

### Tell us what you think

To keep in touch with our readers, the Canton Observer is forming a citizen advisory panel.

The panel will consist of eight-12 residents and others from the Canton community and will meet several times throughout the year with the editorial staff. Our meetings will focus on the content of the paper, what readers would like to see, what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong.

What kind of panelists are we looking for? Anyone with an interest in what goes on in their community and how it's reported in the media.

We hope to have the first meeting by the end of February and will meet quarterly after that.

#### To volunteer for our panel:

- Call Canton community editor **Tedd Schneider, (734) 459-2700**.
- Or e-mail him at: [tschneider@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tschneider@oe.homecomm.net)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### WEDNESDAY

**Going caucusing:** The Community Democratic Club of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia will hold an informational meeting to let people know how to participate in the state's March 11 Democratic presidential caucus. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co., 884 Penniman, downtown Plymouth. For information call **Becky Tavarozzi, (734) 398-5845**.

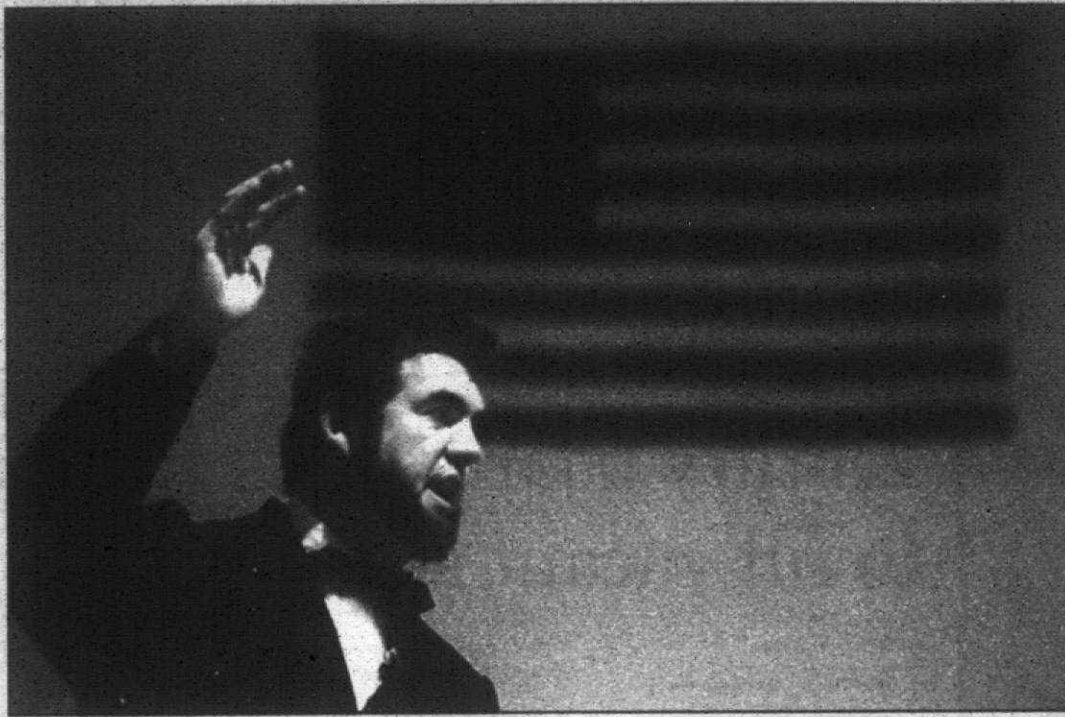
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**Holy matrimony, Batman:** How do you marry three daughters in four months? Find out in the Observer's "Wedding Magic" supplement inside this issue.

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### A different kind of campaign trail



**Honest Abe:** Abraham Lincoln made a rare appearance at Allen Elementary in Plymouth Township Thursday, in the person of 35th District Judge Ron Lowe. Lowe, who is visiting five schools in the Plymouth-Canton district and two in Northville this year, again shaved his moustache to more closely resemble the 16th president. For more photos from Thursday's appearance, please turn to Page A4 in today's Observer.

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## Proposal bashed by local leaders

**Elected officials representing Canton say a constitutional amendment forcing a super majority to pass state laws affecting municipalities is a bad idea.**

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A state constitutional amendment mandating a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to pass laws affecting "local control" would be a mistake, according to state lawmakers representing Canton.

The Michigan Municipal League is spearheading a drive to put the question before voters this November. It must collect 303,000 signatures through petitions by mid-July to get the question

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## Water main fix in works

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Canton will spend about \$300,000 to repair aging water mains along Michigan Avenue and other roads this year.

Numerous breaks have occurred this winter along Lotz, Sheldon and Michigan, township engineer Tom Casari said. Replacing worn out mains instead of just fixing them will save money in the long run, he added.

"We get more breaks in the winter for some reason," Casari said. "We have a very acid soil in the Michigan Avenue area, too. That tends to corrode the pipes and cause breaks."

Canton trustees recently approved Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May Inc. to design the replacement project. Work will be started and completed this summer or early fall, Casari said.

The largest section of pipe, which carries drinking water, will be replaced along Michigan Avenue. About a 1 1/2 mile section between Morton Taylor and Sheldon roads will

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## Hot time

### Training exercise offers life-like experience for local firefighters



**Heavy duty:** Canton Firefighters Steve Borgelt and Bill Wisler rescue a "victim" during a training exercise at the Zap Zone on Ford Road in Canton.

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The air was thick with smoke as firefighters Bill Wisler and Claude Gersky struggled to pull a 165-pound victim from a pitch black, burned-out office in Canton Thursday.

Warning sirens went off just as they got the victim out of the building. The loud screeching noise signaled that each man was about to run out of oxygen.

"It was fairly difficult," said Wisler, a rookie in the township department. "It was hot and you couldn't see anything. It was confusing and dark."

Fortunately, the "victim" in this case was a dummy. The smoke was actually fog and the pitch black office a converted maze at Zap Zone on Ford Road.

Wisler and Gersky were among a dozen firefighters to take part in an elaborate training drill Thursday. According to Canton Fire Inspector Frank Barrett, the simulation was meant to test firefighters.

"A lot of times when we go in for a search we're literally blind," he said. "Nine times out of 10 we're unfamiliar

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## Top of the class: Fair Politics, performance nets 3,000 hopefuls top senator's agenda

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"They were coming in droves." That was the reaction of George Przygodski, Plymouth-Canton Schools director of personnel, to Wednesday night's job fair at Salem High School, which drew nearly 3,000 educators interested in teaching throughout the district.

"This really showed what kind of interest people have in our school district," said Przygodski. "There certainly is a good perception that we have a lot to offer potential employees."

"We do a lot of good with students and the community, and I think a lot of people want to be part of it."

Plymouth-Canton is looking to hire 80-100 teachers for next year, mainly because of a buyout package which is enticing many experienced educators into retirement. With area school districts fighting over the same pool of applicants, Plymouth-Canton was hoping its early job fair would stand out.

"It was a great success, quite an evening for us," said Przygodski.

**'This really showed what kind of interest people have in our school district. There certainly is a good perception that we have a lot to offer potential employees.'**

*George Przygodski,  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools*

"We're going to start looking at applications now to get a jump start."

Typically, according to Przygodski, school districts don't start looking for applicants until the spring or early summer. However, with a dwindling number of teachers available, districts are competing heavily for the same talent. In fact, Przygodski said Farmington school officials visited Wednesday's job fair to pick up a few hints.

After finalizing transfers of teachers within the district sometime in April, Przygodski said he'll start looking through applications from teachers outside the district.

### CANTON ECONOMIC CLUB PREVIEW

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Critical issues facing Michigan business, the state's suddenly heated Republican presidential primary and his own tough re-election campaign are topics U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Michigan, expects to cover in Friday's appearance at the Canton Economic Club luncheon.

Abraham's speech, still being drafted late last week, will be titled "A Report to Michigan Citizens," said Joe Davis, director of communications for the senator. "We expect he'll talk about things he has been able to accomplish for Michigan in several areas, including product liability reform, high technology and lowering the tax burden."

The noon luncheon at Canton's Summit on the Park will be hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and co-sponsored by Rudolph/Libbe and the Observer Newspapers. Tickets are \$15

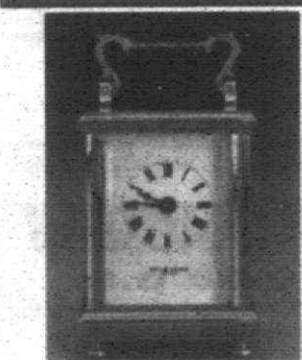


U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham

for chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber at (734) 453-4040 by Wednesday.

Abraham sits on the Senate com-

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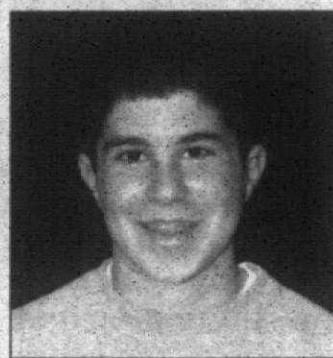
### CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

Michael Savoni has been named the Canton Observer Carrier of the Month for February.

Michael's route includes the Fairways of Pheasant Run subdivision in Canton. He has had the route since July 1998. He is the son of Tony and Carol and has one brother, Kevin, 17, who has a route in the same subdivision and is a former Carrier of the Month.

Michael, 14, is an eighth-grader at Lowell Middle School, where he maintains an "A" average. His favorite school subjects are math and science. Favorite hobbies are soccer, basketball and collecting sports cards. He was named Student of the Month for seventh-graders in February 1999 and won first place on the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association Bulls team. He hopes to one day become a physician working in

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**Michael Savoni**  
sports medicine.

Michael said he most enjoys the exercise and spending money his paper route provides. His job has also taught him how to save money for the future and how to budget money.

"It helps kids mature and learn work skills for later work," Michael said of paper routes.

## Thief strikes homes under construction

### COP CALLS

More than \$1,000 worth of equipment was stolen and damages were done to several homes under construction early Wednesday, according to Canton Police reports.

A pair of dishwashers valued at \$600 were stolen and garage entry doors to four homes were damaged, reports said. The doors were valued at more than \$500.

The homes are part of a Pulte Homes' development in the 4000 block of Fairview. Police have no suspect in the incident.

### Assault

A 56-year-old White Lake man was assaulted while on the job in Canton Wednesday.

Police reports said the man got into an argument with a 33-year-old co-worker from Belleville. The men exchanged words then went outside of the Michigan Avenue business.

Reports said the two continued to argue. The Belleville man then struck the 56-year-old in the face, reports said. Police investigated and issued the 33-year-old an appearance ticket for March 10 at 35th Dis-

trict Court in Plymouth for assault and battery.

### Tools taken

A 47-year-old Madison Heights man was the victim of an auto larceny Tuesday, according to police reports.

His 1986 van was parked in the lot of Home Depot on Ford Road when someone took a cordless screwgun and circular saw from it. The tools were valued at \$360, reports said.

A cell phone (\$40) was also stolen. About \$300 worth of damage was done to the vehicle's passenger side door, reports said.

### Numbers

Traffic crashes topped the list for Canton Police service calls for the weekend of Feb. 4-6.

A total of 21 were reported, but only one with injuries. Eleven larcenies occurred and nine malicious destruction of property incidents were reported as well.

## Library board seeks to fill vacant seat

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Canton's Public Library is looking for one good person.

Its Board of Trustees is currently down a member with the recent departure of Greg Stachura. According to Library Director Jean Tabor, applications for the position will be taken until March 10.

"It's a totally autonomous board from the township," she explained. "Our trustees set policy and make all of the important decisions for the library."

Stachura was in his second term with the board. His replacement will be interim until the November election.

Board members serve four-year terms. The board is comprised of six Canton residents. Applicants must be township residents and U.S. citizens.

"It helps if they're interested in the library," added Tabor.

"But there are no real qualifications. We've had everyone from teachers to business people and homemakers."

The library board meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Tabor said there are special meetings occasionally.

Meetings generally last two to three hours. Besides policy, trustees also set library tax rates, approve budgets and a host of other duties.

"It's an exciting time to be on the board," Tabor said.

Potential trustees will be interviewed by the board. Tabor said five or six applicants were interviewed for the last opening. "So far," she added, "we've received one letter and had an inquiry at our front desk."

Anyone wishing to be considered for the board seat should send a letter of interest to Chairwoman Ed Zelmanski, care of the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI, 48188.

## Court wants volunteers for foster care board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board.

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1994 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

The five member board meets one day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, and caseworkers, attorneys, and

other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward.

Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The purpose of the review is to insure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the Wayne County Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 31 and interviews with prospective candidates will take place in February.



**High steppin':** The Plymouth Salem Rockettes went down to the nationals in Orlando, Fla., and came home with the third-place trophy.

## Kickin' it Rockettes roll at Disney World

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Coach Aileen Balatico knew last May that her Plymouth Salem Rockettes dance team was something special.

"After tryouts I knew this team had the talent, it was only a question of whether or not the girls had the dedication to be good," said Balatico. "Well, they proved it."

The Rockettes finished third in the nation in the high kick division during the Universal Dance Association National Championships at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"I had a really good feeling, but I didn't expect third place," said smiling senior Jessica Sandoval of Plymouth Township, who also competed in the nation-

ally as a freshman. "I thought our routine was really original and we really worked well together. It was a lot of hard work and dedication, but we all wanted it."

The Rockettes have qualified for the nationals every year since they last performed in 1997. But Balatico said she'll only take those squads that have a chance of doing well against national competition. And this year's team fit the bill.

"It's a big expense, so I want to make sure I have the right team that's going to be dedicated enough to work six days a week and have the talent to compete at the national level," said Balatico.

"This year we certainly made a name for ourselves."

The Rockettes started the trek to Orlando last July when they

became Grand Champions and collected a first place trophy at the UDA dance camp at Michigan State University.

The Salem team then choreographed the kick line routine last August, consisting of 50 high kicks within a two-minute-15-second routine.

The Rockettes also competed in the pompon category, finishing 13th nationally.

"Winning third was really awesome," said Laura Novkov, 17, of Canton. "Once you make the final round you know you're going to place, but you don't want 10th. Finishing third was really exciting."

The Rockettes routine can be seen as part of the Universal Dance Association National Championships on ESPN Friday, April 28, from 1-2 p.m.

## Training exercise from page A1

with the layout of the floor plan.

"This is an ideal situation because we can (closely) simulate a rescue."

Zap Zone is a laser tag and gaming business between Haggerty and Lilley roads. With a little adjustment of maze walls and barrels, Barrett said it resembled an office building.

"We set up two courses so that two teams can go in at a time," he explained. "There's a victim on each side deep in the maze. It's similar to an office building with lots of cubicles. I think it's a real challenge for them to get the victim out."

Mission accomplished, according to the firefighters.

"Just trying to get the dummy out through those narrow walls was tough," Gersky said.

Tom Battistone, a 23-year veteran, agreed.

"It was good training," he said. "I haven't been in a fire in a while so it was good to go through it and hone your skills."

Finding such training opportunities is rare, Barrett said.

"It's tough for us to find facilities," he added. "It's difficult to find a situation like this. We try to make it as realistic of a scenario as possible."

Zap Zone co-owner Kelly Nelson let the department use his business for three days - free of charge.

"We said 'sure' when they asked," he commented. "Anything we can do to help the community and help the firefighters stay in tip-top shape."

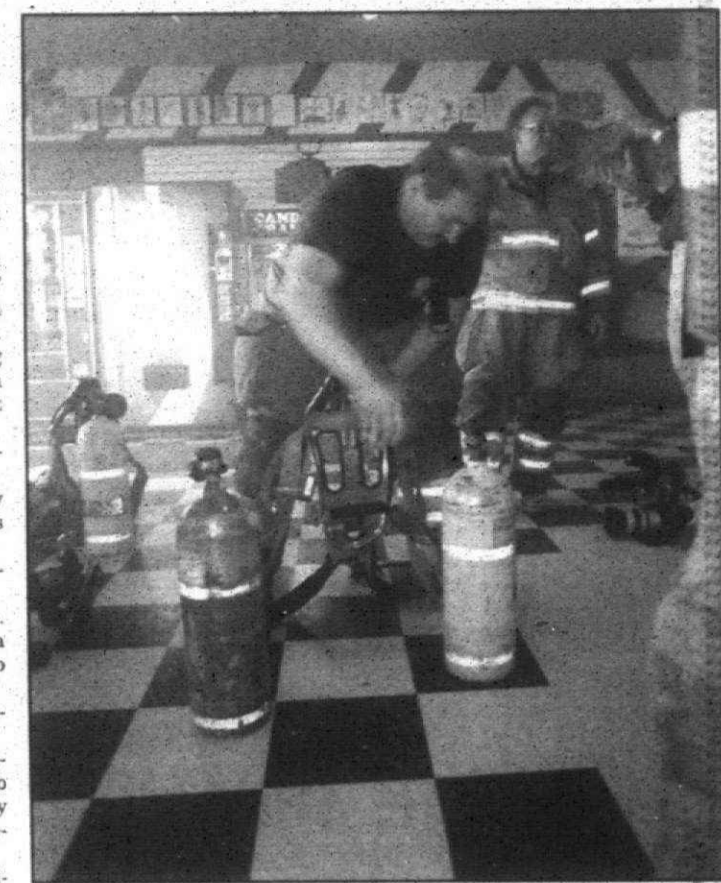
"We'd really like to do this again," Barrett said. "It's an ideal training facility for us."

Training sessions lasted for about 90 minutes.

Firefighters paired up for their trip into the maze. Each was wearing full "turnout" gear, said Barrett.

"That included fire-protective suits, which he described as feeling like a heavy winter coat, and 45-pound oxygen tanks. Firefighters were not allowed to use flashlights to help find their victim.

"That would make it too easy,"



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

**All done:** Canton Firefighter Claude Gersky disassembles his breathing apparatus following a training exercise at the Zap Zone on Ford Road in Canton.

Barrett said.

Firefighters crawled through the maze. Keeping physical contact with their partners and a "guide wall" is paramount in a search, said Barrett.

In a dark, unfamiliar structure, firefighters pick a wall to help guide them through a building and get back out safely. Gersky said communication is key as well.

"You always talk a lot," he said, adding that it helps extend oxygen supply. "If you talk you use less air."

Keeping close contact with the wall and a partner helps firefighters know where they're at, Lt. Steve Berger said.

"If you get more than a couple of feet apart," he added, "it would be very easy to get separated."

It took most teams between five and 10 minutes to get the "victim" out of the maze. Gersky said that was a realistic amount of time for a search.

Berger said the simulation was good practice. But real life, he added, is much more difficult because of heat and other conditions within a building.

"Always with a fire there's more debris in the way," said Berger. "Wires hang from the ceiling or are coming out of the wall."

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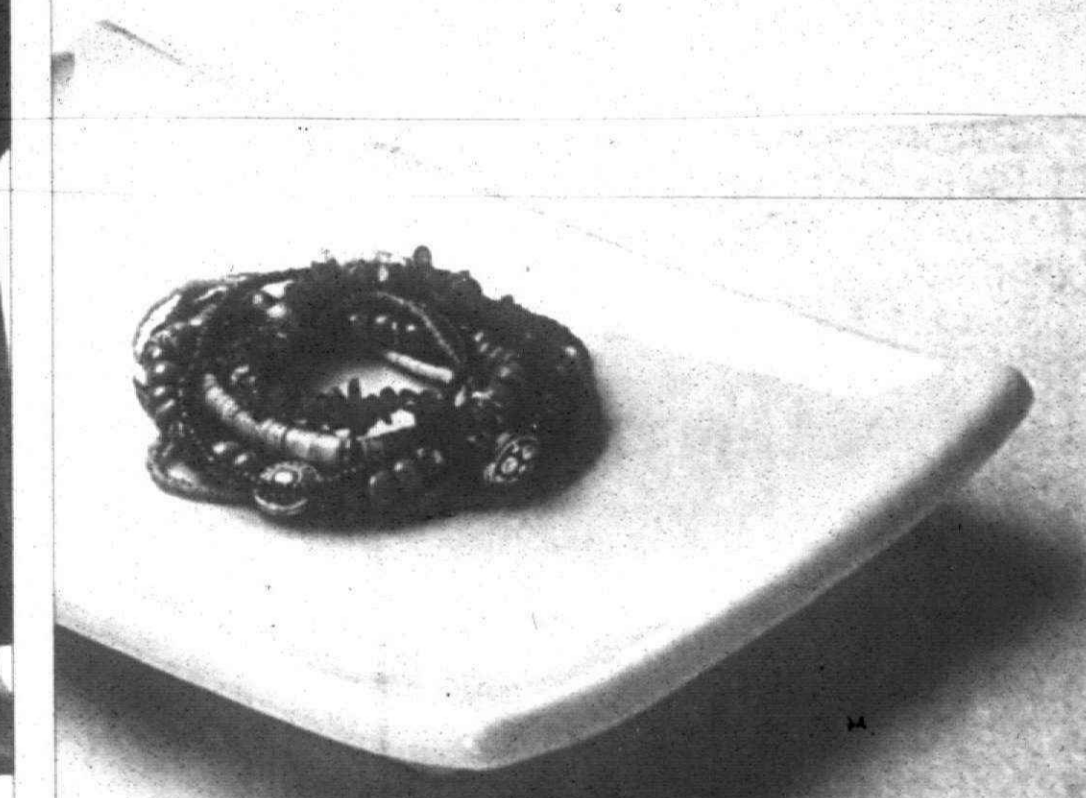
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# Reorganization plan could include sale of newspaper

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The Community Crier newspaper is scheduled next Friday to present a financial reorganization plan in federal court, and reports circulated that part of the strategy may come in the form of a sale to a Wayne businessman.

Dave Willett, the owner of Willett Communications, confirmed he had discussions with publisher W. Edward Wendover about buying the Crier.

"There have been discussions. I can't say it's going to happen," said Willett. "It's something we've been weighing. Stay tuned."

Willett Communications provides services such as Web site development, computer consult-

## COMMUNITY CRIER

### Economic club from page A1

merge and judiciary committees. The latter has been criticized in recent months for holding up federal court appointments by President Bill Clinton.

Abraham is also co-chair of the Senate's high-tech task force, which has been dealing with fallout from last week's hacker attacks on high-profile Web sites like Amazon.com and E-trade.

"We're working on putting together legislation to address that problem and others," Davis said Thursday. "It's a fascinating area where things change very quickly."

While the focus of the speech will be Abraham's accomplishments since winning election to the Senate in 1994 and how that has benefited Michigan business, Davis said the election and other issues are bound to come up, either in prepared remarks or in answering questions from the

ing, graphics and typesetting. A closed hearing was held last Wednesday and there were indications that Wendover might sell his newspaper and become a contract employee to run the daily operations.

But when asked if next week's reorganization announcement would include the sale of his newspaper, Wendover said, "No, it will not."

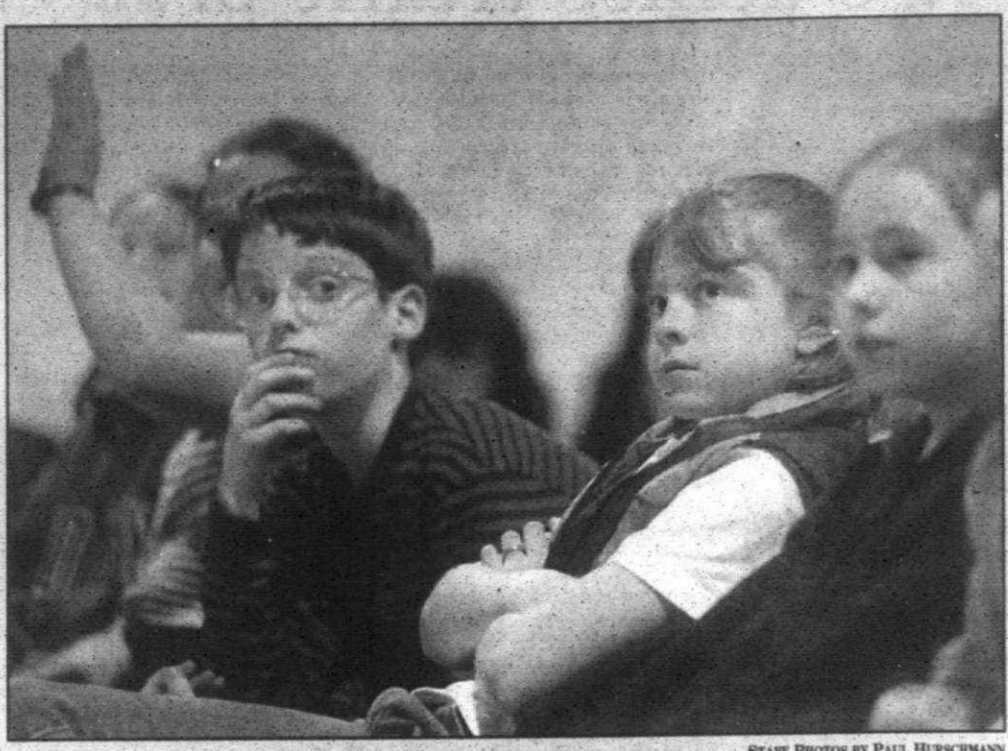
Last Oct. 21, The Community Crier filed to reorganize business operations as allowed by state law under Chapter 11. Under the bankruptcy proceedings, Wendover is required to come up with a plan to pay his creditors. The bankruptcy court filing doesn't erase the newspa-

per's debt, but allows Wendover to come up with a reorganization plan which can either be accepted or rejected by the court.

Last fall, Wendover declined to list the legal issues and debts facing him. However, Carl Berry, former Plymouth Township police chief who then was assisting Wendover, said the reorganization helped ward off a number of debts.

Those debts include the costs associated with the \$100 million harassment lawsuit filed by Dr. Tom Prose of Plymouth against the Crier and the city of Plymouth, and a \$76,000 debt owed to Michigan Web Press for printing the newspaper.

### History comes alive at Allen



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSHMAN

**Spellbound: Corwin Stout of Plymouth, 10, (from left) Ashley Heard of Plymouth, 10, and Nicole Gambrell of Canton, 11, listen intently to Judge Ron Lowe as he plays Abraham Lincoln Thursday at Allen School. At right, Lowe talks to students at the start of the presentation, which he said hasn't changed much from his debut of a year ago. This year Lowe emphasized "respect, responsibility and caring." The same principles of the Character Counts program that the schools employ.**

### Cheerleaders finish 12th in nation

The Plymouth Salem varsity cheerleaders competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championship last weekend in Orlando, Fla., finishing 12th nationally.

The past four years the Plymouth Salem cheerleaders have finished 10th, 11th, 12th and 12th in national competition. It's the eighth consecutive year the varsity has competed in the nationals.

Preliminary competition was held on Saturday, with the top 12 teams advancing to the finals on Sunday.

# Metro denies traffic problem report

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Spokesmen for both Metro Airport and the Wayne County Roads Department said Friday that, contrary to a published report, there should be few traffic problems for passengers getting to and from the new Midfield Terminal.

"We don't see where the controversy is here," said Conway. "This (I-275/Eureka access) is going to alleviate the traffic congestion."

He said the road leading directly to the terminal - known as the south access road - is already completed from Eureka to beneath the crosswind runway and that the next stretch, to the front of the terminal, has been financed and is under construction.

All that remains, Conway said, is the section running from there north to Rogell Drive and the existing terminals. That linkup, expected to be at the Green Parking Lot next to the L.C. Spith Terminal, is under design.

The new terminal from the south already is assured because most of it will come from I-275 and Eureka, and that Eureka has already been widened to four lanes from the interstate east to the new south entrance to the airport.

"No funding problems are expected, Conway said: 'The state clearly recognizes the importance' of the project."

Traffic from I-94 heading for the new terminal, which will be exclusively for Northwest Airlines, is expected to head west to I-275 and south to Eureka, Roach said.

Although Eureka is only two lanes from Middlebelt west to the south access road, reconstructing it - planned for 2002 - "should not be such a big deal because the overwhelming majority of traffic is coming from the west," Roach said.

Nevertheless, he said, "I think our engineering staff is trying to

look at ways to move it up to next year if possible, possibly by finding a way for the county to pay for it and then be reimbursed by the state later.

"But that's something we'd have to see if we could do," Roach added.

Regarding the controversy over the new north-south runway servicing the new terminal, Conway said Wayne County Circuit Judge Kathleen Macdonald upheld on Friday morning the county's right to reject all bids.

"She said we were doing the right thing because the project had changed enough" from the initial design to warrant its being re-bid, Conway said.

The original \$66 million bid accepted from John Carlo Inc. of Clinton Township in November was rejected because Northwest Airlines said the design was not what it had agreed to, Conway said.

New bids will be opened on Tuesday.

Eventually, when the south access links to Rogell, passengers will be able to enter the airport for any of the terminals from either I-94 or I-275, Conway said. "I don't know of any other airport that you can enter either end of off two different freeways," he added.

No funding problems are expected, Conway said: "The state clearly recognizes the importance" of the project.

Traffic from I-94 heading for the new terminal, which will be exclusively for Northwest Airlines, is expected to head west to I-275 and south to Eureka, Roach said.

Although Eureka is only two lanes from Middlebelt west to the south access road, reconstructing it - planned for 2002 - "should not be such a big deal because the overwhelming majority of traffic is coming from the west," Roach said.

Nevertheless, he said, "I think our engineering staff is trying to

# Engler panel releases education report

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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Low- and middle-income families would get additional help putting their youngsters through college if the recommendations of the Michigan Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education are adopted.

The commission's final report, released last week, outlined four recommendations for consideration by the Legislature.

- Create a Postsecondary Access Student Scholarship. PASS would cover all tuition and fees for students from low-income families needed to get an associate's degree.
- Create an education savings plan. Although Michigan already has the Michigan Education Trust, the commission found it is mainly used by those in the higher-income levels. Combining a savings plan with tax deductions would help those in the middle-income brackets.
- Provide incentives to institutions that keep their tuition hikes below the rate of inflation.
- Create a "one-stop shopping" Internet site to provide students with easy access to information about colleges and careers. The site would include college applications and information on financial assistance and planning.

Administration at Walsh College; Deloitte and Touche Vice Chairman Richard Gabrys; Lansing Community College President Dr. James Anderton; and Grand Valley State University Financial Aid Director Kenneth Fridsma.

The commission concluded that while there is an increased need for higher education in today's more technologically-oriented workplace, significant obstacles still stand in the way of students from lower-income families who are trying to get a degree.

"Students from some low-income families lack necessary social and economic incentives to pursue postsecondary education," the report concluded. "For now, the commission hopes to make postsecondary education as affordable for as many students as possible. The commission understands this step, in and of itself, will not address all barriers facing low-income students."

Despite the fact that Michigan has a program in place to help low-income students, many are not aware of the program.

Under the PASS program, scholarships would cover tuition while students pursue associate degrees. Students would have to take and pass the Michigan Education Assessment Program test to qualify. The program would be targeted to families making less than \$40,000 per year.

The commission found that middle-income families, those making over \$40,000, are ineligible for current grants and must rely on student loans to finance education. The result is that many students leave college having accumulated enormous

debts.

For those middle-income families, the commission proposed combining an educational savings plan with tax deductions and matching grants. Families that make less than \$8,000 could put money away tax deferred until the students begin college. When withdrawn, it would be taxed at the student's income tax rate.

The report also notes that tuition rates have increased on average 52 percent at colleges throughout the state in the last 10 years.

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# Head Start management change may take program out of schools

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Wayne County Head Start parents are wondering where their children will attend school next year.

At the same time, local school board members will be asked to lay off everyone who works in Head Start programs in area schools. As of July 1, all Head Start employees will be receiving their pay check from Starfish Family Services of Inkster.

These are just three effects of a fund-management transfer between the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) and Wayne County. As of Aug. 31, 1999, Wayne County RESA was "no longer involved" with the \$17 million federal grant awarded to Head Start children for Wayne County communities other than Detroit.

"We determined that Wayne County had more resources available," said Michelle Gaynier, communications manager for Wayne County RESA.

Head Start is a federally-funded preschool program for at-risk children 3-5 years old. To be eligible for the program, children must come from a low-income family or have impairments which would affect their readiness for K-12 public education.

"Head Start to me is the best federally-funded program that has been developed," said Kay Beard, Wayne County Commissioner for Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

"Most kids when they enter kindergarten know their ABCs, have been read to and some even have the beginnings of reading. But there are so many children in disadvantaged areas that don't have that nurturing. Head Start provides that nurturing."

It was never a question of canceling the Head Start program according to Gaynier, it was just a matter of finding another organization to be the grantee.

"Our target is K-12 public education. But Head Start is not just education, they also deal with health, family and other issues. Wayne County is just a better match," she said.

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Wayne County Commissioner

Once Wayne County became the grantee, they contracted with Starfish Family Services to operate the program in western Wayne County. Currently, most of the programs of western Wayne County are run in school districts: Redford Union, Livonia, Wayne-Westland, Plymouth-Canton, Inkster, Crestwood and Westwood. Only a few of the programs are being run out of local YWCAs in Garden City, Dearborn and Taylor.

While little will change for children attending Head Start programs in the Ys, children who attend the sites run out of schools could see a huge change.

First, the programs will no longer be run in the schools unless the various boards of education allow them to use the facilities, transportation and support staff free of charge.

Second, since school districts no longer have any control of or accountability for Head Start, they will have to pink-slip the current Head Start staff. These employees can then reapply for their jobs with Starfish, but the job responsibilities, rate of pay and locations are not guaranteed to be the same.

Third, every teacher hired for Head Start will need to have a degree by 2003 or face dismissal.

Fourth, if students are uprooted from their current sites, they may have to find transportation to and from school, or to and from speech and hearing therapy if they need the assistance (at least 10 percent of the students at every site do need that help).

"I know this is frightening to the parents, the staff and the children," Ouida Cash, chief executive officer for Starfish Family Services, told a Livonia parent group Wednesday morn-

ing. "We are trying to help the transition be as smooth as possible."

According to Carolyn Gray, executive director of Children and Family Services for Wayne County, representatives from all the sites were invited to discuss the changes at a meeting about one year ago.

"At this meeting, they all signed letters of support indicating they would continue the operations in their sites," she said.

However, there was no mention of who would pay for operations and that is one of the sticking points. Gray would like to continue operating where the students are familiar with the staff and the building, but it will be up to the individual school districts.

She suggested that school districts routinely offer the space, busing and support staff free of charge, "because these will be their kids in a couple years." Detroit and many downriver schools have offered their facilities to maintain the program.

She admitted, however, that because resources are limited, "across the country, more and more school districts are getting out of Head Start." Plymouth-Canton schools have already informed Starfish that they will need to find a new, licensed facility for next year.

Gray said finding a new place for those students will not affect the start-up date. School will start in September as planned.

Her goal is to keep things running "as smooth as possible for the children and their families."

"Sometimes these children are used as pawns, but we are trying to avoid that," she said.

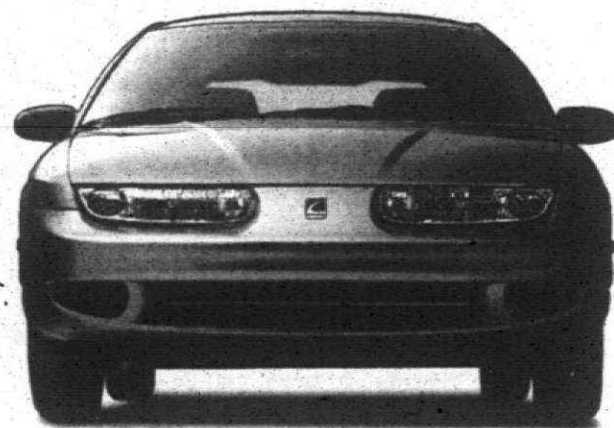
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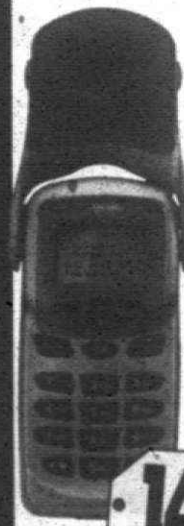
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### Still unbeaten

Plymouth Salem ran its volleyball record to 8-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 15-0, 15-5 victory over North Farmington Wednesday at North.

The Rocks improved to 29-8-1 overall.

It wasn't much of a challenge for Salem. Eight of their 30 points came on service aces, with Liz Gizicki and Amanda Suder accounting for three apiece.

Indeed, the Rocks totaled just 13 kills (with only four errors) and had only 12 digs. Suder and Denise Phillips led in kills with three each — Phillips had a .600 kill percentage, Suder a .400 — while Michelle Ginther, Katie Good and Mary Lou Liebau had two apiece.

Ginther led the team in digs with four. Jill Dombrowski collected 11 assists to kills.

The win leaves Salem with one major obstacle between it and a WLAA regular-season championship — Livonia Franklin, which the Rocks host at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

### Top gymnast

Hillary Bracht proved she belonged in the 'Circle of Stars.'

The 10-year-old Plymouth native competed at the Circle of Stars gymnastics meet in Indianapolis Feb. 5 and placed first in the all-around in her division (Level 8).

A member of the Gedderts Twisters of Lansing team, Bracht scored 36.175 in the all-around competition. She finished first in the vault (9.0) and balance beam (9.575), was fifth in the floor exercise (9.15) and eighth in the uneven parallel bars (8.45).

A fifth-grader at Bird Elementary, Bracht was competing for the first time at Level 8.

### Not quite enough

Janell Twietmeyer continues to shine for Alma College's women's basketball team, but it wasn't enough to prevent a three-game losing streak for the Scots.

Twietmeyer had 13 points for Alma against visiting Kalamazoo College Feb. 5, but the Hornets prevailed 65-63. The loss left Alma at 11-9 overall, 8-5 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

A freshman, Twietmeyer was averaging 8.9 points and 5.7 rebounds in 22.9 minutes per game. She was leading the MIAA in free-throw shooting, converting 35-of-40 from the line (87.5 percent). She also ranked sixth in three-point shooting, making 25-of-66 from beyond the arc (37.9 percent).

### Softball teams needed

Madonna University has two openings remaining for its 2000 High School Softball Tournament, which will be May 20-21 at the Canton Softball Center.

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• Great Lakes Spring Classic, a USSSA State Tournament — Open Division event that serves as a qualifier for the USSSA World Tournament, is scheduled for April 7-9 at Allen Park HS and Allen Park Middle School.

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# North edges Salem, 48-44

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting that the outcome of Friday night's emotion-packed game between Plymouth Salem and North Farmington was decided by a last-second, three-point shot that arced high towards the heavens before descending back towards the rim.

With his team trailing, 46-44, and just a few ticks left on the clock, Salem guard Andy Kocoloski fired up a potential game-winning, three-point attempt from four feet beyond the top of the key. As everyone in the jam-packed gym held their breath, the ball hit the back of the rim and bounced into the hands of Salem's Matt McCaffrey, whose putback also missed the mark.

Raider forward Adrian Bridges snatched McCaffrey's miss, was intentionally fouled with four-tenths of a second to go, and calmly drained two free throws to seal North Farmington's 48-44 victory.

Emotions were charged minutes before the Parents' Night game in the Rocks' gymnasium when the entire Salem team escorted the parents of Mark Bolger to center court. Bolger, a junior forward, died Jan. 28, a short time after collapsing during halftime of the Rocks' game against Livonia Stevenson.

Bolger's death and the circumstances that surrounded Friday night's game stirred somber memories for North Farmington coach Tom Negoshian. Twelve years earlier, one of his players — Matt Leiter — died during halftime of a game.

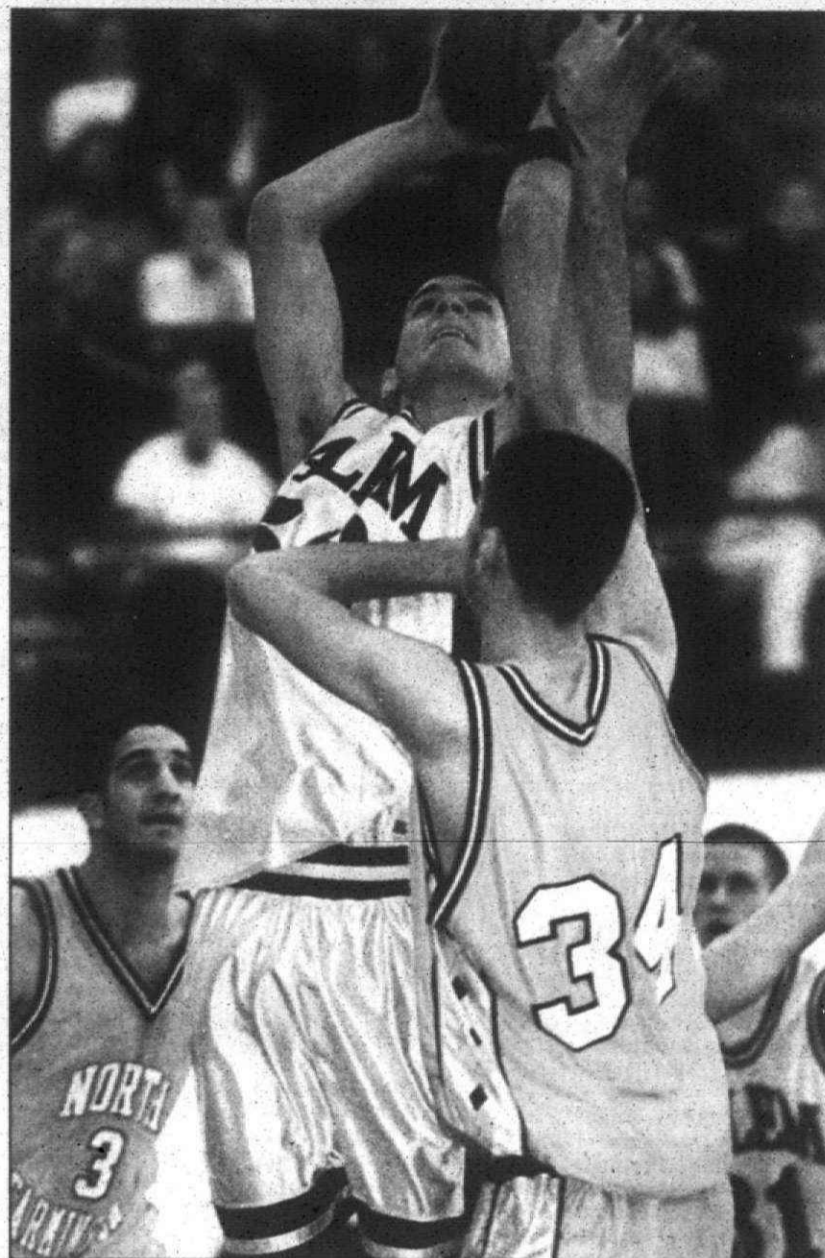
Just a few minutes before he died, Leiter had scored his first-ever points as a member of the varsity basketball team.

"When you lose a young man like Salem did and like we did eight years ago, it puts everything else in perspective," an emotionally-drained Negoshian said. "Both teams played hard and — win or lose — they came together at mid-court after the game and said a prayer. That's what it's all about."

The narrow victory secured the Raiders' position atop the Western Lakes Activities Association standings with an 8-1 league mark. North Farmington is 10-5 overall.

Salem dropped to 8-7 overall and 4-5 in the WLAA.

"When you play a good team like North Farmington, every possession is



**Big man battle:** Salem's Matt McCaffrey gets this shot off over North's Emir Medunjanin (34) in a game highlighting the post players. McCaffrey scored 13, Mejunjanin had 23.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

critical, so you have to take care of the ball," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Towards the end, they seemed to get every loose ball and every rebound. I

give them a lot of credit. They played hard.

"I was proud of my team, too," Brodie continued. "I thought we played

extremely hard. We just gave them too many opportunities."

After McCaffrey rebounded a missed North Farmington free throw with 24 seconds left and Salem trailing by two, Brodie emphatically tried to call a time-out so that he could diagram a play for his team. However, his efforts went unnoticed by the three referees.

"I don't know if it was because it was so loud in the gym or what, but the ref couldn't hear me (calling for the time-out)," Brodie recounted. "We wanted to set up a play that would have had us take the ball hard to the rim so that we could get an opportunity to either tie the game or win it, but I couldn't get the ref's attention."

Minus the time-out, the Rocks couldn't penetrate the Raiders' sagging zone defense and were forced to pass the ball around the perimeter before settling for Kocoloski's 23-footer.

"I was very worried at the end when they had the ball because the way the game was going, it just seemed like the team that took the last shot was going to win," Negoshian said. "Throughout the entire game, every time we would get a little lead, it seemed like they would come right back down and hit a three and get back into it."

"I'm sure it was a fun game to watch, but coaching was hard work tonight," he said, smiling.

The effort of North Farmington senior Emir Medunjanin also brought a smile to Negoshian's face. The 6-foot-6 forward punished Salem with his work around the glass, as he drained 23 points and hauled down a game-high 11 rebounds.

Medunjanin was especially tough down the stretch as he scored eight of the Raiders' 14 fourth-quarter points.

Senior Phil Watha shined from the perimeter for North Farmington, scoring 10 points, including two momentum-seizing three-pointers in the latter stages of the third quarter. Bridges scored just three points, but his defensive presence was instrumental in shutting down Salem's inside game.

Offensively, the Rocks were paced by the trio of McCaffrey (13 points), guard Ryan Cook (13 points) and Kocoloski (12 points). The other eight Rocks combined for just six points.

Defensively, McCaffrey excelled, blocking four Raider shots. He also had three steals.

Please see SALEM-NORTH, B3

# Chiefs stop Churchill in OT

## BASKETBALL

Canton coach Dan Young.

"He took over the game in the fourth quarter," added Churchill coach Rick Austin. "He's our go-to guy."

The overtime, however, belonged to the Chiefs, who got three points apiece from Nether, Jason Waidmann and Jay Sofen in outpointing Churchill 9-1.

The one-two punch of Waidmann and Nether wrecked Churchill. Waidmann finished with 24 points, Nether with 22. Dan McLean added 11. And all three worked the boards to perfection.

"Our inability to rebound really hurt us," Austin said. "Those two players (Waidmann and Nether) are great for Canton. They just had their way on the boards tonight."

"We ran multiple defenses and kept Canton pretty much in check. But we lost the battle of the boards. There were a lot of putbacks for Canton."

Bennett led all scorers, getting 31 for Churchill. Brandon Dziklinski scored 11 and Randall Boboige had nine.

Canton led 21-15 after one quarter, but the Chargers fought back to tie it at 32-all at the half.

**PCA 66, Roeper 60:** The victory seemed to be safely tucked away for Plymouth Christian Academy Friday, with visiting Bloomfield Hills Roeper trailing by 11 with 1:08 to play.

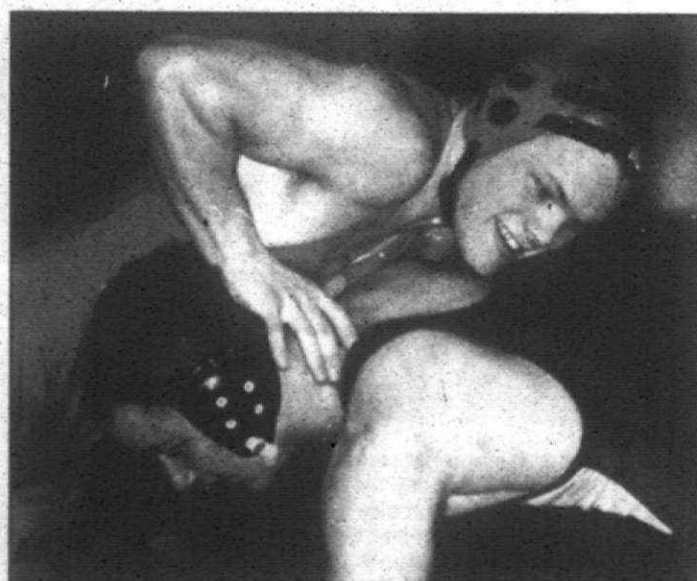
But the Roughriders charged back, making a couple of three-pointers and eventually narrowing the gap to three. They had possession and a shot at the game-tying basket, but missed.

PCA's A.J. Sherrill grabbed the rebound, was fouled and converted the free throws to ensure the triumph.

The win, the Eagles' eighth straight, improved their record to 10-4 overall, 6-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Four players reached double figures

Please see BASKETBALL, B3



**100th career win:** Canton's John Pocock (top) won by injury default against Farmington's James Clarahan, making him 100-20 in his wrestling career.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

# Rocks win, Chiefs tie in crossovers

It was getting interesting, for certain.

Plymouth Salem hosted Walled Lake Western in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover wrestling dual meet Thursday at Salem in a battle of second-place finishers. The story with the Rocks all season was to dominate early in the meet and hang on late, because their strength was in the lower weight classes.

When the Warriors won three-straight matches, at 152, 160 and 171 pounds, the collar was tightening for Salem. But wins by Mike Popeney at 189 and Zack Jensen at 215 turned that around for the Rocks, who emerged with a 40-32 victory.

Popeney won by pinning Rob Thompson in just 12 seconds, and Jensen posted a 3-2 victory over Neil Retherford.

Other pin-winners for Salem were Pete Bobee at 103, in 3:57 over Dan Drenikowski; Ron Thompson at 119, in 1:10 over A.J. Lee; Rob Ash at 125, in 1:48

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## SWIMMING

# Salem 5-0 in WLAA

This meet served one significant purpose for Plymouth Salem's swim team: Get a look at some different people.

"It's one of those meets you swim everybody and get some new names in the paper," said Salem coach Chuck Olson after the Rocks defeated Westland John Glenn 143-16 Thursday at Glenn. "We have the MISCA meet Saturday, so some of our better guys got to rest."

"Hopefully, they'll be ready to swim fast Saturday."

The Rocks won all but one event. Individual-event winners were Dave Carson in the 200-yard freestyle (2:05.41); Adam Sonnastine in the 200 individual medley (2:23.53); Mike Johnson in the 50 free (23.21); Hugo Alvarez in the 100 butterfly (1:00.66); Mark Witthoff in the 100 free (51.18); Mike Horgan in the 500 free (5:26.50); Brian Dorogi in the 100 backstroke (1:03.77); and Jason Rebarchik in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.04).

Eric Lynn, Rebarchik, Ben Dzialo and Johnson combined for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:47.44); Kevin Kilgore, Peter Neuroth, Ryan Kappler and Carson teamed for a first in the 200 free relay (1:41.36); and Johnson, Dzialo, Witthoff and Lynn won the 400 free relay (3:30.12).

The win raised Salem's dual-meet record to 10-1 overall and kept the Rocks perfect in the WLAA at 5-0. They finish their WLAA dual season at 7 p.m. Thursday against the Farmington/Farmington Harrison combined team, at Salem.

# Stretch run tops Crusaders

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It was a chance to do something special. To win two-straight games, a rarity for Madonna University's men's basketball team. And to overcome the odds, to win with perhaps your best offensive threat on the sideline, watching.

And for virtually the entire game Wednesday against visiting Spring Arbor, it appeared the Fighting Crusaders were prepared to pull it off. But then...

History repeated itself. The Crusaders found a way to lose, surrendering several chances down the stretch to put the game away as the Cougars escaped with a 62-49 victory.

"Let's face it," said Spring Arbor coach Ryan Cottingham afterwards, "we stole one tonight. We were fortunate enough to hang in there and pull it out at the end."

Cottingham, whose team improved to 13-16 overall and 5-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, was right. The victory had been within the Crusaders' grasp since the start, but they couldn't put it away.

Madonna (4-24 overall, 2-9 in the WHAC) never trailed in the first half, but its 26-17 lead with 3:53 left evaporated when the Cougars scored the final eight points of the half—five by Derek Anspaugh.

The Crusaders still had a one-point lead at the break, but Anspaugh made certain that wouldn't last long.

The 6-foot-6 senior center picked up in the

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second half where he left off in the first, taking advantage of an opening in the Madonna defense on the left side of the basket. He grabbed three offensive rebounds, turning them into Spring Arbor's first six points of the half—and the Cougars' first lead.

Neither team led by more than four in the second half. With the drama escalating as the game time diminished, it became apparent the victory would rest with who did what in the final moments.

Two free throws by Dan Kurtnaitis with 1:46 left had given Madonna a 49-46 lead. The Crusaders played solid defense; they forced a pair of misses on the Cougars' next two possessions.

But they couldn't take advantage. Jason Skocycias missed three free throws in the final 90 seconds. Chad Putnam missed three three-point tries in the last three minutes, and in the final second, a desperation half-court shot by Aaron Cox bounced off the rim.

Spring Arbor got a free throw by Jason Khon with 5:11 remaining, setting the stage for Bryan Gordon's game-winning shot: a three-point from the top of the arc with :17 left, giving the Cougars a one-point lead. Putnam's triple try was blocked with :03 left.

Anspaugh's two free throws in the final second provided the final margin.

Mike Massey, Madonna's top offensive player, was serving a three-game suspension after drawing two technical fouls in a game

against Rochester College Feb. 6. "We were careless with the ball," said Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki, reflecting on his team's 23 turnovers. As far as the failure to cash in on chances down the stretch, he added, "That's what hurts. We had open shots in the last few minutes. You've got to make those."

Anspaugh's 20 points and 10 rebounds paced Spring Arbor. Gordon and Dustin Scherer had nine apiece.

The Crusaders got 17 from Cox and nine from Jordan Garrison.

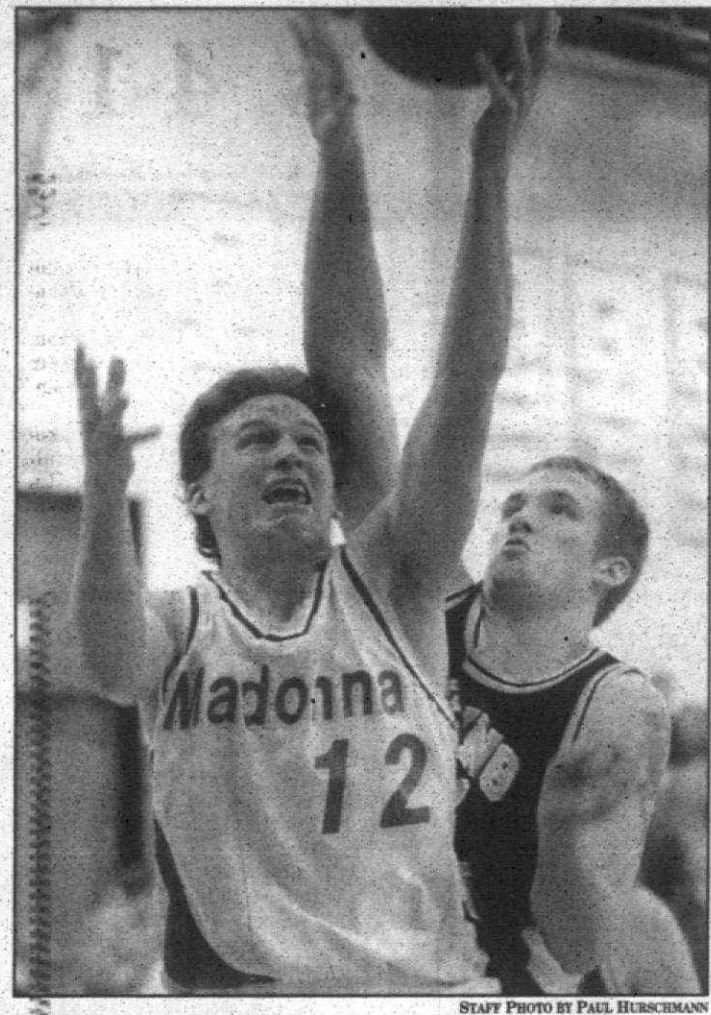
## Ocelots roll past WCCC

Seven players reached double figures in scoring for Schoolcraft College, sending the Ocelots to a 119-52 win over visiting Wayne County Community College and into Saturday's key match-up at Flint Mott CC with a 12-0 conference record.

SC is 12-4 overall and in first place in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. The Ocelots have won 13-straight. Wayne fell to 6-14 overall, 1-11 in the conference.

Robert Brown led SC with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Lamar Bigby added 19 points, Quentin Mitchell had 15, Dwight Windom scored 14 and gathered 12 boards, Reggie Kirkland netted 12 points and seven assists, Brian Williams had 10 points and seven assists, and Tony Jancevski (from Plymouth Salem) finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Wayne got 12 points apiece from David Rucker and Russell Little.



Nothing easy: Madonna's Aaron Cox gets two of his team-high 17 points against Spring Arbor.

## Wrestling from page B1

over A.J. Escobar, and Steve Diprinos at 140, in 2:24 over Nick Jasko.

Winners by decision were Lucas Stump at 130, by a 10-2 margin over Justin Nasarross, and Josh Henderson at 145, by a 12-0 score over Jeff Zilan.

Salem hosts the state district team tournament Wednesday, with the Rocks going against Plymouth Canton in one semifinal and Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson pairing off in another, both at 5:30 p.m. The winners meet at approximately 7 p.m.

Pocock wins 100th The news for John Pocock was great. The senior 145-pounder got an injury default victory over Farmington's James Clarahan at 5:58

to earn the 100th victory of his career.

The news for the rest of the Chiefs wasn't so good. Pocock's win boosted their lead to 30-9 in this WLAAC crossover meet at Farmington, but it was downhill after that. Canton won just one other match—Phil Rothwell on a void at 189—as the Falcons stormed back to get a 36-36 tie.

Which gave Canton a 19-5-1 dual-meet record, 5-2-1 in the WLAAC.

"It's a lot of wins for anybody," Canton coach John Demick said of Pocock's accomplishment.

"He's quite a wrestler for anyone told and match up against, and a coach's dream. He's a natural leader and his work ethic raises the tempo of the whole wrestling room."

Pocock's win boosted his season record to 35-4; he is 100-20 for his career.

Other Canton winners against Farmington were Rob Schettler at 103, with a pin of Kevin Ostranger in 1:17; Brad Kreger at 112 on a void; Kevin Rodriguez at 125, with a pin of Josh Woods in :56; Chris Hosey at 130, by an 8-1 count over Ralph Turk; and Greg Musser at 135, with a 7-1 decision against Nick Rameriz.

The Chiefs had a 30-12 lead with five matches to go, but suffered pin losses in four of them.

Canton goes against Salem in the opening round of Wednesday's state district team tournament, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Salem. The winner meets the winner of the Livonia Churchill-Livonia Franklin meet at approximately 7 p.m.

## Cougars rule Madonna in 2nd half

A second half stall-out meant a 71-57 loss for Madonna University's women's basketball team in a game played Wednesday at Spring Arbor.

The loss dropped the Lady Crusaders to 10-13 overall, 4-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 16-8 overall, 7-4 in the WHAC.

Madonna led 33-31 at the half, thanks to a defense that limited the Cougars to 11-of-30 shooting (36.7 percent) from the floor. The second half was another story: Spring Arbor made 14-of-31 shots (45.2 percent) while allowing Madonna to make just 8-of-26 (30.8 percent), which led to a 40-24 scoring advantage.

Chris Dietrich led the Crusaders with 17 points. Michelle Miela had 14 and Kristi Fiorenzi

(from Plymouth Canton) collected 12 points and nine rebounds. Spring Arbor was paced by Kristin Dankert's 14 points and Michelle Robson's 10.

Ocelots roll An impressive overall performance carried Schoolcraft College to a 72-47 victory at Alpena CC Feb. 5.

The win pushed the Lady Ocelots' record to 9-10 overall, 8-4 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Through Wednesday, Alpena was 8-15 overall, 4-9 in the conference.

"It was probably one of our best games of the year all-around, offensively and defensively," said SC coach Karen Lafata.

It also left the Ocelots in a position to at least in part control their own destiny. "If we win our last four games, we could finish in second place (in the conference)," Lafata noted, then added, "That's the best case scenario."

Angelica Blakely earned conference player of the week honors last week, totaling 51 points and 32 rebounds in two games. Against the Lumberjacks, she had 21 points and 10 boards.

Janel Olson added 20 points and four steals, Carly Wright had 12 points and seven boards, and Antone' Watson contributed nine points and nine assists.

Alpena was led by Sofie Bootz's 12 points and Melissa Van Stedam's 11.

## Basketball from page B1

in scoring for PCA: Dave Carty with 19, Derric Insee and Sherrill with 13, and Mike Huntsman with 12. Huntsman grabbed seven rebounds and Sherrill had four assists.

The Eagles led by six (44-38) entering the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame 81, CC 73: When Redford Catholic Central held a 57-43 lead at the start of the fourth quarter Friday night, little did it know that Harper Woods Notre Dame had the Shamrocks right where they wanted them.

The Irish unleashed a furious assault that produced a 38-16 period and led to an 81-73 upset victory over the Shamrocks.

## Salem-North from page B1

The Raiders threatened to blow this game wide open early when a long three-pointer by junior guard Mike Patterson gave them an 18-10 lead two-and-a-half minutes into the second quarter.

However, Salem countered with a 10-0 run over the next three minutes to take a 20-18 lead. North Farmington closed out the first half with two Watha free throws and an offensive tip from Medunjanin with one second left, and led 22-20 at intermission.

The most scintillating play came early in the second half when, on a fast-break, Cook dished off a perfect behind-the-back pass to a streaking Ryan

## CC stalls, 4-1

Haydon, who laid the ball in to put the Rocks up, 25-24. Salem's last lead of the game came at the 3:10 mark of the third quarter on a steal and layup from Kocotowski.

Watha made a crucial play with 1:30 to go when he grabbed a missed Bridges' free throw and converted the basket to put the Raiders ahead, 44-41.

Thirty seconds later, Medunjanin hit a short jumper to extend the lead to 46-41. However, Cook countered at the other end with a long-range three-pointer with 38 seconds left.

The Rocks intentionally fouled North Farmington guard Brian Shulman with 24.7 seconds left. Shulman missed the free throw, setting the stage for the final, dramatic seconds. And the prayer that followed.

## HOCKEY

Central's only goal, but it came in the third period and after the score was already 4-0.

Trenton took a 1-0 lead in the first period and added three goals in a span of 3:10 in the second as it outmuscled CC.

The loss left the Shamrocks 17-2. Top-rated Catholic Central had handed No. 3 Trenton its second loss of the season in their first meeting.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Table listing various sports events for the week ahead, including boys' basketball, women's college basketball, Ontario Hockey League, and prep hockey.

Advertisement for 'The people you need will be there, will you?' featuring a large diamond image and promoting a 'Job Fair 2000' at Burton Manor Livonia on Wednesday, March 29, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Advertisement for 'Ugliest Bathroom Contest' sponsored by WJR, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Building Industry Association and Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton. Includes a cartoon of a distressed person and details about a \$10,000 prize.

Advertisement for 'High School Athlete of the Week' presented by WJR AM 760 and sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Features a photo of Kristen Palombo, last week's winner from Farmington Hills Mercy High School.

Advertisement for 'COLLEGE HOCKEY AT THE JOE' featuring Michigan vs. Michigan State on Saturday, February 26, 7:30 PM at Joe Louis Arena. Includes details about family packs and ticket information.



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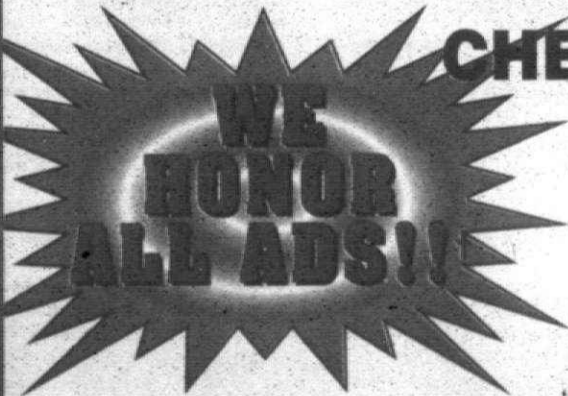
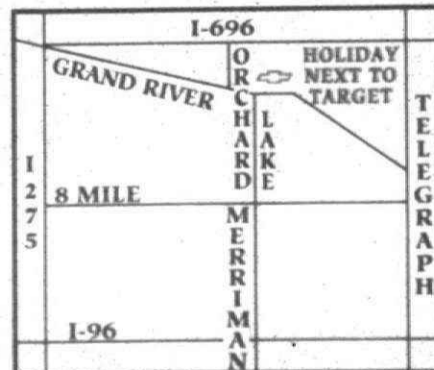
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Musical couple celebrate the arts together

This Valentine's Day Fern and Paul Barber will not only celebrate their love for each other, but also their passion for the arts. In the last 33 years, this husband and wife duo have helped raise the awareness of music, dance, theater and the visual arts in the communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills;



Fern Barber



Paul Barber

and they have no intention of stopping. Fern, who chairs the Farmington Area Arts Commission, and Paul, music coordinator for Farmington Public Schools, continue to add color to the local scene. One of their projects is the annual Fine Arts Festival Sunday-Sunday, April 30-May 7, in Farmington. A gala on Saturday, April 29, kicks off the arts extravaganza.

"Take art, theater and dance out of the world and it would be a pretty drab place," said Paul Barber. "Art touches all of our lives."

### Whirlwind romance

It seems only natural that the arts would be instrumental in bringing the Barbers together. Fern and Paul met in Elizabeth Green's violin class at the University of Michigan, and wasted no time joining forces to instill a love of music in young and old alike. They graduated in May of 1966, married in August, and by September were teaching music in the Farmington Public Schools.

Somewhere in the midst of this whirlwind, they founded the Farmington Community Band. Since that time, they've been supporting not only music, but all forms of art in the Farmington area.

Fern, a former president of the Farmington Musicale, has served on the Farmington Area Arts Commission for 19 years. The commission, with funding from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, is able to carry out a number of programs, including bestowing an annual artist-in-residence award since 1976. An Art to the Schools program allows teachers to choose an artist to visit students in the classroom. The arts commission also funds all of the awards for Farmington Artists Club exhibits, student art awards, and an award given by the Farmington Historical Society for the best writing of historical information about Farmington. They also help support the Farmington Musicale scholarship awards.

"It's a wonderful experience to be involved with the arts," said Fern. "Either you're meeting some new musicians or teachers. I'm always learning something new."

Paul, in his position with the Farmington Public Schools, "has to keep 38 music teachers happy." But in addition to overseeing the installation of a new keyboard MIDI lab for music teachers, he was involved with building a state-of-the-art TV studio at North Farmington High School, and instituting a dance program, the first of three at Farmington high schools.

Paul also supports visual art and theater, and has worked as a partner with the Detroit Dance Collective for the last three years. He also initiated a fine arts camp for elementary and middle school students. The camp, which will be held July 10-21, will allow students to take five classes in art, dance, music or theater.

"Our music program's grown dramatically," said Paul. "Thirty percent of our students are involved with the arts. That's nearly three times higher than the 9 to 10 percent nationally. Dance will add another component. Students have another way of self expression. If we provide a wealth of

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### Students inspired by dance legend

Studying at the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance made quite an impression on Melissa Poli — one she wanted to share with her students at North Farmington High School.

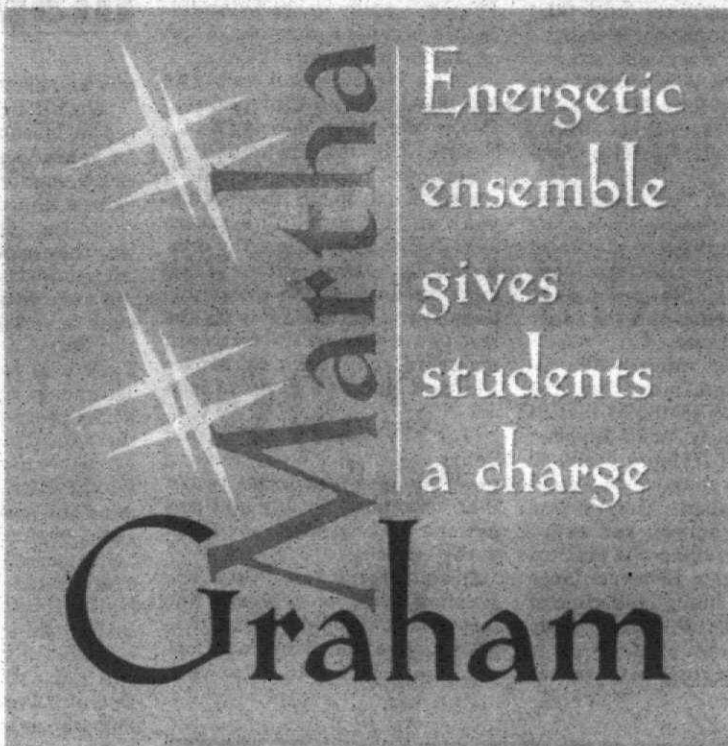
So when the opportunity arose to bring the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble to her school, Poli leaped at the chance. She wanted her students to experience first hand how the legendary choreographer transformed dance in America. Graham began her journey as a dancer and choreographer in 1916.

"It was a spiritual experience almost," said Poli. "I felt like we paid homage to Martha Graham at the school. You could just feel the history."

Rachel Zuckeman loved "The Lament," the second work on the program. "I thought it was really powerful and cool," said Zuckeman, a junior. "They showed a lot of expression," added sophomore Kathleen Bendick.

The contemporary dance performance was a first for students in the dance program at North Farmington High School. Since most were trained in classical ballet and tap, modern dance is a world filled with mys-

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Dressed in body-hugging gold unitards, their bodies glistering under the spotlights — the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble dashes around the stage ceremoniously paying tribute to the sun and to the woman who founded the company in 1926.

The darkened auditorium soon erupts into thunderous applause as the electrically-charged performance sends surges of energy through the audience of students at North Farmington High School. The presentation was one of 13 outreach programs offered

at area schools, including West Bloomfield High School and Abbott Middle School in Birmingham.

The programs are part of a two-week residency, which precedes four performances by the Martha

Graham Dance Company, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

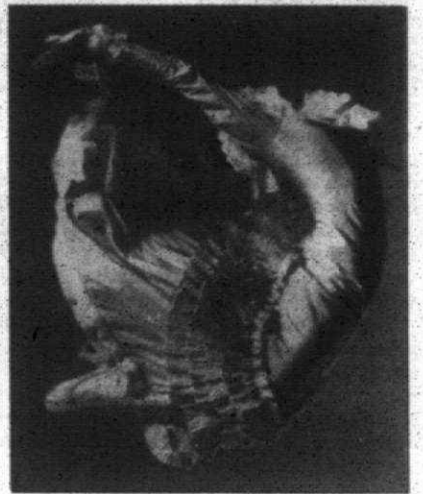
"We've been getting great responses," said ensemble director Kenneth Topping. "For the younger student, it's an art form we're trying to impart to them. This is a disciplined approach. This is an all-encompassing technique."

### Early morning

The dancers arrived at 7:20 a.m. to warm up before demonstrating the Graham technique to students, and performing three of the 181 works she choreographed. Topping began the program by explaining the rigorous training dancers go through to become a member of the ensemble or company. Graham used the principles of contraction and release as the foundation for her technique.

Topping learned them from Graham during the six years he worked with her while dancing

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Celebration of dance: "Appalachian Spring" is one of the classic works that will be presented by the Martha Graham Dance Company.

### Martha Graham dancers perform at Music Hall

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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Choreographer and dancer Martha Graham may not have the name recognition of, say, Martha Stewart, but she probably should.

Graham's dance technique, based on body contraction and release, transformed modern dance. More importantly, her artistic approach and sensibility helped shape 20th century expression; in the larger realm of modern art, Graham, who died in 1991, sits beside the likes of Picasso, Stravinsky, Frank Lloyd Wright and other artistic forces of the time.

"Her work is almost a self-contained history of modern art," said Christine Dakin, associate artistic director and principal dancer with the Martha Graham Dance Company, which is scheduled to perform several of the Pennsylvania-born choreographer's classic pieces Feb. 17-20 at Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

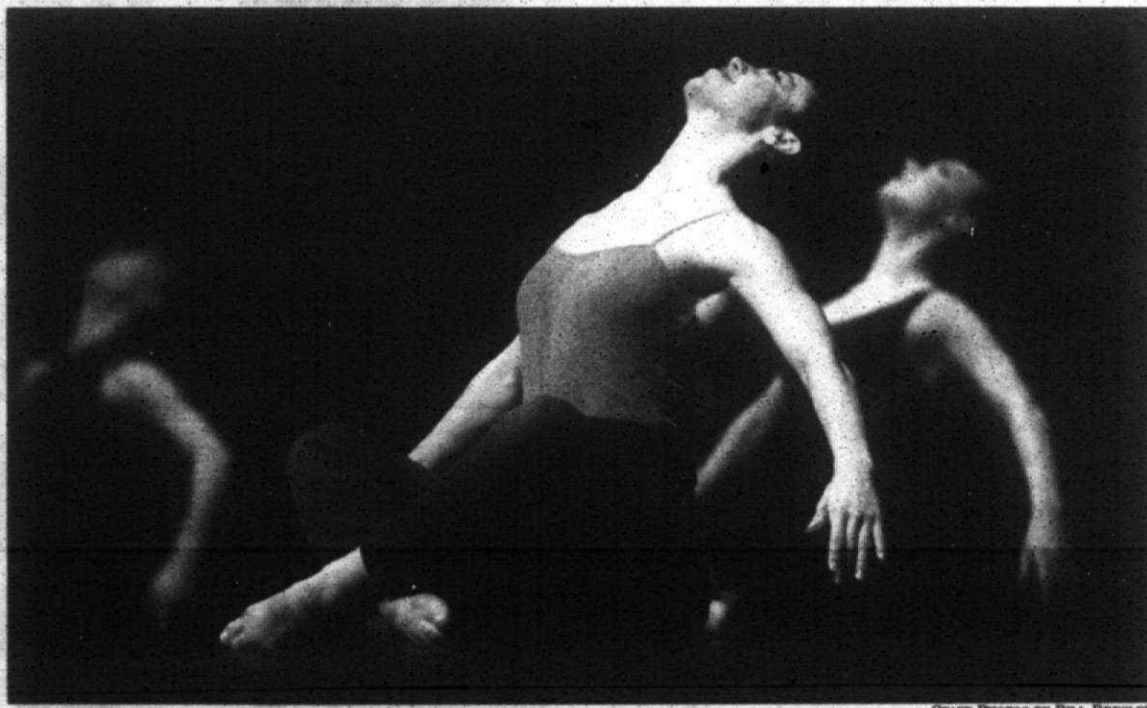
"Martha's work spanned 50 years, during which time she was in the forefront of modern art," says Dakin, who grew up in Ann Arbor and studied dance at the University of Michigan.

Not only did Graham create 181 ballets in her lifetime, she also collaborated with a wide range of artists, including musical composers Aaron Copeland and Samuel Barber, sculptor Isamu Noguchi and actor and director John Houseman.

That's one of the reasons why anyone with an interest in modern art ought to experience Graham's choreography firsthand, says Music Hall President Peggy Tallet. "If you enjoy newer music, if you enjoy modern art — what Graham really does is like mobile sculpture — you'll definitely enjoy this."

True to form, the company's Detroit performances will showcase mostly Graham pieces. Among them, her well-known *Appalachian Spring*, which is set to a Pulitzer Prize-winning score by Copeland, and *Errand Into the Maze*, which takes the Greek myth of Ariadne

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Modern dance: (Top photo) Students in Melissa Poli's dance classes at North Farmington express their excitement over seeing the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble perform. (Middle photo) Sebastien Sabatier-Curial and Penny Diamantopoulou cool down after a performance at North Farmington High School. (Photo above) Members of the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble demonstrate the legendary choreographer's techniques.

## CONCERT

### "All That Jazz"

WHAT: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra blends classical with the sounds and rhythms of jazz.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19; 7 p.m. preconcert chat with director Nan Washburn and composer Harold Farberman. Afterglow hosted by the Outback Steak House, 42871 Ford Road, Canton.

WHERE: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth.

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. Call (734) 451-2112 for more information.

### Plymouth Symphony brings jazz to church

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Pete Siers rarely plays with an orchestra and never in church. But he'll do both when the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents its "All That Jazz" concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Saturday, Feb. 19.

An instructor at Washtenaw Community College and the Ann Arbor Academy for the Performing Arts, Siers will shine on Harold Farberman's "Concerto for Jazz Drummer." Siers, who plays regularly with the Bird of Paradise Orchestra, emerged on the jazz scene during his undergraduate years at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. A native of Saginaw, he moved to Ann Arbor in 1986 to join the Eddie Russ Trio. Throughout the years, he's played with jazz legends such as Mulgrew Miller and Mose Allison. In addition to his

own trio, Siers has become a vital member of the Ron Brooks Trio and the Bess Bonnier Quartet. His first CD "Those Who Choose to Swing," released last April, is a hard hitting jazz record in the style of Oscar Peterson.

"The concerto is very different texturally," said Siers. "It was originally written as a collaborative with Louie Bellson. Although I've never performed the piece, I was excited after hearing it. I'm a huge fan of Louie Bellson."

Farberman's four movements run the gamut of musical styles from classical to jazz.

"The third movement is cow bells, wood block and toy drum," said Siers. The fourth movement has lots of cadenzas and a big drum solo at the end. It's a major piece. The concept for writing it is to have interaction with the orchestra with definite room for the drummer

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All that jazz: Pete Siers plays Harold Farberman's drum concerto with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.



BOOKS

Spiritual journey has down-to-earth destination

By Rabbi Laib Wolf, Three Rivers Press, 1999, \$14

Why do some people continue to cherish life despite first-hand experience with terror, violence, and pain? How do they maintain their equilibrium and lead conventional, productive lives? Questions like these have haunted Rabbi Laib Wolf since childhood and taken him on a personal and professional journey that includes the study of law, psychology, and traditional Judaism.



ESTHER LITTMANN

Wolf now understands how his parents and in-laws (Holocaust survivors) could not only patch their broken lives together but also affirm the goodness of life with family, work, and faith.

The answer, maintains the author of 'Practical Kabbalah,' lies in the profound teachings of Jewish mysticism. 'Kabbalah' writes Wolf, the father of seven children and a resident of Australia, 'is an ancient Jewish wisdom that explains the eternal laws of how spiritual energy moves through the Cosmos.' Its message can be traced to pre-literate times but finds full expression in the 'Zohar' or 'Book of Splendor,' a repository of mystical writings compiled by Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai in the second century, A.D.

WRITING WORKSHOPS

Poet, storyteller and fiddler Ken Waldman will conduct a writers' workshop 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in room LA 420 of the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. If you have a manuscript, make 25 copies and bring it, or just come to discuss or listen. Waldman, who is visiting from Alaska, will read and perform at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16 in room MC110 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Hagerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of I-275. There is no charge for either of these events.

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and the Minotaur as its story. The company also will perform 'But Not For Me,' a Broadway-style dance set to music by George Gershwin. While Graham is considered one of the founders of modern dance, her effect on physical movement in performance is more pervasive. She helped set the groundwork for Broadway-style dance and, in time, impacted movement in popular culture. Not only do actors study Graham technique, but well-known entertainers like pop icon Madonna embrace her movements in performance. 'She revolutionized not just dance but theatrical movement,' says Tallet. 'She introduced movements that you see everywhere, even in exercise—yoga or Pilates—for example.' Beyond Graham's impact on 20th-century art and present-day culture is her ability to stimulate the senses and provoke the imagination. Graham's dancers aren't alone on the stage; they're part of a larger composition that uses costuming, set design, lighting, music and movement to create vital drama. 'A smorgasbord for the senses' is how Tallet describes Graham's choreography. 'It's very athletic. It is very theatrical. And, really, it is very dramatic. Many people are put off by classical dance, but this is not formal. It's much more open. It becomes something for you to understand and to interpret.'

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to improvise.' Siers fell in love with jazz while playing drums in fifth grade in Saginaw. In high school and at Aquinas College, Siers tried to read and listen to as much jazz as possible. 'That first experience was a huge event in my life,' said Siers. The band director marched us down to the civic center and I heard the U.S. Army Big Band play and I was totally blown away.' Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn is hoping the experience of hearing the orchestra play will instill a love for the American art form in the audience at Our Lady of Good Counsel. 'The concert is a crossover or fusion, blending the works of classical and jazz,' said Washburn. 'For an orchestra, it's the opportunity to work on rhythm in a big way. For the audience hearing this program, they realize jazz is such a big part of American music. Just about any style of music has elements of jazz.' The jazz concerto, in addition to being one of Washburn's favorite works, brings back fond memories of Farberman, her former instructor at the Conducting Institute. A former percussionist with the Boston Symphony, Farberman founded the institute now based in New York. 'Farberman's concerto is a fun piece that pays tribute to different kinds of jazz,' said Washburn. 'Overall, I think people who aren't necessarily jazz lovers will enjoy this program. The Shostakovich is a fairly unusual piece. Not many people know about it because they're so used to hearing his big symphonic works. Ellington's 'The River' is a staple work of the Dance Theatre of Harlem and Alvin Ailey. The program ends 'upbeat' with Ellington's 'It Don't Mean a Thing.'

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opportunity for students to grow, I'd like to think we're enriching the arts.' Setting an example The Barbers started their own children in musical training early just as their parents had done. Paul first picked up trombone and Fern clarinet, in the fourth grade. Nurtured by Harold Arnold, his teacher at Redford High School, Paul went on to study music at the University of Michigan where he played in the Rose Bowl with the marching band. He recently received the administrator of the year award for Michigan from the American String Teachers Association in conjunction with the National School Orchestra Association. Fern took a few years off from teaching after the births of daughter Julie and son Randy but went back to teaching and is now a music instructor at Walnut Creek Middle School in the Walled Lake Public School District. Julie is a freshman at the University of Michigan and plays trombone in the orchestra. Randy earned a degree in music

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VAAL MEETING

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia meets 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, room 16, in Livonia. Guest speaker Peter Gillian will show slides and discuss his work. For more information, call Marie Masek (734) 464-6772.

ONE-WOMAN SHOW

Redford artist Cheryl Conlin opens a one-woman show of more than 60 paintings, wall sculptures, and animal painted furniture with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Biddle Gallery, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. The show continues through Saturday, March 11. For more information, call (734) 281-4779.



Adrift at sea: Cheryl Conlin's 'Ocean of Emotion' is one of the paintings on exhibit at the Biddle Gallery in Wyandotte.

EMERALD SINFONIETTA CONCERT

Peter Soave will perform as a soloist with the Emerald Sinfonietta Orchestra, under the direction of Felix Resnick, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Groszette Point War Memorial. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Venezuelan Disaster Relief Fund. Soave will perform works by Aldemaro Romero, a Venezuelan native, and Astor Piazzolla, a renowned Argentinean composer known for his beautiful tango music.

For tickets and more information, call (313) 438-0780. An afterglow follows the concert at the Ambleside Gallery.

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ROMANCE CONCERT

Henry Ford Community College's fifth annual President's 'Collage' Concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, will feature performances by HFCC's award-winning instrumental and vocal groups. Tickets are \$15, call (313) 845-6470.

OPERA ENCORE!

Canton Project Arts presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$15. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 397-6450.

OFF OF AFRICA

'Pretcing Memories,' a quilt show, continues through Friday, March 3 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Reception 5-7:30 p.m. followed by a panel discussion with Alexander Gertsman, Irina Nakhova, Michael Odnorolov and Anatole Senkevitch in the Music Kocial Hall (adjacent to the gallery). The exhibit continues through Thursday, March 30. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 993-7813.

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Table with movie listings for various theaters including National Showtimes, Showcase, and others. Columns include theater name, showtimes, and ticket prices.



TRAVEL

# Traveling side roads of the Mountain State almost heaven

Almost heaven...  
Country roads take me home  
To the place I belong  
West Virginia...

- lyrics from a John Denver hit song of 1971

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Take mountainous State Highway 20 south and east of Beckley, West Virginia, to the railroad/river town of Hinton, cross the New River and follow the narrow half-paved, half-dirt National Park Service Road up to Sandstone Falls.

Here you are at one of the few waterfalls in the world where you can walk out to the middle of the river to get a better look. The falls only tumble about 30 feet but at this point the river is five football fields wide. Anglers stand in the deep pools at the fall's base. Youngsters brave the cool waters to perch on the fall's edge.

It's just one of many spectacular views in the Mountain State.

As you crisscross the state you are struck by West Virginia's rugged beauty, its well-maintained roads, and the wondrous state parks, but most off all it's the state's rural nature that highlights the sharpest contrast for those of us who live in south-eastern Michigan.

Two of the state's biggest cities: the capital, Charleston,



PHOTOS BY DOUG JOHNSON

Most photographed: A grist mill and waterfalls make a picture-perfect scene at Babcock State Park.

and nearby Huntington are each less than half the population of Livonia.

And the state's violent history echoes down through the years: the raid at Harpers Ferry; the split with Virginia that led to the

creation of the non-slave state at the height of the Civil War; the bloody Hatfield and McCoy feud; the coal field wars recently depicted in the film "Matewan," the coming to prominence of such labor figures as John L. Lewis and "Mother" Jones, the angel of the coal fields; the horrible mine and flood disasters.

Back at Beckley you can get a feel for what it was - and is - like to work the coal mines if you stop at the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine.

The hourlong tour takes you on a ride inside an authentic coal mine on "man trip" cars. Real miners take you through the history of coal mines and you see the rich seams of coal.

The mine is open April 1 to Nov. 1; tours run from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Also at the site are a gift shop, small museum, campground, coal company house, and

superintendent's house.

North from Beckley near Fayetteville you cross the famous New River Gorge bridge. Once a year (in October) B.A.S.E. jumpers leap off the span and drop the 900 feet to the river below.

B.A.S.E. stands for building, antenna, span, earth, fixed objects from which jumpers leap or rappel.

If you're not interested in extreme sports chose any other day. Stop by the Park Service's visitor center and pick up the official map for the New River Gorge National River. Many side roads are clearly marked and with some care you can take a narrow, dirt one-way road to the bottom of the gorge.

Above looms the impressive 3,000-foot steel span. At your feet is a tranquil spot in the river. A brief but tricky hike across a boulder field upstream

leads you to a patch of whitewater. In early April wetsuits are worn by river runners despite 80 degree air temperatures.

Other roads wind down into the river gorge; at one point you cross the New River on a one-way bridge that also contains a set of railroad tracks. It's river-running the New, the Gauley and the Cheat rivers that has help boost tourism in West Virginia.

If you want you can take jet-boats in the summer on a portion of the New River near Hawks Nest State Park (304 469-2525).

A swing up from the big bridge on U.S. 19 to U.S. 60 then south to Babcock State Park brings you to another scenic gem. With some hyperbole they say the Glade Creek Mill and water falls in the park are the "most photographed mill (and water falls) in the United States." True or not, the mill and falls are a photographer's delight and are easily accessible.

Another surprise is the impressive waterfalls at Blackwater Falls State Park on the eastern edge of the state. Numerous stairs lead to the falls on the west side of the river, but an easy walk gives you a high view from the east side. A quick run over to the eerie Seneca Rocks monoliths yields yet another facet of the state.

Here are some other routes or destinations to consider:

■ The drive down State Highway 55 from Elkins south to Interstate 64; beautiful valleys, rivers and mountains can only be matched in the American west.

■ A stop at Tamarack near Beckley where the "Best of West Virginia" is showcased is highly recommended. Fine arts and crafts are featured, but the best part is a superb food service operation run by the folks from The Greenbrier, a noted five-star resort at White Sulphur Springs.

■ A trip south of Beckley to Twin Falls will take you deep into coal country; railroad cars loaded with the black rocks chug

Hit the road

- For an interesting but brief history of the state try "West Virginia" by John Alexander Williams, W. W. Norton, publisher.
- For a list of white water runners, go to [www.wvwhitewater.com](http://www.wvwhitewater.com). The main West Virginia site is [www.wvonline.com](http://www.wvonline.com). Also, [wvparks.com](http://wvparks.com). The main state site is [www.state.wv.us/tourism](http://www.state.wv.us/tourism). The National Park Service's Web site for the New River is [www.nps.gov/neri](http://www.nps.gov/neri). A very complete list of links to almost every Web site in the state can be found at [www.polsci.wvu.edu/wv/vlinks](http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/wv/vlinks)
- The state's toll free phone is (800) 847-4898.
- You may find cheaper motel rates at places like Oak Hill and Fayetteville than at Beckley.
- It takes less than one day to get to the Ohio/West Virginia border; most people take the Ohio Turnpike in Toledo over to southbound Interstate 77.

alongside quiet rivers, roadways taking you through small towns filled with frame houses and the ever-present house trailer.

■ On the return trip home stop at Parkersburg along the Ohio River and check out the flood walls. Drop in for a meal at the restored Blennerhassett Hotel where they have been taking care of visitors for 102 years.

■ Nearby is Williamstown and the home of Fenton Glass where they offer tours and demonstrations. West Virginia is noted for glass. One of the more famous plants is in Milton west of Charleston on I-64. Blenko Glass and their artisans were featured on a recent PBS show.

A bloody history and a daunting terrain have combined to create West Virginia.

Mary Harris (Mother) Jones called the place "medieval." It wasn't "almost heaven" to her but it drew her back many times over a period of 40 years - much as it draws visitors today.

Doug Johnson is a retired Livonia teacher who lives with his wife in Plymouth.



Downstream: A raft full of boaters crashes through the whitewater near the New River Gorge bridge.

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| Saturday, February 19 |  |
| 1pm-3pm               | Allan Barnes jazz trio                                       |
| 1pm                   | Real Seafood Grill cajun-style food sampling                 |
| 3pm-5pm               | Roaming jester and magician                                  |
| Saturday, February 26 |  |
| 1pm-3pm               | Janet Tenaj jazz trio  |
| 3pm-5pm               | Children's face painting and mask decorating                 |
| 3pm-6pm               | Caricature artists   |
| Saturday, March 4     |  |
| 1pm-3pm               | Allan Barnes jazz trio                                       |
| 1pm                   | Children's mask decorating and Mrs. Fields cookie decorating |
| 3pm-5pm               | Balloon Characters   |

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KELLI LEWTON

## Americans are having a love affair with food

America has been having a love affair with food for the last century. Meals were simple in the late 1800s, and 90 percent of Americans never traveled more than five to 10 miles from their homes. With the dawn of the 20th century, new technology emerged that made travel and food storage possible and affordable.

In the early 1900s people began traveling like never before, and experienced new things and foods. Lavish 12- to 18-course dinner parties were thrown. Hershey's milk chocolate was introduced, and hamburgers and ice cream cones made their debut at the St. Louis World's Fair. Mr. Kellogg came along and changed our whole idea of morning food.

During the Roaring '20s, speakeasies and cocktail parties were the rage, along with soft drinks and ice cream. Betty Crocker was born, the first Coney Island was served in New York, Stouffer's and White Castle restaurants opened. The 1920s also brought the most immigrants in our history, and we became a melting pot of food histories.

In 1929, Mr. Birdseye developed a technique to flash freeze vegetables. Refrigerators with freezer compartments were introduced, and refrigerator sales jumped from about 10,000 in 1920 to 800,000 by 1929. Self-serve grocery stores created competition for food sales.

### One-pot meals were popular

Americans experienced hard times in the 1930s, but still found ways to love food, even when it was not plentiful.

One-pot meals were served, and casseroles — which still survive as "comfort food" today — evolved to nourish our families. Hostess Twinkies debuted along with Spam and Skippy peanut butter. During the 1930s standardization of recipes and food measures became a science.

The 1940s started with short ration cards but ended with people eating a lot of meat. Mom couldn't buy enough frozen and canned foodstuffs. Foreign food was the chic food to serve when entertaining or eating out. Bouillabaisse, crepes and Lobster Thermidor were also hot.

In the 1950s we loved "I Love Lucy" and the TV dinner was born. Food "revolutions" occurred in the 1960s. Vegetarianism was en vogue, and there was a rebirth of "natural" foods and whole grains.

### Food was 'cool'

Food was cool in the 1970s. Chefs became celebrities, gourmet foods grew in popularity along with salad bars. Real men didn't eat quiche, but everyone else did.

Baby boomers became yuppies in the 1980s. Everyone had microwave ovens. Southwest cuisine and restaurants were popular.

The 1990s would prove to be the decade of health. We counted calories and fat grams, strayed from beef, ate soluble fiber and worried about antibiotics in milk, pesticides, nitrates and E. coli. We adored Mediterranean and Pacific Rim cooking, but didn't quite understand Fusion cooking.

As we enter the 21st century we are informed consumers who demand more from the food industry. We want foods that taste good but are also good for us.

Thinking about new food dishes for this century, I believe food, like fashion, comes in and out of style. I always smirk when I hear someone say "so and so invented this great dish. I don't know if we chefs are really inventors of food, I think we are more like managers of it. So many dishes you see today aren't really new, but are dishes from the past, revisited and dressed up a bit.

*Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Her column runs on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.*

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Cooking with Chef Aldo Ottaviani

# Are you a snack animal?

STORIES BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS • SPECIAL WRITER

What kind of animal do your eating habits mimic?

Do you like to "graze" all day long like horses and cows or eat like a lion, enjoy a large meal and then a nice, long nap? Perhaps you're like my neighbor's dog, which is given a bowl of food each morning and eats only when he is hungry.

Mice are always in a feeding frenzy, and no human can top the shrew, which eats three times its body weight each day.

Even if your eating habits mimic these creatures, you still can learn how to be a smart snacker.

The time-honored tradition of "three square meals" a day is slowly giving way to a new trend — scattered mini-meals.

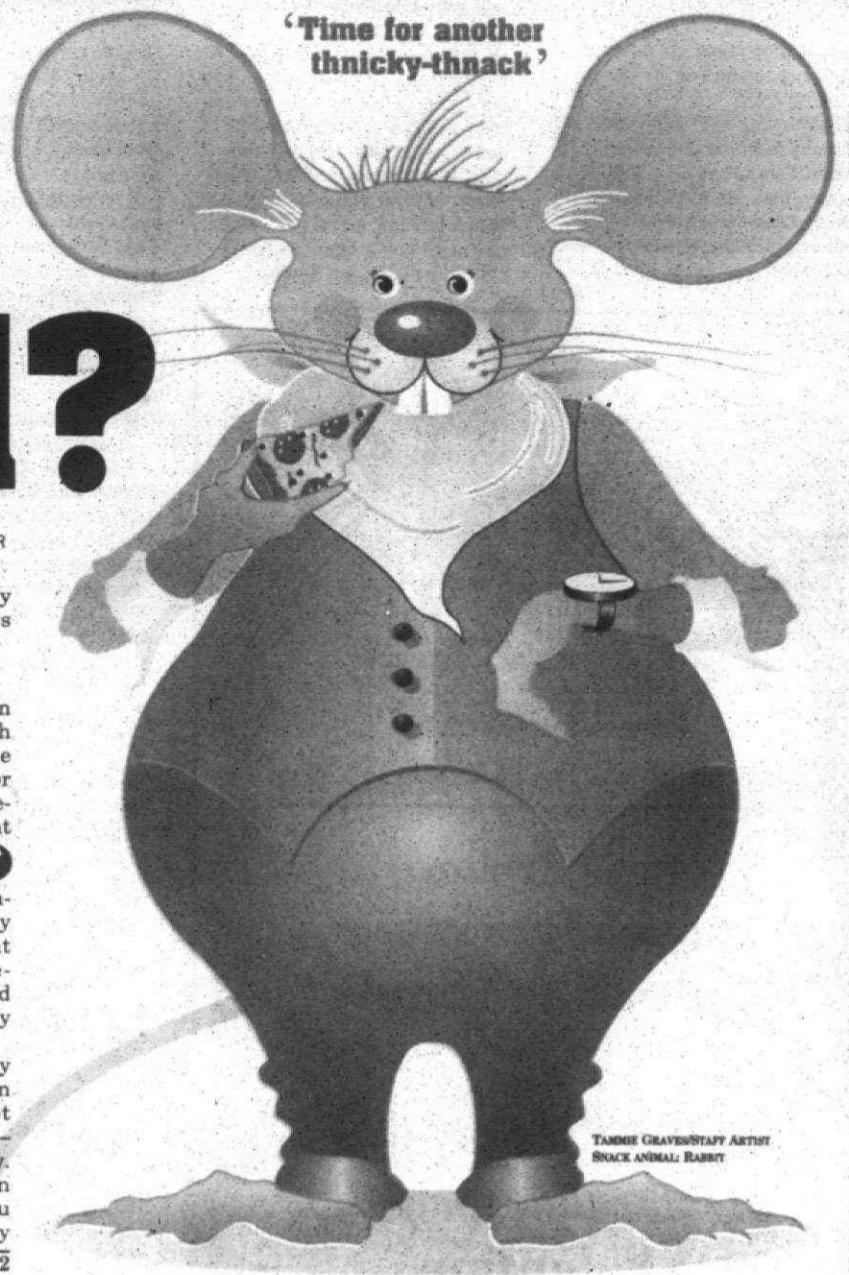
Snacking may contribute significantly to your daily calorie and nutrient intake. Potato chips, cookies and crackers are high in fat and calories. If you don't adjust the size of your regular meals to account for snacks, you could be eating more calories than you

need. If you substitute poor quality snacks for meals, you may miss out on some vital nutrients.

### Smart snacks

Choose snacks that are high in vitamins, minerals and fiber such as fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Stock your refrigerator or pantry with plain popcorn, whole-grain crackers, fruit juice, low-fat yogurt, low-fat cheese, low-fat granola bars, dried fruits, bread sticks, baby carrots, vegetables, fruits and other healthy snacks. Researchers believe that eating smaller meals more frequently may help regulate blood sugar, cholesterol and body weight.

Since little tummies hold only small amounts of food, children need snacks to help them meet daily calorie and nutrient quotas — as long as the snacks are healthy. Teenagers also need afternoon snacks to meet their needs. If you don't plan, foraging kids may

Please see **SNACKS, D2**TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST  
SNACK ANIMAL: RABBIT

### Do you eat like a horse, a lion or a mouse?

Are you curious about how others snack? We asked a few people to reveal their favorite snack, and the animal they most identify with:

#### LISA ASQUINI OF LYONIA

**Snack animal:** "I'm a lion. I don't snack much, love to eat meat and boy, a nap sounds good right now."

**Favorite snack:** Leftovers — meat, cheese, lunch meats. "I don't crave doughnuts or popcorn. Give me protein."

#### SUE ANN SCHELLIG OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

**Snack animal:** "I'm an owl. I snack at night, when I'm reading."

**Favorite snack:** "Lay's Wavy Potato. Chips in the red bag, with the dip I make from cream cheese and horseradish. But my secret passion (which all my students know at Upton Elementary School in Royal Oak) is chocolate covered raisins."

#### FLORINE MARK OF FARMINGTON HILLS

**Snack animal:** "I eat like the horse. Horses graze on grasses and hay during the day and then get most of their protein at meal time when they eat their oats. Like a horse, I love to graze on veggies and then enjoy my meals too."

**Favorite snack:** Vegetables — carrots, green peppers, asparagus, broccoli. "I wash them and throw them in a bag. Normally I start to get hungry at around 4 p.m. and that's when I pull out my veggies."

#### GENE TAYLOR OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

(Writer/executive producer of the Dick Purtan Show on Oldies 104.3 WJMC FM)

**Snack animal:** "I'm like the rabbit. I like to eat my vegetarian meals."

**Favorite snack:** I like baby carrots with hummus.

#### JOE SARAFI OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

(President of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan)

**Snack animal:** "I'm definitely the dog."

**Favorite snack:** "Potato chips, although I don't eat them often. I usually reach for the popcorn or pretzels instead."

#### REID ASHTON OF BEVERLY HILLS

(Owner of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield)

**Snack animal:** "I guess I'm most like the dog, although because I don't snack much, perhaps the lion is more my eating style."

**Favorite snack:** "My favorite snack is Beluga caviar, although I don't eat it as often as I would like. If I do snack, it's a pastry and a glass of milk."

#### MICKEY MACWILLIAMS OF CLARKSTON

(Executive director of the Michigan Ski Industries Association)

**Snack animal:** "Oh, definitely the mouse. I'm always looking for food."

**Favorite snack:** "I love cheese and fresh baby spinach together. I'll take a piece of cheese and wrap spinach leaves around it. Right now, in the winter, Habanero cheese tastes great."

### The highs and lows

You can judge snacks by their "nutrient-to-calorie" ratio. The following are some high and low nutrient-to-calorie foods.

#### HIGH

- Whole grain bread, bagels, muffins, crackers, cereal
- Nuts, seeds, peanut butter, hummus
- Fresh, dried, canned fruits
- Fruit and vegetable juices
- Fresh, canned, frozen vegetables
- Meat, fish, poultry, eggs
- Legumes
- Low-fat milk, yogurt, cheese
- Low-fat pudding, ice milk, sherbet
- Bread sticks
- Salsa, chutney
- Homemade quick breads such as banana or zucchini

#### LOW

- Soda pop
- Alcoholic beverages
- Donuts, sweet rolls, high-fat baked goods
- Pie, cake, most cookies
- Commercially prepared baked goods
- Candy
- Chips, puffed snack food
- Unenriched crackers
- Fruit roll-ups, fruit wrinkles
- Ice cream
- Chip dip

### Snack trivia to munch on

It's too early for last year's annual sales figures, but if all goes as expected, convenience stores will have pushed more than \$1.9 billion in salty snacks out the door in 1999.

The average American consumes 11.7 pounds of chocolate in various forms each year. That amounts to over 3.1 billion pounds consumed nationwide.

Here are the top eight snacks, according to Food Distributor magazine:

- Desserts/baked sweets
- Salty snacks
- Candy
- Fruit
- Ice cream
- Crackers/bread sticks
- Muffins/breakfast sweets
- Vegetables

Potato chips remain America's favorite savory snack with \$4.59 billion sold in 1998. Not too far behind was tortilla chips at \$3.57 billion.

Speaking of potato chips, do you know how they were invented? In the summer of 1853, a guest at the Moon Lake Lodge in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., ordered french fries and complained that they were too thick. The chef sliced up another batch of potatoes, somewhat thinner, and served them. The guest rejected those, too.

The patron's actions upset the chef, who then decided to slice the potatoes paper thin. The guest was delighted. The crispy potatoes, first called Saratoga Chips, became a hit and a trademark of the restaurant.

## Onion Smothered Steak warm dish for cold days

### MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

When the TV weatherman issues a "cuddle alert," I begin thinking of foods, that according to my mother, "warm the cockles of your heart." Of course, they must be heart healthy as well.

One such recipe is my Onion Smothered Steak, which is an "Eating Younger" makeover of Swiss Steak. It satisfies my meat-loving taste buds, yet it can be a smart eating choice if the meat portion is small (3 ounces or less), and the cut and cooking method are lean.

Rump, flank and round are all lean cuts of beef, but they need to be slow cooked with liquid to be tender.

You'll find this dish full of flavor, particularly when you serve it with the Almost Instant Mashed Potatoes. If you serve the potatoes liberally doused with the steak recipe gravy, your family may think that you've found a 1950s cookbook that will become a recipe resource for a lot of flavorful eating. They'll never realize that they're "eating younger."

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### ONION SMOTHERED STEAK

- 1 1/2 pounds round steak (3/4-inch thick)
- 1/4 cup flour
- 4 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tablespoon canola or olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 cup fat free, sodium-reduced beef bouillon

Trim any fat from meat and cut into 6 servings. Combine flour with fresh ground pepper in a plastic bag. Shake steak pieces in bag until well coated. Heat oil in nonstick skillet. Brown beef over low heat. Top with onion and mushroom slices. Stir in beef bouillon, bay leaf and thyme. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat.

Simmer, covered 30 minutes or until meat is tender. Season with salt substitute if needed. Serve steak topped with gravy, mushrooms and onions. Serves 6.

#### Nutritional information, per serving:

- Calories: 178
- Total fat: 8.6 grams
- Saturated fat: 2.2 grams
- Cholesterol: 67 mg
- Sodium: 58 mg
- Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1/2 vegetables

### EATING YOUNGER GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

- 2 1/2 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons light margarine (squeeze bottle)
- 2 cups instant mashed potato flakes with skins
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
- Dash freshly ground pepper

Heat broth to boiling. Remove from heat. Pour into deep-sided serving bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Stir gently with fork to blend. Add seasoning if necessary. Let stand for 30 seconds. Fluff with fork before serving. Serves 6.

#### Nutritional information, per serving:

- Calories: 87
- Total fat: 2 g
- Saturated fat: 0 g
- Cholesterol: 0 mg
- Sodium: 302 mg
- Food exchanges: 1 starch

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

COOKING CLASS CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramc@oe.homecomm.net.

Kitchen Glamor features Signature Recipes of Michigan Five-Star Chefs at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. All celebrity chef sessions on Sundays begin at 12:30 p.m.

Unique Restaurant, including Moreans and Northern Lake Seafood Co. Polcyn will demonstrate the preparation of Maryland crab cakes on roasted red pepper and crispy potatoes, citrus marinated salmon with confit of oranges and pea jus, pan roasted breast of quail with foie gras, Swiss chard and oven dried figs and Indian pudding with butterscotch sauce.

March 19, Barnett will feature tea-cured salmon gravlox, with potato galette, cucumber and sweet onion salad with dill cream fraiche, chanterelle and barley risotto with pan-roasted duck breast, huckleberries and red wide jus lie and bitterness chocolate pot creme.

JOE'S PRODUCE Michigan's Finest 33152 W. 7 Mile • Livonia • (248) 477-4333 Joe's Produce has a variety of Valentine Candy & Floral Bouquets ...for that special Valentine

elaine S. events presents Super Summers for Kids: 2000 CAMP AND ACTIVITIES FAIR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2000 11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training & Conference Center 31301 Evergreen Road in Beverly Hills Free Admission - Families Invited

Flavors never grow old in these timely favorites

See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Leuton DESIGNER PIZZA (1980s) 1 (approximately 12 ounces) fully baked pizza crust 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil 2 garlic cloves, roasted and ground into paste 3/4 grated mozzarella cheese 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/2 cup sliced artichoke hearts 1/2 cup diced plum tomatoes 1 cup thinly sliced cooked duck or chicken breast

OAT BRAN MUFFINS (1980s) 1 1/2 cups oat-bran cereal 1 cup wheat-bran cereal 1/2 cup whole wheat flour 1/2 cup unbleached flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar 1 egg 2 egg whites 1/4 cup vegetable oil 1/2 cup buttermilk 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt 1/8 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon Pinch of nutmeg

REALLY GOOD MEATLOAF (1930s) 4 tablespoons olive oil 1/4 cup small diced celery 1 large onion, diced 1 green pepper, diced 2 tablespoons brown sugar 3 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley 1 pound lean ground beef

Go ahead: Wolf down these snacks

See related story on Taste front. These snacks are a nice healthy alternative to potato chips or other salty snacks you or your children may consume during the day. The Cereal Puffs recipe was created with kids in mind, and it received rave reviews from four who tried it. It's sweet, like a Rite Crispy Treat, but also has some extra vitamins and nutrients, and no fat.

CEREAL PUFFS 2 cups mini marshmallows 1/3 cup chocolate-flavored Carnation Instant Breakfast 4 cups unsweetened Rice Puffs cereal (Wheat Puffs are good, too) Put marshmallows and Instant Breakfast into a large, microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high for about 1 minute. The marshmallows will puff up. Add cereal and mix until cereal and marshmallow/instant breakfast mixture all sticks together. Form into balls, about the size of a golf ball. Makes approximately 28 puffs.

PARMESAN WALNUTS 1 1/2 cups walnut halves 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese Heat oven to 350 F. Spread walnuts in shallow baking pan; toast in oven for 10 minutes. Stir together butter and salt; toss lightly with walnuts. Sprinkle cheese over top; stir. Return to oven and heat three to four minutes or until cheese is melted. Makes 1 1/2 cups for six 1/4-cup servings.

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choose the quickest and easiest snack they find, which often can be of poor nutritional quality. Plan snacks Plan for after-school snacks when you do your weekly shopping. Place portions in a serving dish and post daily selections on your kitchen message board. Consider the following: ■ Keep snacks small. You don't want to end up eating gigantic portions of food plus your "regular" meals. ■ Serve snacks on a dish to control the amount you consume. It is hard to know how many crackers you've eaten when you just keep digging them out of the box. ■ Consider saving food from your meal to eat as a snack later on. ■ Snack only when you are truly hungry, not when you're bored, angry or stressed.

Americans consume 2 billion pounds of chocolate annually



BEVERLY PRICE

This is for all the chocolate lovers. Chocolate is one of the world's most far-reaching passions. The chocolate epidemic causes the typical American to consume approximately 12 pounds per year, putting the U.S. total consumption of chocolate at two billion pounds annually. Not only does chocolate fuel an addiction-like desire, people talk about it endlessly and even dream about it. Neuropharmacologists have found in studies marijuana-like properties in chocolate along with two related chemicals that have been linked to treating many ailments, including depression. And, dark chocolate contains two to three times as much of these substances per ounce as milk chocolate. Eating high-fat, chocolate foods can trigger the brain's production of natural opiates.

Reports and background on biotech foods available

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) - The carrots, apples, corn and peppers in your refrigerator may look familiar. But there may be foods that are genetically modified, says the National Technical Information Service. Other reports deal with regulations for mailing genetically modified microorganisms and the risks GMOs pose to ecosystems and human health. The reports and information are available from NTIS at (800) 553-6847 or (703) 605-6000.

Westborn Market SPECIALS! Sweet California Navel Oranges 12/\$1.99 Jumbo, Fresh Green Peppers 4/99¢ Bareman's Milk \$1.89 gal. California Head Lettuce 2/99¢ U.S.D.A. Choice N.Y. Strip Steaks \$5.99 lb. Sahlens Smokehouse Ham \$3.99 lb. Fresh Cod \$4.99 lb. Check out Alicia's Delicious Entrees! Prices good thru Feb. 18, 2000. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Here are some lowfat chocolate recipes: CINNATI CHILI 1 quart water 1 pounds ground meat substitute, such as Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger, broken into smaller pieces 2 medium onions, finely grated 2 cans (8 ounces each) tomato sauce 5 whole allspice 1/2 teaspoon red pepper 1 teaspoon cumin 4 tablespoons chili powder 1/2 ounce unsweetened chocolate 4 cloves garlic 2 tablespoons vinegar 1 large bay leaf 5 whole cloves 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce 1 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon cinnamon

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Bob's of Canton 31210 W. Warren at Merriman (734) 522-3357 We Accept Food Stamps VISA MC DISC ATM Prices Good Feb. 14th-Feb. 20th New Shopping Hours Mon.-Sat. 10-8 Sunday 10-6

Picnic Basket MARKET PLACE 49471 Ann Arbor Rd. (W. of Ridge) 459-2227 Vintage Market 29501 Ann Arbor Trail (Just W. of Middlebelt) 422-0160



# Celiac Sprue screening in March

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), 1/2-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 intoler-

ance, Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder of the intestinal tract often characterized by malabsorption problems. 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.

# National condom day

## ■ FEBRUARY 14

Wayne County Health officials are reminding everyone to love safely on national Condom Day, being observed this Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

The condom is one of the best protections against the spread of HIV, says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Medical Director. And we here at Wayne County continue to work on combating the AIDS epidemic by reminding people to avoid at-risk behaviors.

The number of deaths attributed to HIV and AIDS in Michigan has dropped 60 percent between 1995 and 1997 due to new treatment programs. However, the number of people contracting HIV has not decreased. Statewide, the estimated number of new infections continues to be 1,000 each year.

At-risk behaviors to avoid:  
 ■ sharing needles and syringes with infected intravenous drug users  
 ■ exposure to body fluids, especially blood  
 ■ multiple sexual partners

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, there are at least 12,500 HIV infected persons in Michigan. The Wayne County Health Department offers free HIV/AIDS anonymous and confidential testing services Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Monday, Feb. 14 the Health Department will provide increased appointments and walk-in services during lunch and regular business hours.

For information on locations and times of clinics, contact the Disease Control Division at (734) 727-7124 or (734) 727-7125 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

### MON, FEB. 14

**CANTON BPW**  
 The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace to achieve goals through advocacy, education and information. Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business

meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. The guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, who will discuss mentoring and career shadowing of today's high school students.

### WED, FEB. 16

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
 Business Network International's regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. of the Laurel park Chapter is at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800 for information.

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### THUR, FEB. 17

**JOB FAIR**  
 MediaOne will host a job fair from 3-7 p.m. at its Livonia office (35155 Industrial) to help find qualified candidates to serve as cable, service technicians and high-speed data (Internet) technicians in the Wayne County area. The position is full-time, hourly - featuring a comprehensive benefits package as well as complete training for qualified candidates.


Anyone interested in filling these immediate openings is invited to attend. Please bring an up-to-date resume and be prepared for an on-the-spot interview.

### FRI, FEB. 18

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
 Business Network International's regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. of the Livonia Chapter is at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark in Livonia. Call BNI at (810) 323-3800.

### Arthritis Today

JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY  
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**PARKING LOT STRATEGY IF YOU HAVE ARTHRITIS**

The first response of people is to tell you to get a parking permit. Therefore, when you have to go to a grocery store or a major building, you can park close to the store or building entrance. Obtaining a handicap-parking permit may be necessary, but it is sufficient.

There are times when the minimal handicap parking spaces are occupied, so you must use what space is available, no matter where it is. There are instances you must park in parking structures. These structures are rarely level, and as anyone who has parked at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, will verify, you can start quite a distance from the entrance you seek.

If you have arthritis, and must use an outdoor parking lot, be prepared. Throughout the winter, expect the hazards of sudden snow and an icy walk from your car to the building entrance at the start of your journey and for the same conditions when you prepare to return to your car. Carry boots in your car sufficient to wear over your largest, most comfortable shoes. Always keep a bag of salt or ice melter in your back seat. The bag should be small enough that you can handle it despite the limits of your hands to grip, and large enough to sprinkle salt liberally around your car, and even in front of you as you blaze a trail to your destination. Include sufficient kiddy litter or wood chips to place under your car wheels if ice in the parking lot causes your car wheels to spin. Remember you have limits as to how hard you can grip a steering wheel and turn it against an opposing force.

If you are in a parking structure, look for a level parking spot. Take whatever time you need to map your exact location. You only waste limited stamina when you wander in a cold and windy structure.



## Teens with Headache

Michigan Head-Pain & Neurological Institute is conducting a research study evaluating a potential treatment for migraines in adolescents. Participants must be 12 to 17 years old and suffer two to ten headaches per month. Participants receive study-related medical care at no cost and will be compensated for time and travel. Please call our Research Staff for more information.

**Michigan Head-Pain & Neurological Institute**  
 3120 Professional Drive  
 Ann Arbor, MI  
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[www.MHNI.com](http://www.MHNI.com)



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## Are You Depressed?


Answer the following questions based on the last 2 weeks or more.

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. I feel sad, unhappy, self critical
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. I feel tired and have little energy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. I have trouble sleeping or eating (either too much or too little)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. I don't enjoy activities that I used to
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. I feel uneasy, restless, irritable or guilty
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. I have trouble concentrating, remembering things or making decisions

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from depression, a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. The Institute for Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for depression. If you are selected, all research related care and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about depression.

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Then sit back and wait for the phone to ring.

There are a few exclusions to this offer: Dealers, collectibles, pets and garage sales. Other than those four your home **FREE**.

There are only three ways you can submit your **FREE** ad: You can **FAX** us at **734-953-2232**, or you can **e-mail** it to [mulfig@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:mulfig@oe.homecomm.net), or you can fill in the thing there at the right, and mail it to us.

So, go for it!

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