

THE WEEK AHEAD

CLOSINGS

Holiday, election: *President's Day Monday and the Republican primary Tuesday will prompt closings. Westland City Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday, with the clerk's office open for the election only on Tuesday. The 18th District Court will be closed Monday. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be open for regular hours both days. Emergency police and fire services won't be affected by the closings.*

WEDNESDAY

Council: *The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, second floor of Westland City Hall, Ford near Carlson. There will be no study sessions. The meeting is set for Wednesday due to Monday's holiday and Tuesday's election.*

THURSDAY

Tradition: *The 20th annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee will begin 9:30 a.m. at Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer in Westland. Top spellers from Wayne-Westland schools will compete.*

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Lasting memories: *Above, Adam Plowman, 10, slow dances with his mother, Lisa Smith, at the Mommy/Son Dance held at the Bailey Center Wednesday. At right, Steve Rudzki of Westland places a corsage on the arm of his daughter, Katlyn, 3, at the Daddy/Daughter Dance this past Tuesday night. For more on the Westland Parks and Recreation events, please see A3.*



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Elected clerk still a possibility

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Westland voters still may get a chance to decide whether they want the city clerk's job to become an elected position rather than council-appointed.

It could happen in one of two ways:

■ Citizens angered by the council's Jan. 18 firing of Clerk Patricia Gibbons plan to initiate a petition drive in hopes of forcing the city to place the issue before voters.

■ Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin will have the elected clerk issue studied by a city charter review committee, which could recommend a ballot proposal.

Either way, the offices of state attorney general and governor have to approve the ballot language before voters can

decide the issue in an election, interim City Clerk Diane Fritz said Friday.

Residents are expected to initiate a petition drive as early as this week, resident Brenda Gracin said.

They will have to collect signatures from 5 percent of the city's registered voters, which currently number 54,268, interim Clerk Diane Fritz said.

That amounts to about 2,715 signatures — fewer than earlier estimates.

"We'll get double that," Gracin said.

Residents were under the impression they had to receive approval from the city attorney's office before they could circulate petitions for signatures.

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YMCA's new director eager to serve community

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Christy Nolan has been with various YMCAs for more than five years, and has no plans to leave. His roots with the YMCA go back to childhood.

"I learned to swim at the Y," said Nolan, the new executive director of the Wayne-Westland YMCA. "I was involved in day camp growing up."

Nolan's dad had heart surgery and did his rehab at the local YMCA in Pennsylvania. Nolan started to work there when he was younger, and when he came to Michigan after college started work part time with the Y.

Nolan, a 29-year-old Redford resident, started work at the Wayne Westland Y on Jan. 3. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and business from Pennsylvania State University, and did postgraduate work toward a teaching certification.

He started at the Farmington Y as a lifeguard; in 1995, the Livonia Y had a sports position open up. He took that and was there until coming to Wayne

Westland.

Nolan also oversees the Y in Dearborn, which doesn't have a building and uses schools and churches for programs. "I just give some guidance to them and make sure the presence is being maintained."

He's settling in at the Wayne-Westland facility on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill, and has enjoyed meeting people in the community.

"Right now, I'm just in a learning mode." The facility is smaller than Livonia, giving him more opportunities to interact, "which is great. I'm still learning where everything is in the community. I think it's a great community."

Members and volunteers are active and care about the YMCA, he said.

His goals include providing high quality programs that are accessible. "A passion of mine is teen programming." That includes outdoor and leadership opportunities.

"I love working with them. It's a challenge, but it's rewarding," he said of work with teens.



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Helper: *Christy Nolan takes a break while talking with those working on a recent spruce-up of the Y's child care facility.*

He gets help working with teens from wife Terra Abraham Nolan, a teacher at Hubert Junior High in Redford. She also helps as a swim coach at the Livonia YMCA.

They expect their first child in July. Her pregnancy has limited their sports involvement, but both are rock

climbers and avid swimmers and runners.

"We swim every day, we swim every day." The Wayne-Westland YMCA has a pool, which helps.

"I'm happy to be here," Nolan said of

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DDA chair ousted

■ **Kim Shunkwiler will no longer serve as Westland Downtown Development Authority chairman. Mayor Robert Thomas said it's time for a change.**

BY JULIE BROWN
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Kim Shunkwiler has been ousted as Westland Downtown Development Authority chairman, and is attributing that action to political differences.

Shunkwiler, a local chiropractor, has served as chair since February 1996. He found out late this past week he won't be reappointed by Mayor Robert Thomas when his term expires this week.

"Very upset, very disappointed," Shunkwiler said. He attributed the move to his support several years ago of Dennis LeMaitre's bid for Westland City Council.

"It's just a shame that four years of hard work and the vision we've developed for this city are being jeopardized because of petty politics," Shunkwiler said Thursday.

He said the DDA board is a good one. "We've got a really good thing going."

Shunkwiler, who planned to contact Councilman David James, is concerned about continuity with DDA projects. Shunkwiler noted the board had earlier sent a letter to Thomas seeking reappointment of the entire board.

"I'll leave the politics to Kim," Thomas said Thursday. "I'm not going

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Fire chief in flap

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Fire Chief Mark Neal, accused of harassing a Westland woman who supports recalling four council members, has placed the city at "great risk" of a lawsuit, an attorney for the woman charged Thursday.

"I think the chief would be extremely stupid if he didn't take my words of warning," attorney Lyle Dickson said during a telephone interview.

Neal vehemently denied he has harassed recall supporter Brenda Gracin, who started a Web site urging a recall of council members Charles "Trav" Griffin, Sharon Scott, David Cox and David James for their firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

"She's the one who has the problem."

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Planning time



Zebra power: Heavy-duty planning for Wayne Memorial High School's "Celebrate Wayne" started this past week. All the clubs and sports groups got together to start brainstorming for the March 16 event. Above, members of the service organization Zebra Guides Nicole Walker, (clockwise), Derwin Ross, Jessi Speights, Brandy Rogers, Nicole Dubose and Quanisha Robinson talk about how they will display their club for the eighth-graders. "Celebrate Wayne" boosts school involvement for next year's ninth-graders.

Math Night equals fun at Elliott

BY JULIE BROWN
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Math Night added up to success at Elliott Elementary School. Families gathered Thursday evening at the Westland school for some math fun. Those attending included Bonnie and Martes Mansel of Westland with son Robbie, 10, a fifth-grader.

"I like adding and subtracting," said Robbie. His parents have attended previous Math Nights and other school events.

"We come every year," Martes Mansel said. "I'm looking forward to it. I love math."

They agreed that computers have changed the way math is taught. "I think it's a good program," Bonnie Mansel said of

the gym at the end of Math Night, with an opportunity for feedback on improving it.

The time in the gym at the start included an overview of why math is important. Fellowship was also featured. "We really tried to stretch it across the entire curriculum," Summerville said.

Word problems, for example, stressed the writing connection. Preparation for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests is emphasized, she said. Some areas where her students have had difficulty include patterns and problem-solving.

"I hope that they will see math as practical to life," Summerville said. Students, she hopes, will see math as relevant to home, work and other areas.

She and other educators try to encourage girls to study math, and Summerville has noticed girls taking the lead in math and science.

Summerville credited teacher Stephanie Williams with coordination of the program. Williams, a third-grade teacher, is in her second year of teaching.

"She did an excellent job," the principal said.

Williams was pleased with Math Night. "It's going very well," she said during a break. "I think the families are enjoying themselves." She also wanted them to learn "that math can be fun."

Educators had information for parents to take home. "No quizzes, though," Williams said with a smile.

Livonia district seeks top teachers

The Livonia Public School district is searching for 2000-01 teachers of the year for elementary and secondary schools.

Nominees must possess exemplary personal qualifications, professional skills and a record of school/community service. They should also spend at least half their time teaching in a regular classroom and have tenure status.

Nomination forms are available on the district's Web site at www.livonia.k12.mi.us/district/index.html or by calling Jan Clark at (734) 523-9101. Nominees are asked to include the name and phone number.

The deadline is March 6.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., February 23, 2000 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the appeal of the issuance of a fence permit for the property located at 32200 Cherry Hill, brought by a neighboring property owner at 32185 Leona.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

RANDY TEMPLETON, Chair
 Zoning Board of Appeals
 ALLYSON M. BETTIS
 Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY 2000 BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 7, 2000	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 2000 assessment roll:

Monday	March 13, 2000	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 14, 2000	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 15, 2000	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 16, 2000	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	March 17, 2000	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 13, 2000.

Assessment ratios and factors for the 2000 tax year are:

CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
Commercial	45.20%	1.1062
Industrial	46.77%	1.0662
Residential	46.20%	1.0623
Personal Property	59.00%	1.0000

These are paid on TAXABLE values, which is the lower of assessed value or market value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index) which will increase only 1.9% for 2000. As a result, residential values will increase only 1.9% unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property.

The 2000 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection from March 8, 2000 through March 16, 2000 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Parents, kids dance night away

Families in Westland got to spend some time together this past week.

Daddy/Daughter Dances and a Mommy/Son Dance, sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, brought families together in the Bailey Center gym.

"We have two of those because of the popularity," Robert Kosowski, Parks and Recreation director, said of the Daddy/Daughter events. Those were held Tuesday and Thursday, with the Mommy/Son Dance Wednesday.

The dances attract younger children on up through preteens, Kosowski said. There were about 80 people Tuesday. "They had a fun time square dancing."

Refreshments are served and each couple gets a photo. Children can bring an aunt, uncle, grandparent or older sibling rather than a parent.

"It's been going on for many years," he said of the dances, which featured Mike Brennan as square dance caller. "It's one of our biggest events of the year. Very popular."

The dances coincide with Valentine's Day.



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER
Good time: Sean McClain, 6, (right), and his younger brother, David, 3, enjoy a round of square dancing with their mother, Debbie, and others.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY
'It's one of our biggest events of the year. Very popular.'

Robert Kosowski
—parks and rec director

Ha ha: Samantha Ayers, 4, (left) and Samantha Green, 5, both of Westland had the giggles with Brent Green.



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Hoppy: Joe Baker of Canton lifts his daughter, Brit-tany, 4, in the bunny hop at the Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Bailey Center. James Derna and Karris-sa, 11, of Westland follow in the long line of bunny hoppers.



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A sign: David McClain, 3, stops to give a high five to a fellow square dancer during the Mommy/Son Dance.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY
Love you: Scott Rochon of Livonia dances with his daughter, Brandi, 8, at the Westland Daddy/Daughter Dance.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY
Won't you be my darling? It's swing your partner at the Daddy/Daughter Dance Tuesday. Right, Alex Willard, 3, and her father, Matt, of Garden City took part with the other couples in square dancing.

Primary election date Tuesday

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday for the Republican presidential primary. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Westland.

The names of GOP candidates on the ballot include Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin Hatch, Alan Keyes and John McCain. Only Bush, Keyes and McCain remain in the running for the GOP presidential nomination.

The Democratic caucus will be March 11; the names of Democratic candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley will not appear on Tuesday's ballot.

Those unsure of where to vote Tuesday should call the city clerk's office, (734) 467-3188. Voting places are:

Precinct 1, Madison Elementary School; 2, Kettering Elementary; 3, Stottliemyer Elementary; 5, Edison Elementary; 6, Adams Middle; 7, Stottli-

myer; 8, Patchin Elementary; 9, Jefferson-Barns Elementary; 10, Lincoln Elementary; 11, Elliott Elementary; 12, Cooper Elementary; 13, Schweitzer Elementary; 14, Marshall Middle; 15, Greenwood Villa; 16, Holliday Park Clubhouse; 17, P.D. Graham Elementary; 18, Schweitzer; 19, Madison; 20, Wildwood Elementary; 21, Lowell Middle; 22, Westland Meadows Clubhouse; 23, Elliott; 24, Lutheran High School-Westland; 25, Cooper; 26, Hamilton Elementary; 27, Perrinville School; 28, Church of Christ-Annapolis Park; 29, Edison; 30, Hayes Elementary; 31, Hayes; 32, Kettering; 33, Hamilton; 34, Dyer Social Service Center-Senior Wing; 35, Cooper; 36, Nankin Mills Elementary; 37, P.D. Graham; 38, Dyer Social Service Center; 39, Landings Apartment Clubhouse; 40, Divine Savior Parish; 41, Greenwood Villa.

Ex-student charged in stalking

A former John Glenn High School student was arraigned Thursday in Garden City's 21st District Court on a charge of stalking his former teacher.

Wayne resident Derek Ingle, 17, is charged with one count of aggravated stalking, a five-year felony. Judge Richard Hammer Jr. set a \$200,000 cash bond for Ingle, who stood mute on the charge and requested a court-appointed attorney.

A preliminary examination is set for Monday, Feb. 28.

Earlier, Ingle pleaded guilty to a prior misdemeanor charge for

stalking the same teacher and apologized to her at his sentencing in 18th District Court in December.

At that time, Ingle was sentenced to 89 days in jail with credit for time served and two years probation.

In the misdemeanor case, the teacher had obtained a personal protection order barring Ingle from contacting her or coming on school property. Ingle was caught at the school more than once by police and also went to her Garden City home.

The teacher, who is married

and in her 30s, reported having problems with Ingle since last August. Police said her only involvement with Ingle has been as his teacher.

Westland police arrested Ingle last week for a probation violation after the teacher received a telephone call at her Garden City home.

Ingle didn't actually make the telephone call, police said, but had a friend call the teacher. A special education student, Ingle also was in violation of his probation conditions by contacting the friend.

Condo association leaders join forces

Hoping to strengthen their clout, Westland condominium association leaders are forming a citywide umbrella organization.

The new group will address issues such as pushing for separate water and sewer meters, said James Godbout, president of Millwood Village Condominium Association.

Some condo groups are paying more than \$3,000 a year in sewer fees to water lawns - often

on city right-of-way property, Godbout said.

"That was the impetus for getting this group together," he said.

Godbout had raised the issue of separate water and sewer meters during his unsuccessful bid last November for a Westland City Council seat.

The umbrella group also would be in place to address any other common issues that arise, God-

bout said.

Already, as many as 15 condo associations are expected to be represented at a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Castlewood Condominiums on Hunter west of Wayne Road.

Condo associations that want to become involved or that need more information are urged to call Godbout at 734-427-2322.

Westland Rotary Toy Show set for March 5

The next Westland Rotary Toy Show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Joy Manor, on Joy east at Middlebelt in Westland. Admission is \$3, free for kids under age 12.

Some 100-500 people are

expected to attend. There will be 50-60 tables of antique and collectible toys.

An ongoing raffle for Drug Abuse Resistance Education will be included. Organizers appreciate donated use of Joy Manor,

co-chairman Ken Belanger said.

The event is a buy-sell-trade one. Questions should be directed to Ken Belanger at 734-721-1810 or John Foxe at 734-739-8693.

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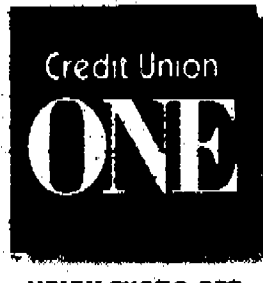
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Neal said of Gracin. Neal is accused of e-mailing Gracin 19 times within 10 days, saying he didn't believe in recalls and alleging she violated copyright laws by posting an Observer political cartoon of Griffin on her Web site without permission.

The newspaper has asked Gracin to remove the cartoon. Gracin said she and the Observer should be allowed to discuss the issue without interference from Neal, who supports Griffin, Scott, Cox and James.

Gracin accused Neal of trying to halt her recall involvement by harassing her.

"He's trying to either make me quit or silence me, and I told him that if I quit, there are more than 400 other people who want to help with this recall," she said.

Gracin said 413 people have contacted her to indicate they will work on a recall campaign.

"I'm just one person, and I don't know why he singled me out," Gracin said. "He's not intimidating me, because I don't get intimidated easily, but he is harassing me."

Gracin and other recall supporters are upset that Griffin went to Gibbons' office on Jan. 18, took her keys and placed her on leave until the council majority fired her four days later.

Council members Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc opposed the fir-

'I put in way more hours in this department than I get paid for.'

Mark Neal
—fire chief

ing. The majority's actions fueled an ongoing investigation by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office into allegations that Griffin, Cox, Scott and James violated the state Open Meetings Act by deciding privately to fire Gibbons.

Dickson, meanwhile, has contacted City Attorney Angelo Plakas' office to issue a warning that Neal's actions could lead to a lawsuit.

Dickson accused Neal of indicating in e-mails that Gracin engaged in "criminal activity" on her Web site.

Dickson said "it appears as though he did it during working hours ... placing the city of Westland at great risk of litigation for slanderous statements."

Neal said he has e-mailed Gracin on his own time and that he has no set work schedule.

"I put in way more hours in this department than I get paid for," Neal said.

Neal said he has only responded to e-mails he received from Gracin.

"She'll write me four or five e-

mails in a row and then expect me not to answer back," he said. "She's actually quite bizarre ... If she e-mails me and asks me a question, I will answer her back."

Neal described Gracin as "a very hyper and angry woman" and said she becomes upset with people who don't agree with her recall views.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is pretty indicative of the kind of people running that recall," Neal said.

Neal said e-mail addresses for himself and others are listed on Gracin's Web site, raising questions about who's involved in harassment.

Dickson said Neal has been placed on notice not to contact Gracin again - or risk a lawsuit. "It will cease," Dickson said.

In other developments:

Gracin said several new proposals for recall petition language will be submitted to the Wayne County Elections Commission, which rejected proposed language against Scott on Wednesday.

Griffin, Cox and James started new council terms Jan. 1 and are protected from recall for six months.

Recall supporters plan another rally before the next council meeting. It will start at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, outside Westland City Hall - one hour before the council meeting starts.

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to get into that." The mayor noted Shunkwiler had a business in the DDA district - which includes Ford Road throughout the city and Wayne Road south of Ford - and moved out.

"That wasn't the only reason." Thomas attributed his decision to a "changing of the guard" on boards, an effort to bring in new faces.

"I'd like to see some different people go on these boards, espe-

cially the DDA," Thomas said. The DDA board has nine members, he noted, and chooses its own chairman.

Thomas didn't decide to remove Shunkwiler as chairman, but rather didn't reappoint him as a member. Other DDA changes are possible.

"That's always possible," Thomas said. "The bulk of them are going to remain."

Thomas said he and Shunkwiler have had differences

in the past, and that if he'd wanted to he wouldn't have appointed the chiropractor to begin with. "I think he's done a fine job."

The DDA eventually will deal with large sums of money and be an even more important body in the city, Thomas said.

Shunkwiler noted state law applying to DDAs doesn't require all members to be within the DDA district, just a majority

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Tuesday's Republican primary turns into a showdown

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

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

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

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

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

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

licans even though this is the GOP primary.

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

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

selected by the party.

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

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

intention of counting the results from Tuesday's polling.

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

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

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

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

Learning Center takes applications

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

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

Certified teachers who are graduate students in Madonna University's literacy education and learning disabilities master's degree programs will offer tutoring sessions in Blocks I and II.

Prior to admission, each student will be informally assessed, and a tailored remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and will include strategies for reading fiction and non-fiction text, process writing and study skills. Students will develop a portfolio of their work during the session.

With more than 48 years of providing service to children who are experiencing difficulty in reading and writing, Madonna University's Learning Center has assisted thousands of children, from public and private schools representing some 20 different school districts.

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

EKG workshop set for nurses

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

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

Attendees can count on 100 contact hours. Madonna University is an approved provider of continuing education in nursing by the Michigan Nurses Association. Registrations received by March 21 are \$80 per person for nurses and other health care providers and \$100 for non-nurses students.

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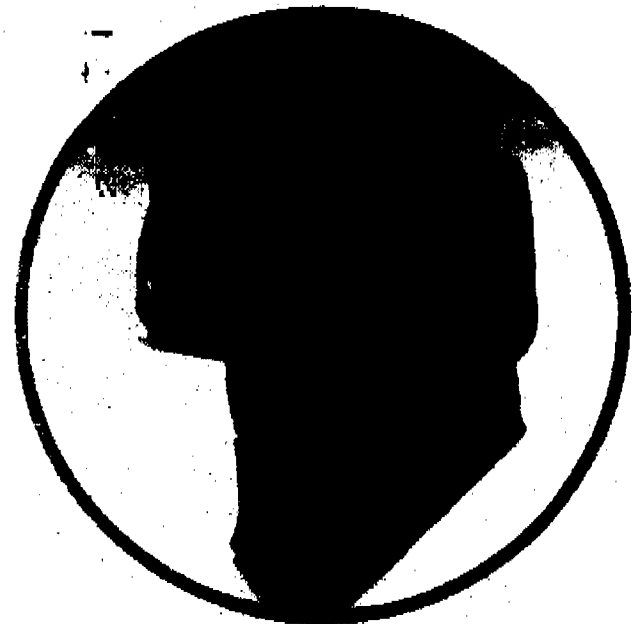
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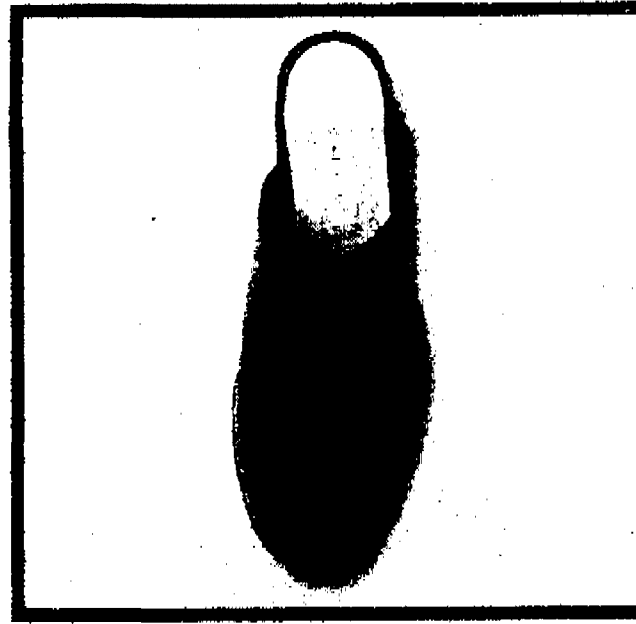
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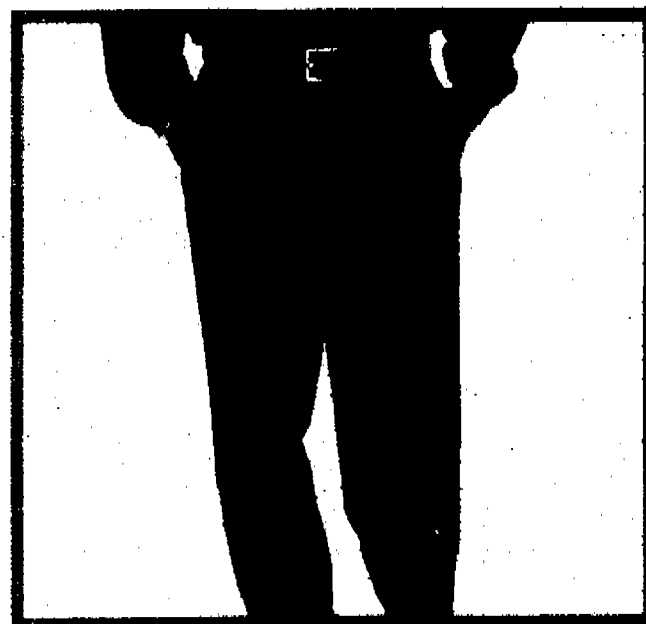
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However, Fritz confirmed Friday that residents should first circulate the petitions, then submit them to her office where signatures will be verified.

If residents have the signatures they need, Fritz's office will send the language — 100 words or less — to the state for consideration.

Griffin, meanwhile, said he has invited seven people to sit on a charter review committee to study two issues:

- Whether the city clerk should be elected.

- Whether all seven council members should be elected at the same time every four years. Currently, four of the seven members are elected every two years.

Griffin said the charter committee also may decide to address other issues before it recommends whether to urge ballot proposals for charter amendments.

"I'm not putting any time

restraints on them at this point," he said.

Griffin has appointed council President Pro Tem David Cox to head the committee. Griffin has asked six others in writing to let him know by Feb. 25 whether they are willing to serve on the panel.

They are council members Glenn Anderson and Sandra Cicirelli; former council members and former charter committee members Justine Barns and Bill Anderson; and citizen representatives John Jeckewicz and John Franklin.

Griffin said he tried to appoint a diverse committee to study the 34-year-old city charter for possible revisions.

Council member Richard LeBlanc had earlier called for an elected clerk ballot proposal to be considered for a May 9 election, when voters will decide a 1-mill incinerator tax renewal.

But a council majority chose to appoint a committee.

LeBlanc said neither a citizens petition drive nor a charter committee would be necessary if council had placed the issue on the May 9 ballot.

"I wish we didn't have to go through that (petition drive) even though I realize it's a lot of work for a lot of people, and I believe that those who have made public statements regarding that issue have, for the most part, indicated their preference to have an elected clerk," LeBlanc said.

Griffin, Cox and council members David James and Sharon Scott fueled a storm of protest by firing Gibbons on Jan. 18, four days after Griffin went to her office, took her keys and placed her on leave.

In other developments:

- Scott criticized Gracin for comments made following a Wednesday meeting of the Wayne County Elections Commission, which rejected ballot language for a recall of Scott.

Gracin was critical of a friendly exchange prior to the meeting between one of the commissioners, Milton Mack, and Barns, a Scott supporter.

Scott denied Barns' presence was an attempt to sway the commission.

"When I walked in, I had no idea who was on the elections commission," Scott said. "I walked in thinking they would approve the (recall) language."

Recall organizers have filed alternate recall language that will be considered during a Feb. 28 elections commission meeting.

- Griffin said he will not move a 7 p.m. Wednesday council meeting from City Hall, even though a 6 p.m. protest is planned that will likely result in an overflow crowd.

Griffin said a speaker has been installed outside of council chambers for people who might not be able to get inside the room.

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his new position. "I'm enjoying it, I really am." The community has been supportive, and he will "definitely" be around.

His first name comes from his Irish roots. It was originally intended to go to an older sister.

Nolan, who also goes by Chris, got teased about his name in grade school.

"Now I'm proud of it."

Ed Turner, board chairman for the local Y, is glad to have Nolan on board. "I welcome him with

open arms," he said. Turner's impressed with "some fresh new ideas, his experience. He's got some new ideas for new programs."

Turner noted the new structure for metro Ys, with an execu-

tive over Nolan overseeing several Ys, including Wayne-Westland. Reorganization of staff shows leaders "are willing to see our Y grow more than it has in the past," he said. "I'm very proud of them."

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BERNICE NEAL

Services for Bernice Neal, 88, of Wayne were Jan. 6 in West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was Joe Jones.

Mrs. Neal, born Nov. 24, 1911, died Jan. 2. She was a paint sprayer.

Surviving are her son, Orville Neal of Westland; daughters, Glenda Mink and Linda Neal; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Neal was preceded in death by her husband, Orville, and son, Jerry.

Arrangements were handled through Uht Funeral Home.

DONALD L. KORTE

Services for Donald Korte, 72, of Westland were Feb. 17 in Sts. Kevin & Norbert Catholic Church, Inkster, with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. John Lehner.

Mr. Korte, born July 30, 1927, in Dearborn died Feb. 13 in Dearborn. He worked in assembly.

Surviving are his daughters, Marlene (Lawrence) Darnell and Karen (Billy) Clawson; brothers, Albert, Ralph, Robert and Edward; sisters, Mary Ferris and Regina Pike; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Korte was preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond and Joseph.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association.

Arrangements were handled through John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

CONWELL AVERY

Services for Conwell Avery, 58, of Inkster were Jan. 6 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at United Memorial Gardens, near Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Robert McDonald.

Mr. Avery, born March 4, 1941, died Jan. 3 in Wayne. He was a switchman.

Surviving are his wife, Clara; sons, James of Westland, Michael, Steven and Patrick (Rachael); father, Edward Gatson; mother, Ludelia Spencer; brothers, Jewell Allen, Ronnie Spencer and Anthony Spencer; sisters, Cora Lawrence, Jackolyn Wells, Ravena Rogers and Reva Byrd; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Avery was preceded in death by his brother, Arnold Spencer, and stepfather, L.V. Spencer.

GLADYS E. NELSON

Services for Gladys Nelson, 95, of Wayne were Jan. 6 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Nelson born Sept. 5, 1904, died Jan. 3 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Robert (Margaret); four grandchildren, Franklin, Mitchell of Westland, Roberta Lyons and Sandra Follin; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, son, James, and daughter, Ruth Sanecki.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

JULIA G. BUDNIK

Services for Julia Budnik, 87, of Westland were Feb. 17 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland.

Mrs. Budnik, born Nov. 7, 1912, in Posen, Mich., died Feb. 15 in Gladwin, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Michael (Barbara) Budnik of Harrison; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

STANLEY R. HUNTER

Memorial services for former Westland resident Stanley Hunter, 60, of Millbrook, N.Y. were held in Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook, N.Y.

Mr. Hunter died Feb. 7 at his home in Millbrook. He attended St. Mary's School of Wayne and was a graduate of Wayne Memorial High. He was a former Air Force reservist. He was a self-employed illustrator and portrait artist. Mr. Hunter was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Christine; sons, Mark Hunter of Northville and Stanley Hunter, Jr. of Millbrook, N.Y.; daughters, Inga Hunter of Millbrook, N.Y., and Kristen Hunter of Holly, Mich.; mother, Ann Hunter of Wayne; sister, Patricia Haines of Westland; and two grandchildren.

Adams principal to be featured

Adams Middle School Principal Celestine Sanders will be featured in a new Westland city cable program, "People Worth Watching," that starts airing Feb. 29.

Sanders will talk about issues ranging from student testing to her community involvement to Adams school improvements.

She will be interviewed by Deputy Mayor George Gillies and Westland City Council member Sandra Cicirelli.

Sanders will become the first person featured in the ongoing "People Worth Watching" series to be aired on WLND, the city's municipal cable channel.

Gillies said the series is being

started to

inform city cable viewers about people and issues affecting the community.

The program will air on Channel 10 for Americast customers and Channel 12 for MediaOne customers.

On Friday, WLND didn't have a listing of exact times that program will air on Feb. 29.



Celestine Sanders

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 28, 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 28, 2000 at 6:50 p.m. regarding the possible uses of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The following are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2000:

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or areas where 51 percent of the residents are of low and moderate income.
- To facilitate and/or support private (re)investment and development within the City of Garden City.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To conserve and improve older housing.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.
- To improve park facilities.

ESTIMATED ALLOCATION
\$116,000

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

ADA compliance requirements for city owned property
Real and Personal Property
Public Service Activity
Funding for Senior Center Coordinator
Environmental Studies
Housing Rehabilitation (City Wide)

Interested persons are invited to comment on the potential projects listed above or suggest other projects. All projects must meet objective "A". Projects must benefit community development and/or housing needs of moderate and low-income residents.

Further information is available by contacting David Kocis, City Manager, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, 734-535-8830.

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County will drop family planning clinical services

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

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

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

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and problem families, Soares said.

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

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

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

counties.

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

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

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

'Transition plan'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'04 rates rose

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

an 11-percent federal government funding increase.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Madonna offers auto business symposium on 'mistake-proofing'

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

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

cheon and keynote only.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

operated by the Madonna University School of Business. The Institute explores and solves problems related to quality issues, especially, especially among small and medium companies, in the automotive field.

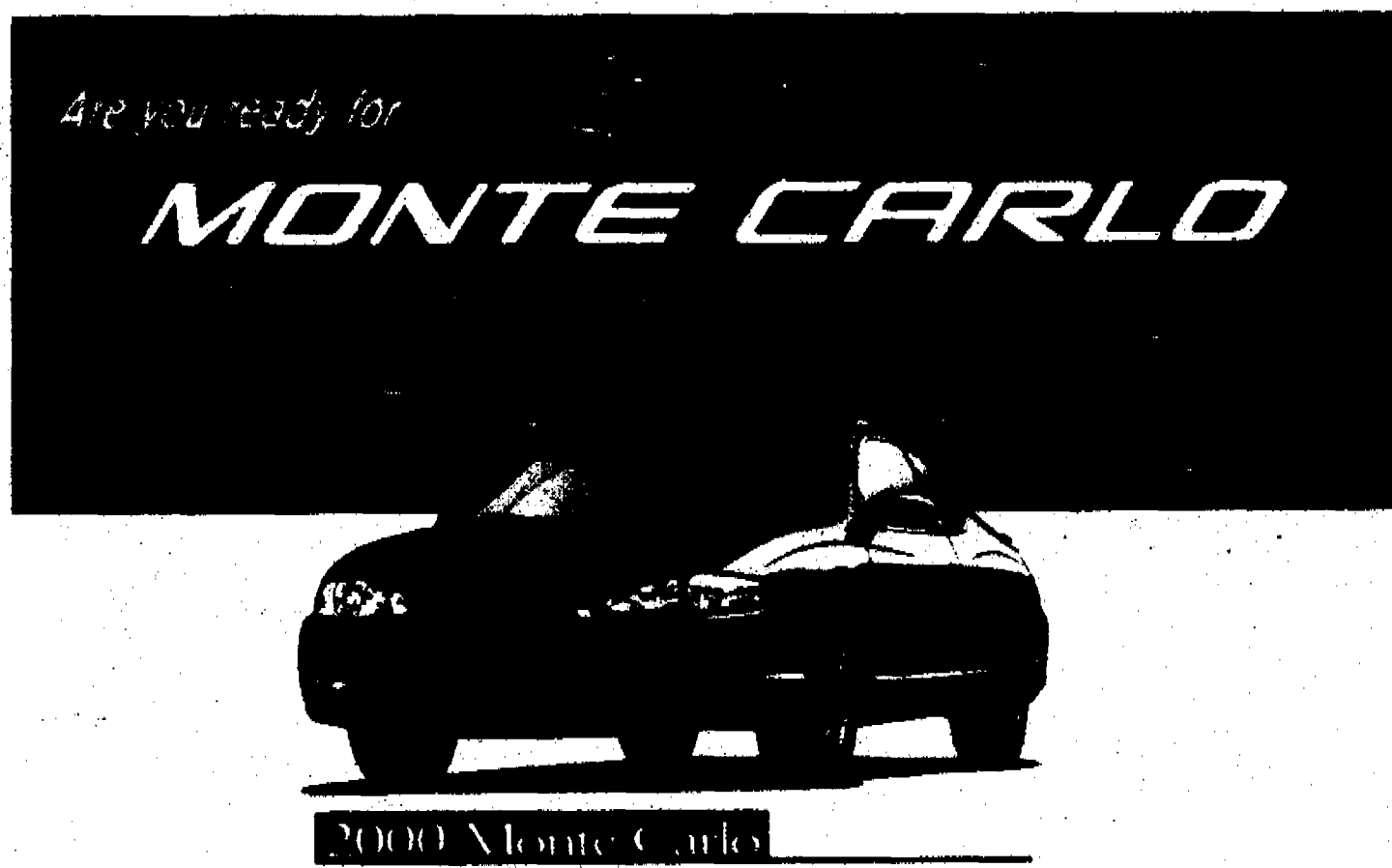
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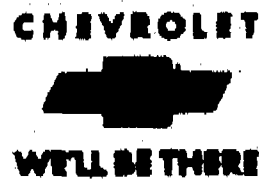
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Family, one dog survive fire

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A mother, three children and a family Dalmatian that received mouth-to-snout resuscitation survived a fire Thursday afternoon in the 6800 block of Redman, near Wildwood and Hunter.

One dog died in the 4 p.m. blaze, Deputy Fire Chief David Carignan said.

The mother and children escaped the fire without serious injury, but police Officer Joe Bobby and a neighbor scrambled to save a Dalmatian found lying apparently lifeless near a back door, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The dog had suffered smoke inhalation, but an oxygen mask was placed over its snout after its breathing was partially restored by mouth-to-snout

'My understanding is the dog is doing fine.'

Sean Hulsebosch
—veterinarian

resuscitation, police and fire officials said.

Bobby learned the dog was in the house from a crying 4-year-old girl standing on the sidewalk.

Officers rushed the animal to the Michigan Humane Society clinic in Westland.

"My understanding is the dog is doing fine," veterinarian Sean Hulsebosch said.

The fire has been blamed on two children who caught a sofa ablaze while playing with a cigarette lighter, Carignan said.

The fire started in a family



Tough job:
Firefighters battle the house fire Thursday.

room of the tri-level residence, but smoke and fire spread to an attic and ultimately caused an estimated \$60,000 in structural damage alone, Carignan said.

"The family lost all of their personal belongings to direct fire damage or severe smoke damage," he said.

Firefighters made a "fairly quick attack" and managed to

douse the flames before they could spread throughout the house, Carignan said.

The fire had engulfed an area of the family room before the mother became aware of the problem, Carignan said.

The family was taken to a hospital as a precautionary measure but suffered no serious injuries.

Laurel Park celebrates Mardi Gras with contest

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

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

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

special coupon to help complete their Mardi Gras bead strand.

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

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

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



Caring: Emergency personnel tend to the injured Dalmatian.

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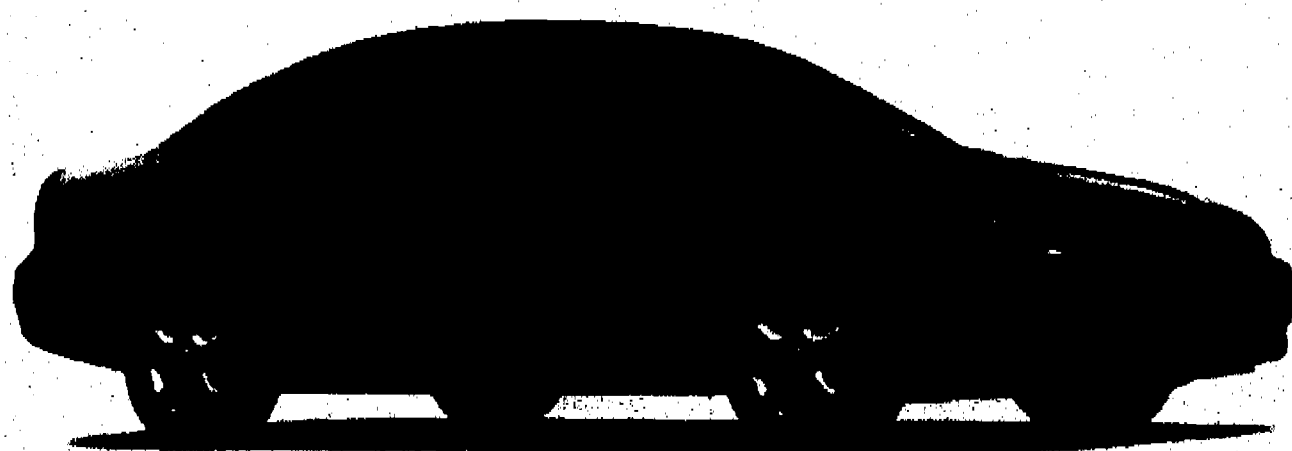
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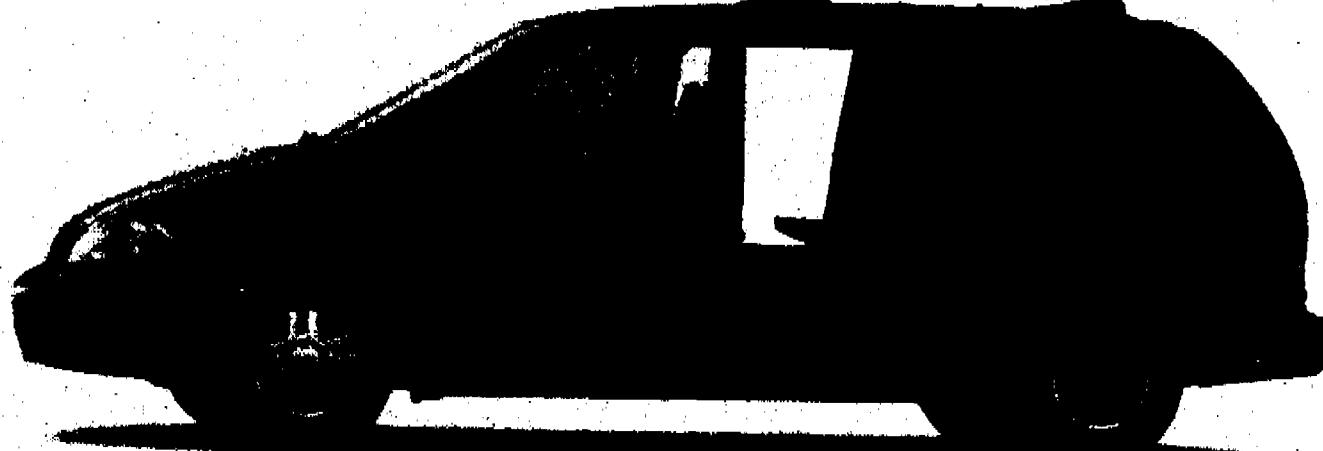
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MHSAA honors Dery

Livonia Stevenson varsity hockey player Bryan Dery was recently selected one of nine winter sports season recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Farm Bureau Insurance, in its 11th year of sponsoring the award, will give Dery and 23 other sports season honorees a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Dery will receive a commemorative plaque during halftime ceremonies of the Class C boys basketball final Saturday, March 25 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

Dery has earned two varsity letters in hockey, three in golf and track and field.

He is a two-year member of the Physics Club and has participated in canned food and clothing drives throughout high school. Dery also volunteered for the Hearts of Livonia Fund Drive, along with the school's craft show his junior and senior year.

Dery will attend the University of Michigan and study engineering.

Part of his winning essay quote reads: "The most important reason why sportsmanship is a fundamental aspect of educational athletics is that it makes the game enjoyable to all the people around it."

"If there was only one reason to participate in athletics it would be to just have fun."

Hoop Shoot winners

Jeff Grad of Holmes Middle School edge Jeff Spears of Emerson M.S., 70-69, to win the boys grades 7-9 title at the City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Winterfest Hoop Shoot contest Feb. 8 at Frost M.S.

A total of 77 boys and girls competed in three different age divisions.

Lauren Troesel (Riley M.S.) and Dawn Drabicki (St. Michael's Grade School) finished one-two, respectively, for girls in grades 7-9.

Matt Dykla (Washington Elementary) scored 55 to edge Benjamin Schroeder (Webster Elementary) to win the boys grades 5-6 title.

Roya St. Clair (Tyler Elementary) won the girls grades 5-6 title with 29 points. Elizabeth Stinger (Hoover Elementary) was runner-up.

In the boys grades 3-4, Robert Powell (Coolidge Elementary) edged Ricky Scully (Hull Elementary), 56-54.

Amber Drabicki (St. Michael's) won the girls grades 3-4 crown with 39 points. Madison King (Buchanan Elementary) was second with 27.

Indoor soccer champions

The Livonia Bombers, an under-11 boys team, recently captured their six-vs.-six division title at Total Soccer by outscoring their opponents, 68-27.

Members of the Bombers include: Tony Calleja, Andy Chattaway, Jason Corey, Brandon Filipiak, Eric Haycock, Chris Iadonisi, Josh Mann, Greg Michael, Eric Puroll, Justin Rush, Corey Uhrig, Matt Winters, Mike Girard, David St. Amant, Bobby Merritt and Robby Bennett.

The coaching staff includes James Michael, Dan Dusablon and John Filipiak.

Lions hoop at Thurston

Members of the Detroit Lions football team will challenge members of the Thurston High School Band and school staff in a special benefit basketball game at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2 in the Thurston High School gym, 26255 Schoolcraft, just west of Beech Daly.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for those age 12 and under.

Tickets can be purchased from any band member or at the door beginning at 6:15 p.m.

The Lions will sign autographs beginning at 6:30 p.m. and during halftime at the game.

Polaroid pictures at \$5 each can be purchased for the autograph signing. Select autographed Lions items will be available for a silent auction during the game.

Proceeds from the event will help defray expenses for the 65-member Thurston High Honors Band trip to Carnegie Hall on Friday, April 21 in New York City, N.Y.

The band hopes to raise \$65,000 to help fund the trip.

The Thurston Band is one of nine bands out of 77 nationwide that have been invited to play.

Disease won't pin Spartan grappler

Livonia Stevenson's Mike Radley had a lot to look forward to his senior year as a varsity wrestler.

The 171-pounder was 21-12 as a junior and was a regional qualifier, missing a trip to the state individual finals by just two points, losing a match to a Sterling Heights grappler, 17-15.

But during Stevenson's football season last fall, the 195-pound left guard hit a bump in the road.

By the second or third game of the season, Radley began experiencing aches and pains that normally don't accompany the usual bumps and bruises of a football player.

"He's always been a real healthy kid," said his father, James Radley. "But I noticed he was walking back to the huddle. He came home limping. He had sore knees and sore joints. He was in bad shape."

When James Radley asked his son what was wrong, Mike's response was simply: "The field is hard."

Stevenson varsity football coach Tim Gabel also remembered something was amiss.

"He (Mike) started saying he was tired, but he was playing through it," Gabel said. "I could tell he was losing weight, though."

Mike Radley, complaining about an upset stomach, sat out a key mid-season game against Westland John Glenn.

Perhaps it was appendicitis? He also noticed blood in his urine, and he was checked out by doctors while undergoing a battery of tests at Botsford Hospital.

His red cell blood count was low — 10.9 to be exact, while 13.9 is the normal low point of range.

But other than being slightly anemic, tests could not reveal much of anything else. He resumed playing and finished out the football season.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MATHIAS

Team guy: Stevenson senior Mike Radley never misses a practice or meet despite fighting the rare disease Wegener's Granulomatosis.

Amazingly, Radley played in a bruising first-round playoff game on an unusually hot Saturday afternoon in late October against defending state champion Redford Catholic Central.

But on Nov. 3, shortly after turning in his football equipment, Radley hit the wall.

More blood tests followed on the 17-year-old. His count dropped to an alarming 7.9 as he was admitted to Garden City Hospital's Pediatrics Unit.

A chest x-ray revealed an infiltrate (spot) on his lung. They also did a kidney biopsy. It was first feared he may have Lupus, maybe even Leukemia.

What Radley actually had was a rare disease — Wegener's Granulomatosis, an inflammation of blood vessels scattered throughout the body.

Serious, for sure, because there are only 500 new cases diagnosed every year in this country. It affects male and females equally, but 85 percent of the patients are above the age of 19.

"I think the symptoms started the year before it was diagnosed when he had sinus surgery the summer before football," said James Radley, who slept alongside his son each night during his one-week hospital stay, while his mother Brenda kept a close vigil during the day. "One of the first things they noticed is that he was losing blood, but they never found anything. He was losing blood, but they didn't know from where."

With the aid of oral chemotherapy (Cytosan) and a steroid called Prednisone, this story appears to have a happy ending.

Radley was released from Garden City Hospital in mid-November.

"That first day he came home he couldn't walk or dress because his kidney function was so diminished and his joints were so sore," James Radley said. "He's fortunate it was diagnosed early on and he's in remission. His disease is life threatening, but they can control it."

The slow recovery process meant Radley, who was elected captain by his teammates, could not suit up for the wrestling season.

He was reduced to cheerleader and unofficial coach while giving advice to his sophomore brother.

Please see RADLEY, B5

Blazers 9-peat in Catholic League

BY BRAD EMONS
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The T-shirts had already been printed up commemorating another Livonia Ladywood volleyball title in the Catholic League's A-B Division.

Who could blame them? Nothing changed to start new millennium despite a valiant effort by Birmingham Marian.

The Mustangs put up quite a battle, but it wasn't enough as the Blazers won their ninth consecutive championship with a hard-fought 15-11, 3-15, 15-11 triumph Thursday at Madonna University.

Ladywood, 26-15-2 overall, rallied from deficits of 5-0 and 10-7 to win the third and decisive game.

"This is always our number one goal going into the season," Ladywood sec-

VOLLEYBALL

ond-year coach Larry Wyatt said. "The seniors don't want it to end. They want to keep the streak alive and next year the new seniors will feel the same way."

Marian, 25-22 overall, proved to be a worthy opponent despite losing to the Blazers for the third time this season.

"This Ladywood team has composure and experience," Marian coach Stephanie Storen said. "When things don't go their way, they regroup."

"We kind of backed off in the third game and didn't attack with that killer instinct. Our passing to our outside hitters kind of went out the door. Ladywood kept siding out and we couldn't put the ball down with the point opportunity."

Seniors Patty Horal and Jessica Tilson each had nine kills to pace Ladywood. Junior Erin Bartee added five kills and one ace serve, while senior Cameron Kompoltowicz came off the bench to contribute three kills and two blocks. Junior setter Melissa Buckshaw provided steady passing.

"We were resilient to go out and make the plays when we needed them," Wyatt said. "We also made a couple of substitutions and it kind of settled our kids down."

"We went with what we do best — move the ball around and play a fast game against Marian because they have a big block."

Erin Cashen, a 6-foot-1 junior, had 12 kills to lead Marian to go along with two aces and two blocks. Senior Lauren Lamb had seven kills and two blocks, while junior Katie Woch added three kills, two blocks and one ace. Fresh-

man setter Erin Poghts had two blocks and two kills.

"Our team is coming around right now," Storen said. "They playing together as a team and they're taking the offense and defense to another level."

"And another big reason for our improvement is that our freshman setter gets more confidence each time out."

Marian jumped out of a 10-2 lead in the opening game, but Ladywood charged back by scoring 13 of the next 14 points to go up 1-0 in games.

"They (Marian) are so big and they were moving well tonight," said Wyatt, who inherited the streak from Tom Teeters (now at Plymouth Salem).

The last team to win the Catholic League A-B title other than Ladywood? Farmington Hills Mercy, coached by Tim DeBeliso, in 1991.

Franklin closes in on crown

VOLLEYBALL

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

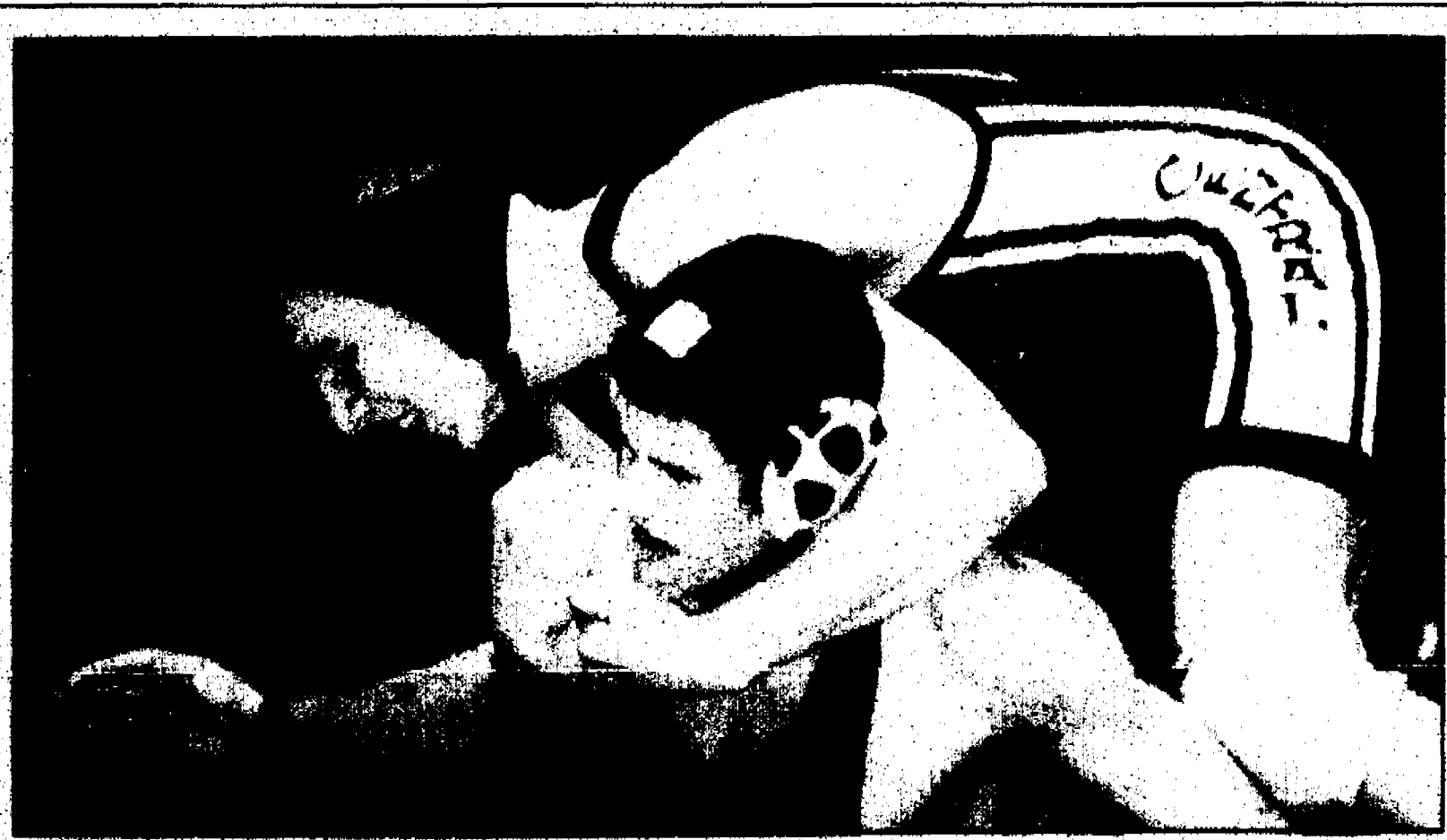
The host Patriots rallied to win the opening game and started strong and held on to win the second game in a battle of WLAA unbeaten, 15-13, 15-9.

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

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

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

Please see PATRIOT SPIKERS, B5



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MATHIAS

Wrestlemania

Team districts start: The state team dual wrestling tournament opened Wednesday at area sites. One matchup pits 171-pounder Ryan Rogowski (top, top photo) of Redford Catholic Central against Imad Kharbush of Livonia Stevenson. The other match featured Livonia Churchill's Kyle Malo (top, left photo) against Plymouth Salem's Mike Goethe. Kharbush won his match, 8-6, while Malo took his at 1-03 pounds, 8-2. But both Stevenson and Churchill were eliminated in the tournament. See results on page B3.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BRUCKENMAN

Ruggiero leads Patriots to upset of Hawks



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Bouncing ball: Churchill's John Bennett (right) makes the steal in front of Northville's Thomas Knapp.

Livonia Franklin was raining 'threes' in Friday's 53-51 boys basketball victory over visiting Farmington Hills Harrison.

Junior forward Joe Ruggiero led the parade with six triples en route to a game-high 25 points as the Patriots improved to 5-12 overall and 3-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Franklin had a total of 10 triples as Derek Schema added two beyond the arc, while Chris Patterson and Jason Micallef had one apiece.

Junior center Mike Copeland added nine points and seven rebounds for Franklin. Schema grabbed 10 rebounds.

Joe Hundley led Harrison (8-9, 4-7) with 20 points and nine rebounds.

Brian Nelson contributed 12 points.

"Harrison played well," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "(Coach) Dave (Turnquist) did a nice job of switching up defenses and caused us some confusion.

"To our credit, our kids played very well and hung in there."

The 6-foot-1 Ruggiero was the catalyst.

"Joe played well and we did a good job of setting screens and getting him open," Robinson said. "It was a good team win for us."

BOYS HOOP WRAP

•NORTHVILLE 80, CHURCHILL 70: Junior forward David Gregor scored 29 points and grabbed 12 rebounds Friday to lead the host Mustangs (5-6, 8-8) past Livonia Churchill (6-5, 9-8).

"They won it with their inside game against our outside shooting," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Their 7-foot sophomore Thomas Knapp scored only four points, but had an outstanding game for them. It was a great high school basketball game."

Senior guard Travis Bliss added 18 points and Tim Fereng added 15 for Northville, which outscored Churchill 42-30 in the second half.

John Bennett, a senior forward, had 19 to pace the Chargers. Randall Bpoige and Josh Odom chipped in with 15 and 13, respectively.

Northville made 21 of 26 free throws, while Churchill was 19 of 25.

•FARMINGTON 69, STEVENSON 50: Chad Seaborn scored 19 points to lead the host Falcons (14-3, 9-2) to the WLAA triumph Friday over Livonia Stevenson (3-14, 1-10).

The Falcons expanded a 22-16 first-quarter lead over the Spartans to 40-24 at halftime and 56-38 by the end of three quarters.

Justin Milus and Brian Davies had nine points apiece, as well as 12 and nine rebounds, respectively. Matt Mikel and Curtis Tillman added eight points each. Chris Severson was high scorer for Stevenson with

12 points. John Rehberg scored eight points and Harold Beverly seven.

Pending the outcome of games that were postponed Friday, Farmington could still tie for the WLAA round robin title.

It trails co-leaders North Farmington and Walled Lake Western by one game. Those teams are 9-1 with one game remaining.

•AQUINAS 56, CLARENCEVILLE 49: The Raiders jumped all over the Trojans in the first two quarters by daring them to shoot from outside.

Southgate Aquinas opened in a 2-3 zone Friday night and Livonia Clarenceville made it look good by making just two three-pointers out of 20 attempted from beyond the arc.

"It was 26-9 at half," coach Bill Dyer of the Trojans said. "That was the problem."

Senior forward Joe Burke was unstoppable for the Raiders (4-12) in the crossover game between the No. 2 Metro team and the last-place team in the Catholic League's AA Division.

Burke scored 31 points and when the 6-foot-5 forward wasn't hitting, senior guard B.J. Malicki was with 15.

Junior center Scott Wion led the Trojans with 20, while senior forward Rick Burack scored 16.

Aquinas gave up its zone in the second half and Clarenceville almost ran itself back into the game. The Trojans closed to within six points late in the fourth quarter but could get no closer.

On Tuesday, Clarenceville (11-6) is the No. 2 seed in the Metro Conference tournament and hosts No. 7 Cranbrook in a quarterfinal matchup.

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School closings cause havoc with cage dates

Friday's "Snow Day," not to be confused with the Hollywood flick that recently came out, caused postponement of several area high school boys basketball games.

Despite clear roads that were heavily salted throughout the day, three Western Lakes Activities Association games will be rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday: Westland John Glenn at North Farmington; Canton at Walled Lake Western; Walled Lake Central at Plymouth Salem.

These games were rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday: Bellevue at Wayne, along with Redford Thurston at Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Among the Friday games have not been rescheduled: Lutheran Westland at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Warren Bethesda; Plymouth Christian Academy at Taylor Baptist Park; and Canton Agape Christian at Taylor Light & Life.

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DIVISION I

Feb. 16 at CATHOLIC CENTRAL (Championship Final)
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 48
LIVONIA STEVENSON 21

103-pounds: Adam Stacey (CC) p Jason Fischer (LS) 1:21; **112:** Josh Gunterman (LS) p. Chris O'Hara, 3:46; **119:** Tim Mulroy (CC) dec. Billy Bullock, 13-10; **125:** Ben Kreucher (CC) p. Ben White, 2:30; **130:** Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. Sean O'Hara, 3:12; **135:** Chris Peterson (CC) p. Griffin Schager, 3:59; **140:** Matt Radley (LS) dec. Jeff Wheeler, 11-10; **145:** Jay Abshire dec. Chris Goppinger, 4:2 (OT); **152:** Mike Faizon (LS) dec. Mike Wener, 6:2; **160:** Mitch Hancock (CC) p. Joe Janieson, 3:03; **171:** Imad Kharbush (LS) dec. Ryan Rogowski, 8-6; **189:** John MacFarland (LS) p. Matt Markewicz, 3:40; **215:** Matt Williams (CC) p. Eric Putinske, 3:37; **heavyweight:** Aaron Parr (CC) p. Dan Hine, 0:57.

Dual meet records: CC, 147; Stevenson, 138-1.

(Semifinal)

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 63
SOUTHFIELD 15

Feb. 16 at Redford Catholic Central
103-pounds: Adam Stacey (CC) won by void; **112:** Chris O'Hara (CC) won by void; **119:** Tim Mulroy (CC) won by void; **125:** Ben Kreucher (CC) won by void; **130:** Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. Marvin Glass, 3:40; **135:** Chris Peterson (CC) won by void; **140:** Jay Abshire (CC) won by void; **145:** Ival Smith, 5 p. Brandon Gregory, 1:09; **152:** Darrin Anderson (LS) dec. Chris Cracchiole, 6:4; **160:** Ryan Rogowski (CC) won by void; **171:** J. P. Foley (CC) dec. Jerome Bennett, 5:2; **189:** Matt Markewicz (CC) won by void; **215:** Vernon Burdett (LS) p. Sean Zalis, 1:02; **heavyweight:** Aaron Parr (CC) won by void.

Feb. 16 at PLYMOUTH SALEM (Championship final)

PLYMOUTH SALEM 42
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 29

103-pounds: Kyle Malo (LC) dec. Jordan Mike Goetter, 9:02; **112:** Nick Mandis (PS) dec. Brian Clement, 11-10; **119:** Ben Thompson (PS) won on void; **125:** Rob Ayl (PS) technical fall over Steve DeWard, 2:42; **130:** Lucas Stamp (PS) pinned Nick Smith, 5:09; **135:** Steve Deromus (PS) dec. Lev Vozgar, 14:2; **140:** Tony Kerland (PS) p. Eric Kamin, 3:12; **145:** Josh Henderson (PS) p. Ben Schepis, 7:35; **152:** Steve Abar (LC) won by technical fall over Andrew Bennett, 6:00; **160:** Mike Carter (LC) p. James March, 0:45; **171:** Alex Murray (LC) dec. Phil Portellos, 10-7; **189:** Mike Poppeny (PS) won on void; **215:** Tom Vanderbussch (LC) won on void; **275:** Ian Heimick (LC) won on void.

DIVISION IV

Feb. 16 at LUTHERAN WESTLAND (Championship final)

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 55
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 24

103-pounds: Nader Al-Mooshi (Cville) p. Dan Baseley, 4:55; **112:** Dan Tondreau (Cville) p. Joe Lucasio, 0:25; **119:** Jason Murin (Cville) p. Peter Daniels, 2:18; **125:** Joshua Franske (LW) p. Nick Elam, 3:00; **130:** Adam Hater (LW) p. Ernest Reddick, 2:57; **135:** Tim Murphy (LW) p. Namrood Al-Mooshi, 3:13; **140:** George Gostias (Cville) p. Michael Coker, 1:39; **145:** Nick Patrick (LW) p. Ryan Berschbach, 2:39; **152:** Jeff Putter (Cville) won by major dec. over Dan Linger, 14:5; **160:** Ryan Smith (Cville) won by void; **171:** Jose Aguilar (Cville) dec. Tim Martin, 6:3; **189:** Steve Rutenberger (Cville) p. Matt Hue, 4:51; **215:** Karen McPherson (Cville) p. Joshua Meyer, 0:29; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (Cville) p. Kevin Packard, 1:06.

(Semifinals)

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 72
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103-pounds: Nader Al-Mooshi (Cville) won by void; **112:** Dan Tondreau (Cville) won by void; **119:** Jason Murin (Cville) won by void; **125:** Nick Elam (Cville) won by void; **130:** Ernest Reddick (Cville) won by void; **135:** Robert Had Sed (LW) won by major dec. over Namrood Al-Mooshi, 2:04; **140:** George Gostias (Cville) p. Christian Jones, 1:39; **145:** Ryan Berschbach (LW) won by void; **152:** Jeff Putter (Cville) p. Matt Francis, 1:47; **160:** Ryan Smith (Cville) won by void; **171:** Jose Aguilar (Cville) won by void; **189:** Steve Rutenberger (Cville) won by void; **215:** Karen McPherson (Cville) p. Matthew King, 2:48; **heavyweight:** Robert Packard (LW) won by void.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 70
DETROIT HOLY REDEEMER 6

103-pounds: Ben Boshoff (W.W.) won by void; **112:** Peter Turner (W.W.) won by void; **119:** Jason Ayl (W.W.) won by void; **125:** Ben Kreucher (W.W.) won by void; **130:** Matt Sear (W.W.) p. Jason Ayl, 1:47; **135:** Tim Murphy (W.W.) p. Steve March, 4:47; **140:** Matt Sear (W.W.) p. Andy De Bruin, 1:47; **145:** Nick Patrick (W.W.) p. Ryan Berschbach, 2:22; **152:** Ben Linger (W.W.) p. Matt Francis, 4:49; **160:** Ryan Smith (W.W.) p. Matt Francis, 1:47; **171:** Jose Aguilar (W.W.) p. Steve Rutenberger, 4:51; **189:** Steve Rutenberger (W.W.) p. Matt Hue, 4:51; **215:** Karen McPherson (W.W.) p. Matt Hue, 4:51; **heavyweight:** Robert Packard (W.W.) won by void.

Radley from page B1

Matt

"It was very scary when I first got diagnosed because I didn't know what could happen and I never had anything serious like this before," said Mike Radley, whose red blood cell count is now back up to 14.1. "Everything is going back to normal and the doctors hope they can take me off 'chemo' in a couple of months."

"They told me I was lucky they caught it so early and able to treat it right away."

Almost immediately following his one-week stay in the hospital, Radley resumed classes at Stevenson and began to gain weight.

"He's up to a sturdy 205 pounds now and recently began light jogging. I feel a whole lot better, there's no pain in the joints," Mike said. "I've really had no complications. I take antibiotics and take an IV of iron each Tuesday."

His visits to the doctor these days are less frequent. "I always thought he had the faith to get through it," James Radley said. "But he's not out of the woods yet."

Although he can't compete, his coaches marvel at his attitude despite the setback.

"Things were nip-and-tuck for awhile and because we didn't know what the outcome would be," Stevenson wrestling coach Joel Smith said. "But thank the Lord he seems to be whipping it."

Smith believes Radley has had a profound effect on his teammates while not being able to participate. Unless he's visiting a doctor or receiving treatment, Radley has been at every practice, every dual meet and every weekend tournament supporting his teammates.

"Mike's a great team leader and has the biggest heart on the team," Smith said. "He's a leader on and off the mat. He helps and teaches our younger kids. He also helps them with their schoolwork."

"Sure, we missed him on the mat, but we're glad he can continue on to bigger and better things in life."

From the football side, Gabel marvels at Radley's resiliency.

"You could tell Mike was obviously dragging through practice, but he didn't let it affect his performance or let anyone down," the Stevenson coach said. "He'll do what you tell him with no complaints. He worked extremely hard in the off-season. He was the kind of kid who always gives you everything he could possibly give you."

Radley, who carries a 3.35 grade-point average, plans to enter Michigan State or Wayne State. Ironically, Radley has aspirations of going into pre-med.

He certainly has a lot to look forward to.

Bierley lifts Patriot icers

PREP HOCKEY

Adam Bierley scored a pair of goals Wednesday for Livonia Franklin which defeated Plymouth Salem in a non-Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game at Edgar Arena.

Franklin is 11-8-3 overall, while Salem is 4-19.

The Patriots led 3-1 after one period as Trevor Skocen led off the scoring just 19 seconds into the game.

"We played with more heart today, but we were very sloppy with many system breakdowns," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said.

Josh Garbutt (short-handed), Bierley (two), Gordie Statham (power-play) and Brandon McCullough had the other Patriot goals.

Chad VanHulle added two assists, while Andy Garbutt, McCullough, Skocen, John Nichol, Josh Garbutt, Corey Garbut, Adam Beaudoin and Matt Wissell collected one apiece.

Steve Nagel had both Salem goals. Mark Nagel added two assists, while Mike Thackaberry contributed one.

Franklin netminder Rob Williams had 21 saves, while Scott Stokel (10 minutes) and Robin Beaudry (35 minutes) each allowed three goals in the Salem nets.

"Salem is a much better team than their record indicates," Jobbitt said. "Coach Fred Feiler always has his team playing hard."

"We tried several new line combinations tonight in hopes of finding good combinations to face our next three state-ranked opponents. I was very happy with our freshmen."

THE WEEK AHEAD

<p>BOYS BASKETBALL Sunday, Feb. 20 (CHSL Central-AA Playoffs) at U-D Mercy's Calhan Hall Burgess vs. O.L. St. Mary's 6:00 p.m. Redford CC vs. DePue 1:45 p.m. Delta Lake vs. Divine Child 3:30 p.m. Brother Rice vs. N.D. Prep 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, Feb. 21 John Glenn at N. Farm 7 p.m. Carter at W.L. Western 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 22 Wayne at Bellevue 7 p.m. P.O. at Taylor Kennedy 7 p.m. Thurston at Ann Arbor 7 p.m. Warren Zee at Holy Christian 7 p.m. Agape at West Highland 7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley vs. Franklin Road at Marshall Middle School 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Metro Conference Playoffs) Cranston at Greenfield 7 p.m. East West at East West 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 23 CHSL Central AA semifinals at Sacred Heart College 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 24 Hudson Valley at Holy Christian 7 p.m. CHSL Central AA semifinals at Sacred Heart College 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 24 Agape at Del. Community 7:30 p.m. Academy of Detroit at PCA 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Feb. 27 (CHSL Finals at U-D's Calhan Hall) CHSL Division Final Round East West 6:00 p.m. Central AA Final 4 p.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb. 23 Schoolcraft vs. highest seed at Concordia College 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, Feb. 21 Operation Friendship Finals at East West 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. Central AA Final 4 p.m. U.S. at A.A. Richards 6:30 p.m. Warren at Ann Arbor 7 p.m. East West at Garden City 7 p.m. Bellevue at Redford Union 7 p.m. W. Western at Cranston 7 p.m. Stevenson at Farmington 7 p.m.</p>	<p>N. Farm at John Glenn 7 p.m. Salem at Canton 7 p.m. Harrison at Northville 7 p.m. Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Walnut Creek M.S. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 22 Agape at W. Highland 5 p.m. Hudson Valley vs. Mich. School Dear at Livonia St. Paul's 6 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 23 Luth. West at Saggett 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Thurston 7 p.m. Redford Union at Nparden 7 p.m. Salem at Northville 7 p.m. N. Farm at W.L. Central 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 24 Hudson Valley at Holy Christian 5 p.m. CHSL Central AA semifinals at Sacred Heart College 7:30 p.m. Agape at Taylor Light 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 26 Hudson Valley at Holy Christian 5 p.m. M. Dearborn at Turley 5 p.m. W.L. Western at Northville TBA Metro Finals at Luth. West TBA</p> <p>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Feb. 24 P.O. Warriors at Brampton 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 26 P.O. Warriors vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Feb. 27 P.O. Warriors at Windsor 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Feb. 22 Salem at Wyandotte 7:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. P.P. North at St. Jean 5:30 p.m. P.O. Warriors at Northville TBA</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 23 Franklin vs. H.W.A. at Livonia Edgar Arena 6 p.m. Farmington vs. War. Kenting at Farmington 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 25 P.O. Warriors at Belle River 6:30 p.m. Farmington vs. Belle River 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 26 Redford CC vs. Holy Christian at City Center Arena 4 p.m. Redford CC vs. Holy Christian at Redford Union Arena 6 p.m. TBA — time to be revealed.</p>
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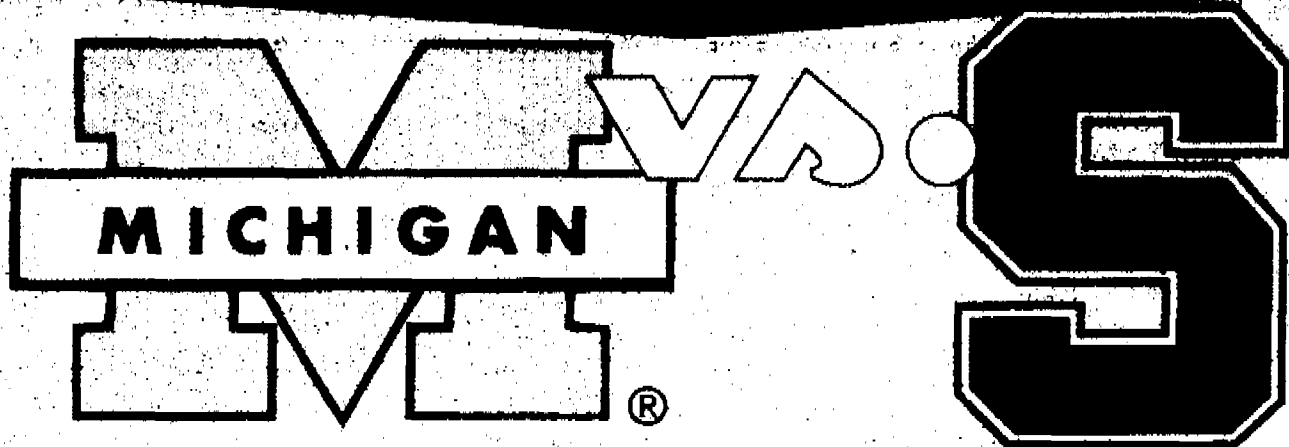
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COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft clinches tie for Eastern Conference

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

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

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

"One more to go," was all Briggs could say. Mike Williams, a 6-foot-7 freshman forward from Detroit City High, led Schoolcraft with 19 points.

Nick Evola, a 6-7 center, added 17, all but one coming in the second half. Rob Brown chipped in with 15, while Lamar Bigby added 12.

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

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

MEN'S ROUNDUP

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

AQUINAS 88, MADONNA 54: It was not contest Wednesday a host Aquinas College (22-8, 10-3) rolled to the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday over Madonna University (4-26, 2-11).

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

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

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

Late 2nd-half comeback propels MU to 71-62 victory vs. Aquinas College

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

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

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

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

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

Dietrich's three-pointer off an assist from Michelle Miela with 3:53 to play gave MU the lead for keeps, 59-57.

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

Sisters Ronda and Renee Bolitho combined for 29 Aquinas points with 17 and 12, respectively. Julie Murray yanked down 15 rebounds in the set-

WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

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

DELTA 81, SCHOOLCRAFT 44: The final result of Wednesday's game at Delta Community College left a lot of people, including Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata, asking what happened.

SC had been playing very well. And the Lady Ocelots started Wednesday's game out well enough, jumping out to a 16-9 lead with seven minutes left in the first half.

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

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

The loss left SC at 10-12 overall, 5-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

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

Two of SC's top offensive weapons, Angelica Blakey and Antonee Watson, combined to score just 13 points.

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



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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Spartans turn back Glenn

Livonia Stevenson captured the third and deciding game Wednesday to beat visiting Westland John Glenn in a girls volleyball match, 15-6, 13-15, 15-11.

Carly Wadsworth had nine kills and four ace serves as the Spartans improved to 27-14-2 overall and 5-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Katie LeBlanc added eight kills, while Cassie Ehlerdt contributed five. Both Ehlerdt and setter Kelley Hutchins had five aces. Hutchins also had 21 assist-to-kills, while Julie Pfeifer paced the defense with nine digs.

Glenn (12-13-4, 4-6) got 11 assists from reserve setter Jamie McLeod. Sarah Pack had seven digs and eight

ROUNDUP

assists before leaving in the second game with an injury.

Lacey Catarino was Glenn's top attacker with eight kills.

Nicole Panyard had 10 digs to go along with two solo blocks and three block-assists.

Churchill blocks Canton

Livonia Churchill's sophomore class continued to shine Wednesday in a 15-10, 15-12 WLAA triumph Wednesday at Plymouth Canton.

Sophomore Sarah Phillips had 11 blocks and served the match's final three points to help the Chargers earn the win. Sheila Gillies, another

sophomore, had seven kills and 11 blocks. Beth Bushey, another 10th-grader filling in for the injured Amy Cadovich, finished with six kills for Churchill (21-11-2, 6-4).

Meagan Sheehan served six points in the opening game, while Shannon Munn added eight kills and seven blocks.

Coach Mike Hughes also singled out the play of setters Colleen Guardiola and Kristin Leszczynski.

Clarenceville falls

Junior Marjeta Prekelezaj had six kills and senior setter Nicole Kasparian added 13 assist-to-kills, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Clarenceville lost Tuesday to host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 16-14, 7-15, 11-15.

Madonna adds 5th recruit, B8

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MU's Abraham lands Morrill

BY BRAD EMONS
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The wait was well worth it for Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham, who signed his fifth recruit Thursday.

One of Livonia Franklin's most decorated all-around athletes, 5-foot-11 senior Tera Morrill, will play this fall for the Lady Crusaders.

Morrill joins two other Observerland standouts headed for Madonna — 5-8 outside hitter Amanda Suder of Plymouth Salem, who happens to be Abraham's niece, and 5-11 Kate LeBlanc of Livonia Stevenson.

Abraham also signed two other players, both junior college products — 5-8 setter Natalie Sayre of Grand Rapids JC and 5-10 Jennifer Frost of Mott CC in Flint.

"I'm extremely excited to land such a talented local kid who can make an immediate contribution," Abraham said of Morrill. "I've always liked the local area kids and this class of seniors seem to be very talented. To get three of the best in the area is a compliment to our program."

Morrill is a hard-hitting left-hander from the right side who has helped propel Franklin this season to a 38-5-1 overall record and a 10-0 mark in the Western

VOLLEYBALL

Lakes Activities Association.

She should help soften the blow of losing graduated MU senior Stephanie Uballe, another strong left-hander.

"Tera has the ability to play a lot of different positions, especially at the net," said Abraham, whose team finished 29-14 last fall and second in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. "She really complements what I feel is a talented recruiting class."

Morrill is a two-time second-team All-Observer pick in basketball, and was first-team All-Area selection last year in both softball and volleyball.

She also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.86 grade-point average.

For the last month she agonized between Kalamazoo College and Madonna.

"I like coach Abraham and the team and that's one of the reasons I came here," said Morrill,

who plans to major in education with hopes of becoming a teacher and coach. "They also have a strong program."

"My parents (Dave and Trisha) left the decision up to me and said I could go wherever I wanted. Another thing is that I'll be close to home and my parents and friends can watch me play."

"And I've played club volleyball here (at Madonna) since I was in the seventh grade."

Morrill didn't play organized sports until the seventh grade when Emerson Middle School athletic director Lee Cagle, who would later become her AAU volleyball coach, encouraged her to participate in sports.

"He said I was tall and I should play volleyball, that's how I got started," Tera recalls.

Morrill will leave Franklin with 11 varsity letters, believed to be the most ever accumulated by a female athlete at the school.

Ironically, she did not earn a varsity letter as a freshman in volleyball. She played her first year on the JV squad.

"It's funny that volleyball now is the best sport for me," Morrill said.

As a basketball player, Morrill scored over 1,000 points in her career.

"I think I may play basketball, too," said Morrill, which certainly would be music to MU coach Mary Lou Jansen's ears. "But I'll see first how the volleyball season goes."

Abraham is also excited about signing LeBlanc, who is another in a long line of talented Stevenson players.

"Kate has also played in our AAU program and I think the best of her is yet to come," the MU coach said. "She has the ability to be a middle or outside hitter."

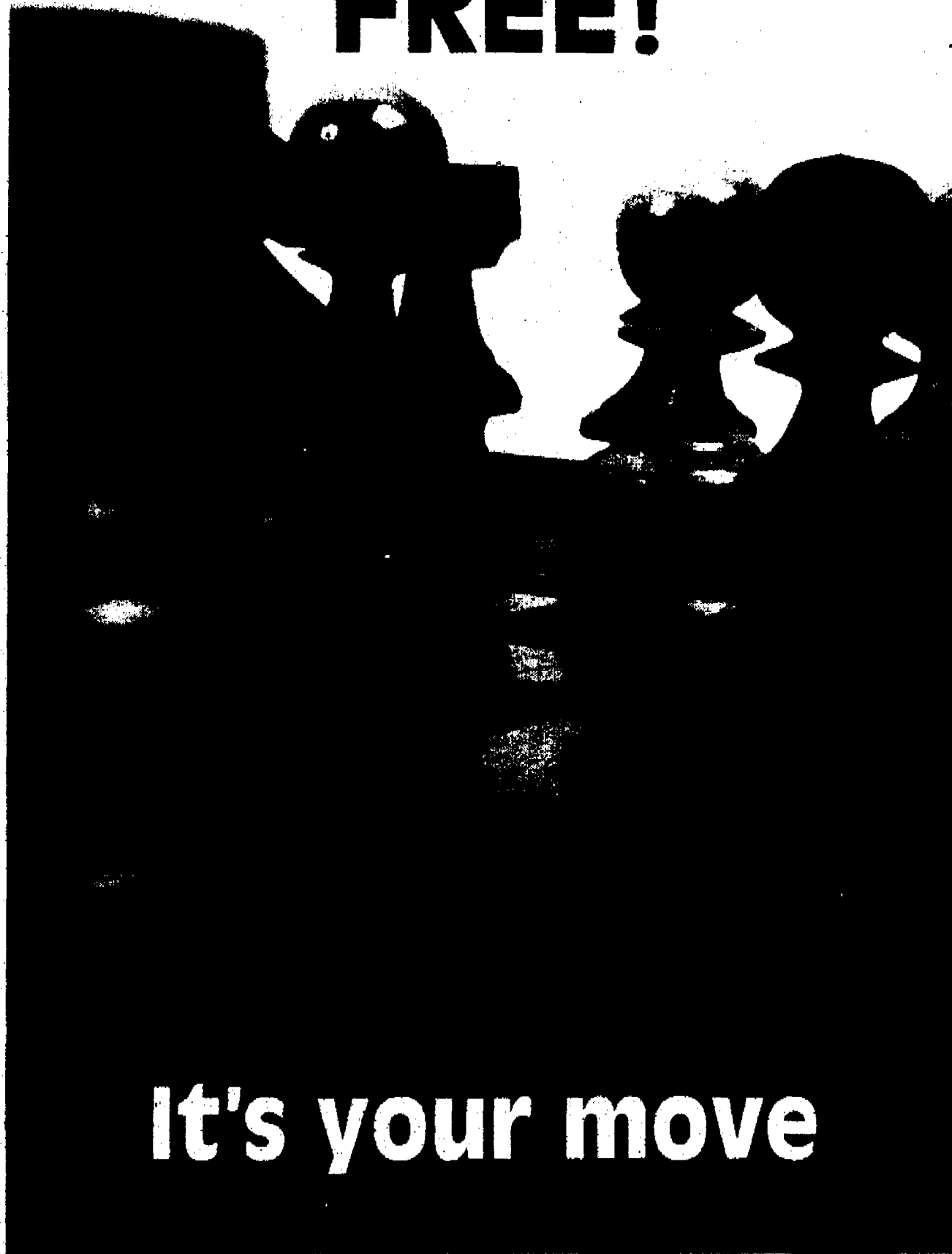
"Physically she's strong and she has good all-around skills. She's also a strong server. She's developing rapidly and she can turn into a nice player."



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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Program showcases American opera

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



Kimberly Swan

"Opera Encore!"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MADONNA FACULTY SAYS LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Linette Popoff-Parks calmly talks about the upcoming faculty recital at Madonna University. The music department chairman is excited about the eclectic program but states matter-of-factly that faculty frequently perform throughout metro Detroit. That's one of the benefits students receive when they take music courses at the university. "We're performers anyway," said Popoff-Parks, a Plymouth resident. "It gives the student a chance to hear us. It's important for them to hear what we can do. And it's important for the community. We're offering them the opportunity to enjoy music. We will also talk about the music we're going to play, so we're an educator as well as an entertainer."

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

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

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

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

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

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What: The Madonna University music faculty plays a recital of music by Elgar, Bolting, Poulenc, and Mahler.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Where: Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia

Tickets: \$5, supports the music scholarship fund. For more information, call (734) 432-5709



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Vibrant sculptures: Michael Ragins stands by "Pennsylvania Moon Set."

Artist creates works of beauty in spite of 'fate'

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

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

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

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

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Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents 'Godspell'

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

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

"It's a great opportunity," said Giordano, a Livonia resident and graduate of Stevenson High School. "I've learned so much. It's been really interesting to step into the character and see how someone like her would follow Christ."

On Stage

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

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

Where: 15138 Beers Daily, Redford

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

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

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP WANTED



DETROIT DIVISION OF ARTS

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

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

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

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

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

"The 18 shifts a week we'll have for van Gogh is above and beyond everything we do," added volunteer coordinator Gloria Parker.

"We're excited but it's a little scary, also." More than 300,000 visitors walked through the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibit in a span of six months in 1997. The museum expects as many people to visit the van Gogh

Volunteers for van Gogh

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

- Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

An application form will be mailed to you upon request. For more information, call (313) 833-0247 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org.

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exhibit.
 "We're going to be open seven days a week," said Abel. "We'll need nine volunteers per shift because of the high liability of the works. Each painting is estimated at \$30 to \$40 million."
 Abel expects the Friday and Saturday evening volunteer shifts will be the most difficult to fill.

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

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

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

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

Help wanted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Museum shops

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

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

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

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



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

Partnering

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

syndrome."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

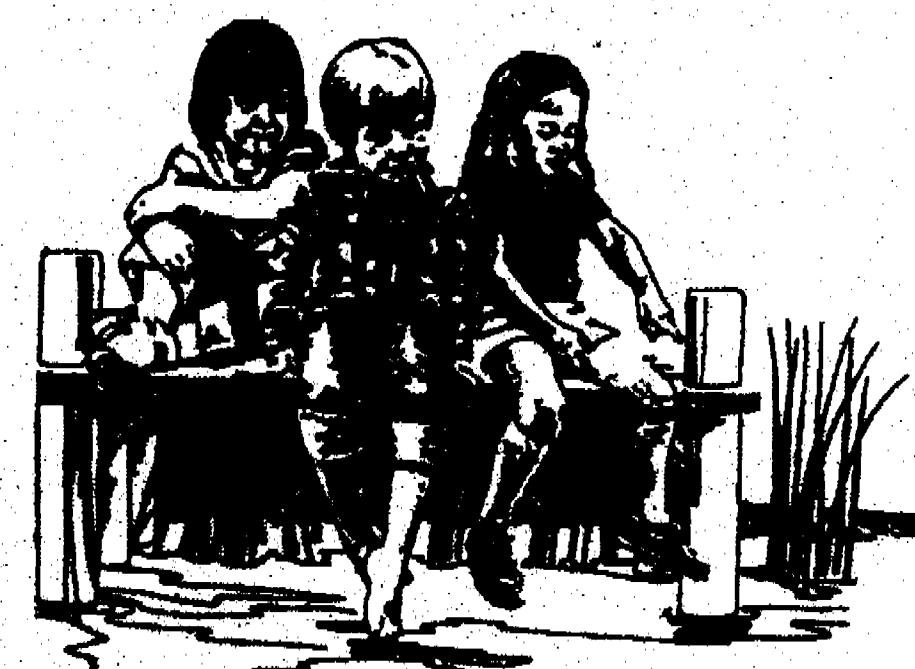
"I want people to enjoy it," said the 42-year-old Ragins, who's exhibited at the Detroit Repertory Theatre and the Sherry Washington Gallery which represents him. "I want them to walk away with something and

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

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

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

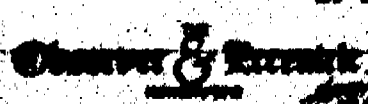

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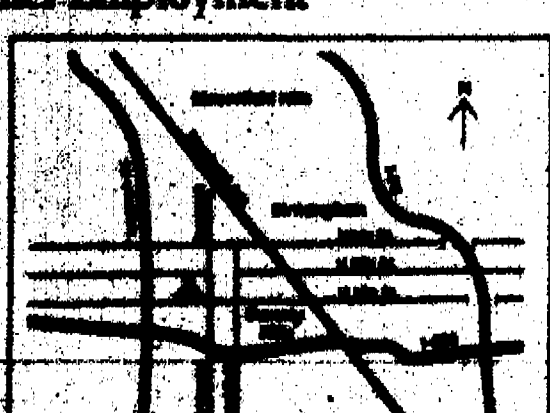




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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

ART IN THE PARK

Common Ground Sanctuary is accepting artist applications for the 26th annual Art in the Park art fair. Applications must be postmarked by March 6, and the application fee is \$20. Artists can call Common Ground Sanctuary at (248) 456-8158, ext. 203 for an application. The fair is Sept. 23-24 in Shain Park.

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION

Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or email: CoufLinks@aol.com.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. Booth space is \$325 if accepted. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-1110.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the spring craft show on Saturday, March 11. For an application, call (734) 523-0022. Churchill is on 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

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CLASSES

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

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Performs with James Dannah at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Seigman Family Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills, (248) 737-9930.

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE

Mexican pianist Myriam Salazar will feature works by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa Lobos and George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" during her concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at St. Mary's College's "Classics on the Lake." (248) 883-1750

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Flutist Marianne Gagliardi performs with the orchestra at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn, (313) 565-2424

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Introduction to the Classics Series presents "Memories of Russia" featuring pianist Dmitri Bortoluzzi at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn, (313) 565-2424

GENNADY ZUT

Through Feb. 27, 8 p.m. at the

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

JAZZ JAMBALAYA

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

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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

SAINT THOMAS CHOIR

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

SYNERGY DUO

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

YOUNG ARTISTS

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

FOR KIDS

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

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

MOZART, MOMMY & ME

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

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

WRITING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

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

THE MANISCALCO GALLERY

Opens Saturday, Feb. 26. "Fantasia" featuring Kevin Stanislawski, Gaya Zautashvili, Jim Blakesley and Marie Carison through March 26. Opening night 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 17329 Mack, Detroit, (313) 886-2093.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ART IN THE CORRIDOR

Evantia Samra exhibits at the Farmington Hills and Farmington City Halls located on the corner of Orchard Lake and Essex Mts. roads, (248) 473-9570.

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through Feb. 27, 8 p.m. at the

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

CENTER GALLERIES

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

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

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

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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

FORD GALLERY

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

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

MOORE'S GALLERY

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

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Through Feb. 26 — A New Breed of Art: Liz & Val, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 334-0038.

PEWABIC POTTERY

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

UZELAC GALLERY

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

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

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

WATERFORD STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

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

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

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

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

TROY MUSEUM

Through March 30 — Going West: Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars, 160 Watters, Troy, (248) 524-3570.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

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

THEATER

GEM THEATER

"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$24.50-\$34.50, (313) 963-9600.

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"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, \$29 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, The 5 Wedding, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, 4-8 p.m. Saturdays, Saturdays, 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, 4 W. Pike Riverdale, Dearborn, (248) 346-0000.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

SNOW WHITE

Shows at the University of Michigan in Birmingham will show "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Auditions for ages 6-16 open. Registration fee \$10. Auditions are held at the University of Michigan, 248-444-1432.

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Young Artists



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

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

GALERIE BLU

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

GALLERIE DE BOICOURT

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

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through March 11 — New paintings by Ricardo Mazar, 107 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-3908.

KREFT CENTER GALLERY

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

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through Feb. 26 — Rich Katz open and ink prints and Arthur Parquette's mixed media at Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 466-2490. In the evenings, City Hall Lobby through Feb. 24 — Quills by Susan McClung at Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, (734) 466-2490.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

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Through March 11 — Fine arts, sculpture, (248) 441-1400.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through March 11 — Paula A. Mitchell and art projects, 714 N. Saginaw, Plymouth, (248) 471-4718.

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Fun and laughter



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

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Get 'Together' with Sandy Duncan

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

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

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

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

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

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

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Pop Series program featuring actress and dancer Sandy Duncan, her husband Don Correia and "Peter Pan" co-star Guy Stroman in "Together," a song and dance tribute to Broadway.
When: 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Avenue in Detroit
Tickets: \$14-47 at Orchestra Hall box office or call the DSO at (313) 576-5111.

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, sincere camaraderie and enthusiasm are extremely important on stage, says Duncan. But, she and her co-stars

also try to establish a direct connection with the audience. And, they do so partly because, today, they aren't just competing with other stage performers but entertainment provided through technology.

"What we try to do is engage the audience right off the top. We chat about how each started (in the business) and how we met," said Duncan. "We explain a little about how we chose our material. So they feel like they know us."

Breaking the fourth wall in performance is nothing new, but it doesn't happen on computer and television screens.

The popularity of high-scale production musicals has also diminished the intimacy felt between Broadway audiences and performers, according to Duncan.

Yet, watching stage performance isn't a resigned, solitary experience. Unlike television or computer entertainment, live performance "isn't just a box that passes before you," she said.

That's not to say high-tech entertainment isn't valuable, just that we shouldn't dismiss the value of human connection through live performance. "Anything you can do in front of a live audience to jar them into understanding that this is not a passive experience," Duncan said. "That's the magic of theater."

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after I read it," she explained. "We worked on character development."

On stage, Caleb Gilbert who portrays Judas and John the Baptist, paints a mural as a way of foreshadowing the coming of Christ.

Kevin Hentkowski, a theater major at Wayne State University, portrays Jesus in the show. Jim Diggs of Plymouth is St. John.

"He has the most beautiful tenor voice," said Rembisz. "He did 'Godspell' in the early 1980s at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and is a graduate of

Brother Rice High School in Birmingham."

Keri Wayne is choreographing the show. Julie Yurconis is musical director and Giordano is assistant vocal director. A four-piece band will provide musical accompaniment for the show. Bryon Harvey portrays Matthew and is also assistant director.

This is the first time Rembisz is directing a show for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford. Matthew Ripper of Redford, president of the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, is the producer for "Godspell."

Rembisz, a Livonia resident

and graduate of Mercy High School, graduates in April from the University of Michigan. In the fall she'll start law school. In 1996 she founded Jack-in-the-Box Productions, a non-profit theater company dedicated to presenting high quality shows at an affordable price.

"Theater should be accessible to everyone," she said. "It's nice to have to pay only \$10 to see a live theatrical production. I want to be a professional producer. I work with people who want theater to be their life. Theater is a nice, creative outlet to express yourself and be something you're not for awhile."

WSU Dance Company performs at Music Hall

Wayne State University Dance Company presents "Approaching Extremes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$15 general admission, \$8 for students. Call (313) 577-4273.

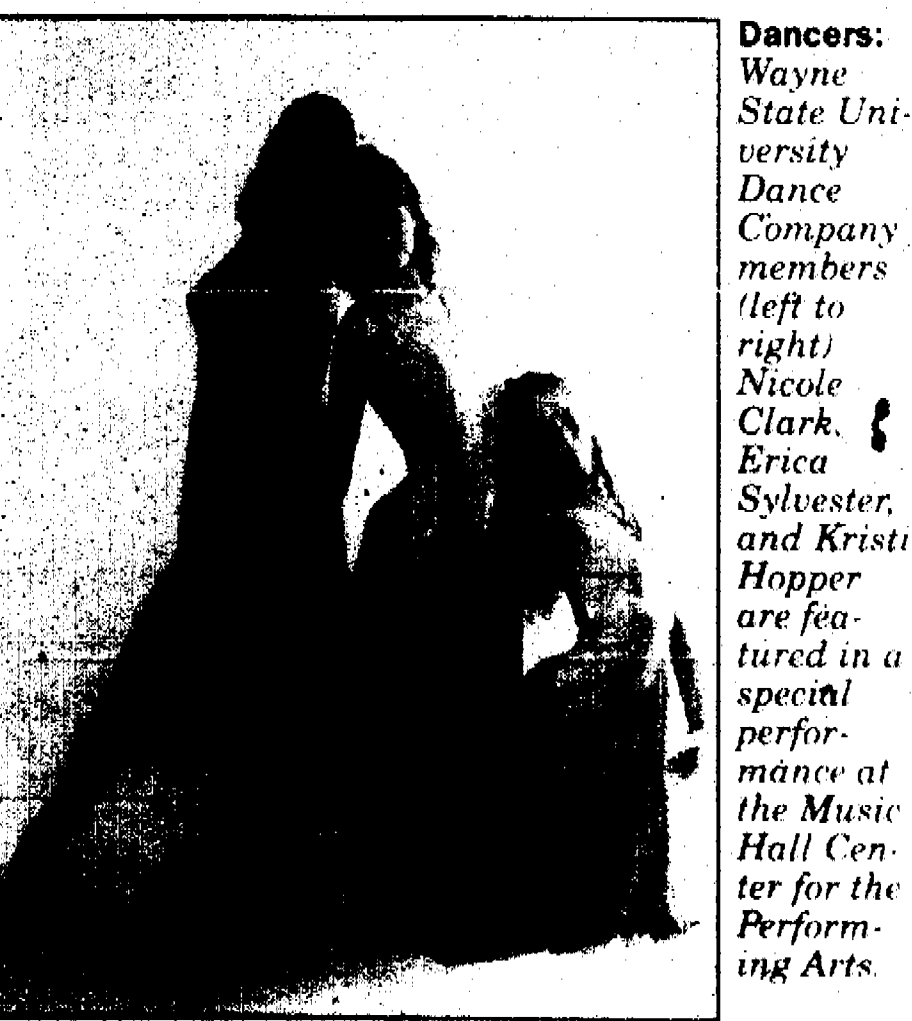
BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Performing at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts is a big deal, and the Wayne State University Dance Company is excited.

"We usually perform at the Bonstelle Theatre," said Linda Cleveland Simmons, who is directing the WSU Dance Company Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26. "We'd be happy to fill 750 to 1,000 seats."

The company will perform new and repertory works of faculty and guest artists in the program titled "Approaching Extremes."

Featured guest performances include new works by the Detroit Dance Collective, WSU grad Alan Danielson, artistic director of "Dances by Alan Danielson" in New York City, and Erica Wilson-Perkins, the King-Chavez-Parks Scholar-in-residence at the WSU department of dance.



Dancers: Wayne State University Dance Company members (left to right) Nicole Clark, Erica Sylvester, and Kristi Hopper are featured in a special performance at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

"There will be quite a bit of ballet on the program," said Simmons. "We're doing 'Ballet Variations,' which is a collection of solos."

Commenting on the state of dance in metro Detroit, Simmons said she's watched it grow and decline but believes it's on the upswing.

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Chase winter blues away with a spa day at home

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Fighting the flu, cabin fever or the holiday bulge? With spring's first bloom still weeks away, get rid of the winter blues by having an in-home spa day.

You can even send out invitations and make it a party! It's also a great way to catch up with old friends.

Our schedules are so crazy that it's important to take time out for ourselves. Besides, with a little imagination and the proper products, any space can be transformed into a pampering retreat. And, if everything is planned in advance, you will enjoy the party as much as your guests do.

Here's a helpful guide to creating your personal day-at-the-spa:

■ Set the mood

It's important that you make your guests feel at home. Clean out things you don't need, including furniture. Keep the room warm and cozy, 72 degrees is just about right. Program soothing, relaxing background music so you won't have to keep changing it.

Set up stations for each spa treatment, and have an area of cushy chairs and pillows where everyone can gather and gab. You can drape fabrics of rich colors over the tables and chairs. This helps to protect your furniture and adds to the soothing ambiance.

Scents will help to set the stage, as well. Eucalyptus and thyme work well, or you can put oils in a diffuser over a light bulb. Also, you can simply place favorite scented candles around the room.

Keep the lighting low and relaxed, but increase the light a bit in the treatment areas.

■ Invite a few professionals

I recommend bringing in one or two experts to do facials, manicures, body massage and the like.

Check with your favorite esthetician to find out whether he or she makes house calls. You can also contact your stylist or local health food store for recommendations.

For licensed massage practitioners in your area, contact the American Massage Therapy Association at 1-888-843-2682. An in-home hour massage for one person runs about \$60. However prices do vary, and keep in mind the most expensive services are not necessarily the best for you and your guests.

Also, beware of prices that seem too good to be true, and don't be afraid to ask for references. After all, you are inviting this person into your home.

A professional esthetician should bring their own equipment, even a pedicure tub. You should only need to supply towels.

Now, if you just want to relax on your own, rather than throw a party, there are some great products and home remedies out there. Here are just a few that you may want to consider:

■ **Uvavita Exfoliating Dead Sea Mud Mask** - Despite its appearance and name, the mud in this product draws impurities from the skin and is a nice treatment to give yourself in between professional facials.

■ **Returreyes by Mia Pella** - For a quick pick-up or to relieve tired eyes, try this soothing eye gel. It feels slimy but soothes and hydrates dry eyes in minutes.

■ **MOP Bodywash and Bodybars** - Replace your basic bath bar with something nourishing, as well as, cleansing. MOP's Basil and Lime bodywashes, for example, purify and refresh the skin right in the shower.

■ **Kiss My Face Olive Oil Bar** - Another good soap that helps repair dry skin.

The list of home remedies goes on and on. Experiment and have fun finding the products that work best for you and help you relax and enjoy what's left of this Michigan winter.

Please send your questions to: Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetics Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or call (248) 203-9477. Mary Anne Toccalino is a professional make-up artist and skin care consultant at Red The Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blaseo's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and make-up for film and print.



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



Time to trim: From imported fabrics to dangling beads to French ribbon, all kinds of unique and interesting materials are being used to embellish blue jeans and other denim attire.



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

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Blue jeans are an American classic, and, for years, we've been reinventing them.

Today, the evolution continues with embellished jeans and a turn towards chic style.

And the look - a cross between the funky 70s and the "Rhinestone Cowboy glitz" of the 80s - has been quickly embraced by fashion-forward shoppers in Birmingham and other local communities, according to Karen Daskas, co-owner of Tender, a women's clothing boutique in downtown Birmingham.

"We started carrying hand-embroidered jeans last fall when Gucci first introduced them," said Daskas of the demand for the look and its origin.

While the famous fashion house, headed up by designer Tom Ford, may have started the embellishment explosion, the trickle-down principle is already in full force. You don't have to look far to realize a host of mainstream designers, from Karen Kane to Tommy Hilfiger, are bedazzling denim to get in on the action.

Remaking blues jeans is nothing new, but our reasons for doing so usually are.

In the 60s, rebellious teens and hippies embellished their jeans with applique and patches. Shortly thereafter, bell-bottom and hip-hugging jeans grew out of the disco scene.

In the 80s, denim went designer, and status-conscious women of all

ages lived and breathed for their Gloria Vanderbilt jeans. Ripped jeans, too, hit the scene, coming to us via rock singers, punk rockers and other underground sources.

Along the way, all sorts of variations showed up, from stone-washed and acid-washed jeans to stretch and zipper-bottom silhouettes. By the 90s, pre-washed and "worn-in" denim aimed at comfort were a staple, and women and men alike were addicted to their blue jeans.

Today, denim seems to be helping us feel sophisticated and express our individuality.

And, the details are far from under-



Patches: Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham now carries jeans with patchwork.

stated.

From the waist to the cuff, the latest jeans are spruced up with sparkles, French ribbon, tapestry, rhinestones, studs and beads. Even jean jackets are being embellished.

"The whole craze about embellished jeans stems from people's wish for individuality," said Joie Rucker, denim design director for Guess jeans. "The idea ... is that people want to be different and unique. Customizing your jeans makes you different than everyone else. Kids on the street started this trend, and manufacturers capitalized on it."

Sharon Bergman, 39, of Bloomfield Hills, said she couldn't agree more. She wears embellished blue jeans precisely because they make her feel as if she's wearing a one-of-a-kind garment.

Jeans have "always been principal fare in my wardrobe," said Bergman. "Even before Brooke Shields told the world that nothing came between her and her Calvin's, I remember shelling out \$45 for my first pair of designer jeans ... I thought it was a fortune back then."

But, today, Bergman doesn't bat an eyelash at the high cost of embellished jeans, \$100 and up. That's because, in her opinion, they can worn in both casual and dressy settings depending on your outfit's styling. "It is a personal statement," she said.

While blue jeans are a basic wardrobe staple and denim is a familiar, comfortable fabric we've become

attached to, if not obsessed with, in America, their position in our society is changing, said Elaine Blumenfeld, owner of West Bloomfield's Rear Ends. "Denim has now entered a new fashion arena," she said. "When worn with a simple black cashmere sweater or sleeve tee, embellished denim will take you anywhere."

"Originally when we brought the embellished denim into the store, I thought it would appeal to our trendy 20 to 30-something crowd," she said. "But, on the contrary, it has appealed to our (more) sophisticated customer."

Embellished jeans - do it yourself!

What: Instructions and help making your own embellished jeans with ribbon, fabric, lace, buttons and other materials

Where: Haberman Fabrics, 117 W Fourth Street in Royal Oak

When: Anytime during regular store hours, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; noon-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Phone: (248) 541-0010

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

VENTRILOQUISM SHOW

Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, presents "Wacky, Wild & Wonderful," an interactive, family show with ventriloquist Richard Paul, 1 p.m., Value City Court. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

RENFREW TRUNK SHOW

Fibres, 270 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of spring clothing by Renfrew, including suiting, noon-5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 723-2880.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

ELLEN TRACY FOR SPRING

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a presentation of Ellen Tracy's spring collection with a designer representative, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor, and Special Sizes, third floor. For details, call (248) 614-3338.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SPRING TRUNK SHOW

View whimsical designer Stoley Gretzinger's spring and summer collection for women at Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, through Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 855-8855.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

CHINA PAINTER VISITS

China-painting artist Marie Woehle visits The Purple Bear, 244 E. Maple in downtown Birmingham, to demonstrate how she does her work and personalize children's china for customers through Feb. 26, 1-4 p.m. For more information, call (248) 645-0400.

GUERLAIN FRAGRANCE EVENT

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a Guerlain facial and makeover event through Feb. 26, Cosmetics, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 643-3300, ext. 2102.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SWING THE NIGHT AWAY

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a Swing dance with free lessons, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Livonia Mall, 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts a sports cards, memorabilia and collectibles show through Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

PRETZEL-ROLLING CONTEST

Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills and Auntie Anne's hold a pretzel-rolling contest for kids with prizes and giveaways, 4:30-6:15 p.m. For details, call the mall's management office at (248) 454-5010.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

FAMILY ARTS & CRAFTS DAY

Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, presents "Arts & Scraps," an arts and crafts project day for families, 1-3 p.m., Sears Court. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

DKNY SPRING COLLECTION

DKNY's spring collection for women is introduced by a designer representative at Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 7 p.m., Oval Room, second floor. Reservations are required. Call (248) 816-4599.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Sander's candy can be purchased at: The Chocolate Shop, 3316 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, (248) 553-3366. Kroger stores, the Bob Top Shop at 6 Mile and Newburgh roads and Farmer Jack and CVS stores.
- Tabs from canned soda pop can be donated to the following organizations: Rotary Club in Westland and the Belleville Moose Club, the Redford Elk's Lodge on 6 Mile west of Beech Daly Road, Birmingham Schools, K of C on Farmington Road between 7 Mile and 8 Mile roads. Also, call area Veterans Hospitals, VFW's and the American Legion in Auburn Hills.
- An automatic potato peeler can be purchased at Mervyn's at Southland Mall.
- A coupon organizer can be purchased at Mei-

jer stores.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- We need to know the address and telephone number of the Bryant Center in Livonia (for donations of used Christmas cards).

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- An older style iron mangle for Donna of Troy.
- The ticket-stub picture from the May 12, 1999 Detroit Tiger baseball game against Oakland for Joyce of Canton.
- A store that sells Clarion lipstick for Loraine.
- An instruction book for a Wards sewing machine (#97035183, model UHPJR1930) for Joan, who lives in Redford.
- A store that sells Woodbury's green bar soap for Priscilla, a resident of Livonia.
- A store where a Chrome Sunbeam toaster, (#38066U) can be purchased for Dora.
- A restaurant that has fish & chip dinners similar to those that were served at Sutherland at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads for Donna.
- Any old photographs of the arcade inside Groom's Beach Resort in Whitmore Lake for Tim.
- The "50 Years of Racing Champions" digest with the Petty series from 1955, 1957, 1958 for Mike of Auburn Hills.
- A store that sells stuffed bear characters like Scarlet

O'Bears for Marianna of Livonia.

- A phonograph that plays 78 records for Eleanor of Farmington Hills.
- A June, 1948 Chadsey High School yearbook for Thomas of Livonia.
- A store where Revlon eyebrow pencil with refills can be bought for Sharon.
- A store where glass bridal slippers can be purchased (are shown at bridal shows) for Heather.
- A 1995 Farmington Hills High School yearbook for Stephanie, who lives in Farmington.
- A store where Luden's original menthol cough drops are sold for Pat.
- The Jungle Gardenia perfume by Tuvache for Janice.
- A shop or individual who can replace the frame on the handle of a needlepoint purse for Gail.
- A 1987 Boyd Santa Bear for Brenda.
- A store that sells 16-inch round seat cushions for Sherry.
- A store where an ear alarm (for use while driving a car) can be bought for Michael of Troy.
- A small, inexpensive starter piano for a 6-year child for Dale.
- A Millennium Princess Barbie doll for Carina who lives in Livonia.
- An Aug. 8, 1955 issue of Life magazine for Bill, a resident of Clarkston.

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a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Easy wearing: On vacation and seeking rest and relaxation? Kick back in style in Marc Jacobs' floral print bandana top of cotton taffeta, \$900, and tan striped shirt of cotton and silk, \$505, at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Gay style: There are many areas in life in which men are masters, but style is rarely one of them. For those men who are lost souls when it comes to fashion, consider Esquire magazine's "Things a Man Should Know About Style," \$10.95 at area book stores.

Malls celebrate events to attract shoppers

Despite the cold weather and restlessness many of us feel in mid-winter, February isn't a busy month for retailers and shopping centers.

Nonetheless, shopping malls always like to see foot traffic and keep loyal shoppers entertained and in good spirits as a result of their efforts.

It just makes good business sense.

And several area shopping centers are making big "to do's" out of upcoming events to drum up business and give area residents a reason to get out of the house and head to the mall.

Mardi Gras madness

Livonia's Laurel Park Place is hosting a Mardi Gras celebration for three consecutive Saturdays between Feb. 19 and March 4.

Featuring New Orleans style jazz concerts, the event runs between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Other planned activities include portraits by caricature artists, mask-decorating and cookie-decorating for kids, clowns and other entertainers.

In addition, shoppers may enter a contest to win a New Orleans shopping spree for two or make purchases towards obtaining a mall gift certificate. By spending \$35 or more once a week during the three-week Mardi Gras event, shoppers earn a Laurel Park Place gift certificate equal in value to their lowest weekly expenditure.

Black History Month tributes

At Southfield's Northland Center, Black History Month is the celebration

at hand, and several free events have been planned for shoppers starting Feb. 19 and ending Feb. 27.

Among the events scheduled to celebrate the Black History Month is a series of literary programs put on by Northland Center's African-American book store Truth Bookstore. The programs are slated 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 and 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the food court near J.C. Penney.

Other programs include performances by the Cass Technical High School Dance Troupe, noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and the Golightly Educational Center Choir and Pom Pom Team, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

In addition, Detroit Edison is presenting an interactive computer exhibit that explores African-Americans' impact on the nation's economic growth and cultural development. Entitled *Power Zone: Celebrating the Past, Working in the Present, Shaping the Future*, the exhibit runs noon-8 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday now through Feb. 27 and is located near the food court across from Imperial Sports.

Likewise, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn is hosting two educational performances on Saturday, Feb. 26 to commemorate Black History Month.

At 3 p.m., the Art of Motion Dance Theatre, a dance troupe comprised of children and adults, is slated to present pieces inspired by dance in Central Africa.

In addition to exploring themes like

family unity and sharing, the dance group will encourage audience participation by teaching specific dance moves.

At 6 p.m., musician Kevin Collins is scheduled to play African drums and other instruments. After his performance, which will accompany dancers, he plans to discuss the history of African instruments in performance. Both performances will go up on the shopping center's Fountain Court stage.

In addition, Fairlane Town Center, along with Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Network of Michigan, will present a stamp exhibit honoring significant Black Americans, from artists to politicians.

Mid-winter mall events

Mardi Gras celebration, Saturdays, Feb. 19-March 9 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, call (734) 462-1100.

Black History celebration, Northland Center in Southfield, call (248) 569-6272.

Black History Month tribute, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, call (313) 593-1370.

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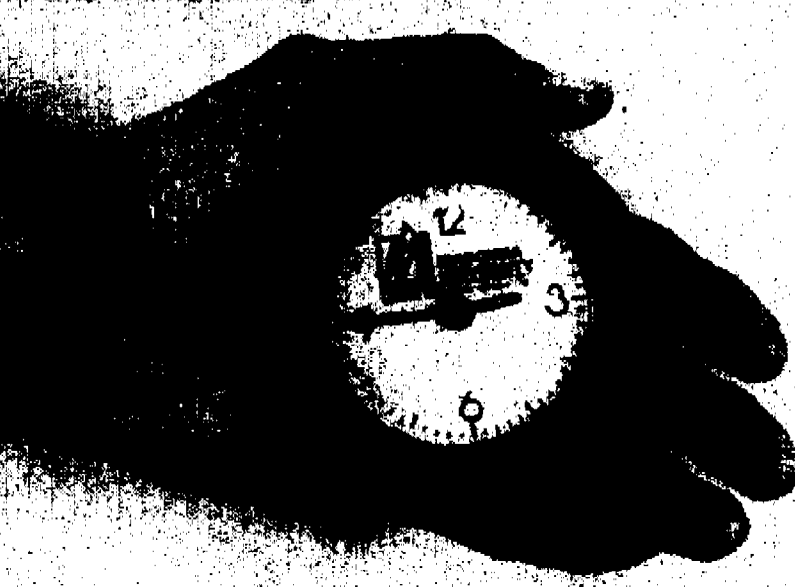
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Spas offer relaxing relief from Michigan winter

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Everything is very relaxing at the Spa at the Inn at Bay Harbor, which celebrated its opening weekend on Feb. 11. "The inn is right on Little Traverse Bay," said Theresa Doezema. "It's a tranquil setting."

Escape: You can relax at The Inn at Bay Harbor.

Nearby, is the spa at the Grand Traverse Resort, which opened in May of 1999. Both spas offer a variety of holistic health therapies to help you feel refreshed in mind, body and spirit.

"The best reason anyone would want to come here is because

Relax It's winter, but you can dream of the view of the bay at The Inn at Bay Harbor, which recently opened a European-style spa. Relax and feel the tension drain away as you enjoy a soothing massage.



THE INN AT BAY HARBOR

Weekend Spa Getaways

The Spa at The Inn at Bay Harbor — 3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor, about a 1-1/2 hour drive from Traverse City, (231) 439-4000, (231) 439-4046, (800) 462-6963, www.innat bayharbor.com

Spa specials/packages

- **Experience the Magic, day package** — Half-hour facial, half-hour massage, manicure or pedicure. \$130 per person, through May 25.
- **Romance Spa Weekend** — Two nights luxurious accommodations, champagne upon arrival, massage for two, dinner one evening. \$349 per couple, through April 31.
- **Variety of day and half-day spa packages** available Monday-Friday such as Serenity by the Bay, which includes spa treatments and lunch. \$345 per person; A Bridal Day Package, \$310, and Mother-Daughter Package, \$265 per person. Call for more information about winter rates at The Inn at Bay Harbor and getaway packages.

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa — 100 Grand Traverse Village Boulevard, Acme, near Traverse City, (213) 938-2100 or (800) 748-0303, www.grandtraverseresort.com

Spa packages:

- **The Spa** — Three days, two nights deluxe accommodations, breakfast for two each day, and spa treatments, \$530 per person, based on double occupancy.
 - **The Deluxe Spa** — Four days, three nights, deluxe accommodations, breakfast for two each day, spa treatments, two personal training sessions, unlimited fitness class participation. \$807 per person, based on double occupancy.
 - **Time Out** — Three days, two nights deluxe accommodations, dinner for two, spa treatments, breakfast for two each day, spa gift. \$635 per person, based on double occupancy.
 - **February and March specials:**
 - **Breakfast Special** — \$99 per night in the Hotel. \$119 in the Tower with breakfast for up to two persons.
 - **Birthday Special** — Those with a birthday in February or March receive the second room night free when they stay at last two consecutive nights.
 - **Sunday Special** — Stay at least two consecutive nights, including Sunday, and the second night stay is free.
- Specials are subject to availability and do not include tax and room charge.

we've integrated the spa into the entire resort guest experience," said G. Michael DeAgostino.

"Not only do we offer a wide variety of spa therapies in the comfort of one of the Midwest's finest destination resorts, but in addition, guests may select spa entrees in our restaurants."

The Spa at the Inn at Bay Harbor, owned by Boyne USA Resorts, is phase one of a two-part project that includes a fitness center and full-service salon. The spa is 2,300 square feet and has seven treatment rooms.

Spa director Marie Saunders was affiliated with one of the Manhattan area's most popular spas. She has national certifications as both a personal trainer and aerobic instructor, and is both a national and international aerobic gold medalist. Spa supervisor Cynthia Gomes worked at the Aveda concept spa in Phoenix.

"The spa has a sky motif," explained Doezema. "Everything is very relaxing and calming. When you walk into the spa you can let everything go. It's open to the public and our guests."

If you're skiing or golfing in the area, you can schedule a sports massage to soothe your tired muscles at the spa.

Treat yourself to a hot stone massage. "We're experimenting with Petoakey stones which hold heat more than normal stones," said Doezema. Other highlights are a Rose Petal Body Wrap, Moor Mud Bath, and Abhyanga, a classic herb-oil massage designed to penetrate the skin, relax the mind and body. You can also get a facial, manicure, or make-up lesson.

Guests seeking a little more privacy also have the option of receiving in-room treatments.

"This has always been part of the resort," said Doezema. "It wasn't an after thought. We wanted to open a spa that takes a holistic approach to fitness, the body, mind and spirit."

Grand Traverse Resort

"The highlight of the full-service spa at Grand Traverse Resort is an 11,000 square-foot treatment facility dedicated to



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35 treatment areas and over 15 personal treatment rooms," explained DeAgostino. The 100,000-square foot spa complex includes two indoor pools, a tennis center with five indoor and four outdoor courts, cardio-theater with 20 state-of-the-art fitness machines, an aerobics/yoga studio, weight room four whirlpools, and a full service beauty salon and bar.

Spa guests experience an array of spa services from skilled professionals in a warm environment. The pampering services, including holistic health treatments, ensure total rejuvenation and renewal.

Treatments include thermal therapy, body wraps, massage, mineral masks, facials, and exfoliation. Spa recreation includes personal mind and body fitness

training, individual and group yoga instruction, body sculpting strength training, tai chi, meditation walks, water-based aerobic exercise, swimming instruction, personal and group tennis instruction, and year-round sports.

Spring doesn't officially begin until Monday, March 20. For those seeking a respite not far from home, a visit to The Inn at Bay Harbor or the Spa at Grand Traverse might be just what the doctor ordered.

"Not only can you be pampered, but it's also a good deal," said Doezema referring to the Romance Spa Weekend special offered through April 31 at the Inn at Bay Harbor.

Both resorts are offering special winter rates, and spa packages. Call for details.

Celebrate Mardi Gras

Indulgence is... Shopping!

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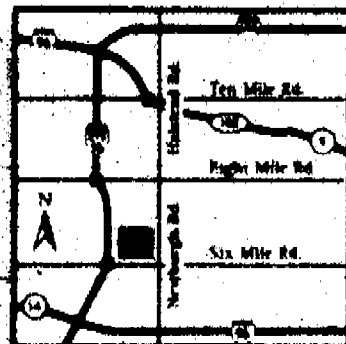
In celebration of Mardi Gras, Laurel Park Place is helping you indulge in shopping! Shop each of the three weeks designated below and you will receive a Laurel Park Place gift certificate worth the value of your lowest weekly receipt! Plus, you can enter to win a trip for two to New Orleans including airfare, accommodations in the historic French Quarter, a shopping spree and more!

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

- February 14 - February 20: purple beads
- February 21 - February 28: green beads
- February 29 - March 7: gold beads

Bring the beads and your receipt to the Mardi Gras cart near Center Court to redeem them. When you have one strand of beads, you'll be eligible to enter to win the trip to New Orleans. Two strands of different colored beads, you'll be eligible to enter to win the New Orleans trip and receive a coupon for a free jerked shrimp appetizer at the Real Seafood Grill with the purchase of an entree. Three strands of beads (one of each color): you'll be eligible to enter to win the New Orleans trip and you'll receive a Laurel Park Place gift certificate worth the value of your lowest weekly receipt!

*Theater, hotel purchases and Laurel Park gift certificate sales excluded. Only one receipt allowed from a department store. Receipts cannot be combined. All retail must be accompanied by a receipt. Additional rules and regulations also apply and are available at the Mardi Gras cart or the Management Office.



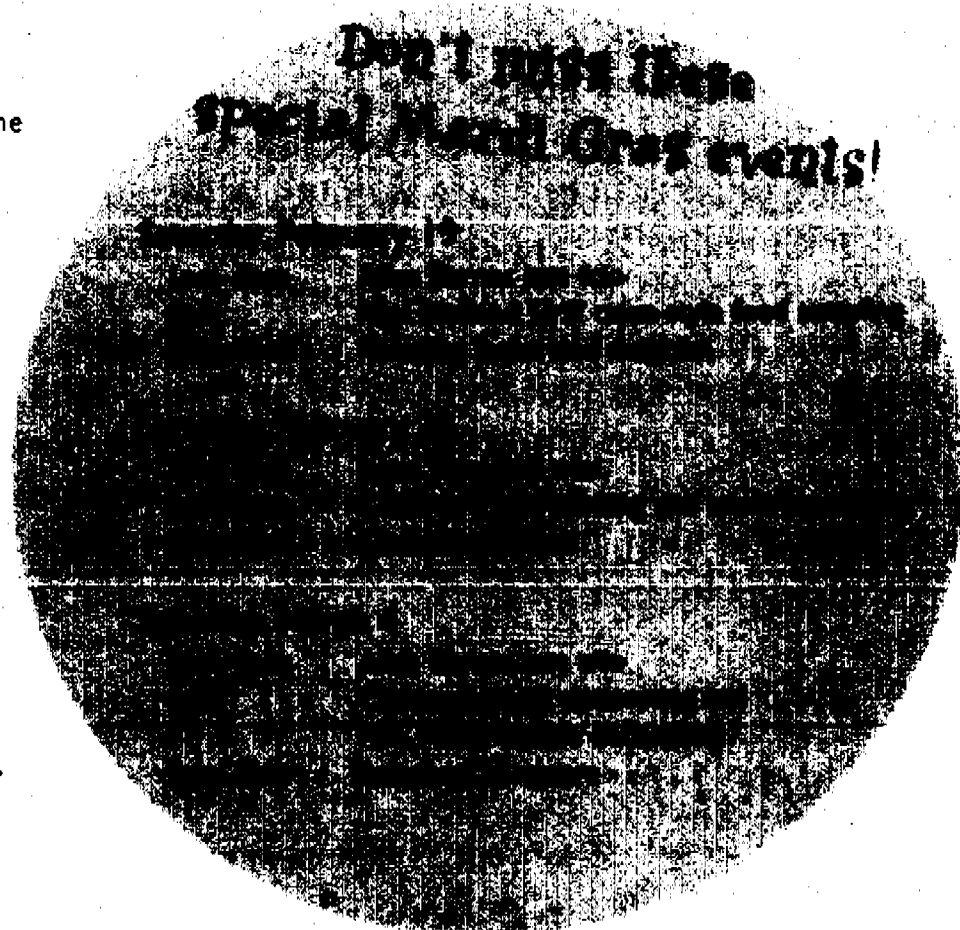
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Ferrari-Carano makes superior red wines

Ferrari-Carano, located in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley, raised the quality bar for white wines when it debuted the 1985 vintage. Red wines were nice, but not among the top varieties.

Today that's changed. Winemaker George Bursick traced the road to excellence for Ferrari-Carano's reds.

Vineyard location took top billing among five major viticultural parameters contributing to superior red wines. Added to it are vine age, clonal selections, introduction of new rootstocks and new vineyard management techniques.

The majority of Ferrari-Carano's first red wines came from vineyards on the Alexander Valley floor.

"Soils there are too fertile and heavy to grow great red grapes," Bursick claimed. "Ferrari-Carano's early red wines showed their origin with some valley floor herbalness."

In 1988, Ferrari-Carano was among the first in California to use rotary fermentation tanks. Bursick attempted to make the best red wines using them.

"Rotos" extracted as much flavor as possible from valley floor fruit and made a big improvement in the red wines.

However, owner Don Carano and Bursick admitted that even with this advance, they were not close to where they wanted to be. They also realized they were beating a dead horse growing mediocre red grapes on potentially great chardonnay soil.

Head to the hills

Ferrari-Carano abandoned Alexander Valley floor soils for red wines and headed to the mountains with a purchase in 1988 of a 1,200-acre former cattle ranch between 700 and 1,200 feet in elevation. About 450 acres of the parcel was cleared of some 5,000 cords of wood to create the vineyard. Another 600-acre Alexander

Please see WINE, D2

Wine Picks

Pick of the pack: 1998 Byron Chardonnay, \$22. This beauty from California's Santa Maria Valley has class and breeding. It beats chards we've tested at more than twice the price. Old vines zinfandel is the pride of California and these are among the best: 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard, \$18, and 1997 Montevina Terra d'Oro, Deaver Vineyard, \$22.

Value reds under \$20: 1998 Owen's Estate Shiraz (Australia), \$15; 1997 Poppiano Petite Sirah, \$17; 1997 Barwong Shiraz (Coonawarra, Australia), \$14; and 1997 Hogue Barrel Select Merlot (Washington state). We keep tasting wines under \$12 to recommend to you. They strike out often, but we hit pay dirt on the following.

Chardonnay: 1998 Owens Estate (Australia), \$12; 1999 Vina Tarapaca (Chile), \$7; 1999 Lindemans Bin 65, \$8

Other whites: 1998 Deinhard Dry Riesling, \$7; 1998 Deinhard Pinot Gris, \$8, and 1999 Tarapaca Sauvignon Blanc, \$7.



Great tastes: Ferrari-Carano winery in California's Sonoma County is as strikingly beautiful as its wines.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week.

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TRADITION

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND



C A N N O

Watching Chef Aldo Ottaviani work - cradling a small bowl of chopped pancetta, tending a pan of sizzling olive oil, talking in his native accent about Italian bacon's saltiness - I couldn't help but imagine I was Italian and sitting in my grandfather's kitchen soaking up our family's treasured culinary secrets.

In reality, a handful of other food lovers - mostly couples in mid-life - and I were sitting in the back of the Andiamo Osteria restaurant in downtown Rochester trying to absorb as many of Ottaviani's masterful ways as possible.

Behind us, a singer crooned "Amore" to the delight of the restaurant's regular dinner guests.

Otherwise known as Chef Aldo or Mr. Aldo, he is the Andiamo restaurant chain's master chef and has long been a part of the metropolitan Detroit food scene. After emigrating from Italy in 1948, Aldo ran two Italian restaurants here, including Aldo's Restaurant for more than 40 years in Warren.

And, while Aldo is simply playing tutor - he holds demonstrations once a month at the restaurant - his food-loving audience cannot help but bring a host of emotions to the table.

That's food for you. And, it's a personal thing.

For some, watching Chef Aldo cook amounts to being in the presence of a food icon.

"An icon up there making something for us," says Ron Waxelle, a Rochester Hills resident attending the class.

"He's the master, the originator of the kind of food they put together here (at Andiamo)," says Lisa Anne Mithen. "It's the professor speaking. And, I like that he broke the barrier that we set."

The barrier is one of respect and awe, just another example of the intense emotions in the room.

However, Chef Aldo will have none of it.

"Leeks," the master calls out, ingredients plain and simple, as if they're numbers.

A pot of chicken broth bubbles before him.

"Chopped," he says of the leeks, then pauses. His dark, heavy eyes slowly pan the room.

"If you don't see it, you come closer," he commands.

Permission granted, the wide-eyed students jump to their feet and head to the demonstration table to eye a



Master at work: Chef Aldo Ottaviani (top photo) demonstrates his techniques in the kitchen at Andiamo Osteria restaurant in downtown Rochester. Chef Aldo's creation of veal piccata (above) is simple, but fresh and delicious.

bowl of chopped leeks.

"Can we ask questions?" one student inquires.

Again, permission is granted.

"The leeks," asks another student.

"Is it just the white? Can you use the green?"

No, the green is just for garnish, we are told.

"Mushrooms," says Chef Aldo, moving on "Not raw," he says.

"They must be parboiled. Then they are much cleaner. Some books say you don't wash mushrooms, but you gotta wash 'em."

ZUPPA DI CIPOLLA CON PATATA CON CRESCIONE

(ONION SOUP WITH POTATO)

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 2 1/2 bunches of watercress
- 2 large onions, julienned
- 2 potatoes, diced
- 1/4 pound butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parmesan cheese and croutons for garnish

In a small soup pot, sauté onions in butter to caramelize to a light brown. Sprinkle onions with flour, add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Then add potatoes and cook until they are tender. Season with salt and pepper and add watercress. Garnish with croutons and Parmesan cheese, then serve.

Chef Aldo Ottaviani

Training: Self taught; worked in family's restaurant in northern Italy (Umbria region) from the age of 8

Mentor: Mother

Cooking philosophy: "The food should be as simple as possible to be good - with fresh ingredients."

Cooking tips:

■ Don't add olive oil to water when you're cooking dry pasta, but do so when the pasta is fresh

■ Always wash mushrooms despite what recipes say

■ Parboil ingredients before adding to pasta dishes assembled in a sauté pan

■ Cook with love

Cooking for guests:

A beautiful antipasti (appetizer), some good soup, some pasta, a vegetable that is fresh at the market and veal or fish. But, "it depends on what kind of friend you're having."

Join Chef Aldo:

6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 at Andiamo Osteria in Rochester to learn more about Contemporary Italian dishes. The cost is \$39.95 and includes dinner and a glass of wine. Call (248) 601-9300.

Our readers share yummy dessert recipes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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Getting back to basic ingredients sometimes makes a dessert that reminds us of life's simple pleasures.

Camilla Watroba of Canton loves preparing poppy seed cake, especially for family members, so she decided to share her recipe with readers.

The recipe is more than 40 years old and one she received from her mother-in-law. It is a simple mix of a standard cake recipe with flour, eggs and sugar, highlighted with, of course, the poppy seeds.

"It's a delicious cake," Watroba said. "It's not real sweet. My sons have loved it since they were little."

Another reader put a new spin on oatmeal cookies, replacing the traditional raisins with Craisins (dried cranberries) and adding cranberry applesauce.

Julie Misaros of Farmington responded with a recipe that her family and friends "really love." She wrote: "I used a regular oatmeal cookie recipe and began modifying it a few years ago and this is the result. I hope you like it."

POPPY SEED CAKE

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable or corn oil
- 1 can (8 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups flour
- 4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup poppy seeds

Blend the first five ingredients. Add and blend flour, baking powder and poppy seeds.

Bake in a tube pan at 350° F for 1 hour. After it cools, sift powdered sugar on top.

FAT-FREE OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup egg substitute
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 packet (4 teaspoons) butter buds
- 1/2 cup cranberry applesauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 1/2 cups oatmeal
- 1 cup Craisins (dried cranberries)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Cream together brown sugar, sugar, egg substitute, corn syrup and butter buds. Add and blend cranberry applesauce and vanilla. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, then add to prepared mix and beat well. Stir dried cranberries into oatmeal then add to dough. Add walnuts and stir well.

Bake at 350° F on a greased cookie sheet for about 17 minutes until lightly browned. Cool 1 minute before removing to wire rack. Store loosely covered.

Send us your RECIPES

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

■ Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to:

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Livonia, MI 48150

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



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Cheese grits: Stone-grinding grits produces a coarser texture, so the grits do not become as creamy when cooked. Check at specialty stores for stone-ground grits.

Try these stone-ground grits with cheese

Hominy grits were first prepared by Native Americans. They soaked whole dried corn kernels in a mixture of wood ashes and water until the kernels shed their hulls and swelled. Dried again, this hominy was nutritionally kept through the winter.

Sometimes it was pounded into a coarse cereal and cooked with water.

These cooked grits had the bran and germ of the grain. An early settler who had arrived on the Mayflower, tasting this soft cereal, called it groats — at that time a European generic name for grain.

Eventually, according to historical records, a Virginian mispronounced this as grits.

Today commercial processors

steam the corn to remove the hull. They eliminate the germ and bran along with the hull, then fortify the cereal to replace much of its nutritional value.

Stone-ground grits made by small producers in the traditional way, by crushing the corn between millstones, retain the germ and bran. Often they are made from organically grown corn.

Stone-grinding produces a coarser texture, so the grits do not become as creamy when cooked. Specialty and natural food stores and mail order sources carry stone-ground grits. Avoid both instant and quick cooking grits.

A good Southern cook takes pride in making the smoothest grits, cooking them long and

slow while stirring constantly. Cooking the grits covered for a while makes it possible to finish them with less attention, so you can enjoy them without much fuss on a weekend morning.

CHEESE GRITS

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup grits (not instant or quick cooking)
- 3/4 cup shredded low-fat cheese
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 325° F. Spray a loaf pan with cooking spray. In a small Dutch oven or heavy, deep saucepan, bring 5 cups of water to a boil. Add the

salt. Gradually stir in the grits. Cover the pot, reduce the heat, and cook 10 minutes. Stir 3-4 times, scraping up any grits sticking to the bottom of the pot.

Uncover, reduce the heat, and continue cooking until the grits are creamy and tender, about 20 minutes, stirring frequently.

Mix the cheese and pepper into the grits. Spread the grits in the prepared baking dish. Drizzle the butter over the grits.

Bake 30 minutes. Serve hot or lukewarm.

Each of the four servings contains 192 calories and 4 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@home.com.net.

Kitchen Glamor features

Signature Recipes of Michigan Five Star Chefs at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. All celebrity chef sessions on Sundays begin at 12:30 p.m.

March sessions feature Chef Derin Moore of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant and Jim Barnett, corporate chef of Unique Restaurant, including Morels and Northern Lake Seafood Co. On Sunday, March 5, Moore will instruct how to prepare finnan haddock and potato brandade with zucchini and oven roasted tomato coulis, roast veal loin on fresh braised artichoke and wild mushroom confit, garlic dumplings and garden-of-eden jus, warm pineapple rum cake and ginger cinnamon creme anglaise. On Sunday, March 19, Barnett will feature tea-cured salmon gravlox, with potato galette, cucumber and sweet onion salad with dill creme fraiche, charlotte and barley risotto with pan-roasted duck breast, truffleberries and red wine jus, and bittersweet chocolate pot creme. The Celebrity Chef Series also features Joanne Weir, cookbook author, food writer and PBS tele-

vision celebrity, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, in a one- or two-day session. Weir will feature recipes between the two sessions, including white winter salad with a hint of green oven roasted beet soup, pizza with smoked trout and caviar, salmon with asparagus and blood oranges on March 20, and crostini with artichokes and olives, asparagus with lemon creme fraiche and linguine with goat cheese and arugula on March 21. Kitchen Glamor also conducts sessions with cooking instructors at the Novi and Redford stores. This week, Linda Kay Drysdale will show techniques for creating a fresh lemon glazed cake, winter joy marmalade, orange pineapple bars and easy lemon squares. Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Novi store, in the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96), and Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Next week, Teri Elwell will demonstrate how to prepare comfort foods, such as penne pasta with sausage and fontina cheese casserole, herb chicken tetrazini, zucchini creole and a cocoa brownie. Those sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29, in Novi, and Wednesday, March 1, in Redford. Larry Galbraith also will instruct sessions about pizza and calzones, 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, in Novi.

Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Cake Decorating — Mary Ann Hellen will teach cake decorating methods at the Kitchen Glamor, 26770 Grand River, in Redford at four sessions on Saturdays in March. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Continuing Education Classes

Schoolcraft College: Thai Cuisine at Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 13 and 20; Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 16 and 23; Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres - Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 20 and 21. For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center:

March 7: Sausage Making, 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29; High Tea the British Way, 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 10, and 11 a.m., 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15; New Orleans Brunch, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Dishes, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit HFCC at www.hfcc.net

Winterfest event will benefit club, culinary arts scholarships

An eclectic presentation of five beers will be featured at the fifth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia. The event raises money for the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club for culinary arts students and to fund club activities. Last year's event raised \$5,000.

Patrons — who must be 21 to attend — can enjoy fine culinary cuisine along with a selection of 80 to 100 different beers. Tastings are limited to 50. Door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass also are available.

The menu includes barbecued chicken pizza, seafood pizza, and pizza with chevre, overnight

The fifth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road.

Oak. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the Student Activities Office, lower Waterman Center or at Merchant's Warehouse locations. The Student Activities Office is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Make checks payable to Schoolcraft College. To order tickets by phone call 734-462-4422.

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Are Net users social misfits isolated from family?



MIKE WENDLAND

Brace yourself for a barrage of anti-Net hype and hysteria from the traditional media about how regular Net users are socially isolated and abandoning family and friends for their PCs.

Eight percent said they were attending fewer social events. And 26 percent said they were talking less to friends and family on the phone.

"The Internet could be the ultimate isolating technology that further reduces our participation in communities even more than television," said Stanford University Professor Norman Nielsen.

Who says people are isolated? E-mail, chat rooms, discussion groups and most Web sites are all about interactive communications. Frankly, I think this is a study aimed to give the television industry ammunition to attack the Internet, which is stealing away TV viewers by the millions. But it's very shaky ammo.

And I'm not alone in dising this so-called "scientific study." On Nando-Net (www.nandonet.com) Internet author Jakob Nielsen says the conclu-

sions could hold true for many modern conveniences.

"How do you define what you count as personal contact?" Nielsen asked. "You could have had some other report a hundred years ago that said the telephone would cause a loss in social relations and human contact. The big problem is that the definitions do not hold in the new human experience."

Should you upgrade?

Not if you are a typical home or user running Windows 95 or 98. Win2K, which is now on store shelves everywhere, is aimed at medium and large business enterprises, places with lots of networked PCs. There are lots of glitches and incompatibilities with the hardware and software on typical home systems running Windows 98. Windows 2000 offers the business user great stability, lots of new laptop support that Windows NT didn't

provide and a host of business interface.

But the high-tech research firm the Gartner Group predicts that over the next few years 10 percent of medium-sized and large companies will encounter compatibility problems between Windows 2000 and business applications or network infrastructure. PC Mike's advice: The brand new systems are a lot of sense to make. Windows 2000 is a good choice. For older systems, you may want to wait until a patch are worked out a bit.

Do we really need the fastest computer? The fastest computer available at 1.5 gigahertz is a very nice. But the new chips are more... WAY more than the average computer user needs. On the other hand, the Windows 2000... offers the business user great stability, lots of new laptop support that Windows NT didn't

provide and a host of business interface. But the high-tech research firm the Gartner Group predicts that over the next few years 10 percent of medium-sized and large companies will encounter compatibility problems between Windows 2000 and business applications or network infrastructure. PC Mike's advice: The brand new systems are a lot of sense to make. Windows 2000 is a good choice. For older systems, you may want to wait until a patch are worked out a bit.

Online hacker documentary

If you want to get an idea what hackers are like, there's a short film called "Disorderly" available for viewing on the Net at a site called Center for the Study of the Internet. The film is about 11 minutes long. It's a documentary about a group of hackers who are trying to break into a computer system. The film is available for viewing on the Net at a site called Center for the Study of the Internet. The film is about 11 minutes long. It's a documentary about a group of hackers who are trying to break into a computer system.

videos don't play so if you can't see it when you visit, try again. But it's worth checking out. The film is 11 minutes long.

PC Mike's number one internet rule is: If you get an e-mail that says "forward this on to as many people as you can"... don't. It's rude to forward unsolicited messages. Besides, 99.9 percent of the time whatever you're being asked to forward is a hoax or a stupid joke. So... don't. PLEASE!

To find out more about Mike Wendland covers the Johnson for NBC TV. NewsChannel... travels across the country. He's on PC Talk radio show airs on Sunday and Sunday afternoon on Detroit's WXYT Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of internet books. You can find them through his Web site at <http://www.pemike.com>

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Items for Business Newsmakers are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written, and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Fax: (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Partnership

Independent Delivery Services, Inc. (IDS) and Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia are pleased to announce that David Brandkamp has been hired as vice president of sales for Independent Delivery Services, Inc., an online grocery shopping service. He

brings with him over 20 years of experience in the supermarket industry, focusing on the scanning and in-store promotion arena. In addition, Brandkamp has had extensive experience in customer loyalty programs.

IDS is a technology-based company that enables supermarkets to effectively compete in the on-line business. Online services can be customized to include full service consumer home-shopping programs, from the creation and hosting of supermarket web sites, online and offline ordering, all the way through to pick, scan and pack technology for order fulfillment. In addition, IDS will offer e-merchandising solution-selling services for retailers that will enable them to participate in selling themes.

New VP

Alice Morgan has been promoted to vice president at MORFACE International, Inc. of Farmington Hills. She specializes in development and management of research projects in the area of telecommunications. She was previously a research director for the company.

New VP

John C. Koenig has been named vice president and chief financial officer of Hella North America by the company's board of directors. Koenig, who has been with Hella since 1979, had been chief financial officer. Koenig is a longtime member of the American Management Association and Institute of Management Accountants. He and his wife, Rosemary,

Merger

Allogra Print & Imaging Centers, Farmington Hills, has merged with Berkley Printing and Pre-Press Shop, Farmington Hills.

PR director

Randy Eaton has been named PR director at...

In his new position, Eaton will direct and manage all advertising, marketing, sales and public relations functions for the company.

The father of four grown children, Eaton resides in Farmington Hills with his wife, Rosemary.

Promotion

Greg Robinson of Data Processing Inc., Southfield, has been promoted to vice president of operations and administration. Robinson is responsible for managing the strategy and direction of all recruiting activities for the company. He oversees the day-to-day operations of the company's central office, having previously held positions in various HR positions.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

SAT, MARCH 4

GROWING UP GRACEFULLY — A seminar on etiquette for young ladies and gentlemen (ages 8-12) will be held from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the banquet room at the Country Epicure restaurant in Novi. Current subjects include letter writing and thank you notes; the proper way to answer the tele-

phone and what to say; how to introduce your parents and friends; developing good personal grooming habits; the do's and don'ts of traveling and other topics of proper social graces. The newly-revised seminar also includes topics such as family values, behavior at school and on school buses, participating in sports events and being with people different than ourselves. This seminar also features a three-course luncheon where children can learn by hands-on experience in the proper use of silverware, knowing what to do with the napkin, learning how to cut foods, table conversation and handling stemware. It also includes a write-in workbook,

handouts, pertinent literature and other items. The fee is \$125. For enrollment information call Margit Erickson at (248) 471-6170.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

BUSINESS IN CHINA
Oakland University's Professional Development and Education

Outreach Program will host a seminar and luncheon on "Business in China" on Friday, April 14, 2000. The seminar will present a special presentation on the 21st Century business opportunities in China. The seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Ballroom, The DeWitt Center, Oakland University, 4800 Riverchase Court, Westland, MI 48090.

For more information, contact: Margit Erickson, (248) 471-6170. The seminar is free of charge. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Contact: Margit Erickson, (248) 471-6170.

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KNEE PAIN THAT IS NOT KNEE PAIN
Knee pain that comes from the knee includes conditions that breakdown the cartilage of the knee such as rheumatoid or osteoarthritis. In addition, you can consider tears or frays to the meniscus and ligaments of the knees as representing knee joint disorders.
However, a number of conditions can occur which you may interpret as a painful knee but which are not related to the knee joint. The best known is anserine bursitis. This structure is located just below the knee so attributing your discomfort as a joint disorder is an easy error.
In addition, a number of tendons surround the knee, and inflammation of any of them gives rise to the misinterpretation that you are developing arthritis.
The quadriceps tendon that anchors just below the knee is a favorite site of inflammation. The biceps femoris that inserts in the outside part of the tibia and fibula can cause a pain that comes with walking, is relieved by rest, and becomes worse with each step. The result is a perfect imitation of the features of knee arthritis.
What makes diagnosis of these problems difficult for your doctor is that the reasons why these bursal and tendon problems occur are obscure. In most instances, you will not have experienced an injury or undue strain on the leg to explain why tendinitis would result.
The correct treatment for these conditions is not established. Anserine bursitis usually clears after a cortisone injection. Injection therapy may help tendinitis, but the success rate of only 60% indicates the need exists to develop better therapies.

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

GRIEF SUPPORT
Group meets for people dealing with grief at 1 and 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 464-7810.

PROSTATE CANCER
The "Us Too" Prostate Cancer Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 432-1913.

WED, FEB. 23

CARE GIVERS
A caregivers support group meets at St. Mary Hospital from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940 for information.

THUR, FEB. 24

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
A six week course providing information on pregnancy, labor, and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Weekend classes and a two-session refresher class are also available. Register early in pregnancy by calling (734) 458-4330.

FIBER LECTURE
Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane is sponsoring a free lecture on fiber and disease prevention. Registered dietitian Conni Stoka of Henry Ford Health System will discuss high dietary fiber intake and its role in preventing or treating obesity, hyperlipidemia, heart disease, high blood pressure, certain cancers, diabetes and gastrointestinal disorders. Meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Medical Center, 19401 Hubbard Drive at Evergreen in Dearborn. Call (313) 982-8384 to register.

BREASTFEEDING

A breastfeeding class will be held from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-1100.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP
HIV/AIDS heterosexual support group and family is sponsored by Friends Alliance and meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago in Redford. More information call Kathleen (800) 350-7927.

TUE, FEB. 29

LIVING WITH DIABETES
Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 29 and ending March 23 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, MARCH 1

YOGA
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. March 1 - April 5. Drop-in rate for 6 week class: \$10. Cost in \$48 per class is \$10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

AWAKE
The American Sleep Apnea Association (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) will host a discussion on "Surgery for Sleep Apnea, is it right for you?" at 7 p.m. by Dr. Gregory Stephens, D.O. (Otorhi-

nolaryngologist). Garden City Medical Office Building (Classrooms 3/4 lower level), 6255 Inkster Road in Garden City. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public. Call 458-3330 with questions.

TUE, MARCH 7

FOOD AND MOOD
Learn how food can affect moods and how moods can effect food choices. Tips and guidelines provided to help with emotion-based eating. Call (734) 827-3777 to register. Class runs from 7-9:30 p.m.

SAT, MARCH 11

PUBERTY/GROWING UP
"A Heart-to-Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up," provides both mothers and daughters ages 9-11 with accurate, information about the normal physical and emotional changes that pre-teen girls will experience as they enter puberty. Ann Arbor class from 1-5 p.m. Ann Arbor St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 391-7557.

TOURETTE BOWL-A-THON
Bowl-a-strike for Tourette Syndrome Awareness at 1 p.m. at Vision Lanes (call Debbie (734) 525-6245). Ford Road east of I-275, and Oka Lanes in Livonia (call Rhonda (313) 543-1285). Bowlers are asked to pre-register by mail or phone and then turn in donations when you arrive. Bowling includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, pop and prizes. If you don't raise donations you are invited to join in the fun anyway. The fee to bowl is \$6 per bowler (extra games \$1). You must register by March 4. Write TSA, Michigan Chapter Bowl-a-Thon, 416 Mary, Royal Oak, MI

48073. Or e-mail tsamich@USA.net

WED, MARCH 13

VEGETARIAN NUTRITION
Menu planning tips and resources for individuals of all ages who are already vegetarian and those who are leaning in that direction. Includes hands-on cooking demonstrations. Class runs from 4-5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall Health Stop (620 Briarwood Circle). Call (734) 827-3777.

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

TUE, MARCH 14

MASSAGE III (BODYWORK)
Advanced techniques that provide long-term results. Techniques include strain-counterstrain, trigger point therapy, myofascial release techniques. Class runs Tuesday, March 14 - April 4, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

WED, MARCH 15

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute of Detroit Metro Center will meet from 7-9 p.m. at MDI, 30230 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. The topic will be Dyslexia: What is it, how is it treated and how important is early intervention? The presenter will be Ann L. Beatty, director, Fellow from the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators.

THUR, MARCH 16

BABY BUILDING
Learn the building blocks for healthy nutrition before and during pregnancy and during breastfeeding. Topics covered include the foods you should eat, rating your own diet, common food-related discomforts of pregnancy, hints for cooking and shopping and nutritious recipes. Class runs from 7-8:30 p.m. Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall's Health Stop of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 620 Briarwood Circle. Call (734) 827-3777.

THUR, MARCH 16

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia will host an immunization clinic at 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

SAT, MARCH 18

PREGNANCY PLANNER
If you're thinking about having a baby or are newly pregnant, come to this pregnancy planning

seminar. Presentations will cover a range of topics, including deciding if it is time to start a family, preparing for pregnancy, birthing options and parenthood realities. Optional tour of St. Joseph Mercy Family Birth Center. Class from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 712-3456 for information.

WED, MARCH 22

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP
St. Mary Hospital and the Arthritis Foundation (Michigan Chapter) are sponsoring an Arthritis Self-Help Course, Wednesday, March 22, March 29 and April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B, St. Mary Hospital. This course provides arthritis education and skill building to help participants take a more active part in their arthritis care. Persons with arthritis or related diseases such as lupus, fibromyalgia, or scleroderma will benefit from this course. The cost is \$20 per person and registration is required. Classes are limited. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. For additional information or to register, please call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, MARCH 23

STRONG DAUGHTERS
Parents of pre-adolescent girls age 5 and up can develop practical strategies to help their children achieve and maintain high self-esteem. Class runs through April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Canton Health Center - 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 398-7557 for additional information.



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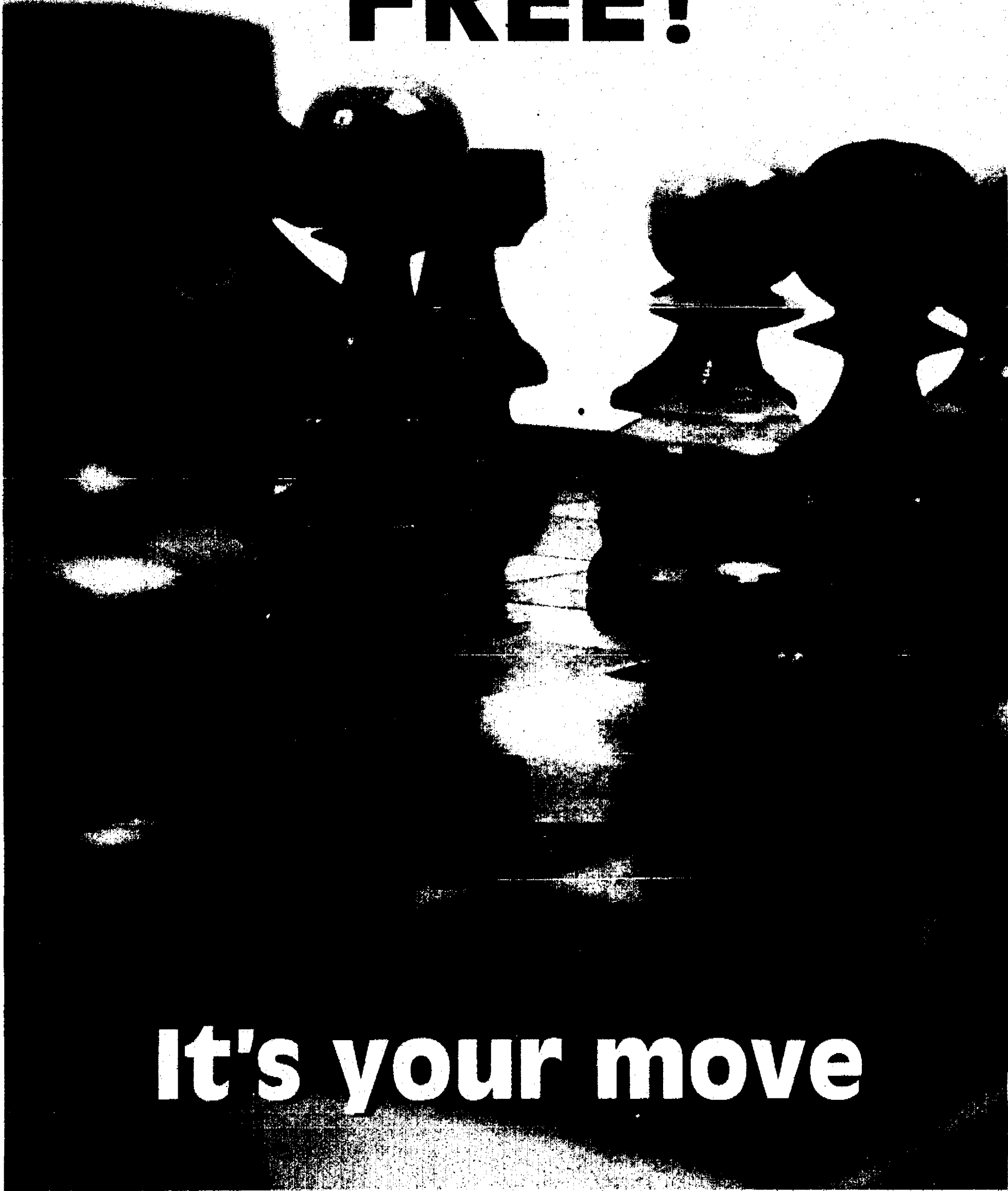
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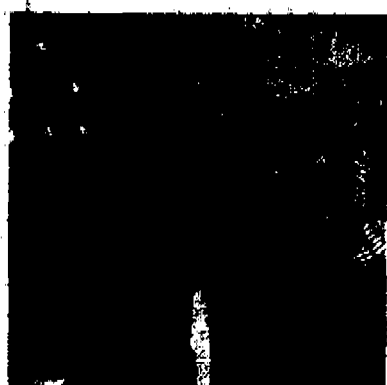
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