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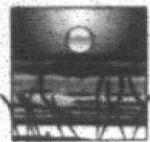
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Composting on tap for spring



Spring is in the air. And that means cutting the grass. What's done with the clippings is important to the Canton community. Composting is the wave of the future.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Composting may not be a pretty subject, but people are talking about it.

"With composting, you're reducing the cost of fertilizing your lawn," said Chris Lapinski, a Canton Beautification Committee member and master

gardener.

The committee will kick off spring with a public lecture on how to compost at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

The committee's master gardeners, such as Lapinski, will talk about homeowners composting, while Paul

Denaki of Canton Waste Recycling will talk about the commercial aspects of the process.

"I'll talk about how we do composting, what it's made of, how not to make it smell and the advantages and disadvantages of composting," said Denaki, who picks up grass clippings at curbside during the growing season.

Lapinski composts in her yard with a 4-by-6-foot box. The recipe for good compost is one part green, such as grass clippings, one part brown, such as leaves, a small pail of dirt and other stuff such as potato peelings.

"If you keep layering it with these ingredients it will not smell," said Lapinski, who leaves her compost box uncovered. "If you just pile the stuff, you can use it in one year. If you mix it, it breaks down in three weeks and you can use it."

Compost may be used to fertilize and as a mulch for gardens. "It keeps the weeds down," said Lapinski, who added that compost is safer and less expensive than fertilizers and weed killers.

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Burst of spring



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Creativity: Jan Wood Reese, retail manager at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse in Canton, works on a patio display at the press preview for the 1995 Ann Arbor Flower & Garden Show coming up March 23-26.

Flower show has local touch

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

When you walk into the 1995 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show March 23-26, you'll likely gasp with awe at the early burst of spring.

"People don't realize what a gem this is," said Bob Simmons, design manager at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Keller & Stein will again participate this year in what is considered to be among the top 10 garden shows in the world.

Designers and horticulturists at Keller & Stein are rallying around this year's show theme, "A Little Water Music," with what promises to be a unique display featuring an old Maytag wringer washing machine.

"We are doing this like an old back porch," Simmons said. "We'll be using the Maytag and clothes dripping on the line."

Keller & Stein is entering its display in the patio and porch gardening category, a competition in which they took first place last year.

"We are so excited about this," said Jan Wood Reese, Keller & Stein retail manager.

The show, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, will feature more than 500 displays and 100 different levels of competition, ranging from landscaped gardens and floral creations to room settings and individual horticulture specimens covering more than 43,000 square feet of exhibit area.

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Survey covers history

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

An extensive inventory of about 25 houses and buildings will be conducted in Canton as a means of capturing the township's agricultural history.

Canton Township recently received a matching \$7,800 federal grant administered by the Michigan Bureau of History for preservation planning. Canton Township will provide the remaining money for the survey, which is expected to cost about \$13,000.

The houses that will be studied are from the years 1805-1945. The study of the buildings, including farmsteads, will be intensive, with a slide show and photographs. The survey will provide information that can be used as an educational tool to promote rural historic preservation awareness to Canton residents.

"It's set up to improve communications between the local, state and federal governments, as well," said Mike Ager, township resource development manager.

The township's designation as a certified local government allows the Canton Historic Commission to have access to historic preservation money. The designation, however, requires the commission to conduct surveys of historic properties.

"There is a certain amount of work to remain in good standing as a certified local government," Ager added.

The buildings that will be studied are not now designated historic sites in Canton. The survey would be part of the designation process, but buildings would not be automatically designated. The buildings are privately owned, said township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, a historic district commissioner.

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Two new policemen undertake Canton duties

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township has two new police officers.

The additional officers bring the Canton Police Department's total sworn force to 62. A third officer has yet to be hired.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees included the hiring of three new officers in the 1995 police budget. The township also has applied for financing for two of the three officers under the federal crime bill.

The township was notified in December that it had been authorized to hire two new officers — just months after township officials included the hirings of three officers in the budget.

If the federal money comes through, the township would receive a

matching grant over three years of \$150,000, distributed on a decreasing schedule of \$70,000 the first year, \$50,000 the second year, and \$30,000 the third year.

The township would be responsible for the remaining portion of the officers' salaries and benefits that would total \$113,256 over three years, based on 1995 wage and benefit rates. The local match would come from the police budget.

If the federal money doesn't come through, the impact wouldn't be great, considering the positions are already budgeted, according to township officials.

The two new officers are Robert Holewinski and Michael Steckel. Holewinski began his duties with the department March 11. He has an as-

sociate's degree from Oakland Community College and is a graduate of the Oakland Police Academy. Holewinski previously worked for the Pontiac Police Department.

Steckel began his new job March 12. He has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and was previously employed by Concealed Security Systems. He is involved in organized baseball and the Big Brother program.

The new officers will be in the department's Field Training and Evaluation Program for 16 weeks. The program provides on-the-job training to probationary officers who work with experienced officers. Officers are trained to work independently in a safe, skillful, productive and professional manner, according to police of-

■ The township also has applied for financing under the federal crime bill.

ficials.

The Police Department is accepting applications for the third officer position. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be a U.S. citizen, and must have at least an associate's degree in law enforcement or a related field.

Applicants must have successfully completed the MLEOTC Reading and Writing Skills Examination and Physical Skills Performance Test. Applicants also must be a graduate of a recognized police academy and be a certified police officer in the state or able to be certified as an officer.

Grand opening

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Good Food Company are hosting an official grand opening of the Good Food Connection restaurant in the Good Food Company, in the Canton Corners shopping center on Ford Road, at 5 p.m. Friday, March 17.

Job fair

If you're interested in temporary or seasonal work and aren't sure where to look, a job fair hosted by Norrell Temporary Services may be for you. It is scheduled from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Canton Public Library. You may bring resumes or anything else that you believe might help in your search for tempo-

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rary work. Some of the work available is temporary-permanent positions, said Phil LaJoy of Norrell Temporary Services.

Economic club

The public is invited to attend a presentation on the Summit on the Park community center, which is under construction, at a noon luncheon Wednesday, March 15, at the Canton Economic Club.

The luncheon at St. John Neumann Catholic

Church, 44800 Warren, will feature community center manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz. Reservations for the \$12 luncheon may be made by calling Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation executive director.

Hockey benefit

Tickets are on sale for the second hockey game between the Canton police and fire union members and Detroit Red Wings alumni. Proceeds from the game will benefit Canton resident Greg Unger, who is in need of a double lung transplant.

The game is scheduled for Friday, March 31, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. The \$5 tickets are available at Canton fire station 1, 128 Canton Center Road, and station 2, 41500 Warren Road.

OBITUARIES

LUCIEN THEODORE LAMBERT

Private graveside services for Lucien Theodore (Ted) Lambert, 96, were Wednesday, March 8, at Pelham Valley Cemetery in Pelham, Mass. Arrangements were made by Muehlberg Chapel.

He was born Jan. 19, 1899, in Lowell, Mass., the son of Edmund and Georgianna (Cote) Lambert. Mr. Lambert had been a resident of Glacier Hills Retirement Center since 1985. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Ward Lambert, in 1985. During World War I, Mr. Lambert served in the U.S. Army. He had been employed as a purchasing agent for the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include: two daughters, Betty Baker of Gold Canyon, Ariz., and Claire McCubbery of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Ann Arbor; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Blanche See of San Diego, Calif.; two nephews; and one niece.

In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to Glacier Hills Retirement Center, 1200 Earhart Road, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106.

FRANCES JOHNSON BODINE
Services for Frances Johnson Bodine

dine, 79, of Livonia, who died Saturday, March 4, were Wednesday, March 8, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Forest Lawn Gardens Cemetery, Pennsylvania.

She was born Nov. 24, 1915, in Sandwich, Ontario. Among the survivors are a son, David Bodine, of Canton; two daughters, Sandra Bodine of Inkster and Patricia Bodine of Livonia; a grandson and a granddaughter. She was a nurse and was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 469 in Dearborn.

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When you arrive at the show you will be greeted by a Michigan water wonderland. "Up in Michigan," a wilderness garden designed and created by Korzon Landscapes and the U.M. Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The state's wildflowers and trees will be represented, including dogwoods in bloom, maples, birch, white cedar and pines. A 60-foot cedar walkway crosses a trout-filled pond and meanders through the woodlands display.

"The mechanics of the water element and the sheer size of it all is a big wow," Reese said.

Seven buildings are used to house the more than 20,000 plants, water jets, reflective pools, birdbaths, waterfalls, ponds and Japanese gardens. Visitors will see examples of gardening in small spaces, as well.

The Keller & Stein display uses

Keller & Stein will again participate this year in what is considered to be among the top 10 garden shows in the world.

water to create the old-time back porch setting. "A towel will be in the wringer. But it's not going through. The water flow will be dripping off the clothes," Reese said, adding that a pair of old farmer overalls were borrowed from a man up north to add to the design. "This is all a team effort."

Companies such as Keller & Stein that are entering the patio and porch gardening competition are all given the same patio setting to work with. "We have to do

our landscaping with that setting," Simmons said. "We were just thrilled when we took first place last year."

Employees such as Reese, Roberto Pritchard, Glenn Patton, Dawn Brackney and Annis Simpkins — enter in individual competitions, as well as helping with the patio display. Employees took first and second place in the planter category last year. Keller & Stein also received the People's Choice Award, Simmons said.

Reese and Simmons said the show is a must-see for anyone interested in flowers and gardening. Experts will be on hand to answer questions about what type of flowers to grow and to provide design ideas.

"Some of the displays are just amazing. And some of the work that goes into them is amazing," Simmons said.

History

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The survey will be conducted by a consultant, chosen through a bid process. "It will be interesting to see who bids on this," McLaughlin said, adding that she expects architectural firms to be interested.

The survey will involve extensive research about the buildings and include a narrative and photographs, Ager said.

The survey must be completed by June 1996.

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Auto dealer to expand

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

They broke ground Wednesday on a new \$1.5 million Bob Jeannotte Buick Inc. dealership on Sheldon Road a quarter mile south of Five Mile.

The Buick franchise will have its own new and used car sales, service and parts departments when it opens in August.

The business is run by Bob Jeannotte Sr. and Bob Jeannotte Jr. Jeannotte Sr. has been a successful Pontiac-GMC Truck dealer in Plymouth for the past 18 years, and has 30 years experience in the car-selling business.

Jeannotte Jr. has been in the auto retail business for 15 years and is vice president-executive dealer of the Buick dealership.

Jeannotte Sr. said a main feature of the new dealership building is a sky dome centered over the featured car in the showroom. A red, white and blue color scheme carries through the showroom and the service area, as the Buick division seeks to shape a new image.

"I think it's a real sharp structure and auto scheme," said Jeannotte Sr., who is the first in the state to build a Buick dealership in this style.

Jeannotte, a longtime GMC dealer, bought the Buick dealership now on Ann Arbor Road from auto dealer Dick Scott. "We've known each other 35 years, we got together and negotiated, and we finally arrived at a price he wanted and I was happy with," Jeannotte said.

Why a Buick dealership? "I've got three sons in the car business and they all love it," Jeannotte said.

My son, Bob Jr., will eventually be the sole owner, "Jeannotte



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Family affair: Members of the Jeannotte family recently celebrated groundbreaking for their new Buick dealership on Sheldon Road. Joining the ceremony were Robin Jeannotte-Bidigare, Chris Jeannotte, Dee Jeannotte, Bob Jeannotte Sr., Bob Jeannotte Jr., John Jeannotte and Lori Jeannotte.

let, and became a manager with Jim Crowley Pontiac. "I told my wife I was going to work real hard and in five years have my own dealership, and that's what I did," he said.

How does one succeed in the car-selling business? "I think a lot of hard work, you have to be customer-oriented. The biggest thing is taking care of the customer after, good service," Jeannotte said. "Now, I'm seeing customers come in and I sold to their parents."

The new dealership will feature new equipment and computer systems and will employ 28, he said.

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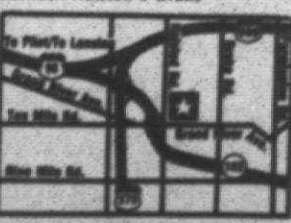
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Canton auction: More than 225 persons flocked to the Canton Chamber of Commerce Auction on Saturday at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Among those attending were, from left to right, Rick Knurek, Irene Smith, Rick Smith and Lisa Johnson.



Auction items: There were a wide selection of items up for auction. Above, Matt and Carol Adams examine some of the wares.

Extra Miler will be honored during school board meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Following adoption of the agenda, the Extra Miler award will be presented. Minutes will be adopted prior to the superintendent's report on the transportation director and special education service agreements.

Citizens' non-agenda item comments will precede board requests and reports.

Members of the public will be able to speak on action items if they fill out a card and give it to the school board president.

The first action item will be the consent calendar, which includes bills for payment, resignations, new hires, a tenure recommendation and approval of field trips.

Also on the agenda are approval of Middle Level Education Month, approval of the revised budget, approval of resolution calling for the annual school election, approval of delegation of

power for election administration, approval of a policy concerning the eligibility of resident/non-resident students, and approval of a policy on Partnerships with Businesses.

Citizen participation will follow. Discussion items will include millage campaign planning and the superintendent's evaluation process. In closed session, the board will review a legal opinion and discuss negotiations. Citizens may again participate in the meeting following the closed session.

Parks employee moves south from job in Upper Peninsula

From the Upper Peninsula to southern Michigan — that's the path Michelle Murch traveled to take a new position spearheading parks and grounds maintenance and activities for Canton Township.

Murch, 27, is the new head groundskeeper for Canton's Park and Recreation Division, coming from a co-superintendent's position at The Rock golf course on Drummond Island in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In her new position which began Feb. 21, she supervises the grounds crew, oversees maintenance in parks and other township grounds and aids in organizing special parks events such as the summer Liberty Fest in Heritage Park.

"This is really culture shock for me," said Murch of the move from

Murch has a love of parks and the outdoors. She was raised in the Gaylord area and also spent time working on a family farm in the Inlay City area of Michigan's thumb.

north to south. Murch said she will spend her first weeks learning about Canton, its park system and what will be necessary to put the various athletic fields into shape for the 1995 season.

Murch has a love of parks and the outdoors. She was raised in the Gaylord area and also spent time working on a family farm in the Inlay City area of Michigan's thumb. She worked at Treestone Resort, a Robert Trent Jones golf course in northern Michigan, which whetted her appetite for

turf study. She first went to college to study teaching, but soon moved into the turf management area where she received a two-year degree.

In addition to her love of the outdoors, Murch is a golfer, enjoys quilting and crocheting and loves spending time with friends and family. She is currently staying in the Detroit area with her husband, Eric, a pilot, their 20-month-old daughter, Corinne, and the family's yellow lab and cat. The family plans to look for a house in the western Wayne area.

Fund-raiser for trip planned

A spaghetti dinner fund-raiser is scheduled from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Plymouth Cultural Center for Stephenie Schmidt, a Central Middle School eighth-grader selected to perform as a soprano in

the Blue Lake International Choir's 1995 European summer tour.

Money raised would help pay for the three-week trip through Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Austria and France. Tickets for

the dinner are available from Paul Reeves at Central Middle School or at the door. Tickets are \$4 per adult and \$2.50 for kids 12 and under.

For more information, call 453-7968.

Canton Chamber of Commerce Auction attracts 225 people

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Seven is a lucky charm for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This was the first time we were sold out," said Linda Shapona, chamber executive director, about the seventh annual Dinner Dance/Auction Saturday night at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

The event, the chamber's biggest fund-raiser of the year, attracted a record 225 guests and even had a waiting list, Shapona said.

"Everyone knows how much

fun it is," she said, adding that tickets sold fast.

The evening began with a preview of auction items that included jewelry, trips, televisions, china, sports tickets, a cellular phone and a shih tzu puppy.

The chamber offered raffles at \$2, \$5 and \$10. Twenty to 25 items were included in each category. A live auction featured 24 items. A silent auction, which closed at 8:30 p.m., featured jewelry and gems.

"The trips are really exciting," Shapona said. One trip was to a Williamsburg plantation.

Dinner and dancing, with music by Silver Sounds Professional DJs, rounded out the evening. The event was organized by a chamber committee chaired by Ginie Hauck of Canton Place. The evening's major sponsor was Blackwell Ford. Other businesses also served as sponsors.

"We appreciate all the support of the business community," Shapona said. "It's just phenomenal how they have helped make this a success. We also appreciate Blackwell Ford and all the volunteers that have made this successful."



Announcement: Ginie Hauck helped run the event sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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Eriksson students take lesson to heart

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

"Look, Mr. Ruland — open heart surgery," said fourth grader Chris Burke to his teacher as he began dissecting a pig's heart. "I live for this sort of thing," said his lab partner, fellow fourth grader Garrett Brink.

Chris, Garrett and their classmates at Eriksson Elementary were visited Thursday by two research pathologists from the University of Michigan, Pam Lincoln and Tim Polak. Lincoln and Polak brought with them dozens of pigs' hearts for the entire fourth grade to examine and dissect.

Lincoln informed students that the human heart beats two-and-a-half billion times in an average lifetime, and that if laid end-to-

end, the veins, arteries, and capillaries in the human body would extend 100,000 miles. She distributed handouts and asked students to color an illustration depicting parts of the heart as she explained how the organ functions.

Excitement grew as Lincoln and Polak removed the contents of black garbage bags — pigs' hearts — and distributed them among students sitting at paper-covered tables.

Armed with latex gloves and scissors, they went to work, locating the coronary artery, the aorta, atria and ventricles.

Teacher Craig Stewart said some children at first were squeamish about the prospect of

dissection. "But after we discussed what was going to happen, they calmed down. Everyone showed up today. No one is absent, and they're all excited," said Stewart.

Teacher Toni Zink said her students were pumped up, too. "Having the expertise of someone like Mrs. Lincoln is really valuable. We couldn't possibly give them the experience of doing something like this. It's a future occupational opportunity for them to look at, and it's an inspiration to the kids as well," she said.

"Atria carry the blood to the heart," said Lincoln, pointing out the location of the heart's chambers and valves. "Notice how much thicker the ventricles are, and notice the valves."

Lincoln and Polak then pulled out of a bag a pig's heart still attached to its trachea, esophagus, lungs, liver and diaphragm. Polak inserted a tube into the trachea. As he blew into it, the lungs expanded. Students came up to Lincoln and Polak in small groups to see the process up close, and to touch the organs.

Fourth-grader Kristyn Killian said, "I like this, because it's information."

Classmate Karla Klemm agreed. "I like it, it's interesting, getting to cut it open."

Karla said she'd enjoy a job like Lincoln's. "You learn new things and get to teach other people about it."

The experience made Amanda Massengill think she might like



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRINKER

Learning by seeing: Pam Lincoln shows students the esophagus, heart, liver and diaphragm.

to become a veterinarian. Eriksson principal Judith Ireson had high praise for Lincoln, whose daughter, Kelsey, is an Eriksson first-grader and daughter, Shelby, is a fourth-grader at Miller.

"What this woman does for us is phenomenal. She uses her vacation time to come in," said the principal. "With the kindergartners, she's brought in snails and measured their tracks. With the third-graders, she's studied brine shrimp. With others, she's created rain in a bottle and done research on crayfish. It's wonderful what the kids learn. She wants people to love science."



Hands on: Jessica Vazquez (left) and Katelyn Vincent aren't quite sure what to make of the pig's heart they're about to dissect.



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SMART tax issue clears Wayne County hurdle

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Commission voted 10-3 last Thursday to form an "authority" under Public Act 196 that is expected to put a 0.33-mill property tax on the ballot to fund the SMART bus system.

SMART is expected to halt most services on April 10 and the rest on June 1 unless Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties form these PA196 authorities to ask voters to approve a property tax.

The three-member Wayne County PA196 Authority now has the legal ability to put a millage on the ballot.

The three members will be: Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, or his representative.

Someone appointed by McNamara and approved by the County Commission.

Someone appointed by city mayors and township supervisors and approved by McNamara and the commission.

Commissioners who voted to establish the authority include Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, and Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township.

Beard called public transportation "absolutely necessary" and said she is "very concerned about

Nankin Transit," the system serving Westland, Garden City, Canton Township, Wayne and Inkster that gets a subsidy from SMART.

Patterson could not be reached for comment late last week. Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Deerborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township and Livonia east of Middlebelt, was absent from the meeting and did not vote.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, voted against forming the PA196 authority.

"I would not vote for SMART in a million years," McCotter

said, calling the PA196 authority "a taxpayers' nightmare."

SMART with a millage, McCotter said, would be "worse than keeping the status quo, because it's more money for more of the same stuff that hasn't been proven to work yet."

Although conceding that "the Republicans took another beating," McCotter succeeded in having an amendment placed in the legislation to ensure the right of cities and townships to exclude themselves from the authority.

The amendment, taken from PA 196 itself, says that a majority vote of a city council or township board will exempt the city or township from the authority and

from the millage vote. This vote must occur, however, no more than 30 days after the authority is formed, or no more than 30 days after the millage vote is set.

In the current fiscal year, SMART's revenues are expected to be \$51 million, marketing director June West said. Of that amount, 16.5 percent is a federal subsidy, 60.3 percent is a state subsidy, and 23.2 percent comes from fares.

However, state and federal subsidies were front-loaded this fiscal year, meaning that SMART will get no more state money until September and no more federal money until January, said

SMART interim director Michael Duggan.

The SMART operating deficit is about \$16 million. The Oakland County Commission will hear the case for the millage Wednesday, March 15, in a non-voting caucus meeting. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 23, when a PA196 authority could be voted on.

The Macomb County Commission is expected to vote on its PA196 authority at the March 27 meeting.

The SMART plan is for all

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College questions answered

Schoolcraft College offers a workshop called "What You Still Want to Know About College" at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday in room 200 of the McDowell Center.

■ For more information, call Kathy Khalil at (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5212.

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Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Kathy Khalil at (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5212.

Madonna tuition up

Madonna University's Board of Trustees has raised tuition by 7.14 percent, beginning with the 1995 fall term.

Regular tuition will be \$180 per credit hour. Nursing students will pay \$228 per credit hour.

Graduate students will pay \$233 per credit hour.

A full-time student paying the regular tuition rate, based on 30 credit hours, plus a \$40 registration fee per semester will pay \$5,480 per year to attend Madonna.

University officials say that tuition covers just 75 percent of the cost of running Madonna, even after the increase.

The rest of the money comes from private donations, government grants and interest earnings on endowments.

ACT, CLEP workshops offered by SC

Schoolcraft College offers workshops on the American College Test and College Level Exam Program exam in March.

The ACT workshop will meet 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, March 22 to April 5. The workshop will stress test-taking strategies and the specific format of the ACT. Students will practice on simulated tests. The fee is \$58.

The CLEP workshop will meet 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25. The fee is \$47. The CLEP workshop includes sample exam questions and a review of study materials for the specific test areas.

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Schoolcraft plans fifth annual gardening event

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Learn about the latest gardening ideas at the fifth annual Gardening from the Ground Up Conference 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Presented by the college's continuing education services and Perennial Favorites, a garden design firm in Waterford, the day-long seminar includes lectures by gardening experts, handouts, and a buffet luncheon. The cost is \$75.

"The Thinking Gardener," the theme of this year's conference, will offer inspiration for "Developing a Green Thumb for Innovation" with David Michener, assistant curator for Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

Also offered will be "Handling Large Plants Gracefully" with Samuel McCracken, head gardener at the Cleveland Botanical Garden; "Do You Get Enough Mileage Out of Your Garden?" with Beaufort Cranford, Detroit News nature and garden writer; "Avoiding Garden-Related Damage to Your Home" with Tim Carter, master carpenter and writer of the nationally syndicated column, "Under Construction," and "Pesticides: The Tip of the Iceberg" with environmental attorney Karen Kendrick-Hands.

In between sessions, conference attendees will be able to visit the exhibit of local flower and garden experts such as Plymouth Nur-

sery and Garden Center, English Gardens, Goldner Walsh Nursery, Grass Roots Nursery, McFarland Florist & Greenhouse, Michigan Master Gardeners, Perennial Favorites, Bordine's Better Blooms, and Ray Wiegand's Nursery, to name a few.

"I'm most excited about Beaufort Cranford and Tim Carter. Tim brings a whole different aspect to gardening to help you think ahead to prevent damage to your home, and Karen will make you think about the way that we use water. Whether we let it run off or not makes an incredible difference downstream," said Janet Macunovich, owner of Perennial Favorites and author of "Easy Garden Designs" and "Growing Concerns 1994."

Macunovich, a gardening instructor in Schoolcraft College's continuing education program, began the conference five years ago to provide southeast Michigan gardeners with information pertinent to their needs.

"You can't get this information in a book or magazine. It's tailored to the gardener in this area, recognizing this is a real person's life who takes care of the garden. It's not what you should do, but what you can do," Macunovich said.

To register, call Schoolcraft College at (313) 462-4448 or for more information about the conference, call Perennial Favorites at (810) 681-7850.

Quilting class available at SC

A Schoolcraft College course called "Basics of Quilting" will meet 6:30-9:10 p.m. Wednesdays, March 22 to April 26.

The fee is \$48 for people up to 59 years of age, \$25 for people 60

and older. For more information, call 462-4448.

Participants will learn traditional and conventional methods of this American folk art.

Trial court funding lands before high court

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's Supreme Court is likely to take some months to rule on a \$1 billion case that many lawmakers hope may never need to be decided.

The question: Should the state's highest court enforce a 1980 law in which the state Legislature voted funds for Wayne Circuit and Detroit courts, promising to extend state funding to the other 82 counties later in the

'80s? "What's the purpose of such a law if it's not binding on the state?" asked Chief Justice James H. Brickley as lawyers on March 10 presented oral arguments.

"It operates as the Legislature's intention to make an appropriation in the future," answered Thomas Casey, an assistant attorney general defending the state's decision against funding the other 82 counties' courts.

"The governor and Legislature

should take account of changed economic circumstances," Casey said, referring to two recessions that unbalanced the state general fund by hundreds of millions of dollars.

Balancing the budget and not cutting salaries during an officeholder's term, honoring contracts — those are constitutional mandates, he said. But funding the entire trial court system — that's a political question with "an inherent element of discretion."

There is no legal duty to fund it by the state," Casey added.

Replied Douglas VanEsen, attorney for the Michigan Association of Counties: "All this talk about one Legislature tying the hands of another is pure sophistry. All it (the Legislature) has to do is repeal the statute."

But the Grand Rapids lawyer said legislators don't dare do that because they basically "bailed out Wayne County" in 1980, telling the rest of the state, "Your money

will be coming in 1983." But repealing the promise, after giving Wayne County and Detroit court money, would look bad politically, VanEsen said.

VanEsen told the justices: "If you rule there's a constitutional duty (to fund outstate courts), this case goes back to the circuit court (Ingham County's Judge James Giddings) for determination of damages. That will take several years."

Thus, he said, a Supreme Court

decision could cost the state \$1 billion or more. VanEsen noted Gov. John Engler wants to cut \$61 million this year in revenue sharing with local governments. He added that counties' finances are being hurt by the cap on property tax growth in the Proposal A legislation approved a year ago by voters.

"Put the trial courts on a firm financial foundation," VanEsen

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Lombard to succeed Stempien

Arthur J. Lombard, a law professor from Grosse Pointe Farms, will replace the Wayne County Circuit Court as a judge when Marvin Stempien of Plymouth Township retires April 1.

Gov. John Engler reappointed Lombard, who served on the bench by appointment from March through December of 1994 and was defeated for re-election Nov. 8.

"I believe the abilities he possesses are of value to the court, and this appointment will afford him sufficient time to establish himself in the position," said Engler.

Lombard has been a dean and professor of law at Detroit College of Law, associate dean and professor of law at Wayne State University Law School, instructor of law at Harvard Law School, and clerk to a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge. He graduated magna cum laude from Columbia University in 1961 and from Harvard Law School in 1964. He also is a lecturer for the Michigan Judicial Institute.

He is immediate past chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. He serves as reporter for the rules committee of the U.S. District Court.

Lombard will serve the balance of Stempien's term, which expires Dec. 31, 1996.

County projects savings on salt

Thanks to a relatively mild 1994-95 winter, Wayne County road officials are projecting a savings of as much as \$1 million in road salt expenses over last year's costs.

While that savings is currently in the form of surplus salt and other materials at county road yards, it may later translate into more available money for road work in Wayne County, according to county officials.

To date the county has used 83,000 tons of salt this winter. That's about one-third less than the county had used by this time last year.

"We may be able to free up that money to put into road resurfacing," said roads director Bob Mahoney in a press release.

If nothing else, the milder weather should mean fewer problems with potholes and muddy gravel roads this year, Mahoney said.

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McNamara predicts OK of casino in Greentown

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Area Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce members seemed impressed with Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's candor on Thursday at a joint meeting of the two groups in the Mayflower Meeting House.

"I've always liked Ed McNamara," said Livonia resident James Gannon. "He's the best thing that's ever happened to Wayne County."

"I thought he was very up-front and direct," said Plymouth Chamber Director Margaret Slesak. "I thought he addressed the issues very clearly."

"The guy's got a big job, and I think he has done a good job with what he's got," said Jim Grutza, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Westland resident Kelvin Chea, a financial planner, said McNamara was "very positive. He seems to make some sense."

McNamara was introduced by Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, and frequently opposes McNamara politically.

"You always know where Ed

McNamara stands on an issue," McCotter said. "He's never mealy-mouthed."

Listen to McNamara, McCotter said, and "you will get an idea of where Wayne County is going to go, no matter how much some of us might disagree."

McNamara's main subjects at the meeting were casino gambling, Metro Airport expansion plans, Tiger Stadium and the proposed SMART property tax.

Casino gambling

The casino in Windsor has created a "very serious problem" in that it draws people to Canada who might otherwise spend money in Michigan, McNamara said.

"It will turn this side of the Detroit River into a ghost town for conventions and that sort of thing."

McNamara predicted that in April or May Gov. John Engler will grant permission to establish an Indian casino in Greentown. "The governor will sign the Greentown deal."

But McNamara would prefer that lawmakers approve the establishment of non-Indian casinos that could be more heavily taxed. Legislators, however, "don't have the courage" for that.

"All they have to do is let it slip in through the back door by letting the Indians take \$60 million

a year out of Greentown to the Upper Peninsula. I'm oversimplifying it, but basically that's the problem."

Summing up his position on casino gambling, McNamara said, "You say it's evil, it's bad, it's de-generating. But the desire is out there and if we don't answer that desire they're going to go someplace else."

Ultimately, McNamara hopes to put a casino at Metro Airport. "Our only real interest at this point is to try and get a casino at the airport to be used only by ticketed passengers. And the dollars that are generated there will be used to develop that airport. They won't be used for any other purpose."

Tiger Stadium

On the prospects for a new Tiger Stadium, McNamara said the recent increase in the state sales tax has ruled out the possibility of any additional sales tax on county bars, restaurants and hotels to help fund a new stadium.

"At this point we really are no place," he said. "It's on hold. We're still working on it."

Metro Airport

McNamara emphasized how great an effect the airport has on the regional economy. For every



What's new? Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara told an audience of Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce members Thursday that he wants to put a casino at Metro Airport.

Boeing 747 on an international flight that lands at Metro, he said, \$1 million is spent in the local economy, and there are now seven such planes landing every day.

It takes Cecil Fielder a whole year to make that much money," McNamara said.

When the airport expansion is complete, including a fourth parallel runway and midfield terminal, "it will represent a minimum of 25,000 new jobs."

SMART tax

McNamara saved the SMART

topic for last, but he clearly believes that a property tax to pay for the suburban bus service is important to the regional economy.

Many people, he noted, ride SMART buses to their jobs. "If they don't have a way to get to work, they're going to go on welfare. They're going to go on the public dole."

"The ultimate answer," McNamara said, is to merge SMART with the Detroit bus system.

"If we have a subsidized system, there's a great deal they could do to try to merge those two systems. We don't have anything to merge if we don't have some form of (property tax)."

After his speech, McNamara returned to the county building and watched the county commission debate the SMART tax issue.

The commission approved the creation of an authority under Public Act 196 that could put a property tax for SMART on the ballot for May 23.

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three counties to establish authorities, then for the authorities to put a 0.33-mill, three-year tax proposal on the ballot for May 23.

After three years, voters would likely be asked to renew the millage. "I'll guarantee you if this thing passes there will be another crisis in three years," McCotter said.

Duggan said that a 0.33-mill tax would permit SMART to eliminate its deficit, cover an anticipated federal subsidy cut and expand service to major work centers and malls throughout the

area.

The tax would raise about \$10.7 million in Oakland County, about \$5 million in Macomb County and about \$7.9 million in suburban Wayne County. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer has declined to participate because Detroit has its own bus system.

For the owner of a \$100,000 house, the added annual tax would be \$16.67.

A survey of 1,125 tri-county residents conducted by Lansing-based Marketing Resource Group indicates that a 0.33-mill ballot

proposal would pass.

In the survey, 62 percent of respondents said they would "strongly support" or "somewhat support" a 0.33-mill property tax for SMART.

Support was strongest in suburban Wayne County, with 65 percent of respondents approving of the millage. In Oakland County 58 percent approved.

The survey was paid for by the Metropolitan Affairs Corp., a regional coalition of business, labor and government groups.

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urged the justices at the end of his half-hour.

Most in Lansing are hoping, however, that the Legislature will somehow make good on funding outstate courts before the Supreme Court rules. A ruling against the state, according to testimony before legislative panels, would cost a net of \$350 million to \$375 million for the current year.

With back damages for failure to pay in past years, the bill could surpass \$1 billion.

Eighty of Michigan's 83 counties, about 50 cities and a dozen townships are part of the class-action suit which VanEasen won in the Court of Claims and Court of

Appeals. Not members are Wayne County, which has benefited from the law; Oakland County, where judges feel they're well-funded as is; and Gratiot County.

The suit asks (1) 80 percent funding of operating costs — judges' salaries, staff salaries, benefits and some contribution to overhead; (2) imposition of auditing and accounting standards.

"Why not the prosecutors? Why not defense lawyers?" Justice Patricia Boyle asked VanEasen.

"It does cover defense costs for indigents. But prosecutors are in law enforcement," VanEasen replied. "The issue is: What's part

of state government? Our constitution is premised on 'one court of justice.' The intent of the constitution was to make courts part of state government."

Replied state lawyer Casey: "There is an unbroken line of cases over 150 years that counties pay for judges. It may be an awkward system, but it has served well."

Boyle, noting the state court administrator can assign judges around the state, asked Casey: "By what authority are judges assigned outside their own jurisdiction?"

"Ours is one court of justice administratively," Casey replied, emphasizing the final word.

Natural gas prices drop

Customers of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. will see lower gas bills this spring as the result of a reduction in natural gas rates effective March 1.

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Farmers expected to be hurt if horse race tracks close

An estimated 32,000 farm jobs worth \$181 million in income will be endangered if the horse racing industry dies, according to a study by Public Sector Consultants of Lansing.

PSC's study, commissioned by the Save Michigan Horse Racing Coalition, puts the value of the industry at \$1.2 billion to local and state governments, workers,

farm operators and even 4-H Clubs.

Eight horse racing tracks, spearheaded by Ladbrooke DRC in Livonia and joined by Northville Downs, Jackson Raceway and Hazel Park Raceway, say they are desperate to bring in gambling in order to compete with Windsor casinos and Indian-operated casinos across Michigan. Ladbrooke

owners have threatened to close their mile track in Livonia if they don't get gambling.

"The results indicate a significant economic ripple effect which begins at the tracks ultimately affects an intricate network of farms, vendors and suppliers through the state," said PSC senior economist Robert Kleine. "We're definitely talking

about an industry which reaches beyond the grandstands of Michigan's eight tracks."

The tracks suffered a combined loss of \$2.3 million in 1993, and Kleine predicted 1994 will prove to be worse because of Casino Windsor's competition with the three metro Detroit area tracks. Among the "ripple effects":

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Right wingers shooting at career education bill

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A vocational training bill that sailed through the state House of Representatives in 1994 is in trouble this year with what one member called "the Pat Robertson lobby."

The bill, in the House Education Committee, would call on industrialists to help advise the state on what jobs and what skills will be needed in the workplace of the future, and how public schools can prepare graduates for them.

"Another layer of bureaucracy. Another hoop to jump through. More constraints — the state is dictating everything," complained Rep. Harold Voorhees, R-Wyoming.

"Aren't we coming in with another top-down thing?" Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, asked rhetorically.

"I don't want this to be interpreted as a vote for a mandated core curriculum," added Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland.

The three conservatives are part of a wing of the GOP that wants to junk the state School Code, core curriculum, "Michigan model" health curriculum and state proficiency tests. Their code words: "local control."

They clashed head-on March 7 with the Michigan Manufacturers Association, GOP moderates, Democrats and the public educators. They support House Bill 4196, by Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis, to strengthen career and vocational planning and teaching statewide. Their code words: "competitive in a global economy."

Oxender, a 12-year legislator and 17-year veteran of math and computer science teaching at Sturgis High, co-sponsored the bill last year with then-Rep. Wil-

liam Keith, D-Garden City. The pair championed vocational-technical education, seeking "employability" as a major statewide goal of public schools. The bill died, however, in the Senate.

Despite the criticism, Oxender stuck to his guns: "My concern is that the core curriculum squeezed out career-technical education. We need career awareness and career exploration, work experience with mentors, and connecting school to work."

Oxender said his bill "gives business an equal opportunity with education and labor in what they want to see from workers of the future." He said that while Michigan has done well by college-bound students, it has neglected the 50 percent of the population, in many parts of the state, who go from school to the job market.

He was strongly supported by House Education chair William Bryant, R-Grosse Pointe, and ranking minority member James Agee, D-Muskegon, a former school superintendent.

Agee wanted to report the bill to the House floor immediately. But Bryant asked for a week's delay, to the March 15 meeting, in order to explore one possible change: putting the vocational ed council under the Jobs Commission, a department of state government, rather than under the Legislative Council.

Oxender proposed using the Legislative Council as the umbrella agency to maintain lawmakers' interest and "so we could control the input of staff." He noted the Jobs Commission is the creation of Gov. John Engler and feared "it could become a political department."

Bryant said former House Speaker Robert Waldron, "my guru," advised him: "Never give

the Legislature any other to do because they'll do that rather than legislating."

Oxender's bill would set up a 19-member state cabinet of business and labor leaders, state department heads and educators. Thinking long-range, they would assess job market needs, identify the needed skills, and recommend ways the state could assist employers in setting up workplace training.

It would require the State Board of Education — a body much disliked by the conservatives — to design state proficiency tests to reflect basic skills, competencies and knowledge needed in the workplace. "This is the only way it's going to happen," Oxender said.

Other committee members praised his bill.

"You're right on," said Rep. Gary Randall, R-Elwell. "If we can be faulted for anything, it's that we haven't done enough fact-finding" about job skill needs. To the conservatives, Randall said, "I don't see it as more bureaucracy."

"I support it," said Rep. Sharon Gire, D-Clinton Township. "We continually hear from business that certain skills need to be taught."

Rep. Mary Schroer, D-Ann Arbor, said, "I hear of the shortage of skilled workers. Our skilled labor force is declining rapidly."

"I support it," said Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burton. "We need to increase the connection between school districts, intermediate districts and community colleges. This is a school-to-school-to-work bill."

The House Education Committee is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. March 15 in 428 State Capitol, Lansing. Refer to House Bill 4196 when writing to your representative.

UM-D conference examines Jewish Austrians, Germans

A conference on "Jewish Austrians and Germans: Exile and Contemporary Relations" will occur March 24-25 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The conference — featuring lectures, films and a photo exhibition — is free and open to the public.

The schedule is as follows:

■ 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 24: Washington University professor emeritus Egon Schwarz will read in English from his autobiography "Kein Zeit für Eichendorff" in the Recreation and Organizations Center.

■ 10:40 a.m. Friday, March 24: UM-D history professor Sidney

Bolkosky will lecture on "Distorted Images: German-Jewish Reflections on the War" in the Recreation and Organizations Center.

■ 11:40 a.m. Friday, March 24: Film director and photographer Alisa Douer will introduce and open her photo exhibition "Time Creates Images" in the Recreation and Organizations Center.

■ 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 24: The film "Vienna 1938" will be shown in room 138 of the Science Building. Bowling Green State University Professor Geoffrey Howes will introduce the film.

■ 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24: The film "God Doesn't Believe in

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■ 9 a.m. Saturday, March 25: Wayne State University German Professor Guy Stern will lecture on "German-Jewish Exile Writers: Parallels and Differences to their German Christian Contemporaries" in room 138 of the Science Building.

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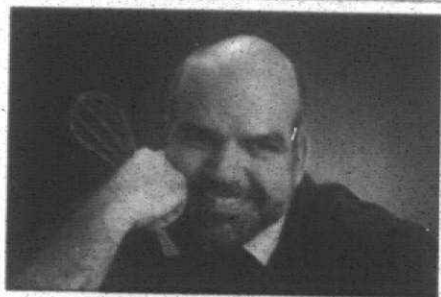


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CHEF LARRY JANES

Tap into maple trees for homemade syrup

It seems to me that the old ground hog got his signals mixed somewhere along the line. Spring can't come fast enough as far as I'm concerned. And I know it must be getting pretty close to spring when I start hearing about the "flowin' of the sap," — that great springtime ritual observed by hundreds of North American maple syrup makers.

Collecting sap commences in the early days of spring when warm days begin to follow cool nights causing the sap of the sugar maple tree to begin flowing. During the winter, some of the starch that the tree made during the previous summer and stored in its roots is converted to sugar. Primarily, the sap contains four to 10 percent sugar. Collected sap is boiled to evaporate the water and concentrate the sugar. Since it comes from a maple tree the characteristic flavor of "maple syrup" is made. Interestingly, the maple flavor of the syrup is not at all present in the sap, but develops as the sugars "cook" and, as the sugars heat, the maple flavor is born.

Harvesting sap

Harvesting sap from sugar maples is a rather picturesque operation that could easily qualify for a Norman Rockwell portrait. Quebec is the world's leading maple syrup producer, converting more than 60 million gallons of sap into more than 30 million gallons of luscious syrup. The total U.S. production is estimated at just under four million gallons, with much of that total coming from small independent producers and sold mainly as "tourist items."

To see how maple trees are tapped for syrup, visit the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. They're holding their annual Maple Syrup Festival, 1-4:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun., March 18-19. Call (810) 645-3209 for information.

You don't have to be a naturalist at Cranbrook to collect the running sap and turn it into real maple syrup. A few years ago, I successfully tapped the aging sugar maple that graces the grounds of the Janes Gang hacienda. I collected more than four gallons of sap and ended up with a little less than a half gallon of what was deemed by the entire gang as the "best syrup that ever graced a pancake."

Sap is collected by drilling small holes into any type of maple tree about 2-3 inches deep, and about 3 feet above the ground. The number of holes drilled depends on the size of the tree with some larger, more mature maples supporting about 4-5 "taps." A small metal spout is fitted into each hole and a pail is hung just below it to collect the sap.

In my case, a plastic milk jug was easily wired to the tap and adequately served its purpose. Each day, the accumulated sap is collected from the pails, poured into a large tank and hauled by sled or wagon to the sugar house. Of course, in my case, the plastic jug was dumped into my stockpot and boiled to death.

There is a more modern method of collecting the sap that involves a system of plastic pipelines that transport the sap directly from the tree to the sugar house, but what would be Rockwellian about that sight?

Regardless of the method used, a good maple tree will yield 15 to 40 gallons of sap in a single season. Processing occurs in a sugar house. It is there that the sap is strained and placed in shallow pans (evaporators) over wood, oil or gas fires. As the sap boils, the water evaporates. When the sugar concentration reaches 66.5 percent it is drawn off, filtered and bottled as maple syrup. Maple sugar is produced by boiling sap until most of the water evaporates. One gallon of syrup will yield about eight pounds of maple sugar.

An old fashioned treat enjoyed by those making maple syrup is called "jack wax," which is a taffy-like confection formed by pouring the hot syrup into a mound of clean snow. The resulting syrup hardens into a stringy treat and is usually made with the first "draw" of the syrup.

You don't have to have any talent or sophisticated cooking equipment to make maple syrup. If you have a maple tree, you can tap it, get the sap and boil it down nice and slow all day long until it forms a golden-hued syrup.

A singular harbinger of spring, maple syrup makes for a unique cooking ingredient.

See Larry Janes' family-tested recipes inside. Chef Larry is a free-lance writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave a voice mail message for him dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Great American Meat Out celebrates vegetarianism.

■ Wines from Napa Valley's Sterling Vineyards.

TOP OF THE MORNIN' TO ALL THINGS IRISH

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

When the Clinton, Donahue and Lanigan children hear their parents say "top of the mornin'!" they know it's St. Patrick's Day. After all, this greeting is as Irish as shamrocks, the color green, corned beef and cabbage.

Joe and Jane Clinton of Troy will be offering this greeting to their three children, Martha, 17, Michael, 14, and Kelly, 11 this Friday. There will also be decorations, special foods and lots of "good wishes" from other Clinton family members.

"St. Patrick's Day is a big occasion for my husband and his all-Irish family," said Jane, a teacher in the Warren Consolidated School District. "I'm Scottish so March 17 wasn't a special day until I met Joe. When we married, celebrating being Irish became a way of life."

Joe's kin, both on his mother's and father's side, are from Ireland.

"For a number of years, my grandfather, Daniel O'Donnell, ran a popular Irish pub called the Shamrock in Detroit," said Joe, a teacher at Troy High School. As a boy, St. Patrick's Day was one of his favorite holidays, it still is.

Joe said his family would start celebrating by attending the parade downtown in Detroit the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day. "Then the day before the holiday, I would go with my mother to the farmer's market to buy food for the large family party the next day. This was one of my favorite things to do."

Once the special day arrived, the celebration was low-key. It started with church and ended with a meal of corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, and Irish soda bread. "And, of course,



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Clinton clan: Joe Clinton's sister, Judy Griffin (back row, left to right), Martha Clinton, Bailey the dog, Joe and Jane Clinton, Kelly Clinton, Peg O'Donnel (Joe's mom). The family gathers every year to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

that day everyone was 'wearing the green.'"

The Clintons continue to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a family party, but they've added other traditions for their children.

Over the years, the Clinton kids have been treated to green bread, green beverages and green ice cream. "And sometimes we forego corned beef and cabbage and have Irish meat loaf instead," Jane said. "It's really just regular meat

loaf, but Joe prefers it to the traditional St. Patrick's Day fare."

Traditional Irish food is a must on St. Patrick's Day for the Donahue children, Michael, 19, Patrick, 15 and Mary Grace, 12.

"The kids would be disappointed if I didn't make Irish soda bread or shamrock cookies (sham

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Favorite foods:

Brother Patrick O'Hare with some of his favorite dishes — Irish Soda Bread and stew.



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Cooking reminds Brother O'Hare of his homeland in Ireland

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
SPECIAL WRITER

He may be a long way from his native Ireland, but Brother Patrick O'Hare can reminisce about his early days every time he steps into a kitchen and prepares authentic Irish food. At least once every 10 days, O'Hare treats himself and the nine other Brothers living behind Brother Rice High School in Birmingham to Irish cooking that is acclaimed by many.

Molly Robinson, public relations director for the high school, attested to the fact, calling him "a wonderful cook." O'Hare, who got a late start in cooking, doesn't consider himself a great cook. He sees himself more as a person who is willing to try both new recipes and stick with the traditional Irish stand-bys. He continues to use those recipes that work and forgets about the ones that don't. O'Hare, a teacher of 48 years stationed in Michigan, Hawaii, California, Canada, Chicago and Ireland, started cooking for himself when he went to college at the Christian Brothers Community in

Ireland. There, 100 brothers shared cooking duties.

Whenever it is his turn to cook, O'Hare is sure to make soup, whether it is as a side dish or the meal itself. "I love to cook soup. I also love to cook fish," he said. "My favorite is trout."

Coupled with the Irish people's love of potatoes, and O'Hare's love of soups, one might imagine that potato soup is one of his specialties. But the truth is, he didn't even hear about potato soup until he came to the United States in 1949.

Of course, potato soup may be a big thing in Ireland today, since the Irish are adopting recipes and cooking methods from across the world.

"The food has changed over the past 30 years," he said. "Restaurants are open for all types of foods. The cooks have been sent all over the world to study." Despite the big switch, O'Hare tends to stick with the traditional Irish foods including colcannon — mashed potatoes mixed with chopped cabbage and scallions. Potato bread, made from mashed pota-

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rock-shaped butter cookies with green-colored frosting) said Jeri Donahue of Beverly Hills. "And my husband, Larry, would be disappointed if I didn't serve Irish coffee."

Jeri, who says she became an "adopted" Irish person when she married her husband, said St. Patrick's day is a "big deal" for her children.

"In fact, my son Patrick considers this his day," she said. She added that she and her husband spent one St. Patrick's Day in Ireland and were surprised to discover that this day is a religious holiday with no special celebrations.

"We expected to have a wild

time in Ireland. However, the natives said that we had to go to the United States for the 'real celebrations,'" she said.

Another discovery the Donahues made on their visit was the blandness of the Irish diet. "The people basically consume meat and potatoes with stew being a popular dish. And their dishes are not highly seasoned."

While the Lanigans of Southfield have never been to Ireland, they have come to appreciate that country's patron saint. "And we sure like celebrating his day," said Mary Sue Lanigan.

She and her husband, Jack, grew up in Cleveland, which has a large Irish American population.

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toes mixed with chopped cabbage and scallions. Potato bread, made from mashed potatoes, flour and water, is also a big hit with him. "If you grew up with it, it's delicious," he said. He licked his lips and added, "you eat it with hot butter."

His extensive knowledge of traditional Irish foods has made him especially popular at the high school lately. He is serving as an adviser to school officials working on the March 17 annual St. Patrick's Day fund-raising auction. This year's two-hour event, starting at 5:30 p.m., is entitled

"Bringing in the Green." Tickets are \$75 per person or \$60 per person for a table of 10. Call (810) 647-7423.

For the occasion, O'Hare donated his Irish Soda Bread recipe. The freshly-baked bread is intended to complement the traditional boiled potatoes, cabbage and corned beef.

At the event, a variety of metro-Detroit restaurants will be serving their favorite St. Patrick's Day foods. The buffet dinner will kick-off a night of live Irish music, visiting between old friends and teachers, as well as live and silent auctions.

Brother O'Hare shares stew, soda bread recipes

See related story on Taste front.

BROTHER O'HARE'S LAMB STEW

3 pound neck of lamb, cut crosswise through bone
8 medium potatoes, peeled
4 large onions
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Chopped parsley
Wipe meat with damp paper towel. Trim off all fat and discard. Thinly slice 2 potatoes and onions. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In Dutch oven, make a layer of

the sliced potato, top with half of sliced onion, then add lamb. Sprinkle with half of the salt, thyme and pepper. Add remaining onions and whole potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining salt, thyme and pepper. Add 2 cups water, cover Dutch oven with tight fitting lid. Place in oven.

Cook for 2 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Before serving, sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serves 6.

IRISH SODA BREAD

2 cups unsifted, all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar

Even Brother O'Hare will be there. "I'll be the roving ambassador, meeting with all my old students and their parents," he said, adding that "a lot of people come back to reminisce."

Aside from getting the former Brother Rice families back together, the auction plays an important part in the school's vitality, indicated the brother. "The whole purpose of the auction is to carry on the tradition of the school," he said. "It covers the gap between (student) tuition and costs." Another important factor in this year's auction is the 150th anniversary of the death of

Brother Edmund Rice, the founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. He is in line to be canonized this year.

"In recognition of this anniversary, the Auction Committee has set an ambitious goal for itself to make this the school's most successful auction," said Brother Rice principal George Greenley in a letter. To help achieve their goal, the committee has put together a unique array of items including: trips, jewelry, dinners with local celebrities and a movie package. See recipes inside.

2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
1 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease small cookie sheet. In a large bowl, sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

Cut in 3 tablespoons softened butter with pastry blender or fork until mixture looks like fine crumbs. Add buttermilk, mix in with a fork only until dry ingredients are

moistened. Turn out on lightly floured pastry cloth or board. Knead gently until smooth, about 1 minute. Shape into a ball, place on prepared cookie sheet. Flatten into a 7-inch circle - dough will be about 1 1/4 inches thick. Press a large, floured knife into center of loaf, almost through bottom. Cut a cross across loaf. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, or until top is golden brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Remove to wire rack to cool. Brush with 1 tablespoon melted butter. Makes 1 loaf.

Real maple syrup is the difference

See Larry Jones' Taste Buds column on Taste front. If you want to top your own maple trees, the spouts, which are called spiles, are available at the Cranbrook Nature Center, 1221 N. Woodward, and some hardware stores.

The Lanigans have another St. Patrick's Day tradition. They decorate their English neighbor's house with green balloons and streamers.

"It's just friendly fun. They delight in wearing the color orange (a declaration of antagonism) in front of us, so we had to find a way to retaliate," Mary Sue said. See family-tested recipes inside.

Maple Syrup Mousse

1 cup pure maple syrup
3 eggs, separated
1 pint whipping cream
Heat maple syrup to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring constantly for 3 minutes. Remove from heat and cool for 5 minutes.

Beat egg yolks in a small bowl until thick and lemon colored. Stir in small amount of the syrup very gradually, beating well after every addition. Beat egg whites until stiff. Allow the mixture to come to room temperature.

Beat the egg whites until stiff. Gently fold the beaten egg whites into the cooled syrup mixture. Cover and freeze at least three hours. Spoon into individual dessert dishes. Serves 6.

MAPLE SAUSAGE AND APPLES

1 pound pork sausage links
1 cup pure maple syrup
1/2 cup white vinegar
4 apples, cored and cut into rings

Fry sausages in a large skillet until golden, about 15-20 minutes. Drain. Meanwhile, heat syrup and vinegar in a medium saucepan to a boil. Reduce heat and stir in apple rings, simmer uncovered over low heat until apples are tender, about 5 minutes. Remove apple rings, arrange on a platter with sausages and pour syrup mixture over top. Serve immediately with pancakes or waffles. Serves 4-6.

MAPLE SYRUP GLAZED HAM

1 smoked ham, about 7 pounds
1 quart apple juice
1 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup golden raisins

Heat the ham, apple juice and syrup in a large casserole or Dutch oven. Cover and simmer over medium low heat for 2 1/2 hours. Remove ham and trim outer skin from the ham. Measure cooking liquid from Dutch oven. Return one cup of the liquid to the Dutch oven. Reserve 3 cups of the liquid.

Whisk flour and dry mustard into the one cup of the liquid in the Dutch oven. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Add raisins and 3 cups of reserved liquid to this mixture. Cook, over medium low heat stirring constantly until thick and bubbly for about 10 minutes. Serve with sliced ham and sweet potatoes. Serves 8-10.

COOKING CALENDAR

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Special events

NUTRITION FAIR
Crittendon Hospital, 1101 W. University Drive, Rochester, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 23. Free event in celebration of National Nutrition Month. Nutrition displays, food samples, games, contests. (810) 652-5630

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Treasured St. Patrick's Day recipes

See related story on Taste front.

IRISH MEAT LOAF

3 cups soft bread cubes
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs beaten
1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1/2 pound ground pork
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
Parsley for garnish (optional)
Soak bread cubes in milk. Add beaten eggs. Add meat, onion, celery, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning mix thoroughly. Form into two loaves. Place in a

13 by 9 by 2-inch baking pan. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for one hour. Garnish with parsley if desired. Serves 6 to 8. Recipe submitted by Jane Clinton.

IRISH TWICE-BAKED POTATOES

4-6 large potatoes
Butter, salt, pepper and warm milk (to mash potatoes)
1 cup drained, seasoned cooked or canned peas
2 tablespoons snipped green onion
Parsley for garnish (optional)
Bake potatoes in 375 degree oven until done. Cut slice from top of each and scoop potato out of skin. Mash with butter, salt, pepper and milk to moisten. Beat until fluffy. Fill potato shells with half of

peas and onion and divide among potato shells. Pile remaining mashed potatoes on top. Return to oven and bake for 15 minutes. Garnish with parsley. Serves 4-6. Recipe submitted by Jane Clinton.

IRISH COFFEE

2 ounces Irish Whiskey
1 teaspoon light brown sugar
1 cup strong coffee
3 tablespoons very soft whipped cream (the cream should trickle off spoon, not slide off in a single puff)

Stir whiskey and sugar together in a large cup. Add coffee. Carefully add cream so that it floats on top of coffee. Do not stir. Makes 1 cup. Recipe submitted by Jeri Donahue.

Botsford Inn to host Irish feast March 17

If authentic Irish cuisine is what you crave, but you'd rather leave the cooking to someone else, then the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills is where you should be.

Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills, is hosting an Irish Recreation Feast 5-10 p.m. Friday, March 17. The cost is \$16.95 per person. For reservations and information, call (810) 474-4800.

The menu, planned with help from the Detroit chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute, includes cream of potato leek soup, Dublin Bay Prawn (shrimp), roasted lamb, broiled Atlantic salmon, pot roasted beef in Guinness stout, and apple pie

with whiskey cream offers a taste of Ireland.

Irish folk singer Dusty Rhodes and others will entertain patrons. Here's a recipe from the Irish American Cultural Institute, metro Detroit chapter, to try.

BEEF POT ROAST WITH GUINNESS STOUT

3-4 pounds chuck, rump or English cut roast
1/4 cup white flour
1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
1/2 tablespoon black pepper
2 tablespoons Crisco
1 large bay leaf
3 large onions, sliced
2-3 bottles Guinness
6-8 small onions
6-8 carrots

6-8 peeled potatoes
4-6 tablespoons butter
4-6 tablespoons white flour

Combine the flour, pepper and garlic powder on a large plate. Roll the roast through the mixture, flouring all sides.

Melt the Crisco in a large Dutch oven and then brown the roast in the Dutch oven on all sides. Add the three large onions, two bottles of Guinness and the bay leaf. Cover the Dutch oven and cook for 3-4 hours at about 350 degrees. This is much longer than usual for a pot roast. You want the meat to be "over done" falling apart in long strings when it is served. If you need a knife to cut it, it is not done yet. Because it is cooked

in liquid, it will not dry out.

During the last hour of cooking, add the carrots, potatoes and the rest of the onions. Add another bottle of Guinness as well if the liquid in the Dutch oven is low.

When roast is cooked, remove the vegetables and cover to keep warm. Pour 4 cups of boiling water over the roast to add to the liquid, remove the roast. Cover with aluminum foil and let it rest for about 20 minutes.

Make a gravy with the liquid in the Dutch oven. Combine equal amounts of melted butter and white flour to make dough balls. Add the balls one by one to the pan and stir. As the butter melts, the flour thickens the gravy. The recipe should serve 6-8 easily. Leftovers make a great stew.

Banquet to benefit Children's Hospital

Peter Veach of Redford, executive chef at the Henry Ford Estate, will be preparing special dishes along with other local chefs at the 11th annual Cuisine Extrordinaire to benefit Children's Hospital. Cuisine Extrordinaire, 5-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the Grand Ballroom of the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, is an elegant evening of taste tempting hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entrees and scrumptious desserts prepared by Veach and other chefs who are members of the Chef de Cuisine Association, and from some of the area's best restaurants including the Lorie's Confectionery Yours of Livonia, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, Walled Lake, and Oakland Community College/Ridgewood Cafe, Farmington Hills.

This year's theme is the Big Band Era. There will be silent and live auctions and dancing to a big band orchestra. Tickets are \$100, \$150 or \$200 per person. Call (313) 745-0982.

Here's a recipe to try.

STUFFED PASTA SHELLS

Tomato Sauce
1 small onion, finely chopped
1/2 green pepper finely chopped
2 (16 ounce cans) tomato sauce
1 (16 ounce can) tomato paste
1 (4 ounce can) mushroom pieces

Place mixture in refrigerator. Cook pasta shells in salted water until Al Dente. Cool then stuff shells with spinach & cheese mixture. After filling pasta shells, arrange in casserole dish and top with tomato sauce and bake at 325 degrees for about 45 minutes. Recipe from Chef John Aldini.

Call a dietitian for help

March is National Nutrition Month, and if you have questions about the food you eat, food reports you read about in the news - or if you just want to find out how to eat for better health and lower cancer risk, answers from a registered dietitian are just a phone call away.

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LINDA BACHRACH

Bright bins help restore the order

As I gaze around my little office, I realize I'm in a battle with interminable clutter. And the clutter is winning.

Before every inch of desk and floor space becomes a catch-all for stuff that I can't bear to throw away, I should invest in some containers to organize the mess. Join me in a search for spring cleanup ideas.

If you have some simple floor-to-ceiling laminate shelving units, you can fill them with inexpensive, but effective storage bins. At Cargo Hold, 202 E. Maple in Birmingham, find clear plastic boxes with covers and handles (\$4.99). Stack them on a shelf, label, and fill with computer printer paper, manila folders, tablets and mailing envelopes. Larger hamper-style plastic baskets (\$9.99) are great for gift wrap supplies or old magazines.

Jarring conclusions

Gallon-size Kolor Stors (\$2.49) in translucent pink, purple, blue or green are shatterproof jars that add some color to your shelves and contain all of your sewing provisions. Hi-Liter markers, and those huge heavy-duty paper clamps.

Stacking bins (\$4.99-\$8.50) function as colorful containers beside a desk. Available in orange, pink, yellow, green and black, the bins hold boxes of office supplies, staplers, hole punches, card files and dictionaries. If there's anything left to litter the desktop, line up some "fun drums" (99-cents) to capture pencils, pens, rubber bands, tape, paper clips, etc. The little storage drums come in blue, white, red and teal. Wicker baskets are another sure bet for corraling your clutter. I like Pier 1 Imports for baskets in every shape and size. To hold my out-of-control magazine collection, I bought a large white wicker, double-handled laundry basket for my bedroom. Other decorative baskets hold years of magazines in my living room and den.

Pier 1 also has great straw hampers to stack on shelves — a chic alternative to plastic (\$19.99). Or fashion an end table out of vintage-looking leather suitcases piled on top of one another. They come in various sizes and could hold guest room blankets and sheets, even pillows (\$30-\$150). "If you want to remove clutter from your life and restore order to your environment, Elfa's the best investment you can make," says interior designer Chris Sanders. Elfa drawer units and shelving systems are constructed of steel wire with an epoxy coating, and the versatility of its pieces allows you to customize storage in any room of the house. Begin with a Start-

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Branch out

It's also a great solution for sports gear in the garage, washing and cleaning supplies in the laundry room, or sheets in the linen closet. You could even tuck some baskets into the pantry to store paper products.

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Linda Bachrach is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her merchandising suggestions and ideas for this column at (313) 953-5047, mailbox 1899, or fax them to her at (810) 644-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Down on Main Street: In Plymouth, a Sideways view of retailing.
- Linda Bachrach shops for patent leathers accessories.
- Added Attractions lists special events at area shopping centers.

Put it away right and end the clutter



According to organization experts, the home and office run most smoothly when work and storage spaces are customized to individual needs. The Closet Factory has some tips.

Do your closets look like they have been hit by a tornado? Do your canned soups get lost behind the pasta in your pantry? Is the computer in your home office buried under a mountain of papers? Is your garage the neighborhood eyesore?

The organizing experts at The Closet Factory offer custom solutions to home storage problems. Based on customer concerns, they put together these suggestions to help you with Spring Cleaning '95.

Closets

Next to your home and car, one of your most significant investments is in your wardrobe. Yet most homes allocate a relatively small amount of space to its storage. To make the most of what you've got, hang blouses with blouses, pants with pants, etc.

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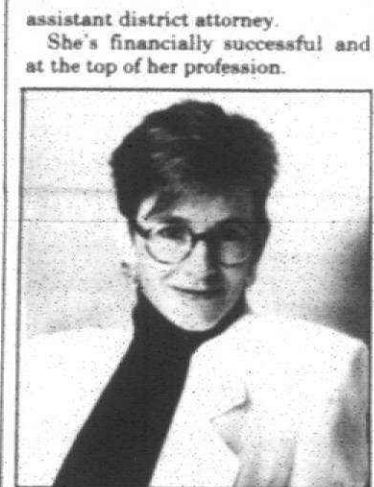
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Dana Buchman designs 'smart' clothes that fit

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

She's devoted to her daughters, Charlotte, 8, and Annie Rose, 6. She's in love, and very proud of husband, Tom Farber, a New York

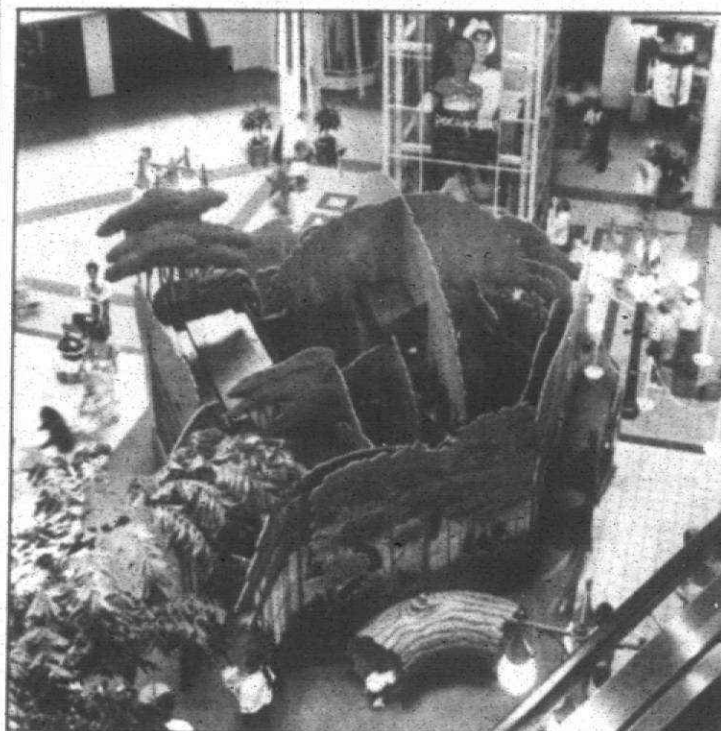
assistant district attorney. She's financially successful and at the top of her profession.



Dana Buchman

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Promoting Pocahontas



Disney Delight: Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi expects thousands of visitors to its spectacular Pocahontas exhibit March 17-18 in center court. The Disney display travels to select U.S. shopping centers this spring to build excitement for the animated film due June 23. The free exhibit features the Powhatan lodge, a 26-foot replica of Capt. John Smith's ship, and a forest maze. It's geared to teach kids some early American history. After, they can try their hand at creating animation effects. Studio animators give drawing demonstrations.

Where can I find?

We found it! Barbara Wolf wrote to Malls & Mainstreets looking for someone to appraise her Franklin Mint collection. Jonathan Abbott of Abbott's Coinex, 1393 S. Woodward in Birmingham called to say, "I will!"

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The next challenge comes from Tammy Oyer of Livonia, a very harried homeowner who said she has searched high and low to find a replacement towel bar to insert into a ceramic holder.

"I know they must be out there somewhere," she said. "But I can't locate a store that has them, or that can refer me to someone who does. Maybe some builders might know?"

If you know someone who could assist Mrs. Oyer, please give Malls & Mainstreets a call at (810) 901-2557. You can fax a response to (810) 644-1314. Or write Where Can I Find, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. New shopping challenges are also welcome through these avenues.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features the latest news briefs from mall and Main Street shopping centers. Mail submissions to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E.

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ADDED ATTRactions

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MONDAY, MARCH 13

FASHION BENEFIT
Jacobson's hosts "It's All A Matter of Taste," to benefit American Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Tickets \$30 per person. Evening begins with tastes and wine from Merchant of Vines, 6:30 p.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday. A Best-Of Fashion Show for Spring '95 follows. Reservations through JDF office. Jacobson's, West Maple, Birmingham. (810) 569-6171.

PUPPET SHOW
"Goldilocks" performed through March. Monday-Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. Free performances 20 minutes long. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Watson/Adams, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

BARBARA WALDEN VISITS
Walden meets Hudson's customers to personalize her make-up and treatment products. 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Through March 19. Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. (810) 443-6000.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

MUSEUM SHUTTLE
Roundtrip shuttle bus to Detroit Art Institute. Leaves mall 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Leaves museum for mall 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets \$5 for DIA members, \$6 general public. Includes pass to see Royal Tombs of Sipan exhibit. Time for lunch at American Grill or Krone Court Cafe. Browse museum gift shop. Seating limited. Reservations required. Next trips: April 19 and May 17. Repeated the third Wednesday of every month through 1995. Tickets available at Museum Store, mall's upper level. Ticket Office, 12 Mile/5-995, Novi. (810) 833-1719.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

INFORMAL MODELING
See the latest looks from Marguerite's boutique. Noon to 2 p.m. Stage & Co. Restaurant. The Boardwalk, Orchard Lake/S. Maple. (810) 855-6622.

HEALTH-U-RAMA
Free health tests and information available throughout the mall during regular business hours. Repeated March 16. Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. (810) 682-0123.

DOBBIE EXHIBIT
Visit the Neon, Intrepid, Avenger, and Starline on display near Hudson's and Sears through March 28. Spokespersons available to answer questions. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 565-6000.

SLIDE SHOW
Preserving Oakland County Wetlands. 7:30 p.m. Lecture and slide show by Michigan Nature Association. No fee. Seating limited. Borders Books, 31150 Southfield, Birmingham. (810) 644-1515.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT
Dave Henning & The Best of Times perform noon to 1:30 p.m. Pardon Court, Free. Also informal modeling noon to 2 p.m. at D. Dennison's and Marriott's American Grill. Laurel Park Plaza, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

CLASSICS BRUNCH
Brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill while shoppers enjoy area musicians performing the classics. Noon to 2 p.m. Rotunda. Tickets \$25 each, available at Concourse Desk. Proceeds benefit Interlochen and Detroit Symphony Chorus Orchestras. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 643-6360.

MODEL SEARCH
Westland Shopping Center is looking for young people (over 16 years) to try-out for its spring fashion show April 8, and also to assist with mall promotions through the year. Register 11 a.m. Auditorium, lower level. Auditions noon to 4 p.m. Westland Center, Wayne/Warner. (313) 425-5001.

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"The highlight of the day is when we order lunch up from the deli around 10:30 a.m.," she mused. "And it's not that great a deli."

Designing each new group is an "evolving process," she explained. "We start with color clumps, then play with fabrics. We design the style, make the prototype, and then test it on fit models."

"Fit models" (different body types in the same size) assure that Buchman's clothing fits well on a variety of chassis.

"It's amazing to see how a garment hangs on various size 8's," she said. "One person fills it out in the hips, another in the waist. The key to a good fit starts with the shoulders. Everything else works from there."

Buchman was born in Memphis, Tennessee where her dad made a good living in the steel business. Her mom was a homemaker. Her brother became a sculptor, her sister a professor of Italian.

After graduation from Brown University, she attended the Rhode Island School of Design. She earned an advanced degree in fashion from St. Martin's School

of Art in London. "Then my dad suggested it was time to go to work," she said with a grin. "So I came to New York with a list of my favorite designers and found my way to Ellen Tracy. I just showed up at their offices one day and asked to see chief designer Linda Allard. The secretary seemed surprised and sort of gave me the run around. But eventually I interviewed with Linda and got a job."

Later Buchman joined Liz Claiborne and after a few years was offered a deal she couldn't refuse. "Liz wanted to offer a bridge line, (price points between ready-to-wear and designer) and if I designed it, I could have my own label. That was eight years ago."

In 1987, Saks Fifth Avenue in New York carried the first Dana Buchman Collection. Suzanne Sloat of Farmington

Hills stopped by Saks to see Buchman's spring show. "The clothes look nice for most occasions," she concluded. "I heard that Buchman designs for women with the 'middle problem,' which I can relate to. The colors and fabrics are beautiful."

Dana Buchman's clothes range between \$150-\$350. She plans to use the feedback she received from metro-Detroit customers when designing future lines. "Some women said they like pants with elastic in the back waistband, others want more zipper-back slacks," she said. "I got a lot of positives about the vest bottom blouses and jackets. Buchman prefers jackets without collars because they go well with many different blouse and vest necklines. The clean lines of her clothes get their spunky sophistication from luxurious fabrics."

opt for adjustable shelves or pull-out trays. A custom system is best because modular systems with standard-size shelving — say, a 30-inch unit for a 34-inch wide pantry, wastes precious space.

Desks
The best solution to an organized work space is to keep your work area as clear as possible. File folders not used on a daily basis can be put in drawers adjacent to the desk.

Computers and printers should be stored off main work areas such as on a shelf or in a cabinet. If you're using a computer desk from a furniture store, reserve the cubbyholes for everyday items. Don't stuff them with books and papers you don't need on a regular basis.

Garages
The main purpose of a garage is a place to park your cars, not to be the catch-all for the things you don't know where to put. It is probably the largest single room in your home and demands organization.

Use hooks to hang shovels and brooms instead of stacking them in the corner. Buy wall-hung bike racks to get bicycles off the floor.

Use metal shelving units or cabinets when you can, including an upper cabinet in the space above the front of your car.

The most important point is to be honest with yourself and throw away everything you really aren't going to use.

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spokeswoman Ilyse Lieberman said.

Double your space by replacing single rods with double-hung rods and shelving units.

If you're investing in a professionally organized closet, opt for a floor based system that offers adjustability so you can replace lower rods with shelves if your needs change. With a wall-hung system, you're stuck with what you buy.

Always remove clothes from thin wire hangers. These leave

holes, stretch materials, and stick in the wrong places. Invest in thicker tubular plastic hangers that won't get tangled and will keep clothes neat.

When you remove a garment to wear, leave the hanger, and rehang the garment in that same spot.

Replace shoe boxes with stacking shoe shelves or plastic shoe bags that hang off the rod. This helps to get them organized and gets them out of the heap on the floor.

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Frankie & Debbie will sell fashion for the young and fun by new designers like Los Angeles-based Ton — in sizes to fit teen boys and girls. Debbie said the interior design is a must-see with lots of playful concepts. Designer Ron Rea is handling the project.

KIDS CLUB STARTS

The Newburg Plaza, Six Mile/Newburgh for children 5 years and under, the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. The premier on Tuesday, March 14 features a "Pajama Party," with Maureen Shiffman and her monkey puppet, "Coco." Kids should wear their pajamas and bring along a favorite stuffed animal or doll. Stories, songs and surprises. Monthly programs last 30-45 minutes. They're free and open to the public.

FRENCH RAGS

Phyllis Strome (810) 646-2092, and Rosemarie Gilman (810) 855-3432, invite women to a week of genuine home shopping to see the French Rags line of clothing March 13-18. The wardrobe of separates and dresses fits women sizes 6-16. Pieces are priced at \$50-\$500. Reservations required.

STAGE & CO. UPDATES

Steven Goldberg, son of the Stage & Co. Restaurant founder, has taken over operations at the popular West Bloomfield establishment and instituted some changes. Stage & Co. has new ensembles for the health-conscious,

and catering with waitstaff available. The restaurant is closed on Mondays. For more information call (810) 855-6622.

BRIDAL DIRECTORY

Oakland and Wayne County editions of the Bridal Buying Book by Jeanette Senkowski of Birmingham are available locally at participating Arbor Drugs, Perry Drugs, Farmer Jack and Kroger stores (\$9.95). The books offer tips for planning a wedding with a list of businesses and services that have been "checked-out" by the author for high standards of quality, fair price, and willingness to work with couples in all price ranges. For more information contact the Bridal Buying Bureau (810) 258-5561.

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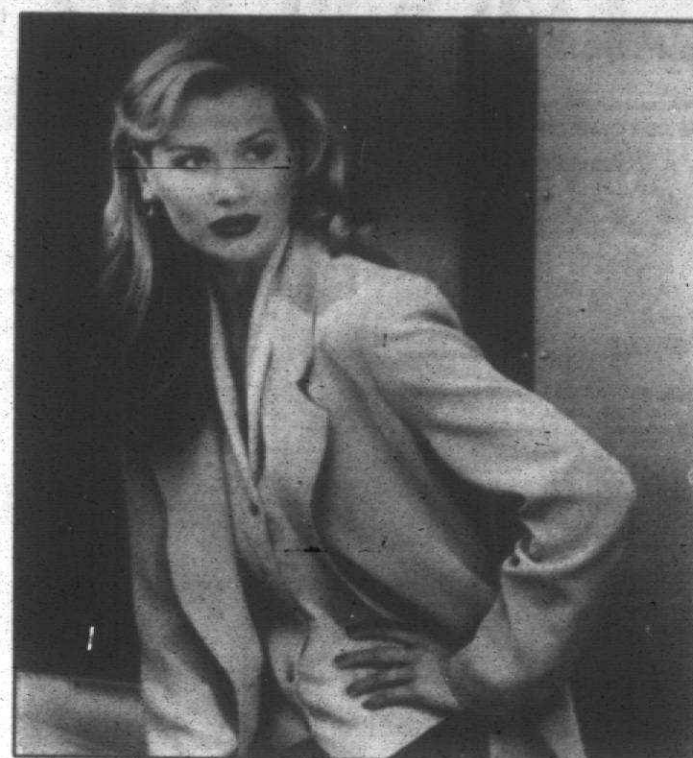
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SHERILA MEYER

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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate standouts

Michigan State gymnast Carla Rhodes, a senior from Canton, posted a career-best score on the balance beam when she tied for second with teammates Jodi Blotcher and Wendy Minch (Westland), scoring a 9.675 in a Spartan loss at Iowa, 190.95-190.475 March 5. Rhodes' MSU team is 13-5 overall, 3-4 in the Big Ten.

Kelly Holmes, a Plymouth Canton graduate, has struggled a bit in the early going for University of Michigan's softball team. Through 12 games on the Wolverines' spring trip to Arizona, Holmes — a sophomore — was 2-1 with a 3.20 earned run average. She's allowed 11 runs (nine earned) on 20 hits and 11 walks in 19 1/3 innings, with seven strikeouts.

Holmes ranks third on the team in innings pitched. Michigan was 9-3 through March 4.

Jake Baker, a junior at Grand Valley State from Plymouth Salem, finished the past basketball season as a starter for the Lakers. Baker averaged 6.4 points and 3.6 rebounds a game.

Grand Valley finished the season with a 14-12 record, 8-10 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Soccer champions

Vardar III '83, an under-12 boys soccer team, recently captured the Hallmark Sports Club Indoor Tournament in Frankfort, Ill., by defeating the host Sports Club in a shootout, 5-4.

Vardar III '83, coached by Morris Lupenec, reached the finals with a 5-3 win over the Ohio Internationals.

Observerland members of Vardar include: Mike Thomas (Livonia), Scott McKee (Canton), Karl Lopata (Farmington Hills), Matt Fernandez (Bloomfield Hills), Mike Bramlet and Ricky Strong (both of Rochester), Nick Baratta, Andy Lecuru and Erik Spreitzer (all of Troy). Other members include Dan Mulcahy, Bret Bailey, Cliff Orr, Paul Georgandella, John Mauro, John Palazolo, Brandon Felker, Ben Sobczak and Justin Detter.

Merchants are shopping

The Michigan Merchants travel baseball team is seeking players for the upcoming season. Tryouts are going on now for 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds. For more information, call Kris Hansen (11- and 12-year-olds) at (313) 427-1948 or Al Fernandez (13-year-olds) at (313) 287-4055.

Men's golf league

Amen's golf league for Canton residents is now forming. The league will play Wednesday evenings starting April 26 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The league will last 20 weeks; tee times will be from 5-6 p.m.

Registration fee for the first half of the season is \$165, which will include greens fees, prize money and awards. The second half registration fee, the amount to be determined, will be due after the first three weeks.

Open registration begins next Monday, March 20. The league is limited to 36 golfers. For more information, call 397-5110.

Canton softball items

Registration for men's, women's and coed 1995 spring leagues at the Canton Softball Center (14-game season includes double-headers) begins Monday, March 20. There are no residency requirements. The cost is \$495 (plus a refundable forfeit fee and umpires).

For recorded details, call (313) 483-2913.

■ Canton Softball Center's Early Bird Tournament, a round-robin format with a four-game guarantee for men's, women's and coed teams, will begin Friday, April 21. The entry fee is \$125 (plus umpires).

For more information, call (313) 483-5600, Ext. 102.

Blue Chip Shootout

College scouts are eligible to be in attendance for the 1995 Spring Blue Chip Shootout, April 14-15 at River Rouge High School.

Each participant will compete in four games during the two-day tournament with guaranteed 50 percent playing time.

For more information or obtain an application brochure, call Ken Phillips or Liz Bujak at (313) 697-8381.

Football booster meeting

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in room 166 of Canton HS. All parents of Canton football players — including parents of freshmen who will play at Canton this fall — are requested to attend to help plan the next season's events.

Regular meetings will be at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in room 165.

Anyone interested or with questions may call Gail Sarraut at 455-6234.

Canton perseveres, claims district title



BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It had not been the best of days for Plymouth Canton when it faced host Novi in Saturday's district final. But, according to coach Dan Young, that's to be expected: Good teams tend to make things difficult for each other.

Ted Docks, the Chiefs' leader, stood at the free-throw line with 39 seconds left, facing a one-and-one situation. Hit both, and the game would certainly be history, increasing Canton's lead from four to six.

But he missed. Novi, which had refused to surrender throughout the game, was still alive.

At least for another 10 seconds. That's when Docks — who at that point had 12 points, seven assists and three steals — picked sophomore guard Jason Witherspoon's pocket. Witherspoon rushed the ball upcourt; Docks stepped in front of him and simply snatched the ball away.

Rob Johnson ended up getting fouled, and he missed a one-and-one, too. But a missed triple by Jon Wroe resulted in another chance for Docks, and this time he converted twice from the line with 15 seconds left. Canton survived, 50-47.

"Nothing surprises me," Young said of Novi's stubbornness. "I knew Novi would be ready. They weren't 16-6 for no reason."

"At this stage, it's hard to score."

The free throw missed, but it didn't matter. Not unless Novi's Jason Fannon could convert a desperation shot from over 80 feet away. He couldn't, and Plymouth Canton escaped with a district title.

You have to work for every single shot."

The game never threatened to be a blowout, but Canton was able to maintain the lead throughout. Still, the Chiefs' lead was just four points after each of the first three quarters.

And in the fourth, the Wildcats had chances. They forced six Canton turnovers (the Chiefs had eight in the first three quarters).

But Novi's shooting, hindered by Canton's relentless man-to-man defense, was erratic; the Wildcats made just five of 14 shots from the floor in the last quarter and nine of 25 in the second half (36 percent) after hitting 10 of 19 (52 percent) in the first.

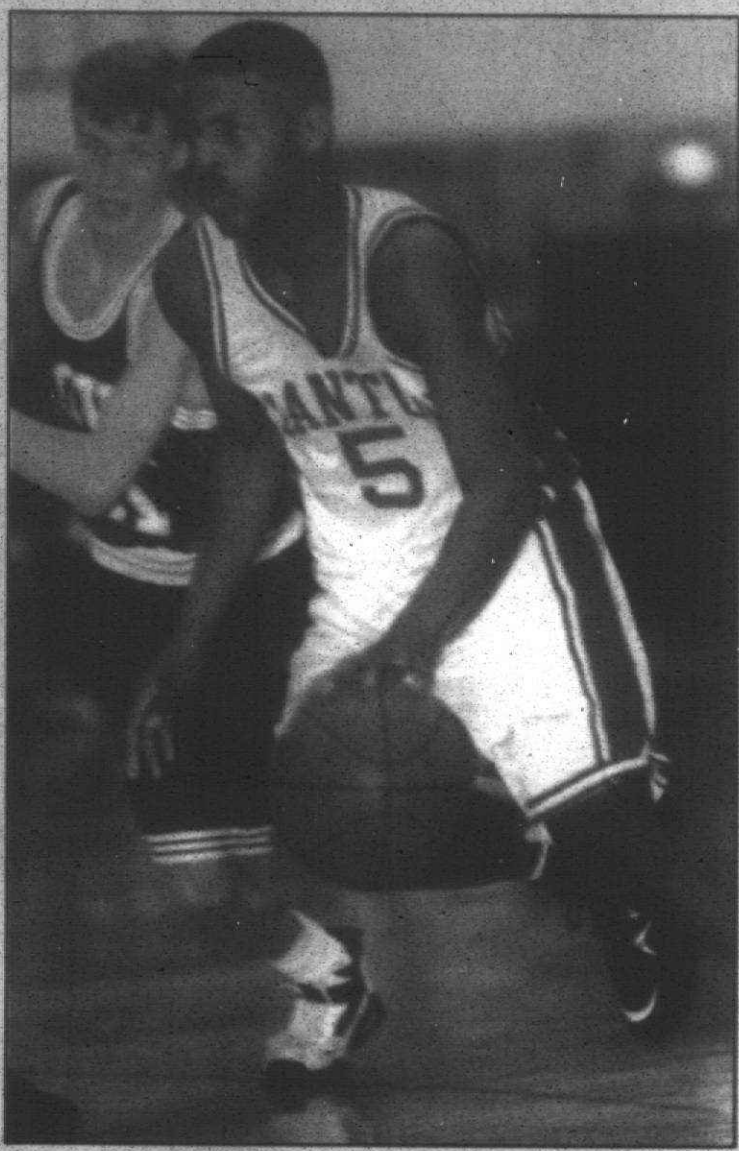
Canton (19-4), which got 16 points from Ron Hunter and 14 from Docks, was 19 of 37 for the game (51 percent).

"They were playing great defense," said Novi coach Pat Schluter of the Chiefs.

Fannon's 16 points topped Novi. Witherspoon scored 10.

Now comes the regional for the Chiefs, and a first-round date with Detroit Public School League champion Detroit Pershing.

The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Ferndale High School. The winner advances to Thursday's regional final against the Bloomfield Hills Lahser/Southfield-Lathrup winner.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eying a title: Ron Hunter scored a team-high 16 points in helping Canton collect a district title Saturday.

Ousted

Turnovers, poor shooting end Salem's season in semifinals

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to be disappointed about a 16-5 season, but Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie left the Novi gym Friday feeling like something was missing.

The defending district champions had their season come to an end Friday when Novi used a Chad Dicken free throw with two seconds remaining to beat the Rocks 46-45 in the district semifinals.

"Even though we are 16-5, it feels empty because we haven't won any type of championship and that's not like Salem teams of the past," Brodie said.

The Rocks showed a lot of rustiness after a week off. Salem missed easy shots all night and committed 24 turnovers (to Novi's 16). Still, Salem had a chance to come away with the victory.

With the score tied 45-45 and eight seconds remaining, Novi (16-6) went

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for the win, but Jason Fannon's shot was no good. Dicken was called for a foul on the rebound and Salem received the ball out of bounds with four seconds left.

After a timeout, the Rocks' Doug Herriman threw the ball away on the inbound pass. Dicken picked up the loose ball and drove straight to the basket where he collided with Herriman.

Herriman was whistled for the block. Dicken calmly sank his first free throw and time expired as his second free throw rimmed out.

"We have had a lot of chances to win games this year," Brodie said. "We just threw the ball away. The pass went one way and the player went the other way. It was typical of how the night went."

Herriman scored a game-high 14 points in his Salem finale. Senior

Dan McKian finished his career with 12 points.

The Wildcats advanced to play Plymouth Canton Saturday for the district title. They were paced by Fannon's 12 points. Jeff Kastras added 11.

"We knew we had a chance to beat them," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "Our plan was to keep them under 45 points, and we knew we couldn't get into a run-and-gun game with them. The win is a tribute to our seniors who never gave up and didn't lose their composure when Salem made a run at us late."

The game was close throughout. The score was tied 12-12 after the first quarter and 22-22 at halftime. A 7-0 Salem run gave the Rocks a 35-34 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Novi opened up a 42-37 lead midway through the fourth quarter, but the Rocks rallied to take a 43-42 lead after a McKian layup. The Wildcats regained the lead after two Dicken

free throws.

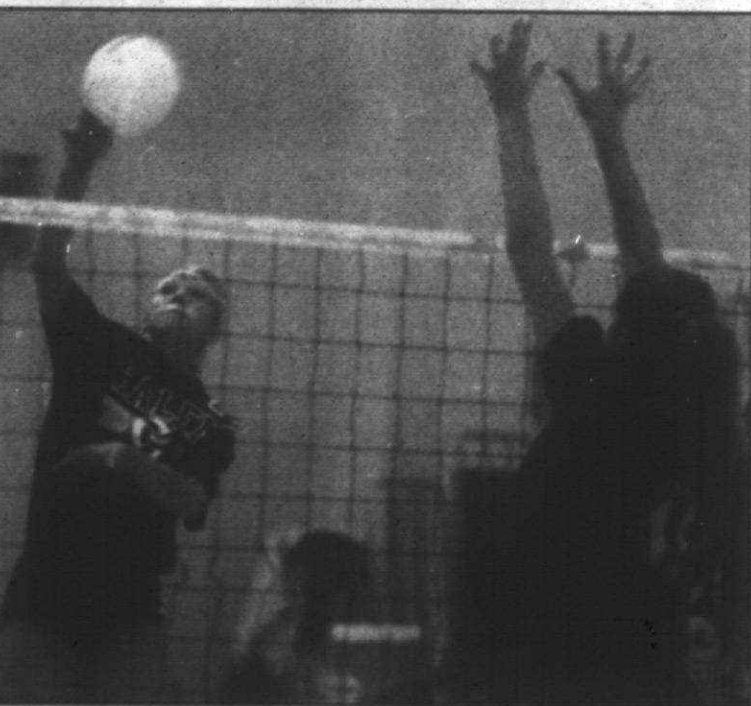
Herriman got the lead back with a driving, off-balance banker. Fannon then hit one foul shot to tie the score at 45-45 with 45 seconds left.

Salem got sloppy as Novi forced a jump-ball and regained possession. Fannon seemed to get away with two travels before calling timeout and setting up the series of events that led to Dicken's heroics.

"I don't think we were looking ahead to playing Canton, but I think it was a combination of things," Brodie said. "I think the week off put us out of sync. Novi did play a great game and was in our face all night."

"I knew they would come at us with a tough 'man' defense, but I never would have dreamed that we would turn the ball over that much and miss so many easy shots. We were out of sync the entire game."

The Wildcats held a big advantage at the foul line, making 17-of-27 free throws.



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blocked: Salem hitters, like Shellye Sills, had Ladywood blockers, like Nicole Vondracek (right), in their face all night.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Power vs. power — something had to give.

Plymouth Salem did.

The Rocks started slowly in the opening round of the screwed-up Region V state volleyball tournament Friday, and it was a costly mistake — considering their first opponent was host Livonia Ladywood, not Farmington Hills Mercy.

Ladywood proved itself best by overwhelming Salem, 15-4, 15-12, to advance to the regional final against Mercy. The Marlins reached the final by beating Ferndale 15-5, 15-11, in Friday's other semifinal.

The regional championship match was, as expected, anticlimactic. For the third time this season, the Blazers bounced the Marlins, this time by 15-5, 15-4 margins.

Which means Ladywood, now 38-8, will return to the state quarterfinals this weekend. The Blazers meet the winner of the Midland Dow Region at 7 p.m. Friday at Portage Central High School. The Class A semifinals will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Portage Central, with the state final at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Kalamazoo Central HS.

Ladywood was eliminated in last

season's quarterfinals by Bay City Central.

Friday's region started out wrong for all involved and, for Salem, it never improved. The problem: The Michigan High School Athletic Association sent out conflicting releases regarding first-round regional pairings. All week long, Salem thought it would play Mercy first, with Ladywood going against Ferndale.

On Friday morning, the MHSAA offices called and said those matchups were backward.

Salem coaches Brian Gilles and Alie Suffety didn't like the switch, but would not use it as an excuse. "We're certainly not blaming (the loss) on that," said Gilles.

Perhaps if the Rocks had gotten an earlier start — they were originally scheduled to play Mercy at 5:30 p.m. instead of Ladywood at 6:30 p.m. — things would have worked out better. Instead, the fired-up Blazers took it to them from the start, and before Salem could regroup, the match was history.

"We were really excited," said Ladywood's Anne Foglita. "We've been working really, really hard for this. We were so up."

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Scoring runs propel Canton past Churchill

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Instead of getting revenge against its arch rival, Plymouth Canton will have to settle for getting the upper hand against one of its coach's best friends.

On Friday, the Chiefs easily handled Livonia Churchill, 65-40, in a district semifinal game at Novi.

But Canton's hopes to gain a rematch against Plymouth Salem were spoiled after the Rocks lost to Novi 46-45 in the district nightcap. The Chiefs went on to play the Wildcats on Saturday for

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the district title.

Canton would have liked to avenge the 75-69, five-overtime loss it suffered Jan. 13 against Salem. Instead, the Chiefs will have to play the Wildcats, who are coached by Pat Schluter, a good friend of Canton coach Dan Young.

Young and Schluter became friends when Young coached at Brighton, which is in the same league as Novi.

"We're great friends and talk

every week," Schluter said. "We both have similar game plans — stress defense and limit the turnovers. It will be a good game."

Young admitted he would have liked a second chance at Salem, but didn't mind facing his pal. "There's no question we would like to play Salem, but we'll take either one of them," Young said prior to Novi's upset. "We just feel fortunate to be playing in the title game."

The Chiefs (18-4) will probably get a better test than they did against Churchill. Canton used to pair of 16-0 runs to put the game

away early and was able to rest its starters for almost all of the second half.

The Chargers rallied early to tie the score at 9-9, but then went 8-55 without scoring a point. The Chiefs scored 16 unanswered points and led 25-14 at halftime.

Leading 30-20 midway through the third quarter, Canton reeled off its second 16-0 run to lead 46-20.

Both teams played out the string from that point.

Junior forward Ron Hunter led all scorers with 16 points — 10 coming in the first half.

Canton, which shot 52 percent from the floor (24 of 46), also received 12 points and five assists from senior guard Ted Docks and eight points from sophomore forward Rob Johnson.

Churchill was led by sophomore guard Shawn Woodley's 23 points. Junior guard Chad Uhlinger added nine points off the bench.

The Chargers ended the season 5-16 and didn't look good in the process. Churchill shot only 33 percent from the floor (13 of 39) and were out-rebounded 30-20.

Churchill can blame part of its

loss Friday on the tough man-to-man defense employed by Canton throughout the game.

"The last time we played there were 52 fouls called and then we had a two-game stretch where more than 100 fouls were called," Young said. "It wasn't all because of the officiating, either, it was because we may have been too aggressive."

"We've worked on playing good defense without committing fouls. We did that tonight and tried taking away their drives to the basket and blocking out better."

Spartan-to-be

Canton's Fliss makes his choice — Michigan State

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Really, the decision had been made long before by Plymouth Canton's Jeff Fliss. The sport at which he excels — soccer — merely provided the means to reach the ends.

Fliss, who was instrumental in guiding the Chiefs to the Class A state championship last November, had always wanted to be a Spartan. Now he will be. The former co-captain and midfielder for Canton has decided to attend Michigan State.

"I decided about a week ago," said Fliss. "I always wanted to go to Michigan State. I thought about some other schools out of state. But then I talked to the coach (Joe Baum) and paid a vis-

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it, and I decided."

What's surprising about Fliss' choice is MSU's lack of soccer notoriety. Last season, the Spartans were 9-8-1 — their first winning record since 1990, when they were 9-6-5. They have not reached double figures in victories since '86.

What's more, the last time they got an invitation to the NCAA Tournament was 1969.

It would seem Fliss could do better for himself, soccerwise. After all, he was selected the state's best player in Class A last season. A member of the state's dream team and a central region All-American, he scored 10 goals and

assisted on 12 others as a senior. For his career, Fliss totaled 25 goals and 24 assists.

"He's a very good player," said Canton coach Don Smith. "He knows the game real well — he has a feel for it."

Smith figured Fliss was a prototypical midfielder. "He's more of a crafty-type player. He's deceivingly fast, and he used his body quite well. I'm sure he'll get a little bigger and a little stronger."

However, as solid a player as Fliss was, Smith wasn't quite ready to label him a sure-fire star.

"Whether or not he can step in and play with 21- and 22-year-olds remains to be seen," the Canton coach said. "If he works real, real hard he'll do well."

That included at the NCAA Division I level, Smith said. Still, with so many soccer powerhouses around who would have sought a player with Fliss' skills, why MSU?

"They're going to be moving up," Fliss vowed.

And he plans on taking that trip with them.

NOTES: Fliss isn't the only top recruit added by MSU. Earlier this year, Fadi Barz — a Dearborn-Fordson graduate who set goal-scoring records at Schoolcraft College during his two-year tenure — committed to be a Spartan.

Others from the Plymouth/Canton area who were on MSU's roster last season were sophomore midfielder Rich Andrusak (Salem HS), junior defender Brad Fisch (Salem HS) and freshman forward Ryan Townsend (Birmingham Brother Rice).

All-state: Jeff Fliss will take the skills that took Canton to a state title last season to MSU in the fall.

CC's 3-pointers halt Stevenson's season

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The pizza arrived as promised, and the Redford Catholic Central boys basketball team also delivered, pasting Livonia Stevenson, 74-55, in Friday's Class A district championship game at CC.

CC coach Rick Coratti usually provides pizza for his players following games, courtesy of his brother who owns "Greg's Pizza" in Detroit.

But Coratti decided to put the order on hold for the first two games of the district — victories over Detroit Henry Ford and Detroit Redford.

Coratti promised pizza if the Shamrocks reached the final — and it was worth the wait.

The Shamrocks devastated the Spartans' zone defense, making 11 shots from three-point range in a victory that was wrapped up after the first quarter.

"Against a bad club, you might be able to come back, but we left ourselves in a real bind against them," Stevenson coach Jim McIntyre said of the Spartans' early deficit, which was 23-5 after one quarter.

There hasn't been a long-range shooting display like this at CC since McIntyre's son John starred there from 1983-85.

The win sends CC, 12-9 overall, into Wednesday's 7:30 p.m. regional semifinal against No. 1 ranked Detroit Cooley at Southfield High.

Coratti might use the pizza as motivation again.

"Maybe we'll wait until next Friday (the regional final) to order pizza," Coratti said with a smile. "We're just happy to have the opportunity to still be playing."

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After Stevenson's senior forward Niko Jovicic made the first three-point shot of the night, CC responded with three straight triples (two by Chris Misiak and one by Marc McDonald) to open up a 16-3 lead.

Senior forward Mike Ridley added a pair of free throws and a basket, followed by Eric Gilbo's triple from the wing as time expired in the first quarter for a commanding 23-5 lead.

If the Spartans weren't already reeling, the Shamrocks made sure of it by hitting seven straight shots (including three triples) midway through the second quarter to build a 45-12 lead.

Ridley started the run with a two-handed dunk and he ended it with a triple from the wing.

The Shamrocks finished 27 of 53 (51 percent) from the floor and the Spartans were 17-72 (23 percent), including 3-26 during mop-up time in the fourth quarter.

Stevenson finished 13-9 overall. "We realized two of our kids (McDonald and Misiak) were very good shooters," McIntyre said. "Ridley can shoot, but he usually looks to drive. But he got loose and didn't even look to drive. They said, 'All the three are falling.'"

The Shamrocks enjoyed a 48-24 lead at the half and led by as many as 31 in the second half.

Ridley was six of nine from the floor and led CC's balanced scoring with 19 points. Misiak had 12, all on three-point shots, junior forward Michael Jordan scored 11 off the bench and McDonald had 10.

Barr bears up in 24-hour marathon

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"How's your thumb?" Hey, Michael, how's your thumb?"

This question came up over and over last weekend as WJR's Michael Barr boiled through a 24-hour marathon at Troy Lanes for the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

In so doing, Barr bowed about the equivalent of one full league.

Many bowling celebrities turned out to bowl along with Barr, helping to raise money in the fight against cancer.

His first ball was thrown at 5 p.m. on Friday. It was a strike.

The last ball was thrown at 5 p.m. Saturday. It was also a strike, and he knocked down about 15,000-pins with 1,250 deliveries.

More than \$70,000 was raised for the Michigan Cancer Foundation during this time, a 25 percent increase over last year.

I bowled with Michael Barr at 2 p.m. Saturday and his energy and durability were incredible. By the way,

his thumb was just fine, most of us would have just four fingers and one bloody mess after all that, but he had taken special care to protect this valuable part of a bowler's anatomy.

Michael Barr is ready to do it again next year, and the MCF will certainly take him up on the offer. While bowling with Michael Barr, I had to quit after one game, as my left knee was in great pain and I could not even get to the foul line.

A quick visit to Dr. Warren Schildberg was on tap for the first thing Monday morning, and by the next day I was able to walk without pain and returned to action on the lanes the very next day.

Now, I don't know whether or not I believe in miracles, but I sure believe in Dr. Schildberg.

The National Senior Bowling Association has completed its first year of growth and scratch competition for the older bowlers. The latest title went to Rico Odorico, an east-sider who won for the third time.

Our local guys drew pretty well in this event at Shorecrest as Bill Haynes of Rochester Hills took second place, Clubhouse of Garden City came in third, Ed Duke of Livonia was fifth, and Jack Treolar and Fred Vitali of Farmington took the seventh and 10th spots.

Vitali was high qualifier, which earns a free entry for the next tournament which will be held on April 8th at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. For more information, call (810) 626-8886 or (810) 358-3740.

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Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Greenfield Mixed — Barb Turner, 258/639; Tom Koehn, 278/641; Dan Wright, 257; Rich Nizca, 241/609; Lt. Vanderme, 221; Prince of Peace — Celeste Flack, 227.

583, Marco Bourne, 207/532; Manhou, 214; No. 214, 213.

Loon Lake Men's — Brian Schade, 247; Curt Calosa, 243/592; John Vitas, 232/576; Monday Strikers — Norma Sheena, 203/534; Monday Night Men — Jerry Kassa, 256/596; Steve Hayes, 255/550; Joe Garino, 244.

Wednesday Nite Ladies — Pat Pitera, 224/547; Sue Duquette, 219; Sheila Manayak, 211/537; Linda Bonde, 215/558; Patti Ramirez, 212/591.

Salem and Stripes — Kevin Landace, 236/614; Sherry McManis, 215/556; Country Knights — Fred Ramirez, 279/729; Scott Smith, 260/678; Dave Kuzewski, 259/731; Walt Ulrich, 234/605; Tom Kutch, 233/599.

Wednesday Knights — Dave Richardson, 280/782; Rob Fiebel, 279/726; Scott Wright, 256/648; Steve Beatrice, 246/703; Marc Matias, 245/561.

Inter-Lanes — Herman Schorberg, 224; Albert Loden, 210.

8'has Brn Boomerhead, Eddie Jacobson — Dennis Elder, 264/679; Sandy Mandel, 224/640; Barry Fahman, 266/630; Andy Rubin, 249/617.

Planes — Keith Kingston, 257/248/237/742; Mitch Finkel, 245/693; Larry Sander, 246/662; Alan Bensen, 226/654; Advanced Team (seniors) — Ralph Piller, 237/585; John Chasman, 215/588; Lily Healy, 201.

St. Paul's Men's — Brian Sherman, 241/635; Dave Blason, 234/620; Mark Capicola, 230/602; Brent Groom, 225; Chris Becker, 225.

Young Leagues (Farmington Schools) — Andy Murrell, 223/579; Paul Atteberg, 212; Brian Latta, 211.

Beginners — Kerry Basham, 105; Kerri Ann Loda, 106.

Bel Lanes (Livonia) — The Lady of Sorrows — Ken Dean, 245/227; Norm Peters, 235; Ernie Wegrich, 234; Tony Murica, 234; Bill Skibinski, 222.

Michigan Bell Men's — D. Davis, 233; W. Runder, 254/658; K. Kutowski, 234/613; Dan Schorbert, 248/221.

Junior House — Howie Gienarsch, 266; 262/247/775; Jeff Block, 224.

8'has Brn Zeiger/Gross — Ray Schneider, 214; No. 214, 213.

Unbreakable Lanes Monday Youth Doubles — Charlie Thompson, 259/677; Cyndi Black, 256/721; Shannon Rowe, 249/688; Ann's Big Boy Classic — Larry Vitek, 270/752; Dave Easton, 300/750; Keith Lebour, 268/743; Lee Snow, 299/741; Dave Myers, 300/703.

Farmington Elks — Dave Letwinick, 208/697; Larry Lyke, 267/653.

8'has Brn Downtown/Fish — Ken Gross, 223/612; Steve Saltz, 222/604; Sheri Koz, 225; Steve Shoshkes, 221.

Redford Lanes West Side Veterans — Randy Krohn, 126; Mike Mocheridge, 602; Gordie Engel, 600; Tim Collins, 629; Chuck Barry, 603; Bill Schwartz, 4-6-10 Double P. Noche split converted.

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Monday Seniors — Andy Parotto, 245/651; Jerry Wrothke, 260/649; Pete Beckenbush, 227/622.

Friday Seniors — Bill Mikes, 255/661; Stephen Simmons, 237/682; Alvin Freden, 244/657; Lee Onaka, 233/645; Mike Quizon, 236/633.

Oak Lanes (Westland): DRB M.E.A. — Don Yancura, 277/683; Tom Skender, 245/652; Lou Winters, 224/650; Bill Genord, 263/707.

Tuesday Nite Men's — Ted Gienacki, 299; Westland Bowl: St. Men's — Doc Orino, 276/674; Scott Gordini, 268/761; Mark Auty, 252/676; John Koskowi, 236/647.

Ford Motor Men's — Steve Bester, 297/750.

Tuesday Junior House — Tony Locato, 235/237/300/612.

In City Men's — Glenn Clark, 299; Bob Pieniewski, 299.

Sunday Sleepers — Mark Kelly, 296; Matt Bow (Livonia): Men's Senior House — Garrett Nagle, 300/691; John Watkins, 233/247/374/714.

St. Gen's Men — Louis Frederick, 268/662.

Detroit Men — Dennis Kokowski, 256; John Wilanowski, 680.

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That opening intensity allowed the Blazers to build a 13-1 cushion in the opening game, mainly behind the net play of the 6-foot-3 Poglit, 5-9 Erin LeSage and 5-9 Nicole Vondracek.

Salem's strength rested with the hitting ability of 6-foot-6 Shelly Sills, 5-10 Paula Dombrowski, 5-7 Karen Gundry and 5-7 Kelly

Johnston. All were effectively neutralized.

"They played really well," said Salem's Gilles. "They deserved it."

As for Poglit's presence: "We didn't get her moving enough. You've got to get her moving up and down the net."

All the things Ladywood coach

Tom Teeters said his team needed to do to win, they did. The Blazers served exceptionally well — 10 aces in the two games, including eight in the second — and blocked, well, according to Teeters, the first game was "the best we've blocked all year."

One reason was the addition of Jessica Geracz into the rotation.

"We added an extra blocker," Teeters said, the intention being to make things tougher for Salem's hitters.

Which it did. The Rocks never did get into any kind of flow offensively, although they looked far better in the second game. Ladywood again broke out on top, going up 6-1 and — after Salem

closed to within 6-5 — scoring four points on Poglit's serve (three aces) to make it 10-5.

But Salem, which bowed out at 45-8-3, did not go down easily, chipping away and eventually going in front 12-11. That, however, was the end of the Rocks' highlights; in Ladywood's next two serves, it collected three aces (two by LeSage). Poglit's block for a point ended the match.

"Erin LeSage did a great job serving," said Teeters. "That was a main factor."

Mercy could not handle the Blazers in the final. The closest the Marlins came was 5-3 in the opening game; Ladywood scored

the next 10 points en route to an easy win.

The second game was more lopsided. Mercy trailed 9-0 and 10-1 before turning a couple of Ladywood errors into points to narrow it to 10-4. Shannon Swish finally served out the match for the Blazers, with Vondracek collecting three kills.

Poglit led Ladywood against Salem with eight kills, five in the second game, with two solo blocks and six block assists. LeSage had three kills and three aces. Against Mercy, Poglit had 10 kills, with six solo blocks and eight block assists, while Stacey Judd contributed five kills, two solos and four block assists.

BASKETBALL

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HONORABLE MENTION

Plymouth Canton: Matt Ammons (sophomore), Rob Johnson (sophomore), Mark Sandom (senior); Westland John Glenn: John Albright (junior), DeKorey Albright (junior), Terrell Tigner (senior); Plymouth Salem: Dave Bol (senior), Nate Leadbetter (senior), Justin Marica (senior); Walled Lake Central: Chris Conner (senior), Kevin Lynch (junior), Eric Yalokin (senior); Livonia Stevenson: Erick Giovanni (junior), Jim Greve (junior); Northville: Anthony DeBenedictis (senior), Ariel Korney (junior), Mark Sander (junior); Walled Lake Western: Mike Brooker (junior), Tony Jarbo (senior), Garon Goff (sophomore), Zee Goff (senior); Livonia Churchill: Matt Hughes (junior), Al Polanski (junior), Tim Winkleski (senior); Livonia Franklin: Matt Bauman (sophomore), Chad Glaza (senior); Farmington Hills Harrison: Doug Brodski (junior), Matt Derocier (freshman), Allison Porter (junior), Gabe Slack (senior), Jeremy White (senior); North Farmington: Rich Beal (junior), Tim Deane (junior), Mike Field (senior); Farmington: Jake Sikosky (junior).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

RECREATION NEWS

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