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THE WEEK AHEAD

Local government: *The Canton Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.*

TUESDAY

Going SOLAR: *The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a nonprofit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, holds its monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. today at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.*

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Appeals court to hear school bond lawsuit

The Michigan Court of Appeals on Tuesday is scheduled to hear the controversial lawsuit that has stopped the Plymouth-Canton school district from selling \$79.6 million in bonds. That money would be used to build a high school, elementary school, buy school buses as well as improve technology and software.

After losing in Wayne County Circuit Court, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva filed the appeal, claiming 716 voters were denied "their fundamental right to vote" because the touch-screen voting machines failed to record their ballots. The bond issue passed by just 96 votes.

"The school district didn't follow the law," said Vorva. "It failed to get state permission to use the equipment, the equipment was modified and not recertified, and the school district manipulated the election."

Vorva says when he wins, "the decision will change the way school districts all over the state hold elections."

Vorva's attorney, Stephen Boak of Plymouth, said he's been in front of the Court of Appeals dozens of times during his 30-year law career.

"It's not that my client is against the bond issue, it's a question of voting rights," said Boak.

Boak has donated much of his services to the cause, saying he's used \$15,000 of his time to represent Vorva

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Missing out on graduation pomp



Nine Canton and Salem High School honor-roll students and their families won't be attending commencement ceremonies next Saturday. The students were barred after they were caught drinking during the senior prom.

Dennis Matthews of Canton gets tears in his eyes when he thinks of not being able to have remembrances of his daughter's graduation from Plymouth Salem High School.

"This is real sensitive to me because I won't have a picture of her graduating," said Matthews. "I don't want to be denied the pictures that we'll have forever, that I will someday show her kids." Matthews, along with eight other fam-

ilies, will not have the chance to see their children graduate in cap and gown in ceremonies Sunday, June 7, at Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

All nine students are on the honor roll at either Plymouth Canton or Plymouth Salem and will graduate. However, because they got caught drinking while attending the district's senior prom May 8, they won't be able to participate in

graduation ceremonies.

"Anyone who read the contract saw there were very serious ramifications," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "It is a very stiff penalty, but it was known in advance. I admire them for having the guts to come forward and admit to what they did. It's a tough thing, but learn from it."

"Jennifer knows she made a mistake," said Matthews. "I don't think any of them realized what it would do to parents to lose the opportunity to see them graduate."

"The kids agree it was wrong," said Bob Eckert of Plymouth Township, whose son, Chris, will be banned from

ceremonies. "I think it's a hard punishment. I think what the school district has done is punish the families for the kids' mistakes."

Students who attended the prom had to sign a contract indicating they wouldn't use drugs, alcohol or tobacco that night. The penalty for getting caught was clearly spelled out - no participation in 1998 commencement exercises. The same contract had to be signed by parents.

Stiff penalties

Many of the students didn't read the contract and were unaware of the stiff penalties.

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Visionaries: *Scott Griffin (left) and Bob Turner are developing a recreational sports complex in Canton.*

Sports park is their field of dreams

At Griffin Properties' Southfield-based office, it's easy to see how the concept for a sports and family-entertainment center came about.

It was just bound to happen. Two photo albums sitting on a coffee table in the front waiting room display spirited office golf outings, employee weddings and get-togethers at Scott Griffin's lakefront cottage in Fenton.

And in the conference room, Bob Turner had to move several gifts for an employee's baby shower in order to make room for several maps and charts for an interview with the Observer.

The Canton sportsplex for Haggerty Road between Michigan and Palmer is expected to be a prototype for others across the country. A nationally-known architectural firm, which built 22 of the last 24 stadiums, has been hired to design it.

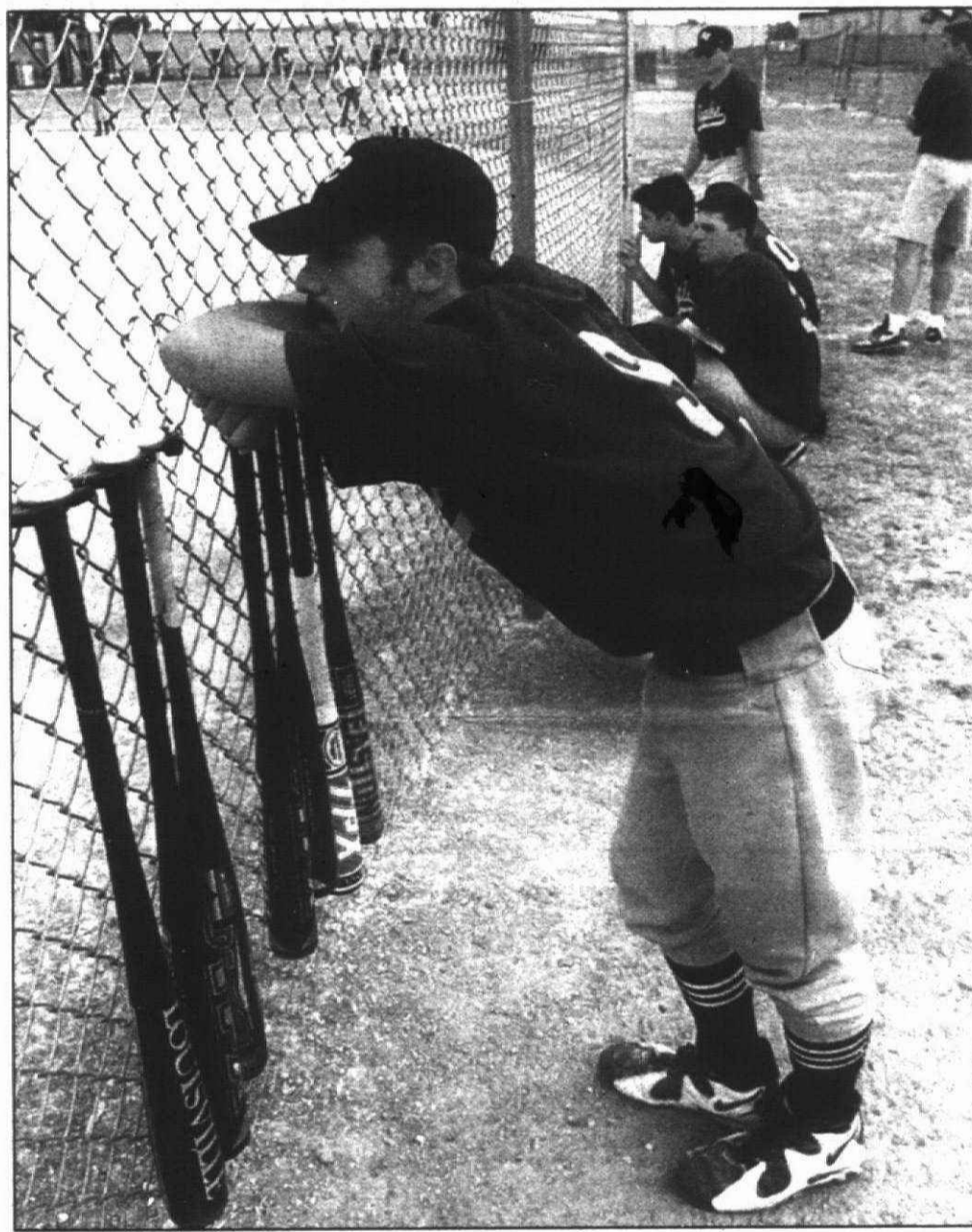
Griffin's plans include four or five indoor sports facilities anchored to a regional mall with sports-themed retail shops and restaurants.

Play hard

Griffin, 43, stands 6 feet 5 inches tall and proudly

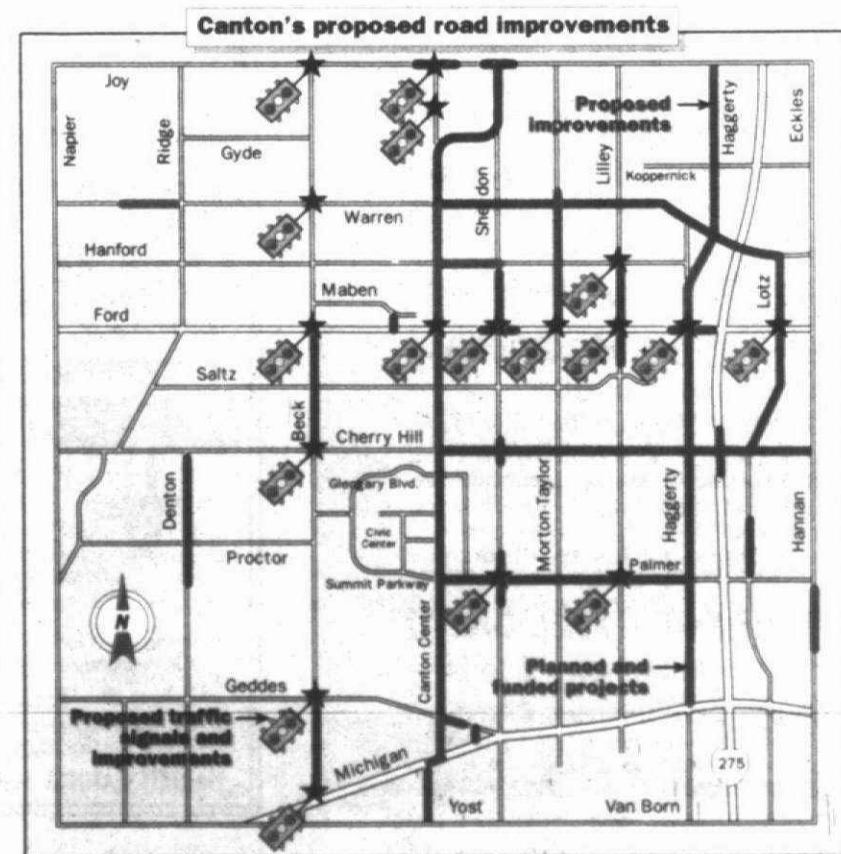
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Keeping an eye on the tournament



Waiting game: *Patrick Frye of Canton watches his team, Plymouth Christian Academy, battling Dearborn Fairlane Christian in the of the Class D district semi-finals. For tournament results, please turn to Page D1 in today's Observer.*

Tax plan would pave way for roadwork



Canton Township kicked off an informational program Wednesday to educate residents about its upcoming ballot request for a dedicated road tax.

In the Aug. 4 primary, residents will be asked to pay 2 more mills for the next eight years for maintenance, paving, resurfacing and widening Canton roads.

A tax increase would cost an average homeowner about \$150 more per year based on an average home value at \$150,000.

Approximately \$34 million worth of road repairs are planned over the eight-year period.

The "Road to Quality '98, Paving the way for Canton's future" campaign will be taken on the road by township department heads and elected officials.

They will meet with various homeowner associations and community groups to provide information on costs and specific projects that are planned.

"We're not allowed to endorse the millage, only to give information," said Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who already addressed a parent-teacher group at Tonda Elementary School.

Communications Director Ken Voyles said the township is willing to send a representative to talk to any



group interested in learning more. Three public hearings also are planned, but dates, times and locations have yet to be finalized.

Canton officials considered various options to get the most from its road money, including taking over control from Wayne County. The county receives money through the state's Act 51 gasoline and weight tax and determines how the money will be spent.

The road improvement projects are as follows:

Year 1

- Beck Road, Cherry Hill to Ford, pave gravel, \$1.2 million
- Lotz, Ford Road to Warren and Warren from Lotz to Haggerty, pave gravel and resurface, \$2 million
- Ford/Haggerty intersection, double left turn and widen for left and right turns, \$600,000
- Beck/Warren, traffic signal, \$100,000
- Beck/Joy, traffic signal \$100,000
- Annual maintenance work \$200,000

Year 2

- Canton Center, Ford to Warren, purchase right of way, \$250,000
- Lilley, north of Ford, widen and

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consequences. Others said they read it, but felt the penalty was too harsh for the crime. Parents, some of whom say they never saw the contract, agree the penalty is stiff.

Nothing would have probably happened to the students, except one student among the 17 on the rented limo bus got so ill she had to be taken to a hospital.

School officials and police rounded up all the students who rode the bus, and nine admitted to drinking and took litmus tests.

"We know what we did was wrong," said Jennifer Matthews, an honor roll student-athlete at Plymouth Salem. "However, nine of us admitted to drinking and are getting punished, while those who lied will still be allowed to attend graduation ceremonies. We offered to do any type of community work or cleanup project, but the administration wouldn't listen."

Jennifer said she feels badly for her dad and grandparents. Her older brother died before being able to graduate, and this is the

last opportunity for them to enjoy such a proud family moment.

Denise Santeiu of Canton is disappointed that her son, James, won't be allowed to receive his diploma.

"These are basically good kids who made a mistake," said Santeiu. "Chris had no problems from kindergarten through 12th grade. However, it's a lesson that is learned in life, making choices. The school district had a right to draw the line, and they did."

Santeiu's husband, Mark, is a bit more vocal.

"I think the punishment doesn't fit the crime," said Mark. "Kids drink at other functions and they aren't threatened with missing graduation. They're not punishing the kids, but the parents and grandparents."

The contract also called for getting the kids home if they were caught drinking," he said. "They let Chris and others, including some of the girls, start walking home. They didn't even follow their own rules."

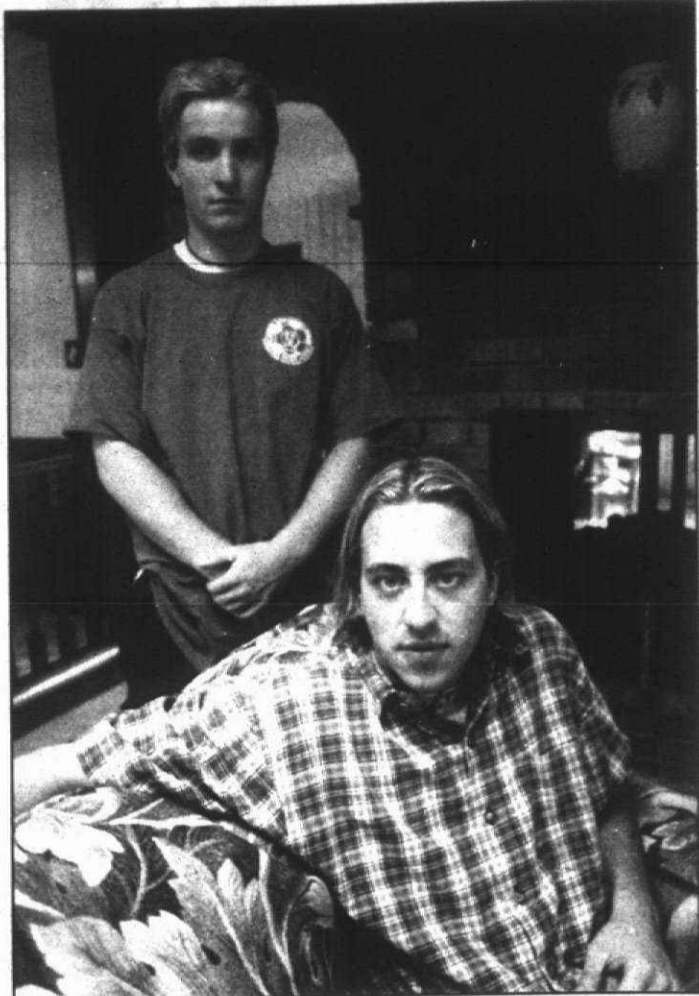
administrative discipline," said board President Mark Horvath.

"As a parent, I would feel proud that my kid was honest," said trustee Sue Davis. "Life is about consequences. I hope this can be turned into a learning experience."

While parents and students aren't happy with the stiff consequences of the contract, the pact was developed by students at both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools.

"The students modeled their contract after ones in Livonia and Northville high schools," said Joan Clays, assistant principal at Salem. "The student councils designed it to be tough. In fact, the students wanted to litmus test every student who went to prom for alcohol, however with so many students that would have been impossible."

"I've also received several calls from parents who support the contract because they don't want their students to attend a school function where there are drugs or alcohol."



Barred: James Santeiu (sitting) and Stephen Bossieux will miss graduation ceremony. They are two of nine students who admitted to drinking alcohol on a limo bus taking them to the senior prom.

Limo driver fired in wake of incident

The owner of Acclaim Limousine Inc. in Plymouth says the man who drove the limo bus that transported 17 teens to the Plymouth-Canton school district prom May 8 has been fired.

Nine students were caught by district officials and police drinking alcohol on the bus and will be forced to miss commencement ceremonies June 7.

Gerald Packman says he does-

not know if the driver bought the alcohol for students or simply allowed it on the bus.

"But I would bet 10-1 that he knew something about it," said Packman. "I was told by some in the group that he was given \$250 by students... \$140 as a tip and the rest not to say anything about the alcohol."

Packman said the driver was ticketed by police for contribut-

ing to the delinquency of minors and then was fired.

"He came to me from another company and had the proper license to drive," said Packman. "I took him out on a run, and he did two others by himself without incident before the prom night episode."

One of the parents, who has a student who will not be allowed to attend graduation ceremonies

because of the incident, said she even gave the driver a plastic bag to dispose of any alcohol teens would sneak on the bus.

"I don't think it was the company, but the driver who was a problem," she said. "I would tell parents to be careful of the limo company they deal with. It may not promote the same values you want to enforce."

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in the case.

While Vorva has stood alone in the limelight in the case, nearly 50 people have come through with donations to support the

lead attorney for the school district is Beverly Bonning of Thruon, Maatch and Nordberg in Lansing. Also involved is Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, who is co-counsel.

"From our perspective things are going very well," said Goldman. "There won't be any surprises. We just want to convince the judges of our stand. We'll be concise and to the point."

The district has spent nearly \$20,000 to defend the district's right to sell the bonds, Goldman says.

"We've had two planning meet-

ings, and things seemed to go very well," said superintendent Chuck Little. "We feel we're well-prepared, and are eager to see what happens. However, I'm not confident we'll be through with this lawsuit soon."

Vorva has already said he's prepared to take the issue to the Michigan Supreme Court if he loses this appeal.

The lawsuit also involves the school district's board of canvassers.

Employee injured in freak accident

A Canton Township employee lost three fingers in a freak accident Thursday at Fellows Creek Golf Course, Canton police said.

Surgeons at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti were able to reattach two of the fingers, police said. Mathew Church was listed in serious condition Friday afternoon, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

The accident occurred shortly after 7 a.m. when Church, 19, was cutting grass on a ride-along mower.

Police said the mower rolled into a three-foot deep pond on Hole Number Eight. As the mower rolled, Church jumped off and apparently caught his gloved hand underneath.

Police and firefighters were called to the course at 7:10 a.m., along with members of the Van Buren Police dive team.

The fingers were recovered and transported on ice to the hospital by 8:50 a.m. Doctors believe the use of ice may have prevented future cell or nerve damage.

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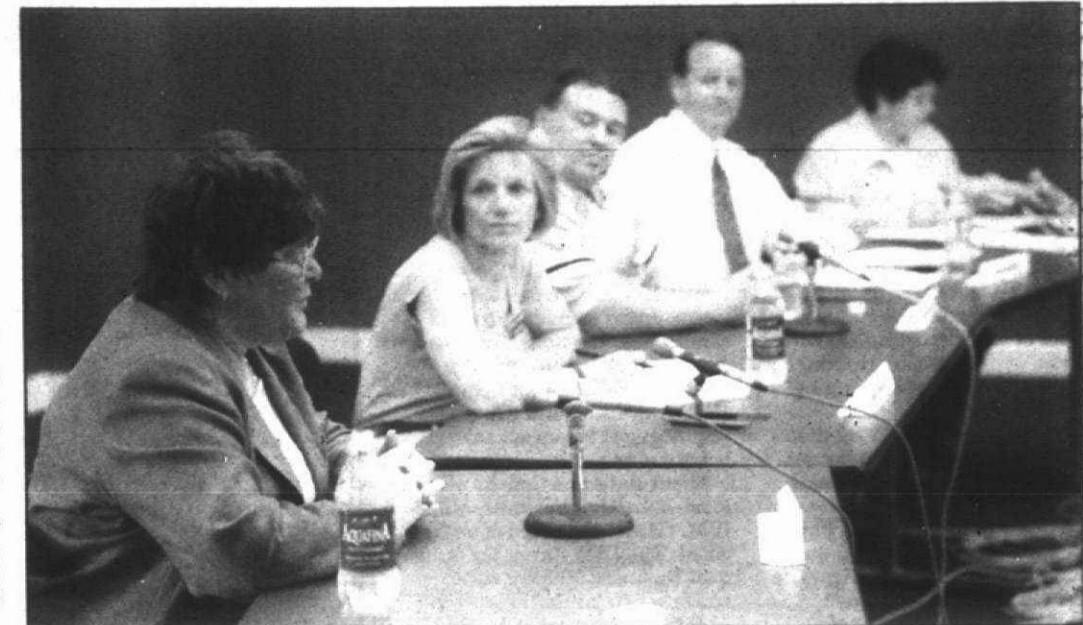
School board candidates voice their views in election forum

All five candidates vying for seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education appeared confident and ready to tackle tough issues during last Wednesday's Candidates Forum sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers.

Two, four-year terms are up for grabs. Incumbent Sue Davis is seeking her second stint on the board. She is challenged by Sheila Friedrich, Richard Ham-Kucharski and Darwin Watts.

Incumbent Judy Mardigan is the only person on the ballot to fill the two-year term that became available when Jack Farrow stepped down earlier this year.

In answering questions posed by Tim Richard, state and regional reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, as well as queries from the audience, each candidate expressed



Discussion: Candidates (from left) Susan Davis, Sheila Friedrich, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Darwin Watts and Judy Mardigan take questions from the audience. Mardigan is running unopposed for a two-year term. The other four are competing for two, four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton school board.



At the podium: Denise Merlanti asks a question about representation for special needs students. At her right is moderator Tim Richard of the Observer Newspapers.

Watts told the gathering labor relations was a top priority for him. Building needs and a continuation of the district's long-range plan are high on his list, also.

Ham-Kucharski wants to improve student achievement, upgrade technology, and deal with financial issues concerning buildings and equipment.

Friedrich said she wants to improve communication among the board, administration and community. Other priorities include class size and getting more money for schools from the state.

Mardigan said her number one challenge is facilities, constructing a new high school, middle school and elementary building. The long-range plan and tweaking Proposal A are also high priorities on her short list.

Only a third of the district's juniors took the state MEAP tests, and potential board members were asked about making the tests mandatory.

Davis wants to see the students take the test but isn't sure they can legally be forced to participate.

Friedrich said she would like to see some requirement for 11th graders, whether it be the MEAP or another kind of test.

Ham-Kucharski said there should be a required test, whether it be the MEAP or an internal exam.

Watts noted that if the MEAP test were to be the measure, then all students should be required to take it so as not to flout the data.

Mardigan says there needs to be a benchmark to measure success, but she's not convinced MEAP tests are that benchmark.

The forum, which lasted just over an hour, was taped by MediaOne and will be broadcast on Channel 11 in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

It will be shown in its entirety on Sunday, May 31, Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7 at 5 p.m.

Remark on school violence reported to Canton police

Police were called to Plymouth Salem High School 8:45 a.m. Thursday after a 16-year-old student made a statement in class that on June 8 he was going to bring a gun to school and shoot Spanish teacher Kathy Huyck and three of his friends.

The statement was apparently made in jest after a discussion regarding the shooting at a high school in Springfield, Ore. The student doesn't have a gun, nor access to any guns, according to the police report.

The student told police he made the statement when a friend claimed the school district isn't doing enough in regards to counseling after the Oregon incident.

A 20-month-old baby fell out of a second-floor window at Canton Commons Apartments 10 a.m. Wednesday. He was taken to Annapolis Hospital by Canton Fire Rescue but was not seriously injured.

"He had a laceration on his head, probably a few stitches," said Sgt. Jim Davison of Canton Fire.

"We was kicking and screaming up a storm so he wasn't hurt too bad."

The mother told police she left the toddler in his room to play while she went downstairs to get something. Apparently, the toddler pushed the screen out of the window, which is floor level.

Baseball diamonds, recreation area will be added to new park

Canton is adding six baseball diamonds and a passive recreational area to its new park at the southwest corner of Proctor and Denton at a cost of approximately \$1 million.

The ball fields are the second phase in the 75-acre Independence Park development.

On Tuesday, Canton Township Board of Trustees approved site plans for the ball fields. Of the 35 acres, 15 acres will be passive recreational land.

The first phase included the construction of 12 soccer fields and a gravel parking area for 377 cars at a cost of \$990,000. Paving of the lot will be required with the construction of the ball diamonds.

Recreation director Mike Gouin said the soccer fields should be ready for play in the spring of 1999.

Construction is expected to begin on the baseball fields this summer. They would be ready in

the spring of 2000.

A concession area and restrooms will be built when water and sewer are available.

Other future phases include a baseball center, picnic pavilion and nature trail for the wooded area.

The first 40 acres of the park was decided to Canton by The Selective Group and Phoenix Land Development, which is building a 680-acre housing development known as Central Park Planned Development District.

The Central Park PDD is Canton's largest single development

Central choir wins big at Ohio festival

On May 16, Central Middle School's Honor Choir competed in the Showcase Music Festival at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

They brought home perfect scores, personal congratulations from both judges, and the Grand Champion trophy for the highest-scoring middle school/junior high division choir.

Ten other schools from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana competed for the top honor.

In addition to the other honors conferred, eighth-graders Megan Brown, alto, and Andrea Kirk, soprano, received individual trophies for their outstanding solo duet in the final selections sung by the choir.

Honor Choir is finishing its third year at Central and director Patrice Pedersen has been teaching at Central for four years.

This is the third year Central has won the overall division trophy.

Funeral director Turowski cited by peers

Leonard A. Turowski, Jr., of Livonia was honored for his 25 years as a mortuary science licensee at the 119th annual convention of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association.

Turowski is owner of three funeral homes in Livonia and Canton.

Turowski was presented a 25-year pin as recognition for his dedication and professionalism. "Twenty-five years marks a little more than half of an average funeral director's career," said David Brown of Belleville, president of the Michigan Funeral Director's Association. "We are

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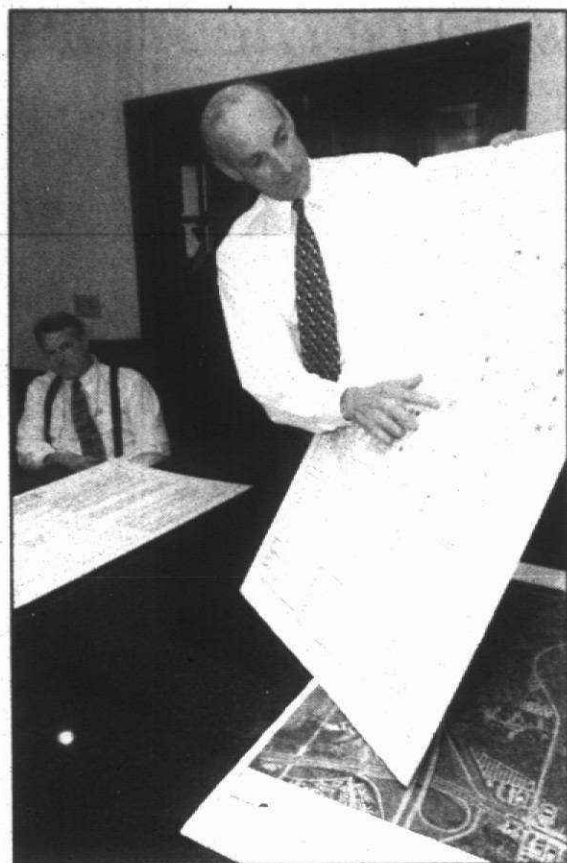
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Sports park from page A1

The developers are negotiating to bring a major restaurant chain with a sports theme, similar to ESPN Cafe, to the Canton project. "We really want this to be a family operation where parents can bring their kids," said Scott Griffin.



Unique: Scott Griffin points out existing sports complexes in south-east Michigan. There is nothing like the planned Canton sportsplex in the area, developers believe.

boasts that he is a several-time winner of the Gus Macker tournament for weekend warrior basketball enthusiasts.

The Southfield-Lathrup High School graduate also rambled off a list of other sporting adventures, including motorcycling, parachuting, bungee jumping and cliff diving.

"He's a bit more daring than I am," said Turner, 36, a former cross country runner at Hazel Park High School.

Turner is still an avid runner, recently returning from a marathon in Traverse City. The Canton resident also played rugby at the University of Kansas.

He met up with Griffin in 1993, several years after returning to Michigan with a career path that led to "retail burnout." In Michigan, he started out in residential real estate with his father-in-law before joining Griffin Properties.

"The way he exuded success I just said, 'I got to be a part of

this," said Turner. Griffin's success in real estate is quite a remarkable story, considering he started out at the age of 19 when he convinced his newly divorced mother to remortgage her home. He borrowed \$10,000 and bought a Pontiac condominium from HUD. Several months later, he remortgaged it himself and bought a few more condos.

About the same time he also started another business, called IBM. "Have you heard of us?" he joked. The IBM stands for Industrial Business Maintenance, which was a janitorial service.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life and my mother had this vacuum cleaner. I just thought, 'Hey I can make that baby sing.'"

He worked more than four years without a vacation and in 11 years IBM employed 160 people.

Griffin's first commercial deal was at the age of 25 when he bought a Brown's Chicken fran-

chise for \$180,000 and the same day sold it back on a lease for \$300,000.

Griffin claims the motto in his office is "You can't eat ego," however, it appears to be more of a "work hard and play hard" atmosphere.

The concept

Turner is credited with coming up with the idea that led to the sportsplex concept after learning the Canton Township Board of Trustees was looking at building a hometown ice arena in late 1996. He had just moved into a new Canton subdivision.

Turner worked with two ice arena operators in the past and approached Supervisor Tom Yack. If an arena was to be built it would likely be located on five of the 20 acres the township owned on the east side of Hagerly, between Michigan and Palmer he was told.

Turner and Griffin came up with enough recreational activities to fill the entire 20 acres and eventually bought the property for \$2.1 million. In the agreement the township will operate the ice arena.

"We really want this to be a family operation where parents can bring their kids," said Griffin.

Griffin and Turner aren't naming names yet, but claim several surprises are in store. "We can't spill the beans yet, but it's really big," Griffin said.

Operators of the ice arena and soccer facility are already signed on. Others are pending, including a seven-court basketball facility, 40-stall golf arena and

mountain climbing range. It has yet to be decided whether a sports-themed restaurant, such as ESPN Cafe, or other national fast-food chains will be included. "There are a smorgasbord of options," Griffin quipped.

There will be some sort of a food court or concession with more than just hot dogs, he said, even though he has been told many stadium restaurants don't do well, such as the Palace Grill in Auburn Hills.

One possible design has stairwell in the center court leading up to the restaurant area, said Turner.

"There's some (sports centers) that are similar to this, but they don't have everything we're going to have. Usually, it's just two uses. Ice and soccer. I've heard a couple times, I think Brunswick has one," he said. Nationally-known HOK Sports Facilities Group of Kansas City has been hired to design the complex. Some of HOK's past projects include Jacobs Field in Cleveland and Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. The firm also has been contracted to build the new Tiger Stadium in Detroit.

Donations will help pay for security, decorations, food and prizes, including televisions, radios, VCRs, a refrigerator to take to college, and bike locks.

Gravett invites residents in the district to stop by the school during open house from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to take a look at the elaborate decorations.

Anyone wanting to volunteer time or donations can contact Gravett at 459-2857, or Kathy Konley at 455-8066.

Volunteers needed for all-night senior party

The planning committee working on the Plymouth-Canton school district's senior party says it could use more volunteers to help with the overnight party, as well as donations to help pay for the night of festivities.

"This year's senior party is entitled 'Surfing the Net 98' and will be 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. June 7 in Salem high school," said co-chairperson Shay Gravett. "We need help with the second shift of volunteers, from about 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., to oversee the activities and make sure no one leaves the building."

Gravett says she expects an evening of fun for students.

There will be a band, hypnotist, games, lots of food and a strolling Elvis as part of the activities.

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New high school is topic of WSDP 'Focus' show

WSDP, 88.1FM will look at the issues surrounding plans for a new high school on Community Focus.

The show will feature an interview with Cyndi Burnstein, Plymouth Salem English Teacher at

5:45 p.m., Wednesday, June 3. Burnstein has been critical of the plans to locate the school at the corner of Beck and Joy roads.

The interview is hosted by Andrew Nounie, Canton High School junior.

Commission meets Mondays

The Canton Planning Commission meets on the first and third Monday each month at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. An agenda is available the day of the meeting from the township

clerk's office. There is a public comments section at the beginning of each meeting.

The planning commission is a recommending body that forwards resolutions to the Canton Township Board of Trustees, which has final approval.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the June 8, 1998 Regular School Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. in the E.J. McClellan Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998
A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

Court reform wins Senate support

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Judges make a life decision to give up a law practice. The rules shouldn't be changed now.

Circuit Judge William Carpathe
-president, Michigan Judges Association

On their second try, state Senate backers of court reform won support for a constitutional amendment to merge county probate and circuit courts.

Five Democrats crossed over on May 27 to give a 27-10 victory for Senate Joint Resolution R. To get on the Nov. 3 ballot, the House also must approve it by a two-thirds supermajority. Voters would have to give it a simple majority.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, could claim credit for the switch. On his second try, he won GOP approval of an amendment to take away one gubernatorial appointment to the Judicial Tenure Commission, watchdog agency over judges' behavior, and give it to the judiciary.

Bipartisan supporters - such as Gov. John Engler and Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. of West Bloomfield - don't call SJR R a merger. They call it "completing the new family division of circuit court."

The work began in 1996 when the Legislature set up a new

family division of circuit court, then transferred 80 percent of probate court work into it. But lawmakers couldn't abolish probate court by statute because it has constitutional status.

Democratic floor leader Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said "I really don't know why we want to kill the specialization that has occurred over the last 1000 and some years in the probate court."

Sponsor of SJR R was Senate Judiciary chair William VanRengenmorter, R-Jenison. A big benefit, he said, will be eliminating 14 part-time probate judges who also practice law, giving the appearance of conflict of interest.

Lumping the probate into the circuit court, VanRengenmorter said, will allow some judges to specialize.

Historically, circuit has been a general trial court - major civil suits, divorces, criminal cases, appeals from district court. Probate has handled juvenile matters, estates and guardianships.

The problem, as Engler and budget makers see it, is that courts have uneven workloads horizontally (between courts) and vertically (between counties).

The family court idea is seen as a method of letting a single judge handle all matters related to a single family - divorce, custody and juvenile problems.

As the debate neared its end, VanRengenmorter quoted Wayne State Judge Milton Mack as saying, "Change is difficult. But don't overlook the benefits of a merger." As the two courts are merged, it will be important to preserve the best of both.

Cherry, the Democratic caucus leader, supported the merger. "This is a logical extension of what we have done," said Cherry, who represents northern Oakland County.

He echoed Engler, who last

CAPITOL CAPSULES

No to predators

The state Senate moved toward curbing Internet predators on children when it unanimously passed bills by Sens. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Mike Roger, R-Brighton.

The action became urgent when a 13-year-old Michigan girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by a father and son whom she met over Internet.

The Internet is an important educational tool, said Hart, who recently took part in a link between seven schools on one district.

"Unfortunately parents must continue to be vigilant in monitoring their children's activity. But now, law enforcement officers have the tools they need to prosecute Internet predators."

The bills go to the House for action. If passed in the spring session, they could become law about Sept. 1. They are tie-

barred, meaning both must pass for either to become law.

Rogers' SB 1091 defines the crime. It would prohibit use of Internet to even attempt to commit the solicitation of a minor for sexual abuse, kidnapping, stalking or assault with intent to commit a sex crime. It also would prohibit use of Internet to kidnap a child under 14.

"Internet" is defined as the worldwide interconnection of individual computers and networks. A "minor" is defined as someone under age 18.

Hart's SB 785 sets out the punishments: two years and \$2,000 for a first offense; five years and \$5,000 for a second. The prison terms would be served preceding any term for the underlying offense (the actual rape or kidnapping).

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated costs of the bills at \$2.3 million a year. Its calculation was based on \$18,000 a year to lock up an inmate. It assumed 5 percent of the 1996 criminal cases with prison terms involved minors.

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resurface, \$1 million
 ■ Sheldon, north of Ford, resurface, \$200,000
 ■ Denton, Proctor to Cherry Hill, pave gravel, \$1 million
 ■ Ford/Sheldon intersection, widen Sheldon approaches, \$500,000
 ■ Maben Road, add cul-de-sac and provide new outlet, \$600,000
 ■ Sheldon/Palmer intersection, improve and install signals, \$500,000
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$200,000
Year 3
 ■ Palmer/Sheldon, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Lilley/Hanford, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Cherry Hill/Beck, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Sheldon/Joy intersection, improve and widen, \$1 million
 ■ Palmer/Lilley, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Warren, Haggerty to Canton Center, resurface, \$500,000
 ■ Palmer, Haggerty to Canton Center, resurface, \$500,000
 ■ Sheldon/Cherry Hill intersection, widen and install signals, \$500,000
 ■ Ford Road, computerized traffic signals, \$500,000
 ■ Lotz, north of Palmer to existing paving, pave gravel, \$300,000

■ In the Aug. 4 primary, residents will be asked to pay 2 more mills for the next eight years for maintenance, paving, resurfacing and widening Canton roads.

■ Canton Center/High School, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Joy/High School, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$200,000
Year 4
 ■ Lotz, Cherry Hill to south of Ford, pave gravel, \$900,000
 ■ Sheldon Center to Sheldon, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$2.2 million
 ■ Lilley, south of Ford, widen one lane, \$500,000
 ■ Geddes/Sheldon/Herby intersection, reconfigure, \$500,000
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$200,000
Year 5
 ■ Canton Center, Cherry Hill to Palmer, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$2.5 million
 ■ Beck, Geddes to Michigan, paving, \$600,000
 ■ Geddes/Beck, traffic signal, \$100,000
 ■ Canton Center/Joy intersection, reconfigure, \$750,000

■ Beck/Michigan, traffic signal, \$150,000
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$200,000
Year 6
 ■ Canton Center, Palmer to Michigan, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$2.5 million
 ■ Belleville Road, Michigan to south boundary, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$1.5 million
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$200,000
Year 7
 ■ Cherry Hill, Haggerty to Sheldon, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$3.75 million
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$200,000
Year 8
 ■ Cherry Hill, Sheldon to Canton Center, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$1.25 million
 ■ Cherry Hill bridge over I-275, reconstruct and widen to five lanes, \$2.5 million
 ■ Annual maintenance work, \$500,000

CANTON CONNECTION

Charity dinner and raffle

The Canton Firefighters' Charity Foundation will hold a raffle and Italian dinner during the upcoming Liberty Fest to raise money for burn victims and others in need.

The Liberty Fest Spaghetti Dinner, catered by Rose's Italian Restaurant, is set for 4-9 p.m. Friday, June 19 at Summit on the Park. The menu includes entree, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. They are available at both fire stations, Rose's and the Summit.

Dinner-goers and the public may also purchase raffle tickets for a Princess Di Beanie Baby donated by Richardson's Super Drug Store. The drawing will be held on the last day of Liberty Fest, Sunday, June 21.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are also currently at the fire stations, Rose's and the Summit. Proceeds from the two events will be used to assist financially with the emergency needs of local residents and patients of Mott Children's Hospital and the University of Michigan Hospital/Trauma Burn Unit.

The foundation has to date donated more than \$50,000, including \$22,000 to Greg Unger for a double-lung transplant; \$12,000 to the burn unit; \$8,000 to Mott; \$4,000 to the Special Olympics; \$1,200 to local fire victims in need of

clothing and shelter; \$1,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association; \$700 to Character Counts; and \$400 each to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Excellence Foundation, Canton Goodfellow's, Canton Project Sharing and the Children's Leukemia Foundation.

For information on either event or the foundation, call Lt. James Davison at 981-1113.

Law day

Looking for some free legal advice? Circle Saturday, June 27 on your calendar.

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services' Elder Law Center and the Canton Community Development Department are co-sponsoring a day devoted to legal issues at the Canton Human Services Center on Michigan Avenue.

A panel of experts will handle questions regarding:

- General civil (non-criminal) legal issues
- Probate, including estate planning
- Public benefits and tax credits
- Legal and resource information for grandparents raising grandchildren and other guardians

Consultation with an attorney or paralegal will be available and refreshments will be served during the program, which begins at 10 a.m.

Student sees landscape as way to Eagle badge

Plymouth Canton High School's Eddie Lindow, a ninth-grader, hopes to earn his eagle scout Rank through a project at

West Middle School. Eddie, a former West student, took on the task of landscaping the east driveway area. Constructed dur-

ing the 1991 bond issue the east driveway area included to provide safe drop off spots for students.



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 - Precinct 8: FIEGEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6.
 - Precinct 9: MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.
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 - Precinct 16: TONDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.
 - Precinct 17: HOBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.
 - Precinct 18: BENTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Includes all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17.

Students raise \$1,100 and awareness

The Salvation Army Food Bank has \$1,105 more today than it had last week thanks to the efforts of 150 students and adults who participated in the first-ever Annual Soup Kitchen May 26.

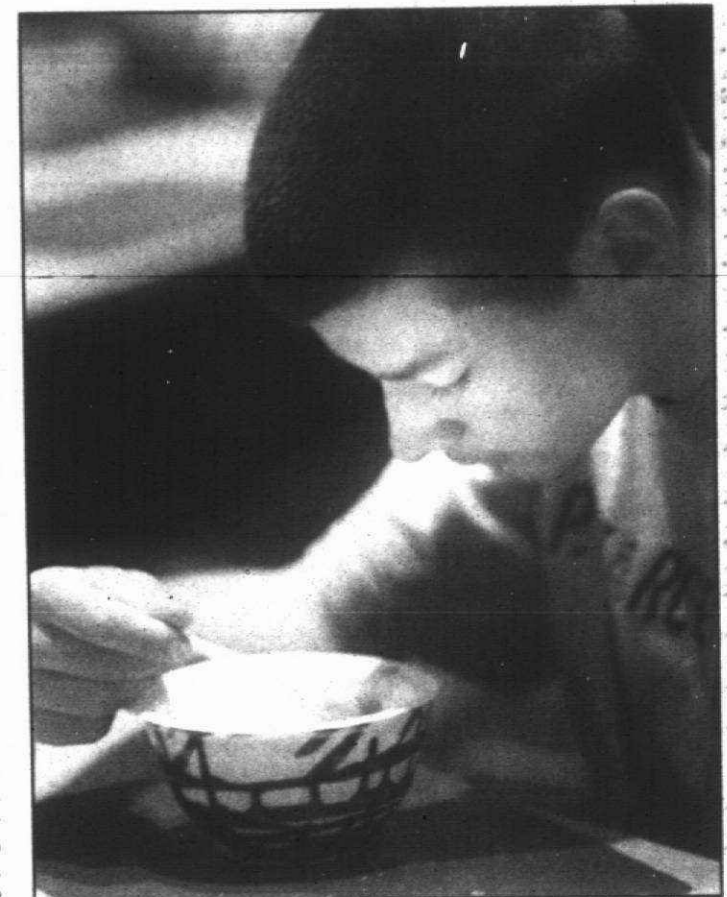
"We may have more coming in from a donation," said Peggy Bozyk, one of the event's sponsoring teachers.

The "Empty Bowls" program, which was started in the Farmington Public Schools, arrived at the Plymouth-Canton school district through its Service Learning Program. The Soup Kitchen was an interdisciplinary student presentation.

The 150 participants each bought a bowl with tickets that were sold in advance for \$5 per student, \$10 per adult. Participants got to keep their bowls as a reminder that many people have "empty bowls," Bozyk said.

The Soup Kitchen featured students' work in culinary arts, sponsored by teacher Carey Gary, poetry sponsored by Graham Martin, and work in history and American literature classes sponsored by Bozyk and Jane Lippov.

Art students also made 150 ceramic bowls and culinary arts



Digging in: Derek Sarber samples his lunch.

NICHOLAS K. DIMITRI
 Services for Nicholas K. Dimitri, 59, of Canton were May 30 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Drexel E.

Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens. He was born June 20, 1938, in Detroit. He died May 26 at Oak-

ROBERT JOHN (R.J.) BRADFUTE
 Services for Robert John (R.J.) Bradfute, 16, of O'Fallon, Ill., were May 28 at the First United Methodist Church, O'Fallon, Ill., with the Rev. Tim Harrison and the Rev. Dwight Jones officiating. Burial was at O'Fallon City Cemetery, O'Fallon, Ill.

He was born Nov. 27, 1981, at Scott Air Force Base Medical Center. He died May 24 at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Hubert M. Atto Jr. of Saginaw: one sister, Jean Johnstone of Bloomfield Hills; and two grandsons, Wade and Wesley Holton of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

ELIZABETH S. NESSBIT
 Services for Elizabeth S. Nessbit, 83, of Plymouth will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 8, at the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. Dean Klump officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born July 20, 1914, in Wartace, Tenn. She died May 22 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1970 from Detroit. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include her two daughters, Nancy (Robert) Braden of Plymouth, Mary Bain of Oak Park; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dogs For The Blind or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

RICHARD G. OLSZEWSKI
 Services for Richard G. Olszewski, 60, of Canton were May 26 at Santeuil Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

He was born Feb. 22, 1938, in Detroit. He died May 21 in Canton. He was an owner of a lawn company.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Olszewski of Canton; one son, Alan (Corinna) Olszewski; one daughter, Lynn Ann (Robert) Martoia; two grandsons, Nathan and Eric; his mother, Louise Alfonsi; and two sisters, Mary Ann Helm and Dorothy Boyd.

MAE D. BERRY
 Services for Mae D. Berry, 93, of Canton were May 26 at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

She was born April 7, 1905, in Danville, Ky. She died May 23 in Port Huron. She was a telephone operator for Michigan Bell 1949-70. She graduated from Northwestern High School, Detroit, in 1923.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter B. Berry. Survivors include her son, Tom Berry of Marine City, Mich.; one daughter, Pat McDermott of Canton; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

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CLARIFICATION

A story in the May 28 Observer should have reported that the registration site in Canton Rouge Rescue '98 will be the administration building, 11500 Canton Center Road beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 6.

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M-14 reduced to one lane starting Monday

If you commute between Ann Arbor and Plymouth or Livonia, you may want to allow yourself some extra time starting Monday.

Eastbound and westbound M-14 will be reduced to one lane between Ford Road and Napier in both directions to begin a \$5.6 million resurfacing project extending through mid-August.

Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for Michigan Department of Transportation, expects the closures will cause inconvenience for motorists. "We can only recommend state routes as an alternate," Pannecouk said.

Ford Road can be used as a detour, but motorists should check in their local communities for other routes before traveling on various roads as alternates.

MDOT will maintain a hotline updated daily for the M-14 project at (517) 780-7562.

"We're trying to get in there, fix the roads, and get out as quickly as we can," Pannecouk said. "People should slow down and recognize that it is a construction zone."

Pannecouk said having con-

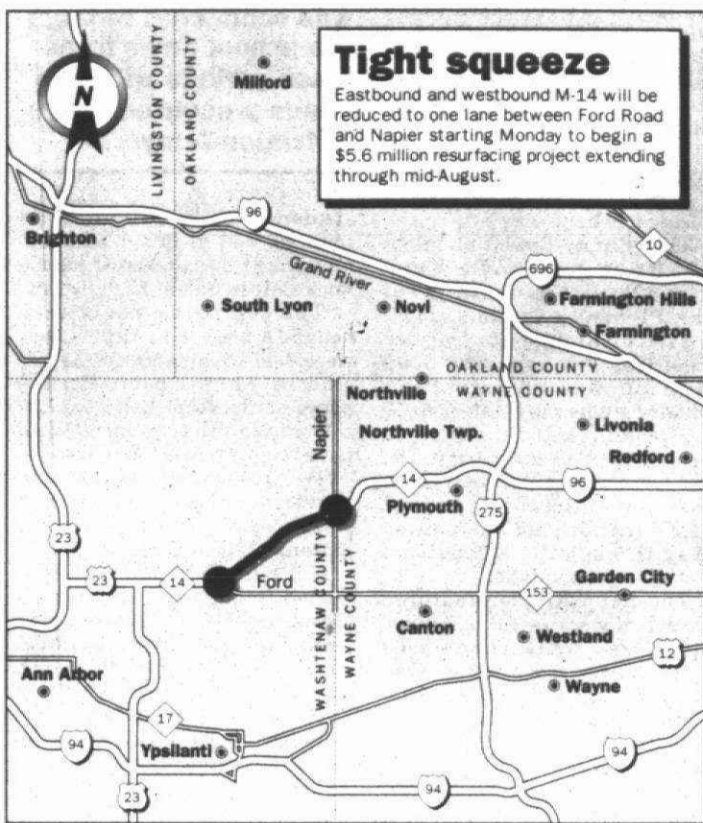
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tractors and road crews closing lanes in both directions will save money.

"Both sides done at the same time and with the same closures actually will get it done faster," Pannecouk said.

The work is a "10- to 15-year fix" for M-14, Pannecouk said. The M-14 work will involve concrete inlays and concrete pavement repairs completed by contractor Tony Angelo of Novi. Painting, shoulder ramp and other detail work will require intermittent lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from August to early October.

"Working on such heavily traveled highways such as I-94 and M-14 in southeast Michigan dictates using special measures to minimize traffic impact," said Brenda O'Brien, MDOT transportation service center manager.



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week said the package "completes the family division reform."

During a May 20 hearing, Oakland County Probate Judge Eugene A. Moore was enthusiastic about combining the two courts because "there's duplication of budget directors, personnel directors, etc."

Combining circuit and probate, he said, would mean that the court that handles divorces also would handle juvenile delinquents.

But circuit judges dug in their heels. Some saw inadequate protection for their jobs in the details of a bill that would implement SJR R.

"If there's a need to close down a judgeship, it shouldn't

happen until a vacancy occurs," said Bay County Circuit Judge William Carpathe, president of the Michigan Judges Association.

"Judges make a life decision to give up a law practice. The rules shouldn't be changed now," Carpathe went on, arguing that the Legislature shouldn't be able to abolish a judgeship until the judge dies, resigns, is removed from office or voluntarily retires.

That went over poorly with senators.

"We (legislators) have to go to the voters," replied Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. "My company can be taken over; I could lose my job. Why do judges need protection?"

SAVE THIS SCHEDULE

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- Aerobic Classes
- Step Classes

SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE

6 - WAYNE
SPONSORED BY: Wayne Parks & Recreation
 Wayne Community Center (4635 Howe Rd., Howe & Ann Arbor) 10 weeks
 Resident/ Member: 1 day per week/\$32 2 days/\$44
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 M/W 7:15 P.M. Low/Hi Impact June 15 Noxon

7 - WESTLAND
SPONSORED BY: Parks & Recreation Department
 Bailey Recreation Center
 (36651 Ford Rd., E. of Newburg, behind City Hall-734-722-7620)
 1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69 10 weeks
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected on the first day of class by the instructor.
 ** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes
 M/W 5:55 P.M. Low /Hi Impact June 15 Staff
 T/TH 5:55 P.M. Step Circuit June 16 T. Barackman
 T/TH 7:05 P.M. Hi/Low Impact June 16 L. Range
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8 - PLYMOUTH
 JoAnne's Dance Extension 10 weeks
 (Ply. Trade Ctr., 9282 General Dr., Ste 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)
 1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72
 * M/W 9:30 A.M. STEP Interval June 15 C. VanHoet
 * T/TH 9:30 A.M. Hi/Low Impact June 16 K. Rudolph
 *Babysitting available \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

9 - LIVONIA
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)
 1 day per wk/\$35 2 days/\$47 Unlimited/\$58 8 weeks
 1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72 10 weeks
 NO CLASSES: week of June 22nd. Morning classes are 8 weeks.
 * M/W 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact June 8 P. Pertz
 M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact June 15 Staff
 M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi/Low Impact June 15 K. Kaley
 * T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt/Tone June 9 T. Brandon
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Faith Lutheran Church (30000 5 Mile Rd. W. of Middlebelt) 8 weeks
 1 day per wk/\$35
 * Wed. 9:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone June 10 T. Brandon
 *Babysitting available \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

NEW Italian American Club (on Five Mile, just E. of I-275) 10 weeks
 1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57
 T/TH 9:00 A.M. Low Impact June 16 K. Godin

10 - FARMINGTON
Piemontese (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty) 11 weeks
 1 day per wk/\$44 2 days/\$59 Unlimited/\$76
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first night of class.
 ** \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
 EARLY BIRD!!! NO CLASSES: July 4
 M/W/F 6:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact June 15 E. Hesse
 * M/W 9:15 A.M. Low/Hi Impact June 15 Stec/Unger
 * F 6:30 P.M. Low/Hi Impact June 15 P. Ingrady
 * F 9:15 A.M. Aerobic Circuit June 19 Kambouris/Pierce
 T/TH 9:15 A.M. STEP June 16 B. Kabodian
 T/TH 6:00 P.M. Hi/Low Impact June 16 K. Traxwell-Smith
 T/TH 7:05 P.M. STEP II June 16 K. Traxwell-Smith
 Sat 8:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact June 20 L. Burke
 *Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile & Drake) 11 weeks
 (Call 248-661-9191 for more information)
 1 day per wk/\$44 2 days/\$59 Unlimited/\$76
 \$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first night of class.
 * M/F 9:30 A.M. **Aerobic/Rotation June 15 Lindy
 * W 9:30 A.M. Body Sculpt June 17 L. Shanker
 *Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
 **Classes alternate between Hi/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat Burner-see instructor

SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center 11 weeks
Farmington Hills Activities Center
 (28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C-248-473-1816)
 1 day per wk/\$47 2 days/\$62 Unlimited/\$79
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 M/W 6:30 P.M. Hi/Low Impact June 15 S. Williams
 * M/T/TH 9:30 A.M. **Aerobic/Rotation June 15 Stec/Goodman
 Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi/Low Impact June 20 K. Traxwell-Smith
 *Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
 **Classes alternate between Hi/Low Aerobics/Circuits/Fat Burner Check with instructor

11 - NOVI
Novi Civic Center 11 weeks
 (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 248-347-0400)
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 NO CLASSES: July 3 or 4, August 3 (p.m. only) or August 4
 1 day per wk/\$47 2 days/\$63 Unlimited/\$79
 ** \$11.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
 * M/W 9:00 A.M. Low Impact June 15 Werther/Kramer
 * M/W 10:15 A.M. STEP II June 15 L. Gignac
 M/W 6:15 P.M. Hi/Low Impact June 15 Bloom/Lynne
 M/W 7:25 P.M. STEP II June 15 Bologna/Valente
 * T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt & Tone June 16 Ranagan/Bloom
 Sat 8:00 A.M. STEP II June 20 B. Kabodian
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HOME SENSE



LOIS M. THIELEKE

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Call (248) 858-0904 for answers to your questions. Here's a sample of a few of the questions and answers.

Q. How do I store mushrooms?

A. Mushrooms need moisture so they don't dry out. After purchasing, put mushrooms in a paper bag or in a dish with a moistened paper towel over the top. Don't wash mushrooms before storing. Mushrooms need air circulation.

At best, mushrooms will remain fresh four to five days. Dried mushrooms will keep for months as long as they are kept in a tightly closed jar. Dried mushrooms can be refrigerated or frozen.

Q. How do you freeze fresh strawberries?

A. Strawberries can be placed on a cookie sheet and frozen. Remove them from the sheet and put in freezer bags, return to freezer. This method allows the berries to be frozen individually so you can easily measure out the amount you need.

Don't let strawberries soak in water while you are washing them, they will become soggy. Make sure strawberries are dry before freezing. The water can break down the cells and make the strawberries mushy. Frozen strawberries are soft when thawed. They will never be as perfect as they were fresh.

Q. How can I pick out a ripe pineapple?

A. When a pineapple is ripe, it is golden, orange yellow or reddish brown depending on the variety. Look for the right color, and ease of how the "spikes" or leaves can be pulled out from the top. Pick out a pineapple that is heavy for its size. Avoid any that are bruised or moldy, or have a dull yellowish green color.

A really green pineapple will be fibrous and not very sweet. Take your time picking out a pineapple, you can't ripen them at home so choose a good one in prime condition.

Q. My aluminum springform pan discolors from my cheesecake. Is that safe?

A. The sides and bottom of the cheesecake may discolor as the cooling cake reacts with the aluminum. It is safe, but not attractive.

To prevent your pan from discoloring, line the bottom and sides of the pan with parchment paper. Then coat the paper with nonstick cooking spray. After the cheesecake has baked and cooled to room temperature, loosen the springform sides.

If you are buying a new springform pan, opt for one with a nonstick coating.

Q. How do you make onion juice?

A. Slice an onion, sprinkle lightly with salt, let stand a moment and then scrape the surface with a knife. Make sure you do this on a plate. If you need a quantity of onion juice, purchase it from the store.

Q. Are eggs dairy?

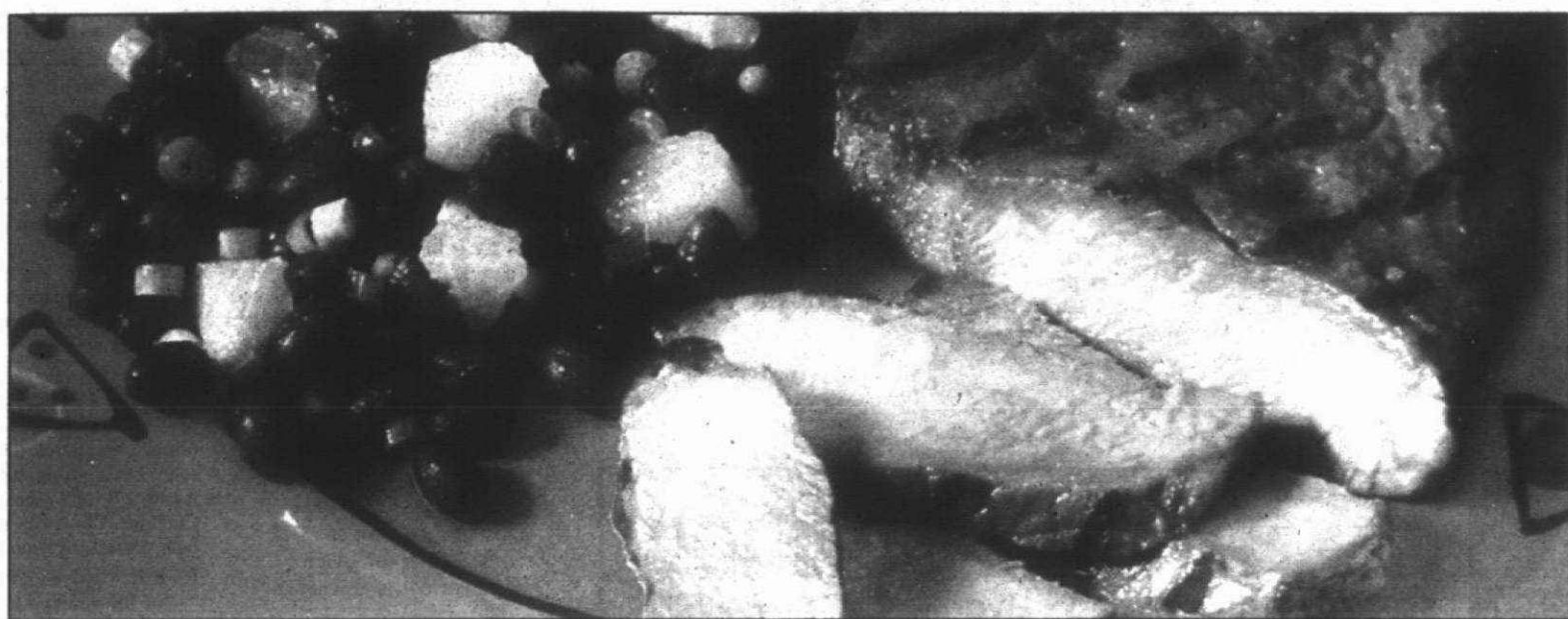
A. No, eggs are poultry products while dairy are milk products. Apparently, this becomes an issue because both are purchased in the dairy case at the grocer. Eggs are not in the dairy group on the USDA food guide pyramid. Eggs are in the meat (protein) food group.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Living Better Sensibly



NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

South of the border: Salsa and lime flavor these sassy, bold Salsa Ribeyes with Spicy Black Bean Salad.

TURN UP THE HEAT

when you grill steak

ISLAND JERK BEEF & PINEAPPLE KABOBS

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour

4 beef chuck eye steaks, cut 3/4 to 1-inch thick (6 to 8 ounces each)

Kabobs

1/2 fresh pineapple, rind removed, cored and cut into 1- to 1 1/2-inch pieces (approximately 1 1/4 pounds)

3 green onions, cut into 1 1/2-inch-long pieces

2 tablespoons butter, melted

2 teaspoons packed brown sugar

Dash ground red pepper

Jerk Rub

1/4 cup finely chopped green onions

4 large cloves garlic, minced

1 jalapeno pepper, finely chopped

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

2 teaspoons packed brown sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves, crushed

1 1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon ground allspice

Soak four 12-inch bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes; drain. Alternately thread pineapple and green onion pieces onto each skewer.

In small bowl, combine butter, 2 teaspoons brown sugar and red pepper. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine Jerk Rub ingredients. Press into both sides of each beef steak. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered 14-18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Grill kabobs 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned, turning occasionally and brushing with butter mixture during the last 5 minutes of grilling. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 397 calories; 31g protein; 27g carbohydrate; 19g fat; 5.3mg iron; 866mg sodium; 117mg cholesterol.

Cook's tip: For a rub with less heat, seed jalapeno peppers before chopping.

GRILLED STEAK & POTATOES WITH CHIMICHURRI SAUCE

Total preparation and cooking time: 55 minutes

Marinating time: 6 to 8 hours or overnight

1 high-quality beef top round steak cut 1 1/2-inches thick (approximately 2 pounds)

2 sweet potatoes (approximately 18 ounces), peeled, cut diagonally into 1-inch thick slices

4 Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, each cut lengthwise in half

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

Sauce & Marinade

3/4 cup finely chopped Italian parsley

1/2 cup olive oil

1/4 cup white vinegar

4 large cloves garlic, minced

1/4 teaspoon salt

In medium bowl, combine ingredients for sauce and marinade; mix well. Remove 1/4 cup for sauce; cover and refrigerate. Place steak and remaining marinade in plastic bag, turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 to 8 hours (or overnight, if desired), turning occasionally.

In large bowl, combine potatoes, oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt; toss to coat. Set aside.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 25-28 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes, covered, 18-21 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Meanwhile, bring refrigerated sauce to room temperature.

Trim fat from steak, carve into thin slices. Season with additional salt, as desired. Serve steak with potatoes and reserved sauce. Makes 8 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 389 calories; 30g protein; 29g carbohydrate; 17g fat; 3.6mg iron; 258mg sodium; 71mg cholesterol.

SALSA RIBEYES WITH SPICY BLACK BEAN SALAD

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 minutes

Marinating time: 30 minutes

4 boneless beef ribeye steaks, cut 1-inch thick, (approximately 8 ounces each)

Spicy Black Bean Salad (recipe follows)

Marinade

2/3 cup thick and chunky salsa

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 tablespoon dried oregano leaves, crushed

2 cloves garlic, minced

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients. Place beef steaks in plastic food-safe bag; add marinade, turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes, turning once.

Meanwhile prepare spicy black bean salad.

Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill 11 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Serve steaks with Spicy Black Bean Salad. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 312 calories; 37g protein; 3g carbohydrate; 16g fat; 3.5mg iron; 240mg sodium; 102mg cholesterol.

Cook's Tip: 4 boneless beef top loin steaks, cut 1-inch thick (approximately 8 ounces each) may be substituted for the ribeye steaks. Grill 15-18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

SPICY BLACK BEAN SALAD

1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained

1 large orange, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1/3 cup green onions, thinly sliced

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

In medium bowl, combine ingredients, mixing gently but thoroughly. Yield 2 1/4 cups.

Nutrition information per serving: 168 calories; 6g protein; 21g carbohydrate; 7g fat; 1.5mg iron; 155mg sodium; 0mg cholesterol.

Recipes from the Beef & Veal Culinary Center, National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Start cooking with 'Help!' from mom

If you weren't paying attention while mom was cooking, "Help!" is on the way.

Mother and son team Kevin and Nancy Mills wrote "Help! My Apartment Has A Kitchen Cookbook," (Chapters/Houghton Mifflin, \$14.95) for people who have never ventured into the kitchen except to get a glass of water.

Lots of smart people have cooking anxiety. It's nothing to be ashamed of or that can't be overcome.

"One of my son's friends who goes to Harvard Law School was testing a recipe and called to ask if all the pieces of garlic had to be cut the same size," said Nancy. "He's a very detail oriented person."

The answer is "no," but some beginners want to know exactly what to do.

"People will do the dumbest things," said Nancy remembering the person who put a chicken on a rack in the oven, just like the recipe said, but didn't put it in a pan first. What a mess that made!

"Kevin was afraid not to follow a recipe," said Nancy. "He had plenty of anxiety in the kitchen."

Now 27, Kevin began cooking out of necessity, not because he wanted to. His restaurant lifestyle was draining his savings. Not having anything at home to eat was also inconvenient. There aren't too many restaurants open at 2 a.m.

Over the phone Nancy explained how to roast a chicken. Kevin had good results, except for the burning plastic. "After a quick call home, I stuck a fork

inside the chicken and pulled out the heart, liver and other unmentionables, plus a lot of red juice.

Mom, said to throw away these giblets and cook the chicken for another 30 minutes, and it worked."

Kevin said he wouldn't have stuck with cooking if it had been difficult.

In fact, he's written a second book with his mother - "Help! My Apartment Has A Dining Room" that will be published in the spring.



Please see HELP, B2

Venture into kitchen with 'Help' from mom

See related story on Taste from Recipes from "Help! My Apartment Has a Kitchen Cookbook" by Nancy and Kevin Mills (Chapters/Houghton Mifflin, \$24.95).

chicken. If you're in a hurry, you can marinate the chicken for just 15 minutes. It won't be quite so tasty, but it will have more flavor than if you hadn't bothered at all.

of red bell pepper or pieces of onion between the chicken strips before broiling.

CHOCOLATE CHIP WEDGES

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup light or dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (6 ounce package) semisweet chocolate chips

Place one of the oven racks in the middle position, and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

To save time on cleanup, I cook and bake in the same container. Place a metal - not glass - pie pan on a stove burner over low heat.

Melt the butter or margarine right in the pan. As soon as it's melted, turn off the heat.

Add the two sugars and stir thoroughly. Add the egg, vanilla, flour, baking powder and salt and stir until well combined. Mix in the chocolate chips so they are well distributed.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until the top of the "cookie" browns and starts to pull away from the sides of the pan. Cool on a rack. Serve cut into thin wedges, or cut it into any shapes you want: squares, figure-8s. Serves 3 to 4 people for about 10 minutes, or 1 person for about 1/2 hour. Rating: Very Easy.

Mom Warning: The batter doesn't taste very good. Even Kevin says so. But the wedges do.

CARIBBEAN JERK CHICKEN OR TOFU

- 1/4 cup vinegar (any kind)
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground all-spice

- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 medium onion
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 jalapeno pepper (optional)
- 3 boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 pound) or a 14-ounce package firm tofu

Combine the vinegar, orange juice, lemon juice, olive oil, soy sauce, allspice, thyme, cayenne pepper, black pepper, sage, sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon in a large bowl. Stir well.

Peel and finely chop the onion and garlic and add them to the bowl. If you like very spicy food, remove and discard the stems and seeds of the jalapeno pepper, chop it into 1/8-inch pieces and add it to the bowl. Don't rub your eyes before washing your hands; these peppers burn.

Cut the chicken breasts into strips 1/2 inch wide and 2 inches

long. Add the chicken to the bowl. Or if you're using tofu, drain it. Then slice it into pieces 1 by 1 by 1/2 inch and gently put it in the bowl. Stir carefully so that the chicken or tofu pieces are covered with marinade. Cover and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes, or up to 2 hours.

Preheat the broiler. Make sure the top oven rack is in the highest position, just under the broiling unit. Lift the chicken or tofu pieces from the marinade and place them on a rack in a roasting pan. The rack lets the juices drip into the pan, allowing the chicken or tofu to be grilled rather than half-boiled in the marinade.

Put the pan under the broiler, and broil the chicken for 3 to 4 minutes per side, until it is completely white and just beginning to turn brown. If you are using tofu, broil for the same amount of time, or until it begins to brown. Serve immediately.

While the chicken or tofu is broiling, boil the leftover marinade in a small pot for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve the heated marinade as a dipping sauce or as a sauce for the rice. Serves 2-3. Rating: Easy.

The keys to enjoying shellfish are picking the freshest varieties available and cooking it properly to avoid the risk of foodborne illness. Most shrimp and scallops are frozen immediately after harvesting. Once thawed, they should look firm, bright and shiny, and have no strong smell. When buying clams, mussels and oysters, make sure their shells are closed tight, which

indicates they're still alive. Shellfish features a light, delicate flavor and texture, and tastes its best when prepared simply. That's good news for cooks who don't want to spend a lot of time in a hot kitchen this summer.

Why not throw some shrimp on the grill? Simply slip them on skewers, baste with a low-fat sauce made of lemon juice, honey, and ginger, and grill over high heat until they turn pink (about three to five minutes). Cooking them in the microwave is even easier. Simply mix the shrimp with lemon juice, garlic and white wine and cook for about two minutes.

Fresh boiled lobster tastes so rich and sweet there's no need to add butter, sauce or seasoning. Boil the lobster until it is bright red, about five to six minutes per pound. Start the timer when the water has just come back to a boil after the lobster has been added.

Pasta with scallops is the perfect choice for a quick, light summer meal. Sauté the scallops in a bit of white wine or chicken broth until they are milky white and firm (three to four minutes); set aside.

In a medium saucepan, sauté minced green peppers, shallots, celery and tomatoes in a bit of olive oil seasoned with garlic and rosemary. When the vegetables are just tender, add the cooked

Shrimp salad sensational summer supper

Look out Charlie the Tuna, you've got shellfish on your tail. Americans eat hundreds of thousands of tons of shrimp each year in the U.S., making it the second most popular seafood behind tuna. Other shellfish include clams, crabs, and scallops.

One reason behind shellfish's popularity is surely its great nutritional profile. Laboratory measurements show that shellfish is not as high in cholesterol as was once thought. Shellfish are also rich in the omega-3 fatty acids that have been linked to a host of health benefits, including reduced incidence of cancer and heart attacks.

When they are steamed, grilled, broiled or baked, shellfish are exceptionally low in total fat, and especially artery-clogging saturated fat. Of course, you can still find a lot of added fat in shellfish dishes when they are fried, sautéed or made with a high-fat sauce.

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scallops and simmer for about three minutes, until the entire mixture is heated through and the tomatoes have cooked down. Serve the seafood sauce over fettuccine or linguine, and garnish with a sprinkling of minced Italian parsley.

The base of this tasty seafood salad is cabbage, a cruciferous vegetable that's a good source of vitamin C. For easy preparation, chop the vegetables in a food processor while the shrimp are marinating.

LEMON-LIME SHRIMP SALAD

- 1 clove garlic
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Pinch of white pepper
- 1 pound medium peeled shrimp
- 1 medium head cabbage, grated
- 1 carrot grated
- 1 cup chopped watercress
- 2 ripe red tomatoes, quartered
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 2 tablespoons roasted, chopped peanuts
- Crushed red pepper flakes (garnish)

In a blender, combine the garlic clove, lemon juice, hoisin sauce, pepper. Puree until smooth. Marinate the shrimp for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, mix together the lime juice, honey and salt (if desired) and toss into the salad - cabbage, carrots,

and watercress. Cook the shrimp in a non-stick pan with the marinade for 2 to 3 minutes - it's done when it turns pink. Mount the shrimp in the middle of the salad and place the quartered tomatoes around the

edges of the bowl. Garnish with basil, peanuts and red pepper flakes. Each of the 4 servings contains 265 calories and 4 grams of fat. Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Arrange one-quarter of the diced tomato, a sprig each of thyme and basil, and a bay leaf on top. Drizzle with a little more oil and a final sprinkling of salt and pepper.

Bring together the short edges of the foil rectangle high over the fish without sealing. Crimp or pleat the sides to form an airtight seam.

Add 2 tablespoons wine in the top, then crimp or seal the top edges to form an airtight seal. Prepare three more packages the same way.

Place the packages on a baking

sheet. Bake until the foil is puffed and the fish inside is cooked, 20 to 25 minutes. To test for doneness, you can open one of the packages, but 20 minutes of baking should do the trick.

Serve the packages on plates or a platter. Invite each diner to open a package and slide the fish, vegetables and juices onto his or her plate. Makes 4 servings.

Note: If you'd rather make one large cartoccio, you'll need a fish weighing 3 to 4 pounds. Trim the fins off the fish, or have your fishmonger do it. Wash it thor-

oughly inside and out and pat dry. Season the fish inside and out with salt and pepper. You'll also need to make a much larger foil rectangle. To do so, attach several sheets together, folding joining edges over several times to make a tight seal. Assemble as described above, but use only 2 bay leaves. Bake the large cartoccio for 40 to 60 minutes.

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SKEWERED STEAK AND MUSHROOMS WITH ASIAN FLAVORS

- 1 pound medium-sized fresh white mushrooms
- 1 pound flank steak
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil, optional
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup halved snow peas (about 18)
- 1 cup sweet red and/or yellow pepper cut in squares
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds

Preheat outdoor grill or broiler. Trim mushrooms; set aside. Chill steak in freezer for 20 minutes; cut into thin diagonal slices across the grain.

In a small bowl mix ketchup, soy sauce, sesame oil and garlic; set aside.

Thread steak on individual skewers (if using bamboo skewers, soak in water for 15 minutes before using), weaving around mushroom caps, snow peas and sweet peppers; brush all sides with ketchup mixture and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

Place kebabs on a rack. Grill or broil until cooked and browned, turning occasionally, about 5 to 8 minutes. Serve on bed of rice, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 375 calories; 37 g protein, 16 g fat, 20 g carbohydrate, 75 mg cholesterol, 715 mg sodium.

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Lyme disease support

Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square) in Wayne. The next three meetings are June 16, July 21 and August 18. The July meeting will have two lawyers speaking on Social Security Disability benefits as it relates to Lyme. For information or a map, call Connie at (734) 326-3502.



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VHL: the elusive disease

Early diagnosis, screening crucial to control of von Hippel-Lindau syndrome

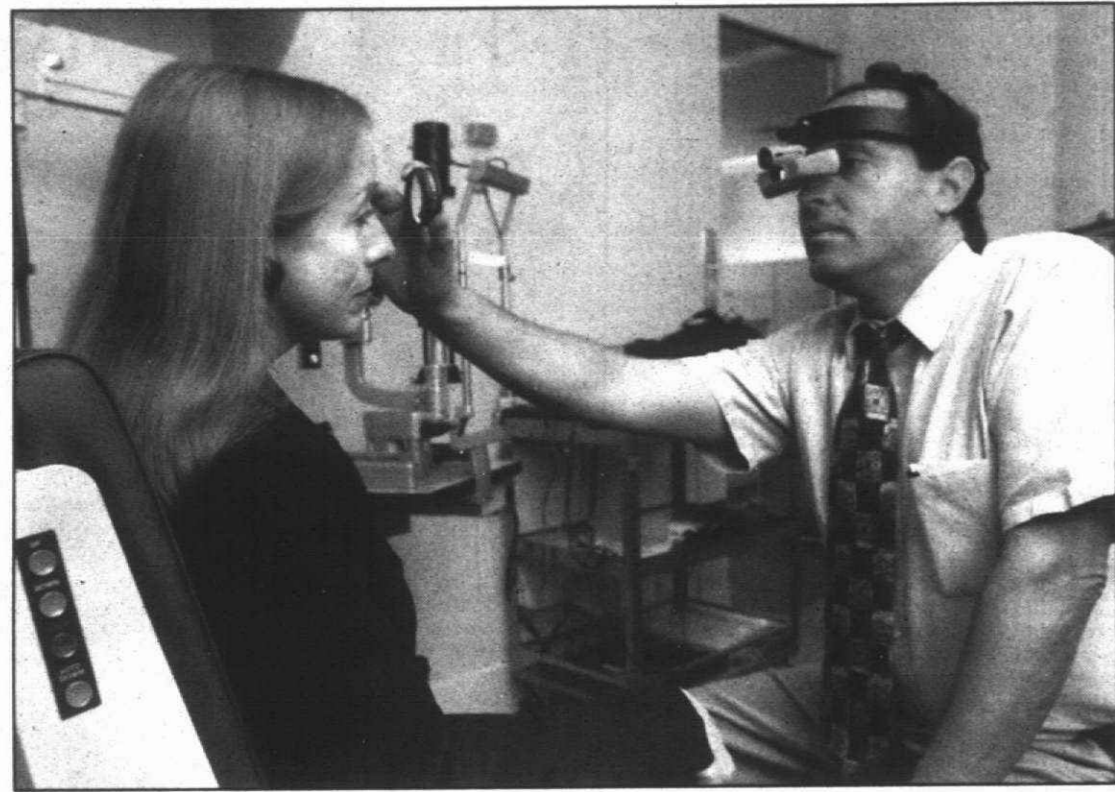


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Exam: Patient Fran Mott undergoes a retinal examination by Julian J. Nussbaum, M.D., chairman of Eye Care Services at Henry Ford Hospital, to screen for possible vascular tumors associated with Von Hippel-Lindau disease.

Diagnosed with large brain tumors, as well as cysts on her pancreas and kidneys, Fran Mott is on a crusade to make the public aware of von Hippel-Lindau syndrome.

She fights with diminished strength to piece together tidbits of information from other VHL patients and pass it along to researchers at national research institutes and doctors who are slowly building a better understanding about a disease that manifests itself differently in every patient.

"How many outstanding, talented physicians and surgeons have seen and cared for VHL patients and not even known it?" said Mott, who lived in Livonia 29 years before moving to Hartland.

"I hear their patients' stories sometimes years later, when they finally received a correct diagnosis, often too late for them or their children," said Mott, who as co-chair of the Michigan Chapter of Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance is in constant contact with other patients and doctors.

People with VHL are predisposed to form tumors or cysts in certain organs, especially the kidneys, central nervous system, endolymphatic sac, retina, adrenal glands, pancreas and epididymis. Signs that patients and doctors should look for include a family history of VHL and at least one lesion in one of those target organs or two typical VHL lesions.

Screening recommended

"If there are families in which there are more than one person who has kidney cancer, those families and doctors should consider possibly that it is hereditary and there should be screening," according to Dr. Marston Linehan, chief of urologic surgery at the National Cancer Institute.

Diagnosis can be tricky. In fact, VHL is the most common syndrome of hereditary kidney cancer. While blood vessels normally grow like trees, in people with VHL little knots of blood capillaries usually occur. These knots then can cause problems themselves or in nearby organs.

"Because of its rarity, sometimes VHL isn't considered," said Dr. Charles E. Jackson, Henry Ford Hospital, internist geneticist. "Doctors only see one particular aspect and this is a multi-system disease," he said. "If a doctor sees any of these manifestations they need to think of von Hippel-Lindau and arrange to have studies done."

A lot of advances have been made since Mott was finally diagnosed when she was 36. But, she was only 10 years old when she began losing sight in her right eye, the first manifestation of the disease in her.

Birth trauma seen as cause of emotional problems

When Ruth Anya McGinnis first heard about reliving the birthing process to untangle emotional problems, she thought it was far-out mumbo jumbo. Then, while treating a male patient in her Southfield psychotherapy practice, McGinnis said, she watched him re-enact his birth. "For a moment in the therapy session, he was reliving it and was able to remember," McGinnis said. "Before that I thought this was all California craziness. But that convinced me. My journey began in my efforts to try to help him as his memory was beginning to emerge." This was the first step, she said, in reliving her own birth and to begin dealing with emotional and physical problems. "The thinking behind this is very different from the basic logic that babies don't remember what we do in

Vision problems

"Nobody could figure out why," Mott said. "One doctor, a top specialist, said that I needed glasses and that I didn't want to wear them."

Her ophthalmologist, however, suspected something more serious and arranged for an appointment with a specialist at the University of Michigan Hospital where a doctor recognized a tumor in her right retina, as well as tumors in her left eye.

The tumors were burned away and the left eye was saved, however, it was too late for her right eye. This is another example, Mott said, of the importance of early diagnosis.

Years went by and she had no idea about the

Children of VHL patients have 50 percent chance of contracting the disease

von Hippel-Lindau is one of 7,000 inherited diseases and is not limited to one sex. Children of people with VHL have a 50 percent chance of having the disease. However, like in Mott's case, VHL can be found in patients without a family history. These mutations are rare - reportedly occurring in 1 to 3 percent of VHL cases.

Medical statistics estimate that between one in 34,000 to one in 40,000, or between 6,000 and 7,000 people in the United States, have VHL. Since January, VHL Family Alliance, a national support group, had more than 7,500 members in 37 countries.

However, Fran Mott of Hartland, co-chair of the Michigan Chapter of Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance, is convinced these figures are underestimated considering the 100 some families in Michigan she's had contact with doesn't include every family member with the disease. In fact, medical experts believe that at least one half of the people with VHL haven't been diagnosed. The gene identifying VHL was identified in 1993 by a team of doctors, including Dr. Marston Linehan, at the National Cancer Institute. Recent medical advances, like DNA testing, add to a better understanding of VHL and helps medical professionals identify more patients, Jackson said.

Experts stress, too, that since there is a lack of information, it's important for patients to find doctors with an understanding of VHL. Locally, the VHL Family Alliance has identified two hospitals, the University of Michigan Medical Center and Henry Ford Hospital, as VHL care centers, because they've met certain standards regarding identification and treatment of the disease.

Gene study

"We started our studies of VHL 14 years ago and we never missed a family we would find the gene," said Dr. Linehan, chief of urologic surgery

tumors that were growing in other parts of her body. She was finally diagnosed with VHL after her daughter's pediatrician linked her eye loss to VHL. That doctor sent her to U-M's genetics department where they discovered she had the disease and found a tumor on the top of her brain stem, but it wasn't malignant.

Mott had another brain surgery last year to remove two tumors. At least five more brain tumors have developed.

Meanwhile, Mott has had a lot of pain from pancreatic cysts. However, she learned about a new experimental procedure to treat those growths while she was attending a national VHL conference.

"A girl stood up and said she had drained," said Mott. Tumors in her kidney, however, are malignant and have to be watched carefully. But, her overwhelming medical problems haven't dented her mission to disseminate information, talking to other patients about the disease, and explaining to them what to expect and what to ask their doctors.

She tirelessly volunteers with VHL Family Alliance, taking calls from patients and their family around the clock; sitting with family members while patients are undergoing surgery; and arranging small meetings with patients to share information.

Her greatest mission is to reach unaware doctors or someone who has it and doesn't know. In fact, leading doctors give their VHL patients Mott's name who readily supplies them with information packets, contact numbers and an invitation to call if they want to talk.

"I'm trying to get patients to learn about their disease," Mott said. "You need to be your own advocate. We teach ourselves everything we need to know before buying an appliance, but what do we do about our health? A valuable lesson is that doctors aren't God."

Mott stresses that not everyone with VHL has major health problems. "Some people have no problems at all," she said adding that other times symptoms don't surface until later in life. Since the disease strikes in so many different areas of the body, one doctor is needed to coordinate all the care.

"I urge people to go to a geneticist," Mott said. She recently enlisted another volunteer to work with the alliance and said one of her biggest fears is that no one will carry on her volunteer work once she is no longer able. VHL Family Alliance is run by volunteers. There is no paid staff.

For more information about VHL, call 1-800-767-4VHL. Donations to VHLFA are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to: VHL Family Alliance, 171 Clinton Road, Brookline, Mass. 02146.

at the National Cancer Institute. "It's our hope that by understanding the gene that we can develop better forms of therapy. Our goal is better diagnosis. We are working on developing strategies for treatment based on our understanding of that gene."

If patients find out that they have this disease in time, they can avoid things like blindness, paralysis, kidney cancer, stroke and death, Mott, 47, stressed. There seems to be a trend that she's sparking more research on VHL in the United States, England, France, Germany and Japan.

In the United States, the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute have made strides in the past 10 years trying to identify symptoms and ramifications of the disease.

"We're very honored to have the opportunity to work with these very brave families who have been so gracious and so generous with their time and lives to allow us to work with them on VHL," Linehan said. "They are our partners. I suspect there's a lot more VHL than we thought. I'm surprised by the prevalence of hereditary cancer syndrome."

Experts stress, too, that since there is a lack of information, it's important for patients to find doctors with an understanding of VHL. Locally, the VHL Family Alliance has identified two hospitals, the University of Michigan Medical Center and Henry Ford Hospital, as VHL care centers, because they've met certain standards regarding identification and treatment of the disease.

als who work with children, are invited to a lecture and workshop conducted by Emerson next month. A lecture, demonstration and open discussion will be 7-10 p.m., Thursday, June 4, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. The event will introduce participants to "the widespread problem of birth trauma as a major cause of stress, behavioral problems and learning problems during childhood," according to a brochure.

Local workshop
Emerson will conduct a workshop Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, in St. John Center in Plymouth Township. The focus is the "prevalence and negative effects of birth trauma, and ways that birth trauma can be evaluated and treated."

"The only determinant of the degree

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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Winters awarded

Frank D. Winters, D.O., medical director at MEDHEALTH's Plymouth location, has been awarded the prestigious honor of "Fellow" in the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. The award of fellow is the highest distinction a sports medicine physician can receive. They must first be nominated for the award, pass a rigorous review of their credentials and be voted upon by the Academy's Board of Directors. Winters is in his 14 year at the Family Practice Center in Livonia.

Private psychology practice

Dr. James R. Tabeling, Psy.D., has recently opened a private office in Plymouth. He is a licensed clinical psychologist with more than ten years of experience. He will provide individual psychotherapy for adolescents and adults from a psychoanalytic perspective. His office is located at 1142 South Main (just north of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. Office hours are by appointment only. He can be reached at (734) 354-9458.



Tabeling



Sandler

Physician elected to MSMS

Michael A. Sandler, M.D., a diagnostic radiologist at Henry Ford Hospital, has been elected to the Michigan State Medical Society board of directors. In addition, he has been elected an alternate delegate from Michigan to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates.

Trauma from page B4

the jaw and fists of the sleeping baby also relaxed, and she slept longer than she had ever slept."

Emerson has treated thousands of parents and professionals using what he refers to as "fail-safe techniques." The local workshop will also include training demonstrations. The results of reliving your birth are amazing, said McGinnis, adding that it has helped reverse her dyslexia.

"There have been many things that have been helpful," she said. "But this has been essential. I got my Ph.D., but it almost destroyed me physically, the stress of doing that. Now, I'm reading and writing with near normalcy. The work (Emerson's) has been a modern-day miracle for me."

McGinnis said when she began experiencing memories of being inside her mother's womb in 1943, her recollection was from a baby's perspective. This experience, she said, has also made her feel a closeness with her mother, now deceased, that hadn't been before.

Felt estranged

"Earlier experiences left me feeling estranged from her and I don't feel that anymore," McGinnis added. Although her mother always told her her birth was normal, McGinnis later learned it was much more traumatic and was nearly fatal for both.

Since her own revelations, McGinnis has become a disciple, disseminating information about birth trauma and how it affects behavior in children and in the emotions of adults. Signs of birth trauma are crying for otherwise unexplained reasons; an unusually inflexible child; sleep disturbances; eating problems and the

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MON, JUNE 1

DIABETES EDUCATION
A five-week series of sessions (begins June 1, 2, 3) is planned to help you "Live Well With Diabetes." Physician referral is required. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

TOPS CLUB

TOPS Club, Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh in Livonia. Call Marilyn at (734) 464-2844.

PATHWAYS TO PARENTING
Offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share concerns and gain information. June 3 - Infant Massage; July 1 - Dental Awareness As Your Baby Grows; August 5 - Reading To Your Baby. Call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

HEART PALS

Support offered for cardiac patients and/or their significant others which will meet at 7 p.m. Discussion, education and camaraderie are the focus. Call 458-4330 (Garden City Hospital).

DIABETES AND YOU

Six-week course explores all areas of diabetes self-care; day and evening classes available. Sessions begin: June 1, 24, 25, July 16, 27, Aug. 19 and 20. 1998, \$175 fee. Medicare accepted. Call Botsford at (248) 477-6100.

TUE, JUNE 2

FIRST AID

An American Red Cross class to help people learn how to respond in emergency situations. Class begins at 6 p.m. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT
A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Call 458-4330.

DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS
Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management

ment of diabetes. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. \$75 fee, call to register (734) 655-8940.

WED, JUNE 3

INFANT MASSAGE

Botsford educator Judy Byers-dord will talk about the many benefits of infant massage. Free from 12:30-2 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital (West Addition Conference Room B). Guest speaker, Linda DeVore, R.D., C.D.E., will discuss the use of antioxidants/herbs. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1100.

BREAST HEALTH CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital will hold a Breast Health Clinic from 4-6 p.m. in the Marian Women's Center. A physician will perform a complete breast examination and provide instructions on how to perform a breast self-examination for a \$21 fee. Call to

register (734) 655-1100.

THUR, JUNE 4

HEALTHY COOKING

Botsford will show you how you can eat well and healthy too. 7 p.m. \$6 fee, preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 477-6100.

JUST FOR DADS CLASS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class for new and expectant fathers. Just for Dads, Childbirth and Beyond, from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 655-1100.

SAT, JUNE 6

HOMEPATHY + ADD

Afraid of Ritalin or other stimulant drugs for a child with ADD/ADHD. Learn what options homeopathy can provide with the use of remedies effectively and safely. From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Westland Med-Max, 35600 Central City Parkway (734) 458-7100.

There are discounts for couples and full-time students. A deposit of \$150 is required to register. For more information, call McGinnis at (248) 356-1219.

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Cop tales from cyberspace



PC TALK
MIKE WENDLAND

One of the things I enjoy most about reporting on the Internet is collecting stories from cyberspace. There is seemingly no end to how useful the Net can be when we need information fast.

Take the case of a friend of mine named Fred Moore, who spends a lot of time on the road. It happened early one morning on a road trip to Texas.

The motel switchboard put the call through a half hour before Fred Moore's scheduled wake-up call at 7:30 a.m. On the other end of the line was one of his top clients. The client was panicking.

The client's in-house Intranet, a sort of internal version of the World Wide Web that links sales offices, employees and inventory data bases to a central server, had crashed. Further, at four that afternoon, the company's CEO was scheduled for a demonstration of the Intranet. He desperately needed Moore, a computer consultant from Rochester Hills who set up the Intranet and sold the hardware that made it work.

"Can you come ... please?" begged the client. "If we had a company jet, I'd send it. How soon can you get here?"

Moore was in the middle of a sales trip, staying near Kerrville, Texas, about 250 miles from the customer's Houston office. There was no choice. He'd be there, he said, before noon.

As he started the in-room coffee percolator, Moore pulled out the laptop from his briefcase and plugged in the telephone jack. He connected to a site called MapQuest (www.mapquest.com), clicking on an option called TripQuest. He typed in his starting point, San Antonio, and his destination,

Houston. In seconds, precise travel details appeared.

Not only was there a map but step-by-step written instructions also appeared on his screen.

At the posted 70 miles-an-hour speed limit, Moore figured it would take him close to four hours, maybe a bit more because of Houston traffic. If he hit the road by 8 a.m., the best he could do after showering, packing the car and then canceling and rescheduling the appointments he already had for the day, it was going to be touch and go to get on site by his promised noon arrival time.

Unless he could maybe push that speed limit a bit along eastbound I-10. Now Fred's not a reckless kind of guy. But this day, he needed to move.

Whether he could or not would depend on what another site told him. Called the National Speedtrap Register, (www.speedtrap.com/speedtrap/) it receives and disseminates reports of particularly heavy traffic enforcement e-mailed in by Net-using drivers.

Moore scrolled down a list of the states, clicking on Texas. And then he scrolled down the reports, looking for information on his main route, I-10. There were four items that applied to the route he'd be driving.

Advised the Web site: I-10 near Kerrville. TxDPS patrol heavily! If you successfully evade one radar and pass his car, DO NOT speed up! They work in pairs, one about 1/2 mile behind the other to catch people who speed up after passing the first cop.

I-10 near San Antonio. During many trips from west Texas to San Antonio, I frequently saw cars being pulled over between Kerrville and San Antonio along eastbound I-10. The cops are often in the flow of traffic, so it pays to stay alert.

Seguin along I-10. Beware of those seemingly innocent bushes planted in the median. They are placed to hide police radar."

Closer to his destination, the site warned: Houston: I-10 (Katy Freeway) westbound feeder, between the Highway 6 exit and Highway 6 itself. The distance between the exit and Hwy 6 is quite long, and it's easy to let your speed creep up to freeway levels. During rush hours, Houston police will park their Camaros just before Hwy 6 in groups of 2 or 3.

Moore wasn't done yet. He went to another area of the site, called "The WWW Cop Car Registry." Against, he scrolled down a listing of the various states until he found Texas. There, he learned that Mustangs, Camaros and Crown Victorias were the cars most used by police agencies in the jurisdictions he'd be traveling through.

The next step was to make sure he knew how to get to his customer's office from I-10. He pulled down a bookmark from his Netscape browser and clicked on BigBook (www.bigbook.com), which bills itself as "a whole new kind of Yellow Pages."

Typing in the name of his client's business, he watched as the BigBook site quickly displayed the street address and phone number and a detailed map of the immediate half-mile square area around the location. "I don't mean to sound like a wild and crazy driver," says Moore. "Because I am not. I am extremely careful and have an excellent driving record. However, on that morning, I had a very important client who desperately needed me to solve a crisis."

"I arrived about a half-hour before noon and was a hero. The Web didn't allow me to circumvent any laws, it just told me where I needed to be extra careful on my hurried trip to Houston. Then it vectored me in as precisely as an air traffic controller brings in jumbo jets for landings."

It's another neat story from cyberspace. Do you have one? Send it along at my Web site: <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Business-related calendar items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

MON, JUNE 1

MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION

Lawrence Technological University's Department of Continuing Education and Professional Development will be offering courses that follow the Microsoft Certification Program Career Track. The summer program is scheduled to start June 1. A series of six courses will be offered. Call LTU, (248) 204-4050.

SUBURBAN WEST BPW

President Denise Allen will be presenting her thoughts after dinner on the upcoming year and she will be soliciting groups input. We will not meet in July and August. Holiday Inn Livonia, N. Laurel Park (I-275 and Six Mile). Call Eunice Taylor (313) 254-9617.

WED, JUNE 3

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

BNI regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Richards Restaurant, Plymouth & Newburgh. For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

FRI, JUNE 5

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

The Canton Chapter of Business Network International will host a Kick-Off meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at The Summit at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center and Palmer in Canton. Breakfast fee \$5-10.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.

BNI regular meeting 7-8:30 a.m., Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. For more information call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send items to: Business Professionals, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Vier promoted

Patricia Vier of Westland, has been appointed manager of Member Services at the health maintenance organization Great Lakes Health Plan. Vier will supervise a staff of six. She will be responsible for the day-to-day management of Member Services call center operation, which inquires to education and benefit inquiries from plan members and providers.

PartyLite honors

Rosanne Kosko of Westland has been named among the top three consultants in sales for all of 1997 by PartyLite Gifts Inc., a direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories. Kosko

ranged among the top three for her personal sales during 1997. She started her career with PartyLite in 1996 and is now a team leader.

Marx promoted

Denise E. Marx of Livonia has been promoted from production estimator to production manager at Moffat McGuire, a Detroit marketing design and services company for over 25 years.

Marx will manage various projects from inception to completion. "The challenge, excitement and growth opportunity in this position make coming to work a daily pleasure," said Marx.

KKU&E employees

Kemp, Klein Umphrey & Endelman, P.C. announced Ronald S. Nixon of Livonia have joined the firm. Nixon will practice in varied areas of litigation. Smith focuses her practice in family law, litigation and probate.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse

of suburban business news. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (734) 591-7279.

New company

The Service Connection, a new Livonia company located on Stark Road, will be providing a link between local companies to help the general public decide on a qualified contractor. "We will be supplying background information on the following service industries: carpet cleaning, upholstery cleaning, floor/tile cleaning, plumbing, roofing, resident, commercial and construction cleaning, landscaping, remodeling of offices/homes and tree services," said Tina Ruark, The Service Connection, president.

"This list of services is by no means the only clients that we

will have on file, but it gives you an idea of the most popular requests for background information."

Other industry clientele include window, blind and ventilation cleaning, Telemarketing, direct mailing, direct faxing and corporate newsletters will be offered to companies that sign on with The Service Connection.

For more information about the services provided by The Service Connection (direct sales/marketing) call (800) 287-0883 or fax inquiries to (734) 421-2724.

Quantum expands

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Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

WHAT: Membership \$10 a year. Friends donating \$25 or more receive a free CD recorded at a concert featuring Azerbaijani sopranos Fidan and Huraman Kasimova with tenor Dino Valle and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra last September in Orchestra Hall. Members who renew and new members receive a "La Traviata" button, the fourth in a series commemorating each of Giuseppe Verdi's operas. For more information, call Zaretti at (734) 455-8895.

Upcoming Events:

■ To celebrate the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's 10th anniversary, the nonprofit organization presents a concert featuring soprano Irina Mishura with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Italian American Club in Livonia. Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 455-8895 for tickets.

■ The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan will also sing in concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, with the Redford Civic Symphony at Bell Creek Park in Livonia. Admission is free.

Opera lover helps nurture talent in others

John Zaretti discovered his love for vocal music while growing up in Parma, Italy. The Canton Township resident sang in a church in the region where Verdi made opera a household word.

"People used to shuck the corn and would sing constantly," said Zaretti. "We'd go from one family's home to another, shucking and singing. This was the home of Toscanini and Verdi. We went to little piazzas to hear concerts in the summer. My father took me to visit Verdi's birthplace. All led to my love of music."

When Zaretti arrived in New York as a teenager, he didn't have many friends. Instead, he sought the Metropolitan Opera. Back in 1956, a concert ticket cost \$1.50.

With this background in music, it was only natural that Zaretti would support and promote Italian vocal music in his adult years. "Vocal music is the best instrument," said Zaretti. "It's the human instrument."

Opera on the Air

In 1979, his managerial position with an airlines brought him to Michigan where he became friends with tenor/radio host Dino Valle. The two shared microphone duties on the "Opera On the Air" program at WCAR for five years.

In 1988, they founded the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan to promote appreciation for Italian music and the Italian language. The nonprofit organization produces several concerts a year.

As part of its mission to expose future generations to opera, the Verdi Opera Theatre gives lectures, presentations and performances to students in Westland, Plymouth and Canton schools.

Four years ago, Zaretti approached the board of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan to produce a vocal contest to promote vocal talent in Michigan high school students.

Contest winner

Caitlin Lynch, a senior at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, is glad he did. Lynch won first prize (\$1,000) in the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students on May 3. This was the second time Lynch placed first in a vocal competition. The first was earlier this spring when she won the Birmingham Musicale scholarship.

"I was really surprised to win," said Lynch of Bloomfield Hills. "It was a wonderful honor."

Lynch said she will use the prize money to attend the University of Michigan School of Music in September. She also received a \$1,000 scholarship through Interlochen for the University of Michigan.

Lynch thinks the fact her mother, Mary Callaghan Lynch, is a professional opera singer, and her dad, Pat, is active in community theater influenced her decision to seek a career in the entertainment field.

"I've been singing forever," said Lynch. "My dream is to sing at the Metropolitan Opera."

A record number of 50 students from as far away as Marquette entered the competition, sponsored by Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and the Italian American Cultural Society, by submitting audio tapes of two Italian classical songs or opera arias.

Ten finalists were chosen to perform May 3 at the Italian American Cultural Community Center in Warren. Lynch sang Gluck's "O del mio dolce ardo" and Rossini's "La Promessa" before judges Karen Van-

Please see OPERA, C2

Native art:

Joyce Tinkham, a Nisga'a Indian and one of the artists exhibiting at the Woodland Indians Trading Center and Gallery, created the vest she's wearing.



Native artists catch Redford dream

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doza will be joining her dream of running a successful gallery devoted to art works by Indians from

the Great Lakes area comes true. According to American Indian folklore, the dreamcatchers hanging in the window of the Woodland Indians Trading Center and Gallery in Redford, are meant to let good dreams in and keep bad dreams out.

Amanda Mendjoze, an Ojibwe Indian, invites the public to join her in making a dreamcatcher during a workshop Saturday, June 20. Mendjoze will be joining her dream of running a successful gallery devoted to art works by Indians from

the Great Lakes area comes true. Several months ago while others scoffed at the idea of opening an art gallery in Redford, Mendoza thought why not. A graduate of Redford Union High School, Mendoza began stocking the shelves of the gallery in mid-April with items consigned by a consortium of Native artists and traders from the gallery's original location in Detroit.

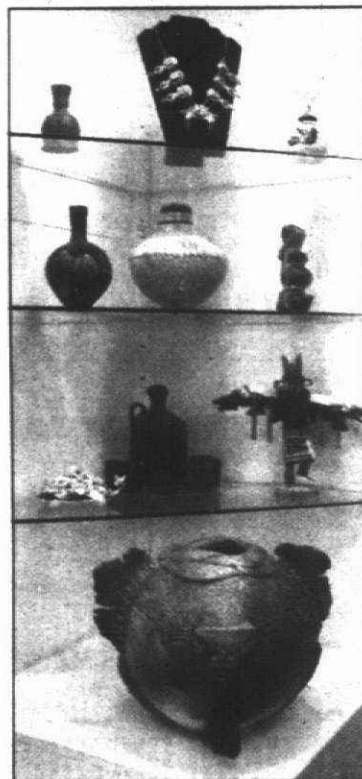
A portion of the proceeds from the sales of the medicine bags, buffalo jaws and rattles, beadwork by Karen Rossi, an Ojibwe living in Redford; watercolors by Joyce Tinkham; Nisga'a; porcupine quill box and soapstone box engraved with a bear, beaded purses and squash blossom necklaces from Andrea (Ojibwe) and Truman (Oneida) White, owners of Turtle Island Living Art, and photographs by S. Kay Young, a Cherokee, go to benefit the Turtle Island Learning Circle, a Native American-based public school, Mendoza

and Indian World, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the metro Detroit Indian community.

"We want to get different artists and traders together for a common goal," said Mendoza. "Our concept is to have a Pow Wow all the time instead of waiting for Pow Wow season. We have fiber arts, painting, ceramics, jewelry and photography. There's an eclectic mix."

The gallery, formerly known as the North American Indian Art Gallery and Trade Center, opened in December of 1997 at an office complex at Six Mile and Telegraph in Detroit. An off-shoot of Indian World, the Woodland Indians Trading Company and Gallery moved to Redford in April. Mendoza and other members of the Woodland Indians Trading Company originally founded the gallery to share the products of Jan Longboat, herbalist and owner

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Gallery offerings: This squash blossoms necklaces, carved kachina, and smoked porcelain vessel, are a few of the items made by North American Indians.

Economics of culture hot topic at Mackinac Island conference

Maybe it's the plush Grand Hotel setting on the historic island at the passage of lakes Michigan and Huron. Perhaps it's the notion that there's a pleasant ferry trip to the mainland standing between them and day-to-day office pressures.

Whatever the reason, political, civic and business leaders at this weekend's annual Mackinac Conference, sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chamber

of Commerce, are sounding uncharacteristically like arts advocates.

Unlike in past years when discussions focused on job creation and diversifying the regional economy, this year the major debates pertain to improving the quality of life and cultural amenities in metro Detroit.

With the combination of the fledgling entertainment hub in downtown Detroit and a reduction in public funds

to cultural institutions, the thrust of the discussion among the state's top political and business leaders is - what else? - arts funding.

The timing, some contend, couldn't be better.

After nearly two years of a logjam on the implementation of a tri-county cultural tax, there's definite movement on

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What: Senate Bill 1136 designed to establish a metropolitan region council to levy a property tax up to .5 mill. Net revenue would be earmarked for cultural institutions, arts groups and recreational facilities within tri-county area.
Status: Introduced in the Michigan Senate by Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham). For an analysis of the bill, call the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency, (517) 373-5383.

FILM

Gulf War Syndrome docu-drama looks eerily familiar



Smoking gun? Actual war footage is included in the docu-drama that explores the struggle of veterans suffering from Gulf War Syndrome.

In the span of weeks during January 1991, a tidy aerial bombing campaign disabled the Iraqi army occupying Kuwait. Soon, the U.S. military's high-tech tactical efficiency during the short-lived Gulf War was widely praised. Accordingly, bellicose rhetoric and victory parades followed.

For many veterans, however, the real war began when they returned home. And the enemy became an all-too-familiar behemoth - the U.S. Pentagon.

The ongoing struggles of Gulf War veterans suffering from mysterious post-battle illnesses, known as Gulf War Syndrome, is the subject of Showtime's controversial "Thanks of a Grateful Nation," which airs tonight and Thursday, June 11.

While soldiers began complaining of chronic fatigue, rashes, headaches and digestive problems shortly after returning from the Persian Gulf, it wasn't

until then Democrat U.S. senator from Michigan Don Riegle conducted formal investigations that there was an eerie sense of history repeating itself.

"When we began getting into our before," said Riegle, referring to the Pentagon's reluctance to admit that U.S. soldiers in Vietnam were exposed to agent orange, a toxic herbicide.

Riegle of Birmingham retired in 1994 after serving three terms in the senate and five terms in the House of Representatives. He currently serves as deputy chair of Shandwick International, a worldwide public relations firm with a local office in Southfield.

"If Colin Powell or Swartzkoff were sick with Gulf War Syndrome you could bet that cost would be no object," he said.

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Deadly vapors: Although U.S. soldiers have proven that they were exposed to toxic chemicals during the Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon has been reluctant to confirm the veterans' claims.

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derklot-DiChiera (composer, writer, educator and director of Michigan Opera Theatre's community programs department), John Guinn (music critic), and George Shirley (Metropolitan Opera tenor and voice professor at the University of Michigan). After the concert, the judges requested meetings with each of the vocalists to provide feedback and encouragement to continue developing their talent.

Shining examples
"These students are shining examples of musical excellence in their schools," said Zaretti. "We honor them with this competition by calling attention to their talent and to the good things occurring in education. By doing this we are also sending a message that we highly hold their talents and we encourage and support them in their development."

Second place (\$300) went to Melissa Clairmont of Chelsea High School, and third (\$200) to Jeremy Peters, Traverse City West High School.

High merit prizes of \$50 went to Natalie Ross, Churchill High School, Livonia; Juli Barailly, Okemos High School; Audrey Dillon, Interlochen Arts Academy; Tara Lee, Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn; Jennifer Meigitt, Bedford High School, Temperance; Claire Molloy, Grosse Pointe South High School, and Lindsay Willis, Traverse City West High School.

"We must give a lot of credit to vocal teachers in the schools for exposing them to this competition and to discovering the full extent of their vocal abilities."



Winning voice: Caitlin Lynch, a student at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, won first prize in the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students May 3.

The competition encourages them and gives them opportunities to showcase their talent. Very few competitions exist at high school level for classical music. Young people should be encouraged to start early.

Money for the competition is raised throughout the year through membership in the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and donations from sponsors. "We're looking for new members and volunteers," said Zaretti. "The idea is to get many members and for them to support our events."

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of Earth Healing Herb Farm located at Six Nations Reserve in Ontario with the community. The herbs and teas are grown and gathered in the traditional way as developed by the original inhabitants of the woodlands regions.

Since then a variety of arts and crafts, and gift baskets of wild rice, dried hominy corn, homemade raspberry jam, and pure maple syrup in a handmade birch bark basket from the White Earth Land Recovery Project in Minnesota have been added.

"We went to Pow Wows and started meeting artists and traders," said Mendoza. "The gallery is special because all of us, we're a really good mix. It goes to show different tribes can work together for a common good."

A flower shop since the 1960s, the building was in desperate need of repair before the gallery could move in. Friends and family spent many long hours tearing down walls and putting up a ceiling. Mendoza is having a sidewalk sale June 12-14 to sell the baskets and vases left behind by the floral business.

Gallery offerings
In addition to a painting of petroglyphs, Tinkham stitches up pillows, hats and vests for the gallery. "The art is something we wanted to do for a long time,"

'The gallery is special because all of us, we're a really good mix.'

Amanda Mendoza
Gallery owner

said Tinkham, vice president of Indian World and a teacher at the Turtle Island Learning Circle, a school for grades 6-10.

"The public should know the Indians in this area and know their traditions in the Great Lakes area and East Coast," said Tinkham as she pointed to a beaded headband with floral design. "Before we did beads it was moose hair embroidery for regalia."

Walking through the gallery with Mendoza and Tinkham is an educational experience. Mendoza explains there are four sacred plants used for cleansing and ceremonial purposes tobacco, cedar, sage, and sweet grass, and all are available at the trading center and gallery.

"There are pipestone pipes from Minnesota and a sculpture of three sisters," said Mendoza. "The three sisters represent corn, bean and squash, our staples. This is what was here originally."

"Eagle Dancer," a Hopi kachina carved from a single piece of wood, black ash woven baskets by Oneida Indian Katie Sickle, dance shawls from Oklahoma, and books on Indian herbology,

dance and history fill the gallery along with barrettes and earrings by Rossi and ceramic skulls and dreamcatchers by Cathy Wurm of Redford.

"We're trying to get a lot of different things in, but can't invent a lot of money so all of the art is on consignment," said Mendoza. "If people are looking for something in particular, I'll search for it. Also, we're still looking for more Native Indian artists."

In addition to merchandise, the gallery offers demonstrations by artists periodically and tarot card readings Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. The next demonstration on making corn husk dolls with Tinkham takes place Thursday, June 14.

"Everyone's familiar with arts and crafts by Southwest Indians but not Woodlands Indians," said Mendoza. "We want an outlet for people to learn. The readings are different because they're Native American readings."

Eventually, Mendoza hopes to add beads and bead making supplies to the gallery's stock. "Our dream is for this to be a working gallery where people can come in to see this done."

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"But when it's the rank and file it's a different matter. They are prisoners of war in our country," said Riegle.

Initially, the Pentagon explained the ailments as side effects from the anti-nerve-agent pills which troops were ordered to take.

Popular speculation is that soldiers were exposed to low levels of sarin, a nerve gas carried by southern winds from Iraqi chemical plants that were bombed by U.S. planes.

As the investigation broadened, Pentagon estimates of the number of soldiers possibly affected increased from a few hundred to 20,000. Riegle estimates that it's probably closer to 100,000.

The Pentagon's reluctance to admit that soldiers may have been exposed to toxic chemicals is a combination of stonewalling, and an unwillingness to pay health benefits to injured soldiers, said Riegle.

In addition, some claim, if the Pentagon admits the devastating consequences to U.S. troops, potential foes such as Iraq, Iran or North Korea might be further encouraged to develop chemical weapons.

What: "Thanks of A Grateful Nation," a drama based on the official investigation into the U.S. military's denial of soldiers' exposure to toxic chemical weapons during the Persian Gulf War.

When: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 31, and 9 p.m. Thursday, June 11.

Cable television: Showtime Cast: Brian Dennehy (as Sen. Don Riegle), Ted Danson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Steven Weber, Matt Keesler and Marg Helgenberger.

Riegle is quick to point out the irony. "These biological germs were shipped from the U.S. to Iraq," he said. "That's too embarrassing for the Pentagon."

Power of public opinion
"Thanks of A Grateful Nation" splices heart-wrenching stories of veterans speaking on camera along with re-enactments of those coming to grips with bizarre ailments. In some cases, new-borns born to Gulf War veterans suffered grotesque deformities.

The combination of actual war footage, testimonials and re-enactments gives "Thanks of A Grateful Nation" a chilling realism. Included in the re-enactments are the congressional hearings chaired by Riegle, who is portrayed by longtime actor Brian Dennehy ("The Jackie

Presser Story," "Cocoon," "Gorky Park"). Unlike more traditional documentaries, the docu-drama often takes viewers into the intimate situations of those suffering with Gulf War Syndrome.

Yet, at times, the transition from real-life to re-enactment can be jarring. That is a minor criticism since the purpose of the docu-drama isn't solely cinematic.

Without apologies, "Thanks of A Grateful Nation" is a catharsis for Gulf War veterans, and stinging indictment of a government that turns away from the same people who stood in the line of its defense.

"I never imagined that they'd make a movie," said Riegle. "But this is a way to help the American public understand what's happened to many veterans."

"All that was heard after the war was 'We won, we won,' said Riegle. "When these vets went to the VA hospitals, they were told nothing was wrong with them. But their lives were taken away."

Only if the Pentagon faces the facts and "comes clean," according to Riegle, will there not be a likelihood that a situation like Gulf War Syndrome will occur again.

As a politician, he recognizes the potential of "Thanks to a Grateful Nation" to compel the American public to demand answers.

"Public opinion is a very, very powerful tool in this country."

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the issue. A reworked bill proposed recently by state Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) would amend the Metropolitan Council Act, which established a board to oversee the disbursement of tax revenues generated by a millage. Voters would have to approve of any mill increase.

"The clock ran out on the tri-county tax," said Bouchard. "This new bill is more politically viable."

Cultural tax
In theory, however, the intent of a plan for a cultural tax for a .5 mill property assessment remains intact. The funds would be earmarked to cover operating expenses at the region's 14 tier-one cultural institutions, such as the DIA, Meadow Brook, Cranbrook art and science museums and the Detroit Zoo.

Bouchard's bill addresses political realities. For instance, Oakland County officials, who were publicly skeptical of the tri-county tax proposal, are now eager to discuss the details of the revised plan.

In the state's most affluent county that would generate nearly one-half of the estimated \$40 million tax revenue, county officials wanted assurances that they'd have more than one-third representation on the oversight board.

"There was always a concern about representation on the board, and the distribution of funds," said Steve Weikal, director of Oakland County's Office of Art, Culture and Film.

The current bill includes veto authority and mandates one-third of the revenues to go back to communities where the tax was generated.

"This is not considered as a substitute for public arts funding," said Anne Masterson, communications director of Detroit Renaissance, a private civic group established in the aftermath of the 1967 riots to promote the shared cultural interests in the metro area.

Detroit Renaissance has spearheaded the initiative to increase funding for cultural institutions. Masterson anticipates that the actual millage increase and subsequent allocation of funds to cultural institutions and arts groups is two years away.

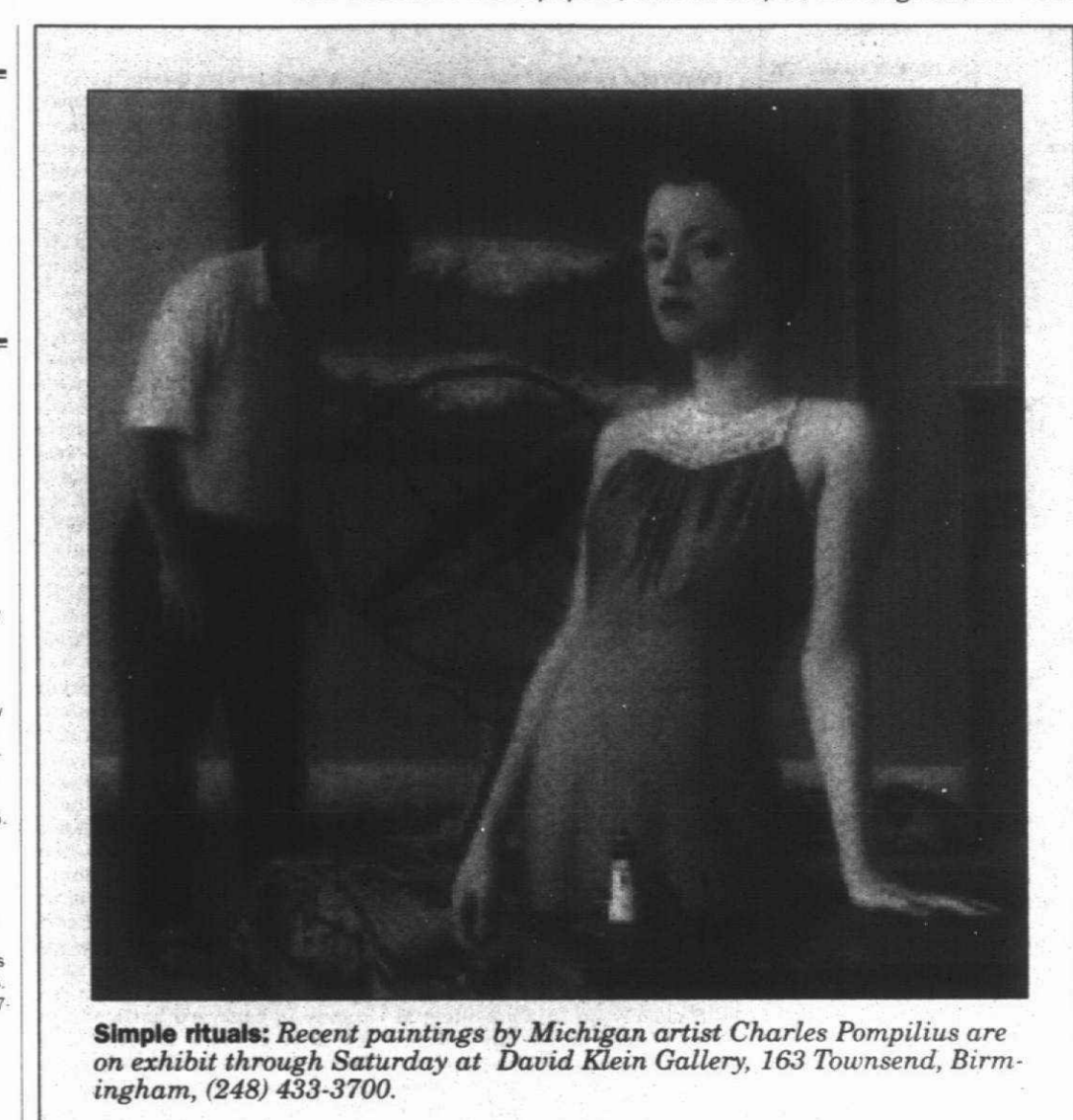
This weekend's political-business pow-wow proves that there are unmistakable signs that the arts are no longer viewed as tangential to the regional economy, she said.

"Although there's nothing on the formal agenda (at the Mackinac Conference), there's the thinking that it's difficult to attract corporations to our area without a thriving culture."

Note worthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314



Simple rituals: Recent paintings by Michigan artist Charles Pompilius are on exhibit through Saturday at David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700.

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVALS

LIVONIA ARTS FESTIVAL
22nd annual fine arts festival featuring more than 200 artists, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 13, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 14. Free shuttle, parking and admission. Greenmead Historical Park, 8 Mile and Newburgh Road.

AUDITIONS, COMPETITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

BBC
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Calligraphy Study Grant for students, teacher or practitioners of calligraphy. Deadline: June 1. Submit proposals to Janet Tono, executive director, BBC, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, 48009; (248) 644-0866.

CALLING ARTISTS TO CANTON
Limited number of booth spaces for artists and crafters in the 7th Annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show by Liberty Fest '98. June 20-21. Call (734) 453-3710.

CRAFTERS WANTED
Linn Meadow School is looking for new crafters to join craft show, held in mid October. For an application, (248) 375-0680. And crafters are also sought for a juried exhibit at Detroit's official 29th birthday party, Saturday, July 25. For info, (313) 833-1405.

MARYGROVE AUDITIONS FOR DANCE FEST
12 p.m. Sunday, May 31 auditions will be held to win scholarships to the Summer School for the Performing Arts Festival of Dance, held June 22-28, 18, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit; (734) 927-1230.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE
Open auditions through August. Dancers 16 years old and older. Auditions by appointment on Saturdays beginning at 2 p.m.; (248) 552-5001.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHORUS
Auditions on Monday, June 8 for the 1998-99 season, which includes Carmina Burana, Handel's Messiah. Twenty-five members of Rackham Symphony Chorus will also be selected to perform in the Michigan Opera Theatre's "Turandot" in the fall. For an appointment, call (313) 341-3466.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 185, Troy, MI 48069; (248) 879-0138.

BENEFIT

PORTRAIT OF HOPE
A fund-raiser to benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County 6 p.m. Sunday, May 31 at the Somerset Collection, South Rindilla. Photographers include Brittany Bardo, Roland McKay, Jenny Risher, John Sobczak and Glenn Trest. Tickets: \$50 in advance; \$55 at door.

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TRAVEL

Birmingham businessman takes on mountain peaks

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham's Jim Straith isn't the couch potato type. "Sitting on a beach or around a swimming pool is not my idea of a vacation," Straith said.

Straith, president of the Straith Group, a commercial and investment real estate company in Troy, provides a list of past adventures that leaves the lethargic gasping for breath.

He's taken 100 sky dives, 150 scuba dives, flown 700 hours, submarined in the Grand Canyon, skied mountains in North America and Europe and backpacked through most of the national parks.

But his latest passion is mountain climbing.

"I've always been into adventure type sports, snow skiing, aviation, I've flown my own airplanes," Straith, 48, said. "As a kid I was a Boy Scout and camped in Montana when I was 12."

In 1965 Straith took a hike up Saddle Mountain in Montana, giving him his first experience standing on top of a mountain. He took several more hikes and a gondola ride up to the top of Mont Blanc in France, but he wanted to try technical climbing. Technical climbing uses ropes, harnesses and requires training.

"I was skiing in Jackson Hole two years ago and we were taking a bus to Yellowstone to go skiing and I saw the Grand Tetons, which are the most picturesque mountains in the lower 48," Straith said. "I asked the bus driver did anyone ever climb Grand Teton. He said, yes, all the time, and I was blown away because they are so high, rocky

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Summit view: Jim Straith, in white helmet, and his climbing team enjoy the view from the top of the Grand Tetons.

and difficult looking."

Straith contacted the Exum School of Mountaineering which offers a program of two days training followed by two days of guided mountaineering to the summit. Exum charged \$480 for one person for the four-day experience.

"You don't need to be a superman, marathoner or have extensive experience," Straith said. "It helps to have some experience, but you don't need a lot. You can fly into Jackson Hole, Denver or Portland, do the courses in mountaineering and climb in four days."

Climbing the Grand Tetons is not a stroll in the woods and that's what Straith enjoyed about it.

"I've always had an interest in individual activities that required exertion and have ele-

ments of exercise and a little danger and a little adventure," he said.

Last year Straith added Oregon's Mount Hood to his list of conquests and this summer he plans to take on Washington's Mount Rainier. He will be climbing with Bill Gray, a friend since childhood. This time Straith will be climbing with Rainier Mountaineering Inc., offering one-day of schooling (required) and two days of climbing for \$465.

"The Grand Teton was one of the most spectacular outdoor experiences I've ever had. We climbed for two days from valley floor to summit," he said. From the summit the climbers looked out on Yellowstone and Jackson Hole valleys. The mountain rises 13,771 feet, above the altitude at which pilots are required to use oxygen.

"I'm a jogger and was a swimmer," Straith said. "I'm aerobically fit. I was OK. One girl had trouble but made it to the summit, but she struggled." But Straith said, the guided

climbs he's taken are not like those endured by those trying to take Mount Everest, and chronicled in the best seller "Into Thin Air," by Jon Krakauer.

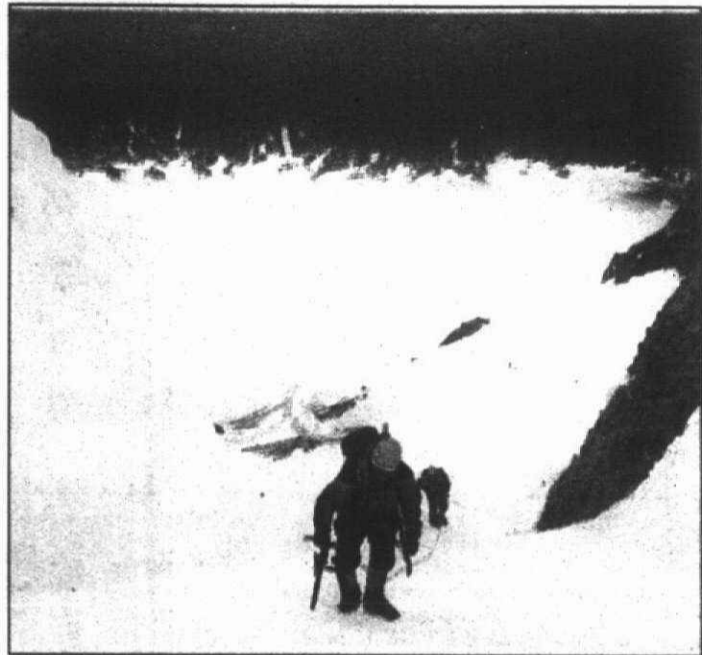
"The dangers of Everest are extreme. It's a matter of degree. The dangers of these guided climbs are minimal," Straith said. "Of course you could go climb Mount Holly and have no danger and no excitement or gratification."

He would like to try Denali (Mount McKinley) in Alaska.

For Straith, mountaineering is a metaphor for life.

"Setting goals and achieving them is part of the life process. It carries over into business, personal and intellectual pursuits," he said.

Straith, a single father, is going on some of his love of adventure to his 9-year-old daughter Lauren. He has taken her skiing, jet skiing and rock climbing and hiking through Michigan's north woods.



Ready for action: Fully equipped with helmets, ice axes and crampons, climbers forge ahead on Mount Hood.

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Mackinac Island's annual Lilac Festival runs Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 14.

"Authors and Artists" is one of the underlying themes of the Festival this year. Artist Richard Wolfgang, who painted the 1994, 95, 96 and 97 Festival Posters will be signing original prints at his shop on Market Street. Back

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Chiefs' Mayer signs

Another of Plymouth Canton's basketball standouts has committed.

Kristin Mayer, the Chiefs' 5-foot-7 guard, has been signed by St. John Fisher College of Rochester, N.Y., one of the top women's basketball programs in NCAA Division III.

Mayer is the second of the Chiefs to sign. Guard Melissa Marzolf earlier signed with Northwood University.

Mayer was one of four Canton players chosen as the team's Most Valuable Players, joining Marzolf, Kristin Lukasik and Nkechi Okwumabua. Mayer averaged eight points and five rebounds a game, solid numbers on a team that boasted great overall balance, with four players averaging between 7.5 and 11.5 points a game.

She also led the team in blocked shots.

"Kristin was a real consistent player for us," said Canton coach Bob Blohm, whose Chiefs finished the season at 19-5, reaching the Class A regional final before losing to Birmingham Marian. "We had a lot of people contribute that way. And she was good defensively, she could guard a lot of people, inside or out. She was a key player that way for us."

Certainly Mayer will go from one successful program to another. St. John's has been in the NCAA III Tournament 11 of the last 12 years, and has made the field for the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Championship for an unprecedented 20-consecutive seasons.

"We've had several talented players come from Michigan and Kristin is our latest," said Cardinal coach Phil Kahler, winner of more games than any other NCAA Division III coach with an overall record of 587-108. "Kristin comes from a great school and is a phenomenal shooter. I think she'll fit in and help us right away."

Of course, the shot that Mayer will always be remembered for is her put-back that just beat the buzzer and allowed Canton to defeat cross-campus rival Plymouth Salem in the state district tournament.

Taekwondo champion

Margaret Pieroni, of Plymouth, won a gold medal in forms competition at the annual U.S. Taekwondo Union National Championships May 13-17. State champions from across the country competed. Pieroni also took a silver medal in sparring.

For Pieroni, who trains at Kil's Taekwondo, the sport is a family affair. Her children, 8-year-old Joe and 5-year-old Nina, are state of Michigan gold medalists, same as their mother. They will compete in the junior national competition this July.

"We are really enjoying Taekwondo as a family," said Pieroni. "We can take classes separately or together. We are able to progress at our own speed, and are fortunate to have a world-renown, ninth-degree grand grand master (Sang Sop Kil) as our instructor. Our overall fitness, agility, strength and coordination has improved."

Sgroi wins award

Joe Sgroi, a senior at Redford Catholic Central, has been named winner of the school's Father James H. Whelan Award, presented to the senior who is an outstanding athlete, student and gentleman. The award is voted upon by members of all CC athletic teams.

Sgroi was all-Catholic, all-Metro and all-state in football and served as captain of the Shamrocks' Class AA championship team last fall. He carries a 4.25 grade-point average.

He will attend the University of Michigan this fall.

Academic standouts

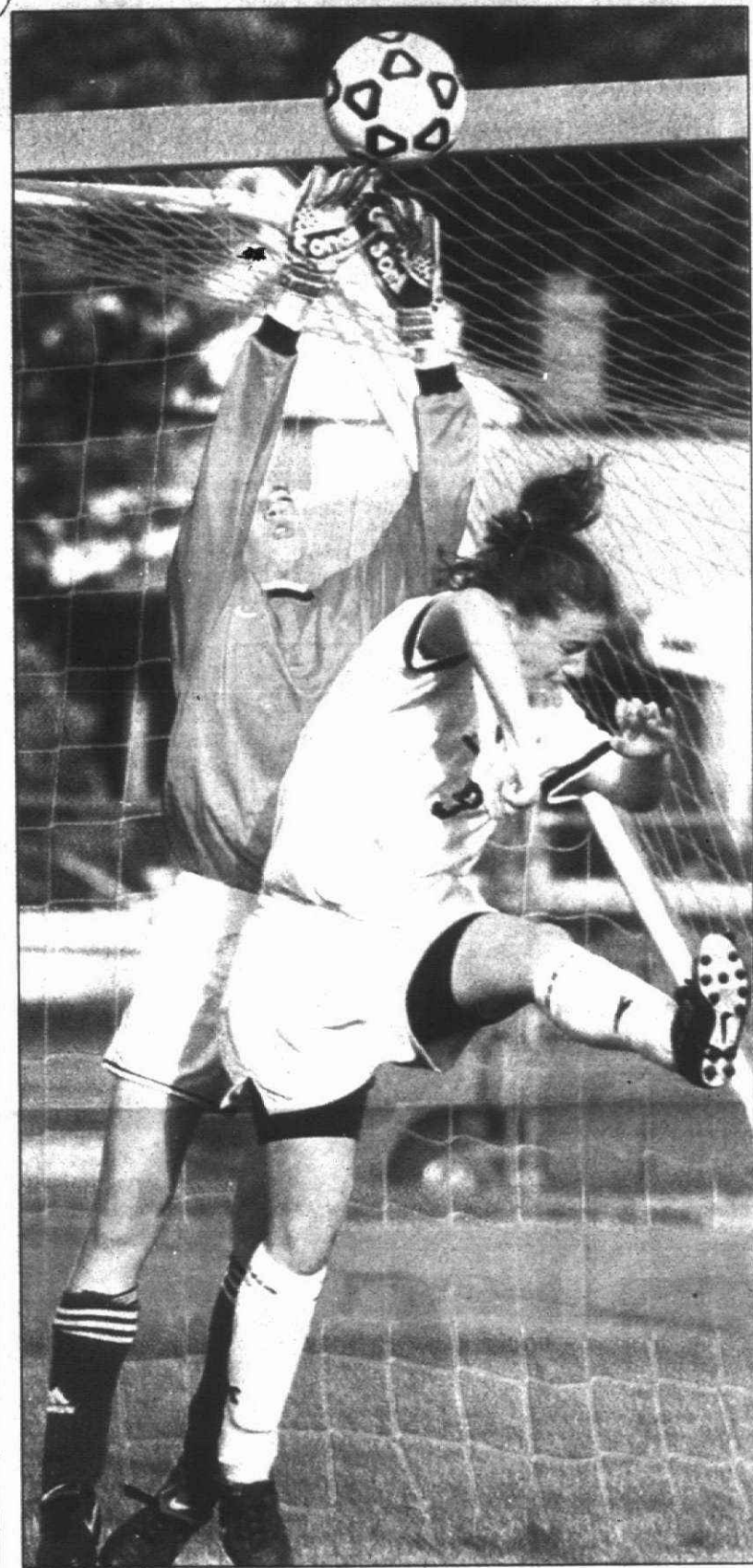
Three members of Plymouth Canton's girls soccer team have been nominated for the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches' Association's all-academic team.

Seniors Elisa Esper, Kristin Lukasik and Angie Lebbon were each selected for all-academic nomination. The Chiefs team, as a whole, was also up for academic honors consideration; the 26-member squad compiled a 3.4 overall grade-point average.

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Just too tough

Stevenson sinks Salem's title dreams at regional



Constant pressure: Salem keeper Jillian Dombrowski had a lot of company from Stevenson (above, by Michelle Vettraino). And the Spartans didn't leave many openings, as the Rocks' Jeanine Edwards discovers (right) as Stacy Nastase closes in.

The biggest fear Plymouth Salem soccer coach Doug Landefeld had going into Friday's Division I regional final against Livonia Stevenson was a game that ended 5-1, with Stevenson scoring five times in the first 14 minutes.

"If it's still scoreless after 15 minutes, it'll be a good game," the Rocks' coach had predicted.

Unfortunately, it wasn't scoreless. And this match, like every other one the Spartans have played this season, proved anticlimactic after they put in three first-half goals while cruising into the state semifinals with a 4-0 triumph at Southgate Anderson.

Stevenson, now 18-0, advances to meet the Portage Northern/Holt regional winner at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Mehall Field in Jackson.

"It was just what I said," Landefeld said after the loss. "If we could attack early, but they get a goal from (Melissa) Backus on her best shot of the year, a shot I've seen her miss on a dozen times this year, but this one she makes and we're down early again."

What Landefeld had hoped his team could do was keep it close for most of the first half, applying pressure and making it a one-goal affair, taking the Spartans away from what they do best — which is score early and often and keep pouring it on.

Problem is, almost everyone has tried to do something similar. In fact, just about everything has been tried against Stevenson, but nothing has derailed the Spartan express.

"That's all we talked about," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "We felt the longer Salem was in the game,

the harder it would be for us.

"It's a morale-booster for us, to get a goal that early. When we're on our game, we're pretty good."

Pretty good? This team (arguably) could be the best the state's ever produced. Consider not just the Spartans' unbeaten record — which extends back two years — but that they have never even trailed in a game this season. Heck, none of their games have even been that close.

Consider, too, the competition. Western Lakes Activities Association rivals Salem, Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill were all deservedly ranked among the state's top 10. Against Stevenson, they were a combined 0-6 after surrendering 30 goals.

Only one non-WLAA team beat those four (Churchill lost to Brighton). Salem finished its season, truly a superb one, with a 17-2-2 record, its only losses to — well, who else?

In Friday's regional final, Backus' early goal — a shot rifled over the hands of Salem keeper Jillian Dombrowski — just 1:45 into the match put the Rocks on their heels, certainly. And then Allison Campbell took over (again), netting a goal with 32:31 remaining that beat Dombrowski to make it 2-0.

That made it a bad situation for Salem. Seeing how the Spartan midfield and defense was playing made it even worse.

Keeper Jenny Barker smothered anything that came near the goal, except one shot with under a minute left in the match that got past her and was headed into the net — until Stevenson teammate Nicole Katikos

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PCA wins 1st-ever district title

It was a big day for Plymouth Christian Academy's baseball team. In particular, it was a big day for Eagle pitcher James Jones.

And for Jon Isensee. And for Evan Gaines.

Those three in particular stood out, but then again, who didn't? PCA did roll to its Class D district championship Friday, walloping Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian 20-5 in a four-inning mercy and Redford St. Agatha 12-1 in the title game at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The victories improve the Eagles' record to 18-10-1, and sends them to the Class D regional at Whitmore Lake against Wyandotte Mt. Carmel next Saturday.

It was the first district championship ever for a PCA boys team, and — as coach Sam Gaines put it —

"It's been a long time coming, a big day for us. We felt like our toughest game was Tuesday, when we beat Inter-City (in the pre-district).

The guys played hard, they never let up, they had only one error for the day, and we had

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good pitching and hitting.

"It was especially nice for our seniors. I hope we can keep it going for next Saturday."

Jones, one of those seniors, was on the mound for both wins. He scattered seven hits and struck out four in the win over Fairlane Christian, then tossed six innings in the victory over St. Agatha, allowing six hits and one walk, striking out nine. Bill Kiesel worked the final inning against the Aggies.

Another of the seniors, Isensee, was just as impressive. The shortstop collected three hits and two runs batted in in the first game, and had three hits — including a triple — in the second, with three RBI and two stolen bases.

For the day, Isensee was 6-for-7 at the plate with five RBI.

Evan Gaines, son of PCA's coach, was just about as productive. Evan went 3-for-4 with two RBI in the first game, and was 2-for-2 with

one RBI in the second.

In the win over the Aggies, PCA poured in nine runs in the second and third innings, far too large a margin for St. Agatha to overcome.

Another standout in that game was Travis Yonkman, who had two hits.

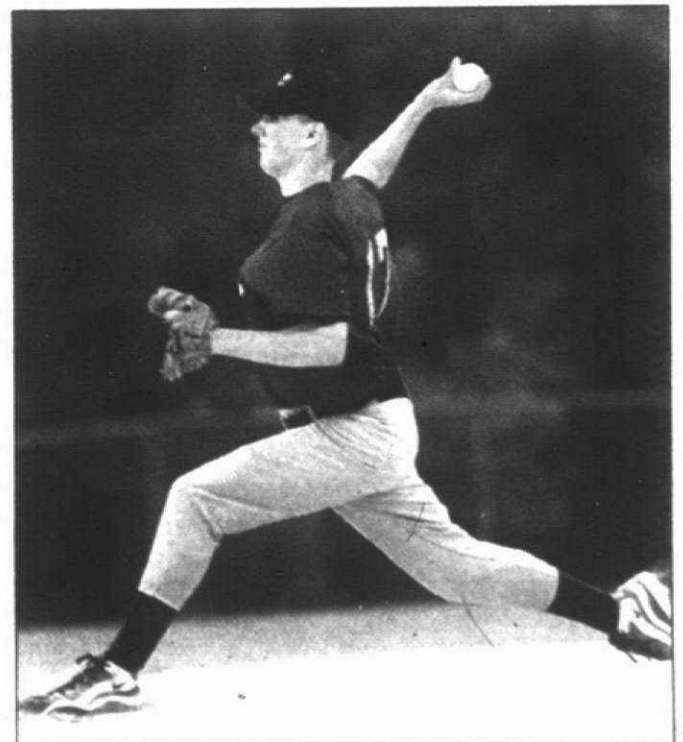
In the opener, Chris Brandon was 4-for-4 with two RBI and three stolen bases, and Kiesel went 3-for-3 with one RBI.

Canton 8-10, Dearborn 2-12: Plymouth Canton readied for yesterday's Division I district tournament by splitting a double-header with Dearborn Wednesday.

The Chiefs won the opener 8-2 behind the strong pitching of Mike Rourk, who tossed a four hitter, allowing one earned run while striking out four, and the hitting of Dave Kwiatkowski, who went 3-for-3, including a double, and drove in a run.

Canton built a 5-1 lead after three innings and never looked back. Pat Van Hull added two hits, with two runs scored and

See **PCA BASEBALL, D2**



Double-winner: Plymouth Christian senior James Jones ended up winning both the district semifinal and final, enabling the Eagles to reach the regional.

Coach, and wooden bats, are both back

What do wooden bats and John Moraitis have in common? Both thought to be no longer in existence, each will figure prominently this summer in the eight-team Adray Metro Baseball Association, based in Livonia.

The wooden bat, almost made extinct in amateur baseball by the aluminum bat, will be used exclusively. Moraitis, meanwhile, is alive and well, and not dead as was widely rumored in mid-winter.

Moraitis had gone vacationing in Florida and when it was reported that a well-known umpire from the area with a similar name passed away, some mistook it for him.

Moraitis is back for his 30th year of coaching amateur baseball, guiding Livonia Adray, one of four teams in the league for

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players 20 and under. The other four are unlimited age teams. "A guy called my brother Sam and said 'Why didn't you tell me your brother died,'" Moraitis said. "My brother said, 'Well, if he died it was yesterday because I just saw him two days ago.'"

Each team will play a 30-game schedule with sites including Ford Field in Livonia, Mic-Mac Park in Windsor as well as parks in St. Clair Shores and Wyandotte.

Troy Jet Box, an unlimited age team, is the only club from last year's league not back, opting instead to play in a league on the east side.

Jet Box has been replaced by the Warren Reds, an unlimited age team. The Windsor Stars

and Windsor Selects and Downriver Adray are the other unlimited age teams. Adray, Michigan Rams (coached by Rick Berriman), Livonia DCI (coached by Mike George) and Hines Park (coached by Dave Carroll) are the four collegiate aged teams.

The collegiate team with the best record at the end of the regular season receives an automatic berth in the All American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa., according to commissioner Gary Gray.

The second-place team goes to the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament in Louisville, Ky.

Not only is Moraitis alive, he must feel 25 years younger seeing wooden bats in use.

"It doesn't matter for me," he

said. "The kids like it because the big leaguers play with wooden bats."

Gray said the four collegiate teams voted unanimously to use the wooden bat for play and the unlimited age teams went along with the idea.

Gray said there will be a lot fewer home runs hit and he expects games not to last as long. Sponsors and players might find it costs more as well, because of course, wooden bats break.

Coaches and players are hoping a coating that covers the wood keeps breaks to a minimum.

Most of the bats used are called "Composite Bats" and they are manufactured by Louisville, Wirth and Baum, according to Gray.

"I like what the managers

like," Gray said. "If it's in the best interest of the league, we'll do it. It's more expensive because they're going to break more bats. But it's attractive to the kids. Instead of going out of state somewhere to play in a wooden bat league, they can stay here."

Hines Park appears to be making a tough transition to the wooden bats, losing its first two games by a combined score of 17-1. Carroll thinks it will take some adjustment.

"Hitting with wood or aluminum, the technique is still the same, but you have to develop the confidence," Carroll said. "They're too used to the aluminum bat, knowing if they don't hit the ball on the sweet spot, the aluminum will do the extra work for them."

ADRAY METRO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE	
Sunday, May 31: Warren Reds vs. Windsor Selects (2), 6 p.m.	at S.C.S. Kite-Memorial Park
Wednesday, June 3: Livonia DCI vs. Windsor Stars, 6 p.m.; Livonia DCI vs. Windsor Selects, 8:15 p.m.	
Sunday, June 7: Warren Reds vs. Windsor Stars (2), 6 p.m.	at Livonia's Ford Field
Wednesday, June 3: Livonia Adray vs. Warren Reds, 6 p.m.; Livonia Adray vs. Michigan Rams (2), 5:30 p.m.	
Sunday, May 31: Hines Park vs. Livonia DCI (2), noon; Livonia Adray vs. Michigan Rams (2), 5:30 p.m.	at Wyandotte Memorial Field
Friday, June 5: Warren Reds vs. Michigan Rams, 5:45 p.m.; Windsor Stars vs. Livonia DCI, 8 p.m.	
Sunday, June 7: Livonia DCI vs. Livonia Adray (2), noon; Hines Park vs. Michigan Rams (2), 5:30 p.m.	at Livonia's Ford Field
Wednesday, June 3: Michigan Rams vs. Downriver Adray, 8:15 p.m.	
Saturday, June 6: Windsor Selects vs. Downriver Adray (2), 1 p.m.	

Adray opens summer league with win

Livonia Adray opened the Adray Metro Baseball Association schedule on Wednesday with a 4-3 victory over Downriver Adray in Wyandotte.

The league is using wooden bats exclusively this year, the first time in more than two decades.

Nick Newman, one of four Adray pitchers used, earned the decision for Adray. He pitched two innings, allowing

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no runs on one hit. "I pitched everyone just to get the rust off them," Adray coach John Moraitis said.

Eric Harding (from White Lake and Oakland University) had a double, home run, scored three times and drove

in two runs to lead Adray. Craig Fod-drill (Ypsilanti/Eastern Michigan University) had a double and scored a run. Dan Hyott (Ypsilanti/EMU) scored a run after being hit by a pitch.

Adray turned four double plays, three of which were turned by shortstop Derrick Wolf (Tecumseh/Grand Rapids Junior College) and second baseman R.J. Casey (Garden City/U-D Mercy).

Harding, the first baseman, helped account for the other, catching a pop up in short right field and throwing to Wolf at second for the second out.

MICHIGAN RAMS 11, WINDSOR SELECTS 1: Right-hander Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/U-D Mercy) threw a two-hitter with two strikeouts over four innings to lead the Rams to an easy victory in their opener Wednesday at Mic-

Mac Park in Windsor. Rick Green (Oakland University) was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Matt Pike (Waterford Kettering/Siena Heights College) had a double and three RBIs. Aaron Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State), was 2-3 with two RBIs.

Luke Humphreys (Redford Union/St. Mary's College) scored a run on a passed ball after reaching third base with a walk, and two stolen bases.

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an RBI, and Oliver Wolcott had a hit and scored two runs.

The second game turned into an all-offensive affair for both teams. Canton trailed 4-3 going into the fifth, when the roof fell in — the Pioneers scored eight runs in the fifth and sixth, and withstood the Chiefs' three-run rally in the seventh.

Brent Kossick paced Canton with two hits and an RBI, while David Winter had a double and two RBIs. Mike Crudele, Jason

Evans and Kevin Tomasaitis each had a hit and an RBI, while Kwiatkowski had a double and scored two runs.

Winter started and took the pitching loss for Canton, working 4 1/3 innings and giving up six runs in the fifth and sixth, and surrendered another six runs (three earned) on five hits and a walk.

The split left Canton with a regular-season record of 15-15.

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slipped in behind Barker and cleared the ball out of harm's way.

Defender Andrea Sied not only scored a goal, slamming home a rebound to make it 3-0 after Campbell had knocked a shot off the crossbar with 16:52 left in the opening half, but ran down any threatening Salem attackers.

And then there's the Stevenson midfield, often overlooked

simply because all other phases of the Spartan game are so impressive. In this match the midfield was, too, particularly Leah McGrath, who applied a smothering defense on Salem's star midfielder, Mia Sarkesian.

"You have to try to get numbers around her, she's so good," Kimble said of his team's defense against Sarkesian, which featured several other players helping McGrath. "But

she was Leah's assignment." And, as Landefeld noted, McGrath did "a great job on Mia. And once you take Mia out of the equation for us, we're hurt."

Down 3-0 at half, realizing Stevenson had surrendered just five goals in its previous 17 games this season, it was apparent Salem's hopes were slim indeed. The Spartans made certain when, with 21:58 left in

the second half, a Sarah Witroek corner kick reached Campbell in the box, and she headed it past Salem keeper Jenny Fitchett — who took over in the second half and had several solid saves.

"They're the best team in the state," said Landefeld of Stevenson. In a week, no one will be able to disagree — if indeed anyone does now.

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HOOKED ON FISHING Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which will be held Saturday, June 6, at Kensington Metropark. Call 800-47-PARKS or (248) 685-1561 to pre-register.

BASS TOURNAMENT The 17th annual Bass Tournament will be held Saturday, June 6, at Thelma Spencer Park in Rochester Hills. Call (248) 656-4657 for more information.

FISH-IN Demonstrations and seminars on European techniques for carp fishing followed by an opportunity to try some of those techniques out on Kent Lake, will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7, at Kensington Metropark.

FISHING DERBY FOR KIDS The 10th annual Wyandotte Fishing Derby for Kids will be held Saturday, June 6, at Bishop Park in Wyandotte. Call (313) 246-4505 for more information.

KIDS AND FISH A day full of fishing activities and events for children begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at Marshall Metropark. Call (734) 379-5020. Ext. 736 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

CLASSES

FLY TYING Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-

0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HIKING THE APPALACHIANS A slide presentation by "Grandma" Verna Soule about hiking the Appalachian Trail begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

CANOE DAY Test drive one of 20 different Mad River canoes during this on-the-water clinic, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, on Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark. The clinic is offered by REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

BASICS OF GPS Learn the basics of navigation and how the GPS receiver works during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS

SOLAR The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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MEETINGS

NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11 at the Tawas City Holiday Inn. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

BASS Bass season opens June 20 on Lake St. Clair, and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers. The season opened May 23 on all other waters.

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