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School official target of suit



A former employee of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools says harassment by Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman forced her out of her job in 1995.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Errol Goldman, Plymouth-Canton assistant superintendent for employee relations, is being sued by a former employee for harassment, humiliation, and age/gender discrimination.

Lorraine Burnett, an executive

secretary in Goldman's department until she left in May 1995, is suing for \$4 million, claiming "intentional infliction of emotional distress and retaliatory harassment."

Also named in the suit are Superintendent Charles Little, the Plymouth-Canton School District and the Board of Education.

Burnett, 56, claims that Goldman humiliated and denigrated her by assigning her duties to others; giving her title to her assistant; communicating with her only via Dictaphone and memos; and subjecting her to "such emotional abuse that she was unable to sleep."

A complaint filed last month in Wayne County Circuit Court says Goldman "wanted her (Burnett) gone; and that Goldman wanted Walt Bartnick, (administrative assistant/labor relations), to 'get rid of her.'"

Despite Burnett's requests, Little

and the Board of Education failed to satisfactorily address the situation, according to the complaint. "Defendant Little said he would not permit Burnett to address the board with her concerns," the complaint says. The superintendent's solution to Burnett's problems "was for her to forget what had happened and for him (Goldman) to say good morning and goodbye."

Asked about the suit, Little said, "I have no comment. The board is aware of the litigation. That's all I'll

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Contaminated fish flee lake

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Scores of fish contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls probably have moved downstream by the lowering of Newburgh Lake to the middle branch of the Rouge River, state officials said last week.

That has prompted state officials to re-emphasize an advisory that exists against the public consumption of fish caught in that branch of the Rouge River.

The lake lowering from its original 15-foot depth to about 5 feet was completed according to permit requirements drawn by Environmental Consulting & Technology issued and approved by the state Department of Environmental Quality, but contractors used what the state called an "inappropriate" net in a spillway area at the dam in attempts to contain the fish.

EC&T was contracted by Wayne County to be the project manager of the \$10 million restoration of Newburgh Lake.

A project manager from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality said he was "not happy with what he saw upstream" when checking the site early last week.

"It was a lot shallower than we thought it would be, and not a large enough zone for (the fish) to stay in," said Mark Oemke, project manager with the state Department of Environmental Quality. Oemke was referring to a pool of water just west of the dam.

Oemke reiterated that the contractors did nothing in violation of the permit, still the DEQ "didn't know how many, and we still don't know how many, fish may have gone downstream."

Gary Towns, a fisheries biologist with the Michigan's Department of Natural Resources who is responsible for a five-county area, was furious that the lake was drawn down so low from 105 acres down to about 10 acres without what the state

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Trustees balk at theater cost, will study options

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The show must go on without a performing arts theater - at least for now.

Canton's Board of Trustees liked the idea of a community theater, but not the estimated price tag of \$5-\$14 million.

A three-committee study group rallying for a community theater unveiled its findings to the board in a Tuesday study session. About 70 members of various arts agencies packed the board room in support.

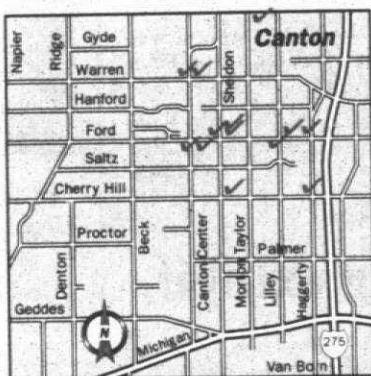
Only one recommendation was made by the committees and that was to hire a fund-raising consultant to seek corporate sponsorship, private donations and state and federal grants.

Supervisor Tom Yack said the board would need more information on consultant firms before committing to the expenditure. He also said other government agencies, such as the Plymouths and Northvilles, should be contacted for financial assistance. Canton has informally agreed to some seed money to get the project off the ground.

The committee was formed a year ago and consisted of members of local arts agencies, such as Canton Project ARTS, the Plymouth Community Chorus and Plymouth Theater Guild. The Theater Guild holds perfor-

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Pharmacy FEVER

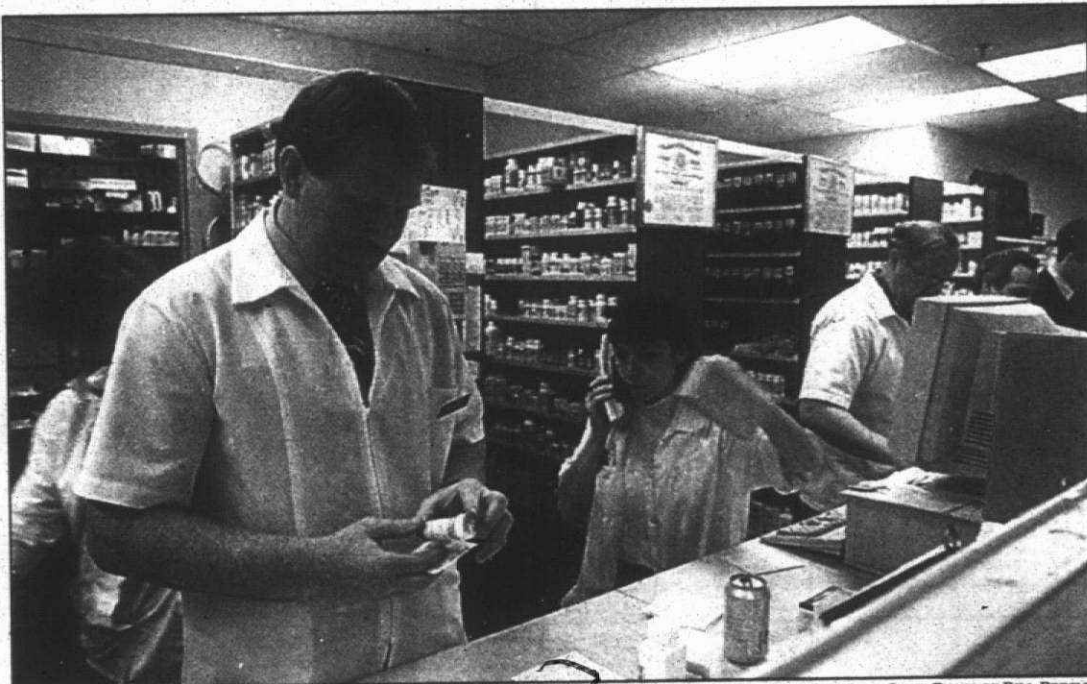


Inside

■ Drugstore chains have their sights set on expansion in western Wayne County. **A5**

■ Many years have passed, but it seems like yesterday. Copy editor Julie Brown reminisces about her high school job in a pharmacy. **A5**

■ Wayne County map showing overall drugstore names and locations. **A5**



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Working together: Tom Eiden (foreground), manager of Richardson's Super Drugs in Canton, works with colleagues Cathey Borowski and Carl Snow. Customer service is the key to competing with larger drugstores, Eiden said.

Pharmacist stresses customer service

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

In his nearly 19 years at Richardson's Super Drugs in Canton, manager Tom Eiden has seen changes. He knows, however, what the key is to competing with large chains.

"Customer service. That's the key," said Eiden, a Plymouth Township resident who graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor of pharmacy degree.

The store is owned by a variety of individuals, with Eiden dealing with a primary owner in Ann Arbor. The store, on Ford at Lilley, used to be part of a chain which included a Westland store. The Canton site is now an independent.

"We employ more help in the pharmacy than chains do," Eiden said, which means shorter waits for customers. The store, which measures approximately 10,000 square feet, carries items big chains won't.

■ Richardson's has been at the same Canton intersection for 23 years, having moved across the street eight years ago. It draws heavily from Canton and Westland, including customers of the store there which is now an Arbor site.

"There's not a day that goes by that we don't do special orders." One of the store's sources of appeal, he said, is its seasonal merchandise such as that carried for Easter.

The store has free crutch rental. It also carries walkers and wheelchairs. Richardson's boasts a machine to test blood pressure free of charge.

"You can't compete with them in advertising," he said of bigger stores, noting that Richardson's does do some advertising. The smaller store can't be competitive in buying power, but can set prices competitively. His store goes with

an everyday low price policy.

Chain stores carry basically the same merchandise, he said, but his store is able to adapt.

The smaller store can carry certain medications, he said, whereas a chain's policy may make that difficult.

"There's a lot more flexibility here. We're able to make more decisions. We can react to situations a lot quicker," said Eiden, 43, whose wife works as a supervisor at the store. The couple has a 16-year-old daughter who is a student at Plymouth Canton High School.

The store has a one-hour photo service, which is unusual for an

independent store, Eiden said.

"We're always trying to come up with different things."

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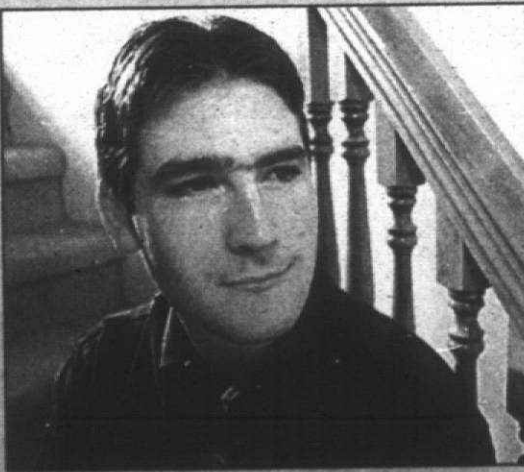
Customers who have moved from the area to such places as Farmington Hills also come back to Richardson's. The store draws from Northville and Plymouth as well.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Eiden doesn't believe not being open 24 hours is a disadvantage.

Two other full-time pharmacists work at the store, along with other employees who have been with Richardson's for a number of years.

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Under water: Brian Halsted, back home in Canton, after flooding closed the University of North Dakota.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Sandbag Central: Student forced home by N.D. flood

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

When Brian Halsted, 19, of Canton began his second year of aviation studies at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks last August, he didn't expect "sandbagging" to be part of the curriculum.

But then, no one expected the

melting winter snows and spring rains to swell the Red River until it crested at 56 feet, almost 30 feet above flood stage.

"I wasn't afraid for myself," said Halsted, who returned home April 19, after the university canceled classes for the rest of the

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Religious faith guides journalist in job, life

■ PRAYER BREAKFAST

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
EDITOR

Bank robberies, fatal automobile accidents, plane crashes.

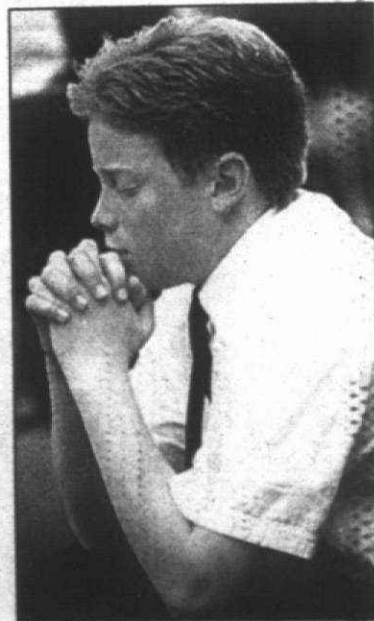
Television news reporter Teresa Tomeo's daily routine would likely discourage even the most battle-tested crisis counselor. And Tomeo's lot, as most broadcast journalists would attest, is often a first-hand, up-close look at the crisis - without ever getting to the counseling.

The way she deals with the litany of tragedy coming from her assignment desk - and with the stress and pressure of life - is through her faith, a devoutly Catholic Tomeo told a crowd of more than 200 people Thursday at the annual Canton-Plymouth Prayer Breakfast.

"Some reporters, I'm sad to say, just turn to stone" after years of covering a city beat. "But some of us are able to turn to God."

Tomeo, of WXYZ-TV Channel 7,

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Reflection: Clay Welton, 12, in a solemn moment at Thursday's breakfast.

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school year. "I was just afraid for the other residents."

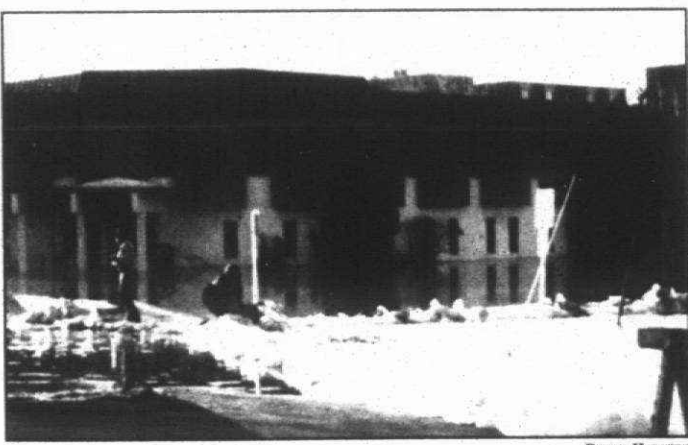
In a state with a population of about 650,000, everybody becomes a volunteer when a major disaster occurs. Halsted and most of university's 11,500 students soon were reporting to "Sandbag Central," Grand Forks flood-control headquarters, where they were bused to wherever they were needed.

Halsted sandbagged for three weeks after classes and in the evenings, working side-by-side with citizen volunteers and members of the National Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers. He recalled seeing water pour out of a resident's front door and garage.

At times, even the university, which is situated next to the English Cooley, a man-made channel created some years ago to divert flood waters from the nearby Red River, was threatened.

"I did the back of my dorm twice. We have tunnels that connect the dorm to other school buildings. They were flooded chest high," said Halsted.

Halsted and fellow students also played tug-of-war with the Red River to save their beloved Delta Upsilon fraternity house. "We had to keep on building it (the dike) higher three times. One day we had five feet left, the next day it would be a foot," he



Washed out: The rising waters of the Red River flooded the campus at the University of North Dakota and forced cancellation of classes this semester.

said.

Halsted, who is working toward a degree in air traffic control, left for home two hours shy of completing his basic aviation requirements. "Maybe if I get my grades I'll be a junior," he said.

Halsted is hopeful that classes will resume again this August. He loves attending the University of North Dakota, one of two four-year universities in the United States that offer an air traffic control degree. (The other is the University of Alaska in Anchorage.)

He also enjoys Grand Forks, which is located about 74 miles north of Fargo, in spite of its hot summers, sub-zero winters, and history-making floods. "I love it up there. The community is into everything, everybody is so nice. You just feel so welcomed."

But as any normal 19-year-old college student knows, there's no place like home. "I missed seeing my family, my dog, Buffie, and my cats, Marcie and Alex. Oh, yeah, and I missed my sister, Kristen."

Home is also a good place to mend sore muscles, and there's a lot of muscle to mend in a body that measures 6 feet tall and weighs 205 pounds. Lois Halsted, Brian's mother, said: "Brian

said he ached in places he didn't know could ache. But it was a good ache."

Lois Halsted, a middle school teacher in Monroe County, is proud of her son and all the volunteers who fought the flood.

"It's the old community spirit that maybe our parents had, or that maybe we had in the 1950s. I'm really proud of the maturity Brian showed. People think kids can't cut the mustard, but they can. Their hearts are in the right place," she said.

Her son didn't say what his plans for this summer were. However, he's thinking of designing a T-shirt on his computer commemorating the Red River flood.

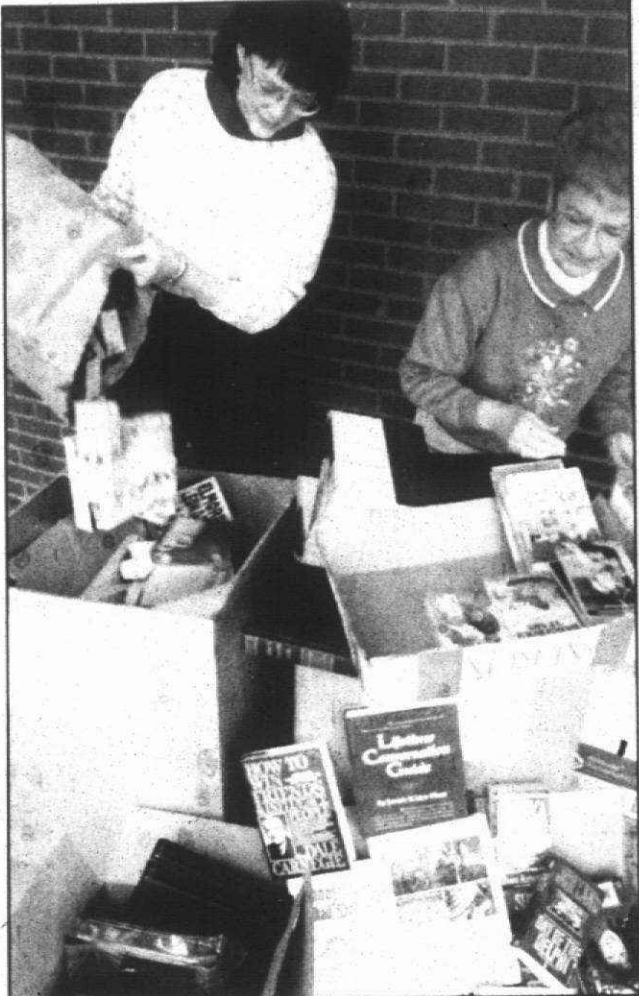
"I'm not looking to make money, just hand them out and say, 'Yeah, we made it,'" said Halsted.

For certain, Halsted will do some flying this summer with his father, Lee, an optometrist and a pilot. Halsted has had his own pilot's license since May 1995, and has logged about 150 solo flying hours. He and his father own a Cessna 172.

"I've been flying since I was knee-high," Halsted said. "I'm a born flyer."

Mmmm, a 19-year-old born flyer who fought the great Red River flood of 1997. Won't Brian Halsted have a lot to tell his grandchildren?

BIG sale at library



Getting ready: Peg Moore (left) and Carolyn Kaump show off just some of the books that will be up for sale at the Canton Library's annual BIG Used Sale. The sale, which features plenty of books priced 25 cents to \$1, runs May 7-18.

Studio hosts spring exhibit

D & M Studio's Once Upon An Easel, will host "The 3 Cities Art Club Annual Spring Art Exhibit and Acquisition," Saturday, May 10th through Thursday, May 22nd. The Artist Reception and Award Ceremony will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 10th. Once Upon An Easel is located in the Golden Gate Plaza, 8691 North Lilley Road, southwest corner of Joy and Lilley Roads in Canton Township.

3 Cities Art Club is the area's oldest art club. This annual exhibit will feature daily artist demonstrations, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The juror for the exhibit is Marge Hogan Chellstorp of Farmington Hills.

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mances on the grounds of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Others rent the small school auditorium when available.

Canton, the only way you're going to do it is build a performing arts center because there are no buildings," said Gene Hammonds, co-chair of the study committee.

"Ninety percent of the groups said if you build it they will come," he added.

Plante & Moran was hired to do a comparison cost study of a 600- and 1,200-seat theater. The 600-seat theater could be built for \$5 million if it was located on property the township already owns next to the Summit center. Canton would have to buy 12 acres of land if it wanted to build the larger 1,200-seat theater, which is estimated at costing \$13.7 million.

Some debate centers around whether a 600-seat theater or 1,200-seat theater would better suit Canton. Although the project started out as a community theater that would provide a place for local groups to perform, a larger theater would allow Canton to draw "B" acts that would produce greater revenue and a greater appreciation of the arts.

However, several community group members said a 1,200-seat theater would be too big and too costly to maintain their current \$12 ticket price. Dividing a 1,200-seat theater for smaller productions also might not be acoustically sound, said Bill Potter of the Plymouth Theater Guild and co-chair of the design and operations committee.

"On whether a larger facility excludes smaller groups we haven't looked at rate structures or whether we could consider offering reduced rates or charging different groups different prices. There are still a lot of issues to go through," Potter said.

Partnership committee co-chair and member of Canton Project ARTS Phyllis Redfern said, "There's a lot of need and a lot of excitement... Talking to the groups we could feel there was a grassroots support of it. Only three (of 50 groups) said they would not use it."

According to figures presented by Plante & Moran the theater would have to be in use for 156 days of the year to be self-supporting. Redfern said the number is "probably low, but reasonable to get us up and going."

"I hope this is something we can do. I just find the numbers to be very staggering at this time," said trustee Phil Lajoy.

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter may have summed it up best: "Don't buy your dress for opening night just yet."

Musical Interlude: Local Christian singer Kim Moore sings "Let Us Pray," the theme song for the National Day of Prayer, which was celebrated Thursday. Moore is the creative arts director at Canton Community Church, where her husband, the Rev. Eric Moore, is the pastor.



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explained how her faith plays an important role in her work life through a series of newspaper vignettes, interspersed with passages from the New Testament, notably the book of Ephesians, Chapter Six.

"Draw your strength from the Lord and his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil," she said, citing verses 11 and 12.

Tomeo talked about covering one story in particular, a drunken driving fatality in East Pointe in which a 7-year-old boy was killed. Journalists and the victim's family members questioned the judge's decision at arraignment to set bond at a relatively low \$10,000, meaning the defendant could be back behind the wheel within hours.

The judge later told Tomeo her persistent inquiries led him to rethink the decision. He upped the bond to \$100,000, keeping the defendant incarcerated.

Divine intervention, Tomeo quipped, scuttled her other assignments that afternoon so she could pursue the judge.

In reality though, her perseverance helped her fulfill her mission to serve the public interest, Tomeo said.

Tomeo, who often gets religious story assignments and fondly recalled covering the recent papal visit to New York, said the media is increasingly reporting on such events. Sometimes the coverage is superficial or sensational, she admitted, but she believes most of the stories she reads or sees are thorough and accurate.

"If even one person hears that word of God (as a result of such reporting than) we've done our job," she said.

Tomeo and her husband, St. Clair Shores residents, are members of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. They also participate in a forum that unites mature, Christian couples with newly-

engaged couples to help encourage a solid start for the new marriage.

Tomeo graduated from Central Michigan University in 1981 and has worked in local radio and at WKBD-TV 50 during her 16-year career.

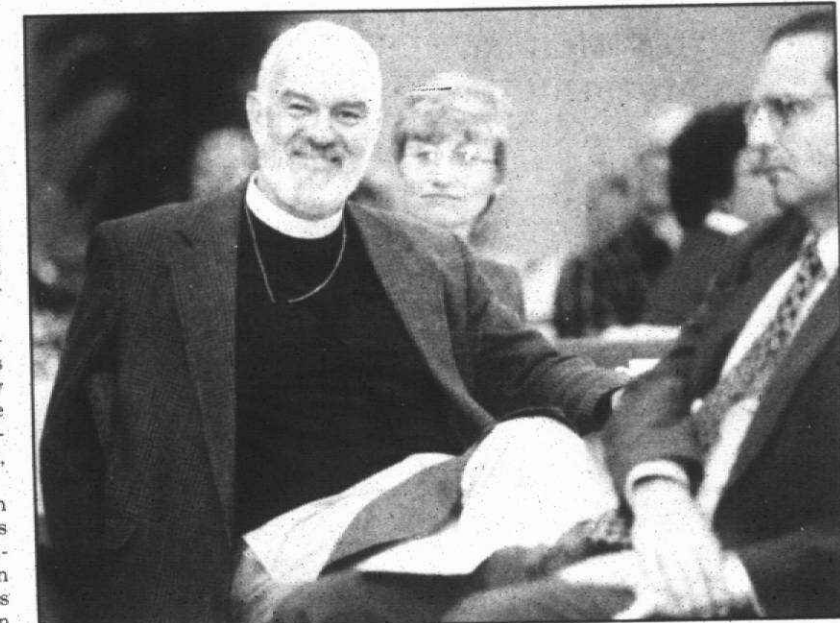
Breakfast attendees also listened to four musical selections from Kim Moore, a contemporary Christian vocalist and creative arts director at Canton Community Church, where her husband, the Rev. Eric Moore, is pastor.

The breakfast at Summit on the Park community center was coordinated by the Canton Community Foundation and Canton Ministerial Association. It was sponsored by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Breakfast organizers are planning to convert the event to one that is privately-funded. For information or to join the planning committee, call Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation director, 981-3002.



Greetings: Television reporter Teresa Tomeo chats with people after her prayer breakfast talk. Tomeo spoke about the importance of religion in her work and personal life.



Light moment: The Rev. Kenneth Bieber laughs during Teresa Tomeo's speech. The minister from the Church of the Risen Lord suggested Tomeo for the prayer breakfast, keynote address.

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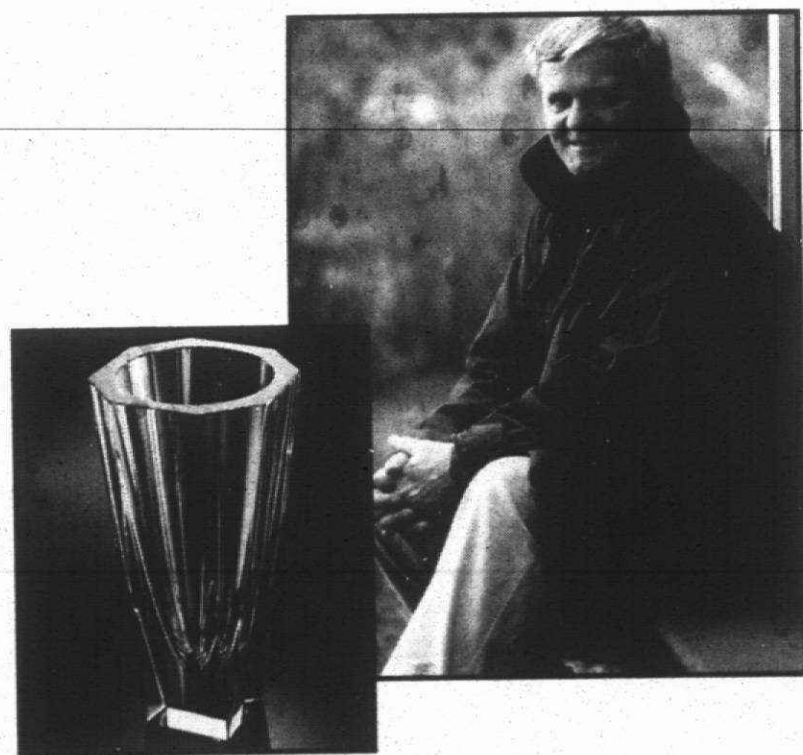
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say." Calls to Goldman were not returned.

Board members including Dave Artley, Carrie Blamer, and Jack Farrow also refused comment. "I'm following Errol's recommendation not to," said Farrow.

Burnett, who found a job with Citizens Insurance but has since been laid off in a downsizing move, said she's "really sorry it had to come to this."

"It was hard for me to do, because of my loyalty to the district," she said. "I feel for the district, however the parties that have to correct actions that were taken. This should not have happened. Errol is a human resources professional and should handle all his employees professionally."

Shortly after joining the district in 1976, Burnett was promoted to executive secretary to the assistant superintendent for employee relations, a job then held by Norm Kee. Goldman filled the position after Kee retired in 1990.

In 1994, Burnett requested an upgrade in recognition of the on-the-job training she provided Goldman; increased responsibilities; and degree attainment. "Although Burnett requested to meet with Goldman per her request, she heard nothing," the suit claims.

Burnett also contends that co-workers who were younger, had fewer years of service, or were male and had not accomplished as much as she had "were recommended for promotion by Goldman and promoted."

Rather than speak with her directly, Goldman channeled all communication through Bur-

nett's subordinate, Karen Stemberger via Dictaphone. The action "both humiliated Burnett and made doing her job more difficult, but Goldman continued to insist upon so communicating," according to the complaint.

Goldman "continued to try to set her up for failure by withholding information she required to do her job."

On Sept. 12, 1994, the board approved a pay increase for Stemberger. "Goldman continued to refuse to discuss the situation with Burnett, but Burnett was advised that it was her responsibility to make staff aware of Stemberger's retroactive pay increase and promotion to executive secretary to the assistant superintendent, as well as her own resulting demotion in status."

While Goldman continued to treat Burnett as "leper" and attempted to "rid himself of Burnett, she continued to perform her responsibilities with competence and professionalism as even the superintendent recognized," the complaint says.

The complaint also says that "on Oct. 18, 1994, Bartnick advised Burnett that Goldman was going to - him in the a-for going to Superintendent Little over Goldman's direction to him to get rid of her."

"Goldman continued to ignore and avoid Burnett to the point that she came face-to-face with him for the first time in weeks on Oct. 21, 1994 and she was surprised that he acknowledged her existence by saying 'Good Morning' for the first time in 1994."

On May 1, 1995, Burnett was asked to submit a severance agreement to Little for his

review, which she did. On May 4, Little told Burnett that "her request" would be put before the board on May 6," according to the suit.

The May 8 meeting didn't result in a resolution. Burnett, Little and Goldman met on May 18, at which time Burnett said she was accepting a lesser-paid position at Citizens "as a way of saving herself emotionally."

Burnett claims no agreement was reached regarding her employment rights, retirement or compensation.

She requested a closed session of the board to deal with complaint, but it never occurred. Little, however, indicated to her that he would investigate Burnett's charges, according to the complaint.

On July 18, Burnett was placed upon unpaid leave. Although she agreed to cooperate with the investigation and to withhold action to allow it to proceed, Burnett never heard anything further about the alleged investigation, said Daniel Hoekenga, her attorney.

In fact, Goldman and Little "retaliated against Burnett and escalated the harassment and discriminatory actions" after she reported Goldman's improper and illegal conduct/actions to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and/or the board of education," Hoekenga said.

Burnett's position "was posted and ultimately given with board approval to a female who is more than 10 years younger than Burnett and who had been Goldman's assistant when he was employed by Ann Arbor Public Schools prior to 1992," according to he suit.

Service from page A1

Eiden sees a future for independent drugstores. "There'll be some. There's always room for that kind of niche. The customer service is what's going to keep these independents alive."

The biggest threat he sees to the success of independent drugstores is managed care plans. Under those plans, independent drugstores are locked out from providing pharmacy services to a

large group, such as employees covered under a health plan.

"We accept almost all insurance plans," said Eiden, estimating that Richardson's accepts some 60 such plans.

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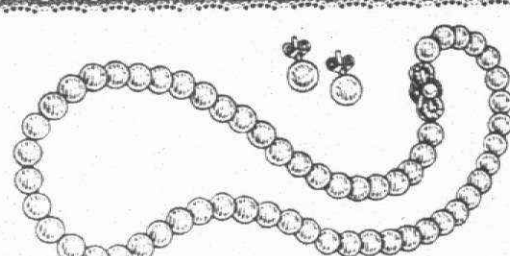
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Drugstore chains plan for expansion

BY BETH SUNDELA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Pharmacies seem to have the
prescription for business in
metro Detroit.

If it looks like there's a pharmacy
on every corner, that's almost the
case in some local communities as
customers are offered many places to
spend their health-care dollars.

Arbor Drugs has 193 stores mostly
in southeast Michigan. Rite Aid,
which bought the Perry Drug Store
chain in 1995, now has more than
3,500 stores in 26 states and Wash-
ington, D.C., including 57 in Wayne
County. Meanwhile, Walgreen,
which has announced its planned
entry into the Detroit market, has
2,256 stores in 34 states and Puerto
Rico.

But that's only part of the picture.
Expansion is the name of the game

for all three
chains. Arbor
plans to build
18-20 stores
this year and
at least that
many are
planned for
next year,
according to
Frederick
Marx, retail
analyst and
Arbor
spokesman.

Based in
Troy, Arbor
had its begin-
nings with a
store in Dear-
born in 1963,
and has seen
very strong
growth in the
last decade, Marx
said.

In 1986, when the company went
public, it had 52 stores.

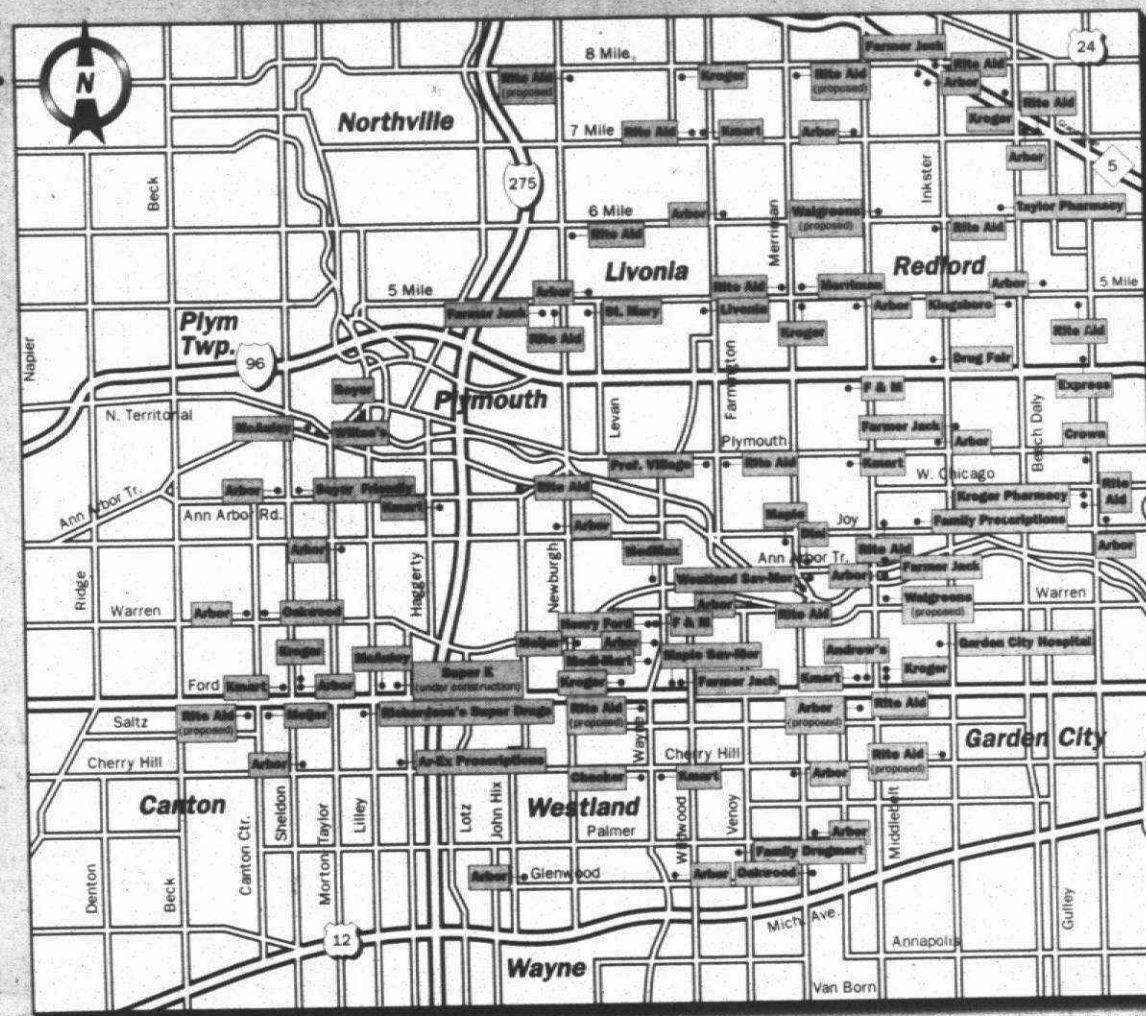
By the end of this year \$1 billion
in sales are expected, Marx said.

Rite Aid, founded in 1982 in
Scranton, Pa., has expansion plans
for metro Detroit as well, according
to Sarah Datz, Rite Aid spokes-
woman. On top for 1997 in Wayne
County are 20 new stores, 15 reloca-
tions where an older outdated store
is moved to a new store site nearby
and 15 remodels where the store is
expanded or remodeled to meet cus-
tomer needs, Datz said.

Walgreen, founded in 1901 in
Chicago, has plans to build in metro
Detroit as part of its plan to have
3,000 stores by the year 2000.

Walgreen will be opening a half-
dozen stores in metro Detroit in the
second half of this year, Michael
Polzin, Walgreen spokesman, said.

Metro Detroit is one of the largest
markets in the country that Wal-
green hasn't entered yet, Polzin said.



The company currently is looking at
sites in Westland and Livonia.

"We'll start with this initial expan-
sion," and then expand beyond that,
he said.

It is expected metro Detroit could
support around 100 Walgreens
stores, based on its population and
density, Polzin said.

Pharmacies are also a part of busi-
ness at stores such as Kmart, Meijer,
Kroger and Farmer Jack.

Pharmacies have been very suc-
cessful at Kmart stores, according to
Kmart spokesman Daniel Jarvis.
Pharmacy services are offered in
about three-quarters of Kmart stores
nationwide, he said.

"We're constantly looking at our
pharmacy operations," he said. The
pharmacies are up to date and will
stack up with any chain, he said.

Meijer has pharmacies in all 107
of its stores, according to Steven
VanWagoner, Meijer public relations
coordinator.

"We do well with them," he said.
"A pharmacy in a Meijer store is
part of our one-stop shopping con-
cept."

Arbor's dominant
"People relate to their neighbor-

hood drugstores," Marx said.

Arbor is the chain drugstore leader
in metro Detroit by every measure,
Marx said. Arbor has enjoyed a
growth of market share with 42 per-
cent of the market share in 1996 up
from 36 percent in 1995.

Michigan is different from the rest
of the country in that most people
have third-party plans, as a result
the plans tend to dictate pricing,
Marx said.

Customers tend to select a drug-
store based on a variety of factors
including convenience, and how
quickly they can get in and out, he
said.

Even with the number of chain
stores, the Detroit market has far
more independents than other mar-
kets, Marx said.

Marx sees the current market as
just more of the same in the drug-
store business. There has always
been drugstore competition, Marx
said. Arbor started "literally in the
shadow of Kmart," Marx said. Also,
once prominent in the drugstore
market were Cunningham and
Perry, Marx said.

Product lines don't change much
from drugstore to drugstore, but

Arbor is very strong in its discipline,
with most of its stores being located
near enough to its Novi warehouse
distribution center for one-day deliv-
ery, Marx said.

When buying a drugstore-related
product, the customer wants it today
and not in three days, Marx added.

Also, many supermarkets are now
going to mega stores; stores that
used to be 20,000 square feet are
now 60,000 square feet, Marx said.

The companies close two stores to
open a mega store, but that makes
them less convenient for the cus-
tomer, he said.

Shopping habits can be monitored
through the prescriptions — which
require a name and address — as
well as through film processing,
Marx said.

If, by the addresses, the company
can see that customers are driving
past competitors to get to an Arbor,
that tells the company that an Arbor
is needed in that area, Marx said.

More drugstores are going into
mature neighborhoods, because the
population has aged, he said.

Store sites

Metro Detroit also has lots of suit-
able sites for Walgreen which likes
to build freestanding stores at major
intersections with easy on-off access,
Polzin said.

"Convenience is really our strategy," Polzin said.

All new Walgreens stores include
drive-through pharmacies, one-hour
photo finishing, patient waiting
rooms, separate consultation win-
dows and satellite links between
stores, Polzin said. Also, several
stores in each market are 24-hour
stores, he said.

Rite Aid also looks to locate more
freestanding stores in convenient,
high-traffic loca-
tions with easy
on-and-off
access and lots
of parking, Datz
said.

Walgreen has
dropped out of
first place in
terms of number
of stores, but is
still the No. 1
chain in several
areas including
sales and earn-
ings, Polzin
said.

Rite Aid, No. 1
in number of
stores, has seen
much of its
growth through
the acquisition
of other chains, according to Datz.

The company recently bought the
Thrifty Payless Inc. drugstores,
which has 1,000 stores located in 10
states on the West Coast, she said.

Rite Aid also has a "fairly aggres-
sive" new store expansion plan, Datz
said.

Rite Aid plans 100 new stores on
the East Coast in 1997 as well as
200 relocations or expansions on the
East Coast. The West Coast stores
are still being evaluated, Datz said.

Drive-through pharmacies are
among the ways the company is
going about serving customers, Datz
said. Rite Aid is also putting in busi-
ness centers in its stores, for photo-
copying and faxing, she said.

The stores are also tailored for the
areas they serve, Datz said, such as
carrying ethnic foods and cosmetics
in some areas.

"In today's world where everyone
is in a rush, people want one-stop
shopping," Datz added.



JULIE
BROWN

Many years have passed, but it seems like
yesterday.

My senior year in high school, I worked at
Ed Downing's Pharmacy, on Walnut Lake
Road just west of Inkster in West Bloom-
field. My beginning there was inauspi-
cious; the summer heat got to me, and I
fainted my first day and had to be tended to
by the nearby Henry Ford Medical facility;
back in those days of the mid-1970s, it
was surrounded by fields and woods.

Things got better, much better, and I'll always have
my fond memories of working at the drugstore. Mr.
Downing could be gruff at times, but he was a good, fair
boss, a good introduction to the workday world for a
high school student.

I remember Herb, the nighttime/Sunday pharmacist.
Mr. Downing's wife, Jane, who was such an integral part
of store operations, the woman who took care of things
during the day and my fellow students who worked at the
store. Some were older by a bit; one young woman, a
junior nursing student at Oakland University, used her
experience in the drugstore to bolster her professional
skills.

There were, to be sure, some humorous moments. One
time, a classmate came in to buy condoms. Not surpris-
ingly, he went to see the pharmacist rather than coming
to my counter. Mr. Downing put the box into a prescrip-
tion bag. There was, however, sales tax on the purchase
which wouldn't have been the case for a prescription. I
couldn't resist an innocent "Have a nice evening" as he
left with his purchase.

Ed Downing's Pharmacy was more than a store; it also
functioned as a community drop-in center where regulars
gathered for a cup of coffee and some conversation. The

Pharmacy gives introduction to workaday world

local postman used to spend some time there, and I
remember my mother complaining about his not being on
his route. I got to know the regulars, who sometimes
wanted to get a young person's point of view on a particu-
lar issue.

Walnut Lake Elementary School was just across the
street, and the kids came in on school days for candy
after classes ended. A few had permission to charge
candy and other small purchases, which was a bit of a
nuisance.

One day, I caught two girls shoplifting, putting small
erasers in their knits hats. I took them to see Mr. Down-
ing, noticing their growing fears and apprehension of
being turned over to the police. As I recall, he called their
parents, a fate probably worse in their eyes than being
turned over to the local law enforcement officials.

We sold cigarettes but no liquor at Ed Downing's. Ciga-
rettes, as I recall, were 52 cents a pack. I must confess
that I at least didn't give much thought to the morality of
a drugstore selling tobacco. When you're 17, death from
lung cancer seems pretty remote.

In 1976-77, when I worked at the store, I made \$1.50

per hour. That was below the minimum wage, which was
\$2.30 at the time. However, the store's proximity to my
home meant I didn't have to maintain a car, so the job
ended up being a better deal than it first appeared.

We were aware of larger drugstore competitors, but it
wasn't the same as it is today. We had Savon (which con-
tinues to operate), but that was before the days of Arbor
and Rite Aid. Most of the insurance checks we got came
from Blue Cross Blue Shield, although there were some
smaller insurers whose cards we accepted as well.

I left Ed Downing and the others that fall of 1977 to
begin studies at the University of Michigan. I kept in
touch, and put my graduation present from Mr. Downing
to good use to pay for books and supplies. I remember
how proud he was the summer after my sophomore year
of college when I worked for the Birmingham-Bloomfield
Eccentric. He would read my articles in the paper. I think
in some ways he thought of those of us who worked in the
store as an extension of his family.

Mr. Downing died of a stroke shortly after that. I found
out too late to attend the service, but did send a note of
condolence to Jane Downing. Another pharmacist bought
the store, but it's since closed.

When I see smaller, locally owned drugstores strug-
gling to compete with larger competitors, I'm drawn back
to the days at Ed Downing's Pharmacy. The store was a
wonderful place to begin my professional life; although I
didn't choose to study pharmacy, I know that I benefited
both professionally and personally from my time there. I
hope that other, younger people will also have that oppor-
tunity.

Julie Brown, a Plymouth Township resident, is a copy
editor for the Observer Newspapers.



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believed was proper containment of the PCB-contaminated fish.

An original plan dated October 1996 called for EC&T to draw down to 54.5 acres. Towns believed many of the fish were to remain in the lake, then killed and sent to a landfill.

"I've been around draw downs and I know once you impact it like this, at least 80 percent of the fish population is displaced," Towns said.

Jim Murray, director of environment for Wayne County, said the county was doing everything that was required under its permit issued by the state Department of Environmental Quality.

"There's a fish advisory on all (the Rouge) branches," Murray said. "We've complied with our part to the letter. Besides, those fish can come over the dam anytime there's high water that's coming over the dam."

Jim Ridgway, vice president of Environmental Consulting & Technology and EC&T's project manager for the Newburgh Lake restoration, refused to answer any questions regarding the state's concerns or the fish situation, and referred all questions to Wayne County.

EC&T received approval of two permits from the Department of Environmental Quality.

One allowed for the lowering of the lake and was approved by the DEQ's land and water management division; another was approved by the DEQ's surface water quality division.

A fish kill to remove what was an estimated 25 tons of fish is scheduled for June using a natural pesticide, rotenone, that is harmless to humans and waterfowl.

Oemke said it was difficult to tally the actual fish population of the lake. "They did draw down the lake about six inches a day, which was slow enough so not to move the PCBs," Oemke said.

Few on shore

The first drawdown has not washed many dead fish on the shore.

"I bought into this for two reasons: No. 1, because the sediments with PCBs in the lake were going to be removed and we would end up with a clean lake that would be fishable, and No. 2, we were not going to pass this fish on (downstream) so it would be someone else's problem," Towns said.

While those fish will not move back upstream, they could conceivably move into other branches, such as the main branch north into Detroit and Oakland County or lower branch of Rouge, where fish advisories do not exist in the upper reaches of the river, Towns said.

The project's goal is to draw down the lake, remove PCB-contaminated soil and restore the lake to a healthy fishery.

Murray said Wayne County had planned on conducting a second fish kill from Wilcox Lake downstream to Nankin Mills. Wayne County would need to apply for a second permit. "We know those fish can migrate back up from Nankin to Newburgh," Murray said.

"Once the restoration is finished, and we plan to apply for a permit to do another fish kill, coming from one dam over Wilcox Lake (upstream from Newburgh Lake) and to Nankin, then Newburgh will be stocked," Towns said earlier talks with EC&T had indicated that the water was to be lowered only about 2 feet below the crest of the Newburgh Lake spillway, which was to decrease the surface area to 54.5 acres. The water was about 5 feet deep in its deepest area.

On Wednesday, Towns and Oemke saw a net about 6 feet across the dam in the east end of the lake that was placed against the spillway to stop the fish and it had captured a pike in it, but Towns called the net "totally inappropriate" because fish could easily flop over the top of the dam and the net.

"The proper method would be a rigid screen or a steel mesh net that totally blocked out the water," Towns said.

In October 1996, EC&T had proposed using blocking nets during the rotenone application. The nets were not discussed during meetings with the contractor because the state believed the lake would be lowered only a couple feet during the first phase, Towns said.

Net useless

Towns said the 6-foot net folded over the spillway, rendering it useless to retain the fish.

"I think it puts a big black mark in a large segment of what we were getting into," Towns said. "Those fish have been passed downstream."

Murray replied: "I would like to hear his explanation about what to do about the fish that have the ability to go over the dam when the water levels are high."

Oemke was told Wednesday by contractors that stronger nets would be used to contain the fish.

State biologists conducted a summary of catch in 1988 that found northern pike, largemouth bass, carp and suckers in Newburgh Lake. These species are bottom-feeders and have high contaminant levels of PCBs, because the PCBs lie within the sediment on the lake's bottom, with larger concentrations in the western end of the lake, Towns said.

"If (these bottom-feeders) eat a lot of small fish, the PCB levels increase, and it can get into the flesh itself," Towns said.

"We found five times (in the pike) what is considered the 'active' level of 8.92 parts per million," Towns said. "At two parts per million, we warn of no consumption."

The low PCB levels in Newburgh Lake do not pose a direct danger to humans, but they can

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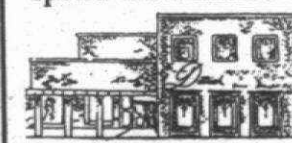
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bioaccumulate in animals, meaning they continue through the food chain and collect as one species consumes another contaminated with the PCBs.

The PCB warning was issued many years ago on fish consumption, but the public still needs to be reminded, officials believe.

"We believe a lot of anglers between Nankin Mills and Newburgh Lake who consider that the (PCB) problem is a Newburgh Lake problem," Towns said. "This could cause a fishing frenzy, and a heightened interest that hasn't been there in the past."

"We believe the fish are a lot

MSU president fields money questions at budget hearing

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

When M. Peter McPherson was a junior at Michigan State University, he ran for class president on the platform of starting a student bookstore because text prices were so high.

"We never started it," said McPherson, "but the threat of a student bookstore had some impact."

For the last three years, McPherson has been president of the 40,000-student university with a nearly \$1 billion budget, but the high cost of textbooks still is a problem.

"Students run into trouble trying to trade in a textbook," said state Sen. Jon Cisky, R-Saginaw, a member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee. "They get 10 cents on the dollar (when they trade in), and the texts wind up on the shelves later at almost the same price."

"It's a good thing you continue to bring this up," said McPherson during May 1 hearings on the East Lansing campus on the state's \$1.5 billion universities budget bill. "There were many publishers 10 years ago. Today there are only three or four university book companies left."

"Why are these prices going up faster than the (consumer) price index? Individual schools have little influence. Science texts are out of date in two or three years. Books are a significant amount of higher education costs."

McPherson had no immediate answer to the textbook cost problem.

"hotter" (contaminated with PCBs) than in the past."

State officials weren't the only ones concerned about the contaminated fish.

Bill Craig, a member of a subcommittee on contaminated sites and habitats for the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council and the leader of Rouge Rescue cleanups at the Holiday Nature Preserve in Westland, was troubled by the news.

"Now there's a possibility that there's 'hot' fish and this puts a toxic legacy in another pond," Craig said.

"That was a 'bonus' (during the restoration) - to get rid of

the contaminated fish. And now, they have to go downstream."

Towns was asked if it jeopardized the state's commitment to restocking Newburgh Lake.

"We want to consider all options at this point. We want to see the restocking effort proceed with the right effort, so the lake's fish population is a healthy and balanced one."

Towns believed the restoration has good goals and that the state supports the overall efforts.

"It's just that we've run into a snafu that can create other problems," he said.

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Cisky, one of three members of the appropriations subcommittee on higher education, is a former sheriff's department sergeant who has studied or taught at nine different colleges, public and private, and is considered a connoisseur of higher education.

Senators liked McPherson's answers to other cost problems at MSU - a science building, tuition and room-and-board. Asked chairman John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek: "You

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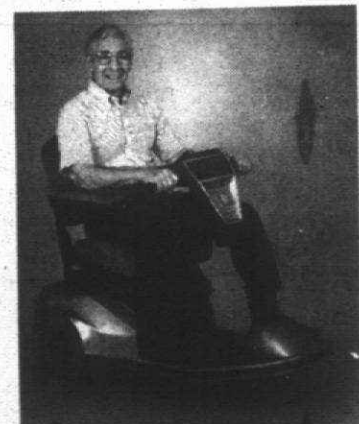
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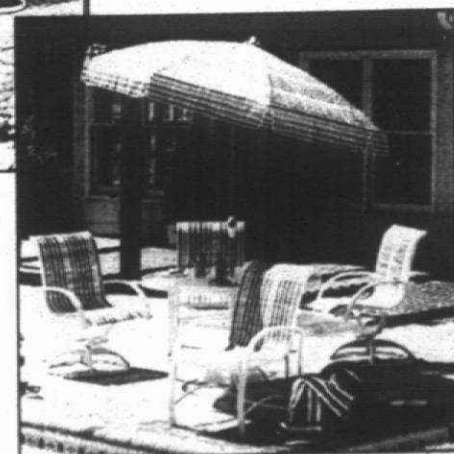
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want a science building that will cost \$80 million. Universities will be asked to put up 25 percent of the cost. How much of a problem will that be? Possible sources are investment income, alumni gifts, and the ever popular student fees.

"Some match by the universities is realistic," said McPherson, adding it wouldn't be done with student fees. "We much prefer a 25 percent match than no program."

Schwarz noted Gov. John Engler recommended \$274 million in state aid for MSU, up 2.5 percent, while the House voted \$282.3 million, a 5.5 percent

hike. Realistically, Schwarz said, MSU's increase will be somewhere between 3.75 and 4.5 percent increase. "Could you hold the line on tuition?" he asked.

"It would allow us to, with some restraint," McPherson replied. He reported the MSU board had extended the tuition guarantee (no more than the rate of increase in the federal consumer price index, about 2.8 percent) to this fall's incoming freshmen.

"It now covers almost everybody on campus," said McPherson.

son.

"You've sent a message that we in the Legislature appreciate," smiled Schwarz. "Thank you for leading the way." Confessing he had just finished sending two children to college, Schwarz added, "I'm pretty well tuitioned out."

While legislative Democrats, such as Rep. Laura Baird of Okemos, boasted about the House's generosity compared to Engler's, Schwarz said, "Never in my pleasantest wild dreams can I see the House increase."

State appropriations don't cover room-and-board costs, but McPherson reported on them anyway. "MSU has the lowest board and room rates of any university in Michigan," he said.

"This year's increase - 2.79 percent - is the lowest among the Big Ten universities. These efforts have allowed us to expand the services available to on-campus students." Some 14,000 students live in campus housing.

McPherson's goal is to expand the number of students who

study one semester abroad from the current 1,000 to 40 percent of all by the year 2000.

MSU has no plan to absorb the Detroit College of Law's program into its own structure. We have announced a joint MBA (master of business administration) and law degree," the president said.

DCL moved out of Detroit to the MSU campus but still exists as a separate entity. McPherson said, "We have committed to an existing law school rather than creating a new one."

To Schwarz's question, he said

MSU has no plan to introduce a law school program to the west side of the state.

Schwarz, an MD, observed ruefully: "We're overproducing lawyers and doctors."

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HOME GROWN



KEELY WYGONIK

Farmers begin asparagus harvest

My Aunt Marge introduced me to u-pick farms 15 years ago this June, on the day before my wedding, and I've been a fan ever since.

Aunt Marge, her sister Nancy, who is my mother-in-law, and I picked the strawberries to serve the next day at my wedding reception. Some were dipped in chocolate, the rest arranged on a platter.

We could have gone to the store to buy strawberries, but spending that time together helped me feel like a family member, and the berries we picked were superior in every way — color, flavor, and aroma.

Every fruit and vegetable has a season, and while you can get some very good produce at the market, home grown is better. Some of us are too busy to garden. U-pick, or fresh picked from a farm, is the next best thing.

Local farmers started harvesting asparagus this week. Expect to pay \$1 to \$1.50 a pound for u-pick, or freshly picked asparagus.

Michigan ranks third in the nation in asparagus production behind California and Washington. According to the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, there are about 70 Michigan asparagus growers producing more than 25 million pounds of asparagus each year. Most of Michigan's asparagus is grown in counties along Lake Michigan where the soil is sandy, climate moist, and temperatures are 52° F, or slightly above. Oceana County, between Ludington and Muskegon, ranks number one in the state for asparagus, and hosts the National Asparagus Festival.

A variety of activities are offered during the three-day festival June 13-15 in Hart, including an Arts and Crafts Fair, entertainment, and asparagus food show. Call (616) 861-8110 for more information, or the online site <http://www.oceana.net/naf/>

Michigan's asparagus harvest begins in early May, and peaks in early June. Because its only available for a very short time, asparagus truly is one of our state's treasures.

Wiard's Orchards

Jay Wiard, whose family has been farming the same plot of land in Washtenaw County for 154 years, has about five acres asparagus. He started harvesting April 30.

U-pick asparagus

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■ Blake's Big Apple Orchard

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■ Long Family Orchard & Farm

(810) 360-3774 — On Bogie Lake Road, north of Wise Road, Commerce Township.

■ Girard's Produce Farm (313)

697-1685 — 48445 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

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mines everything," said Blake who runs the business with his brothers Paul and Ray. "We grow about five acres of asparagus. We'll begin offering fresh picked asparagus around May 9 through June 9, or as long as the weather is good." Blake's also offers u-pick strawberries.

Wednesday was a beautiful sunny day with a light misting of rain. But temperatures dropped overnight, and Linda Girard who operates Girard's Produce Farm in Belleville with her husband Mark, was up early checking the asparagus.

"We just started picking asparagus last night," she said. "A lot of people don't realize how hard

"Asparagus is an interesting crop," he said. "It normally lasts a month. Rain and temperature are real important. If it's too hot the season won't last as long."

Wiard, whose family offers u-pick asparagus, strawberries, apples, peaches, and pumpkins at their farm, is optimistic. "I was looking at the buds and it looks like a good crop of apples this year," he said. "The peaches look favorable too."

Chris Long grew up in Livonia, married Rob, and moved to a farm in Oakland County. "We offer fresh picked asparagus," she said. U-pick strawberry season begins in June.

They're taking orders for fresh picked asparagus at Blake's Big Apple Orchard in Macomb County. Like Wiard, Peter Blake, whose family has been farming for 50 years, is keeping his fingers crossed.

"Spring weather — rain and temperature — determines everything," said Blake who runs the business with his brothers Paul and Ray. "We grow about five acres of asparagus. We'll begin offering fresh picked asparagus around May 9 through June 9, or as long as the weather is good."

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Recipes for working moms
- Main Dish Miracles

Cinco de Mayo CELEBRATES MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Every day is a celebration at Old Mexico Restaurant in West Bloomfield, but May 5 is special. "On May 5 we celebrate freedom from the French," said Chef Timothy R. Castaneda whose family owns the Old Mexico Restaurants in West Bloomfield and Livonia. But the French did leave something behind — pastries, and breads.

"There are a lot of great bakeries in Mexico where you can see the French influence. You can get great baguettes in Mexico," said Castaneda who grew up in Livonia, and worked at restaurants in Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Francisco before returning home to help run the restaurants founded by his parents Ramon and Vicki Castaneda.

Celebrated with parades and feasting, Cinco de Mayo commemorates a battle that took place between the French troops of Napoleon III, and a Mexican army led by General Ignacio Zaragoza in Puebla, Mexico. Zaragoza and his army, outnumbered three to one by the French, won. The victory marked the beginning of the end of European occupation of Mexico.

"The Indians were there first, and the Europeans took over," said Castaneda. Early maize cultivation in Mexico as early as 10,000 B.C., led to a farming culture.

Conquering armies brought ingredients, which have become part of the Mexican food palate. "The Spanish brought cattle, pork, cheese, wheat, rice, onions, and nuts. The Mexicans already had chocolate, beans, corn, and tomatoes," said Castaneda. Also indigenous to Mexico, chilies, squash, and avocados, were discovered by conquerors, and introduced to Europeans, and later Americans.

"The Aztecs ate avocados, as

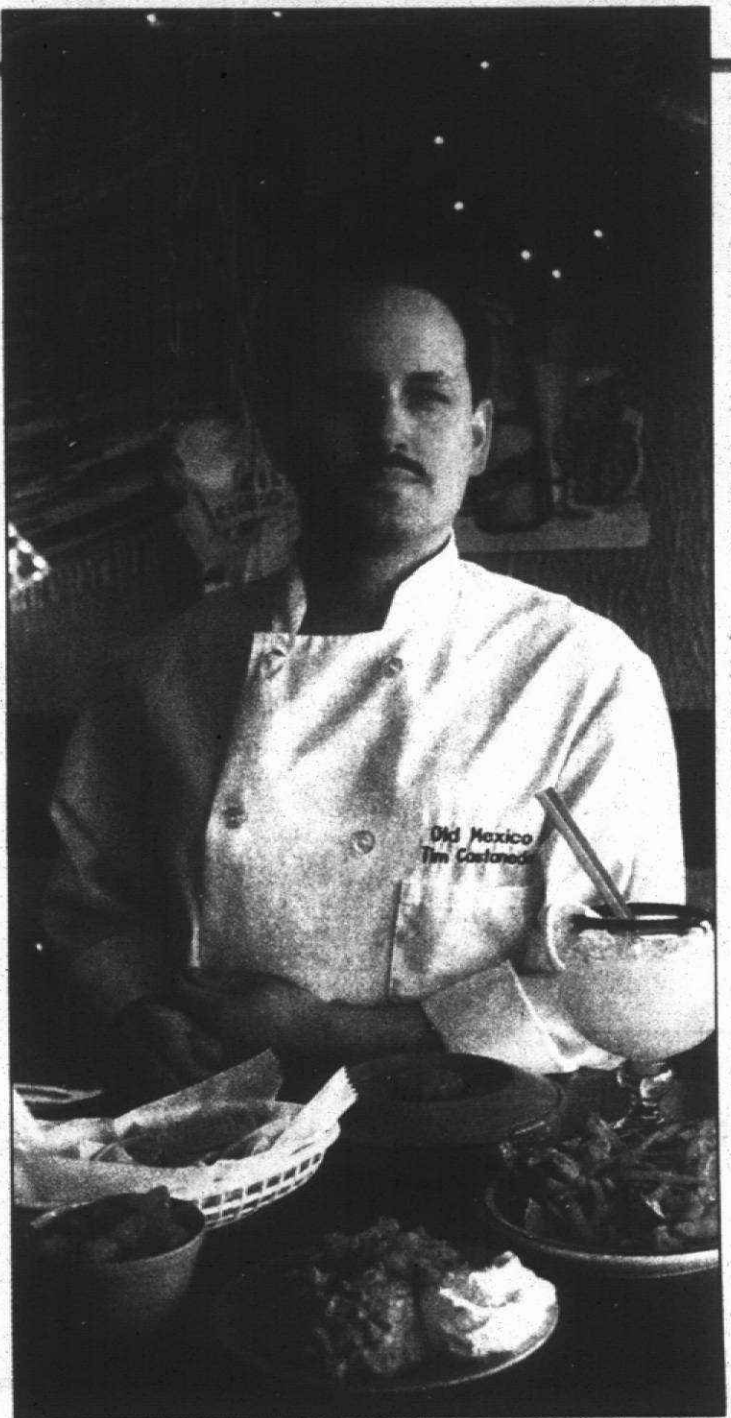
noted by the early Spanish explorers," writes John F. Mariani in "The Dictionary of American Food and Drink," (Hearst Books, New York, copyright 1994). "Horticulturist Henry Perrine planted the first avocados in Florida in 1833. It was reported in 1529 by a Spanish missionary that the Aztecs put chile peppers in everything they ate, including chocolate. Chiles may first have been brought into what is now the United States by General Juan de Onate, who founded Santa Fe in 1598. The oldest evidence of squash being used as food dating back to between 7000 and 5500 B.C. was found at the Ocampo Caves in Mexico, whence they were carried to North America. Evidence of squash has been found in the burial mounds of Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia, from 2,000 years ago."

"Mole combines Spanish and Mexican culinary traditions. It's a mixture of chilies, chocolate, and nuts such as almonds," said Castaneda. Pollo en Mole — Chicken breast with chocolate flavored gravy, is one of the items on Old Mexico's menu.

Mexicantown in Detroit celebrates Cinco de Mayo noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine, today at the Mexican Fiesta Gardens on Bagley (between 20th street and the I-75 Service Drive). Entertainment, and traditional Mexican cuisine await. Call (313) 842-0450 for information.

Locally, Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated at Old Mexico in West Bloomfield with live music, and piñata. The restaurant will be open 4-10 p.m. today in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. A Latin-style band will perform 7-10 p.m.

A mariachi band will play 8-10 p.m. Monday. Tim's Shrimp or Chicken Diablo made with a spicy chipotle cream sauce is a featured menu item at the West Bloomfield location, 5566 Drake Road,



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Taste of Mexico: Timothy R. Castaneda presents Chicken Fajitas, one of Old Mexico's specialty dishes.

(corner of Walnut Lake Road), (810) 661-8088. Regular restaurant hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon to 11 p.m. Friday; 5-11 p.m. Saturday.

■ Old Mexico, 28407 Five Mile Road, (between Inkster and Midlebelt) Livonia, (313) 421-3310, is smaller than the West Bloomfield restaurant, but offers many of the items that have made these restaurants so popular. The restaurant is open 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; (closed Sunday).

■ Rio Bravo Cantina, 19265 Victor Parkway (at Seven Mile Road) in Livonia, (313) 542-0700 is "having a party 4-11 p.m. Monday," said Greg Spangis, one of the managers. "There will be a live entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. with the Ron Coden Show,

games and giveaways, and a jalapeno eating contest. Q95.5 FM will be there too.

■ Trini & Carmen's, 1019 Maple (between Crooks & Livonia) Clawson, (810) 280-2626, is celebrating 1-5 p.m. today with drink specials, piñata, and giveaways. Children age six and under eat free 1-5 p.m. today. On Monday there will be drink and food specials all day. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday; 1-9 p.m. Sunday.

■ Plymouth Landing, 340 North Main Street, Plymouth, (313) 455-3700, is offering Mexican food specials on Monday, including a special dessert — ice cream topped apple tortillas. Lunch and dinner are served 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

See recipes inside.

Importer specializes in French wines

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

If you've purchased California wine recently, you've noticed that prices are up; way up for ultra-premium brands. With the dollar in a favorable ratio to the French franc currently, many French wines now appear affordable by comparison.

Choosing French wines is difficult for the uninitiated. We offer a rule we've expressed before — buy based on the importer's reputation. A few wines imported by Weygandt-Metzler have been available in this market, but there's a bevy here now. Owner Peter Weygandt was born on a farm in Illinois. He had his first taste of wine in college. Without capital, an early start in the wine business was impossible. "I went to law school so I could earn a living," he admitted.

With a law practice in Illinois, he had an opportunity to shop at Chicago's many fine wine stores and hone his palate. In 1979, Weygandt made a southeast Pennsylvania land purchase with his brother and started Stargazers Vineyard. In 1981, he moved his law practice to Pennsylvania as his interest in wine grew. In 1985, he made his first visit to France accompanied by his French-speaking wife Maria. Fermenting in the back of their heads was the idea to discover and import wine from a select number of small producers. Permit to import was granted in 1986 and the first container of 700 cases landed in 1987.

"I got lucky," Weygandt said. "Several of the wines got good reviews from Robert Parker Jr. in his Wine Advocate."

To stay in the import business, Weygandt knew he had to increase the size of his company. Today, he

imports 25,000 cases of French wines only, sourced from small, personally-selected estates with productions no greater than 5,000 cases. His distribution extends to 25 states. He's his own national sales director stumping the country enthusiastically selling wines.

"In order to compete with larger import companies I have to come up with exceptional wine that is a good value," Weygandt said. In our opinion, he has done just that in his wine choices from France's Loire Valley, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Rhone, southern France, Alsace and Provence region. We recommend the following superstars from a stellar collection:

1995 Boileau Chablis \$17.50 makes a great seafood match. 1995 Serge Dagueneau Pouilly-Fumé \$18.75 is a ripe and rich rendition of sauvignon blanc. 1995 Schott Chasselas "Vieilles Vignes" \$15.75 is a real find from Alsace. Chasselas is not a well-known grape outside its homeland. Vieilles Vignes translates as old vines and these are 70 years old. This is a refreshing spring and summertime pour redolent of ripe pear and peaches. Chardonnay lovers will be charmed by 1994 Melin Pouilly-Fuissé, Clos Soufrandise Vieilles Vignes \$25.50. These are 40 to 75-year-old vines yielding a rich, yet delicate wine with balanced oak nuances.

1995 Domaine Guilhem Durand \$9 is a syrah from the Languedoc that's blackberry, spice and everything nice.

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Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with flavorful fare

See related story on Taste front.

TRINI & CARMEN'S FAMOUS NACHO RECIPE

1/4 to 1/2 pound ground beef
1/2 cup diced Spanish onions
12 cloves of fresh garlic, diced
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground oregano
Salt to taste
1 (16 ounce) can whole tomatoes
Nacho chips
8 to 16 ounces Muenster Cheese

Optional ingredients: Diced green peppers, diced onions, fresh tomatoes, Spanish rice, seafood, beans, mushrooms

Brown ground beef and add Spanish onions. Cook 15-20 minutes over low heat.

In blender, puree the garlic, cumin, oregano, canned tomatoes, and salt. Add this mixture to the ground beef. Cook for 5 minutes and then simmer for 20 minutes on low heat.

On a pizza pan, layer nacho chips, seasoned ground beef, cheese and any of the optional items you desire. Broil for 5 minutes to melt the cheese. Do not microwave.

Recipe compliments of Rudy Martinez, owner of Trini & Carmen's.

CHICKEN FAJITAS

3 tablespoons lime juice
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon crushed hot red pepper
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons olive oil
6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
12 flour tortillas
Guacamole, salsa, shredded lettuce, pickled jalapeno peppers, and sour cream as accompaniment.

In a large bowl, combine lime juice, garlic, oregano, hot pepper, salt, and oil. Add chicken and toss to coat. Cover and marinate 1 to 2 hours.

Prepare a hot fire in a barbecue grill. Put chicken on an oiled grill rack and grill, turning and basting with marinade several times, until chicken is white throughout, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove to cutting board.

Place tortillas directly on grill. Heat 10 to 20 seconds, turning with tongs. Wrap in a cloth napkin and place in a basket to keep warm.

Cut chicken into large strips and place on a platter. Serve with guacamole, salsa, lettuce, pickled jalapeno peppers, and sour cream for each person to roll their own. Serves 6.

Recipe from "365 Easy Mexican Recipes" by Marge Poore (HarperCollins Publishers, copyright 1993.)

GUACAMOLE

2 large ripe avocados
1/2 medium onion, finely

chopped
1 to 2 serrano peppers, minced
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
Juice of 1 lime, about 2 table-spoons
1/2 teaspoon salt
Cut avocados in half. Remove seeds. Hold one unpeeled half in the palm of your hand and mash avocado meat with a fork right in its shell. Repeat with remaining avocado halves.

Scoop out mashed avocado into medium bowl. Add onion, serrano peppers, cilantro, lime juice, and salt. Mix well.

Pile into pretty bowl and place a piece of plastic wrap right on surface to retain color. Serve as soon as possible or up to 2 hours for best color and flavor. Serves 4.

For a variation, add 1 small tomato, chopped.

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MEXICAN RICE

1 medium carrot, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cups long-grain white rice
1 medium onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
3/4 cup canned pureed tomatoes
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can reduced-sodium chicken broth
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a small saucepan of boiling salted water, cook carrot until just tender, about 3 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold running water; drain well.

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add rice and carrot, stirring about 1 minute to coat with oil. Stir in onion and garlic. Cook, stirring until onion is translucent, about 3 minutes.

Stir in cumin, tomatoes, chicken broth, salt, pepper, and 1 cup water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook 15 to 18 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender.

Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes. Add cooked carrot and stir gently to combine. Serves 8.

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Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste, Arts & Leisure and Entertainment sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Look for her Specialty Foods column in Taste on the third Sunday of the month.

chicken over vegetables.

In medium bowl combine pineapple and juice, broth, sherry, soy sauce, brown sugar, vinegar, ginger, salt if desired and black pepper. Stir to mix. Pour over chicken. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour. Reduce heat to low, stir chicken into sauce and cook an additional 5 to 6 hours or until

Remove and reserve chicken in medium bowl. Transfer liquid and vegetables to saucepan. Quickly boil down sauce, stirring frequently, to thicken slightly. Meanwhile, slice chicken meat. Arrange rice on serving platter. Arrange chicken slices over rice. Pour sauce over all. Makes 6 servings.

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Peppiness in the finish makes it a handsome pairing for grilled meats. In the same league and from the Corbières appellation of the Languedoc is 1994 Bousquet Grand Moulin \$9.50. From the Rhone, try 1995 Chateau Mourgues du Gres, Costieres de Nimes \$11. It's 70 percent syrah and 30 percent grenache. If you've become fond of Rhone blends, this is a winner.

Are you confused about all the terms we and other wine writers use in describing wines? Beringer Vineyards is offering

easy-to-use Wine Tasting Wheels to those interested in identifying, describing and remembering aromas and flavors in red and white wines.

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Pick up a bottle of Fournet de France Chardonnay, Merlot

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farming is. We're at the mercy of the weather," Girard is prepared in case of frost. "We've got the sprinklers ready if it gets too cold," she said. "The sprinklers will help protect the strawberries against frost."

Girard is Linda's married name, her maiden name is Rowe, and she and Mark also run her parent's farm, which is just across the county line in Ypsilanti. The Girards are taking orders for fresh picked asparagus. They have almost four acres of asparagus, and 30 acres of strawberries.

Share your stories

Look for my Home Grown column on the first Sunday of the month in Taste. We'll have information about u-pick and fresh picked strawberries June 1.

Wonderful Pacific Rim Chicken 'slow cooker'

AP—Use a slow cooker for the following recipe for Pacific Rim Chicken. The combination of sauce ingredients gives this chicken dish a wonderful flavor. The recipe is from "Skinny One-Pot Meals" by Ruth Glick (Surrey Books, \$12.95).

PACIFIC RIM CHICKEN

1 large onion, finely chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
4 to 5 large bone-in chicken breast halves, skin and fat removed (about 3 1/2 pounds)
8-ounce can crushed pineapple, including juice
3/4 cup defatted reduced-sodium chicken broth
1/4 cup dry sherry
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
In large slow cooker, combine onion and green pepper. Arrange

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Build a savory, sandwich that's hearty and healthful

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Bread. In place of bland white bread, use whole wheat, rye, pumpernickel, or multi-grain varieties. They provide rich flavor and about two grams of fiber per slice, compared to about a half a gram in white bread. Whole wheat pita pockets provide fiber and a pouch for holding wholesome vegetable additions. Remember, not all breads that are dark in color and have healthy sounding names are high in fiber. Check the label.

Condiments. In spite of what

you may have learned in childhood, you don't need mayonnaise to hold your sandwich together. A single tablespoon of mayonnaise contains 11 grams of fat, or almost twice the amount in the rest of a lean turkey breast sandwich. Opt for a fat-free or reduced fat version instead, or use naturally low-fat mustard, ketchup, salsa, or horseradish for added zing. Cranberry relish can help you enjoy Thanksgiving's celebrated combination of tart fruit and tender turkey.

Filling. Choose fresh, lean chicken or turkey (white meat) instead of fatty, processed lunch meat. If you're tired of plain poultry, try highly-flavored peppered or herb-roasted turkey breast for a new twist to your lunchtime menu. If you prefer cold cuts, look for brands labeled "low fat," since these only have three grams of fat or less per two-ounce serving. Even roast beef isn't a bad choice with only 15 percent of its calories coming

from fat, compared to the 45 percent found in some hams.

Vegetables. Add crunch, taste and nutrition to your sandwiches with greens and other colorful veggies. Replace iceberg lettuce with mild Boston, romaine or red-leaf lettuce. You'll get even more intense flavor and added beta-carotene when you include shredded cabbage, watercress, arugula, escarole, radicchio, spinach, or Swiss chard. Grilled or stir-fried vegetables add an exotic flavor.

SOUTHWESTERN TURKEY POCKET FAJITAS

1 cup non-fat or low-fat plain yogurt
1 teaspoon grated lime peel
1 can (20 oz.) pineapple bits or pineapple chunks
12 oz. turkey tenderloins, cut into 1 inch cubes
1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 medium green or red pepper, cut into 1-inch strips
4 (6-inch) whole wheat pita breads, cut in half cross-wise to make pockets

Stir yogurt and lime peel together in a small bowl and set aside. Drain the pineapple and reserve 2 tablespoons of the juice.

Combine the reserved pineapple juice, turkey, lime juice, and onion over medium-high heat in a large, nonstick skillet for 1 minute, or until turkey is lightly browned. Add the cumin, pepper strips and pineapple and cook 2 to 3 minutes more, stirring occasionally until the vegetables are tender-crisp and the turkey is no longer pink.

Spoon the fajita mixture into the pita pockets and drizzle with the cooking sauce and yogurt sauce.

Each of the 4 servings contains 395 calories and 5 grams of fat.

For a free brochure with ideas for healthy meals on hand, write the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. HA, Washington, DC 20069.

Sensational sandwich: Southwestern Turkey Pocket Fajitas are a hearty, healthful sandwich.

Enjoy fresh Michigan asparagus during its short spring season

See related story on Taste front.

ASPARAGUS PASTA SALAD

1 1/4 pounds fresh Michigan asparagus or 2 cups (12 ounce) package frozen asparagus cuts and tips
1 cup small shell pasta, 1/2 cup sliced carrots
1/2 cup finely chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped red sweet pepper
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
1/2 cup reduced calorie Italian dressing

Trim, wash and cut fresh asparagus into 1-inch pieces. Steam about 5 minutes until just tender. Quickly cool in ice water and drain. If using frozen asparagus, thaw, drain and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Rinse with cold water and cool. Combine all ingredients. Place in airtight container.

Chill thoroughly or overnight before serving. Yield 5 servings.

• Recipe from Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board.

SESAME ASPARAGUS AND NOODLES

2 tablespoons sesame seeds
2 tablespoons Oriental sesame oil
1/4 cup tamar soy sauce
2 tablespoons vegetable stock
2 tablespoons Chinese rice wine or dry sherry
1/2 teaspoon chili oil
1 pound linguine or vermicelli
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon fresh minced ginger
1 pound asparagus, cut diagonally into 2-inch lengths
1/4 cup water
1 teaspoon tamar soy sauce
4 scallions, thinly sliced

Bring a large pot of water to a boil for the noodles.

Trim the sesame seeds by placing them in a small skillet over medium heat. Swirl the pan occasionally until the seeds begin to smoke and become fragrant. Immediately pour them into small bowl to cool.

Combine the sesame oil, tamar, vegetable stock, wine, and chili oil in a measuring cup and set aside. This will be the sauce for the noodles.

When the water is at a rolling boil, cook the noodles until tender yet chewy.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and ginger and cook 1 minute. Add the asparagus and stir-fry 1 minute. Pour in the water and cover the pan. Cook until the asparagus pieces are tender, about 5 minutes.

Drain the noodles and return them to the pot. Pour on the prepared sauce and toss with tongs to coat.

Remove the cover from the

asparagus. Pour on the teaspoon of tamar and the scallions and toss for 1 minute. Serve on the noodles.

Serves 3 to 4

Recipe from: "Main Course Vegetarian Pleasures: 125 Delicious Meatless Entrees," by Jeanne Lemlin, (HarperPerennial, copyright 1995.)

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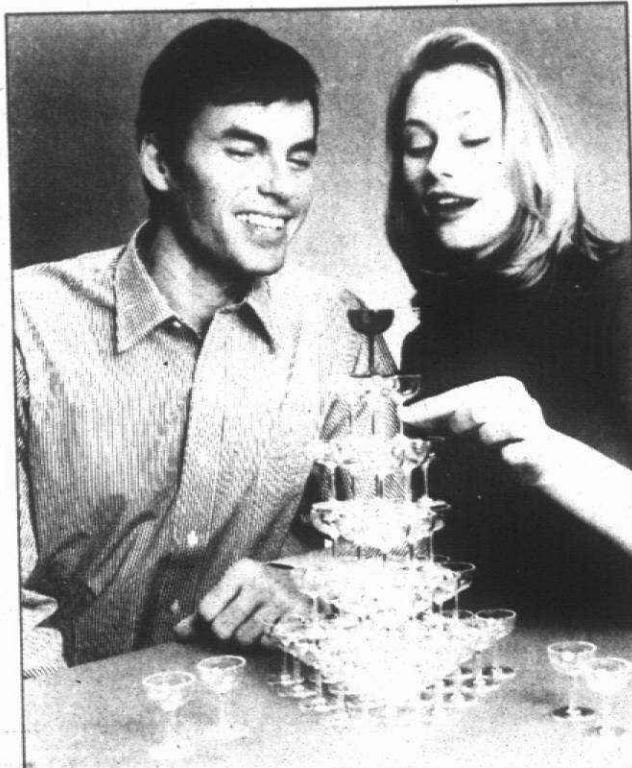
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RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (810) 644-1314.

Calling all resale shoppers
Nicole Christ of Nicole's Revival, 958 N. Newburgh in Westland, is booking reservations for her annual Resale Shopping Spree, Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shoppers pay \$35 for continental breakfast, lunch and chauffeur service on an air-conditioned motor coach with reclining seats. Guests visit seven notable resale shops. Limit 47. For reservations call (313) 729-1234.

On a related note, Nicole's Revival is selling Carolyn Schneider's new book "The Ultimate Consignment & Thrift Store Guide." It contains the best of the best, world-wide, plus tips and suggestions for stretching wardrobe dollars.

Trunk show roundup

• View Carol Cohen Collectibles (outerwear and trench coats) Margaret O'Leary knits and sweaters, plus Anou Linde body suits and blouses, May 8-10 at Hershey's on the Boardwalk, Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. For details call (810) 626-7776.

• See Joan Vass Fall 1997 May 8-10 at Sally's Design Boutique in the Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield. Call for details (810) 626-0886.

• Browse the third annual Watch Fair at Jules R. Schubot Jewellers, May 8-10, see Baume & Mercier, Bertolucci, Cartier, Piaget and more. For more details call (810) 649-1122.

• Michael Dawkins jewelry collection, plus the artist himself, at Neiman Marcus, Troy on May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also at Neiman Marcus, on May 10 meet Prince Louis Albert de Broglie creator of a collection of very special garden tools and accessories, 1-3 p.m. in the Gift Gallery.

• Meet psychedelic 60s icon, tie-dyed folk legend, and "clown commando" Wavy Gravy promoting Grateful Dead neck wear and silk boxer collection at Hudson's, Oakland Mall in Troy, May 8 from noon to 2 p.m.
• Kanuko shows her one-of-a-kind crystal healing sculptures, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Barney's New York, Somerset Collection South, Troy. (810) 643-9696.

Hudson's offers Mom's Day brunches at select restaurants

Hudson's restaurants are offering a six-course brunch on Mother's Day, May 11 at 11 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. The price for adults is \$14.95 and children 12 and under, \$7.50.

The restaurants will be closed to regular diners that day. Guests will enjoy live entertain-

Thanks to all the readers who phoned in locations for the hard-to-find items listed last week!

What we've found:

• Videotapes of two Stephen Sondheim musicals *Into The Woods* and *Sunday In The Park With George* are available, according to "Debbie" by calling 1-800-473-3475 ext. 400, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST. They will cost \$24.99 plus \$4.50 shipping, each, but it's hard to reach the company. We got copies for our daughter at Christmas," she said.

We're still looking for:

• Old-fashioned ice cream makers "the kind where you have to turn the crank" for a

Where can I find?

J.J., a Birmingham television producer looking for props for a segment of *Daedalus Doors*.

• A videotape copy of Disney's "Lady and the Tramp" for "Lynn".

• The Mother's Day plate from 1986 by Avon for "Cheryl".

• "Disposer Care," a garbage disposal cleaning product by 3M(?) "It used to come in a yellow box with the cleaner packets inside. I think it was sold through a home products catalog but I can't find it anywhere," said Charlene.

• Nylon gloves for "Betty" of

Redford that allow you to put on your pantyhose without tears or snags. The gloves have a thumb, finger and the rest is mitten shaped.

• Sandy Crocker of West Bloomfield reports that Megaware from France is no longer made by the company we supplied to her. Now she wants to know if anyone is willing to sell their old Megaware pieces?

• A tube of Estee Lauder lipstick "Suncream Red," for Trish Beyreys. "I loved it and now it's discontinued. I'm hoping somebody has a few tubes they've

never used in their drawer someplace."

• A videotape copy of *The Music Man* for Dennis. He is also looking for old, collectible snow globes.

• A 20th Anniversary *Cinderella's Castle* poster (11 x 17) that was sold at Disney World about five years ago for Sharon.

• A plastic, nesting set of measuring cups - 1, 2, and 4-cups for a South Lyon reader with arthritis.

• A "rain lady" mineral oil lamp for "Mary" of Livonia.

• Easterbrook pens and writing tips for Aileen Strobel of Plymouth.

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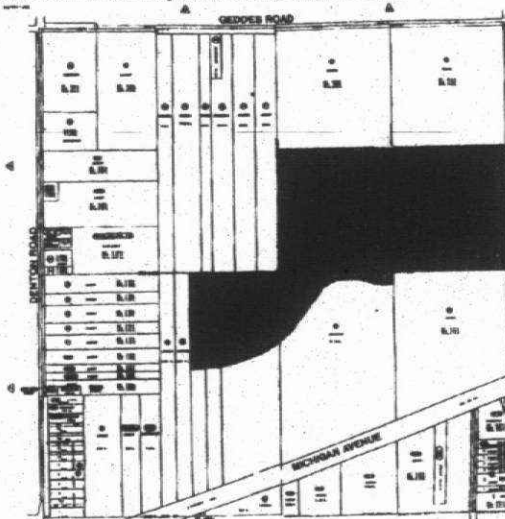


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 2, 1997 at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:



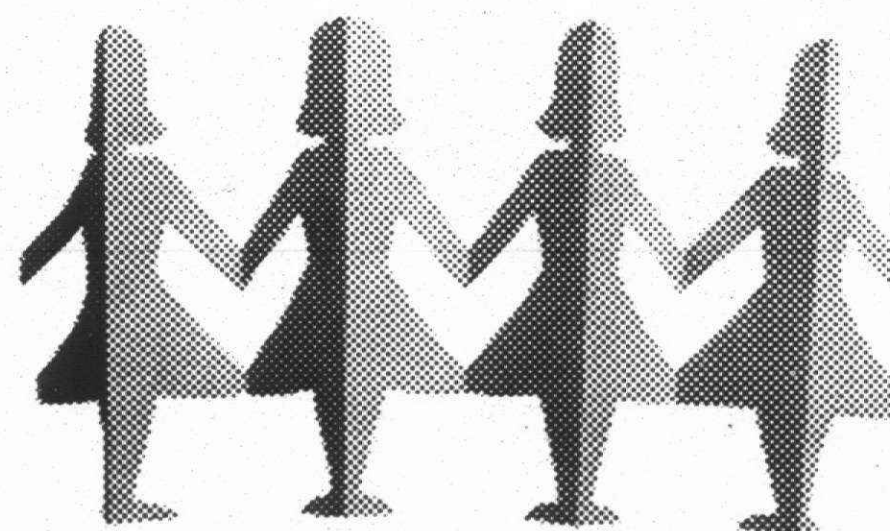
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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

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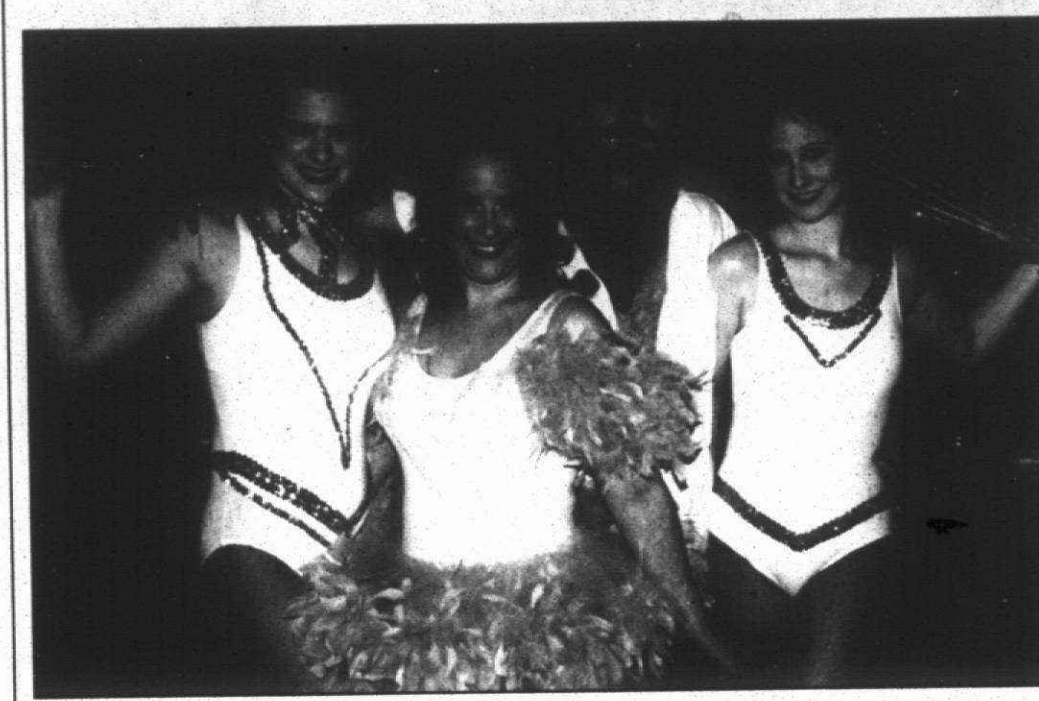
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OBITUARIES

DORIS L. RITCHIE

Funeral services for Doris L. Ritchie, 63, were Wednesday, April 20, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Hugh H. McMartin officiating. Burial was in Cherry Hill Cemetery, in Canton.

She was born Aug. 25, 1928, in Plymouth, and died Saturday, April 26, in Plymouth.

She was a homemaker. She was a secretary at East Middle School in Plymouth from the 1970's to the late 1980's.

She is survived by her son, Craig Ritchie of Carleton; mother, Elsie Cole of Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her husband, James A.

Memorials may be made to the Audubon Society or The Huron Valley Humane Society.

He was born Nov. 5, 1960, in Milwaukee, Wis., and died Monday, April 28, in Canton. He

came to this community in 1985 from Seattle, Wash. He received his BSEE from Michigan Tech in 1984. He was employed as an automotive service engineer for General Motors.

He is survived by his wife, Lois M.; daughters, Nichole M. and Alicia B.; son, Trevor O.; sisters, Donna Ossmann of Fridley, Minn., and Betty Turner of Houston, Texas; brothers, Kenneth K. of Savage, Minn.; parents, Burton and Reighe Nagel of Appleton, Wis.

He was born in Rural Valley, Pa., graduated from Bucknell University in 1940 with a degree in civil engineering. He did graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. After serving in the Pacific as a US Naval officer during World War II, he pursued a career as a glass industry research engineer. He retired as vice president of ShatterProof Glass in Detroit. He was highly respected in the field of glass research and development and held over 30 patents in his name. He was honored by Research and Development magazine in 1964 for his patent of the rotatable magnetron as one of the hundred most significant new technical products of the year.

Mr. McKelvey lived in the Plymouth/Northville area for twenty-five years before he and his wife first moved to Destin, Fla.

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S'craft student newspaper wins national awards

The Schoolcraft Connection, Schoolcraft College's student-produced newspaper, was honored with several awards in two separate contests for the newspaper's quality and excellence.

The Society of Professional Journalists honored Schoolcraft with a third place award in the best overall non-daily student newspaper category.

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The SPJ evaluated nondaily publications from 20 colleges and universities, looking at elements such as writing quality, layout and design, use of photos and overall content in three consecutive issues. Connection editors picked editions in October and November.

The Connection competed with 14 other community colleges in numerous categories April 12 at the Annual Michigan Community College Press Day in Alpena. The Michigan Society of Professional Journalists judged the competition entries.

The Connection won first place awards for overall design, the editorial board's editorial writing and for advertising placement by design and layout editor Jim Naum. The publication also won second place

awards for best overall newspaper, in-depth story by editor-in-chief Julia Jendrusik, and review writing by staff writer Jeremy Wells.

The Connection also received third place honors for front page design by Jim Naum; in-depth story by news editor Jared Friebe; commentary by columnist Michael Gorzen, and cartoon by staff writer Nancy Walls-Smith.

The newspaper received honorable mention awards in headline writing, commentary by managing editor Holly Palmeri, light column by staff writer Tony Lawry and sports photograph by photo editor Ryan Nunez.

The Connection publishes 13 issues a year with a staff between 20 and 25 students under adviser Sherry Springer. Staff members work an average of 10 hours a week.

The Connection's April 22 edition was the last publication until the fall semester.

Livonia-Redford Irish Unity chapter to host Gaelic activist Lucy Rice

The Livonia-Redford chapter of the Irish-American Unity Conference is co-sponsoring the visit to Detroit of Lucy Rice of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Rice is a member of the Lower Ormeau Concerned Community, a non-political community organization.

She will be speaking at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 5 at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Avenue in Detroit.

"She will talk about what's really happening in her commu-


nity, without the overwhelming British influence on information about Northern Ireland, which infringes on freedom of the press and freedom of religion," said Dan O'Rourke, who is coordinating the event.

Detroit is one of the few American cities in which Rice will be speaking on the continuing local efforts to avoid continued violence in Northern Ireland, said O'Rourke.

Rice is being sponsored by a coalition of Irish-American orga-

nizations in Detroit and the Midwest including the Oakland County Chapter of the IAUC; the Ben Franklin Press; Irish Northern Aid, the Michigan Ancient Order of Hibernians; Ladies Auxiliary Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; and the Knights of Equity of metropolitan Detroit.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Arts group in Garden City on the move

Innovation is key to growth as Garden City Fine Arts Association president Bob Sheridan knows all too well. Since taking the reins of the Garden City art club in the fall of 1996, Sheridan has instituted exhibiting procedure changes and arranged to sponsor classes in a space adjoining The Art Gallery in Sheridan Square, Garden City.

Founded 15 years ago, the Association accepted only two-dimensional art works for exhibits. In February the club voted to also show three-dimensional works. Sheridan will exhibit two clay sculptures in the

Association's exhibit and sale May 5-10 at Garden City Public Library, 2012 Middlebelt. An opening reception and awards ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Monday, May 5. The public is invited to meet the artists, and enjoy the art works and refreshments.

Tropical Delight: Norma McQueen captures the scenery of Saba in this watercolor which will be exhibited in the Garden City Fine Arts Association exhibit.

"We thought the move to accept 3-D would encourage new membership," said Sheridan, a Livonia Arts Commissioner. "As far as classes, we've offered a few classes before at The Art Gallery. I expect the classes will help support the gallery."

New space

Sheridan, owner of Sheridan Construction in Garden City, initially became interested in arts after taking classes at The Art Gallery which opened in 1989 as a cooperative of Association members exhibiting in the space. Lack of participation by artists led Sheridan, who owns Sheridan Square and donated the space, to turn the nonprofit gallery over to director Norma McQueen, then Association president, to operate for profit.

"We're excited about offering clay classes for children and adults, and eventually would like to expand to metal sculpture," said Sheridan. "We

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ASIAN ART FLOWERS AT DIA

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ralph F. Glenn thinks Americans could learn a lot from Asian art.

For the last 15 years, the Madonna University art department chairman has taught classes on Chinese and Japanese art history. Beginning May 10, Glenn will lead a six-week study of hand-painted scrolls, lacquer, bronzes, ceramics, and gardens with field trips to the Detroit Institute of Arts, Toledo Museum of Art, Greenfield Village Antiques Show, and a private Chinese garden in West Bloomfield.

"Asian art tells us a lot about the people because these art forms are what they treasured," said Glenn, a Bloomfield Hills resident who earned a master's degree in Asian art history from Harvard University. "We can learn a great deal of patience because to make works like these hand scrolls took a lot of patience, and also perseverance. They had to work at developing these skills. They start as children to work with calligraphy. The strokes are similar to what's used in their paintings. You can see the tie-in with their written language and visual language of their paintings."

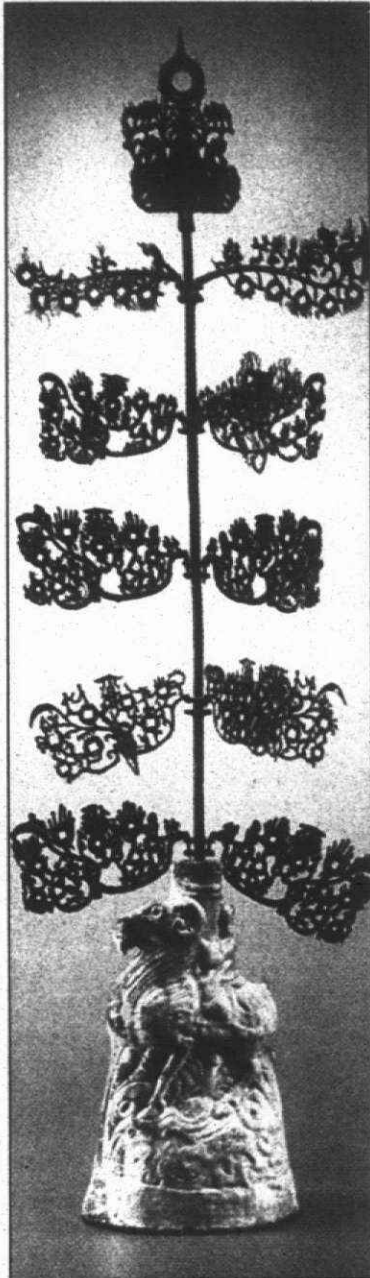
Glenn's Asian art class is but one activity taking place during May. In recognition of Asian-American month, the Detroit Institute of Arts will host a series of programs Sunday, May 18. The event also celebrates International Museum Day by offering free admission to the DIA.

Artist Xuan YongSheng will demonstrate the traditional Chinese art of paper-cut design noon to 2 p.m. in Prentiss Court. Born in Shanghai, YongSheng took advanced studies at Central Arts and Crafts University in Beijing, the highest art institute in China. Six years ago, he immigrated to Saskatchewan then to Windsor where he opened an art gallery and crafts store as one of his many dreams to present his art works to all North America.

Paper-cut goes back to ancient times in China. The oldest excavated paper-cut dates back to 6 A.D. near the end of the Han Dynasty. In China, paper-cut is mostly considered folk art, a family craft passed from generation to generation and used in religious ceremonies, weddings, birthday celebrations, and funeral rites. Windows, doors, furniture, everyday objects, and food-stuffs are decorated with brightly-colored paper-cuts during New Year festivities. On these occasions, the designs carry well wishes for longevity, peace, good fortune, and a full and happy life.

After watching YongSheng create designs, make your own paper-cuts at a drop-in workshop noon to 4 p.m. in the DIA studio.

"It's kind of a fun family activity," said Amelia Chau of the DIA's Asian



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Art History: Beginning May 10, Madonna University art department chairman Ralph F. Glenn will discuss hand scrolls and lacquer tobacco boxes during classes on Chinese and Japanese art and gardens.

art department. "We'll have simple designs people can trace. Hopefully, people will get a sense that Chinese art is approachable, and that paper-cut is a tradition prevalent in a country half way around the world. I'm sure everyone has seen or done paper-cut. Paper-cut is very much a living art and still goes on everyday in China."

Free bus service will run between the DIA and Eastern Market where it's flower day. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., a tent staffed by the DIA's Founders Society, will offer membership information, a contest to win airline tickets, and shopping sprees in DIA Museum Shops, and the opportunity to experience art first hand by mak-

Money Tree: The Detroit Institute of Arts recently acquired a Chinese Money Tree, which takes its name from the fine metalwork branches decorated with coin and mythological motifs.

Celebrate Asian Art

What: The Detroit Institute of Arts presents a series of programs on the arts of China in recognition of Asian-American Month and International Museum Day. Admission is free. Free shuttle bus service will run between the DIA and Eastern Market where it's Flower Day.

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

Where: 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. For more information call the DIA education department, (313) 833-4249.

Related Activities

n Madonna University begins a six-week class focused on Chinese and Japanese art and gardens 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10. For registration information call (313) 432-5400.

n Origami - Don Shall returns to the Ann Arbor District Library to demonstrate paper folding projects for the entire family 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 in the multipurpose room at the main library, 343 South Fifth Avenue. The event is free. Registration required, call (313) 994-2345.

n "Floating Pictures" continues through June 1 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street in Ann Arbor, call (313) 764-0395. The exhibition features Ukiyo-e Japanese woodblock prints. Eighteenth century Japanese woodblock artists profoundly impacted the compositional thinking of Impressionists such as Manet and Degas.

ing sun prints from the day's flower purchases.

This is the third year for the joint event by the DIA and Eastern Market Merchants Association. According to Edward Podorsek, Founders Society members' acquisition coordinator, 100,000 to 125,000 people will visit Eastern Market on Flower Day. The purpose of the DIA tent is to spread awareness about the museum and what it offers.

"We decided to take two historical institutions within five minutes of each other and bring them together," said Podorsek. "Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer is graciously loaning the buses and drivers. The day is an outreach for the museum which is the fifth largest in the nation."

A lecture by UM-Dearborn art history professor Susan Erickson on the DIA's recently acquired Money Tree (25-220 A.D.), "You Can Take It with You: Han Dynasty Money Trees," takes place 2 p.m. in the DIA Lecture Hall with sign-language interpretation.

Money Trees were found in the tombs of western China where their presence insured the needs of the dead would be met in the heavenly realm. Very few Money Trees survive intact today because of their age and fine open work bronze designs. Only two complete trees are known to exist in the People's Republic of China. The DIA's Money Tree, from historical, stylistic and scientific analysis, has been determined to be a composite of five Eastern Han Dynasty trees, with some restoration.

The daylong program concludes with storyteller Barbara Schutz-Gruber at 3:30 p.m. in the DIA's Chinese Gallery. Schutz-Gruber tells the tale of Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain, an old woman who was an expert at creating Chinese paper-cut designs.

'Goddess' works at being a diva

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

See "Master Class" review inside

"I'm not a diva. I'm a hardworking actress and mother."

Faye Dunaway was comparing herself to the late opera diva Maria Callas whom she portrays in Terrence McNally's "Master Class" at the Fisher Theatre.

But the word diva is derived from the word for "goddess" and certainly judging by the media foot traffic, enough to wear holes through the Townsend Hotel's plush carpeting, Dunaway is a Hollywood goddess staying briefly in Birmingham.

The other implied meanings for "diva" - temperamental, demanding, difficult - were nowhere in evidence. The goddess was warm, vivacious and generous with her time in one interview after another, a professional just doing her job.

Long, elegant, dressed in a light brown pantsuit and silk blouse, Dunaway at 56, her face still defined by those classic high cheekbones, bellies the 30-plus years of movie stardom that took off with a percussive explosion of bullets in 1967's landmark "Bonnie and Clyde."

She is in the middle of a yearlong tour of McNally's Tony Award-winning play, for which she has purchased film rights. In it she plays Callas at the end of her career in 1971, her magnificent voice gone, teaching master classes in singing at the Juilliard Music School in New York.

"This play is about what it takes - what she did, she changed an art form,"

Dunaway said, leaning forward on the couch in a suite set up for the one-on-one interviews. Frequently she would rise and gesture, emphasizing the points she was making with sweeping hand gestures.

"Also what it takes to do what any of us does - attention to detail, working through disappointments, which we all have, which she certainly had with her relationship with Onassis."

The play is one of the few bonafide non-musical hits on Broadway and one of the few non-musical touring productions. Dunaway attributes it to a growing interest in opera, especially since Tom Hanks' swooning interpretation of a Callas aria in "Philadelphia."

Dunaway, like Callas, has a "reputation" for being demanding and exacting. She has thrown herself thoroughly into understanding the late singer and

Legendary role: Academy Award-winner Faye Dunaway stars as Maria Callas in *Master Class*.

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ART SHOW

Heart Strings: Elbert Weber won third place in watercolor for this portrait of Mullova, one of his favorite violinists.



Colorful exhibit has lots of class

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia has annually showcased the best art produced by students enrolled in its classes since the 1970s. This year, works by 31 artists reflect the types of mediums taught in a vibrantly colored exhibit of painting, pastel, colored pencil, collage, and mixed media at Livonia City Hall.

Madonna University art professor Doug Semivan, who judged the competition, accepted 78 works from 97 entries, and awarded 19 honors and a total of \$400 in prizes.

"Thinking back to the early 1980s, it was a smaller show with a lot more oils," said Audrey Harkins, an exhibitor in VAAL

shows since 1981.

"There weren't that many watercolor classes back then," explained Billie Thompson, VAAL's education program director. "Now, we offer several."

Thompson estimates that 75 to 80 percent of the works showcased in VAAL's Spring Art Exhibit were done in watercolor. Many of paintings resulted from classes in the medium with teachers Edee Joppich and Donna Vogelheim.

Thompson is a longtime advocate of art education. The Livonia resident began taking classes in Farmington School's adult education program more than 20 years ago. Watercolor classes with Farmington Hills

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Spring Art Exhibit

What: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents its annual spring exhibition of art works. Free admission.

When: May 2-30. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Where: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

Dunaway commands 'Master Class'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Near the beginning of Terrence McNally's "Master Class," opera diva Maria Callas looks out upon her group of student singers and points to one.

"You don't have a look. Get one!"

Faye Dunaway has a look, a presence, a style that holds an audience in a way that closely approximates the way Callas once held opera audiences in the 1950s. Dunaway brings fire, wit and a building sadness to her portrayal of the singer who lost her voice, a voice hailed by many as the greatest soprano of the 20th century.

McNally's play is simply set on a rehearsal stage at Juilliard where Callas taught singing classes in 1971-72. The Fisher Theater becomes the small auditorium and the audience members of the class.

McNally takes Callas as a standard for artistic integrity,

Master Class

What: Tony Award winning play by Terrence McNally about opera diva Maria Callas starring Faye Dunaway.

Where: Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit on Grand Boulevard.

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday evenings, 2 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday through May 18.

Tickets available at Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets, call (810) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 872-1000.

dedication and perseverance.

When Callas teaches, she is abrupt, rude, often denigrating but all in the name of art and a "higher purpose." But McNally also reveals other aspects of Callas, a huge ego, a self-absorp-

tion and a tragic, driven history. The lead part almost demands an acting diva who can immediately command the stage. Dunaway brings that presence but also a sly sense of humor and a subtlety of expression that reaches deep when it becomes clear that the teacher can no longer perform.

Though McNally's concerns are serious, the play is often funny, especially as it plays on our expectations of star egomania. At one point when a student brings up Callas' rival Joan Sutherland, the star says she does not engage in these "petty rivalries" and run down other singers, after all Sutherland "did her best." Dunaway delivers this line with just the right mix of pity and scorn.

"Master Class" is not a one-person show. Melinda Klump, Suzan Hanson and Corin Paul Anderson are the students. The first lacks presence, the second courage and the third dedication

to the art. Hanson and Anderson are fine singers who act as painful reminders that Callas had lost her gift.

Gary Green is amusing as the sympathetic accompanist as is Scott Davidson as a stagehand (who Callas dismisses as one of those "little people" who will never appreciate art).

McNally balances the "class" and Callas' brilliant insights into music and the "singing actors" with Callas' interludes about Callas' life. The singer rose from poverty and deprivation to worldwide acclaim, honored for a technical artistry and a dramatic styling unequalled in this century. A nice lighting effect takes the audience to La Scala, where Callas finds herself the undisputed queen of the opera world.

But she was a flame that burned too quickly before her voice gave out only 10 years into her career and she became more famous (infamous) as a tabloid



JOAN MARCUS

subject, mistress to Aristotle Onassis, abandoned for Jackie Kennedy.

Here Dunaway gets to play both the depressingly submissive Callas and the blustery, vulgar shipping tycoon. It is also here that Dunaway's performance

McNally's play as realized by director Leonard Foglia is a toast to artistry, and Dunaway is an artist who learned those lessons well.

It was hard, I thought, what am I going to do with this, so it had to be an ex-showgirl kind of thing," she said, laughing and adding that she has a tape of the show and is looking forward to seeing how it came out.

Dunaway has found something of a soul mate in Maria Callas, even as she denies being a diva herself.

"We have stuff in common. Big careers, both hungry girls me southern, she Greek. We elevated our work to art, she certainly did and I hope I have," she said.

"Master Class" continues at the Fisher through May 18.

small parts. She appeared in the recent television version of "Rebecca" as a favor to her friend Diana Rigg (who played the sinister Mrs. Danvers). Casting the glamorous Dunaway is a role played by a stout matron in the Hitchcock version gave the part a whole different twist.

Her favorite films are the same films that have made her a major star. "The Thomas Crown Affair," "Chinatown," "Three Days of the Condor."

Now after a career that few of her contemporaries can boast, Dunaway finds herself in that "older actress" category. She has decided to take the reins into her own hands. She produced "Cold Sassy Tree" for television and will produce the film of "Master Class." She is also interested in directing.

She is even willing to take

Community Arts Council and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association have developed arts centers."

In addition to funding and finding a building to house classes, VAAL shares the same problem as other nonprofit organizations: lack of volunteers. "Volunteers get burned out and resign," said Griffing of Livonia. "It's an ongoing problem with the arts."

Thompson agrees with Griffing about the need to continuously attract new volunteers. "You need a steady influx of volunteers because you do get burned out," added Thompson.

Membership in VAAL is open to anyone interested in the arts. Annual dues are \$20 per year. Classes begin June 8 are open to the general public. Members receive a discount on fees.

For information on classes or joining VAAL, call Billie Thompson at (313) 427-9767.

"I do art for pleasure not for monetary reasons. It's something I enjoy."

Hours for the library exhibit are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The library is closed Fridays.

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Auditions for Jean Hohnmeyer String Scholarship 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, First Baptist Church, Willets Street, Birmingham. Eligibility: must be high school students in 11th-12th grade; residents of Oakland County; perform on violin, viola, cello or string bass; not a previous winner of award.

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A benefit concert for persons with disabilities featuring pianist David Syme at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 at the Community House, Birmingham. Minimum donation: \$25; (810) 646-3347.

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Annual Spring Luncheon noon Tuesday, May 13 at the Central Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford; (810) 673-6568.

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Grunyons 40th annual Spring Sing, a gathering of a cappella vocal groups 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17 at the Anderson Theatre of the Henry Ford Museum. Tickets: \$10; (313) 754-4383.

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Featured artists Sharon O'Reilly, Marie Caspary performing works by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Schubert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at St. Hugo in the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Send for tickets: Symphonia Chorale, #199, 64155 Van Dyke, Romeo, MI 48095.

SOUTHWEST CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Concert in the Garden Series featuring David Syme 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18 at the Double Tree Guest Suites, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield; (810) 424-9022.

BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Two-session workshop for young adults ages 12 and up 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, May 22 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24, located at Paint Creek Center, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (810) 651-4110.

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TRAVEL

Teacher leads others to multi-faceted Africa

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When Earna Kassa first stepped off a plane in Africa she was overcome with emotion.

"It was like I'm here. I wanted to holler 'Africa, Africa I'm here,'" she said.

Since that 1980 trip, Kassa of Southfield has been back to Africa 28 times and has led groups of others in discovering the diversity and cultural richness of the continent.

Kassa remembers when she was a child and her father brought home a National Geographic with an article about Africa. She told him then that she would travel there some day. While going to college at Shaw and the University of Michigan, she met African students and the urge to go was contained only by her lack of funds.

Over the years she has been to Senegal, Gambia, the Ivory Coast, Benin, Liberia, Burkina-Faso, Mali, Togo, Egypt, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya and Ethiopia. Each has its special appeal.

As an African-American and a third grade teacher at Detroit's Fairbanks Elementary, Kassa appreciates Ghana and Senegal for their historical importance in understanding the slave trade.

"The saddest experience was going to Ghana at El Mina Castle in Cape Coast. There's a reenactment of how they had captured slaves," Kassa said. "It's really unimaginable, hard to think what it was like hundreds of years ago. Taken away from what you had been used to all your life."

She said at a small slave house in Senegal she tried lifting a ball and chain and felt a burning sen-

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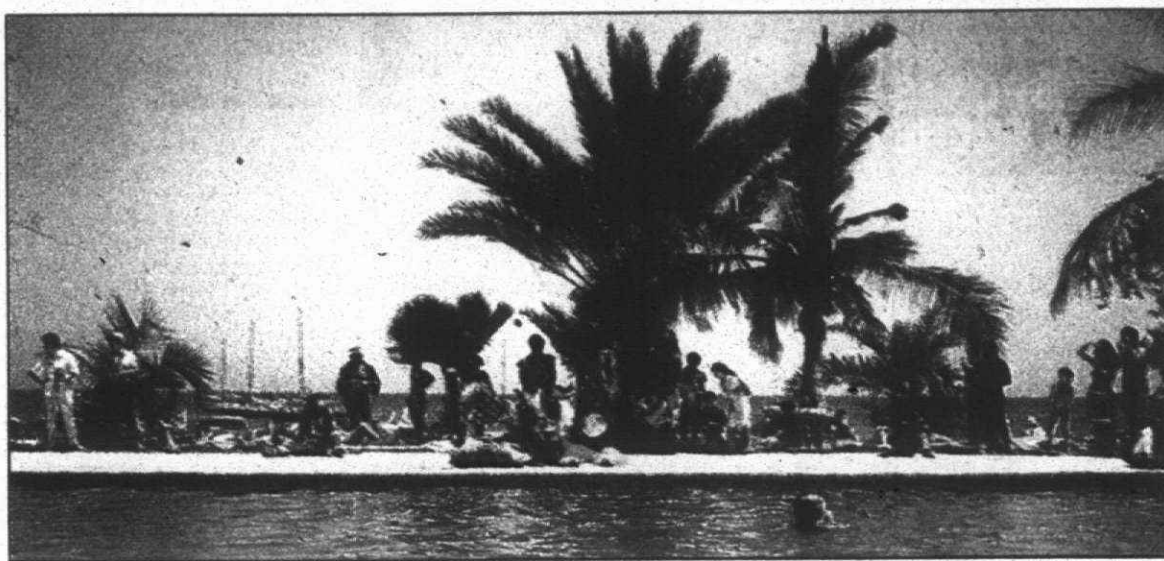
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sation and couldn't lift it.

On the other hand the Ivory Coast offers more touristy pleasures. Kassa said she enjoys its semitropical climate, palm trees and beautiful homes. South Africa's Capetown area is notable for its scenic beauty, which Kassa calls "breathtaking."

"It's easy to see why the indigenous Africans and the Afrikaners were fighting so hard for this land," she said.

Since 1993 Kassa has operated her own travel company specializing in travel to Africa. She makes all the air and land arrangements. She leads adults on trips to different African



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countries. But she also arranges for student exchange programs that allow children to live and go to school in Africa for a month.

"They are not to be tourists but to be part of a house and blend into a family," Kassa said.

The children are usually placed in upper middle class African homes and attend the top schools in the area. Usually the African homes are better than the homes from which the children come, many with house servants and chauffeurs.

Africa offers a wide range of lifestyles. Kassa said in the Ivory Coast there are many large, well-decorated houses in fashionable suburban like settings. But she has also experienced the other Africa.

"I've experienced meeting people who are very poor. People in huts without plumbing and electricity. I've experienced a wide range of experiences over the last 17 years," she said.

But, she said, she avoids political hot spots. She said she would be uncomfortable in a place with a potential for danger and wouldn't subject her clients to that.

Before each trip, Kassa provides an in-service for her travelers. She explains the customs of each country, the currency, the trade restrictions, the food and the living conditions. She said she often has Africans or those who have been to Africa give talks.

Kassa's Southfield home has many beautiful pieces of African art, some of them purchased through another fine African art - bartering. Kassa said she had collected lots of blue jeans over the years and has found that many African artists and craftsmen are willing to barter for the denims.

Kassa's love for the art works

is evident in the way she displays them throughout her house.

"It's an extension of who we are to have interest in art. I love the art and usually it has meaning," she said.

The art works include ceremonial and healing masks, richly carved stools, fine stone sculptures, colorful tapestries and clothing, decorated staffs and baskets.

Another popular image of Africa is the safari. Kassa has led trips to Kenya and Namibia to see animals closeup. She said it's fascinating to ride a 4x4 and see giraffes and elephants face-to-face. She said it's important that people understand that they must be careful "when invading the animals' domain."

Safaris and sightseeing are not the primary reason that many black Americans travel to Africa. Most want to find their roots in the manner of Alex Haley. But Kassa has never been able to trace her own African roots.

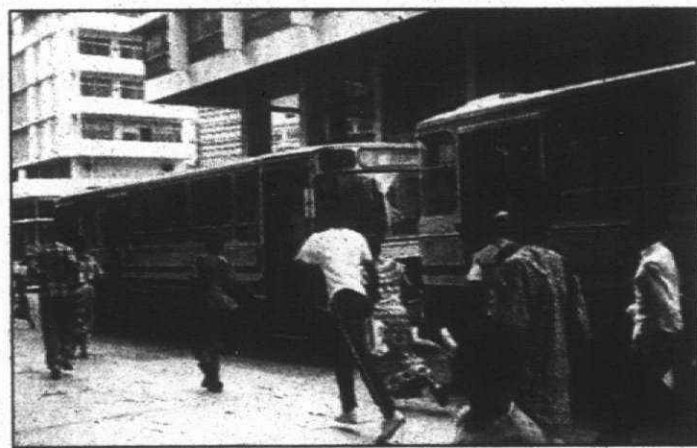
She said she thinks of herself as pan-African though she has been told by many that she resembles members of a large west African tribe. She said she once saw a man in west Africa who was almost a twin of her father.

She said the conditions under which most Africans were brought to America make it nearly impossible to definitely trace back one's roots, though most black Americans are descended from west Africans.

The cost of a trip to Africa for adults arranged through Kassa range from \$1,450 per person (including hotels, air, some meals and excursions) to as much as \$4,000 to \$5,000 for a safari. The student exchange programs cost about \$1,350.

Kassa said many students hold fund-raisers to help pay for

Sunday spectacular: A traditional African dance in a colorful Dakar setting.



City life: Not all Africa is jungles and deserts. Here people run to catch a bus in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, one of many modern African cities.

the trips. She said she has taken only Detroit school children but that she would like to open the program to students from throughout Michigan.

"If you go there with an open

mind, you'll have wonderful experiences," she said.

Anyone interested in travel to Africa can call Kassa at 810-557-6701.

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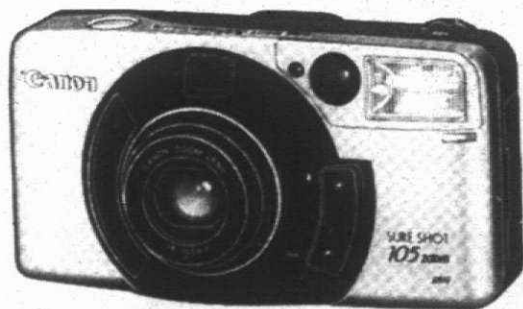
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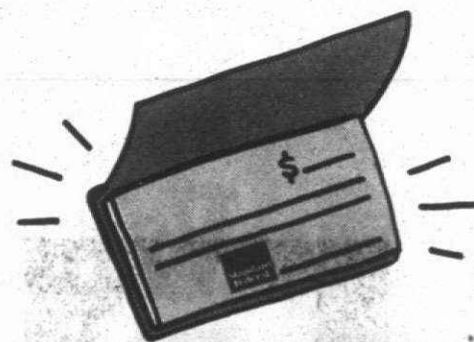
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Holmes driving Wolverines

The University of Michigan women's softball team continued its climb in the USA Today Top 25 Coaches Poll and have a Plymouth Canton graduate to thank.

The Wolverines (40-13-1) have climbed to the No. 10 spot and were in sole possession of second place in the Big Ten going into the weekend with a 15-4 mark.

A major reason for their success has been the pitching of senior Kelly Holmes, who improved her season mark to 23-5 with five victories last week.

U-M opened the week with a double-header sweep of Michigan State, 1-0 and 4-1. The sweep pushed the Spartans (43-11) into third place in the conference, but they remain several points ahead of the Wolverines in the coaches' poll.

U-M finished the week with three victories against Indiana University.

The five victories were all earned by Holmes, and landed her a second consecutive Big Ten Conference Pitcher of the Week award.

She pitched 32 innings over the five U-M victories, giving up 21 hits and five earned runs. She finished the week with 1.09 earned run average and picked up 19 strikeouts to raise her season total to 106.

The Pitcher of the Week honor is Holmes' fourth in her career.

With her 23 wins, Holmes has become one of only five Wolverine pitchers to record that many in a season. Her career mark of 66-24 is third on the school's all-time list.

Salem golfers tie for title

Plymouth Salem and Farmington Hills Mercy finished deadlocked for first place at Friday's Pinckney Invitational, a 20-team best-ball tournament.

Each team's two two-person teams totaled 166; Mercy was declared the winner by virtue of their third team's score.

Salem's Katie Collins was the overall individual medalist with an 81. Her partner, Katie Murinas, was third individually with an 84.

Their best-ball total was a tournament-best 75.

The Rocks' second group was Jessica Hedges and Chrystal Kopacz; their best-ball score was 91. The third group from Salem was Grace Yelonek and Michelle Auger; their total was 111.

Even though they were edged out for first, it was a more than satisfying tournament for Salem — in particular Murinas and Collins, who teamed to win the best-ball title in this tournament last year.

"They (Murinas and Collins) were pleased because they wanted to defend their championship, but mostly they wanted to better last year's (team) score," said Salem coach Rick Wilson.

Which the Rocks did. In '96, they shot 177 to finish fifth.

Plymouth Canton had a solid showing as well, shooting 194 to place 12th. Other local teams: Livonia Ladywood, fourth (177); Livonia Churchill, eighth (184); and Livonia Franklin, 17th (206).

Salem hosts Churchill Monday and Northville Tuesday, both at Hilltop. On Wednesday, the Rocks play at Walled Lake Central's course.

Canton plays at Livonia Stevenson's course Monday, then hosts Farmington at Hilltop Tuesday.

College notes

•University of Detroit Mercy's baseball team moved into sole possession of second place in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference after splitting a four-game set with University of Illinois-Chicago.

Senior third baseman Ed Gundry, from Plymouth Salem HS, continued to aid the Titan cause by collecting three hits in their 12-10 win, one of them his 11th home run of the season.

UDM's record entering last week was 19-18 overall, 12-8 in the MCC.

•Jason Grimm, a senior at Hope College from Plymouth Salem HS, won his fourth-straight singles match in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tennis action when the Flying Dutchmen beat Adrian 9-0 and Alma 8-1.

Grimm, playing at No. 6 singles, is 9-7 this season; he has a 28-17 career singles record. In doubles this year, Grimm has compiled a 13-6 mark at No. 2, teaming with junior Jeff MacDaniels. He's 33-17 in his collegiate doubles career.

Hope is 15-9 overall, 4-1 in the MIAA.

A Conquest conquest

The Canton Conquest, an under-10 girls select soccer team, was unbeaten in the third session at Total Soccer in Southfield. The girls outscored their opponents 72-12.

Team members are Amanda Carlisi, Brittany Cervi, Jamie Colunga, Erin Dreps, Lisa Ealy, Amy Giziicki, Ashley Groves, Andrea Johnson, Rachel Rudzis, Ashley Smith, Kathryn Wheatley, Annie Bernacki, Kelly Lepper and Katie Polera.

The team is coached by John Johnson and Dave Wheatley.

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Doubles play favors Chiefs

Rivalry? More like a picnic. That best describes the Plymouth Canton-Plymouth Salem annual match-up in boys tennis.

After eight fiercely competitive matches on the tennis court Friday, the two teams sat together laughing while their coaches barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs.

Oh yeah — the Chiefs won the match 5-3 in overcast conditions.

"They would have played in the snow today," Canton coach Barb Hanosh said. "Both teams were ready to play and there was no stopping them."

The annual barbecue culminated a day which featured very competitive tennis.

The difference was the doubles squads. After the teams split the four singles matches, Canton pulled out the win by claiming three of the four doubles matches.

"I felt like we had a good chance of winning

because I'm confident in our doubles teams," Hanosh said. "They came up big for us and I was pleased with how they played."

Salem's Gabe Burnstein worked harder than he may have expected but took first singles over Gagan Palrecha, 7-6 (9-7), 6-1. Steve Thomas made it two in a row at second singles with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 win over Canton's Vinnie Ikeh.

The Chiefs split the doubles by taking third and four singles. At No. 3 singles, Ryan Kerr beat Larry Chen, 6-1, 6-4. Jeff Ammons then took fourth singles with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Aaron Niemier.

The tandem of Matt Artley and Bryan Harris-Caldwell gave Canton the victory at No. 1 doubles with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over James Boomis and Corey Krabil.

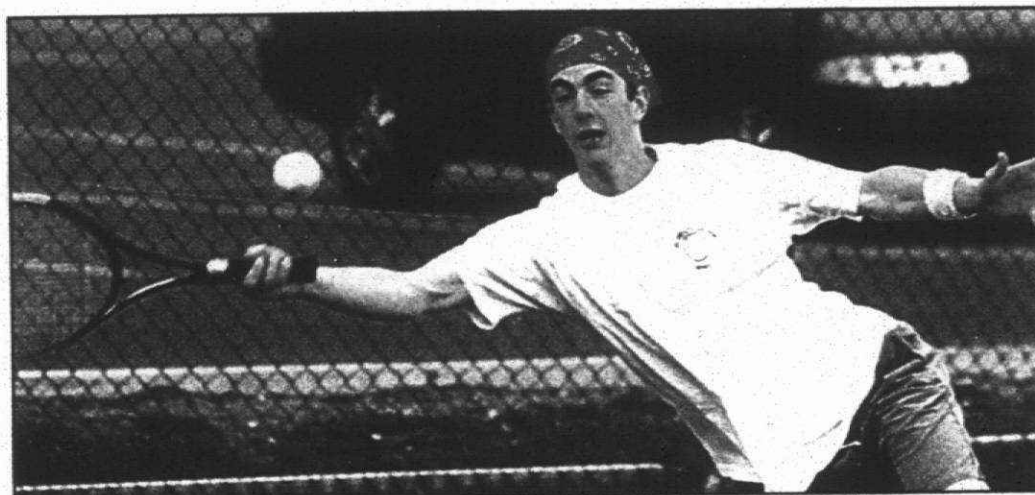
The Rocks countered as Jason Gourley and Rob Willoughby beat Andrew Oleskovic and Richie Ikeh at second doubles, 6-2, 6-1.

The duo of Gary Levenbach and Mike Bruder took care of Nick Wosnar and Adam Covington at third doubles 6-2, 6-4.

In a very tight contest at No. 4 doubles, Canton's Chris Houdek and Adam Allen pulled out a 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Scott Hall and Todd Schmalhurst.

"I told the team at the end of last season and at the beginning of this season that we could have an outstanding team," Hanosh said. "We started out slow but have been playing better."

The Chiefs improved to 5-4-1 overall, while the Rocks slipped to 4-5-1 overall.



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Extended: Salem's Gabe Burnstein (left) had to push his game to the limit to win the first set at No. 1 singles over Canton's Gagan Palrecha. It was decided in a tiebreaker; Burnstein won the match.

Canton remains atop Division

Eight was the lucky number for the Plymouth Canton girls soccer team last week.

The Chiefs improved to 9-0-1 and 3-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association with a pair of 8-0 victories.

On Friday, Canton earned the shutout at Walled Lake Central. Jennell Cobor and Kelly Connell had two goals apiece for the Chiefs.

Canton, which led 4-0 at the half, also received one goal each from Emile Meier, Lisa Reissenweber, Lisa Erickson and Beth Knight.

Sara Ware added two assists for the Chiefs.

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Livonia Franklin was the victim Wednesday in a replay of the Friday game.

Canton, which also led 4-0 at the half, received two goals from Meier and Cobor. Reissenweber added Jenny Parviainen had one goal and one assist each.

Ware and Robin DeVos chipped in with one goal apiece. Melissa Marzolf contributed two assists.

Kristy Lukasic and Becky Hay-

er split time in the Canton nets in both shutouts.

The Chiefs will have their work cut out for them this week, beginning with Monday's game against Livonia Churchill for the Western Division title.

Canton will play rival Plymouth Salem Wednesday and finish the week against a tough Farmington Hills Mercy (9-2) squad.

"That's all right; we need it," Canton coach Don Smith said. "We're playing pretty well right now and playing well on defense."

Salem 2, Harrison 0: Farmington Hills Harrison may have been seeing double Friday.

Goals by Jami and Jodi Coyle lifted visiting Plymouth Salem to the shutout.

Jami Coyle's goal 15 minutes into the second half opened up the scoring. Christen Schull drew an assist on the tally.

With about five minutes remaining in the game, Andrea Weinman set up Jodi Coyle for an insurance goal.

Sara Kloosterman played well in the nets for the Hawks, stopping 24 Salem shots.

Return to glory

CEP teacher finds Masters mat success

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It started about four years ago. John Demsick's oldest son, John Peter, came to him and said: "Dad, I've been talking with some friends of mine. We want to form a wrestling club, and we want you to coach it."

The ramifications of that request could not have been completely realized back then.

What has happened is this: John's four sons became a wrestling club, the only members representing St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

And John became a national champion.

Twice.

John, a Canton resident who has taught physical education in the Plymouth-Canton school district for the last 20 years, won his second Masters 40-and-over national wrestling championship in two years when he won in St. Louis March 28-29.

The difference this year was that Demsick was wrestling at 142 pounds. Last year he won two Masters titles at 126, in both the 40-and-over age division and 30-and-over division.

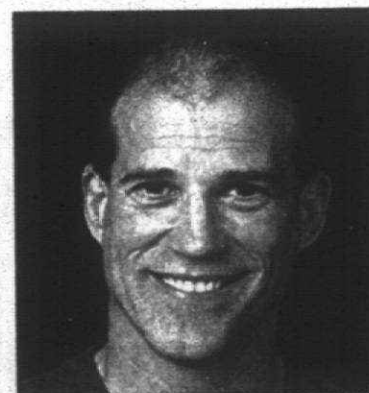
However, he suffered torn ligaments in his shoulder, which meant he had to do even more weight work to strengthen his shoulder. That also meant added bulk and added weight — all the way up to 142.

Demsick, who's 44 years-old, still wrestled in both age divisions this year. He won the national title at 142 pounds for 40-and-over, but in the 30-and-over division a controversial loss in his opening match at that weight to Ron Reider of Baltimore dropped him into the loser's bracket.

Still, Demsick — competing in a

weight class heavier than any he had ever wrestled in in his life, against much younger athletes — refused to give in. He managed to beat Gerry Wheeler of Oklahoma in a match that meant the difference between wrestling for third or fourth, or for seventh or eighth.

Demsick finished fourth in the 30-



John Demsick
Masters wrestling champion

and-over division.

A 1971 Dearborn HS graduate, Demsick wrestled only one season at University of Michigan (at 126 pounds). Ironically, he became interested in dance and was offered a full-ride scholarship in that program, which he accepted.

He never lost his interest in wrestling, however. But it wasn't until his son, John Peter, made his suggestion that Demsick got actively involved.

That, of course, is the key to his personality. "When they got interested, I thought I'd better get back in it," said Demsick. "I'm not the kind of dad who wants to push it down their throat."

"But I have a wonderful time wrestling my boys. That's my style. I'm not the type to sit back and watch."

Once he got into it, Demsick wasn't about to let up. The shoulder injury last year, a knee injury and a thumb injury this year have all taken their toll. Indeed, Demsick isn't certain he'll continue to compete.

"I've pretty much met my goals now, as a two-time national champ," he said. "That says to me that the first (title) was not by chance."

His workout regimen would wear out the hardest of athletes.

"I'll wrestle twice a week," he said, then added, "during the off-season. I wrestle about six days a week during the (high school wrestling) season."

That doesn't include the two weight sessions, the racquetball and running.

It's necessary, of course. At nationals, Demsick wrestled two matches to win the 40-and-over division and another six in the 30-and-over bracket — all in two days.

But with little else to prove, Demsick is hoping to help out further in the high school ranks. John Peter is 17 now and a senior at Ann Arbor Huron HS. Next in the Demsick wrestling line is Robert, 15; Doy, 14; and Richard, 11.

Demsick has been a volunteer coach at Huron the past three years. His sons will be entering the Plymouth-Canton district in the fall, and he hopes to help out whichever school team they draw.

"I'd like to coach in Canton or Plymouth," Demsick said. "I think that would be a nice move for me. I think I have something to give."

Not just something. In the sport of wrestling, Demsick has given a lot.

Chiefs set up a title showdown

The showdown is all set.

Plymouth Canton did its part Friday to ensure tomorrow's match-up against Livonia Franklin will be the season's biggest game for the Chiefs.

Canton's 8-6 victory at Farmington Hills Harrison kept the Chiefs one game behind Livonia Churchill in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs improved to 14-2 overall and 5-1 in the division. The Patriots are a perfect 6-0 in the division. The teams will face

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each other tomorrow at Canton.

Against the Hawks, the Chiefs received a third-inning grand slam by Elizabeth Elsner, which gave the Chiefs a 4-1 lead.

Canton extended its lead to 8-2, before Harrison made it close with a four-run rally in the seventh. The Hawks were aided by five Canton errors.

"Most of errors were in the seventh inning," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We were cruising at 8-2 and lost our focus. But the bats were on fire and we were really hitting the ball well."

Leading the 12-hit Canton attack were Elsner, Tara Bipo, Angela Litwin, Jenny Sikora and Gretchen Hudson, who each collected two hits.

The Chiefs also took advantage of seven Harrison errors.

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To the final Madonna reaches title game

It's never easy — that's what any coach will tell you about tournament time. When the outcome of a single game can extend, or end, a team's season, tensions are heightened. Everyone plays harder, right?

Well, it seems Madonna University's "harder" is a bit better than the rest of the teams in the NAA Great Lakes Section Softball Tournament, which the Lady Crusaders hosted Thursday through Saturday at Ladywood HS.

The four-team, double-elimination tournament reached Saturday's final round with top-seed Madonna as the unbeaten team, going against Mount St. Joseph (from Cincinnati).

Details of the championship game will appear in Thursday's Observer.

The Crusaders reached the final with relative ease, winning their first two tournament games by the eight-run mercy rule. They beat Marian College 10-0 in five innings Thursday, thanks in large part to the combined two-hit pitching of Shanna Price and Janell Lechinger.

On Friday, Madonna routed Mount St. Joseph 12-4 in six innings. St. Joseph bounced back to beat Cardinal Stritch (Milwaukee) 10-4 Friday, improving its record to 24-15 and earning

itself a berth in the final. Stritch finishes 10-9.

"I was surprised here," said Crusader coach Jerry Abraham after his team collected its 30th win (against 18 losses and one tie) with ease by beating St. Joseph Friday. "I didn't expect this at all."

"But we're a good hitting team when we're on track," No argument with that. Madonna had a combined 27 hits in the two games.

And it wasn't just one or two players carrying the offensive load. Melissa McGue had three hits and two runs scored against Marian, then got two more hits, with two more runs scored and two runs batted in, against St. Joseph.

Jamie Vickers was a combined 3-for-6 in the two games, scoring three times and driving in five more — four of those against St. Joseph. Stephanie Dick was 4-for-7 with four RBI and three runs scored, and Jeanie Baxter (from Redford St. Agatha) was 4-for-7 with one RBI and three runs scored.

Such hitting makes it a good deal easier on the pitchers. Angie VanDoorn pitched five strong innings against St. Joseph in improving her record to 10-6. She was tagged for four earned runs in the fifth inning, giving up four of the six hits and two of the four walks she allowed in the game during that frame.



Janell Lechinger, Madonna's ace pitcher, is shown in action during the game against Mount St. Joseph.

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Canton, Salem still perfect

The stage is set. Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's girls track teams will enter Tuesday's Mangan Meet — the annual affair pitting the two teams against each other — with something more than local bragging rights at stake. Both are unbeaten in dual meets.

Salem improved to 4-0 overall, 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division, with a 91-37 trouncing of North Farmington Thursday at Salem.

Canton, meanwhile, was busy handing WLAA Western Division rival Farmington Harrison an 83-45 loss Thursday at Harrison. The win improved the Chiefs' record to 4-0 overall as well; they are 3-0 in the Western Division.

Tuesday's Mangan Meet means little in terms of the WLAA race. That issue won't be decided until May 21, when Farmington hosts the league

the 800 (2:40.1); Becky Wolfrom took the 1,600 (5:51.1); and Christiana Bradford captured the 3,200 (13:24.0).

The Chiefs was two of four field events. Bernard collected a win in the discus (105-feet, 7-inches) and Erin Stabb was first in the high jump (4-8).

Salem's win over North looked very similar to Canton's. The Rocks, too, won three of four relays.

Katie Bonner, Ruth Viforeanu, Joan Marquez and Wendy Leander combined in the 800-meter relay (1:52.5); Bonner, Viforeanu, Sara Vida and Kristie Giddings took the 1,600 (4:21.5); and Erin Kelly, Erin Lang, Kathy Jost and Becky Phalen won the 3,200 (11:13.5).

In individual events, the Rocks were led by Lisa Maul with two victories and Jessica Ash, with a school-record victory in the shot put.

Maul's wins came in the 100

Rocks, Chiefs both stumble

Take nothing for granted. How often has that lesson been given in the world of sports? And yet, no matter how many times athletes are warned about overconfidence, every team suffers through at least one bout with it.

Plymouth Salem's boys track team went into last Thursday's dual meet at North Farmington knowing it had owned the Raiders in recent years. As North coach Todd Schultz recalled: "I've coached here four years, and we've never beaten Salem before."

Until Thursday, that is. The Raiders handed Salem its lunch, routing the Rocks 92-45.

The win boosted North's record to 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division; the Raiders are 2-2 overall. Salem slipped to 1-2 in the Lakes, 2-2 overall.

"We went in a little too lightly," said Salem coach Geoff Baker, "and they thumped us a good one. They took advantage of us in every event they could."

"It just showed our kids, they've got to come to perform in every meet."

The Rocks did get wins in seven events, two coming from Rob Hawley in the 110-meter (15.92) and 300-meter (42.76) hurdles. Other winners in individual events were Dave Hester in the discus, with a personal best effort of 130-feet, 4-inches. Ian Seary in the 400 run (53.6); and Jon Little in the 1,600

discus with a first-place toss of 156 feet, 8 inches.

Eric Larsen also recorded a career best in the long jump with a first-place leap of 20-6. Dave Koshizawa took third in the 100-meter dash, but ran a personal best time of 11.2.

Other Canton winners were Byron Miller in the 400 run (54.3) and Shaun Moore in the 3,200 run (11:16.8).

The Chiefs also captured the 3,200 relay (9:12.7) with the team of Jason Diamond, Adam DiGiorgio, Adam Tessema and Steve Blossom.

For Harrison, Sharpe won both hurdle races, running the 110 highs in 15.3 and the 300 intermediates in 44.6.

He teamed up with Derwin White, Brent Mackey and Wes Morland to finish the meet with a victory in the 1,600 relay (3:40.4).

Battle, Knox, Kevin Woods and Jerrard Johnson won the 400 and 800 relays in 45 seconds and 1:36.4.

Knox was the 100 dash winner (10.9) and Battle the 200 dash champion (23.6).

Harrison won three field events with Nick Shaibe throwing the shot put 48-1. Joel Ford elevating to 6 feet in the high jump and Derek Laskowski vaulting 10 feet in the pole vault.

White also won the 800 run (2:11) and Jared Roth the 1,600 run (4:42).

Canton crumbles, Salem tumbles

Wasn't too good a week for Plymouth Canton's baseball team.

The Chiefs were beaten by Farmington 12-2 in six innings Wednesday, then lost 7-1 to Farmington Harrison Friday. Both games were at Canton.

The two defeats left the Chiefs with a 6-9 overall record; they are 2-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Harrison is 8-3 overall, 5-1 in the division.

Against Harrison, the game was tied at 1-1 after six innings, but the Hawks then exploded for six runs, with Aaron Lawson and Chris Gannum each singling in two runs. Lawson also slugged a solo home run in the first.

Canton managed just three hits off of starter Zack Cornwell, who pitched the first five innings, and Matt Derocher, who went the last two.

Ryan Dahlman started and lasted 6 1/3 innings for Canton before giving way to Jason Mortiere in the seventh. Dahlman took the loss.

Farmington 12, Canton 2: Senior Charlie Jaeger pitched a three-hitter Wednesday as the Falcons merited host Plymouth Canton in six innings.

Jaeger posted seven strikeouts and walked three.

Seniors Brian Murray and Chuck Archambeau went 3-for-4 and senior B.J. Muller 2-for-2 to lead the Falcons, who improved to 10-3 overall.

Archambeau and Muller also had two RBI and scored one run apiece.

Farmington 2, Salem 1: Sophomore Charlie Avery pitched a three-hitter for the host Falcons, who remained in Lakes Division contention with the victory Friday.

Avery struck out 11 and

walked two over seven innings.

Brian Murray hit a solo homer in the first inning for Farmington, but the Rocks scored the tying run in the top of the seventh.

A walk, two stolen bases and a throwing error on the second steal attempt led to the lone Salem run.

The Falcons scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh when B.J. Muller hit a bases-loaded grand slam to shortstop. An error on the throw to the plate allowed courtesy runner David Viane to score.

Chuck Archambeau, whose single started the seventh-inning rally and led to the winning run, and Mark Prudhomme were 2-for-3. Salem's Ryan Rumberger was 2-for-2.

Tom Demetene started and threw two pitches in the second inning before retiring with a tight arm. Scott Hay finished and took the loss.

Farmington is 4-2 in the division and 11-3 overall. Salem falls to 1-5 and 7-8.

Last Wednesday, Salem suffered a five-inning 17-5 mercy loss at Walled Lake Western. The Warriors, who also won Friday, remained atop the WLAA's Western Division with a 6-0 record; they are 14-1 overall.

PCA 9, Huron Valley 8: The streak was definitely in jeopardy, but Plymouth Christian Academy proved it would not succumb without a fight, battling back to beat Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in eight innings Thursday at PCA.

For the Eagles, the win was their 10th-straight. They are 12-3 overall, 5-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

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A week earlier, Ed Stephenson had fulfilled his second "dream" in the space of two weeks as he put together games of 244-288-273 for an 805 series. This came a week after recording his first perfect with a 300 in this league.

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St. Mel's Men's — Mark Brooks, 267/710; Bob Johnson, 246/706; Mike Cavichio, 259/679; Gene Mooney, 266/682; Ed Gehring, 245/663; Ed Slick, 252/635.

Wednesday Tri-City Men's Invitational — Gene Elser, 296; Bob Jawor, 299; Chuck O'Rourke, 300.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Motor City Men's Early — Jim Molnar, 684; Keith Hubbell, 258/692; Gary West, 678; Brian Dzemely, 257/679; Gary Longwell, 256/659.

Classic — Pat Agius, 300; Marc Rodriguez, 300; Dale Williams, 763; Craig Senkowski, 278/751; Ken Thompson, 278/751; Ron LeCuevler, 279.

Storm All-Star Classic Doubles — Doug Spicer, 269-267; Dave Mahaz, 277; Doc Jeffries, 279.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Greenfield Mixed — Tom Gow, 204-236-267/701; Ray Marchewitz, 205-259-225/689; Bill Weas, 214-276/685; Jack Gattrell, 244-247/677; Ken Fister, 256-201-221/678.

Country Janes — Katie Szonye, 246/589; Lin Huber, 221/585; Cathy Durham, 215/573; Terry Layman, 202; Sharon Duncan, 202/561.

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Districts seek solutions to Proposal A problems

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER

Michigan educators now have two years of solid experience living under Proposal A, a tax reform package approved by Michigan voters in March 1994.

When they look at what's happened to the budgets of school districts since then, and project what is likely to happen to budgets in the future, Wayne County educators and school administrators don't like what they see.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL), Plante and Moran auditor Fred Hailer summed educators' fears up best. The company audits a large majority of Michigan school districts.

"When revenues are less than expenditures, it's amazing how quickly the situation gets out of hand. School administrators are concerned how they can manage now, as well as down the road. And these are good times for the state."

MAISL members invited lawmakers to the meeting in Wayne-Westland Schools to spotlight both the short and long term effects of Proposal A on school districts.

Proposal A cut local property taxes, increased the state sales tax, and shifted the funding of public schools from local taxpayers to the state.

At the meeting, Michael Wilmut, MAISL president and superintendent of Garden City Schools, walked educators and lawmakers through a seven-year budget of a typical Michigan school district.

The budget factors in financial changes wrought by Proposal A, assumes stable enrollment, and salary and operational cost increases at the rate of inflation.

In 1993-94, before Proposal A, the district had an income of \$71.1 million; expenses of \$70.1 million; and a rainy day fund of \$2 million.

In 1996-97, the current budget year, the district has an income of \$77 million and expenses of \$79.5 million. Money in the rainy day fund has vanished, replaced with a \$2.2 million deficit.

By 2000-01 in the seven-year projection, income has grown to \$85.7 million, expenses to \$94 million. The district is now \$26.3 million in the hole.

Of course, this deficit could not occur. Massive cutbacks would have taken place in this district long before 2000-01.

"This is a real situation impacting school districts," Wilmut said. "None of us can succeed in the long term if some of us fall in the short term."

Of the 10 districts in MAISL, some districts will tumble into financial trouble "real quick," while others will swing in the wind before eventually tumbling, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business for Livonia Public Schools.

Patti Brand, assistant superintendent for business for Wayne-Westland Community Schools, cited expenses that have mushroomed for school district, mostly because of Proposal A:

- Districts lose money for each student that moves out of the district. If 25 students disappear, that's a loss of \$150,000. But because the students come from all age levels and different schools, there's no easy way for districts to make up this loss in its budget.
- Districts now pay all employee retirement costs; the state used to pay a major portion.
- Districts must now borrow money to pay bills during the summer months, before state aid kicks in in October. This means paying extra interest, filing and legal fees.
- Enrollment in the general education population is either flat or slightly up. But enrollment in federally mandated, highly expensive special education programs has escalated.
- Before the reforms brought by Proposal A, Hailer said Michigan had two types of school districts: in-formula and out-of-formula.
- Now, he said, Michigan has three, and this has split districts apart even further.
- The 285 mostly rural school districts which receive less than the foundation allowance of \$5,153. These have benefited most from Proposal A, because they're getting bigger increases to bring them up to par with other school districts.
- The 218 school districts that lie between \$5,153 and the top end, \$6,200. Half of the districts in MAISL are in this group. These districts get a foundation grant increase that is close to the rate of inflation. But many also face declining enrollment, so they're losing ground also.
- The 52 districts that have a per-pupil foundation grant beyond \$6,200. These districts can tax locally to keep the amount they get beyond the foundation grant. But their grant money from the state is not increasing, so eventually they, too, will feel the pinch.
- Complaints about the effects of Proposal A get diluted because districts fall somewhere within each of these three groups, Hailer said.
- "That's why it's not yet a universal problem. It depends on where you sit on this scale. In the short run, people have done a good job in keeping budgets balanced. But the future looks bleak as we go further down the road."
- Sue Clulow, president of the Livonia Board of Education, said the state never realized what Proposal A would cost Lansing.
- One way to improve the financial picture is for the state to temporarily fund areas they have cut, such as retirement, until a better solution can be found, she said.
- Barbara White, who serves on the Garden City Board of Education, said her district could be helped if the state would pick up interest costs for money borrowed.
- Garden City will borrow \$10 million and pay \$400,000 in interest - to meet its bills over the summer, she said.
- "We're only in the beginning of Proposal A and districts are either not financially making it or are making budget cuts to break even," said Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Ken Watson.
- "It's only a matter of time before all of us will be there."

SEASONS/DATES

WALLEYE, SAUGER, PIKE

The regular season for northern pike, walleye and sauger began Saturday, April 26, in inland waters in the Lower Peninsula; starts Thursday, May 15, on Upper Peninsula inland lakes and Great Lakes waters and the St. Mary's River. The season is open all year on Lower Peninsula Great Lakes waters and Lake Superior.

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Softball

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Sarah Carlson (7-1), who relieved Hudson in the fourth inning, recorded the victory. She gave up four hits, struck out a pair and walked none.

On Wednesday, the Chiefs played in what may have been a preview of the WLAAs championship game. If it was, Round One went to Farmington High.

The Falcons gave visiting Canton its second defeat of the season when they produced a 4-2 victory.

Farmington (8-2 in the WLAAs) tied with Walled Lake Central for first place in the Lakes Division.

"I'm proud of the way the girls stepped it up against a quality squad after going into a little bit of a lull on Monday," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said, referring to a 6-2 loss to Livonia Stevenson.

"Today was actually a big boost for the whole team, because we realize we can win without Alana Heikinen on the mound."

The Falcons knocked off the Chiefs without their senior ace who missed her second straight game due to a knee injury.

But freshman Melissa Mytty was outstanding in place of Heikinen, holding Canton to four hits and no walks, while fanning seven.

Kristin Siskosky, Mytty and Heather Martin have two hits apiece. Martin's solo homer gave Farmington a 2-0 lead, and Siskosky's two-run triple made it 4-1 in the bottom of the fifth.

Biro had two of the four Canton hits.

Farmington 4, Salem 1: Senior Alana Heikinen was back on pitcher's mound Friday, throwing a one-hit victory for the Falcons.

Heikinen, who missed two games after hurting a knee April 25, was able to return in a week. She had nine strikeouts and walked two.

For the third time in two years (second time this season), Salem's Stephanie Volpe broke up a no-hit bid by Heikinen. She had a second-inning triple.

Heikinen drove in Farmington's first run with a single, and the Falcons broke a 1-1 tie with three runs in the sixth.

Kristin Siskosky's bases-loaded grounder to third was mis-played for an error and that allowed two more runs to score. Kelly DePottier followed with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Jill Schmalhurst's fielder's choice scored Volpe in the second inning for Salem's only run.

Volpe's triple was the only hit for the Rocks.

Shannon Coultas took the loss for Salem, despite allowing only three hits. She walked six and struck out four.

Farmington is 5-1 in the Lakes Division and 12-6 overall. Salem is 2-4 and 7-9.

On Wednesday, Salem routed Walled Lake Western, 15-5, in a six-inning contest.

Coultas ripped a three-run home run over the left field fence in the second inning to give the Rocks an 8-3 lead. Salem put it away later with a five-run seventh.

Becky Esper, Schmalhurst and Maureen Buchanan had two hits apiece for Salem.

Buchanan went the distance for the victory.

Catholic school jumps into cyberspace with Web page

BY LEONARD POGER STAFF WRITER

Many universities and some public schools have their own Web sites on the Internet.

Thanks to several Westland parents, there is now a K-8 private school in this area that has its own site for computer users.

The new site was created several months ago by St. Raphael Catholic School students with the help of local parents.

Westland resident Pat Collings, who spends his working days as a Ford Motor Co. computer operator, was instrumental in getting the school online in January when he initiated the formation of a Web Club.

At first, the club at the Garden City school has had only parents meet every Tuesday night to discuss how to upgrade the school's computer usage among students.

Students will start attending the meetings in the fall as an extracurricular program with members meeting after school hours, said St. Raphael principal Judith McBride.

While Collings and other St. Raphael parents are working on the computer, its several dozen students are updating the school's Web site.

"Some 25 to 30 second-graders have had input on the Web pages," said Collings, who has two children, a kindergartner and a fourth-grader at the school, on Merriam and Beechwood. The students are from numerous communities in western Wayne County.

McBride said the Web club started in January with Collings, "who is knowledgeable about computers and wanted to start a (computer) club for students who are knowledgeable."

With parents' meeting in school, "most of the (Web site) work is done by students at home," she said.

Between the parents' meetings, students with computers at home access the Web site to learn of their next assignments.

Collings said he started the club to generate interest, adding that "things involving computers at the school weren't going as quickly as I'd like."

"I want the technology to be as familiar to the children as the TV," Collings said.

He said a survey of students earlier this year reflected that some 60 to 65 percent of the school's students have Internet access, either through computers at home or in libraries.

Another parent, with a different reason for joining the Web Club, is Westland's Tom Ogden, a former Westland postal service supervisor and letter carrier.

"I joined the club because it's a good thing for the students and I could learn about computers, too," he said.

After retiring from the postal service, Ogden works part time as a mechanic at International Bike Shop, on Middlebelt near Ford, Garden City.

Ogden added that he works part time "to support my biking habit."

Besides drawing students into the new technology, Collings and the parents' group are planning to raise money to wire all of the school's computers to tap into different informational segments of the Internet.

The school awards prizes for students who contribute to the Web site.

There will be more prizes every week for new places on the Web to visit and the addition of new content.

Among a list of recent prizes are handmade sleeping bags for Beanie Babies.

To date, the school's second, third and seventh grades are on the Web site.

A recently added expansion is the Nobel Prize Internet Link. Some other links are just for fun.

"We screen these links to ensure that they can be fun for the whole family," said Collings in the school's newsletter.

The school's Web site address is: www.rust.net/~straph.

Suburb reconsiders psychic ban

(AP) — Soothsayers, psychics and witches in Garden City will soon be able to earn their keep if city leaders lift a ban on fortune-telling.

Veronica Kuclo-Raub, daughter of self-styled witch Gundella, has been pushing for the repeal of the 1970 law ever since her mother died about four years ago.

The ordinance prohibits taking money for predictions based on cards, tokens, trances, palms, heavenly bodies or a client's skull formation.

"With all the 900 numbers out there and psychics everywhere I thought it was wrong for it to be forbidden," Kuclo-Raub told a Detroit newspaper recently.

"Everybody has psychic powers - it's just to what extent."

Her mother, who was born Marion Kuclo, died in July 1993. Scores of metro Detroiters had visited her for spiritual guidance, Kuclo-Raub said.

"It's a rather archaic ordinance that doesn't seem to be necessary," said City Clerk Ronald Shwalter. "It used to be there were a lot of charlatans and whatnot, but not so much anymore. The general sense is that the council will repeal the ordinance."

If convicted under the current ordinance, psychics face a \$500 fine or up to 90 days in jail, but no charges using the ordinance have been brought in recent memory, police said.

Kuclo-Raub opened a store in Garden City last month to sell crystal balls, tarot cards, oils, New Age products and other exotica. It's called Gundella's Witch Ways and Wares - named for her mother.

She had planned on doing palm-readings and other spiritual forecasts, until she found out about the ban.

Kuclo-Raub said she will start doing readings at the store if the ban is lifted.

Exchange program seeks area host families

The ASSE International Student Exchange Program is seeking host families from southeastern Michigan.

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Host families may select their exchange student from ASSE's student applications which include biographical essays, family photos, school transcripts and health records. To receive more information about this cultural opportunity, contact local ASSE's Area Representative Linda Sue McDonnell at 810-258-5337 or call toll free 1-800-736-1760.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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CAROL STONE, Admin. Services Director

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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

On warm early spring days about four or five years ago, honeybees would emerge from their hives and feed on the powder or dust from the cracked corn in the bird feeders at the nature center. This was probably their only source of food since not many flowers were blooming so early in the season. Honeybees have not been coming to the corn dust because

there are not many wild honeybees around these days. A few years ago their populations were infected with mites. One mite infects larva, the other infects the breathing tubes. Both have severely affected the populations of our popular pollinator.

But before the Europeans introduced the Italian honeybee for its wax producing qualities, honey production and mead for making an alcoholic drink, there were 3,500 species of native bees in North America. There were also other insect pollinators instrumental in propagation.

The other day I stopped at a willow tree that was flowering. I saw several small flies, a horsefly, a wasp and some gray colored bees that were probably mining bees. They were all collecting pollen and in the process spreading pollen as they moved from flower to flower.

Flies are actually one of the earliest pollinators in spring. They are attracted to our earliest spring wildflower the skunk cabbage because it produces an odor of rotting flesh. As the fly investigates the source of the smell it is also inadvertently collecting pollen that it will take to the next skunk cabbage it investigates.

Some of the mining bees that excavate brooding tunnels in the soil are active very early in spring and are important pollinators of early blooming trees like red maple and willow.

Fruit production may not be quite as high because honeybees are scarce, but these lesser known bees and other pollinators will be the ones to insure that most trees and flowers are still pollinated.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

ON THE RUN



MARYBETH DILLON

John Rogucki lived to be only 54, but he touched more souls than most do in a much longer lifetime.

That was evident 30 minutes before the talented runner's memorial service April 26, when already his many friends, admirers and family were parking on the grass because the lot was overflowing at Hamburg's Bell-Borek Funeral Home.

Rogucki had barely finished building a showplace of a home in Pinckney when he developed a brain tumor. He died months later on April 17.

The roster of names paying their respects read like a Who's Who in Running, and at General Motors, where Rogucki was a senior engineer technician specializing in computer circuits.

Rogucki ranked among the top grand masters (runners 50-and-over) in the nation. Twenty times, he ran marathons in under three hours; including 15 in a row. His best was 2:46, achieved at the Twin Cities Marathon after turning 50.

He excelled at the 10K as well, clocking a 36:28 at the Toledo Blade at the age of 52. U.S. Track & Field's masters long distance running chairperson, Rogucki qualified for and ran the Boston Marathon nine times, with a personal best of 2:52.

He was respected not only for his running achievements, but for what he gave others. Officiating at the service, Pastor Ann Jarema said she married John and his girlfriend Joanne Russell in a private ceremony two months ago.

"The love they shared was so strong you could feel it," she said.

GM's Scott Badenoch said that shortly after he became Rogucki's boss, they met for an hour to get acquainted.

"After about 10 minutes, I realized that John was sizing me up - not as a boss, but as a runner," said Badenoch, a motor racing champion. "In any honest calling, there is an aristocracy of people who become champions because they cross through some barrier. You runners call it the wall; at Indy it's the tunnel at 130 mph. There's a satisfaction - and an expansion of love for the world and the people in it - that you don't experience until you go through it. There's a perceptual wall each of us has to go through. John helped many of us go through that. John had a charisma and a presence; John was a champion."

Masters standout Nina Bovio, who met Rogucki at the 1991 Boston Marathon, nursed Rogucki in his last weeks.

"John taught me a lot about courage, tenacity and holding on forever," she said.

Bill Hill, Whitmore Lake race director who worked, played and ran with Rogucki, was among those coached by him. "His secrets were nothing but hard work: run more miles (preferably on hills and in heat and humidity); lose weight; and do speedwork," said Hill.

Hill recalled how happy he was to finally break 40 minutes in a 10K; one of Rogucki's "standards." "I didn't break it by much, and John informed me that the course could have been short. John had his standards," said Hill.

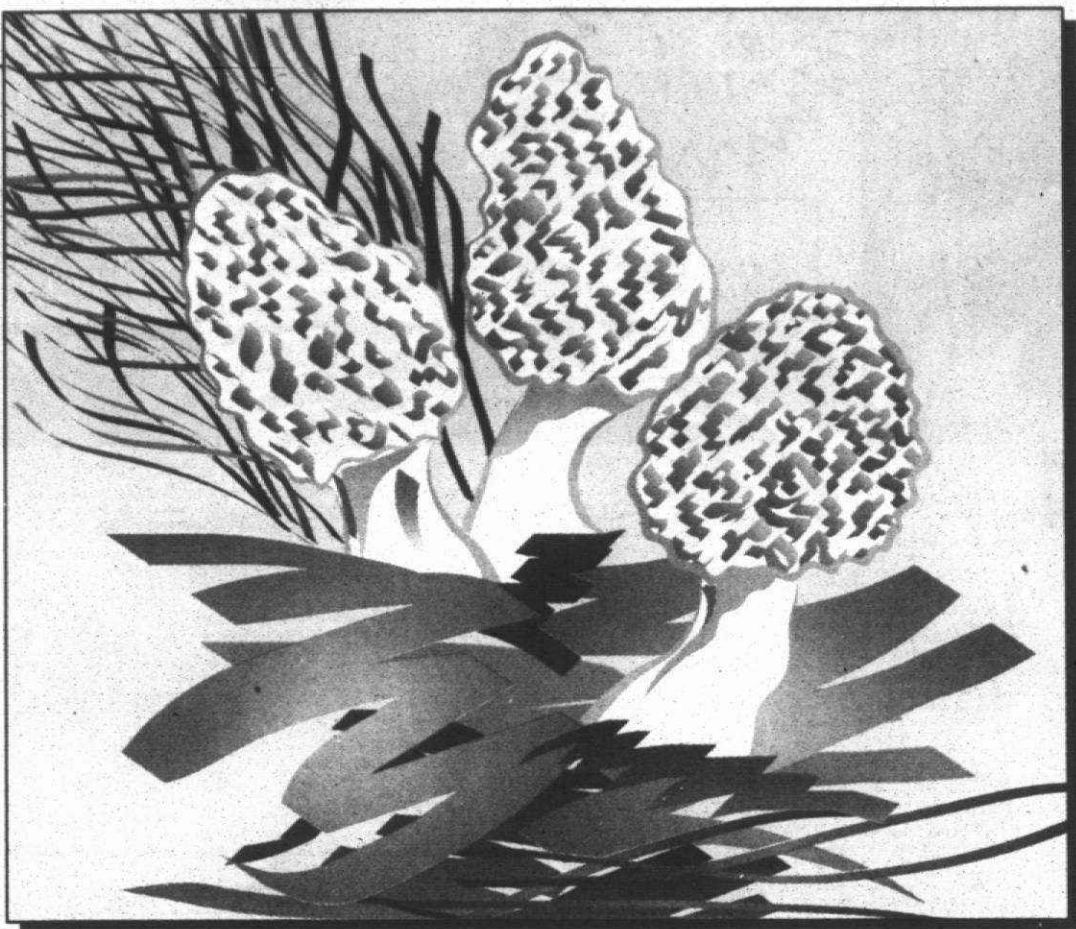
Nationally-ranked master Wally Herrala said "one of John's qualities was to bring people together."

Those who ran the Great Lakes Relay on Rogucki's "Roadkill" team knew that well.

Laurel Park, running phenom and a Roadkill veteran, recalled that Rogucki "put the team before his own personal glory. He was so proud of that team, and so committed to that team."

Contributions for "On the Run" are welcome. Mail them to M.B. Dillon at the Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, or fax them to (313) 459-4224.

RECREATION



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

A STORY WITH A MOREL

HOW TO FIND A MUSHROOM

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

For outdoor enthusiasts, May brings walks in the woods to seek wildflowers - and occasional sightings of the often-elusive morel mushroom.

Area naturalists and others experts warn that those who hunt for mushrooms should take extra care and inform themselves before heading out on the trail.

Many experts suggest that first-timers work with an experienced mushroomer or take a field class or seminar as a starting point.

At the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, edible plant and mushroom specialist Ellen Elliott Weatherbee said because of this year's cold spring, the morel season is really just beginning. It takes an adequate amount of rain, then warm weather, for them to appear. She's planning a Memorial Day "Morel Foray" on U-M property in the Upper Peninsula, and the gardens on Dixboro Road also host a fall mushroom class.

"The main thing to stress is that there are false morels," she explained. "Slice them in half lengthwise - if they're not hollow, they're not true morels."

She said, with any mushrooms, people should "cut them clean and try not to wash them" which can cause them to go bad faster. "Make sure they're really fresh," she added.

Weatherbee stresses that, although some eat the so-called "false morels," that can be a dangerous practice. "It's a cumulative poison," she said. "You may be able to eat them for a while, but the toxins build up. It's not a good one to fool around with."

She said she is always happy to look at mushrooms for those

who have been hunting, if they are unsure. She can be reached at (313) 998-7061.

Farmington Hills naturalist Joe Derek enjoys the occasional hunt for mushrooms - an art which has been around for decades. "The cautions have always been: Go with somebody who knows," he said. "It only takes one" bad mushroom to cause a problem.

He also warns would-be mushroomers not to rely on photographs, which can be deceiving, and to be aware of any sensitivities. "Some people are allergic to mushrooms in general," he added.

There are several varieties of morel mushrooms, including an early, dark version and several others which come up as the season progresses. Experts agree that they can be found in and around old abandoned apple

orchards, in old elm forests, and "wherever there's been rotting wood and wood chips," Derek added.

Northern Michigan is famous for its morel hunting, not because it is the only place to find them, but because there is such a proliferation of state land on which to hunt.

Joe Breidenstein, who is active with the 37-year-old Boyne City Morel Festival (this year from May 15-18) and who hosts "Morels & More" weekends throughout the spring at Springbrook Hills, explains what to look for.

"It's really hard to confuse it," he said. "The cap (or head) is connected to the stem from the peak of the mushroom right on down. And it has a hollow stem. It's all one fruit."

A "false morel" or "skirt cap" has a traditional mushroom head

connected at the top of the stem. "You can pick the top off," he said. "The stem is not hollow - the substance is cottony." Breidenstein said any mushroom has a touch of toxicity. "Any morel - or mushroom - should be cooked," he added.

Breidenstein said that mushroom hunters must watch out - as do any hunters - about trespassing onto private property. "You can get into trouble here," he said. "You've got a real (morel) hunter and he doesn't want you on his land, he'll let you know."

Although those who hunt the morel have their own ways of going about it, there are others who believe that people should leave well enough alone.

That includes Livonia resident Bill Craig of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, a nine-year-old naturalist group which specializes in the Holliday Nature Preserve area, part of the Wayne County parks system which straddles Canton and Westland just south of Koppernick Road.

"People get this idea that mushroom hunting is a cool thing," Craig said. "We don't endorse picking mushrooms (at Holliday) because it's a nature preserve."

He advocates that if people do hunt for mushrooms, that they do it responsibly. "They might be on private property," he added.

Derek said that mushrooms can be found throughout this area, including in Farmington Hills, although that city frowns on visitors taking anything out of its large Heritage Park on Farmington Road - including mushrooms.

"I just tell people to go to state land," he said. "I keep it at that - that way you don't get into trouble."

■ May 29-June 1

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TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Several years ago there was a story in this column about a 92-year-old bowler, Harry Greenlee, who was actively bowling in the "Senior Wing Dingers" league at Country Lanes in Farmington. It was a sort of "feel good" article, for there was a saga of a man who found his lifetime mate, Helen, back home in Indiana. The trials and triumphs he recorded over the years made a truly remarkable story. It was also a love story, as these two people fell in love and stayed in love all through the years.

That they took up the sport of bowling is really incidental, but that is the key to the tale, for although Helen can no longer bowl, she comes along to cheer for Harry and enjoy watching him on the lanes.

It would not be noteworthy to write this same

love story again, except that Harry Greenlee just celebrated his 95th birthday.

The family had a nice little party, and where else but at Country Lanes so everyone could also go bowling afterward. So there were four generations of Greenlees on the lanes at once; Harry, his son-in-law, grandson and three great grandchildren. The Senior Wing Dingers bowl on Wednesday afternoon and our friend, Harry also bowls in a Monday seniors league.

Another super senior is Clara Knight who also bowls in the same two leagues. She turned 95 last August and is still going strong. The Monday league is called "Oldies but Goodies," and this is not intended to offend anyone, so please smile as you read on.

In their recent election of officers, one member stood up and announced, "I nominate so-and-so."

• Dan Ottman of Troy added more laurels to his illustrious record as he captured the latest Budweiser Michigan Majors title at Parkway Lanes

in Trenton. Ottman and three rookies, Chris Marshall of Lansing, Brian Wallczek of University Center and Troy Stashi of Jackson were TV finalists along with Carey Bock of Bay City.

As Dan Ottman came up striking with the first 10 in a row, he easily defeated Bock 279-192. The suspense was only whether Ottman would go all the way and collect a bonus \$1,000 for a 300 game. A stubborn 10-pin stopped him in the 10th frame.

He then went on to beat back Marshall with a 237-225 victory which earned him his third MMBA title and a check for \$2,500.

Other locals who cashed were Dick Beattie (sixth); Aaron Staples of Westland (ninth); Vernon Peterson (16th); Larry Walker (19th) and Rick Elermann (37th) both of Garden City and Larry Franz of Redford (38th).

For information on the MMBA monthly tournaments, call Ken Charrette at (810) 775-2414.

NEW HOMES

The Meadows phase opens at Stony Creek

There's plenty of product from which buyers can select in the Meadows at Stony Creek Ridge, a planned residential community in Rochester.

Four builders have bought lots and constructed models in the initial phase of the 260-acre development off Dequindre between 24 and 25 Mile roads.

Nineteen floor plans encompassing all styles - ranch, story-and-a-half and colonial - are available. Builders also will entertain modifications.

Base prices start at about \$250,000 and range upward to about \$280,000. A monthly fee of \$350 will be charged to maintain a clubhouse, outdoor pool, tennis court and tot lot on the site.

"We're getting a wide range of business," said Mike Valenti of Valenti & Co. "We've got families with young children going up to retirees."

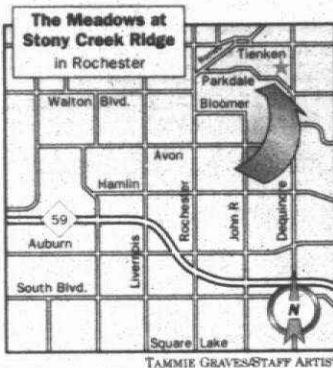
Major location, rolling hills, actual physical layout of the sub and the Rochester community," said Joseph M. LoChirco of LoChirco Custom Homes. "People have a central downtown area where they can shop, eat and walk around."

"You see the clubhouse, tennis courts, beautiful landscaping," said Vince Miletello of L&M Homes. "People like to be close to downtown Rochester. It's safety. The location is nice on the border between Oakland and Macomb."

"You're close to Stony Creek (Metro Park) ... easy access to expressways," Valenti added.

"Even though there's multiple builders, all the designs complement each other," said Sheryl Anderson, sales director for MJC Legacy. "We have strict architectural controls."

All the builders include similar elements as part of their stan-



Standard price package - fireplace, range and dishwasher, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, separate tub and shower in the master suite, and basement.

Exterior materials are brick and wood siding.

LoChirco offers four plans ranging from a 2,400-square-foot colonial with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths for \$259,900 to a colonial of 3,000 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths for \$279,900.

The model, priced at about \$315,000 with upgrades, features a library, living room, dining room, kitchen/nook with island, desk and walk-in pantry and family room with sloped ceiling.

A unique design feature places a second set of stairs to the basement right from the garage.

All four bedrooms are upstairs, as is an optional bonus loft that can be used as an office, media room or, in this case, billiards room. The master with pan ceiling has a walk-in closet and wall closet. A second bath also is upstairs.

Valenti presents five plans. They range from \$259,900 for a colonial of 2,610 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$286,900 for a 3,150-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.



Recreational offerings: Residents can enjoy an outdoor pool, clubhouse with exercise center, tennis court, tot lot and decorative watercourse at Stony Creek Ridge.

The model includes a dining room, library, great room with two-story ceiling, kitchen/nook with island and a large walk-in closet off the garage and laundry.

The upstairs master with cathedral ceiling has a pair of walk-in closets and a dual sink vanity. Three other bedrooms and a second full bath also are up.

Price of the model with upgrades is about \$320,000.

L&M Homes also offers five plans, ranging from \$248,900 for a 2,300-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$272,900 for a colonial of 2,800

square feet or a story-and-a-half of 2,650 square feet, each with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The model contains a first-floor master suite, great room with sloped ceiling, den, dining room, wrap-around butler's pantry and kitchen/nook with island.

Three bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

The model with extras carries a price of about \$300,000.

MJC Legacy also provides five plans.

They start at \$263,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,200 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-

1/2 baths and rise to \$279,900 for a two story of 2,900 or 3,000 square feet, each with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The model features a living room, dining room, family room with sloped ceiling, library off the family room and kitchen/nook with island.

Four bedrooms, including the master with cathedral ceiling and walk-in closet, are upstairs.

Price of the model with upgrades and landscaping is about \$360,000.

The Meadows at Stony Creek Ridge is serviced by city water and sewers. It will have side-

walks and is within the Rochester school boundaries.

The property tax rate currently is \$34.26 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$270,000 house there would pay about \$4,625 the first year.

MJC Legacy, (810) 650-1992, and Valenti & Co, (810) 608-2900, models are open noon to 6 p.m. daily. L&M Homes, (810) 608-2861, and LoChirco Homes, (810) 739-5474, are open 1-6 p.m. daily.

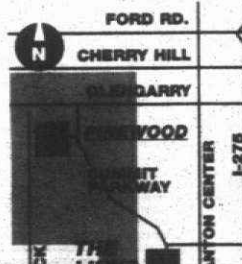
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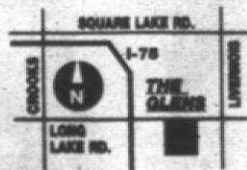


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Residential triumphs are in the details



STEVEN SIVAK

Every architectural project has the opportunity to explore a different set of details from every other project, and each project almost needs a series of specialized details in order to give it that custom quality. I realize that most projects are repeats of earlier projects, but even these projects could benefit immensely from some sort of customization of details. These details come from the fundamen-

tal themes that a particular project expresses. From these larger general themes come the smaller scale details that, in effect, relate all of the way back to the project's beginnings. Thus, the details address ideas similar to those addressed by the project as a whole. One of the best examples of how this could be conceived is found in a series of projects that was assigned at the Architectural Association in the mid 1980s, which is one of the United Kingdom's premier architectural schools. In this series of assignments, each student began by designing a piece of furniture. Then the next assignment had the students design a room in which the piece of furniture

made sense. Then each student designed the building in which the room was situated. The final step was to design the city in which the building itself made sense. Done properly, this is a rational series of relationships that ties each step together in both directions, i.e. from small scale to large scale and from large scale to small scale. The details — of which a piece of furniture can be considered — are related. Obviously, if the details of a project are to make sense, the project must have details. This topic makes more and more sense as a project becomes more and more detailed. This is easily visible in a period piece — say, for example, an arts and crafts project where the doors should

match the stylistic requirements of the period, as opposed to being flush doors, which are anything but arts and crafts. Less obvious are the abstract modern projects whose themes may not be as established or as common as the historical ones. Such themes may be about a certain shape, color, structural investigation or layering of solid and void or, for that matter, any of the nearly endless possible themes that a good piece of modern architecture might be about. One of the reasons I am so intrigued by contemporary modern architecture lies in the way in which it can be interpreted. By establishing a series of rules, a "style" can be made. By making the details consistent with the larger theme(s), there might be a

chance that a readable language of architecture can be created. Arts and crafts architects had a series of tricks and details that made sense within the confines of the style — I, too, can make details that make sense within my own quirky architecture. As a client, I would look for a pattern that is consistent from application to application without being too boring. The absence of details probably will result in the project feeling like a large painted cardboard box. Details need to be drawn, otherwise there will not be any. By themselves, materials can be beautiful. However, when detailed and made to perform certain tasks (such as stopping and starting and intersecting

other materials), materials become even more beautiful. It is through the details that materials take on greater beauty than they have by themselves. Encourage your architect or builder to let the details fly — you will be glad that you did. Do not forget what Mies Van Der Rohe said: "God is in the details." I wonder if that means that a project without details is unholy? Steve Sivak is a licensed architect in private practice and an adjunct professor of architecture at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. He specializes in well-crafted residential and commercial architecture and can be contacted at (313) 769-8502.

This house built around an octagonal dining room

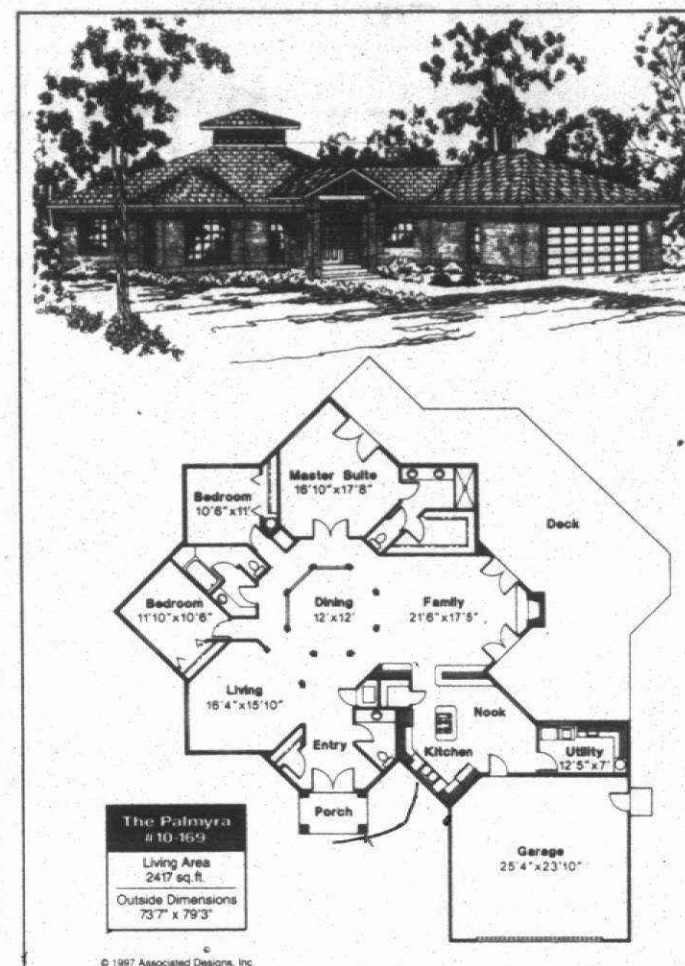
The Palmyra is an intriguing plan with a bright, octagonal dining room at its core. The attractive brick and glass exterior is shaped like an eight-pointed star. Only the kitchen/garage wing breaks the symmetry. Light spills into the dining room through four sets of clerestory windows mounted at the crest of a soaring 22-foot vaulted ceiling. Back at floor level, walls on three of the room's eight sides create a hallway that separates the dining room from the bedrooms.

The opposite side of the octagonal space is totally open to the living room, family room and entry, all of which have flat ceilings. Four handsome columns mark the boundaries. In the family room, two sets of French doors flank the fireplace, each set opening onto a wide deck that wraps around two sides of the home. The living room is also windowed on two sides. Angling off from the star pattern leaves the kitchen open to this spacious area, but slightly

recessed. Features include: an eating bar with overhead cabinets, sunny eating nook, central work island with built-in cooktop, walk-in pantry, and direct garage access. Laundry facilities are close by, so it's easy to pop a load in the washer while fixing dinner, then move to the dryer during clean up.

Double doors open into the Palmyra's master suite, while a matching set across the room lets you walk directly out onto the deck for sunbathing, or stargazing. Amenities here include a roomy walk-in closet and private bathroom with twin lavs, private toilet and oversized shower.

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Representatives of about a dozen builders are expected to be on hand to present information about current projects.

"Builders will have tables set up with development information," said Carolyn Wnorowski, WCR spokeswoman. "It's to establish more rapport. It's a good chance to mingle and network."

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Walking tips

Are you ready to get in shape? If so, then the Oakwood Healthcare Physical Therapy Center want to offer walking tips that can be helpful and fun for you.

Dave Labroff, athletic trainer, of Oakwood Healthcare System Physical Therapy Center, said, "Any healthy person can start walking for 15-30 minutes every other day for a conservative exercise program. Furthermore, having good quality shoes is a very important way to prevent injuries and provide comfort."

He also recommends seeing a physician before beginning any new exercise program.

Health benefits of walking are that it:

- decreases your appetite;
- increases your energy level and metabolism;
- helps your respiratory system;
- allows the body to heal better as increased oxygen-rich and nutrient-rich blood is delivered to injured areas.

Other helpful hints:

- Grass is the best surface to walk on because it provides less impact to the foot than concrete or asphalt.

- On a very hot or humid days you should walk in the early morning or evening hours.
- On very cold days, it's better to walk in a controlled environment like a mall.
- Ankle weights are not recommended. By increasing resistance and load they can actually hurt you more than help you.
- Hand-free weights, like dumbbells, use more energy to burn more calories and fat, but they are not recommended for beginners.

- Walking with others, especially veteran walkers, provides the psychological teamwork benefits that may help you maintain consistency.
- Vary your walking route occasionally can help prevent boredom with your routine.

It is important to check your heart rate for an efficient way to monitor your exercise intensity, or level of exertion.

Anxiety disorders

Everyone experiences anxiety at some time in life. Feelings of nervousness, trouble sleeping and irritability can be brought on by life's challenges. But more than 28 million Americans experience anxiety that goes beyond the normal jitters. These individuals suffer from an anxiety disorder, caused by abnormal functioning of the neurotransmitters in the brain. Anxiety disorders frequently run in families and are more common in women than men.

Dr. Manuel Tancer, M.D., a psychiatrist at The Detroit Medical Center, said, "Anxiety disorders are a major health care problem in the United States, and they can cause tremendous suffering to individuals and families. What's particularly hopeful, however, is that these disorders are very treatable."

Some anxiety disorders involve worry about events that have not occurred - and probably never will. Other anxiety disorders are linked to specific events, such as public speaking.

When left untreated, anxiety disorders can become severe and can lead to panic attacks or phobias. Panic attacks are frequent bouts - six or seven times a month - of nervousness or impending doom. A phobia is a constant, intense fear of a specific object, activity or situation.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder, or OCD, is another form of an anxiety disorder. OCD involves rituals or repeated behaviors. An individual with an obsessive-compulsive disorder may look in the mirror for hours at a time or shampoo her hair many times a day.

Dr. David Rosenberg, M.D., a psychiatrist at The Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University, specializes in treating patients with OCD, particularly those between 15 and 25 years of age. "It is vital that we provide effective treatments for OCD. Of course, to provide treatment, we must know who has the condition."

Wednesday, May 7, is National Anxiety Disorder Screening Day. University Psychiatric Centers, part of The Detroit Medical Center and WSU, will provide free anxiety disorder screenings 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including at the University Psychiatric Center-Livonia, 16832 Newburgh, Livonia, (313) 464-4220.

Participants will complete a self-inventory analysis and meet with a mental health professional to review the results and find out more about anxiety disorders. Screening is available for children, adolescents and adults.

For more information, call (313) 577-7792.

Screenings will also be offered at the Center for Behavior and Medicine in Canton, Pioneer Counseling Services in Livonia and St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

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Bath time: Mary Lou Anolik, an RN at St. Mary's Marian Women's Center, helps Ron Muffler of Livonia with demonstrating bathing of a newborn baby. This was part of the class of men who are expecting their first child. Mary Lou's husband, Dave, has volunteered his time to help teach the class.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Joe Sparks of Livonia is among a growing number of fathers taking parenting classes to learn how to care for their new baby and to understand emotional changes happening to the mother. "I want to be a good father and to be a good father you have to learn things," said Sparks, who will be a first-time dad at the end of May.

"After going through the birthing class, it's obvious that she got the raw end of the deal as far as that goes," Sparks said. "If there's something I can learn from bathing to understanding the different cries and some of the other practical things that I can help my wife out with I want to do that."

Sparks, who recently attended "Just for Dads and Beyond," taught by David Anolik at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, is among the growing ranks of men seeking out practical tips about everything from feeding and taking a baby's temperature to nurturing skills that will affect their children for a lifetime. In the last six months, more couples have been signing up for the "Newborn Care" class offered by Garden City Hospital, according to teacher Shirley Breil.

"Often it is because the dads want to know how to take care of babies. They haven't been around a lot of babies and this gives them an idea what to expect when they take the baby home," she said.

It's important for the mother and father to understand what each other are feeling about the changes in the house, according to Judy Bey, director, Botsford Hospital childbirth educator.

"We encourage moms to get out during the first weeks after the baby is born and let dads assume the sole responsibility of the baby," she said. "Often times with the mothers and babies bonding the father can feel left out."

Sometimes the mother can feel isolated after nights of deep deprivation and lack of communication with the father. If the father stays alone with the baby, even for a short time, he might begin to bond with his child and understand what the mother is experiencing. In the classes, dads have similar questions as do moms.

Breil suggests they go through a list that includes diaper changing and feeding. "It's hard to reassure them sometimes that once they get the baby home they will know what to do and that they will know how to care for the baby. In a short time, the things they thought would be so difficult they will be expert at and they will know about their own baby."

Different experiences
Beyersdorf reminds parents that crying is the

Bringing UP Baby

NEW DADS EAGER TO TRY

only way babies have to communicate. Men usually come to the class with different experiences and specific fears. They probably didn't play with baby dolls as much as their wives did and likely didn't babysit 400 many infants. Even simple things like picking the baby up is foreign.

"Men just normally have so much strength in their hands and arms that they are afraid they won't hold the baby right or that they will drop it," she added. "As soon as they have the first ones they are experts with the second."

They often feel stressed, because they worry about being the sole provider for the infant. "As old-fashioned as that may sound, they think of themselves in that capacity and they worry

about it," Breil said. "There have been discussions about that, because a lot of men have the same concerns."

Anolik hears similar conversations during his classes. Parents feel that financial strain even when both are working. "The financial burden is substantial, especially with both parents working, the child care costs are rather expensive," said Anolik, who encourages his students to talk about traditional and contemporary attitudes about fatherhood.

"We're trying to offer practical advice and ideas for them to meet their own challenges of fatherhood," said Anolik, the father of Mary, 5, and Alison, 3. Most men don't get a lot of support from family and friends, because they talk to each other about some of things they go through.

"You can go to a party and the women will talk about babies for hours and men don't do that and there's a lot of things to be benefited by sharing experiences," said Anolik, adding that nothing matures a man like becoming an involved, caring father.

There are a lot of lifestyle changes to consider when a couple adds a baby to the family. "Simple things like dining out becomes a trying experience when the children are younger, or even things like traveling," he said. "When it's just the wife and husband you can get up and go just about anytime. When the children are there it becomes a much more scheduled experience."

Nesting instinct
Before the baby comes, the father should consider that women go through a nesting instinct, getting the house set up just the way they want it. "The father may not agree with certain things, but should respect that instinct," Anolik said adding that a couple expecting a first child shouldn't take on major lifestyle changes, like finding a new job or moving.

Classes are filled with fathers trying to learn how to be a better parent to older children, too.

More and more fathers are becoming single parents in charge of children than in the past, according to Doris Wilcox, who teaches "Active Parenting Today," offered by Garden City Hospital. They're learning how to nurture their offspring and the best ways to deal with those tough situations that mom usually dealt with in the past, like putting children to bed without a fight.

Wilcox suggests telling them there is a new household plan that includes a specific routine. When the timer goes off, for instance, the children should have their pajamas on and when it goes off the second time teeth should be brushed and they should be in bed waiting for a book to be read. If they don't meet the expectations, parents might say they won't be read to that night, or that the bedtime will be earlier the next day, because obviously they need more time.

Other fathers ask how they can get their kids to stop fighting. "Many times they are just looking for attention and it's a good idea for the parent not to get involved with the confrontation," Wilcox said. Giving logical consequences for bad behavior really has a profound effect, she said, explaining that a child should be told what is expected and if those expectations aren't met what will happen.

Parents have to follow through on what they promised to do or the child won't believe them next time. "I really like this series, because the feedback is that these things really work," she said. "And they're actually surprised. I was surprised when I started using them with my children."



Diaper duty: Reynaldo Reyes of Canton (foreground) and Joe Sparks of Livonia practice changing diapers on baby dolls during a class at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

It's important for fathers to understand what a profound effect they have on their children, both socially and emotionally, Breil said. "There's a saying: 'Children learn by watching how their father treats their mother,'" she said.

Sparks added that he and his wife have been reading books about parenting, but once the baby comes he doesn't expect to have a lot of spare time. "I know you need to be saturated now," he said. "I guess this is proactive parenting. I'm learning skills to help my wife and help my baby."

Strokes often offer early warning signs

If you miss the warning signs of a brain attack, you may be putting your senses, speech and memory in danger in a matter of minutes. Brain attacks, commonly known as strokes, affect different people in different ways. When a brain attack occurs, severe injuries in mental and bodily functions - even death - can result.

Knowing the warning signs of stroke and seeking immediate medical treatment if you notice any signals are critical in avoiding the No. 3 killer in the United States.

A brain attack occurs when the blood supply to the brain is cut off. Both brain attack and heart attack are diseases of the circulatory system caused by rupturing or blocking of arteries. During a brain attack, the brain is starved for oxygen and brain cells begin to die within minutes. That

is why immediate medical attention is crucial. The warning signs associated with stroke are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body;
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye;
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech;
- Sudden, severe headaches with no apparent cause;
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the previous symptoms.

If you experience one or more of the warning signs of brain attack, get medical help immediately. Early intervention can minimize brain injury, and preventive care may reduce the risk

of stroke, according to the American Heart Association.

About 10 percent of brain attacks are preceded by "temporary strokes." These can occur days, weeks or even months before a major stroke.

Temporary strokes, also known as transient ischemic attacks or TIAs, result when a blood clot temporarily clogs an artery and part of the brain doesn't get the supply of blood it needs. The symptoms are like those of a full-fledged brain attack. They occur rapidly and last a relatively short time, usually from a few minutes to several hours.

For more information on brain attack prevention or to contact a Stroke Club, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA-1. May is Stroke Awareness Month.

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National award

The Long-Term Care Administration Program at Madonna University in Livonia has been named recipient of the American College of Health Care Administrators' Education Award. The annual award recognizes an individual or organization for educational programs, seminars or workshops that, because of their content, innovative approach or other special components,

have made an outstanding contribution to the field.

Dr. Karen Ross, dean of Madonna University's College of Social Sciences, is accepting the award at the 31st annual ACHCA Convocation May 3-7 in Minneapolis, Minn.

He lives in West Bloomfield.

Physician on staff

Family practitioner Dr. Steven M. Lewin, D.O., has joined the staff of Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He is associated with Plymouth practitioner Dr. Robert Gordon, D.O.

Lewin is a graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and also completed a radiology residency at Botsford. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Wayne County Osteopathic Association, American Osteopathic College of Family Physicians, and the American Osteopathic College of Radiology.

He lives in West Bloomfield.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Dr. Howard M. Wright, D.O., is founder and director of the Dearborn Family Clinic. The family medical practice will launch extended appointment hours until 10 p.m. weekdays and 12 p.m. Saturdays, beginning May 12. Dearborn Family Clinic is affiliated with Garden City Hospital.

"In listening to our patients, we found

that many of them are finding it more difficult to shuffle family responsibilities, jobs and other commitments," said Wright. "At the same time, our patients value access to their regular doctor who knows their medical history. We found a real gap in the availability of this type of after hours care."

The clinic is at 3133 S. Telegraph, south of Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. For information, call (313) 565-6566.

Midwives on staff

Certified Nurse Midwives Cheryl Bachman of Saline and Jennifer Cartwright of Berkley have been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. Their practice, IHA Nurse-Midwives, is

located in Ypsilanti and is affiliated with Integrated Health Associates of Ann Arbor.

Both women received their certification from the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Kentucky. Each holds a master's degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University.

For information on appointments, call (313) 434-1404.

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MON, MAY 5

PREGNANCY LOSS

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor will hold an ecumenical memorial service 7:30 p.m. in the hospital chapel for parents, families and friends who have experienced a pregnancy loss. For information, call (313) 712-3800. For information on support for couples, call Karen Londo, program coordinator, (313) 712-3354.

BASIC CPR

Health care providers can learn Basic Life support at a course offered by St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The four-hour class will be held from 6-10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B. This refresher course includes one and two-person rescue of the child or infant and management of an obstructed airway. Course fee is \$25. To register, call (313) 655-2922.

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION

A six-week course will be offered which provides information on the many aspects of pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care beginning

at 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Call (313) 458-4330 for registration information.

CARDIAC SUPPORT

The Heart Pals Cardiac Support Group will meet 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. For information, call (313) 458-3242.

TUE, MAY 6

CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION

St. Mary Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia, will present a two-part course, "Eater's Choices," from 7 to 9 p.m., May 6 and 13, in Pavilion Conference Room A near the south entrance. Learn to plan meals, read food labels, and find the fat budget for your caloric needs. Cost of the course is \$25 per person. To register, call St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach department at (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

NEWBORN EDUCATION

Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will present "Learning About Your Newborn" 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile (use Five Mile entrance) in Livonia. No charge or registration is required. Dr. Marshall Blondy will discuss "What to ask your pediatrician about your newborn." For more information, call (313) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1650.

MAY 6, 22

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT
Rick Triest of The Asthma and Allergy Foundation will present free seminars 6-7:30 p.m. May 6 and 1:30-2:30 p.m. May 22 at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. For information, call (313) 458-7100. There is no charge.

MAY 6, 7, 31

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Programs on "Discovering Homeopathic Medicine for the Circulatory System" will be offered 10-11 a.m. May 6, 7-8 p.m. May 7, and 10-11 a.m. May 31 at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

MAY 6-29

DIABETES EDUCATION

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetes age 18 and older. "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes." The series of eight classes at St. Mary Hospital will provide information on self-care and the successful management of diabetes. Classes will be held from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. The \$75 fee includes a support person. For more information or to register, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

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MARKETPLACE

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Accreditation

The University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management has achieved accreditation of its bachelor's and master's degree programs in business administration from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

The accreditation board approved by the AACSB board of directors recently.

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Site development
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ToTest surveyed the entire building for asbestos and lead-based paint and wrote specifications for the removal of all asbestos-containing materials.

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Telnet, once boring, given a brand-new attitude



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There may be new life around the corner for Telnet, one of the granddaddies of the Internet.

In the early days of the Internet, there was no software suite available but two basic tools — Telnet and FTP. Telnet was the tool used to connect to another computer and read what was there. If you wanted to download a document, you grabbed FTP.

Since then, the Web has so overpowered the other tools of the Internet that die-hard Telnet users refer to the many access sites Telnet connects to as "rest of the Net." Among this vast land of information available to Telnet users are thousands of computer bulletin boards (BBS), government databases, public libraries, Telnet Talkers and virtual entertainment systems such as Multiple User Dungeons (MUDs).

Before looking at what might revitalize Telnet let's look briefly at what it is. Then we can better appreciate what it might become.

Telnet allows Internet users to connect directly with a computer anywhere in the world and use the remote computer's full power to run programs and process information. When connected,

the user's personal computer acts as a remote terminal of the distant computer.

Unlike Web connections which open and then immediately close when information is accessed, Telnet connections remain open constantly while the user is logged on to the remote computer. This constant two-way communications interactivity gives Telnet sites an advantage in such areas as interactive publishing and real-time gaming.

Lagging behind Web

In spite of this power, however, Telnet has lagged far behind the Web. One reason is that Telnet systems use a character-based interface that is difficult to navigate and requires computer users to have knowledge of (gasp!) Unix commands. Telnet sites are not linked together in the manner that Web sites are. But the telling blow is that Telnet is a text-only world in which graphics are not permitted.

Despite Telnet's power, popular Web browsers such as Netscape or Microsoft Internet Explorer do not include Telnet capabilities. You can go to a Telnet site using a browser if it's configured to use Telnet by using the URL format of telnet://online.com in the "open" or "goto" box. But Telnet is not incorporated into browsers in the same way as E-mail and news groups are.

A fascinating (to me) development occurred in April when TeleGrafix Communications Inc. of Winchester, Va., announced it was shipping a commercial version of RIPviz Visual Telnet.

RIPviz is a new type of browser that allows users to visit Telnet sites and view colorful, point-and-click graphics. Promoters promise that Telnet sites will become as graphically robust and multimedia-enriched as Web sites now are.

Right now RIPviz can provide a graphical look at a Telnet site only by connecting to a site that has redone itself to accommodate a graphical look. Thus, right now RIPviz can provide a graphical look only at a few demo sites the manufacturer has lined up. At other sites you get a text-only look, although you still have the advantage of ease of use with RIPviz.

When connecting to a demo Telnet site, the appearance is much like a Web site. And RIPviz operates much like a Web browser. And so the long-term result will be having Telnet sites "joining" the Web community. Because RIPviz can operate as an add-on to a browser, the long-term result might be the elimination of Telnet as we know it today.

A free 60-day trial version of RIPviz Visual Telnet for evaluation review can be downloaded at TeleGrafix's at <http://www.telegrafix.com>.

RIPviz is compatible with Windows, 3.1, Win95 and Windows NT and can be

launched as a stand-alone Telnet browser or from within browsers such as Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer.

After the 60-day evaluation period, RIPviz will cost \$19.95 if downloaded or \$29.95 plus shipping if ordered on diskette.

The program makes it simple (no Unix) to connect to big mainframe computers worldwide and run programs remotely on those systems.

Rocket across Net
"Instead of surfing Web pages at a snail's pace, now you can rocket across the Internet to run programs and solve problems on the world's most powerful mainframe systems with point-and-click simplicity," says Pat Clawson, president of TeleGrafix.

Clawson, by the way, is a Michigan native. Originally from Clio (about 10 miles north of Flint), Clawson once was a science writer for the Flint Journal who in the early 1970s was a newscaster at WCAR-AM, WABX-FM and WHNE-FM in Detroit.

RIPviz's technology eliminates the need for corporations, governments and institutions to convert information from legacy mainframe systems to Web format, thus potentially saving millions of dollars in data conversion and Intranet costs. TeleGrafix expects RIPviz will open the door to 10s of thousands of

Inc. in Plymouth, named several associates to the staff.

Thomas P. Rozman, a senior consultant in the Plymouth office, has 25 years of experience in facility planning, management, design and construction. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy and a master of science degree in civil engineering (design and construction) from Wayne State University. In 1996, he was named Engineer of the Year by the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, of which he is a past president and fellow.

Thomas M. Peet, a senior consultant in the Lansing office, has 25 years of experience in environmental investigations and consulting engineering. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, specializing in environmental engineering and water resources, from Michigan State University.

Mark K. Kramer, a project engineer in the Plymouth office, has seven years of experience in environmental investigations for various types of projects, including landfills, roadways and large commercial and industrial facilities. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Arizona State University.

Soil and Materials Engineers Inc. has its corporate office in Plymouth.

A promotion
Steven Sedlak of West Bloomfield has been promoted to market development manager for Precision Coatings Inc., which specializes in developing, coating and converting image

receptive films and papers. The announcement was made by Robert E. Dalton, COO.

In this new position, Sedlak will lead new business development and market research and development for PCI in the architectural and engineering markets. He was promoted from national accounts manager for PCI and has more than 16 years of experience in the coating industry.

Previously, Sedlak was founder and president of Sales Systems Inc., a sales agency in Clifton, N.J. Sedlak earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Regional manager
Magic Line Inc., a regional electronic funds transfer network, has promoted Theresa L. Koenke to the position of regional manager for Indiana and Michigan. She was previously Magic Line's regional manager for Michigan.

Koenke joined Magic Line in 1994, and was previously with Michigan National Bank, serving as business unit manager for the correspondent financial services area, in the electronic financial services division. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration, majoring in industrial marketing.

New staffer
Cliff Landau of Redford has joined Republic Bancorp Mortgage Inc. as a mortgage loan originator at Republic's Farmington Hills office. Landau will be responsible for originating conventional, FHA/VA, community home buyer, new construction and home equity loans.

He is a 1986 Oakland University graduate and was previously a territory sales manager for Johnston & Murphy. He recently graduated from Republic's Mortgage University.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Business-related items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

MON, MAY 5
SUBURBAN BPW
The Suburban West Business and Professional Women will meet at 6 p.m. for a social hour and 6:30 dinner followed by Karen Wilmering from "About Interiors." Wilmering offers fresh design suggestions as we enter the carefree summer months. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn-Livonia. For further details, call Jeanne Foster at (810) 857-5723 or Eunice Taylor at (810) 737-5778.

FRI, MAY 9
BUSINESS NETWORK
Business Network International, Livonia Chapter, will meet 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh roads in Livonia. For information, call (313) 844-3432.

TUES, MAY 12
BUSINESS OWNERS
The Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan will meet 6:30 p.m. on the first floor of the 777 Building, on Eisenhower at State in Ann Arbor. Sheryl Norman will present a program on "How To Become a Publicity Expert: Getting Free Press." The business mixer will

be 6:30 p.m., followed by the 7-8:30 p.m. program. Price is \$10 for non-members and reservations are required. To make reservations, call Monica Milla at (313) 944-2133.

WED, MAY 14
MARKETING ASSOCIATION
The American Marketing Association will meet 6 p.m. for dinner and a program at the Southfield Marriott. Christopher Cedergren, managing director of Next-trend, a consultancy focusing on auto industry consumer, market and product trends, will be the speaker. Price is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. For reservations or information, call Arnette Clark, (313) 964-3789.

THUR, MAY 15
INDUSTRIAL SEMINAR
London. The topic will be European Bank for Reconstruction and Development investments in Central and Eastern Europe. Price is \$20 per person, including lunch. For information, call (313) 479-2345.

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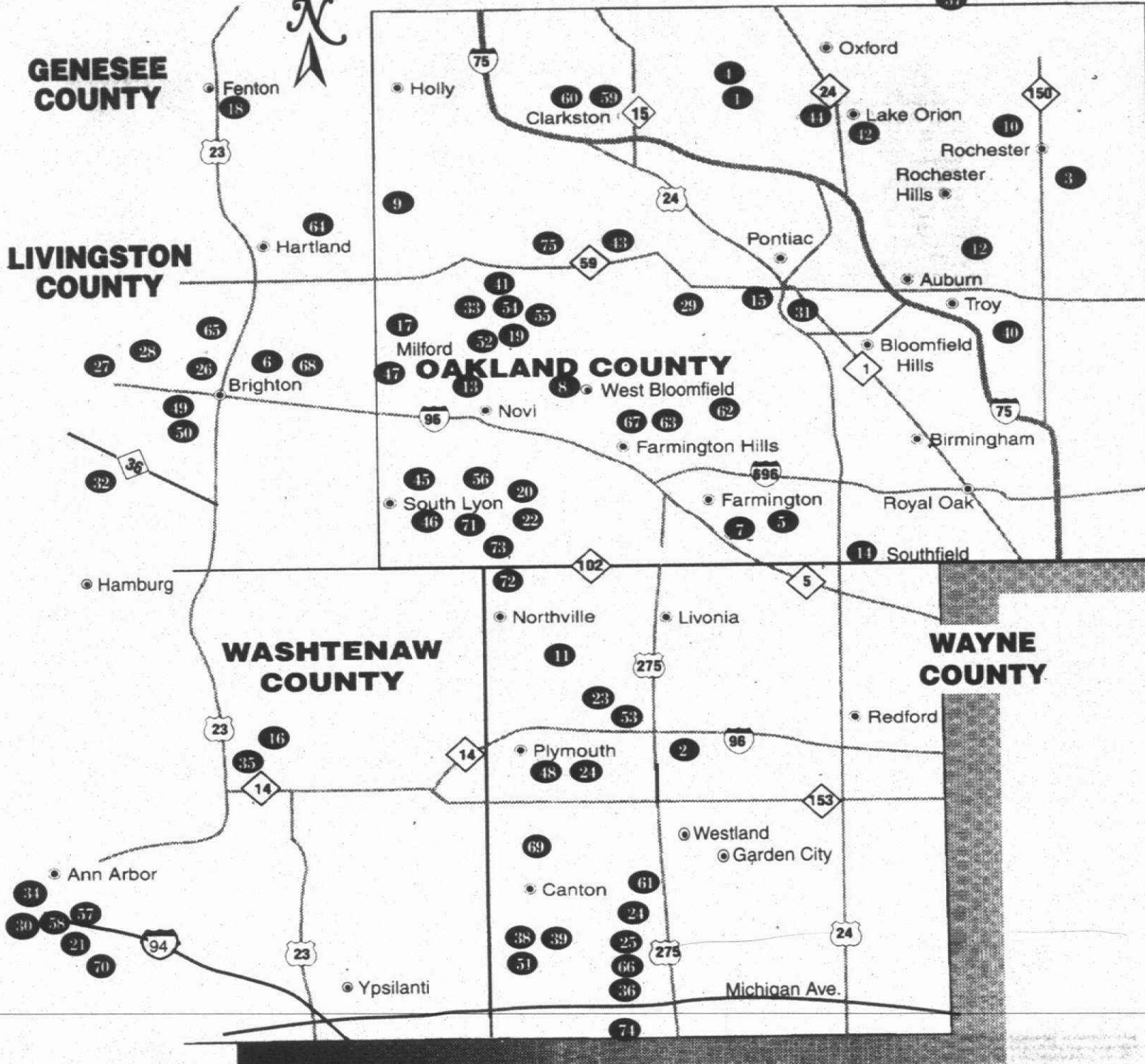
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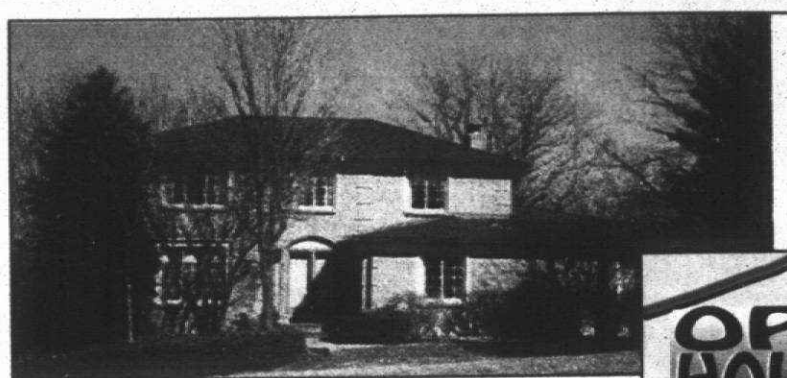
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Plymouth home features walkout, 3 car garage

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\$340,000**

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Homes in Windridge offer style and location

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From \$300,000**

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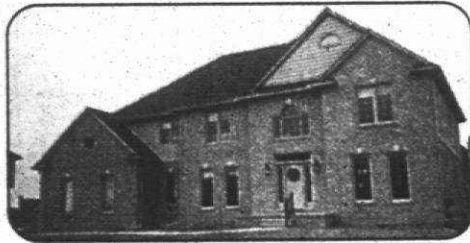
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Secretaries celebrate and reflect on changes

By Sheryl Silver, Career Source

April 20-26th marked the 45th year Professional Secretaries Week, sponsored by the Kansas City headquartered association Professional Secretaries International (PSI), was celebrated. It seems an appropriate time to reflect on both the changing role of secretaries as well as those traditions that have remained intact.

Technology has clearly contributed to a great many changes that have impacted secretaries in recent years -- both in terms of the duties they perform, as well as the skills and equipment required to execute those responsibilities.

That fact is well illustrated by a recent survey of over 800 PSI members, which found, among other things, that only 20.2 percent of secretaries currently use a typewriter daily. The percentage is down from 51.3 percent in 1992. In contrast, the use of computer technology by secretaries continues to rise. Over eighty nine percent of survey respondents indicated proficiency in the use of spreadsheet. That number is up from 72.9 percent in 1992. Proficiency and use of presentation graphics has risen even more dramatically during the same period. According to the survey, 73.1 percent of respondents now report

proficiency in presentation graphics compared with just 40.5 percent in 1992. The survey also found 30.3 percent of those surveyed use desktop publishing software and 53.2 percent use online services. Over twenty six percent of survey respondents reported daily use of an online service in their jobs.

According to Kathryn Burroughs, the 1996-97 international president of PSI, "technology has freed secretaries from some of the more mundane duties they performed in the past. Many executives with personal computers will key in their own letters and reports, freeing the assistant to compose letters based on direction from the boss." Burroughs further notes, "Voice mail enables the secretary to leave the desk to administer matters away from the department."

Those changes have contributed, said Burroughs, to making it "a very exciting tie to be an office professional." "Our positions have grown tremendously," she added. "Secretaries and administrative specialists have become the key software and information resources in the office, taking on greater responsibilities as companies strive to operate with leaner staffs."

Another change worth noting: the job title of secretary isn't being used as universally as

was true in the past. Perhaps reflecting the more diverse responsibilities now performed by secretaries, the PSI survey found that for the first time, fewer than half -- in fact, only 41 percent of survey respondents -- hold the titles of "secretary," "executive secretary" or "administrative secretary." That compares with 55.1 percent who held such titles as recently as 1992. Use of the titles "administrative assistant" and "executive assistant", by contrast, jumped to 31.6 percent from just 13.4 percent during the same period. An additional 22.3 percent of those surveyed reported holding other titles such as "coordinator," "administrator," and "associate."

Despite these changes, some important aspects of the profession have remained the same. For one, grammar skills and attention to detail remain as critical as ever for those in these positions. The "spellcheck" function in software doesn't catch every error, particularly when the mistakes are related more to word meaning and grammar than spelling.

The ability for secretaries and administrative support professionals to advance into other professions also remains intact. In fact, as today's secretaries and administrative professionals take on more sophisticated and varied responsibilities than ever before, they are

finding new avenues for advancement opening up. In addition to those fields such as human resources, public relations, marketing and sales, that have long provided opportunities to advance into professional, managerial and in some cases, even executive roles, today opportunities related to desktop publishing, to the Internet, and to the help desk and customer support function of organizations can also be added to the list of potential career paths available to secretaries and administrative support professionals.

Of course, for those who enjoy being secretaries and seek to make it a long term career role, the opportunities to do so remain plentiful. Referring to projections by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, Burroughs says, "A very positive sign is the projected growth of nearly 400,000 new secretarial/administrative specialist jobs by the year 2005." According to PSI, the addition of 261,000 positions for clerical supervisors and managers is also forecast for the period 1994-2005.

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WORKING LIFE

What's Yours to Take When You Leave a Job

By Deborah L. Jacobs, Chronicle Features

For better or worse, you're moving on--either because you've found another job, or have been fired from your current one. What can you take with you when you leave the company?

Legally, not much. Although lame ducks help themselves to everything from staplers to secret formulas, taking company property is a calculated risk. Among other things, it could expose you to charges of theft, or a lawsuit for walking off with confidential information.

Trouble is, what belongs to you and what belongs to the boss isn't always clear. The easiest cases involve items the company has paid for or provided for your use at work. Examples include keys, I.D. cards, computer access codes, and customer lists--all of which you must give back when you go. And it's definitely a no-no to take private information (like knowledge of the company's products and prices) from one job and use it at the next.

Some businesses require all workers to sign sweeping statements that they won't take anything "proprietary." The definition may include more than some employees expect, says Penny Nathan Kahan, a Chicago lawyer. Typically covered: files, copies of memos and reports, and documents workers prepare in the course of doing their jobs.

Even without such blanket agreements, anything you create on company time with company equipment is technically company property. So it's best to get permission before taking samples of your work, for instance. Most bosses will oblige, particularly if you offer to delete client names or other confidential information.

Sometimes what's yours depends on the circumstances. Consider frequent flier miles. If you're allowed to use them while you work at a place, "the company has given you a signal that they're yours" when you leave, says Houston lawyer, Margaret Harris. In other cases, it's best to ask.

Notes complementing you on a job well done are usually a safe bet unless they mention client names, Harris says. Another caveat: the notes must have come to you in the course of business. If you sneak into the personnel office to copy

them, you might be accused of stealing.

Similar advice applies to personnel records. When state or company rules give you a right to get copies, you can certainly request them (or take home duplicates you've already received), Harris says. Just don't violate protocol by sneaking them out.

Let's say you were fired illegally and are thinking of suing. Harris suggests you compile a list of the documents you might need, so your lawyer can request copies. Tempted as you might be to make your own duplicates, that could hurt you in a lawsuit.

When a company has paid for your Rolodex (or the electronic equivalent) you must leave it behind. But what to do about the content of that directory leaves lawyers splitting hairs. Most attorneys draw the line between material that's given to you (like sales contacts), which you definitely can't take, and contacts that you've made in the course of doing your job, which you may be able to bring along.

If you're on good footing with your employer and the boss isn't likely to balk, you might just go ahead and take the Rolodex, says Jeffrey Menter (co), a lawyer in Greenwood Village, Colo. Otherwise, ask for permission and offer to give your employer a copy of the contents, Menter advises.

Whenever you're unsure about what's yours, getting written approval is the most prudent route. And the ideal time to raise the subject is during severance negotiations. It's a good idea to get a lawyer to help, which shouldn't take more than an hour or two (at a cost of \$150-\$300 an hour).

The severance agreement should say you've returned everything that belongs to the company and list what you're allowed to keep. If you're getting less money than you'd hoped for, these extras can certainly sweeten the pot.

Deborah Jacobs welcomes letters from readers and will address topics of general interest in this column. Contact her by e-mail (DJWorking@aol.com) or by letter at: Chronicle Features, 870 Market Street, Suite 1011, San Francisco, Calif.

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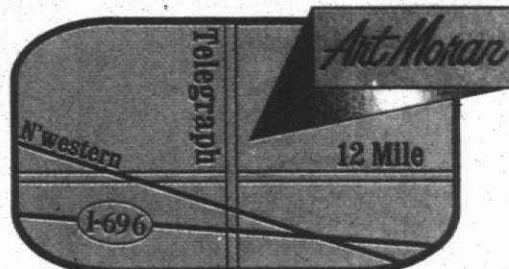
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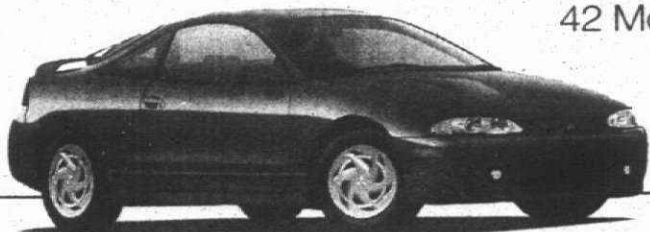
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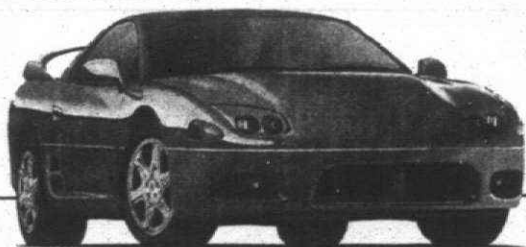
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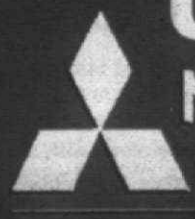


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The conversion van jut-
ted into my lane so fast I
didn't have time to react.
I had been clipping along
at about 70 — the speed
limit just outside the air-
port — when all I could
do was slam on the
brakes.

The 1997 Mitsubishi
Mirage yawed right, I corrected it and held on to
the steering wheel tight until I came to a stop —
off the freeway and into the ditch. Hyperventilating from the scare, a young guy in a
dark Camaro stopped to see if I was OK.

After I had calmed down and stopped shaking, he took a quick walk around
the car, told me it was all there, then said, "That was some driving."

You bet.

I can thank the training I got at two Skip Barber schools I had attended several
years back when Mitsubishi introduced a few of its new models. I had
thought back then that all I'd learned about crash avoidance, keeping a car
under control during a skid and everything else they taught us in the day-long
session wouldn't be remembered when I really needed it.

But in an instant, it all came back and kept me — and the Mirage — from
harm. Hours later, when the shoulder pain kicked in, I was still shaken.

This Mirage coupe LS is a cute little number. It's nimble, it's quick and it's fun
to drive.

This is an all-new Mirage, by the way. Outside and in, it's been redesigned and
re-engineered. The Mirage can be bought as a coupe or sedan and in two trim
levels: DE and LS.

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This Mirage is a strong car. It's quiet (both the engine and road noise is
absolutely minimum), it's comfortable and it's roomy enough for four adults.

I had the rare opportunity drive both the automatic transmission and the 5-
speed manual transmission of the Mirage and I have to say, both are easy to
drive. The 5-speed will give you a bit more versatility and a lot of fun opportuni-
ties to be creative. The automatic isn't sluggish on take-offs and performs well on
the highway.

As I found out first-hand, the Mirage is outfitted with all the safety features
you would want, including dual front air bags, side-guard door beams, collapsible
bumpers and a stiffer body structure that provides better protection during a
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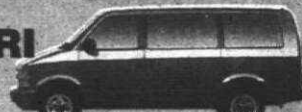
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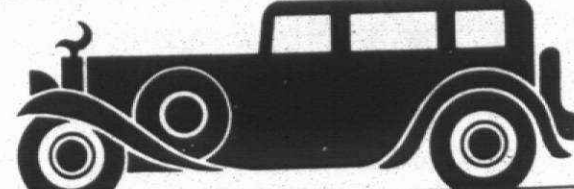
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