, and Condominium numbers 1-134 of the Country Acres of Plymouth Condominiums located in the Northwest ¼ of Section 36 of T. 1S., R. 8E., of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** in the meeting room at Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the property owners have proposed to waive their right to a 30-day hold period between the Hearing of Necessity and the Hearing of Assessment. Therefore the intention is to hold both hearings at the meeting time identified above.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and specifications are being developed and reviewed by the engineer. Estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,424,000.00 and the total to be financed by the Special Assessment District has been set at \$594,200.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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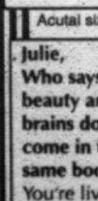
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