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## THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

**Remembering:** Monday, the birthday of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will be observed. City offices will be closed, as will the 18th District Court. The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army has a 6 p.m. program planned at its facility on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland. The Salvation Army has again teamed up with Concerned Americans 4 Cultural Exchange and a cadre of multiracial civic and community leaders, clergy and elected officials for a "Joyful Celebration." Please see item, A2.

## TUESDAY

**School Issues:** The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at the board office, on Marquette east of Newburgh in Westland.

**City Hall:** The Westland-City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall, on Ford near Carlson.

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# City clerk's firing up to council



**Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons appears to be on the way out, after being placed on paid leave. Some city council members have indicated they will not reappoint Gibbons at a Tuesday night council meeting.**

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Accused of a possible "backroom deal," a Westland City Council majority appears ready to fire City Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Tuesday.

Council President Pro Tem David Cox confirmed Friday that he and three colleagues will likely oust Gib-

bons during a 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting at City Hall.

"It became clear early in the week that Pat Gibbons didn't have the appointment," he said Friday.

Cox's statements indicated that a council majority has reached a consensus - without public discussion - prior to Tuesday's meeting.

Cox and President Charles "Trav"

Griffin are expected to oust Gibbons from her \$69,739-a-year job with support from Councilwoman Sharon Scott and newcomer David James.

Gibbons drew sweeping praise from three remaining council members - Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc.

Griffin cited Gibbons' job performance as the reason for her expected firing, "and that's all I'm going to say. I am going to respect her privacy."

Cicirelli, who ended a four-year stint as council president earlier this month, described Gibbons' performance as "excellent."

Reached at home Friday, Gibbons

declined to comment.

### On leave

On Friday, Griffin went to City Hall, placed Gibbons on paid administrative leave until midnight Tuesday and took her office keys.

"I question the authority that he had to take such action without a vote of the council," Anderson said.

Griffin described Gibbons as "emotional" and said he didn't want her to have to worry about running the office.

"That's the only humane thing to do," he said. "You can't have someone working in that kind of atmosphere."

Please see **CLERK, A3**

## Taking a gander



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Fashion statement:** Debbie Murray (right) of Garden City looks at the different geese which are on display as a fashion show at the Westland library. The library is celebrating Mother Goose's birthday.

# Whither shall they wander? To library

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Mother Goose has some fine-feathered friends at the Westland library.

Dressed lawn geese adorn the Children's Area, all part of a Mother Goose Fashion Show.

"We're celebrating Mother Goose's birthday this month," said Suzanne

Shipman, library associate. Colleague Martha Rogers, also a library associate, credits Shipman with coming up with the idea.

"Anyone who comes into the children's room is free to vote" for a favorite, Rogers said. The winner, to be announced next Thursday, will receive a gift certificate to Nature Nook at Hudson's.

It sells "everything you could possibly need," Shipman said, including

lawn geese, clothing for geese and accessories.

The women, taking a brief break from their library duties Wednesday afternoon, were hoping to get more lawn geese in. "We'd love to have them," Rogers said. "That'd be fantastic. They have plenty of time."

The contest is related to several appearances this week of Mother Goose at children's storytimes at the library. Shipman noted that children

at the library like the lawn geese. Rogers added that the geese are popular in the Westland area.

Keeping the geese company in the Children's Area Wednesday afternoon was Bernadette Dewyer, children's associate. Voting was slow at that point, but expected to pick up.

"It's to represent Mother Goose," Dewyer said of the popular children's storybook character. "People brought them off their porches."

# Educators disappointed in latest MEAP results

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A vast majority of Wayne-Westland 11th-graders failed to achieve state standards on a new social studies test.

In the latest round of Michigan Educational Assessment Program results, only 9.7 percent of local high school juniors scored high enough to meet state standards.

School officials partly blamed the disappointing results on a new, difficult test, but they remain hopeful that local

curriculum changes will boost scores.

"We certainly know where we need to go, and we'll be working on that," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "But it's going to be a gradual improvement."

Wayne-Westland had a higher percentage of failing students than districts such as Garden City, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton, but the local district fared better than others including Romulus, Inkster and Detroit.

"This social studies test is new, and we are in the same boat that most

school districts are in," Baracy said. "I think all districts scored lower than expected because of the new test."

A review of the new results provided by the Michigan Department of Education reveals how poorly Wayne-Westland performed.

■ Only 9.7 percent of 11th-graders about one out of every 10 students achieved state standards.

■ The remaining 90.3 percent fell below state standards. Of those, 28.6 achieved a "basic" rating while 61.7 percent wound up in the lowest category

of "apprentice."

■ A comparison of the district's two high schools shows that Wayne Memorial had a higher percentage of students who met state standards - 10.8 percent - than John Glenn High, 9.1 percent.

■ At the alternative education Tinkham Center, 82.4 percent of students fell into the lowest category. The remaining 17.6 percent achieved a "basic" rating.

■ Compared to their counterparts

Please see **MEAP, A4**

# Two suspects charged in separate city robberies

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A Westland judge Wednesday arraigned two suspects accused in separate robberies - one at a 7-Eleven store and one at the city's senior citizen Friendship Center.

Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos arraigned Ronald Keith Wallace, 34, on an armed robbery charge stemming from a Dec. 31 incident at 7-Eleven at 126 S. John Hix.

Wallace is accused of escaping with an undisclosed amount of money after threatening to shoot a store clerk, although he never revealed a gun.

Police Sgt. Alan Ramadan said the man who robbed 7-Eleven "implied that he had a gun in his waist-

band."

Bokos placed a not guilty plea on Wallace's record and ordered him jailed on a \$500,000 cash bond. Wallace is scheduled to return to court Thursday for a preliminary hearing that will decide whether he should stand trial.

Police Lt. Marc Stobbe said Wallace, on parole for other 7-Eleven incidents, had been ordered before his release not to go inside the convenience stores.

Wallace, described by Ramsden as a fourth-degree habitual offender, could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted.

In another case, Bokos arraigned 29-year-old Joe Ronnie Jacobs of Westland on a charge of unarmed robbery for an incident that occurred at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at the city's senior citizen Friendship Center.

A frail, 85-year-old woman arriving to play cards was knocked down in the parking lot by a 5-foot-2, 210-pound man, Ramsden said.

"He was lurking about. He knocked her down, grabbed her purse and ran," the sergeant said.

The woman wasn't seriously hurt.

An investigation prompted police to arrest Jacobs, who lives in an apartment complex adjacent to the Friendship Center.

Bokos ordered Jacobs jailed on a \$25,000 cash bond and placed a not guilty plea on his record. The judge ordered him to return to court Thursday for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

Jacobs could face a maximum 15-year prison term if convicted as charged.

**OBITUARIES**

**MARION A. KENNEY**  
 Services for Maurice A. Kenney, 85, of Westland were Jan. 15 from the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with cremation rites accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Lawrence Witto from Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church.  
 Mr. Kenney was born Sept. 10, 1914, and died Jan. 11 in Garden City. He was a salesman in the retail business and a World War II veteran.  
 Survivors include sons, Maurice A., James L. (Laura) and Patrick M. (Phyllis); daughter, Mary Ann (Frank) Slater-Salinas; stepdaughter, Jacqueline (Richard) DeSmyster; one brother; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.  
 Preceding in death was his wife, Florence H.  
**ROBERT E. STANGER**  
 Services for Robert E. Stanger, 80, of Westland were Jan. 12 from Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Wayne Parker.  
 Mr. Stanger was born July 10, 1919, and died Jan. 9. He was a machine operator.  
 Survivors include daughter, Betty Ann (James) O'Reilly; son Larry Stanger; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.  
 Preceding in death were his wives, Rene and Leah, brother, Chester, and sister, Wilma Bunker.  
 Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.  
**FAY M. LEHTINEN**  
 Services for Fay M. Lehtinen were Dec. 22 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with burial at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. William Hopper.  
 Mrs. Lehtinen died Dec. 19 at her home. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in

Farmington Hills and a life member of the Finnish Center Association. She was a homemaker.  
 Survivors include husband, Wilho Lehtinen; daughters, Evelyn (Bill) Lehtinen Olandro, Shirley (Charles F.) Lehtinen Lehmann and Sandra (Bill) Kennedy; sister, Doris (Robert) Maki; and three grandchildren.  
 Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the Finnish Center Association. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington handled the arrangements.  
**RAYMOND F. LANG**  
 Services for Raymond F. Lang, 72, of Westland were Jan. 13 from St. Theodore Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.  
 Mr. Lang was born Feb. 28, 1927, in Northville and died Jan. 10 in Garden City. He was a maintenance man with the Northville Public Schools.  
 Survivors include sisters, Marie Hamilton, Charlotte Domine, Margaret Knierbein and Carol Skelton; and brothers, Edwin and Daniel.  
 L.J. Griffin Funeral Home handled the arrangements.  
**GRACE KING**  
 Memorial services for Grace Eleanor King, 77, of Westland were Jan. 15 at First Presbyterian Church in Elyria, Ohio.  
 Mrs. King was born May 16, 1922, in Elyria, Ohio, and died Jan. 12 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.  
 Survivors include sons, Donald (Suzanne) King and Danny King; daughters, Patricia King of Westland and Cindy Jackson and Alice Brown, both of Ohio; brothers, Roger and Chester Hogan, both of Ohio; and sister Dorothy Bohnert.  
 Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, handled the arrangements.

**CHARLES T. WILLIAMS**  
 Services for Charles T. Williams, 87, of East Tawas, formerly of Wayne, were Jan. 8 at Jacques & Kobs Funeral Home with burial at Greenwood Cemetery, East Tawas. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Stimson.  
 Mr. Williams was born April 14, 1932, and died Jan. 5 in East Tawas. He retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1991 and was a member of Lake Huron Community Church in East Tawas.  
 Survivors include his wife, Lucille; daughter, Victoria McTigue of Wayne; stepdaughters, Teresa (Scott) Adler of Northville and Roxanne Blackwood of Ypsilanti; brothers, Harold of Livonia, Gordon of Westland, Donald of Wayne and Daniel of Wayne; sisters, Mary Sue Linebrink of Wayne and Margaret Thomason of Westland; three grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren.  
 Preceding in death were his parents, two brothers and three sisters.  
 Uht Funeral Home handled the local arrangements. Memorials may be sent to Camp Barakee.  
**MAE BROWN**  
 Services for Mae Sophia Brown, 100, of Westland were Jan. 15 from St. Theodore Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.  
 Mrs. Brown was born May 2, 1899, in Shenandoah, Pa., and died Jan. 13 in Westland. She was a homemaker.  
 Survivors include niece, Leona DuPue; grandchild, Tonya Farber; daughter-in-law, M. Coleman; several other nieces and nephews; and several great-grandchildren.  
 Preceding in death was her husband, Samuel M.  
 The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland chapel, handled the arrangements.

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.  
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**King remembered**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army has once again teamed up with Concerned Americans 4 Cultural Exchange and a cadre of multiracial civic and community leaders, clergy and elected officials for a "Joyful Celebration."

At 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, there will be a celebration of the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The location again will be the Salvation Army building, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, three blocks north of Michigan Avenue in Westland.

The positive message of this multicultural celebration will feature The Salvation Army's Col. Franklyn Thompson, divisional commander of the Southeastern Michigan Salvation Army, and the Rev. Mikal Featchurs of Harvest Christian Ministries International as key speakers. Singing, fellowship and refreshments will be featured.

For additional information on the Monday program, contact Leau'Rette Douglas, community programs director for The Salvation Army, (734) 722-3660.

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# Firefighters step out at lively ball Jan. 29

Local firefighters, their families and friends know how to cut a rug.

The Westland Firefighters Ball - a formal-attire tradition that died some two decades ago - is being revived 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy in Westland.

Fire Capt. Colleen Fedel said some 200 tickets have been sold to date. She said firefighters will sell as many as 325.

Call the fire administration offices for tickets at (734) 467-3201. Tickets are \$35 per person.

The celebration will feature dinner, dancing and the band Joyride with all kinds of music, Fedel said.

Missing will be the old Miss Flame beauty pageant, featured in the 1970s balls.

The Westland Firefighters Ball was started by the late firefighters Joseph Benyo and Whitey Robinson. Current organizers hope to give the community a chance to meet firefighters.

"That's my favorite part about it, actually," said Sgt. Ed Hosmer, Westland Firefighters Association president. The department goes on

**'We're excited to bring it back. It's a great opportunity.'**

**Sgt. Ed Hosmer**  
—union president

some 7,500 runs a year, he said, usually in bad circumstances.

The ball will give firefighters a chance to meet people in good circumstances.

"We're excited to bring it back. It's a great opportunity," he said. The department is now young, which means there are few retirements with retirement parties. "It's a great excuse for us to get together."

In addition to Joyride, young pianist Keri Noble of Dearborn will entertain. She just released a CD and is very talented, Hosmer said.

The decorations will be related to firefighting, Hosmer said. "We're going all out. We're not skimping. I think we're covering all the details."

The evening's grand prize will be a \$1,000 travel gift certificate. Other prizes will be featured.

# Educators, businesspeople find their common ground

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Teacher Mary Ann Bubar is learning about the business world this year, and sharing that knowledge with her students.

Bubar teaches fourth grade at Nankin Mills Elementary, a Livonia Public Schools building located in Westland. Through the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's Business Connection, she's paired up with Dick Isham, the owner of International Minute Press in Westland.

"I think they are trying to show the connection between teachers and businesspeople in general," said Bubar, pausing at a Westland Rotary Club meeting where she was a guest and Isham a member.

The current group of educators and businesspeople began to meet in September. Bubar discovered they had much in common, even in the language used. "We found out there are similarities between the two," said the Eastern Michigan University graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in education and is pursuing a masters, also at EMU.

She's not the only beneficiary, as Isham is also learning. They've visited each other's places of work. Isham talked to Bubar's fourth-graders, telling



I didn't know that: Mary Ann Bubar, a teacher, and Dick Isham, a local businessman, are learning from each other through the Business Connection program of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

them he still used fractions in his work and must write neatly.

The ongoing chamber program aims to give "a look at the schools" to businesspeople, he said. Both he and Bubar give much credit for the program's

success to Donna McDowell of the Livonia Public Schools Career Center.

"A lot of effort went into this," Isham said of the Business Connection program.

# Livonia district leaders learn what's up in gyms

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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A pair of Livonia Board of Education trustees and district officials got a glimpse of a gym teacher's wonderland.

There were no gold whistles or bronzed kickballs. What they did witness were hundreds of feet of unencumbered hardwood floor, winding lanes of running track and separate rooms for wrestling, weightlifting and first aid.

Board President Ken Timmons joined Trustee Kirsten Galka, Assistant Instruction Director Fred Price and Operations Director Dave Watson. Athletic directors from Churchill and Franklin high schools also attended.

They toured building additions for athletics at Brighton and Novi high schools. The district is looking at putting up similar facilities. To pay for them, board members are pondering asking voters to approve a \$30 million bond issue April 10.

"We've never had an addition even though we've doubled our sports because of Title IV," said Timmons, a 30-year teacher in the district who also coached

basketball and golf. "Our winter sports take a beating."

In Livonia high schools, three basketball teams (varsity, junior varsity and freshmen) vie with three volleyball squads and wrestlers for gym space, said Dan Freeman, Franklin athletic director.

As a result, practice times are staggered for each sport where some student-athletes don't return home until 8 p.m.

"I think we need to provide as many extracurricular activities as we can," Timmons said. "(Surveys) tell us those who participate in extracurricular activities have better grades."

"There's some utility in that," Timmons' colleague is not sold on new athletic facilities. First-year Trustee Galka campaigned on cutting classroom sizes and improved academics. She's concerned that new facilities will mean more staff and higher costs.

"I'm looking at the entire package," Galka said.

To heat and light new facilities will cost more, Price said. However, no new instructional staff is needed if Livonia adds on to its athletic buildings.

"They're running their pro-

grams, but it's in cramped quarters," Price said.

Two athletic directors gawked at Novi's spacious auxiliary fieldhouse area. Students played floor hockey on one of three courts separated by drop-down screens.

An elevated four-lane running track surrounds the courts. An all-purpose fitness and weight room sits in a hallway adjacent to the gym.

In the same corridor are a spacious room for wrestling practice and a separate training area.

Brighton has a similar but somewhat smaller fieldhouse. They also have separate wrestling, weightlifting and first aid rooms.

Novi High was built in 1977; the addition came in 1995. By comparison, Churchill is the district's newest high school having been built in 1968.

Novi High still uses its main gym to host basketball games and other spectator-friendly events. Livonia would do the same at Stevenson, Franklin and Churchill.

An auxiliary fieldhouse would be a boon for physical education programs, Freeman said.

# Cooper sale approaching

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After nearly two years of negotiations, a deal to buy 43-acre former Cooper Elementary site is close.

So close, in fact, Livonia Public Schools officials have called a community meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday Jan. 24, at Cooper Elementary, 28530 Ann Arbor Trail.

Prospective buyer Jonna Realty Ventures will be on hand with Westland city officials, an environmental consultant and a third party that's helping put the deal together. They'll give residents an update and reveal what they intend to do with the land.

The Bloomfield Hills-based developer reportedly wants to build a project featuring both for-sale residential units and a recreational facility - likely to do with golf - on the contaminated site on Ann Arbor Trail.

To nearby residents, such a development would mean the end of an eyesore. The property remains fenced off with the for-

mer school building used for storage.

District and city officials see a chance to put a large piece of abandoned property back on the tax roll.

The district closed Cooper school in 1991 after the Department of Natural Resources reported the soil was toxic.

"Our main goal was getting something there that added to the quality of life for the school district and the people who live in that part of town," said Ken Watson, Livonia schools superintendent. "But it's been very complicated."

Negotiations are "three or four details away from a done deal," Watson said. He met with school trustees in a closed session Monday to explain terms agreed to so far.

"I feel we're fairly close to finalizing a purchase agreement," said Frank Jonna, Jonna Realty chief executive officer. "There's legalese that's been going back and forth."

Jackson-based Consumers

Renaissance Development Corp. is brokering the deal. CRDC, a non-profit affiliated with Consumers Energy, helps find buyers for former landfill sites.

CRDC contacted Jonna about the parcel in 1998. Negotiations extended beyond the initial 120-day period.

Despite disagreements about the contaminated site, Jonna remained interested.

"Jonna Realty Ventures realized that it would be possible to make a project that would be easily absorbed by the market given the challenges of a landfill property," said Bruce Rastor, CRDC vice president.

The 43-acre property is attractive because of its size and location. "We feel there is a chance to overcome the environmental challenges there," Jonna said. "Once you do that, it can be a viable piece."

Several key aspects of the deal have to be settled before any construction can start. First,

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# Clerk from page A1

Griffin's actions came just 11 days after his colleagues appointed him president.

"This shows the extent of the power grab in this city," Anderson said.

One city clerk's office worker described employee morale as "terrible." She didn't want her name used, saying she feared that council members ousting Gibbons would try to threaten her job, too.

"This was not justified," the employee said of Gibbons' dismissal, adding that Gibbons' staff may attend Tuesday's council meeting.

Gibbons, 52, has been a city employee for nearly 23 years. She served as deputy clerk for six years before she was promoted to clerk 17 months ago, replacing retiree Diane Fritz.

Griffin confirmed Friday that Fritz will likely return as interim clerk until Gibbons' successor is hired.

"That's where it's headed right now," he said.

Cox defended the council majority's move to reach a consensus behind the scenes.

"It would be irresponsible for the council not to have a feel for certain issues so they can have a contingency plan," he said.

## Different take

LeBlanc viewed it differently. "I had not shared my feelings

nor was I asked or consulted by any colleague for my opinion on this," he said. "I believe it's unfortunate that what has the appearance of a backroom deal and arm-twisting scenario has the potential to disrupt the city as well as its next election."

The Republican presidential primary is set for Feb. 22.

LeBlanc charged that the majority's actions point out a clear need for the city to adopt an ethics policy.

Some critics fear what will happen next now that Griffin, Scott, Cox and James can wield their collective power for at least two years, until the 2001 council election.

"I think it's going to be an ugly two years for the city of Westland," LeBlanc said. "This is only the beginning of many things to come."

Gibbons learned her fate after Griffin and Cox went to her office on Thursday. Griffin said he offered Gibbons an arrangement to retire with full benefits, which she would've received if she had made it to 25 years of city employment.

"I would never, never take a 22- or 23-year employee and just turn them out without a humane way of treating them," Griffin said.

Gibbons refused the plan after being given a Friday morning deadline to decide. She would've

had to spend thousands of dollars of her own money to "buy" retirement time.

"She elected not to accept the offer," Cox said. "We still continue to feel as though she doesn't have the votes for reappointment. Of course, until the vote occurs there's no certainty of that."

Scott said she won't back down, although one colleague had pressured her to switch her vote on Gibbons.

"I'm sticking to it, and I can't say why because of personnel reasons," she said. "I'm sorry that it had to happen, but I think we've given her long enough of a chance."

Anderson, Cicirelli and LeBlanc voiced strong opposition to Gibbons' expected firing and the way their colleagues handled it.

"I would give Pat an A minus," Anderson said. "I think she has done an exceptional job."

He noted that Gibbons has continued to further her education for state certifications.

LeBlanc chastised Griffin and others for "negotiating with our employee without the full endorsement, knowledge or participation of the balance of the city council."

"They had no right to do this," he said.

# Meeting focuses on breast health

The Garden City Business and Professional Women will present a "Breast Care Update" Thursday, Jan. 20, at Hudson's Woodward Room, down the hall from the second floor restaurant at Hudson's Westland Center.

Social time will be 6 p.m., dinner 6:15 p.m., the program 6:45

p.m. Speakers will be Dr. Bruno Borin, radiologist and chief of staff for Garden City Hospital, and Susanne Cleere, vice president for Women's Services at Garden City Hospital.


The speakers will discuss mammograms, the newest diagnostic modalities and the

breast biopsy that doesn't involve major surgery.

Those attending will order from the menu. Price is \$15 for members, \$18 for guests. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, Jan. 18, to Beth, 734-458-4331 or Pat, 734-458-3450.

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# Voting cutoff looming

If you want to vote in the upcoming presidential primary, time is running out.

Westland residents have until 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, to register.

Of the two major political parties, only the Republicans will be offering voters a choice among presidential candidates on the Tuesday, Feb. 22, ballot.

Seeking the Republican nomination are Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin Hatch, Alan Keyes and John McCain. Uncommitted also is an option.

With Democrats holding their party caucus in March, the only choice on that section of the ballot is Lyndon LaRouche Jr.

Donald Trump is seeking nomination as the Reform Party presidential candidate.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The state presidential primary was held in March, but a change in state law moved it to February. Along with city and county clerk offices, voters can register at Michigan Jobs Commission, Secretary of State and the Family Independence Agency offices.

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0%	9.7%	28.6%
0%	23.2%	34.4%

## MEAP from page A1

statewide, a much larger percentage of local students fell into the worst category. Across Michigan, 41.8 percent of 11th-graders brought up the rear, compared to Wayne-Westland's 61.8 percent.

The 11th-grade class that took the test last spring is now in its senior year. The good news for those who flunked the social studies test is that they can retake it this year, said Sam Barresi, Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent of instruction.

At stake is a state endorsement in social studies, although local educators have said students aren't likely to be shunned by universities and colleges if they lack it.

In all, 703 Wayne-Westland juniors took the test, including 353 from John Glenn, 333 from

Wayne Memorial and 17 from Tinkham.

The exam measured student performance in civics, economics, geography, history and decision-making. Students responded to questions with multiple-choice answers, brief responses and short essays.

Like local officials, state school Superintendent Arthur Ellis expressed confidence in a prepared statement that "these scores will rise with each passing year."

Low 11th-grade scores mirrored disappointing results released earlier this year for fifth- and eighth-grade students.

Baracy predicted that recent curriculum changes will lead to noticeable changes in Wayne-Westland scores in about three years.

# Livonia officials pleased with MEAP performance

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By two percentage points, Livonia Public School high school juniors finished above the state average for those who passed the Michigan Educational Assessment Program social studies test.

Sixty percent of the district's 1,018 11th-graders met the basic requirement for a social studies endorsement. That compares favorably to the state mark of 58 percent.

Juniors took the new social studies test for the first time in May.

"We're pleased with the first-time performance," said Marlene Bihlmeyer, district curriculum director. "We also recognize we have a way to go in terms of increasing the percentage of students performing at a higher level."

Students finished in four categories: Level 1 exceeding expectations to Level 4 failing or unendorsed.

Those who finished in the latter range, approximately 40 percent or 407 students districtwide, can retake the test in May. Some already have,

**'We're pleased with first-time performance. We also recognize we have a way to go in terms of increasing the percentage of students performing at a higher level.'**

*Marlene Bihlmeyer*  
—curriculum director

Bihlmeyer said.

The new MEAP social studies exam has questions requiring multiple choice, brief response and short essay answers.

Students have to use anywhere from two to seven thinking steps to answer questions, Bihlmeyer said.

"It's a much more complex thinking test compared to the traditional social studies test," Bihlmeyer said.

"This test assesses a child's ability to think rather than place an emphasis on their knowledge of the content. They don't ask questions like, 'Who was the first president?' or 'When was the Declaration of Independence

signed?"

Churchill High led the district with 68 percent of its 346 juniors receiving endorsements. Some 36 percent finished at Level 1 or Level 2, which is merit standard.

At Stevenson High, 63 percent of 374 juniors passed with 30 percent of those finishing with merit.

Fewer Franklin High juniors passed, with 48 percent, or 138 students, meeting the basic state requirement. More than half failed with 52 percent, or 142 students, falling into Level 4.

The high schools revamped their social studies curriculum one and a half years ago, incorporating Michigan Content Standards and adopting new text books, Bihlmeyer said.

Fourth- and seventh-graders will take the MEAP math and reading tests later this month. Those results are expected in May.

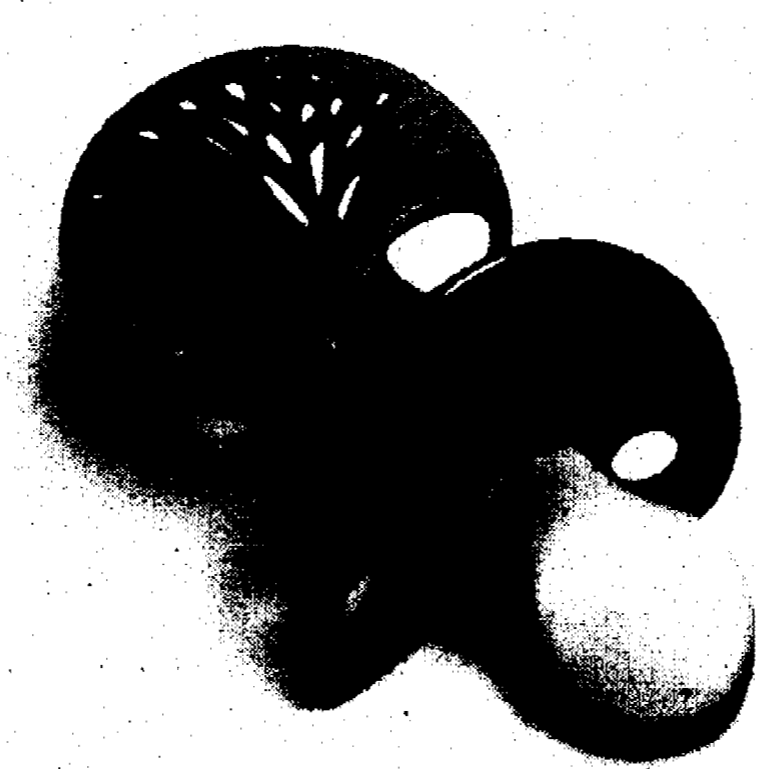
One school official wasn't too optimistic about the timing of the results, though.

"These results should have been available Oct. 1," said Allan Edwards, district research specialist, referring to the 11th-grade social studies test.

## Fighting stress program aim

Speaker Carol Green will discuss "Breaking Your Stress With Humor" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road. She will focus on the health benefits of

humor. The free program is sponsored by the Business and Professional Women and the Wayne Public Library. For information, call the library at (734) 721-7832.



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# Engler signs new law ending municipal residency rules

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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Legislation ending residency rules for municipal employees has been signed into law.

"This bill is about personal freedom for those who put their lives on the line for us every day. It's about the freedom for our law enforcement officers and firefighters to choose where they want to live," Gov. John Engler said upon signing the bill, approved by the legislature just before Christmas.

In a compromise, state lawmakers agreed to allow cities to require their employees to live within 20 miles of the city limits. Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, initial sponsor of the legislation, agreed to that alteration.

**'It gives our members the right to choose the communities in which they live and send their children to school.'**

**John Buszek**

*Executive director, Michigan Fraternal Order of Police*

But the bill also states that even the 20-mile limit cannot be applied to married couples when both spouses work for different municipalities. In the case of married couples, only one could

be required to live within 20 miles of their place of employment.

Some 90 Michigan communities had some form of residency requirements for their municipal

employees, most notably Detroit. Opponents of the change fear it could cause a flight of city workers. The city estimated its loss would come to \$25 million when census counts are taken later this year.

State Democrats have said they will attempt to put a question on the ballot in the coming November election to overturn the law. The Michigan Municipal League has indicated it may file legal action over the bill, which it contends violates state labor

law. But the law also has won praise from police.

"It gives our members the right to choose the communities in which they live and send their children to school," John Buszek, executive director of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, said.

"I want my children to be able to go to school, learn and play with their friends, without being called 'cops' kids' and other threatening names that scare

them and cause them to feel unsafe and unwelcome," Jim Vondette, an FOP member, said. "My job puts my family at risk every day. I am thankful to be able to protect them now."

The issue of residency requirements has been a longstanding and controversial issue in Michigan politics. Bennett said many previous attempts in the legislature to overturn such rules have failed repeatedly in the past 40 years.

## Schoolcraft holds program on finances

Studies show that 60 percent of American families overestimate the cost of higher education and underestimate their ability to qualify for financial aid. To help families get a realistic picture of the cost of college and the financial resources available, Schoolcraft College presents its annual Financial Aid Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Waterman Campus Center.

The program will help students and parents understand the types of financial aid available and how to conduct scholarship searches. Other topics include eligibility requirements, how to complete an application, how to avoid scams and tips on additional resources.

The program is designed for college-bound high school students and their parents, or current college students who will apply for aid for the first time. A question-and-answer period will follow the formal presentation.

There is no charge and reservations are not required for the program.

Participants will find ample parking in the north parking lot.

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

## Gas prices up for new year

The start of the new millennium finds gasoline prices in Michigan 3.4 cents higher than the previous week, says AAA Michigan. No-lead gas prices in Michigan currently average \$1.341.

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Aug. 12 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #6 or by e-mail at [reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net](mailto:reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net)

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The class of 1990 will host a reunion Aug. 4-6 at the Westin

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Classes of 1955-70  
Aug. 18-20 for alumni who attended WBHS in the building at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. (248) 706-9369 or on the Internet at [www.zyworld.com/WBHS\\_Reunion/Home.htm](http://www.zyworld.com/WBHS_Reunion/Home.htm)

# Foster care board seeking help

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is looking for residents interested in serving on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

The board is composed of citizens who reflect a broad cross section of their communities. Minorities and men are especially encouraged to apply. Needed are volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, family court or private child placement

agencies are prohibited by law from serving.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Lansing March 9-10. Members also must attend yearly training, which is held in different locations throughout the state and expenses for training are reimbursed.

The five-member board meets one day a month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect.

At the reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, case workers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the child or children. The board then formulates advisory recommendations.

Citizens interested in volunteering can call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Monday, Jan. 31. Interviews with prospective candidates will take place in February.

# Cooper from page A3

the city of Westland would have to approve any development.

City officials have reacted positively to what they've heard so far, Jonna said.

"Their feeling was rental-type units were not appropriate for this location and encouraged us to look at for-sale-type product," Jonna said.

Also, the sale hinges on cleanup of the former landfill site. One possible solution is setting

up a brownfield development authority, which allows municipalities to collect taxes to pay for clean-up. Westland already has such an authority in place.

Soil tests revealed high levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and PCB at the former dump site.

Cleanup costs could be in "the millions" but not as high as \$10 million to \$20 million as previously reported, said Curt Cramer of Arcadis, Geraghty & Miller.

The environmental firm has

done its own testing and reported the site is suited for development if the landfill is cleaned up.

Contaminated soil could be moved or the former landfill site "capped," which involves putting top soil over the contaminated area.

"What you're basically doing is putting soil on the top so no one comes in contact with the trash," said Cramer, whose firm has been a consultant during negotiations.

## CLARIFICATION

A news story in the Thursday, Jan. 13, Westland Observer should have said Johnson Elementary School is located at 36651 Ann Arbor Trail.

## ACHIEVERS

Mark Weiss of Westland recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy for training as a gunner's mate. He is the son of John and Judy Weiss.

Weiss, a 2000 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, will report for basic training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., in July. After technical training, he will be assigned to one of the Navy's ships.

squadrons or duty stations around the world.

Gunner's mates operate, maintain and repair all gunnery equipment, rocket launchers, guns, turrets, projectors and associated equipment. They test and inspect ammunition and train and supervise personnel in the handling and stowage of ammunition, missiles and other equipment.

## CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Steven W. Wright, 15, of Westland is the Carrier of the Month for the Westland Observer in January.

Wright is a ninth-grader at Westland John Glenn High School, where he maintains a B average. He is the son of Dean and Susan and the brother of Craig, 25, and Lisa, 21. He has delivered the Observer since February 1998.

Wright's favorite subjects in school are accounting, business law and math. His hobbies include antiques, auctions, business/stocks and traveling.

He enjoys helping out older people and helping out at church. He plans to attend the University of Michigan to study business and international business law. He wants to own his own business.

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Steven Wright his route, and said it has helped him learn to deal with people and with money.

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## CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 1999

### REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe, and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kocis, Deputy Treasurer Smith, City Attorney Salomone, DPS Director Barnes, Police Chief Harvey, DDA Executive Director Couch, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Miller.

Mayor Showalter with the approval of Council added Item A-7 to the agenda. The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Herman Bersano, of Garden City, addressed the need for blankets for the Red Cross being collected at Garden City Presbyterian Church; and the color of the childcare building, playground, and landscaping on Ford Road.
- Charles Benton, of Garden City, thanked Council for the tax deadline extension. He does not favor the three meetings per month; and requested information regarding the status of business licenses and if they are up to date. He also stated that decorations at City Hall were nice.

Item 12-99-503 moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-504 moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as submitted. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

Item 12-99-505 moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the 2000 Board of Review Guidelines for Poverty Exemption (attached) with the increase of property value to \$120,000 and a SEV of \$60,000. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-506 moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve Wade-Trim to include concrete roads and integral gutters in the design of the John Hawk project. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-507 moved by Kaledas; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve

### RESOLUTION - ACTING CITY MANAGER DESIGNEE'S

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the City Charter requires the City Manager to designate by letter, subject to the approval of the City Council, a qualified city administrative officer to exercise the powers and duties of Manager during his temporary absence or disability; and

WHEREAS, the present City Manager, David Kocis, has advised the Council that the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Treasurer/City Clerk, and Parks and Recreation Director are all qualified city administrative officers to exercise the powers and duties of Manager during his temporary absence or disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council does approve the City Manager's use of any of the four aforementioned individuals as Acting City Manager. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Council as a whole discussed the following items:

- Wade-Trim Payments
  - Beechwood, Birchlawn & Moeller Reconstruction Phase
  - John Hawk Reconstruction Design Phase
- Police Department - Purchase of Handguns
- Senior Alliance Contribution
- Wayne Oakland Contracting - Payment #14
- So. Venice Mid-Town West State Revolving Fund Loan

- Purchase of Flag Poles
- Public Hearing-Council and Parks & Recreation, January 18, 2000.

Item 12-99-508 moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the amendment of the total construction engineering budget for this project (Beechwood, Birchlawn & Moeller Reconstruction) to a not to exceed vaquid of \$76,900.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-509 moved by Briscoe; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve payment to Wade-Trim in the amount of \$11,715.42 for Beechwood, Birchlawn & Moeller Reconstruction. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-510 moved by Kaledas; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve payment to Wade-Trim in the amount of \$13,001.12 for the John Hawk Reconstruction, Design Phase Services that includes professional services rendered from October 31, 1999 through November 27, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-511 moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: Police Chief Harvey informed council that the guns have two components attached. A flashlight attached to the bottom and a night site so the officer can see in the dark.

Mike Bachko, of Garden City, was informed that the funds came out of the Melody Theater raid.

Herman Bersano, of Garden City, commends the Police Department for their courtesy; and being an outstanding department in the city.

RESOLVED: To approve the bid for 80 Glock Handguns to C.M.P. Distributors, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$508.00 per gun. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-512 moved by Dodge; supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve the Senior Alliance Match Request for FY2000, in the amount of \$1,911.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-513 moved by Gora; supported by Briscoe:

Herman Bersano, of Garden City, questioned the disposal of bricks from the construction site.

DDA Executive Director Couch informed Council that by contract the contractor has given bricks to the city for storage to be used in case some are destroyed. Ray Sloeky, of Wayne Oakland Contracting, informed Council that from the beginning the old bricks were slotted for demo and removal from site. Mr. Sloeky indicated Wayne Oakland would give the City a couple of pallets for maintenance purposes in the future.

RESOLVED: To approve payment request #14 in the amount of \$13,389.22 to Wayne Oakland Contracting, Inc. This payment is for work completed as of December 8, 1999. AYES: Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Lynch, Briscoe, and Gora. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

Item 12-99-514 moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the payment to the State in the amount of \$8,503.04 for the repayment of SRF Loan #6105-01. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-515 moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for the purchase and installation of new Flag Poles at the following locations (City Hall, Library, DPS, Maplewood Center and Garden City Park) to Beckett Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$9,923.80. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

Item 12-99-516 moved by Dodge; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To call for a joint public hearing with the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission on January 18th at 7:00 p.m., at the Maplewood Community Center. The purpose of this hearing would be to get public input on the next DNR grant application. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan.

Case #2028A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Service Station With Convenience Store Use, 28414 W. Warren, Parcel #008-98-0003-000, Northwest Corner of Warren and Middlebelt, SE-2, Michael Tlais

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2000.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

ROBERT C BOWERS, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

Published January 16, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES MEDICAL/MEDICAID NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that on February 11, 2000, the agreement between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Nightingale West Home in Westland, Michigan, a skilled nursing facility in the Medicare program, will be terminated. In addition, as authorized by the Michigan Department of Community Health, notice is given that the facility's agreement as a nursing facility in the Medicaid program will be terminated effective February 11, 2000.

The Health Care Financing Administration has determined that Nightingale West Nursing Home has failed to attain substantial compliance with the following Medicare/Medicaid participation requirements at Title 42 of the Code Federal Regulations: 483.15 (Resident Rights), 483.13 (Resident Behavior and Facility Practice), 483.15 (Quality of Life), 483.20 (Resident Assessment), 483.25 (Quality of Care), 483.30 (Nursing Services), 483.35 (Dietary Services), 483.45 (Specialized Rehabilitative Services), 483.65 (Infection Control), 483.70 (Physical Environment), and 483.75 (Administration).

The Medicare program will not make payment for skilled nursing facility services furnished to residents admitted to the facility on or after December 26, 1999. This date is due to a previously imposed denial of payment for new admissions. For Medicare residents admitted prior to December 26, 1999, payment may continue to be made for up to 30 days of covered services furnished on or after February 11, 2000. In addition, Federal Financial Participation will not be available to the State of Michigan for any Medicaid residents admitted to the facility on or after December 26, 1999. For Medicaid residents admitted prior to December 26, 1999, Federal Financial Participation may continue to be made to the State of Michigan for up to 30 days of covered services to qualified residents furnished on or after February 11, 2000.

MARILYN SAMURIS  
Program Representative

For  
GWENDOLYN MICHEL, Branch Manager  
Michigan/Minnesota Operations Branch  
Division of Survey and Certification

# Northville reaps benefit of former training school site

By **KEN ABRAMCZYK**  
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It once housed 60 empty Wayne County buildings, including the Wayne County Child Development Center and the Plymouth State Training School.

These facilities were shut down, the victims of budget cuts, and vacated approximately 20 years ago. At 926 acres, the land was the largest parcel of undeveloped property under single ownership in the county.

Today, the site just north of Five Mile Road between Beck Road and Sheldon Road in Northville Township remains largely vacant, but the county buildings have been demolished. A research and development park now houses Hayes Lemmerz, while construction has begun nearby on homes.

Condominiums, apartments, senior housing, recreational open space and a golf course are all in the works for the site.

The township and Wayne County entered a partnership in

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1996 to develop a planned unit development, which allowed for builders and developers to have flexibility in areas of planning development for a mix of uses on a large site. For this site, that meant creating high-quality residential homes, recreational uses and open space, neighborhood shopping facilities and research and development facilities.

In return, developers submitted plans to a more detailed review by the township and designated a portion of the development for recreation and open space.

The diversity offered under the planned unit development is important to a community known for many years as strictly a bedroom community, said Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside.

While the new homes and golf course at the Northville Hills Golf Club are beautiful, Wood-

side said, the research and development park also is critical for the township's tax base. "We needed to diversify quite a bit," Woodside said.

It costs the township more to provide services to residential homes, which at one time received services equivalent to \$1.40 for every \$1 paid in taxes by the homeowner, Woodside said. "(Research and development) take little in services, and pay quite a bit (in taxes)," Woodside said.

That diversity also is important because residential taxable values now are capped at 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, since the passage of Proposal A, Woodside said.

Wayne County recently sold the last available parcel in the research and development park. A 17-acre site was sold in December for \$2.2 million to ARI-EL Enterprise, a developer in Southfield.

That firm is expected to construct a 90,000-square-foot facility

to be occupied by Enprotech of Plymouth, now currently in a 25,000-square foot facility, according to Tim Johnson, director of marketing and communications for Wayne County's Jobs and Economic Development.

Once completed, the research and development park will include four auto suppliers: Enprotech will join PMC Machinery Sales, a machine tool sales and distribution business, Hayes Lemmerz, formerly Hayes Wheels, and Lemforder Corp.

For residential homes, Toll Brothers and Biltmore Properties created 645 lots for Northville Hills, the 7,000-yard golf course. About 80 percent of the home sites align the golf

course, woodlands or open space amenity.

Home buyers lined up for Northville Hills' first phase of 440 home sites, Woodside said. "People camped out overnight and (developers) sold out the first phase," Woodside said.

Toll Brothers and Biltmore agreed to develop ball diamonds, soccer fields and parking areas in a recreational area, which would cost the township more than \$1 million to create those recreational amenities, Woodside said.

The Links of Northville Hills on the southeast corner of Beck and Six Mile roads also will feature 136 condominium units and will be developed by Robertson

Brothers, ranging from 2,000 to 2,700 square feet.

The site breakdown of the entire parcel is as follows: detached single family residential, 309 acres; adult lifestyle community, 56 acres; apartments or condominiums, 40 acres; and senior residential, seven acres. The site also includes Optical Imaging Systems, 110 acres; research and development, 59 acres and commercial, 24 acres, and 211 acres of open space for the golf course.

Approximately 18 acres will be used for public facilities and recreation. The remaining land will be used for open space.

## DNR offers \$200 mini-grants for Arbor Day tree plantings

The state Department of Natural Resources is now accepting applications for Arbor Day mini-grants and Detroit Edison grants for tree planting.

Schools and municipalities are eligible for the DNR's Arbor Day mini-grants of up to \$200.

The grant program highlights Arbor Day on April 28 and the value of trees and forests, and to recognize the importance of people improving environmental quality and quality-of-life in their communities.

The grants can be used for planting trees on school grounds, staging Arbor Day celebrations or purchasing forestry-related materials for school libraries. Applicants may request up to \$200, but the amount requested must be "matched" with an equal amount of other funding and/or equivalent paid or volunteer staff time.

Projects must be completed by July 31, 2000 and grant money will be delivered after project completion.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 3, 2000.

Detroit Edison, in cooperation with the DNR, has established a tree planting grant program for southeastern Michigan. Edison is providing up to \$60,000 for tree planting grants that are administered by the DNR's Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

This grant program was started to increase properly planted trees in municipalities and maintain the trees' good condition and health. It is part of Detroit Edison's voluntary participation in the U.S. Department of Energy's Climate Challenge Program.

Local units of government are eligible to apply for tree planting grants of up to \$4,000 each. Units of government must be in Detroit Edison's service area, including Wayne and 10 other Michigan counties.

Grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 24 for funding consideration. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31.

All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may be made up of cash

contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds. Applications are now available.

For a Detroit Edison tree planting grant application, or for more information about either

grant program, contact Urban and Community Forestry Program, Forest Management Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952 or call (517) 373-1275.

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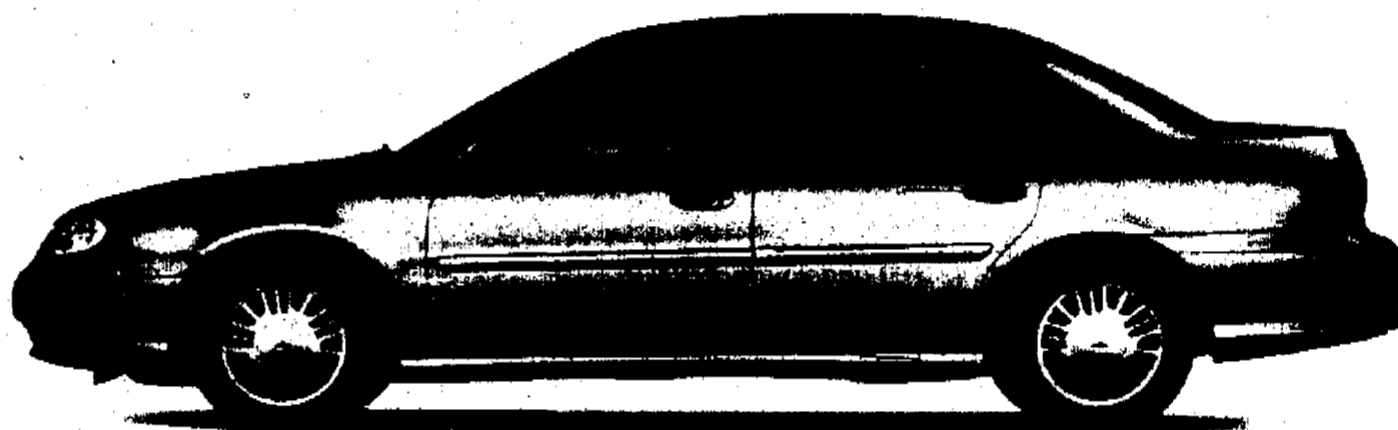
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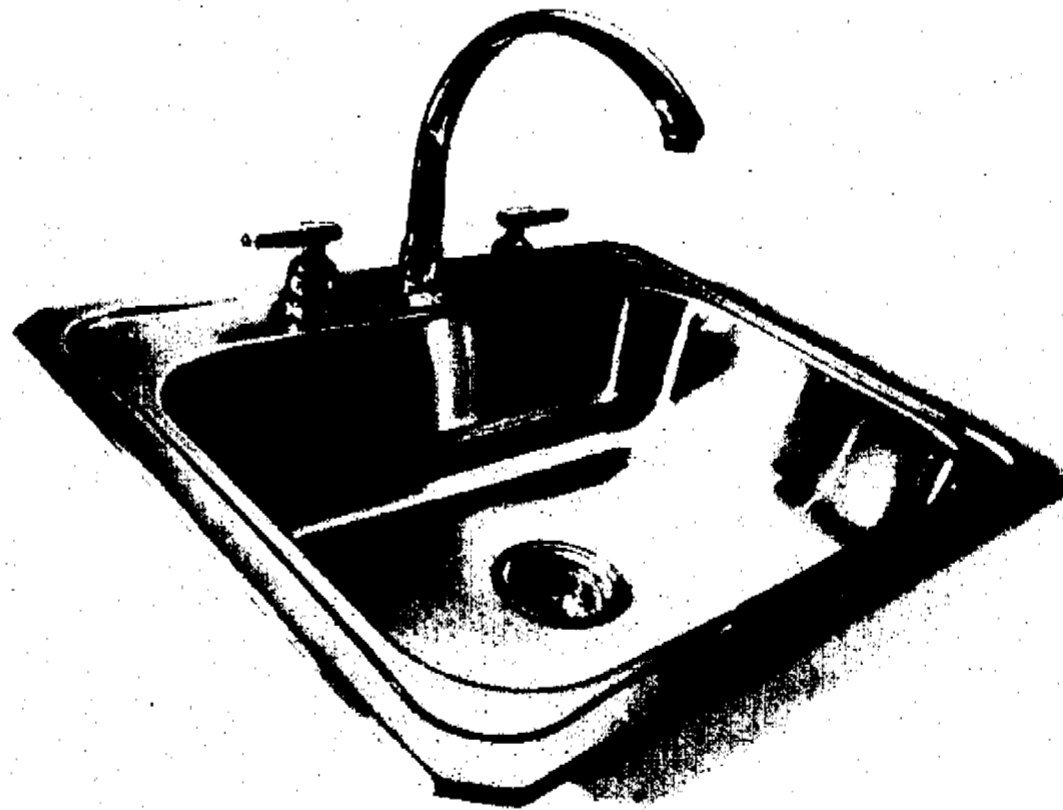
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLYMOUTH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, February 1, 2000 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (evening) <b>Plymouth Cultural Center</b> 525 Farmer Rd. (Opp. N. Terminal &amp; S. Mile off Stadium)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHVILLE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 2, 2000 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (afternoon) <b>Northville Public Library</b> 212 W. Cady (Downtown Northville)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WATERFORD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, February 3, 2000 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (afternoon) <b>Waterford Senior Center</b> 6455 Harper</p>

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## Speaker deals with conflict resolution

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Commission for Women will host a program on campus addressing "Conflict Resolution at Work and Home" on Wednesday, Jan. 26, as part of its Brown Bag lunch series.

The speaker will be Elizabeth Barton, adjunct lecturer in the School of Education at UM-Dearborn and associate director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Wayne State University.

The program is free of charge and will run noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Faculty/ Staff Lounge of the campus University Mall. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information, call Patricia Jones at (313) 593-5188.

# Funds OK'd for high-tech center

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A new technology center and an expansion of the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College may soon become a reality.

A subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee approved the projects in December, then Gov. John Engler signed the related bill. Schoolcraft officials expect to begin planning for the new Business and Industry Training Center, a new culinary arts kitchen and larger meeting rooms at the college.

The House subcommittee also approved \$10.2 million in 2000 and \$11.3 million in 2001 for the midfield terminal project at Detroit Metro Airport, according to state Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia).

Schoolcraft will construct a new one-story technological center just north and west of the Waterman Center, which also will be expanded to allow more room for the culinary arts department. The center and the



Richard McDowell:  
Schoolcraft College president

renovations will add about 45,000-square feet of space and cost about \$20 million.

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell, who was pleased with the news, said the state will

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later reimburse Schoolcraft for one-half of the project cost. "The state will fund about \$10 million," McDowell said.

McDowell said appropriating funds and starting the actual building would be a three-year process. Last year administrators began the planning for the facility, while this year's activity will focus on the architectural drawings and bid documents.

"This month we will ask the board (of trustees) to approve a contract with Ghafari," McDowell said.

Toy, who serves on the House Appropriations Committee and is a vice chair of the capital outlay subcommittee, said in a press release she was "proud and happy" to get funds for the projects.

"It gives me great joy to see these dollars go back to our fine Schoolcraft College and local airports, and help fuel the economic progress in our area," Toy said.

An expanded Waterman would

allow for increased corporate training and community use of the facility. Groups would have more space for corporate functions, including meetings, fund-raising activities and hosting functions used in recruiting.

Currently the college does not have a facility to house 400 to 500 people, according to Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president for business services. Current facilities also do not allow the college to use Waterman for large groups at lunchtime because students also eat there.

"It will allow for three lunch functions going on at the same time," Raby said of the renovations. "You can have one large room, or three smaller ones, similar to (a hotel's) banquet facilities. We can't do that now, at least not effectively."

Large fund-raising dinners, such as the annual Madrigal Dinner, are scheduled at night or on weekends when students are not on campus, Raby said.

Other renovations will include painting walls, new ceilings and new lighting at Waterman.

# Blue Cross lays down 'laws' on winter safety

DETROIT, Jan. 12 (PRNewswire) -- Remember the L-A-W-S of winter safety, advises Dr. Thomas Simmer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan vice president and corporate medical director.

"Layer clothes, alert driving, watch for fire hazards and safe snow removal are the L-A-W-S of winter safety," says Simmer. "Follow these four simple laws to enjoy Michigan's winter wonderland."

Hypothermia and frostbite pack two of winter's bitterest punches. According to Simmer, the best way to protect yourself from Michigan's frigid weather is to dress in several light layers of clothes. The layer closest to your skin should remove moisture away from your body. The next layers should focus on warmth, while the outer layer should protect you from the elements.

Adjust your speed to weather conditions such as snow and fog, and if roads are slick,

always leave extra distance between your car and the car ahead of you. When you travel long distances, call ahead and let someone know when to expect you. If you are stranded along the road, findings suggest you should remain in your car.

If you keep the following supplies in your car, it could save your life, or at the very least, make it easier to dig your car out of a snowdrift.

Shovel  
First aid kit, including any essential medications  
Change for phone calls, or a cell phone  
Flashlight and extra batteries

Bottled water and snacks  
Warm blanket  
Watch for Fire Hazards  
Before you shovel, it is a good idea to warm up with a few stretches. Once you begin shoveling, don't try to do too much at once. Push the snow instead of throwing it.

# Engler vetoes funding for CREST center

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State money for Oakland Community College's Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (CREST) center fell victim to Gov. John Engler's line-item veto pen before he signed the state's capital outlay budgets.

A grant of \$100 for "planning" of the center, along with 31 other similar small allocations, was crossed off the list by Engler before he approved money for building projects all across the state. In total, the allocation gives the go-ahead to \$203 million for building in the year 2000 and \$472 million in 2001.

Small grants, like the \$100 for OCC's CREST center, are significant because they authorize agencies to begin planning and drawing renderings for their projects, explained John Truscott, spokesman for the governor. These little grants also "hold a place in the budget so they are first in line" when money is again made available.

Usually, five to 10 little grants get tacked on by lawmakers in the budget process, Truscott explained. This year, there were 32.

The governor had warned lawmakers he would take a dim view of projects that got tacked on late in the budget process, Truscott said.

"We had no information about these projects. There was no one lobbying for them. In many cases, there was no planning, and they couldn't even identify what the projects were," he explained.

But that is not the case with the CREST center. Planning for the center is finished and OCC expects to break ground on the \$7.27 million, 22-acre project this spring. When completed, the CREST center will be a simulated city giving police, firefighters and other emergency service workers a place to train in life-like surroundings.

To be located on the Auburn Hills campus of OCC, it will be the only training center of its kind in this section of the country and is often compared to training facilities at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

It's anticipated CREST will be utilized by police agencies throughout Michigan and the Midwest.

"Well, if they are ready to break ground, then they are all set to go and they don't need state money," Truscott responded.

That confirms the fears of OCC board members. When Oakland County police chiefs grew frustrated over the past summer about delays in the start of construction, board members said they believed that beginning to build could reduce

the chances of getting a state grant. Still, the board agreed to move ahead to alleviate the concern of the chiefs.

Money for the CREST center was part of a bond tax approved by voters in 1995. Oakland police chiefs campaigned for passage to get that center. But OCC

Chancellor Richard Thompson had hoped for state assistance, about \$4 million worth, so that more bond money could be put into other projects in OCC's long list of improvements and renovations.

In December, Rep. Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham)

attempted to add \$3.5 million for the CREST center in the state's budget, but the move failed in the House of Representatives.

A short time later, Sen. Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) managed to tack on the \$100 planning grant to the capital outlay budget in committee.

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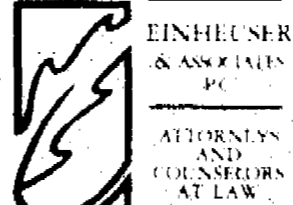
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Collegiate notes

•University of Detroit Mercy freshman **Guy Diakow** (Livonia Churchill) set a personal record with a toss of 50 feet, 8 1/2 inches in the 35-pound weight throw en route to a second place finish at the Jack Harvey Invitational indoor men's track meet held Jan. 8 at the University of Michigan.

•UDM senior **Laura Pilon** (Livonia Stevenson) helped the Lady Titans sweep the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:48.9 Jan. 15 at the Eastern Michigan University women's indoor track invitational.

UDM's **Angie Lefere** and **Ruthie Cook** took first and second, respectively, while Pilon was third.

•University of Toledo swimmer **Kelly Carlisle** (Livonia Stevenson) was recently made the President's List carrying a 4.0 grade-point average for the fall semester.

NBA 2ball at Frost

Livonia Parks and Recreation will stage its NBA 2ball competition at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

The 2ball event is sponsored by Gatorade, Spalding and the NBA. Local, area and city 2ball competitions will be held at 1,000 sites across North America.

2ball is played on a half-court, marked with six identified shooting locations (plus layup) that award different points based on difficulty.

Boys and girls coed team are divided in to three age categories: 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

For more information, call Barb Gamber at (734) 466-2414.

USSSA hoop tourney

The USSSA competitive state basketball tournament will be Friday through Sunday, March 17-19 at Allen Park High School and Allen Park Middle School.

Separate divisions for boys and girls includes grades 6, 7 and 8. The tournament is a qualifier for the USSSA World Basketball Tournament (competitive division).

The round-robin format includes a three-game guarantee. The fee is \$250 per team. The entry deadline is Friday, March 3.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 274-5405 or Jeff Bradley at (734) 595-6096. You can also E-mail Wilkinson at wilkk@ix.netcom.com or Bradley at jbradley@canton-mi.org.

Carbo Baseball School

Philadelphia Phillies' minor league hurler **Mark Rutherford** (Livonia Churchill) will help assist in winter and early spring skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting and field at the **Bernie Carbo Baseball School**.

For more information, call **Gordie Rutherford** at (734) 421-4928.

Mid-Winter hitting camp

Total Baseball, located at 30990 S. Wixom Road in Wixom, will hold a mid-winter hitting camp (ages 7-17) Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 14-16.

The baseball camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon, while the softball camp is 12:30-3:30 p.m. Space is limited.

Collegiate players and coaches will instruct players on increasing bat speed and hitting techniques.

The registration fee is \$65.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166.

Super Bowl 5K race

The Super Bowl 5-kilometer run will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Running Fit Store, located in the Novi Town Center (Novi Road just south of I-96).

The entry fee (before Jan. 25) is \$16. Race day registration is \$20 per person. Entry forms are available on the web site: [runmichigan.com](http://runmichigan.com).

Runners will receive a T-shirt, refreshments and age-group awards. Proceeds will go to the Michigan Running Foundation's scholarship fund.

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## Patriots work overtime for win

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It was an Alberta Clipper kind of basketball night for two Livonia basketball teams seeking their first victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Fortunately for host Franklin, things warmed up Friday in the second half.

But for rival Stevenson, it was severe frostbite as the Spartans shot a frigid 30 percent (19 of 63) in a 54-48 overtime loss.

Franklin, which outscored Stevenson 9-3 during the four-minute extra session, is 1-1 in the WLAA. The Spartans dropped to 0-2.

Both teams are 2-5 overall.

The Patriots were just five of 19 shooting in the (26 percent) in the first half, but reversed their cold snap by going 14 of 28 during the final 20 minutes to finish 19 of 47 on the night (40 percent).

Junior forward **Joe Ruggiero** led the victorious Patriots with a game-high 20 points, including 15 in the second half.

**Derek Schema**, a 6-foot-4 senior, added 15, while 6-foot-4, 250-pound junior center **Mike Copeland** came off the bench to score eight.

The two 6-4 players also combined for 24 rebounds.

"We got off to a slow start, but I told our kids we were still in there even though we were down five or six points," Franklin coach **Dan Robinson** said. "The first half we didn't attack their half-court trap, but in the second half we got some penetration against it."

"Our intensity picked up and I was pleased with the defensive effort."

Stevenson led 10-5 after one quarter and 18-15 at intermission.

Franklin finally forged ahead with just 3.5 seconds left in the third quarter on **Ian Reid's** free throw, 30-29.

The Patriots then opened up an eight-point lead late in the fourth quarter on a pair of baskets by **Ruggiero**.

But the Spartans, despite their



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**My ball:** Livonia Franklin's **Joe Ruggiero** (white jersey, No. 34) snags the rebound in front of teammates (from left) **Derek Schema** and **Chris Patterson**, along with Stevenson's (from left) **Chris Severson** during Friday's Western Lakes tussle.

shooting woes, refused to fold. Consecutive triples by **Mike Lenardon** and **Pete Pinto** pulled Stevenson to within two, 41-39, with just under three minutes to go.

Franklin went back up by six, 45-39, on a pair of **Reid** free throws with 1:54 to go, but the Spartans forced overtime on baskets by **Chris Severson**, **John Van Buren** and **Ryan Drolet**.

Stevenson then made just one of five from the field, a three by **Severson** in the overtime. Meanwhile, Franklin put nine points on the board including a short banker by **Ruggiero** with 34 seconds remaining to put the game away.

Lenardon and **Harland Beverly** each

finished with 11 points to pace Stevenson. **Severson** added eight.

"I can't fault either team's effort," Stevenson coach **Tim Newman** said. "Both played hard and both teams respect each other."

"The difference is that they were more physical inside and they got more scoring inside."

The defroster never activated for the ice-cold Spartans.

"We're capable of hitting, they just didn't tonight," Newman said. "We were getting good looks at the hoop. And in any offensive scheme that's more than you can ask for."

"We didn't quit. I was pleased with

the effort, just disappointed with the outcome."

The two teams will meet again Tuesday at Stevenson. But the game which will not count in the WLAA standings.

"It's going to be that much more difficult going over and playing in their gym," Robinson said. "We're going to have to play with even more desire and purpose."

The trump card, at least on this night, was Franklin's frontline.

"Looking at our rebound totals, **Joe Ruggiero**, **Mike Copeland** and **Derek Schema** did a good job of getting extra shots, especially on the offensive end."

## Shamrocks romp past Brother Rice

BY DAVID SAUNDERS  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central followed true to form.

In the three Shamrocks victories prior to Friday's meeting with Brother Rice, CC scored more than 70 points. But after a 21-point first half, it didn't appear the Shamrocks would reach that magic figure against the host Warriors.

CC, however, shifted into high gear in the second half and exploded for 53 points en route to a 74-48 win and pin their Catholic League arch rivals with their third straight setback.

"We like a wide open game," said CC coach **Rick Coratti**, whose team is now 4-5 overall. "The first half was more to their advantage. I told them to keep running hard and things will open up and they did."

Shots began opening up every where in the third quarter and the Shamrocks were deadly from the field. Four different players, including two treys by **Ryan Celesky** who scored a game-high 23 points, combined to connect on six-of-six. "That helps," Coratti said.

The Shamrocks broke open a 21-20 game by outscoring Rice 26-10.

"That was a pretty good quarter for us. Almost all of our kids shoot the three. We're kind of a three-point shooting team," Coratti said.

The Shamrocks should stick to the outside. They connected on 11-of-16

from three-point range, but only 11-of-36 from inside the arch.

Rice (4-5) registered its four wins by keeping the score low.

"We knew they were a good shooting team," Warriors coach **Dun MacAloon** said. "We were aware of that. We were prepared for that."

"We stymied them in the first half, but then they started to get a couple open looks because we started getting a little tired and they started knocking down the shots."

The Warriors played an aggressive man defense to carve out a 14-10 first quarter lead as they hit 4 of 9 from the field.

But Rice's shooting touch went cold in the second quarter as it hit only one field goal in 13 tries and the Shamrocks outscored them 11-6 as they hit two more field goals. Rice managed 15 of 48 from the field on the night.

Rice picked up its shooting in the third quarter, but the Shamrocks were deadlier.

Another problem for the Warriors was holding on to the ball, as they turned the ball over eight times in the third quarter and ended up committing 24 turnovers to 10 for CC.

"We came out and turned it over three out of our first four possessions in the third quarter," MacAloon said. "We got down by eight and didn't fight hard enough to get back in the game."

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**Tight defense:** CC's **Rob Sparks** (left) applies pressure on a unidentified Brother Rice dribbler during Friday's clash.

## CMU gets commitment from CC's Morris

Redford Catholic Central all-state defensive tackle **Mike Morris** was so impressed by the new Central Michigan University coaching staff that he made a verbal commitment to the Chippewas, days before his official visit to the Mt. Pleasant campus.

**Morris**, 6-foot-2 and 275 pounds, made earlier official visits to Toledo and Iowa.

CMU's new head coach is **Mike DeBord**, the former offensive coordinator at the University of Michigan. DeBord made a visit to the player's Livonia home and that pretty much sealed the CC player's decision, **Morris** said.

**Morris** also was impressed by CMU assistant coach **Jason Carr**, son of U-M coach **Lloyd Carr** and a former CC and Wolverines quarterback who made a school visit.

"When coach DeBord came to the house he showed me the energy and the enthusiasm he has," **Morris** said. "Most of the other head coaches I saw were laid back and relaxed but I like how aggressive he was. It was like he's ready to get the team in the right direction to win some (Mid-American Conference) championships."

**Morris** made his official visit to CMU this weekend. He made an unofficial visit on Tuesday, Jan. 4, with his moth-

er.

**Morris** likes the recent renovation of Kelly/Shorts Stadium and said the new indoor athletic and academic complex is "awesome."

**Morris** was a captain and a three-year starter for the Shamrocks, who won Class AA state titles his sophomore and junior year.

"Coach DeBord took me on a tour of campus. I talked to my position coach (**Jim Schulte**)," **Morris** said. "They told me I'm the kind of guy they want here at CMU, that 'We want to build championships with guys like you.' The second day coach DeBord got hired he called and let it be known he wanted

me. I believe in coach DeBord."

**Morris** also likes the idea that **James King**, a defensive back from Walled Lake Western who has become a friend since their visit to Toledo, has committed to CMU.

Along with their MAC schedule, which includes an annual rivalry game with Western Michigan, the Chippewas open the 2000 season at Purdue and play at Michigan State in 2001.

This is a big recruiting weekend at CMU and **Morris**, who carries a 3.27 grade point average and scored 24 on the ACT, planned to lobby hard for others to commit there.

# Chargers upend Rocks; C'ville prevails

"Did" will beat "didn't" just about every time. Livonia Churchill did hit its three-point shots Friday night while Plymouth Salem didn't. The result, a 70-65 victory for the Chargers.

The Rocks had two chances in the closing seconds to catch the Chargers but couldn't make the necessary three-pointers.

The end result was host Churchill's first win over Salem since the 1995-96 season.

The Chargers improved to 5-2 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem fell to 3-5 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

"This was a big win," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "Our guys shot fabulously. We're a very good shooting ball club, and we needed it tonight to offset Salem's inside game."

"Our guys are very hard-working. They believe they can win."

What Salem coach Bob Brodie found hard to believe was that his Rocks could be within a basket at the half after the shooting display put on by the Chargers.

"They came out hot," Brodie said. "They had seven threes in the first half. I was surprised we were only down two at halftime."

"We kept waiting for them to trip and fall, and they never did."

Churchill's three-point shooting was certainly one big difference. The Chargers had nine of them; the Rocks made just three. Another was turnovers: Churchill forced 18 by Salem while committing just nine.

Still, the Rocks were within three with 20 seconds left after a three-point play by Ryan Cook. And yet, even after the Chargers missed two free throws, Salem couldn't close the gap. They got off two three-point shots in the last 10 seconds, but missed both.

Brad Bescoe's two free throws with three seconds remaining clinched it for Churchill.

Randall Boboige paced the Chargers with 19 points, including five triples. John Bennett added 12 and Bescoe and Brandon Dziklinski scored nine each.

Salem got 22 points from Matt McCaffrey, 13 from Nick Tochman and nine apiece from Jeff Haar and Ryan Nimmerguth.

"We played hard," said Brodie. "I can't say we played poorly."

"All of our games are close (four losses in the closing seconds). I told the guys that we're scrambling for our lives now. And we go to (Westland) John Glenn next."

## BOYS BASKETBALL WRAP

That game is 7 p.m. Friday. Churchill hosts non-league foe Milford at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

•CLARENCEVILLE 48, HARPER WOODS 39: Tough defense and good free throw shooting are a tough combination to beat.

Clarenceville used that formula Friday night to defeat visiting Harper Woods in the last non-conference meeting of the season between the Metro Conference foes.

The Metro Conference officially begins its revamped season Tuesday night when Clarenceville hosts Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Clarenceville's three-game winning streak has let the Trojans square their record at 4-4 while Harper Woods is now 6-3. The streak is the Trojans' longest in at least two seasons.

"We made a couple of steals and rebounds that helped make it a six-point game," coach Bill Dyer said. "And we shut them down down the stretch. We made 7-of-9 free throws in the last quarter."

Sophomore forward Tim Shaw led Clarenceville with 13 points while junior center Scott Wion scored 13. The Trojans were 7-for-11 from the line in the game.

James Douglas led the Pioneers with 15 and Corey Moore contributed 13.

Clarenceville clung to an 8-7 lead after the first quarter and was ahead, 17-14, at halftime. Each team scored 12 points in the third quarter.

"We just played great man-to-man defense at the end," Dyer said. "And we made our free throws down the stretch."

"Shaw was 3-for-3 from the line. And he hit a jumper from the corner when we were just up a couple."

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 50, LUTH. NW 32: Switching from a solid zone to a stout man-to-man helped the visiting Warriors win this non-conference game between Metro Conference opponents.

Lutheran High School Westland (4-2) came out in a zone defense to start the second half, holding a 21-17 lead. It held Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest to three points and scored nine, then junked the defense for a man-to-man in the final period.

The Warriors went on a 20-to-12 tear to close out the game.

Senior guard Charlie Hoefft sprained an ankle in practice and missed the game. Senior forward Burt Decker led Lutheran Westland with 10 points, sophomore forward Brent Habitz had nine and junior forward Nate Meches grabbed eight rebounds.

Junior forward Alan Sparks had nine points to lead Lutheran

Northwest, which made 8-of-14 free throws to 11-for-27 for Lutheran Westland.

•W.L. WESTERN 60, JOHN GLENN 50: The host Warriors halted a three-game slide against the skidding Rockets.

Struggling Westland John Glenn got a three-point play from Michael Franks with 6:04 left to give it a 42-40 lead but things deteriorated from there as the Rockets (2-4) dropped their second Western Lakes Activities Association game in as many tries.

Center Yaku Moton paced John Glenn with 21 points.

Walled Lake Western (5-3) won its WLAA debut by getting 19 points from John Eagle, 12 from Chris Howder and 11 from Jenero Dawood.

John Glenn held a 10-9 lead after the first quarter and trailed by a point, 29-28, at the intermission. The Warriors held a 40-37 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Rockets made just 5-of-13 free throws but the Warriors were only 8-for-13 from the line.

Franks ended with six points while Michael Goree, Brent Bogie and Kendall Underwood each scored seven.

•WILLOW RUN 68, WAYNE 59: The Zebras are doing just about everything right but winning games.

Willow Run became the latest team to defeat Wayne Memorial when the Flyers put up a stout third quarter Friday night to knock off the visiting Zebras.

Greg Mason hit 15 points for Willow Run (5-2), now 3-1 in the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division. Wayne (2-6) hasn't won in four Mega Red tries.

The Flyers and Zebras played to a 31-31 halftime tie but the seven-point spread in the third quarter was just too much for Wayne to overcome, although it did chip two points off that margin.

Taron Smith scored 21 points for Wayne while Justin Goins contributed 12.

•ZOE CHRISTIAN 36, HURON VALLEY 30: A cold-shooting first quarter Friday night put the Hawks in a hole they could never get out of.

"Give them credit," coach Tod Bartholomew said. "The guys never stopped playing. Their intensity grew as the game went on."

"We got it back to 34-30 and had a couple of decent looks that would not go down. But I'm happy they hung in there."

Zoe Christian (2-4) led, 16-2, after one quarter and 24-6 at the halfway point before Westland Huron Valley Lutheran began its comeback at Marshall Middle School.

Rene Arnai led the Hawks (1-6) with 15 points while Mike Matthews paced the visitors with 13. The Hawks' first Michigan Independent Athletic Association game. Zoe is now 1-1.

## Shamrocks romp from page B1

"At that point they started putting in some three pointers and that broke the game open."

"We had 16 turnovers for the second half and that's inexcusable. We have to become a better passing team," MacAloon said. "It seems this year we have momentary lapses and other teams have taken advantage of it."

Catholic Central didn't stop shooting in the fourth quarter, either, as it outshot Brother Rice 27-18. CC collected 11 of its points from the free throw line and two more treys early in the fourth stretched the lead to 56-33 with 4:56 left in the game.

"We're struggling a little now. We need to play with the same defensive intensity for four quar-

ters that we have been playing for two and three quarters," MacAloon said.

Hitting in double figures for Rice were Hayes Grooms with 15 and Chris Aguwa with 11. Rob Sparks scored 16 for Catholic Central and Anthony Coratti and Mark Willoughby each tossed in eight points.

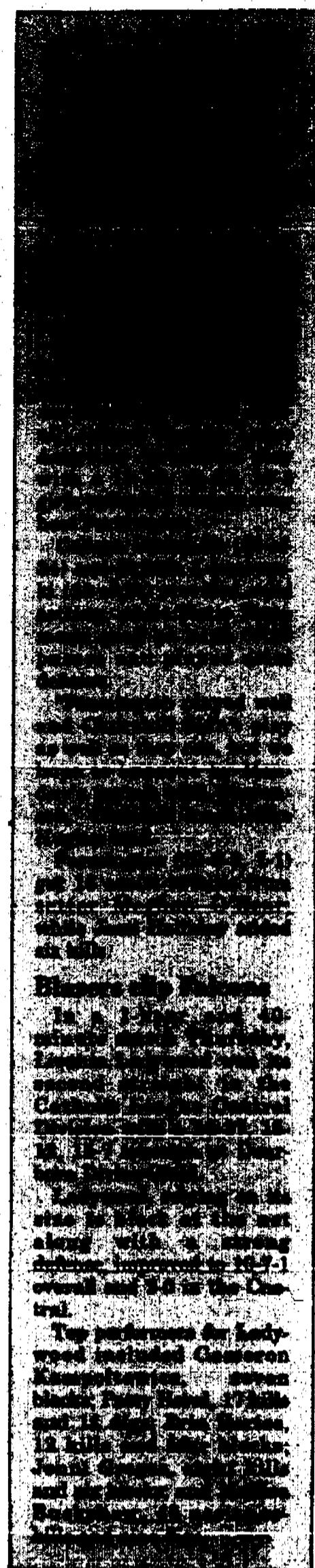
Coratti told his team at half-

time to "keep running hard, keep playing hard. We weren't playing that bad in the first half and we were missing some shots so the shots were there, and rebound and defense and things will work out."

"It's always a big win when you play Brother Rice. They're our biggest rival. Especially coming here and beating them," said

Coratti, whose team is 2-1 in the league.

"I think these kids have the resiliency to bounce back," MacAloon said. "This is the same team that was 2-7 last year and fought back to the Catholic League finals. So they have it within to fight back and we're looking for that type of effort for the rest of the year."



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# No contest: Stevenson grapplers pin Falcons

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A much closer wrestling match was expected, but it soon became apparent Livonia Stevenson wasn't going to let that happen.

The Spartans gradually built a commanding lead and dispelled that notion in the process of dominating the scoreboard if not host Farmington, 45-21.

"All week we were telling the kids it was going to be a tight match, and all the kids came out with a lot of fire," Stevenson coach Joel Smith said. "We knew our kids were capable of this, and this is what we've been expecting. We just haven't seen it."

"Our kids are well conditioned and tonight was a good test of that. Our conditioning won about three pivotal matches."

The Spartans are 8-3-2 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Falcons are 9-2 and 1-1.

Stevenson won four of the first six bouts to take a 23-9 lead, but Farmington kept the score relatively close, which it had to do until the strength of its lineup came into play.

But the Spartans made that a moot point by winning the next five bouts and clinching the victory while holding a 39-9 lead.

One of the pivotal matches occurred at 140 in which Stevenson's Matt Radley edged Tom Mahon in overtime, 6-4.

Late in the third period, Mahon made an escape and scored a three-point nearfall as time was about to expire, knotting the score at 4-4. Radley achieved the winning takedown 1:29 into overtime.

Stevenson's 145-pound Chris Coopridge prevailed in a 5-0 decision, and Imah Kharbush clinched the team victory with a major decision at 152.

That gave the Spartans a 33-9 lead and, with the Falcons being void at 189, was enough to put them over the top.

"We knew, if we didn't win at 140, it would be real tough after that," Farmington coach Al Beyar said.

From 152 pounds on, the Falcons needed four pins and a deci-

sion in the remaining five bouts to win the match.

Some of the best wrestlers on each team faced each other from 152 to 171, and the Spartans won all three bouts.

In addition to Kharbush's 13-0 win, Mike Falzon and John MacFarland earned minor decisions, ballooning the margin to 39-9.

"Once we got to the middle weights, it could have gone either way," Smith said, "but our middle weights came through and kept on driving."

"I thought it would be a lot closer," Farmington assistant coach Barry Walsh said. "We lost a couple we thought we could win. They were all key matches, and we just didn't come out on top."

Stevenson started with pins by Steve Cady (103) and Josh Gunterman (112). Bill Bullock won by technical fall at 125, and Alex Pushman recorded a third-period pin at 135.

Farmington's only wins in the early rounds came from Jon Simmons, who had a pin at 119, and Aaron Turk, who managed a late escape at 130 to edge Mike Khoe, 6-5.

"We didn't expect to get six (from Cady) right out of the chute," Smith said. "That got us going. Billy Bullock moved up to 125 from 119, which proved to be a good move for us."

"We knew we were going to have some pivotal matches that were going to determine matches later on."

Farmington finished with pins by Kyle Domagalski (215) and Brian Brinsden (275) to make the final score a little more respectable.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 45**  
FARMINGTON 21  
Jan. 13 at Farmington  
103 pounds: Steve Cady, S, pinned Kevin O'Shander, 2:32; 112: Josh Gunterman, S, pinned Brian Proven, 2:28; 119: Jon Simmons, F, pinned Brian Schmitt, 1:44; 125: Billy Bullock, S, by technical fall over Andrew Mertens, 17:2; 130: Aaron Turk, F, decision Mike Khoe, 6-5; 135: Alex Pushman, S, pinned Mike Ramirez, 5:02; 140: Matt Radley, S, dec. Tom Mahon, 6-4 in overtime; 145: Chris Coopridge, S, dec. James Clarenar, 5:02; 152: Imah Kharbush, S, major dec. over Mike Mulford, 1:50; 160: Mike Falzon, S, dec. Mark O'Shane, 1:17; 171: John MacFarland, S, dec. Ben Lukas, 2:10; 189: Eric Punnsaw, S, won by void; 215: Kyle Domagalski, F, pinned Tim McCarthy, 1:18; 275: Brian Brinsden, F, pinned Mark Costello, 2:45.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN O'MEARA

Stevenson's Franklin's Adam Bierley (right) battles Stevenson's Matt Calus for the punch.

played an excellent game and Stevenson's (Kevin) MacIver (25 saves) was outstanding in net and made several big saves.

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# Late Greyhound goal deadlocks Whalers

Twenty-five seconds. That's all that separated the Plymouth Whalers from a major mid-season victory over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, leaders in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

But the Whalers had to settle for a 1-1 draw after surrendering a game-tying goal to the 'Hounds' Josef Vasicek with just 25 seconds left, with Soo goalie Jason Flick off the ice for another attacker.

As good as Whaler goalie Rob Zepp was, making 21 saves, he was overshadowed by Flick.

The Whalers pounded the 'Hounds' netminder with 40 shots, including five in overtime; Zepp did not have to make a

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save in the OT. It was a defensive struggle throughout, with Plymouth's Kris Vernarsky breaking the stalemate with a goal at 9:13 of the third period. Stephen Morris and Libor Ustrnul assisted.

\*WINDSOR 7, WHALERS 4: On Thursday, the host Spitfires ended the Whalers' seven-game winning streak in this clash between OHL West Division rivals.

The two teams had been tied for second place in the division, five points behind the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, going into the game played at Windsor.

The Whalers had the early advantage, scoring twice in the first 6:20.

Jamie Lalonde got a power-play goal, assisted by Stephen Weiss and Shaun Fisher, at the 4:36 mark.

Then Randy Fitzgerald got the first of his three goals, off Damien Surma and Justin Williams, at 6:20 of the first.

But the Spitfires weren't down for long. Shawn Mather, Pavel Shtefan and Luc Rioux all scored goals for Windsor before the first period was through, giving it a 3-2 lead.

Shtefan and Tim Gleason pushed the Spits lead to 5-2 with goals in the first 5:05 of the second, but Fitzgerald's second goal

(from Surma and Williams) trimmed Plymouth's deficit to 5-3 entering the third.

Fitzgerald opened the final period with his third goal, this one a power-play marker just 17 seconds in, from Fisher and Surma to make it a one-goal contest.

But Windsor stopped the Whalers there, getting goals from Craig Kennedy and Ryan Courtney to ice the victory.

Surma finished with three assists for the Whalers; Williams and Fisher had two apiece.

Bill Ruggiero and Rob Zepp divided time in goal for Plymouth, Zepp surrendering five goals and Ruggiero two.

Mike Leighton went the distance in goal for Windsor, making 16 stops.

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 Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:01.30  
 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:01.39

**100 FREESTYLE**  
 Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 1:01.73  
 Brandon Goad (Farm. Unified) 1:01.92

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 Brandon Digna (N. Farmington) 51.12  
 Mark Wittthoff (Salem) 51.82  
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 Jim Ross (Salem) 54.72

**500 FREESTYLE**  
 Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 4:55.41  
 Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.86  
 Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80  
 Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96  
 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 5:14.36  
 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:15.76  
 Ben Dzialo (Salem) 5:16.48  
 Eric Lynn (Salem) 5:17.96  
 Danny Price (Farm. Unified) 5:20.62  
 Jim Ross (Salem) 5:26.85

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
 Plymouth Salem 1:33.24  
 Redford Catholic Central 1:34.95  
 Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50  
 Livonia Stevenson 1:36.73  
 North Farmington 1:37.71

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62  
 Eric Lynn (Salem) 57.12  
 Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 57.49  
 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.85  
 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 59.81  
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 Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:04.62  
 Brian Dorigo (Salem) 1:04.67  
 Andrew Kortnik (Stevenson) 1:04.73  
 Eric Dabkowski (Stevenson) 1:04.73

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
 Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.43  
 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86  
 Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.62  
 Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:06.40  
 Geoff Lowes (Stevenson) 1:06.96  
 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:09.07  
 Jon Heiss (Salem) 1:09.67  
 Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:10.28  
 Brandon Goad (Farm. Unified) 1:10.41  
 Chris Clayson (N. Farmington) 1:11.81

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
 Livonia Stevenson 3:29.50  
 Plymouth Salem 3:30.57  
 Redford Catholic Central 3:31.10  
 North Farmington 3:31.39  
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**100 FREESTYLE**  
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# Salem girls vault past John Glenn

## GYMNASTICS

Westland John Glenn had a solid one-two punch in its Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics dual meet against visiting Plymouth Salem Wednesday.

Problem was, the Rocks had much more. Which is why they got the win, 129.37-126.67.

The win kept Salem unbeaten in WLA dual meets at 2-0. Glenn is 1-2 overall.

Bethany Bartlett and April Aquino led the Rocks, Bartlett finishing first in the vault (8.75) and tying for first in the uneven parallel bars (8.5) and Aquino capturing the balance beam (9.05) and floor exercise (8.85).

Bartlett won the all-around with a 34.325; Aquino was third with a 34.1.

Bartlett also placed second on beam (8.7) and fourth in floor (8.25), while Aquino was third in bars (8.05) and fourth in vault (8.15). Other top finishers among the Rocks were Kelsey Ensor, fourth in beam (8.4) and tied for fifth in floor (8.05); Kara Dendri- nos, tied for fifth in floor (8.05) and a 7.65 in vault; Ashley Heard, tied for fourth in bars (7.4); and Ann-Marie Zelinsky in vault (7.65).

Glenn got good performances from Nicole Simonian, who was second in all-around (34.30), and Kristen Costantino, who was fourth all-around (32.4).

Simonian was second on vault (8.5) and floor (8.8); and third in bars (8.35) and beam (8.65); Costantino tied for first in bars (8.5); took third in vault (8.275) and floor (8.45); and was fourth in beam (7.2).

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# 3rd-grader sets a pair of fishing world records



**OUTDOOR HIGHLIGHTS**  
C.J. Walker is just eight years old, but she's already carved out a near legendary niche among anglers across the country.

Walker, of Orchard Lake, established back-to-back junior world records with the International Game and Fish Association.

"I love to go fishing," said C.J., a third-grader at Roper School.

"Fishing is something I love to do whenever I have some spare time."

"It's fun to catch them and sometimes, if they're real big, they're really good to eat. Sometimes we let them go and it's fun to watch them swim away."

Walker established world records in the girls small fry division by catching a 3-pound, 15-ounce lake trout and a 3-pound, 10-ounce northern pike.

"She was just having a blast catching fish," explained C.J.'s father, Bruce. "The day she caught the pike, she caught five of them. She was laughing and having a ball. The whole experience was pretty exciting for her."

The IGFA for years has recognized anglers who catch world-record class fish, but recently began recognizing the accomplishments of young anglers through its junior program.

"The International Game and Fish Association has been around since 1939 and we started a junior records program in 1997," IGFA spokeswoman Kathy Corser said. "The junior program is for children age 16 and under and the small fry program is for ages 10 and under. We recognize 60 freshwater species and 60 saltwater species of fish, and there is no charge."

C.J. caught both of her records last summer while on a fly-in fishing trip on northern Lake Superior with her father. Both fish hit a gold/red Cleo fished on a

medium action spinning rod with 8-pound-test monofilament.

"It was very fun," C.J. said. "We were trying for a world record and when we got home and my dad looked it up and found out we had two records it was really exciting."

There is a catch-and-release division for junior anglers and catch-and-release fishing is encouraged by the IGFA. There is no charge to submit a record and membership is not required.

Junior membership in IGFA is available for \$15 and includes a quarterly newsletter, a rule book, periodic record updates, a hat, a patch, a decal and a membership card.

For a free list of all IGFA world records or more information, contact Kathy Corser at IGFA, 300 Golf Stream Way, Dania Beach, Fla., 33004 or call (954) 927-2628.

"They have to do everything to be eligible for a record," added Bruce. "They

have to cast, reel, fight the fish. All I could do was net it. I couldn't even touch the line. She did a good job."

C.J. fishes often with her father and is an accomplished angler. She has caught tuna and dolphin fish in the Caribbean and perch, blue gill, pike and bass at home on Cass Lake.

## Ferguson on fire

Rochester bass professional Art Ferguson is in the hunt for a return trip to the prestigious BASS Masters Classic world championships. Ferguson qualified for the 1999 Classic through the Top 150 circuit and finished a very respectable 18th.

This year he's in the thick of things in the Eastern Invitational circuit. The top five finishers in the circuit after five tournaments earn an automatic berth to the Classic.

After the third tournament — the Alabama Invitational held in December on Lake Martin in Alexander City, Ala.

— Ferguson was in 11th place among better than 300 anglers.

His total of 542 points was 22 points behind division leader Mark Menendez of Kentucky and just 15 shy of a qualifying spot.

Ferguson helped his cause in the Alabama Invitational by placing 35th with 12 fish that weighed 16 pounds, 15 ounces. He earned \$1,650 for his effort, along with 266 points in the race for the division lead.

Ferguson will compete later this month on Florida's Lake Toho and the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes in the \$409,450 Florida BASSMASTER Top 150.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly column for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. Send comments and successful hunting and fishing reports to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

## SHOWS

### SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers, fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

### DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be

available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoon, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

### SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

### SPRING BOATING EXPO

The eighth annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers,

docks, accessories and more.

## ARCHERY

### 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. 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.

### JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110

for more information.

## METROPARKS

### METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

### 1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

### WINTER BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

If you've never gone birding before, winter is the perfect time

to start. Bring your binoculars and take a walk through a variety of habitats to discover which birds have the "right stuff" to stick around through a Michigan winter. Pre-registration required for this event, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at Kensington. To register or for more information, contact Kensington Nature Center at (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178.

### FULL MOON WALK

A 90-minute interpreter-led walk at Stony Creek, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 21, discussing the activities of wildlife under the light of the "Moon of Winter's Sleep." Dress Warmly. For ages eight years and older. Pre-registration required.

## STATE PARKS

### STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive pro-

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

## WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

### COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.)

# Detroit 2000 is off and rolling; Livonia to host Bowl-a-thon

### TEN PIN ALLEY

Last weekend marked the kick-off of the 97th Annual Michigan State Bowling Tournament, Detroit 2000.

It runs a total of 17 weeks, ending in May with 2,600 teams entered from all over Michigan.

The team events were held at Bonanza Lanes in Warren, the singles and doubles running at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The first week's results are in and the early team event leaders are:

Actual, R & D enterprises of Lansing with 3210; and handicap, Larke Wood Floor Service of Royal Oak with 3477 followed by Cass Techs of Redford with 3440.

Doubles actual leaders are Otis Bradley and David Bell of Pontiac with 1880; doubles handicap is led by Tim Lark and Eric Johnson of Royal Oak with 1461.

### Singles leaders are:

Actual, Jason Nieman of Warren with 729; and handicap, Jason Nieman with 818.

All-events actual, Don Nyenhuis of Wyoming at 2107 followed by Tim Saunders of Redford at 2099; and handicap, Jason Nieman at 2907 in first and Tim Saunders at fourth with 2180. Alfred Stroud of Southfield had a 290 and Mark Rogers of Lansing 299.

The event being in our area is a boost for the local economy as more than 13,000 partici-

The proprietors, Mark and Diane Voigt of Farmington, are particularly pleased with the turnout as it is a nice boost for their business and others in the community as well.

Ten Pin Alley will keep updating the scores.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, the third annual LPVI Bowl-A-Thon will be held at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

It's a benefit for visually impaired children throughout Western Wayne County.

There are openings for bowlers and sponsors. All of the money raised in the event is used to support programs helping these children.

Sign-in time is 1:30 or earlier. Bowling starts at 2 p.m.

As this is their only fundraiser, they would like each participant to raise at least \$25 either by getting sponsors who will donate a set dollar amount or just making a donation of \$25 or more per bowler.

Donations to LPVI are tax deductible. Make checks payable to LPVI.

There will be lots of prizes given away. Grand Prize is a one-year membership to the Livonia Y awarded to the individual that collects the most donations exceeding \$500.

The LPVI (Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired) has for 26 years funded programs that teach both daily living and social skills by feel, touch and sound.

Given the proper support, these children can become contributing members of society. Call either Lucille H. Fritz at (248) 471-3940 or Bonnie Sheridan at (734) 459-3439 with questions or to request an entry form.

Table with multiple columns listing bowling events, names, and scores. Includes sections for Men's Senior House, Livonia Elks, Westside Proprietors, Motor City Men, Bowlerettes, Tuesday Seniors, St. Aidan's Men, Rich Radak, Saburbanettes, Wayne Westland Schools, E/O Sunday Rollers, Monday Morning Men, Westland Lanes, and various youth and women's events.

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Looking back on a decade of portraiture

Toni Stevens admits portraiture is unpopular with people who buy art, but she's fascinated with people and isn't going to quit painting models at the Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Center.

The Plymouth watercolorist stands in the fine arts gallery at Livonia Civic Center Library, proudly surveying portraits she's painted since retiring from teaching in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in 1989.

#### "Looking Back/Facing Forward"

What: An exhibition of paintings and drawings by Toni Stevens.

When: Continues through Monday, Jan. 31. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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

Her one-woman show, "Looking Back/Facing Forward," showcases paintings of people she's met over the years. She finds each one interesting in his or her own way. "People don't want a painting of a stranger," Stevens says.

"unless they're done by someone famous."

Stevens isn't famous yet, but she is an award-winning portrait artist. Nearly every work in the show has placed in competition. Training she received at Cass Tech High School in Detroit and Syracuse University in New York helped Stevens develop her drawing and painting skills. She honed her ability to capture the essence of a person through years of experience.

"I want the portrait to be becoming," said Stevens. "I try to get the spirit of the sitter and a likeness."

#### Unlikely props

In many of the works, Stevens seeks the viewer's attention by painting in objects that seem out of place. "Amy," one of her three newer works, incorporates a Georgia O'Keefe painting on the wall. The lavender gown and porcelain skin remind the viewer of Manet's "Olympia." Another work, "Nevermore," intrigues viewers with its mourning dove shadowed by an Edgar Allan Poe-like crow.

"A lot of it is just for composition but also so the viewer will ask 'Why is it there?'"

"Leaving Stonehenge" features a man standing in front of Stonehenge. Stevens relays stories of several of the models she's painted in classes and independent studies.

"Andrew makes his own costumes,"

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Looking Forward: Toni Stevens presents one of her newest watercolors, "Amy."



Viewers think about a mourning dove with the shadow of a crow in this painting by Toni Stevens.

# Tell me a story...

## Tale spinners to enchant festival crowd

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Debra Christian's voice fluctuates from almost a whisper to high-pitched excitement as she talks about sitting on her grandfather's knee while he told stories about leaving Czechoslovakia for the coal mines of Pennsylvania. She'd pat his very large stomach and ask "What's in here, grandpa?" His reply always made her giggle. "An elephant," he'd tease in the half-Eastern European accent.

It was recalling times such as these that prompted Christian to give up a career as a speech pathologist for Garden City Public Schools to pursue the enchanting art of story telling. Christian loved hearing grandpa tell her about being a teenager at the turn-of-the-century and wanted his stories to remain alive for her children.

Christian knows her two sons will remember the five-acre peacock farm they grew up on in Plymouth. It's the stories about their grandfather that will be lost without a storyteller in the family.

#### Oral tradition

Christian believes so strongly in

the oral tradition of passing down history from generation to generation, that she's scheduled a workshop on the topic during a festival to be presented by Canton Project Arts on Saturday, Jan. 22. In addition to teaching the necessary skills, Christian and other storytellers will mesmerize audiences with tales about Arabic princesses and mountain men during "Storytelling Through the Ages."

"My grandfather was telling me stories all the time," said Christian. "My father, who was a history teacher for 41 years, did too. Successful family story telling is not just for fun by any means. Family stuff is very important. I've heard time and time again about someone's father dying and they say, 'Why didn't I ever write it down about the old country?' When people understand the importance of these tales, then they understand how important it is to share part of yourself."

Christian's voice becomes very quiet as if she's about to share a secret. It's easy to see why the award-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Spellbound: Debra Christian enthalls a child with her story at Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton

winning storyteller has been interviewed by *Ladies Home Journal*.

"Telling stories also helps children solve problems they'll encounter later in life," said Christian. "Grandma telling a story about how her puppy was killed will help that child deal with a like situation later on. It shows Grandma survived and went on. That's the beauty of story."

#### Full day

Just when Christian's enthusiasm for story telling seems about to wane, she sets off on a new path. As coordinator of "Storytelling through the Ages," she's planned a full day and evening of workshops and concerts. Ron Lowe, a Canton storyteller and judge for the 35th district court in Plymouth, will lead an adult workshop on "Building Character." Jennifer Ivinskis, the session on "Adults Telling Tales." Christian will teach children what's involved with "Creating Creepy Tales." The storytellers will then show how it's done.

"Teaching through story telling is all the things we've experienced as a child," said Christian. "It's primordial instinct to share a story. It's ancient, it's innate in us. The cave men would spend his day on the hunt. When he came back, he didn't put in a video. He re-enacted the chase, his cunning moves before the kill."

But what makes a good story? Having characters you can relate to, "heart and sincerity" are key to telling even scary stories. In "Creating Creepy Tales," Christian will begin with a short story.

"I'll talk about how to build intensity," said Christian. "Remember when mom asked you to go down to the cellar for a jar of pickled beets? You really didn't like that place. It had a strange smell and the light didn't always work. I'll ask them to tell us

about a time in your life when you were really scared and help them explore how to create a scary story but with a funny ending so it's non-threatening."

#### Second storytelling

Canton Project Arts president Gene Hammonds became so enthralled watching the first response of children and adults to the first storytelling festival last year that he's made it an annual event. Hammonds originally fell in love with storytelling at the Plymouth Fall Festival a few years before. The Canton festival evolved from a long-term project to reach children. Throughout the year, Canton Project Arts presents a variety of arts programming that includes everything from opera to a fine art exhibit. But Hammonds said he felt the needs of the youngest members of the community weren't being addressed.

"There's very few opportunities where children could see this," said Hammonds. "At last year's festival, the audience got excited. They wanted to talk with the storytellers afterward because they'd basically become larger-than-life."

Canton Project Arts timed the festival to coincide with a Focus:HOPE photography exhibit, "Focus on the Mission," to expose as many people as possible to a variety of arts. The exhibit showcases 70 students from more than 30 high schools in the Detroit area, including Plymouth Canton Schools through Sunday, Jan. 23, in the banquet area of Summit on the Park. The exhibit resulted from a photography project at Focus:HOPE to unite students from diverse backgrounds. Interactive activities, discussions and photo assignments encouraged participants to think about the role of diversity in their lives and to form new friendships.



Ancient art: Who needs TV when you have Debra Christian to keep you entertained with her magical stories.

#### "Storytelling Through the Ages"

What: Storytelling festival sponsored by Canton Project Arts features workshops and concerts for children and adults.

When: Saturday, Jan. 22. Children's show 1-2:30 p.m., family concert 7 p.m. Workshops - Meet Mother Goose 10 a.m., Creating Creepy Tales 11 a.m., Adults Telling Tales 11 a.m., Meet Madeline 2:30 p.m., Building Character 2:30 p.m., and Magic: Tales & Mountain Men 2:30 p.m.

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

Tickets: \$5, \$15 family. Call (734) 397-6450.

Upcoming Canton Project Arts Events:  
Verdi Opera Theatre performance 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Tickets are \$15.  
Bus trip to see the "Van Gogh: Face to Face" exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 21.



## CONCERT

# Ensembles join forces for Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy'

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When Ludwig van Beethoven began sketching his ninth symphony, he probably never dreamed it would one day play to sold-out audiences. It would have made all the time he spent composing the complex and lengthy work seem more "joyful." After all, that's what Friedrich von Schiller had in mind when he wrote the ode expressing "the ideal of brotherhood of all mankind."

"When Beethoven decided to incorporate Schiller's 'Ode to Joy' in the Ninth Symphony, he set only about a third of the text and added a 12-word introduction to effect the transition from instrumental to voice so this 'Chorale' Symphony is an instrumental work with a chorale finale," said David Wagner, director of the Madonna University Chorale.

#### "Vocal New Millennium"

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Madonna University Chorale perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Telegraph, north of Bay Road, Livonia. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students. Call (248) 464-2741, (734) 421-1111 or (248) 648-6666.

rehearsing the choir for a concert with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Jan. 22, in Carli Auditorium



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Ode to Joy: Madonna University Chorale members Nancy Grabarczyk (left) of Farmington Hills and Krista Strang, Waterford, rehearse for a concert with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

at Churchill High School in Livonia. Beethoven's ninth symphony is the highlight of the program, which features guest soloists Maria Cimarelli, a soprano and music director at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, Christina Romana Lybecki, a

mezzo-soprano born in Ukraine, Karl Schmidt, a tenor featured in Michigan Opera Theatre mainstage productions, and Donald Hartmann, a bass-baritone and professor of music at Eastern Michigan University.

Livonia Symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesniuk wanted to perform the monumental work as way of saying "Hello, New Millennium," the title of the program that also includes Richard Strauss' theme from "2001 A Space Odyssey." He will speak about Beethoven's moving work at the beginning of the concert, Schesniuk said. Beethoven is not an old-fashioned composer but just as viable today.

"The ninth symphony is something we cannot play every year but for very special occasions, a celebration like when the United Nations was organized after World War II. It was performed then," said Schesniuk. "Beethoven's last movement on Schiller's 'Ode to Joy' says 'People, brothers, everybody, enjoy your time.' For me this music is not really music. It's a philosophical mind that concentrates on the history of human beings on earth. About 1812 the ideas started coming after the war was finished between Russia and France's Napoleon."

Cimarelli never forgot singing the work for the first time with the Windsor Symphony. "It's difficult because of the range, besides which you're sharing such a large orchestral work," she said.

# Yo-Yo Ma sold out, but there's more Bach to come

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Tickets to hear world renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma perform a contemporary commission of Bach's Goldberg Variations at Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium are long gone.

Ma's Thursday recital, the first in nine years in the area, sold out in October. But, fans of the Goldberg Variations need not despair.

Pianist Murray Perahia will soon perform the original composition and five other Bach works at Hill.

Perahia's performance also is the first of six Bach programs being presented by the University Musical Society to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the composer's death.

"I would say there's a growing interest in Bach. There certainly is a great resurgence of interest in the early music movement,"

said Sara Billman, the society's director of marketing and promotion.

"How things would have been performed in Bach's day has become of more interest."

Bach is believed to have written the Goldberg Variations for his student Johann Gottlieb Goldberg to perform for a Dresden count. Goldberg was the count's private harpsichordist.

The piece, an aria published in 1741, explores a vast emotional

palette, from explosive joy to deep contemplation, and illustrates a wide variety of musical styles.

"I think with Bach, just like with Mozart, there is something in it for everyone," said Billman. "And, for people who are just starting (with classical music), it is very accessible, very beautiful music."

Perahia's performance, which also features Bach's Four Chorale Preludes, is slated for 8

p.m. Feb. 16. Tickets are \$16-55.

The Bach series also includes:

■ Violinist Christian Tetzlaff performing Bach's solo violin work on Feb. 20.

■ Trevor Pinnock and The English Concert presenting Bach's complete Brandenburg Concertos and a 24-hour Bach marathon with additional concerts by the University of Michigan School of Music faculty on March 11.

■ The Michigan Chamber

Players performing Bach in a free concert on March 22.

■ A dance performance set to Bach's Musical Offering by the Trisha Brown Dance Company on April 12.

■ The UMS Choral Union and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra presenting Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* on April 16.

For additional information about the University Musical Society's Bach series or to obtain tickets, call (734) 764-2538.

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said Stevens as if she's painted the young man dozens of times. "He had on a black hooded outfit, but I used a pale blue watercolor wash instead. Several people have commented that it's in keeping with my palette. I was trying to make it interesting, so I found a photo of Stonehenge."

### Not for sale

If you're looking to buy a painting, you won't find one for sale here. Stevens never sells her works but saves them for competitions. The drawing, "What is the Point," represents a painting that's not in the show because it's touring for a year with a Michigan Water Color Society exhibit.

"Why do I compete? It's the

nod of approval from a well-qualified judge - and a dollar here and there helps defray the cost of framing."

Ever since she sold one of her first florals and missed it, Stevens decided she wanted to keep the paintings that require many hours of work. Stevens quips she feels the same way as a fellow artist.

"After one of my artist friends sold a work, she said she felt so bad that she wanted visitation rights."

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

## Looking beyond the slippery shine at the auto show

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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It's not wise to lean against any car at this year's North American International Auto Show.

It's not because security is tight. Or because the cars are beyond reach.

It's the slippery shine.

Leaning on a side panel can be like an unexpected trip down a steep hill on a freshly waxed snowboard.

And besides, it's not cool to think of a car as a mere prop, simply a means of transportation or a convenient resting spot.

This is Detroit. Crusin' isn't a sport, it's a way of life. Each car

is a fiefdom awaiting its king or queen, prince or princess.

### Four-wheel aesthetics

In the capital where cars are manufactured, promoted and sold, the auto show is set on holy ground. A modern-day Mecca. The site whereby followers of industry trends make their annual pilgrimage to oogle at the upcoming year's styles, and futuristic models.

Beyond the rattling talk about "market segments," performance standards and advertising gobblegook, there's the aesthetics of show, which range from subtle to compelling to over-the-top.

"Each exhibit is an artistic expression for building loyalty

What: North American International Auto Show  
Where: Cobo Center, downtown Detroit  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 22; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23  
Admission: \$10/general; \$5/seniors; free/12 years old and younger.

for the brand," said Robert Albitz, vice president of creative for George P. Johnson Co., which designed a dozen of the exhibits in the show.

The founder of the Auburn Hills company, George P. himself, worked for Henry Ford in designing the first auto show during the mid 1920s. If any company has been responsible for equating "dream car" with the American Way, it's the Johnson Co.

Each display, said Albitz of Lake Orion, is designed with marketing objectives and a "keep it simple" philosophy in mind.

A team of designers at Johnson examine how color, lighting and space all work together to focus attention on a car.

In some cases, the exhibits are sophisticated presentations straight from the sales showroom with interactive kiosks and videos presented on large LED screens.

Other times, the car exhibits create an attitude that goes way beyond a comfortable ride.

### Completely blurred

George P. Johnson's exhibit of a Jeep Sport suspended perpendicular on a pile of rocks simply makes the point for those leading a rugged, sporty lifestyle.

Clearly, attitude.

"The lines between communication and art is completely blurred," said Albitz.

"Our clients expect customers to have a consistent brand experience."

From a design standpoint, it might be difficult to distinguish a brand when so many of the cars look alike.

Obviously, that's why ad agencies get paid the big bucks. Some of the "attitudes" are worth considering.

For instance, Jaguar blends lifestyle with engineering in their slogan, "The Art of Performance." By the way, a sporty Jag is available for \$55,000 in a color called anthracite, a.k.a. color of coal.

If that's not enough to induce dreaming, how about the piped in song. "At last my love has come along..." A bit much, perhaps.

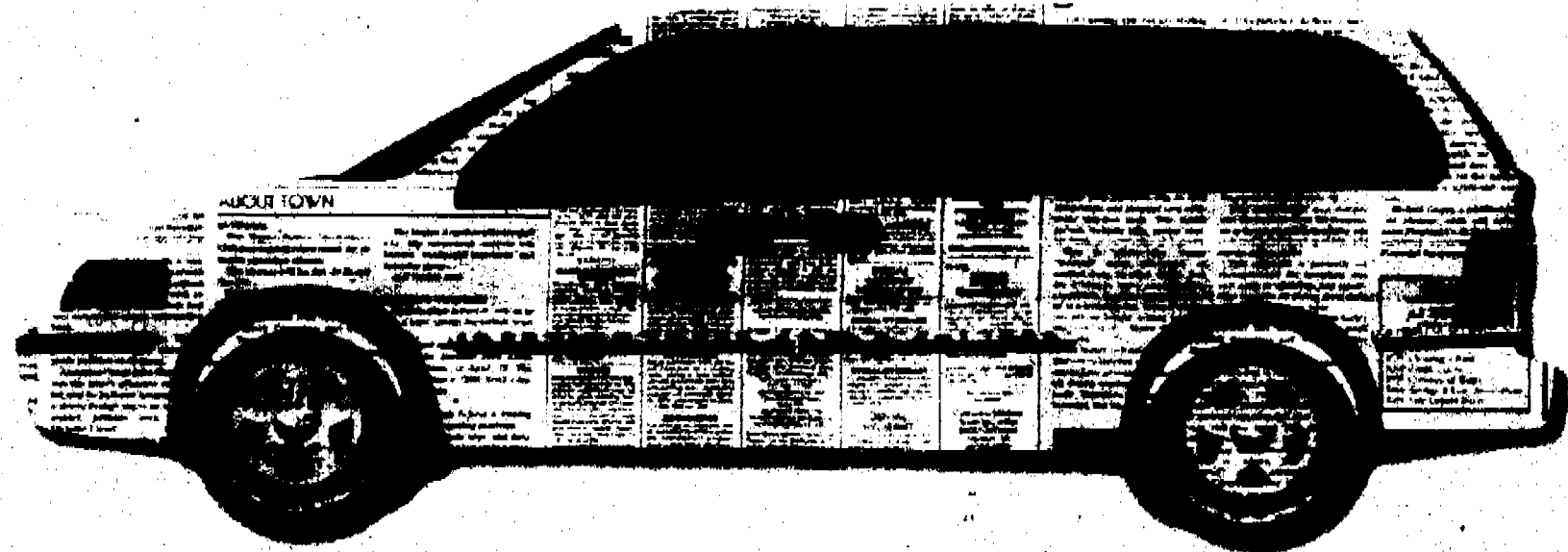
Then again, there was a crowd of about a dozen would-be buyers fantasizing about sitting behind the wheel of the Jag.

All in all, the BMW display is arguably the most compelling. A large screen above the exhibit shows rolling clouds and molten being poured in what unfolds as an animated painting. The message: "What Did You Experience Today?"

### Going too far

The award for going too far

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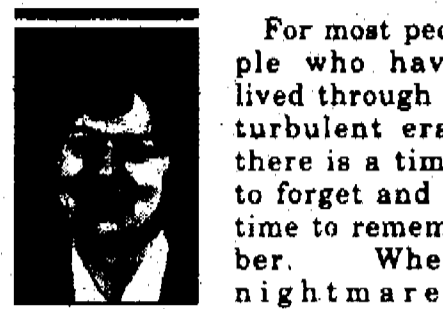
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'Boy Soldier' offers insight from draftee's perspective

'Boy Soldier: Coming of Age during World War II'
Russell R. McLogan
Terrus Press, 1998, \$29.98



ESTHER LITTMANN

'Boy Soldier' is a fine effort - a sometimes humorous and often sad reminder to those who've been there and an informative, inspiring lesson of a momentous time in history to the rest of us.

Surely he had something to tell his grandchildren! And in the period of nine years, a small volume of memoirs grew into a 371-page book, complete with photographs, maps, and documentation of the author's extensive research.

This has certainly been true for the past 15 years, when numerous publications of memoirs by survivors and soldiers of World War II have appeared. Among them is a book entitled "Boy Soldier: Coming of Age during World War II," by Russell E. McLogan.

Drafted into the army in 1944 when he was an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Detroit, McLogan was sent to the Philippines as a member of the 6th Infantry Division. There he fought the Japanese on the Shimbu Line (located on the island of Luzon) and eventually took an enemy bullet in his right leg.

After spending 89 days in military hospitals, McLogan returned to duty as part of the army of occupation in Korea. When he finally got back to Detroit, the 19-year-old soldier, who had left as a boy but returned as a man, finished college on the G.I. Bill, became a mechanical engineer, married, and had six children. He currently lives in Hillsdale, Mich.

"When I was a rifleman," writes the author, "training with thousands of other young men, riding a crowded troopship, cringing in a foxhole while shells landed around me, or cautiously moving down a jungle trail looking for the enemy, I thought combatants were in the majority, not some kind of 'rarity.'"

Years later, however, McLogan was to learn that his combat experience, though short-lived, was not the general rule, that the "ratio of infantry combat veterans to all others who served (in World War II) was about one in 20."

And the excitement: encountering Japanese machine gunners in the underbrush, running for cover over the crest of a hill, feeling surprise and the hot stab

of pain as a bullet entered his leg. But the author, a recipient of the Purple Heart, does more than recount personal experiences. He reminds us repeatedly of what was going on elsewhere: D-Day in Europe, the Battle of Okinawa in the Pacific, the death of Roosevelt in the U.S. And he includes cameo appearances of personages such as Frank Murphy, governor-general of the Philippines and later governor of Michigan; General Douglas MacArthur; and General Yamashiro.

In a chapter entitled "I Too, Thank God for the Atom Bomb," the author describes "Ketsu-Go," the elaborate Japanese plans to defend their homeland in the event of an invasion. The carnage of American soldiers would have been immense, he writes, considering the mined fortifications, artillery fire, suicidal missions, and familiarity with the terrain that the Japanese had in their favor.

Fortunately, McLogan did not yield to the demands of the University of Florida Press to cut his manuscript in half. Insisting that his story must be told in its entirety and against the broad panorama of war in Europe and the Pacific, the author published the book himself.

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McLogan's book can be found at Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield where he recently appeared for a signing and by writing to Terrus Press, P.O. Box 525, Reading, MI 49274.

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AMERICAN GIRL

Barnes & Noble in Northville will host an American Girl party for girls 7-11. This month's party, beginning 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, will feature the story of Addie from the popular American Girl series. Featured will be games, stories and refreshments. Interested girls must register in person or by phone. Call (248) 348-0696.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The public is invited to attend The Battle of the Books at the Southfield Public Library to cheer for their favorite fourth- and fifth-grade teams. The competition is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Pavilion of the library. The building is located at 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive. Call (248) 948-0460.

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This event will provide hands-on workshops and concerts for children and adults throughout the day and evening. Mother Goose will delight young children, while magician and folklorist Marc LeJarett will dazzle with magic tricks woven into his tales of old. Storybook character "Madeline" will also be present. Award-winning storyteller Debra Christian will conduct a workshop for children on Creating Creepy Tales. Adult workshops will also be held to enhance the use of story to preserve family history and build character. Individual tickets for the entire day and evening event are \$5 or \$15 for a family of three or more. For advanced tickets or more information, call (734) 397-6450. Tickets may also be purchased at Summit on the Park.

AMERICAN GIRL

Barnes & Noble in Northville will host an American Girl party for girls 7-11. This month's party, beginning 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, will feature the story of Addie from the popular American Girl series. Featured will be games, stories and refreshments. Interested girls must register in person or by phone. Call (248) 348-0696.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The public is invited to attend The Battle of the Books at the Southfield Public Library to cheer for their favorite fourth- and fifth-grade teams. The competition is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, and Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Pavilion of the library. The building is located at 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive. Call (248) 948-0460.

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival—Art in the Village Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources department at (734) 466-2540.

■ Canton Township is also seeking artists for its ninth annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest June 24-25 in Heritage Park.

Deadline for application is April 15. Call (734) 453-3710.

In addition, any art student in middle or high school in the Ply-

mouth Canton Schools can display and sell their wares in a student booth for free.

**THEATER AUDITIONS**

Schoolcraft College is holding auditions for Abe Burrow's comedy "Cactus Flower" 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 25-26 in the Liberal Arts Building Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The performances will take place Fridays-Saturdays, March 24-25, March 31-April 1, and April 7-8.

For more information on the auditions or to purchase tickets, call (734) 462-4596.

**CULTURE OF INDIA**

An eight-week continuing education class on the culture of India begins Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The cost is \$60. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

The class presents a comprehensive look at the history and culture of this fascinating and complex country. It is an excellent preparation for the Arts of India Conference May 12-13 or for persons planning to travel to India or who have business dealings with Indian firms.

The May conference will feature dancing, lectures, food, workshops, recitations from literature, and vendors selling Indian goods and foods. Scholars and artists from across the country will be presenters.

**RIISING STAR SINGERS**

The youth chorus is seeking a few additional members. Auditions for ages 8-16 will be held 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The chorus involves choreography and movement, and uses all talents of participants including dance and instruments. Prac-

tices are 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through August.

For information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 or Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

**PORTRAITURE ART**

Lin Baum will teach art classes 1-4 p.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 3 for four weeks at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, Garden City.

There is a choice of mediums with individual instruction. To register or for more information, call Norma McQueen at (734) 261-0379 or the gallery at (734) 513-4044.

**ART LECTURE**

The Ann Arbor Women Painters presents Eastern Michigan University professor Richard Rubenfeld 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4001 Ann Arbor Saline Road.

Rubenfeld will discuss what makes a good artist statement. Artists should bring a copy of their existing artist statement. The public is welcome. Call (734) 995-1795.

**VOCAL COMPETITION**

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students.

Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition aims to encourage and help develop young amateur vocal talent and promote an appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language. The finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestant's singing submitted through their respective high schools. The deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19.

Each of the 10 finalists receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to

\$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren.

For additional information, call Verdi Opera Theatre president John Zaretti at (734) 455-8895.

**ART CLASSES**

Center for Creative Studies begins its Continuing and Community Education classes Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Detroit campus, Novi and the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

The courses are designed for people of all ages and abilities and include drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, glassblowing, photography, illustration, digital art, image making and page layout, and portfolio preparation.

For a schedule of classes or more information, call (313) 664-7456.

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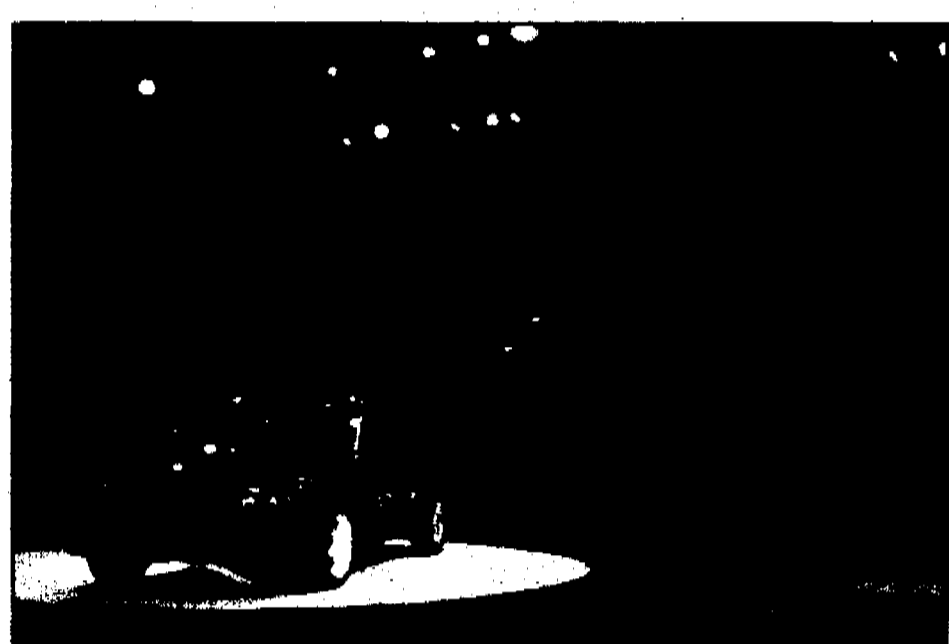
goes to Volvo for its display. "Volvo for Life." That's right. Forget about mpg, safety and cost. Volvo promises to transform your life.

Their display is brightly lit, and the newest car models are set on a light hardwood floor. Written upon the glass backdrop are the words, fun, family, caring and excitement.

A film shown on a large screen in the middle of the exhibit shows a family from the 1950s awakening to the conveniences of the 21st century, including, of course, a ride in the new Volvo V70.

The image of a deliriously happy family driving along abandoned highways apparently captures the meaning of fun, family, caring and excitement.

Perhaps someone should've asked what road they were traveling on.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

**New perspective:** George P. Johnson's display for Nissan offers an entirely different view of a car.

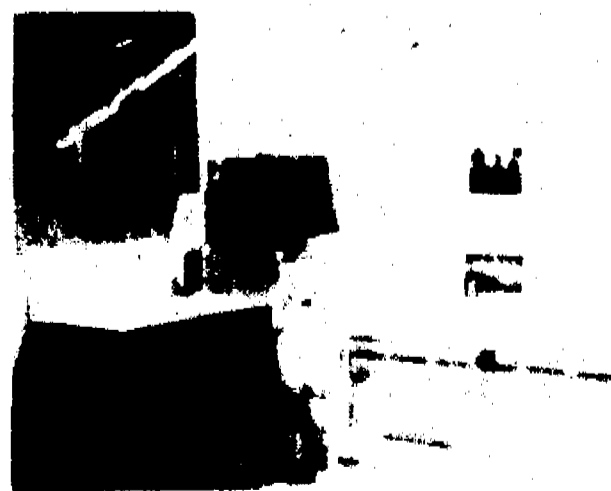
But hey, why spoil the fun. The good life come on four wheels. It's the auto show. Dreams of wheels.



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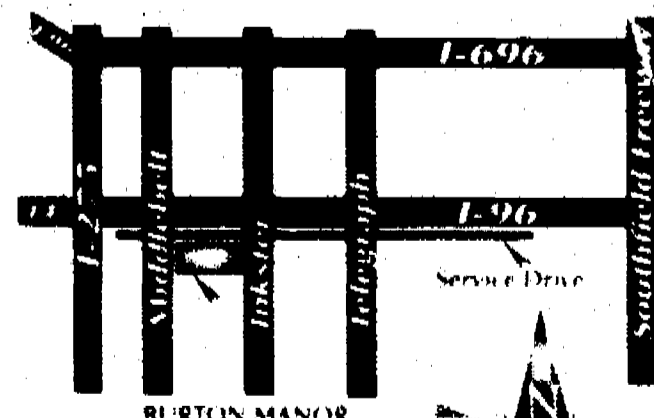
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## Don't ignore a focal point, the eyebrows

### DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

Every woman likes her eyebrows to look as natural as possible. But that isn't a license to forget them. They are the eye's natural frame and too important to neglect.

Balance is the key attribute that well-shaped eyebrows give your face. In fact, eyebrows are guidelines for make-up placement. And, because of that, you need to make sure their shape is correct before embarking on any make-up corrections.

The length and arch of your brow will not only help you to determine placement and shading of your eye make-up, but also subtly influence the way your nose is perceived.

For example, you can't extend eye make-up dramatically with a short or pale brow. Also, properly shaped eyebrows will open up the center of your face, softening a prominent nose or strengthening a small one. And, there is nothing more distracting than an eyebrow that ends before the rest of your eye does.

To obtain your own perfect eyebrow, first study the architecture of your face.

Each brow should follow the natural curve your eye, eye lid and nose line. It should plunge almost into the nose line, never stopping short of it.

#### Guidelines

Feel along your brow bone to the point where it begins to curve into the bridge of the nose. The, draw a line straight up from the inside corner of your eye to this point. Here is where your brow should begin.

Next, hold an orange stick on a diagonal from the side of your nostril to the outside corner of your eye. The arc of the stick from the outside corner of the eyebrow will define the maximum length for your eyebrow without makeup. If you enlarge your eyes with shadows, pencils or color you must always extend the line of your brow, as well.

You can correct the shape of brows that don't follow this natural line by penciling in the ideal shape. Do so with a very obvious outline and remove any hairs that fall outside the line, tweezing in the direction they grow.

#### Professional assistance

When brows need more extensive shaping, you may want to have them professionally waxed. That way, you are removing the hair from the root without any hair breakage below the skin surface, the cause of in-grown hairs.

Waxing also allows you to remove fine hairs that typically interfere with eye shadow placement. And, by having your eyebrows professionally done, you will avoid over-tweezing, which destroys the natural arch.

I recommend waxing the brow area about every four to six weeks. You can keep the brows neat in between waxing sessions with a tool called Touch-n-Brow, which is sold at most professional salons that offer waxing services.

#### Adding color and definition

Along with grooming, you may need to add penciled or powdered fill-ins to give depth to your eyebrows. Furthermore, over time our brows tend to thin, so need the help of added color for definition.

Believe it or not, you'll achieve a much more natural brow line, if you use a combination of two colors. You can use different combinations, depending on your hair color, such as blond and brown to stroke in tiny lines.

Never draw a horizontal line. And, remember to keep your strokes on the diagonal, going in the direction in which the hairs actually grow.

Whether you're wearing full make-up to go out for the evening or just running errands bare-faced, your eyebrows are a focal point of your face. So, give them the care they deserve and keep them in proper shape.

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



**Busy:** A Haberman Fabrics staff member helps a customer with a tough project at last year's Super Bowl 'Football Widows' sewing retreat, held annually on Super Bowl Sunday at the store as an alternative to watching football, attending parties or doing nothing at all.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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For many of us, nothing could be worse than a heavy-duty, media-hyped, all-day sports event like Super Bowl Sunday.

Even worse, you have nothing better to do; you'll have to put on a grin and join in the hoopla.

But you might not have to acquiesce come Jan. 30, Super Bowl Sunday for the year 2000. The folks at Haberman Fabrics sewing and fabrics store in Royal Oak have an alternative activity planned for anyone who isn't football-friendly.

The 40-year-old store, located at 117 W. Fourth Street, is hosting a Super Bowl sewing and socializing event complete with demonstrations, quick project ideas, a problem-solving clinic, refreshments, conversation and prizes. Donations for the event, which is slated noon-5 p.m., benefits HAVEN services for victims of domestic violence.

"Women need to have an alternative activity on Super Bowl Sunday," said store owner Toby Haberman. "It's hyped to such a degree, and many of us aren't into football. And, even those who are might like to have something to do with our hands," said

Haberman, a resident of Birmingham.

While the annual event, dubbed the "Football Widows" sewing retreat, seeks to help those who feel estranged on Super Bowl Sunday have a bit of fun, the sewing group doesn't entirely shun the sport.

In addition to sewing and socializing, participants can take a few swings at a football piñata filled with sewing notions, shop talk for the tools of the trade.

"It's like an old-fashioned sewing bee," said Lucky Wedigen, an assistant manager at Haberman Fabrics who will guide retreat participants through an easy pattern for making ponchos.

Other demonstrations slated for the event include making embellished jeans and using new sewing notions to save time and effort.

While many of the store's regular customers use the retreat to ask questions and obtain help with difficult sewing projects, the event caters to all sewing levels.

And, yes, beginners and men are encouraged to attend.

Yes, we're resurrecting an old female tradition, the sewing bee, said Haberman. But, since we're doing it on Super Bowl Sunday, "it's really a new a tradition," she said.

## Super Bowl blues

An old tradition, the sewing bee, becomes a new one on a day many dread



**Fun:** Toby Haberman, of Birmingham, plays around with the football piñata that will be cracked open at her store's Super Bowl sewing retreat.

### Super Bowl Sunday sewing retreat

**What:** Sewing problem-solving clinic, demonstrations, time to work on projects and socializing with refreshments

**When:** Noon-5 p.m.

**Where:** Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth Street in downtown Royal Oak

**Cost:** \$5 donation to benefit HAVEN

**Contact:** (248) 541-0010

Please call ahead to make a reservation.

**Details, details:** Two sewers work out the details of a pattern during Haberman Fabrics' Super Bowl sewing retreat in 1999.



## Shoe stores shoot to offer almost endless selection

Is it possible to own too many shoes?

That's why southeast Michigan shoppers will surely welcome two more privately-owned shoe stores to the area.

Ruby's Shoe Warehouse and Patti J's, located at Greenfield and Lincoln roads in Southfield, recently opened and are anxious to assist area shoppers with their shoe wear needs.

The two stores, which sit side-by-side, were opened by the family that previously operated the shoe

departments inside Crowley's Department stores.

The family has 78 years experience serving shoe customers and working in the niche apparel industry.

Selection and name brands at discount prices will be the focus of the new stores. The goal is to have a "seemingly endless selection of women's shoes and accessories," according Chris Herrick, the stores' director of marketing.

Ruby's Shoe Warehouse also will carry a strong inventory of hats, bags and wigs, in addition to shoes

by makers like Aerosole, Moda Spana and Stephani.

In contrast, Patti J's will aim to carry more larger-size shoes than any other retailer in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Ruby's Shoe Warehouse and Patti J's are open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday. To contact Ruby's, call (248) 552-7275. Patti J's phone number is (248) 552-7320.

**Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 806 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

**TOY COLLECTIBLES SHOW**  
New, used, antique and collectible toys are offered for purchase at Plymouth's Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under age 12. For additional information, call (734) 455-2110.

**GLAMOUR GIFT EVENT**  
Clinique offers a gift with a cosmetics or fragrance purchase of \$25 or more through Jan. 29 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor.

**SENECALE SALE**  
Retailers at Wonderland Mall in Livonia mark down their merchandise for an indoor sidewalk sale through Jan. 17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday and 10

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday.  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM**  
Ann Arbor folk musician Lisa Hunter presents an musical ecology awareness program for kids at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0110.

**CHANEL TRUNK SHOW**  
View Chanel's accessories and ready-to-wear collection for spring through Jan. 19 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture, third floor.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20**  
**SANSAPPELLE TRUNK SHOW**  
Rox & Sherm, 6636 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Sansappelle's silk

and wool crepe designs through Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. Also, meet store owner Ina Sherman. For information, call (248) 855-8877.

**CAMBIO TRUNK SHOW**  
Fibres, 270 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Cambio jeans through Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**BRIDAL TRUNK SHOW**  
Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts bridal designer Anne Barge and her collection through Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Appointments are necessary. Call (248) 644-7200.  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22**

**COUNTRY LINE DANCING**  
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents country line dancing with lessons as part of their Dine and Dance series, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

# WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

**WHAT WE FOUND:**

- Counterpart petite pants can be bought at Hudson's, Summit Place in Waterford.
- Black typewriter ribbon can be purchased at Audette's in Dearborn, (313) 565-4611.
- The wind-up alarm clock (not Big Ben style) can be bought at Mervyn's in Westland, the Warner Brothers store, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, or the Gibraltar Trade Center.
- Hostess Chocolate Chip Twinkles also can be purchased at the Mobil gas station at Grand River and Drake roads.
- Hai Karate men's cologne can be bought at the Meljer in Westland.
- Canoe cologne for men can be bought at Richardson's Drug Store on Lilly and Ford roads.
- Frozen breaded okra can be purchased at Bueche Food World in Ortonville, (248) 627-4961.
- Riesling Late Harvest vinegar can be purchased at Crate & Barrel, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and through Dean & DeLuca Market Place, (877) 826-9246 or atyourservice@deananddeluca.com

**FIND & SEARCH NOTES:**

- We found the following items: one Millennium Santa Bear, one carousel slide projector and one 78/LP record player.
- Two readers were interested in the 8 mm viewing machine.
- Greetings and Christmas cards (front part only) can be sent to: St. Jude's Children's Ranch, 100 St. Jude's Street, Dept. EMIB, Boulder City, Nevada 39006-0100. They also take Campbell soup labels.
- The store that repairs Apple computers is Sy Draft Inc. on Evergreen in Lathrup Village, (248) 443-6800.

**WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**

- The game Pirates and Travelers by Milton Bradley.
- A store that sells a Gerrard turn-table needle for Joyce.
- A store that sells Christmas tree lights that look like candies and have gold liquid inside for Lynn.
- A 1967 Mumford High School yearbook and Murphy Kitchen Care cleaner for Ruth of Bloomfield Hills.
- A store where a 32-ounce jar of chopped garlic made by the Christopher Ranch company can be purchased for Anita of Beverly Hills.
- Atlantis Infinity 2 series luggage in a brocade/tapestry pattern (purse/cosmetic style) for Gordon of Plymouth.
- A store that sells a 1988 charity Christmas CD released by 98.7 FM radio called Smooth Jazz #2 for Chris of Oxford.
- Mikasa Homespun stoneware in "Almond Blossom" (#JL803) for Helen, who lives in Westland.
- A store where a portable, over-the-shoulder, AM/FM radio

- can be bought.
- A "Bone Fone" for Jason, a resident of Livonia.
- A store where a wicker bassinet on wheels and a wooden port-a-crib that converts into a playpen can be purchased for Katherine.
- The Cooperstown figurine collection (#8808, 1948 Cleveland Indians) by PLAMBRO for Karen of Westland.
- A store that sells Charles of the Ritz Complete Cover-up make-up in "Natural Camo" for Loreta of West Bloomfield.
- Instructions for Vogue pattern #1312 (Santa, wreaths and ornaments) for Bonnie of Farmington Hills.
- The address of telephone number of the Brownstone Studio Fashion bridal apparel catalog and a store that sells 4711

- cologne for Mrs. G., who lives in Bloomfield Hills.
- "Incredible Machines III" software by Sierra for Ed of Troy.
- An older model Miss Piggy wrist watch for Myra.
- A store that sells a clip-on light for reading sheet music on a stand for a spinet piano for Joan.
- A store where a Farberware electric potato peeler can be purchased for Janet of Livonia.
- A tape cassette of the soundtrack for "A Perfect World" for Shirley of Shelby Township.
- A store that sells Glemby's Hair products for Mrs. Parrish.

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## a la carte

### STUFF WE CRAVE

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**Technical pack: Go high-tech with a metal and fabric back-pack by Bobbee, available in a variety of colors, \$255 at Saks Fifth Avenue.**

**Comeback: Available again after 25 years, Robert Piguet's Bandit was the first "chypre" or grain fragrance for women and combines leather, wood, spice and floral scents, collection runs \$25-160 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy.**

**Luxury and safety: Protect jewelry and other precious possessions from damage in a luscious, leather jewelry roll in chestnut brown or black, \$195 at Ghurka, the Somerset Collection in Troy.**

# Living well at Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE  
SPECIAL WRITER

At Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires, which stands midway between New York City and Boston, it's exotic to be from the Midwest.

"You came all the way from Detroit?" is the standard response of its East Coast, heavily New York clientele. They are incredulous when you tell them that by taking the 7:05 a.m. flight to Albany, you can be at "the Ranch" in time to make an 11 a.m. aerobics class, have lunch, and join an afternoon bike ride.

In fact, once Canyon Ranch opened in Lenox, Mass., in 1989, I never returned to the original Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Ariz. I look forward to spending several days each year at its accessible, elegant sister spa, named the best in the world by the readers of Conde Nast Traveler magazine.

Part of its allure is the setting — the former Bellefontaine (beautiful fountain) Mansion — built in 1897 as a replica of Louis XVI's Petit Trianon in Versailles, France. As the summer home of New York millionaire Giraud Foster, it was known for its fountains and statuary. Unfortunately, the statuary was reportedly plowed under as pagan symbols by the religious order that bought the property at auction in 1946. And a fire gutted the main building two years later, with just the library surviving.

The mansion and gardens have been painstakingly restored, new fountains installed, and the integrity of the original architecture maintained even as a spa and facilities to house and feed 300 guests were added. It definitely retains a sense of its past grandeur.

I've experienced Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires every season except summer. Winter is my favorite.

Picture relaxing in a hot tub in a luxurious glassed-in marble



spa looking out at the snow-covered Berkshire Mountains. Picture pole-walking along the snow-crusting paths surrounding the storied mansion. Picture evenings before a roaring fire, in the mansion's original library or snuggled up in your own well-appointed room.

The atmosphere is eastern and elegant, but don't get me wrong — people still sweat and wear sweats. Everyone works out at his own level — and work-out clothes are suitable, even at dinner, unless you choose to "dress up" in pants or jeans and a sweater.

I found that four days and three nights add up to a perfect ranch stay. It's long enough to make a difference in your attitude and fitness, but not so long that you can't keep up the pace you've set for yourself.

The idea is to nurture your spirit as well as your body. Included in your package are two services such as a shiatsu massage and an herbal body wrap, and a health-and-healing session. This is your opportunity to try acupuncture or bio-feedback, have your bone density tested or consult with a nutrition specialist.

In fact, I've experienced a



Indoor exercise: The action — and sweat — are just as real inside.

number of firsts at Canyon Ranch. I tried spinning, tai boxing and double step there, well ahead of when metro Detroit's gyms and sports clubs offered them.

Each day begins with a dilemma — should you get up to take one of the early morning walks. In winter, it's particularly daunting since it's both cold and dark. These are not ambling, leisurely kinds of walks, these

**Outdoor exercise:** If you like the snow, Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires offers cross country skiing to firm you, trim you and let your mind relax.

cool down by stretching on the verandah overlooking the surrounding pastures, forests and mountains.

Then it's into the elegant dining room, where you can choose from a wide assortment of morning foods. I'm not a breakfast eater, but I can't resist the fresh fruit and warm muffins that you help yourself to — marked with the calories and fat grams contained. Each day also features a breakfast special such as banana bread French toast (385 calories, 7 fat grams), maple walnut crusted oatmeal (365 calories, 8 fat grams) or vegetable and cheese frittata (85 calories, 3 fat grams).

Meals are, as you might guess, a highlight. The food is sophisticated, healthful and delicious. It's included in your package, so you can have as much or as little as you want. Of course, many people come to drop a couple of pounds. It's not that hard when you can choose a grilled portobello sandwich with peppers and Wasabi mayonnaise (315 calories and 5 fat grams) for lunch or chicken satay with spicy peanut sauce (290 calories and 5 fat grams) for dinner.

When I first began going to the Tucson ranch, alcohol, caffeine and substitute sugar products (including my beloved Diet Coke) were banned. When the Lenox ranch opened, as the story goes, the clientele didn't put up with that. So now you can ask for — and get — caffeinated teas and coffee, and substitutes for sugar. However alcohol is not served — nor Diet Coke! And don't even think about smoking.

In winter, or on rainy days in other seasons, you can spend fully satisfactory days without going outside. Climate-controlled, glass-enclosed walkways connect all facilities. You can take a wide variety of aerobics, weight, conditioning, stretch and yoga classes. A gym to die for, glassed in swimming pool, indoor tennis and volleyball

courts, and indoor track (although they don't encourage running) are other diversions. And of course the spa offers sauna, steam, whirl pools and an icy dip pool — and as often as not a glimpse of Mary Tyler Moore, Joanne Woodward or Calista Flockhart waiting in their white terry robes for a massage.

For me, the most exciting part of Canyon Ranch is hiking in the Berkshire Mountains. Some hikes take in sections of the Appalachian Trail, so you actually get a sense of that 2,100-mile walk through America's woodlands that runs from Georgia to Maine. Many of the hikes are not for the faint of heart, and it's important not to over-rate your ability.

They are ranked from 1 to 6 in order of ascending difficulty. Hikes go on in even in winter, as long as it isn't icy. When there's enough snow, cross country and downhill skiing are also offered.

Night-time activities, if you can stay awake for them, can be a seminar to improve your golf game or your relationship with your mother or daughter. Many are given by visiting experts.

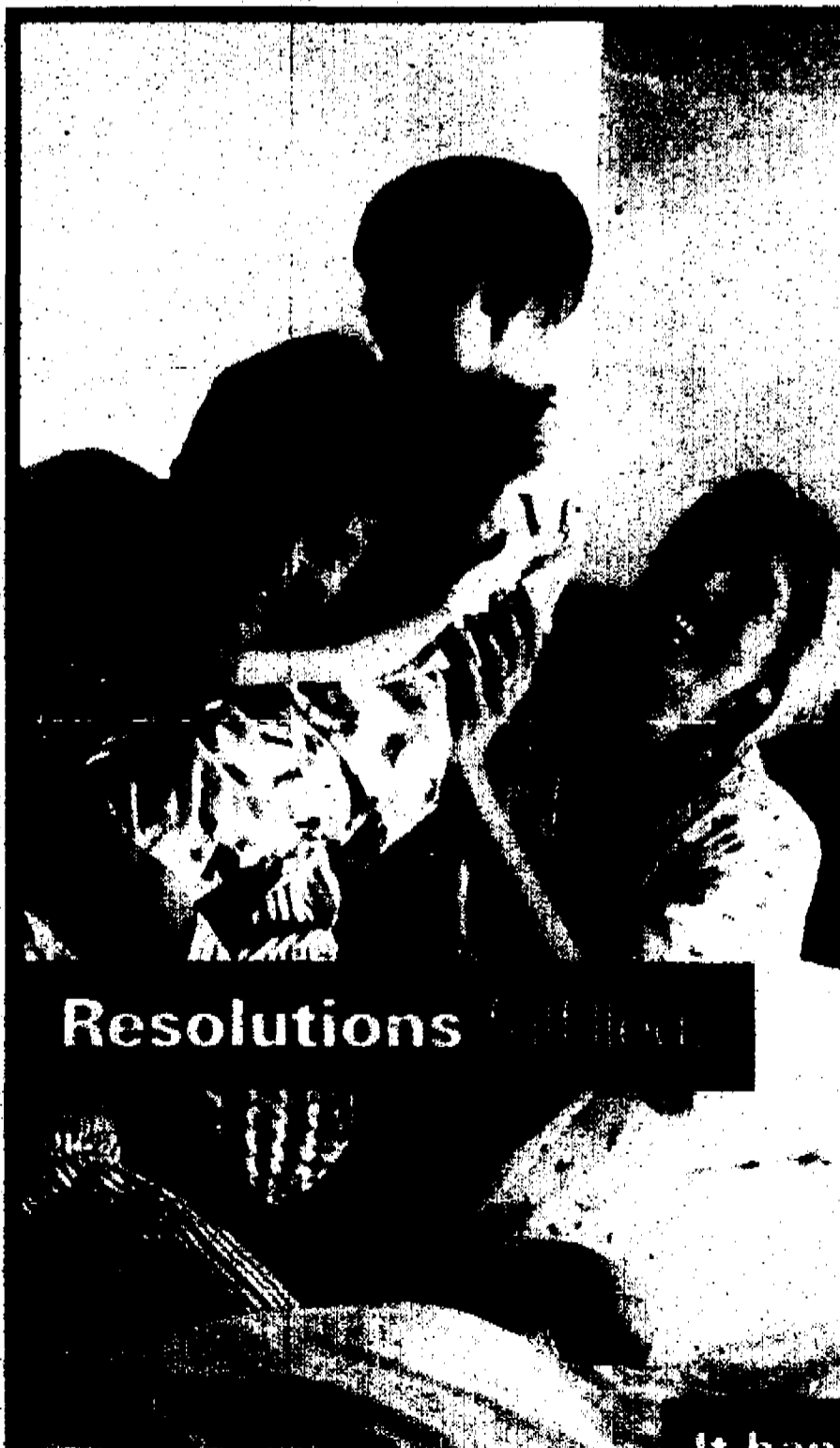
Men make up about a fourth of the guests. My husband, frankly, would not enjoy it. So I go with female friends or with one of my daughters. It helps that they offer a half-price special for any child older than 14. It also is an easy place to go as a single person.

Canyon Ranch is a pricey vacation. Some area travel agents put together a Monday-Thursday package at a discounted rate. It's worth checking out. If you decide to go, be prepared to respond to: "You came all the way from Detroit?"

■ Destination: Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires  
■ Location: Lenox, Mass.  
■ Information: (800) 742-9000

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HOME SENSE



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## Baked, mashed or fried, potatoes are number one

Potatoes are the number one vegetable in the U.S. The average person consumes about 132 pounds of potatoes a year. Fifty pounds of that is fresh potatoes and 82 pounds is in the form of chips, or other products.

A potato has more potassium than a banana, 610 mg, compared to 450 mg. Potassium is a mineral that helps regulate your heart beat and may lower blood pressure. Potatoes are also one of the most economical sources of vitamin C, vitamin B6, magnesium, folacin, copper, iron, and other trace elements. A medium size potato is about 110 calories without butter or sour cream.

### Cooking tips

- For creamier mashed potatoes, use all-purpose red potatoes.
- For fluffier mashed potatoes, use russets.
- For flavorful potatoes, substitute chicken broth or milk for half the cooking water.
- Simmer, don't boil potatoes or they may become soggy. Cook until just tender.
- Heat liquid before adding to the mashed potatoes. This helps prevent them from becoming "gluey."
- Leave a few lumps in the mashed potatoes so people will know they are made from scratch.
- Brown the top of mashed potatoes by putting them in a casserole, dotting with butter and broiling for a few minutes.
- To make fluffy mashed potatoes ahead of time, put mashed potatoes into a microwave container to cool. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to two days. Microwave to reheat when you are ready to serve them. Keep covered but vented to let steam escape. Stir half way during the heating process.
- Thicken soups with pureed cooked potatoes instead of cream. Leftover mashed potatoes added to soup gives it body and additional nutrients.
- To bake potatoes in a hurry, preboil the potatoes for five minutes before putting them in the oven at 375 degrees F or put an aluminum skewer through them to bake. Either way, it speeds up the baking time by 15-20 minutes.
- The secret to great french fries is to peel and cut and soak the potatoes in cold water for at least an hour before frying. The water removes some of the starch and will make the fries crispier.
- Put peeled potatoes in a bowl of cold water or they will turn brown before you boil them.
- Always cut potatoes into uniform sizes so they cook evenly without getting mushy.
- For a tasty treat, add Parmesan cheese or crumbled bacon to mashed potatoes, or pizza sauce, or top with sesame seeds, horseradish, blue cheese, pickled beets, Italian dressing, or anything else you can think of.
- Don't drown potatoes when cooking, use a heavy saucepan with a tight fitting lid and only about one-inch of water.
- To get the most nutrients from a baked potato, eat the skin too. Ounce for ounce, the skin has more fiber, iron, potassium and B vitamins than the flesh.
- Wet potato skins to keep them crispy. Place potatoes in a hot oven 375 degrees F and bake one hour for twice baked potatoes. Add yogurt or skim milk and fat-free butter spray to the mashed potatoes before putting back into the skin. Top with lots of scallions to reheat.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week

- Recipe to share
- Winter warm-ups

## COACH YOUR OWN

# Super Bowl PARTY

### The Game Plan

- One to two weeks ahead:**
- Prepare invitations
  - Create a trivia game. Ask computer-savvy family members and friends to search for trivia on various NFL and Super Bowl Web sites.
  - Consider prizes such as NFL car flags, T-shirts, or bobbing head dolls.

- One week ahead:**
- Plan menu; make grocery list
  - Buy non-perishable items such as snacks, nuts, olives, salsa, canned goods and beverages.
  - Purchase paper goods, plastic glasses, utensils and table decor in team colors, or football theme.

### Friday/Saturday before the game:

- Buy perishables such as fresh vegetables, salad greens, dips.
- Make chili and other items that can be prepared ahead of time.
- Get out cooler, serving platters and utensils; set buffet table
- Prepare and refrigerate crisp vegetable relishes - carrots, celery, green pepper strips, cauliflowerrets, etc.

### Party day:

- An hour before kick-off, chill beverages; begin to set-out snacks in TV room.
- Prior to half-time, reheat chili and other main courses, toss salad, bring food to table.
- For half-time or after-the-game, set out desserts; bring to table, make coffee.

Information supplied by Sargents Foods Inc.

**Super Bowl XXXIV at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta promises to be a spectacular event.**

Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 30, is a big day for informal entertaining. It's become traditional to round up a group of friends, put out a meal of casual food such as chili, pizza, sandwiches or lasagna, and gather around the TV to cheer for your favorite team.

Super Bowl XXXIV at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta promises to be a spectacular event. An estimated 130 million Americans watched the game last year.

ABC is broadcasting the big game beginning at 6 p.m. For a behind-the-scenes peek at what's scheduled, visit the Super Bowl Web site [www.SuperBowl.com](http://www.SuperBowl.com)

You'll learn all sorts of interesting things such as the Super Bowl is the top at-home party event of the year, surpassing New Year's Eve, according to Hallmark Cards Inc.

The American Institute of Food Distribution reports Super Bowl Sunday is the second largest day of food consumption behind only Thanksgiving. An estimated 14,500 tons of chips and 4,000 tons of popcorn and eight million pounds of guacamole are eaten on Super Bowl Sunday.

It's time to develop a strategy so that you can enjoy the game with

guests and not spend all your time running to the kitchen.

Oh, and here's a couple more things I learned while visiting the Super Bowl Web site that you'll want to keep in mind as you plan your party - 6 percent of Americans will call in sick the day after Super Bowl Sunday. Fifty-four percent of all Americans will drink coffee the morning after, and Super Bowl weekend is the slowest weekend for weddings.

"The Super Bowl becomes like two parties," said Chef Kevin Enright, a culinary arts instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. "People go into different rooms. The women visit in one room while the men watch the game. You almost have to have little buffets."

Enright's game is hockey, but if he were hosting a Super Bowl party he'd serve something hearty such as roast brisket of beef with roasted potatoes, parsnips and carrots.

Another option is a black bean casserole with tomato salsa, or navy bean soup, some smoked chicken or

turkey, and an assortment of cold cuts including some nice salami and salads.

"You might want to consider fajitas, which people can make themselves," said Enright. You supply the fillings and toppings. Barbecue chicken or beef for the fajitas. When it snows Enright shovels a path to his gas grill which he uses year-round.

"Don't try to please everyone," he suggests. "Make foods you like and are familiar with. A party is an opportunity to learn something new, try one new dish. Chefs do that, too."

With three boys and a husband who love football, Ginger Broome of Canton is already thinking about Super Bowl Sunday. "I'm in the kitchen cooking while they're watching TV," she said.

When asked how she would get

Please see **PARTY, D2**

# Alsace produces flavorful yet puzzling whites

Alsace, the eastern French wine region bordering Germany, produces the world's most flavorful white wines. Yet, many people are puzzled by them.

These wines are easy to understand and easy to like if you think of them as a unique combination of French and German.

The tall green German-style bottles and Germanic grape varietal names such as riesling and gewurztraminer are complemented by French winemaking techniques and another set of soft-sounding French grape varieties such as pinot blanc and pinot gris. Make no mistake, they are all French wines.

A long, rich history of wine grapes helps explain the region's splendid cultural mix that has produced wine since the sixth century. By the end of the 16th century, white grapes such as riesling, pinot gris, muscat, pinot blanc and pinot noir, a lone red, were the favored grape varietals. They remain so today.

### F.E. Trimbach

The Alsace region's best known wines, those

of F.E. Trimbach, date back to a founding in 1626. Over the years, the Trimbach family secured extensive vineyard holdings in the village of Ribeauvillé. Today, Hubert Trimbach and his older brother Bernard, along with Bernard's sons, Pierre and Jean, are the 11th and 12th generation family members guiding the largest and most widely-recognized Alsace brand in the U.S.

"While appreciated by people who have discovered them, Alsace wines are largely overlooked in the U.S.," noted Hubert Trimbach during his recent visit to metro Detroit. "In part, it's the confusion about whether Alsace wines are French or German. Add the fact that it was only after the end of World War II that the wines were able to be sold out of the region, and it's easy to understand why."

### Alsace style

Trimbach went on to explain the style of his family's wines. "First, they are food friendly. All wines are fermented to dry-

ness. Their natural fruit acidity, without malolactic fermentation, keeps them fresh and long-lived. Without oak aging, they retain vitality and the essence of grape character."

The Trimbach philosophy is to hold the wines at least a year before they are released to market. In the case of single-vineyard cuvees, the wines are not released until four or five years after harvest. This major investment in inventory by the Trimbachs benefits consumers by ensuring that the wines are well-aged before they are enjoyed.

While it is customary to consider red wines with heartier winter dishes, we're suggesting an about face - white wines of Alsace to accompany winter squash soups, smoked ham and lentil soup, well-spiced crusted fish, roast chicken, and every Asian-influenced dish that comes to mind.

### Sampling

Just a note: the 1997 vintage may prove to be the greatest in Alsace since 1949. Big wines with huge extract.

- 1997 Trimbach Pinot Blanc \$14 is a perfect aperitif with fruit, light cheese or phyllo dough stuffed with cheese or veggies.

- 1997 Trimbach Gewurztraminer \$19 with its citrus and grapefruit zest notes could be served as an aperitif, but better with a winter soup brimming with brown spices, such as cinnamon, clove and nutmeg.

- 1997 Trimbach Pinot Gris Reserve \$19 has not only generous flavors, but great weight and length to accompany pate, salmon, scallops or roast chicken.

- 1995 Trimbach Riesling \$19 with distinct lime and mineral notes has more balanced acidity than dry German rieslings. Delicate and refined, it's a best bet with any seafood or an onion tart.

- 1995 Trimbach Riesling Cuvee Frederic Emile \$34 is what Alsace riesling is all about. It showcases not only fabulous complexity, but the uniqueness of its region of origin.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sundays of the month in Taste. If you organize or belong to a local wine club, feel free to interview you. Please phone us by dialing 734-953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864. Speaking clearly, leave your name, telephone number and best time to phone you.



Winery: The F.E. Trimbach winery in the Alsace village of Ribeauvillé. France was founded in 1626.

### Wine Picks

■ **Picks of the pack:** 1997 Joseph Phelps Ovation Chardonnay, a class act at \$40; 1997 Ferrari-Carano Siena, a full-flavored red at \$28; and full-bodied 1997 Pine Ridge Carneros Merlot \$42.

■ **Start a wine cellar with the picks of the pack and add:** 1996 Clos du Bois Maristone \$30 and 1997 Antinori Peppoli Chianti Classico \$20.

■ **Great whites at \$20 and under:** 1998 Chateau de la Ragotiere Muscadet Sevre et Maine \$13.50 (great with seafood); 1998 Clos du Bois Chardonnay Reserve \$16; and Ferrari-Carano Reserve Fumé \$18.

■ **Great reds at \$20 and under:** 1997 Geyser Peak Zinfandel \$16; 1997 Villa Mt. Eden Pinot Noir \$12; and 1997 Beninger Founder's Estate Merlot \$11.

■ **Real deals:** Carlamar Estate Merlot and Shiraz from Australia, both \$10 and 1999 Alexander Valley Vineyards New Gewurz, an off dry taste treat at \$9.

# Super dishes sure to please fans

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## CHUNKY TURKEY CHILI

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 1 pound turkey tenderloin or boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
  - 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
  - 2 teaspoons chili powder
  - 2 teaspoons ground cumin
  - 2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) salsa-style or Mexican-stewed tomatoes, undrained
  - 1 can (15 or 16 ounces) black or red beans rinsed and drained
  - 2 cups (8 ounces) Sargento Southwestern Pepper Jack Blend Shredded Cheese or Sargento ChefStyle Shredded Cheddar Cheese, divided
- Optional toppings:** sour cream, chopped fresh cilantro, sliced pickled jalapeno peppers, chopped green onion

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add turkey and bell pepper; cook 4 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink. Sprinkle with chili powder and cumin; cook 1 minute.

Add tomatoes and beans; heat to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until turkey is cooked through. (At this point chili may be covered and refrigerated

up to 3 days before serving. Heat chili; proceed as recipe directs.)

Remove from heat; stir in 1 cup cheese until melted. Ladle into bowls; top with remaining cheese. Serve with toppings, if desired.

Yield 4 servings. Recipe may be doubled

Recipe compliments of Sargento Foods, Inc.

## CLUB SANDWICH RING

- Bread:**
- 2 packages (11 oz. each) refrigerated Pillsbury French bread dough
  - Non-stick Cooking spray
  - 2 - 3 cloves of Garlic - minced
  - Parmesan cheese - 1/2 cup freshly grated
  - 1 teaspoon Italian Seasoning
- Fillings:**
- 1/2 pound sliced bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled or 1/2 Jar Hormel's Bacon Bits
  - 3/4 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip (any variety)
  - 2 or 3 green onions - thinly slice tops only
  - 1 pound total weight thinly sliced deli meat(s) - turkey, beef, ham, salami etc.
  - 4 - 6 slices deli cheese - American, Swiss, Colby-jack etc.
  - 2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced
  - 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
  - Shredded lettuce

Preheat oven to 325°F.

To make bread: generously spray fluted Bundt type pan with nonstick cooking spray. Press garlic into bottom of pan and spread evenly with a rubber scraper. Sprinkle Italian Seasoning over garlic. Grate cheese over top a seasonings. Remove dough from both packages and place on a cutting board. Join ends of dough together to form one large ring, pinching edges tightly to seal. Place dough in prepared pan, seam side up, slightly pressing to fit pan. Bake 40 - 45 minutes or until deep golden brown. Remove from oven and carefully invert pan onto a Cooling Rack. Remove the pan and cool bread completely.

**Filling:** In a small mixing bowl combine bacon, mayonnaise, and sliced green onion; mix well. To assemble sandwich, cut bread in half horizontally, remove top half. Spread half of the mayonnaise mixture on the bottom half of the bread.

Cover with overlapping slices of deli meats and cheeses. Top with tomato slices, onions and lettuce. Spread remaining mayonnaise mixture on top half of the bread; place over bottom half. Cut into wedges and serve.

Recipe compliments of Ginger Broome of Canton.

## TOUCHDOWN TACO DIP

- 1 can (16 oz.) refried beans
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons Taco Seasoning mix
- 2 garlic cloves, pressed
- 2 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded (1/2 Cup)
- 1/2 cup pitted ripe olives, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro or parsley, snipped
- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions with tops

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread refried beans over bottom of Deep Dish Baker using the Super Scraper (or a 9- by 13-inch casserole dish). In the Classic 2 Qt. Batter Bowl, (or mixing bowl) combine cream cheese, sour cream and taco seasoning. Press garlic into Batter Bowl using Garlic Press; Mix well.

Spread over beans. Shred cheese over top using Deluxe Cheese Grater. Bake 15-18 minutes or until hot. Chop olives using the Food Chopper. Snip cilantro using the Kitchen Shears. Sprinkle tomato, onions, olives and cilantro over dip. Garnish with additional sour cream, if desired. Serve with Baked Tortilla Chips. Yield: 16 servings

**Nutrients per serving (1/4 cup dip):** Calories 140, Fat 10 g, Sodium 310 mg, Dietary Fiber 2 g

Recipe printed with permission from "The Pampered Chef - More Stoneware Sensations Cookbook!"

■ It takes a team effort to win the game, and planning a super party is no exception. Plan to spend Super Bowl Sunday in front of the TV, and not in the kitchen.

Broome, who teaches cooking classes for Plymouth/Canton Continuing Education and spends a lot of time cooking in other people's homes as a Pampered Chef Kitchen consultant, said she would pick easy food, stuff that can be prepared in advance.

"You want to plan to spread out food throughout the game, so there's always something to munch on," she said. "Make it simple, choose main dishes that have four or five ingredients, nothing elaborate."

Here are some more tips.

Begin writing your grocery list, and attach coupons for snacks, canned goods, salsa and other items so you won't have to hunt for them at the store.

Ask guests to help by bringing a dish or dessert to pass.

Save time by buying washed and trimmed salad greens and vegetables.

Order party trays that you can set out when guests arrive.

Get your kids off the bleachers and into the game by encouraging them to help with decorations. On the day of the game they can help replenish food platters and help serve.

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# Sense from page D1

■ Don't refrigerate potatoes. A temperature below 40 degrees F will cause potatoes to develop a very sweet taste and may cause the potatoes to turn dark when they are cooking.

■ Store russet potatoes for up to eight weeks. New potatoes will keep only about a week. Always take potatoes out of the plastic bag before storing.

■ If the potato skin is green, don't eat it. A green skin on a potato is solanine, which can be toxic and cause an upset stomach. Make sure any green or sprouted areas are cut away before cooking.

■ Two large or three medium or four small potatoes equal about one pound. One pound of potatoes equals three cups peeled and sliced or two cups mashed potatoes or french fries. Two pounds of medium potatoes equal about six servings of potato salad.

■ The most common types of

potatoes grown in Michigan are round white, which are used for chips and fries. Michigan russet potatoes are used for frozen potato products and fries. They are especially good for baking.

■ It is said that a plain potato can calm jumpy nerves. A late dinner of baked potatoes topped with salsa and herbs will help you unwind before going to bed.

There are a hundred more ways to use nutrient dense, good-for-you potatoes. Eat them morning, noon or night, or for snacks. Potatoes, after all, are number one.

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## CLARIFICATION

In the Sunday, Jan. 9 edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, it was reported that Whole Foods Market refus-

es to sell genetically engineered foods. To clarify:

Whole Foods Market is committed to banning genetically

modified foods from its private label lines. This constitutes more than 600 products under three names: Whole Foods, 365 Brand,

and Whole Kids. These 600 plus products represent more than 10 percent of sales.

Since last spring, Whole Foods has been actively sourcing non-genetically modified ingredients for these products, and there are currently only three products remaining for which non-GMO ingredients need to be sourced. Work should be completed on this project by the fall.

Whole Foods Market's stance on GMOs is as a direct result of customer concern and suggestion. The GMO ban applies only to Whole Foods Market's private label line.

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# Serve Huevos Rancheros for a hearty brunch or lunch

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The recipe for Huevos Rancheros guarantees a hearty brunch or lunch dish in about 25 minutes — but the eggs, tomatoes, tortillas and beans that go into the dish supply sustenance that will last for hours.

The recipe is among more than 250 in "Redbook Flavor Rules!" (Hearst Books, \$24.95), few of which will take much longer to make than this one. But the results will not seem skimmed in taste or nutrition, and the clear instructions will reassure even inexperienced cooks.

Notes with this recipe give tips on cooking eggs, how to substitute canned items if you're short on time and how to seed tomatoes for sauce. The eggs here are

cooked "over easy," the notes explain, which means fried on one side, then carefully turned and cooked until done.

## HUEVOS RANCHEROS

- Spicy Fresh Tomato Sauce (recipe follows)
- Refried Beans (recipe follows)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 corn tortillas (6 inches in diameter)
- 4 eggs

Make Spicy Fresh Tomato Sauce and Refried Beans and keep both warm.

In a 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Add tortillas, 1 or 2 at a time, cook 5 seconds per side, or until just soft, and remove to serv-

ing plates. Spread Refried Beans over tortillas.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to pan. Add eggs, 1 at a time, to pan and fry 3 minutes per side, or until cooked "over easy." Place 1 fried egg on each serving of refried beans and top with tomato sauce. Serve hot.

Makes 4 servings.  
Nutrition information per serving: 400 cal., 20 g fat.

## SPICY FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, minced
- 2 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pep-

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- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

In 10-inch nonreactive (i.e. not unlined aluminum or cast iron) skillet, heat olive oil over low heat. Add minced onion and cook, stirring frequently, 4 minutes, or until soft. Add tomatoes, salt and cayenne and cook, stirring frequently, 7 minutes, or until sauce is thick and dry. Remove pan from heat and stir in chopped cilantro.

Makes generous 1 cup.  
Nutrition information per 1/4 cup serving: 55 cal., 4 g fat

## REFRIED BEANS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, minced

- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups cooked pinto beans, either homemade or canned, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In 10-inch skillet heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, 4 minutes, or until onion is tender. Add beans; mash lightly with potato masher or large spoon until they are slightly lumpy and stir in salt. Cook, stirring frequently, 5 minutes, or until beans are heated through.

Makes about 2 cups.  
Nutrition information per 1/4 cup serving: 160 cal., 4 g fat.

Notes:

■ When dropping an egg into a pan to cook, whether to fry or poach it, first break the egg into a cup or small bowl and then slide it into the pan. This way, if the yolk breaks or you get some shell in the egg, you can start over.

■ When there's no time to make everything from scratch, open a can of refried beans and another can of seasoned tomato sauce and serve up your Huevos Rancheros muy pronto.

■ To make a dense, tomato-rich sauce from fresh tomatoes, it's best to seed them first to get rid of some of the liquid. Peel the tomatoes, halve them horizontally, then either squeeze out the seeds or scoop them out with fingers or a spoon.

## WHAT'S COOKING

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### Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest

Temple Kol Ami will host its Second Annual Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest at noon Friday, Feb. 25 in the Temple social hall. Contestants must send or fax their recipes with an entry form and may include a brief explanation of the soup's origin, if possible to the temple by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. All mailed entries must be postmarked Jan. 28. A panel of judges will select the top 10 finalists who

will be notified by Friday, Feb. 11.

Entry forms are available at Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call the Temple (248) 661-0040 to have an entry form mailed or faxed to you. The winning recipe will be served at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

First prize is a feature segment on "Keith Famie's Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV, Channel 4, and a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamor.

Second prize is dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield and third prize is a cookbook from Kitchen Glamor.

Judges include Famie and Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor. Observer features group.

# Sesame shrimp stir-fry quick and low-fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A quickly prepared dish of Sesame Shrimp Stir-Fry gives diners a tasty main dish that contains only about 10 grams of fat. But it also contains a double hit of sesame oil and seeds that add nutty flavor to crisp peppers and shrimp.

The recipe is from "Family Circle All-Time Favorite Recipes" (Doubleday, \$29.95), a collection of about 600 recipes ranging from appetizers through cakes and cookies, illustrated with loads of color photographs — which should ensure no cook need ever run out of pleasing ideas for any kind of meal.

## SESAME SHRIMP STIR-FRY

(Preparation time 10 minutes, cooking time 10 minutes)

- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups packaged precooked rice
- 2 tablespoons dark Asian sesame oil
- 1 sweet red pepper, cored,

seeded and sliced into thin strips

- 1 sweet yellow pepper, cored, seeded and sliced into thin strips
- 3 green onions, sliced
- 3 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
- 1/2 pound sugar snap peas
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine shrimp, ginger, ground red pepper, garlic, sesame seeds and black pepper in a large, plastic food-storage bag.


Place rice in a heatproof serving bowl. Bring 2 1/2 cups water

to boiling, pour over rice in bowl. Cover with foil; set aside.

Heat sesame oil in a large wok or skillet. Add sweet peppers and green onions; saute 3 to 4 minutes to soften slightly. Add teriyaki sauce. Add peas and shrimp with seasoning; saute 4 minutes, or until shrimp are opaque. Stir cornstarch into broth and add to wok; cooking, until mixture boils. Sprinkle with salt. Fluff rice with fork. Spoon shrimp mixture over rice.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 400 cal., 25 g pro., 10 g fat, 51 g carbo., 1.036 mg sodium, 162 mg chol.



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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Diet support

A new support group is being formed to encourage men and women who are trying to lose weight. This is intended to offer emotional support and camaraderie, and is not necessarily a "diet club." Individuals will be encouraged to follow their own healthy exercise and weight loss program. The group meets at 11 a.m. each Saturday, at Garden City Hospital. It is in the Medical Office Bldg., (east wing) in the basement, classroom 3. The meetings are free — donations may be requested for groups' expenses on occasion, as needed. Please call Lizz at (734) 261-4048 (leave message).

### Infertility support

"Resolve of Michigan," an infertility support group serving the unique need of those experiencing infertility, will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Mt. Clemens General Hospital, 1000 Harlingen Blvd., in the sixth floor conference room B. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month (March 1 and April 5).

### Blood drive

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Hospital from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium, St. Mary Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan; participants should use the Five Mile Entrance. Call (734) 655-2980. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

### Fibromyalgia

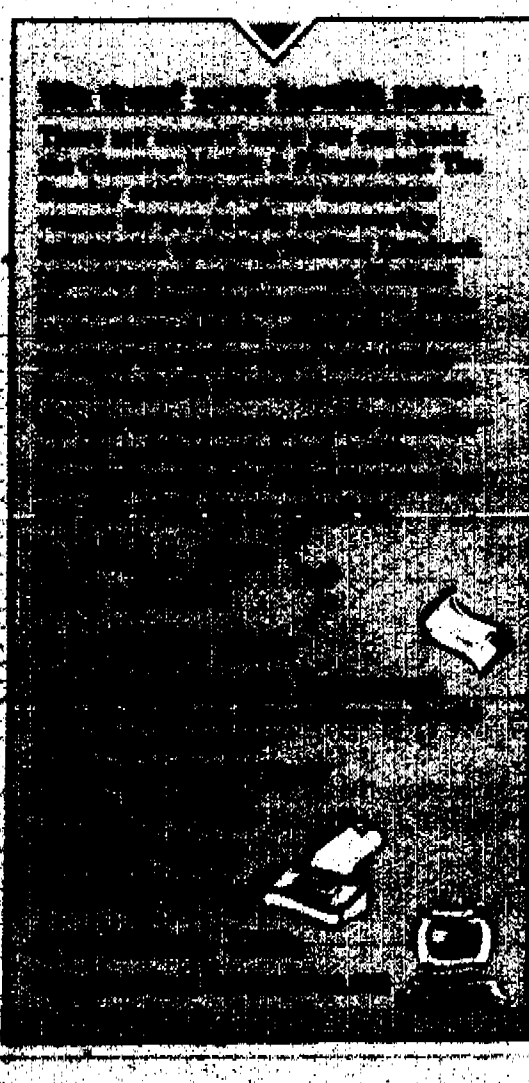
Arthur's Place and the Arthritis Foundation® are pleased to present an educational program titled: "An Update on Fibromyalgia." Dr. Carol A. Beals will speak from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Arthur's Place. Beals is a nationally recognized rheumatologist and is director of the Beals Institute for Rheumatology and Autoimmune Disease in Lansing. If you are interested call (734) 254-0500 to register.

### Weight management

Join Kroger Dietitians Diane Reynolds and Tina Miller for a complimentary store tour at the Plymouth Township Kroger between 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27. Tours are 30 minutes each and will focus on selecting foods to fuel a healthy weight loss diet and long term weight maintenance. Call (800) KROGERS.

### Stop smoking

Arthur Weaver, M.D. president of Better Living Seminars will host a "Breathe-Free" stop smoking program at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 7-11, 15 at the Southfield City Hall Complex (Room 221), 2600 Evergreen Road in the Parks and Recreation Building. To register call (248) 354-4854. Weaver also collaborates on a nutrition cooking and lifestyle seminar hosting a three Sunday afternoon series Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Adventist School (15585 Haggerty Road) north of Five Mile. For more information call (313) 513-2179 or (248) 349-5683.



# A few good mentors

## Volunteers sought to guide pregnant teens

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
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Jill Clinton, a prevention specialist with the Young Mothers Assistance Program of Hegira Programs, Inc., can't think of anything more challenging for a teenager than to be pregnant.

With or without an emotional, physical or financial support system, a teenage pregnancy can be an enormous obstacle all around. Clinton, who began coordinating the Y-MAP parenting program in October, says the journey can be a lot less overwhelming with the support of a mentor.

"We're in need of mentors who can be empathetic, good listeners and nonjudgmental," said Clinton, a clinical social worker who received her masters degree in social work in 1993 after raising six children.

Y-MAP was founded in 1993 to provide support services for young parents ages 13-22. Currently, it provides information, education and referrals through a vast resourcing network of agencies and programs throughout the state.

The Young Mothers Assistance Program is supported by Hegira Prevention Programs, a division of Hegira Programs, Inc. Federal and state funding is provided to support project costs. Y-MAP also receives grant monies from the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance.

### Moving forward

Although the assistance program has been in place for the past seven years, Clinton said the mentoring aspect of the program, unfortunately, dissolved over the last year. Since taking over Y-MAP Oct. 1, she's focusing her energies on "regrowing the mentoring program" and is in search of women who are willing to "model positive parenting skills."

"The rewards to the mentor are twofold," said Clinton. "It's only when we give that we really receive and get a greater sense of accomplishment. I think that's really important. You also give a young person the sense that she's worthwhile and worth being helped."

Mentors who volunteer their time first undergo five weeks of training that requires a 2-hour a week commitment for workshops on substance abuse, stereotyping, battery of a physical, sexual and emotional nature, family roles, interaction with teens and developmental issues.

Following the extensive training, Clinton said she will make every effort to match mentors with teenagers whose situations or personalities demand something specific from the relationship that they may not be receiving within their family network.

"There needs to be some flexibility on the part of

the mentor and teen," said Clinton. "We encourage them to meet neutrally until a trusting relationship can be established. Mentors should talk on the phone with the teen at least once a week and meet with them in person once a month whether they meet for coffee, a walk at the mall or see a movie."

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Jill Clinton

— Y-MAP program coordinator

Mentors are also encouraged to attend the once-a-month meeting of the Y-MAP Support Group that gathers at the Newburgh United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland) on the second Monday of each month.

"We're looking for at least an 18-month commitment on the part of the mentor," said Clinton. "Many of these young women have no lifeline network, and lack the family and friends to encourage and support them at a time in their life when they need that love and attention the most. Their mom and dad are mad and upset and their friends no longer have things in common. They desperately need someone who's ready to listen and communicate without bias."

The Young Mothers Assistance Program has many resources for a pregnant teenager and for young parents beginning with the Y-MAP support group. It offers participants, both men and women, the chance to meet with others who share their feelings and experiences.

Guest speakers are invited to address issues such as positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, continuing education and parental rights. Clinton said free child care is available during the two-hour support group by volunteers from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

Other aspects of the Y-MAP program include:

■ **The Resource Network**  
The Y-MAP staff provides information, phone numbers and referrals to area organizations and agencies whose focus is aiding young parents. Resources include alternative/vocational education; counseling services; early intervention; government agencies; housing assistance; and supplemental food programs.

■ **New Parent Class**  
Hands-on information and discussion address issues such as nutrition and feeding; fetal alcohol syndrome; basic baby hygiene; immunizations; doctor visits; day-care choices and developmental

stages. Each class is only 90 minutes long and is free of charge. Dads are also encouraged to attend.

■ **Toddler Classes**  
The Y-MAP Early Childhood STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) program is an eight-week course that provides information on how young children think, feel and act; skills that can increase enjoyment and effectiveness as a parent; skills that can develop a child's self-esteem and confidence; and support for the young mother/father as a parent and a person. Class is 90 minutes long and there is a small materials fee.

■ **Donations**

Parents in need can benefit from the generous donations of both food, clothing, diapers and baby equipment on a first come, first serve basis only. The Y-MAP staff also maintains a waiting list if there is an item that you are looking for but that is not available at the moment. New and gently used items include clothing (newborn through 4T); blankets, sheets; formula, baby food and diapers; cribs, strollers and high chairs; and toys.

### Staying focused

Clinton also visits pregnant teens at Garden City High School, Redford Union High School and Wayne Memorial High School on a weekly basis to further support the need for the young girls to stay in school or to receive their diploma/GED after the baby is born.

"Finishing school will help foster more positive outcomes for them in the future. It's hard to get a job if you don't have a diploma," added Clinton. "That's where the mentor comes in. A girl needs a caring adult to make sure there is support in place. It's not about doing things for them but about teaching them how to do things for themselves. They have to learn how to make the leap from adolescence to adult."

The high school teens also meet with a social worker, school counselor and nurse on a weekly basis in conjunction with Clinton's meetings.

"The key to a positive outcome, whether the mother decides to keep the baby or give it up for adoption, is that they both come through the pregnancy healthy and the girl is aware that there are people who care for her and want to help," said Clinton.

*If you think you have four hours a month to commit to mentoring a pregnant teenager the Young Mother's Assistance Program is looking for volunteers — particularly if you, yourself, were a teenage mom, gave a child for adoption or had an abortion. Call (734) 513-7598 to find out more about mentoring or to register for a class if you are a new parent or pregnant teenager between the ages of 13 and 22.*

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail: kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

### ONGOING

**ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS**  
Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**  
Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information.

### MON, JAN. 17

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**  
Mental health and substance abuse class-heroin and opiate addiction, Jan. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-2944.

**ANTI-AGING CLASS**  
This informative lecture series is pre-

sented by Pamela Smith, M.D. board certified in anti-aging medicine. To be held at Canton Summit on the Park beginning at 7 p.m. The topic for this first class is "Growth Hormone: Is it the fountain of youth?" To register call (734) 398-7522.

### TUE, JAN. 18

**THE ART OF MASSAGE I**  
Learn the basic strokes of a relaxing, therapeutic massage. Good for self-massage, helping family members and friends, couples massage, or for those considering professional training. Bring two sheets, a pillow case, a towel, massage oil, and dress comfortably. Your instructor, Celeste Hamilton, is nationally certified and has 17 years of experience in teaching massage therapy. Class runs Tuesday, Jan. 18-Feb. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**  
You are invited to attend the monthly Alzheimer's Support Group at Alterra Clare Bridge of Livonia (32500 Seven Mile Road) Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Ann Lilla from the Alzheimer's Association will be the guest speaker. To register call (248) 426-7055 by Jan. 17.

**CPR TRAINING**  
Basic Life Support (CPR Training), Jan. 18-19, from 7-9:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

### WED, JAN. 19

**YOGA**  
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. Jan. 19 - Feb. 23. Cost is \$48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

**LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT**  
For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. The group meets at 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital free of charge. Call 458-3381.

**ADULT CPR CLASSES**  
Three hour evening class conducted at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road in Classroom #3 of Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Free of charge. Call 458-3481.

### THUR, JAN. 20

**MODERN MENOPAUSE**  
"Modern Approach to Menopause," from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100. Michael Gatt, M.D. and Timothy Johnson, M.D., will define menopause, discuss the diagnosis of menopause and explore current treatment options. There is no charge. A drawing will be held for a free bone density screening test at their program. The bone density

screening is designed to tell participants if they are at risk of developing osteoporosis.

**PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING**  
Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted disease and AIDS. \$25/couple, \$15/single. From 7-8 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center - Novi. To register call (877) 345-5500.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
Learn how you can designate a Patient Advocate who can act on your behalf regarding medical decisions should you become incapacitated and are unable to participate in making decisions and why this is preferred over a living will. From 7-9 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center - Novi.

### FRI, JAN. 21

**LISTENING SKILLS COURSE**  
Madonna University will offer the social work course, "Empathy Listening Skills." Students may choose from two different dates - Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22. The course will be repeated in Feb. on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26. The class meets on Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The non-credit fee is \$1000. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

### SAT, JAN. 22

**AEROBIC CERTIFICATION**  
Potential and current fitness instructor. Please see DATEBOOK, D6

## New diagnostic test available for breast biopsies

**GARDEN CITY**  
The Garden City Business & Professional Women will present a breast care update on the newest in diagnostic modalities that don't involve major surgery.

Dr. Bruno Borin, a radiologist and Chief of Staff at Garden City Hospital will speak along with Susanne Cleere, vice president of Women's Services at Garden City Hospital. The pair will share news on a breakthrough in biopsy procedures that only requires local anesthesia with virtually no scarring

and no stitches called mammotome. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at Hudson's Restaurant in Westland Shopping Center (the Woodward Room down the hall from the second floor restaurant). Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. and a question and answer session follows. Cost is \$15 for BFW members and \$18

per guest. Dinner will be ordered off the menu and beverages include coffee, tea, milk or pop. To RSVP call Beth (734) 458-4331 or Pat (734) 455-1450 by Tuesday, Jan. 18. For information about the Comprehensive Breast Care Program available at Garden City Hospital call (888) 559-9355.

# Gizmos, gadgets galore at Vegas electronics show



MIKE WENDLAND

**PC MAKE**  
The annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas is the marketplace's most influential technology gathering place. This year's mega event was no exception.

There were gizmos and gadgets galore.

But there were also clear indications of a major trend shaping up.

Everything had a common theme: It's a connected world.

And the Internet is the plug that does the connecting.

Take, for example, the "dot com home" from Sun Microsystems. It was a display built to look like a typical house. Every room, every device and every appliance was wired to the Internet. Push a button from anywhere in the house and the coffee maker starts. If someone

comes to your front door, you're paged or beeped on your wireless phone. A camera takes their picture and displays it on your own family Web page. You can talk to them by phone from anywhere and even open the door if you want.

When you run out of, say, olive oil or sugar, you're alerted. You can upload your shopping list to the supermarket. If the dishwasher needs the belt tightened, you're notified. The refrigerator has a flat panel computer screen constantly hooked up to the Internet.

And all the technology in the "dot com home" is available now. It works. These weren't prototypes I saw. They were actual products now being developed.

Not to be outdone, 3Com put together a wired house on the outskirts of Las Vegas and hauled reporters out by the bus load for a look-see. It had many of the same connected features. Again, using available technology.

These homes make the home

on the old Jetsons cartoon series seem obsolete.

Eric Benhamou, chairman and CEO of 3Com, introduced new technology called Session Initiation Protocol that will allow users of Palm organizers to register their identity with Internet phones and thus have phone calls follow them anywhere.

Benhamou demonstrated by using his Palm to register his identity on a telephone, using the Palm's infrared port to transfer data. This allowed him to receive phone calls and information. "Our vision is called pervasive networking," Benhamou said, referring to the billions of computers, handheld devices and wireless communication products he wants to hook up.

I was also impressed by the "ring thing."

Actually, they call it the Java Ring, because it contains a tiny microchip loaded with Sun's Java operating system. It can be loaded with personal identification info. It will open doors and validate transactions like a sig-

nature. If you're hurt or sick and have to go to a hospital, the ring has all your personal medical information stored and available for doctors to download.

Next to networking the home and everything in it, digital technology was the other major trend.

Everyone was talking about:

Digital music - The MP3 format. Tiny little devices that fit in your pocket or attach to your telephone and play stereo-quality music you can download from the Internet.

Digital phones - They all connect to the Internet now. Browse the Web, read e-mail on your handheld phone. My first reaction: People already seem to have trouble driving and talking on the phone. What safety problems will be added when they're also surfing the net and reading e-mail.

Digital radio - There was a lot of excitement about satellite broadcasts being beamed into your car with amazing sound quality. It threatens to drive all

but the biggest local stations out of business.

Digital connectivity - A cool new technology called Bluetooth transmits data between electronic devices. It is being touted as a way to link up phones, handheld computers, digital cameras and home appliances.

And then there were the new high-tech acronyms that we'll all soon be puzzled by. Acronyms like WAP, for Wireless Access Protocol, the new standard that wireless phones use to connect to the Internet for services like paging, e-mail and Web surfing.

Then there's SACD, for Super Audio CD.

SD for Secured Digital, a memory chip format.

DTCP for Digital Transmission Copy Protection, a technology that prevents illicit video duplication.

And HRT for Holographic Reflector Technology, something that provides crisper LCD computer screen resolutions.

I saw a lot of stuff I'd like to have but I took home only one

thing this year: A portable keyboard for my Palm V handheld organizer.

Made by a new start-up called Think Outside, the "Stowaway Portable Keyboard" folds up to about the size of a pack of cigarettes. It unfolds into a full-sized keyboard. The Palm fits upright into a docking slot in the middle of the board and, voila ... the Palm has all the capabilities of a laptop.

I got mine. If you want one, you'll have to wait a few weeks. They'll be on the market sometime by the end of the first quarter.

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## Upcoming job fair attracts recruiters, job seekers alike

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers announce their Spring Job Fair from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

This is the fourth general job fair by these subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications, Inc. of Livonia. As many as 125 companies will be recruiting employees.

This general job fair will feature recruiters including:

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Trans Inns Management, U.S. Vision, United Parcel Service, University of Michigan and Virginia Tile.

Space is available for a fee of \$725 for the Complete Exhibitor Package which includes an 8' table plus a quarter page ad in the Job Fair supplement. Electricity is available at your 8' foot table, on a limited basis, for an additional \$40.

For further details and space reservations, call (734) 953-2070 or (888) 999-

1288. Burton Manor is located at the Jeffries Freeway (I-96) between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

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St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon, Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

bers. Free if you join SWE that evening.

**BUSINESS PLAN WORKSHOP**  
Learn to prepare a business plan, work book, example of a business plan and come in contact with sources of help from 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rose Park Blvd. in Detroit. Cost is \$40. Call the Service Corps of Retired Executives at (313) 226-7947.

**LIVING TRUST**  
A living trust and welfare preservation seminar will be offered at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott (17200 N. Laurel Park Dr.) by Paine-Webber Financial advisors Daniel A. Costa and Philip P.

Bocketti will discuss probate and how it can be avoided, benefits of a trust versus will and how to pass all your assets onto your next generation. Call (800) 616-1123 to register.

### TUE, JAN. 18

**STRETCH OUT IRA**  
Paine-Webber will host a seminar on "The Stretch Out IRA" at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 17200 N. Laurel Park Dr. in Livonia. Financial advi-

### WED, JAN. 19

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
The regular meeting of Business Network International Laurel Park Chapter will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia Chapter will meet at the same time at

### THUR, JAN. 20

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS**  
The Society of Women Engineers will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Gretchen's House Child Car Center VI, in Ann Arbor. Gretchen Preston, president of Gretchen's House, Inc. will share some powerful tools that help parents work with their children's teachers to ensure their children thrive. RSVP to Kirsten Carr (313) 594-2950. Cost is \$5 for SWE members and \$15 for non-SWE mem-

### FRI, JAN. 21

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
The regular meeting of Business Network International Livonia Chapter will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate-Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark in Livonia. For information call: BNI (810) 323-3800.

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**WEIGHT CONTROL**  
Novi Park: Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River (Beck Road entrance) will host the weight control program from 1-3 p.m. To register call (877) 345-5500.

**SMOKING CESSATION**  
A stop smoking program will be held at Providence Medical Center - Providence Park at 47601 Grand River (Beck Road entrance) from 10 a.m. to noon. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 23

**LIFESTYLE/WEIGHT MGT.**  
Review the basic tenets of good nutritional habits and safe weight loss techniques. Practice the art of communication and group facilitation through education, lecture and role playing. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800-AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

**STEP WORKSHOP**  
This workshop will concentrate on choreography building techniques and fresh ideas as well as a review of the fundamentals and an update on the latest research. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Call 800-AEROBIC to register. Space is limited.

## TUE, JAN. 25

**BREASTFEEDING CLASS**  
A one session class providing information to expectant parents on the many positive benefits of breastfeeding. Class meets at 6 p.m. Call (734) 458-4330.

**LIVING WITH DIABETES**  
"Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes," Jan. 25-Feb. 17, from 7-9 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

**CPR RECERTIFICATION**  
This course is designed for healthcare professionals who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card issued by the American Heart Association or Red Cross. \$25. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia. To register call (877) 345-5500.

## WED, JAN. 26

**NEWBORN CARE**  
A two session class meets at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session

includes Child & Infant CPR conducted by American Heart Association instructors. Registration required. Call 458-4330.

**WOMEN AND DEPRESSION**  
A mental health professional explains how to identify the signs, symptoms and causes of depression and explores treatment options in this free program. To be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Education Center Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-5400 to register.

**HELP WITH FOOD**  
"Food for Thought - Calories, How Much, What Kind, Portion Sizes," from 7-8 p.m. at the Bentley Center in Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

**SMOKING CESSATION**  
Providence Medical Center in Livonia will host a stop smoking program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

## THUR, JAN. 27

**WEIGHT CONTROL**  
Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh will host the weight control program from 3-5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Call (877) 345-5500.

**HEARTBURN**  
Heartburn: Put out the fire. "Treatments for Chronic Heartburn," will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. This program provides an overview of gastroesophageal reflux, otherwise known as heartburn, including diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment. To register call (877) 345-5500.

## FRI, JAN. 28

**PSYCHOLOGY COURSE**  
Madonna University will offer a psychology workshop during the winter term "Psychological

Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect," from 6-10 p.m. and will conclude Feb. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the workshop examines why child abuse and neglect occur, who perpetrates such acts, the short and long term effects of child abuse and neglect and the various treatment strategies employed with abused children. The non-credit fee is \$1000. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

## SAT, JAN 29

**TURNING POINTS CONFERENCE**  
Oakwood's Turning Points Conference will focus on the important of a healthy attitude (Feeling Magnificent: A New Attitude for the New Millennium) at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$30 per participant. The conference will feature keynote speaker Liz Curtis Higgs, an Encourager. Call (800) 543-WELL to register.

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A study by Italian researchers involving people between ages 70 and 75 years indicates that oral health may be a marker for longevity. The study participants were divided into three groups: those with good natural teeth, those who wore dentures, and those with poor dental health. The subjects were tracked for ten years to study the impact of oral health on survival. It was found that people with good teeth, natural or artificial, were more independent and functioned at a higher level than their peers with poor teeth. They also enjoyed better social relationships and happier moods. Moreover, while only 13% of the people with good teeth died during the study, 48% of the people with poor teeth did.

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It is important to talk to an attorney soon after an accident so that all pertinent evidence can be gathered and all parties deposed while the facts are still fresh in the mind of both the victim and any corroborating witnesses. Rushing to accept an immediate settlement may also mean waiving your right to be compensated for injuries or damages that are not immediately evident.

**HINT:** After you have been involved in an accident, consult with a lawyer with an eye toward understanding the legal aspects of your case and getting the best possible settlement with the help of someone who has experience in doing so.

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