

## TRAVEL

## Couple leaves city to run historic inn

Tom and Denise Erhart, along with their 17-month-old son Brian embarked on a new adventure as they recently became the new owners/innkeepers of the Terrace Inn, a historic bed & breakfast inn built in 1910.

It is in the heart of Bayview, a fairy-tale Victorian village adjacent to Petoskey's Little Traverse Bay.

The inn has 44 individually decorated guest rooms (each with a private bath) and a bright, charming dining room which seats 125 for dinner and special events. All guests at the Inn receive a delicious complimentary breakfast each morning.

Denise and Tom relocated to Bay View from Southeastern Michigan, leaving behind their Waterford Township, Cass Lake front home and professional careers to realize their longtime dream of owning the Terrace Inn.

Denise was a registered nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital for the past 18 years. Tom developed and has been the president of the Livingston Technical Academy, an innovative charter school which focuses on manufacturing technology.

"It has always been a passion of ours to become innkeepers, and we fell in love with the Terrace Inn over seven years ago," said Tom. "The ambience, charm and rich history of our inn is awe-inspiring. This is a dream come true!"

A spacious hemlock paneled lobby with brick fireplace welcomes guests and takes them back to the relaxed time of the 1900s. Each guest room is decorated with the inn's original furnishings, beautiful wallpaper

**Terrace Inn**  
Where: 218 Fairview, (2 blocks off US-31), Bayview, Mich., 1-800-530-9898.  
Room rates: \$69 to \$99; week-day rate after Oct. 17, \$4 to \$68.

**Summer Getaway Package:** \$79 per person, plus tax. Includes two nights lodging, one dinner, two continental breakfasts, Sunday through Friday.

**Fall Getaway Package:** \$59 per person. Add \$8 per night for deluxe rooms, and \$10 per night for special deluxe rooms.

**Credit cards:** American Express, Visa, Mastercard. Advance deposit required for a confirmed reservation.

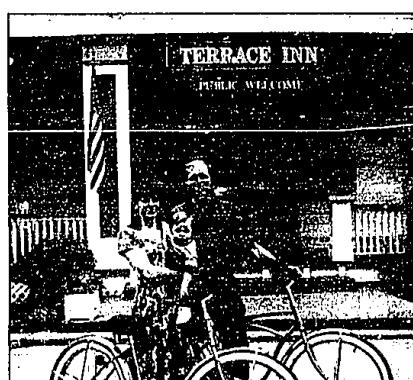
and late Victorian decor.

"Many guests enjoy the fun of being able to hand-pick their room, and no two are alike," said Denise.

Terrace Inn guests are only steps away from a private Lake Michigan beach, hiking, biking, and cross country ski trails, and private tennis courts. Bring able to walk, bicycle or ski through the quaint streets and visit the over 400-plus beautiful Victorian homes in the area. It's no wonder Terrace Inn and Bay View are on the National Historic Register.

"The uniqueness of Bay View's rich history, architectural wonder, natural beauty and musical activities are what makes the community so intriguing," said Tom.

Bay View was founded by a group of Methodists in 1876 as a summer retreat. The community still offers a summer Chautauqua program to residents and guests. Many of the Bay View cottages have been passed down from generation to generation.



**Innkeepers:** Denise and Tom Erhart, along with their son, Brian, recently became the new owners/innkeepers of the Terrace Inn in Bayview, adjacent to Petoskey's Little Traverse Bay.

The Erharts bring a great deal

of enthusiasm and energy to the Terrace Inn. Hospitality interns will be added to the current staff, and care will be given to ensure professional, courteous service. An emphasis will be placed on providing a pleasant and quiet atmosphere for dining.

The new Terrace Inn menu has "Classic country Inn Cuisine" theme featuring Northern Michigan specialties and home cooked favorites. Dinner and lunch guests may dine out on the porch, or indoors in the dining room.

Many specialty packages are offered according to the season, some of these include:

Golf packages \$129 to \$149 per person; murder mystery weekends, Oct. 11-13; Jan. 24-26; Feb. 7-9, Feb. 28-March 2; Halloween weekend Oct. 25-27, \$99 per person; weddings and receptions, cross country and downhill ski packages including sleigh rides, and Romantic Getaway Package, Oct. 18-20, \$99 per person.

## FAA struggling to find bomb detection system

and efficiently, but no such device has so far been proven," said Tim Neal, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, an industry trade group.

Three fatal explosions on international airliners have been attributed to terrorist bombs.

Even with heightened security following the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, with its loss of 270 lives, experts admit there are holes in the system.

Government and industry officials are reluctant to discuss the specifics of cargo security, including the development of bomb-spotting devices.

"Research and development testing of certain equipment has been under way since 1994," said Bob Hawk, a spokesman for the FAA. "We have been looking at it very carefully."

Currently, when your suitcase trundles down the conveyor belt and into the bowels of the airport, its route passes an X-ray machine.

As the technology has gone from black and white to color images, the ability to spot dangerous objects has improved.

There has been tremendous enhancements with color X-rays," said Susan Rork, managing director for security at the Air Transport Association. "Dangerous substances show up better."

But human and technological failings have made the system

far from flawless. X-ray systems rely on human interpretation to spot easily-concealed plastic or sheet explosives.

A British inquest into the Pan Am crash criticized reliance on X-ray screening that failed to spot an estimated 14 ounces of plastic explosive concealed in a radio-cassette player that was packed in a suitcase.

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Only recently has a \$900,000 system been approved for further testing - too late to catch what might have been a bomb aboard TWA Flight 800.

"We would all like to have a magic box that would detect explosives, and work effectively

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