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Fireworks sales focus of raid



Police raided two Canton Township fireworks stores, claiming both were selling illegal material. State law says anything that leaves the ground is illegal.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
 STAFF WRITER

Pat Linn and her family, owners of Tri-City Fireworks on Michigan Avenue, believe they were raided by Canton police Thursday because of the township's continuing controversy with nearby Burda Bros. Fireworks. "If it wasn't for them, this wouldn't

be happening," Linn said.

As Canton police seized alleged illegal fireworks from Tri-City, 47405 Michigan Ave., and loaded them on a truck, Michigan State Police troopers were immediately down the road doing the same at Burda Bros.

"We already loaded one 40-foot semi-trailer out of his warehouse,"

said Detective Lt. Charles Schumacher of the Michigan State Police-Northville post, about the raid on Burda Bros., 47725 Michigan Ave. "We are in the process of getting another semi-trailer. We took anything that flies, whirls or explodes. He had some pretty good-sized explosives in there."

Schumacher said the Burda family cooperated with police. The Wayne County Prosecutor's office was conducting an investigation into the possible sale of illegal fireworks and asked the state police to help.

"I assigned detectives who were

able to make purchases of illegal fireworks here," Schumacher said. "They are selling to anyone and everyone. There are no safeguards on how these will be used. If this prevents one kid from being maimed or blinded, or prevents one fire, it's worth it. The bottom line is these fireworks are illegal."

Restraining order

Burda's attorney, Hugh Davis, said he was not surprised when he learned of the raid. Police confiscated

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Festival fun



In Canton: Chalise Maybee, 5, left, and Kaitlyn Maybee, 2, right, both of Canton, find some fun on a ride.



Car show: Madonna Floyd of Belleville shows off her 1938 Pontiac Business Coupe to the crowds.



Good times: Haley Beney, left, receives a paint job from Joy Corcoran. Above, Rebecca Hinderleider makes a discovery.

Fest a success

From classic cars to craft shows to paddleboat rides on Heritage Pond, the Canton Liberty Festival offered something for everyone.

"This is one of the best things that Canton has to offer," said Kim Edgar of Canton.

"We'll be back later for the fireworks and give the kids a chance to look around," she said.

Canton newcomer Cindy Duncan brought her four children to see what the fest had to offer.

She wasn't disappointed. "We just moved here. This is perfect for kids."



Catering contract no problem, officials say

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
 STAFF WRITER

Canton officials deny any conflict of interest with the contracting of Cregar Enterprises as caterer for the new \$13 million Summit on the Park community center even though the caterer's brother is a township department director.

Cregar's president is Matthew Durack, brother of Dan Durack, Canton administrative services director. "Matt is one of two principals in the

organization. Dan has no personal interest in this. Dan would never have been in a position to evaluate the service, benefit from it or terminate the contract," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Cregar, which once owned and operated the well-known Pickwick House Restaurant in Detroit, was one of five proposals township staff considered as food service management for the Summit banquet facilities and Pleasant Run Golf Club. Other com-

panies were Marriott Corp., Canteen, Great Events and Katherine's Catering and Special Events.

A committee of township staff reviewed the proposals, met with representatives from each company and narrowed the field. When Summit manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz joined the township in October 1994, she was asked to review the companies the screening committee chose as finalists, including Cregar, which catered the Canton Economic Club

luncheons for the past year. "I went and did my own research on them, including uninvited visits," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. The committee did not tell her that Matt Durack was related to Dan Durack. "They didn't want it to be an influencing factor." She chose Cregar Enterprises.

Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who served on the commit-

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School collection change alters summer tax bills

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
 STAFF WRITER

When you get your summer tax bill in the first week of July, don't be surprised by the amount owed.

"It will be double what summer tax bills used to be," said Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

That's because two of the three school districts that include Canton have switched from collecting only 50 percent of their tax revenues in the summer to 100 percent. Those districts are Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren. The third district, Wayne-Westland, will continue to collect 50 percent in the summer and 50 percent in the winter, at least this year.

"I told Wayne-Westland this is the last year we will do the 50-50 split," Kirchgatter said. "I'm looking for consistency for the residents."

Collecting all of the school taxes in one billing makes it easier for school districts to budget. The summer tax bill is closer to the school financial year, which is July 1 to June 30.

When you pay your summer tax bill, due Sept. 14, you will pay local school taxes, which includes the state educational tax and debt retirement, as well as the Regional Educational Service Agency, formerly the intermediate school district.

"By moving to a summer tax collection, we save considerably on costs of borrowing," said Diane Barnes, Plymouth-Canton Schools

finance director. "For example, last year we had to borrow \$17 million to operate the district until the first state aid payment was received in October."

"This year, we will only borrow \$4 million so summer tax collections save taxpayers about \$300,000 in interest costs," Barnes continued. "Overall, it just made good business sense to collect 100 percent of the taxes in the summer."

When the winter tax bill rolls around, you will pay Canton Township general fund tax, police and fire, as well as Wayne County tax, Wayne County Jail, parks, Wayne County Community College and Canton Public Library.

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Quiz Bowl team stuns rivals

BY JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

They have brought back honors from around the state and across the Midwest, stunning competitors with their wisdom and topping opponents with their concentration. They have been praised by others for their commitment and determination. Popular culture, literature, social issues, polynomial functions — no topic is too obscure for this group to tackle.

The Quiz Bowl team has been in existence at the high school for 12 years under the direction and coordination of Beaman. There are seven teams at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, ranging from the Varsity and Junior-Varsity level to the 'CEP Challenge team.'

"They" are the Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High School Quiz Bowl teams, a group of ninth-through 12th-graders whose vast body of knowledge sometimes even surprises their coach, Salem history teacher Scott Beaman.

The group travels throughout Michigan and neighboring states, challenging other high school quiz bowl teams in "Jeopardy" style competitions of the mind and answering difficult questions such as, "What metaphor is often used to describe the wide cultural diversity of the United States?" and "In the coordinate plane, what is the minimum number of 'x' intercepts on the graph of a fifth-degree polynomial function?" This year's group is coached by Beaman.

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"We have added teams at different levels for students who wanted to compete but still may not be at the varsity level. As more and more students came out for the team, we also encountered conflicts with schedules and we wanted to provide those students with an opportunity to compete," Beaman said.

Heritage Hideout contributors thanked

The organizers of the Canton Community Bull Heritage Hideout playhouse wish to thank businesses and individuals who have either donated materials or have purchased family and business sponsorships as of May 22.

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\$150,000 of fireworks, despite a continuing restraining order against confiscation.

"When you anger such an important body as the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, you don't hear from them, you know they are doing something," Davis said.

Davis filed a motion in Wayne County Circuit Court the day of the raid to have the Burdas property returned and a clarification of the restraining order. A hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 26.

"I was very specific," Davis said, of the language in the restraining order. "I knew this was defendant Canton Township and others acting in concert. That includes the state police."

But George Ward, Wayne County chief assistant prosecutor, said that the state police are not bound by the restraining order. "There is more than one police agency with jurisdiction. The order didn't even name them."

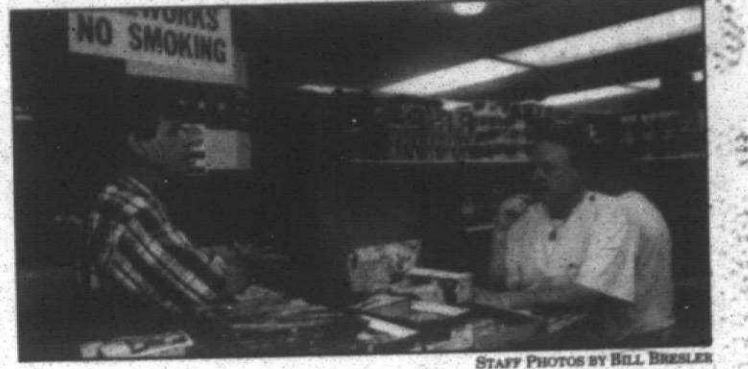
Confiscation: Michigan State Police load semi-trailers of alleged illegal fireworks confiscated from the Burda Bros store on Michigan Avenue Thursday afternoon.

Prosecutors, fire and police officials say illegal fireworks include anything that moves, spins, leaves the ground, emits a report or shoots.

The Burda Bros. established the American Fireworks Users Association, which customers may join for \$1. Through the association, customers are told they can shoot off their fireworks or have a pyrotechnic operator shoot them off on property on Michigan Avenue July 4.

But township trustees June 13 denied the Burdas' request for a permit to allow the association members to shoot off the fireworks. Canton Public Safety Director John Santomuro said that the permit would not allow customers to buy, possess or transport the fireworks.

"The flimsy proposition that they are using to evade the law will not work. They say change the law. But until you change the law, you obey it. You don't violate it," Ward said, referring to the Burdas.



Debate: Canton police Detective Richard Pomorski and Don Linn, owner of Tri-City Fireworks on Michigan Avenue, discuss the finer points of the state fireworks law, as police officers confiscate alleged illegal fireworks at the family business.

Fireworks to the Canton police officer. "His son was asking him for this stuff," Linn said, adding that he bought fireworks displayed on the store counter. When asked if she sold illegal fireworks, Linn said, "Maybe I did. I don't know."

Santomuro said officers have conducted undercover buys at Tri-City previously and only legal fireworks were sold. "This time they did sell illegal ones."

Tri-City Fireworks has a permit to store fireworks — prohibited in Michigan — sold from their mail-order business. Fireworks are mailed out-of-state, Linn said.

"They are taking what they consider illegal," said Pat's son, George, as he watched police load up a truck. "That's 70 percent of our inventory. But nothing will shut us down."

Local youngsters victors in cute kid competition

BY JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

It's official. Canton Township has the cutest babies. Three won the F&M stores/Kimberly Clark "A Picture is Worth 1,000" contest.

And for Vicki and Scott Murphy of Canton, it came as no surprise that their nine-month old son, Dalton, and his cousins, Kyle and Kaylee Arella, also of Canton, were contest winners. Dalton and 10-month old Kaylee placed third in the storewide contest and Kyle, 19 months, garnered a second-place win for his delightful grin.

Vicki Murphy said that she and sister-in-law Dawn Arella, mother of Kyle and Kaylee, decided to enter the contest after a routine shopping trip, and entered separate photographs of the children in the contest.

"These kids are so cute. When we entered their photos in the contest, my sister-in-law and I looked at each other and at our kids and said, 'If they don't pick ours' because they really are adorable children. But we never dreamed that all of them would win the contest," said Vicki Murphy.

Although Murphy admits that she is more pleased with her son's honors than with his prize of free diapers, the diapers will be put to good use. Kaylee also received free diapers for her win, and Kyle won a basket filled with \$100 worth of baby items.



Looking good: Kyle Arella (left), Kaylee Arella and Dalton Murphy have been recognized as cute babies.

Canton Historical Society to hold Aug. 12 flea market

CONNECTION

The Canton Historical Society is hosting its first-ever flea market 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, on the grounds of the historic Cherry Hill Schoolhouse at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

Society members urge interested participants to sign up now for as many 10-by-10 spaces as they want. Each space costs \$10. The best spots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants may sell either collectibles and antiques or garage sale items. To participate, send a check or money order payable to: Canton Historical Society, P.O. Box 87362, Canton, Mich. 48187-0362.

The flea market is a fund-raiser for the society's effort to build a barn in which to store antique farm equipment. The barn, with an estimated cost of \$27,000, would be built on the grounds of the historic Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road, not far from the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse.

Chamber donates

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is supporting the community with donations to the Heritage Hideout, Canton's playscape in Heritage Park, and the Plymouth-Canton Community Business-Education Partnership.

The chamber donated \$1,000 to the playscape, which was built by volunteers June 7-11. The chamber also provided \$500 to the Business-Education Partnership, whose goals include expansion of the job shadowing program at the high schools, as well as increased opportunities for teacher-in-service and support for student field trips.

Friends golf outing

The public is invited to sign up for the Friends of the Canton Public Library's first-ever golf outing Sept. 13 on the new Pheasant Run Golf Course.

FORE Friends is a fund-raiser for the non-profit organization. Outing fees are \$100 for a single golfer and \$400 for a foursome. The outing will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start in a scramble format. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. A traveling trophy will be offered, as will other contests and prizes, including a 50-50 raffle. Players also will have a chance to win a 1995 Dodge Stratus in a hole-in-one contest.

Interested players should contact the library, 397-0999, to participate, or mail a check to Friends of the Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Mich. 48188. Registration deadline is July 1.

The Friends also are seeking sponsors for each of the 18 holes on the Arthur Hills-designed course. For more information, call the library, 397-0999.

New Motown Music Exhibit features family's classic Caddy

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The 1968 Cadillac owned by a Plymouth Township family is part of the new Motown Music Exhibit at Greenfield Village.

Ed and Sue Pashukewich loaned their yellow Coupe DeVille convertible for use in the exhibit, kicked off May 25 with a black-tie reception at Greenfield Village by Berry Gordy, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Rosa Parks, Martha Reeves and other prominent Motown Records people.

The couple attended the opening ceremony and got to shake hands with Archer and meet people associated with Motown.

"We have shown the car several times and have won numerous awards with it," Sue Pashukewich said, adding the car is featured in a current Amoco commercial.

Sue, an account representative with Mortgage Financial Corp. in Plymouth, and Ed, who works with a property manage-

ment company, have a passion for big old cars. She traded a new car for a 1972 Olds Cutlass 442 — the same kind of car her dad had had about the time she got her driver's license.

"My dad thought I was nuts," she said of the transaction. Ed got to love Cadillacs as a kid.

"When we'd go on vacation I remember going to museums. I knew someday I would have my museum," he said.

Besides the '68 Cadillac and '72 Cutlass, they have a 1966 Pontiac Bonneville convertible and 1964 Cadillac convertible, all in nearly new shape.

Their interest in classic cars led them to a Cadillac LeSalle club, with 160 members from around southeast Michigan. It was a club member who told them Greenfield Village was looking for a car to show as part of the Motown exhibit.

"We went in a picture and it was selected, I don't know how many other cars were offered," Sue

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SHOPPING CENTERED



LINDA BACHRACK

Craft lovers find art mall retreats

Whether you're a creative crafter or a crafty shopper, you'll love the new and unique concept of the mega-craft mall. Finally, artists have a permanent showcase in which to display their crafts, a convenient and stress-free alternative to the weekend show circuit. And consumers have an indoor marketplace in which to while away a summer Saturday afternoon.

Dennis Nagy opened Craftique, a giant craft and antique mall, on May 2 in downtown Farmington. Located at 33300 Slocum, the former Ray's Interiors furniture and design store was transformed into individual room settings for dozens of crafters. With plush carpeting, polished wood floors, stenciled walls and curtain-swaggered windows, the huge space feels more like a country home as you meander through cozy rooms.

The shoppers I encountered on a recent Saturday were impressed with Craftique's presentation and selection. The Saylor women from Tennessee, Kentucky and Michigan risked missing their family reunion to properly peruse every inch of the mall.

"We love country," they chimed in unison, showing off their finds — painted tins and a charming wood garden inspired wall ornament.

Garden art is hot! Karen Shelley's popular pocket-fenced display corner features straw hats, garden markers and other homespun painted garden accessories. An array of decorative beaded dolls, wood furniture, dried floral wreaths and ruffled lampshades. Cement geese are another popular item. Folks love to dress them up in different outfits for every holiday.

Also find Native American crafts, painted and handwoven baskets, "over-the-door" cats and music boxes wrapped up like special occasion packages. Ypsi Crafts & More... displays lighted floral arrangements and bird cages, while C.J.'s Little Folks N' Things of Westland crafts whimsical spoon dolls.

Just a few miles away in Livonia, the Country-side Craft Mall is at 35323 Plymouth Road. Over 300 dealers pack the aisles with their wares in this oversized boutique that requires the use of a grocery cart to haul all of your goodies.

Some of the clever crafts that caught my eye included collage photo frames in fanciful shapes, Battenburg lace pinafiores, ceramic angels, Canvas City playmats for imaginative Matchbox car fun and all manner of wooden stamps. K.C. Dennison of Galesburg creates custom quilts and The Salt Dough Bakery in Shelby Township crooks up miniature baskets of non-edible dough pastries and chocolate chip cookies. Lynda Palfon of Canton and her daughter Rhonda of Garden City create a variety of crafts including peddled baskets and painted candlesticks. They had Rhonda's daughter, Katie, 2, in tow, reminding them just how much they do not miss the long hours spent at weekend craft shows. "This permanent space is a lifesaver," said Lynda.

Two of my favorite booths held scented candlelight trivets and handpainted stationary trimmed with tatted designs by Lola Browns of St. Clair Shores.

If the kids get tired, there's a well-stocked playroom in the back. When you're ready for a break, you can head for the self-serve cafe. Crafting is an experience that is not to be rushed, especially if you're a serious craft shopper like Mary Wagner of Livonia.

Wheeling her grocery cart down one aisle and up the next, she put the mega-mall into perspective. "If he can spend five hours on the golf course every Saturday, I can leisurely admire every goose, wreath and bear in this place. And I never go home empty handed."

There is also a mini version of the craft mall on Main Street in downtown Rochester. Craft Village is a neighborhood outlet for several of the area's talented artisans in Commerce Township.

Linda Bachrack is a resident of Birmingham. You can leave her ideas for this column at (313) 563-2047, mailbox 1889. Or fax them to (810) 644-1314.



Movie magic at the malls

If you can't leave a store without buying a Batman Forever beach towel, Pocahontas bedsheet, or a Casper doll, you're not alone. The merchandising of summer films is now playing at a mall near you.

By SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER
"Mommy, look! It's Pocahontas," a young girl cried, pointing and running toward a rack of T-shirts and backpacks at the Rochester store in the Hampton Plaza. "Can I have one of these shirts? Pleaseee. Oh, pleaseee!" she begged.

"C'mon Katie. Not today. Maybe next time. We're here to buy you sandals for the lake," the mother answered.

"Maybe they have Pocahontas sandals!" Katie hoped.

(Yes, Katie they do. They also have Pocahontas athletic shoes and moccasins — all available at Payless ShoeSource.)

In a quick romp through Oakland Mall in Troy, more than 60 different Pocahontas products were identified between Hudson's, Sears, Penney's, the card shops, the toy and novelty stores, and of course, The Disney Store.

Pocahontas appears on bed linens, backpacks and purses, wrist watches, stationery sets, pajamas, birthday party goods, plastic cups and dishes, short sets, blue jeans and picture frames. There are also Pocahontas diaries, packs of computer paper, stickers, note cards and photo albums. In the toy department there are Barbie and Ken-sized Pocahontas and Captain Smith dolls. Pocahontas coloring and activity books, board games, soundtracks on CDs and tapes. Once-Upon-A-Time lockets, action figure sets, Indian village playsets, dress-up kits and puzzles.

In the toy department at Meijer Thifty Acres, shoppers will notice a lower-priced product line by the Toty Toy Company of Holyoke, Mass., called "Legends of Yesterday." The "legends" are conveniently located next to the Disney licensed toys because Toty's playsets also feature Indian princesses and warrior braves complete with bows of corn, papooses and horses.



Packaging Pocahontas: Hudson's busy, colorful display of Disney movie merchandise draws the interest of Bryan Fugate, 7, of Pontiac. At left, Rachael Marie Terry, 3, of Ortonville, tries on a nightshirt.

Even the adult-film, Bridges of Madison County, with Clint Eastwood/Meryl Streep has inspired merchandise. The fragrance "Bridges" has hit the marketplace, priced 18.50 to \$35 at J.C. Penney's.

Katie Duhaime of Troy, mother of four children aged 8, 6, 5 and 3, came to Target to buy a couple of Pocahontas playsets for birthday gifts. She explained her interest in the merchandise.

"It's Disney!" she said with a wide grin.

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At Toys 'R Us, the Batman playsets are back on the best-sellers list because of the summer movie. Fashion designer Todd Oldham has come out with a Riddler Collection of clothing inspired by his work in the film.

Even the adult-film, Bridges of Madison County, with Clint Eastwood/Meryl Streep has inspired merchandise. The fragrance "Bridges" has hit the marketplace, priced 18.50 to \$35 at J.C. Penney's.

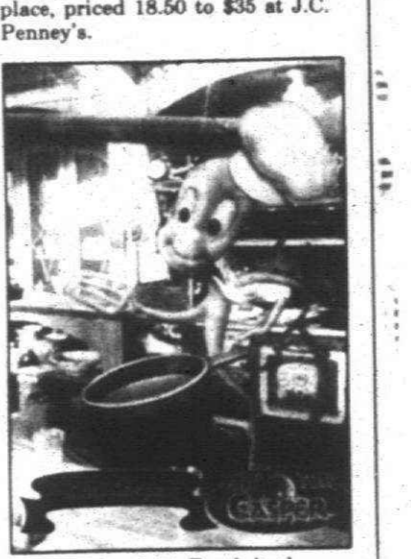
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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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MONDAY, JUNE 26

HEALTH TEST
8-10 a.m. Jacobson's court area. Free blood pressure screening and arthritis information. Courtesy of Botsford Hospital. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

PUPPET SHOWS
"The Musicians of Bremen" presented daily through July 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m.

POWER RANGERS VISIT
Meet Steve Cardenas (Red), Rocky and Amy Jo Johnson (Pink) "Kimberly" of the Power Rangers. Noon, J.C. Penney Court. Parents welcome to bring cameras for poses. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 788-4356.

PARK CONCERT
Music in the Park. Noon. Bring a lunch and enjoy an outdoor concert each Wednesday through July 26. Kellogg Park, Main/Ann Arbor Trail.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27
"LOVABLE PETTING ZOO"
Visit with good-natured farm animals, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center Court. Don't forget your camera. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1166.

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Downtown Plymouth. (313) 416-4-ART.

OPEN AUDITIONS
Hudson's invites kids ages 3-14 to audition for an appearance in Fash Bash on Aug. 2 at the Fox Theater, 3-5 p.m. Call for more details.

Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. (810) 443-6000.

MUSICAL REVUE
Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, and the Cowardly Lion down the yellow brick road in a musical salute to The Wizard of Oz. 10:30 a.m. Penney's court area. Kids Club event. New members welcome. Free. Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. (810) 569-6272.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL
Hudson's sponsors tonight's 37th annual fireworks display over the Detroit River. Approximately 10 p.m. Rain date: June 29. Watch over 10,000 pyrotechnic effects choreographed to Big Band sounds. Simulcast on WJR-AM, WYST-FM and WDIV-TV 4. (810) 443-6000.

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counters informally modeled during lunch at The Grand Cafe, noon to 2 p.m.

33316 Grand River, Downtown Farmington. (810) 615-9181.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Esquire columnist John Berendt talks about his best-seller "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," 7:30 p.m. Borders Books, 13 Mile/Southfield, Birmingham. (810) 644-1515.

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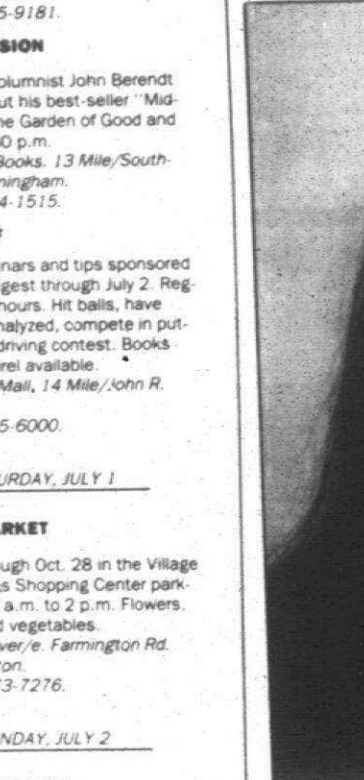
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Marketing Wonderland



Madonna to host teen scholars

One-hundred Michigan teenagers, including three from Observerland, will spend two weeks at Madonna University in July as part of the 1995 Summer Institute.

Students will gather at Madonna July 9-22 and study various subjects, including video production, journalism, Japanese language and culture, molecular genetics and genetic engineering, conflict resolution, sign language, printmaking, photography and freshwater ecology.

The local participants:
 ■ Nicholas Craig of Westland is a producer and host of a public access TV show. The Wayne Memorial High School student will study video production at the

Summer Institute. In school he participates in the marching and symphonic bands and forensics. He is the son of George and Sue Craig and plans to attend a college known for video production and radio.

■ Ixxy Ramirez of Livonia is a student at Churchill High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in student council as class treasurer, the flag corps as captain, band, Students Against Drunk Driving and the French Club as vice president. She will study freshwater ecology at the Summer Institute and pursue a career in medicine or an environmentally-related field. She is the daughter of Ricardo and Alba Ramirez.

■ Kristy Walker of Westland is the daughter of Richard and Sue Ellen Herzberg. She will study journalism at the Summer Institute. She is an honor role student at John Glenn High School and a member of Students Against Drunk Driving and student council. She would like to make a career as a high school English teacher.

Other Wayne County participants are Suzan Beydoun and Sandra Debash of Dearborn Heights, Amber Ackerman, LaSandra Berry, Lakeyta Byrd, Tamisha Finley, Markia Leonard, Donzell Russell, Stacey Sherrill, Corey Thomas, Ebony Thomas, and Christopher Towns of Detroit, Shannin Meador and Susan Oser of Lincoln Park.



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Gas prices won't deter travel — AAA

Higher gas prices will not deter Michiganders from traveling this July Fourth holiday, according to a AAA Michigan survey.

Nearly two million state residents are planning a holiday weekend getaway, up 2 percent from last year.

The mid-June survey of 500 Michigan residents found that while statewide self-serve regular unleaded fuel prices are up nearly 9 cents per gallon from last year at this time, the majority of travelers will still take to the open road. Only 4 percent of those interviewed said higher gas prices would impact their travel plans.

"On a 300-mile trip in a vehicle averaging 21 miles per gallon,

travelers will pay \$1.29 more than last year to fill their tank," said AAA travel director Peter Erickson in a press release. "That's not enough to keep most people home."

Additionally, lodging and meal costs are up only \$5 per day from last year, AAA says, which is not an appreciable enough difference to affect travel plans.

The state's tourism industry may be all smiles when revenue is counted after the holiday weekend because 65 percent of travelers are heading to a destination within Michigan. More than one billion miles are expected to be driven on state roads by residents and out-of-state visitors during

the official holiday period, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, to midnight Tuesday, July 4.

Nearly one million of those traveling in Michigan are headed to destinations in the northwest and northeast Lower Peninsula during the July Fourth weekend, according to AAA.

Summer travel reaches its highest peak during the week of the July Fourth holiday, which means heavy traffic is expected on most main highways throughout Michigan, especially those heading north and west. Because July 4 falls on a Tuesday this year, traffic is expected to be heavy week-ends before and after the holiday. AAA Michigan advises motorists

to get an early start on their trips, observe speed limits, keep safety belts buckled and avoid alcohol.

During last year's July Fourth holiday period, 19 people died in 17 crashes on state roads. That's up from the 1993 holiday, when 14 people died in 11 crashes. Eight of last year's 17 crashes were alcohol-related and only five of the victims were wearing safety belts.

AAA Michigan's Holiday News Service broadcasters will help steer holiday travelers to their destinations on Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, with hourly traffic, safety and tourism bulletins airing on 140 radio stations statewide.

Host a student, get a discount

Nacel Cultural Exchanges has a deal for families who host an exchange student three or four weeks this summer.

Host parents will receive \$200 off a Nacel trip abroad for their teen in 1996 or 1997.

This offer was introduced to encourage fast responses to Nacel's immediate need for host families for French and Spanish teens arriving as early as July 2, said state coordinator Evelyn Prince.

These \$200 discounts may be used toward any Nacel program abroad.

The exchange students, age 13-

18, speak English, have their own spending money and insurance.

Teacher chaperones accompany the teen-agers.

Sixty Spanish students arrive July 2 and 90 French students arrive July 5 for three-, four-, or eight-week visits. Twenty-eight Spanish hosts and 56 French hosts are being sought for these July arrivals, as well as additional hosts for French and Spanish students arriving for four weeks beginning July 31.

For more information, call Prince (810) 626-6641, or the national office of Nacel at (800) 622-3553.

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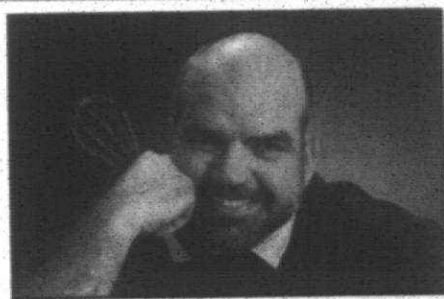
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MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1995

TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Master the art of making fried chicken

I've had more than my share of great culinary experiences. Dining with Julia Child, learning with Guliano Bugialli, sipping wine with Anthony Dias Blue and eating barbecue with Merle Ellis have helped make my job one of the best. But when people ask me what was the one culinary event that was a "turning point" in my culinary career, I'd have to admit it was eating real fried chicken at a shack called Huck's at the Kansas City Farmer's Market. It was fried chicken the likes of which I've never tasted before. With the help of the fast food industry, many of us have lost our taste memory of good fried chicken. Whether it be made for a Sunday supper or a wicker basket picnic in the park, the art of making great fried chicken seems to be associated with a corrugated cardboard bucket.

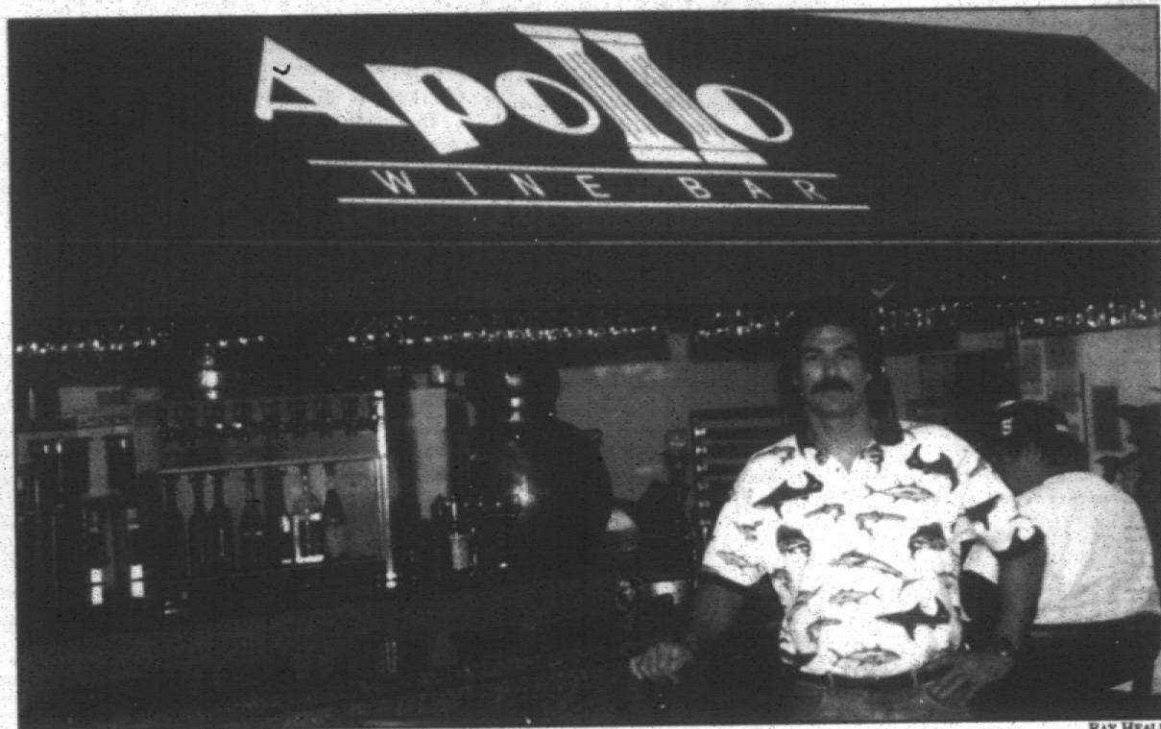
Indulge
First off, let's set aside the notion that all things have to be "dietized." I belong to the Julia Child School of Thought and believe that you can still cook with butter and cream. Not all of us are card carrying members of the Susan Powter "You Can't Eat Fat" fan club. I would never suggest eating fried chicken every day and regale myself as a healthy eater. But how can I make fried chicken like I ate in Kansas City?
The art of making a good fried chicken is a little more involved than cutting up a chicken and opening a package of Shake and Bake. You need a good heavy, cast iron skillet, the right sized chicken and the best oil.
Speaking of oil, remember the old Crisco commercials: "It all comes back but one tablespoon?" It's true! According to food scientist Tina Seeling, author of "Epicurean Laboratory" (Freeman Publishers Copyright 1991) if the water in the food you are frying is kept above the boiling point (212 degrees F), the outward pressure of the escaping water vapor keeps oil from soaking into the food. If the oil is not hot enough, on the other hand, it will seep into the food, making it greasy.

Cooking method
I started out with the biggest cast iron fry pan I could get my hands on, basically because it was large enough to hold 10 pieces of chicken. After the first batch, I found out that the bigger size was a handicap because the perimeter of the pan sat off the burner.
The chicken in the center of the pan was scorched while the chicken on the outside of the pan was greasy. Common sense told me to go for the 12 inch cast iron skillet and it worked like a dream.
A batch of tests done by a leading cooking magazine found that for optimum results, chicken should be soaked in milk, half and half or buttermilk.
For best results, the chicken should be soaked for a minimum of two hours. When it comes to a good all purpose coating for the bird, again, tests by a major food mag found that basically seasoned all purpose flour worked best. When we talk basic, we mean basic. Salt and fresh ground pepper sifted into the all purpose flour was all that touched my chicken. Speaking of salt and pepper, a generous dash of both in the buttermilk bath also worked wonders.

Now for the most healthy news of all. When the Janes Gang tested the fried chicken both skinless and regular, no discernible difference could be found. We all know that chicken skin is just about one of the worst things we can put into our bodies and now, when you make my recipe, you can choose to enjoy it regular or au naturel. I distinctly remember seeing 50 gallon barrels of lard in that Kansas City fried chicken palace and while it might have been the method of the house, most cookbooks agree that basic vegetable shortening offered a consistent mahogany color and was most odor free of all the fats. Again, the secret here is to maintain 350 degrees throughout the cooking process and the only way to accomplish that short of an electric skillet is to use a good thermometer.
Lastly, cover the pan only during the first half of the cooking time.
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:
- Russian River pinot noir is at the head of its class
 - Red, white and blue ribs menu.



Live at the Apollo: Dave Braganini, St. Julian Winery President, at the Apollo in Paw Paw.

St. Julian launches Apollo

BY RAY & ELEANOR HEALD • SPECIAL WRITERS

Apollo Wine Bar and Trattoria is Michigan wine industry's newest innovation. Located in the rural community of Paw Paw, heart of southwest Michigan wine country, Apollo is trendy, stylish and on target with what's light about food, wine and fun. Indeed, it's lively and live at the Apollo.
The brainchild behind Apollo is St. Julian Winery owner and president Dave Braganini. "For some time I've wanted to own a restaurant that would showcase wine and food," he said. "When the project was near completion, I decided to name it after my father, Apollo, the visionary person responsible for the fun I'm having running St. Julian."
Already dedicated last October, it's only since spring that the Apollo is up and clicking. It's rapidly becoming a destination restaurant for western Michigan tourists.
Constructed adjacent to St. Julian Winery's newly-renovated tasting room on Kalamazoo Street in Paw Paw, Apollo is alive indoors, but with an outdoor ambience. A bright blue awning above the wine bar gives it that feel. Bar stools are comfortable and well-spaced. Tables are on a main and second level, accessed by a stairway, as well as on the entranceway patio.
Braganini is a car nut, a collector and a sports fisherman. The Apollo is but one glimpse of the man and his interests. The front end of a hot pink 1950 Cadillac hangs from a wall and catches a diner's eye immediately. As wall artwork, other car memorabilia can be viewed, along with some prized catches from the sea. Giving the distinct impression of a respect for Michigan's wine traditions, additional wall hangings

detail a history of St. Julian winery. And the trattoria food? Bread and pastries are made fresh daily. Chefs Louis Roden, who recently graduated at the top of his class from the Grand Rapids Junior College culinary program, and Steve Kendall in conjunction with their staff serve in-season local products on a menu changing weekly. Prices range from \$3.25 to \$4.95 for sandwiches, \$3 to \$5.25 for pizzas, \$5.95 to \$6.95 for pasta. Pizzas and focaccia range from \$7.45 to \$14.45 for the large 16-inch. Much menu inspiration comes from Braganini's wife, Eva, an accomplished cook.
Within minutes of being seated at lunch, we were presented with an antipasto plate, complete with fruit, salami, pepperoni, pepperoncini and Braganini's favorite asiago cheese. "It's the best all-purpose cheese for wine," he commented.
The focaccia is to die for! Two delicious soups are made daily, one of which always incorporates a St. Julian wine in the recipe. Among the sandwiches is an Italian-style Muffuletta, that is both interesting and tasty. Winemaker Chas Catherman even has his own salad, simply named Chas' Salad with bleu cheese, green peppers, olives, tomato, artichokes, and mushrooms topped off with the restaurant's garlic bleu cheese dressing.
Only St. Julian wines are served by the glass. "Wine by the bottle is

not offered," Braganini explained. "I want people to try more than one of our wines. They can only do that with by-the-glass service." Generous pours range from \$2.50 to \$5. You don't know much about St. Julian wines? A white or red wine sampler (\$3.50) will give you a 1.5-ounce pour of four different white or red wines.
Every Friday about 5:30 p.m., the place gets jumping and it's truly live at the Apollo with a band extending champagne happy hour extending through dinner until 9 p.m. The evening sparkles with the broad spectrum of bubbles produced at St. Julian from Blanc de Blanc through Spumante. And there's St. Julian produced Gunga-Din tapped cider from apples grown in Michigan's magic town Coloma. More beer-like than cider, it will be available in bottles throughout the state in July. Braganini is both proprietor and maitre d' on Saturday evenings.
And for you folks vacationing in the northwest, St. Julian has a new location in Traverse City, a stone's throw from West Bay at 127 E. Front Street sharing facilities with Bananarama. In summer, the facility is open every Friday night for Friday Night Live when Front Street is turned into a pedestrian mall with live entertainment.

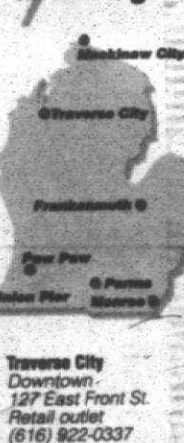
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The Apollo Wine Bar and Trattoria

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St. Julian locations in Michigan



Don't lose your cool, serve turkey salads

Cool salad:
Zesty Grilled Turkey Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette. Grilled turkey tenderloin, crunchy chestnuts, and raspberry vinaigrette all combine to make this entree salad a beautiful summer treat.



BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Keep your cool when everyone asks, "what's for dinner," by serving salads made with turkey, fresh fruits, and vegetables.
From Mexico and the Greek Islands to Brazil and the Caribbean, turkey lends itself to a myriad of herbs and spices, as well as grilling.
"Grilling fresh turkey makes sense," said Rick Chenoweth, director of sales for Shady Brook Farms, the country's third-largest supplier of fresh turkey. "Not only do people eat lighter foods in the summer, they also want to be away from a hot kitchen."
If it's too hot to cook, use fully-cooked, oven-roasted turkey breast to make a salad. Turkey Salad with Poppy Seed Balsamic Vinaigrette, a recipe from the National Turkey Federation, is a quick, easy salad to take to picnics, or enjoy at home. Pineapple juice and Dijon-style mustard create the perfect balance of sweet and tangy flavors to complement this festive salad.
Spicy Grilled Turkey Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette is a great way to bring out the best in

NATIONAL TURKEY FEDERATION

See TURKEY, 2B

Finger-licking good chicken, cobbler Turkey

from page 1B

See Chef Larry James' Taste buds column on Taste front.

BUTTERMILK FRIED CHICKEN

1 whole chicken (2 1/2-3 pounds) — cut into 9 or 10 pieces
1 1/4 cups buttermilk
Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
2 cups all purpose flour
3 cups vegetable shortening for frying

Place chicken pieces in a gallon size resealable bag. Mix buttermilk with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Pour mixture over the chicken, seal bag and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 24 hours.

Measure flour and mix with 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Shake well in a medium brown paper bag. Set aside. Remove chicken from buttermilk mixture.

Drop chicken into the bag and shake thoroughly to coat with flour mixture. Shake off excess flour from each piece.

Place coated chicken pieces on a large wire rack set over a baking

dish until ready to fry. Repeat with remaining chicken pieces.

Meanwhile, spoon as much shortening to measure 1/2-inch deep into a 12-inch heavy flat bottomed skillet. Heat to 350 degrees. Place chicken pieces, skin side down into hot oil; cover with a lid or cookie sheet and cook for 5 minutes. Lift chicken pieces with tongs to make sure chicken is frying evenly. Rearrange if some pieces are browning faster than others.

Cover again and continue cooking until all pieces are browned, about 5 minutes longer. Oil should never fall below 275 degrees for best results.

Turn chicken over again with tongs and continue cooking, uncovered for 10-12 minutes. Chicken juices should run clear when pierced with a fork.

Remove chicken from skillet with tongs and return to wire rack set over a baking pan to drain. Serves 4.

Assistance for this story and the recipe from "Cook's Illustrated," May/June, 1994.

What could be better with fried chicken than a homemade peach cobbler? Try this recipe from Mom

ma's secret files.

PEACH COBBLER

2 pounds firm, ripe peaches, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch wedges
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup sliced almonds (optional)

2 tablespoons butter
Buttermilk biscuit dough (see recipe below)

In a medium bowl, combine the peaches and sugar. Stir gently to mix. Let peaches macerate for 3-4 hours.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Drain the peaches, reserving the juice. Set aside 1/4 cup of the juice. Boil remaining juice over medium heat for 5 minutes or until reduced to about 1/4 cup.

Add the flour to the reserved 1/4 cup juice and stir until blended and smooth. Stir this mixture into the boiled juice mixture and boil, stirring for 1-2 minutes or until thickened and smooth. Add this thickened syrup to the peaches and stir gently to mix. Pour the fruit and syrup into a shallow 2 1/2 quart ceramic baking dish.

Sprinkle with sliced almonds. Bake the biscuit dough as directed. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto the fruit. Leave a 1 inch border around the edges. Do not spread the dough or press into the fruit, it will expand.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until the juices are bubbling and the biscuit crust is golden brown. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 6.

BUTTERMILK BISCUIT DOUGH

1 1/4 cups flour
1 1/4 tablespoons sugar
1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons cold butter
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons buttermilk

Sift together the dry ingredients. Cut butter into dry ingredients until dough resembles coarse meal. Add 1/2 cup buttermilk and stir briefly until blended. Working dough as little as possible, add remaining buttermilk, if needed. Dough should be soft and drop from a spoon.

Makes enough for about 12 biscuits or to cover a cobbler that serves 6.

Blast off into summer with 'Apollo' recipes

See related story on Taste front.

SPINACH FLORENTINE SOUP

2 tablespoons butter
2 quarts heavy whipping cream
2 quarts water or skim milk
1 tablespoon fresh garlic, minced
1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
30 ounces fresh spinach, washed and deribbed
2 cups fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup St. Julian Great White or Chardonnay
1/4 cup St. Julian Cream Sherry

Saute spinach, onion, mushrooms and garlic until vegetables are soft. Add wine, sherry, basil, salt and pepper. Simmer for 30 minutes. Slowly add cream and skim milk (or water). Simmer for 45 minutes.

If necessary, thicken with a roux prepared by incorporating one

tablespoon of butter and one table spoon of white flour. Serves 8.

PENNE PUTTANESCA

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
1 (16-ounce) can diced tomatoes, pureed in food processor
4 anchovy filets, coarsely chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
6 Kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
1 tablespoon drained capers
Grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

Saute onion, garlic and pepper flakes in olive oil until onion is softened. Add tomatoes and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients. Serve over cooked penne pasta. Top with grated cheese. Serves 6.

Recipes from Apollo Wine Bar and Trattoria.

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State fair too good to move elsewhere — Hertel

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Kicking the Michigan State Fair out of Detroit would be worse than kicking out the Tigers and almost as bad as kicking out the Auto Show, said John Hertel.

"It makes no sense to move," said Hertel, State Fair manager since 1994, replying to Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's suggestion that the land at Eight Mile and Woodward be redeveloped as an industrial park.

"We bring in two million people a year to this city. That's second to the Auto Show. In a good year, the Tigers bring in one million — and that's in a good year."

"We're within one mile of the point where Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties come together. They have half the population of Michigan. SEMCOG tells us we're within 45 minutes driving time of five million people."

"If you've got something good going for you, you don't throw it out."

Hertel is a former Wayne County commissioner, former state senator, now a Macomb County commissioner, sometime professor at Lawrence Tech University and a Democrat who's on excellent terms with his boss, Republican Gov. John Engler.

Archer put Hertel on the defensive with a suggestion to Engler that the State Fair be redeveloped

for business. Engler formed a task force to consider the idea, with Hertel as a member, and gave it 45 days to report back.

"It's not the governor pulling the rug out. It's Archer," Hertel said. "It's particularly unfortunate that the mayor would bring it up now. It has done damage with the sponsors."

Last year's sponsors — Ford, General Motors, Budweiser, Blue Cross — are remaining faithful, but negotiations with new sponsors were hurt by Archer's proposal, made in conjunction with the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce's convention for state officials on Mackinac Island.

The best defense being a good offense, Hertel on June 15 staged a news conference with horse-drawn coaches from Northville, a free public relations assist from the Berlino Group, food and token presents to sell his message: The State Fair is best off in Detroit.

Hertel's reasons: "We swayed public opinion last year when we doubled attendance (to 350,000). That's paid attendance — no smoke and mirrors. "We had 15 years without any



John Hertel
State fair manager

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capital investment. I had no capital money. But we got donations and completely restored the buildings. We restored the buildings and the reputations and doubled attendance.

"For the agriculture industry, this is their 'auto show.' It's where city people meet to show off their industrial stuff and rural people come to show their produce and livestock."

He was unable to say how much private money Ford, GM and this year Chrysler had put into exhibits and sponsored events, but Hertel argued "it would take a minimum of \$50 million to replace it. You'd have to question where the money would come

from to replace it.

"I was born and raised in Detroit, went to Detroit public schools and Wayne State University. I've watched all the negative headlines about Detroit. Imagine the headlines: 'Oldest State Fair leaves Detroit.' This state fair started in 1849. The Smithsonian recognizes us."

The State Fair, currently under the Department of Commerce, has \$4 million in state funds yearly. Hertel said the fair spent \$6 million, leaving a deficit of \$2 million — about the same as the last half-dozen years. While state fairs operate as a service, not as an enterprise fund, Hertel said this year he has a shot at breaking

even.

"It's family values. A family of five can come here for \$25 (\$7 for each adult, \$2 for kids, \$5 to park). They can bring a picnic lunch and go to a concert. I'll stack up our entertainment against Pine Knob and the Fox," he said, reeling off a list of country and rock entertainers and promising a major new act announcement in mid-July.

"We don't have freak shows any more. We've reduced the carney (carnival) part." The fair emphasizes good entertainment, contests (from spaghetti eating to egg toss), traditional agricultural and auto exhibits, and home economics exhibits.

This year, the State Fair will run 14 days instead of the previous 12. Newest feature: the Ejection Seat, a bungee jump affair that tosses two riders 120 feet upward at 70 miles an hour.

Detroit has plenty of other vacant land for industrial parks with plenty of infrastructure, and no need to kick out the State Fair, he said.

"The Farm Bureau has their convention here. The agriculture people want it here. Other state fairs are near population centers — Dallas (Texas), Minneapolis-

St. Paul (Minn.), Milwaukee (Wis.), Indianapolis (Ind.).

"We run all year-round. Most weekends we have something going on here," Hertel said, pointing to the 5,800 Coliseum and listing:

- Shrine Circus — for 80 straight years.
- Motorcycle Swap Meet.
- Auto Swap Meet.
- Dog shows — Livingston Kennel Club, Oakland Kennel Club, Pontiac Kennel Club, Humane Society Mutt Show, Livonia Kennel Club, Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Saginaw Dog Show, pet shows.
- Detroit schools math-science fair.
- Rollerblading contests.
- Michigan Horse Show, rodeos, Arabian Horse Association, All-Morgan Horse Show, invitational draft horse show. (Hertel himself raises livestock on a Macomb farm.)
- Auctions, fashion and antique shows.

Hertel said he has discussed use of the Fairgrounds by auto racing and soccer interests.

Casino gambling?

"Never. I wouldn't even talk to them. Family values," said Hertel.

Learning center ready for students

Madonna University's Learning Center is accepting applications for enrollment in the fall term, which runs Sept. 18 to Dec. 7.

Deadline for application is July 31.

The tutorial sessions are designed for pupils in grades 1-12 who have trouble reading. Individual or group sessions, consist-

ing of two pupils, are available.

Participants meet weekly on whatever day is most convenient: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, or 4:25-5:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Costs include a \$20 registration fee, an \$85 assessment fee and \$168 for group sessions, or \$204 for individual sessions. Call (313) 591-5180.

Detroit Zoo adds cheetahs to exhibits

For the first time in 15 years, three cheetahs, thought to be the fastest runners of all land mammals, are on exhibit at the Detroit Zoo.

The cheetah siblings, one male named Tombu and two females named Taubu and Duma, will be 2 years old in October but have already attained their adult size.

They were born at the Fossil Rim Wildlife Conservation Center in Glen Rose, Texas.

The cheetah exhibit is the former zebra yard, which has been completely renovated.

Cheetahs are a highly endangered species known for their

spotted coats, small heads, tear-drop marking under each eye and sprinting speeds of 70 miles per hour.

Funding for the exhibit was made possible by the Detroit Zoological Society.

DZS family memberships begin at \$50 and individual memberships cost \$35.

Benefits include unlimited free admission to the Detroit Zoo, Belle Isle Zoo and Aquarium for one full year, free admission to 100 zoos nationwide, free parking, invitations to members-only events, and special discounts.

S'craft scholarship applications sought

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is taking scholarship applications through Friday, July 21, for the 1995-96 academic year.

Most of the scholarships require the recipient to be a full-time student with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. College transcripts and a 150-200

word essay must accompany each application.

Scholarships are available for students of Irish descent, students with financial difficulty,

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CLAIMS NOTICE

Independent Probate

Estate of HELEN B. WILSON, Deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 3415 Conestoga, Farmington, MI 48121, (Social Security Number 364-65-7728, Date of death December 29, 1994. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, EDWIN J. KEMASIAN, 6217 Sherrillwood, Detroit, Michigan 48230 or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, 1380 City-County Building, 5 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Attorney for Estate: ROCK & BORGELT, P.C., Robert C. Hall (P-54480), 34580 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Telephone: (313) 574-0964.

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ROCK & BORGELT, P.C. BY: ROBERT C. HALL, 34580 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, File No. 95-546, 286-28.

Estate of ARVID G. SELB, Deceased, Social Security No. 375-46-2545.

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Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

1. The decedent, whose last known address was 6029 Warwick, Detroit, MI 48226, died December 6, 1994.

2. An instrument dated May 13, 1993 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

3. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Suzanne M. Carney, 8045 Artesian, Detroit, Michigan 48226, or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, 1380 City-County Building, 5 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

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Attorney for Petitioner: Rock & Borgelt, P.C., by Robert C. Hall, P-54480, 34580 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Telephone No. (313) 574-0964.

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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

Top golfers

The second event of the Power-Bilt Michigan Junior Tour featured several local golfers among its top finishers Tuesday at Forest Akers Golf Club in East Lansing.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Westland's Jason DeGrande finished in a three-way tie for first with Josh Heiple of Sturgis and Chris Baker of Ann Arbor, each shooting a 75. Heiple won in a playoff; DeGrande placed second.

In the girls 16-and-over division, Katie Collins of Plymouth took eighth with a 94.

In the boys 14-15 division, Jeff Lear of Plymouth was ninth with an 88 and Greg Berger of Livonia ended 10th with an 89. And in the boys 13-and-under division, Westland's Evan Chall was 10th with a 95.

For the second consecutive week, Plymouth's Dolly Vettese collected second flight top honors in the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association's weekly tournament, this one hosted by Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights Wednesday.

Vettese's 86 provided her with an eight-stroke victory. The previous Friday, Vettese won at Pine View Golf Course with a 91.

Dunk the Devils?

Well, the idea is a good one, but perhaps it comes a bit too late.

The Canton Waterbed Gallery store, located at 41915 Ford, will have a dunk tank in front of its showroom in an effort to rally support for Detroit's beleaguered Red Wings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

The public can take a shot at dunking someone (perhaps a local celebrity?) dressed in a New Jersey Devils' uniform into the tank, which will of course be filled with octopi. The cost is \$1 for three throws; for every dunk, the person's name will be entered into a drawing for a futon valued at \$400.

All proceeds will be donated to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. Free refreshments and balloons will also be given away.

Unfortunately, Stanley Cup hopes for the Red Wings were extremely thin as of this writing (Friday), with the Detroiters trailing the Devils 3-0 in their best-of-seven series. Indeed, Saturday night's game may have ended the season.

Softball leagues

The Canton Softball Center has openings for men's, women's and coed teams. The 14-game season begins July 5.

There are no residency requirements. Team registration fee is \$495 (plus a \$50 refundable forfeit fee and umpire fees).

The Canton Softball Center also hosts USSSA tournaments each weekend (through October).

For more information on leagues and tournaments, call (313) 483-5600, Ext. 102.

Soccer tryouts

The Canton Soccer Club Cosmos will hold under-19 girls Little Caesars League (summer/fall season) tryouts at 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Canton High School, Joy and Canton Center roads. For more information, call Gary Pelier at (313) 454-6553.

The Plymouth Soccer Club will hold under-13 select boys tryouts, 6 p.m. Monday, June 26, at Heritage A Field in Plymouth. You must bring a white shirt that can be numbered. For more information, call 455-8686.

The Canton Soccer Club's under-14 boys premier division team will have a tryout 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Heritage Park's field No. 2. Call Gary Cifaldi at 459-3757 for details.

Coaches needed

Livonia Ladywood HS is in need of coaches in several sports for the 1995-96 school year.

At the varsity level, the Blazers need a head tennis coach. They are also in need of two assistant swim coaches, two assistant track coaches and an assistant cross country coach.

For more information, call athletic director Sal Malek at (313) 591-2323. Resumes may be sent to Malek at Ladywood HS, 14680 Newburgh, Livonia, Mich. 48154.

Rockers exhibition

The Detroit Rockers will play their first outdoor exhibition game against a team of Michigan Select all-star players beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at Clarenceville High School, off Middlebelt between Seven Mile and Eight Mile in Livonia.

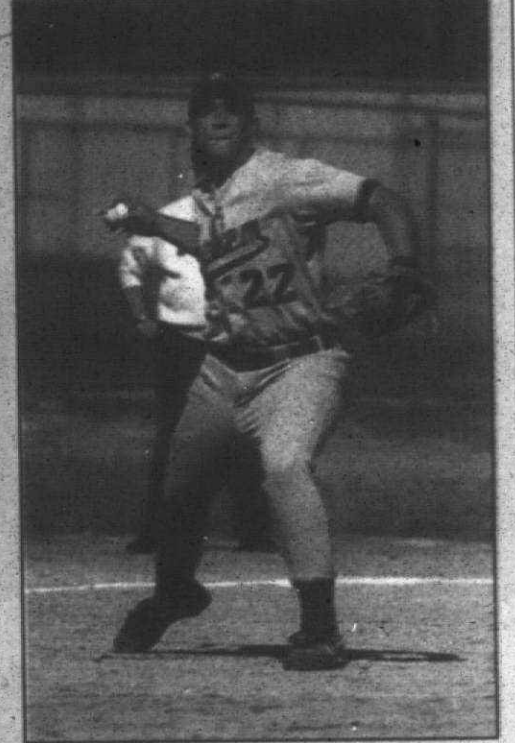
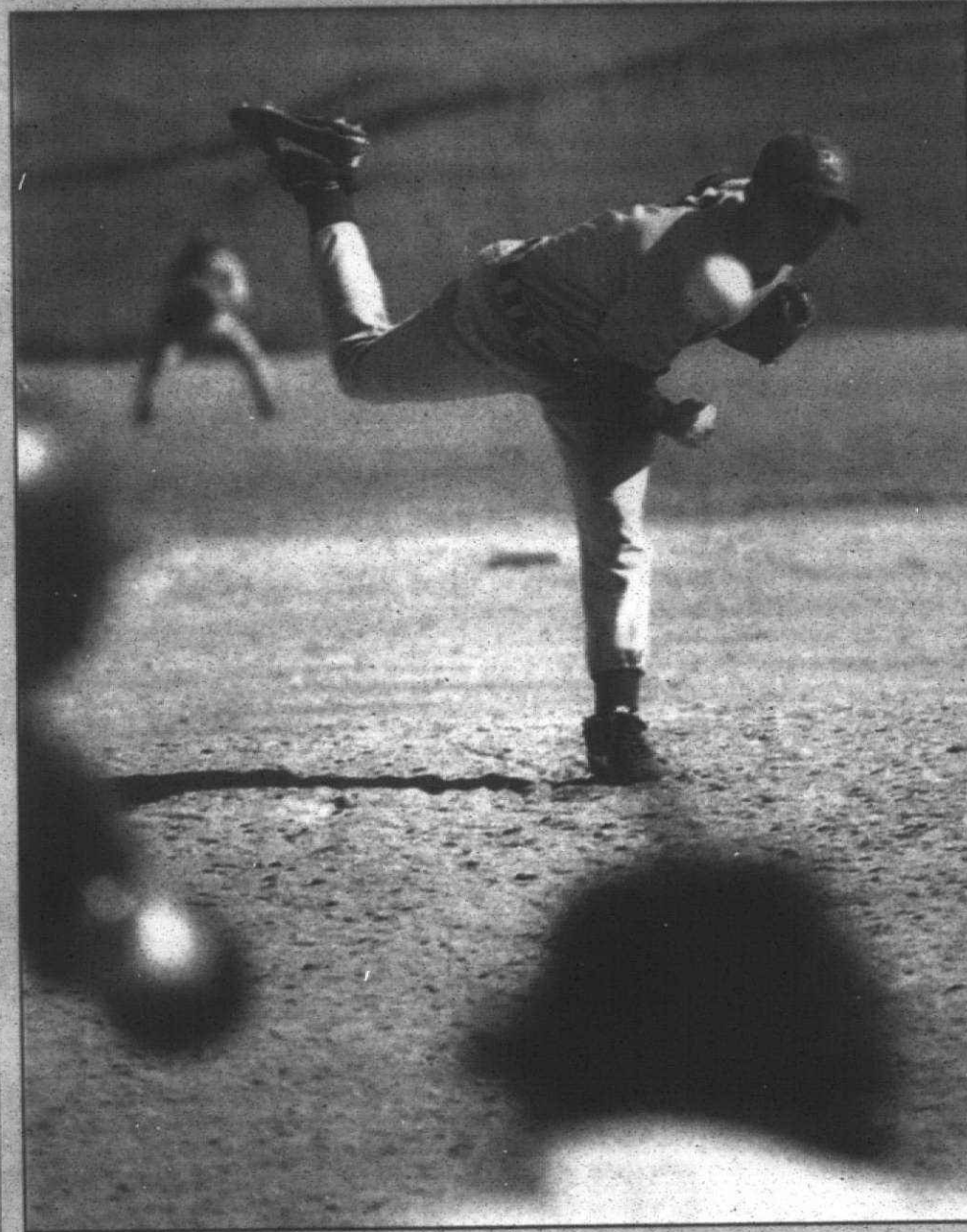
All Wolverine 16 Tournament participants will receive free tickets to the game. General admission tickets are \$5 per person.

Rockers scheduled to play include former prep standouts Lars Richters and Dominic Scicluna, along with Pato Margetic, All-National Professional Soccer League goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty and Doug Landefeld.

For more information, call the Rockers office at (313) 396-7070.

Head of the class

Observer's best has a bit of everything



Top stars: Salem reached the Class A state quarterfinals behind the pitching of Justin Marcis (left) and the hitting of Brad Lear (above). Marcis was Salem's male athlete of the year and the team's top hurler; Lear was named the Rocks' offensive player of the year.

FILE PHOTO

Some big guns are part of this year's all-Observer baseball team, and both Salem and Canton are represented — which, considering those chosen to the team, is saying something. Also, Salem coach Dale Rumberger made his first year a memorable one: He's our coach of the year.



BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

One of the most impressive things about this year's All-Observer baseball team is its balance.

There is an abundance of pitching, infielders and outfielders. There is even a catcher on the first team, which is worth mentioning since there was no signal caller on last year's first team.

Team-wise, Redford Catholic Central reached the semifinals of the Class A tournament before losing to Rochester Adams, 19-9. The Shamrocks advanced to the Final Four after defeating Plymouth Salem in the

quarterfinal, 8-3.

Salem's first-year coach Dale Rumberger is the Coach of the Year, leading the Rocks to a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association and district and regional championships. The district title was Salem's seventh in nine years and third in a row; the Rocks finished with a 25-8 record.

Introducing the first team, as selected by the Observer sports staff:

ALL-OBSERVER TEAM

Brian Berryman, senior, Redford Union: Berryman, a right-handed pitcher/center fielder, is a repeat selection on the first team. He

leaves RU as the career leader in innings pitched (239 1/3), wins (26), strikeouts (374) and earned run average (1.43).

This year, he finished 10-3 with a 1.27 ERA, 130 strikeouts and 39 walks in 82 1/3 innings. He batted .309 with a team-high 22 RBI, four home runs and 15 runs scored. Berryman, who will attend the University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship, will play in today's Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Tiger Stadium.

"Brian's been consistent throughout these three years. We've counted on him to pitch, and give a good performance every time out," said RU coach Rick Berryman, who is Brian's father. "People ask me all the time, 'Will you miss coaching Brian?' and I say, 'No I won't, there's a time for him to move on and have someone else coach him.' I just want to watch as a dad. I'm extremely content with that."

Jake Lawson, senior, Harrison: The right-handed pitcher was a major reason the Hawks won Western Lakes and district titles. He threw a no-hitter and a one-hitter against Plymouth Salem in the WLA championship game.

The Oakland University recruit and all-region player was 9-3 with a 1.20 ERA. He posted 99 strikeouts and 48 walks in 69 1/3 innings. Opponents had just 32 hits and 12 earned runs. Lawson also swung a mean bat, hitting

.347 with 18 RBI. He had four doubles and three home runs, and he scored 23 runs.

"Jake pitched all of our big games, and his finest performance was when we beat Salem 2-1," coach John Hemington said. "He's one of the top three or four pitchers we've ever had."

Justin Marcis, senior, Salem: In two seasons on Plymouth Salem's varsity, Marcis lost two games.

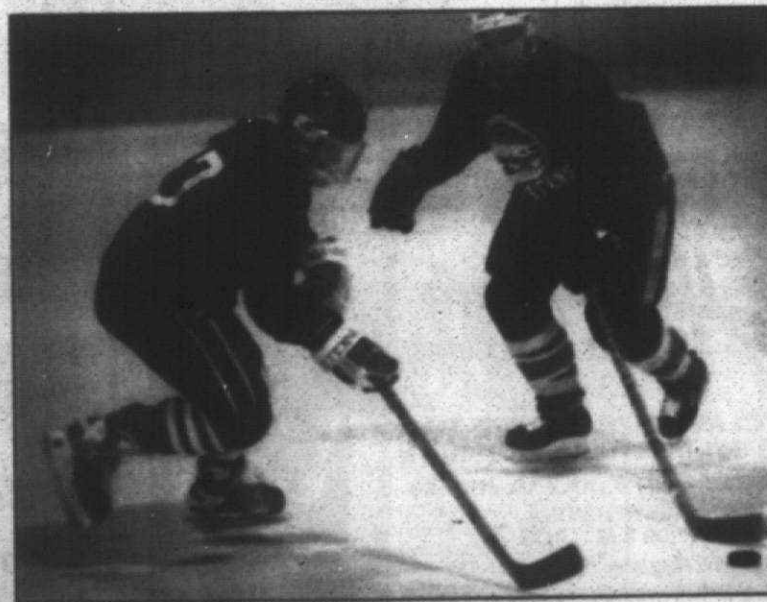
That pretty much says it all for this rather small (he's a thin 5-foot-8) team leader. As his coach, Dale Rumberger, put it: "Justin is a great example of 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.'"

This past season, Marcis posted a 9-2 record with a 1.47 earned run average. In 71 1/3 innings, he gave up 60 hits but just 13 walks, striking out 80. For his career, Marcis was 17-2 with a 1.89 ERA. Late last week, he was named to play in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star game today at 11 a.m. at Tiger Stadium.

He was Salem's male athlete of the year, the Rocks' pitcher of the year and MVP, and was chosen all-Western Lakes Activities Association, all-district and all-region for a team that finished 25-8 overall and first in the Lakes Division at 9-1.

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Talent flows through summer hockey



FILE PHOTO

Key goal: Andrew Perry (blue jersey), from Livonia, scored the first goal for the Lakers in last year's MSHL final.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps if the Red Wings had paid some attention to last year's Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs they would not have suffered the fate they did in the Stanley Cup finals.

True, it's not exactly fair to bury the Red Wings alone under an avalanche of criticism after they lost in the playoffs to a supposedly lesser team (like the Devils). After all, the same thing happens every year, in every league.

That's just what occurred in the MSHL playoffs last summer. The Lakers went through the regular season with the worst record in the eight-team league, but since everyone makes the playoffs, they were still in.

Two games later, their season remained alive. And when they nipped the regular-season champion Broncoas 5-4 in overtime in the championship game, the Lakers found themselves on top.

That's the kind of finish that makes summer hockey so fun. And it's all under way once again; the

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Here is a listing of the Observerand players in the Metro Summer Hockey League, team by team:

Lakers: Ken Ingle (Plymouth), Brad Dicks (Livonia), Jason Weiler (Livonia), Colin Baxter (Livonia), Kyle McNeelance (Livonia).

Wildcats: Dave and Denny Elerich (both Livonia), Josh and Jake Wiegand (both Plymouth).

Spartans: Wes Blevins (Westland), Tad Patterson (Canton), Brady Priest (Livonia), Vic and Paolo DeCina (Canton), Matt Capelli (Canton).

Bulldogs: Stephen Tratechoud (Farmington Hills), Daryl Schimmelplanning (Canton), Justin Young (Westland), Jack McCoy (Livonia), John Brodun (Livonia), Bryan Calais (Livonia), Dominic Castanzarite (Livonia), Todd Kesler (Livonia), Edward Kuschka (Livonia), Darren Burton (Garden City).

Brewers: Dave Weaver (Plymouth), Scott Golenia (Westland), Switkowski (Canton), Rocky Harmon (Canton).

Wolverines: Jim Neash (Plymouth), Kevin Berger (Livonia), Dave Bavel (Canton), Michael McPherson (Canton).

Headless: Kevin Brady (Livonia), Jason Janhvit (Livonia), Ryan Schmidt (Livonia), Andrew Perry (Livonia), Jason and Justin Weber (Livonia), Brian Helias (Canton), Kevin Swope (Garden City).

Falcons: Jesse, Jim and Jason Hubenschmidt (Redford), Brian Hann (Redford), Tony Guzzo (Plymouth), Dan Hunt (Livonia), Mike Kneiding (Livonia), Paul Schloss (Livonia).

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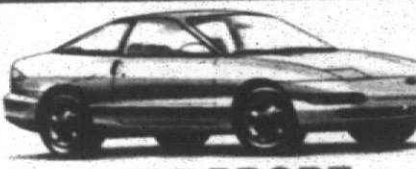
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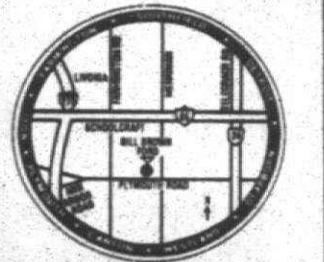
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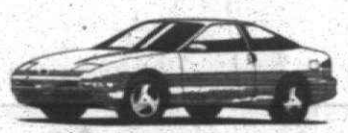
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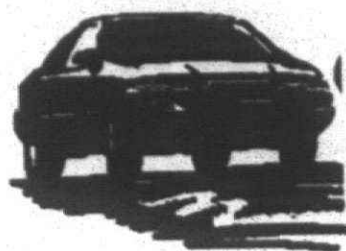
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Chevrolet dealers also have embraced the Geo line of specialty vehicles because they've sold well.

Since Geo's introduction in 1989 as 1990 models, only the Prizm has enjoyed a redesign. This year, it's the Metro's turn at new sheet metal and refinements.

The Metro is now only available in the two-door coupe and four-door sedan. Until this year, when it was supplanted by the Honda Civic, the Metro was the automobile industry's fuel economy leader. It's still there in the top five and rates as Chevrolet's lowest-priced model.

The 1995 Metro is



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longer, wider and taller than last year's model, which allows premium interior front head room and a 3-inch increase in rear leg room. Safety features have been increased, including standard dual air bags, daytime running lamps rear-door child safety locks and optional anti-lock brakes.

There's a new 1.3-liter 70-horsepower fuel inject-

ed four-cylinder engine standard in the sedan. The coupe is powered by a 1.0-liter 55-horsepower three-cylinder engine. Both can be mated to a four-speed automatic transmission.

Interior refinements include a soft four-spoke steering wheel, a new instrument panel, improved interior seat fabrics, headliner, carpeting and folding rear seat-back. There's also a new console with cupholders and storage tray and door storage bins.

The Metro is manufactured by CAMI Automotive Inc. in Ingersoll, Ont., Canada, as part of a joint venture between Chevrolet and

Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.

The Prizm enjoyed a redesign in 1994 and was introduced at Detroit's North American International Auto Show last January. Production of the 1995 Prizm began in August.

For 1995, the Prizm has new seat and door trim fabrics with Scotchgard protectant, an optional leather package and four new colors (diamond blue metallic, misty teal metallic, tropical green mica and twilight purple mica).

The Prizm's struts have been recalibrated to provide a smoother ride and there's an optional full wheel cover available. There are two engines available on Prizm: A

standard 1.6-liter DOHC four-cylinder rated at 105 horsepower and an optional 1.8-liter DOHC four-cylinder with 115 horsepower.

The Prizm is the result of a GM-Toyota joint venture in Fremont, Calif., and is built by New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI). It's the sister car to the Toyota Corolla.

The Tracker has three models available for 1995, including a two-wheel-drive convertible, a four-wheel-drive convertible and a four-wheel-drive hardtop. The convertible models feature a new, easier-opening tone. The front half can be folded back like a sunroof or the entire top comes down for open-air driving. This year, the convertible tops can be ordered with color-keyed tops and wheels.

The Tracker's equipped with a 1.6-liter SOHC four-cylinder that delivers 80 horsepower — and when equipped with a special tow package can haul a JetSki. The four-wheel-drive model has a standard 1.6-liter SOHC four-cylinder that provides 95 horsepower.

Standard safety features like rear-wheel anti-lock brakes are a must for safety-minded drivers. The standard console now has dual cupholders and storage space for small personal items.

The Tracker is built via a joint venture with Suzuki and is assembled at CAMMI. It's the Suzuki Sidekick's sister.

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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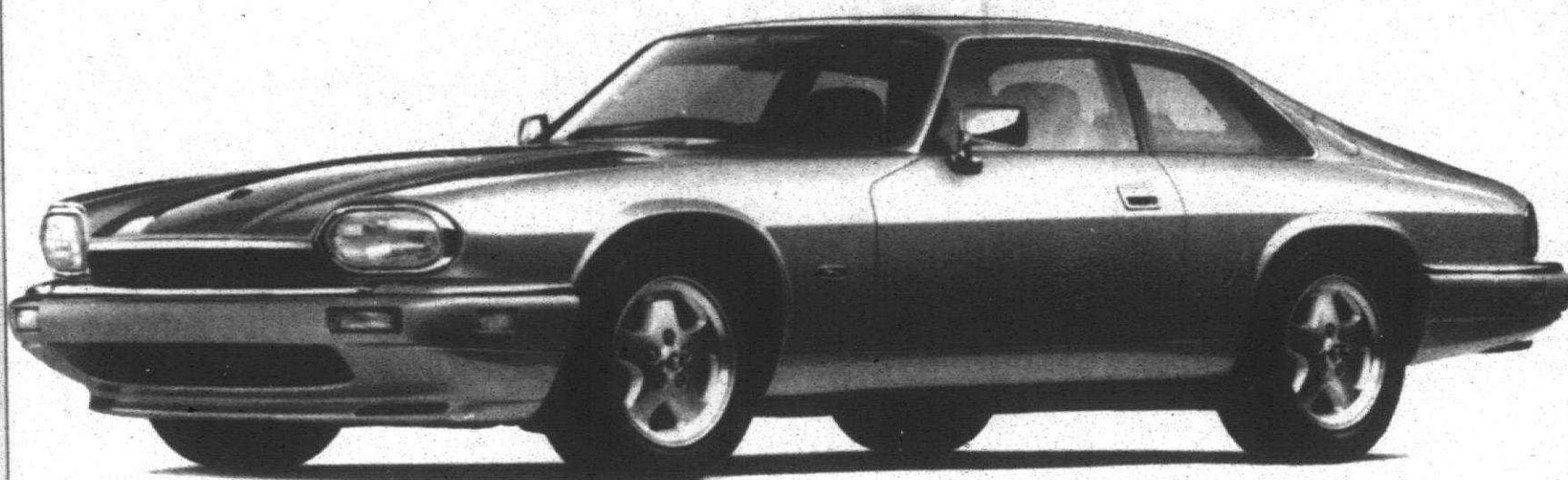
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