

## FRIDAY'S Child

The Community Life staff of the Observer Newspapers wants your suggestions for a new feature to begin Thursday, March 2, called Friday's Child.

The old verse "Friday's child is loving and giving" is the basis for an ongoing profile we plan to run to recognize the contributions of children who measure up to the childhood adage.

If you know of a student who volunteers at a nursing home, collects pennies for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, gives toys to a shelter or acts unselfishly in some way for the benefit of others, we want to hear about them.

The profiles will run on the first Thursday of the month in the Community Life section. Please share with us the ways in which the nominee is "loving and giving" either by calling, faxing or e-mailing us the information.

Include the child's name and age; how you feel he or she lives up to being a "Friday's Child;" and your phone number or e-mail address where we can reach you for information. One child will be profiled each month from the pool of nominees we receive. The child must reside in Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Redford, Livonia or Garden City in order to be eligible and should be 18 years old or younger.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

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**Talk:** U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will have a coffee hour 8:30-10 a.m. Monday at Leon's, 303 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill in Westland. All 13th Congressional District residents are encouraged to stop by.

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# Gibbons' reviews mostly good

**Former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons scored satisfactory or better in nearly all categories for her February 1999 performance evaluation, done by seven Westland City Council members who were her bosses then.**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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An analysis of job performance evaluations of fired City Clerk Patricia Gibbons reveals that she was rated satisfactory or higher in 20 of 23 categories.

She received the most criticism for problems such as grammatical errors in letters and other written correspon-

dence from her office.

But some of the seven Westland City Council members who reviewed Gibbons in February 1999 said her performance had improved and that she deserved to keep her \$69,739-a-year job.

"I saw a real improvement," council member Sandra Cicirelli said. "By the end of her (17-month) tenure as city

clerk, I thought she had a good handle on things and was doing a good job."

A four-member council majority fired 52-year-old Gibbons on Jan. 18, angering three colleagues and hundreds of citizens who stormed City Hall to protest.

The Observer filed a Freedom of Information Act request and obtained Gibbons' evaluations on Thursday, after Cicirelli found copies in her basement and turned them over to interim Clerk Diane Fritz's office.

Still, most of the original documents are said by council President Charles "Trav" Griffin to be missing, even though Cicirelli said she gave them to

the clerk's office last year.

An analysis of Gibbons' evaluations shows that — on a 5-point scale — she scored a satisfactory "3" or higher in 20 of 23 categories.

Earning a "3" or better indicated that she met or exceeded job expectations when ratings from seven council members were averaged.

Gibbons scored "4" for "good/very good" in five categories: overseeing elections, meeting deadlines, complying with Open Meetings Act rules, attending meetings, and facilitating Zoning Board of Appeals matters.

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**Proud moment:** Breaking out in tears of joy, Diane Tavana-Lloyd (center) watches son Brett Tavana win the annual spelling bee of Wayne-Westland schools. Left is her husband, David Lloyd, and right is Brett's former third/fourth-grade teacher, Merrell Harkema.

## Spelling success

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The word "equatorial" will likely stay with Brett Tavana all his life.

Brett, a fifth-grader at Vandenberg Elementary School, won the Wayne-Westland district spelling bee Thursday with that word. Run-

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**Disbelief:** Not realizing it at first, Brett Tavana won the spelling bee. At right is one of the runners-up, Bridget Chalupka.

## Shooting of teen nets trial

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A Westland family, shattered by a mother's accidental shooting of her teenage son, is striving to preserve strong ties, an attorney said Thursday.

"The family relations were always strong. This was an accident, and I believe those family ties will still be there," attorney Ronald Grossman said.

His remarks came on the same day that Betty Bao-Tsai Vaughn, 43, was ordered to stand trial for shooting her 16-year-old son, Aaron, a Livonia Franklin High School student.

The boy suffered a shotgun blast to his right chest when the mother tried to defuse a father-son argument over a profane music CD, Westland police Sgt. Marc Stobbe has said.

The shooting occurred at 7:07 p.m. Feb. 11 on Mackenzie, a residential street on the city's northeast side.

"The boy is doing pretty well," Grossman said Thursday. "I believe that his condition is very good."

"This was a big shock to the family," he said. "It's a difficult situation, and it's a family tragedy. They're doing as well as can be expected."

As Vaughn appeared in Westland 18th District Court on Thursday, her son continued to recover at Garden City Hospital. He was listed in stable condition, a spokesman said.

Judge Gail McKnight ordered Vaughn to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for carelessly discharging a firearm and causing an injury.

Vaughn didn't try to fight the charge, and she averted courtroom testimony by giving up her right to a preliminary hearing.

She has remained free on a \$10,000 personal bond since the day after the shooting.

The mother could face a two-year jail term and a \$2,000 fine if convicted, but Grossman said he will try to help her

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## Police chief says cameras in cars a possibility

Chief Emery Price of the Westland Police Department said he's considered putting video cameras in police cars.

His department has been criticized by the Western Wayne NAACP for a recent traffic stop, in which a young black man was arrested and injured.

The NAACP also says black motorists are targeted for traffic stops in Westland.

"It's a costly proposition," Price said of the cameras, which would monitor conduct of police and others on patrol.

It would cost more than \$100,000 to equip all police vehicles.

"We are reconsidering it and we may have to end up doing it," Price said.

The NAACP and defendant in the recent case dispute that the man was fleeing from police and resisting arrest.

Price also said this past week that there's no "rogue cop" in his department, as Earl Truss, local NAACP president, had suggested.

"Give me some hard facts that I can dig into," the chief said.

Price also denied that Westland police set up cars in the city's south end to stop motorists who are black.

"That is absolutely not true," he said.

"The area he's referring to is predominantly a black neighborhood."

Price, Mayor Robert Thomas and Truss had a meeting set for Friday morning to discuss concerns, but it was canceled by Truss.

Plans are to reschedule the meeting at a later date, Price said.

## Traffic enforcement effort aims to make city safer

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A special Westland police offensive aimed at clamping down on speeding motorists and seat belt law offenders led to scores of tickets being issued this month, a sergeant said.

Police officials assigned 10 patrol officers to Wayne and Ford roads, alone, during a two-week crackdown that ended last Sunday.

"We stopped 91 cars," Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

- Of those motorists who were pulled over:
  - 52 received tickets for speeding.
  - 32 were cited for seat belt violations.
  - 27 received tickets for other violations, such as running red lights and having no brake lights.

"We were looking particularly for speeders and seat belt violations with an emphasis on young children," Brokas said.

Some drivers violated speeding and seat belt laws. "Speeding does get you into accidents, and then you compound it by not wearing your seat belt," Brokas said.

He said fewer people would be hurt or killed in traffic accidents "if people would just learn to slow down and wear their seat belts."

The police department received a state-administered federal grant to pay overtime costs for officers involved in the special offensive.

The latest crackdown followed a similar program that netted 75 traffic stops from Nov. 22 to Dec. 5, Brokas said.

The next phase will be May 24 to June 7, when police will pay particular attention to seat belt violations in the wake of new laws that take effect March 10.

As of then, motorists can be stopped for a seat belt violation, alone, even if there are no young children in the car, Brokas said.

Right now, police can't stop a driver for a seat belt offense, alone, unless it involves a young child, he said.

Brokas said police officers will give motorists a few days to adjust when new seat belt legislation takes effect.

"We're going to give them a little bit of a breaking-in period," he said, "but we'll start enforcing it about April 1."

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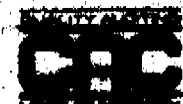
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**Fun for all:** Westland Mayor Robert Thomas (left) and Police Chief Emery Price were auctioneers Saturday, Feb. 5, for the Westland Rotary's benefit auction and dinner-dance. Thomas donned some colorful shorts for the auction, to the delight of the crowd. The benefit at Joy Manor raised more than \$10,000 for Rotary charitable work and scholarships.

## A brief statement?

## Local students to display auto know-how

On March 2, some 43 Michigan teams will start a race of knowledge, skills and aptitude in the first "heat" of competition with other top students in the sixth annual Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge.

Students from Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career/Technical Center are among the teams participating in the written portion of the state test at 7 p.m. at the center, 36455 Marquette, Westland.

Last year, 37 schools competed in the event's first qualifying round. Michigan ranks third nationally in the number of participating teams.

"The top 10 finishing teams will go on to the next event, the hands-on state finals on

May 4," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. Participants will have to repair deliberately "bugged" Ford vehicles in the shortest time.

The state finals take place at the Macomb Community College Exhibition Center in Mount Clemens. State winners meet June 19 in Washington, D.C., to crown the national champions.

Basch noted the need for qualified auto technicians is critical across the country.

"Today's acute shortage of technicians can only be satisfied by quality programs that teach students on the increasingly complex vehicle systems in the cars of today and the future," he said. "This contest helps promote a service industry of highly respected auto

technicians."

With overtime, technicians can earn between \$60,000 and \$100,000 a year. "Incentives from scholarships to bonuses are used by repair facilities to lure the best, and the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills contest is a great way for students to showcase what they can offer," Basch said.

Competing students also are eligible to guarantee their future education by winning scholarships to schools across the country, he said. In addition, one of the schools will receive a Ford training vehicle for use in automotive tech programs.

Nationwide, approximately 6,000 students are expected to compete for more than \$6 million in scholarships and prizes.

## Hockey parents frustrated by discipline

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Some high school hockey parents are still whistling discontent over the penalty handed out to their sons by the Livonia schools chief.

Two Stevenson High parents charge that Superintendent Ken Watson was too severe when he suspended the remainder of the regular season after a post-game brawl broke out between Stevenson and Churchill teams Feb. 4.

Both teams are expected to return to the state playoffs that start March 1, a district official said.

The damage has already been done, a parent said during Mon-

day's regular Livonia school board meeting.

"You impacted the players at the worst time of the season," said Chuck Nebus, whose son, Mark, is captain of the Stevenson High team. "There was one university, one college and one junior scout who were going to attend these final games."

"These boys were denied the opportunity to play before these people."

Nebus' son was the league's leading scorer and the state's top point-getter before the team's suspension.

"You cost this young man here an opportunity for college opportunities and also scoring titles, things he hard worked for,"

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Nebus said.

Another parent disagreed with district officials that the combatants couldn't be identified.

David Marlowe said he also viewed the videotape.

"Frankly, I must have a different copy of the game (tape) and the unfortunate incident during the handshake," Marlowe said. "The tape clearly shows the individuals involved."

School administrators said that the inability to pick out individuals was the reason both teams were punished, instead of certain players being suspended.

Nebus said the video can be freeze-framed to show 10 players who didn't take part in the melee.

Stevenson High was unfairly punished since the team couldn't play the last five regular season games, including a tournament in Kentwood, Mich., Nebus continued. Churchill missed four games.

By punishing those not involved, the wrong message is sent, Nebus said.

"A lot of boys didn't participate and they're saying 'Geez, I guess I should've done something,'" Nebus said.

Nebus and Marlowe also registered concern about high school hockey being dropped altogether. Those rumblings have been at the state level, Watson said.

"We have not discussed it locally," he said.

The school chief said he expects the district high school hockey program to return and "be effective at the interscholastic level."

The school chief added that building administrators support hockey. As to rumors to the contrary, "nothing could be further from the truth," he said.

Watson declined to talk further on the matter.

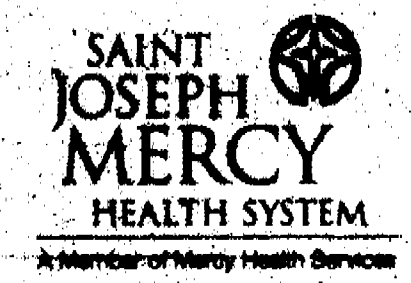
"These issues began to take a life of their own," he said.



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## Intersection focus of meeting

A meeting on traffic concerns at Joy and Merriman will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

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Bankes, R-Livonia, a former state representative, and a representative from the Wayne County Division of Roads will meet with those concerned about traffic control at the intersection.

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ners-up were Bridget Chalupka of St. Mary Catholic and Jennifer (Siming) Zhao of Stevenson Middle School.

"This is a wonderful occasion," Celestine Sanders, principal at host Adams Middle School in Westland, said in her welcoming. "You're already a winner and we're so proud of you."

Sanders recalled participating in her junior high school spelling bee. She didn't win, but the memories are sweet. "Just to make it there was really an honor."

The annual event in Wayne-Westland is named for educator Earle Chorbagan, who spent 32 years with the Wayne-Westland district, including many as Adams assistant principal. "Everybody pointed their finger at me," the now-retired Chorbagan said Thursday in explaining how he came to oversee the spelling bee.

Students from each school, both elementary and middle, competed Thursday morning before a proud audience of family members, educators and others. The words given would stump many an adult without a dictionary or computer spell check program.

Before the break, students went out on such words as "satirical," "obstetrician," "delirious," "inclusion," "interfering," "coral" and "requisite."

After the break, six participants remained. Tough words that took

students out included "exemplary," "axiom," "arrogance," "competency" and "forsooth." When Brett won, applause and cheers broke out.

"I give him all the credit," mother Diane Tavana-Lloyd said through tears. Brett's advice to the audience: "Study every day at least one hour."

In an interview, Brett said his mom would ask him words and help with those he missed. She and husband, David Lloyd, were bursting with pride Thursday. They also have a daughter, Trisha Lloyd, 7, a Vandenberg second-grader.

Diane Tavana-Lloyd noted she and her son didn't do the advanced word list, just the beginning and intermediate. An aunt helped, too. "He worked for it, though," Brett's dad said.

Brett's mom said he does well in school and has an excellent memory. "He's an A student. He reads a lot and he's always liked reading." They agreed it's good for parents to be involved in a child's education.

Brett's career choice is undecided, although he likes animals and zoology's a possibility. Thursday, he had more immediate concerns, like how his Vandenberg classmates would react to his good news.

"He's going to go ballistic," Brett said of one classmate, agreeing the students would be proud.

Other participants who first won school spelling bees include: Natalie Boettcher, Edison; Kenny Newsted, Elliott; Adrienne Camunag, P.D.

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Graham, Erin Moreno, Hamilton; Jasmine Pasley, Hicks; Emily Robertson, Hoover; Alan Hardnock, Jefferson-Barns; Olivia LaFortune, Kettering; David Holliday, Lincoln; Chelsea Weaver, Madison; Jonathan King, Patchin; Bobbi Turner, Roosevelt; Jordan Garland, Schweitzer; Kristina Plummer, Taft-Galloway; Brandy Isaacson, Walker-Winter; Jacqueline Cooney, Wildwood; Abby Pitt, St. John's Lutheran; Leah Potvin, Adams Middle; Drew Walls, Franklin Middle; Diane Hawkins, Marshall Middle.

The next level of competition for Brett could eventually lead to Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee competition in Washington, D.C. The Detroit News final spelling bee for the year will be April 7 at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. That winner will go to Washington.

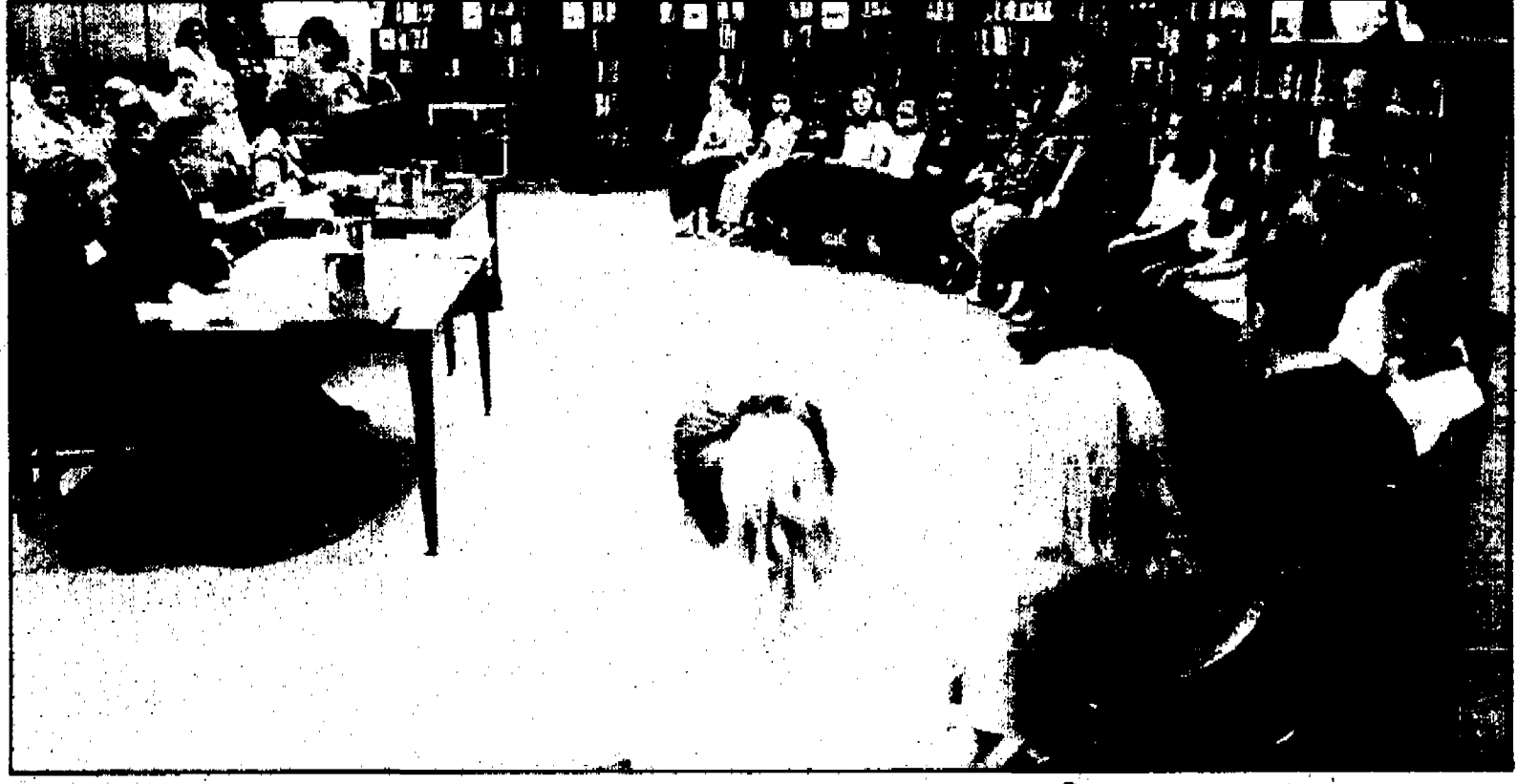


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**Still proud:** Chelsea Weaver of Madison Elementary School, is disappointed after missing a word. Her mother, Theresa Weaver, tries to console her.



**Impetus:** Adams Middle School Principal Celestine Sanders welcomes Earle Chorbagan to the spelling bee. The local event is named for Chorbagan, a veteran educator in Wayne-Westland.



**This is my moment:** Leah Potvin of Adams Middle School stands to spell her word, as students participate in the spelling bee. The judges (left) were Janet Redford, Marty LaPorte and Larry Galbraith.

## Brush and floss



STAFF PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TAPLINCER

**Don't worry:** Ian White, 7, squirms in fear during a demonstration by dental hygienist Christine Kurncz at the Ronald Pater/David Wheeler dental office. Second-graders from Nankin Mills Elementary School were given a tour of the offices Tuesday morning as part of Children's Dental Health Month. At right is Dana DeVitis, 7.



## Shamrocks assist ailing child

The Children's World Learning Center at 29200 Shawwassee in Farmington Hills is selling shamrocks in honor of a local child who has muscular dystrophy. The girl, Franne 2, lives in Westland.

The community is invited to stop by the center and buy shamrocks for \$1 each. Money raised will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association for research and education. Donations are tax deductible.

Children's World will sell shamrocks until Friday, March

17. The center, east of Middlebelt, is open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Lower scores

Gibbons scored below satisfactory in three areas: communication skills (written and verbal), initiative/innovation and establishing department goals.

Griffin, who gave Gibbons some of her lowest marks, cautioned that some of his colleagues could have artificially inflated their ratings to skew overall results in Gibbons' favor.

But Councilman Glenn Anderson, who conceded he had some criticisms of Gibbons, defended the job she was doing and said she had made marked improvements during her tenure as clerk.

"I thought she was making a lot of big strides," Anderson said.

Gibbons was evaluated by Griffin, Anderson, Cicirelli, council members Richard LeBlanc and Sharon Scott, and former members Justine Barns and Charles Pickering.

She was reviewed in February 1999, six months after she left her union job as deputy clerk to become an "at-will" clerk serving at the council's discretion.

Griffin and Scott ousted Gibbons with help from council members David Cox and David James, who began new terms Jan. 1 and hadn't held their posts during Gibbons' tenure as clerk.

Despite criticism from some colleagues and residents, Cox and James said they did their homework before opposing Gibbons.

Anderson, Cicirelli and LeBlanc supported Gibbons.

Here's a closer look at how individual council members rated Gibbons:

■ Anderson showered Gibbons with some of her highest accolades, giving her the highest possible score of "5" in 16 of 23 categories.

He never marked her lower

than satisfactory.

Anderson cited concerns about clerk's office grammatical errors but said the problem also preceded Gibbons. He said she adjusted well to her supervisory job and handled elections with "no serious problems."

■ Barns marked Gibbons' performance as "satisfactory" in nine areas and graded her as "poor but improving/marginal" in 12 categories.

Barns gave Gibbons the lowest possible rating of "1," meaning "unacceptable," for knowledge of pending legislation.

Barns, who made fewer written comments than any of her colleagues, said Gibbons should develop "people skills" and attend clerk classes, which she did.

■ Cicirelli rated Gibbons as satisfactory or higher in 22 of 23 categories. Only in communication skills did Cicirelli give Gibbons a "2" for "poor but improv-

ing/marginal."

Cicirelli commended Gibbons for completing tasks promptly, keeping council members informed and working "very hard."

■ Griffin rated Gibbons as satisfactory or higher in 12 of 23 categories and as "poor" or "unacceptable" in 11 areas.

He criticized her interpersonal skills and written/verbal skills and said she used "poor judgment in conflict resolution."

He also cited a lack of department goals and said she lacked knowledge of election laws.

## Overtime costs

By telephone Thursday, Griffin said the city had to pay \$21,000 in overtime costs because Gibbons didn't move swiftly enough on fire and police civil service tests to get new employees on the job.

■ LeBlanc marked Gibbons as satisfactory or higher in 21 of 23

categories. He commended her for overseeing a "successful" 1998 election, but said Gibbons needed to be more assertive and improve her oral and written communication skills.

LeBlanc gave Gibbons a "2" out of a possible "5" for initiative/innovation, but labeled her handling of the election "superior."

In recent weeks, LeBlanc has said Gibbons made on-the-job strides and that she didn't deserve to be fired.

■ Pickering gave Gibbons high marks in all 23 categories, rating her at "4" or "5" in 21 areas. He gave her a satisfactory "3" in two categories: communication skills and establishing goals.

In early 1999, Pickering wrote in his evaluation that Gibbons knew she "was not a solid choice" by all council members to replace a "popular and politically supported" clerk, Diane Fritz.

Fritz is now serving as interim

clerk.

Pickering said Gibbons' skills at drafting letters and other correspondence would've improved as she became more familiar with council members and their "style."

Pickering cited Gibbons' handling of the 1998 election as her "biggest accomplishment."

■ Scott rated Gibbons below satisfactory in seven of 23 categories, but she didn't give any marks in some areas that she said needed more observation.

Scott gave Gibbons a satisfactory or higher rating in 10 categories.

Scott said Gibbons needed to communicate better with council members.

She also wrote that Gibbons "needs improvement in dealing with her employees and (the) mayor's staff" and "needs work on conflict resolution."

# Agency lauds givers

Honors given recently by Growth Works, a local youth agency, included those for Donald Morgan, past board president.

"Don has shown his service in other ways besides Growth Works," said Rita Lowenstein, current board president. She mentioned the Plymouth Rotary, Rotary Foundation and Selective Service Draft Board.

Morgan, a University of Michigan law school graduate, has a Plymouth law practice. He and his wife, Judy, have two children and two grandchildren.

Morgan joined the Growth Works board in 1991 and became president in 1995. He had served as agency treasurer and on the finance committee, and has been a member of the Wayne County Easter Seals board.

Honored for his work as a volunteer mentor was Henry Ofiara, one of several people recognized during the Feb. 3 appreciation dinner at Ernesto's in Plymouth. Ofiara has volunteered with the program since 1998, working with several young men.

The architect is a Plymouth resident, as is Morgan. Ofiara has worked with Big Brother/Big Sister and serves on the outreach committee at St. John's Episcopal Church.

A youth liaison officer, Officer Michael Steckel of the Canton Public Safety Department, was recognized for his work with young people. With that department since 1995, Steckel has

been youth liaison officer for the past three years.

He works with the Plymouth-Canton schools and others in Canton to address school and youth-related community problems. Steckel earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and is working on a master's in police administration at EMU.

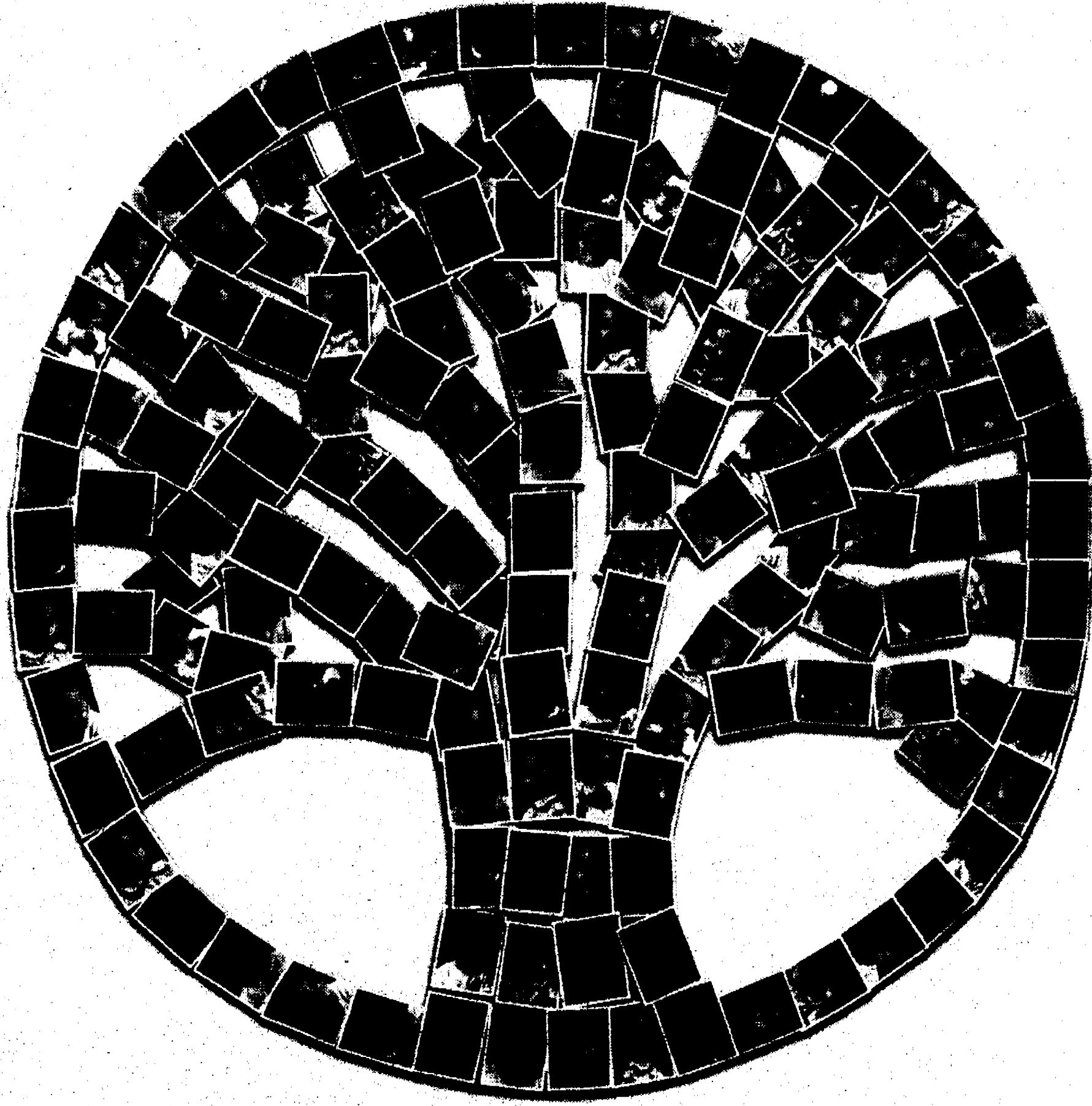
Steckel coaches the freshman baseball team at Plymouth Canton High School as well as teams associated with the Little Caesars Travel Baseball League.

Also honored was Michael Gillespie, clinical director at Growth Works. Gillespie joined the agency in 1986 and became clinical director in 1989.

Gillespie holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Kent State University in Ohio. In addition to clinical director work, which includes supervision of all agency clinical and counseling staff, Gillespie is responsible for facilitating the entry level of the Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program.

"It's a great honor," Gillespie said in accepting his award. Growth Works is a great place to work, he added.

"We have an obligation to continue that" success, Dale Yagiela, director, said. It's important to keep serving kids, even as the agency is expanding beyond its Plymouth-Canton roots, "because we've got a long way to go yet."



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avoid a lockup.

"That's my hope," he said. Vaughn is accused of wielding a 12-gauge shotgun in a miscalculated attempt to defuse a father-son argument that erupted in the teenager's bedroom, Stobbe has said.

Stobbe and Grossman said Vaughn had never before handled a gun.

"This person knows nothing about firearms," Grossman said. "She had no understanding that the gun was loaded in any way."

Stobbe has confirmed that "it was not her intention to use it."

Vaughn's husband, Carlos, kept the shotgun under a bed for family protection, police said.

Stobbe and Grossman have

said the Vaughns are considered a close-knit family by neighbors and friends. The Vaughns also have a 14-year-old son, who was in the basement when the shooting occurred.

Betty Vaughn is highly respected in her neighborhood, Grossman said.

"She's supposed to be a great mom and a great friend," he said. "She is highly, highly regarded by her friends."

Fire Chief Mark Neal has said Aaron Vaughn was lucky to survive the shooting. Neal said Westland paramedics helped to save the boy's life by starting immediate treatment en route to the hospital.

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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.

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. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 15, 2000 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday March 16, 2000 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 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.

Tentative ratios and factors for the 2000 tax year are:

CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
Commercial	45.20%	1.1062
Industrial	45.77%	1.0252
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Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Taxes are paid on TAXABLE value, which is the lower of assessed value or capped 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 taxes 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 10, 2000 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## S'craft gets 30% more grant money

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Two grants totaling \$31,000 — one for a faculty research/computer test-lab area and the other for three emergency-care simulation stations for nurses' training — were announced this week by Schoolcraft College.

The grants for 1999-2000, awarded by a committee representing the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors and school administrators, were among more than \$52,100 in grants announced during Wednesday night's college board of trustees meeting.

The 10 grants were made possible by the more than \$200,000 raised last year through the college's annual golf outing and its Culinary Extravaganza.

The bulk of the funds raised goes for student scholarships, said Noreen Thomas, the college's marketing and development director.

But the \$52,000 awarded for the grants was 30 percent more than was awarded for 1998-99, Thomas said.

"It was one of the most rewarding projects I've worked on since I've been here because I received so many thank-yous from faculty," she noted.

Some \$20,000 was awarded under computer information systems for the lab project that will enable faculty members to evaluate software and hardware before integrating them into the system.

The college will make up the balance of the \$37,000 needed to fund the project, Thomas said.

The \$11,000 awarded the college's nursing program will create three completely equipped, simulated emergency-care stations in the nursing skills laboratory.

The critical-care stations will permit nursing students to "make judgments in a hospital setting" while using state-of-the-art technology, Thomas said.

The total amount awarded covered 75 percent of the grants sought, she said. The balance were funded through other avenues.

Other areas of study earning grants were in business marketing, continuing education/physical fitness, culinary arts, mathematics, music, community choir, physics and human resources.

## Engler rejects federal tax on e-commerce

While Congress should not tax the Internet, it also should not interfere with the ability of state governments to collect sales taxes on the Internet, even when such purchases are made across state lines, says Gov. John Engler.

Engler is opposing federal legislation to preempt state and local sales taxes, proposed by U.S. Sen. John McCain and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio.

"The central issue between the states and federal governments as it relates to e-commerce is not about taxing the Internet. I am opposed to taxing the Internet. Rather the question is how, in the future, will states collect taxes already on the books, and even more fundamentally, whether states will remain sovereign in their right to collect those taxes. This legislation is an unprecedented intrusion into the rights of states to set their own tax policy and collect taxes already on the books."

Engler said the proposal would hurt small businesses and Main Street retailers by giving a competitive advantage to Internet competitors in other states.

"It is, in essence, a double standard: good for clicks, bad for bricks," Engler said.

Engler carried his position to Washington this month, testifying on behalf of the National Governors Association before the U.S. Senate Budget Committee.

Congress is in the midst of a three-year moratorium against taxes on the Internet.

Michigan, on the other hand, this year has added a line to state income tax forms, asking residents to voluntarily claim and pay sales taxes on items bought on the Internet.

## Gates grant buys computers for county library

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Thanks to a grant from the world's wealthiest computer software manufacturer and his wife, Wayne County's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Westland will have new computers, software and a printer in place for patrons by June 1 at the latest.

Four high-powered Pentium III computers, specially equipped with large-screen monitors and featuring large-

print, touch-screen and voice-recognition software and a new printer, are being purchased for the facility with its share of a \$73,850 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Library Initiative, according to County Librarian Pat Klemans.

The grant is earmarked for expanding Internet services for patrons and is one of only two awarded in Michigan. The Detroit Public Library system got the other grant.

Gates, chairman of Microsoft Inc. of Redmond, Wash., and his

wife created the foundation to promote philanthropic work in global health and learning and to lessen the computer "digital divide."

"These computers will be installed in communities where the need is greatest," Klemans said. "I am delighted that the Gates Foundation has helped to satisfy this need."

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, which serves the entire county from its location on Michigan Avenue, joins the Inkster, Ecorse, Romulus, Lincoln Park, Melvindale

and River Rouge branches as grant recipients, according to Klemans.

The computers will be for public use only and all connections will be completed by June 1 — a condition of the grant, she said. "I see no reason why we can't have it implemented" by then.

The designated libraries will offer Internet-access training, with class schedules posted once equipment is installed.

Klemans said the blind and handicapped branch already has a Braille printer and her staff hopes to link it to the new com-

puters, which will replace equipment that she called "virtually obsolete."

Furthermore, "There are not enough computers in the other branches to meet demand," Klemans said.

She added she hopes there will be funds left over to install the special software for the blind and physically handicapped on at least one terminal in each branch, thereby expanding the special library's reach.

For information about the libraries, call Klemans at 734/727-7300.

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## SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road February 7, 2000

"The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of February 7, 2000; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Timmons convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Kenneth Timmons. Absent: Dianne Nay.

**Golden Apple Award:** Trustee Patrick Nalley presented the Golden Apple Award to Diane Bellomo, parent volunteer from Adams school, for her outstanding work in the LMC.

**Principals' Week Resolution:** Rod Hosman, LEADS president, accepted a resolution on behalf of the principals of the Livonia Public Schools. Principals' Week was declared by Governor Engler and the Board of Education to be the week of February 13-19, 2000.

**Motion by Lessard and Galka that the Board adopt a resolution establishing the week of February 13-19, 2000, as Principals' Week in Michigan.** Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Recos:** Mr. Timmons recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of congratulating the above recipients.

**Audience Communications:** Terry Godfroid-Marecki, 16519 Ronnie Lane, addressed the Board regarding "Harry Potter" books that are being read to students in our school district. She stated the books depicted violence, killings, depression, and witchery. She would like to see them removed from the reading list.

**Dr. Watson asked Marlene Bihlmeyer, director of curriculum, to look into the book series and reply to Ms. Godfroid-Marecki's concerns.**

**James Watters, 16779 Woodside, addressed the Board regarding the three millage proposals that will go before the citizens on April 10. He spoke of the bond issue that will bring our athletic facilities, which are old and inadequate, up to handling all the new sports for our students, both male and female.**

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IV Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2000. V.C. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the Civil Rights Compliance Plan for Vocational Education and authorize staff to sign the attached "Certificate of Local Board" and forward the plan and certificate forthwith to the Michigan Department of Education. V.L.A. Move that general fund check nos. 828994 through 830682 in the amount of \$3,667,436.90 be approved for payment. Also, be approved that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$2,012,819.52 be approved. V.L.E. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of 29 iMac DV computers and 10 powerbook G3 laptops from Apple Computer, Inc., for a total purchase price of \$67,711. V.L.F. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of two Power Mac G4 computers, two Apple Studio Display monitors, 30 iBook computers, 30 Airport cards for iBooks, and three Airport base from Apple Computer, Inc., for a total purchase price of \$63,875. V.L.G. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of replacement of science cabinets for Stevenson High School from Farnell Equipment Co. for the low quote of \$168,771.26. V.L.H. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District appoint the firm of Plante and Moran to do the Livonia Public Schools School District audit for the 1999-2000 school year. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Gift-Shapes P.T.A. Motion by Galka and Morgan that the Board accept the generous gift of \$11,045.07 from the Hayes Elementary School P.T.A. for Hayes' annual field trip to Toronto, assembly programs, field trips, and to the other costs associated with the sixth grade outdoor education camping program.** Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Presentations-Washington SEP:** Marjorie Conard, principal, along with Victoria Markowski, Kathleen France, and David Jones, presented the Washington School Improvement Plan through a PowerPoint and video presentation.

**Recess:** President Timmons recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to congratulate the Washington School staff and community and reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Renewal of General Operating Millage:** Motion by Morgan and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District call for a special millage election on April 10, 2000 and adopt the

resolution for the renewal of general operating millage. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Renewal of a Sinking Fund Millage:** Motion by Galka and Lessard that the Board call for a special millage election on April 10, 2000 and adopt the resolution for the renewal of sinking fund millage. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Millage Election for Bond Issue to Build Athletic and P.E. Facilities:** Motion by Morgan and Kokenakes that the Board call for a special millage election on April 10, 2000 and adopt the resolution for a proposed bond issue to build athletic and physical education facilities. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Bentley Transfer of Property Agreement:** Motion by Lessard and Galka that the Board approve delegating to the superintendent or his designee the authority to enter into an agreement with the city of Livonia to transfer a portion of the Bentley High School site for the city public lands formerly known as the John Stymelaki Veterans Park. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Lease of Public Land to the City of Livonia:** Motion by Timmons and Kokenakes that the Board approve delegating to the superintendent or his designee the authority to enter into a lease agreement with the city of Livonia to lease John Stymelaki Veterans Park. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**L.J.A.L. Lease of Athletic Field:** Motion by Kokenakes and Morgan that the Board approve delegating to the superintendent or his designee the authority to enter into a lease agreement with the Livonia Junior Athletic League for a portion of the Bentley Athletic Field. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Cooper Purchase Agreement:** Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the Board authorize the superintendent or his designee to execute on behalf of the Board of Education a purchase agreement for the former Cooper school site. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Teachers for Approval:** Motion by Nalley and Lessard that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 school years to the following teachers: Rhoda Boyer, Eric Cassie, Amy Cervantes, William J. Cornelius, Jr., Michele Czach, and Dawn Weis. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**30-Year Recognition:** Motion by Galka and Kokenakes that the Board accept the proposed resolutions of appreciation for 30 years of full-time service with the district for the following employees: Samuel Lamerato and Sandra Naasko. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Teacher Tenure:** Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure, status to Jennice Owen, effective 4/15/2000. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

**Resignation:** The Board accepted the resignation of Jennifer Couzens, effective 6/16/2000.

**Recess:** President Timmons recessed the meeting at 9:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**Reports from the Superintendent:** Dr. Watson announced a \$550 check was received from the district paraprofessional association for the SAFE program; commended the Transportation Department for their annual blood drive; acknowledged receipt of a letter from the PLAID organization thanking the district for their participation with Martin Luther King Jr. Day; received a letter commending Marty Nowak for his work in kinesiology; brought everyone up to date regarding the hockey game of February 4; and introduced a video describing the Durant II lawsuit, which would require the state to pay back \$420 million to districts for special education funding (Livonia's portion is \$2.7 million yearly).

**Hearing from Board Members:** The Board congratulated the Golden Apple recipient and Washington school for their School Improvement presentation; congratulated the principals of our district on behalf of Principals' Week—they are leaders not only in our community, but also in the educational community; asked the public to write to their legislators regarding the Durant II lawsuit to make a difference; stated that the video on the Durant II lawsuit will be aired on Channel 15/19 throughout the month; thanked the camera crew, Paul Clary, Zach Florence, and Aaron Viki; spoke of the hockey game issue stating it is the responsibility of the hockey coaches to teach the players to accept a win, loss, or tie and that the parents are also responsible for conducting themselves properly; and ask MaryAnn Kemp to "hang in there!"

**Adjournment:** Motion by Nalley and Lessard that the regular meeting of February 7, 2000 be adjourned. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Timmons. Nays: None.

President Timmons adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

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# School trustee says vote got her the committee ax

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A Livonia school board trustee believes her "no" vote got her booted from a district committee.

Trustee Kirsten Galka voted against putting a \$30 million bond issue for new secondary school fieldhouses and athletic facilities on the April 10 ballot.

On Monday, Galka said board President Ken Timmons informed her she was no longer chairwoman of the Finance Committee. She's reassigned to the Liaison to Livonia Committee.

Under the reorganization, Trustee Frank Kokenakes becomes Finance Committee chairman while Timmons fills Galka's spot as a committee member.

"I really see this as a punishment," Galka said during Monday's regular meeting. "I'm being penalized for my vote on the bond issue."

Not so, Timmons said.

"It's not a demotion; it's a lateral move," he said. The board president said he appointed himself and Galka to serve on a newly-formed "Say Yes" millage committee. However, she hasn't turned up for the ad-hoc committee meetings, Timmons said.

Galka said the board president told her on the phone Monday she was being removed because of her "no" vote.

"She's lying," Timmons said. "It has not a thing to do with the vote."

On Jan. 4, Galka was told there was a meeting at the board office. Galka thought she and other trustees would be going over results of a community survey on the bond issue.

When Galka arrived, Timmons told her they were the only two board members present. Others at the meeting included high school booster club members and supporters of the bond issue.

"I came to the board meeting thinking we would go over the survey results and found the out it was

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a 'yes' committee," Galka said. "I found they assigned me to the 'yes' committee."

Galka later asked that her name be removed from that committee, believing it to be a conflict of interest — if not illegal — for a board member to be involved.

"That's not true, for cripes sake," Timmons said. "Heck, I appointed myself to the committee."

"The only thing we can't do is tell the public how to vote."

She didn't attend a "say yes" meeting Jan. 20 at Wonderland Mall, opting to hear Attorney General Jennifer Granholm speak on TV violence in Canton. She hasn't been to others, Timmons said.

"She didn't communicate to me all," Timmons said. "She didn't tell me why hasn't shown up."

The committee is chaired by former trustee Jim Watters and includes Assistant Instruction Director Fred Price and three high school athletic directors, Timmons said.

Timmons admits he wanted the Finance Committee chair to work with the millage group.

"She has her right ... But she forgot the best interest of the district and the children," Timmons said.

Galka voted in favor of putting both tax renewals — .75-mill for operations (18 mills for non-homesteads) and 1-mill for building and site — on the April 10 ballot. The first-year trustee cast the lone vote against adding the bond issue.

The measure still passed with Joanne Morgan, Daniel Lessard, Pat Nalley, Kokenakes and Timmons voting in favor. Trustee Dianne Nay was absent.

At the Feb. 7 meeting, Galka stated more community input was needed on the bond issue. She's received "a lot of support" from residents since the vote, she said.

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN J. SARULUS

Noted only for John Sarulus, 78, of Westland was Feb. 23 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Burial was at Baldwin Cemetery in Baldwin, Ga.

Mr. Sarulus was born Oct. 9, 1921, in Detroit and died Feb. 22 in Garden City. He was a die repairman with an automotive company.

Surviving are his wife, Willie; and one sister.

### LLOYD C. SAUNDERS

Services for former Westland

resident Lloyd Saunders, 74, of Midland were Feb. 22 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mr. Saunders was born May 12, 1925, and died Feb. 18 at his home in Midland. He was a manager.

Surviving are his wife, Billie; son, David (Sandra); daughter, Janet (Dennis) Flessland; brothers, George and Bill; sister, Jessie Powers; and three granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Midland or the American Heart Association.

### GERALDINE JASEWICZ

Services for Geraldine Jasewicz,

69, of Westland were Feb. 23 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial West, Westland. Officiating was Deacon Joe Daratony from Resurrection Church in Canton. Mrs. Jasewicz was born Sept. 25, 1930, in Coffee County, Ga., and died Feb. 20. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Wasy; sons, William, George and Allen (Michelle) of Canton; daughters, Janice (Terry) Scoville and Ann (Jonny) Grigorian; brothers, Lowell Corbitt, Ozzie Corbitt and Weston Corbitt; sisters, Ida Walker and Varah Appleyard; and nine grandchildren.

### CAROL J. GIBSON

Services for Carol Gibson, 76, of Westland were Feb. 24 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Neil D. Cowling.

Mrs. Gibson was born May 3, 1923, in Hollywood, Tenn., and died Feb. 22 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughter, Cathy Larsen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and sister, Bonnie Hollis of Memphis, Tenn.

## ATTENTION KMAR SHOPPERS

The Kmart February 27, 2000 weekly ad circular, on page 4 features the Route 66 3/4" Sleeve Boatneck Top, a part of the Route 66 Loungewear Group. This item will not be available due to the manufacturer's inability to ship the product. We will be unable to replace this style, therefore rainchecks will not be available. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



## GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC NOTICE

Garden City Public Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for Parking Lot Replacement at Burger School, North and West Parking Lots. For additional information contact Nancy Burke at (734) 762-6306.

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## WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Bid Proposal

### Wide Area Network

The Wayne Westland Community Schools' Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for a fiber optic Wide Area Network to connect the District's buildings.

#### Instructions:

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3. All bids submitted must include complete specifications for items and submitted on Bid Specification form. It is required that bids include brochure/literature describing equipment offered on bid
4. Base bid shall include structured cabling and components.
5. Bids submitted must fully comply in all respects to the specifications, specified instructions and meet safety requirements, otherwise, exceptions must be fully revealed.
6. All proposals submitted will remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days after the official opening of bids.
7. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Wide Area Network" carrying said bids. Please remit two (2) copies of bids to the attention of: Barb Evanson, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. TELEFAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
8. All bids submitted must be signed by the authorized agent of the company.
9. Contact Jill Cooper, Plante & Moran, at 248-223-3549 or Cooper@plante-moran.com for a copy of the RFP.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Lady Crusaders ousted

Another women's basketball season is in the books at Madonna University.

The Lady Crusaders finished the 1999-2000 season with a 12-15 record after losing Thursday to host Siena Heights in the first round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs, 87-84.

The Saints (15-17 overall) had four players scored in double figures led by Kelly Abdo's 18. Amanda Lafontaine added 17 points, while Allison Camp contributed 14. Bevin Malley scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Saints, the No. 4 seed, advanced to Saturday's WHAC semifinals to face No. 8 seed Tri-State (Ind.) at home. Saturday's other semifinal pitted No. 2 seed Aquinas against No. 3 Spring Arbor.

Madonna, down 48-38 at intermission, rallied in the second half by hitting 15 of 18 free throws.

For the game, Madonna was 30 of 37 (81 percent) from the line, while Siena Heights was 24 of 35 (68 percent).

Guard Chris Dietrich had 23 points and five assists to lead the Crusaders. Center Lori Enfield added 15 points and nine rebounds, while Plymouth Canton's Kristi Fiorenzi had 14 points and a team-high 12 rebounds. Michelle Miela and Carissa Gizicki each chipped in with 10 points.

Madonna shot just 37 percent from the floor (25 of 67), while Siena Heights was 29 of 66 (44 percent).

### Wings take flight

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-13 Little Caesars boys team trained by Adam Pichler, recently completed their six-vs-six season at Total Soccer with a 7-1 record.

The Wings have won 11 of their last 12 games, while capturing the six-vs-six Holiday Challenge in December, also at Total Soccer.

Members of the Wings, who have outscored their opponents 121-48 in the last 12 games, include: Shawn Bush, Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Danny Karas, Dave Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Matt Moryc, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrósky, Brennan Pearson, Ryan Raickovich, Steve Sudkem and Patrick Treppa, all of Livonia; also Brendan Diehl, Plymouth.

The Wings are coached by Jim Moryc and Lou Suveg.

### Indoor soccer champs

The Vardar under-12 boys team recently took first place at the Western Michigan Regional of the North American Indoor Soccer Championships, along with first place honors at Total Soccer-Wixom in the first session (under-13 division).

At the regional tourney in December, Vardar went 4-0-0, including 3-0 in pool play. In the final, they defeated the Grand Rapids AC Storm, which qualifies Vardar for the North American Indoor Soccer Championships March 4-5 in Detroit.

During Vardar's first indoor session at Total Soccer-Wixom, it posted a 6-1-1 record, including a victory over the Brighton Express '87 to clinch the title.

In the Little Caesars Premier League, Vardar finished 10-0-1, while outscoring its opponents, 64-6.

Members of Vardar, coached by Les Neal, include: Pete Leonhard and Chris Tylenda, both of Birmingham, split the goaltending duties.

In front of this duo, Vardar had Brian Chandler and Danny Pichler, both of Livonia; Andy Chun, Rochester; Ian Krisipin, Rochester Hills; John Schaefer, Troy; Jesse Henderson and Pranov Lohitsa, both West Bloomfield; Phillip Lawrence and Sebastian Harris, both Lake Orion; Eric James, Clarkston; Mark Checchobelli, Novi; Michael Palmieri, Wixom; Zach Reyes, Fenton; B.J. Still, Saline.

### Tuttle gets 4 assists

Andy Tuttle should have been credited for assisting on all four goals as the Livonia Flyers defeated the Plymouth Jaws, 4-3, to capture the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV Pee Wee B championship Feb. 12 at the Southfield Civic Center Arena (Thursday, Feb. 24 edition).

The Flyers captured seven straight games en route to the title.

# Hockey teams can make amends

Welcome back Livonia Churchill and Stevenson.

It's time to play hockey.

Although some parents griped and complained about the penalty imposed on the two schools following a post-game brawl Feb. 4, Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Watson showed some compassion by allowing them to participate in this week's regional.

Although much has been written and said since the incident occurred, it seems the smoke has settled and

there's light at the end of the tunnel.

The top two teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association can make a strong statement this week about the state of their sport by the way they perform and conduct themselves.

To be honest, I have mixed emotions about the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsoring the sport of hockey.

I think what is tolerated in non-school hockey often clashes with the rules, regulations and ideas of sportsmanship mandated by the MHSAA.

You can get away with more in hockey than you can get away with in football, both considered contact sports.

If you ever pick up a Michigan Hockey Weekly, it's amazing to see just how

many different age-group leagues and organizations there are that sponsor the sport of hockey.

What does that mean?

It means there are numerous agendas, along with differing rules and regulations set forth. And it's done primarily by parental groups who have completely different ideas than school administrators.

Let's face it, the MHSAA would be better suited to sponsor boys volleyball than hockey.

That's why I'm amazed when so many parents complain that the MHSAA is a lot like the NCAA.

They feel have no say when an MHSAA member school lays down the law and they don't feel they've been

given due process.

My response: you don't have to let your kid play high school hockey. There are plenty of different age-group organizations outside the MHSAA to choose from.

I also believe the three officials who worked the game that night have been unduly criticized. The pre-game instructions they supposedly gave the captains of both teams troubled Watson, but they had complete control of the play for probably 44 of the 45 minutes.

Only during the final minute of play, when most of these incidents occur, did things get somewhat out of hand.

Their report of what exactly hap-

Please see EMONS COLUMN, B2

## Monroe outguns Wayne

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Wayne Memorial couldn't sustain its momentum from a big boys basketball victory Tuesday at Belleville.

On Thursday, the host Zebras shot a frigid 26 percent en route to a 67-50 loss to Monroe in the opening round of the Mega Conference Red-White Division playoffs.

Wayne, which earned the fourth seed from the Red Division after upsetting Belleville for the second time this season, dropped to 8-10 overall.

White Division champion Monroe improved to 14-4.

"I could sense there was definitely something lacking from the get-go," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "We were really lifeless compared to Tuesday. We didn't have the whole package."

Wayne stayed close for a half, but Monroe gradually pulled away during the final 16 minutes.

The Trojans led 17-16 after one quarter and 32-26 at intermission.

Three-point field goals by Ken Brinson and William Walk during the final minute of the third quarter pushed Monroe's lead to 48-37.

Wayne could get no closer than 10 in the final quarter.

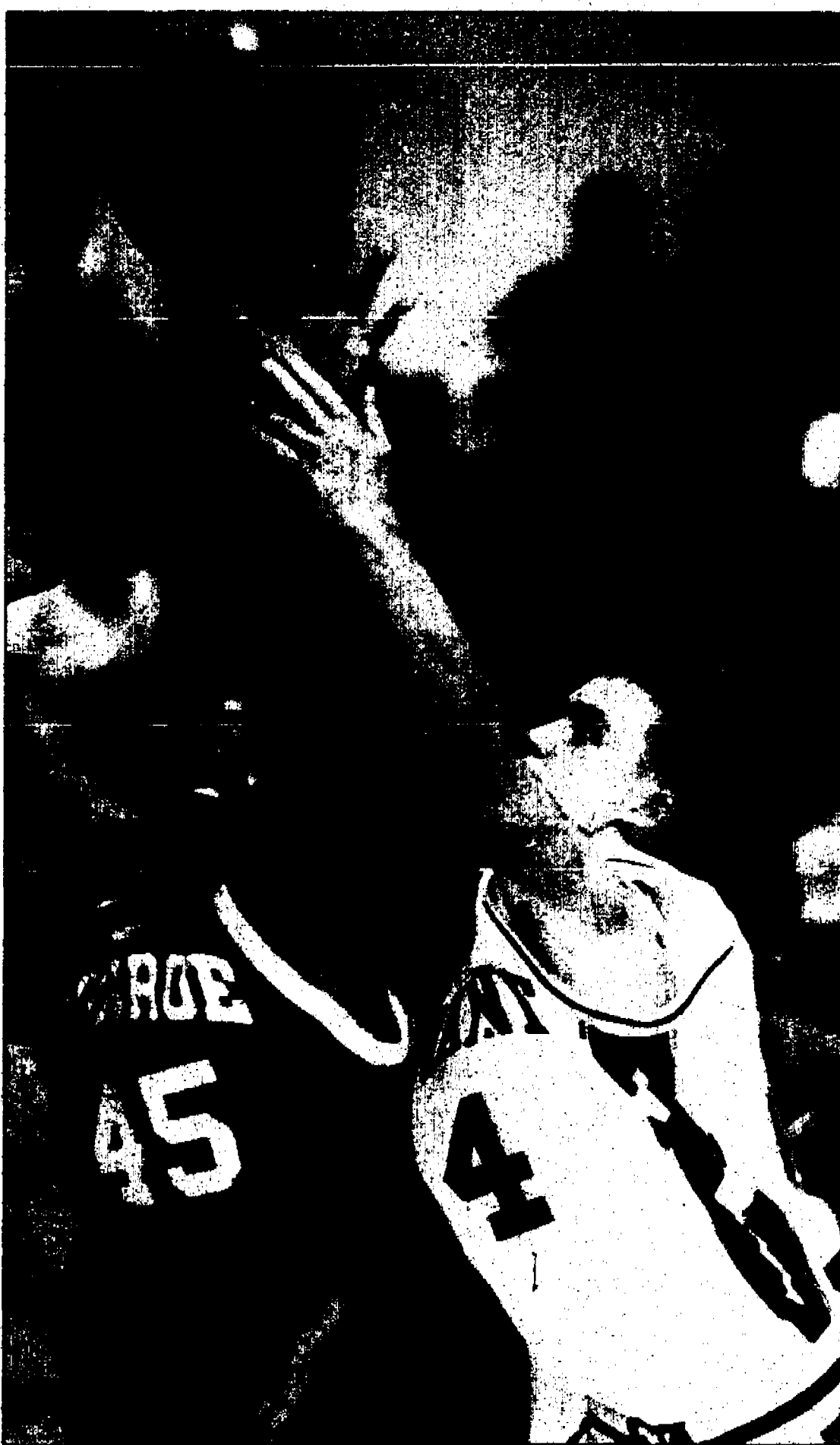
Four Trojans scored in double figures, led by 6-foot-6 senior center Matt Wozniak's game-high 18 points.

Myron Johnson, a 6-4 senior forward, along with guards Jacob Loop and Joshua Griffin, each added 11.

"Other than Romulus, they're the best balanced team we've faced," Henry said. "Their two post players (Johnson and Wozniak) are very strong. Very few teams have the outside-inside balance. Usually you can cheat defensively on one or the other, but we couldn't do that. We also knew they played solid defense."

Monroe made 54.7 shots from the floor (23 of 42), while Wayne was only 17 of 63 (26 percent).

"We didn't scout Wayne so we didn't know what to expect," Monroe first-year coach Bob Jett said. "We knew they didn't have any size, so we wanted to get something inside. We knew they (Wayne) had quickness, but we also have some quickness."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Going to the hoop: Wayne Memorial's Shane Nowak (right) tries to slide past Monroe's Myron Johnson in Thursday's playoff.

Wayne caused 19 Monroe turnovers, but couldn't capitalize offensively.

"I'm surprised we only had 11 turnovers, but ours were more glaring," Henry said.

Senior point-guard Shane Nowak led Wayne in scoring with 16 points. Junior guard Gary Johnson contributed 14.

"Four weeks ago we had no chance to make the playoffs because we were so far out of the race," Henry said. "But when we made the playoffs, the kids were really looking forward to it. We're

the fourth seed and we get to host. Tonight we lost a golden opportunity."

Jett was not happy that his team had to start the playoffs on the road. Monroe's only losses this season have come against division foes Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Dearborn Fordson, along with non-league defeats to Toledo Start (in overtime) and Plymouth Canton.

"The higher seed should be at home regardless of the division they're in," Jett said. "I'll be moaning for a change. I'm sure Chuck feels the same way."

## Ex-Zebra Williams keys Schoolcraft triumph

BY KURT KUBER  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College traveled to Flint Motor Challenger Fieldhouse for a Michigan Community College Athletic Association semifinals matchup against Grand Rapids Community College Friday, and proceeded to shoot the lights out.

Outscoring an 88.6 percent of its shots from the field, Schoolcraft blistered Grand Rapids' zone defense, and won them packing 97-72.

"Coming into this game we knew they would play a zone against us," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs. "We showed a lot of patience finding the open-man, and then we hit our shots."

Upping their overall record to 24-5,

### MEN'S HOOPS

the Ocelots moved within one win of claiming their second-consecutive state championship.

They advanced to play a Saturday showdown with conference-rival Flint Motor C.C., which defeated Muskegon C.C., 104-68, in the night's other semifinal game.

Led by Robert Brown's game-high 29 points (12-of-18 from the floor) and 15 rebounds, the Ocelots were also helped by Brian Williams' outside shooting.

Although he only scored two points in the first half, Williams scored 16 in the second, hitting on 4-of-5 three-point shots.

"It seemed like they scouted me and planned to play off of me," said the Wayne-Memorial High product. "In the first half I just wasn't aggressive enough. Coach (Briggs) sat me down and told me they were leaving me open and to take the shot."

Even though his team had a comfortable 48-34 lead at halftime, Briggs knew he was going to have to rely on Williams in the second half.

"We told Brian he had to step up and hit the open shot in order for us to have an opportunity to play in the championship, and he did it," said Briggs. "He can really shoot the ball."

Schoolcraft also got 19 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists from Lamar Bigby, and Mike Williams chipped in 19 points.

While Schoolcraft seemed to be hitting everything, Grand Rapids had a dismal shooting night, especially from beyond the arc. Grand Rapids was a miserable 3-of-33 on three-point attempts (9.1 percent), and only 26-of-72 from the floor (36.1 percent).

The Raiders, who fell to 16-6 on the season, were led by Eric Chess's 23 points and 14 rebounds. Jason Morehead also contributed 21 points.

Despite being defending champions, the Ocelots are eager for their matchup against Mott, which was the only MCCA team to beat them in the conference this year.

"We're hungry," Brian Williams said. "We want to show everybody that we can win in their building."

## Burack's 25 sparks C'ville win

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The good news: Livonia Clarenceville beat Macomb Lutheran North, 57-49, Friday night in a Metro Conference tournament semifinal.

The bad news: Clarenceville gets to play top-seeded Hamtramck again in the finals.

The Cosmos gored the Trojans, 63-30, when they met at the end of the Metro Conference regular season.

Clarenceville (13-6 overall) came optimistic against Lutheran North (8-16) and trailed, 15-6, after one quarter and 26-18, at the half.

Some of it was due to the presence of 6-foot-11 center Steve Green, whom Scott Wion had handled fairly well the first time they met this season.

Coach Bill Dyer got the Trojans' attention at halftime, however, and they came out with an attention-getting full court press to step up the tempo of the game. Once the Mustangs were drawn out of their zone, the Trojans took over.

Host Clarenceville posted a 20-11 third quarter margin and added a 19-12 fourth to wrap up the game. The Trojans went right at Green and neutralized his presence in the middle.

Green wound up with 19 points for Lutheran North, which caught an 18-point game from John Blanchard.

Senior forward Rick Burack scored 25 points for Clarenceville, 17 in the second half, and had 15 rebounds. Junior center Wion scored 16 and took down 10 rebounds.

Clarenceville made 13 of the 19 free throws it shot while Lutheran North went 16-for-25 at the line.

**HAMTRAMCK 63, LUTH. WESTLAND 41:** Eli Warren, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, led all scorers with 24 points on Friday to propel the host Cosmos (14-4 overall) into Tuesday's Metro Conference championship game after disposing Lutheran High Westland (9-8 overall).

Hamtramck jumped out to a 26-13 first-quarter advantage and led 44-19 at intermission before coasting home.

We tried to match up with him (Warren) in the first quarter, but they have too many weapons," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun said. "We had high hopes we could do a little better against them."

Jason Garry added 16 points for the winners.

Charlie Hoett, a senior guard, paced the Warriors with 11. Junior center Nate Meekes added seven.



WLA GYMNASTICS MEET RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. GIRL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS Feb. 24 at Farmington Training Center Team standings: 1. Hartland, 144.45; 2. Brighton, 144.30; 3. Northville-Novli, 142.80; 4. Plymouth Canton, 135.75; 5. Farmington, 134.80; 6. Westland John Gilm, 131.70; 7. Plymouth Salem, 130.75; 8. Walled Lake, 112.20.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS Vault: 1. (tie) Kim Matte (B), Chelsea Keesling (F) and Jenn Dion (B), 9.15; 4. Ashley Dobbs (B), 9.1; 5. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.05; 6. Katie Braine (N-N), 8.95; 7. (tie) Megan Samhat (N-N) and Andie Wilson (B), 8.8; 9. Kim Duff (B), 8.65; 10. (tie) Pam Davidson (H) and Laurie Meguiar (WL), 8.45.

Bars: 1. Kim Matte (B), 9.35; 2. Chelsea Keesling (F), 9.3; 3. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.25; 4. Ashley Dobbs (B), 9.15; 5. Andie Wilson (B), 9.1; 6. Pam Davidson (H), 8.95; 7. Megan Samhat (N-N), 8.75; 8. Katie Braine (N-N), 8.5; 9. Jenn Dion (B), 8.35; 10. Kim Duff (B), 7.85; 11. Laurie Meguiar (WL), 7.8.

Beam: 1. Kim Matte (B), 9.6; 2. Katie Braine (N-N), 9.5; 3. Pam Davidson (H), 9.4; 4. (tie) Ashley Dobbs (B) and Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.35; 6. Chelsea Keesling (F), 9.3; 7. Jenn Dion (B), 8.8; 8. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 8.7; 9. Kate Agulis (H), 8.2; 10. Laurie Meguiar (WL), 7.95; 11. Kim Duff (B), 7.8.

Floor: 1. Kim Matte (B), 9.55; 2. Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.4; 3. Katie Braine (N-N), 9.35; 4. Chelsea Keesling (F), 9.3; 5. Pam Davidson (H), 9.2; 5. (tie) Bethany Bartlett (PS) and Jenn Dion (B), 9.15; 8. (tie) Ashley Dobbs (B) and Andie Wilson (B), 8.95; 10. Kim Duff (B), 8.8; 11. Laurie Meguiar (WL), 8.55.

All-around: 1. Kim Matte (B), 37.65; 2. Chelsea Keesling (F), 37.05; 3. Ashley Dobbs (B), 36.55; 4. (tie) Katie Braine (N-N) and Megan Samhat (N-N), 36.30; 6.

Bethany Bartlett (PS), 36.15; 7. Pam Davidson (H), 36.00; 8. Jenn Dion (B), 35.45; 9. Andie Wilson (B), 34.55; 10. Kim Duff (B), 33.10; 11. Laurie Meguiar (WL), 32.75.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS Vault: 1. Monica Fink (N-N), 9.0; 2. (tie) Jeanne O'Brian (H) and Amy Driscoll (PC), 8.6; 4. (tie) Erin Strum (H), Liz Fitzgerald (PC) and Nicole Simonian (JG), 8.7; 7. Colleen Johnson (H), 8.65; 8. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.6; 9. Colleen Balagna (H), 8.55; 10. (tie) Kristie Costantino (JG) and Maggie Bett (PC), 8.5.

Bars: 1. Colleen Balagna (H), 9.2; 2. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 9.15; 3. Allison Gillette (N-N), 8.9; 4. Jeanne O'Brian (H), 8.85; 5. Nicole Simonian (JG), 8.75; 6. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.55; 7. Kristen Schick (PC), 8.45; 9. Monica Fink (N-N), 8.4; 10. Jenny Olgerson (H), 8.35; 11. Erin Strum (H), 8.3.

Beam: 1. Erin Strum (H), 9.25; 2. Jeanne O'Brian (H), 9.2; 3. (tie) Colleen Balagna (H) and Kate Longcore (H), 9.15; 5. (tie) Nicole Simonian (JG) and Megan Turner (H), 8.9; 7. (tie) Monica Fink (N-N) and Nataie Olesko (F), 8.65; 9. Kristin Ulewicz (F), 8.6; 10. Amy Driscoll (PC), 8.45; 11. Keisey Epsor (PS), 8.4.

Floor: 1. (tie) Colleen Balagna (H) and Erin Strum (H), 9.25; 3. (tie) Jeanne O'Brian (H) and Monica Fink (N-N), 9.2; 5. Colleen Johnson (H), 9.15; 6. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 9.1; 7. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 9.05; 8. Megan Turner (H), 9.0; 9. Kristen Schick (PC), 8.95; 10. Anna Jankowski (H), 8.9; 11. Nicole Simonian (JG), 8.85.

All-around: 1. Colleen Balagna (H), 36.15; 2. Jeanne O'Brian (H), 36.05; 3. Erin Strum (H), 35.50; 4. (tie) Monica Fink (N-N) and Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 35.25; 6. Nicole Simonian (JG), 35.20; 7. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 34.35; 8. Allison Gillette (N-N), 34.25; 9. Kristen Costantino (JG), 34.20; 10. Amy Driscoll (PC), 33.60; 11. Kristen Schick (PC), 33.10.

Wrestling coach of the year: Glenn Brechen, Farmington. ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: Powerlifter: Josh Garbutt, junior, Livonia Franklin; Brad Wells, junior, Plymouth Canton; Eric Wojciechowski, junior, Walled Lake Western; Defensive: Chad Van Hulle, senior, Franklin; Thom Snyder, senior, Northville; Headline: Josh Block, senior, Northville. Wrestling coach of the year: Jeff Mackey, Chatham. HONORABLE MENTION: Powerlifter: Brandon McCullough, Sam Dismuke, Paul Statham, Rob Williams, Chris Garbutt. Defensive: Jason Turn, Tom Sherman, Sean Skonick, Matt Williams, Ryan McPherson. Goalkeeper: Jeremy Majasak, John Soukranis, Brad Amador, Ryan Zelnick. Judo: Steve Nagel, Dan Valeriano, Mike Thibodeaux. Wrestling: Brian Dav, Mike Szymanski, Dave Szymanski, Mike Szymanski, Matt Cason. Powerlifter: Preston Pined, Brian Marion, Tom Glose, Ross Patterson, Scott Salomonson. W.L. Western: Paul Price, Vince Aspersari, Jordan Coggart, Nate Aubachon. W.L. Central: Chris Pylzk, Mick Borg, Joe Chaghot, Dan Chelinski, Joe Torosian. Northville: Tim Hillbrand, Aaron Schroed.

Pats' Skocen notches hat trick; CC's Ratigan scores 5 in victory

Trevor Skocen celebrated Senior Night in a big way, scoring his first career hat trick to lead Livonia Franklin to a 5-2 non-league hockey victory Howell in a game played Wednesday at Edgar Arena.

Franklin closes out the regular season at 12-9-3 overall. Howell drops to 10-10-2.

Sam Dismuke added a goal and one assist for the Patriots, who led 4-1 after two periods. Jesse Wright had the other Franklin goal.

Josh Garbutt and John Nichol each chipped in with two assists, while Brandon McCullough and Nick Tilt had one apiece.

Goalie Rob Williams made 20 saves in the Franklin nets.

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Scott Roth and Brian Graves had the Howell goals in the first and third periods, respectively.

It was the final home game for four-year letter winner Chad Van Hulle, along with third-year players McCullough, Williams, Skocen and Tilt.

Second-year player Brad Cauchi and first-year senior Wright also made their final home appearance.

Both teams came to play, it was fast-paced and hard-hitting," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We had a very good team effort."

"We know we must play our

best and step it up a notch for Monday's (regional) game against Catholic Central."

REDFORD CC S. G.P. NORTH O: Heading into Tuesday's game at Grosse Pointe North, Redford Catholic Central's Mike Ratigan had scored exactly five goals on the season.

The junior forward matched that total against the Norsemen, leading the Shamrocks to an 8-0 win.

"It was rather an amazing performance," CC Coach Gordon St. John said after his team improved to 20-2. "They were all great goals; all super shots, no crannies."

Ratigan notched two of his goals in the first period and kicked in with all three of CC's third period goals - two of them short-handed and two unassisted.

Brett John had a goal and two assists for CC, while Jared Ross and Brian Williams added solo goals. Brandon Kale necki chipped in with three assists and Dave Moss added two more.

Whalers run win streak to 10

And then it was 10. The Plymouth Whalers utilized its suffocating defense in taking care of the Brampton Battalion, 4-1 Thursday in Brampton. The win was their 10th straight, pushing their lead in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division to seven points over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

The Whalers are 36-17-4 overall, the second-best record in the OHL.

Stephen Weiss gave Plymouth a lead it would not relinquish,

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scoring on the power play 4:53 into the opening period. Shaun Fisher and Tomas Kurka assisted.

Two second-period goals clinched it for the Whalers. Damian Surma got his 31st of the season 42 seconds into the period, with assists from Justin Williams and Libor Ustrnul.

James Ramsay increased Plymouth's lead to 3-0 with 3:09

elapsed in the period; assists went to Rob McBride and George Nistas.

The Battalion (21-29-7) got one back 9:19 into the third period when Jeff Bateman scored. But that was all Brampton could muster; Williams scored with 30 seconds remaining (Randy Fitzgerald assisting) to give the Whalers their final margin of victory.

Rob Zepp stopped 22 of 23 shots in goal for Plymouth. Scott Della Vedova faced 35 shots for the Battalion, making 31 saves.

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pened following the handshake incident also came into question. Remember, it was only three sets of eyes. You can second-guess any of their decisions when you have video replay, courtesy of Time Warner Cable, which broadcast the game. Which brings me to another subject that troubles me. The Observer learned that Watson called an official from Time Warner to have the 54-second brawl edited out when it was to be broadcast later on local cable. Supposedly that tape was under lock and key, reviewed only by principals, athletic directors and LPS administrators. But, of course, an enterprising parent got ahold of a copy and played Colin Campbell, claiming he could hand out individual suspensions and be judge and jury.

In the wake of the recent Marty McSorley episode, I hope everybody in the sport of hockey has learned a valuable lesson. Hockey does have a place in high school sports if the players and parents understand they're playing under a set of completely different (and stricter) standards. One of the greatest high school sporting events I've ever covered was a triple overtime regional thriller between Birmingham Brother Rice and Livonia Churchill at Redford Arena. I'm hoping I'll get to see another one like that this week and put behind the mess of Feb. 4. Let the coaches coach, the officials officiate and the players play. That's the message I'm sending to the most important component in this healing process - you, the parents.

Greater Detroit Sportfishing & Travel Show This Thursday - Sunday. Don't get left in the COLD! Tom Huggler, March 2nd-5th, Editorial Director of the "Great Lakes Angler" reveals Michigan's fishing HOT SPOTS! In-Fisherman Dave Casada, March 2nd-5th, Editor of "In-Fisherman Magazine" with the latest techniques for Primary Canadian Fishing Patterns. SEE ALL THE NEWEST GEAR YOU JUST GOTTA HAVE!!! Direct Factory Exhibits from all the Major Tackle Companies including Shimano, Daiwa, Lühr Jensen, Walker Downriggers, Cannon Downriggers, Fenwick, Penn, Riviera, Mitchell, Siren, Bottom Line, Shakespare, Humminbird, Silstar, Eppinger, Lowrance, Loomis, St. Croix, Eagle Claw, Minn Kota, Talon, Browning, Apolco/Uniden & more!

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# Putnam gave all for MU

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He came out of Redford Thurston as a good, but not a great, basketball player. After all, a power forward/center that stood only 6-foot-4 would not be in great demand.

And he wasn't. Chad Putnam — a third team All-Observer selection in 1996 as a senior — wasn't really recruited by anybody.

He tried out at Madonna University, a program that was still trying to get established in its third year of existence. Putnam would face those same kind of difficulties.

"I've worked hard at it," said Putnam. "It hasn't come easy."

No, it hasn't. And there's a phrase coaches love to apply to players who may not possess the most talent, but use what they have the best they can: over-achiever.

"Personally, I've improved every year," said Putnam, his senior season entering its final stages. "It's something I'm proud of. I hope I've provided some leadership (this year)."

Putnam has provided a lot of things in his career. As a freshman, he admits, "When I came here, I was the last guy on the bench."

Which means he rarely played. His minutes increased gradually in his sophomore year, but not much; even last season, as a junior, he averaged less than five points in 10 minutes a game and got just a couple of starts.

This season it all changed. Putnam and Jason Skoczylas were the only seniors on a team that also had just one junior. Only three players were 6-foot-6 or taller.

It was clearly a challenge. He met it.

Putnam has averaged 12.4 points and 5.7 rebounds in 30 minutes a game. And met his responsibilities on a team desperately needing leadership.

"We needed it because we're so young," Putnam said, then added, "I wanted to provide a good, solid role-model, both in the classroom and on the floor. That's important."

"Academic problems" have killed us in the past. This year we didn't lose anybody to grades. It's a small step in the right direction."

Putnam's role off-court has been substantial. He was an NAIA Academic All-American as a junior, and is on his way to matching that feat this season.

Last week, it was announced he was named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-academic team. He carries a 3.69 grade-point average, with majors in history and education.

Although the academic woes that plagued the Crusaders in the past have subsided, the benefits haven't materialized on the court. Madonna's struggle ended at 4-28 following Wednesday's 75-51 WHAC playoff loss at Tri-State University. The Crusaders finished last in the conference.

Player defections and poor academics have wrecked coach Bernie Holowicki's attempts to build a program. The corner, however, may have been reached.

Holowicki is one reason Putnam decided to attend Madonna. With his playing days nearing an end, he has given a lot of thought to coaching.

"I attended Coach Holowicki's camps when I was a kid," Putnam said. "He's part of the reason I came here. I thought I could learn from him."

Holowicki knows he'll make a good coach. "He's really been a Godsend," the Madonna coach said. "He's worked very hard to get to where he is. He's a leader, a team captain, he calls the defensive signals on the floor, and he helps the young kids a lot, he doesn't put them down."

"His progress has been phenomenal. He's improved a lot since his junior year."

"He's a kid you never have to worry about. He's dependable."

A few more Putnams on the roster and Madonna will turn that corner of success.

# Crusaders well-armed for spring

## Haeger optimistic as team embarks for Florida

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### PREVIEW

Greg Haeger has something to be thankful for. After two seasons with precious little pitching, his Madonna University baseball squad — which opens its season Friday against the University of Virginia-Wise in Cocoa Beach, Fla. — now has an abundance of that element.

But don't start jotting "league contenders" next to "Crusaders" just yet. Yes, they should be better than last year, particularly on the mound. But there are problems that must be addressed.

"Last year, our pitching staff struggled," admitted Haeger, entering his fourth season as Madonna's head coach. "We've struggled on the mound the last couple of years."

"We'll have pitching this year. These guys can throw the ball."

Haeger, a former Redford Catholic Central standout who played at the University of Michigan, figures most of his staff will throw in the mid-80s. A year ago, the team earned run average was 6.91; the staff allowed 489 hits and walked another 210 while striking out 230 in 355 innings.

The team's overpowering offense — a .349 team batting average with 78 home runs and 416 runs scored in 50 games, an average of 8.3 runs per game — was the difference between a horrible season and a mediocre

one. The Crusaders were 25-24 last season.

What the Crusaders don't have on the mound is an abundance of experience. Gone are Bob Mason, Jeff Warholik, E.J. Roman, Mike Butler, Adam Munoz, Matt Snyder and Steve Waller, all right-handers. Warholik (a team-best 5-4 record, 11 starts), Mason (nine starts, 5.40 ERA), Roman (eight starts) and Butler (six starts) accounted for 34 starts in 1999.

Returning are junior left-hander James O'Connor (from Redford Catholic Central) and a pair of sophomores, righthander Jeremy Stevens and left-hander Eric Williamson. O'Connor was 4-1 with a 6.18 ERA last season; Stevens was 2-2 in 45 innings, and Williamson was 2-3 in 20 innings.

There are some others with collegiate-level experience, like Ryan Andrzejewski, a right-handed junior from Plymouth Salem and Henry Ford CC; Nick Newman, another transfer; and Mitch Jabezenski, a senior who redshirted last season.

Others to watch are freshman left-hander Mark Cole (Farmington/CC), freshman righthander Joel Halliday (Redford Union), freshman righthander Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn), and sophomore left-hander Randy Palmer.

Derrick Wolfe, a senior who

figures to start in right field, will be the team's closer. He pitched sparingly last season.

"We have seven with some experience," said Haeger. "If they develop, we'll be all right."

For Madonna to make an impact in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, its pitching must improve substantially. Because there are a lot of holes in the rest of the lineup to fill.

Gone are three players who accounted for 46 of the team's home runs: Aaron Shrewsbury (.425 batting average, 19 homers, 63 runs batted in), Daryl Rocho (.392, 15 homers, 70 RBI) and Delano Voletti (.327, 12 homers, 47 RBI). Warholik, who played at first base, was also a force (.331, 31 RBI).

"The toughest thing for us is replacing all those home runs," noted Haeger.

Perhaps the toughest player to replace will be Voletti, an all-WHAC catcher. The player pencilled in to start is redshirt freshman Dave Kwiatkowski, from Plymouth Canton HS.

"We'll be OK," was Haeger's assessment of his catchers, which also include junior Lance Siegwald and freshman Chris Woodruff (Livonia/CC). "They won't be as good as Delano. He was an excellent catcher. You can't replace him easily."

The Crusaders do have some strength up the middle, with returnees Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton HS), a junior, at shortstop and Todd Miller



James O'Connor  
Junior pitcher



Chet Rees  
Sophomore outfielder



Dale Hayes  
Freshman pitcher

(Farmington/Brother Rice/Oakland University), a senior, at second base. Wildfong hit .355 with 19 RBI and 19 stolen bases, while Miller hit .333 with 12 RBI. They committed 15 errors between them.

"Both had breakout years last year," said Haeger. "They're pretty solid with their gloves, and they played a year together, too."

Sophomore Nick Dedeluk (Redford Thurston) is slated to start at third base — he got in 17 starts last season, hitting .333 with 16 RBI — but freshman Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevens) will see some action there as well. First base is up for grabs, with sophomore Joe Pruchnik (Lutheran Westland), Siegwald and freshman Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) among the contenders.

Bob Hamp (.358, six homers, 26 RBI, 55 runs scored, 25 steals), a senior, returns in center to anchor the outfield. Wolf (.383, 11 homers, 34 RBI, 52

runs, 19 steals) moves from left to right, and Jason Brooks (.453, six homers, 29 RBI), a senior, goes to left field.

"We've got a lot more pitching, and I guess I'd rather have that," Haeger said. As for the Crusaders' defense, he said: "We have a little more range all across the field, but we lose some on arm strength and on experience."

"They should develop into a good fielding unit."

Nothing is certain for these Crusaders, that much is certain.

"For us to succeed, our pitchers have to get off to a good start, and we have to develop a rotation," said Haeger. "And we have to develop some hitting. We're going to have to win the close ones, those 3-2 games."

A fast start could elevate Madonna into that sought-after role as a contender. But with experience lacking, the Crusaders could easily stumble and end up going in the other direction.

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# 14-year-old claims tournament's top prize

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I thought I had seen it all. But last Saturday's bowling tournament victory by Brandon Hilgendorf of Warren may have been one of the most incredible.

It took place at Cherry Hill Lanes in the B a c a r d i - Brunswick/Blue Ribbon Group monthly scratch tournament.

There were 64 very good bowlers competing for the prize money and Brandon swept everybody to take home the \$1,000 top prize.

Not bad considering he is a 14-year-old ninth grader from Warren Cousin High.

He was going up against a great field of mostly veteran scratch tournament competitors who had all come well prepared to win. But apparently not well enough.

This young man with the whip-like delivery and a devastating hook carried nearly every shot all day long — and that was the big difference.

Most of the veteran bowlers were throwing extremely well. But they left the occasional ten or seven pin on good hits when they needed to strike.

Brandon had previously won the Budweiser Michigan Majors and placed second last year in the Motor City Classic

at Thunderbowl.

Brandon credits his uncle, Jac Hilgendorf, with his success. Uncle Jac gave him the necessary coaching to get this far.

He also thanks Arnie Goldman for some good advice and putting the perfecta grips in his Brunswick Quantum ball.

John Paz of Canton took second place in the final match in which Hilgendorf won 221-213. Paz, a lefty, bowled a solid game but the seven-pin would not cooperate and that cost him any chance to win the championship.

Brandon's highs so far are 297 and 792. Watch for him to be an impact player in the future.

The next Bacardi-Brunswick/Blue Ribbon Group tournament will take place March 5 at Taylor Lanes.

Call (734) 946-9092 for information.

•The Greater Detroit Bowling Association's winter newsletter just went out by mail last week to all members of the organization.

This 12-page tabloid is full of pertinent bowling information.

If you are not a GDBA member the tabloid is available at no cost on the counter at most local bowling centers. Take one.

•Popular WNIC afternoon disc jockey Chris Edmonds will be Bowling for Braille Books at the Seedlings 13th annual Braille Books for Children Bowl-a-thon, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 26 at



Signing over the check: Brandon Hilgendorf (center) receiving check from Vicki Ingham (left) and Craig DeJong after finishing first in the monthly scratch tournament at Cherry Hills.

Cloverlanes in Livonia. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality, low-cost Braille books for blind children.

Every \$10 earned in the Bowl-a-thon will create one more book. Last year bowlers raised more than \$20,000 to help give blind children access to the same popular books as their sighted

peers and thus increase the opportunity for literacy. Come bowl with Edmonds (9 pin no-tap) and help put Braille books into the hands of blind children.

Call Susan Bresler of Seedlings at 800-777-8552 for registration and pledge forms.

Even if you do not wish to bowl, Seedlings welcomes everyone to stop by Cloverlanes on that date with a pledge or donation.

Tax deductible door prize and lane sponsor donations are still being gratefully accepted from local businesses.

•Marty Smith and his daughter, Stephanie, bowl together in the Adult/Youth League at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland.

Last week father and daughter each rang up a 247 game in the second game of the series. It was a highest game and series (568) ever for Stephanie. Dad finished with a 701 series.

•Latest update on the Hamtramck Singles Classic at Hazel Park Bowl show new leaders in handicap singles (four-game set): Anthony Hill of Detroit 1,116 (plus 0 equals 1,116); Richard Planko of Novi, 1,109 (plus 92 equals 1,101); Joe Carrothers, Windsor, Ontario 963 (plus 120 equals 1,083).

•Eight-game singles: Paul Przebienda of Farmington Hills was in first place at 984 (plus 1,009 equals 1,993).

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- Westland Bowl**  
St. Mel's Men: Jay Morris, 289/665; Jim Stevin, 279/724; Mike Kalem, 265/749; Jim Landau, 269/638; Randy MacLachlan, 268/646; James Combs, 278/673.  
John Glenn Intramurals: Bill O'Rourke, 201; Eric Eley, 222/578; Ryan Warner, 222/599.  
A.M. Ladies Trio: Rochelle Caldwell, 227/674; Phyllis Hammerberg, 189/507.  
Monday 6:30 p.m. Men's: Dave Lelo, 284/694; Jeff Roberts, 247/622; Harmon Graves, 246/614; Jeff Sosnowski, 242/627; Frank Perks, 236/630.  
Monday Morning Men: Joe Kovatch, 246/635; Bob Roulin, 237/612; Pat Stover, 235/593; Bill Eggenberger, 233/626; Randy Kline, 230/646.  
E/O Double Trouble: Terence Hanley, 245/669; Andy Barrett, 233/610; David Labon, Jr., 227/632; Tim Mayer, 225/648.  
E/O Hard Times: Paul Massie, 279/636; Dave Curtis, 276; John Enot, 259/720; Gary Szymek, 258/696; Frank Brown, 239.  
Sunday Sleepers: Tim Whalen, 268/695; Mack Ivory Jr., 268/699; Bill Johnson, 268/724; Ryan Wilson, 266/701; Anthony Stoltz, 266/681.  
Thursday Nite Mixed: Ken Forbes, 247/695; Dan Harrison, 245/665; Franklin Boner, 226/601; Brian Bailey, 220/593; Jim Koenig, 216/558.  
Westland Champs: Dee Pittz, 235/639; Sharon Woods, 222/593; Sunday Gains, 221/636; Cathy Franzeck, 218/549; Gary Marvaso, 214/555.  
NASCAR Trio: Lou Swindell, 239/647; Bill Eley, 235/587; Dan Doodie, 233/628; Mike Boucher, 200/581; Holly Stevenson, 214/523.  
Youth Saturday (Coca Cola Majors): David Reese, 227/589; Andy Caldwell, 226; Pat Barber, 222; Jason Springer, 222; Crystal Trongo, 205/544.  
Coca Cola Juniors: Darrell Olds, 255/677; Eric Vojtkofsky, 243/635; Matt Haines, 223/564; Ashley Vroman, 200; Tatiana Carman, 175.  
Coca Cola Preps: Chris Hiltunen, 161; Adam Whalen, 154; Dan Harris, 151; Linda Graciek, 134; Brittany Robertson, 110.
- Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)**  
Airlines: Ken Salingue, 299/759; Gary Brudna, 268; C. J. Blevins, 259; Andy Deverich, 248.  
Adult/Youth: Stephanie Smith, 184/247; 137/568; Marty Smith, 218-247/236/701.  
Thursday Gals: Vicki Dean, 25; Cindy Burnie, 225; Wanda Reed, 202/560.  
Merit Bowl (Livonia)  
Wednesday Sundowners: Lisa Braunschneider, 243/534; Mary Maveen, 214/204/593; Nancy Niva, 215/562; Deb Van Camp, 213/550; Cindy Kruska, 211/513.  
Senior Merry Bowlers: Watson Kosiorsek, 233; Virginia Smith, 223; Dorothy Krupp, 214; Al LaBarge, 210; Helen Kubinec, 209.  
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Dorothy Zanagar, 224/573; Ann Grohoski, 221/529; Bev Munir, 215/532; Gloria Carter, 210; Beth Carpenter, 209.  
Cloverlanes (Livonia)  
All-Star Bowlerettes: Julie Wright, 203/289; 237/729; Audrey Williams, 275/210; 243/728; Jenne Gebbia, 267/254/206/727; Petya Way, 247/277/203/727; Lisa Bishop, 245/243/235/723; Kathy Siemiesz, 236/210/257/703.  
West Side Sunday: Bob Rose, 264/723; Gina Johnson, 234; Rob Roy, 221/590.  
Thursday Junior House: Don Seamark, 259/712; Jim Gendjar, 269/704; Tim Belcher, 257/752; Eldon Pickens, 267/675; Steve Richardson, 279/778; Mike Axline, 277/769; Mitchell Woodward, 265/665.  
Sunday Nite Mixed: Andre Duval, 300/805; Darrell Scott, 300/802; Greg Smith, 275; Arthur Hall, 279; Dana Colston, 279; Veretha Hogan, 264; Christine Howard, 256/690.  
FoMoCo Thursday: Larry Frank, 707; Brian LeBlanc, 703; Ron Thornton, 263; Jim Griffith, 268/668; John Teetzel, 675.  
Pico Inter-Plant Mixed: Gary Sheroski, 243/607; Jim Christian, 212/238/610; Sam Lusey, 258/584; Kerry Busher, 241/253/695; Steve Dmtruchina, 268/669.  
Woodland Lanes (Livonia)  
Wednesday Men's Trio: Dave Myers, 268/741; Willy Egner Jr., 257/715; Willy
- Egner Sr., 279; Greg Wuzgid, 267/707; Dave Grebos, 257/758.  
Early Birds: Marlene Klimecki, 211/521; Sue Wozniak, 209; Leslie Hart, 502.  
Ford Parts: Bob Bayer, 259/692; Minn Grougan, 247/693; Dennis Weatherford, 279/714; Jimmy Cooper, 249/718; Ron Hillier, 254/696.  
Ford L.T.P.: John McGraw, 285.  
Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Kris Barbour, 213/222/620; Myron Rust, 261; Bob Wilhelm, 218; Erwin Ottensman, 202; Ambrase Smith, 204.  
Midnighters: Tim Mielcarek, 241; Mark Zielinski, 236; Walt Zielinski, 235; Bob Giachero, 235; Evans Brown, 255.  
Gay 90's (Seniors): Jim Melone, 210; Howard Featherston, 202/213; Ralph Starkey, 202; John Kioourne, 210.  
Junior House: Craig Johnson, 279/773; Mike Norris Jr., 269/759; Brian Gross, 268/748; Phillip Caldwell, 280/718; Mark Howes, 265/708.  
Monday Seniors: Chuck Simpson, 200/200; Scotty Freeland, 211; Jon Jarman, 225; Mary Kay Wilhelm, 208.  
Monday Parks & Rac: Jeff Elberinger, 268.  
St. Edith: Dennis Bauer, 259; Ty Iles, 247; Pat Russell, 248; Ruger House, 248/688; Tony Ficano, 267.  
Oddsballs: Tom Hodges, 257/726.  
Lyndon Meadows: Debbie Ellsworth, 207/515.  
Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)  
Wonderland Classic: Jim Sterbenz, 280/279/787; Pat Agius, 265/736; Eric Tuiley, 263/727; Ed Dudek, 722; Matt Ceimer, 267/719; Larry Franz, 277.  
Father & Son (Sons): Sam Nagler, 269/670; Will Bashara, 258/663; Johnny Franchi, 235/580; (Dads): Ron Srisbee, 256/692.  
Westside Senior Men: Peter Reckenbeil, 267/236/695; Gene Wayne, 245/661; Floyd Morris, 640; Bob Harrison, 602.  
St. Sabina's Mixed: Mike Kane, 290/267/751; Mark Parise, 249/702; Brian Teifer, 244/551.  
Senior Men's Invitational: Bill Funke,
- 265/723; B. C. Nunery, 276/689.  
Garden Lanes (Garden City)  
St. Linus Classic: Rev. Tim Murray, 297/231/219/747; Al Dobies, 247/300/731; Gary Czaja, 238/247/239/724; Dave M. Bazner, 247/223/216/686; Dick Barina, 256/682; Tom Shea, 248/681.  
Friday Nite Ladies: Sue Siemiesz, 245-216-206/667; Diana Hohl, 225/236/655; Marge Holcomb, 236-224/651.  
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)  
Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Paul Temple, 290/234/246/770; Chuck Smith, 233/269/221/723; Jim Zeilen, 278/682; Bill Newbrough, 248/690; Bob Slayden, 236-223-231/690.  
Monday Seniors: Tim McCarthy, 267/705; Gerry Zalewski, 246/687; Jerry Holden, 267/682; Ed Patrick, 256/640; Norb Giczewski, 251/643.  
Friday Seniors: Norm Bochonek, 247/686; Jack Kassabian, 227/654; Tony Wolak, 245/653; Mel Albitre, 241/650; Ben Ianetta, 237/634.  
Detroit Diesel Trio: Bill Gallagher Jr., 290/737; Jim Gerkin, 276/721.  
Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)  
Plaza Men: Steve Demeter, 300/731; Bob Day, 277/737; Gary Brown, 279/705; John King, 268/706; Don Potts, 268/717.  
St. Colette's Men: Frank Patrick, 264/258/727; Richard Klimkiewicz, 288; Tom Clark, 278; Kevin Bainbridge, 259/242/702.  
Skelton Road Men: Dave Kowalski, 226/269/257/752; Darryl Alexander, 225/266/696; Larry Minehart Jr., 300; Jack Daniels, 267/238/702; Sam Loiacano, 277.  
Keglers: John Turseil, 280; Mark Beasley, 213/237/262/712; Wally Wolfe, 245-236-221/702.  
Super Bowl (Canton)  
Parent/Child Mixed: Keith Kingsbury, 214/568.  
Saturday Youth (9 a.m. Majors): Brian Slack, 248/561; Jon Robison, 235/597; Justin Horvath, 550; Todd Schemanske, 540.  
9 a.m. Juniors: Lester Booker, Jr., 206/539.  
9 a.m. Bantam/Preps: Will Skaggs, 127;
- Kelly Delcol, 149; Emily Libby, 111.  
11 a.m. Majors: Matt McCaffrey, 219/589; Cory Caincross, 222/610.  
11 a.m. Juniors: Robert Manikowski, 178; Daniel St. Peter, 182.  
11 a.m. Preps: Nichole Wojciechowski, 156; Charise McClendon, 137.  
11 a.m. Bantams: Stephen Kulikowski, 139; Any Zuga, 95.  
Friday Youth (Majors): Todd Schemanske, 275/586; Brian Pelczynski, 233/619; Jon Robison, 223/567; Mark Kleinstad, 223/556; Steve Reitzel, 225/596.  
Juniors: Eric Pawlus, 249/657; Matt Horvath, 209; Brad Poremba, 115/619; Tom Johnson, 186; Kevin Rakovits, 144.  
Preps: Jeremy Henderson, 190/513; Alexis Reyes, 134.  
Bantams: Kyle Chatfield, 111.  
Thursday Juniors/Majors: Brian Stack, 235/590; Jon Phipps, 202/538; Wilder Christofferson, 164; Steven Marsh, 159; Sean Miller, 127.  
Country Lanes (Farmington)  
Oldies But Goodies: Bill Hardy, 216/573; Pete Piotrowski, 216/595; Peter Schrier, 211.  
Canterbury Mixed: Dave Cairns, 257; Virgil Lawyer, 218/571; Jim Boivin, 265.  
Monday Midnight Men: Raad Dawood, 288/637; Steve Hayoo, 266.  
Temple Israel: Bruce Myers, 257/651; Dave Jarvis, 244; Charles Feorman, 257; Neil Leffon, 657.  
Monday Midnight Men: Rick Rynicki, 279/762; Dale Merwin, 279; Jim McPhail Jr., 276/759.  
Tuesday Trio: Lyle Schaefer, 259/706; Erik Herman, 248; Joe Stankis II, 695.  
Tuesday Morning Ladies: Maryann Scheele, 213; Mary Meyers, 212/570.  
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Sheila Mamayek, 223/541; Jean Hineman, 198.  
Sports Club: Raad Dawood, 247/608; Donny Asner, 230.  
Loon Lake: Leon Griebek, 267/690; Steve Amolsch, 236; Scott Tutas, 236.  
Greenfield Mixed: Rick Madvin, 244; Steve Cowell, 232/224/625; Lila Smith, 242/602;
- Tom Lehman, 244/601; Bill Weed, 237/236/699; Ron Turner, 255/643.  
Sunday Goodtimes: Todd Wortinger, 255/624; Heihnan Schonberg, 205; Al Harrison, 29; Mike D'Angelo, 241; Robert Feldman, 211.  
Metro Highway: Bruce Doran, 255; Jim Tomaszewski, 252/647; Chris Reynolds, 248/240/650; Brandon Tandy, 248/657; Earl Kiel, 247.  
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Wednesday Knights: Joe Umstead, 280/668; Frank Zagata, 279.  
Detroit Morgenthau: Lynn Berman, 210/518; Elaine Berman, 188.  
Prince of Peace, Susan Barabewicz, 214/577; Barb Umbar, 196/527.  
Country Keglers: Brian Baroni, 280/629; Dean Johnson, 258/655; Derek Takala, 259; Gerald Heath, 256/667; Dennis Harris, 244/677.  
University Men's: Dave Cheedie, 270/759; Ken Godfrey, 268; Mark Tondreau, 268; Darryl Reddick, 697.  
EVER: Tom Krauth, 278/732; Pete Soave, 256; George Berling, 255/657; Steve Yonker, 253/679; Rob Roy, Jr., 249/738.  
Country High School: Derrick Abbott, 223/594; Dan Connors, 220/586; Jenny Long, 225/626; Amanda Jankowski, 241/527.  
Country Couples: Larry Labadie, 241/591; Keith Suda, 235/660; Patty Fox, 203/535; Karen Maloney, 190.  
Country Juniors: Jordan Gorosh, 183; Ryan Meyers, 165; Amanda Mackay, 167; Stephanie Wegener, 167.  
Country Beginners: Gerald Johnson, 160; Marcie Swan, 115.  
Novi Bowl  
Westside Lutheran: Wil Gruke, 686; Tim Warner, 65; Bruce Rossler, 628; Ron Williams, 620; Tim Collins, 614.

# New rules to help fishing tourneys

**OUTDOOR INCIDENTS**  
**BILL PARKER**

Fishing tournaments have become more and more popular over the past 10 to 15 years. While there used to be one or two circuits a decade ago, today there are numerous tournament circuits for both bass and walleye anglers.

On any given weekend, adventurous anglers can easily find a bass or walleye tournament in which to fish.

The popularity of competitive fishing has certainly grown in the past 20 years, but until now there have not been any guidelines for governing the use of our state-run boat launch facilities from where most of these tournaments are run.

While tournament fishing brings anglers together for camaraderie and competition, they also put a strain on the boat launch facilities. Bring 100 boats into a facility with 100 parking spots and you can easily see the potential for conflict.

Most of these tournaments are held on weekends when boat launch facilities are in high demand.

In addition, there has been a long-standing issue of user fees being incon-

sistently applied at different tournaments in different regions of the state.

The Parks and Recreation Division of the DNR has finally come forward and set guidelines and a user fee schedule for holding such tournaments.

These rules were developed by a committee of various fishing clubs like the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Effective Jan. 1, 2000, the following fees will be imposed: 1-15 boats — \$10; 16-30 boats — \$20; 31-45 boats — \$30; and 46-60 boats — \$40.

Additional increments of 15 boats will cost \$10 each. In addition, several guidelines have been set including the following:

- No tournaments can be held on holiday weekends (Labor Day, Fourth of July, Memorial Day).
- Tournaments shall not exceed eight hours and shall not start between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- No more than 60 percent of the parking capacity may be used by tournament participants on weekends and no more than 80 percent on a week day.
- No more than one tournament may be held per site, per day.
- No more than 12 permits will be

issued to one individual or club for each calendar year from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

• No permits will be issued on Free Fishing Weekend or on opening weekend of duck season.

• The committee believes these new rules will standardize procedures and maintain consistency across administrative lines," said Rodney Stokes, Parks and Recreation bureau chief.

### Ice warning

With the warm, rainy weather we experienced this past week, ice anglers are advised to stay off all inland and Great Lakes waters. Deteriorating conditions have rendered all ice unsafe.

Ice fishermen will tell you about the fantastic bite during "last ice," but no fish is worth risking your life over. Be smart and be safe and stay off the ice.

Undoubtedly, there will be some anglers out there who will refuse to use their heads and take a chance and venture out. I just hope they don't become a statistic.

### Show time

The heart of the outdoor season is upon us and the grand-daddy of all of Michigan's outdoor shows, Outdoorama 2000 Sport and Travel Show, runs through Sunday, March 5, at the Novi

Expo Center.

If you've never attended Outdoorama you're missing out on an enjoyable and educational adventure. This family-oriented show truly has something for everyone.

There are hundreds of exhibitors and seminars for the hunter and angler in the family along with a variety of family-oriented entertainment, including a ventriloquist, a seven-piece "Shotgun Red Show" band, a lumberjack show, and a juggling comedy act by the Zucchini Brothers.

In addition, Outdoorama also features a live reptile display, live birds of prey and a trout pond for the kids.

Outdoorama runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays; 3-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and noon-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Admission is \$6.50 adult and \$3 for children age six to 12. Children five and under will be admitted free.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoorama, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008)

## FISHING CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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



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### ATTRACTIVE WIDOW

Intelligent, beautiful, kind, seeks tall gentleman 33-40 with address. Seeking SWM 48-56, active, interested in sharing, honest, serious conversation and laughter with me. LTR #1189

### SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR

SWF 44, smart, social, fun, seeks tall, muscular, serious gentleman 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for long-term relationship. Career girl. LTR #1188

### ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?

Seeking tall, athletic, handsome SWM 38-45 and would like to meet a good woman 39 for a possible LTR. LTR #1187

### TOUCH OF CLASS

Soaring into LTR with classy, attractive DWF 55-57, 150lbs, sexy, active, fun, romantic, and adventures. Seeking SWM 48-56 tall and fit. Some nice guys. LTR #1186

### CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE

DWF like SWF, seeking companion and professional gentleman for romantic, dining, dancing and travel. Possible LTR #1185

### LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Enjoying and loving SWF 44, blonde, blue HW (work-related) child. N/S. Social, fun, seeking SWM 38-45 for possible LTR. LTR #1184

### ATTRACTIVE, SLIM PERFECTIONIST

Carole, SWF 57, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful, ambitious SWM 38-45, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1183

### SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN

SWF 57, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks gentleman 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1182

### HORSEMAN WANTED

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks horseman 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1181

### ADVENTURESOME

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks adventuresome SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1180

### FUN ANTHONY?

DWF 45, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks fun, adventurous SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1179

### SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks that special you SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1178

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a good man SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1177

### LET'S GET TOGETHER

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy to get together with SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1176

### FOXYS SENIOR

Young, fit, SWF 57, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a senior SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1175

### GOOD YOU HANDLE IT

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who can handle it SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1174

### THIS IS ME

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1173

### CALL ME

Financially independent SWF 42, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1172

### PLAYING YOUR SOLO

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1171

### ANIMALISTIC

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1170

### NEW SINGLE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1169

### COMPANION & BEST FRIEND

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a companion and best friend SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1168

### LIFE TO LIVE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1167

### GROW-UP BAD BOY

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a grow-up bad boy SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1166

### SENSITIVE & TOUGH

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a sensitive and tough SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1165

### LET'S MAKE MUSIC

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1164

### FOR COMPANIONSHIP

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1163

### A RARE FIND

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a rare find SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1162

### THE EYES HAVE IT

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1161

### DANCING THROUGH LIFE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1160

### SEXY REDHEAD

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a sexy redhead SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1159

### GOOD MAN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a good man SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1158

### SHARING TIME

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1157

### DO U EXIST?

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1156

### LOVES ADVENTURE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1155

### SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1154

### WISDOM AND CURVE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1153

### LOOKING FOR FUN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1152

### A NEW BEGINNING

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1151

### DO, THAT'S GOOD!

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1150

### LET'S DANCE AT SUNSET

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1149

### LET'S MAKE MUSIC

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1148

### FOR COMPANIONSHIP

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1147

### A RARE FIND

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a rare find SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1146

### THE EYES HAVE IT

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1145

### DANCING THROUGH LIFE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1144

### SEXY REDHEAD

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a sexy redhead SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1143

### GOOD MAN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a good man SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1142

### SHARING TIME

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1141

### DO U EXIST?

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1140

### LOOKING FOR FUN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1139

### SHARE GOLDEN REWARDS

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1138

### COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a country girl SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1137

### RUGGED JOCKTYPE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a rugged jocktype SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1136

### MR. SUNSHINE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a Mr. Sunshine SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1135

### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1134

### DO WE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1133

### GREAT EXPECTATIONS

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1132

### WAITING IN WESTLAND

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1131

### BEAR SEEKING MONEY

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a bear seeking money SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1130

### SHORT & SWEET HONEST

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a short and sweet honest SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1129

### HERE TODAY GONE TO MARY

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1128

### TICKETS SOLD OUT

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1127

### RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1126

### WANTED SOULMATE

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a wanted soulmate SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1125

### ROMANTIC MAN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a romantic man SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1124

### LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1123

### JUST CALL ME BROKEN HEART

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1122

### LIKES DANCING

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1121

### SWEET AND FRIENDLY

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a sweet and friendly SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1120

### LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1119

### JUST CALL ME BROKEN HEART

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1118

### CALL ME SOON

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1117

### COMPASSIONATE EUROPEAN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a compassionate European SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1116

### ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1115

### YOU'VE GONE THIS FAR

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1114

### TRY THIS QUALITY GUY

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a try this quality guy SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1113

### DON'T BE LONELY

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1112

### HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1111

### ALL DRESSED UP

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1110

### RAREFOOT ON THE BEACH

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a rarefoot on the beach SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1109

### LOOKING AT YOU

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1108

### YOUR SMILE WOULD

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1107

### AFFECTIONATE LOVING

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1106

### HANDSOME SPUNK

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a handsome spunk SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1105

### CHECK ME OUT

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1104

### GOOD CATCH

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a good catch SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1103

### LOOKING FOR COMPANION

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1102

### WATERFORD AREA

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1101

### HANDSOME SPUNK

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a handsome spunk SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1100

### CHECK ME OUT

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a guy who is like me SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1099

### GOOD CATCH

SWF 48, blonde, 120 lbs, seeks a good catch SWM 48-56, who is married for the first time. Possible LTR #1098

### LOOKING FOR COMPANION

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### WATERFORD AREA

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### HANDSOME SPUNK



# Hit all the bases: Making sports fun should be top priority



Paul Beaudry

But what really got this movement started was the question of who had the right to play games in their own backyards. It was the last remnants of my personal memory...

I had exactly one day to enjoy it before the calls came in from late parents wanting to know why I didn't quote their kid or why I picked this league instead of (those or how) I had a bias toward that part of town.

All this over a bunch of kids who didn't know or care whether they wanted to hit a baseball or pick flowers.

I decided that it was time get out for awhile.

True story. For the better part of the past 15 years, I've been a sports writer — most of it in Ypsilanti. I

know by now that I'm not a very good writer. I'm a decent one, but I'm not a very good writer. I'm a decent one, but I'm not a very good writer.

I've had a lot of experience with this stuff. I've had a lot of experience with this stuff. I've had a lot of experience with this stuff.

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## Andover High School hosting NBA 2ball

The National Basketball Association, the Detroit Pistons and the Bloomfield Hills Recreation and Community Service department will team to host the fourth season of the NBA 2ball competition.

The competition will be held at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School at 1 p.m. on March 11.

Sponsored by Gatorade and Spalding, the NBA 2ball is a league-wide initiative that teaches kids teamwork, sportsmanship and fundamental basketball skills at the grassroots

### YOUTH SPORTS

level. Bloomfield Hills will serve as a host for the event.

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

Boys, girls and coed teams are divided into three age categories: 9-11 years old; 12-14 years old; and 15-17 years old. The competition requires two

players to accumulate points by alternately shooting from different locations on the gym floor. Competitors can lose points based on standard basketball violations (traveling or double dribbling).

The top 18 championship teams from nearly 1,000 sites across North America will have the opportunity to travel to an NBA playoff game and contend for the NBA 2ball title. Bloomfield Hills will be one of 40 Michigan sites hosting the competition.

For more information, call Mark White at (248) 645-4907.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Arts council 'Escapes to the Caribbean'

S tella Greene is dreaming of traveling to some place warm to chase away the Michigan winter blues. Since that's impossible right now, she's looking forward to escaping to the Caribbean at a dinner/auction fund-raiser for the Plymouth Community Arts Council Saturday, March 11.

"We're trying to create an atmosphere," said Greene, the arts council's new development director and chairman of the event committee. "Auctions can become pretty routine. We're stepping into the islands for the evening. The auction items will be displayed in an open marketplace with people dressed in island costume. We're encouraging people to wear island or cruise ship attire or dressy."

Bahamian musician Ya Tafari will provide the steel drum music known as Junkanoo before dinner. Auction items capitalize on the theme with several escape packages from spa to sporting events and condos in tropical locations.

"Junkanoo music is indigenous of all the islands," said Greene. "People want to dance so after dinner we're having swing music by The Couriers. People really enjoyed them last year. Our swing dance classes have been popular over the last year. We anticipate the teachers will be there to get people moving."

### Escape to the Caribbean

**What:** A dinner/auction to benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Dancing until midnight to the swing music of The Couriers.

**When:** 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11.

**Where:** Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth.

**Tickets:** \$55, call (734) 416-4278.

■ A Pre-Auction Party to view more than 80 items and enter the first bids 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, March 3 at the arts council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge.

80 items. It's underwritten by Bacardi, so the event is free.

"Other successful auctions have done this," Greene said. "It gives people a chance to support who might not be able to attend the dinner/auction. It's also the first opportunity to see the items. We'll take sealed proxy bids up to the amount you choose to bid."

Greene is hoping to top the more than \$20,000 raised at last year's dinner/auction by moving the event back to downtown Plymouth to the Mayflower Meeting House. The arts council expects to accommodate 20 percent more people there. Starting ticket sales before Christmas is one more way the arts council hopes to increase the amount of money the dinner/auction brings in.

"This is our major fund-raiser," said Greene. "Membership and this fund-raiser is the way we support all of our programs. We provide arts programming for the community 300 and some days a year. This is the one day a year we ask the community to give back to us."

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**Evening escape:** The Couriers will play swing music for dancing at a benefit for the Plymouth Community Arts Council.



**Steppin' out:** Michael Hool (front to back), Kelly Mrzyglod, Tauri Rothermel, Hillary Schwarb, Jimmy Ward, and Meghan Doran are on their way to Belfast.

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## to kick up their heels

IN

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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**W**hirling and kicking their way across a hardwood floor, Michael Hool, Meghan Doran, Hillary Schwarb, Tauri Rothermel, Kelly Mrzyglod, and Jimmy Ward rehearse their steps for the All-Ireland World Championships taking place in Belfast in April.

It's taken hundreds of hours of practice and classes several times a week for the Irish dancers from the O'Hare School of Dance in Westland to qualify for the championships.

Michael Belvitch, a Plymouth dancer, won first place in the senior boys division in 1998 and 1999. This year he will compete with junior men, ages 17-19. This will be Belvitch's last year competing because after graduating from Plymouth Salem High School in June he'll be on the road with "Riverdance." Belvitch is a member of the group's "flying squad" and dances when needed in various cities around the country.

Belvitch and the rest of the dancers were among the 1,500 kids who competed in Pittsburgh in the Midwest Championships to qualify for the World Championships in April. In 1982 Erin Curtis became the first O'Hare dancer to win the world championship. Tim

O'Hare, owner of the dance school, won it in 1975 and 1976. Twenty-five of O'Hare's students who attend his schools in Westland, Chicago and Akron are going to the championships.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said O'Hare. "Belfast is a really beautiful city. The Northern Ireland dance teachers are excited about having it there because this is the first time. It's special for me because I have so many young kids going."

"It's the most we've ever had," said Beth Hool, Michael's mother. Michael placed second in the Midwest Championships. "Usually only two or three go. This year we had 10 from the metro Detroit area but only nine are going because Michael Hurt of Northville is unable to make it because of injury."

Hool is coordinating an evening of Irish dance, music and food on Friday, March 10, at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland to help raise money to pay for the trip to Ireland. In addition to performances by champion dancers from the O'Hare School, those attending will be treated to Irish music by Finvarra's Wren and the Detroit Group of Grupa Cheoil. A raffle for

Waterford crystal, an autographed Red Wings hockey stick, and a watch will offer a variety of ways to help the dancers.

"We hope to raise enough to get the kids air fares paid for," said Hool, a Livonia resident. "The kids are representing the U.S. There are so many kids from England and Ireland that qualify. The judges come from all over the world."

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Things have changed from when I took Irish dancing years ago. Now that "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance" have come out, it's exploded in popularity."

Dancers will perform a hard shoe and a soft shoe. Then if they qualify, only one-third do, they go on to do a set dance.

"It's kind of like ice dancing," said Hool. "It's very popular. It's the Olympics of Irish dancing."

Many of the award-winning dancers, including Rothermel, Pat Quinn and Christina Ranum, began dancing as young as age 4. And most, like Doran, have a stage in their homes to practice on. Doran, a 14-year-old from Bloomfield Hills, came in fourth in the Midwest. Last year, the entire family went to Ireland to watch her compete.

### "Destination Ireland"

**What:** An evening of Irish dancing, music, and dinner.

**When:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 10.

**Where:** Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

**Tickets:** \$25, available at the door. Call (734) 422-7635.

### High kickin': Irish dancers Tauri Rothermel (left) and Kelly Mrzyglod rehearse for the All-Ireland World Championships.



"It was big, it was exciting," said Doran, who began dancing at age 6. "I like seeing other people dance, but it takes a lot of effort."

Ward, 13, a Northville resident, competed at the world championships in Ireland for the first time last year.

"It was a bigger competition than I was used to," said Ward, who placed third in the Midwest.

Nancy Ward, Jimmy's mother, is excited about returning to Ireland.

"A lot of it was like you would picture with the hills," said Nancy Ward. "They got a taste of what it was like without a McDonald's on every corner. This year even grandma and grandpa are going. They're in their 80s and have never been out of the country."

Hillary Schwarb is more enthusiastic about going than her mother. The Troy dancer placed ninth in the Midwest.

"My mom's afraid of flying and it's scary with the championships being in Belfast," said Schwarb. "It seems every other day there's a bombing."

John Mrzyglod, father of Kelly, worries as well about the location.

"As long as nothing major flares up we're going," said John Mrzyglod. "The kids would be disappointed if we didn't. You can see that they all really love the dancing and that's the key if they're going to excel in it."

## THEATER

### Picasso meets Einstein for fun-filled evening

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile"

**When:** Through Sunday, March 5. Curtain 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Performance Network, 406 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. **Tickets:** \$18. Friday-Saturday, \$15. Thursday and Sunday, \$3 discount for seniors for all performances. Call (734) 663-0681.

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Imagine the sparks that would have flown if Picasso and Einstein had met in a Parisian cabaret on the eve of achieving their successes in art and science.

Rob Sulewski thinks that premise is what makes the play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" such an entertaining evening. A Plymouth actor and professor, Sulewski and the Performance Network cast present the one-act tribute to absurdity in Ann Arbor through March 5.

Written by comedian Steve Martin, the play debuted in 1993 at Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago. Located in the Montmartre section of Paris, the Lapin Agile was a favorite of artists such as Picasso. His oil "At the Lapin Agile" was

Painted shortly after the imagined meeting, as was "Les Femmes d'Alger," the Cubist painting which laid the groundwork for the entire movement.

"I think it would have been a stormy friendship because they're very passionate about what they do," said Sulewski, who earned a doctorate in comparative literature from the University of Michigan. "Martin sets the play in a Bohemian bar in Paris in 1904. This was before Einstein's Theory of Relativity was published. He was a nobody working in the patent office. Picasso is somewhat known and working in his blue period. It's a good time, not very deep. It's what you'd expect of Steve Martin. It's kind of funny."

Dara Seitzman, a West Bloomfield resident



**Meeting of minds:** Actors Dara Seitzman (left to right), Rob Sulewski, Carla Milarch, Paul Ropelle, and Dan Kenny spend an evening together at the Lapin Agile cafe.

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# Ice show celebrates 75 years of Disney magic

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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All your favorite Disney characters are coming to town Tuesday and they're not worried about the weather.

This Disney extravaganza is on ice, and Jamie Loper, who portrays Shang, has one word to describe the show - magical.

"It's like the greatest hits of Disney," said Loper about the show - "Disney on Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic."

"There's a little bit from most of the Disney stories," Loper said. "My character is from 'Mulan.' Shang was the captain of the Chinese army. It's a lot of fun. We do a battle scene. It's a pretty good workout."

Buzz and Woody and your other "Toy Story" pals are in the show. Of course, there's Minnie and Mickey, and enchanting moments from "A Bug's Life," and "The Lion King."

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 29-Sunday, March 5; performances 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; additional shows 11 a.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Joe Louis Arena, Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$35, \$18.75, \$16.75 and \$13.75. Opening night tickets \$10. call (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or online www.olympiaentertainment.com

Loper and the cast of 60 award-winning figure skaters will bring Disney characters to life as they perform to some of the most memorable music ever recorded including "When You Wish Upon a Star," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

"Lights, magic, pyrotechnics, it's all there," said Loper. "Everybody does a terrific job."

For Loper, the show offers a chance to do what he loves - skate and travel - and get paid for it. "It's the best," he said.

The show features pair skating, moving solos and production numbers designed by Emmy Award-winning choreographer

Sarah Kawahara.

Minnie looks stunning in a Bob Mackie original dress. Other highlights are characters from "A Bug's Life" and "The Lion King" who are appearing for the first time ever on ice.

"Narrowing 75 spectacular years of Disney into a two-hour production that doesn't blur the mind was the greatest challenge of all," said costume designer Scott Lane. "But I think we've really captured the heart of those 75 years in a way that will dazzle and delight audiences of all ages."

To discover more about "Disney on Ice," visit www.disneyonice.com



Magical: See Buzz Lightyear, Woody, and all your Disney friends at "Disney on Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic."

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who graduated from Walled Lake Central High School, plays two characters in the 90-minute play - a young woman who's had an encounter with Picasso and a countess friend of Einstein. Seitzman is a student in theater performance and biology at the University of Michigan.

Sulewski plays Gaston, a regular frequenting the Lapin Agile. The role is quite a departure from his "real life" job of teaching writing to engineers at the University of Michigan.

"He's a grumpy old man but a funny guy," said Sulewski. "He

functions as Everyman. He asks Picasso, 'How do you draw?' He's not really a bright character."

### Final days

This is one of the last professional productions at the Performance Network. Currently in the midst of a campaign to raise \$1 million, the theater is moving to Huron and Fourth in the former Ann Arbor Inn. Founded in 1981, the Network has been housed in a 1940s warehouse which was built with a pole in the middle of it. But obstructed sight lines from some of the seating wasn't the main reason for

the move. The Network simply outgrew the space as audiences steadily grew 25 percent over the last four years. The new theater will have 147 seats compared to 102.

Executive director Johanna Broughton said the Performance Network has come a long way since she came on board in 1987. The budget was \$60,000 then. Today, the Performance Network, working with a \$300,000 budget, presents a six-play professional season spotlighting "the hottest contemporary works" and a 13-week summer festival showcasing productions

by non-professionals. The Network, which went professional in 1997, provides the space, staff and marketing and splits the ticket receipts for the summer Tree Town Theatre Festival.

"The new space is our salvation," said Broughton. "It's going to have a 16-foot ceiling that will enable us to have two-story sets. No one will be craning their necks over other people's heads. It will not only be a real home for professional theater but to all of these other companies. We'll be able to rehearse in the same space and be able to offer classes for the first time."

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"We're mindful of how we spend people's money," said Greene. "We want people to feel good about what they give and that it's going to support a variety of arts."

The arts council hopes to provide more performance art in the future in addition to establishing an artist-in-residence program in the schools. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will help pay for a week-long residency with folk musician Josh White Jr. for humanities students in Ply-

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mouth-Canton Educational Park high schools at the end of March. Theater students will benefit from a residency with members of the Purple Rose Theater this spring, also.

"We've got to keep rethinking what we do," said Greene. "We're trying to expand the Whistle Stop Players summer workshop because of the demand for young people to have theater experience. We're working with different organizations such as Purple Rose to bring an experience to the schools. It gives young people the opportunity to get to know these artists and ask questions. We eventually want to have sequential programming in place from taking every fifth grader to the DIA to the artist residency."

Todd Marsee is one of the artists who's benefited from arts council programming. The Plymouth watercolorist exhibited his work earlier this year. Now, he's giving back by donating one of his works for the auction and designing the program cover for "Escape to the Caribbean."

"They put a lot of work in to what they do and it shows in all of their programs," said Marsee. "I want to be part of their team."

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**ART IN THE VILLAGE**  
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for artists to exhibit work at the fourth annual Art in the Village June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village. Deadline for application is April 15. \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded. For applications, call Debbie Dufour at (734) 466-2540.

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Opens Friday, March 3 — Crash, New York artist through April 29 at 7 North Saginaw (2nd floor), Pontiac. February 29 March 3 gallery open to observe Crash at work on mural installation. Reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 3. (248) 454-7797.

**G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY**  
Recent works on paper and canvas by Robert Colestock will be on display through March 25 at the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, 161 Townsend, Birmingham. Call (248) 642-2700.

**HABATAT GALLERIES**  
Opens Friday, March 3 — New work by Therian Station through March 25. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

**LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION**  
Opens Thursday, March 2 — The Visual Arts Association of Livonia through March 30. Opens Saturday, March 4 — Michigan Doll Makers Guild through March 30 at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. Exhibition by the Palette Guild of Livonia in the Livonia City Hall Lobby through March 30. Quilts by Susan McClellan at Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

**MILLER'S ARTISTS SUPPLIES GALLERY**  
Opens Thursday, March 2. Neville Clutton's exhibit of sketches and watercolors through March 25. Opening reception is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 2. 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 414-7070.

**MYSTIQUE OF IRELAND**  
C.C. Neal Art Gallery in Wyandotte celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a bit of culture. Hosting a champagne reception to meet Irish American artist Kathleen Falls. The event is from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 2. and focuses on the mixed media

images created by the Carleton, MI-based artist from a series of photographs taken in Ireland. Call (734) 284-4016 for more information.

**PELEG GALLERY**  
Opens Sunday, Feb. 27 — Israeli artist David Gersten through March 31. Meet the artist 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Danielle Peleg Gallery, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Opens Sunday, March 5 — Personal Visions, a photography show in cooperation with Livonia Camera Club through March 24. Reception is noon-3 p.m. March 5. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4487.

**POSA GALLERY**  
Opens Wednesday, March 1 — Featured artist: Philip Krier through March 31. Summit Place Mall, Waterford, next to Hudson's. (248) 683-8772.

**SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS**  
Opens Wednesday, March 1 — Group exhibition: Images of the Mind through March 31. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

**SPLASH GALLERY**  
Opens Friday, March 3 — Radiance by Kari, Detroit area artist through March 25. Reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 3. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6826.

**UZELAC GALLERY**  
Opens Friday, March 3 — M. Joe Wall featuring six area artists exploring the third dimension in art through April 1. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

**WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY**  
1st Anniversary Exhibition: Show Weeks. Art's reception at 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at 215 East Washington Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

**CENTER GALLERIES**  
Through March 18 — Sherry Hendry & Hugh Tenen, Jim & Water. 301 Foster & Douglass, Detroit. (313) 684-7800.

**CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY**  
Through March 27 — Artwork by Deborah Demerutis and Alexis Lyell at 106 N. West Blvd., Westland. Birmingham. (248) 642-7056.

**DETROIT CONTEMPORARY**  
Through March 26 — "Actual Size" a multi-media show. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

**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 Mazal. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

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

**OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY**  
Through Feb. 28 — "In Focus," a photography exhibit. 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

**OM CAFE**  
Through March 5 — Paintings by Lisa Goedert. 23136 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 548-1941.

**MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**  
Through April 6 — "Personal Favorites: Fine Prints From The Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes" at Oakland University. 307 Wilson Hall, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
Through March 1 — Poland: A celebration of art and culture. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

**THE PRINT GALLERY**  
Through April 3 — Latin American artists including Lenora Carrington, Remedios Varo, Frida Kahlo, Gonzalo Cienfuegos and Fernando Botero. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

**REVOLUTION**  
Through March 11 — Jon McCafferty, recent paintings and Bill Jones/Ben Neill. lights, sound installation. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

**ROBERT KIDD GALLERY**  
Through March 11 — New paintings by William Nichols and Ricardo Mazal. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

**SISSON ART GALLERY**  
Through March 3 — "February" features works of local African-American artists. 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-9600.

**SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY**  
Through April 8 — Paintings by Elizabeth Murray. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-9039.

**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.

### LECTURES

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
A half day symposium in conjunction with the exhibition, "Painting Zero Degree" from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 4. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-800-GO-CRANBROOK.

### LITERARY

**THE WRITER'S VOICE**  
YMCA's 18th Annual Colloquium Series and The Detroit Public Library's 6th Annual International Women's Day Reading Festival.

Beat writer Diane di Prima with Detroit writers Chris Tysk, Anca Viasopotos and Melba Boyd 7 p.m. on Monday, March 6 at the DPL Main branch Friends Auditorium at 5201 Woodward. Free. (313) 267-5300 Ext. 338.

### MUSEUMS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
Through March 26 — Joseph Grigely. Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (800) GO-CRANBROOK.

**CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**  
"Take My Picture, Please," a Festival of Cultural Snapshots. Adult Science Class "Fossils of Prehistoric Michigan" is 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 28. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3224.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Through March 26 — Robert Frank: The Americans. Through May 31 — "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

**TROY MUSEUM**  
Through March 30 — "Going West: Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." 60 Wattles, 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. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

### DINNER THEATER

**BACI THEATRE**  
"Tony in Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays/Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 445-8668. (248) 645-6666.

### YOUTH

**SNOW WHITE**  
Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre at The Community House in Birmingham will show "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Appropriate for ages 5 and up. Performances are 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11 and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Tickets are \$7 per person (general seating), \$9 at the door. Reserved seating is \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre at The Community House. (248) 644-5832.

### VOLUNTEERS

**ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB**  
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-0247.

### On display



**Sneak peak:** Recent works on paper and canvas from Robert Colestock will be shown through March 25 at the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, 161 Birmingham. Call (248) 642-2700.



GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Announcements Showcase Classics

Showings: American Film 1.14 2150 N. Oyster Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2664

NP REDEEMER GAMES (R) 12:30, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00 NP WONDER BOYS (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:25, 9:55 NP PITCH BLACK (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55 NP BOILER ROOM (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35 NP AMERICAN BEAUTY (R) 1:15, 3:50, 7:00, 9:20

NP THE TIGER MOVIE (G) 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 SNOW DAYS (PG) 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:20, 9:25 THE BEACH (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

NP CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30 STUART LITTLE (PG) 12:40 PM THE GREEN MILE (R) 2:00, 6:35

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SIXTH SENSE (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

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Star Southfield 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern off I-496 248-333-STAR

NP THE WHOLE NINE YARDS (R) SUN-MON 11:10, 12:00, 12:50, 1:30

NP HANGING UP (PG-13) MON-TUES 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00

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United Artists

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Silly mystery a joy to read



VICTORIA DIAZ

"The Cat Who Robbed a Bank," by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam, \$23.95)

I don't particularly like cats because cats don't seem to particularly like me.

Furthermore, "The Cat Who Robbed a Bank" has got to be one of the silliest things I've ever encountered in print.

In it, the citizens of picturesque Moose County ("400 miles north of everywhere") are preparing for one of their most memorable Septembers.

Also, most of the female residents are looking forward to the arrival of a slightly mysterious, "distinguished personage."

What nobody expects, though, is the murder that takes place in the midst of all the hoopla.

at the coffee shop to dispense the stuff, while the women enjoy their separate-but-equal "afternoon circle."

"Times are changing - even in Pickax," intones main character Jim Quillaran, community philanthropist and newspaper columnist.

The population of the fictional Pickax is 3,000 and, by the time you've finished this novel, you may feel as if you've met them all and then some.

There's the librarian Polly Duncan (Quillaran's erstwhile companion); store owners Larry and Carol Lanese; jewelry dealer Mr. Delacamp; farm boy Culvert McBee; art center manager Thornton Haggis; interior designer and mayoral hopeful Amanda Goodwinter; Quillaran's ex-neighbor Celia Robinson O'Dell; sexy Fran Brodie; artist Paul Skumble; hotel manager Barry Morghan; attorney G. Allen Barter; Mildred Riker, food editor of the Moose County Something; her husband, Arch, publisher of the paper; Whannell MacWhannell; tax consultant; hotel desk clerk Lenny Inchpot; Highland Games champ Boze Campbell; meteorologist Wetherby Goode.

You get the idea. The cast is so enormous keeping up with them

feels something like keeping track of the players in a Russian novel.

Oddly, nobody appears to be as set on solving the crime as they should be. The players seem more engaged in the surrounding festivities, or what they're going to be wearing when they attend, or what they're going to eat when they get there, or who else will be in attendance.

Quillaran's feline companions, Koko and Yum Yum, make their usual engaging appearances. (For those few of you unfamiliar with Braun's series, Koko and Yum Yum are Stamese cats who live with Quillaran in his big barn of a house in Moose County, and who seem able to see things that are invisible and hear things that are inaudible, and who are forever trying to get the point across to their less-gifted human companions.)

What does save it? Maybe Braun's ability to take us to this spot, to show us its vistas, to reveal to us its architectural and historical points of interest inside and out. (As most of you may know already, the author has spent most of her life in and around Bad Axe.) She also has a real knack for moving her story ever forward. You won't find anything like a slow spot in this whodunit. And you'll also learn a lot as you read. If you aren't already familiar with with cabs, sporrans, torsades, fumed oak, spalted wood, and Emlyn Williams, you'll at least be on speaking terms with all of these by the time this cat's tale ends.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident who reviews books, movies, and plays for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

MUSIC

Pretenders ready to rock

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER ARHEIN@OH.HOMECOMM.NET

When she came on rough and ready in 1980 snarling "I'm special" from the Pretenders' hit "Brass in Pocket," Chrissie Hynde instantly became rock's tempestuous force to be reckoned with.

Twenty years later, she still is. And on Tuesday at Detroit's State Theatre, the Akron, Ohio native, along with original drummer Martin Chambers and new members, bassist Andy Hobson and guitarist Adam Seymour, will likely prove just that when they take to the stage to support their latest album "Viva El Amor."

While plenty of protagonists have come along in the past two decades primed to usurp Hynde's role as rock's earth mother and antimeat militant punk, none of them can hold a candle to the self-described scrappy, rhythm guitar-playing "chick."

Hynde once said her purpose in rock and roll was simply to make music that people could dig, not to change the world or set an example for others to follow.

But she has. A whole generation of musicians have cited her as their influence including Tori Amos and Garbage's Shirley Manson.

And though she has two teenage daughters and age 50 is snapping at her heels, Hynde is hardly ready to scrap the punk shag cut or tank tops and hang up her Telecaster guitar. And she shouldn't. "Viva El Amor," the band's eight release and most dynamic in a decade, hearkens back to the Pretenders' first self-titled album which many point to as the band's finest. Full of instantly familiar tunes, "Viva" offers melodic pop-flavored rock songs underscored with the band's signature rhythm driving guitar.

What: The Pretenders

When: Tuesday, Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit

Tickets: \$24.50-37.50 available through Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666

an entourage of songwriters and producers - even employing Jeff Beck's deft guitar skills on "Legalise Me" - to bring the project to fruition.

It's no secret that Hynde, who left Ohio in the late 1970s to immerse herself in London's punk scene, has had her share of problems - both personally and with band members. In the early 1980s, founding members James Honeyman-Scott and Peter Dinklage died from drug overdoses.

And Hynde battled with alcohol and drugs until she met Ray Davies of the Kinks - a relationship that led to sobriety and the birth of her first daughter.

In 1984, Hynde married Jim Kerr, lead singer of Simple Minds, with whom she had a second daughter. That year, "Learning to Crawl" with the hit "Back on the Chain Gang" was released and peaked to No. 5 in the U.S., the band's highest chart position to date.

"Last of the Independents," the band's 1994 release, was heralded as a comeback since two previous albums "Get Close" and "Packed" produced little commercial success. And though "Viva" hasn't rocketed to the top of the charts, it has garnered a good amount of critical acclaim.

Older, and quite a bit wiser, Hynde has never lost her tight-fisted sensibility to bring out the best in the Pretenders. And her capacity to identify with fans of solid, guitar-driven rock and roll continues to make her special. But then, she's been telling us that for 20 years.

DR. JOEL D. WALLACH, B.S. DVM. ND AUTHOR OF THE AUDIO TAPE AND NOW THE BOOK "DEAD DOCTORS DON'T LIE" HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY 10501 Michigan • Dearborn (E. of Southfield Expressway) TUES. FEB. 29 at 7:30 P.M. LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY 12777 Five Mile Road Livonia WED. MARCH 1 at 7:30 P.M. Your Key to Optimal Health What Your Medical Doctor Hasn't Told You About: ARTHRITIS • CANCER • DIABETES • HEART DISEASE FREE ADMISSION For info 1-734-281-1483



**ART BEAT**

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

**CALL FOR ACTORS**

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is holding auditions for "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads.

Performances will take place May 5-6, 12-14 and 19-20. For more information, call director Kirk Haas at (248) 570-2708 (pager - enter your number plus 555) or the Guild at (248) 349-7110.

**FINAL DAYS**

Time is running out to see an exhibit by Livonia artist Arthur Parquette. His one-man show of

on still life and East Coast scenes. Not to be missed are "Gloucester I" and Gloucester II" which capture the atmosphere of a fishing port.

Born in Chicago and now living in Livonia, Parquette has been a member of the Scarab Club in Detroit for more than 30 years. He's had "very little formal training" but did study briefly at the Society of Arts and Crafts (now Center for Creative Studies) with Sarkis Sarkisian and Guy Palazzola.

**ART CLUB MEETING**

Three Cities Art Club holds a meeting 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, in the Plymouth Township clerk's office, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

The program features a critique by Livonia artist Elbert Weber. A ribbon is awarded at each meeting to the most popular painting as determined by a vote of those present. You need not be a member to win. For

ca, in conjunction with Art Calendar Magazine (a national magazine devoted to the business of art), is sponsoring a workshop with Barbara Dougherty 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 10, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Thompson Middle School, 16300 Lincoln, Southfield.

The cost is \$70 for both days, or \$10 Friday, \$60 Saturday. Call (248) 626-0650 or (734) 591-3094

Dougherty, Art Calendar Magazine editor, will focus on boundaries of copyright infringement, looking at art from a buyer's perspective, and the value of the Internet for artists. On Saturday, Dougherty will also critique slides, resumes, and art for their marketability.

**PALETTE GUILD SHOW**

Members of the Palette Guild Art Club exhibit watercolor, oil, acrylic, and mixed media works March 2-31 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Juror for the exhibit is James Riopelle.

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

The Michigan Jazz Festival committee presents a Battle of the Bands 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Tickets are \$15, and are available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. Proceeds go to the Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College), and the Clarenceville Schools Alumni & Friends Association.

As part of the festival's mission, the concert will demonstrate the versatility of jazz by showcasing the bands of Larry Nozero, Matt Michaels with Johnny Trudell, and Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars. Each will play their favorite style, then the same tune, improvising a different treatment yet carrying the same melodic line. All three bands will come together at the end of the concert and play a tune together.

**ART EXHIBIT**

Redford Catholic Central High School art teacher Michelle Wentworth and her students

exhibit their works through Wednesday, March 15, at the Rivers Edge Gallery in Wyandotte.

Students include Kevin Azanger, David Hellen, Nick Zubok, Mundir Shwendi, Mike Caygill, Kevin McKee, Ryan Masel, Eric Kasprowitz, Antho-

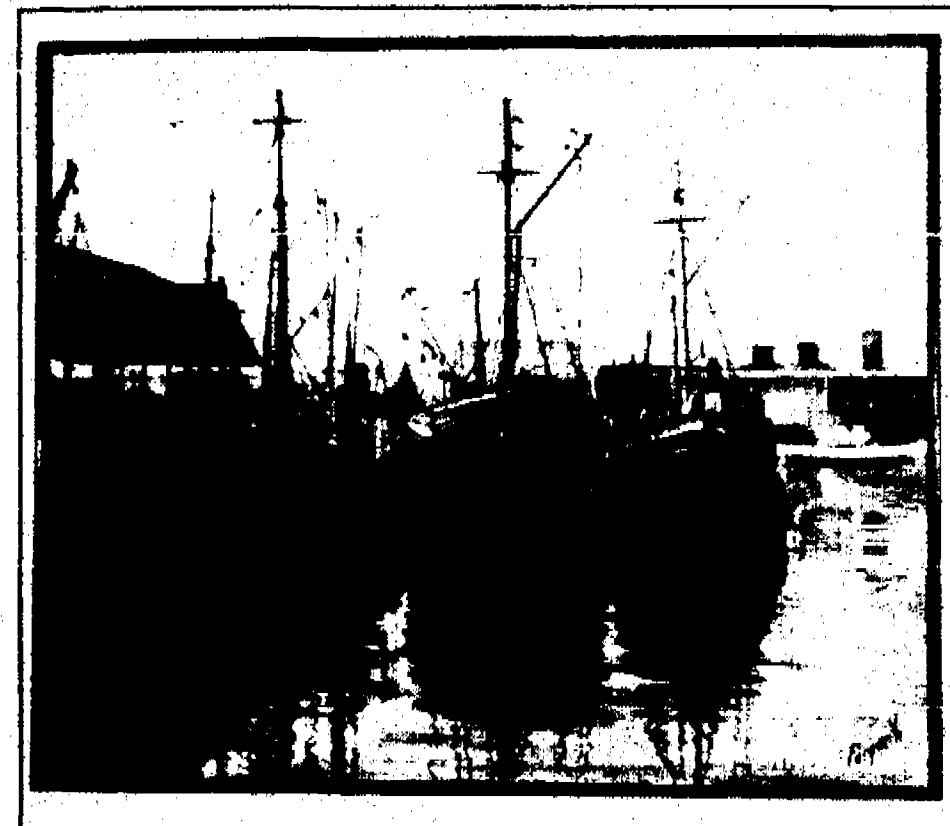
ny Osborne and Glen Smith. For more information, call the gallery at (734) 248-9880.

**"ART IN THE VILLAGE"**

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for artists to exhibit their work at the fourth annual "Art in the Village" June 10-11

at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Deadline for application is April 15. \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded. For applications, call Debbie Dufour at (734) 466-2540.



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## Merchandise returns, like credit cards, are source of trouble

### SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I've discovered yet another dark side of shopping.

No, I'm not talking about impulse-buying or buying too much or buying to make yourself feel better or just plain spending too much money, although these measures are not advised.

I'm referring to a component of shopping we all dread - returning merchandise.

At the moment, I'm overwhelmed with the number of returns I need to make, so my feelings on the subject are probably a bit intense.

I have, for example, an entire shopping bag of items that need to be returned at the Somerset Collection in Troy. I have a smaller, but still large, plastic bag of goods for return at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. Downtown Birmingham is another place I need to go for the sole reason of returning stuff.

I, even, have one, OK two, Christmas gift returns to make.

Even more embarrassing is the fact I have merchandise that can no longer be returned. I've waited, or should I say, procrastinated, an entire year, and the retailer, understandably, will not accept returns after 12 months.

And, hey, I don't blame them. It wouldn't be fair of me to return merchandise, in this case, window blinds, after they've spent a year collecting dust in the back of my bedroom closet.

I can only blame myself, and I accept that responsibility.

However - and here's where the dark side of shopping comes in - time is required, if I am to make timely merchandise returns. And, as we are all aware, time is in short supply these days.

Besides, returning merchandise is, for lack of a better phrase, a negative use of time.

In contrast to buying merchandise, making returns only begets loss. There's no sense of accomplishment, progress or gain when you take something back to the store. And, I think that's particularly difficult for Americans.

No doubt we are avid consumers, if not obsessed with obtaining things in variety and quantity. But we're also acutely focused on achievement and betterment. And, returning merchandise, well, it sure isn't any of those things. I'd even wager to say stepping up to the return counter constitutes a kind of failure in our minds.

Think about it. You're in the market for a new purse, one for everyday use that fits your needs, style and budget. You begin your search innocently; you browse catalogs and store windows. You ask a friend with a purse you adore where she bought hers.

Then, whenever you're out shopping, you take a good, hard look at what's available. You expend time. And although we're talking about small chunks of time, the minutes add up.

At this point, you become frustrated. You'd like the right purse to fall into your lap from the sky, but reality dictates you'll have to find it.

Determined and motivated, you shop and shop and shop some more. Your efforts are fruitless. Eventually, you give up for a month or two.

Then, one day, you find a suitable, but not ideal, purse and buy it because, says the voice inside your head, you can always return it.

For me, the same holds true with merchandise that's on sale.

Well, I don't really need another black top but it's on sale, the voice tells me. Or, I don't know about this sweater, but ... the voice says, I can always return it.

This is not to say that being able to return merchandise - even small stores and boutiques have very liberal return policies today - is bad.

It's just that in our fast-paced, on-the-move, never-enough-time world, we need to remember money isn't the only thing we spend when we go shopping.

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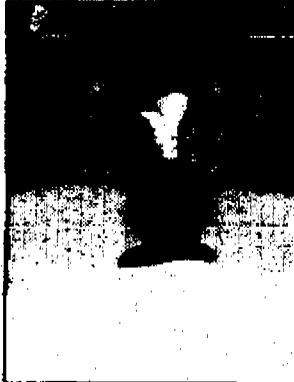
**Healing:** Bloomfield Rita Greenspan, center, relaxes while receiving a hydrotherapy treatment at Tamara Institut De Beaute In Town Spa in Farmington Hills. Owner Tamara Friedman adds mineral-rich mud to the bubbling tub while the spa's newest speciality therapist, Rudolf Mesicek, formerly of Utah's Green Valley Spa and Tennis Resort, does some beneficial shoulder work.

## Centers for wellness

### Holistic approach embraced by day spas to fight woes of technology

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**Holistic: A new wave of treatments aimed at overall wellness are being offered at area spas, like hot stone massage at Tamara Institut De Beaute.**

As spa services get more and more extraordinary, trips to the spa just become, well, plain ordinary.

"People are saying 'I need to change my life,'" Tamara Friedman, owner of Tamara Institut De Beaute In-Town-Spa, said of the trend. "Life has changed so much with technology, an unbelievable monster that is going to kill everybody, if we let it. You can't even drive a car today and hear the music and relax. We have to do our work in the car now."

People are aware technology has negatively affected their bodies and overall health. And, that's why a growing number of them - ordinary, working people, not just the rich and famous - are budgeting money and time for massage, facials and other services offered by spas, and increasingly, by beauty salons.

"The biggest misconception about spas is that they're just for the rich and famous," said Friedman, whose Institut De Beaute has been in operation for over a decade.

True, athletes, celebrities and wealthy individuals frequent spas, but "people come here from all walks of life," said Friedman.

The reason - greater use of computers, an increased dependence on automobiles and, overall, a more sedentary lifestyle as a result of technology.

"Society is changing. We are more sedentary. Work has changed, and with that, changed all our habits," said Rudolf Mesicek, who Friedman recently lured from Utah's Green Valley Spa and Resort to provide an intensive body analysis and therapy program at her salon.

"People, today, are open to try anything that is going to help them," said Mesicek. "People are finding out that prevention is the most powerful thing they can do." And, that involves massage and other services that benefit muscles and relieve stress, in addition to exercise and good nutrition, said Mesicek.

#### Going holistic

Once more, local spas are embracing a holistic, almost clinical, approach to the services they provide.

Mesicek will, for example, add neuromuscular therapy and posture alignment, which includes body analysis, stretching, massage and exercise programs, to the already extensive list of health-enhancing services available at Friedman's spa.

The spa currently offers such treatments as hot stone massage, reflexology - massage of the feet and hands - and shiatsu - a form of acupressure massage - among a host of more traditional services.

And, Friedman is not alone; many of the same services and others are offered at a variety of area spas and beauty salons, from the well-established Capelli Salon in Bloomfield Township to relative

newcomer Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.

"Holistic is a good way of describing it, it's more like taking care of yourself, not from just the outside, but of your inner self," said Nadwa Yono, owner of Salone Nadwa, which offers several "ayurvedic" treatments, which are based on East Indian healing practices.

An ayurvedic shirodhara treatment, for example, involves running a fine stream of warm sesame oil on to the middle of the forehead for 10 to 15 minutes along with an acupuncture-style massage. At a cost of \$100, the treatment reduces stress and relieves muscle tension.

Transformations - A Holistic Spa in West Bloomfield, also relatively new in the area, fully embraces a holistic approach to beauty and health. Their services include several massage programs for pregnant women, cranial-sacral therapy, pre and post-surgery facials and monthly educational lectures.

"Gone are the days when you could only have a nice Swedish rub-down," said Jennifer LaRiviere, co-owner of the spa. "The consumer is becoming more sophisticated."

In LaRiviere's opinion, the emphasis on health-related, rather than aesthetic, spa services, though directly connected to technology's impact on our physical and mental well-being, stems from the awareness and information technology has brought us.

"There are no longer the secrets of skin care," LaRiviere said, citing an example. "People are definitely more informed and just smarter," as a result of the information that's available to them and the technological environment in which they live.

"That's the trend in the industry from a grass-roots point of view, from our clients' point of view," she said. "It approaches clinical."



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**Tried and true: Tamara Institut De Beaute's Rudolf Mesicek performs a hot stone massage, an old practice that's today promoting wellness.**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

**CHILDREN'S GARDENING SEMINAR**  
Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills resumes its gardening series for kids, ages 6 and up, with a session of decorating terra cotta pots, 7 p.m. For information, call (248) 737-0110.

**SKIN CARE CLINIC**  
Learn about Natura Bisee's skin care products at a clinic at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Cosmetics department, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 843-3300, ext. 2102.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

**SPRING TRUNK SHOW**  
Horah's in The Boardwalk, 6901 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, hosts a trunk show of women's suits, separates and sportswear from Garfield &

**ADDED ATTRACTIONS**

Marks and Womyn through March 4. For hours and other information, call (248) 626-7776.  
**friday, march 3**

**WILLIAM PEARSON TRUNK SHOW**  
View the spring and summer collection of William Pearson at Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, through March 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call (248) 856-8855.

**GIORGIO ARMANI FOR MEN**  
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a trunk show of the Giorgio Armani Le Collezioni Caravan for men through March 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., The Man's Store, first floor.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

**NIJON TRUNK SHOW**  
View Nijon's latest suit collection for women at a trunk show presented by Neiman Marcus, the Som-

erset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Galleria, third floor.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**CHILDREN'S READING PROGRAM**  
Art Van Furniture in Novi and Warren celebrates "March is Reading Month" by having employees read to children who visit the store on Sundays through March 26, Kids Castle area. For additional information, call the Novi store, (248) 348-8922, or Warren store, (810) 939-2100.

**MAGIC SHOW**  
The Livonia Mall, at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, hosts a magic and comedy show, 1 p.m., Sears Court. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

**ST. JOHN STOCK SHOW**  
Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents an informal showing of the best looks from St. John's spring collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oval Room, second floor.



# 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:

- The Millennium Princess Barbie doll can be purchased at FAO Schwarz toy store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.
- 4711 cologne can be bought through The Vermont Country store catalog. (802) 362-8300.
- The following restaurants have fish & chip dinners like those served at Sutherland's: Mercury Fish & Chips, 10 Mile and Telegraph in Southfield, (248) 356-2055; Bet & Jesse's, 27206 Grand River, (313) 534-5550; Hope's Fish & Chips, Joy road between Middlebelt & Inkster roads in Livonia, (734) 427-2130.
- Glass bridal slippers can be bought in the bridal department at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor.
- Luden's Original cough drops can be purchased at the Pine Tree Party store, 39409 Joy Road in Canton, (734) 454-4790.
- Jungle Gardenia perfume by Coty can be purchased through The Beauty Boutique catalog. (800) 497-7463.

### FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

- We found the following items: the game Cross-Up, someone who performs home pedicure, an iron mangle and a 1952 Central High year-

book.  
- We no longer need Hudson's Santa Bears.  
- We no longer have readers who have Millennium Santa Bears.

- To recycle your used Christmas cards, contact the Bryant Center: 18000 Merriman Road, Livonia, Mich. 48152, (734) 425-0100. Please call first, as they will be moving back to Northville at some point.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A store where a Sunflower cookie cutter (with six points) can be bought for Pat of Troy.
- A 1934 Ferndale Lincoln High School yearbook for Catherine, a resident of Novi.
- A video tape cassette of "Bus Stop" for Heidi, who lives in Bloomfield Hills.
- A store where a Super Guard Lock II made by Ideal Security Hardware Corporation in St. Paul can be bought for Christine, an Ortonville resident.
- A store where homemade pizza rolls (generous cheese and pepperoni and wrapped tightly) can be bought for Kim of Livonia.
- A store where standard mattress sheets (not deep-fitted ones and without elastic around entire sheet) are available for Marie, who lives in Canton.
- A store where a battery-operated flour sifter can be bought for Sandra, a resident of Sterling Heights.
- A store where a laundry bag with a zipper bottom that attaches to a laundry chute can be bought for Debbie of Livonia.
- A store where a short half-slip in taffeta can be purchased for Sharon, resident of West Bloomfield.
- A store where Lagerfeld KL cologne for women is sold for Sandy of Canton.
- A store where men's tricot silk underwear is for sale for Marilyn, who lives in West Bloomfield.
- A store where women's Air Step shoes are available for Mary, a

Sylvan Lake resident.

- A Nettle Creek bedspread that was carried at Jacobson's about 20 years ago for Barbara, who lives in Bloomfield Hills.

- The ticket-stub picture from the May 12, 1999 Detroit Tiger baseball game against Oakland for Joyce of Canton.

- A store where Clarion lipstick is available for Lorraine.

- 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 Sunbeam chrome toaster (#38068U) can be purchased for Dora.

- Old photographs of the arcade inside Groom's Beach Resort in Whitmore Lake for Tim.

- "50 Years of Racing Champions" with the Petty series from 1955, 1957, 1958 for Mike of Auburn Hills.

- A store that sells Scarlet O'Bears and other stuffed bear characters for Marianna, a resident of Livonia.

- A store where Revlon eyebrow pencils with refills can be bought for Sharon.

- A shop or individual that will replace the frame on a needlepoint purse handle for Gail.

- A 1987 Boyd Santa Bear for Brenda.

- A store where round, 16-inch seat cushions are carried for Sherry.

- A store where an ear alarm for use while driving a car can be bought for Michael of Troy.

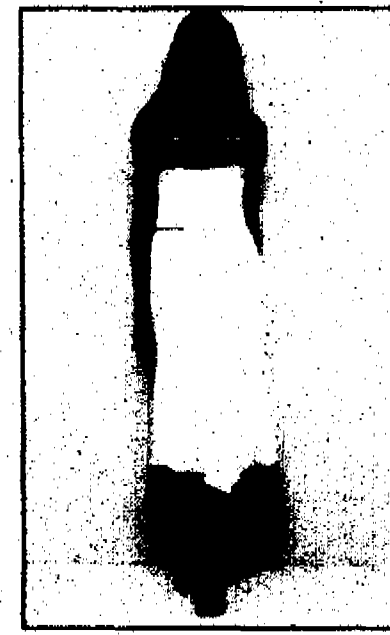
- A small, inexpensive starter piano for a 6-year child for Dale.

- The August 8, 1955 issue of Life magazine for Bill, a resident of Clarkston.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## a la carte

### STUFF WE CRAVE



Go fring: Clothing trimmed in fringe makes a comeback for spring. Dina Bar-el's fringed camisole is embellished with beaded straps. The matching fringed skirt has an asymmetrical hem. Both done in turquoise fabric, \$198 at Jacobson's.

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Sparks: Guerlain offers all sorts of ways to add a tad of glitter to your evening visage. Gold or silver accents come by way of lip gloss, eye shadow and even eyeliner in the company's Mozaik collection. For the truly experimental, they offer gold or silver mascara, and eyebrow pencil, all \$16-90 exclusively at Saks Fifth Avenue.



Southern indulgence: Alligator and Hornback Crocodile in brown or black evokes a southern style, from Ghurka's Savannah Collection of leather goods, \$3,700 at Ghurka, the Somerset Collection.

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# 'Promised Land' a country of interesting contrasts

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

**A** chaos of religions, nationalities, politics and history, Israel has certainly had more than its share of conflicts. The recent election of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak in June has offered more promise for peace and, along with millennium fever, more tourists are venturing to the Holy Land.

The first thing to prepare for on a trip to Israel is a long flight. Connections from Detroit Metro — along with layovers — add up to about 17 hours of traveling time.

Traveling through the bustling streets of Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other cities brought me to the realization that I had more to fear from the Israeli drivers than from any terrorists. Horns honk regularly, and many drivers tend to ignore the physical law that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

Still, security is a factor in the lives of those who live in the country.

"This idea of security sits actu-

ally very, very heavily inside

every person, every child in this country," said Oded Geva, our tour guide. Geva, 42, is a first-generation Israeli on his father's side and second-generation on

his mother's. "I remember my father saying, when I was a little child, 'When you arrive at the age of 18, you won't need to go into the army anymore because there will be peace by then,'" said Geva. "He was convinced about it, but that was far and away from being the case." Geva, like other Israeli young men, served three years in the army from the time he turned 18.

Israeli women serve two years.

And each year Geva is still called back to the reserves. "Even though I am now dressed in civilian clothes, I am still part of the army," he said.

I became accustomed to the site of soldiers dressed in army camouflage and carrying M-16 rifles everywhere in Israel — not just along the West Bank area, but from the museums to the holy sites.

### Project tourism

There are still high hopes for continued peace in Israel. "Tourism for Israel is huge, along with high-tech," said Geva. "If there is a country which

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### TRIP OF A LIFETIME

In 1999 Israel hosted 2,200,000 visitors, he said. Three to four million are anticipated for the year 2000. There are currently 30,000 hotel rooms available in Israel with plans to bring that number to 40,000 during the millennial year.

Tzion Ben David, Director of North American Operations for the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, said, "Forty-eight percent of Americans who come to Israel are repeat visitors," and added that everyone is welcome.

As a first-timer to the "Promised Land" I was amazed at the contrast of landscapes, people and religions in the tiny country.

Slightly smaller than the state of New Jersey, within hours one can travel from the green, fertile lands of Israel's Galilee to the barren brown mountains of the Judean wilderness. In a day's travel, one can take in the sparkling blue Mediterranean, the Sea of Galilee (Israel's only body of fresh water) and the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth and the highest salt concentration of any of earth's bodies of water.

And scattered throughout the countryside are some of the most fascinating excavations of ancient civilizations and the most holy sites of the three major monotheistic religions of Christianity: Judaism and

Islam. And it is these amazing and holy sites that have drawn so many visitors and pilgrims to the age-old land for thousands of years.

### Ancient cities

Many of the ancient cities in Israel are still being excavated and have been declared national parks under the Israel Nature and National Parks Protection Authority. To touch the ruins of these ancient cities is to touch history.

Nearly every town we visited in Israel was steeped in history that dated back thousands of years. Traveling north from Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastline, we came first to the ancient seaport of Old Jaffa, claimed to be the oldest port town in the Western World — at least 3,200 years old. Jaffa is where Jonah set sail on his way to meeting up with the whale. When the Jews came to Jaffa in 1200 BC, it was known as Canaan.

Haifa is Israel's third-largest city and contains its largest port. Haifa is a busy city filled with industry and commerce. Sitting atop Mt. Carmel and overlooking the Mediterranean, the city is a harbor of harmony between the Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Bahai faiths — something not as evident at some of the other holy sites in the land.



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

**To market:** A Muslim woman walks along the streets of the ancient Mediterranean port town of Akko. Markets line the streets and offer everything from bananas to sandals.

Traveling the narrow streets of Nazareth was an experience all by itself. We visited the Catholic Basilica of the Annunciation, the site where it is believed Mary was told by the Angel Gabriel that she would be the mother of God. The church is modern (completed in 1969) and is built over the site, a cave known as the Grotto of the Annunciation, in the lower part of the church.

We saw none of the discord that has plagued the site for some time. Last Easter, Muslim fundamentalists rioted near the church, demanding space to build a mosque near the basilica. Just days before our visit, the Muslim tent that had stood on the site for the past two years was dismantled. The Israeli government has given the Muslims a 500-meter space to build a mosque.

### Bethlehem

Even though I was certain Bethlehem was no longer "little" or "still," it was a bit disconcerting to get caught in the horrible traffic jam there after driving through an equally congested Jerusalem. Bethlehem is the place where the Christmas story began.

Bethlehem is also a holy city for the Jewish people as the birthplace of King David, the burial place of Rachel, and the hometown of Elimelech in the Book of Ruth.

Bethlehem became a Palestinian autonomy in 1995. Muslims outnumber Christians in the town by about three to one.

Diane Hanson is a Canton resident who visited Israel in November. Follow her to Jerusalem and Galilee next week.

**On the sea:** A tour boat took our group out onto the calm waters of the Sea of Galilee: Diane Hanson (front); Melissa Harmon, (middle row left to right) Kate Blain and Oded Geva; Matt Sedensky, Bob O'Steen and Soni Tick (back row left to right).



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should be based on tourism, it is Israel," Archaeological and holy sites and ideal weather that dominates most of the year makes Israel enticing. Promised Land.

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## Protective steps for fresh produce

A headache is spending \$100 on fresh fruits and vegetables and then finding them rotting in the refrigerator or on the kitchen counter. Even under ideal storage conditions of the right temperature and humidity, some fresh vegetables retain top quality only a few days. Some fruits last longer, but consumers can take steps in storing fruits and vegetables to ensure all the nutrients and good flavor are retained.

Green leafy vegetables quickly wilt and change flavor as water evaporates from the tissues. Most fresh green vegetables keep well and stay crisp if put in covered containers or plastic bags then refrigerated. If you wash lettuce, celery and other leafy vegetables before storing, drain thoroughly, because too much moisture can hasten decay.

Store vegetables away from the fruits in the refrigerator. As some fruits ripen, they produce a gas they will make lettuce, spinach and other leafy greens turn brown.

### Remove carrot tops

Remove the tops of carrots before refrigerating. The tops drain the carrots of moisture, making them limp and dry. Tops should also be removed from beets and radishes before refrigeration. The longer

corn, beans, peas and other vegetables are stored, they lose sweetness as the sugar in their tissues turn to starch. Store them dry and unwashed in plastic bags in the refrigerator. Room temperature tomatoes are more flavorful than refrigerated ones. Bruised produce loses more vitamin

A and C than smooth unblemished specimens. To lessen the likelihood of bruising, use a sharp knife or scissors when trimming, slicing or cutting vegetables. Always purchase unbruised, unblemished produce unless you are going to use it immediately.

Jerusalem artichokes, also known as sun chokes, accumulate calories, during storage because of a chemical change that takes place in their carbohydrate content. When freshly dug, small tubers contain as few as seven calories. After storage, the calorie level can jump to 75.

Store fennel in the refrigerator because the stalks stay fresh only three to four days before drying out and losing their unique flavor. Fennel has 13 calories per one-half cup and a fair source of vitamin A, niacin, calcium and iron.

Cabbage contains a compound called calcium pectate which some studies have shown to lower blood cholesterol levels. Cabbage is a good source of dietary fiber and is low in calories. Don't overcook cabbage, it destroys the true taste and texture and bleeds out many valuable vitamins and minerals. Save the cabbage cooking water to add to soups and sauces for a vitamin boost. Cabbage can be stored one to two weeks in the refrigerator crisper.

Vegetables that are cooked in the microwave retain more vitamin C than those boiled. Microwave cooking not only exposes foods to heat for shorter time than boiling but also requires very little water. Cook vegetables only until they are tender-crisp. Overcooking may result in a rubbery texture. To prevent dark spots from forming, add salt only after microwaving vegetables.

Don't add salt to green salad until just before serving. Salt wilts and toughens salad greens.

It is best to store most fruits in the refrigerator. Allow melons, avocados

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week.

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# grilling

## It's never too cold!

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Driveways are coated with a smooth glaze of ice, as people dance their way to their vehicles. Walrus-tusk icicles hang overhead from gutters, eaves and troughs.

Yep, it's 20 degrees outside, work commutes take 15 minutes longer during the day, and you toss calcium chloride in the driveway to remove that awful ugly glaze.

You may have even saved some of the ice-melting substance for your yard, so you can get to, of all places, your grill. And there you are, in your sweats and gym shoes, grilling. You are among the few, the proud, the diehards.

You grill in the winter. You've got chicken on the grill with its skin crackling and popping and oozing with kosher salt, garlic and rosemary, or a salmon awakened after it's been marinated in lime juice, its flesh weakening by the flames licking its skin or skewered green and red peppers, mushrooms and onions basting in Italian dressing, then seared in a few minutes over a high flame.

You don't care what the neighbors say. You're grilling. And you're having a good time.

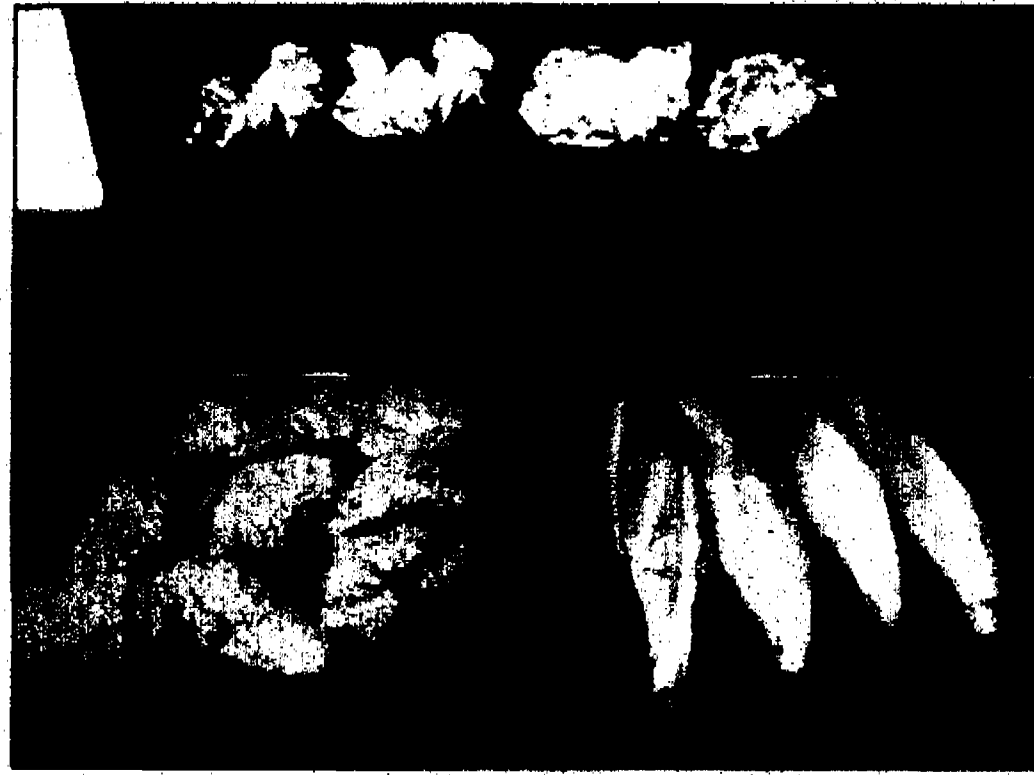
Andrew Allen of Livonia grills all year long, just less frequently in the winter.

"It's quick, it doesn't get the smell in the house and I like the taste of the food."

Allen has two-burner gas Broilmaster with a gas line, so he doesn't deal with the hassles or the expense of changing propane tanks. "It isn't that expensive to have someone hook that up, either," Allen said.

Grilling is fun and it adds to the flavor of the foods, Allen said.

"You need a grill that is located conveniently to the door and has enough 'horsepower' (read BTUs) to overcome the cold. It also helps to have some good outdoor lighting — like a flood aimed at the grill surface so you can see what you are doing



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**All fired up: Andrew Allen does some winter grilling outside his Livonia home. Allen fires up his grill to cook chicken, corn and garlic.**

after dark," Allen said.

Marilyn Miller of Plymouth likes to grill several days a week all year. "When I clear snow, I always clear a path to my grill," she writes. "If the buttons freeze up when it's really cold, I tap them lightly with a small hammer."

Miller doesn't worry about the cold temperatures. "I just dash out the back door, open the grill, put the salmon on, and dash back in."

You might see Dave Richards of Bloomfield Township standing leisurely about in his yard in the winter without a coat while he is grilling. Richards says he grills about four nights a week in any weather of what he describes as "nothing fancy."

"It makes things nice and simple," Richards said. "We don't like to mess things up."

A 1999 survey conducted by Weber of American grill owners reflected that:

- 32% grill several times a week
- 38% grill once or twice a week
- 60% continue to grill in the winter
- 60% grill in the spring
- 30% grill in the summer
- 62% grill in the autumn
- 60% grill for the taste
- 44% prefer an easy cleanup of a grill
- 41% enjoy the outdoors
- 30% say it's fun
- 20% say it's relaxing
- 24% say it's good for entertaining

Richards likes foods on the grill because it's quick preparation. "The fat drips off the seafood and beef and just cooks off," Richards said.

Gordon and Linda Johnson of Canton also enjoy their grill because it is easier for them and quicker. They cook over a lower flame than usual so it doesn't require the same attention of a more intense heat.

At one time Gordon enjoyed preparing and eating ribs, but now, the couple enjoys fish and chicken on the grill, after Gordon suffered a heart attack last year. When they eat fish, they usually prepare a dish like hot dogs for their children.

"It's a challenge," Gordon said. "The kids being as young as they are would eat chicken nuggets every day if they could, so it's fairly easy to get them to eat chicken. They both like it and they like pasta with it, too."

Of course, their love for the grill doesn't go unnoticed.

"My neighbors think I'm a little bit nuts," Gordon Johnson said. "They harass me a little bit."

See recipes inside

## Readers grill the chill away

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So what do you like to grill during the cold weather?

We found our readers prefer the quick and easy approach to grilling. Some buy food ready to grill at the store; others prefer their own marinades.

Readers responded with some of their preferences:

Andrew Allen of Livonia likes to broil salmon fillets with a mixture of white wine, soy sauce, oil, sesame, ginger, garlic and honey. He doesn't worry about keeping warm at this time of year, because the grill is conveniently near his kitchen. "I don't cook food on the grill at this time of year that you have to keep an eye on. I usually put fish on, leave it on for five minutes or so, flip it and it's done."

The Allen family also prepares marinated Tandoori-style chicken breasts, marinated beef and pork ribs.

Marilyn Miller of Plymouth likes an easy preparation.

"It's just easier to use the grill," Miller said. "I can steam vegetables in the microwave with the

salmon, and I have a meal. You just lay a piece of foil on the grill, spray 'I Can't Believe it's Not Butter' on it and cook the salmon."

Miller buys a large fresh Atlantic salmon at Busch's Market and cuts it into serving sizes to keep one or two servings to grill later in the week, and freezes the rest. "Occasionally, I might have a piece of beef or have a steak."

Dave Richards of Bloomfield Township buys turkey sausage and turkey burger from Western Market in Ferndale, lowfat crab and salmon patties made fresh daily from Pomeroy's in West Bloomfield at Maple and Orchard Lake roads, turkey and chicken

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## You don't have to be Polish to polish off a paczki

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Carl Richardson calls it the "Cadillac" of pastries. Thousands and thousands of paczki will be prepared in just a few days for Fat Tuesday, which this year falls on March 7, the day before Ash Wednesday.

For Catholics, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of penance including abstinence and fasting, suggested by Christ's 40 days in the desert.

But for Catholics and everyone else, Fat Tuesday is the day to indulge in that sweet, gloppy treat called paczki (pronounced Poonch-key). It's more than a jelly doughnut, and it is not a bismarck, according to Richardson, a Rochester resident and the chairman of the paczki board of the Retailer's Bakery Association.

Richardson, who also goes by "Mr. Paczki," compares a paczki to a doughnut using an analogy of cars.

"You might have similar design or package on different models of cars, but the paczki is the Cadillac, not the Ford," Richardson said.

Paczki is the name used by Poles to describe a pastry made from the flour, sugar and shortening cleared from pantries before the Lenten fast. Paczki are round, sugar-coated and fruit-filled pastries.

"A lot of people refer to these as a doughnut, but it's a paczki," Richardson said. "You don't have to be Polish to polish off a paczki."

The design, taste and color are different from a doughnut, Richardson said. "They're round like a

baseball and they are manufactured with a high gluten flour," Richardson said. "They are larger, more filling and have more calories. They taste great, when they are properly made."

Nearly all paczki are fried, Richardson said. Paczki can be baked, but Richardson adds, "Shortening is part of the process that gives it flavor."

Now, the bad news. A 5-ounce fried paczki has about 420-440 calories, depending on the filling.

Gary Beaubien, owner of Beaubien's Pastries in Livonia, offers the baked paczki. Beaubien admits he isn't the only one who does this, as many bakeries also will create the baked healthier alternative, nor is it a big part of his business. Beaubien specializes in breakfast pastries, tortes and Australian lace wedding cakes.

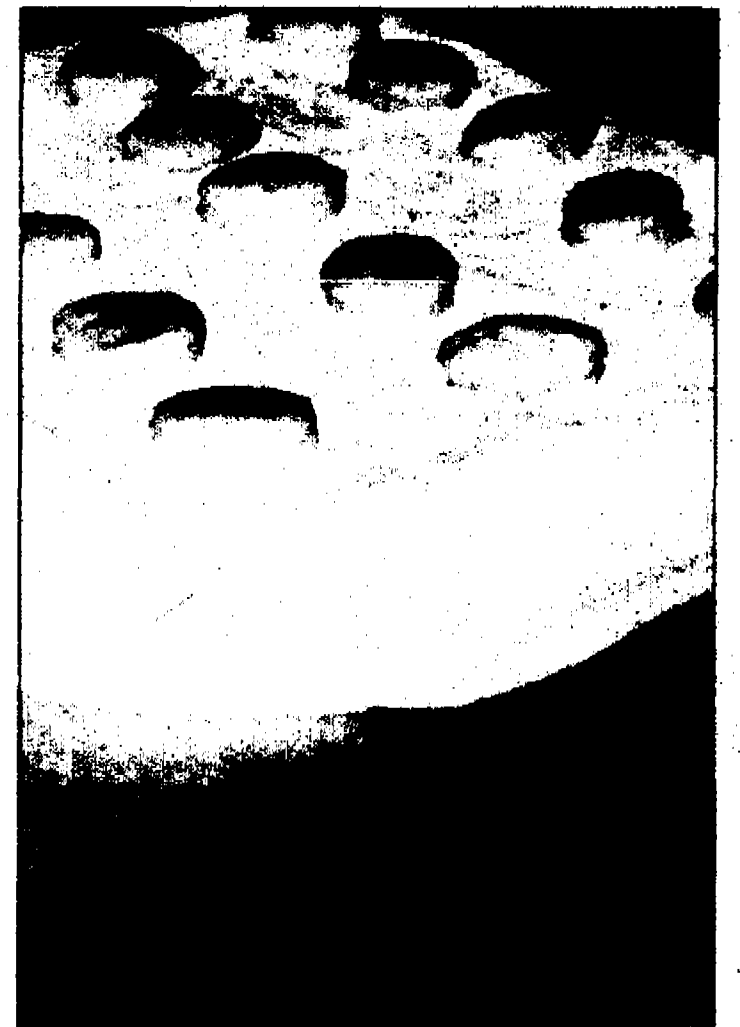
Beaubien's baked paczki have 25 percent fewer calories.

When deep-fried paczki are mass-produced, it is difficult for fryers to keep up with the demand. The temperature of the grease is not maintained, and the fat soaks into the fried paczki. Beaubien said, "So those paczki are loaded with fat." Beaubien said

The one day he treats the baked paczki, the customers, well, they eat them up.

Beaubien said "People seem to like the baked variety," Beaubien said.

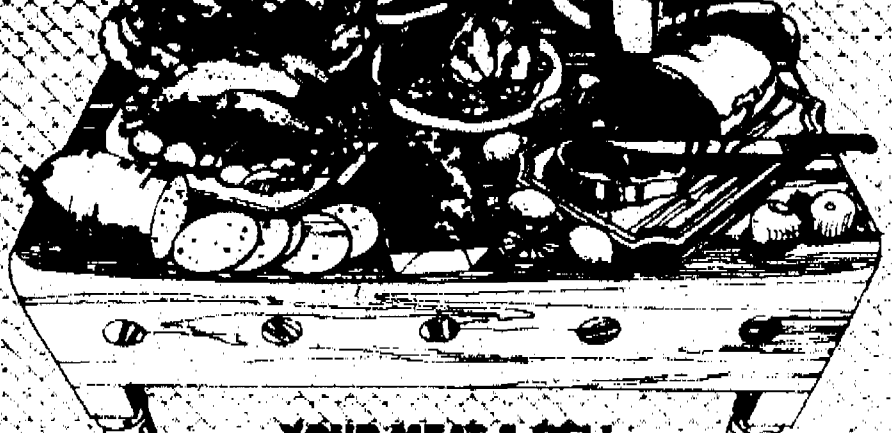
Ridley's Bakery Cafe in Troy also offers baked paczki with apple raspberry, custard, tart cherry, chocolate bavarian cream, lemon, apricot, strawberry, prune or Granny Smith apple fillings. Ridley's fruit-filled baked paczki total about 6 grams of fat versus the 25 grams of the fried variety.



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## Vegetables cook well over coals

Here's some more recipes for the grill from Weber-Stephen Products:

### GRILLED VEGETABLE STACKS

- 2 medium eggplants, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
- 1 medium yellow squash, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
- 1 medium zucchini, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
- 2 medium tomatoes, sliced into 1 1/2 inch rounds
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus additional for brushing vegetables
- 2 1/2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Sprinkle eggplant slices with salt and layer in a colander. Weigh down with a plate and set aside to drain for 20 minutes. Brush salt off eggplant with paper towel and pat dry.

Lightly brush all vegetables with oil, then grill over medium heat, turning once, until tender and slightly charred, about 30 seconds per side for tomatoes, and 2-3 minutes per side for eggplant, squash and zucchini.

In a medium bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup oil, the vinegar, parsley and basil. Season to taste with salt

and pepper. To assemble stacks, place one eggplant slice on a plate, then top with a tomato slice, a second eggplant slice, a squash slice and a zucchini slice. Repeat process to use up all vegetables, then drizzle vegetable stacks with dressing and top with diced red peppers. Serves 6.

### GRILLED PEPPERED PORK CHOPS

- 1 jar (6 ounces) marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 6 boneless pork chops, 3/4-inch thick
- 1 1/2 cups diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped bottled roasted sweet red peppers
- 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
- 1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped

Drain artichoke hearts, reserving marinade. Stir together reserved marinade and hot pepper sauce. Place chops in a shallow baking dish. Pour the pepper sauce mixture over chops; turn chops to coat. Marinate in refrigerator for 30 minutes, turning chops occasionally. Drain chops, discarding marinade. Meanwhile, to prepare relish, chop artichoke hearts and combine with tomatoes, red peppers, olives and jalapeño. Set aside.

Place chops on the grill on medium heat and cook for 3-4 minutes, turn chops and grill for 3-4 minutes until done. Serve the relish with the pork chops. Serves 6.

## Her soup is contest's 'Ultimate'

By KEELY WYGONIK  
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Carolyn Silverstein of Franklin won first place in Temple Kol Ami's Ultimate Chicken Soup Contest on Friday, Feb. 25 at the temple in West Bloomfield.

Chili Joe Wnuk and Chef Curtis Rellinger of Westland placed second, and John Gallagher of Grosse Pointe Woods placed third.

Finalists included MaryAnn Leduc-Yee and Jennifer Rosenberg-Lopatin of West Bloomfield; Sylvia Bernstein, West Bloomfield; Gene Feszczenko, Clio; Frances Ray, Royal Oak; Sandra Biagini, Clarkston; and Jaye Cooper, West Bloomfield.

Be sure to look for the prize-winning recipes in next week's edition of Taste. We'll also tell you more about these soups, and explain why they're so special.

Silverstein will be featured on Keith Farnie's "Adventures in Cooking" on WDIV-TV 4 and received a deluxe soup pot from Kitchen Glamour. Second prize was dinner for two at Restaurant Di Modesta in Southfield; third prize was a cookbook from Kitchen Glamour.

On March 22, Silverstein's "Ultimate" soup will be served to 500 people at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

## Here are grill recipes from readers

Here's two recipes for the grill from readers:

### GORDON JOHNSON'S SESAME CHICKEN

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 4 tablespoons sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 1 clove garlic or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon cilantro
- 2 tablespoons parsley
- Sesame seeds

Rinse chicken breasts and pat dry with paper towel. Mix all ingredients except sesame seeds until the honey is dissolved. Reserve small amount for basting. Completely coat chicken breasts with mix-

ture. Allow to marinate for at least two hours.

Preheat grill. Place chicken breasts on grill. Baste with reserve marinade and sprinkle sesame seeds on chicken. When chicken is about half-done, flip and sprinkle sesame seeds on cooked side.

Note: Boneless chicken breasts generally take 10 to 13 minutes to cook on the grill.

### MARILYN MILLER'S SALMON

- Salmon fillets
- Cooking spray
- Black pepper

Cut a large piece of tin foil. Spray middle lightly with olive oil cooking spray so skin will not stick to foil. Place salmon skin down on foil and spray a little "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" with a sprinkling of pepper. Serve with vegetables.

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breasts at Vic's Market in Beverly Hills or lobster tails and Australian lamb chops from Costco.

The crab and salmon patties, made with lowfat yogurt, need tin foil under them while grilling, "because they are so tender," Richards said. Richards

recommends calling and ordering them early because they disappear quickly.

Richards also prepares turkey burgers and turkey sausage. He received Moroccan spices from a friend and enjoys using them on occasion. "You sprinkle a little

on top of chicken, turkey or fish, and it's very flavorful," Richards said.

Simeon Carter of Beverly Hills writes that he uses his gas grill 350 days a year.

He grills poultry, meat and fish, vegetables, Yukon gold

potatoes, tomatoes, onions and peppers. He microwaves Yukon golds for two minutes, cools them, then slices them into three pieces.

He coats them with garlic-infused vegetable oil and grills them.

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and pears to ripen at room temperature, then refrigerate. Ripe oranges sometimes undergo a process known as re-greening. This occurs when a ripe orange pulls some green chlorophyll from its stem and leaves back into the peel. Such greenish oranges are extra ripe and thus often sweeter than other oranges.

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Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension—Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

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### Arthritis Today

HOW TO STOP ARTHRITIS DRUGS

Much of arthritis, particularly rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis, involves inflammation of the cells that line the joint. In rheumatoid arthritis, the joints first affected are the finger and foot joints. In psoriatic arthritis, the knee joint is often initially inflamed.

The medical community does not know with certainty what sets this process in motion. We know that at times, the problem resolves to the point of remission, though why this reversal happens and who with arthritis will experience it, is unclear.

If you are under drug treatment and your arthritis improves to a certain point, your doctor must make a decision. Are you improving because of your therapy, or are you doing well because your arthritis is leaving on its own?

The only way to determine the answer is to have you stop your medicine, and see what happens.

However, you cannot just stop taking your medications. The best way to determine if you need an arthritis drug is to decrease it in a stepwise fashion. If you are taking 8 methotrexate a week, then your doctor will prescribe taking 5 a week, and observe the result. If you are taking 4 aspirin or salicylate a day, then the trial is to decrease to 3 a day.

You must avoid the temptation of just stopping the drug to see if you need it. The problem with a quick withdrawal is that you may learn in a painful way that you did indeed require that prescription. The virtue of going slow, in its safety and certainty.





Tasty picatta: Thinly sliced turkey breast cutlets work well in this turkey picatta.

## Turkey picatta brightens winter dinner

Turkey Picatta, traditionally made with veal, used to be the secret any hostess relied on for an almost instant elegant dinner. Thinly sliced turkey breast cutlets work every bit as well as the veal.

### TURKEY PICATTA

- 2 tablespoons capers
- Four 4-ounce turkey cutlets
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup defatted chicken broth
- Juice of 1 lemon, about 1/4 cup

If using salt-packed capers, soak them for 20 minutes in lukewarm water. Drain well. For vinegar-packed capers, drain, rinse well and dry. Chop the capers and set them aside.

Rinse the turkey cutlets and pat dry. Place the flour on a plate. Add the salt and pepper. Dredge the cutlets in the seasoned flour.

Spray a large, non-stick skillet very well with cooking spray. Set the pan over medium-high heat. Brown the floured cutlets on one side, about 4 minutes. Turn and cook until the turkey is browned and the meat is faintly pink inside, reducing the heat if necessary. Remove the cutlets to a plate.

Add the chicken broth to the pan. With a wooden spoon, scrape up the browned bits in the pan. Mix in the lemon juice. Cook until the liquid is reduced by half.

Replace the turkey in the pan. Add the capers.

Cook until the cutlets are cooked through, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

Each of the four servings contains 149 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

# Busch's to purchase Vic's?

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Busch's and Vic's World Class markets are negotiating to complete what officials there describe as a "creative merger/acquisition."

Officials from both markets would not comment on specifics of the negotiations, such as what financial transactions were involved, but in a press release, Busch's officials stated that Busch's was acquiring Vic's World Class Markets in Bloomfield Hills and Novi which "would result in a merger of skills and efforts that would take both businesses to the next level of excellence."

Vic's Beverly Hills market is not included in the deal. The two owners — John Busch and Vic Ventimiglia — continue to negotiate.

Based in Ann Arbor, Busch's currently has 11 locations,

Both stores are popular in the areas that they are in.

Ron Ventimiglia  
— Vic's general manager

including Livonia and Plymouth. A site at Drake and Grand River in Farmington Hills is scheduled to open in November and a third Ann Arbor location is in the site-planning stage.

Ron Ventimiglia, Vic's brother and the market's general manager, said the move will add more "everyday" grocery items to Vic's offerings while maintaining the produce items that are popular.

"It's great for customers, and it's great for employees," Ventimiglia said. Vic's in Novi houses 55,000 square feet, while the Bloomfield Hills store has 45,000 square feet.

"Both stores are popular in areas that they are in. We've had

a goal of several stores and it would take us a while to get there. But they (Busch's) are already there with stores."

Produce is one of the areas Busch's feels Vic's "is better in," Ventimiglia said.

Busch's commitment to growth is "further enhanced by the acquisition," said Peggy Conlin, Busch's spokesperson.

"It will be an evolution," Conlin said of any changes. "Each one of the stores will be affected differently."

Conlin said it was an exciting time for the stores. "We're proud that these are family owned and run businesses. They are really committed to food and food service, and people who have a passion for food."

The state of Michigan Liquor Control Commission must approve license transfers before the deal is completed, which may take two to three months to conclude.

## Krispy Kreme Doughnuts opens in Livonia

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts will open its third Michigan store at 27695 Grand River in Livonia on Wednesday, March 1.

The Livonia store will open that day at 5:30 a.m. The nearly 5,500-square foot facility will operate seven days a week, Sunday through Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 5:30 a.m. to midnight. The store's drive-through window will operate 24 hours a day.

The Livonia store also will serve as the headquarters of Krispy Kreme's Michigan and Ohio operations.

Michael Sharum, director of sales with Dough Re-Mi Company, which is Krispy Kreme's Michigan and Ohio area developer, looks forward to an assembly line of doughnuts to start rolling at their new Livonia store. "This location is a huge step for Krispy Kreme in Michigan," Sharum said.

Opening day celebrations at the Livonia Krispy Kreme will be highlighted by a four-hour live remote by 93.1 WDRQ-FM's Jay Towers and the Morning Revolution. Additionally, the first customer to arrive will be

awarded free doughnuts every week for one year, while other Krispy Kreme patrons will be awarded with free T-shirts, hats, and hot original glazed doughnuts.

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Objectives: Identify normal and abnormal biomechanics of running, identify common running injuries, learn proper stretching techniques. The format will include a lecture, discussion and demonstration. Active group participation is encouraged, so please dress comfortably.

There is no charge, but space is limited. Please RSVP by phone if you plan to attend. Call (248) 380-3550.

### Prostate cancer screening

If you think prostate cancer is a man's disease, you're right. Half right. Prostate cancer not only affects the grandfather, father, husband and son, but the whole family — emotionally, financially and physically.

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Prostate Cancer Screening Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4 in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, 14555 Levan Road.

The prostate screening is free and provides a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) level, and educational material.

Registration is requested. Call (734) 655-8940 or toll free 1-800-494-1650. The program is cosponsored by the Radiation Oncology and Community Outreach Departments at St. Mary Hospital.

### Adult grief support

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. introduces "Living the Journey," a six-week adult grief support series from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 22-March 28. The series provides education regarding the physical, emotional and social effects of grief.

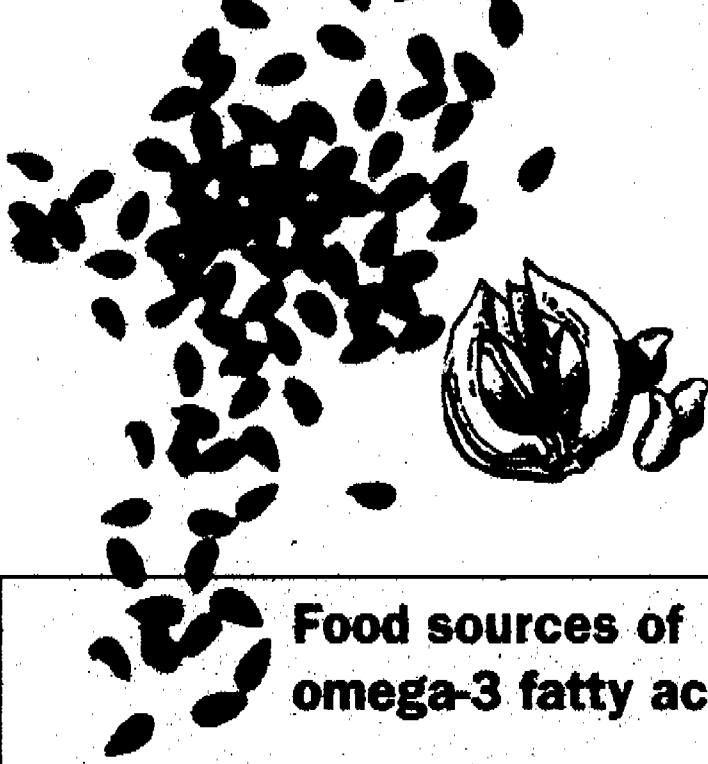
The series is held at Community Hospice & Home Care Services, 32932 Warren Road (corner of Venoy), Westland. Call (313) 522-4244 to register.

### The message? Massage!

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services is offering "Massage for Better Health 7-10 p.m. Monday, March 13. The course will include basic principles and techniques of massage and acupressure. Professional demonstration followed by hands-on practice on head, neck, shoulders, hands and feet.

"The class is a learning experience and lots of fun for individuals and couples, including friends," said instructor Dan Butts.

Wear loose, comfortable clothing. Cost is \$39 and \$31.20 for seniors. For more information call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448.



# FLAXSEED

## A whole lot of nutrition comes in small package

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
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Want to increase your intake of disease-fighting omega-3 fatty acids but don't like the taste of fish? Consider adding flaxseed to your diet. These tiny, smooth, flat seeds — harvested from a blue-flower crop on the prairies of Canada — pack a whollop of nutritional muscle when it comes to essential fatty acids, vitamins and minerals, and fiber.

Omega-3 is a "good" fat and should play an important role in any heart-healthy diet. Dietary surveys and animal studies indicate omega-3, a source of alpha-linolenic acid, may reduce the risk of blood-clotting.

"What they're finding is that omega-3 plays a role in platelet aggregation. It makes platelets less sticky," said Caroline Mandel, a dietitian with the University of Michigan's Preventive Cardiology Heart Care Program. "American think all fat is bad for their heart. I'm dispelling that myth."

Commercial food companies are now using flaxseed, which has a pleasant nutty flavor, in everything from yeast breads, to bagels and cookie mixes. But today's bakers have discovered nothing new: People have eaten flaxseed since ancient times.

The Babylonians cultivated flaxseed as early as 3,000 B.C., and in 650 B.C. Hippocrates used it for the relief of intestinal discomfort. The 8th century king Charlemagne considered flaxseed so important for the health of his subjects that he passed laws governing its consumption.

### Good Medicine

Flaxseed, which contains both soluble and insoluble fiber, appears to act as a protector against chronic illnesses like cardiovascular disease and cancer. Consider the following study results:

■ According to a report from the University of Toronto, total cholesterol levels dropped 9 percent and LDL (the "bad" cholesterol) decreased 18 percent when a group of nine healthy women ate 50 grams of milled flaxseed a day for four weeks (as flour or cooked into bread) along with their regular diets.

■ The American National Cancer Institute has singled out flaxseed as one of six foods to study for its potential cancer-fighting ability. It is the richest source of lignans, a type of phytoestrogen. Phytoestrogens are compounds that may protect against cancer, particularly hormone-sensitive cancers such as those of the breast and prostate.

■ More than half the fat in flaxseed is of the essential omega-3 fatty acid type. New research suggests that alpha-linolenic acid, an omega-3 fatty acid abundant in flaxseed, offers protection against both coronary heart disease and stroke. Omega-3s also have been shown to protect against hypertension and inflammatory and autoimmune disorders.

■ Eating 50 grams of flaxseed per day (baked into muffins) helped increase the frequency of bowel movements and the number of consecutive days with bowel movements in a group of older Canadian adults.

### Fatty Acids and fiber

"I recommend it to people who are trying to achieve a healthier diet. There is nobody I wouldn't recommend it to," said Gail Cox, a dietician with Botsford Health Systems. Cox has been downing flaxseed shakes for years. She grinds in a coffee grinder then mixes a couple of tablespoons with soy milk, a banana and some oat and wheat bran.

Mandel prefers to sprinkle her flaxseed on cereal. "I think it ups the flavor and texture of a breakfast cereal."

American diets are high in omega-6 fatty acids, derived from other plants seeds like corn, sunflower and peanuts. Nutritionists recommend replacing some omega-6 fatty acids with omega-3 fatty acids. Flaxseed contains roughly 73 percent omega-3 fatty acids.

Flaxseed is also an excellent source of dietary fiber. The lower cancer rate of people living in Asia, Africa and eastern Europe, particularly hormone-dependent cancers

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such as cancer of the breast, endometrium and prostate — may be due in part to their high-fiber diet, which helps lower blood levels of lipids and some hormones.

Conversely, the low-fiber, high-fat diet typical of Western populations tends to raise blood estrogen levels,

which may contribute to cancer development by stimulating tumor cell growth.

Population studies of diet and disease risk also suggest an anticancer role for lignans and other phytoestrogens. Populations with high intakes of phytoestrogens — such as the Japanese and Chinese, who typically consume a low-fat, high-fiber diet rich in isoflavonoids from soybeans and lignans from vegetables and grains — have lower incidence and mortality rates of breast, endometrial and prostate cancers.

Dr. Errol Erlandson, a vascular surgeon and medical director of the Comprehensive Wellness Program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, cautions against using omega-3 supplements. "I think there's much evidence that omega-3, as well as many components of nutrition, works best in the natural matrix form."

In other words, omega-3 obtained through flaxseed or fish is more nutritionally balanced and better absorbed. In addition, Erlandson said excessive use of omega-3 supplements may cause bleeding problems. Their use should be limited to people with chronic inflammatory arthritis or clearly elevated low-density cholesterol — and then only under the direction of a physician.

Flaxseed has one tiny drawback when first introduced into a diet: the bloats. "It's high in fiber. Until your intestinal tract gets used to it, you might want to start with less," said Cox. Take some Beano with it.

Source: Flaxseed Council of Canada

### Food sources of omega-3 fatty acids

Food	Serving Size	Omega-3 grams
<b>PLANT FOODS</b>		
<i>Oils</i>		
Flax seed oil	1 Tbsp.	6.6
Canola oil	1 Tbsp.	1.6
Walnut oil	1 Tbsp.	1.5
Soy oil	1 Tbsp.	1.0
<i>Nuts and seeds</i>		
Flax seeds, cooked	2 Tbsp.	3.2
Walnuts (English)	2 Tbsp.	1.0
Sesame seeds	2 Tbsp.	0.07
Almonds	2 Tbsp.	0.06
<i>Vegetables, fruits and legumes</i>		
Soybeans, cooked	1 cup	1.1
Tofu, firm	1/2 cup	0.7
Tofu, medium	1/2 cup	0.4
Soy milk	1 cup	0.4
Berries	1 cup	0.18
Peas	1/2 cup	0.16
Broccoli, kale, Chinese greens and salad greens	1 cup, raw 1/2 cup, cooked	0.1
Legumes	1/2 cup	0.05
Other fruits and veggies	1 cup	0.05
<i>Grains</i>		
Oat germ	2 Tbsp.	0.2
Wheat germ	2 Tbsp.	0.1
<b>ANIMAL FOODS (for comparison)</b>		
<i>Meat and dairy</i>		
Meat, poultry	3 1/2 oz.	0.2
Dairy products	1 cup milk 1 oz. cheese	0.1
<i>Fish</i>		
<i>Fatty fish — mackerel, herring, salmon, sturgeon, mackerel, bluefish, tuna, sardines, anchovies, herring</i>		
	3 1/2 oz.	1.0-2.5
<i>Leaner fish — lobster, shrimp, trout, cod, scallops</i>		
	3 1/2 oz.	0.5-0.8
<i>Shellfish</i>		
	1 1/2 oz.	0.1-0.4

### Orange bran flax muffins

- 1 1/2 cups oat bran
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup flaxseed\*
- 1 cup natural bran
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1/2 Tsp. salt
- 2 whole oranges (washed, quartered and seeded)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 Tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 cup raisins (may substitute chocolate chips)

In a large bowl, combine oat bran, flour, flaxseed, bran, baking powder and salt. Set aside. In a blender or food processor, combine oranges, brown sugar, buttermilk, oil, eggs and baking soda. Blend well. Pour orange mixture into dry ingredients. Mix until well blended. Stir in raisins.

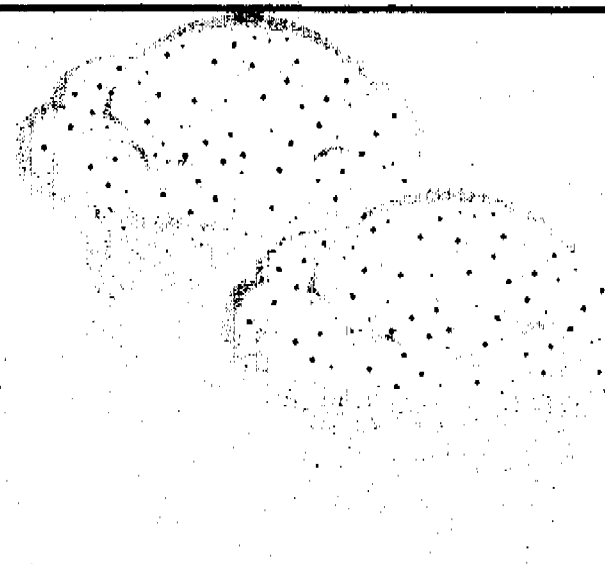
Fill paper-lined muffin tins almost to the top. Bake in 375-degree oven 18-20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center of muffin comes out clean. Cool in tins 5 minutes before removing to cooling rack. Yield: 18 muffins.

\* Flaxseed may also be ground. Measure first, then grind or mill.

Yield: 18 muffins

Serving Size: 1 muffin

Single serving: 275 calories; 6.1g protein, 44.5g carbohydrate, 5.7g fibre, 11.5g fat (Polyunsaturates - 5.6g, Monounsaturates - 4.0g, Saturates - 1.4g, Cholesterol - 23.6mg, 236mg Sodium; 439mg Potassium; 54mg Folate.



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**AA & ALANON**  
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meeting meets Wednesday and Sunday from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance (5254 Inkster Road) at Garden City. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. "Alanon meeting" Sunday ONLY.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**  
Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information.

**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**

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**AWAKE**  
The American Sleep Apnea Association (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) will host a discussion on "Surgery for Sleep Apnea, is it right for you?" at 7 p.m. by Dr. Gregory Stephens, D.O. (Otorhinolaryngologist). Garden City Medical Office Building (Classrooms 3/4 lower level), 6255 Inkster Road in Garden City. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public. Call 458-3330 with questions.

**TUE, MARCH 7**

**FOOD AND MOOD**  
Learn how food can affect moods and how moods can affect food choices. Tips and guidelines provided to help with emotion-based eating. Call (734) 827-3777 to register. Class runs from 7-9:30 p.m.

**THUR, MARCH 9**

**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.

**SAT, MARCH 11**

**PUBERTY/GROWING UP**  
"A Heart-to-Heart Conversation for Mothers and Daughters on Puberty and Growing Up," provides both mothers and daughters ages 9-11 with accurate information about the normal physical and emotional changes

that pre-teen girls will experience as they enter puberty. Ann Arbor class from 1-5 p.m. Ann Arbor St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 397-7557.

**TOURETTE BOWL-A-THON**  
Bowl-a-strike for Tourette Syndrome Awareness at 1 p.m. at Vision Lanes (call Debbie (734) 525-6245), Ford Road east of I-275, and Oak Lanes in Livonia (call Rhonda (313) 543-1285). Bowlers are asked to pre-register by mail or phone and then turn in donations when you arrive. Bowling includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, pop and prizes. If you don't raise donations you are invited to join in the fun anyways. The fee to bowl is \$6 per bowler (extra games \$1). You must register by March 4. Write TSA, Michigan Chapter Bowl-a-Thon, 416 Mary, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Or e-mail tsamich@USA.net

**WED, MARCH 13**

**VEGETARIAN NUTRITION**  
Menu planning tips and resources for individuals of all ages who are already vegetarian and those who are leaning in that direction. Includes hands-on cooking demonstrations. Class runs from 4-5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor/Briarwood Mall Health Stop (620 Briarwood Circle). Call (734) 827-3777.

**YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT**  
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

**TUE, MARCH 14**

**MASSAGE III (BODYWORK)**  
Advanced techniques that provide long-term results. Techniques include strain-counter-strain, trigger point therapy, myofascial release techniques. Class runs Tuesday, March 14 April 4, from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

**WED, MARCH 15**

**DYSLEXIA SUPPORT**  
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute of Detroit Metro Center will meet from 7-9 p.m. at MDL, 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 be eating 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**  
Providentia Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia will host an immunization from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccine - your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (800) 350-7927 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.

**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 more information or to register, please call (734) 655-8940.

**THUR, MARCH 23**

**STRONG DAUGHTERS**  
Parents of pre-adolescent girls age 9 and 10 can develop practical strategies to help their daughter achieve and maintain high self-esteem. Learn strategies to counter remaining cultural

stereotypes in this six-hour program. Calls runs from March 23 through April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center - 1600 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 398-7557.

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**SAT, MARCH 25**

**GIRLS IN SPORTS**  
Even is for girls ages 11-16 who are active in sports, their parents and coaches. Learn ways to reduce girls' risk of bone, joint and muscle injuries while improving strength and flexibility. Don't miss a special talk by swimmer and Olympic gold medalist Annette Salmeen. Includes breakfast snack and lunch. Call to register. Program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5301 E. Huron River Drive. Call (734) 712-3456.

**APRIL 11 & 18**

**SHIATSU**  
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# Special, necessary testing for people suffering from Celiac disease

The Tri-County Celiac Sprue Support group will host serological screening in conjunction with the University of Maryland's Center for Celiac Research from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 18.

The blood drawing will be for relatives of celiacs, celiacs or other undiagnosed people at Southfield Presbyterian Church (21575 West 10 Mile Road), 1/4 mile east of Lahser.

Dr. Alessio Fasano, co-director of the University of Maryland's Research Center will give a presentation. Lectures and other information will be available and on going during the testing time. Patients who test positive will be notified directly from the Medical Center of the University of Maryland. The goal of the Center is to increase awareness of celiac disease. They are testing

and gathering data throughout the U.S. Findings indicate many first and second degree relatives of celiacs test positive for the disease. Researchers believe celiac disease is under diagnosed in the U.S.

Also known as gluten intolerance, Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder of the intestinal tract often characterized by malabsorption problems.

## The goal of the center is to increase awareness of celiac disease.

The immune system damages the small intestine when gluten (found in wheat, oats, rye, barley, spelt, buckwheat and millet)

enters the digestive system.

The body produces immune cells that damage the villi in the small intestine. The villi aid in absorption of nutrients during the digestive process. Left untreated the disease can cause small bowel lymphoma. The only treatment for CD is strict adherence to a gluten-free diet.

A single tube of blood will be drawn at the screening. If the

blood test is positive a biopsy is done to confirm and determine the amount of damage. Further blood test and/or biopsies may be done to determine the healing progress and the success of the gluten free diet. \$10 donation requested. There will be supervised activities for children under 12 years old. For registration information call (313) 274-9232 or (248) 647-0076.

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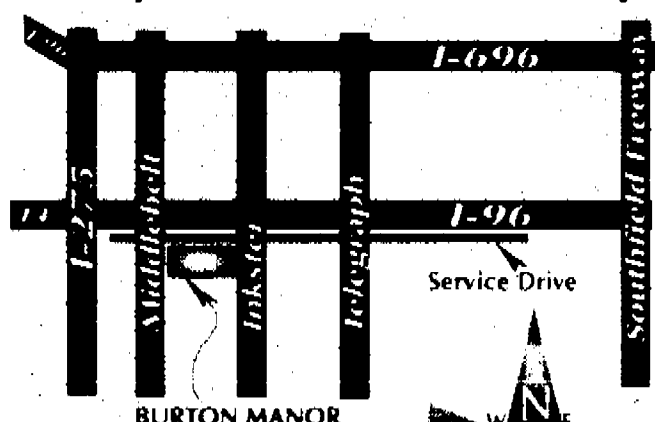
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## Oakwood adds robotic employee to staff

The pharmacy at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center — Dearborn has recently added a new "employee," designed to reengineer their medication use process to improve cost savings and increase the quality of care. The ROBOT-Rx™ system is a centralized, robotic drug distribution system that automates the storage, dispensing, return and restocking of patient medications. Oakwood Pharmacy Staff members had a contest to name the robot, and selected "Morey Fishant," a play on the phrase "More Efficient."

The system, purchased from MCKessonHBOC, is composed of a robotic arm operating on vertical and horizontal rails, and is

programmed to retrieve medications and deposit them into patient-specific cassettes. The system uses bar codes to verify, retrieve and track medications from drug wholesaler to patient.

Watching the robot glide back and forth on its hydraulic tracks, scanning codes with its infrared eye and reaching out to select the exact dosage, it's easy to see how it earned its name.

"The robot system is currently working the midnight shift," says Karl Widak, Oakwood Pharmacist. "It can spend the entire night preparing prescriptions for our patients the next day. It has allowed us to change our pharmacists' workloads, giv-

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ing them much more time to devote to patient care and interaction." Widak also reported that plans are in place to eventually have the robot working around the clock.

Beyond reducing manual tasks, "Morey" is able to restock itself, manage its own inventory of the top 400 prescribed medications, and reduce the element of human error. "The staff is already using the time saved by the robot system to spend more energy in their clinical role, and that's good for us and our patients," says Widak.

## WOMEN'S BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Working women ... working mothers ... women in business for themselves ... women who work inside and outside of the home ... these are the people who will be on hand Thursday,

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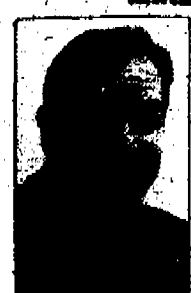
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# Sex in space story yet another internet hoax

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It is amazing how some people will fall for anything, no matter how outrageous. It's even more amazing how supposedly legitimate news reporters will print and broadcast a story without bothering to check it out.

The latest example is a flurry of press reports that NASA astronauts tried out 10 techniques for making love in weightlessness during a 1996 space shuttle mission.

The report is a hoax, another one of those urban legends that has been floating around the Internet for a long time. But this week, some of the world's leading newspapers and a lot of ratings-crazed TV news stations seeking sweeps month viewers aired the report as if it was true.

For the record, says NASA, the reports are totally false. The coverage stemmed from a new book by a French author released this week claiming he had seen a secret NASA document, "NASA publication 14-307-1792," that detailed the experiments.

The document (<http://www.qnx.com/~glen/dead-beef/1139.html>) has been on the Internet for months and has repeatedly been exposed as phony. "It's one of those urban myth things," said NASA spokesman John Ira.

## E-stamp sales sluggish

Is anybody out there using e-stamps? Trade publications say consumers are slow in embracing this technology, which allows you to prepay for stamps and then use your PC printer to print out envelopes "e-stamped" with the proper amount of postage. Send me an e-mail if you're doing this and let me know if it's as cumbersome as it sounds. It just seems licking a stamp and sticking it on an envelope is a lot easier than turning on the computer, calling up the program, inserting the envelope and waiting for it to print out. While it's an interesting concept, I wonder how practical it is?

## MSN drops newsgroup

The Microsoft Network has abandoned support for newsgroups, those 40,000-plus free-wheeling Usenet discussion group forums that have been a net mainstay since the beginning. MSN officially says it decided to drop newsgroups "because we now have a better communication vehicle provided by MSN Web Communities,

including chat, message boards, e-mail and Web pages." But that's just typical Microsoft mumbo jumbo.

The real reason Microsoft is dropping newsgroups is because it can't control newsgroups. Because newsgroups are un-sponsored, MSN can't make any money from them. And MSN isn't alone. For the Internet industry as a whole, newsgroups serve as competition for the forums, communities and discussion groups hosted on individual Web sites.

Commercial Web site owners and portal sites don't want eyeballs to wander off their cyberspace turf. I think this is the start of a major trend. Other services and portals are sure to follow MSN's lead.

And while newsgroups indeed are unwieldy and sometimes rude, noisy and frustrating, I hate to see the Net become so mercenary. I know, I know. Web sites have to make money. But if newsgroups die out, so does one of the few remaining vestiges of Net democracy.

## Palm shows off color

Normally, I buy every new Palm handheld that comes along. And as much as I'd like to have a color Palm, I think I'll pass on the color IIIc that Palm Computing is showing off this week. The \$449 model is much

bulkier than my sleek black and white Palm Vx, and I'm not about to trade the convenience of batteries that last for three weeks or more on a single charge for the five-day charge-time of the color model. Still, I haven't got my hands on the color unit yet. I'm pretty easy to seduce when it comes to high tech gizmos. But from the early high tech press buzz, the IIIc seems a disappointment.

## Prime time on the net

Saturday is the most popular day to surf the Net. Wednesday is the least. All right, here's the complete results from a company called Statmarket, which measured traffic during the first week in February and found that Saturday accounted for 15.51 percent of it. Friday came a close

second with 15.36 percent and Thursday was third with 14.37 percent. Sunday was the next most popular day with 14.03 percent of traffic. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday did not prove too popular as surfing days, taking 13.71 percent, 13.58 percent and 13.44 percent of traffic respectively.

## READER Q&A

Q: I love the Internet but very often I get so lost I want to go back to a Web site I saw earlier but I don't remember where I found it. Is there a way to retrace my steps?

A: Look up on the far right side of the address line of either Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer. See that little downward pointing arrow? Click on it and a list of every Web site you have visited in that session will

appear. Explorer even has a shortcut. Hit F4 and a list of all the sites you visited will pop on the screen. Recent versions of Internet Explorer also have a History icon up on the menu bar. That gives you a list of sites you've visited over the past week. You can search by day, site name, most visited or most recently visited. It's a pretty handy feature to retrace your steps.

Until next week, "73" everybody.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

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### 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 telephone 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. The fee is \$125. For enrollment information call Margit Erickson at (248) 471-6170.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

**BUSINESS IN CHINA** — Oakland University's Professional Development and Education Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), will present, "Opening Doors in the 21st Century, Creating Business Opportunities in China after WTO." The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000 in Oakland University's Meadow Brook Ballroom. The workshop is an introductory course for individuals and organizations that are interested in developing or expanding markets in China. Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D., and Ledong Li will share their expertise on expanding interests and overcoming the challenges of doing business in China. Call (248) 370-3033 for a brochure or to register for the seminar.

## Dr. Lanore Najor joins our Canton health care team!

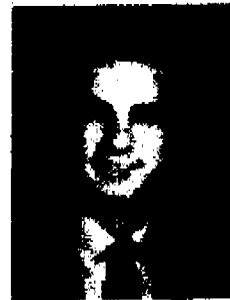
For the convenience of our new and existing patients Dr. Najor will be practicing in both our AIIM Canton office as well as in our Eastside Ann Arbor AIIM office. We warmly welcome her to Canton!



**Lanore Najor, DO**

Formerly a senior physician of the Henry Ford Medical Group and a registered nurse at Harper Hospital, Dr. Najor brings ten years of experience

and a track record of exceptional patient care to our practice. With IHA since 1998, a warm and caring approach characterize all her interactions. Dr. Najor is currently accepting new patients beginning at age fourteen.



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In private practice since 1994, Dr. Peppin has relocated care for his Belleville patients to our new Canton office. He demonstrates to patients and staff his commitment to personalized, high quality health care.



**Robert Stankowitz, MD**

Robert Stankowitz, MD, resides in Plymouth with his family and joins our practice with fresh ideas and state-of-the-art techniques supported by his

firm beliefs in long-term relationships with patients and the proven benefits of preventive medicine.



**Darcey Owings, MS, RN, NP**

As a nurse practitioner, Darcey Owings is committed to high quality patient care through education.

Working with our physicians, her experience and specialized training create the relaxed, knowledgeable approach that gives her patients confidence.

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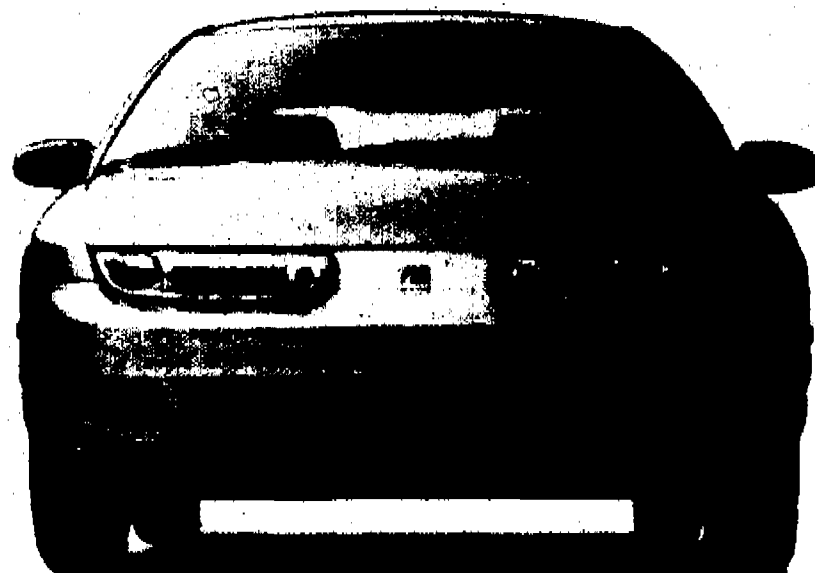
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