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Marine aided in rescue



Plymouth Canton High School graduate Robert Mooney "had a helpless feeling" riding in a heli-copter over hills in Bosnia as part of the elite U.S. Marine team that rescued Air Force Capt. Scott F. O'Grady.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Sandra Donlon of Canton had heard news that Air Force Capt. Scott F. O'Grady had been rescued from the hills of northern Bosnia where his F-16C jet went down.

What Donlon didn't immediately realize was that her son, Robert Moo-

ney, a lance corporal in the Marines, was part of the helicopter rescue mis-sion June 8.

"I sort of had a mother-sort of feel-ing he would be involved," Donlon said with tears in her eyes. "I almost fell on the floor from fright. I just thank God he was OK."

Donlon learned of her son's in-volvement when he telephoned her

from the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kearsage. "He called me Thursday night after the mission was completed," Donlon said. "He asked me if I had heard the news. He said 'That was us.' He was very excited. He could hardly contain himself."

Robert Mooney is a member of a team that rescues pilots and equip-ment in trouble or left behind. "The newspapers have said it is an elite team," Donlon said.



Hero: Canton Marine Robert Mooney helped rescue a downed pilot.

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Who's learning?



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Discovery: Pam Lincoln, a research pathologist and a Plymouth-Canton mom, found this great-horned owl dead on the side of the road on her way to work. She had it stuffed and donated it to Eriksson Elementary School.

Eagle Scout work not just kid stuff

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Scott Salla of Plymouth Township received the Eagle Scout award Wednesday at the First United Meth-odist Church of Plymouth.

Salla, 18, organized a project to build a wooden play structure at the church.

"The idea is to build something of lasting value," said his mother, Kathleen Salla, recently hired Canton vol-unteer coordinator. "It takes 100 hours of work and the involvement of other people. It's a management project and a real challenge to Scouts."

The Eagle Scout project is an expe-rience in cooperation, she said.

Both Kathleen and husband Hank, a CPA, have been involved in Scout activities from the onset. They have two other children, Kevin, 15, and Kristen, 13.

The Eagle badge is a coveted award for which Scouts work for many years.

Fewer than 2 percent of all Scouts in the United States reach Eagle rank, according to Scout statistics. The award incorporates the building of character, training for leadership, and the practice of service.

The idea is for potential Eagle Scouts to earn at least 21 merit badges, including 11 which are re-quired.

In 1994, he chose the Eagle Scout Service project after several years as a Scout. He joined Cub Scout Pack 293 at Bird Elementary School in 1984.

He became a Boy Scout in June 1988 and is one of the original mem-bers of Troop 1537 sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

He earned Tenderfoot rank in Oc-tober 1988; Second Class Scout award in December 1989; First Class Scout award in June 1990; Star Scout award in October 1991 and Life Scout award in February 1994. His Eagle Scout Board of Review was March 14.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Top Scout: Eagle Scout Scott Salla planned and developed construction of a wooden play structure at First United Methodist Church which netted him a coveted Eagle Scout award. Fewer than 2 percent of all Scouts in the United States reach the Eagle rank.

Salla planned, designed, managed and did fund-raising for construction of a wooden play structure on the church grounds. The project was completed November 1994.

Salla received his Eagle Scout award June 14. The next evening, he graduated from Detroit Country Day

See SCOUT, 4A

Township officials ponder fire station's future

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Overcrowding and the planned widening of Canton Center Road to five lanes have township offi-cials wondering what to do with fire station No. 1.

Canton officials believe they have done every-thing they can to accommodate the needs of fire-fighters who use the building, which was built in the early 1950s.

"The building does not lend itself to that," said fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

Township officials recently retained the South-field firm of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Ar-genta to provide an analysis and recommendation of whether the station on the northeast corner of

Cherry Hill and Canton Center should be renovat-ed and expanded, or have a new station built on the current site, or replaced as an addition to the pub-lic safety building.

Road widening will bring the curb 30 feet from the station.

The architectural firm provided a written pro-gram of the goals and needs of the fire department at a board study session June 6.

"You need a facility to house specialized fire equipment and a facility that is cost-effective with regard to demographics," said Dennis Dundon, ar-chitectural engineer.

Two schemes have been presented with the gross area about 15,000 square feet which includes con-

struction of a new administrative area of 4,000 square feet.

The estimate for scheme A is \$2,207,250 and would call for building a new building some 100 feet north of the public safety building. "I like Plan A because it is near the public safety building and near the administration building," Rorabacher said.

He said there could be sharing of space at this location for different police and fire uses.

Plan B, estimated at \$2,300,000 would require demolition and rebuilding on the present site, which some thought would make it more expensive

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Liberty Fest to feature sampler of living history

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Take a moment and talk to the late auto magnate Henry Ford or Madame Cadillac.

"This is living history," said Virginia Parker, a member of the Canton Historical Society. "We put together a sampler representing different eras."

For the first time in its history, the society will sponsor a living history sampler at the gazebo in Heritage Park during the upcoming Canton Liberty Fest, June 23-25. The sampler will be on Saturday, June 24 only.

The sampler will offer costumed interpreters who will make you feel like you're talking to the movers and shakers of American history. For starters, Madame Cadillac, portrayed by French-born author Annick Hivert-Carthew of Rochester, will tell you about life in the Detroit area in 1701. Madame Cadillac and her husband arrived by canoe in the wilderness to establish Detroit's Fort Pontchartrain.

"In some cases the interpreters become the characters, in others they don't," Parker said, adding that the society's sampler will provide a relaxing, yet informative, moment for festgoers.

Henry Ford will be brought to life by David Park Williams of Belleville. "Henry Ford played a role in this community in the 1940s," Parker said, adding there are plenty of stories about the auto king who owned a farm in Canton.

One of the stories about Ford concerns him meeting a woman with 10 children whose husband was unemployed. "He tried to get her children enrolled in Cherry Hill School, which would not enroll the kids. He cut a deal. If they would take the children he agreed to renovate the schoolhouse and incorporate it into the Greenfield School System," Parker said.

The schoolhouse soon had two rooms and Ford installed tools and other industrial art equipment for the children in the 1940s.

Ford was also known for his interest in square dancing and contra dancing. One of the bands to which he danced apparently played at the schoolhouse, which featured a spring lumber floor for dancing. To add to the sampler's fun, Williams will provide mini contra dancing workshops in the shaded portico of township hall. "People will learn two to three dances," Parker said.

A bobbin lace demonstration also will be presented by Canton lacemakers Karen Folland and Marian Tyler. A European art form, the Pilgrims brought bobbin lace with them to the New World. "It was a symbol of wealth," Parker said, adding that there were court cases involving women who wore lace but were accused of behaving above their station in life.

Charlene Berry of Plymouth will present a dulcimer concert. "She will play the old-time tunes," Parker said.

John Gibney of Ann Arbor, a Civil War re-enactor and extra actor in the movie "Gettysburg," will talk about the War Between the States. His talk will be conducted in a tent provided by the "Save the Flags" organization, which is attempting to preserve the original tattered flags carried by Michigan troops during the Civil War.

Society members decided to for the living history sampler at the Liberty Fest because they plan to have historical interpretations when the historic Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road is restored. "This is a way to introduce living history to the community," Parker said.

Admission is free to the sampler. Here is the schedule of when interpreters and events will be in the gazebo:

- John Gibney: noon to 6 p.m.
- Bobbin lace: noon to 4 p.m.
- Madame Cadillac: noon to 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.
- David Park Williams: 1-2 p.m.
- Mini contra dancing workshop: 2-3 p.m.

Accident victim mourned

He was looking forward to traveling back to Italy to see his father, Nicola Persechini, and the family members and village.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A Mass was said for Michael Persechini, 47, Saturday, June 17, at St. Gerald's in Farmington.

He was killed on the job while working on a machine at American Axle & Manufacturing on Tuesday, June 13.

He was born in S. Elia, Italy, and came to this country in 1963. He graduated from Cooley High School in 1966.

He completed two years of college and technical training. He was a General Motors employee for over 27 years and was scheduled to return to his regular job on Monday, June 12, at GM Powertrain Division of General Motors Corporation in Livonia, from his GM work assignment at American Axle & Manufacturing, but he had agreed to work one additional week at the Holtbrook facility, as requested.

He was a skilled tool and die maker and also worked at General Motors Detroit Diesel Allison Plant earlier in his career at GM. He was an avid gardener who planted and maintained vegetable and flower gardens in the yard of his Canton ranch home. He constructed a lattice framed grape arbor out of wood on the backyard patio for family gatherings. He also loved hockey, bicycling, dancing, bocce ball, and long walks outdoors.

He was looking forward to traveling back to Italy to see his father, Nicola Persechini, and the family members and village.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Emily; daughters, Linda Bowser, Melissa Persechini, stepsons, Erik Stitt and Boyd Stitt; sisters, Gina Andriani, Lina Fella, stepister, Franca Ferdinand; brothers, Silvano Persechini, half-brother, Roberto Persechini; father, Nicola Persechini.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

You won't want to flee from summertime flea market

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Your chance to sell stuff from your house that you have wanted to get rid of is coming along in August.

"The only thing that is not allowed is food and clothing," said Mary Martin, chairwoman of the Canton Historical Society's flea market planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, on the grounds of the Cherry Hill School at Cherry Hill and Ridge.

You can sell the stuff you usually would at a garage sale or you can sell antiques and collectibles. It's up to you. The society will award a refreshment concession during the flea market, which is scheduled to be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sellers should set up for the market at 7:30 a.m.

The flea market is a first for the society, which is trying to raise money to build a barn for large pieces of historic farm equipment that are currently being stored temporarily in members' barns. The barn is expected to cost about \$27,000, said society member Carol Bodenmiller.

"We are going to have a series of fund-raisers to have the barn built," Martin added.

Originally, society members wanted to have an old-fashioned barn raising. But it was discovered that even with volunteers, materials would be more costly than having a company put up the structure. The society is working on the Bartlett-Travis House with the Canton Historic District Commission, Bodenmiller said.

"Some of the farm equipment is rusting away. Other equipment is in good shape at a resident's barn," Bodenmiller added.

Society members are urging participation in the flea market. Spaces — 10 feet by 10 feet — are available for \$10 each. "The prime spots will be given on a first come, first served basis," Martin said. "Participants may rent as many spaces as they wish."

Interested participants should send their checks, made out to the Canton Historical Society, to P.O. Box 87362, Canton, Mich. 48188-0362. Money orders also will be accepted. Refunds may be requested in writing no later than Aug. 2.

New home a strong possibility for experimental aircraft group

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Within a year, members of the popular experimental aircraft group at Mettetal Airport expect to have a new home, thanks to a cooperative effort with state aeronautics officials.

"We are trying to minimize costs to everyone," said Ed Purdy, president of the 75-member Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113.

The new building that will be south of the main entrance to the airport will be built by the labor of the EAA chapter and money for materials from the airport operating budget. "We will provide the labor, design, contracting and two certified building contractors for the project," Purdy said.

The EAA made a couple of unsuccessful attempts to secure new quarters to replace the small building at the airport in which it now meets. The Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport Advisory Board also meets in the EAA building.

Chapter members build experimental aircraft and provide charitable services and events for the community. They provide annual scholarships to high school graduating seniors who are interested in careers in aviation. Members also work with the Young Eagles, an organization to provide youths with air flights.

The new EAA building will be about 50 feet by 100 feet. It will be similar to the large blue hangar at the airport that is visible from Lilley and Joy roads. The metal building with a peaked roof and windows will include a hangar, meeting room, storage and workshop areas — all separated from the hangar portion.

"They would kind of take care of it for us," said Randy Collier, state Bureau of Aeronautics licensing and enforcement manager, referring to the EAA maintaining the new building. "We don't have any contracts set yet. We are still in the concept stage."

The EAA will provide — from among its members — designers, a variety of contractors and two certified building contractors for the project. "We are building a public facility," Purdy said, adding that the airport advisory board likely will have its meetings there.

The current EAA building will remain standing. "The understanding is that it would just stay there until there is future airport development, maybe three to four years down the road," Purdy added.

Speeds on Morton Taylor concern parents

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Hulsing Elementary School parents remain concerned about their children safely crossing Morton Taylor with its 40 mph speed limit.

"We just have to figure out how to get our kids across safely," a Hulsing parent told Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro at a meeting Wednesday morning.

Santomauro and Vicki Holland, Wayne County assistant engineer of traffic operations, told parents that results of a traffic study on Morton Taylor, Warren to Joy, show that the existing 40 mph limit is realistic.

But he told parents that he will get answers to requests for a traffic light at Arlington and Morton Taylor, as well as sidewalks along the thoroughfare where they do not exist now.

"The bottom line is we have to get these questions answered," Santomauro said. "As soon as they (township trustees) make a decision, we'll call a meeting."

The traffic study was requested after the public safety department received 10-12 letters from concerned parents who requested a lower speed on the roadway crossed by children on their way to Hulsing in the Mayfair and Windsor Park subdivisions. The letters prompted a meeting with Hulsing principal Rebecca Moore, police, Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson and others.

Patterson took exception to what he believes is an attempt by the county executive's office to circumvent the county commission by signing the traffic control order for the speed limit without consent from commissioners. "This may end up being litigated," Patterson said.

The parents had expressed concern about the ability of the two crossing guards to stop traffic traveling 40 mph; the lack of enough to a traffic signal; the difficulty to cross the road after school hours when crossing guards are gone; the amount of traffic on the road now; the lack of sidewalks between Arlington and Candlewood; and the expected increase in traffic when Morton Taylor is extended south of Warren to Ford Road.

In addition to the speed study, Wayne County staff conducted what is called a gap study, which involves determining how many gaps exist in traffic at a certain time of day and how much time is allowed for crossings in those gaps, Holland said.

"We've got a lot of gaps out there," Holland said, adding that at approximately 2 p.m. on the study day, 56 gaps were available in 30 minutes allowing groups of 10 people to cross the road.

But parents questioned whether Wayne County staff studied children — not adults — crossing the road in those gaps. "I don't think kids on their own are old enough to determine if that gap is good to cross," said a parent. "Does anyone take that into consideration what the kids think the gaps are?"

Holland said it would be difficult to chart results with children because they walk at different paces. "That's where we encourage parental supervision. You have to stick with them," she said.

Holland told parents that there is no need for a traffic light on Morton Taylor, based on traffic counts and other factors.

"The problem comes in financially," she said. "Physically, we can locate one there. Financially, I don't have anything that says I should spend my money."

Santomauro said it appears a traffic light will be an improvement that will satisfy parents' concerns. "Canton, if you want a light, it's a half-mile road, you put in," he said, quoting Wayne County transportation officials.

The township board members will be asked if they are willing to spend approximately \$50,000 for a traffic light at Arlington. The township paid for traffic lights on Sheldon Road and on Sals even though there was no basis, as determined by Wayne County. Township trustees will also be asked about sidewalks, which remain a concern for Canton officials in light of recent Michigan Court of Appeals rulings that say those who put in sidewalks are legally liable.

"Oddly enough, there's no liability if there's no sidewalk," said Susan Folsom, Canton engineer.

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THE Observer

NEWSPAPERS

Band director says farewell

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

When he left Traverse City for the University of Michigan, Jim Griffith never planned on becoming one of the longest-serving, most highly respected high school band directors in the country.

"Whatever happened, happened. I did not know I would be a band director. And I was excited to have my own high school band before I even graduated," said Griffith, retiring after 38 and a half years as band director at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Serendipity landed Griffith in Plymouth. When the student-teaching assignments were being handed out at U-M, the professor asked who had access to a car. Those who did — Griffith and his friend — were sent to the hinterlands.

In the fall of 1956, Griffith, then married with two children, headed east. "I'd never heard of Plymouth. We took out a map, and we found it," said Griffith, who with his bride Ann Phelps would have two more children. "When we got to the blinker light at Ann Arbor Trail and Livingston, we saw a sign for Plymouth."

His final month on the job has been full of surprises, organized mostly by his students.

Professor John Whitwell, director of bands at Michigan State University, and Dr. Larry Livingston, dean of the music department at the University of Southern California, made surprise appearances at the filled-to-capacity spring concert. It was Livingston's father whom Griffith succeeded as band director, and young Livingston played for Griffith.

A few days later came a surprise party at the Laurel Manor attended by 250 people, who chipped in and bought Griffith a new set of golf clubs. He plans to put the clubs to use this summer in Northport, where the Griffiths have a vacation home, and somewhere far from Plymouth where it's warm this winter.

Griffith was greatly honored to learn that the booster club is having a band piece commis-



Director retires: Jim Griffith strikes up the band for the last time. He retired this spring after some 38 years as band director.

sioned in his honor.

The music will be composed for Griffith and dedicated to him and the Plymouth-Canton bands. "They are looking forward to having this done and performed at the Plymouth band reunion next Memorial Day weekend at Salem auditorium," said Griffith. "They will have former Plymouth band people from wherever they are, de-hearse for a day and a half, and I will conduct it. They're looking at in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for this. I was blown out of the water by that."

MSU's Whitwell is one of Griffith's biggest admirers. "In 1965 when I started teaching, Plymouth already had a reputation for having an outstanding program," he said. "It was a great honor to participate in the festivities, and to have the students ask. There are so few people in any profession today who spend an entire career in one location. And there are so few people in any profession who have the impact and consistency that Jim Griffith has had with the Plymouth bands. He's been consistently excellent."

"I really admire his tenacity. He expects more from students than many times they are willing to expect from themselves. But when the event, the year or career is over as member of the band, they're so proud of what they've done."

Canton senior Russell Shedd, who played clarinet for Griffith, agreed the director "demands a lot from us. But it is always in a nice, kind and caring way. He is always thinking about his students first. He is a very funny man," he added. "I think he's an extremely great man."

Griffith shared his teaching philosophy. "I've always believed you get what you ask for. If you don't ask for anything, you won't get it. You can keep telling them, 'You're just a kid, I forgive you,' but that's an excuse. That doesn't sail."

Griffith says it's gratifying to see that so many of his students have gone on to the professional ranks. Also, he said, "These stu-

Woman assists others

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Dell'Orco just wants everyone in need to be as supported as she was during her time of crisis.

The Canton woman, who lost her husband and six of nine children in a house fire in December, 1990, donated \$20,000 to the Canton Department of Public Safety to establish the first-ever emergency fund in the township.

"People were very generous to me. I honestly don't know what I would have done without other people's help," said Dell'Orco. "My heart goes out to people in this situation."

In December, 1994, Dell'Orco approached Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro with her idea of setting up an emergency fund. "He graciously accepted," Dell'Orco said.

"The money can be used to put up people overnight," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "If they have insurance, they can then reimburse the fund."

The money, which will be put in a special account, will be distributed to families in need by Canton Public Safety Chaplain Wayne Byrum and Santomauro, Rorabacher said.

Dell'Orco said that she considers the fund an emergency of catastrophe fund that is not exclusive to families who survive a fire, but for those who experience any type of catastrophe, whether it's a flood or tornado, for example. "People need somewhere to go," said Dell'Orco, who recalled others in the community who helped her when she needed it.

Rorabacher lauded Dell'Orco's generosity. "During her situation, she experienced a lot of inconveniences, which is a major understatement for what she went through. She wants to ensure that this doesn't happen to other people. Naturally, she's got her experiences to draw on."

Educator doesn't regret going into her chosen field

BY JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

It was close to 40 years ago that Judy Brosnan, then a Michigan State University undergraduate, sat outside a classroom in East Lansing and contemplated her future. The would-be film and radio producer was discouraged, for one fact was certain: The job outlook for women in the communications field in the 1950s was bleak.

"This was a time when women did not do well in the business end of radio and television. It was really a man's field. It was another 12 years after my graduation before you started to see women in the field," said Brosnan, a speech and language pathologist at Plymouth-Canton High School.

Reports from fellow students and recent female graduates didn't provide much hope for her career, yet Brosnan felt sure that communications was the field she belonged in. Wrapped up in worries about the future, Brosnan became aware of a young deaf boy waiting patiently outside his classroom for therapy and began to focus her thoughts on him.

"Watching him, I became very interested in the boy and his therapy. I investigated the field of speech pathology and audiology and decided to go for it," said Brosnan, who will retire this year after 30 years in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Radio and television's loss was the district's gain; Brosnan's innovative work with the district's speech and language program in the high schools has been recognized at the state level. In 1986, a program developed and implemented by Brosnan was named program of the year by the Michigan Speech and Hearing Association.

"The program allows students to work with Brosnan in a for-credit class which meets daily. Students must qualify for the program, and throughout the semester they are evaluated on their progress and advised on strategies to help them. Students are also allowed to take the class, listed on the school course list, as often as they need to reach their goals."

"The program works as a 'delivery service' for older adolescents. I see my students every day for credit, which means that every day the students are getting a chance to work towards their goals and objectives," she said.

"Previously, students were seen one or two times during the week to work with me. They were pulled from class, which is disruptive to the class. This teacher, the students and the rest of the class. This posed a variety of problems, and was tough on the adolescent, who may not have wanted to leave his class at that particular time. It became a matter of creating a problem by trying to solve another, and students just were not progressing," she said.

Since the implementation of her program, there have been strong improvements in student performance. The key, she says, is working on speech every day.

Over the years, Brosnan has worked with students facing a wide variety of challenges, from language processing and learning problems to those with fluency problems such as stuttering. She has also had many chances to reflect on her career change. Is she sure she made the right decision?

"I've always wondered what would happen if... but I know that I picked a field with many, many opportunities. There is so much happening in this field, so many changes and inventions that can help people. It's been very exciting," she said.

Retirement from the district may be just as exciting. Also retiring this year is Brosnan's husband, a teacher at Pioneer Middle School. The couple, residents of Plymouth, plan to spend a good deal of time with family, including a granddaughter, 2 1/2-year-old Kelsey. And although there aren't any solid plans for a return to Brosnan's first love of radio and TV, "I wouldn't rule it out completely," she said.



Retiring: Judy Brosnan is retiring after 30 years as a speech teacher in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

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Pros, cons of fireworks laws get airing

BY SUE BURCK
STAFF WRITER

Attorney Hugh Davis says that communities should work just as hard to make fireworks laws uniform as they do to fight them when July 4 approaches.

The fireworks furor is annual, he said.

"It begins June 1 and is over July 11," Davis said. He'd like communities to work toward a resolution in the intervening months to bring the laws in line with federal law.

Canton police brought four alleged violations of the state fireworks law before 35th District Court Judge John K. MacDonald Friday morning.

Elfin and Elissa Burda and an

employee were charged within the past week with misdemeanors.

They face both a show cause hearing on whether they violated their bond provisions and also a pretrial hearing on these new charges, before 35th District Judge Ron Lowe. They face a 90 days/\$100 fine on each of these charges, according to MacDonald.

Burda Bros. and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office have disagreed for more than a year now on the interpretation of a state fireworks law, which allows the sale and use — without a permit — of only a limited type of fireworks, such as sparklers, torpedoes and smoke bombs.

On June 9, the Burdas' attorney, Davis, filed a temporary restraining order in Wayne County Circuit Court against the township and police department. The order prevents police from taking fireworks from the business, but doesn't prevent them from enforcing the law, Supervisor Tom Yack said in a previous interview.

"If somebody sells a beer to a minor, you don't go in and remove all the beer in the bar," Davis said in a hallway interview. "This is an attempt to intimidate. A few changes in the Michigan law will bring the law in harmony with federal regulations. Federal regulations are very strict."

Twelve states prohibit fire-

works entirely and suffer more injuries, he said.

The township board denied a permit June 13 that would have allowed the Burdas' customers — members of a fireworks association — who buy what are considered prohibited fireworks to shoot them off July 4 at a designated site on Michigan Avenue.

"The permit would have allowed American Fireworks Users Association members — Burda Bros. customers — to buy certain types of fireworks that are prohibited without a permit and to return to 47725 Michigan Ave. 9:30-11:30 p.m. July 4 to shoot them off or to have a pyrotechnic operator shoot them off for customers.

Marine from page 1A

The rescue of O'Grady, who had been hiding in the wooded hills of northern Bosnia for six days, was Robert's first active mission. Donlon said her son was scared as the helicopter flew over the Bosnian hills. "He told me that while he was in the helicopter he had a helpless feeling. He said he would have felt more in control had he been on the ground."

As the team rescued O'Grady they were being fired at from the hills. "He said he was so busy coming out he didn't think about being afraid. But he said he was ready to fire if he had to," Donlon said.

Robert joined the Marines because he wants a career in law enforcement. "He thought this was a good route to start," Donlon said.

Robert has traveled the world with the Marines. He's been in Spain, France and Italy. He's apparently on his way back to the Adriatic Sea. "I'm excited for him as long as he stays safe," Donlon said.

But her concerns remain. "I shudder to think what happens to these kids," Donlon said. "I know we need to get the United Nations people out. But we don't need to go in and fight someone else's battles."

Sen. Geake tackles judges, gender bias in Friend of Court bills

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Robert Geake and bipartisan colleagues have two major battles to fight in their effort to reform Friend of the Court, the office which advises judges in divorce proceedings.

First, the senators want to take authority over FOC away from circuit judges, where it has been since 1919, and give it to general county government.

"That's our most unpopular recommendation," Geake, R-Northville, admitted in a June 14 news conference in Lansing. "The public wants a forum where they can complain and be heard. But the judges don't want to lose control. The Friend of the Court doesn't want change. And county commissioners don't want responsibility."

Second, they want to amend the Child Custody Act to state there is "no presumption against joint custody." Hundreds of unhappy divorced parents — particularly fathers — saw gender bias built into the system and told Geake's panel so in months of hearings across Michigan.

"I'll support any law keeping both parents in a child's life,"

said John Bauman, West Bloomfield resident and state secretary of the National Congress for Men and Children. "We've destroyed fatherhood in this country. The system focuses on how we can get more money out of somebody. I'm the father of this child and I'm (treated like) a visitor. A visitor!"

Bauman, who works for an area development company, has a license plate saying "I MISS JW," a reference to his daughter.

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, said the panel reached consensus on many changes: splitting of state aid between school districts in joint custody arrangements, making it a felony to file false charges of child abuse, changing the word "visitation" to "parenting time," abolishing the presumption against joint custody, and allowing the non-custodial parent access to the child's school and medical records.

"Friend of the Court offices are understaffed," Dingell said. "I called every day in Wayne County for three months and got a busy signal every single time. How can you deal with an agency you can't get through to?"

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Teed off

Airport golf course irks commission

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners angrily questioned an assistant county executive and shouted at each other Thursday regarding a golf course that Metro Airport has purchased and continued to operate without commission approval.

In the ensuing confusion, a vote to "temporarily" approve greens fees that are already being charged failed because one commissioner had left the room. A special meeting was called for 10 a.m. today to take another vote.

Airport Director Robert Braun said Friday that he was advised the course would be closed until a fee structure can be approved.

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The issue reached the commission when a request was made last week to raise greens fees. Commissioners balked on several points. Commissioner Ed Boike Jr., D-Taylor, questioned Wilbourne Kelly III, an assistant county executive for airports and major county construction, about the legality of buying a business for the purpose of expanding a government enterprise, then running the business.

Purchase legal?

Kelly said it is legal "in this particular case" because golf is a recreational activity.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, asked Kelly if the exception would also apply to The Landing Strip, a topless bar in the vicinity of Metro Airport, "which is a recreation facility for some."

Commissioners likewise bristled at the idea that a golf course could be bought by the airport, taken over, and run by the Parks Department without commission approval of any kind. "Why is it operating as a Wayne County park if we haven't done that?" Boike said.

Commissioners particularly objected to being asked to increase greens fees that they never voted to set.

"I request that this golf course be shut down until we have a fee ordinance," said commissioner Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe. "What they're doing out at the Tall Oaks course is illegal."

The debate grew so heated that the usually taciturn commissioner Michelle Plawewski, D-DeARBorn Heights, who also represents Redford Township and Livonia east of Middlebelt, chastised her colleagues. "We're just spinning our wheels about how we acquired (Tall Oaks)," she said. "The bottom line is it's ours. Let's just get off of the soap box and go."

Commissioners voted 13-2 to reject the fee increases, with all Observer area commissioners voting yes, but failed to muster the eight-vote minimum to approve the current fees. Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, had suggested that current fees be approved "temporarily" pending their examination in the ways and means committee.

The vote on Beard's suggestion, however, occurred while commissioner Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, was out of the room, causing a 7-7 tie. Commissioners opposed to setting the fees included Plawewski, Patterson and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Willow Run project tops meeting agenda

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers will host a meeting on the Willow Run expansion and tradeport at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24, in the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. The public is invited.

Scouts honored

Two Eagle Scouts were honored June 13 by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. Andrew Baker and J.R. Medellin were presented with township resolutions and pins for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest honor in scouting. Baker and Medellin are members of Troop 898 at St. Thomas A. Becket Catholic Church.

"It is really the beginning of leadership training and it is the beginning of understanding what perseverance is all about," said Supervisor Tom Yack.

CONNECTION

Baker, 14, a Catholic Central student, conducted a public awareness program warning of the dangers of plastic dryer vent tubing. He distributed more than 3,000 pamphlets.

As his project, Medellin, 14, an East Middle School student, helped the Salvation Army bell ringing program, worked on a food drive for the Salvation Army and helped the Goodfellows sell newspapers.

Bingo night

The Canton Community Foundation in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Bingo Night at the Canton Liberty Fest 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 23, in Heritage Park.

Admission is free. Prizes will be awarded on a 50/50 split basis. Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships for area students.

New sign

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a request to install a "Caution Handicapped in Area" sign on Sorrell Drive in Canton. A resident whose child is handicapped requested the sign. The township will provide, install and maintain the sign.

Liberty Fest parking

Because of expected heavy traffic at the Canton Liberty Fest June 23-25, parking will be prohibited in areas around the festival grounds in Heritage Park. Effective 11 a.m. Friday, June 23, parking will be prohibited

along Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, as well as on Proctor Road, west from Canton Center Road.

The emergency traffic order, issued by Canton Public Safety Director John Santomaro, will remain in effect until 9 a.m. Sunday, June 25.

Canton cleanup

The next Canton Cleanup at Canton Waste Recycling, 42020 Van Born Road, is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 23, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 24. Residents may take certain materials to the CWR facility that are not normally picked up during curbside waste collection. For more information, call CWR, 397-5801.

Scout from page 1A

School where he played as starting fullback and defensive line-backer.

On that subject, he said: "This past year, our team went all the way to the state finals at the Silverdome. I was the recipient of the Coaches' Award and was listed as honorable mention as a member of the All Area football team."

In high school, he belonged to the German club and was student leader of the Aviation Club. He was a member of Students Against Driving Drunk.

This spring was his second year on the varsity baseball team and he was a co-announcer for the school's varsity basketball games.

"During the past year, I have been a Big Brother to a freshman student at my high school," Salla said.

Salla completed a 10-week ground school requirement at Mettetal Airport and passed the Federal Aviation Association exam (ground school portion) required to obtain a private pilot's license, continuing to pursue other license requirements.

Salla plans to attend Albion College, in the pre-medicine program. "My career ambition is to combine my love of athletics with a profession where I can help other people and I am considering the field of sports medicine," Salla said. "Other areas of interest to me at this time are marketing, advertising, teaching or coaching. He plans to play football on the Albion College football team."

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in the end.

"We need fill dirt to make it work," Rorabacher said.

The board will discuss financing and hiring an architect at a yet unscheduled meeting.

Fire station No. 2, built in 1976 on Warren Road, also is at capacity.

The township assessor shares

Before the Canton fire department became full time, one firefighter lived with his family in the building at Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

Shopper turns out to have license for gun

MAN WITH A GUN

Canton police stopped a man with a gun in his waistband at Meijer on June 9, only to find out that he is licensed to carry the weapon.

Meijer security officers contacted police when they saw the man with what turned out to be a .38-caliber handgun tucked in his pants waistband. A Canton officer told the man to put his hands on the wall. The officer took the weapon from the man, who is an employee of Lilly Pharmaceuticals and who has a concealed-

weapons permit to carry the handgun.

Canton police returned the weapon to the man, who was asked to show why conceal the weapon from him.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

A 16-year-old female told police that a man jumped her while she walked on Warren Road on June

9.

The youth was walking on the south side of Warren, west of Willow Creek, when a man, whom she believes may have worn heavy boots, jumped out from behind the bushes. He grabbed her neck, but never spoke to her. He then fled.

OBITUARIES

GERALD J. SHIMMELL

A Mass was said for Gerald J. Shimmell, 60, of Canton Saturday, June 17, at St. Thomas A. Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. The McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel handled the funeral arrangements. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 18, 1934, in Romulus and died Wednesday, June 14, in Annapolis Hospital. He worked in the paint depart-

ment for General Motors.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline Shimmell; son, Robert Shimmell of Monroe; mother, Myrtle Higbie of Allen Park; brothers, Larry Shimmell of Pinckney and Gary Shimmell of Allen Park; sister, Sharon Mahan of Allen Park; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or Angels Hospice.

PERRY MATTHEW TAYLOR SR.

Services for Perry Matthew Taylor Sr., 84, of Canton were Thursday, June 15, at Vermulen Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry A. Kruckow of Newburgh Baptist Church in Westland officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Dearborn/West Unit, 3807 Monroe St., Dearborn 48124-9910.

He was born Aug. 24, 1910, in Akron, Ohio, and died Tuesday, June 13, in Garden City Hospital.

He was in the Army and retired as a supervisor with General Motors, where he worked for 31 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Taylor; sons, Perry M. Jr. of Detroit and Robert J. of Brownstown Township; sister, Evelyn Davison of Bloomfield Hills; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Dearborn/West Unit, 3807 Monroe St., Dearborn 48124-9910.

Fire damages house

No one was injured when fire broke out in a house on Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, at about 5 p.m. Friday, June 9.

"We found heavy smoke upstairs," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "It appears to have started in the basement." But firefighters are not yet sure what caused the fire, which is under investigation. "It looks like it's accidental," Rorabacher said.

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and
Monroe Board of Commissioners Chambers at 2:00 p.m.
Monroe County Courthouse
125 E. Second Street
Monroe, MI 48161

to hear testimony regarding the FY 1995-96 allocation of public funds for substance abuse services in Monroe and Wayne Counties, excluding the City of Detroit. Interested parties should prepare written/verbal testimony for inclusion in the public record. A list of licensed substance abuse programs that are up for renewal in the next 12 months will be available for review and input.

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Friend of Court

The 1994 panel consisted of Geake, Dingell and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. Honigman, who has not attended Senate sessions for more than a week, missed the press conference, too.

Gov. George W. Pataki said he attended "a couple of hearings, and everything you (Geake's panel) said is true."

"It's a great step forward in the spirit of bipartisanship," added Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn.

"Most employees and judges are working conscientiously," Geake said, but hard work isn't enough in a society that is overburdened with divorces. While he praised Wayne County's Chief Circuit Judge James Rashid for making "a number of improvements," his subcommittee's report still advocated placing FOC under general county government because...

"Currently, the chief judges in many jurisdictions do not appear to be giving the FOC the attention it deserves and public access to complain to judges is very limited."

"In addition, grievances against the FOC are handled by the FOC. This makes people wonder if their grievances are getting a fair hearing since the parties being complained about is the same party investigating the complaint."

Geake said the Senate panel considered, but dropped, the idea of creating a "Family Court." Meanwhile, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, said the FOC discussion would have an impact on the Senate Judiciary Committee's discussion of reorganization of all four state lower courts into a single "trial court."

On this point, Dingell agreed with the judges and disagreed with Geake and Honigman. "FOC clearly conducts judicial activities," said Dingell. He added that bringing FOC under general county government may violate the constitutional requirement of separating executive, judicial and legislative functions.

Dingell's view, however, received a blow from Attorney General Frank Kelley. Earlier in the day, Kelley issued a formal opinion that judicial appointment of the head of FOC didn't violate the state constitution because "the friend of the court is an employee of the circuit court" who is "a public employee rather than a public officer."

The recommendations by the FOC are not binding on the court, nor can they be used as the sole basis for the court's ultimate findings on contested issues.

Geake's panel issued its findings last August, but not until last week were bills drafted to implement them. Forty bills have 15 sponsors from both parties, he said.

Officials hope to limit county jail movie list

Suburban Wayne County commissioners are upset because prisoners at two downtown jails have been permitted to watch videotapes.

Although the commissioners would prefer to ban movies at the jails, a 1988 Wayne County Circuit Court order requires that recreation be provided to prisoners, including movies, chess (and) checkers.

The next best solution, they feel, is to regulate the type of movies that prisoners are shown.

"We are hamstrung by this Circuit Court order which says we have to show movies," said commissioner Andrew Richner, R-Grass Pointe.

So commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, are co-sponsoring a proposed ordinance amendment by Richner that would remove violent fare from the prisoners' movie list.

The proposed amendment says the "Jail Commissary Board shall not purchase nor rent motion pictures or videotapes which may have the effect of inducing or provoking violent or assaultive behavior, including sexually assaultive behavior."

Furthermore, no movies may be shown that "normalize the use of violence as a means of resolving interpersonal conflicts and frustration, or of settling property disputes, or by depicting homicide, assault, or sexual attack as a principal plot element..."

The issue arose June 1 when commissioners were asked to approve a \$25,200, five-year contract with Films Inc. of Chicago for lease of videotapes movies to show prisoners.

Among the movies prisoners have been shown in the last five years that would be banned under the ordinance amendment are "Lethal Weapon III," "Commando," "Sliver," "RoboCop III," "True Romance," "The Getaway," "Miami Blues" and "Serial Mom."

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MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1995

SHOPPING CENTERED



LINDA BACHRACK

All hail the Queen Victoriana rules!

In case you forgot to circle May 24 on your calendar this year, it marked the birthdate of Queen Victoria, 176 years ago. The day was celebrated in grand style at Antiques by Pamela in Rochester, where owner Pamela Krampf also used the occasion to show off her shop's elegant new digs at 319 Main Street.

England's long reigning Queen Victoria, 1837-1901, is the inspiration for many of the items offered in Krampf's shop, including jewelry, buttons, beaded bags, furniture, mirrors, silver, china, glassware and period clothing. Step into this decidedly European montage of lace-framed windows, polished silver and antique columns entwined with old roses, and you may leave with an English accent.

Really respectable

Great great-Aunt Ida's bejeweled Victorian watch and watch slide and a \$15 Victorian rocking chair were enough to spark Krampf's lifelong passion for antiques and fine jewelry. She took her antique business "on the road" for 16 years before opening her own shop last year. In her study of Queen Victoria's life and reign, she discovered that many facets of that historical era can be equated with life today.

"Victorian calling cards, for example, are forerunners of today's business cards. Their meaning and use in proper social etiquette of the 19th century provide a glance into another place in time," Krampf displays albums of such Victorian paper ephemera, a charming slice of life for beginning collectors.

Nada Grubor works in downtown Rochester and was among the birthday party attendees who ogled Krampf's private collection of Victorians, including historic documents signed by the Queen, medallions, lithographs and priceless memorabilia. Of particular interest is an envelope mailed to the Duke of Windsor on mourning stationery with the Queen's own black seal. It is a free-frank-piece, mailed before Victoria adopted penny postage.

"I love the etiquette of the Victorian era," commented Grubor. "It came from a true appreciation of beauty and respect for relationships. I wish we could get some of that back today."

Grubor smiled as she admired some of the niceties of the era. Silver hankie holders, for example, were worn on a woman's baby finger, she practiced a very formal hankie etiquette. "The niceties brought out subtleties in relationships. They were the ultimate flirtations," Grubor said.

Vote for Vicky

Victoriana has become increasingly popular for collectors. If you'd like to start a collection, consider some of the following ideas from Krampf and Sandra McElroy, proprietor of Crimson Rose Antiques, 3274 Franklin Road in Franklin.

Perfume bottles are, ideal collectibles that can be beautifully displayed. "I keep mine on a perfume tray on my dresser," said Cynthia Perry of West Bloomfield. Look for cut glass, etched glass and silver.

Other fun finds from the Age of Innocence include hat pins, garnet jewelry, watch fobs, cameo, Flow Blue china, cloth bags with elaborate silver frames, sugar tongs and picture frames embedded with gemstones. "The Victorians had specific utensils for every single task," said Perry. Adds Krampf, "From tussy muslies to gloves, to lace fans and handkerchiefs and cherubim, collecting Victoriana snowballs. It becomes a passion that never ends."

Linda Bachrack is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her ideas for this column by calling (313) 853-2047, mailbox 1889. Or fax them to (810) 844-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Linda Bachrack reports on a mini boom of local craft shops.
- Added Attractions lists interesting events at area shopping centers.
- Retail Details briefs you on store openings and closings.

Somerset North leases come together



Shrouded in mystery, and still a year away from any grand opening, the 110 leases available at the new Somerset North are being signed one by one. Look for a few familiar faces among the retail line-up.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

The leasing of Somerset North in Troy is moving along with several Birmingham shops, including Banana Republic, Victoria's Secret, The Polo Shop, The Limited, Structure, and The Gap rumored to be among the retailers set to join anchors Nordstrom's and Hudson's next fall.

These names confirm the fears of some in Birmingham who worry that Somerset North will attract the national retailers doing business in their city, creating stinging vacancies along the town's main streets.

But the picture isn't as bleak as it appears, according to Gail Goble, director of Birmingham's Principal Shopping district. "Most of these retailers plan to keep their store in Birmingham and open at Somerset North as well," she said.

"After all, we're looking at two

different market segments. People who shop in downtown Birmingham come here for many reasons. We have the outdoor ambience, cultural activities, and diversified dining opportunities that a mall can't provide."

Rebecca Maccardini, director of operations at Forbes-Cohen, owner/managers of the Somerset complex, refused to either confirm or deny the names on the leases signed for Somerset North.

However, through spokeswoman Sally Victor, she said that 75-percent of the retail space between Hudson's and Nordstrom's "has been committed." Victor said there is space for about 110 stores in three levels of the shopping center currently under construction at Big Beaver and Coolidge, across the street from the Somerset Collection.

Maccardini recently announced an opening date for the new mall—

Aug. 16, 1996. This was moved up from a projected October grand opening. She also described Somerset North's food court. "The Peacock Cafe." It will feature 10 "distinctive eateries" and cappuccino bars.

Mall officials have said that Somerset North will have retailers with "bride or better" price points, not quite as high as those across the street at the Somerset Collection.

Pat Schmidt, manager of the newly-expanded Victoria's Secret store in the Oakland Mall in Troy, said, "I've heard that all divisions of The Limited will be represented at Somerset North."

If true, look for The Limited, Victoria's Secret, Structure, The Limited Express, Companie International, Abercrombie and Fitch, Limited Too, Henri Bendel, Mast, Bath & Body Works, Classique, Lane Bryant and Lerner New York—all divisions of The Limited, based in Columbus, Ohio.

A manager of the Banana Republic store on Pierce in Birmingham, who identified herself only as Bernie Z, confirmed a Banana Republic location at Somerset North. (Banana Republic is a division of The Gap

which also owns Old Navy.) "The plan I've heard about is keeping our Birmingham location and still opening a store in the new Somerset," she said.

Jill Sosnowski, manager of the Gap store on Woodward and Maple, said the company plans to keep the Gap store in Birmingham, but also open at Somerset North. The Gap at Maple and Telegraph will also remain open.

The rumor mill in Birmingham is in full gear as to who's moving to Somerset North. Redwood & Ross in the Merrillwood Building was said to be leaving, but executive vice-president Jerry Orwin denied it.

"We like our downtown location," he said from his Kalamazoo headquarters. "We've got a long-term lease in Birmingham. We've got a great store and clientele which we're very happy with. Who knows five or six years down the road how things may be, but right now we'll remain at Merrillwood in Birmingham."

See SOMERSET, 10A

Vintage styles for kids

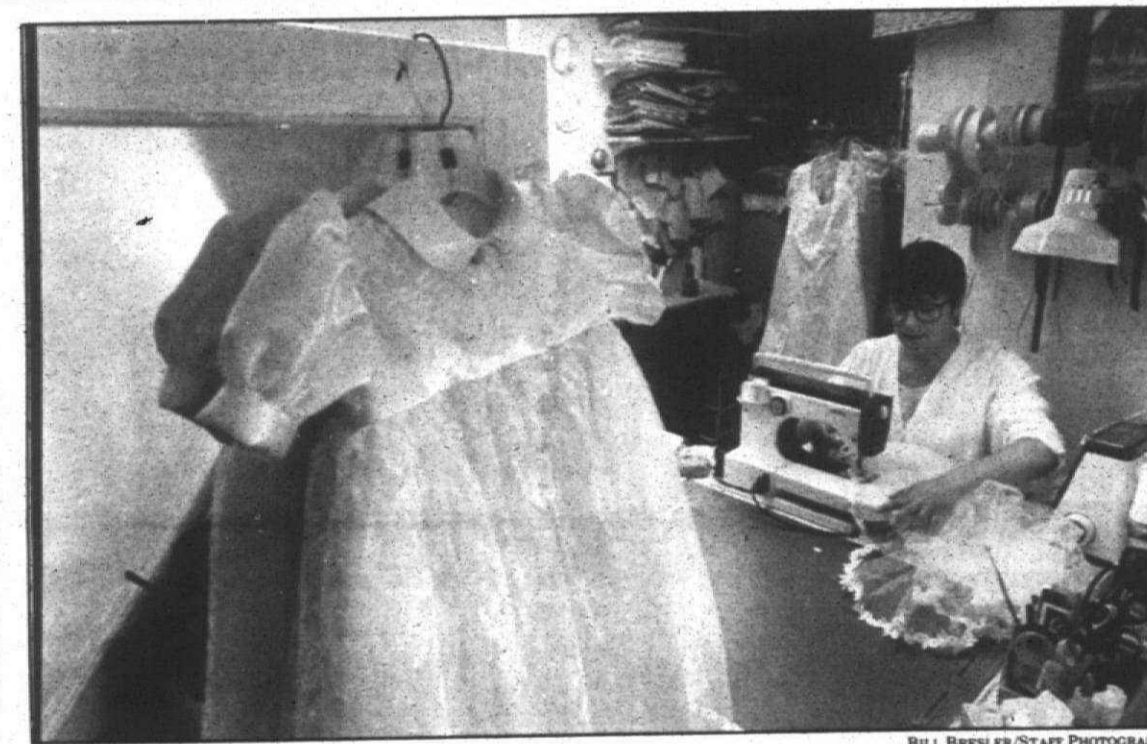
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Designer Diana Licht transforms vintage and modern fabrics into children's clothing sure to become family heirlooms for generations.

From pinafores and jumpers to camisoles, pantaloons, petticoats and christening gowns, Licht's designs recall a bygone era when a young girl looked like daddy's little darling in outfits dressed with ruffles and lace.

Petticoats, Licht's vintage clothing shop, stocks all her designs in a turn-of-the-century home at 643 N. Mill Street between Liberty and Farmer in Plymouth's Old Village. Most of her customers are gift-buying women, from newlyneds to grandmothers.

"Customers say my garments remind them of clothing they've seen on children in England. I like to use vintage



Sew easy: Diana Licht works in the back of her Petticoats shop, creating new garments from old with a Victorian spin.

See STYLES, 10A

Retailers in suburban Malls and Main Streets can submit announcements of upcoming events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send the facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax to: (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

PUPPET SHOWS

"The Tale of Peter Rabbit," presented daily through June at 7 p.m. Saturday performance times 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m.
Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills.
(810) 375-9451.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

ART MUSEUM SHUTTLE

Bus transportation to and from Detroit Institute of Arts. Departs mall 9 and 11 a.m. Departs museum for mall 2 and 4 p.m. \$8 ticket includes bus, docent-guided tour, museum admission. Lunch at American Grille or Kruege Cafe optional. Browse through museum gift shops. Tickets through Museum Store on mall's upper level. Future trips planned for July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20.
Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Novi, Novi.
(810) 833-1719.

SCIENCE FOR KIDS

"The Natural Science Exhibit" brings animals, birds and reptiles to the center for close-up examination, 2 and 3 p.m. Stage near Crowley's. Part of mall's Wednesday afternoon summer kids series.
Lionel Mall, Seven Mile/McCleb, Detroit.
(810) 476-1166.

PARK CONCERT

"Music in the Park 1995" kicks off today at noon. Bring a lunch and enjoy an outdoor concert each Wednesday through July 26.
Kelllogg Park, Mary/Ann Arbor Trail, Downtown Plymouth.
(313) 416-4.ART.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

INFORMAL MODELING

See the latest fashions from Marguerite's Boutique modeled during lunch from noon to 2 p.m.
Stige & Co. Orchard Lake/A. Maple, West Bloomfield.
(810) 855-6622.

PARK CONCERTS

Summer Series begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. Free.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Bring a blanket or lounge chair.
Shan Park, Bates/Merrill, Downtown Birmingham.
(810) 644-1700.

JAZZ CONCERT

Ron English Quartet performs. 1-2:30 p.m. Parisian Court area.
Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia.
(313) 462-1100.

MAKE-UP WORKSHOPS

Group make-overs feature Parisian's beauty advisors updating customers on latest techniques and cosmetic colors for summer. Each guest receives a free brochure. "Ten Steps to an Easy Makeover." Free make-up video with purchase of \$35 or more. Reservations required.
Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia.
(313) 953-7500.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

LIBERTY FESTIVAL

Through June 25. Kids activities, refreshments, crafts, art fair, midway, entertainment. Fireworks on June 25 at dusk. Tonight's highlights include a Bingo Tent and band performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Heritage Park, Canton Center Rd./A. Cherry Hill, Canton.
(313) 397-5110.

SAFETY PROGRAM

"Keep Kids Safe" magic show, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Center Court.
Westland Shopping Center, Wayne/Warren.
(313) 426-5001.

INFORMAL MODELING

Latest fashions from Jos. A. Bank Clothing and Mother's Work Maternity, presented from noon to 2 p.m. during lunch at D. Dennison's and Allie's American Grille.
Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia.
(313) 462-1100.

INFORMAL MODELING

Featuring styles from Clothes Encounters informally modeled during lunch at The Grand Cafe, noon to 2 p.m.
333 1/2 Grand River, Downtown Farmington.
(810) 618-9181.

MOONLIGHT SALE

Feast's annual Moonlight Madness Sale, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., with items for summer clearance priced up to 75 percent off.
The Boardwalk, Orchard Lake/A. Maple, West Bloomfield.

(810) 737-6136.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

LLADRO EVENT

New 1995 fall introductions. 2-6 p.m. Always Christmas store. Meet representative with limited edition figurine for this promotion. Complimentary gift bag for shoppers who purchase a figurine or join Lladró society. Refreshments.
Olde World Canterbury Village, Joslyn Road, Lake Orion.
(810) 391-9882.

KIDS EVENT

The Cat in the Hat Comes Back for a story and fun. 11 a.m. Children's Books.
Borders, Southfield/13 Mile, Birmingham.
(810) 644-1515.

FARMER'S MARKET

Now through Oct. 26 in the Village Commons Shopping Center parking lot. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flowers, fruits and vegetables.
Grand River/Farmington Rd. Farmington.
(810) 473-7276.

KIDS SHOW

"The Wizard of Oz!" Gordon Ruff, and his puppet Rocky Raccoon, perform magic with audience participation. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Center Court.
Tel: Twelve Mile, Telegraph/12 Mile, Southfield.
(810) 353-4111.

ROSE SEMINARS

English Gardens stores celebrate National Rose Month with two-day lecture series at all locations. Detroit Rose Society representatives answer questions 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "What's new in Roses for 1995?" at 11 a.m. "Arranging Fresh Cut Roses" at 3 p.m. On June 25: "Caring for Miniature Roses in Containers," 11 a.m. "Summer Rose Care" at 2 p.m. Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township.
6370 Orchard Lake/A. Maple, West Bloomfield.
(810) 851-7505.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

STORYBOOK SUNDAY

Gene Maxwell of WNIC radio reads "Tiku Tiku Tembo," 1 p.m. Center Court. Kids receive finished book reports for discount tokens. Fergus the Friendly Dragon visits. NO stories next Sunday due to 4th of July holiday.
Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn.
(313) 593-3546.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

HEALTH INFORMATION

Free blood pressure screenings, also, the facts about arthritis, courtesy of Botolph Hospital, 8-10 a.m. Jacobson's court area.
Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia.
(313) 591-7096.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Somerset from page 9A

Redwood and Ross, with 15 stores in the midwest, recently merged with Gilmore's Department Stores, a family run retail operation also based in Kalamazoo. Gilmore's has 33 stores in 20 markets.

The Polo Store on S. Woodward in Birmingham is also rumored to be heading for Somerset North, but manager Bob Benkert said he wasn't aware of any planned move.

"I've heard that we're on some kind of wish list at Somerset, but so far, The Polo Shop will remain in Birmingham," he said.

According to Gotthelf of the PSD there are "about a dozen retail vacancies in downtown Birmingham."

"This does not include the former Jacobson's building or space at the Birmingham Place," she pointed out. "The rents per square foot vary from \$18 at 214 Maple, to \$23-\$28 per square foot elsewhere. I don't know where people are getting that \$30 figure that is often reported."

She said numerous businesses are looking at Birmingham, from a national food specialty company to a Rochester merchant who wants a second location. The PSD

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maintains a list of properties available and mails "recruitment packages" to all interested entrepreneurs.

Gotthelf said Birmingham needs "unique boutiques with character." She is specifically looking for a showcase Hallmark card shop of medium price points, and a nature store of some kind.

Birmingham Mayor Dante Lanzetta said he is "confident the retail district in Birmingham can co-exist and complement Somerset Collection."

"The PSD has been charged with finding the best retail mix possible to keep customers coming to Birmingham for the best in personal service, the best in ambience, and the best in welcoming warmth," he said.



From bride to baby: Licht created this charming christening dress from a wedding dress train.

Styles from page 9A

tage fabrics like 1930s bark cloth from curtains or 1950s tablecloths or chenille bedspreads," said Licht, who regularly scouts antique shows and flea markets for vintage materials.

While Licht recycles old blue jeans into denim children's jackets, new fabrics are turned into vintage-style organdy dresses perfect to wear for a First Communion. Her designs are reasonably priced, \$28 for a simple slip-like dress perfect for a flower girl in a summer wedding, to \$80 for the pure white Communion dress.

"I like to make the dresses so they can wear them again. I mainly enjoy working with natural fabrics like cottons, flannels, corduroy and velveteen," said Licht.

Garden City grandmother Donna Brown purchases clothing for her daughter's twins at Petticoats because "the clothing is one-of-a-kind."

"Diana does absolutely beautiful work. I love the little camisoles and pantaloons. It's the look from the 1920s, very girlish, and well-made," Brown said.

Licht especially likes designing clothes from white fabrics. She works with several local photographers to provide this white look so sought after by the mensmen's clients these days. Her versatility seems endless when it comes to creating apparel. For \$80 to \$100 she will turn a customer's old wedding gown into a future treasured heirloom.

"Grandmothers are using their wedding gowns for their grand babies christening dresses," she said.

In addition to children's clothing, Licht designs and sews vests, jumpers and a variety of apparel for women. She also carries children's accessories like hair bows, Goody Goody shoes, flowered brim hats, and handpainted Adirondack furniture by Livonia artist Debbie Malek.

Licht would like to expand

these areas of her business when space becomes available in the next few months.

Originally from Farmington, Licht dreamed of owning a shop that would sell her designs while she studied home economics and business at Northern Michigan University. Her mother was her source of inspiration when she bought Licht her first sewing machine 20 years ago.

"In high school, instead of shopping for clothes, my mother took me to buy fabric," Licht explained. Her favorite designers are Ralph Lauren and Laura Ashley.

After graduation, Licht moved to Colorado, where she began Mountain Rags, now Petticoats, in the early 1980s. Recycling blue jeans into clothing proved so profitable that Licht returned to Michigan to open a shop in Char-

levoix with her mother. Later she bought the Old Village home where Petticoats is presently located. A brief move to a pricey Northville address proved unprofitable, so Licht moved Mountain Rags back to the charming Old Village location in 1993 and changed the name of the business to Petticoats.

Along the way it became apparent that her vintage clothing designs had taken a relatively unexplored retail path. Her competition in the clothing business is virtually nil.

"My children's clothes sell well because people like seeing little girls in feminine-looking dresses for a change instead of blue jeans and sweats," Licht said.

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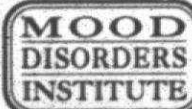
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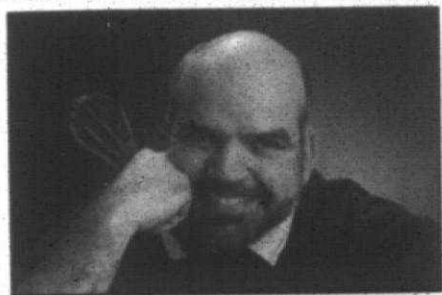
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TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Make desserts tipsy with splash of liqueur

Whenever I stand before the dazzling display of liqueurs at some ambitious wine shop I visualize what Holly Golightly was feeling while eyeing the windows at Tiffany's. While visions of rubies and emeralds dance in Holly's head, my desires are somewhat more down to earth.

I own a bottle of Grand Marnier, cheap ersatz Amaretto, and a miniature bottle of ginger brandy passed along as a sample at a food show.

But, the thought of a tawny port, a fruity Framboise or an obscenely aromatic anisette are as unique as diamonds. For me, the incredible variety of jewel-like liqueurs, with their range of flavors from fruit to nuts, seeds, herbs, barks and flowers, is a constant temptation. Just a few silky drops of one of these elixirs can perfect an already fine dessert and vastly improve one with less impressive credentials.

Take pies, for example. Our thoughts of them are generally wrapped in clouds of nostalgia for the heart-warming pies of memory that sat cooling on the window sill. Well, those same sound and sturdy pies can be made quite different, even exotic, by a simple touch of liqueur.

Trust me, Momma might be shocked by the suggestion of sullyng the purity of her famed peach pie with a shot of Southern Comfort — even she might enjoy the result!

Flavor boosters

The complex composition of most liqueurs gives them flavor that is both unique and elusive. When liqueurs are added to food, interesting chemical reactions take place. Gently heat a sugar or an alcohol and it's flavors intensify dramatically. Add a few drops to a slowly baked pie or custard and they can mystify even those with most discerning palates.

History tells us that the first liqueurs can be traced back to the Middle Ages when concoctions were developed by alchemists to cure baldness, madness, measles and lure potential customers with the eternally seductive promise of "new youth and vigor." By the early 19th century cordials had been considerably refined. Some of the creators of new liqueurs seemed to have soared a little recklessly on the wings of fancy when naming their handiworks.

After dinner sippers during the Belle Epoque could choose liqueurs called Illicit Love, Liqueur Des Belles, Maiden's Cream or even Cream Yvette. It was an era of excesses.

As mentioned before, Momma was never one to "spike" her pies or pastries. The closest thing we had to alcohol in the house was an occasional six pack. On the other hand, Aunt Mathilde would never be caught without her trademark flask brimming with brandy.

Occasionally, a homemade apple pie spiked with some applejack would appear at a family gathering, but it was rare to see a spiked watermelon.

Little splashes

Bananas Foster got me thinking about what a shot of Irish Mist could do to a grasshopper pie. Better yet, wouldn't a splash of Grand Marnier elevate a meringue to new heights over a coconut cream pie? Two tablespoons of Kahlua pressed into a graham cracker crust underneath New York Style Cheesecake and a shot of Cream de Cocoa in the batter would be just dandy on a sultry summer's weekend.

For a lighter touch, a few drops of a fruit liqueur into some whipped cream or non dairy whipped topping adds taste and improves the aroma.

When using liqueurs for cooking, remember that you need only a small amount to infuse the dish with its essence. Use just enough to enhance, not overwhelm the balance of flavors. Also, should you worry about serving one of these desserts to children or an elderly auntie, remember that when liqueurs are heated they leave only flavor behind. It would be most considerate to inform anyone whom you might suspect might not be able to tolerate alcohol.

So when it comes to making dessert, whether for a special occasion or not, consider a dessert that's a little racy, a little glamorous, a little like Aunt Till — consider a tipsy pie.

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:

- The Apollo Wine Bar and Trattoria is Michigan wine industry's newest innovation.
- Turkey on the grill.

Culinary Classics

Muer library to catalog success

BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER



Memory lives on: "The Simply Great Cookbook," features some of the best-loved recipes from the Chuck Muer restaurants.

1995 OCC CULINARY CLASSIC SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Robert Plantanberg - Robert Mondavi Winery & Vichon Winery, Napa Valley, California
Sensory wine tasting: concepts of balance, sweetness and acidity of wines.

Jimmy Schmidt - The Rattlesnake Club
From tuna, papaya and potents.

Master Chef Milos Cihelka - The Golden Mushroom
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Authors of the James Beard 1995 award winning cookbook "Onions, Onions, Onions: A Good Onion is Worth the Tears" How to handle onions and tips from the great and near great.

Charles Davis - Robert Denton & Company, Ltd., El Tesoro de Don Felipe
Tequila - Hefe fun, but learn something. A sampling of the most elegant & smooth Tequila.

Madeline Trifon - Master Sommelier, Unique Restaurant Corporation
A down-to-earth sampling of treasures of the vine.

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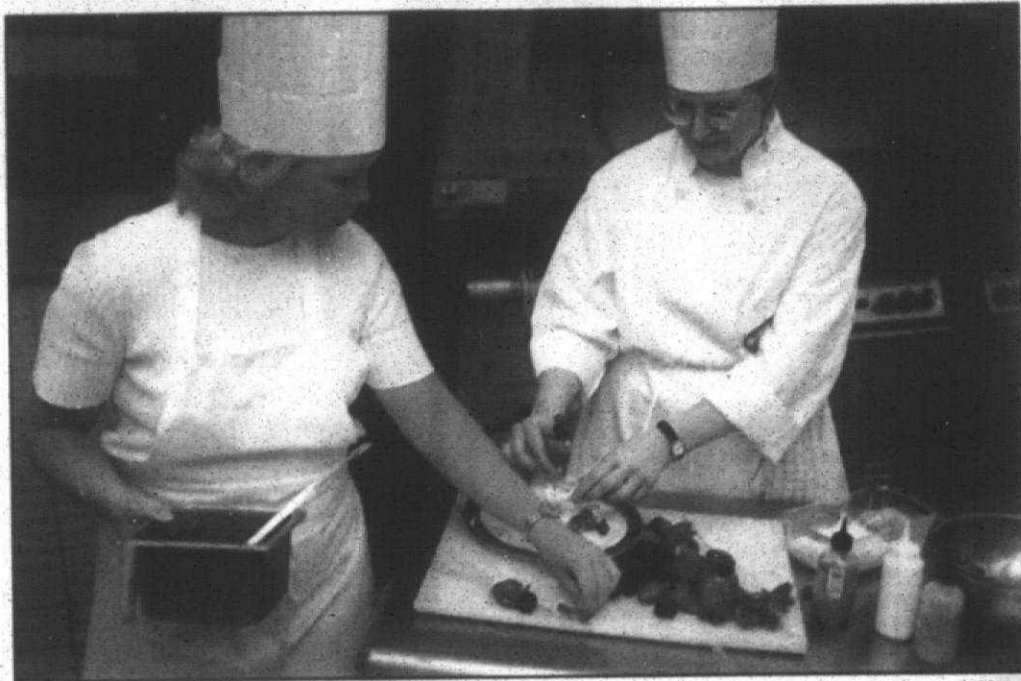
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Opening a new restaurant, "Alternative Directions." Anyone can buy a cookbook. Take the next step to the untapped creative world between your ears: The art of original thinking.

Sam Awdish - Romy Martin Cognac
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Making dessert: Susan Muer (left) works in the OCC kitchen with culinary arts student Terri Elwell to test a recipe for one of the Culinary Classic desserts.

With his dazzling bowties, bright suspenders, big smile, and warm personality, Chuck Muer made everyone feel at home and comfortable at his restaurants. "The relationship to your guests is a very close one," he said. "They're not walking away with anything tangible. It's not like buying a car or a piece of clothing. You take nothing home but the sense of satisfaction."

Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills hopes to study and learn from Muer's successes and challenges by establishing a culinary resource library in his name on its Orchard Ridge campus.

Two very special events will kick-off OCC's commitment to the library — Prelude to a Classic, a benefit strolling dinner on Tuesday, June 20; and Culinary Classic, a daylong event Saturday, June 24, featuring a champagne breakfast, culinary seminars by 12 experts including Master Sommelier Madeline Trifon, newly appointed director of beverages for the Unique Restaurant Corp. Trifon, formerly of the Rattlesnake Club, is one of 26 Certified Master Sommeliers, and one of only two female Master Sommeliers worldwide.

"This is a one-of-a-kind event," said OCC Chef Instructor Susan Baier. "We are enhancing our guest's culinary knowledge with our wine and food pairings at the Grand Tasting, as well as during the seminars."

All proceeds will benefit the OCC culinary program, Chuck Muer Resource Library. "The vision for the Chuck Muer Culinary Resource Library is ultimately to bring every conceivable learning tool to its visitors, from books and videos to computers and cookbooks," said Baier. "It will provide research and reference materials for students and professionals."

Baier, who is co-chairing the event with OCC faculty members Darlene Levinson and Chef Kevin Enright approached Susan Muer about the project, on behalf of the college in January.

Not only did Susan Muer give OCC permission to name its culinary resource library after her father, she volunteered to help. "If I have my name on it, I'll do my best to see that it's a success," she said. For the past three months she's

been spending her Friday mornings at OCC helping the committee get ready for the Culinary Classic and Prelude. She's already thinking of ways to make next year's event even better.

Like her father, Muer got to be successful by working hard.

"The guest is number one, especially in the restaurant business," said Muer. "My father could read people, and always emphasized that we were not above anyone."

As director of marketing and secretary for the C.A. Muer Corp., which is celebrating its 30th anniversary, Muer is intimately involved with the 20 Chuck Muer restaurants in five states as well as five restaurant affiliates. She has held positions in the corporation ranging from hostess and server to bartender and pastry chef.

"I've done a lot of work to get where I am," said Muer who earned a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland, and attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York. "I will wash dishes if I see a problem."

The vision for the library, which has yet to be built, is to bring every conceivable learning tool to its visitors from books and videos to computers and cookbooks.

As a tribute to her father, Susan Muer called 300 of his friends and asked them to share recipes and memories of her father who was lost at sea with his wife, Betty, and two friends in the "Storm of the Century" that swept Florida, the Eastern seaboard, and the Caribbean in March of 1993.

"The Simply Great II Cookbook," like the "Simply Great Cookbook," published in 1992, will contain many of Muer's signature dish recipes, and some new ones too. The book will sell for \$19.95 and be available for sale at the Culinary Classic and Muer restaurants.

"It will be a spiral book so can open it on the kitchen counter," said Susan who tested all of the recipes in her kitchen to make sure they work. The project took nearly two years.

"Writing this book helped me heal," said Susan. "My parents taught me to be strong and not give in. From my mother I learned good taste. She put a lot of effort into designing the interior of Big Fish in Dearborn."

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Rediscover great German White Wines

Paired with fresh broiled fish, crisp, refreshing, fruity German white wines are excellent. So it was appropriate that Chuck Muer's River Crab in St. Clair hosted an all-star lineup of German wine producers recently.

"German wines have a refreshing acidity for cleansing the palate," remarked Leo Biel, president of Chuck Muer Restaurants. "I think a good German Riesling pairs particularly well with king crab, which tends to be a bit briny."

"Another benefit of German wines is low alcohol. Most are less than 12 percent, with many at nine to 10 percent."

Biel recalls that 10-15 years ago the Muer

restaurants sold 27,000 cases of German wines annually. Today, it's about one-ninth that quantity. "German wines are fruity with the same crisp character as well-made California sauvignon blanc, but consumers fail to recognize this."

"Since 1989, we've had a string of very good to excellent vintages in Germany," said Friedel Bohn, owner of Weingut (winery) Anton Balbach. "The wines of 1993 are balanced, fresh and fruity."

Gunter Thies of Schloss Schonborn suggests, "Modern American wine drinkers prefer young.

See WINES, 2B



RAY HEAD

Toast of Germany: Some of Germany's best Riesling wines come from steep vineyards along the Mosel River.

Here are Eleanor and Ray Head's wine selections:

- Spanish roja delightful with seafood, especially paella
- 1991 Conde de Valdemar Crianza (\$9)
- 1990 Conde de Valdemar Reserva (\$13)
- Spanish roja designed for grilled meats
- 1987 Conde de Valdemar Gran Reserva (\$20)
- Try these chardonnays with soup, shellfish, grilled chicken, pork, light pastas or corn powder
- 1991 Carmen Chardonnay, Chile (\$6), best buy
- 1993 Belvedere Chardonnay, Alexander Valley (\$10)
- 1993 Columbia-Crest Chardonnay, Washington (\$10)
- 1993 Chateau Souverain Sonoma County, Chardonnay (\$12)
- Value Cabs for fun barbecues
- 1992 Bel Arbors Cabernet Sauvignon (\$7), best buy
- 1992 Columbia-Crest Cabernet Sauvignon (\$10), good value
- 1992 Napa Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon (\$8), none better at this price!
- Senous Cabs
- 1991 Quivera Cabernet Cuvee, Dry Creek Valley (\$15)
- 1992 Berninger Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$15)
- 1991 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon (\$18)
- 1992 Joseph Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon (\$20), two thumbs up!

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fresh white wines. However, the driest German wines are hard to drink when too young. A year of bottle age tends to smooth that aggressiveness.

We observed that both Michigan and Canadian tasters did not appreciate bone-dry German wines, but preferred fruit wines where the acidity is balanced. Germany is the most northern wine-producing country in Europe, near the 50th parallel. Usually, a touch of residual (unfermented) sugar does not make a German Riesling taste sweet, but does smooth the acidity while retaining the wine's freshness.

The most effective way to introduce people to German wines is by pouring them at tastings," German wine exporter Klaus Dillmann noted. "Our experience has been that once people try German wines, they like them." Dillmann's knowledge and experience in export markets has attracted many of Germany's leading estates to his portfolio.

Weingut Dr. Fischer is located along the Saar River, a tributary of the Mosel. The 1993 Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett from Dr. Fischer (\$11) has an attractive spiky character, full and well-balanced. By way of explanation, Ockfen is a village name, therefore the wine is an Ockfener Bockstein in the vineyard name, Riesling is the grape variety and Kabinett is the quality grade, meaning not too dry.

Although German wine labels may be a bit confusing, look for Riesling Kabinett and you'll not go wrong. The 1993 Bernkasteler Graben Riesling Kabinett from Dr. Thanisch (\$12) also showed an appley nose, but its taste was more complex, showing some richness due to terroir (place of origin). Bernkastel is a town on the Mosel River.

The 1993 Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett by Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt (\$12.50) is labeled Mosel-Saar-Ruwer. These three

Brighten breakfast with eggs

Lift breakfast out of the ordinary with a few flavorful ingredients. For example, scrambled eggs take on a colorful personality when served with a piperae of sauteed onion and red and green bell peppers. Serve with slices of whole-wheat toast. The eggs are flavored with hot pepper sauce.

SCRAMBLED EGGS PER ADE

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, cut in half and sliced
- 1/4 green bell pepper, seeded and sliced
- 1/4 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon water
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- Whole-wheat toast

In a 12-inch skillet over medium heat, in hot oil, cook onion and bell peppers until tender-crisp, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In medium bowl, beat eggs, water, salt and hot pepper sauce until well blended.

In 10-inch, nonstick skillet over medium heat, melt butter; add egg mixture. Gently stir egg mixture, lifting it up and over the bottom as it thickens. Keep stirring until desired texture and doneness. Serve with pepper mixture and whole-wheat toast. Makes 2 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 291 cal., 14 g pro., 6 g carb., 23 g fat, 963 mg chol., 781 mg sodium.

Make a tipsy pie with any flavor

See Chef Larry Jones' Taste Budd column on Taste front.

With this basic filling, an unlimited supply of liqueurs at your disposal, and a free-wheeling spirit of adventure, you can create an almost infinite number of pies — each different and delectable. Choose the most appropriate crust and proceed.

THE AMAZING INTERCHANGEABLE, DO-IT-YOURSELF TIPSYPY PIE

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 20 crackers)
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
 - 1/2 cup melted butter
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together and press into a 9-inch pie plate. Bake 10 minutes. Cool.

COOKIE CRUST

- 1 1/2 cups crushed cookies (Oreo's, vanilla wafers, gingersnaps, etc.)
 - 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all ingredients together and press into a 9-inch pie plate. Bake

BASIC FILLING

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup water

In a small saucepan, stir together 1/2 cup of the sugar and the gelatin. Blend egg yolks with water and any flavorings listed below. Stir into sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat, cool and refrigerate, stirring occasionally until mixture is cooled and thickened. Beat egg whites until foamy. Add remaining 1/2 cup sugar, one tablespoon at a time, beating until the egg whites are stiff but not dry. Fold gelatin mixture into meringue and spoon into prebaked 9-inch pie shells. Serves 6.

Flavoring Suggestions:

- Butterscotch Collins Pie
- 5 tablespoons Scotch
- 2 tablespoons Scotch liqueur
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Garnish with orange slices and cherries

Gimlet Pie

- 6 tablespoons gin
- 2 tablespoons Rose's Lime Juice
- Grated peel of 1 lime
- Juice of 1/4 lime

Brandy Alexander Pie

- 5 tablespoons brandy
- 3 tablespoons Creme de Cocoa

Daquiri Pie

- 5 tablespoons golden rum
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Black Russian Pie

- 7 tablespoons vodka
- 3 tablespoons coffee liqueur

DEEP DISH SOUTHERN COMFORT PEACH PIE

- 10-12 fresh peaches, peeled and quartered (or two 1-pound, 13-ounce cans of water packed peaches, drained)
- 1/2 cup Southern Comfort
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup ground almonds
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine

Fill a deep, 10-inch pie pan with peaches. Pour Southern Comfort evenly over the top. Combine sugar, almonds, butter, flour and salt in a bowl and mix together, cutting in butter with a pastry blender or fork, sprinkle evenly over peaches. Prepare top crust by combining flour and salt in a bowl, work in shortening with pastry blender or fork, sprinkle with water, a little at a time until mixture can be pressed together into a ball. Chill 10 minutes before rolling out. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Arrange pastry on top of pie dish, cut a small hole in the center. Crimp edge. Brush pastry with cream. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F and continue baking until peaches are tender and crust is a rich golden brown, about 15-20 minutes. Serve warm or well chilled. Serves 8.

Pair chicken with white beans and pesto for a delicious Italian soup, with apricots and couscous for a steaming Moroccan casserole, or with baby corn, green onions and red bell pepper in a fantastic Chinese stir fry.

Stir constantly for the best pudding

AP — The secret to smooth success for this lemon-strawberry pudding is even heat, constant stirring and a watchful eye. Heating the milk before blending it with the yolk mixture helps reduce cooking time. Serve in goblets or glass dishes.

LEMON-STRAWBERRY PUDDING

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Dash salt

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 cups milk, heated just until steaming
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 pound strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced

In medium saucepan, stir together sugar, cornstarch and salt. Add egg yolks and blend. Gradually stir in very soft milk. Press strawberry slices around edges of four goblets.

medium heat, until mixture is thick and almost boiling, almost 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon peel; whisk until very smooth. Turn into bowl and cover with plastic wrap, pressing wrap onto surface of pudding to prevent skin from forming. Chill thoroughly, several hours or overnight.

Whip cream until stiff, then fold into lemon mixture. Pudding will be very soft, not stiff. Press strawberry slices around edges of four goblets.

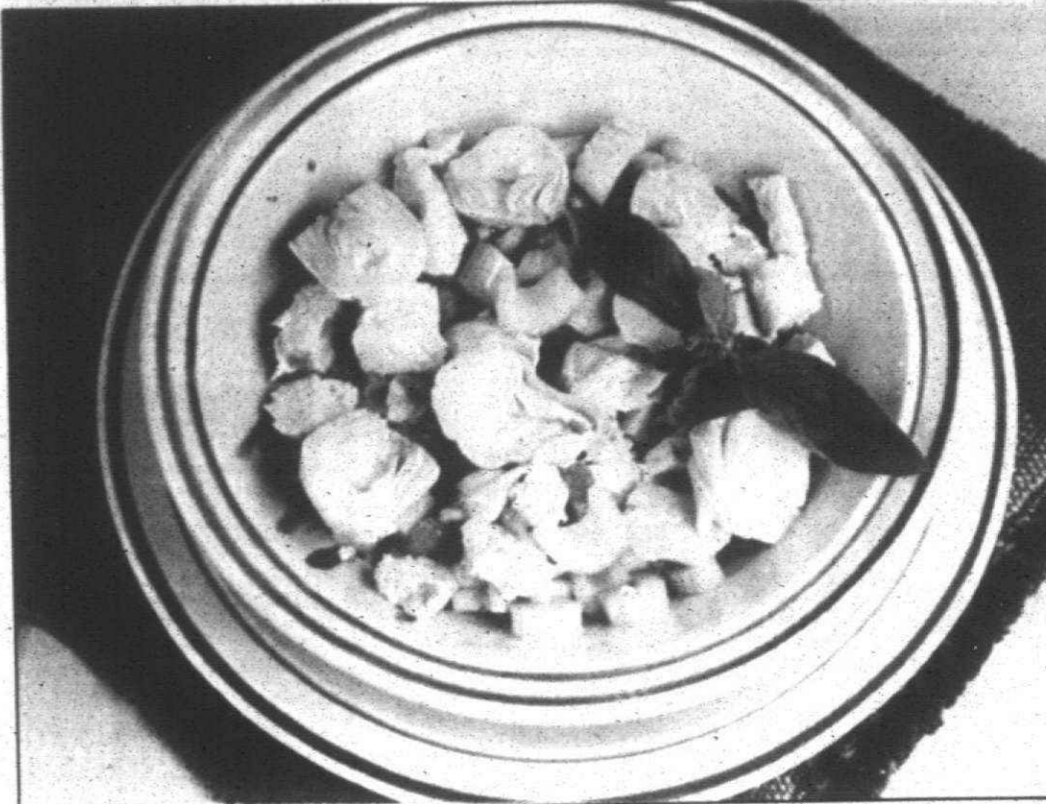
or serving dishes. Gently spoon in lemon pudding. Garnish with additional strawberries, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from Driscoll Strawberry Associates

For a recipe booklet, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Box 50045, Dept. N, Watsonville, Calif. 95077.

Eat cool meals with chicken breasts

BY MELANIE POLK Special Writers



Summer salad: Chicken and Artichoke Salad is perfect for a summer luncheon or light supper.

Chicken is a staple in cuisines from all over the globe, and by mixing it with other grains, fruits and vegetables, you can keep portions moderate

all the leaves and stems, and steam the remaining hearts for 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Serve this salad with whole-grain rolls or muffins and the meal is complete.

Artichokes add an elegant touch and delicious flavor to Chicken and Artichoke Heart Salad, perfect for a summer luncheon or light supper. Although this recipe calls for frozen artichoke hearts, you can use fresh artichokes. Simply remove

- choke hearts
- 1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons skim milk
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1 4-ounce jar chopped pimientos, drained
- 1/4 cup celery, chopped

Place the chicken in a skillet or Dutch oven with 2 inches of water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, 25-30 minutes or until done (chicken will be tender and the juices should run out clear when deeply pierced with a fork). Cool.

While the chicken is cooking, prepare the artichoke hearts as directed on the package. Drain. Prepare the dressing by using a fork to beat

the mayonnaise, milk, vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, sugar and red pepper in a small bowl.

When the chicken has cooled, remove the bones and cut into bite-sized pieces. In a large bowl, combine the chicken, artichoke hearts, pimientos, celery and dressing. Toss gently. Serve or cover and refrigerate until serving time.

Each of the 4 servings has 213 calories and 5 grams of fat. For a spiral-bound cookbook featuring over 75 healthy and delicious recipes for the summer, send \$6 with your name and address to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. CB3, Washington, DC 20069.

Melanie Polk is director of nutrition education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Soccer's best

The state's best girls high school soccer players have been chosen, and four of them are from Western Lakes Activities Association schools.

Which matches the Oakland Athletic League for number of representatives on the 11-person dream team.

The four dream team players from the WLAA are North Farmington's Ali Lord, a senior forward; Livonia Stevenson's Laura Fedrigo, a senior midfielder; Plymouth Salem's Mari Hoff, a junior forward; and Livonia Churchill's Marie Spaccarotella, a junior midfielder/forward.

Other Observerland players singled out for honors were Churchill defender Margaret Wirth, a senior; Salem forward Kelly Lukasik, a senior; and Farmington Harrison keeper Sara Kloosterman, a sophomore, all named to the Class A second team; and Stevenson forward Michelle Block, a senior honorable mention all-stater.

In addition, Salem's retiring coach, Ken Johnson, was one of six regional coaches of the year in Class A.

North's Lord was chosen WLAA player of the year, and it was an honor she earned. In her second-consecutive season on the state's dream team, Lord set a school record by scoring 35 goals this season. She also had 15 assists.

Fedrigo was also first team all-WLAA and served as Stevenson's co-captain for the second-straight year. She scored 12 goals and assisted on seven others.

Hoff led all Observerland players in goal-scoring, netting 38 and assisting on 16 others while leading the Rocks to the Class A state final. Her goal total was also a Salem school record.

Spaccarotella moved to midfield for the Chargers this season, but it hardly affected her goal-scoring. She collected 24 to run her career total to 66 before suffering a knee injury that forced her to miss Churchill's final two games of the season.

Salem (16-4-3) finished second in the Class A final standings, behind state champ Birmingham Seaholm. Churchill (17-5-1) tied for fourth with Brighton, and Stevenson (15-4-1) was sixth.

All-Observer track

The 1995 all-Observer girls track team was officially announced in Thursday's edition — except, unfortunately, the 3,200-meter relay team, which was omitted. Here is what was supposed to appear:

3,200 relay, Salem (Courtney Sheldon, Kristie Giddings, Miranda Wade, Sarah Hamilton): The second-best Salem team ever had a peak time of 9:42.5 and was undefeated in six dual meets and won the WLAA championship. Giddings and Wade are sophomores.

"Courtney and Sarah started and finished the relay all season and did an excellent job of showing others how to get it done," Salem coach Mark Gregor said. "As a foursome, this group set some great goals and showed great determination in reaching them."

Academic All-American

Jon Paupore, a junior at Eastern Michigan University from Plymouth Canton High School, has been selected to the academic All-American golf team by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Paupore has excelled both in the classroom and on the course. He has maintained a 3.58 grade-point average and has a 76.8 stroke average as a three-year letterman for the Eagles.

Paupore also received the golf scholar-athlete award presented by the EMU athletic department and the school's "E" Club at the annual EMU sports banquet.

3-on-3 soccer shootout

The third annual Nike 3-on-3 soccer shootout is set for July 15-16 at Birmingham Groves High School. The \$80 registration fee gets each team official T-shirts for team members and a three-game guarantee.

Play is divided into divisions according to age and ability. The top three teams in each division will be invited to play in the Triple Crown 3-on-3 Soccer National Finals Tournament Aug. 4-6 in Denver.

Games will be played on small fields with smaller goals and no keepers. Registration forms are available at local soccer stores; deadline is July 7. For more information, call Jim Starr at (810) 338-8090.

Volleyball camp

Madonna University will hold a series of summer volleyball camps — Elite and General Players, Wednesday through Saturday, July 5-8; Setters and Youth, Monday through Thursday, July 10-13; and Hitters and Defensive, July 17-20.

All camps are \$80 with the exception of the youth basic skills camp (\$50). For more information, call Jerry Abraham at (313) 591-5163 or (810) 478-7107.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (313) 991-7279.

Adams routs CC in semifinal



Rochester Adams ended Redford Catholic Central's impressive run through the state baseball tournament with a 19-9 victory over the Shamrocks in the Class A semifinal game.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The public address announcer mistakenly introduced Chris Misiak as Redford Catholic Central's starting pitcher prior to Friday's Class A state semifinal baseball game at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek.

It must have been a bad omen for the Shamrocks.

Misiak is CC's sure-handed short-stop who pitches only in non-league games and when coach John Salter needs him to give one of his top pitchers a rest.

But with starting pitcher Chris Karney and reliever Kevin Thomas struggling mightily in the first 3½ innings and ace Justin Stankewicz not ready to pitch on only two days of rest, Salter had no choice but to give the ball to Misiak.

Adams rocked CC's four pitchers, collecting 16 hits and seven walks in a 19-9 victory that might not have ended without a 10-run mercy rule with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Shamrocks also committed seven errors, which is about what they made in five previous state-tournament games.

Nine seemed to be the Shamrocks' magic number, as they collected that many runs in five of their six state tournament games. But nine wouldn't get the job done against Adams, which has scored 10 or more runs in 15 of its 27 victories.

"We didn't pitch, we didn't play defense, the only positive thing is we battled back a couple times," Salter said. "We had enough offense, we just ran out of pitching, which I knew would be a problem. They swing the bats well."

The Shamrocks finished 25-9 overall. Adams, 27-8 overall, advanced to

its first-ever state title game.

Adams junior ace Chris Wasen showed tremendous resiliency, pitching 5½ innings to earn the win. Wasen, 8-1 overall, allowed 10 hits and walked eight but refused to come out of the game with Adams counting on its other pitchers to go in Saturday's championship game against Grand Ledge.

Senior left-hander Eric Wozniak got the final two outs after CC finally sent Wasen to the bench with three runs in the top of the sixth inning.

"This is the hardest I've been hit in two years," Wasen said. "I guess if we won, I deserve it. It's not how I wanted it, but as long as we won."

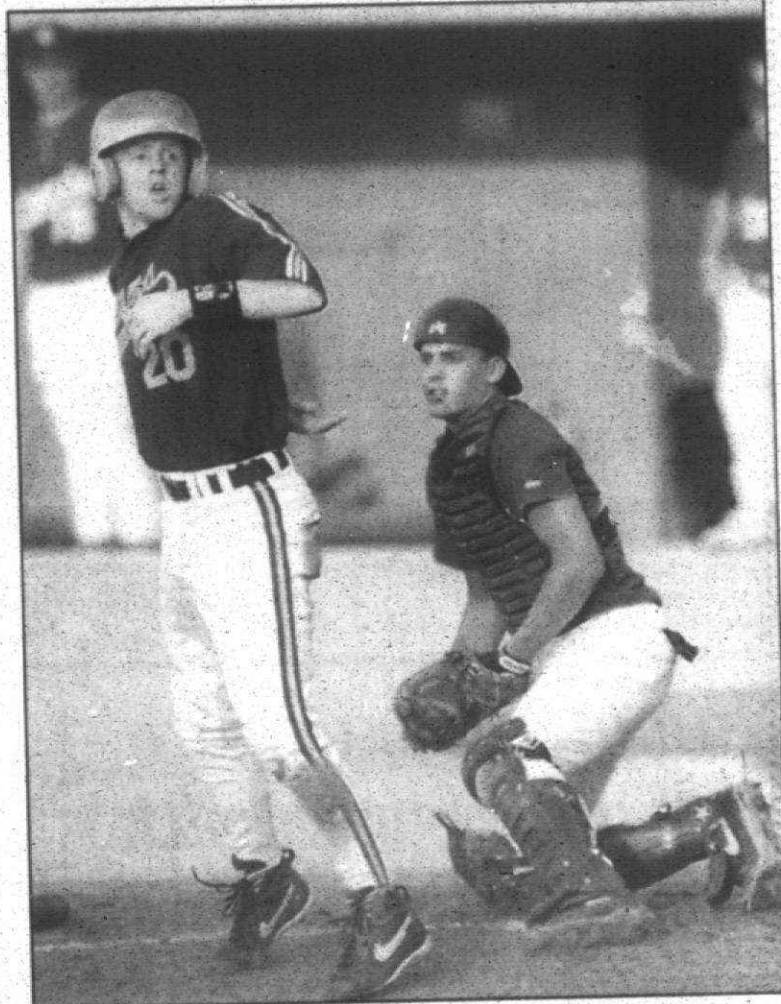
The game lasted 3 hours and 3 minutes, and it seemed as if the Highlanders were up at least half that time in the bottom of the fourth when they scored seven runs to go ahead for good, 13-6.

Adams coach Andrew Lamkin said he felt the game dragging along an inning earlier.

"I told my assistant coach (Mike Lechner), 'Here it is the top of the third inning and it seems like inning eight,'" Lamkin said.

Adams first baseman Tim Czarnecki went 3-for-4, including a double off the 401-foot wall in center field to drive in one run in the first inning. He finished with four RBI. Chuck VanRobays, Derek Giordano, Wasen, Dan Lambert and Tim Donohue had two hits each.

Karney allowed three runs in one inning of work and Thomas pitched 2½ before being relieved with one out in the bottom of the fourth after Czarnecki hit an 0-2 pitch for a two-run single and an 11-6 lead. Thomas suffered the loss, allowing six runs, three earned, on four hits and three walks with five strikeouts.



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Safe at home: Rochester Adams' Derek Giordano (left) reacts after scoring one of the Highlanders' runs as Redford Catholic Central's catcher Dave Biane scoops up a late throw.

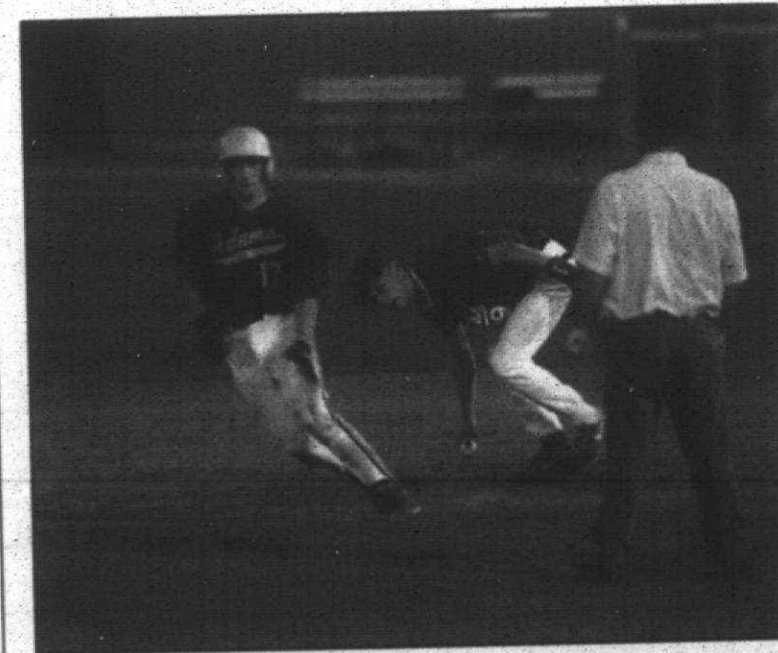
"He (Thomas) didn't have his curve working so you just had to sit on his fastball," Czarnecki said.

Adams scored four runs, one earned, off Misiak, who lasted 1½ innings. James O'Connor was the

fourth CC pitcher, and the Highlanders scored five runs, all earned, on four hits and three walks against him in the bottom of the sixth.

Thomas had two hits and two RBI for the Shamrocks.

A pitcher's dual it was not: 26 hits, 15 walks



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Adams' Chuck VanRobays runs from CC's Chris Karney.

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There was only one 1-2-3 inning in Friday's Class A state semifinal baseball game. It didn't come until Rochester Adams' pitcher Chris Wasen got Jason Couture to miss a curve ball for a third strike to end the Redford Catholic Central fourth inning.

The strikeout came at 8:59 p.m., 1¼ hours after the first pitch was thrown. The teams combined for 26 hits and 15 walks.

CC senior infielder Greg Rogers had to leave the game in the bottom of the fifth inning after taking a bad hop in the neck while playing short-stop.

It was a tough night for Rogers. He was safe on an error and scored a run in the top of the third, but Wasen won the battle against Rogers with the bases loaded and no outs in the fifth.

Rogers hit a slow roller back to Wasen, who threw home to catcher Chuck VanRobays for a force out. VanRobays then threw to first base in time to complete a double play.

The Shamrocks had an unexpected

visit from Andy Slankster, a 1994 CC graduate, who now plays at Kalamazoo College.

Slankster plays on a summer league team that regularly plays games at Baily Park. Slankster travels construction-filled 1-94 to and from each game.

"The road company is not making it fun on me," said Slankster.

The loss to Adams was CC's first defeat outside of the Catholic League.

The Shamrocks, who finished 25-9 overall, won 15 previous non-league games.

Adams lost five of its first eight games, but won 24 of its last 27 through Friday's victory over CC.

Two of Adams' top three pitchers are juniors and only two of the Highlanders' players in Friday's starting lineup are seniors. Two of CC's top three pitchers are juniors and the Shamrocks likewise had only two senior starters in their lineup.

Could there be a rematch next year?

"I hope so, that would be nice," Chris Misiak said.

Lots of memories from this school year



C.J. RISAK

It's over. Finally, some may say. But they may say it for different reasons.

It can be difficult to let go of a moment. The final seconds of the championship boys soccer match, with Graham Wilk punching in the game-winning goal for Plymouth Canton in overtime, is a memory that won't fade quickly.

It was the Chiefs' first-ever state championship in that sport, and it was well-earned. A team of diverse talents and personalities, they blended well when most important; no squad worked harder.

It would certainly rank as one of the brightest moments of the 1994-95 school year, which is now ended. But there were others.

Do you realize how close the Plymouth/Canton area came to a soccer sweep? Try 20 minutes. Plymouth Salem tied Birmingham Seaholm at 2-2 with some magnificent work in the early stages of the second half of the girls' state final.

But the younger and smaller Rocks could not handle the Maples. With just under 19 minutes left to play, Seaholm got the go-ahead goal en route to a 4-2 triumph.

Any argument over the Plymouth/Canton area being one of the state's soccer hotbeds?

Now what about basketball? The Canton girls were exceptional, exceeding almost everyone's expectations. They arrived in Battle Creek for the Final Four tournament lacking both the superstars and the size the other three teams possessed.

What the Canton girls did have was sound coaching (courtesy of Bob Blohm) and confidence in their program. It was a remarkable accomplishment for a team that had lost five of its top six players from the year before.

The Canton boys basketball season was also one to be relished. Forget the ending; what can you expect when facing a powerhouse like Pershing in the regionals?

Prior to that, however, the Chiefs upended highly regarded Westland John Glenn in the Western Lakes Activities Association title game.

It was a game that made one believe in high school sports, where the outcome isn't decided merely by talent, but where emotion plays a pivotal role.

It was a sweet moment, watching Canton's little man — Ted Docks — burn the Rockets and their Mr. Big, Guy (signed-with-Iowa) Rucker.

There were other moments, to be sure, like the run Salem's volleyball team put through its WLAA schedule, and the run both schools' track teams put through their seasons, and (of course) the just-ended Salem trek to the baseball state quarterfinals, and Canton's softball regional finish.

It's almost too much to recount.

And yet, what I'll remember most from this year are the losses: the retirement of John Gravelin (Salem baseball), Dave Van Wagoner (Canton boys basketball), Jack Finn (Canton assistant athletic director), Hooker Wellman (Canton swimming), Ken Johnson (Salem soccer — girls, anyway), Jim Stevens (Salem girls golf), and now, Gary Balconi (Salem assistant AD) and Paul Cummings (athletic director).

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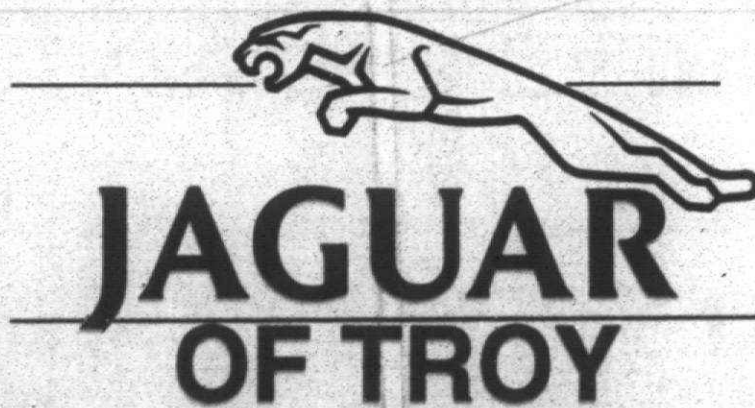
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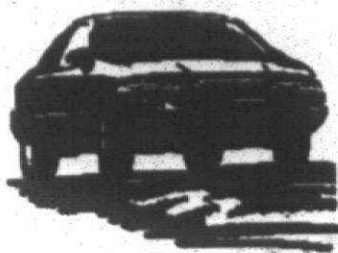
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**FORD '95
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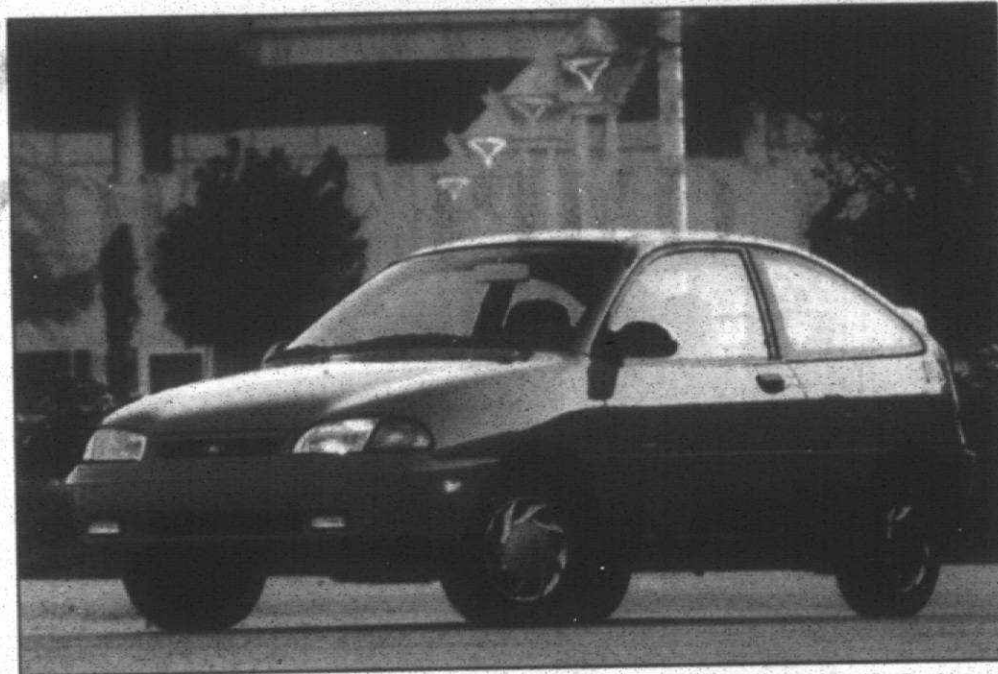
Ford Motor Co. is in the midst of bringing to market a truckload of new and redesigned vehicles. The redesigned Explorer and the new Continental made their debuts in January, and a new Sable is coming for 1996.

Meanwhile, there have been changes in almost every 1995 car Ford sells. So sit back and we'll give you a spin around the models that are in dealer showrooms right now.

Introduced in January as a 1994 model, the Aspire has just a few changes on options available. Interior and exterior design remain the same.

Available in two model groups — base three-door and SE five-door — this fuel-efficient subcompact comes standard with a 1.3-liter single overhead cam four-cylinder engine mated to a five-speed manual transmission that produces 64 horses. The automatic transaxle is an option. Fuel economy figures are a whopping 36 mpg in the city and 43 mpg on the highway.

Changes include adding an electronic AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock and a convenience group as standard equip-



Road Test
By Anne
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ment on the SE model. No longer available on Aspire are the rear window/wiper washer. Aluminum wheels are now restricted to the SE and the automatic transaxle is no longer available on the SE model.

The Aspire is the least expensive car on the market with standard dual air bags and optional anti-lock brakes. There are two new colors added — silver blue mist clearcoat metallic and teal clearcoat metallic — for a choice of seven colors.

Last redesigned in the 1992, the Ford Escort has a number of

additions and deletions from its 1994 model. Dual air bags are now standard, the tachometer is now an option and vacuum climate controls replace mechanical controls. The radio antenna has been relocated to the passenger-side front fender.

On the inside, the Escort sports a new instrument panel design that's easier to read. No longer available are the rear ashtray. The leather-wrapped steering wheel and seat tilt adjustment have been deleted from the GT model.

Later in the year, Escort will offer an integrated child seat in the rear, the first passenger car to do so.

There are other refinements on the Escort as well, including a better sound-deadening package, a reduction in engine vibration, a better performing air conditioner (with a larger condenser) and an improved speed-control system.

The Probe, first introduced in 1988 as a 1989 model, has a new rear fascia. The taillamp has been

redesigned on the Probe and Probe GT. There's now a center trim panel between the taillamp and restyled rear bumper cover on the GT. Also on the GT, the rear license plate is incorporated into the bumper fascia.

Interior changes include a second cupholder, new seat fabrics, restyled interior door panels and new grab handles.

No longer available on the option list: Rear wipers/washers, four-way seat height adjustment, graphic equalizer and heated dual mirrors. Added on the option list are 15-inch, three-spoke aluminum wheels and 16-inch, five-spoke chrome wheels on the GT.

The base Probe comes equipped with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder 16-valve engine, while the optional engine is a 2.5-liter 24-valve V-6. Both engines can be outfitted with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission. Fuel efficiency: 118 horsepower and 164 horsepower, respectively.

The hot new Mustang, enjoying

its second year of a major redesign — and its 30th anniversary — stays just the way it perfectly is this year. The only changes: The power driver's seat is now an option (last year it was standard) and now you can get a CD and premium sound system.

There are three engines available on the Mustang: A 145-horsepower 3.8-liter V-6 (with five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission), a 215-horsepower 5.0-liter highoutput V-8 (mated to a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic) and a 240-horsepower 5.0-liter V-8 that comes only with a five-speed manual transmission.

The Mustang is available as a base coupe and convertible, GT coupe and convertible and a limited-production Cobra coupe and convertible. It has dual air bags and optional anti-lock brakes for safety.

The newest Ford out of the bag is the Contour, introduced just a few months ago. Born from the tremendous success of the European Ford Mondeo, the Contour has state-of-the-art engines and transmissions, along with a host of technological wonders that add up to handling and response usually reserved for the high-powered sports cars.

Available in base GL, luxury LX and the sporty SE models, each has its own unique blend of standard equipment. The base engine is the 2.0-liter 16-valve dual overhead cam aluminum engine that pumps out 125 horsepower. The sweeter engine, called the Duratec V-6, is a 2.5-liter 24 valve rated at 170 horsepower. The smallest engine in production, it's outfitted with platinum-tipped spark plugs and calls for only routine maintenance — replacement of fluids and filters after 100,000 miles on the road. Both engines can be mated to a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

The Taurus has no exterior or interior changes for the 1995 model year. Look for a restyled Taurus to debut next year, however. Rear window defroster, manual air conditioning and solar tinted windshield glass are now standard equipment.

There's also a new decklid spoiler on the SE models.

The Taurus is available in four trim levels and in sedan and wagon models. Standard is a 3.0-liter V-6 engine that has a new piston and ring combination that reduces emissions. The coolant life has been extended from

36,000 miles to 50,000 miles.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Thunderbird graduates to become the longest-running nameplate in the Ford family of vehicles. Still rated as the sales leader in the midsize specialty market, the Thunderbird is available in luxury LX and sports version SC models.

The LX comes equipped with a standard 3.8-liter V-6 or an optional 4.6-liter V-8 with automatic transaxle. The Super Coupe high performance model comes only with the supercharged V-6 engine mated to a four-speed automatic or five-speed manual transmission.

The Thunderbird also now comes with a trunk-mounted CD changer with a power antenna.

It's been a short three years since the Crown Victoria got all-new sheet metal all around — and Ford decided to update it just a bit. The exterior has been freshened and there's a whole new interior for the 1995 model year.

On both the front and rear of the Vic are new taillamps, a revised grille, new front and rear bumper fascias, a new aluminum decklid that's wider and lower and new color-keyed body side molding.

There's a new instrument panel with new appliques and woodgrains that are framed by door trim panels. Power seat controls are now on the door for ease of operation.

All new seats provide 10 extra track inches for improved knee room. There are also front and rear passenger-assist handles, a backlight window and door lock switches. All models feature an on-the-floor 12-point power point for accessories like cellular phones or — ahem — the radar detector.

Ford's family of automobiles has rounded out in the last few years, with nearly every model having either new sheet metal or major revisions. With a new Taurus on the horizon, it'll be interesting what gets the next facelift. Bet it's T-bird. What do you think?

If you'd like to see a particular model tested or if you have a car question, send Anne Fracassa a message at AVANTI11054. Avanti's American Online mailbox. Or comment through the Internet at AVANTI11054@aol.com.

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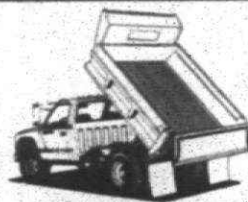
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