

## HEALTH

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TUESDAY

**Career women meet:** The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The guest speaker will be Patricia Warner, etiquette consultant trained and certified by the Protoeol School of Washington. For reservations or information call Tracey Huff, (248) 347-3355.

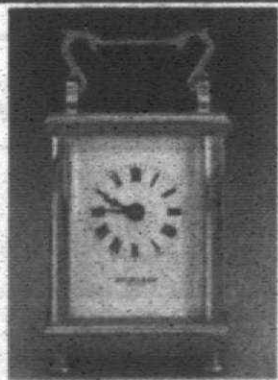
### FRIDAY

**For Lent:** Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served from 4:30 to 7 p.m., include cole slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Summit at (734) 397-5110 for information.

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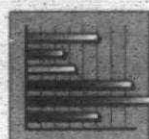


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# Auto supplier rolling into Canton



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One of General Motors top suppliers is moving to Canton. Schuler Hydroforming will build a \$22 million North American headquarter-

**Schuler Hydroforming will build a 40,000-square-foot North American headquarters and plant in the township. The \$22 million project is expected to be ready for occupancy early next year.**

ters and production facility on Commerce Boulevard, just east of I-275 and north of Warren Road. It's expected to be operational in about a year. Herb Plocher, former president and CEO of the company who's overseeing the project, said Schuler picked Canton

because of its proximity to highways and its solid reputation in the business world.

"Canton Township is the place as far as development," he added. "We want to be proud of where we'll be now and in 10 or 20 years."

With the likes of Yazaki, a large supplier of automotive wiring systems, and Schuler in town, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack believes more big business will follow.

"I think so," he said. "Schuler told me

word has spread that Canton is a great place to locate."

Schuler will occupy more than seven acres in Canton's growing industrial area east of Haggerty Road. Its building will be approximately 40,000 square feet.

Schuler provides exhaust systems, suspension and body components for the automobile industry. It also produces parts for furniture and bicycle makers as well as chemical processing

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## Robotic rewards



STAFF PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

**First timers:** Members of CTS, who helped sponsor and design the robot along with the students, make their final inspections before a practice run at the regional robotics competition in Ypsilanti. The Canton team was the only rookie squad to make the top 10.

## Beginner's luck

### Rookie team makes robotics final

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**C**anton High School students were the only rookie team to make it to the FIRST Robotics Competition finals at Eastern Michigan University this past weekend.

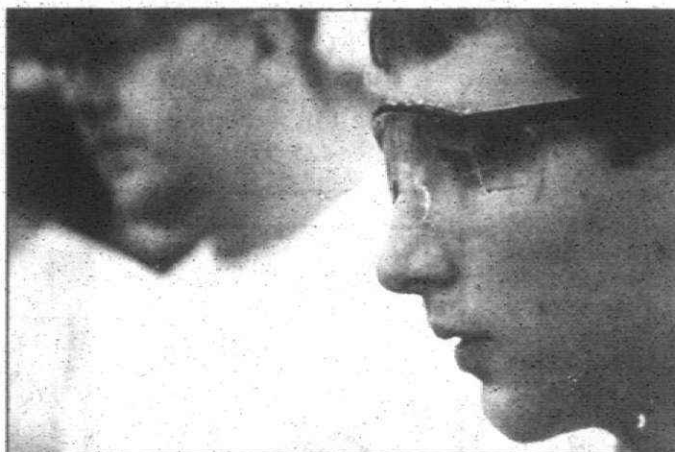
And, because of their eighth-place showing, the team will be heading down to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the national finals.

"We were very surprised as to how well we did," said Jack Tucci, 18, of Canton. "We had some things go wrong with the drive system of our robot, so we weren't sure how well we'd do. But, we did all right."

**FIRST** — For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology — partners schools with engineers from businesses and universities to get a hands-on look at the world of technology.

Students from Canton High School were

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**Listen up:** Aaron Steffka, a junior at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, pays close attention to instructions.

## Pedal to metal: Cops plan charity bike ride

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
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The Canton Police Department's bike officers are looking for businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring them on an upcoming 33-mile bicycle trek to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.

Canton bike officers will be hosting their second annual Charity Bike Ride to and from the Ronald McDonald House May 20. The event is open to all Michigan police department bike officers. Eight departments participated last year.

Canton police Sgt. Jerry Hardesty said he knows firsthand the importance of the Ronald McDonald House, which has served more than 8,000 families since opening in 1985. When Hardesty's 17-year-old son was 4, he was crushed in an accident and was hospitalized at University of Michigan Hospital for three weeks. He suffered a lacerated liver and holes in his duodenum, which is the first part of the small intestine. Both injuries required

surgery.

Though Hardesty did not need to stay in the house, designed for families of sick children, he was impressed by the services it provided.

"We feel it is a very, very worthy cause," Hardesty said. "When you have a little one in the hospital, that's a pretty scary thing for parents. (And) it's important for a sick child to have a parent around."

Canton Officer Ed Lang first came up with the idea of the charity ride, Hardesty said.

Sponsors are asked to donate a minimum of \$500. Prizes will be awarded to the bike unit that donates the most money for the Ronald McDonald House.

"We will accept donations from anyone in the area," Hardesty said.

The ride begins at Heritage Park, behind the Canton Police Department on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill. Bike officers from across the state will ride to the Ronald McDonald House in

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## Sidewalks getting upgrade

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Construction season won't be limited to Canton's roads this spring.

Sidewalks throughout Windsor Park subdivision, which sits between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads north of Warren, will be inspected, marked and repaired starting in mid-April. Work will continue through August.

"Most residents want their sidewalk fixed," said Susan Folsom, a township

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## 'Plymouth' label likely for building

### NEW HIGH SCHOOL

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is close to naming the third high school to be constructed at the Educational Park.

All of the six board members who attended Tuesday's regular meeting said they preferred keeping the tradition of naming the high schools after

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## St. Patrick's Day sing-along



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

**Making merry:** Dolores and Leroy Hrlac of Canton sing along Friday to some Irish songs with P.J. Donovan at the Summit on the Park during the annual Canton Senior Citizens St. Patrick's Day party. Approximately 70 seniors enjoyed the Irish dancing by Maura Mulcahy of Canton and the sounds of Johnny Chase on accordion and keyboards.

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# Thief makes off with equipment

## COP CALLS

More than \$600 worth of equipment was stolen from a Farmington-based construction company Monday in Canton, according to township police reports.

An electrical saw and a drill, valued at \$650 total, was removed from RCI Electrical Construction's work truck. Reports said the vehicle was unlocked and parked in the 7000 block of Market Street, which is located just west of Haggerty Road and north of Koppeneck.

Police have no suspects.

## Keep on walking?

Canton Police arrested a man, who wasn't identified in reports, for attempting to steal a pair of black leather boots from Meijer on Ford Road Wednesday.

Reports said the suspect took the boots off the rack, put them on and then put his own shoes in the boot-box. The suspect then tried to leave Meijer, but was stopped by loss prevention personnel.

Officers found a "butterfly knife" on the man, reports said. Canton Police arrived minutes later and took him into custody. Reports said he was given a court date of April 14.

## Assault

A 25-year-old Allen Park man told township police he was assaulted at a home construction site early Wednesday morning.

Reports said a man in his late 20s or early 30s used a "strip of wood" to poke the Allen Park man in the chest. The unknown man screamed at him for going to the bathroom on the basement floor of the home under construction.

The incident occurred at a site south of Cherry Hill Road and west of Beck at about 8:15 a.m.

## Retail fraud

A Canton High student was arrested for trying to steal a pair of blue jeans from Kohl's department store on Ford Road Wednesday evening, according to reports.

The student, who wasn't identified in reports, took a pair of jeans into a fitting room, then emerged with only one. Loss prevention officers stopped the teen in the store parking lot.

**Clubs swiped**  
A \$1,700 set of golf clubs was stolen from a 32-year-old Canton man's garage Tuesday. Reports said the clubs were stolen between 9 a.m. and about 4 p.m. from the Strawberry Street home.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Plymouth Charter Township

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# Supplier

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plants. "Hydroforming" is a process whereby metal components are built from tubular stock by using water under high pressure, according to company literature.

Stock is first placed into a die. A hydraulic press closes the die and tubular stock is filled with water. It then flows into a "forming zone" where pressure molds the stock into the shape of the die.

The process was developed in the mid 1980s. Schuler has used it to bring in clients around the world, said Plocher.

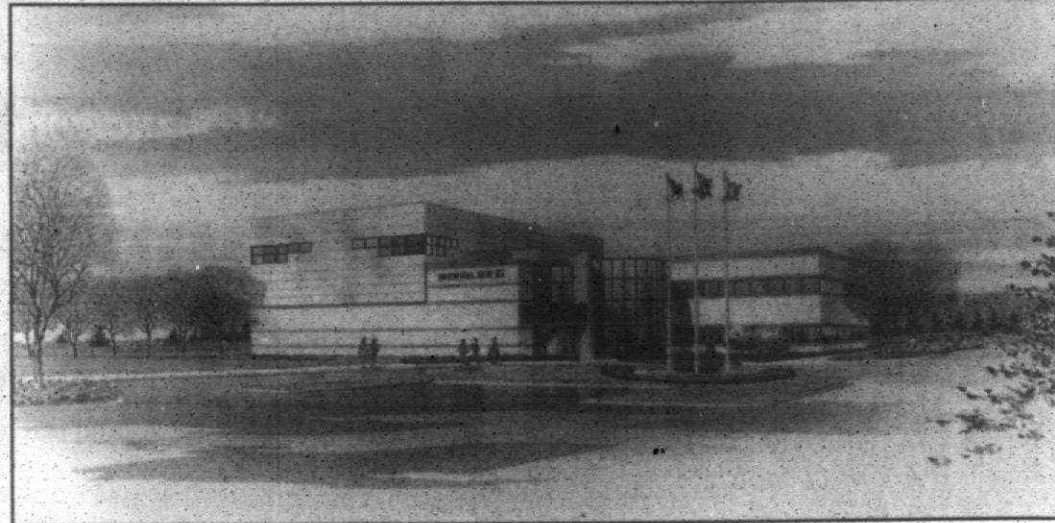
He listed GM as his company's biggest client. The automaker had pushed for Schuler to locate in the City of Detroit, near its new headquarters at the Renaissance Center.

But after careful consideration, Canton was the final choice. "It wasn't a cheap location," Plocher said of land costs in the township. "We had to pay a premium price."

Groundbreaking for the facility was held Tuesday. Plocher expects hydraulic presses to be installed by November and the building to be in full use by next February or March.

"Our plans for staffing include press operators and die makers," said current Schuler President and CEO Tim McCaughey, "and others all of whom I'm sure will look forward to calling Canton Township their new home."

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Rendering: An architect's rendering of the Schuler Hydroforming Tech Center slated to open in Canton in 2001.

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# School name

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municipalities.

The school is expected to be named Plymouth High School. Board members also agreed the name Plymouth should be dropped from the front part of the present high school names, and begin calling them Canton and Salem high schools.

The name "Plymouth" is among 37 that were suggested by staff and community members as proposed names for the new high school.

The name Plymouth Superior, brought up by Trustee Judy

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Mardigian, will be the other name on the short list derived by board members Tuesday night.

A high school poll of students conducted earlier this month favored those two names. A subsequent teachers' poll taken by

educator Cyndi Burnstein at the high school complex shows the name Plymouth High School receiving 80 votes, with Plymouth-Superior getting 52 votes.

Board President Susan Davis said she would like to see the letters P-C in front of the high school names because "we need to identify that the schools belong to Plymouth-Canton Schools."

The idea of dropping the name "Plymouth" from the two present schools has been forwarded to the high school principals to determine what affect the name change would have, including on such things as signage and letter jackets.

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# Bike ride

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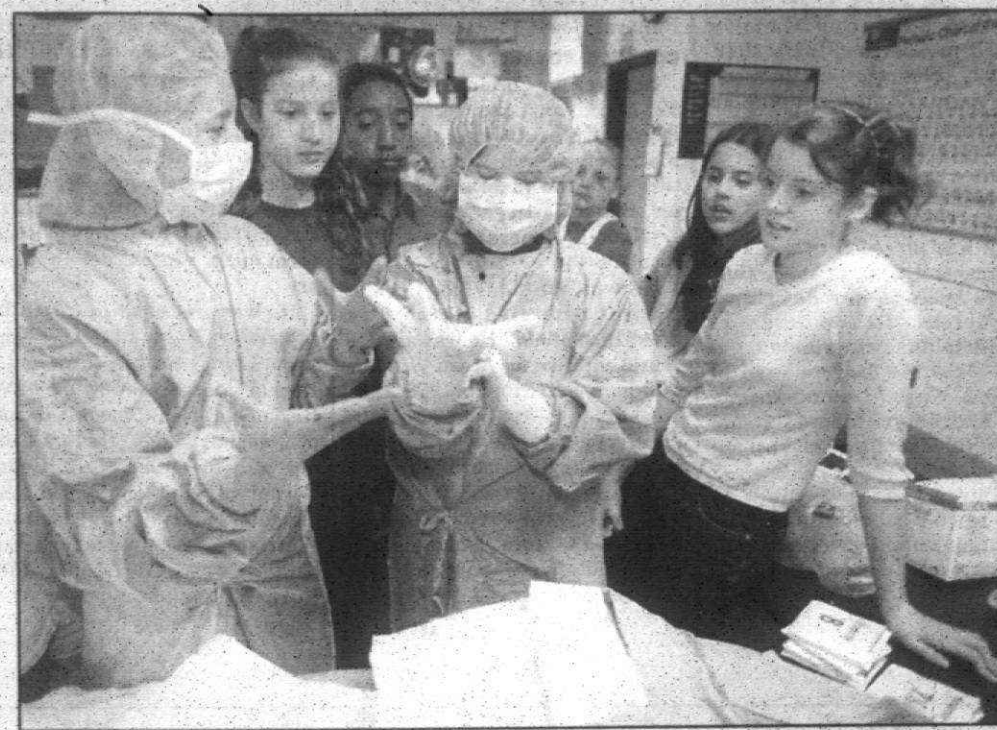
Ann Arbor. The Ronald McDonald House will host a breakfast

break and tours of the facility may be given at that time. Bike officers will then ride back to

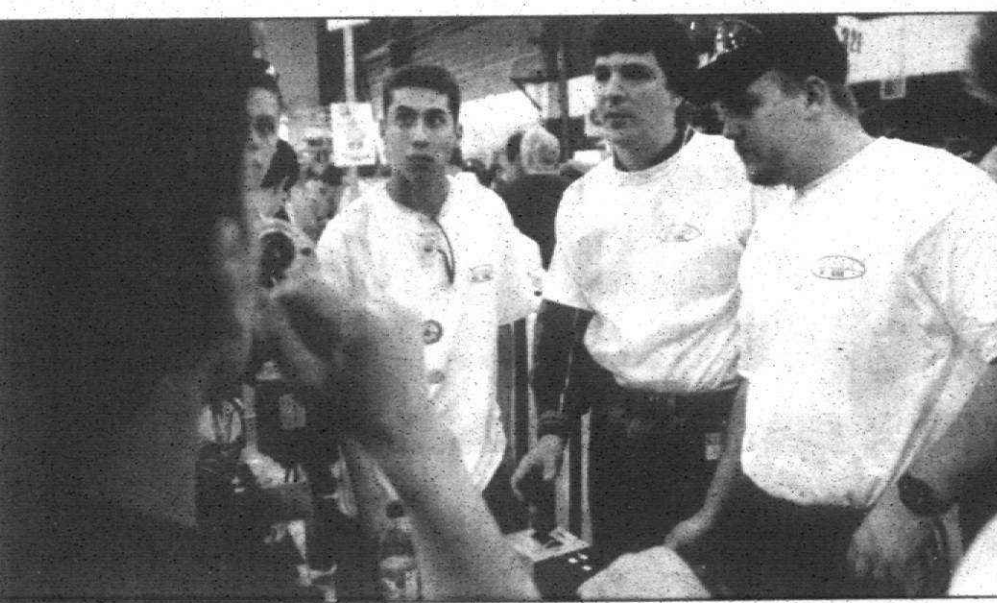
Canton for a victory celebration.

Those interested in donating can call Canton police Sgt. Jerry Hardesty at 397-3000.

# Central students get a taste of work life



Best medicine: Operating room nurse Kris Campbell of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti (left) assists "surgeon" Melissa Dean of Plymouth, 12, on surgical gloves, as Alyse DeMember of Plymouth, 13, looks on (right). Campbell set up a mock OR and explained the various professionals needed for surgery for Career Day at Central Middle School in Plymouth Wednesday. Students got the chance to observe emergency personnel, a beautician, attorneys and public relations professionals among the variety of career opportunities represented.



Final instructions: Tyrone Gallagher (center), head engineer with CTS Creative Technologies, goes over procedures with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students before their first practice run at the regional Robotics Competition held last weekend at Bowen Fieldhouse on the campus of EMU.

# Robotics

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paired with engineers from MascoTech in Canton, an automotive supplier. The challenge?

"FIRST gave us a box of parts and told us to go to it, build a robot that could pick up balls and dump them into another container," said Tucci. "Our first round was shaky, but then we were fine after that."

"Time pressure is the biggest thing," added Brindley. "Developing a machine is a rather big task. Doing it in six weeks is a challenge."

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"It took us nearly three weeks to design it, then we had to

order some special parts. And the last week we built it," he said. "We had problem after problem after problem. It worked, but then something went wrong with the drive train. Eventually we got it fixed. Our first round was shaky, but then we were fine after that."

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already knew. "Some of the robots did things you couldn't put in practical applications," Tucci said. "But, when you went to MascoTech to work on it, you could see some of the things they're doing and some of what you're doing. They were pretty much the same."

MascoTech spent tens of thousands of dollars to sponsor the Canton High School team. Brindley believes that he and the others at the automotive supplier helped spread the message to students that engineers aren't always dry and dull.

"I think we definitely inspired several of the kids with a high level of interest and enthusiasm," said Brindley. "The kids were very interested in engineering and technology."

"I think we showed them it's okay to be a nerd," he said with a laugh.

The national competition, which will be attended by approximately 15 students and five engineers from MascoTech, will be held April 6-8 at Disney World's EPCOT Center in Orlando, Fla.

# Striking win

## Salem team bowls its way to state championship

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A few well-timed strikes, a teammate who helped keep the cool and the thrill of a previous night's victory proved to be what a rookie Salem bowling team needed to become state champions at a high school tournament Saturday.

"It's something that none of us will ever forget," said team member Steve Reitzel of Canton. The night before on his league night, he reached bowler's nirvana by bowling a perfect game of 300.

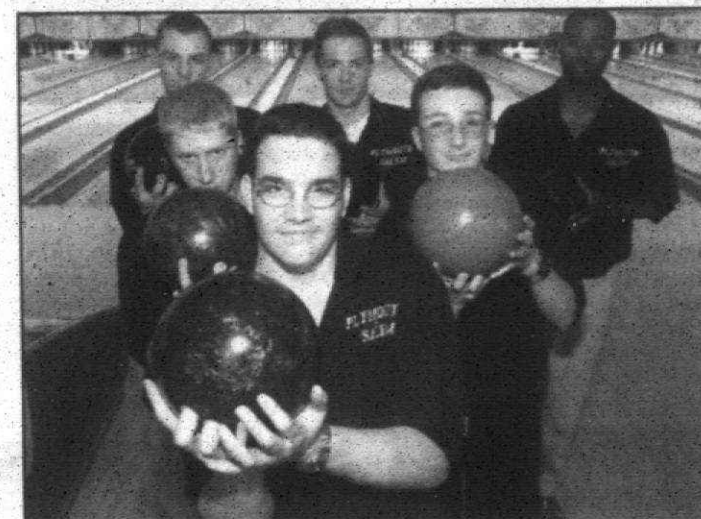
"It's something I'll definitely remember for the rest of my life," Reitzel said.

The High School State Finals tournament drew 46 boys and girls teams from across the state and was held at Century Bowl in Waterford.

Reitzel said teammate Jeff Thomas, a junior, was instrumental in the team's victory. He made sure the team members' excitement didn't get in the way of victory.

"He'd say 'relax, take it one shot at a time - don't think about the outcome,'" Reitzel said.

Thomas' pleas for calm came in especially handy when they played "baker's style" rounds -



Team work: The Plymouth Salem Bowling team of Jeff Thoma (clockwise, from front) Justin Horvath, Cory Caincress, Steve Reitzel, Pat Brown, and Eric Paulus poses for a photo during a recent practice at the Super Bowl in Canton.

where each player bowled only two frames. This made the stakes even higher, Reitzel said. Another valuable teammate was senior Pat Brown, who as "10th frame bowler" helped win some close games with strikes in the final frame and with

"turkeys" - or three consecutive strikes. Reitzel's mother, Janet, who acted as a cheerleader throughout the tournament, said the high school bowlers all seemed to know the meaning of sportsmanship.

# \$10,000 reward offered for arrest of area ATM bandit

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or people responsible for a string of break-ins of automated teller machines.

More than 20 Standard Federal Bank teller machines, some at bank branches but most outside Clark gas stations, have been forced open since December in communities throughout southern Michigan, said special agent

Marcia Grzadzinski, FBI spokeswoman. Most of the break-ins have taken place in the Detroit area, but some have been as far away as Holland and Bay City.

"They're using torches. They're using sledgehammers. They're using anything to just annihilate these machines," Grzadzinski said.

Locally, the break-ins have occurred in Farmington Hills,

Wayne, Troy, Waterford, Commerce Township and Belleville, among other communities. Grzadzinski said.

The FBI is asking anyone with information to call special agent William O'Leary or detective Randy Newlin at the Oakland County FBI office, (248) 858-0692.

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☐ Healthy, Happy Feet

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### FY 2000 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Wednesday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, the Canton Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council will conduct a public hearing on the FY 2000-04 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2000 Canton Township Block Grant (CDBG) Program Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan will guide the community in setting goals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the five-year period described. The FY 2000 CDBG Action Plan will be funded at \$488,000. All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on both items. Comment will be taken on the following project proposals: First Step, \$50,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; HolySource Adult Day Care, \$5,000; Meditation Services, \$5,000; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$12,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; County Transportation System Management; Program Administration, \$87,600; construction contingency, \$44,500; Human Services Center Construction, \$200,000; Housing Rehabilitation, \$40,000. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2000; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Final program decisions are made by the Board of Trustees. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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## OBITUARIES

## RICHARD C. ROSE

Services for Richard C. Rose, 54, of Canton were held March 13 in the Chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Paul Clough of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. He was born Feb. 17, 1946 in Cheverly, Md. He died March 10. He was a sales representative in the railroad industry.

Survivors include his children, Amy, Rachel and Daniel Rose; two brothers; and one sister.

Memorials may be made to Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church or the Canton Public Library.

## CAROLYN SUE GOLDBERG

Services for former Livonia resident Carolyn Sue Goldberg, 59, of Scottsdale, Ariz. were Feb. 22 in Hansen Desert Hills Mortuary of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Mrs. Goldberg was born in Detroit and died Feb. 18, 2000, at her home in Scottsdale. She died after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was raised in Livonia and was a 1959 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. While living in Arizona, she worked as a travel consultant.

Surviving are her husband, Philip; daughter, Jennifer; mother, Violet Allan of Westland; brother, Paul Allan of Chelsea; and sisters, Jane Garner of Plymouth and Julie Allan of Westland.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1624 East Meadowbrook Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016.

## MADELYN VIRGINIA (BLUNK) POTTER

Services for Madelyn Virginia

(Blunk) Potter, 83, of Plymouth will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Independence Village of Plymouth. (No flowers, please.)

She was born Jan. 13, 1917, in Plymouth and died March 11 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor. She graduated from old Plymouth High School in 1934 and worked at Blunk's Furniture Store on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth.

In 1938 she married Donald Potter, also of Plymouth. She was a longtime resident of Plymouth. She was an active member of the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church. During the 1950s she worked as a volunteer administrator for the Huron Valley Girl Scouts. Starting in 1960 she was a cafeteria director at Plymouth High School for over

10 years. Don and Madelyn retired to Tampa, Fla. in 1972. In 1992 they returned to Michigan to make their home in Frankentown. She returned to Plymouth with the opening of Independence Village on Northville Road. She was married for 57 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, in 1995. Survivors include her daughter, Jacquelyn DeLombard of Philadelphia; two granddaughters, Jeannie DeLombard of Tacoma, Wash., Leanne Thompson; and adopted son, Jerrold (Kathryn) Thompson of Ypsilanti.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw or a hospice organization of your choice. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell

## Funeral Home, Plymouth.

## CORBIN E. COVAULT

Services for Corbin E. Covault, 82, of Sylvan Lake (formerly of Plymouth and Crystal River, Fla.) were March 13 in conjunction with the funeral of his sister, Betty Martin, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born July 23, 1917 in Detroit. He died March 9 in West Bloomfield. He was a sales representative for Acorn Window Company, retiring in 1978 after 15 years.

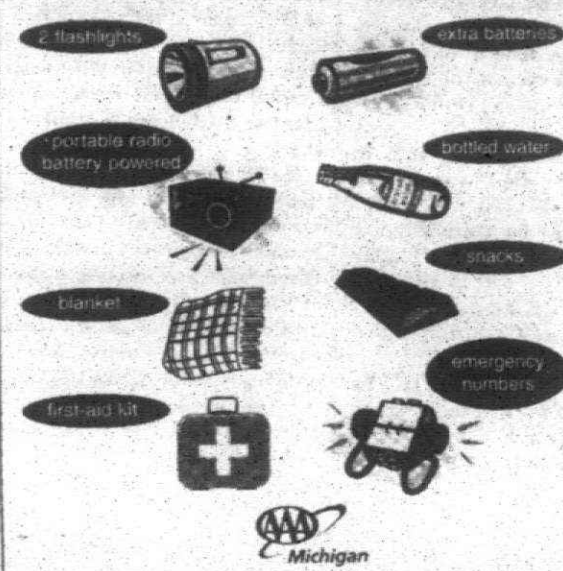
Previously, he was founder and owner of Corbin Window Company in Detroit. While living in Crystal River, Fla., he continued to work at many small jobs. He always enjoyed working. He was born and raised in

Detroit, he moved to the Oakland County area in 1950. He retired to Florida in 1978 and returned to Michigan in 1997. He lived at Independence Village of Plymouth until the summer of 1999. He was a member at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Crystal River, Fla. He was president of St. Vincent dePaul Society.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Martin. Survivors include his four sons, Ronald (Margaret) Covault of W. Bloomfield, Ned (Susan) Covault of Pleasant Ridge, Dennis Covault of Lake Orion, Mark (Gean) Covault of Sand Point, Ind.; one daughter, Mary (Craig) Haiz of Whitmore Lake; seven grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

## Severe Weather Kit

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## Severe weather week puts focus on safety

March 26 to April 1 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The state's storm season runs from April to August, with peak season from May to June.

With volatile weather conditions likely in the spring and summer, state residents need to take steps now to be prepared, says Ric Philips, AAA Michigan manager for Homeowner Claims. To help homeowners and car owners protect their property, AAA Michigan offers the following severe-weather safety tips:

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- Check condition of the roof.
- Repair or replace loose shutters, eaves troughs and downspouts.
- Make sure downspouts direct rainwater at least three feet from the house.
- Trim dead branches off trees.
- Test the operation of the sump pump.
- Seal any cracks in basement walls.
- Clean out basement window wells of debris that prevents proper drainage.
- Fill above-ground pools with water so high winds won't blow the sides in.
- Replace glass storm doors with screens.
- Unplug all electrical appliances during storms.
- Use surge protectors on computers and unplugging during storms or before vacation.
- Secure patio furniture, or put in garage when storms are predicted.
- Tie down mobile homes and arrange for emergency underground shelter.
- Keep items off basement floor and keep floor drains clear.

## For the car:

- Park car in garage or carport, if possible.
- In event of hail, cover vehicle with a tarp or blanket.
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## Friend of Court updates operations

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Efforts are moving along to modernize operations of the Wayne County Friend of the Court and make them more efficient and customer-friendly, officials said Thursday.

Some 345 personal computers already have been installed at the agency and on Monday, office staff began scanning existing files into the computer system, they said.

Those two actions are the latest taken to improve office operations — a task, they said, which began two years ago.

It already has seen installation of an automatic call-distribution system, expanded hours of telephone operation and the opening of one satellite office and the promise of more to come.

Officials said the public should begin to notice improved operations by early summer.

The FOC officials were responding to inquiries by the Observer in the wake of complaints from agency clients about poor service and a vow by a western Wayne County commissioner to have the FOC's operations audited.

The commissioner, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, said earlier in the week she is hopeful but has adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

Friend of the Court handles matters related to child-support.

## Two years

Acting FOC Elena Kerasiotis, a 26-year-veteran of the agency who was put in charge two years

ago, said the changes are all part of an attempt at making the agency "more accessible" and improving its image.

"By making ourselves more accessible to the public, we enhance our image," Kerasiotis said. "We need some good PR."

She and Sharon Pizzuti, assistant FOC for process improvement who also came on board then, said the scanning and other changes make for a "win-win situation."

The reason for the scanning program, called I30C for Instant Information and Images on Computer, is to allow staff to both retrieve and provide information to the public quickly, said Pizzuti.

"It will enable us to get what we need so we can answer what they (the public) expect," she said.

Doris Ryans, FOC director of administrative operations, said the move into "day-forward imaging," wherein current documents will be scanned, is to begin June 1.

When that happens, FOC staff will be able to quickly get any document "without having to



Sharon Pizzuti  
Friend of Court

New system: Jerry Hebron scans the first case file on the new imaging system.

retrieve a paper file," Ryans said.

Noted Kerasiotis, "That should eliminate a lot of faxing and the 'call-you-back when I get a copy of the letter.'"

Eventually, faxes from the courts and attorneys will go directly into the system, she said.

"This is very exciting," said Kerasiotis, who called it "a dream-come-true."

Kerasiotis cautioned, however, that while 17 of Ryans' staffers are handling the preparation, scanning and indexing of the 345,000 back-cases, it likely will take two years to complete.

## Keep 10 years

She said state record-retention law requires back-scanning to 1966. Child-support files also must be maintained for 10 years after the last complaint is received, which means that, though child-support ends at age 19-1/2, files could be maintained nearly 30 years.

Scanning equipment, software,

personnel training and ongoing support cost the agency \$3.2 million, Kerasiotis said.

Other upgrades at the state's largest FOC agency includes the installation Feb. 28 of an automatic call-distribution system.

Available 24 hours a day, it allows callers to order FOC forms without having to come downtown to the FOC in the Penobscot Building.

Six telephone operators have been added to boost the FOC staff to 15. They are available now from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The FOC also opened a satellite office at Connor and Mack in Detroit to handle collection of costs for placing a child in foster care. The agency plans to open another office in Westland by the end of the year, said Kerasiotis.

A third office may open in southwest Detroit, she added.

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## Rouge meeting set

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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The first of three public meetings this year aimed at getting residents of, and businesses located in, Westland, Garden City, the southern half of Livonia and northern Dearborn Heights involved in restoring the Rouge River is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday.

That's when the first Rouge River Public Partnership Forum will take place at Riverside Middle School.

The meeting, part of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, will offer an exchange of information between those involved in the cleanup and residents and business owners and officials.

Those providing information include Kurt Heise, chairman of the Rouge River Remedial

Action Plan Advisory Council; Cathy Bean of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, who's also active in RRAC; Dan Rathbun, whom Heise described as an expert on the Rouge environmental situation; and Barry Johnson of the Rouge program office, an adviser to the Middle 3 subwatershed advisory group.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said citizens "are encouraged to get involved in river activities by, first of all, attending (the forum) and sharing their ideas, dreams and vision for" the river.

Livonia is in two watersheds, the Middle 3 Subwatershed - which is hosting Thursday's meeting - and the Upper Subwatershed.

The first 100 people attending will receive giveaway items. Refreshments will be served.

## County honors women of distinction

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Nine western Wayne County women were among 27 whose professional, community and civic achievements were recognized Thursday during the county Board of Commissioners' first celebration of March as national Women's History Month.

Commission Vice Chairwoman Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioners Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, each honored three.

"Women in Wayne County are trailblazers and heroines," said Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, organizer of the salute.

Interestingly enough, female accomplishments in Wayne County include a commission milestone: of the 15 commissioners, seven are women.

Beard's honorees were:

■ Margaret Harlow of Westland for "her commitment to voluntary activities" such as city committees, various service clubs and to organizations such as the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Business and Professional Women;

■ Theola Jones of Inkster, local events and functions writer for the "Inkster Ledger Star," for her commitment to community activities, sorority projects and her church;

■ Carol Larkin of Garden City for "her many years of dedicated activities on the political scene in Garden City and Wayne County."

Larkin, who's been a voluntary campaign worker, is county campaign finance coordinator and chairwoman of the 13th Congressional Democratic District and former Garden City Democratic Club chairwoman.

Bankes' honorees were:

■ Harriet Larson of Livonia for "her many years of service," including her work on behalf of the Michigan Library System, the Friends of the Detroit Library "and most of all for the Friends of the Livonia Library."

"With the help of others, she has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support the Livonia library system and most recently she has made free books available to children who don't have books," Bankes' resolution said.

■ Fran Toney of Plymouth, director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, for her efforts "to ensure and protect the quality of life for the city of Plymouth as well as Plymouth Township."

"Her efforts on behalf of the business community as well as the residents are an enduring legacy that ensures an enhanced quality of life for all," the resolution said.

■ Karen Woodside of Northville Township "on behalf of the community that she so ably represented as township supervisor."

She led the community through a very important time of expansion and her legacy is yet to be recognized."

Honored by Husk were three Dearborn Heights women - Sharon Fitzgerald, Marge Horvath and Christine Scheuer.

Recognized by the other county commissioners were Dorothy Beard, Emma Bell, Pat Bosch, Angela Burris, Delphia Burton, Odessa Garrison, Marjorie Henry, Marge Horvath, Helen Johnson, Tameka Kennedy, Arlene Meadows, Lerrlyn Nelson, Alice Richardson, Linda Schoonover, Marvaline Solomon, Evelyn Spence, Kit Spencer, Gloria Thomas and Lori White.

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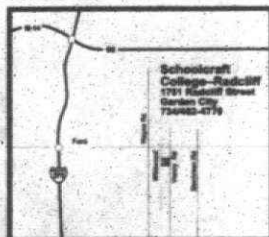
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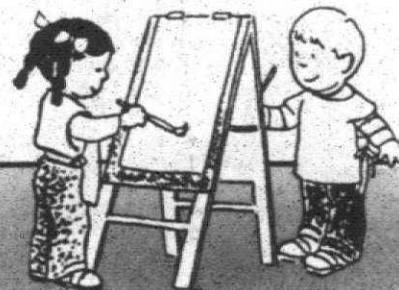
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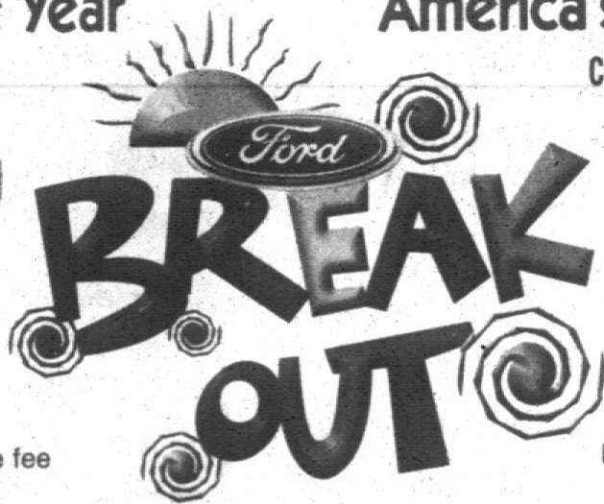
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Jackson's performances earned her All-American status. She totaled 351.65 points on the one-meter, and 370.85 on the three meter.

### Solid start

The University of Michigan's softball team got off to a good start on its spring trip to Florida and Georgia, posting a 12-6 record.

Stephanie Volpe, a Plymouth native and Plymouth Salem graduate, has begun well, too. The sophomore catcher is batting .289 with four doubles among her 11 hits and six runs batted in. She is within one RBI of 50 in her career and has surpassed the 70-hit mark.

Liz Elsner, a freshman from Plymouth (Plymouth Canton HS), saw limited action. Elsner batted twice and did not get a hit.

### Golf league

The Canton Parks and Recreation Men's Golf League will begin April 26 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. A 27-hole facility, Fellows Creek offers three nine-hole courses and a clubhouse with a pro-shop and restaurant.

The 18-week league season costs \$420, which includes all league greens fees, prize money, league outing and awards. Play will be on Wednesdays, with 5-6 p.m. tee times; golfers will be paired as two-man teams for league play.

The league is limited to 36 golfers and is limited to Canton residents only until March 31. There will be a league meeting at 6 p.m. April 19 at Fellows Creek to discuss league rules and regulations.

Register between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

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### Northville leagues

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**Adult women's softball league** — Play will be Tuesdays, May 9-Aug. 8. Cost is \$345 per team for 12 games; umpire fees extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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**Adult men's basketball league** — Play will be Tuesdays or Thursdays from April 18-June 8. Cost is \$310 for eight games; referees fees extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

**Adult volleyball leagues** — Play will be from April 17-June 5, with women's and co-ed competitive leagues playing on Mondays and the co-ed intermediate league on Wednesdays. Cost is \$135 per team, with referee fees extra. Non-residents are \$15 each. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.

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.

## Whalers, PCA post an imposing figure



C.J. RISAK

### News and views

Sweet 16? Forget it . . . that's so retro.

Seventeen's the number for now — well, at least it was until Friday night.

See, seventeen is a figure some teams may never realize, at least when it comes to victories. In a row, that is.

But that's where the Whalers stood going into Friday's game at Guelph. Their win streak was the second longest in Ontario Hockey League history (the longest: 25 by the Oshawa Generals).

Coincidentally, 17 wins in a row — as impressive

as it is — wasn't the sole possession of the Whalers. Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team had a streak that long going into Friday's Class D regional final against Lenawee Christian.

There are differences. The Whalers entered this season in a rebuilding stage; the foundation of last year's squad was playing pro hockey — David Legwand, Paul Mara and Harold Druken were all in the NHL.

Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer said this season's team didn't possess the raw ability last year's did. Which only makes what they've accomplished more remarkable.

Coming into the new year, a playoff berth was not certain thing for Plymouth. The Whalers started to get things going in January, winning six of 10 games,

then really turned it on.

Since losing 2-1 to the Ottawa 67s Jan. 29, the Whalers had not lost until Friday, when the Guelph Storm topped them, 5-3.

Only five losses since December? Hard to believe. Catching Sault Ste. Marie, which was leading the West Division by a comfortable margin in January, seemed unlikely.

But the Whalers surpassed the Greyhounds a month ago. Last weekend they reached another goal: the best record in the OHL, one point more than injury-plagued Ottawa, which had led the league since the season's early stages.

With just two games remaining, the Whalers could

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## A wish unfulfilled Lenawee crushes Eagles' dreams

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

During the record-setting 17-game winning streak Plymouth Christian Academy carried into Friday night's Class D regional final game against Adrian Lenawee Christian, the Eagles' trademark was their ability to build comfortable leads in the first half, and coast in the second.

Incredibly, PCA hadn't trailed in the fourth quarter of a game since January.

Lenawee Christian turned the tables on the Eagles Friday night, surging to a 36-20 half-time advantage before finishing off PCA, 76-43, in a game played at the Hillsdale College Sports Complex.

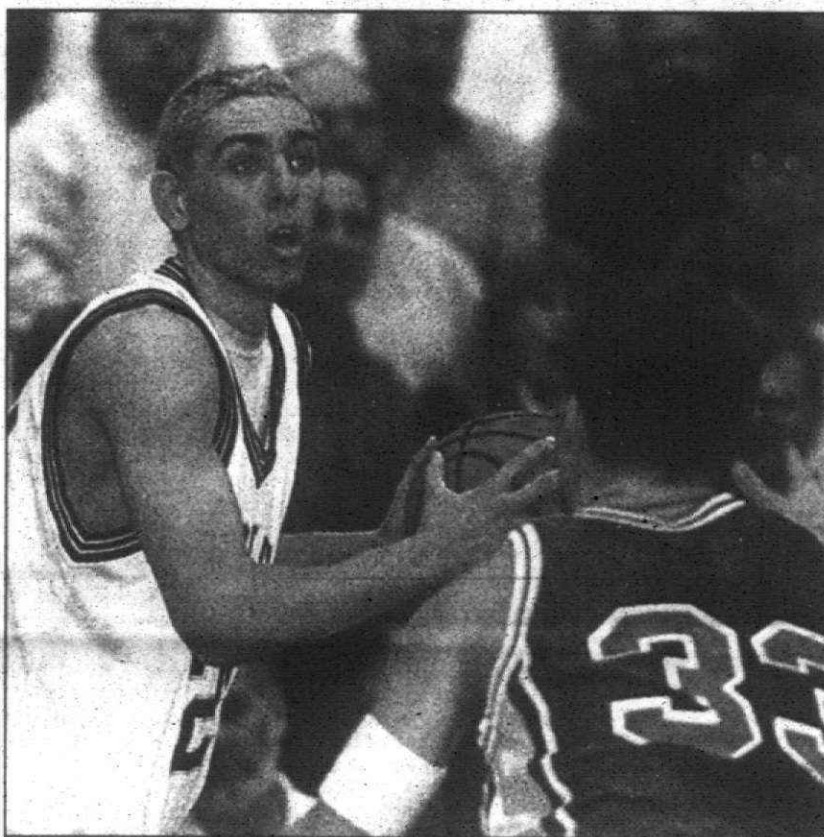
The Eagles (20-5) have now lost in the Class D regional final game two consecutive years.

"One thing we haven't had to do lately is play catch-up," sighed PCA coach Doug Taylor. "Obviously, we're not very good at coming from behind."

"But I am very, very proud of this team for what it has accomplished over the past two seasons. They have made me, their school and their city proud. They have the record for the longest winning streak in school history and Derric (Isensee) scored over 1,000 points for his career. This team accomplished everything I wanted it to."

Lenawee Christian improved to 24-1 with the victory. The Cougars' only blemish this season — a 76-60 setback Feb. 1 at PCA.

"The first time we played Plymouth

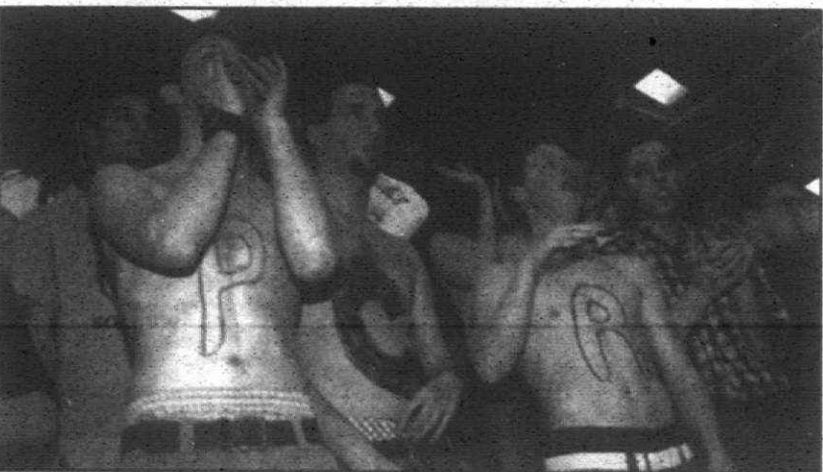


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Christian, they came out and shot extremely well right from the opening tip," said Lenawee Christian coach Jim

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**No answer to be found:** When Plymouth Christian ripped previously unbeaten Lenawee Christian by 16 points Feb. 1, the Eagles thought they could match their longtime nemesis. On Friday, Lenawee proved that to be an incorrect assumption. Dave Carty (above) looked for help but there wasn't much to be found, which was a disappointment to both the team and PCA fans (at left) Jonathan Dale (left, with P), Ryan Bloom (center, with C) and Ryan Copeland (right, with A) who traveled to Hillsdale College in hopes of witnessing a victory.



## 4 Rocks, 2 Chiefs rate with the best

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Bridging the millenium isn't hard when it comes to the All-Observer wrestling team.

There are several familiar faces from a year ago including state champions Josh Gunterman (103 pounds) of Livonia Stevenson and Mitch Hancock (160) of Redford Catholic Central.

Other repeat first-team selections by the area coaches include Ron Thompson (119) of Plymouth Salem, John Mervyn (125) of Livonia Franklin, Rob Ash (125) of Salem, Josh Henderson (140) of Salem and Jeff Usher (145) of Redford Thurston.

Observerland Coach of the Year is Clint Kraft of Livonia Clarenceville, who led the Trojans to a 13-11-1 dual-meet record, a co-championship in the Metro Conference and a Division IV team dual district championship.

Kraft, in his second season, guided the Trojans to the regional finals where they fell to Brown City.

The Trojans placed a pair of grapplers on the squad, Dan Tondreau (119) and Josh Rose (275).

Introducing the 1999-2000 All-Observer wrestling squad as selected by area coaches:

### FIRST TEAM

**Josh Gunterman, 103, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior capped his stellar career with two state titles and 99 career victories (with only 17 losses), including a 43-0 record this season and 56 straight wins dating back to his junior year.

### ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING

This season he finished first in regional, district and was named Observerland Invitational MVP. He also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association crown, along with the Garden City, Redford Catholic Central, Stevenson and Livonia City championships.

"It's not often you have the pleasure as a coach to have a two-time state champion," Stevenson's Joel Smith said. "Having Josh was truly that. He was powerful, technically sound, along with a willing-to-try anything attitude. He is definitely a goal-oriented athlete and a blue chipper."

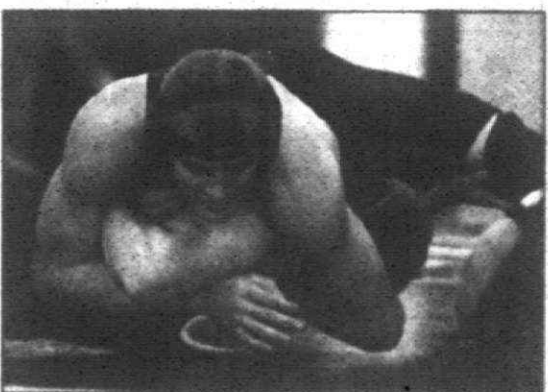
**Chris O'Hara, 112, Redford CC:** The junior moves into his final year after posting a 38-11 record this season and a 59-23 mark for his career.

O'Hara placed at the Observerland, Detroit Catholic League and Catholic Central meets and finished fourth in the Division I regional to qualify for the state individual meet. If he hopes to qualify next year, he might have to do it in a different class.

"Chris is now a true contender in the state of Michigan, as far as wrestlers are measured," said CC wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez. "He is going to have more fun next year at 150 pounds."

**Dan Tondreau, 112, Clarenceville:** The senior finished 43-16 this season and 137-54 in his career (a school record).

Tondreau wound up fourth in his weight class at the Division IV individual state meet after fourth-place finishes at the district and regional. He was a three-time Metro Conference champion. As a junior he won three invitational titles.



**Three-time selection:** Salem's Josh Henderson has been on the all-Observer team three times. He was 44-10 this season.

"Dan has been a valuable asset to our lower weights for four years," Clarenceville coach Clint Kraft said. "He has continuously improved from his freshman year all the way through the state meet."

"He deserves a lot of credit for the improvement in our younger wrestlers at the lower weights. Dan has a strong determination to never give up and is probably the best come-from-behind wrestler I have ever coached."

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**Ron Thompson, 119, Ply. Salem:** Thompson had little experience in wrestling when he first came out for the team three years ago, and it showed. Now, he's the second-best wrestler in the state at his weight class.

Thompson, a senior, gave Nov's Dan Jig, a battle before losing 4-2 in the Class A state individual finals. He was first at the WLAA finals, first at the Overland Tournament, unbeaten in the Adrian Tournament, the Wyandotte Invitational champ, and he was second at the district and regional tournaments. Thompson posted a 49-7 record this season. In two varsity seasons, he was 99-22.

"It really is nice when you get an over-achiever," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "Ron progressed from the junior varsity as a sophomore to seventh in the state as a junior to second in the state as a senior."

"He is one of the hardest workers we've had. Ron also makes my all-time favorite persons team."

Thompson plans to attend Michigan State in the fall and wants to continue wrestling.

**Jon Simmons, 119, Farmington:** Simmons finished off an excellent high school career with a 42-12 season that included first-place finishes in the district and regional.

Simmons, who was second in the WLAA tournament, wound up taking a fourth in his second straight state meet.

"What Jon has accomplished in 1 1/2 years of wrestling experience is phenomenal," said his coach, Al Beyer. "He never had a wrestler with more innate ability, strength, quickness and balance."

Together with his intense spirit and enthusiasm, he was able to overcome his lack of experience to become All-State.

Simmons had a career mark of 56-21. John Mervyn, 125, Liv. Franklin: The December transfer from Salem finished fourth in the Division I individual meet and a 34-3 overall record.

He was second in the regional, district champion, WLAA champ and Livonia City champ.

"John is an outstanding wrestler and I was honored to coach him," Franklin coach Tony Ventimiglia said. "He knew what he had to do to get where he ended up."

"He was constant, always went to practice and ran all the time. He's a very dedicated wrestler."

**Rob Ash, 125, Ply. Salem:** A senior, Ash reached the state individual finals, where he placed eighth. It was a solid accomplishment for a solid, three-year varsity wrestler.

For the third consecutive season, Ash reached the WLAA finals in his weight division. He completed the year with a 48-9 record; for his career, he was 109-31.

"Rob did a very good job this year," said Krueger. "I was really impressed with him."

"Rob had a great year. We will all miss him."

**Jeff Albrecht, 130, Westland Glan:** The senior finished the year with a 28-9 record, including an 89-49 career mark.

Seeded third at Overland, Albrecht won his weight class by upsetting the top two seeds. He also won the Wyallant Invitational and finished third at the district.

He never placed higher than fourth in any regular season tournament.

"Jeff was a good captain in the classroom and on the mats," Glenn coach Keith Zimmerman said. "He dedicated himself to the sport of wrestling and his hard work has put him in the eye of the camera."

"We are proud of his accomplishments. His leadership will be missed by his teammates and coaches."

**Jeff Wheeler, 135, Redford CC:** Wheeler ended his senior year with a fine 39-7 mark and an 82-24 overall mark. He finished first in the Catholic League, as well as the individual Division I districts and regionals, then placed sixth at the state meet.

"Jeff had a great year this past season," Rodriguez said. "He had a 360-degree turnaround by the time of the Overland Tournament and kept up his intensity all the way to states. Hard work and discipline paid off for him."

**Josh Henderson, 140, Ply. Salem:** Henderson certainly faced the state's best, giving them a battle all the way.

A senior, Henderson posted a 44-10 record this year. Eight of his losses were to wrestlers who were all-state, with Canton's John Pocock claiming the other two. This is his third time on the all-Observer squad.

For his career Henderson was 141-40, with three district, three regional and three Overland championships.

"He lost to the state champ, 1-0," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "We will miss Josh. He always kept us on our toes."

**John Pocock, 140, Ply. Canton:** This was a coming-out year for Pocock, a senior. He finished first at the Canton Invitational, first at the Falcon Invitational and first at the Novi Tournament.

His 38-8 season-record included 97 takedowns; for his career, he was 105-25.

"John has a tremendous work ethic," said Canton coach John Demick. "He's a team leader and an outstanding wrestler."

**Jeff Usher, 145, Red. Thurston:** Usher qualified for the state Division II tournament for the first time this year in a fitting finish to a fine career.

He had a record of 33-8 this year and 127-25 for his career, won the Michigan Mega Conference Blue division and qualified for the Division II regionals, three times and was a two-time member of the all-Observer team. He also won the Gibraltar Carlson tourney twice and the Monroe Jefferson tourney once.

**Imad Kharbush, 152, Liv. Stevenson:** The junior finished third in the state with a final record of 46-3. His career mark was 103-34.

Kharbush also finished first in the regional, district, WLAA, Overland (MVP) and Garden City tournaments. He was also runner-up at the Salem and CC Invitations.

As a sophomore, Kharbush was a state qualifier.

"Imad is a hard-working student-athlete," Smith said. "He is a strong-willed individual, always striving toward his goals. He's always open to new insight and is a pleasure to have in the room."

"Next year we will look to him for his leadership in the room and his performance on the mats."

**Mitch Hancock, 160, Redford CC:** Hancock ended his career on top, going a perfect 50-0 and a state championship. Overall, Hancock's four-year record was 179-12 and went to the state tourney for the last three years. He's won titles in Solon (Oh.), Goodrich, the Catholic League Invitational, the Overland Tourney as well as finished first in the district, regional and Catholic League.

"Mitch is an outstanding young man... one of a kind," said Rodriguez. "It has been a privilege for our coaches to have worked with him over these past four years."

**Ryan Rogowski, 171, Redford CC:** It will be tough for Rogowski's next two years to match his first two. The sophomore went 37-12 this year and is 65-19 overall. He was first at the Overland and Catholic League meets as well as the district. Rogowski also placed second in the regionals and was eighth at the state meet.

"It was not a mystery in the wrestling room that Ryan was going to states this year," said Rodriguez. "His brother, Casey, was a two-time champ and Ryan is on his way to best his record."

**Phil Rothwell, 189, Ply. Canton:** A big part of Canton's promising future rests with Rothwell.

The sophomore had a superb season, going 31-9 and finishing first at the Canton Invitational (where he was chosen the meet's Outstanding Wrestler) and at the Overland Tournament. He holds the sophomore pin record with 21.

For his career, he's 50-20.

"Phil has come a long way for a two-year wrestler," said Canton coach John Demick. "When he's pumped up, he's hard for anyone to beat."

**Mike Popeney, 189, Ply. Salem:** The final season in Popeney's prep career

## 1999-2000 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAM

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### SECOND TEAM

103: Kyle Pitt, Canton; 132: Chris Smith, Garden City; 139: Pat Seyn, Garden City; 129: John Gregg, Wayne; 130: Vinnie Zoccol, Garden City; 138: Steve Desjardins, Salem; 146: Jay Abidine, Redford CC; 148: Chris Conzider, Stevenson; 152: Mike Carter, Livonia Church; 160: Erik Toska, Franklin; 171: John MacFarland, Stevenson; 189: Eric Purniske, Stevenson; 218: Kyle Demagali, Farmington; 275: Brian Brieden, Farmington; Derek McWart, Canton.

### THIRD TEAM

103: Kyle Malo, Churchill; 112: Harry Lesnitz, Novi; Farmington; 119: Paul Goy, Wayne; 125: Dymack, Canton; 128: Chris Hovey, Canton; 139: Chris Peterson, Redford CC; 139: Brandon Tompkins, Garden City; 146: Josh Fee, Garden City; 148: Jon Fossan, Canton; Mike Weaver, Redford CC; 152: Mike Faison, Stevenson; 160: Mike Nuttall, Farmington; 171: Ben Lucas, Farmington; 189: Steve Rosenbinder, Clarenceville; 219: Kaiten McPherson, Clarenceville; 275: Dan Hine, Stevenson.

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Clarenceville: Jose Aguilar; Livonia Stevenson: Jose Francisco; Canton: Kevin Rodriguez; Glog Muser; Scott McKee; Stevenson: Steve Galy, Jason Fischer; Bly Bullock; Matt Bailey; Tim McCarthy; Garden City: Scott Massey; Brian Reed, Craig Medos; Redford Union: Olie Muscarella; Jesse Stevens, Eric Kelly; Redford CC: Adam Stacey, Tim Mulroy, Ben Krueger; Chris Cracolo, Nate Rodriguez; Matt Markowicz, Matt Williams; John Giesse; Euse Guntz, Chris Wolfgang; Jack Selva; Enrique Garcia; Katherine Martins; Beth Hamilton; Trevor Clarke; Farmington Hills Harrison; Rainy Sulaiman, Rob Miller; St. Ignace: Julietta Ierina; Farmington: Aaron Turk, Tom Mahon, James Claren; Josh Pauley, Mark Ostach; Dustin Gross; Salem: Mark Goethe, Zack Jensen, Andrew Bennett, Lucas Stump; Nick Monodis; Churchill: Steve Lenhardt; Brian Clement; Liv. Meridian; Brian Jones, Alex Murray; Tom Vandenbosche; Steve Abur; Joe Helmick.



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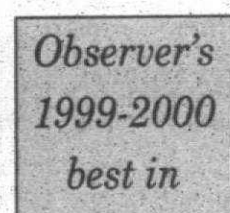
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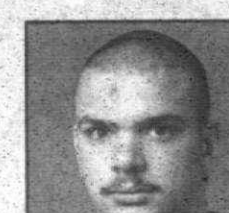
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# Cruisers finish 3rd; Dzialo sets 3 records

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers enjoyed another stellar performance at the Michigan Team Swim League State Championship Meet, finishing third out of 23 teams and winning the 11-12 girls age division.

Harbor Springs and Saginaw were first and second, respectively.

The Cruisers did have several individual state champions, including Plymouth Salem freshman Ben Dzialo, who won the 13-14 year-old boys 50-yard and 100-yard freestyles and the 100 butterfly, setting new meet records in each.

## SWIMMING

Plymouth Canton sophomore Matt Wisniewski was also a big winner for the Cruisers, collecting firsts in the 15-18 boys 50, 100 and 200 freestyles.

Other winners for the Cruisers included Ellen Palczynski, who won the 8-and-under girls 50 free; Kelley Hodges, first in the 9-10 girls 50 fly; and Nick Dixon, first in the 13-14 girls 500 freestyle.

Other Cruiser scorers were:

**8-and-under division (girls)** — Palczynski, third in the 100 individual medley and 25 breaststroke.

**9-10 division (girls)** — Hodges, sixth in the 100 IM, seventh in the 50 backstroke; Megan Hodges, third in the 50 back, fourth in the 100 free, sixth in the 50 free; Chris Marica, second in the 100 IM, fifth in the 100 free, eighth in the 50 free.

**11-12 division (girls)** — Kristen Woods, third in the 50 back, fourth in the 100 free, sixth in the 200 free; Maggie Fisher, eighth in the 200 free, 11th in the 50 free, 12th in the 100 free; Elaine Lafayette, ninth in the 100 IM, eighth in the 100 free; Ashley Aquino, fifth in the 50 fly, eighth in the 50 free; Allison

Arble, fifth in the 50 free; 200 medley relay team of Woods, Arble, Aquino and Fisher, second; 200 medley relay team of Stacy Yee, Patricia Ahern, Lafayette and Hannah Walters, sixth; 200 free relay team of Walters, Yee, Ahern and Aquino, fifth.

**11-12 division (boys)** — Penn Chou, second in the 100 IM and 50 breast; fourth in the 50 free; Alex Marica, fourth in the 50 back, seventh in the 50 free, eighth in the 100 free; Joseph LaRiche, sixth in the 50 free, seventh in the 50 breast, ninth in the 100 free.

**13-14 division (girls)** — Celine Nambridge, third in the 500 free, ninth in the 200 free; Heather Michalsen, second in the 200 IM, third in the 100 fly; Allison Goldsmith, eighth

in the 50 free; 200 medley relay team of Nambridge, Michalsen, Goldsmith and Danielle Powers, fourth.

**13-14 division (boys)** — Nick Dixon, second in the 200 free and 100 back; Nick Yee, fourth in the 100 free, fifth in the 100 breast, eighth in the 50 free.

**15-18 division (boys)** — Ryan Ahern, second in the 500 free, seventh in the 200 free, and 50 free; Adam Sonnarstine, second in the 200 IM, third in the 500 free, sixth in the 100 breast; Brad Herbeck, third in the 100 back, fifth in the 100 fly, 12th in the 100 free; 200 medley relay team of Herbeck, Sonnarstine, Wisniewski and Ahern, third.

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enter the playoffs with the home advantage throughout.

There are several reasons for their success. Their defense, in particular their penalty killing, has sparked; they lead the OHL in killing penalties with an 85.1 success percentage (through March 9).

They have allowed a league-low 159 goals (about 2.5 per game), with goalie Rob Zepp leading the OHL in goals against average (2.37). And they rank first in goals scored with 244. Their goal differential is third best.

This team has done more than anyone could have expected. Whatever happens in the playoffs, this will be a season to remember.

**PCA rolling, too**

Now for PCA, which — unlike the Whalers — entered the season with all sorts of lofty expectations. A junior-dominated team a year ago, the Eagles reached the regional final before losing to Lenawee Christian.

Since that time, their sights were focused. Another state tournament run, only take this one even further.

Unfortunately, PCA didn't play that way coming out of the gate. Four losses in its first six games left coach Doug Taylor wondering what was going on.

But after losing back-to-back contests, mid-lagacy to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Southfield Christian, the Eagles soared.

Yet their destiny proved no better. Lenawee Christian, a team PCA had beaten by 16 (the Cougars only lost of the season) on Feb. 1, crushed the Eagles in Friday's regional final.

Four seniors carried PCA: 6-foot-3 forward Derric Isensee, 6-guard Dave Carty, 6-4 center Mike Huntsman and 5-11 point guard A.J. Sherrill. All four averaged in double figures in scoring.

Too bad that they couldn't extend the season a few more games, but if it's any consolation, the team the Eagles fell to was no slouch.

And 17-straight's not too bad.

**Season to remember**

Last Tuesday, Detroit Pershing eliminated Plymouth Salem from the state basketball tournament with a 16-point win in a Class A regional semifinal. Losing a state playoff game can be devastating to a group of high school kids. But I can't believe it had that kind of impact on these guys.

This has been a season that brought new perspective to the Rocks. When they witnessed their teammate, Mark Bolger, collapse at halftime of their game against Livonia Stevenson Jan. 28, learning later he had died, the importance of the game they labored to master slipped.

But their season progressed. Dedicating it to the memory of their fallen comrade — players each wore black armbands with Bolger's number 30 on it, and at game's end they always huddled at center court for a prayer — Salem ended up with a 13-10 record, going 7-5 after his death.

Included in that was a trip to the Western Lakes Activities Association playoff final and a district championship.

By Salem standards those numbers are modest, but this was not a season whose success was determined by win/loss figures. The Rocks battled their emotions, refocused their attention and emerged as winners.

There's no other way to describe them.

**Top coaching jobs**

This is one area in which the

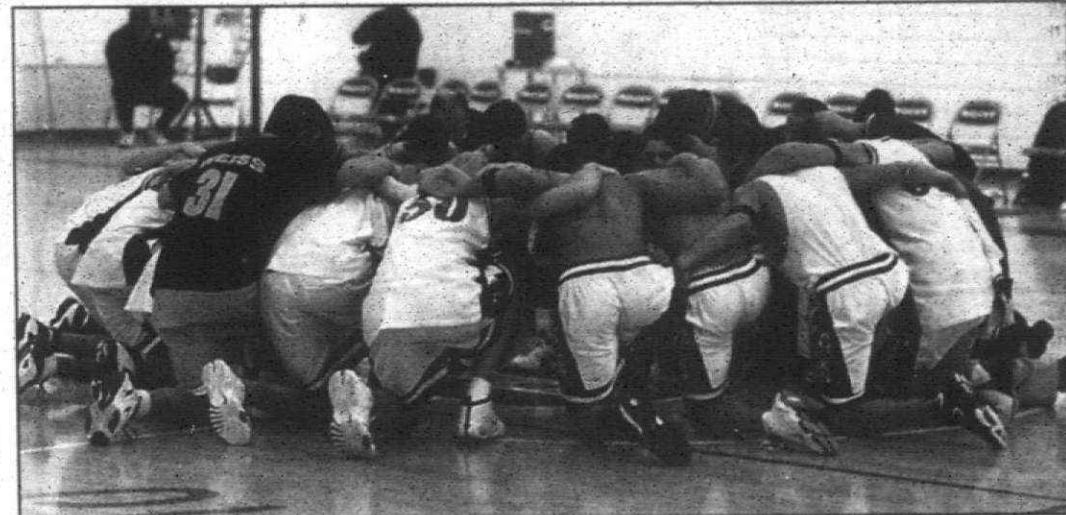
the Rocks, he's guided them to the state quarterfinals twice. That's pretty darn good.

Special commendation goes to Salem's Bob Brodie, whose even-handed coaching approach worked wonders in helping keep the Rocks' basketball team together after Bolger's tragic death.

Others worth noting: Salem swim coach Chuck Olson, who guided the Rocks to an eighth-straight WLAA championship; PCA basketball coach Doug Taylor, whose patience with a team that will follow a silly mistake with a 10-point run is one big reason the Eagles reached the Class D regional final; and of course Canton wrestling coach John Demick, who guided the Chiefs to a school record 19 dual meet wins.

And let's not forget the Whalers' DeBoer, either.

In his two years as coach of



A time for prayer: The Feb. 11 game between Plymouth Salem and North Farmington was intense and hard-fought, but when it was over both teams knelt together at center court to remember Salem's Mark Bolger, who died two weeks earlier.

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## GOLF NEWS

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On May 22, qualifying will be held at Greystone Golf Club in Romeo, Forest Akers Golf Club-West in East Lansing, Gull Lake Country Club in Richland and Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

On May 23, Western, Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, The Fortress in Frankenmuth and The Highlands in Grand Rapids will hold qualifiers.

Applications are available at the qualifying sites and the Michigan Section PGA office, by calling (734) 522-2323. The \$200 entry fee and completed application must be received at the Michigan PGA Office by Tuesday, May 9 at 5 p.m.

## Adray Tourney set

The eighth annual Mike Adray Memorial Golf Tournament will

be held Wednesday, May 17, at Mystic Creek Golf Club at Camp Dearborn in Milford. The tournament will benefit scholarships at Henry Ford Community College and has provided 176 scholarships for students in past years.

The package features lunch, 18 holes of golf, dinner and silent and live auctions for \$195. A dinner/auktion only package is available for \$85.

For information on the outing, call HFCC's Office of Development at (313) 845-9880. For information about contributing prizes for the event, call (313) 845-6493.

## PCA hoop

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Brown. "Their confidence grew as a result of their shooting, and they really took it to us."

"Tonight, we were the ones who came out and hit our shots early. The key for us was that we received contributions from a lot of different kids, not just the starters."

All the momentum PCA brought into the game was snuffed quickly by Lenawee Christian senior forward Doug Gray, who swished two three-point bombs in the opening minute to give the Cougars a lead they would never relinquish.

Gray proved to be unstoppable inside as well as beyond the arc, finishing with a game-high 25 points.

On the way to his 18 first-half points, Gray drew three fouls on PCA's primary inside offensive threat, Michael Huntsman, who, as a result of the foul trouble, played just one minute in the second quarter.

Despite the Cougars' 16-point lead at the break, both coaches knew PCA was only a couple David Carty three-pointers and

an Isensee baseline drive from getting back into the game.

"During halftime, I didn't even talk about the big lead," Brown revealed. "I told the kids that they had to go out and win the first three minutes of the third quarter. I stressed to my players that Plymouth Christian was a very, very dangerous team that was capable of scoring a lot of points in a hurry."

Taylor said he was also confident his team had at least one more run in it.

"I thought we could turn it around if we came out fast in the second half," he said. "But we came out and took bad shots three straight trips down the court, and we never really got into our offense. Plus, we only had two defensive rebounds in the first half."

"We just didn't play well, and Lenawee Christian had a great game. They shot the ball extremely well tonight."

Gray opened the second half with a strong drive to the basket, making it 38-20, but Isensee countered with a pair of free

throws.

The Cougars then went on to a 16-6 run to completely extinguish any comeback plans PCA may have had.

Lenawee Christian senior guard Ben Brown (the coach's son) was the only Cougar besides Gray to score in double figures, pumping in 22 points. Brown, who connected on four-of-nine three-point shots, also dished out four assists and grabbed five rebounds.

Huntsman led the Eagles with 10 points and eight rebounds. Isensee and Carty capped sterling careers with sub-par games, scoring just eight points a piece. PCA shot just 31 percent from the field (13-of-43), but shined at the charity stripe, hitting 15-of-19 shots.

Lenawee Christian shot the lights out, nailing 28-of-49 field goals. The Cougars could have earned frequent-shooter credits at the free-throw line in the foul-filled fourth quarter, sinking 12-of-18.

PCA turned the ball over 20 times and was outrebounded, 33-23.

## SEASON/DATES

RABBIT  
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

## CLASSES/CLINICS

## FLY TYING

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

## MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

## ARCHERY

## OUTDOOR 3-D SHOOT

Royal Oak Archers, Inc. of Lake Orion, is presenting a recreational archery shoot on Sunday, March 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Located on Orion Road one-half mile west of Adams Road, Royal Oak Archers has 30 targets over 39 acres. Ask about the youth Archery Olympic classes and various adult competitions. For more information, call Dave Piet

at (248) 545-8107, Pete Angel at (810) 939-1273 or Doug Waite at (248) 628-1076.

## DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

## LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

## ACTIVITIES

## DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310. The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also hold a Sportsmen's Game Dinner March 18 at Bishop William F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The dinner is open to the public and doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

## BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payouts will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

## CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gan-

der Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

## METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-

5027 for more information.

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

for more information.

## FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0943 for information.

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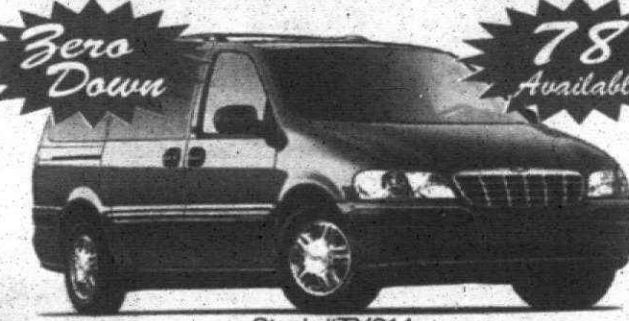
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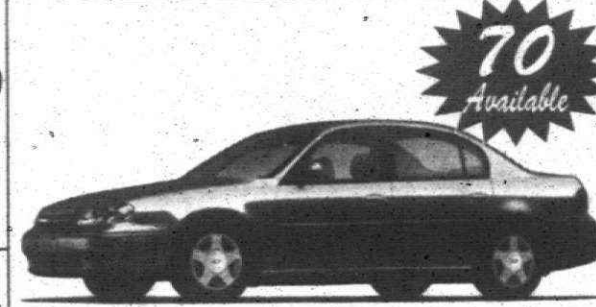
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Exhibits show local artists of all mediums

Artists aren't letting March doldrums get them down. They're too busy creating, exhibiting, and attending classes and meetings. Many artists have found that these classes and clubs strengthen their skills and provide venues to show their work.

From Farmington to Livonia and Plymouth, there are several opportunities to view paintings and photography being done by local artists. Here's a guide to what's going on:

#### VAAL student exhibit

The watercolors are vibrant and bright in a show of work by Edee Joppich's students in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library through Thursday, March 30. Joppich, a well-known Farmington Hills artist, has been teaching her "Creative Approach to Watercolor" class at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia for 25 years. She currently is exhibiting work in her 31st one-woman show at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing through Sunday, April 2. For information and directions, call (517) 484-1880.

"Mixing all levels of experience in one class is helpful to everyone," said Joppich. "It's a very academic approach. Each project adds to their experience. They all have talent but they have to learn to challenge themselves."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**New life:** Staci Miron holds her six-month-old son Paul, the inspiration for the exhibit of art works behind her.

The show is unified by a theme — flowers. The class began by doing collage and then transplanting it into watercolor. The result is a variation of patterns coming together in one work. Not to be missed is Canton artist Kay Rowe's "Island Exotics." Iguanas seem to come out of nowhere to surround a huge pink hibiscus.

"Each of these have elements from the student's life," said Joppich. "You paint yourself. No matter what the painting, you are in the painting."

The VAAL show is one of three sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission in two venues every month. Next door to the gallery in the circular showcases is a whimsical exhibit by the Michigan Doll Makers Guild continuing through Thursday, March 30.

Members of the Palette Guild exhibit primarily realistic works with a dash of expressionism through Friday, March 31 at Livonia City Hall. Westland artist Annalee Davis shows a multiple portrait of the cats for which she is famous.

#### Livonia Camera Club

There's something for everyone in the Livonia Camera Club exhibit continuing to Friday, March 24 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The color and black and white photography focuses on subjects ranging from lighthouses to sunsets and still life. The Livonia Camera Club meets at 8 p.m. on the first three Thursdays of the month at Grant Elementary School in Livonia.

Leo K. Price's photograph is like a still life painting: Livonia photographer Kelly Dobson captures the golden light in an inside view of the dome at the State Capitol building. Seid A. Moosani's close-up look at three calla lilies sets a somber mood in black and white. Not to be missed is Richard

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## ...PHOTOGRAPHER AIMS TO CAPTURE LIGHT



PHOTOS BY JAMES L. AHO  
STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

James L. Aho sometimes goes to extremes when he wants to capture a subject with the lens of his camera. An umbrella in the left hand, camera in the right, the Westland photographer snapped a portrait of legendary jazz pianist Dave Brubeck in the pouring rain during the 1999 Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. Minutes later, the performance was stopped for fear the musicians would be electrocuted.

Brubeck, Kenny Burrell, Elvin Jones, and Kenny Garrett are a few of the images in a 30-year retrospective of Aho's work at Focus: HOPE in Detroit.

The official photographer for the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival (renamed the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival), Aho walks through the display of 58 photographs eagerly telling the story behind each image. The photograph of Brubeck holds memories of the first time Aho heard a recording by the jazz great at 10 years of age. Aho's loved the American art form ever since. But Aho's exhibit goes beyond capturing performers at Montreux Detroit. It's all about "A Quality of Light."

#### Process

Aho goes lost in the process of creating images that challenge his skills. It took him two hours to find his way out of the woods after photographing a lone wildflower growing amidst

foliage on the forest floor of the Bald Mountain Recreation Area near Lake Orion.

While photographing the interior of a rustic cabin, or a student kneeling in the rectory of St. Anne's Church in Detroit, Aho uses natural light to bathe his subjects in tranquility.

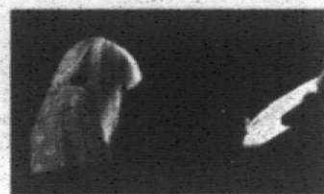
"Two things that attract me are the quality of light — how light caresses," said Aho. "And simple subjects. I love simple subjects that evoke an emotional response. There's almost always a serenity in all of these."

From a self-portrait taken 30-years ago in Birmingham, to the roof of a Canton Township barn that has long since been torn down, the images record Aho's history. The photograph of a shop window, piled with boxes of Trend detergent in Dearborn, was taken while mentoring students in a Focus: HOPE photography project. Aho came up with the idea for the annual series of workshops while carrying out his duties as manager of Focus: HOPE's communications department. "Focus on the Mission" exposes high schools students from the tri-county area to cultural diversity.

"I don't capture these subjects to document," Aho said. "It's something I'm responding to emotionally."

#### Influences

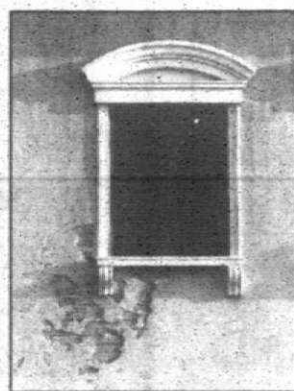
One of Aho's earliest influences was Ansel Adams whom he met at a 1974 reception for an exhibition by the master lensman in an old white



Jazz pianists: Taslimah Bey (above left) and Carla Bley were two of the performers at Montreux in 1999.



**Memories:** One of the Westland photographer's favorite portraits is of his daughter Kelley, now age 24.



**Historical element:** Architectural details from structures across the U.S. can be seen in James L. Aho's one-man show.



**Heartfelt:** This portrait is another favorite because it features his wife of 30 years — Karen.



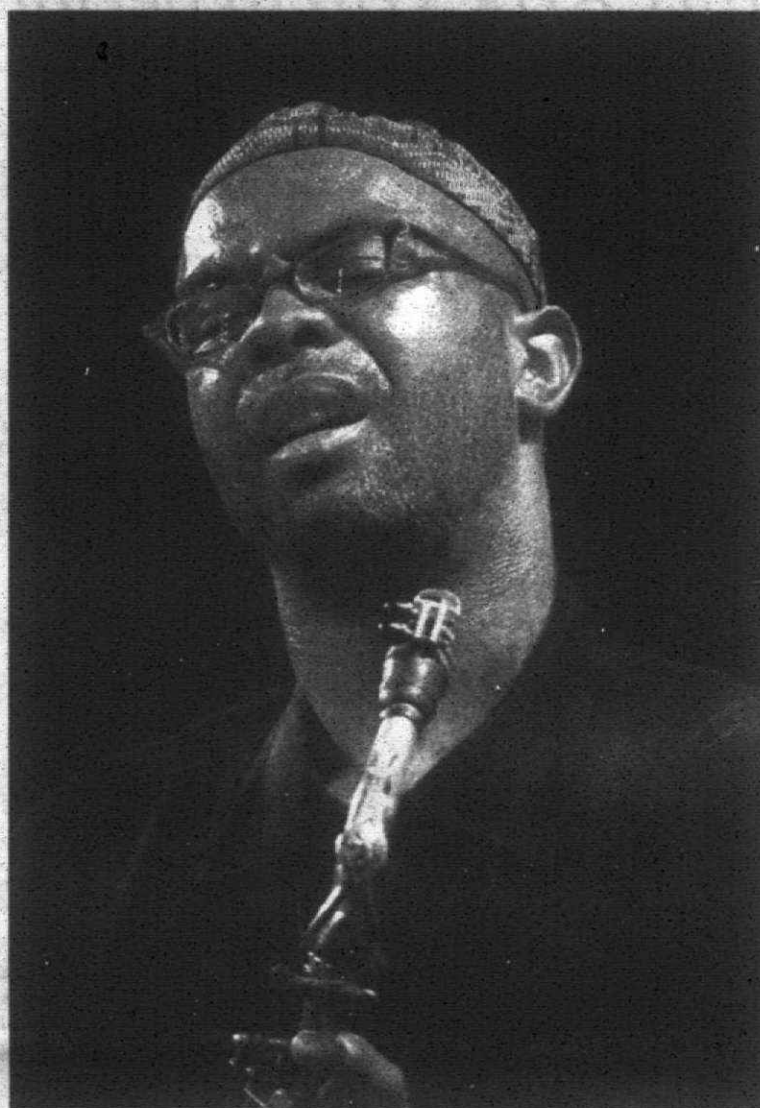
**Barkless tree:** James L. Aho captures a variety of subject matter including nature.



#### "A QUALITY OF LIGHT"

**What:** Three decades of photography by James L. Aho.  
**When:** Through Monday, April 3. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**Where:** Focus: HOPE Gallery, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit. Call (313) 494-5500 for information.



**Hot time:** James L. Aho captured the moods of drummer Elvin Jones (above) and Kenny Garrett at the event now known as the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

house in Birmingham known as the 831 Gallery. The space, now located on North Woodward, became the Halsted Gallery. Aho still has the poster from the exhibit by Adams.

"He emphasized visualizing on what you're shooting, what you want to end up as the print."

Aho fell in love with photography after buying his first camera shortly

after graduating from high school. Before long, he was doing his own darkroom work. In the '70s and '80s, Aho was almost never without the camera he kept loaded on the passenger seat of his car. He shot primarily in black and white during those early days.

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## CONCERT

### Dancers balance program with ballet and modern



**Spring concert:** Dance Ensemble West's senior company: Valerie Müller (left to right, standing), Colleen Badgero, Heather Fountain (director), Andrea Miller, Lindsay Conklin (left to right, seated) Christen Ogden and Anne Bresler.

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Heather Fountain will tell you in no uncertain terms that the senior company of Dance Ensemble West deserves to perform in the Gala Concert at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo in May.

But before they do, the Plymouth-based dance company will preview "Six Souls," their winning piece, in a spring concert Saturday, March 25 at the Plymouth Canton Little Theater. The Dance Collection 2000 program

features a combination of ballet and modern dance by members of the apprentice, junior and senior companies.

"They worked hard and were among the three chosen from the 16 pieces adjudicated in East Lansing in February," said Fountain. "This is the third year they've been adjudicated into the festival which features students from around the state. Our spring concert is a great opportunity for them to showcase their talent. It's better than a

#### "DANCE COLLECTION 2000"

**What:** A concert of ballet and modern dance works.

**When:** 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25.

**Where:** Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, south of Joy Road.

**Tickets:** Donation \$9 per person, call (734) 420-4430.

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## Sheer makeup complements season's fashion

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

The look for spring is heavenly and colorful. Styles for the season not only look airy and angelic, but also feel uplifting. Ruffles and floral prints are everywhere and popping up in unexpected places, like the edges of a tailored skirt and jacket or on the hem of a pair of pants. And, the fabric of choice for all you angels is chiffon. Most important, color is back in style in a strong way.

All that's true of course with makeup, too. And, the face is at the heavenly heart of the matter. Skin should be clear and clean with a lighter-than-air freshness, so keep an eye out for dreamy, angelic, sheer makeup shades to accent the face.

Indeed, sheer and shimmer are choice words for describing current makeup trends. Eye color should produce a clear and bright look with a small dose of flash, some appearing sun-lit, others more matte yet still sheer.

The shimmer saga is epitomized by shades like champagne, bisque, and clear blue. Gold tints, too, are popular. Anything fused with gold is a huge hit in makeup this spring, said makeup artist Todd of Todd's Room in downtown Birmingham.

Along the same lines, sheer cream shadows in silver and lilac tones are another excellent choice. And, as far as matte eye shadows go — look for sheer khaki, denim blue and butter-yellow.

Perhaps surprisingly, when it comes to an angelic face, the most important than blush is a sheer shimmer powder. It will light up the entire face in warm gold and peach tones.

Even a pink-toned look can be everywhere on the face. Just avoid a dark tan or bronze tone, which would defeat the clear, clean aesthetic I mentioned earlier.

When blush is a must, try one of the new sheer glossy blushes. Furthermore, traditional spring makeup colors, sunny coral, rosy fuchsia, and poppy red, come to us this season in softer, clearer, almost pastel, tones.

In fact, I believe chiffon pink and glazed, clear orange should be on everyone's lips this spring.

And, your grandmother's coral lipstick, which was a go-to lip gloss are a must-have.

I recommend trying M.A.C.'s new orange gloss or Mia Pelle's "Mocha Mist" lip lacquer, which will lend a just-drenched-wet look to your lips.

Hair returns to long, loose and romantic styles. And, curls and waves are abundant, creating an airy, angelic look.

Color in the hair needs to be strong, well-kept and glossy.

To achieve that look, I suggest using L'Oréal's Spray Blush. It gives the hair a brilliant shine without weighing it down. It also has tremendous revitalizing properties. Not to mention, L'Oréal's styling products, which can be purchased at Red The Salon in downtown Birmingham, are wonderfully fragrant, as well as soothing and therapeutic.

On another note, I would like to congratulate Todd and his team of stylists on the opening of their new location, Todd's Room on Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham. With his talented staff and wonderful products, Todd's continued success is certain.

I'd also like to thank my readers again for their continued support and contributions.

Please send your beauty questions to Mary Anne Toccalino: c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Or call her at (248) 203-9477.

Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in downtown Birmingham. The owner and founder of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.

## new directions

### Celine clothing launch signals changes at Jacobson's

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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A new millennium means new directions for Jacobson's. Not only does that describe the mood but also the message Tuesday at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel where the Jackson-based department store hosted a fashion show to introduce customers to Celine, an upscale women's clothing label they now carry.

Jacobson's, which operates stores in downtown Birmingham, Rochester Hills and at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, as well as more than a dozen locations in the Midwest and Florida, has long been treasured as a hometown department store by residents here.

However, image alone isn't enough to thrive in the business of retail, said Beverly Rice, Jacobson's senior vice president, fashion and merchandising. "It all starts with the merchandise. Shoppers have to be lured in by something that makes them happy, something that is fashion-forward, and that's what we're up to," Rice said, adding that plans to "update" and "upgrade" Jacobson's merchandise have been on-going for two years.

The goal — create a first-class specialty store where personal customer service and the hometown image are still present, said Rice.

And, the Celine label, which is currently on the floor at Jacobson's Birmingham store and slated for introduction at the company's Rochester Hills store in the fall, is only one of several additions.

Last year, the Kors label by Michael Kors, who also oversees Celine, was added to Jacobson's list of designer offerings.

Two years ago, Jacobson's began carrying M.A.C. cosmetics, which targets a younger and more trend-conscious market.

Once more, additional changes aimed at drawing younger and more sophisticated shoppers are planned for their men's, shoes, handbags and cosmetics departments.

At least one other exclusive women's wear designer will come on board next fall, Rice said.

"We definitely see the future of this century and know we have to be building new resources. We have to be in step with the times. Even older customers aren't thinking old hat. We can't be followers. We have to be leaders," she said, adding competition is particularly keen for Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham.

"Well, there's no doubt that Somerset mall is tremendous competition, and Jacobson's doesn't have a lot of company in the downtown Birmingham area, but my feeling is, if we have the right sales associates and merchandise, we will get our fair share of business."

Thus, one of the reasons Jacobson's chose its Birmingham store to launch Celine, a label that originates from a Paris boutique and started offering women's ready-to-wear pieces in the early 60s.

As shown by Jacobson's on Tuesday, Celine's spring collection is classic, yet sexy, sportswear: stretch denim and leather jeans and jackets; tie-dye prints, body-hugging tanks; a micro mini; and an abundance of turquoise hues.

"I think it's good for Jacobson's to go with Celine," said Annie Margulies, a Beverly Hills resident who attended the show. "It appeals to my age group, and it's little more fashion-forward. I think it's a fresh new look for Jacobson's."

Equally excited about the collection was Rosemary Bannon, a regular Jacobson's customer who also lives in Beverly Hills. "I think it's going to be such a wearable, exciting addition to the store. It's classic, it's tailored — but a bit more trendy," she said.

"Today, you have to buy differently. You have to be there at the right time, so you need that contact (with the sales associates) ... but you want individual things, things that are a little different from everybody else."

At Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For details, call (248) 643-3300.

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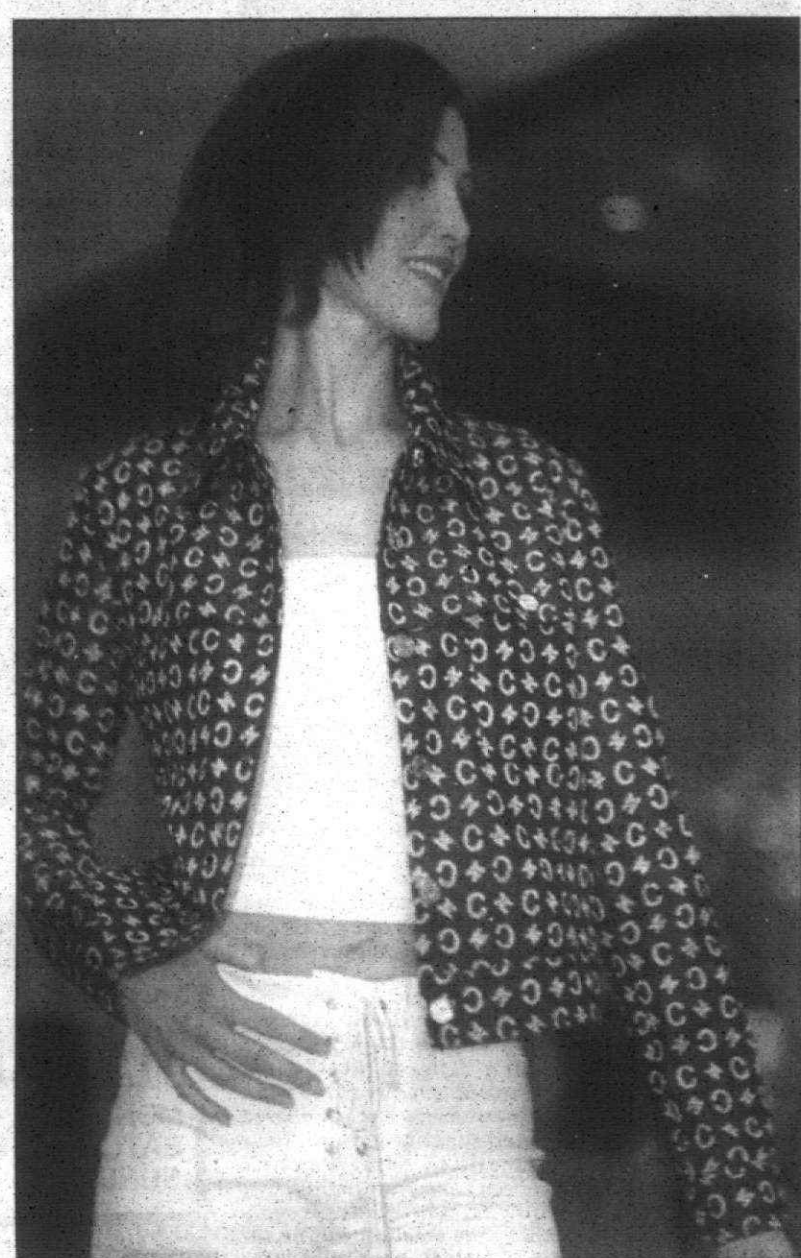
**MOTORCYCLE SHOW**  
The Gold Wings motorcycle organization displays their motorcycles and addresses negative stereotypes about their enthusiasts through March 26 at Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**  
**FIRST STEP STYLE EVENT**  
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Oakland Mall in Troy hosts two live shows for children featuring Plumpa and Friends, a group of character amphibious creatures that teach kids about the wonders of science, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more additional information, call (248) 585-6000.

**TIRES CONCERT**  
Recording artist and spokesman for Guess clothing performs and signs autographs at Hudson's Northland Center in Southfield, 3-5 p.m., Men's Denim department. For details, call (248) 569-6272.

**JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW**  
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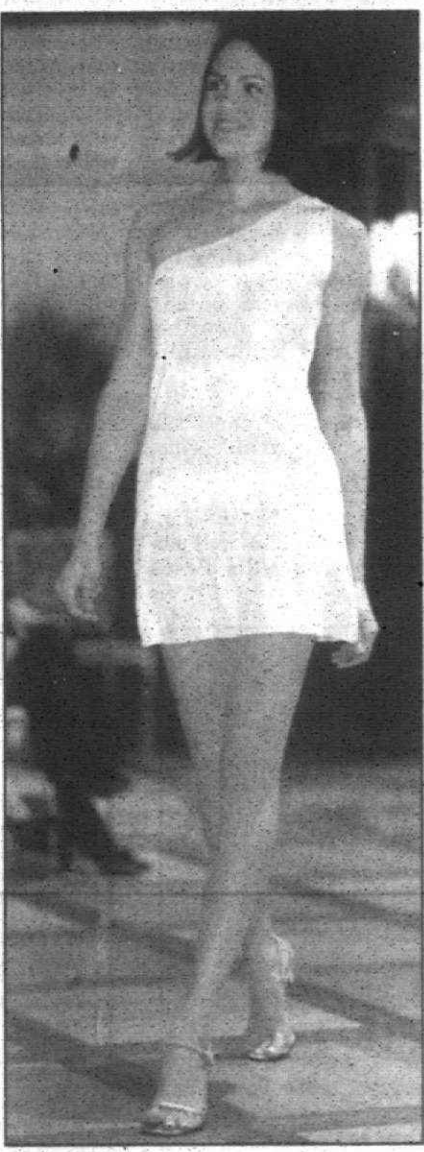


Celine for sport: Logos are back, and here's Celine's on a dark denim jacket with white leather glove racing pants and white strapless top at Jacobson's launch of the clothing line on Tuesday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.



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JERRY ZOLYNSKY

**Black to white:** Black at the waist fades to charcoal then white on Celine's easy-going, full-length skirt and fitted, white tank with scoop-front and racer-back, shown at left. An aqua and white tie-dye fabric doubles the vibrancy of Celine's off-the-shoulder mini dress, shown at right. Aqua, turquoise and other ocean hues were a dominant theme in Celine's spring collection of sportswear, which Jacobson's adds to its line-up for fashion-forward customers in Birmingham. Other trends of the show included leather, stretch denim, lime green and tie-dye prints. Celine will be available at Jacobson's in Rochester Hills in the fall.



## WHERE CAN I FIND?

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### WHAT WE FOUND:

— **The House of Renew**, 221 Merrill Street in Birmingham, (248) 642-0363, might be able to repair the glass dish.

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— **Individual salad dressing packets** can be purchased at Meijer stores (in deli department) and at Gordon Foods.

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— **A spiral-bound journal for the year 2000** with a page for each day of the year for Sue of Westland.

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— **An owner's manual for a Kero-Sun Kerosene heater** (Omni model, #105) for Luke.

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## a la carte

### STUFF WE CRAVE

New elegance: Select Neiman Marcus locations, including the Somerset Collection store in Troy, now have a very special clothing line to offer shoppers — Zoran. Known for its minimalist elegance and often described as "Gap for the very rich," the line comes to Neiman Marcus for spring in a traditional palette of colors, black, white, butter, khaki and beige.



To go: Travel is never easy on the skin. Airplane air tends to be dry and crossing time zones upsets sleep patterns. To counteract the rigors of travel, Guerlain Paris has created a system of skin care for travelers, Issima Blue Voyage. Each of the four products in the system, Recovery Cream, In-Flight Serum, Ready-to-Go-Cleanser and Body Relax Oil, are hypo-allergenic and work



## TRAVEL

## Anchorage great jumping off point for tour of Alaska

By CHRIS LUNDGREN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Alaska is big — really big.

So big, in fact, that if it were divided in two, it would make the first and second largest states. Michigan would fit inside it ten times over.

What does this mean for you, someone who wants to visit the 49th state but can only break away for a week or ten days?

You should focus on a region.

One of the easiest regions to reach is Southcentral, home of Alaska's largest city, Anchorage. About 260,000 people populate the city, which has all the amenities of metro Detroit plus scenery. The Chugach Mountains flank Anchorage's east side, and the Cook Inlet, part of the North Pacific, touches the city's western edge and breaks into two sub-inlets that make a sideways "V" around the land.

Most importantly, the wilds of Alaska are within a short drive. In an hour or less (and in some cases just minutes), you can reach breathtaking places that will leave you grappling for your camera.

## Wildlife in the city

Forget the scenery, some people just want to see animals. There's no guarantee, of course, but you have a good chance of sighting bald eagles, moose and whales in Southcentral. In fact, you could observe all three species without even leaving Anchorage.

Those willing to road-trip will most likely see Dall sheep, mountain goats, sea lions and sea otters. Bears, lynx and wolves are shy of humans, and you can count yourself lucky if you spot one in the wild.

## Here's where to start

Fly into the Anchorage International Airport and head for your hotel. You can begin your sightseeing right in the city at the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, an 11-mile paved path that starts downtown and traces the Cook Inlet. Walk or rent bicycles from one of several outfitters. You'll see Mt. Susitna, also

## Practical matters

Hotel and airline reservations tend to fill up quickly, so it's not too early to plan your trip.

## ■ Where to stay

A few hotels of many in Anchorage include: the Captain Cook, (907) 276-6000; the Anchorage Hotel, (907) 272-4553; the Anchorage Hilton, (800) 245-2527; and Westmark Anchorage (at the 720 West 5th Avenue location), (907) 276-7676. The Alaska Chalet Bed and Breakfast in Eagle River comes highly recommended. Call (907) 694-1528. For the young and budget-conscious, try the Hostelling International youth hostel in Anchorage at (907) 276-3635.

## ■ How to get there

Northwest Airlines offers a direct Detroit-Anchorage route during the summer months, with a flying time of about six hours. Other carriers include Delta, United and American. Call the airlines' toll-free numbers for details.

## ■ Getting around

Several major car rental agencies operate from the Anchorage International Airport. For rates or reservations, call the agencies' toll-free numbers. Traveling by train is a fun (though expensive) way to see Alaska. For information, contact the

Alaska Railroad at (800) 544-0552.

Two tried and true kayak outfitters are: Alaska Outdoor Adventures, (907) 783-7669, out of Whittier and Sunny Cove Sea Kayaking, (800) 770-9119, out of Seward.

## ■ Sightseeing cruises

To go on a half-day or full-day sightseeing cruise from Seward or Whittier, contact Major Marine Tours at (907) 274-7300 or Kenai Fjords Glacier and Wildlife Cruises at (907) 276-6249.

## ■ Fishing

For fishing information, contact the Alaska Fish and Game Department, (907) 267-2100. If you're interested in fly-in fishing trips in more remote parts of the state, try one of two well-known companies: Rust's Flying Service, (800) 544-2299 and Ketchum Air Service, (800) 433-9114. Seward-based Saltwater Safari Co., (800) 382-1564, does deepwater fishing charters in the Gulf of Alaska. King's Budget Charters takes people out on the famous Kenai River (a couple of hours' drive from Anchorage) for salmon fishing. Call (888) 578-5333.

## ■ More travel info

Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau: (907) 276-4118, www.anchorage.net.



Kayakers: Kate Ballow (left to right), Chris Lundgren, Becky Gerik and Gena Hornsby paddle the western edge of Prince William Sound. Billings Glacier is in the background.

known as Sleeping Lady, across the inlet and the sharp, glacier-crusted Chigmit Mountains in the distance behind it. On a clear day, Mt. McKinley and Mt. Foraker are visible to the north. You'll know these giants if you see them.

The inlet itself is a swirling, hazardous body of water not suitable for leisure boating because of its strong tides. Its shores are not sandy, but rather mud flats that act like quicksand. Needless to say, it's safest to stay on the trail.

Beluga whales are spotted in the inlet with surprising regularity. Ask around to learn of sightings and keep your eyes open.

The Coastal Trail (which connects to a whole system of inland trails) ends at Kincaid Park, a great place to see moose. The park is a large, hilly combination of forest and open spaces. Moose roam mostly in the morning and evening, and they'll wander right onto the path. And, yes, they're as huge as you've heard. Give them lots of space; a spooked moose will rear up and stomp.

If you're someone who feels you haven't seen Alaska until you've seen Mt. McKinley (known locally as "Denali"), try a

## Oh, the places you'll go

Willing to venture farther? Within an hour's drive north and an hour's drive south, you'll find some of the region's most dramatic settings. Motor south on the Seward Highway, the only road leading out of Anchorage in that direction, and see the Cook Inlet narrow into Turnagain Arm.

It's hard to keep your eyes on the road on this stretch of highway. To your left are the steep walls of the Chugach Mountains, which in places jut up right next to the road. Dall sheep and mountain goats balance on the higher rocks and are easily seen with binoculars and sometimes with the bare eye. Farther down, slender waterfalls cascade into ponds next to the road. Eagle sightings are common.

To the right is Turnagain Arm, which looks different in high tide and low. During low tide, mud flats stretch out almost as far as

you can see and the water ripples in the distance. During high tide, the water reflects the mountains encircling it. This is a very good spot for whale sightings. Fortunately, there are a number of turnouts on the Seward Highway so you can pull off and enjoy the view.

## An hour south of Anchorage

The tiny town of Girdwood is about 37 miles from Anchorage. The Girdwood area is lush and green with a variety of activities for travelers. It's home to the state's largest ski area, called Alyeska. In summer, you can ride a tram to the top of Mt. Alyeska for a heart-stopping view of Turnagain Arm and the Chugach Mountains. Near Girdwood are two popular hiking trails. The Winner Creek Gorge trail starts at the base of Mt. Alyeska and runs a couple miles through the forest to the gorge. This is bear country, so hikers should wear bells or talk loudly along the way. The Crow Pass trail is a fairly difficult mountain hike that passes ruins of a gold mine, an alpine lake and a glacier. From the Seward Highway, you can get to the western-

most edge of Prince William Sound via a brand new road to the town of Whittier. The 12-mile road should be completed this June. If it's not, you'll take the train along the same route, tunneling east through the Chugach Mountains.

Either way, a visit to the Sound is warranted. From Whittier, you can take a daylong kayaking trip into the Sound or hop on a tourist boat and cruise past massive glaciers. The sheltered waters of Prince William Sound are almost always calm. The water is clear enough to see at least ten feet down. Seal, otter and eagle sightings are prevalent, and if you're in a kayak and it's salmon season, you can paddle into coves and watch the fish swimming frantically upstream. Kayakers may also see bear tracks along the shore. Actual bear sightings are rare, but they do happen. If you spot one, stay your distance and don't forget they can swim.

Back on the Seward Highway, a mile past the Whittier junction, is a left-hand turn onto Portage Glacier Access Road. Five and a half miles down this road are a dock and gift shop on the shore of Portage Lake. Every hour and a half, a tour boat begins the trip across the lake and gets up-close-and-personal with the mile-wide glacier.

## The end of the road

Keep going on the Seward Highway, and eventually you hit Seward, the end of the road. A three-hour drive from Anchorage, Seward should be on every traveler's must-do list. It lies on the eastern edge of the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kenai Fjords National Park. Its greatest feature is Resurrection Bay, a clear, emerald colored body of water chock full of wildlife. Animals commonly sighted in this section of the Gulf of Alaska are sea otters, Stellar sea lions, eagles, whales (beluga, killer and gray), porpoises and puffins.

There's no shortage of tour agencies with comfortable boats to shuttle you around the bay.

Generally it's 10-20 degrees colder in Southcentral Alaska than in Detroit. Plan for temperatures in the high 50s to about 70, with possible spikes in either direction. The weather varies, and rain and sun often take turns appearing on the same day. You can leave the evening attire at home. Even in the finest restaurants, appropriate clothing is whatever keeps you comfortable as you take in the sights.

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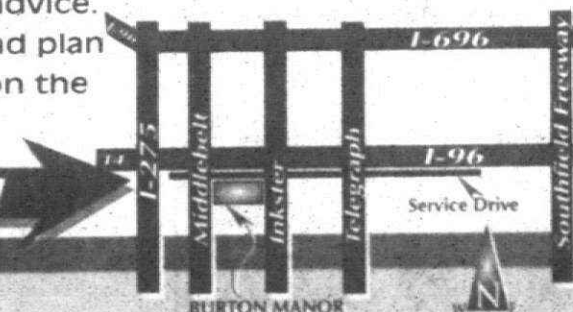


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## FOCUS ON WINE



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## Chefs create superior food, wine matches

This year's Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza, celebrating Mardi Gras at Mac & Ray's was not only a food showcase, but a seminar on pairing food and wine.

Chefs from area restaurants teamed with wine purveyors to create some stellar food and wine matches. Troy's Mon Jin Lau, the winner a few years ago, impressed the panel of judges that included us, and walked away with first prize again. Last year's winner, Café Cortina in Farmington Hills, came in a very close second.

### Wine Picks

**Picks of the pack:**  
■ 1997 St. Clement Aropas, Napa Valley \$40 is a dynamite blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc comparing admirably with top chateau bottlings from Bordeaux.

■ 1997 Stags' Leap Winery Syrah, Napa Valley \$25 is hands down the best syrah we've tasted from the 1997 vintage.

**Real deals under \$10:**  
■ 1999 Santa Rita 120 Sauvignon Blanc \$8  
■ 1999 Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc \$9  
■ 1998 Barwang Shiraz (Australia) \$8

Imports' Michael Kilano chose 1998 Chalone Vineyard Pinot Blanc as the "perfect" match.

"I focused on the weight of the wine and its flavors versus the dominant flavors in the dish," Kilano said. "The Chalone Pinot Blanc's 'weight' is its creaminess with some vanilla accents. It created an immediate harmony with the rich peanut sauce and brought all other elements together."

"The basic rule of white wines and white meats and red wines with red meats is still a good one. I started there, then knew a high acid wine such as a sauvignon blanc would not work with the peanut sauce. A chardonnay would have too much oak. The pinot blanc had the correct balance."

■ **Tip one:** Old rules are good basics to help focus on weight, a textural element creating balance between the food and wine.

### Café Cortina

Owner Adrian Tonon paired Café Cortina's Tortelloni con Pomodoro Fresco with light herb cream sauce and the 1996 Allegrini Palazzo della

Please see WINE, D2



**Memorable:** Luctor International's Vincent Vodka bottle pictures an art gallery with some of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Salon team wins
- A vegetarian's cookbook

# The International language

## COOKING TOGETHER BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN CULTURES



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

**Persian dishes:** It's dinnertime with dishes of *Baghali Pollo* (Rice with Fava Beans and Dill), *Khoreh-e Gheimeh* (Stewed Beef or Lamb with Yellow Split Peas) and *Khoreh-e Esfanaaj* (Spinach Sauce).

Hungarian origin since I enjoy a variety of ethnic dishes. Thankfully, she will eat anything except pork.

There are a myriad of Persian dishes that rely on the same basic ingredients, but each has a small variation that totally changes the taste of the food.

Persian food is rich in fresh spices and vegetables. A Persian dish might include eggplant, basmati rice (a heavily scented rice common in Indian cooking, too), lamb, fresh dill, and beans. The aroma as my mother-in-law cooks is enough to entice

the most reticent of appetites. My three-year-old daughter is a big fan.

When Maman visits every year or two, we spend most of our time together in the kitchen. I will ask Maman how to pronounce something or how long it needs to cook. Maman understands more English than I do Farsi, so many of my questions are answered one way or another. We laugh as we try to come to a mutual understanding.

We are also each other's biggest fans. If I cook, I am sure she will tell me it is delicious. I am equally complimentary. After all, we all know food tastes better when someone else has done the work!

My mother-in-law always arrives from Iran with special items difficult to find here, such as Sumac (a spice used frequently in Persian dishes), fresh dates, and a tart dried red berry I still don't know the name of, used in rice dishes (there are some things even my husband can't translate!) When she returns to Iran, she

leaves behind enough to last me a long while as I try to replicate her cooking.

But cooking is not just a way to find a common footing. Cooking for each other has also become a way for us to express our affection.

When I returned from a few days away, my mother-in-law presented me with my favorite dessert from her repertoire: a cake made of dates. When she seems tired, I prepare dinner before she has the chance. On the day she arrived in the States, I had prepared an elaborate Persian dish. I have no doubt it did not taste like anything a Persian woman has ever made. That didn't matter.

It is the effort we make for each other that is important.

Maman and I are very different. We follow different religions, politics and lifestyles. Our basic difference is language. Thanks to cooking, we are able to communicate in a way that is fun, easy and invariably delicious!

Nancy Deutsch is a Canton resident. Share your stories about the language of cooking, and recipes with Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net). See recipes inside.

BY NANCY DEUTSCH  
SPECIAL WRITER

My mother-in-law searches for something in the cupboard.

"Namac?" I ask. She nods fervently. I pull down the pepper. She shakes her head. I have mixed up salt and pepper again. I hand her the salt.

"I thought salt was felfel," I explain.

She smiles, pours a healthy dash into the pot, and continues to cook. Then she offers me a taste.

Sedigheh Najmaei and I have just communicated the best way we know how. Since we do not speak the same language (my mother-in-law is Iranian and speaks Farsi), and my husband and stepson are not around to interpret the entire six weeks of her visit, we have learned to communicate through a variety of means.

We use sign language, facial expressions, and pointing. We also use cooking.

Cooking together, or separately — as we hover around each other taking notes — has proven to be a wonderful way to get to know each other better.

Maman, as I call her, which is Persian for mother, knows that I want to learn to cook more Persian dishes. She is equally interested in learning more "North American" dishes.

For her birthday meal recently, she requested lasagna. I was glad to comply. But I have also introduced her to the odd dish of Malaysian or



**Let's eat:** Let's eat: Nancy Deutsch of Canton, her nephew Milad Maleki and her mother-in-law Sedigheh Najmaei sit down to dinner.



**Time to eat:** Sedigheh dishes up some dinner while Nancy watches.

## RECIPES TO SHARE

# Sauerkraut ribs, Southern-style soup add twist to old favorites

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It must be what Jeanne Lamb does with the sauerkraut that livens up her country-style spare ribs.

Lamb made her ribs and sauerkraut dish for her children and it is one they still enjoy today when they visit her in her Canton home.

"I prepare this dish when I want a quick meal," Lamb said. "It's easy to make. They really like the sauerkraut, and the honey really gives it a sweeter taste."

The sauerkraut is rinsed with tap water, then given a taste of honey and a spoonful of brown sugar. After an hour of baking with the ribs, the end result is a great accompaniment and a great meal.

Lamb said she purchases her ribs at Eastern Market of Canton or Mike's Market in Livonia. She recommends serving apple sauce, baked or mashed potatoes or a salad with her dish.

Another reader wrote us about her chicken butternut squash soup, what she described as a delicious Southern-style soup.

"My family enjoys this new recipe from the Libby family of Memphis," wrote Rita Kollin of Rochester Hills. "It is a traditional Hanukkah dish for the Libby family and now with ours."

"This soup is great for a cold night with latkes or garlic bread."

### SAUERKRAUT WITH COUNTRY-STYLE RIBS

- 3 to 4 pounds country-style spare ribs
- 1 32-ounce jar sauerkraut
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup raw or brown sugar
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 bottle of ketchup (or 7 ounces)

Broil ribs until browned (or brown in pan on top of stove) to cook off excess fat. Rinse sauerkraut thoroughly. Combine with honey, sugar, onion and ketchup. Place in roaster and top with spare ribs. Season meat with additional ketchup or barbecue sauce. Cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°F) for one hour or until meat is tender.

### CHICKEN AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

- 1 (4-pound) chicken, cut up
- 8 cups water
- 4 cubes Knorr bouillon
- 3 tomatoes, cut up
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and cut, 1/2-inch pieces

- 2 cups frozen corn
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3 cups frozen sliced okra (optional)

Place chicken, water and bouillon in a heavy pot. Bring to a boil, skimming surface. Add all remaining ingredients. Reduce heat, simmer until chicken is cooked through or about 40 minutes. When chicken is cooked, cut into bite-sized pieces. Return to soup, simmer 10 more minutes. Yield: 10 servings.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

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## Try these Persian dishes

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### KHORESH-E GHEIMEH (STEWED BEEF OR LAMB WITH YELLOW SPLIT PEAS)

1 1/2 to 2 pounds, stew beef or lamb, cut into small pieces  
Cooking oil  
1 onion, diced  
1/2 cup yellow split peas  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
Salt and pepper to taste  
5 tablespoons tomato paste  
Small amount of water  
Frozen french fries or your own homemade fries (cook ahead)

Fry beef and onion in oil until browned. Cook in pressure cooker until tender or about 30 minutes. Add split peas and cook for another 15 minutes.

Add lemon juice, tomato paste and a small amount of water, and cook until some of the sauce has evaporated. Add fries and heat. Serve with basmati rice. Serves four.

### BAGHALI POLLO (RICE WITH FAVA BEANS AND DILL)

1 1/2 to 2 pounds stew beef or lamb, cut into small pieces  
1 onion, diced  
Cooking oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon turmeric  
1 cup water  
1 cup fava beans, dried  
2 cups fresh dill, finely chopped  
3 cups basmati rice  
5 cups of water

Fry beef and onion in oil until browned. Place in pressure cooker with one cup of water (or enough to cover the meat) and cook until the meat is tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Add fava beans and dill. Cook in pressure cooker for another 10 minutes or until the water has evaporated. Add three cups of uncooked basmati rice. Place in rice cooker with five cups of water. Cook until rice is ready.

Recipe courtesy of Nancy Deutsch and Sedigh Najmeh.

## Use leftover corned beef in hash or Reuben recipes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corned beef on rye, Reuben sandwiches and corned beef hash are three reasons you may have celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday, even if you aren't Irish.

Corned beef is easier to slice for sandwiches if it is cold. It should be very thin, almost like deli roast beef or ham, so you can pile the meat high between the bread.

Corned Beef on Rye is a meal. Just add coleslaw, dill pickles and a good deli mustard. The Reuben requires a bit more preparation, as does the hash, but they are meals, too, and fall well within the range of quick cooking.

If you know how to make a grilled cheese sandwich, you can make a Reuben Sandwich. For each serving, you'll need 2 slices of rye or pumpernickel bread, about 1 tablespoon prepared Russian dressing, 1/4 pound corned beef, 1/4 cup sauerkraut, rinsed, drained and squeeze-dried, and 1 or 2 slices of Swiss cheese, depending on size.

To assemble, spread the dressing on one slice of bread and top with corned beef, sauerkraut, cheese and the other slice of bread. Heat an iron skillet or heavy griddle, add a small amount of butter if desired, and grill 2 to 3 minutes on each side until the cheese is melted and the bread lightly toasted.

Corned Beef Hash is a basic dish, and how to

prepare it should be found in any basic cookbook. The following recipe is from Family Circle's "All-time Favorite Recipes" (Doubleday \$29.95).

### CORNER BEEF HASH

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 medium red onion, diced  
1 large clove garlic, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 pound all-purpose potatoes, cooked, peeled and diced  
10 ounces cooked corned beef, diced  
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon hot-pepper sauce  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and saute 5 minutes. Add butter and potatoes and cook 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until browned. Add corned beef, Worcestershire sauce and hot-pepper sauce and cook 5 to 6 minutes. Sprinkle with black pepper and parsley and combine.

If desired, top each serving with a poached egg. Makes 6 servings.

## Chocolate snack bars are a simple treat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Chocolate Snack Bars are a good idea for a treat. Cocoa powder provides the rich, chocolatey taste. The addition of marshmallows, coconut, nuts and pretzels creates an interesting twist.

### SUPER CHOCOLATE SNACK BARS

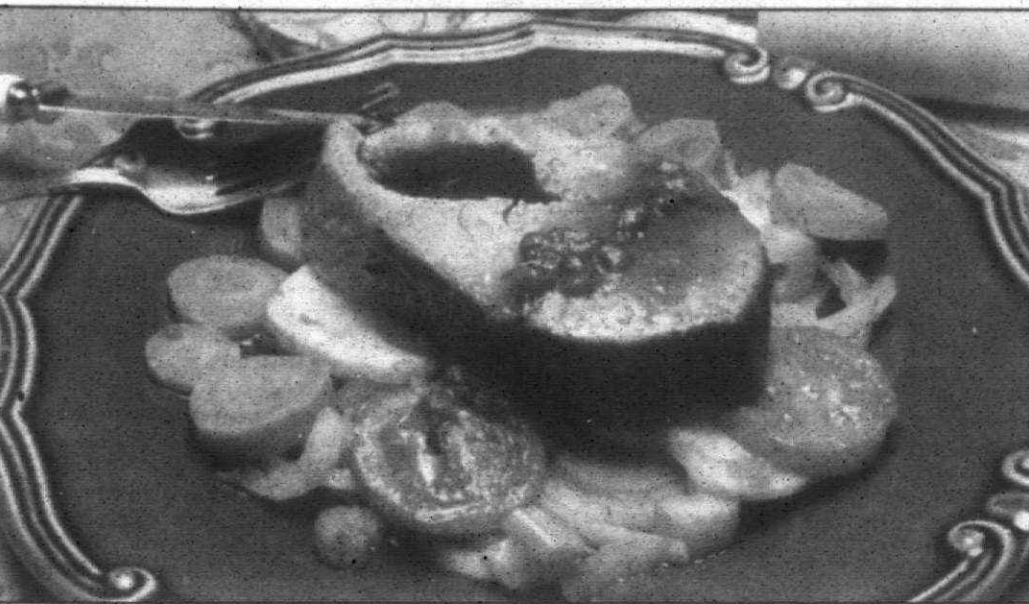
60 vanilla wafers, crushed, or enough to make 2 cups of crumbs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 cup cocoa, divided  
1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter or margarine, divided  
1 cup miniature marshmallows  
1 cup sweetened coconut flakes  
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk, NOT evaporated milk  
1 cup shelled nuts, coarsely chopped  
1 cup thin pretzels or pretzel sticks, broken into 1/2-inch pieces

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease bottom and sides of 13x9x2-inch baking pan. In a bowl, combine the wafers, sugar and half of the cocoa. With a pastry blender or two table knives, cut 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) cold butter or margarine into mixture until it is crumbly. Press the mixture evenly on bottom and 1/2-inch up sides of prepared pan. Sprinkle marshmallows and coconut on top.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk with remaining cocoa and butter. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent power) for 60 to 90 seconds or until mixture is smooth when stirred.

Pour the butter and chocolate evenly over coconut and marshmallows. Sprinkle nuts and pretzel pieces on top. Press firmly. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or just until bubbly on top. Cool completely; cut into bars. Store leftovers tightly covered at room temperature.

### SWEET AND SOUR SALMON STEAKS



**Salmon steaks:** A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on an Iraqi dish, it makes a one-dish dinner.

## Cook these salmon steaks for Purim

Purim, celebrated on March 21, is the most playful Jewish holiday. It even has a kind of carnival air.

As the Megillah, the story of how the Jews of Persia escaped destruction at the hands of the evil Haman, is read aloud, children and adults grind noisemakers called groggers and stamp their feet every time the villain's name is mentioned. In Israel, people dress up in masquerade costumes and parade boisterously, even hitting one another on the head with plastic mallets that make a chirping noise.

Food is an important part of the Purim celebration, particularly sweets and baked treats, which are both eaten and given as presents, along with fresh and dried fruit.

Hamantaschen is the most familiar Purim pastry. Supposedly, Central European Jews created this triangular cookie to resemble Haman's tri-cornered hat, and filled it with poppyseeds to symbolize the bribe money stuffed in his pockets. Israeli Jews fry long strips of cookie dough which they pinch in the middle and call Haman's Ears.

A favorite Purim dinner choice is this sweet and sour salmon baked smothered in vegetables. Based on Salsola, an Iraqi dish, it makes a complete, one-dish dinner.

You can make this colorful dish a day ahead and reheat it. The vegetables are so delicious you may want to increase the amount used to ensure yourself of leftovers.

**Sauce:**  
1/2 cup tomato sauce  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 garlic clove, minced

1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and chopped  
1 tablespoon chopped flatleaf parsley  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
2 salmon steaks, 10 ounces each  
1/2 large onion, cut in 1/2-inch crescents  
1 large carrot, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices  
1 large celery rib, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch slices  
1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices  
2 large or 3 medium plum tomatoes, thinly sliced

Preheat the oven to 375° F. For the sauce, in a small bowl combine the tomato sauce, sugar, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, capers and parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon 1/4 cup of the sauce to cover the bottom of a small Dutch oven or other oven-proof casserole dish. Set aside. Spray a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set it over medium-high heat. Brown the salmon about 2 minutes on each side. Set the salmon steaks on top of the sauce in the prepared casserole dish.

Spread the onions, carrot, and celery over the salmon. Arrange the potato, overlapping the slices to cover the mixed vegetables in one layer.

Arrange the sliced tomato over the potatoes. Pour the remaining sauce over the tomatoes. Cover the pot. Bake, covered, until the fish is evenly pink to the center bone and the potatoes are just cooked, about 30 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

**Nutritional information:** Each of the four servings contains 346 calories and 10 grams of fat. Recipe courtesy of Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>

## Wine from page D1

Torre Valpolicella from Italy's Veneto region.

"We have this wine from AHD Vintners on our wine list, so I know from experience that it is a great match," Tonon said.

"To create a pairing, it's important to pay attention to the fact that the pasta is light, therefore the wine must also be light, but have a presence. Tomatoes are frequently difficult to match with wine, but a valpolicella or in just a little heavier style, an amarone will always be perfect."

He described the Allegrini Valpolicella as a "ripasso," an Italian term literally meaning repassed. In the process, unpressed skins of amarone are added to valpolicella to enhance flavors, body and overall character.

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**Adrian Tonon**  
—owner, Cafe Cortina

**Tip two:** Pay attention to texture and when the dish includes tomatoes which are high in acid, make sure the wine has sufficient body and is not too acid nor tannic in the finish.

Restaurateurs, chefs and wine purveyors are often ahead of the trend curve. If this is true, merlot is not on its way out, it's out. Not a single dish in the competition was matched with a merlot.

**Tip three:** Slightly sweet beats heat when it comes to matching food and wine was

demonstrated by Beans & Cornbread owner Patrick Coleman with his Spicy BBQ Shrimp and Sweet Potato Muffins and his 1998 Marchesi di Gresy "La Serra" Moscato d'Asti.

**Tip four:** If you prefer a dry red with a spicy dish, make sure it's mellow. This was underscored by Fox and Hounds Executive Chef Terry Shuster's preparation of Chicken and Shrimp Gumbo with Sausage and 1997 Folee a Deux Zinfandel from California's Amador County. The wine has plenty of flavor spunk to stand up to gumbo spices, but a smooth finish to beat the heat.

**Tip five:** When matching a sweet wine with dessert, the wine must be sweeter than the dessert as was the case with the good match of East Side Mario's Tiramisu with Crème Anglaise and 1998 Michele Chiarlo "Nivole" Moscato d'Asti.

Van Gogh

The 12-week run of Van Gogh: Face to Face at the Detroit Institute of Arts has grabbed attention of the international art community. You can buy a poster remembrance, but if you like like vodka or gin, here's a really unique remembrance for your bar — and filled with the highest quality spirits.

Luctor International's Vincent Vodka and Van Gogh Gin (both \$30) sport award-winning breakthrough packaging that uses magnifying glass to create a 3-D image of etched and silkscreened scenes from Holland. The Vincent Vodka bottle pictures an art gallery with five of Van Gogh's most famous paintings.

The Van Gogh Gin bottle depicts a typical Amsterdam canal bridge. As the bottle is turned, it creates the impression of walking through the scene.

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## Web site dedicated to Jewish holiday

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Here comes Modechai and Esther in "A Virtual Purim."

These 2,300-year-old Jewish heroes come to life in a new web site — [www.virtualPurim.com](http://www.virtualPurim.com) — unveiled at the Chabad Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y., for the upcoming Jewish holiday of Purim (Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21). Michigan is home to 31 Chabad centers, including five locations in West Bloomfield and centers in Farmington Hills and Southfield.

Purim is the Jewish Feast of Lots, celebrating the salvation of the Jewish people 2,355 years ago from Haman's plot to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, in a single day, the exact date determined by Haman throwing a lottery. Purim commemorates Esther's deliverance of the Jews in Persia from Haman's plotted massacre. Purim is also observed by public readings of the "Scroll of Esther," sending food portions to friends, giving gifts of money to the poor and enjoying a festive meal accompanied by joyous

drinks. Children of all ages will enjoy everything from games to recipes to prayers to stories on "A Virtual Purim," the world's most comprehensive Purim web site. The site gives detailed instructions on how to celebrate, give, say, pray, listen, learn and eat on the holiday, plus actual meal menu suggestions and lots of fun and games.

Contestants will compete for prizes in the world's largest online Costume Contest and students young and old will try their hand at games. Rhyming characters will recount the Purim miracle for kids who find it easier to learn in verse than from a book.

Lest one think that A Virtual

Purim is all play and fun, the study area serves enough in-depth learning to keep a team of scholars occupied for weeks. Hundreds of pages of essays and insights, divided by category and learning level, afford beginner and scholar a smorgasbord of Purim food for thought.

The recipe section is a one-stop treasure trove of delicious hamantaschen, kreplach, challah, fish, chicken soup, pickled tongue, casseroles, pease at carciozzo and more Purim dishes. The last 50 years have witnessed a revival in the observance of the Purim holiday, traced to the efforts of Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rabbi Menachem Schneerson.

## Passover recipes sought

Share your Passover recipes and culinary traditions with our readers in Taste. Send or e-mail recipes and information to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail [kabram@ec.homecomm.net](mailto:kabram@ec.homecomm.net)

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**Culinary Recipes** — Chef Dave Schneider, instructor from the Macomb Community College culinary arts program, joins the Kitchen Glamor stores to share tips and techniques about the Culinary Arts Olympics to be held in Europe. Schneider will teach how to prepare roasted garlic potato leek soup, roast pork loin with gorgonzola and walnut crust, duchess potatoes with shiitake mushrooms. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96); Wednesday, March 22, at 26770 Grand River in Redford; Thursday, March 23, at the Orchard Mall northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and Friday, March 24, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

**Crostini and Pasta** — Joanne Weir, former chef of the famed Chez Panisse and author of "Weir Cooking," will appear at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 22 at the Kitchen Glamor store at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), to show how to prepare crostini with feta and hot red pepper, farfalle

pasta with olives, capers, tomatoes and mozzarella, and chewy chocolate walnut tart.

**Kids in the Kitchen** — Home economist Dana Reynolds will instruct parents and grandparents with their children or grandchildren (aged 7-12) about the enjoyment of cooking. You and your child will learn how to wrap and roll phyllo pastry filled with berries and topped with ice cream and chicken fingers. Southwest style, wrapped in tortilla and served with a variety of sauces. Class is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call (800) 641-1252 for information.

**Pasta Tips** — Chef Dave Martinico will show how easy it is to make your own pasta and ravioli at 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Traffic Jam & Snug Restaurant, 511 West Canfield, two blocks west of Woodward at the corner of Second, near Wayne State University in Detroit. Lunch, punch and a glass of wine are included in the \$50 class fee. Credit cards accepted. Call (313) 831-9470.

**Vegetarian Cooking** — Lenore Yalovec Baum, author of Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills.

Baum has scheduled a session on soups 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, a lecture on menu planning 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, and Seitan (wheat meat) 6-9 p.m. April 5. Call (482) 478-4455.

**Tea Party** — Instructor Linda Kay Drysdale will take participants to the wonderful world of tea. She will offer suggestions for tea sandwiches, petit fours and mini fruit tarts at Kitchen Glamor stores. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96); Wednesday, March 29, at 26770 Grand River in Redford; and Thursday, March 30, at the Rochester store at Great Oaks Mall at Walton and Livernois.

**Easter Eggs** — Learn how to make panoramic Easter eggs with sugar, royal icing and an egg mold with Audrey Edwards at a three-hour class at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kitchen Glamor, at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

**Passover Gathering** — Sephardic Jews have a common Spanish heritage. When the Jews left Spain at the end of the 15th Century, they took their cooking traditions with them. Passover foods from France, Turkey and Greece can include rice and beans, usually not found on Eastern European Passover menus. Spicy

appetizers, savory salads and side dishes and honey-filled desserts will be demonstrated by Annabelle Cohen at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Kitchen Glamor at the Orchard Mall, on the northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

**Spring Holiday** — Teri Ellwell, caterer and cooking instructor, will show how to prepare a dinner party with balanced flavors. Participants will see how to prepare beef tenderloin stuffed with spinach, chive goat cheese and roasted red peppers, accompanied with cabernet-infused potatoes and raspberry hazelnut torte. Sessions are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Kitchen Glamor at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Wednesday, April 5, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River.

**Easter Candy** — Audrey Edwards will demonstrate how to prepare hard candy suckers, an Easter egg shaped candy dish, salt water taffy and marshmallows dipped in caramel, rolled in pecans and coated in chocolate. Sessions are scheduled for Friday, April 7 at the Kitchen Glamor at the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96). Continuing Education Classes

**Schoolcraft College: Quick-Easy Meals**, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet

and Hors D'oeuvres — Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

**Henry Ford Community College: Dearborn Heights Center: High Tea** the British Way, 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 10, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15; New Orleans Brunch, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20.

For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252.

**Kitchen Glamor** features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS television celebrity, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, in a one- or two-day session at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Weir will feature recipes, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and caviar, salmon with asparagus and blood oranges on March 20, and crostini with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21.

# Health & Fitness

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Food, fashion, fun

St. Mary Hospital will hold its sixth annual "Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Holiday Inn-Livonia. This upbeat event, sponsored by the Marian Women's Center, features a continental breakfast, lunch, workshops and a fashion show by Casual Corner Group (all sizes!).

Keynote speaker Bobbie Staten, a nurse and business woman with a creative sense of humor, has titled her opening speech "I'm Going to be Happy Woman." Her remarks about the pain, stress and frustration women experience at home and work are guaranteed to get the day going.

Participants select one workshop in each of three sessions. Workshop topics include: "Relax with Tai Chi" by Schoolcraft College fitness educator Ann VanWagoner; "Looking good when you're not feeling so good" by Robin Smith, president and owner of Born to Shop in Rochester; "Easy on the Eyes" by Dr. Walter J. Cukrowski, an ophthalmologist with Michigan EyeCare Institute in Livonia and Southfield; and "Healthy, happy feet" by St. Mary Hospital podiatrists Jason Choo and Howard Kane. There are several other workshops to choose from. In addition, Staten will lead a wrap-up session titled "Where to from here?" Find out the answer by attending this fun-filled Women's Health Day.

Program cost is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The Holiday Inn-Livonia is located on Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (800) 494-1617 by April 3.

### Grief support

Arbor Hospice will offer a seven-week grief support group for parents who have experienced an adult child's death, whether recently or many years ago. The group will meet 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 6 through May 18, at the Arbor Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. The group is available free, but donations will be requested. For more information or to register, please call Pat Bauer at (734) 662-5999.

**MS essay contest**

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Entries can take the form of a traditional essay, personal narrative, an open letter, a feature story or a fiction story. All entries must be double spaced and postmarked by June 2, 2000.

PROJECT: Learn MS 2000 is designed to educate students about multiple sclerosis, a crippling disease that affects young adults. Students may obtain an official registration form by accessing [www.msaa.com](http://www.msaa.com), e-mailing [projlearn@msaa.com](mailto:projlearn@msaa.com) or calling 1-800-LEARN MS.

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# CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

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Sharon Parven McGladdery, a 44-year-old mother from Farmington Hills, was a "total athlete" in her teens and most of her 20s. An ace tennis player, there was hardly a sport she wouldn't try. Then her life changed.

"When I was 28, I got very sick one spring," she said. "All my lymph nodes in my neck, arm pits, everywhere, blew up. I thought I had Hodgkins disease."

McGladdery credits Dr. A. Martin Lerner, an infectious disease specialist on staff at William Beaumont Hospital whom she met last March, with correctly diagnosing and treating her for chronic fatigue syndrome. However, the road to his office was a long and frustrating one.

Shortly after the acute onset of symptoms, McGladdery began experiencing extreme muscle pain across her back, a loss of smell and total exhaustion. When her internist at the time couldn't find a cause, she went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The message was the same: It's psychological; there is nothing wrong with you.

"The diagnosis was non-specific virus," she said. McGladdery's symptoms, including the extreme fatigue, not only continued, they worsened after the birth of her son in 1991. Picking up her baby and washing dishes were almost impossible. Grocery shopping left her exhausted for days.

She began seeing psychiatrists. Fortunately, the third one told her about chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia. "He gave it a name and told me I wasn't alone."

**No answers**

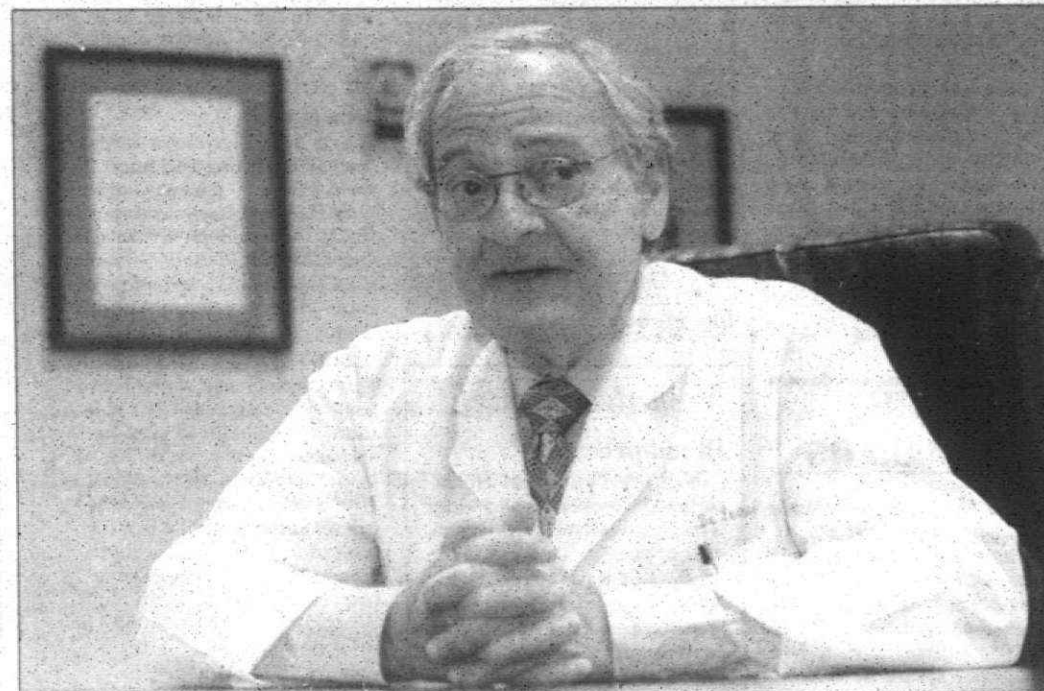
Despite a vigorous search, no single cause for CFS has been found; rather, the syndrome is considered the common "end-point" of multiple causes: virus infection, allergies, autoimmune regulation of blood pressure and pulse, and stress to name a few.

"The goal of CFS is to deconstruct it entirely," said Dr. Cary Engleberg, head of infectious diseases at the University of Michigan. Depending upon the symptoms presented, he may treat a CFS patient with a sleep enhancer, pain reliever, or an antidepressant. He also recommends exercising to tolerance. Aerobic exercise is more beneficial to CFS patients than yoga, he added.

Engleberg believes many disorders labeled "chronic fatigue syndrome" are really nervous system problems. After a female patient in her 50s, who had CFS symptoms for years, suffered a stroke, her symptoms disappeared. "The CFS got stroked out," he said.

Dr. A. Martin Lerner, who has a private practice in Beverly Hills, Mich., believes CFS results from a viral infection in the heart.

He discovered that patients with CFS have abnormal T-wave readings on their 24-hour Holter electrocardiograms — associated with a possible weakened heart muscle — but no evidence of



New ground: Infectious disease specialist Dr. A. Martin Lerner considers himself a medical pioneer in treating chronic fatigue syndrome as a virally-induced heart disease. Patient Sharon Parven McGladdery (below) credits Lerner with restoring her to a near normal life.

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Dr. Joseph J. Weiss,  
St. Mary Hospital

coronary artery disease. He also found evidence of herpes-related virus.

Blood tests revealed that half the patients in his studies had antibodies indicating ongoing Epstein Barr virus (EBV). The other half had either antibodies for cytomegalovirus (CMV), the other known cause of mononucleosis, or antibodies for both viruses.

Based on the abnormal T-wave readings and the presence of EBV and CMV virus antibodies, Lerner concluded CFS is a virally-induced heart disease. He began treating his patients with Valtrex, an anti-viral drug approved for the treatment of herpes, at four times the recommended dosage.

Lerner's CFS patients responded well. "From non-functional lives, they went to functional lives," he said.

He defends his use of high dosages of Valtrex. (A normal dosage is 1/2 gram once a day. Lerner prescribes 1 gram four times a day for patients 150 pounds and 1 1/2 grams four times a day for patients over 170 pounds. "It is not toxic, he said. "It skips into the bloodstream across the intestinal tract, allowing me to give effective dosages orally."

CFS patient Anna Lipar, a 34-year-old advertising consultant for the Observer Newspapers in Livonia, sees Lerner every six weeks. Blood tests show whether her Epstein Barr antibodies are on the rise. Four years ago, Lerner ordered her bedridden for six months due to an extremely high



level of EBV antibodies.

"I didn't know where my life was going. When my counts were so high, I was contagious. I wasn't to kiss anyone," she said. "According to CDC studies, there is no proof that CFS is contagious."

Today, Lipar feels much better, and she credits Valtrex. "It's been an energy boost. I'm able to function again. But I'm not at the point I was four years ago."

**Other views**

The association of a virus with CFS "has been thoroughly looked into and is not the case," said Dr. Joseph J. Weiss, a rheumatologist associated with St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Drug therapy is wrong, he added.

Weiss views CFS from the muscular-skeletal, bone and joint component. He recommends the same treatment for CFS as he does for fibromyalgia syndrome: exercise, coping skills and mild dosages of pain medication.

Weiss tells his patients to exercise seven days a week, preferably in the morning before stress takes it off. They must sweat and warm their muscles. There are no quick fixes in treating CFS, he said.

"You have to level with the patient. I have to say I know what it isn't. It's not a horrible disease. Given that, I have to be very careful what medications I put in you."

Engleberg's beliefs are similar. There is "no convincing data that antiviral drug therapy works" in treating CFS, he said. "It has used antiviral drugs when evidence conventionally looks like a virus."

Besides, he added, over 90 percent of the population has the Epstein Barr virus, and it's rare for someone in middle age to have mononucleosis. Also, a spike in antibodies from time to time doesn't always translate into CFS symptoms.

Engleberg believes hormones play a role. "Women who have CFS who are pregnant get better. Sometimes they relapse afterward, sometimes they don't," he said.

He also believes CFS is influenced by attitude. "If CFS is not helped by attitude, nothing will help."

Dr. Patricia Schmidt, an internist and primary care physician with Garden City Hospital, says

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## Pepper and spice spark this dessert

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baked Meringue Vesuvius is a delicate-seeming dessert sparked with a surprise touch of spice and pepper. Blistering Brittle also has a dash of pepper in the recipe, to similar effect — to balance its sweetness.

As the great pastry chefs of the world know, sweetness in a dessert is not all. One of the secrets of good cooking is balance, and that's one reason why these subtly piquant desserts are so pleasing. The Baked Meringue Vesuvius is an airy confection of low-fat egg whites, ice cream, marshmallow and sweet apricot preserves, plus allspice and pepper sauce. The Blistering Brittle is a variation of a longtime favorite — peanut brittle — with a peppery lift. Both are easy to make, but note that instructions for the Brittle are based on use of a microwave.

### BAKED MERINGUE VESUVIUS

2 tablespoons apricot preserves  
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
4 individual sponge cake cups  
1 pint (2 cups) ice cream  
3 egg whites at room temperature  
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice  
7-ounce jar marshmallow creme  
4 strawberries, cut into fans

Combine apricot preserves and 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce in small bowl. Place sponge cake cups about 3 inches apart on cookie sheet. Brush with apricot mixture. Place 1 scoop ice cream on each sponge cake. Freeze until firm.

In a large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, allspice and marshmallow creme, beating until stiff peaks form. Spread meringue evenly over ice cream and sponge cake cups, covering completely. Freeze.

To serve, heat oven to 500 F. Remove meringue-covered sponge cake cups from freezer; bake for 3 or 4

minutes or until lightly browned. Garnish each with a strawberry fan and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 437 cal., 8.4 g fat (4.8 g saturated fat), 68.5 mg chol., 227 mg sodium, 86 g carbs, 8 g pro.

### BLISTERING BRITTLE

Cooking spray  
1 1/2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 1/4 cups dry-roasted peanuts  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1 teaspoon butter or margarine  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

Lightly coat spatula and large baking sheet with cooking spray; set aside. Combine hot pepper sauce and allspice in large bowl. Add peanuts and toss well.

Combine sugar and corn syrup in 2-quart microwavable bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100 percent) for 4 minutes. Remove from microwave and stir thoroughly. Add peanuts; stir again. Microwave again on HIGH for 5 minutes until light brown.

Remove bowl from oven. Add butter and vanilla. Blend. Microwave again on HIGH for 30 to 60 seconds. Remove bowl from oven. Gently stir in baking soda until well mixed and foamy. Pour onto greased baking sheet. Cook as brittle cooks on baking sheet, stretch it into thin sheets by pulling candy with two forks (stretching will help make it crisp). Break into pieces. Makes about 1 pound.

Note: Recipe was tested in large, full-power microwave oven (600-700 watts).

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