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Vacation bid

While others are bidding for an elected seat this time of year, you have a chance to bid on a vacation for a good cause.

The Canton Goodfellows are taking bids on a three-day getaway at Pinstead Reef Resort in Traverse City for Saturday through Monday, Dec. 7-9, 1996. Bids will be accepted until Nov. 20 and the trip will go to the highest bidder. All money raised will go to the 75 Canton families served by the Goodfellows at Christmas. Submit your name, address, city/state/ZIP, phone number and bid amount to: Canton Goodfellows, c/o 42764 Woodbridge, Canton, Mich. 48188-1173.

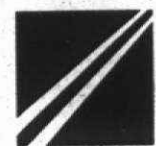
New owners

Pat and George Bakopoulos of Canton are the new owners of Premier Travel Service, located between Lilley and Haggerty at 42142 Ford Road. The couple has traveled the world and they hope their experiences help their clients make travel plans. Their manager is Ruth Bradshaw, an experienced travel agent, while Monica Arrowsmith is working with corporate clients. Premier Travel can be reached at (313) 844-1111.

Talking windows

You can now window shop for a home in Canton without being bothered. Century 21-Gastelli & Lucas in the Kennedy Plaza has a new program called "Window Talk," in which prospective home buyers can visit the business 24 hours a day and get information about homes listed in the area. Information about mortgage lenders, inspection companies and other related businesses will also be available. For more information, call them at (313) 453-4300. Kennedy Plaza is at Ford and Canton Center roads.

Parents drive road legislation



Parents along a stretch of Morton Taylor are pushing hard for state legislation which would give area school districts a bigger say in speed limits along student walking routes.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Time is ticking for a group of Morton Taylor residents who, in an effort to get a bill passed in Lansing, have been gathering signatures and sending letters before the end of the legislative session.

The proposed bill would give school districts a bigger say in speed limits along routes students walk to

school.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, must be passed this session or residents must start all over again when a new House of Representatives convenes in January. The bill is now in the House transportation committee.

"We're pushing for it to come out of committee and get on the House

floor," said resident Kristy Engle. "Otherwise we'll have to start from scratch."

The legislation wouldn't affect the residential strip along Morton Taylor, between Ford and Saltz, where 24-year-old bicyclist Jeffrey Franken was killed Sept. 9, but it would affect another stretch of Morton Taylor from Joy to Warren. The speed limit in both areas is 40 mph.

Since August of 1995 residents living near the northern section of Morton Taylor have attempted to enhance the safety of students walking to nearby Hulsing Elementary School. Students cross Morton Taylor at Candlewood Street from the

Mayfair Village subdivision and at Arlington from the Windsor Park subdivision.

Attempts to get a light installed at Arlington by the Wayne County Road Department failed. However, the township and school district chipped in to buy a speed trailer in hopes of reducing the traffic speeds. Yellow striping also was painted on the street with the words "school" to warn motorists.

For the past 15 months residents have patiently watched the state Capitol in anticipation of the bill becoming law. Time is running out,

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Haunted greetings



Holiday change: Patrick Sullivan is a normal Jaycee by day. Come night and he's transformed, working the graveyard in the Jaycee's Haunted House in the "haunted warehouse" behind the Plymouth Landing, 340 N. Main St., downtown Plymouth. Hours are 7:30-11 p.m. through Thursday. Admission is \$5 per person. Also, see what's going on at area malls for trick or treaters on the Malls & Mainstreets page, A10.

STAFF PHOTO BY BOB BRESLER

Man pleads in 'shaken baby' case

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Jerry R. Mitchell, 35, of Canton pleaded guilty last Monday before Recorder's Court Judge Robert Evans to a reduced charge of 2-year-old Becca Meloche, the daughter of his reported girlfriend.

Mitchell was set to go to trial the same day on a charge of second degree murder in the "shaken baby" case.

The guilty plea came after prosecutors agreed to drop two separate counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct for the alleged assault of two girls under the age of 13, said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor David McClory.

The cases were pending before Recorder's Court Judge Michael Callahan.

"In shaken baby-type cases it's hard to prove intent to kill, usually it ends up in a jury finding them guilty of manslaughter anyway. This spares the family the emotions of going through a trial," said McClory.

A jury would have had the choice of second-degree murder, manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter if the case had gone to trial, according to court records.

Mitchell is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 11 by Judge Evans. He will likely serve five to 10 years in jail for the crime, which has a maximum penalty of 15 years, said McClory. Mitchell is scheduled to undergo a psychological evaluation before sentencing, he said.

The toddler died in December of 1994. Canton Police were told the girl received the head injuries when she fell in the bathtub at the West Point Mobile Home Park on Haggerty Road near Michigan Avenue. Mitchell was baby-sitting the girl at his mother's mobile home. The girl died 10 days after being put on life support at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Meloche

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Fisher murder case drags on

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

The fourth murder trial of Dr. Charles Fisher, formerly of Canton, will be delayed because Fisher has fired his court-appointed attorney.

The trial was to have begun Nov. 4 in the courtroom of Wayne Circuit Judge Cynthia Stephens.

The case, believed by some to be the most protracted and expensive in Michigan history, will now be scheduled sometime in early 1997.

Fisher, a former microbiologist, is charged in the 1984 asphyxiation death of his wife, Ella Maria Mercado Fisher in their Canton home.

Fisher decided he didn't want to

be represented by Dawn Ison, who has her own practice in Detroit. His request for a new attorney was granted by Stephens Monday.

"They're being careful so that there isn't any grounds for another damned appeal," said Canton Detective William Keppen, who with Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Hood has been contacting dozens of witnesses all over the U.S. and overseas. "It's a ridiculous situation."

Detroit attorney Paul Curtis represented Fisher in his third trial, which ended last spring with a dead jury. Jurors were unable to decide whether Fisher was guilty of first- or

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second-degree murder.

Mercado Fisher, a nurse, was suffocated with duct tape in the living room of the couple's home on Thornwood near Warren and Napier.

Fisher was found guilty of first-degree murder by two juries. The first trial was ruled "in error" because of a comment made by a prosecutor.

In late 1991, the state Supreme Court reversed a second conviction, ruling that a diary kept by Mercado

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Avis Waldecker

STAFF PHOTO BY BOB BRESLER

Retired teacher recalls sweet, but sad stories of old Canton

BY VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Avis Waldecker has a closer association than most with the area's one-room schools.

She attended Bartlett as a child, sent her daughters to Hanford, and taught at Palmer, Canton Center, and Cherry Hill. Waldecker took her first teaching position right out of high school; her only preparation was the six week course she took during the summer.

Decades before computers, she used a hectograph to make student handouts. The device involved a cumbersome, messy process.

"It was a wooden frame filled with a (stiff, heavy) gelatin substance. You used a special pencil to write on it and placed the papers on it face down. Only about a dozen readable copies could be made before the ink sank down into the gelatin. It had to dry overnight before it could be used again."

Her stories of home life blend the sweet with the sad. Waldecker's honesty makes the past more accessible and brings valuable balance to the collection of oral histories. While neighbors found many opportunities to socialize, the farm could be a

lonely place as well, especially for a child.

Moves from Ypsilanti

Waldecker had moved to Canton from Ypsilanti in 1912 with her parents, John and Avis Blackmore. She was eight years old when they made the journey by bobbed. "I remember that we were down in a deep box in a nest of hay, not being able to look up over the sides, just seeing snow banks long the road."

Descriptions of the lack of central heating in the farmhouse gives nostalgia another healthy dose of reality. "I remember how cold the house was — on winter mornings getting up and finding the nailheads in the wood covered with frost. And the cook stove. We did a lot of living around the cook stove."

"There was what was called a base-burner in the living room that burned coal. If you burned soft coal, there was a lot of smoke. But if you burned hard coal,

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which was more expensive, well then, you didn't get all that smoke. The walls and the ceilings got very black and dirty."

Another drawback of the era was that medicine had perilous limitations. In 1917, Waldecker's mother died in childbirth bringing her sixth child into the world.

Still, Waldecker looks back happily on the last Christmas she shared with her mother when Mr. Blackmore was in Montana tending a sick brother. "Mother went into the pasture and cut down a thorn bush-a prickly ash... It was lovely tree. We trimmed it with everything we had."

Her mother was a very social person, and she loved to play the organ for parties at home. The Blackmore children and their friends danced to songs like "Dusty Is the Miller" and "Skip to My Lou."

Catalog shopping
Farm families often relied on catalogs for

things they needed when she was a little girl.

"One time, we sent an order to Sear and Roebuck, and each one of us was allowed to order something from the catalog. Father bought a farmer's scale."

Waldecker laughed over how she chose something pretty rather than practical. "I remember buying a very lacy, fancy, unsuitable undergarment."

Waldecker described another scene typical of that era: "It was about 1914-15 when we would go into town on Saturday nights to see the movies. The screen was let down outside the stores on the street, and people sat inside their cars or carriages or wagon-what-ever they came in."

Waldecker told several stories about attending Bartlett School. She was a quiet child, she said, often content to spend lunch recess in the classroom, crocheting with the teacher.

She described the day a storm damaged Bartlett. A boy opened the door to throw out his egg shells — they just threw them outside in those days, she noted—and a fierce wind blew out the north wall. A wooden school was soon built to replace the brick one.

When she grew up and married Frank Waldecker, they moved a house, a common

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practice then, to the farm. It was a small house, and each time one of their three daughters was born, she and her husband had to add a room to the home.

A love of reading
One constant in life seems to have been that she loved reading from childhood on. Waldecker told about what might have been the first lending library in the country. Zehra Palmer, a former Detroit librarian, had a collection of books in her home. "My sister and I would walk down there and borrow books to read."

Waldecker ended the interview with a story she found amusing. It finds parallels in human nature today.

After marrying, she belonged to the Cherry Hill Book Club. A Detroit librarian brought a different box of books each month for the women to read. One month the selection was Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth."

"One of our ladies read it, and she was so shocked at what she read in this book that she said she just couldn't belong to our club if we were going to read that kind of story!"

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kind of stirred things up again. Sometimes it takes something like that before things get moving," she said.

The legislation would allow the superintendent of schools to order a traffic light or implement a 25 mph speed limit for times extending 30 minutes before and after school hours, said Whyman.

"It transfers the superintendent's powers to outside of the 1,000 feet they have now to determine safe walking patterns. And it would only be while schools in session," said Whyman.

As the law currently stands, the superintendent has a voice when the roads are within 1,000 square feet of the school.

"This is something that will be long term and affect more than Hulsing Elementary or Canton Township, but all communities, allowing kids to get safely to and from school," said Engle.

Engle asks residents to write Rep. Terry London, R-Port Huron, chairman of the transportation committee, at the state Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Mich. 48909-7514. Whyman also can be contacted toll-free in Lansing at 1-800-555-5021.

In addition to the petitions being circulated throughout the community, Engle said separate letters have been sent to London from Canton Public Safety Director John Santomau, Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Chuck Little, Hulsing principal Becky Moore, and Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, will introduce the bill in the Senate following passage in the House.

lived with her mother in Taylor. After pleading guilty, Mitchell told the court he "picked her up after she fell in the bathtub and shook the baby for a long time. Then, he laid her down in bed and she passed out. He didn't call emergency for awhile," said McClory.

Mitchell's attorney Jeffrey Schwartz did not return phone calls to comment. A relative of Becca Meloché was reached, but declined comment.

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knowledge of financial transactions and the uses of technology within the financial services industry, and to increase student/staff interaction with Community Federal Credit Union members and employees," said Clason.

House of Representatives — 21st District

Republican Whyman seeks to retain House seat in Lansing

Democratic challenger Nesbit focuses on health, education

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

A one-day visit to Washington, D.C. several years ago convinced state Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton) to run for political office herself.

"I met (Democrat U.S. Sen.) Carl Levin and realized he wasn't representing us," she said.

A candidate for a third term in office, Whyman, 38, has been an outspoken member of the state House of Representatives. The 21st District that she represents encompasses Canton, Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter townships.

Her first two terms in the House have been controversial ones and it's no surprise. Whyman said her biggest achievement has been legislation that has arisen the most debate: The abolition of Detroit Recorder's Court.

"I worked four and a half years on that. It's important for the district to have a right to vote (for the judges). When there's a breakdown in accountability the system breaks down," she said.

Whyman sponsored the bill, allowing Wayne County residents outside Detroit to vote for Recorder's Court judges. The move drew criticism and allegations of racism.

But she stands firmly on the issue: "It's apportioned to pay for the court and they have no venue over us," she said. She also said the largest fund-raiser to date will be held this month to celebrate "voter freedom and the abolition of the court."

Other legislation she endorsed has been just as contentious. She supported a concealed handgun resolution and sought a ban on state affirmative action requirements.

Road commission
If elected to another term Whyman, wants to reinstate the Wayne County Road Commission, which was eliminated in 1984. The reorganized road department reports directly to county Executive Edward McNamara.

"I don't think removing accountability has been divisive. The politics are still there, but in a different form," she said.

She opposes a state gas tax increase and



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRINKER

"Throwing money at the problem is not a way to fix it. We need to fix the way we fund roads... Accessibility is more important than party label. It's not about being Democrat or Republican, it's about being accessible."

Deborah Whyman
—Republican incumbent state representative

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

A volunteer in the campaign to elect Democrat Lynn Rivers to the 13th Congressional District, Deborah Nesbit called herself a behind-the-scenes support person.

So, when she was approached by other volunteers about running for office, Nesbit hesitated.

"I was reluctant at first. I never thought of myself as running for office. Most of my life I've been a private person," she said. "I knew I'd be giving up certain aspects of my private life, so I really have to believe in what I'm doing."

What Nesbit does believe in is unseating incumbent state Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton) on a platform that focuses on education and healthcare.

By knocking on doors, she's already passed out 92,000 pieces of literature and amassed the support of some Republicans. Community leader and long-time library board trustee Kay Baldrice, who was involved in the creation of the Canton Library, is one of those.

"People have been very supportive and share the same concerns as I do, such as maintaining education and healthcare. I have the same investments in mind as they do — kids," Nesbit said.

Nesbit, 44, is a medical social worker supervisor at Oakwood Health Care Systems. She and her husband of 24 years, James, have two children Tracy, 21, who attends Eastern Michigan University and 16-year-old Karen, a junior at Plymouth-Salem High School. They also have a 13-month old grandson by Tracy.

Nesbit has a long list of community involvement, including vice president of the Canton Business and Professional Women; vice president, Standards and Services committee for the National Association of Social Workers; board member of the Plymouth Symphony, graduate of Leadership Canton and member of the Leadership steering committee for 1996-97.



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"We see the same problems come through the hospital and it's not just the poor. We see the middle class and people with just poor health care... People don't think about it until it hits close to home and it becomes a financial strain on the family."

Deborah Nesbit
Democratic challenger for state house

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Students form partnership with Community Federal Credit Union

Students at Smith Elementary soon will be able to do their banking without leaving school.

Through a business partnership agreement between Smith School and the Community Federal Credit Union, a student-operated branch was scheduled

to open Oct. 22 at Smith. Coordinated through Debbie Phillips of Community Federal Business-Education Partnership program coordinator Betty Bloch, and Smith Principal Cheryl Clason, arrangements are being made for the grand

opening. During the past few weeks, fourth-graders have applied for "jobs," conducted interviews, and were trained by Community Federal employees.

"The objectives for the partnership are: to increase students'

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DeHart and LeMaitre race heats up as election nears

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

STATE HOUSE — 18TH DISTRICT

Republican challenger Dennis LeMaitre has accused 18th District state Rep. Eileen DeHart of dodging criminals, but the Democratic incumbent fired back Friday by touting her endorsements from law enforcement organizations.

In another skirmish, LeMaitre defended himself against DeHart's claims that he is aligned with U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich and other Republicans that DeHart says are unsympathetic to senior citizens.

The 18th District battle has escalated as DeHart, seeking her second two-year term, tries to fend off an aggressive challenge from LeMaitre, a Westland business owner.

The 18th District includes most of Westland and the northeast corner of Canton Township.

On crime, LeMaitre has accused DeHart of supporting "private cells for felons" by opposing legislation aimed at double-bunking of prison inmates.

DeHart responded that she didn't support the bill because it failed to provide money for more prison employees to combat potential inmate conspiracies.

Moreover, DeHart noted that she has been endorsed by law enforcement groups and officials such as the Westland Police Officers Association, the Michigan Police Officers Association and Wayne County Sheriff Robert

Ficano.

"If I was soft on crime, they certainly wouldn't be endorsing me," she said Friday.

LeMaitre dismissed the endorsements as "politics" and said the police organizations didn't bother to talk with him about his stance on criminal issues.

"It's still a little dismayed that they wouldn't take the time to speak to me and hear my views," he said.

LeMaitre lashed out at DeHart for campaign fliers urging voters to oppose LeMaitre's "Gingrich-style politics."

Specifically, DeHart's literature accused Republicans of wanting to slash spending for Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits.

Aimed at senior citizens, the fliers state that the cuts would jeopardize health coverage and nursing home care for the elderly.

LeMaitre accused DeHart of misleading seniors by implying that he, as a state legislator, would help decide federal-level issues.

"It's a blatant attempt to scare seniors," he said. "It's strictly a tactic of fear, and I find that shameful."

On education, DeHart criticized LeMaitre for a campaign flier calling her "the teacher's pet." The literature claims that she wants teachers to be allowed to retire at age 42 and collect

their pensions.

DeHart said the flier distorted her support of a bill to allow teachers to retire after 25 years on the job. She said LeMaitre implied that she wants teachers to be able to retire after 20 years.

Allowing teachers to retire after 25 years would save the Wayne-Westland district, alone, an estimated \$500,000 a year, DeHart said, because high-paid teachers would be replaced by new educators lower on the salary ladder.

Campaign advertising aside, both candidates say they are mounting a strong, final push to try to get voters to support them on Nov. 5.

Supporters of both candidates are phoning voters and walking through neighborhoods in hopes of fueling interest in the campaign.

LeMaitre said he has sent out a flurry of campaign fliers because he, as a challenger and first-time candidate, needed to get his name out to voters.

The Republican Party has focused intently on the 18th District race, in the belief that DeHart is vulnerable.

"It's winnable," LeMaitre said, "and I fully intend to win."

DeHart, however, has said she believes that her legislative record and her accessibility to constituents will help her at the polls.

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supports state Senator Loren Bennett's efforts to give townships their road money directly from Act 51 (the gas and weight tax) rather than having the county distributed the funds. "Throwing money at the problem is not a way to fix it. We need to fix the way we fund roads," she said.

Education reform
As far as education reform goes, she called endorsed school diplomas "a farce."
"Why are we graduating students with only two stickers for reading and writing, why are we

graduating them at all (if they can't pass all subjects)," she said. Whyman also proposes to give schools an extension of the 3 mills they were allowed to levy for construction projects under Proposal A, which cut property taxes in exchange for a higher sales tax. The 3 mills were to be shared with the Intermediate School District (ISD) for a three year period and then, expire. Whyman wants to propose legislation next session for an extension on the 3 mills.

Tradeport an issue
Whyman also wants to ensure

being associated with the Michigan militia "bogus." She said the reason she has been connected with the militia is because of a public forum she held regarding carrying concealed weapons legislation. Of the 400 people that showed up at the forum, 200 came wearing camouflage clothing.

Racism response
Whyman called allegations of

During last election Whyman collected 43 percent of Canton's vote and 62 percent district-wide. Most of her support comes from the rural areas of her district.

Some local Republicans have reportedly distanced themselves from her "far right" activities. But Whyman says she doesn't view herself on that spectrum.

hall meetings, implemented a toll-free 800 number and meets with constituents regularly. As far as meeting with local electeds, Whyman said she attempted to do so during her first year in office, but it didn't work because they didn't want to meet.

In regards to running against a black opponent, who she has accused of being backed by the NAACP and financed by gay contributors: "Ideas are what matters if someone says she's unelectable because of the color of her skin, I don't agree."

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Education - local control
Nesbit would like to see more local control over the funding of education. She disagrees with the approach of Proposal A, which cut property taxes in exchange for an increase in the state's sales tax as a way to balance per pupil funding. The

result has hurt communities, such as Canton, she said. The community is growing at astronomical rates, however, the funding of its schools isn't increasing to address the needs of its swelling school population.

For some it's the only opportunity they have at a second chance, she said.

Health care an issue
As a supervisor at Oakwood, Nesbit said she sees a lot of problems in the health care system that need to be addressed. Everyone should have access to medical care, at least an HMO, and should be ensured a choice of physicians, she said.

ment," she added
Looking at roads
Nesbit supports Senator Loren Bennett's amendment to the transportation package that would allow townships a choice of either receiving funds from the state and weight tax directly from the state or continuing to get its disbursement from the county. The township has been at odds with Wayne County for some time over receiving its fair share of the funds.

issues surrounding the Willow Run Airport and the looming possibility of it being designated an international tradeport.

On being a Democrat running in a prominently Republican arena: "People are looking at the person rather than the party line. People are much more aware of the issues than party affiliation."

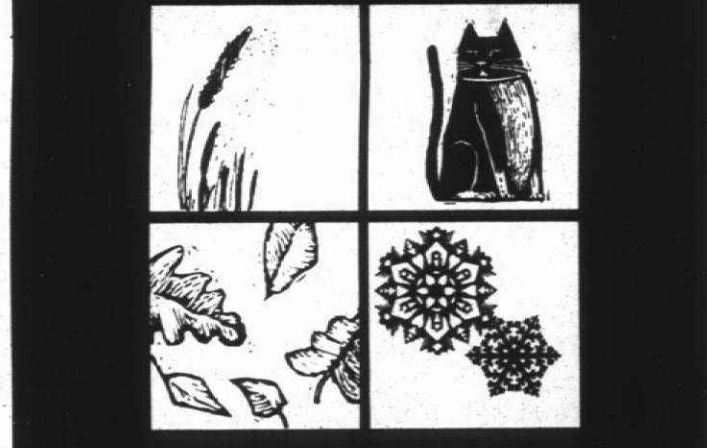
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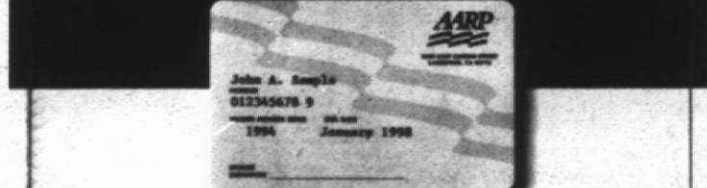


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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83-80
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXI, SIGN REGULATIONS, OF SAID ORDINANCE RELATED TO OFF-PREMISES DIRECTIONAL SIGNS
THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending:
A. Article XXI, SIGN REGULATIONS: Section 21.1, DEFINITIONS, presently contains no definition for off-premises directional sign. Section 21.1 DEFINITIONS, is hereby proposed to be amended to add subsection 10, as follows:
10. Off-Premises Directional Sign: A monument sign, the sole purpose of which is to direct traffic to one or more commercial businesses which are located on premises without frontage on or visual exposure to a major thoroughfare. Such businesses shall front on a road or easement which is used for their primary public ingress and egress from the major thoroughfare. The purpose of the off-premises directional sign is to facilitate the flow of traffic, encourage the concentration of commercial uses, discourage strip commercial development, and not to advertise the business or products or services offered.
Section 21.1, DEFINITIONS, is hereby proposed to be amended renumbering the remaining items 11 through 25.
B. Article XXI, SIGN REGULATIONS: Section 21.3.2, SPECIAL SIGNS IN A C-1 AND C-2 DISTRICT: DIRECTIONAL SIGNS INTENDED TO ASSIST VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW, is hereby proposed to be amended to read as follows:
2. Directional signs intended to assist vehicular traffic flow subject to the following:
(a) On-Premises Directional Signs may be permitted in the C-1 Neighborhood Shopping District and in the C-2 General Commercial District.
The numbering of the subsections is changed from (a), (b), (c), and (d), respectively to (1), (2), (3) and (4); the wording is unchanged.
(b) Off-Premises Directional Signs may be permitted only in the C-2, General Commercial District in order to encourage the clustering of businesses, and minimize strip commercial development in accordance with the Township Master Plan, while still allowing necessary and reasonable identification of businesses, facilitating the orderly flow of traffic, and avoiding unnecessary proliferation and excessive size of signs on major thoroughfares.
(1) Off-premises directional signs are permitted only upon review and approval of the Planning Commission, subject to compliance with the following conditions:
General Conditions
a. Approval of the sign would serve to further the purposes and intents specified in subsection (b), above.
b. The Planning Commission shall determine that the C-2 zoned business has no frontage on the major thoroughfare from which it takes primary access; the premises of said businesses are within one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet of said thoroughfare; said business is not visible from the major thoroughfare, or is visible from the major thoroughfare but with no clear indication of how to access the business; and that adequate identification of the business and direction of traffic to the business would not be possible without an off-premises directional sign.
c. No off-premises directional sign shall be permitted without a recorded easement or executed agreement that accomplishes all of the following:
1. States that the owner of the parcel on which the sign is to be placed grants permission for the off-premises directional sign to be located on the parcel,
2. Stipulates which parcel(s) are entitled to use of the off-premises directional sign, and
3. Specifies how the sign is to be maintained and establishes a means to assure that maintenance that runs with the life of the sign.
Sign Location
d. Off-premises directional signs shall be located only on land zoned C-2 and direct traffic to only land also zoned C-2.
e. Off-premises directional signs shall be permitted only at the intersection of the access road for the business and a major thoroughfare, and only one such sign is permitted at each intersection. The business access road may be a public street, private road, or recorded access easement over which the general public has ingress/egress rights.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.
Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on November 22, 1996.
Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Charter Trustees of Plymouth Charter Township, at a meeting duly called and held on the 22nd day of October, 1996, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.
Adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on October 22, 1996.
Effective Date November 22, 1996.
Published October 28, 1996

Reports: Political climate polarizes suburban lawmakers

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IMP considered 29 roll call votes on everything from bills to conference reports to amendments. For example, it considered a bill to tighten requirements for written consent for payroll deductions to unions — favored by liberals, opposed by conservatives. A vote to lower the minimum age for waiving juveniles to adult courts was considered conservative; a vote against, liberal.
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manufacturers. The chamber also included cuts in the single business tax and repeal of the intangibles tax.
Here's how the chamber rated Observer area lawmakers:
Bankes, 86.
DeHart, 21.
Kelly, 18.
Law, 86.
Ryan, 86.
Whyman, 90.
Clean Water Action, a Democratic-leaning environmental

group, generally deplored the Legislature's performance. CWA also noted the House was "dramatically split along party lines," Democrats averaging 81 percent, Republicans 4.
The results "emphasize business interest over environmental protection, allow state environmental agencies to conduct business behind closed doors without public accountability, dump cleanup costs for pollution caused by known polluters on the state's taxpayers, and encourage polluters to keep secret from communities information about environmental crimes they have committed."
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Play it safe for kids, pets on Halloween

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Mission Health Medical Center, 37955 Seven Mile Road, in Livonia, will X-ray children's candy free of charge from 6-9 p.m. Thursday.
Children aren't the only concerns for parents to watch during Halloween. Pet owners also should watch their little companions around the house.
Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk, of Westland Veterinary Hospital, reminds pet owners that they should keep pets away from Halloween treats.
Lawrenchuk had these tips:
■ Keep the goodies out of reach of the pet.
■ Dispose of candy wrappers, sucker sticks or other discarded candy items in an inaccessible receptacle.
■ Keep all pets away from the door to prevent it from frightening or injuring itself or a child.
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Small dogs (chihuahuas, toy poodles) 4 to 10 ounces of milk chocolate or 0.5 up to 1 ounce of baking chocolate.
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Large dogs (collies, Labrador retrievers) 2 to 4.5 pounds of milk chocolate or 4 to 8 ounces of baking chocolate.
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Madonna hosts an open house

Madonna University will hold an open house for prospective undergraduate and graduate students 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, in the Take 5 Lounge. Those attending the open house will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid will be available, and transfer students are welcome. The university's flexible schedule allows the students to attend full or part-time. Information will be available about the graduate studies programs in the diverse areas of business, education, health services administration, hospice and nursing. Graduate programs are designed for working adults.
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Local rally set for Prop S

Residents are invited to huddle Tuesday with Detroit Lions players at a pep rally for Proposition S from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Laxaire Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, a quarter mile west of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Lions players will sign autographs, and the event will feature pep bands, free refreshments, prizes and souvenirs.

Lions President Chuck Schmidt, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, and other local officials will attend.

The "Yes on S" rally will

inform residents about Proposal S, the November ballot issue that asks voters to approve a 1 percent tax on hotel and motel rooms and a 2 percent tax on car rental costs to pay a portion of the expense of constructing football and baseball stadiums in downtown Detroit.

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River's best friends

Awards honor efforts to revitalize the Rouge

By KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Eight people received awards Thursday from the Friends of the Rouge to honor their commitment to the revitalization of the Rouge River.

About 150 people attended the award ceremony at Warren Valley Golf Course. The award recipients were recognized in eight different categories in the public and private sector. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers won an award in the media category.

Friends of the Rouge is a volunteer group of officials and citizens dedicated to cleaning up the Rouge River and promoting public awareness of the river. The following people and organizations were recognized:

■ Jim Bugg, a middle school teacher in Southfield, educator category: In 1970, Bugg was a biology teacher, and one of his students had an idea to clean up the Rouge behind his house.

"Jim jokingly said he'd have to clean the whole river to get credit," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge.

■ Farmer Jack, business/industry, for help with bottle and can collection for Friends to raise money for an education program for 100 schools.

The supermarket chain also printed special publications for shoppers about the Rouge. Paul Coleman, vice president of marketing and advertising, accepted the award.

■ Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, media: The Observer published a special section on

the river earlier this year and has been "particularly diligent in watching the effects of day-to-day activities and how they affect the Rouge," Graham said. Banks Dishmon, Observer publisher, received the award.

■ Jack Smiley, individual: Smiley is one of the founding members of Friends of the Rouge and an active member with the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. He was executive director of the Detroit Audubon Society.

Today he is active in protecting undeveloped land along the Rouge, Graham said. "He has participated in the cleanup of the Rouge since he was in college at the University of Michigan."

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Awards: Admiring the awards that will be presented to them later in the evening are (from left) Observer publisher Banks Dishmon, James Gilbert of the city of Westland and Bill Craig, a volunteer with the Holiday Park Nature Preserve Association.

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State board OKs compromise on character ed policy

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan public schools will get the compromise "character education" policy drafted by State Board of Education member Dorothy Beardmore plus a three-page preamble by Clark Durant stressing religion.

The board spent three months arguing it in public hearings and back rooms before giving it 6-1 approval on Oct. 24. Dissenting was Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, who objected that "I want to be sure we don't inject religion."

Straus said the preamble by Durant, R-Grosse Pointe, "sounds like someone giving a speech. I don't know if it belongs in this policy statement. It's three pages of verbiage."

The one-page policy statement, which had Straus' support, said the state board "empowers and encourages public schools to provide character education in a safe setting conducive to learning, based on the principles of our governing documents, including principles of the First

Amendment (freedom of speech, press and religion), and maintaining the separation of church and state."

It was drafted by Beardmore, R-Rochester, a moderate who sometimes sides with Straus in resisting Durant's frequent efforts to inject religious quotations from the Founding Fathers into public school policy.

The policy says there are principles "which transcend religious beliefs" for an orderly and civil society. They are:

- Respect.
- Responsibility.
- Caring.
- Trustworthiness.
- Justice.
- Civic virtue.
- Citizenship.

There won't, as Straus said, be "a special class called character education where you put down your math and take up this." Rather, it will be inserted in

school curricula as appropriate.

Beardmore's compromise eliminated Durant's call for committees of parents, business and religious leaders to help make character education policy at the local level. Critics feared such committees would be stacked with religious zealots. The policy leaves each district free to implement it.

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integrity, respect for self and others, responsibility, and courtesy."

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John Roach, public information manager with Wayne County's department of public services, said the road was closed Friday. It will remain closed to all but local traffic.

"We would advise people to either use Six Mile or Eight Mile roads," Roach said.

The work should be completed Friday (Nov. 1), Roach said.

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ELECTION 96

WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Voters will select two candidates from this field of four on Nov. 5 to fill two partial terms ending Jan. 1, 1999. Voters also will choose 12 out of 19 circuit court candidates, who will be featured in the Observer Thursday.

What is your position on court reform?

Should judges be elected or appointed? Why?

Who is the jurist you admire most? Why?

What do you consider your most important case? Why?

Sean Cox
Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit (Wayne County); former partner with Cummings, McCloy, Davis & Aho in Livonia. I had a very active trial practice for 13 years before becoming a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. Education: Detroit College of Law, JD, 1983. University of Michigan, BGS, 1979.

Jane Ellen Gillis
Attorney. Fifth year of practice in probate, criminal, collection, appellate and family law. Trial experience includes over 100 bench and jury trials. Appointed special assistant attorney general in May 1995. Law clerk for the Third Judicial Circuit Court from 1987 to 1991.

Kenneth Hyton, Jr. (Photo not available)
Attorney Detroit
A trial lawyer for 16 years. Tried every type of criminal case from simple assault to murder one. Tried many plaintiffs' personal injury cases. Defended the state of Michigan in "high way negligence cases as a special assistant attorney general.

Kirsten Frank Kelly
Wayne County Circuit Judge
Nine years judicial experience on the municipal, district and circuit court levels. Was a practicing attorney for over 13 years, practicing in all areas of the law. Currently serve on the Circuit Court Executive Committee, the Tort Reform Committee, and the Michigan Judges Association Domestic Relations Committee.

Our court system has evolved over several hundred years. District, circuit court and probate court have distinct functions. They provide distinct services to the community. I am not in favor of a unified court system. As society becomes more complex, we see more specialization. Complex cases serve an efficient and important function.

I am opposed to a purely appointive process for the selection of judges. The process does not allow for accountability. The current process of electing judges fails. Too many judges are elected because they have "judicial names." In other words, their fathers and/or grandfathers were judges and the voters have been habitually voting for the name.

The jurist I admire the most is Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kaye Tertzag. He is a very bright, hard working judge who treats all people before him with courtesy and respect.

The cases I consider the most important are the child custody cases where the judge's decision can have a dramatic impact on the future of the children involved.

Although there are numerous court reform concepts to consider, I especially support the concept of one family court, where everyone involved, including judges, have some specialized training or background that would enable them to deal effectively and efficiently with this highly sensitive area of law.

Until I see a reasonable plan that deals with the assignment of Detroit's criminal cases throughout the circuit court system following the merger I shall remain skeptical. I am concerned that, absent a sound plan, a case backlog will occur.

Judges should be elected. The people must be able to select those individuals whom they believe will be just and fair in the resolution of legal disputes. Educated, informed voters are capable of discerning whether a particular lawyer has the proper qualifications and temperament to sit as a judge.

I believe in the current process of allowing Wayne County voters to elect their judges. However, changes could be implemented which would assure a more dignified election process for both candidates and voters. Elections provide Wayne County voters with the most direct means of expressing their preferences.

It is difficult to choose from the many admirable local jurists. However, I especially admire Judge Leo Cahalan's style. Most judges feel empathy towards person's appearing before them, however, Judge Cahalan is particularly gifted in his ability to convey a deep interest and compassion for the people that appear in his courtroom.

All of my cases materially affect the lives of my clients. Therefore, all are equally important and equally deserving of the best legal expertise that I can provide.

Until this time my most important case is Cebreo v. Music Hall, which I recently won before the Michigan Court of Appeals. The opinion clarifies the appropriate legal standards for the application of the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act in determining whether a theater has made appropriate accommodations for handicapped individuals.

The most important cases are those that impact families and children - whether it be divorce, domestic violence and/or custody issues. These cases have the most significant and lifelong consequences on the individuals involved. They are the most difficult because they go to the very heart of the family.

The recent legislation establishing a family division was a much needed reform. Previously, a family was torn between different courts and different judges. Under the new legislation, there will be one judge assigned to handle all issues facing a family.

Elected, but there should be minimum requirements for individuals running for judge. I support the passage of Proposal B which requires that judges have a minimum of five years of practice.

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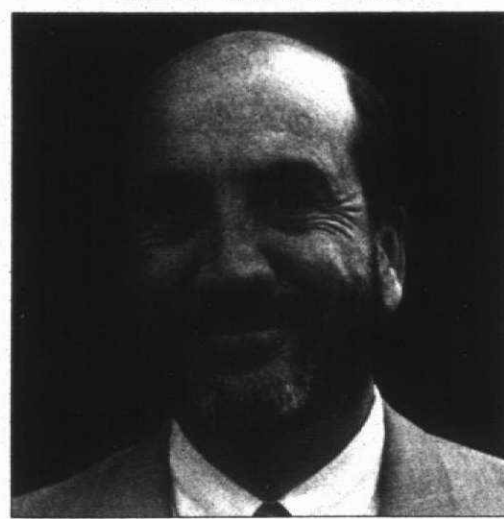
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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Monday, Oct. 28, 1996

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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



Jeffrey Bruce

Find the real you but stay current in look and style

BY JEFFREY BRUCE
SPECIAL WRITER

Autumn is different in the beauty and makeup world... it is the beginning of the season.

After the summer where minimal make-up, simple hairstyles and relaxed fashion are the routine, fall is time to get the children back to school, reassess the wardrobe, figure out the upcoming social season, and plunge into make-up again.

This is the first of, I hope, of a new monthly beauty column in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for both men and women.

Together we will try and wade through the minefield of the beauty business sorting out trends from trendiness, facts from fiction, and perhaps having some fun along the way. You can't take fashion too seriously — well, you can, but that is another story.

Historical perspective

Let me introduce myself to those of you who haven't seen me on the old Kelly & Co. television show, or national programs where I made guest appearances performing "makeovers." My training in the business was similar to being thrown into the deep end of a swimming pool. The first two positions I held were with Estee Lauder and Revlon — an intense learning experience, where I quickly figured out that I was not destined for the corporate beauty world. My next move was to freelance with a number of Hollywood names, and as much as I enjoyed that experience and gathered a lot of great stories, it was also soon time to move on.

In 1980, I introduced my own line of cosmetics and skin care, and I have been working consistently in Detroit-area salons ever since. I enjoy the one-on-one connection with clients who care about putting their best foot forward.

With years of experience behind me now, everything old is new again. I have seen styles change, designers come and go, the natural look come and go... and come again.

There are only so many colors, only so many ways to wear your hair, despite the photos you see each year from the Hair Shows. The real trick is to sort through all the sound-bites and find which look works for you, a style that is relatively simple, sophisticated, flattering and not dated!

The real you!

Best of all, is a look that will stay with you and with just the smallest of adjustments, work for you through the decades. Yes, we all fell for the Dorothy Hamill Wedge and the Farah Fawcett Flip, but in the search for classic beauty, it is not great to look at photos more than 10 years old and wince!

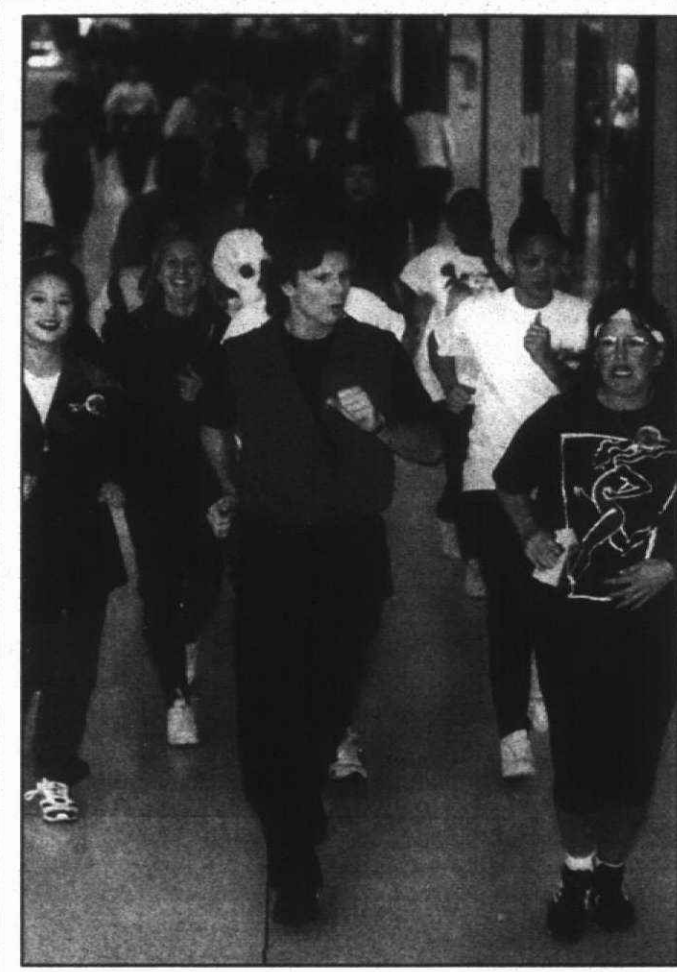
There are as many definitions of beauty as there are women. It would be easy to just give you a list of names, probably the same ones that are on every year-end list, but if you want to understand what I am happiest recommending, just look at two — Candace Bergen and Lauren Bacall.

Their beauty is timeless, yet there is no mistaking their ages. They look as they should, and they look great, (especially since Candace's haircut!) Neither is stuck in a time-war, their hair looks contemporary, and their fashion sense is classic.

Examples of fashion disasters are all too easy to come upon, and I don't want this to turn into a column ala Mr. Blackwell. But I also have no intention of being a public relations extension of the cosmetics industry. If you want to read an objective opinion, that is what you will get here. I will look at the realm of beauty on both a local and national level, and it should make for must-read copy.

If you have any beauty questions, or suggestions for upcoming columns, I welcome your input and I will answer your concerns. Write me, send your photos, c/o Beauty & The Best, Malls & Mainstreets, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

In November, I will be appearing at a number of locations in the metropolitan area — Livonia, Grosse Pointe, Clinton Township and Waterford, to name a few. To find out the location nearest you, please call 1-800-944-6588.

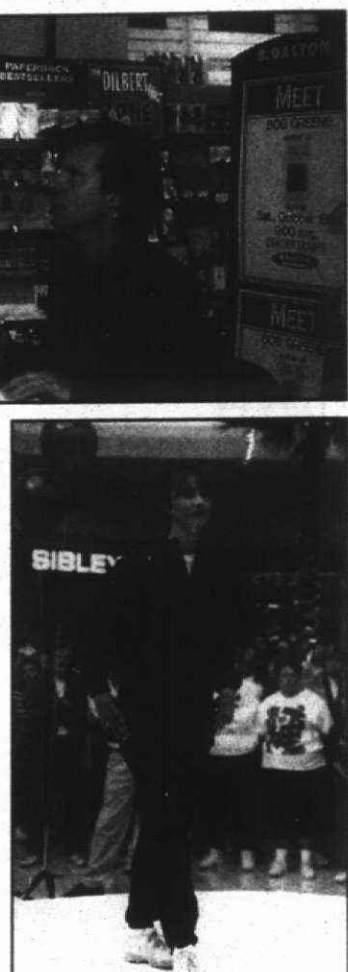


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Pied Piper of fitness visits mall

Bob Greene, personal trainer to Oprah Winfrey, leads Oakland Mall walkers through their paces during a promotional visit to the shopping center in Troy on Oct. 19. Afterward, walkers were treated to a fashion show of the latest workout wear.

Greene stayed to autograph copies of his best-selling book, "Make The Connection: 10 Steps to a Better Body." He's pictured above signing an inside cover for Kathryn Yaklin of Bay City.



PHOTOS BY BILL HANSEN

The Perfect Gift

Do you remember the best holiday gift you ever received? Was it a pair of ice-skates when you were 10? The four-slice toaster that your fourth child was born? The framed finger painting from your 5-year-old grandson?

The Eccentric Newspapers wish to publish readers' recollections of their very best gifts ever and what made them so, in a special gift guide on Dec. 12, 1996.

Just jot down your memories, 150 words or less, and mail them to: Susan DeMaggio, c/o The Birmingham Eccentric, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Be sure to include your name and phone number in case there are questions. Stories selected will be based on the gift's uniqueness and impact on your life. Published stories will win for their author, a special gift from the newspaper.

So... Now do you remember the best holiday gift you ever received?

Deadline for stories is Friday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m.

Alexandra Stoddard mixes fashion and fun at Nordstrom event

A feel-good morning gave Nordstrom shoppers a smile.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Mixing philosophy and fashion inspired the 400 women who arrived at Nordstrom early last Saturday morning to hear author Alexandra Stoddard, and see the retailer's collection of fall and holiday designs.

The joyful mood was set by a very trim, energetic Stoddard who took to the runway in a lavender suit with matching hose and shoes, a multi-colored scarf tucked under her collar.

She talked about the popularity of her 20-some books, and reminded the crowd of her message: happiness lies in celebrating the routine moments of life, of finding joy in rituals like taking a hot bath, writing a letter to a friend, or reading a good book in bed between satin sheets.

Stoddard opened her speech to feedback from the audience. Testimonial after testimonial praised the impact of her thoughts and ideas on the lives of others.

Many guests were pals who thought the morning a perfect way to celebrate their friendship. Sue Sadler of Waterford invited Linda

Patten of Orchard Lake. Teri Nottoli of Rochester invited Susan Barnett who drove in from Lebanon, Indiana just to see "Alexandra."

"We wanted to meet her, see her in person," said Nottoli. "What great energy she has."

Nordstrom's Terri Rose explained that the Breakfast Series is offered "to provide a venue for informing our customers about what's going on with lifestyle and fashion, in an intimate setting."

Last month's guest was news-woman Paula Zahn. On Nov. 9, CNN's fashion editor Elsa Klensch visits. Tickets are \$10.

Classic styles

A 45-minute fashion show featured very Town and Country looks presented to tunes like Frank Sinatra crooning "The Way You Look Tonight," Tom Jones wailing "She's A Lady," and Eartha Kitt singing "Hey, Deady, You Ought To Get The Best For Me."

This latter segment saluted the basic black dress, turned out in lace, satin, and velvet. For the glamorous who dare, Nordstrom offered gloves and suits with cuffs trimmed in Maribou feathers.

Layering garments of polar fleece got a new twist from the pairing of bold-colored vests, sweaters and jackets with black leggings.

Many malls open for tricks/treats

These malls welcome trick or treating from store to store on Thursday, Oct. 31:

Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights: Begging from 6-8 p.m.

Meadow Brook Village Mall, Rochester Hills: Begging from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Puppet show "Aladdin" at 7 p.m.

Oakland Mall, Troy: Halloween party at 6 p.m. Members of the Children's Entertainment Co. will announce each trick-or-treater as they parade on stage in Center Court before going off to trick or treat from each store. Games and contests.

Summit Place, Waterford: Begging from 5-6 p.m. Pre-party photographs in Kohl's Court area, courtesy of CPI Photo. Dr. Creeps visits.

Tel-Twelve Mall, Southfield: Magician Doug Scheer presents a spectacular show 6 p.m. Begging follows from 7-8 p.m.

Twelve Oaks, Novi: Begging from 6:30 p.m.

Wonderland Mall, Livonia: Mask Puppet Theater presents "Halloween Mischief" at 1 and 4 p.m. Followed by begging from 5-7 p.m. After the 4 p.m. show, winners of the mall's coloring contest will be announced.

News of special events of interest to shoppers is included in this calendar. Send promotion information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Birmingham Eccentric, 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (810) 644-1314. The deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication on Monday.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

Ski Clinics
Hudson's hosts Professional Ski Instructors of America offering tips and demonstrating techniques noon to 1 p.m. in the Ski Zone. On Nov. 1 at Twelve Oaks, Nov. 5 at Lakeside. Register to win prizes.
Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. (810) 683-5400.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Author visits
Internationally syndicated radio therapist Dr. Laura Schlessinger signs "How Could You Do That?" at Borders, 7 p.m. She has penned two other best-sellers, "10 Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives" and "The Abdication of Character, Courage and Conscience." 13 Mile/Southfield. Birmingham. (810) 644-1515.

HALLOWEEN, THURSDAY, OCT. 31

Trick or treating
See listing above for malls that welcome costumed beggars.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

Trunk Show
Penny Preville presents fine jewelry designs through Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at Tapper's Diamonds, Orchard Mall, Maple/Orchard Lake. West Bloomfield. (810) 932-7700.

Women's ski clinic
Don Thomas Sporthaus hosts Jeannie Thoren who has worked to solve the problems of the female skier. She will be at the store Friday at 1 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. She will conduct equipment and fit clinics for women only. Appointments suggested.

Bloomfield Plaza, Maple/Telegraph. Bloomfield Hills. (810) 626-9500.

Crafters Show

SMARTIST, a group of sewing machine artists, present their creations through Nov. 23. Gifts for sale.
Objects of Art, 6243 Orchard Lake. West Bloomfield. (810) 539-3332.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Porcelain Trunk Show
Meet Bob Springmeyer, porcelain and dinnerware representative from the Hungarian line Herend. At Hudson's, noon to 3 p.m. Third floor. Somerset Collection North. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (810) 816-4000.

Barbie Doll Show

Appraisal, collectibles, accessories and much more. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Meadow Brook Village Mall, Adam/Walton, Rochester Hills. (810) 816-8791.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Artist visits
Bill Younger, creative designer behind Harbour Lights of LaMesa, CA., a line of hand painted lighthouse collectibles. 1-4 p.m. Replicas include 60 models \$50-\$90 at Land & Seas. (313) 464-5589.

Bridal Show

Hudson's hosts brunch for couples-to-be, 8:30-11 a.m. Reservations required. \$10 per person. Wedding tips and facts about registering for gifts. Brunch served. Tabletop Department. Lakeside, Hall Rd. Sterling Heights. (810) 443-6332.

Author visits

Troy-based Stephanie Mellen signs her series of self-esteem renewing books at Waldenbrook superstore. Noon to 4 p.m.
Target Center, John R/S. of 14 Mile. Troy. (810) 689-3076.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Senior Dance
First Monday monthly dance 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Refreshments served. Lower level community room.
Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls and Mainstreets beat. To be included, send information to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax (810) 644-1314.

Gas and Grins

When customers pull up to the Mobil Station at Maple and Adams in Birmingham, manager Linda Chapman has a surprise for them. Instead of advertising the price of an oil change or windshield washer fluid, she uses the electronic display on the pumps to tell jokes and riddles.

"I've been doing it for about six months and customers love it," she laughed. "I pull the jokes off the Luffy Taffy candy wrappers and theme them to the time of year."

This month in honor of Halloween, Linda asks, "What kind of eggs does an evil chicken lay?" Deviled eggs, of course. What do you call two bananas? A pair of slippers.

Save the holidays!

Unlike most other retailers who see no problem in displaying witches and pumpkins along with turkeys and snowmen, Nordstrom will save their holiday merchandise and decorations after Thanksgiving Day.

According to spokeswoman Terri Rose, shoppers won't see any trees or Santas until after Nov. 28.

"On the night before Thanksgiving when the store closes, the staff, their families and some community groups show up like elves to decorate the whole store in about eight hours. It's a party. We put up 1,500 poinsettias, more than 85 trees and 3,000 ornaments. It's a tradition at every store."

Toy Traders opens

Westland Center welcomes the second Michigan location of Toy Traders, a used toy store where customers can sell outgrown toys and buy different ones at half-off the original price. Owners Marjorie and Bill Harbin of Rochester, opened the first Toy Traders in Utica at Shelby Corners in July. The store is on the lower level of the mall across from an area designated "Just For Kids."

Organizational changes

Due to the merger of Parisian with Proffitt's that was completed Oct. 11, several management changes were announced. Donald Hess continues as chairman of Parisian's and has joined the board of directors of Proffitt's.

The formation of a merchandising group to be headquartered in Birmingham, AL, will coordinate merchandise planning, marketing, visual and brand development for the various department store chains — Younkers, McRae's, and Proffitt's — under the direction of Younkers CEO, Robert Mosco.

The company hopes the new group will "facilitate the execution of our marketing strategy to run separate divisions with regional merchandise assortments and an execution, while enjoying 'chain store' vendor relationships and economics."

The combined divisions operate 141 stores in 20 states with annual revenues of \$2 billion.

New book sheds light

Two East Lansing women

have penned "Ways You Can Help: Creative, Practical Suggestions for Family and Friends of Patients and Caregivers." Margaret Cooke and Elizabeth Putnam combine experiences with a child's leukemia and living with multiple sclerosis to shed light on helping loved ones through difficult times. The book is \$9.99 and available through most book stores.

Breast feeding boutique opens

Diane and Jim Mulanos have opened their third breast feeding boutique, Maternal Expressions, at 9619 Newburgh at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

The pair have two other locations in Troy and Roseville. For more information call (810) 462-4820.

Hudson's debuts shops

"Distinguishing accents for the home" are presented in a "lifestyle environment" at all Hudson stores this week, except Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids.

Etocera Collections will feature several themes which will change every three months.

Store expands operations

Paulson's Audio & Video moved to a larger store within the Halstead Village, 12 Mile and Halstead in Farmington Hills. The new location provides space for five home theater rooms with televisions varying in size from 40-inches wide to 110 feet tall. Hear the latest home theater sound systems and see audio/visual furniture.

For more information call (810) 553-4100.

Mall hosts "Jackie" photos

The Somerset Collection will host "A Tribute to Jackie" with 75 intimate photos taken by Jacques Lowe during the White House years, Oct. 30-Nov. 8.

The exhibit was produced by the Leukemia Society of America. Onassis was stricken with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She died four months later.

Santabear 1996



Collector's note: Hudson's 12th Santabear is dressed as a fire fighter with a fire safety tips book and a First Alert Smoke Detector. Santabear (\$37.50) and his companion Miss Bear (\$22) are available while supplies last.



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TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Readers call for salad, soup recipes

Requests for hot and hearty soups, coupled with other seasonal requests, have made this month one of the busiest ever recorded on my voice mail.

I've been writing for the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers for more than ten years, and have never received so many requests for a recipe mentioned in my column. I'm referring to the October 7 column where I talked about my good friend Jane Brown from Canton, and her Oriental Salad recipe. As of this writing, my voice mail recorded more than 115 calls from readers requesting Jane's recipe. This is a definite clipper folks, and if Jane Brown (who doesn't cook very often) can make it, you can too.

JANE'S ORIENTAL SALAD

- 4 cups cooked chicken breast, chopped (about 8 half breasts)
 - 1 (16 ounce bag) colorful coleslaw mix (Jane says to use the one with carrots and purple cabbage)
 - 8 green onions, chopped fine
 - 1 cup slivered almonds
 - 4 tablespoons sesame seeds
 - 2 packages Ramen noodles (Oriental flavor)
- Dressing:
- 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 6 tablespoons rice vinegar
 - 2 seasoning packages from Ramen noodles
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper

In a large bowl, combine chicken breasts, coleslaw mix and green onions. Mix well, set aside. Lightly toast almonds and sesame seeds in a heavy skillet over medium heat, shaking constantly, until fragrant and golden. Cool. Sprinkle on top of salad mix. Crush Ramen noodles and add to salad mix. Toss gently to mix well. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, combine oil, rice vinegar, seasoning packages from Ramen noodles, sugar, salt and pepper and whisk until combined. Just before serving, pour dressing over salad and mix well.

Serves 10-12. (Recipe can be cut in half)

Bill Juddawckes of Livonia said nothing warms his heart more in the fall and winter than a bowl of spicy Cuban Black Bean Soup.

Well Bill, I've tasted quite a few, and nothing gets better than a recipe from "The Joy of Pressure Cooking" by Kitchener Glamour Moven Toulou Patsalis. (copyright, 1990, Kitchen Glamour Inc. \$16.95)

SOUTH OF THE BORDER BLACK BEAN SOUP

- 3/4 pound dried black beans
- Water
- 1/2 pound smoked bacon, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 cup minced onion
- 1 tablespoon minced or crushed garlic
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coarse sea salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon dried cumin
- 5 cups canned or fresh beef broth
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 cup (4 ounces) grated Monterey Jack cheese

Place beans in a bowl. Add water to measure 2 inches above the beans. Soak for 6 hours, drain. In a pressure cooker or heavy saucepan, saute bacon, onion and garlic in hot olive oil for 3 minutes. Add beans, seasonings, broth mixed with tomato paste, brown sugar and sauces. Stir until thoroughly mixed.

Secure pressure cooker lid. Over high heat, develop steam to high pressure. Reduce range heat to medium and cook for 18 minutes. (If cooking conventionally, bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally for 2 hours or until beans are tender.) Release steam according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Stir soup. Remove bay leaves.

Either serve soup chunky or pour soup into a processor or blender and puree. Serve hot, garnished with grated Monterey Jack cheese. Prepared soup may be frozen. Serves 6.

Chef Larry Janes is a free-lance writer. He welcomes your calls and comments. To leave a message for him, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1886. See more reader-requested recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

Focus on Wine



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Flavorful dish: Savory Pork with Potato-Pepper Medley is an easy, weeknight dish for the whole family. Saute pork chops seasoned with oregano and garlic powder in olive oil. Add pre-sauteed potatoes and peppers, heat through and serve.

Introduce 'HERB' to entrees

We can probably thank primitive man for showing us the magic of herbs in cooking. One day, he decided to wrap his meat in the leaves of a nearby plant. To his surprise, what resulted was flavor like never before. What early man discovered, later created a flavoring frenzy 'round the world. Famous explorers and traders endured "rough waters" to bring precious herbs and spices from the faraway East to their homelands and then to America.

Today, there's never been a more diverse array of herbs to choose from to please the palate. Just peruse the spice section of your local supermarket, and you'll find easy-to-use herbs that can transform ordinary entrees into meals with pizzazz and style.

Unlike salty, high-fat creams and sauces, herbs combine with foods to enhance flavor, never mask or overpower it. Herbs are also a great low-fat way to add taste without adding fat and calories.

Though they share many of the same qualities, herbs have distinct differences important to note when planning and preparing your favorite meals. According to McCormick/Schilling, makers of a wide variety of dried herbs and spices, the most common herbs used today are basil, dill weed, oregano and parsley.

For best results, follow these hints

- In stews and sauces, add herbs in the last 20 minutes of cooking to retain the greatest flavor.
- In microwave recipes, more herbs may be needed due to the reduced cooking time.
- Store dried herbs and spices in airtight containers in a cool, dry place like your pantry and away from heat and sunlight.
- Herbs lose strength over time so it's a good idea to test for freshness: Crush herbs in your hand. If you don't smell the aroma, it's time to buy fresh product.

Source: McCormick/Schilling

Popular flavor enhancers

Here's a quick look at other popular herbs and their uses:

Bay Leaves

Robust and aromatic. Use to flavor meats, vegetables, soups, sauces and custards.

Chives

Milder than its cousin, the onion, chives enhance fish, veal, pork and chicken. Great for soups and, of course, a terrific topping for baked potatoes.

Cilantro

The indescribable flavor in Mexican dishes and salsas. Known as "Chinese parsley," it adds pungent taste to Asian soups, fish and noodle dishes.

Rosemary

Fresh, sweet with a piney aroma, rosemary's distinctive flavor blends well with lamb, pork, potatoes, fish, poultry and breads. Especially good on grilled meat and in roasted potato dishes.

Sage

Distinctly fragrant with piney and bitter flavors. Sage is perfect for pork, especially pork sausage, other kinds of meats and stuffing.

Thyme

A warm, pleasant herb used to flavor chowders, meat, Creole seafood dishes, especially beef and vegetable soups.

The basic big four:

Parsley

Parsley was used to flavor and garnish food as early as third century B.C. The curly-leaf variety, grown primarily in California, is the source of parsley flakes. This highly versatile herb brings out the flavor of other herbs and seasonings. It adds flavor and visual appeal to everything from salads, soups and pasta to shellfish, meats and poultry. Parsley's mild flavor and form are perfect for rice dishes.

Dill Weed

Dill Weed, a member of the parsley family, has a subtle, sweet flavor. Dill, believed to have magical properties, was used to ward off witches, cure hiccups and help people sleep. Dill is native to Europe but is now grown commercially in the U.S. Use Dill Weed in salads, sauces, egg dishes and especially to flavor seafood — salmon is its most scrumptious when flavored with dill.

Oregano

Oregano is native to both the Mediterranean and Mexico. The Mediterranean form has a slightly bitter, minty taste and is used primarily in Italian dishes. Mexican oregano is more potent and used in chili powder and Mexican cooking. Oregano can be used in a wide variety of dishes and is fabulous in fresh salads, egg dishes and quick breads. Oregano is a must-have for pork.

Basil

Basil, a member of the mint family, is native to India. Ancient Hindus believed basil served as their passports to heaven. Basil is certainly heavenly when married with tomatoes and tomato sauces. Basil is essential in Italian sauces and pastas.

Showmanship: Leo Buk placed first in the best booth/showmanship category at Plymouth's Great Chili Cook-off on Oct. 13.



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Michigan chili cooks earn hot reputation

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Michigan chili is earning a national reputation for good chili.

Georgia Weller of Bloomfield Hills took the first place, \$25,000 grand prize, in the 30th annual World's Championship Cook-off at the Reno Hilton on Oct. 6.

Weller credited luck and her blend of spices for earning top honors. "My chili is not real hot, but I'd say it's on the chiller side. It has a good overall flavor — no one spice stands out."

She competes in about 20 cook-offs a year and won the New England regional title to qualify for the Reno event. This was the seventh straight year she had competed for the world title. She out cooked 114 other regional

and state winners from 46 states and six foreign countries, including Australia, West Germany and South Korea.

Marilyn Frederick of Farmington Hills, who competed in the semifinals at the World Cook-off, on Oct. 5, placed third in Plymouth's Great Chili Cook-off, Oct. 13 to win \$500 and a trophy. She's now eligible to compete in the 1997 Michigan State Cook-off to be held in September at Five Lakes Grill, Milford.

Her husband, Ray, who won the state cook-off on Sept. 8 to qualify for the finals at the World Cook-off, placed second in Plymouth winning \$200 and a trophy.

Third-place winner Leonard Swartz received a trophy and \$50, Ken Brundage, placed fourth, and Dave Tennant, fifth. Leo Buk of

See CHILI, 2B

Chef Larry comes to the rescue of our readers

See related Taste Buds column on Taste front.

Corey Smithfield of Rochester Hills called, and said she's getting ready to send her relatives in South Africa a holiday package, and was hoping I could supply her with an easy fudge recipe that travels well.

Here's an easy recipe, and when packed in a tin, should have no problem traveling anywhere.

NUTTY MILK CHOCOLATE FUDGE

1 1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter
1/3 cup evaporated milk
1/4 cup sugar
6 ounces milk chocolate, finely chopped
6 ounces semi sweet chocolate, finely chopped
1 cup peanut butter chips
1/2 cup unsalted, roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Line an 8-inch square pan with foil. Lightly butter the foil. In a heavy medium saucepan, combine the butter, evaporated milk and sugar. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly to dissolve the sugar.

Reduce the heat and boil gently, without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the milk chocolate, semi-sweet chocolate and marshmallow cream; whisk until smooth. Set aside to cool to lukewarm.

Stir in the peanut butter chips and peanuts. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and refrigerate until set, about 3 hours. Cut into squares. Makes about 2 pounds.

Steve Kneidel of Farmington Hills called requesting a recipe for an "easy" corn chowder.

Well Steve, all I had to do was call momma — here's a recipe she made for the family, and it

can't get much easier. Enjoy!

CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

3 strips bacon
1 small onion, chopped fine
1 chicken bouillon cube
1/4 cup boiling water
1 (10 1/2 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 (1 pound) can cream style corn
2 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
1/8 teaspoon ground sage
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Fry bacon until crisp in a heavy 2 quart saucepan. Drain and crumble. Set aside. Sauté onion in bacon drippings until tender, about 2 minutes; drain of drippings. Dissolve bouillon cube in boiling water, combine with remaining ingredients and stir into onion mixture. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and enjoy. Makes 6 servings.

Jan Hemmerling of Garden City said we should try to offer our readers more healthy recipes. Well Jan, we hear you loud and clear. Here's a hearty, healthful vegetarian chili that will surely take the chill off a fall day!

VEGETARIAN CHILI

1/2 cup bulgur wheat
1 cup boiling water
1 tablespoon olive oil
8 green onion, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 green bell peppers, seeded and cut into 1/2 inch squares
1 pickled jalapeno pepper,

seeded and minced
2 large carrots, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 (19 ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can no salt added stewed tomatoes, chopped with their juices
1 (8 ounce) can no salt added tomato sauce
1/4 cup reduced fat sour cream

In a small bowl, combine the bulgur wheat and the boiling water. Set aside to soak while you prepare the rest of the chili. In a Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat the oil until hot but not smoking over medium heat. Add half of the green onions and the garlic and cook until softened, about 2 minutes. Add the bell peppers and

jalapeno and cook, stirring frequently until the bell peppers are tender-crisp, about 4 minutes. Add the carrots and cook, stirring frequently until they are tender-crisp, about 4 minutes. Add spices, black beans, stewed tomatoes and sauce. Bring to a boil. Drain the bulgur and add it to the pan. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover and cook until the chili is lightly thickened, the flavors blended, about 7 minutes. Serve with the sour cream and remaining green onions. Serves 4.

Each serving has 6 grams fat (20 percent of calories from fat) 360 calories, 1.6 grams saturated fat, 62 grams carbohydrate, 17 grams protein, 5 mg. cholesterol and 840 mg sodium.

Many readers called to compliment my September 12 column on composting. If you are interested in learning more about composting, call your local DPW department.

Juice bars gain in popularity

BY LOIS THIELEKE
SPECIAL WRITER

Trendy...yes. Good for you...yes. It's the era of juice bars.

Coffee bars are still popular but gaining are the juice bars. They began on the West Coast and are slowly moving this way. Juices made from beets, carrots, spinach, cabbage, pineapple, banana, papaya, apple, pear, etc. are truly a nutritious cocktail.

Health experts still prefer you get your fruits and vegetables by eating rather than drinking them, but this is a good alternative. Drinking juice is an easy way to meet the daily goal of five to eleven servings. You lose the fiber in juice extraction but not the nutrients. Actually there are more nutrients in a glass of juice because it takes more fruit to make a full glass. For example, one eight-ounce glass of orange juice has twice the folic acid as one medium orange.

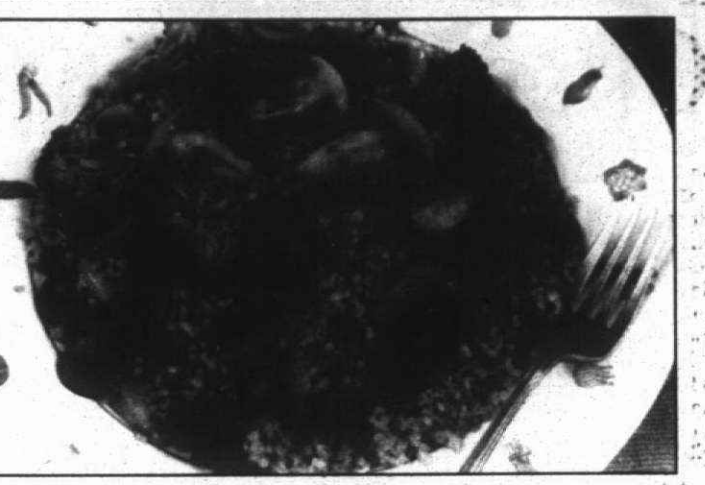
Some of the more popular and familiar fruit juices such as apple, cranberry and orange have been around for generations. One eight-ounce glass of apple juice has 295 milligrams of

potassium, more than a half of a banana. Apple juice does not cause heartburn because of its lower acid content.

Cranberry juice is a powerhouse of vitamin C. Since the cranberry is so tart, lots of sugar and water have been added, but the calories are comparable to other juices. Commercial cranberry juice is usually made from concentrate with bottled sweeteners. Many health experts believe that cranberry juice contains a substance that keeps bacteria from causing bladder infections.

The most popular American juice is orange juice. One cup provides up to twice the daily requirement of vitamin C. Orange juice also contains folic acid, a must for pregnant women to cut down the risk of premature delivery and birth defects. Orange juice also has lots of potassium, which is important in controlling high blood pressure.

Tomato juice is low in calories but rich in vitamin C and other antioxidants that may lower the risk of stomach cancer. One small problem is the sodium content of tomato juice, so read the



Mighty good: This mushroom and broccoli burger is a delicious way to combine mushrooms with wholegrain and a nutrient rich vegetable.

Mushrooms are elegant

Mushrooms have been used for centuries as an elegant addition to daily dining. The mushroom mystique remains, but now we have many more varieties readily available and many more ways to incorporate them into our daily diet. Mushrooms can be eaten raw as a crudite, baked on pizza, sauteed in a sauce, marinated in antipasto, or stuffed as an hors d'oeuvre. Try them cooked in soup, tucked in a sandwich, folded in an omelet, tossed in pasta, sprinkled on meat, or cut up in a salad. In all shapes, sizes and flavors, mushrooms can add panache to nearly any meal.

Americans eat three-quarters of a billion pounds of mushrooms per year. While much of that is domestic white mushrooms, the use of more exotic kinds is also on the rise. Full-bodied shiitakes have a meaty flavor that is the perfect complement to stir-fries, pastas or soups. The soft texture of oyster mushrooms makes them ideal to serve sliced raw in

Tips on how to buy juice

If you're buying juice, read the label to make sure you're getting exactly what you want.

No added sweetener means no sugar, corn syrup or artificial sweeteners have been added. However, apple or grape juice may have been added as the sweetener.

100 percent juice means the drink contains whatever fruit is featured on the label plus other juices. It could have as little as 5 percent of the featured fruit, so it may be a combination of fruit juices.

"Not from concentrate" means it has been freshly squeezed, preserved by heat pasteurization.

"From concentrate" means the fruit had been partly dehydrated and needed to be rehydrated to regain its normal strength later.

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Trenton placed first in the best booth/showmanship category.

In the salsa competition, which drew 29 entries at the Plymouth cook-off, Judy Thomas placed first to win \$50 and a ribbon. Debbie Walter, second, and Chris Hibbard, third, were anywhere from pureed to chunky and from barbecue to excessively

hot, one of the more unusual sweet barbecue to taste to on fire-mayor Ron Loiselle.

"I was really surprised," said Marilyn about her victory in Plymouth. "I made a good pot of chili, but I've made better."

"My pot was good," said Ray. "It was right on, but there were a lot of good cooks here."

"Georgia's chili was incredible," said Pat Wilhite of Wixom, former office manager of the Lark restaurant in West Bloomfield who judged the semi-finals at the World Cook-off on Oct. 5. "For the first time in the World Cook-off there was a 16 point spread between the first and second place winners."

Recipe compliments of Marilyn Frederick

- TIME BOMB CHILI**
- 1 1/2 pounds cubed pork
 - 3 1/2 pounds cubed beef
 - 1/4 cup oil
 - 1 10 1/2-ounce can beef broth
 - 1 10 1/2-ounce can chicken broth
 - 1 12-ounce can or bottle of beer
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 1 large green pepper, chopped
 - 12 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 banana pepper, chopped
 - 3 14 1/2-ounce cans tomato sauce
 - 1/2 cup chili powder
 - 1 Tablespoon MSG
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 Tablespoon honey
 - 1 Tablespoon molasses
 - 1 teaspoon ground oregano
 - 2 Tablespoons cumin
 - 1 Tablespoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
 - 1 Tablespoon Tabasco
- In a large pot, brown meat. Drain excess grease. Add beef and

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C.J. RISAK

New conference, old rituals are next for Madonna

Now the real fun begins. On Friday, representatives from the six current members of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference -- Aquinas, Concordia, Cornerstone, Siena Heights, Spring Arbor and Tri-State -- gathered at the newest member's pad to both welcome them into the fold and to talk briefly about the upcoming basketball seasons.

Madonna University isn't a WHAC member yet. Won't be 'til July of next year. So for now, everything is cordial.

But let's be honest. It's like that at all pre-season preview meetings. Coaches heaping praise upon both their fellow coaches and their conference -- it's quite the norm.

Of course, when the season rolls around and they're on the sidelines, they'll bait and banter and blather at each other relentlessly, vying for the attention of the striped shirts -- and their intent? To get a break for their team, of course, one they believe may make the difference in winning the game.

That's what basketball coaches do, whatever the level of competition. Which means the WHAC is no different.

At least not in that respect. Another likeness to other conferences: the off-the-court (in basketball terminology) intrigue.

Madonna's joining our league, a WHAC coach repeats to himself over and over. What's that mean to me?

Start preparing now

If you're Siena Heights men's basketball coach Fred Smith, it means there will be increased competition for players in your area of recruitment. Sure, Madonna covers the area already, but now as part of a conference -- the same conference, for that matter -- the Crusaders' success rate should climb.

Smith knows what to expect. He's been through all this before, remember. A decade ago, his team ruled the NAIA District 23, making annual trips to Kansas City for the NAIA Tournament.

Then along came Glen Donahue and his St. Mary's College team in Orchard Lake. Within a few years, St. Mary's owned the top spot in the district and was making those trips.

Smith pledged his friendship to Donahue at Friday's meeting -- and why not? The former St. Mary's coach is now an assistant coach at Central Michigan, his tenure at St. Mary's severed when the school cancelled the program.

When they coached against each other Smith was respectful, it's true. But after losing in the district playoffs, it was a grudging respect.

Let's face it: Basketball games are often won in the months, and sometimes years, before -- the time spent recruiting. If a coach brings in enough talent, wins will follow.

Which means recruiting wars can be more vicious than anything on the court. Ask anyone in the Catholic League or the private school district -- or even better, the public schools that compete against them for talent.

Madonna poses a threat

At present, Madonna's men's team is nothing to be feared (or at least it hasn't been). But with Bernie Holowicki, formerly of Redford Catholic Central, entering his second season, that could change rapidly.

For now, the coaches are content to bury Madonna and its programs with accolades, insisting how the Crusaders' addition will strengthen the WHAC.

Privately, however, plans to stick Madonna into the league cellar and keep it there as long as possible are already in the works. It isn't a league-wide plot, mind you; coaches from Aquinas and Spring Arbor aren't placing conference calls to coaches from Concordia and Cornerstone to formulate some sort of strategy.

It's neither that organized nor quite that devious, although there are coaches who firmly believe such stuff does occur (a paranoid clan, aren't they?). It's more individual than that.

More like: "We can't lose to Madonna. They just joined the league, for God's sake."

So it simply becomes a similar goal for every team in the league -- don't dare lose to the newcomer. And Madonna becomes the common enemy.

In public, they'll say what a great program Madonna has. In private, they hope the Crusaders will be a team they can bounce around and beat up on.

It's what they do. It's how they think. So expect it. When Madonna plays any of its soon-to-be WHAC brethren in the upcoming season (when the Crusaders are still a non-WHAC

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Canton's triumph earns title share

Not for naught. That's what Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team can tell anyone and everyone who asks: We did not lose everything when we gave away that game at Northville 18 days ago (six varsity players were suspended).

Northville ended up getting upset by Walled Lake Central last Tuesday and Canton, with Thursday's 60-26 thrashing of Livonia Franklin Thursday at Franklin, was able to lay claim to half a title.

Both Northville and Canton finished 10-1 in the league. Northville, based upon its regular-season win over Canton, will get the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament. But officially, they are co-champions.

BASKETBALL

Salem (14-3, 9-2) is the No. 3 seed, since it beat Central (11-5, 9-2), which is No. 4.

The Western Division team hosts the first-round games, which breaks down like this: No. 1 Northville entertaining Livonia Stevenson (7-10) Thursday at 7 p.m.; No. 2 Canton (15-2 overall) hosting Farmington (7-10) at 7 p.m. Thursday; and No. 3 Stevenson playing at Walled Lake Western (7 p.m. Thursday).

Central travels to Farmington Harrison Thursday (7 p.m.).

The second round of the WLAA Tournament is on the Lakes' teams' courts (or, if both are Lakes

teams, the higher seed) on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The WLAA semifinals will be on the higher seed's court Thursday, Nov. 7. The WLAA championship is Friday, Nov. 8 at Walled Lake Central.

"We're pleased to come out with that," Canton coach Bob Blohm said of the title-tie. "They've been a great group. I'm glad they were able to hang in there and do that."

The Chiefs had little trouble hanging in there against Franklin Thursday. They led 18-6 after one quarter and 32-13 at the half, which meant that -- barring a second-half Patriot miracle -- the game was over.

Canton did not let up much in the second half,

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Chiefs survive a scare

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Get used to it, Plymouth Canton.

If you plan on making a long run in the state soccer playoffs, if you plan on equaling what your predecessors -- like the 1994 Chiefs -- accomplished and win a state championship, understand it will never be easy.

Every opponent will know your legacy. They will have no trouble getting mentally prepared for you.

You might as well wear targets over your red jerseys.

There's been talk that Canton isn't well-respected. That may be true, but only among some of their Western Lakes Activities Association rivals.

But don't expect that kind of attitude from your foes at this time of year.

The first lesson in tournament soccer came Saturday, when the Chiefs hosted Novi in the district final. No big deal, right? So where are the regionals?

Wrong. It doesn't take a long memory to recall what happened to the Chiefs last year. And in 1993.

Novi eliminated them. Both times. In the districts.

It was not to be repeated this year, but Canton's victory did not come easily. The final was 1-0, and right down to the end the Wildcats fought, putting the ball into the Canton box in the closing seconds, a goal just one good foot away.

"I'll tell ya," said Don Smith, Canton's coach. "They came to play. Right down to that last touch, down there."

The game's only goal came with 23:23 remaining in the first half, off a corner kick initiated by Justin Fishaw. His hit was perfectly placed, right where Mike Bennett could drive a header at the net -- which he did, into the goal to make it 1-0, Canton.

It was not the only scoring chance the Chiefs (now 14-2-4) would get. Novi, too, came close on several occasions. But it was the only goal of the match.

The attitude of first-year Novi coach Brian O'Leary provided some insight into what Canton should expect in upcoming tournament games.

"I thought we played well," he said, his team finishing at 15-4-1. "I'm not disappointed at all. They were supposed to win, but we played them real tough."

Understand, O'Leary was smiling during most of the above conversation. Sure, he was looking forward to next year (he has 10 sophomores on his team), but he knew this year's team came very close to reaching the next level in the tournament.

Which is exactly where the Chiefs are now headed, a position not entirely unfamiliar to them. They travel to the Brighton regional to play the host team at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Livonia



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Head headers: Canton's Matt Ammons (19) battles Novi's Alan Lyskawa for a head ball, something both he and teammate Mike Bennett (3) are adept at. Both have scored pivotal goals for the Chiefs in district games on headers.

Stevenson goes against Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. Tuesday, with the winners meeting in the regional final at 1 p.m. Saturday in Brighton.

Canton met Brighton once earlier this season

in Brighton, playing the Bulldogs to a 2-2 tie. "They're scrappy," Smith said of his first-round regional opponent. "They'd just as soon kick you as the ball -- and they often do. We'll need good officiating."

Johnson propels Rocks to a 2nd win over N'ville

So who needs a charm for the third try? Who needs a third try?

Plymouth Salem struggled with Northville the first time the two Western Lakes Activities Association foes met on the football field. It took an end-of-the-game field goal for the Rocks to prevail.

It wasn't nearly so dramatic Friday, when the two met again in the WLAA crossover game at Northville. The Mustangs tied it once and managed to keep it close most of the time, but they could never catch Salem and ended up losing 28-14.

The win guarantees the Rocks, a team that prior to the season was expected to struggle through perhaps its toughest campaign under coach Tom Moshimer, a plus in the record column. They are 5-3 as they head into Friday's season-closer against Plymouth Canton.

A combination of efforts by seniors Matt Johnson and Nate Gray, together with an offensive line that

cleared the way for 364 rushing yards, made the Rocks winners.

Johnson, a running back, was nearly unstoppable. He riddled Northville's defense for 238 yards on the ground on 26 carries, including two touchdowns.

Gray, a quarterback, kept the Mustangs guessing, gaining 60 yards on the ground on 16 tries (with one TD) and completing 4-of-8 passes for 52 yards.

Still, it wasn't until the second half that Salem's offense really got into gear. The Rocks scored on their opening drive of the game, thanks in great part to a 52-yard run by Johnson to the Northville 5-yard line. Johnson eventually plunged in from the one, and James Brian's placement made it 7-0.

Chris Whittington tied it for Northville, finishing a second-quarter drive with a 4-yard run. The score was set up by a Scott Vigh

See SALEM, 3C

Falcons are overwhelmed in hammering by Chiefs

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Rob Johnson is smooth as butter and twice as slippery.

Johnson displayed his versatility again Friday night while leading Plymouth Canton to an easy 42-0 victory over overmatched Farmington.

"Rob Johnson makes that team," declared Coach Lauri Niskanen of Farmington. "He's a big-time player. He makes them go."

Johnson completed five of his first six passes for 52 yards (his receivers dropped or he misfired on his final five of the night) and also ran seven times for 69 yards including a two-yard touchdown.

"You always hope to do better," Canton coach Bob Khoenle said after his Chiefs squared their overall record at 4-4 while the Falcons dropped to 2-6. "Our four losses were to good football teams."

"Of the four, in reality, in truth,

we had a chance to beat one of them."

"We're not of the calibre of these teams," said Niskanen, whose team plays Milford Lakeland to end its season Saturday. "We've got to win for our seniors."

"So they can head into the off-season with a win -- like we've done for the last two years. They run a wing-T, so we have to make sure we've got all the things covered."

Canton faces Salem on their mutual home field Friday night.

"Our new season starts this week," smiled Khoenle. "We'll do what we do, just do it a little bit better."

"I don't think we'll put any new wrinkles in at this stage. It's a little late in the season for that. We'll just do what we do but try to do it better."

Johnson gained 16 yards on a keeper on Canton's first play from

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'G' is the right stuff, but 'D' is dangerous



BILL PARKER

The phone has been ringing off the hook lately - both at home and at the office. As election day 1996 approaches it seems everyone wants to know "what the deal is" about the two proposals dealing with Michigan's wildlife.

Actually, nearly everyone I've talked with, hunters and non-hunters alike, is in favor of Proposal G. Proposal G gives complete authority to manage Michigan's wildlife resources to the Natural Resources Commission - the policy-making arm of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - and mandates the opportunity for public input in the management process.

The DNR has successfully managed Michigan's wildlife for 75 years and its record speaks for itself. Because of professional wildlife management we currently have more deer, bear, elk, and turkey in Michigan than we had at the turn of the century. We have seen the return of moose, fishers, martens and peregrine falcons, and enjoy thriving populations of Canada geese, wood

ducks, loons and bluebirds, just to name a few. Proposal G insures that Michigan's successful professional wildlife management continues.

"D" is dangerous

Most of the questions I've been asked have to deal with Proposal D - the proposal sponsored by Citizens United for Bear (CUB) - which would eliminate baiting and hound hunting for Michigan black bear, the way 96-percent of Michigan bear are taken.

Proposal D is dangerous for humans and wildlife in Michigan and is based on half-truths.

CUB is not the grass-roots organization it wants us to believe, and it is not attempting to save Michigan's black bear.

CUB was formed by a disgruntled Upper Peninsula landowner who had a trespassing problem. Rest assured, there is no major trespassing problem with bear hunters in the Upper Peninsula. The DNR has received less than 50 complaints about trespassing bear hunters over the past five years. That's less than 10 complaints per year, across the entire Upper Peninsula, over the course of a 47-day hunt. Certainly that's 10-per-year too many, but hardly reason to seek an end to scientific wildlife management.

According to reports filed with the Secretary of State in late August, 96 percent of the \$800,000 CUB had raised at that time came from two wealthy land owners and the East Coast-based animal rights group The Fund For Animals.

Michigan's legislature wanted nothing to do with CUB's idea to outlaw the use of hounds and bait. It realized the danger of a burgeoning population of a carnivorous predator. So, CUB solicited some 350,000 signatures to get Proposal D on the ballot. It paid a solicitation firm to collect many of those signatures.

"They bought and paid for this election," said Rick Jameson, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Club. "It's just a travesty. All they've got is two millionaires and an animal rights group."

A nation-wide effort

Proposal D is part of a nation-wide strategy by the animal rights activists to eventually achieve their ultimate goal of ending all hunting. It's not about baiting and hound hunting in Michigan, that's just a smoke screen. In a letter to its members, The Fund For Animals stated, "The Fund is now undertaking the biggest and boldest, and perhaps, the most dangerous campaign in our history. A campaign to stop sport hunt-

ing in America."

The Fund For Animals launched and won similar anti-bait and anti-hound campaigns in California, Utah, Colorado and Oregon.

In California, where The Fund For Animals successfully ended bait and hound hunting for cougars at the ballot box, the state now pays officials to kill more "nuisance" cougars each year than hunters ever killed. Another frightening aspect of California's cougar ban is that two female joggers were killed by cougars last year - the state's first deadly cougar attacks in over 100 years.

Since cougars are no longer hunted in California, the population is exploding and the animals have lost their fear of man. Is that what we want to happen with black bear in Michigan?

Some of the Proposal D television commercials are even misleading. One commercial shows the graphic killing of a treed bear. The problem is, the footage is of a poaching ring in Oregon some 20 years ago, not law abiding hunters in Michigan.

Bear population thriving

Proponents of Proposal D say it will save Michigan's black bear from unethical trophy hunters. The fact is, Michigan's bear population is thriving and

has doubled to over 10,000 animals since 1990. Michigan currently employs the tightest bear hunting regulations in the nation.

To eliminate the way 96-percent of the bear are killed will put the bears and humans in danger as the population will explode within a few years. Nuisance complaints, bear/car accidents, human injury and even death will likely occur before Mother Nature steps in and controls the population through starvation and disease.

CUB claims the use of bait and hounds is unsporting and inhumane. In reality, the success rate for killing a black bear in Michigan is a mere 26 percent. That means just 26 out of every 100 bear hunters return home with meat for the freezer. Hunters certainly do not have an unfair advantage.

Tell your non-hunting neighbors and friends the truth about Proposal D. Urge them to do something good for Michigan's bear population and vote "No" on Proposal D.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

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member), almost anything can be expected.

The opposing coaches could take it easy, lulling the Crusader coaches into a false sense of security. Or they could paste them, the message being, "This is what you have to look forward to."

If a WHAC team loses a lot in the off-season, I'd look for

the latter. After all, there's still the recruiting wars to consider. And a player would rather go to a winner than a loser.

See what I mean by intra-conference intrigue? And this is only the initial stages; wait! Madonna's been a member for a while, and the WHAC grows older it's only been around since '92.

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outpointing Franklin 28-13.

Kristi Florenzi's 16 points paced the Chiefs. Nkechi Okumwabu added 15 and Melissa Marzoff had 12. Tera Merrill, a freshman, topped Franklin (4-13 overall, 2-9 in the WLAA) with seven.

Salem 45, Farmington 29: It was Senior Night at Plymouth Salem Thursday, and the Rocks celebrated (in particular) their seniors: Merritt Walker, Laurel Weinman and Janelle Sterling) by not giving Farmington much of a chance.

Salem led by 10 (14-4) after one quarter and by 15 (23-8) at the half in cruising to its 14th win of the season (14-3, 9-2 in the WLAA).

With the double-barreled point-production provided by Angela Sillmon (15 points) and Amanda Abraham (11), the Rocks stayed in command throughout. Their lead grew to 37-17 after three quarters.

Abraham also had seven rebounds and two assists, while Sillmon contributed the three boards and two assists. Amanda Porter's 13 points paced the Falcons (7-10 overall, 5-6 in the WLAA).

Strong finish clinches a title for Canton

Plymouth Canton's swimmers needed something special if they were going to get something special Thursday in their final Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet of the season against Northville.

The Chiefs were in a situation just like the one they had been in two nights earlier at Brighton. They had to not just take first in the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay -- they had to take second, too.

But this wasn't the Brighton meet. For one thing, more was at

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stake: Like the WLAA's Western Division title.

The Chiefs responded. They swept the top two spots in the final relay, giving them a 96-91 victory at Canton.

Angie Frost, Andrea Cisewski, Meagan Dowd and Megan Van Covering teamed for a first in the 400 free relay (4:02.88), and Sue Fanning, Kristen Kalymon, Donna Logsdon and Amy Sonnanstine finished second

(4:05.35).

Other wins for the Chiefs went to Teri Hanson, who won twice in the 200 freestyle (2:01.5) and in the 100 butterfly (1:01.19). Sonnanstine also captured top honors in the 500 free (5:41.31).

Canton finishes with a 5-6 overall dual-meet record, but the Chiefs are 5-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"It was very exciting," said Canton co-coach Sarah Eubanks. "It went down to the last race -- we came out with a first and a second, and that's what we needed to do."

Coach Chuck Olson was concerned about the Raiders prior to the meet. As it turned out, there was no need, as the Rocks won the first five events and nine of the first 10.

Both Audrey Hala and Yvonne Lynn won two individual events apiece. Hala's victories came in the 200-yard (2:05.11) and 500-yard (5:32.38) freestyles; Lynn was first in the 200 individual medley (2:19.82) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.91).

Other individual winners for Salem were Carrie Dzialo in the 50 free (26.46), Michelle Wallon in the diving (176.80 points) and Kellyann Williams in the 100 free (56.98).

Lynn, Katie Bonner, Lori McKay and Kathy Kelly teamed for a first for Salem in the 200 individual medley relay (1:56.87); and Dzialo, Williams, Kelly and Hala combined for a win in the 200 free relay (1:45.74).

Ocelots tied for top spot

Michelle MacRae finished with 14 kills and eight blocks Thursday, leading Schoolcraft College to a 7-15, 15-7, 15-5, 16-4 women's volleyball triumph at Oakland CC.

The Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 18 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, finished 8-2 in the Eastern Conference, tied for first with Henry Ford and Flint Mott.

Jamie Clark (Livonia Churchill) contributed 11 kills, and 21 digs for Schoolcraft, now 20-9 overall.

Other standouts were Hermi-na Angeles, 10 kills and 27 digs; Yvette Sibeby (Garden City), 9 kills/300 hitting percentage; and Stacy Salius, nine blocks.

Crusaders superior

Three players recorded kills in double digits Thursday as Madonna University, ranked No. 16 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, ran its women's volleyball record to 31-3

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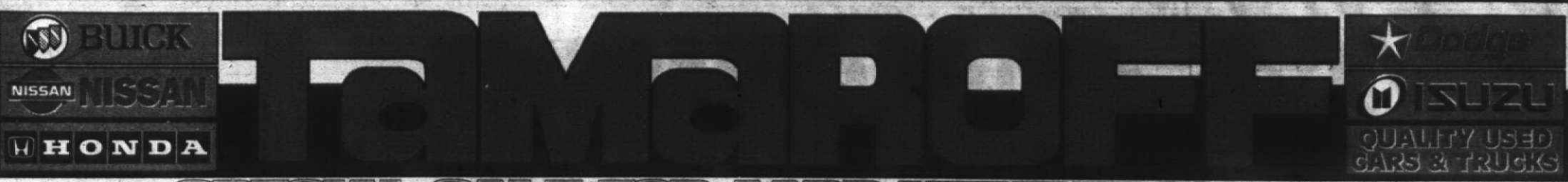
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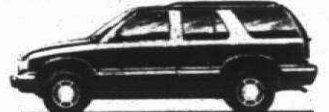


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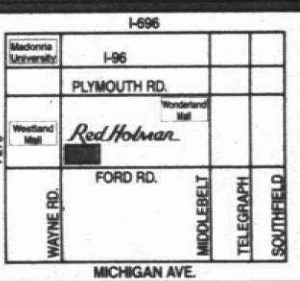
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New-look Talon digs in for another strong year

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ROAD TEST By Anne Fracassa

It's been more than a couple of years since I've driven the Eagle Talon. First introduced in 1990, the Talon was Chrysler's little bitty sports car and sister to the Plymouth Laser and Mitsubishi Eclipse.

Seven years later, they're still all built at Mitsubishi Motors' assembly plant in Normal, Ill. It was re-engineered and restyled just two years ago, but the Talon enjoys even more freshening of its skin and added interior comforts and features for 1997.

This year, the exterior of the Talon has been slightly freshened to make it even more distinctive. There's a new front treatment that makes the front fascia, front fascia grille and new fog lamps look really aggressive. Even the new front emblem is large and stamped in between the headlamps.

The rear is also new and changed are the rear fascia, dimensional rear fascia badging, and a new rear spoiler for the ESi and TSi all-wheel-drive models.

Also new for 1997 are 17-inch VR-rated tires mounted on 17-

inch cast aluminum wheels (on TSi AWD models) new 14-inch wheel covers for the ESi models, availability of "sparkle silver" wheel covers, new body-side appliques, quarter window, high-gloss black drip rails, new black and tan interior colors and AC outlets.

There's one thing that's certain on this little number: It's a lot of fun to drive. And I drove the ESi with the standard 2.0-liter dual overhead cam sequential multiport electronic inject-

ed in-line four cylinder engine with the 4-speed automatic attached. Horsepower is rated at 140.

The engine performed well, got me going in a hurry and was great in passing on the freeway. It would be really easy to go very fast and get very caught in this pretty sports coupe.

Also available but standard on the TSi and TSi AWD models is a turbocharged 2.0-liter dual overhead cam 16-valve in line four cylinder that gives you even more oomph with 210 horsepower.

Eagle bills the Talon as a 4-passenger vehicle, but it really isn't. If you're anywhere over 5-foot-6, the rear of the front seat will touch the front of the rear seat. That means zero leg room in the rear.

This is really a two-seater with a couple of back seats. I gave up on trying to put a tod-

der booster seat back there for my 3-year-old.

One thing I do remember about the last drive is that the car was really small on the inside. That's not true anymore. I'm not saying the interior is like an LHS or anything, I'm just saying that the interior is a little more roomy than before.

What I liked most about the Talon is that instrumentation is wrapped around the driver's seat. Everything is tilted and geared toward the driver. Everything is within easy reach, easy to operate and even easier to see.

Instrumentation includes a 150-mile-per-hour analog speedometer, odometer, trip odometer, tachometer, fuel, coolant temperature and on the TSi and TSi AWD models, there's also turbo boost and oil pressure gauges.

And, there are about a hundred — okay, I'm exaggerating a bit — warning lamps. They include one for the battery, oil pressure, driver's seat belt, door or liftgate ajar, brake fluid, air bag, high beam headlamps, low fuel, low washer fluid, anti-lock brakes, turn signals, parking brake and check engine.

Safety equipment is all there including the driver and passenger air bags, knee bolster, side impact protection, 5 mph bumpers, and 3-point active seat belts both front and rear. Anti-lock brakes and 4-wheel disc brakes are optional.

Providing comfort and wonderful handling characteristics are a multi-link fully independent front and rear suspension and speed sensitive steering. This thing can fly around a corner with the ease of a full-size luxury sedan — but with nimble and quick handling.

Another feature I appreciated was the driver's left foot rest. It was really comfortable during longer drives. What I didn't like was the exterior mirrors. They were manual remote mirrors. It's so hard to adjust that passenger side mirror all by yourself. It's even harder when someone else is helping you. Power is available as an option on ESi and standard on both TSi models.

The base model is really base. It has hardly any extras on it. The ESi is a decent value. But if you really want a really fun sports coupe, bank on getting the TSi or TSi all-wheel-drive. Where there's a snow, the all-wheel-drive will get you out of a mess or two. There's better handling on the AWD model as well.

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