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THE WEEK AHEAD

Outdoor stories: Michigan storytellers will perform "Stories for the Whole Family" at 2 p.m. today (June 7) at the Plymouth Orchard and Cider Mill just outside of Plymouth, 10685 Warren Road between Napier and Gotfredson. Reserve your tickets in advance by contacting Oral Magic Storytellers at (734) 451-1128. Leave your name and number of tickets to be held at the door. Cost is \$3 per person (children must be accompanied by an adult).

MONDAY

Cast your ballot: Polls are open in the Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts. Plymouth-Canton voters will choose candidates for two, four-year terms and a two-year term. In Wayne-Westland, three candidates are running for a four-year seat. Van Buren voters will select candidates for two, four-year terms and vote on a proposal to earmark 1.3 mills annually for 18 years into a fund for construction of two elementary schools and renovations in all school buildings.

SATURDAY

Tea time: The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a Victorian tea at 2 p.m. with speaker Barbara Kincaid of Oak Hills, Calif., an author, lecturer and fashion historian. Reservations are \$12. Tables of four or six may be reserved. For more information, call 455-8940.

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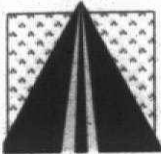
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Canton, county take high road



Officials from Canton and Wayne County have put aside a longstanding dispute over road funding to push for approval of a local road millage on the Aug. 4 primary ballot. Canton hopes to fund \$34 million in improvements.

It was bound to happen after years of taking pot shots at each other over pot holes.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack decided to settle their ongoing dispute over road funding outside Canton's administration building Thursday afternoon.

It all started at a press conference inside.

Yack plugged McNamara. McNamara plugged Yack.

Then, both men posed with Michigan Department of Transportation Director James DeSana in front of the county's orange road repair trucks.

McNamara and DeSana were in Canton to promote the township's 2-mill property tax hike proposal for road improvements. On Aug. 4, residents

will be asked to pay approximately \$150 more per year for the next eight years.

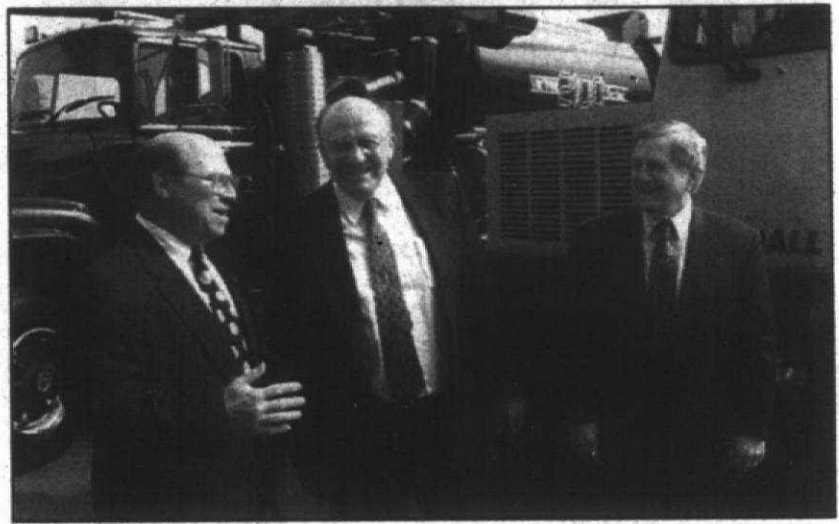
The township has planned \$34 million worth of road repairs if the ballot proposal passes.

The township money would maximize federal and state dollars allocated to the county, which is responsible for repairing township roads.

Yack opened up the press conference by introducing McNamara as one of the "Hall of Fame Mayors of Wayne County." McNamara was mayor of Livonia before heading the county government.

"Grenades have been thrown between Ed and myself. How it happened I don't know," Yack said. "Good communication was lost some time ago."

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Pushing the plan: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack (from left), Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and James DeSana, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation in Canton on Thursday.

Getting ready for Liberty Fest '98

Planners promise magical event

The laser light show has been taken off the schedule of events at this year's Liberty Fest, despite its enormous popularity from fest-goers.

Last year's Laser Light Extravaganza was downsized by FAA order for fear some of the aerial beams would interfere with air traffic at nearby Willow Run Airport.

Instead, the Friday night show stopper is the "Grand Illusion" magic show featuring John Sterlini, a Canton resident who has performed his Las Vegas-type show on Arsenio Hall and Jerry Springer.

"There will be a few surprises, some fire effects. I don't want to say too much to give anything away," said Sterlini, a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

His wife, Susan, also will appear and disappear throughout the performance. "I'll be cutting her in half," he added.

It's an equal opportunity magic show, he added. "She does a bit where she pulls my head off."

In 1996, Sterlini entertained thousands at the Pontiac Silverdome in a pre-game show for the Detroit Lions introducing its new mascot. He used his wizardry to launch the "explosive" Lion as it metamorphosed on the 50 yard line.

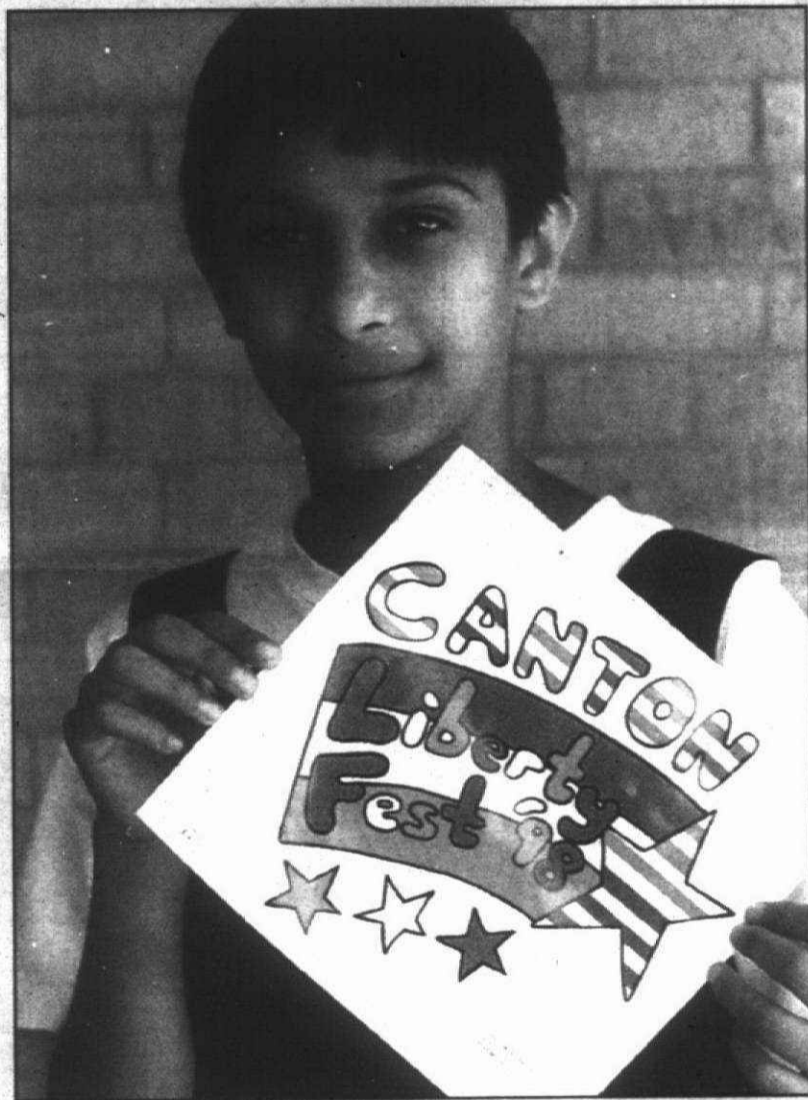
Liberty Fest chair and recreation supervisor Bob Dates called Sterlini's "Grand Illusion" "a high-scale production of David Copperfield-type magnitude."

The magic begins at 8 p.m. Friday with a pre-show line up of comedy, music and magicians.

The seventh-annual Liberty Fest at Heritage Park begins Thursday, June 18 and runs through Sunday, June 21.

"On Thursday we start out with an outdoor movie in the park at the amphitheater. We'll be showing (Walt Disney's) Hercules," said

Please see **LIBERTY FEST, A6**



Stars and stripes: Faizan Makhiawala displays his winning design. The East Middle School student can't wait to see the logo on T-Shirts worn by people visiting Canton's Liberty Fest June 18-21.

Logo design winner is quick on the draw

He likes pineapple, the Sci Fi channel, a candy called "Warheads," and drawing. He does a great vocal imitation of Mighty Mouse and thinks he might do cartoon voice-overs for Disney when he grows up. Or maybe he'll be an architect.

Faizan Makhiawala of Canton, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at East Middle School, is an all-American kid

who happened to win this year's Liberty Fest Logo contest.

Canton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored the contest for students in grades 3-12. First prize was a \$100 savings bond.

Makhiawala, a TAG student, drew his design in two days for extra credit

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Results challenge district

MEAP SCORES

Results for Plymouth-Canton fifth- and eighth-grade students in science and writing for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests are a mixed bag.

Scores released this week by the Michigan Department of Education show fifth-grade students in the district did slightly better this year in science, scoring 51.3 percent compared to 49.6 percent last year.

The results mean that just more than 51 percent of fifth-grade students who took the MEAP science test scored satisfactory, the highest of three levels. The others are moderate and low.

The 51.3 percent compares to the statewide average of 40.4 percent for fifth-grade science.

In writing tests, fifth-graders dropped from last year's figures, but remain ahead of the statewide average.

Fifth-grade students scored 81.4 percent on the writing tests. That compares to 88.9 percent last year. Across the state, Michigan fifth-graders scored 69 percent on the MEAP writing tests.

While eighth-grade students saw their average science scores climb, it remains the lowest of any of the MEAP scores reported.

Eighth-graders scored 29.8 percent on the MEAP science test. That compares to 22.4 percent last year.

Statewide, eighth-graders only scored an average 22 percent on the science tests.

Eighth-grade writing scores were down from 1997.

This year, eighth-grade students scored 81.4 percent on the writing skills test. Last year, the score was higher at 87 percent. Statewide, eighth-graders are at the 77 percent level.

"While we certainly were ahead of the state averages in science, there's certainly room for improvement, especially at the eighth grade level," Superintendent Chuck Little said. "Eighth-grade science scores were up compared to last year. However, if you look at scores from a couple of years ago we've seen a drop. We'll be studying it, trying to figure out why we haven't taught it well."

Little seemed pleased with most of

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School officials expect light voter turnout Monday

Plymouth-Canton school administrators are hoping for a good turnout in Monday's school board elections.

"I think with the number of big issues that board members will have to decide in the near future, voters will want to make sure they elect the candidates they feel are the best to make those decisions," said Superintendent Chuck Little.

For a school board election, a good turnout could be around 2,500 voters ... either going to the polls or voting absentee.

Last year, of the approximately

68,800 registered voters in the communities which are served by the district, only 2,513 voters cast ballots. That's an anemic 3.6 percent of registered voters.

In 1996, the school board election drew only 2,182 voters. That's a pitiful 3 percent of the registered voters.

District officials put the cost of the election at about \$12,800, which means taxpayers are getting a low rate of return for the money spent to staff all of the 18 precincts in the district.

This will be the third election for the controversial touch-screen voting

machines. Public relations director Judy Evola says there will be directions on how to use the machines just about everywhere.

"At the precincts there will be fliers with directions before voters go into the voting booth, and there will be instructions in every booth," said Evola. "We encourage voters to talk to precinct workers if they have questions, or watch a video that will be constantly playing at the polls."

School elections clerk Liz Adams says she's sent out 819 absentee ballots, and has received approximately

500 back. Anyone with an absentee ballot can return them by 8 p.m. Monday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth. The polls are open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Van Buren millage request

Van Buren Public Schools voters will also be going to the polls Monday. The district, which includes the southwest corner of Canton, has a millage proposal on the ballot in addition to two

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Report: Student made threat

A 16-year-old Plymouth Canton High School student will not be returning to school from a medical leave after threatening the life of a teacher.

Salbenblatt acknowledges the threat, saying he was notified by a school administrator several days after the threat.

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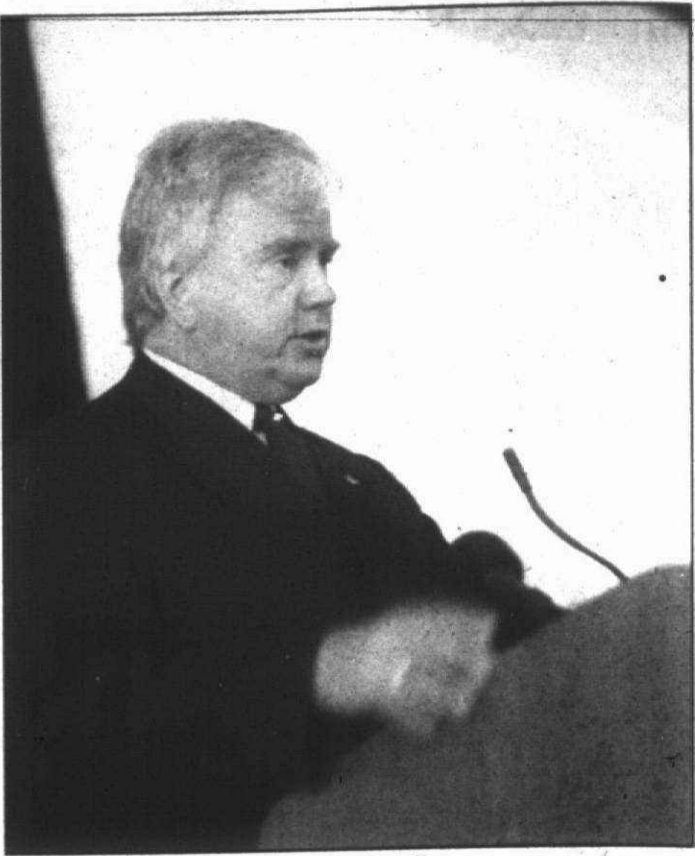
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I'm hoping to restore all that," McNamara later said, "I don't know if I'd agree with the word bickering.

Cameron Priebe, the assistant executive director of Public Services, was the featured speaker at Wednesday's Canton Economic Club luncheon.

Evola said there is a plan in case a shooting incident takes place at either of the two high schools. However, there are no plans in place at either the middle school or elementary buildings.



At Economic Club: Cameron Priebe talks about the need for road improvements in rapidly developing communities like Canton.

ton will have the dollars to match federal dollars," said DeSana. McNamara said there isn't enough money to go around, particularly for Canton, which has "greater needs with all its development and the inadequate road problem."

Funeral home to collect books

In an effort to meet the rising need and reduce the shortage of books for children in the community, McCabe Funeral Homes is launching "Stand by Me," a charity drive designed to assist the Canton Goodfellows in their need for books.

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How to: Student Matt Dixon plants flowers in front of Salem High School while being guided by teacher Renee Schmoekel.

Special students bloom alongside PCEP flowers

The Plymouth-Canton Education Park is blooming with a colorful array of flowers these days, thanks to a group of special needs students who spend hours planting all around the high school complex.

Renee Schmoekel is the teacher for autistic impaired students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, a program which is in its third year.

"My job is to have autistic students be with regular peers and to learn what teenagers do and how teenagers act," said Schmoekel. "The day consists of social skills, teaching people with autism how to interact with their own peers, teachers and employers.

Planting flowers at the high schools is a learning experience in more ways than one. "We invited the student council and other special education classes to help," said Schmoekel. "It gave my kids the interaction with regular education students, and it also gives us a sense of working together and school pride.

"I love to plant the flowers and water them," said Matt Dixon of Plymouth. "I also like to work at Meijer. I sweep and stack the clay pots."

Schmoekel says autism is a neurological developmental disability that ranges in appearance from very low functioning to very high functioning.

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the results. "Elementary science and writing tests continued to do well," said Little. "In fact, elementary did well in all the tests, including the results (released last month) for math and reading."

District officials caution parents not to read too much into big jumps in scores, whether they be up or down.

MEAP RESULTS table with columns for Elementary Science, Elementary Writing, Middle School Science, and Middle School Writing, showing scores for various schools and districts.

Last month the state released MEAP test scores for math and reading in fourth and seventh grades.

Fourth-graders saw math scores jump from 66.6 percent to 80.1-percent. Reading scores also improved, going from 57.1 percent to 67.2 percent.

percent to 72.8 percent. Reading from 50.3 percent to 58.2 percent. District officials caution parents not to read too much into big jumps in scores, whether they be up or down.

Tenant reports collectibles stolen

A tenant at the Crossings at Canton apartments reported a \$2,800 theft of football trading cards and CDs from a storage unit.

The 32-year-old man told police Wednesday he hadn't been to the storage unit since March. The fence around the unit was damaged.

Stolen were a full set of Upper Deck football cards from 1991-97 and rookie cards for Barry Sanders, Joe Montana and Troy Aikman, valued at \$600. He also reported 150 CDs stolen, valued at \$2,000, and eight Brudard

COP CALLS

Police are investigating two teens who set off "Drano bombs" in a field near Morton Taylor north of Palmer. A 43-year-old Canton man told police that someone drove off with his trailer and \$4,000 Yamaha Waverunner sometime between 4 p.m. May 28 and 9 a.m. Thursday. The trailer with jet ski was parked behind Dynamic Metal Treating Company on Ronda Drive.

OBITUARIES

VIOLET V. HANCOCK

Services for Violet V. Hancock, 84, of Canton were June 5 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. Dean A. Klump from First United Methodist Church, Plymouth officiating.

She was born Oct. 22, 1913 in Detroit. She died on June 3 at Westland Convalescent Center. She was a secretary for an automotive company.

Survivors include her two daughters, Jon E. (Lynne) Nan C. (John) Mustonen; one son, Paul W. (Kim); and six grandchildren.

MARTHA BETTY LEMON

Services for Martha Betty Lemon, 71, of Northville were June 5 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1927 in Peterhead, Scotland. She died on June 2 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Isobel Ritchie. Survivors include her husband, Thomas W. Lemon of Northville, one son, Robert Lemon of San Jose, Calif., one daughter, Ailsa (Craig) Blunk of Northville, one sister, Aileen Copland of Southgate, and two grandsons, Adam Blunk and Gavin Blunk.

Memorials may be made to Plymouth Adult Day Care, Our Lady of Providence, 16115 Beck Rd., Northville, Mich. 48167.

PAUL W. KELLY

Services for Paul W. Kelly, 75, of South Lyon were June 2 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Robert L. Miller officiating.

He was born on May 22, 1923 in Detroit. He died on May 30 in Ann Arbor. He was a tool and die maker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Louise Kelly. Survivors include his two sons, Michael (Lynne) Kelly of Davidsburg, Darrin (Robynn) Kelly of Stockbridge, Mich.; two daughters, Nannette (Ronald) Begolia of White Lake, Mich., Susan (Dennis) McCusker of Canton, one brother, Fred (Charlotte) Koester of Redford, and one sister, Phyllis Likas of Dearborn Heights.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R St., Detroit, Mich. 48201-9983.

DARLENE A. HICKEY

Services for Darlene A. Hickey, 68, of Tega Cay, S.C. were June 6 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor. Burial was held on May 23 in Rock Hill, S.C.

She was born on May 30, 1928 in Detroit. She died on May 21 in Tega Cay, S.C. She lived in southeastern Michigan, including Dearborn Heights and Union Lake until 20 years ago when she and her husband moved to South Carolina.

Survivors include her husband, Harold, her parents, Esther and James Connell of Westland, one daughter, Donna of Rock Hill, S.C., one son, Tom of Plymouth, two grandsons.

Kevin and Sean of Plymouth; one sister, Ruth Rudzisz of Westland; and one brother, Ray Connell of Pinckney.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the Plymouth District Library.

JESSIE W. HUDSON

Services for Jessie W. Hudson, 84, of Oregon will be held at a later date in Scotland.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1913 in Glasgow, Scotland. She died on June 3 in Springfield, Oregon. She moved to the Eugene/Springfield area to be near her son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Suzanne Hudson. She moved to the U.S. in 1930 living initially in Peekskill and Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. She married Samuel Hudson in 1939. When Sam was drafted into the U.S. Army she moved back to the Peekskill area. Her only child, Bruce, was born there in 1945. In 1951, the family moved to Livonia and in 1952 to Plymouth.

Jesse received her BA in English and Art and MA in Art degrees from Eastern Michigan University, becoming an art teacher in Plymouth High School in 1960. She was active in the local arts community. She occasionally contributed her poetry to the Crier.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, two sisters, Agnes and Molly, who reside in Scotland, and two grandchildren, Laura and Gregory.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite No. 1000, Chicago, IL 60611-1676.

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Arts reporter wins O&E honor

Head bowed, Arts Reporter Frank Provenzano thankfully accepted an accolade from his peers recently - the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Journalist of the Year award.

"Frank is in the process of creating a new genre of journalism," said Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the O&E's parent company.

"And the guy writes like an angel," Power said, addressing O & E editorial staff and executives who attended the company's annual award ceremony.

Unlike traditional arts coverage, Provenzano melds community and art, emphasizing and supporting their relationship, Power said.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Provenzano has been writing about the arts for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since early 1997 shortly after the group launched its Sunday edition.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, 38-year-old Provenzano has written for the Detroit Free Press, Crain's Detroit Business and the Metro Times.

"I'm just so pleased that people are really taking the arts seriously," he said. "The arts are really a vehicle for self-development and they're also a way that many communities develop civic pride and identity."

Beyond Provenzano's literary writing style and in-depth treatment of arts and community, is leadership and advocacy, said O & E Taste/Entertainment Editor Keely Wygonik.

Provenzano is credited with organizing three, local forums about the National Endowment for the Arts' "American Canvas Report," a probe into the viability and survival of the nation's arts groups.

Stepping beyond the role of reporter, Provenzano united local arts organizations - many for the first time - in discussion, Wygonik said.

Also nominated for the annual award were: Redford Observer



Winner:
Philip Power, owner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, congratulates Frank Provenzano, winner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Journalist of the Year award.

Provenzano covers the art beat in Oakland County. He is a graduate of Michigan State University.

reporter Bill Casper; West Bloomfield Eccentric reporter Greg Kowalski; Rochester-Clarion Eccentric reporter Sharon Dargay; Westland Observer reporter Darrell Clem; arts reporter Linda Chomin and Community Life reporter Christina Fuoco.

Mindful during the event was the newspaper group's highest mission - providing unsubstitutable news to its readers.

Featured speakers were Tim Richard, a recent inductee into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame and director of HomeTown Communications' Regional News Service and writer, columnist and journalism faculty member at Wayne State University Jack Lessenberry.

Lessenberry underscored the O & E motto: "Today, competition is for time," he said. "I think you have to be indispensable."

Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

TAKING GUM DISEASE TO HEART

New research conducted at the University of Minnesota indicates that gum disease may lead to blood clots that can cause heart attacks and strokes. It adds to a growing body of evidence linking gum disease with cardiovascular disease, a conclusion that began with an inquiry to see what happens when bacteria that are harmless in the mouth invade the bloodstream: a likely occurrence among people with infected gums. Gum disease develops when the sticky film of bacteria on the teeth (plaque) grows and penetrates beneath the gumline, where they eat away at the tissues around the teeth and digest a pathway into the bloodstream. The new research indicates treatment may be as healthy for the heart as for the teeth.

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Airport committee named

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners reactivated its Committee on Airport Expansion on Thursday, citing concerns about the handling of Metro Airport's expansion.

Issues the committee plans to explore include: the timetable to complete the project, the expansion's budget, the need for an independent management team to oversee the undertaking and

noise issues, board Chairman Ricardo Solomon said in a news release.

There will be seven members on the committee: Solomon, D-Detroit, who will lead the panel; Kay Beard, D-Westland; Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit; George Cushingberry, D-Detroit; Edna Bell, D-Detroit; Edward Boike, D-Taylor; and Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn Heights.

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Dom Perignon sparkles as image-maker

Champagne did not sparkle until the last half of the 17th century. At the Benedictine Abbey of Hautvillers near Epernay, in the heart of the Champagne region, Dom Perignon brought still wine to bubbly life and essentially "invented" champagne. In memory, the house of Moët & Chandon bottles its image-making champagne as Cuvee Dom Perignon.

Dom Perignon's life was devoted to improving the still wines of the Champagne region and a result of his experimentation was the creation of today's most-celebrated wine, champagne. With much the same devotion, 43-year-old Richard Geoffroy has been making Cuvee Dom Perignon since 1990. In a recent meeting, Geoffroy detailed his background, his work and the uniqueness of the champagne he makes.

Although Geoffroy comes from a long line of Champagne grapegrowers, he went to medical school and earned his license to practice in 1982. He delayed that career and enrolled in the National School of Oenology in Reims. It is the mystery and magic of a champagne like Dom Perignon that energizes Geoffroy today. Practicing medicine is no longer a driving ambition.

Cuvee Dom Perignon is always vintage dated. "An exquisite champagne can only be made in years when nature gives us perfect grapes," Geoffroy noted. "We do try to make it every year, but the unique harmony of circumstances only occurs a few times each decade."

Nature does start the process, but it is Geoffroy's talented palate that selects still wines from the best vineyards to make a blend of perfection with bubbles.

"The beauty of champagne is that pinot noir (a red grape) and chardonnay (white grape) marry with yeast," he said. "In Dom Perignon champagne, chardonnay offers toast, coffee and butterscotch notes. Pinot noir contributes chocolate, biscuit and nutty elements."

"Even though flavors differ slightly with each vintage, the style of Dom Perignon is the same. The weight, mouthfeel and texture are always there. These come from the vineyards, the way the wine is made, the blending and aging processes. A set palette of vineyards allows a cherry picking of the proper vineyards suited to the vintage. With each vintage, the composition varies."

"In a classic year, more chardonnay is used because pinot noir would dominate. Perfect balance is only

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Wine Picks

Pick of the Pack:

1996 Bernardus Chardonnay \$20.

French wines for summer:

■ French white wines from France's Loire Valley are crisp and dry. We recommend 1996 La Poussie Sancerre \$25; 1996 Comte Lafond Sancerre \$28; and 1996 Ladoucette Pouilly Fume \$29.

■ Just off-dry and perfect with summer fruits is 1996 Marc Bredif Vouvray \$16.

■ 1996 Marc Bredif Chinon \$16 is a light, mellow Loire red wine.

Barbecue Reds:

1995 Geyser Peak Reserve Merlot, Alexander Valley \$19; 1995 Gundlach-Bundschu Merlot, Sonoma Valley \$21 with grilled tuna or swordfish; 1996 Morgon Pinot Noir \$22 with grilled salmon; and 1995 Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$30 with a thick, juicy steak.

Best buy: 1997 Meridian Sauvignon Blanc \$8.50 is fresh and delicious.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle

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ON THE WILD SIDE

Elizabeth Chiu King learned to eat before she learned to cook.

"My nanny Ah Woo was a born chef," said King who grew up in Shanghai, Canton and Hong Kong and now lives in Bloomfield Hills with her husband, Albert. "My parents used to give a lot of parties. I spent a lot of time in the kitchen listening to the sounds, the sizzling. I remember the smells, texture and colors. I became a gourmet eater."

When Chinese friends greet each other, they almost immediately ask, "have you eaten."

"In China, cooking is a culinary art, and eating is of the highest order," said King who talks about food the way artists talk about painting.

Ivory & Jade Flowers sounds like the name of a painting, but it's not.

When King stir-tosses Ivory (cauliflower) and Jade (broccoli) florets with garlic and oyster-flavored sauce, she is creating not only a work of art, but a scrumptious dish, one of 78 featured in "A Wok A Week - 52 Lite and Easy Meals," (China Books & Periodicals, Inc., San Francisco, \$17.95) which she co-authored with Donna H. Dean.

King has eaten Chinese food all her life, but her cholesterol was high, and she wanted to cut back on fat.

"Chinese food is intrinsically low-fat," said King. "We use vegetables and less meat but usually a lot of oil."

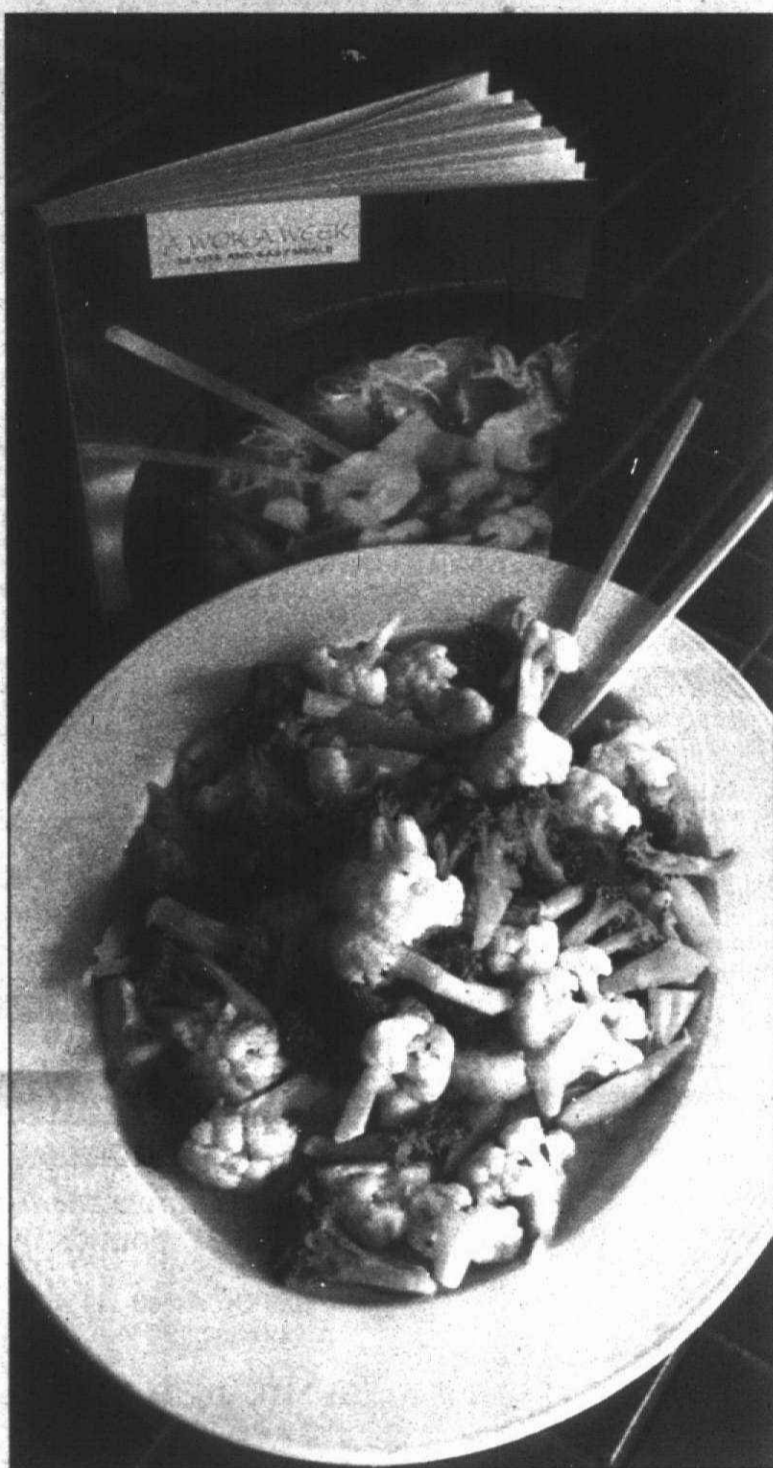
She met Dean at a conference in Portland, Ore., and they started talking about food. Dean is a public health educator with extensive experience in the field of low-fat nutrition.

"She kept me on the straight and narrow and fed me different literature about low-fat cooking," said King. "A Wok A Week," took eight years to write.

"Stir-fry is the traditional method to cook Chinese food, but we have over 30 cooking methods," explained King. "I developed a new term - stir-toss. I use broth or water to prevent foods from sticking to the wok. I use no more than a tablespoon of oil for a recipe for four. Marinating meat, poultry and seafood allows the flavors to seep in. If you marinate meat overnight it's oh so tender."

None of the recipes in the book call for hard-to-get ingredients. "They require minimal cutting, and the ingredients are even available in Iowa and Idaho," she said. "Uncommon ingredients turns people off."

"A Wok A Week" is a clever way of whetting your appetite for Chinese cooking, not all of the recipes are stir-tossed. King also employs other cooking techniques in her recipes - baking, boiling, braising, grilling, poaching and roasting. There are even step-by-step menus, and a party plan to celebrate the seasons. She explains how to season and



clean your wok too and says the secret is to cook with a hot wok. Electric woks are OK, but they take longer to heat up.

If you wanted to plan meals by the book, you could plan one Chinese meal every week using "A Wok A Week."

There are 52 menus, one for every week of the year. Menus take into account the seasonal availability of foods, and each recipe includes a nutritional analysis by Bob Wilson.

"I had to revise recipes to be 30 percent fat or less," said King. "Each recipe can stand on their own. We put together menus because a lot of people say they want to cook a Chinese meal, but don't know how to plan one. You could serve Ivory & Jade Flowers with hamburgers."

Culinary adventure: "A Wok A Week - 52 Lite and Easy Meals" by Elizabeth Chiu King and Donna H. Dean (China Books & Periodicals, Inc.; \$17.95) takes the fat not flavor out of Chinese cooking (Far left) Elizabeth Chiu King stir-tosses Ivory & Jade Flowers, a colorful blend of cauliflower and broccoli seasoned with garlic and oyster sauce.

Each recipe is beautifully illustrated with brush drawings by Xi'an Lin. The recipes themselves are works of art. King uses a variety of colors, textures and flavors to create culinary masterpieces.

She studied with master chefs in the U.S. and China and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English, and a master's degree in library science.

Fluent in four Chinese dialects, King is an authority on Chinese cooking, restaurants, culture, arts, customs and traditions. She'll be giving two lectures on Chinese cooking at the Detroit Opera House this summer.

The mother of two grown sons, King and her husband, a professor in the College of Engineering and adjunct professor in the School of Medicine at Wayne State University, have two grandchildren, and one on the way.

She travels extensively and has taught numerous cooking classes locally and is a frequent guest on television and radio talk shows throughout the United States, Canada and China.

"A Wok A Week" is her fifth book. Her "15-Minute Chinese Gourmet" was published by McMillan in 1986.

See recipes inside.

Book Signings

Elizabeth Chiu King will be signing copies of "A Wok A Week - 52 Lite and Easy Meals" at the following Borders Books & Music stores.

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 - 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.
- 7 p.m. Thursday, July 2 - 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi.
- 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9 - 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

Lectures

WHAT: King will present two lectures this summer at the Detroit Opera House, on the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, (one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit.

WHEN: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 - Food in Chinese Culture; 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 - How to Look 10 years Younger; Eat Well, Eat Right (includes cooking demo and sampling).

COST: \$25 for both lectures, includes materials. Call (313) 874-7290 for reservations/information.

When it comes to health, father doesn't always know best

LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

Attention men! Mark these dates on your calendars - Saturday, June 13, Men's Health Day, and Sunday, June 21, Father's Day.

My husband, David Price, always reminds me that men should be recognized, not just on Father's Day, but year-round. Men provide financial, emotional and spiritual support to their wives, children and other family members.

To continue being such good guys, men need to attend to their health. Statistics show men are less likely to have regular physicals, or take care

of a pressing health problem than women.

Each year, approximately 38,000 men lose their life to prostate cancer, which is currently the second leading cancer killer of men. Many of these deaths could have been prevented had these men been diagnosed and treated early.

After listening to a dynamic lecture in May by a representative from the Karmanos Cancer Institute,

I decided to focus on prevention of prostate cancer through a healthy diet.

Cancer risk factors

First of all, let's take a look at risk factors. You are more at risk for prostate cancer if you are over 40, African American, or have a family history of prostate cancer. A poor diet also raises your cancer risk.

According to the National Research Council and National Cancer Institute, diet is the greatest single contributor to the current cancer epidemic, specifically breast, colon and prostate cancer.

More cancers are caused by poor diet than by tobacco, alcohol, radiation, pollution and medications. It is now known that high-fat diets can put men at risk for prostate cancer.

Studies have shown that consuming fat raises the level of the male blood hormone testosterone and other hormones which could stimulate the prostate to grow, along with cancerous cells. American men have a much higher death rate from prostate cancer than men in other countries who consume only about

half as much animal fat.

Animal protein sources are generally not only the highest in fat content but are the most concentrated sources of protein. High-protein diets have been implicated in cancer of the colon, prostate, and pancreas.

Red meat is linked to a higher risk of colon and prostate cancer. Men who are heavy red meat eaters have four times the risk of colon cancer and are twice as likely to get prostate cancer.

Antioxidants

As a general rule, high consumption of vegetables and fruits can cut in half the risk of many cancers. Carrots, green leafy vegetables, "cruciferous" vegetables such as broccoli and cabbage, and citrus fruit are considered the most beneficial for preventing cancer. These types of foods contain "antioxidants," which prevent substances from forming that can damage cells and impair their natural ability to resist the development of cancer.

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"ENTERTAINMENT ON US"

Here's a guide to the free concert series presented by Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority in Kellogg Park, and on the streets of downtown Plymouth Friday evenings through Aug. 21. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 254.

- Mike Karoub and Cello Jazz, 7-9 p.m. June 12 - Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street
- MEW, (alternative rock) 7-9 p.m. June 19 - Ann Arbor Trail and Forest
- The Regular Boys with vocalist Jeanne Staels, (rhythm & blues) 6:45-9:45 p.m. June 26 - Kellogg Park
- Larry Nozero, (alto sax, jazz) 7-9 p.m. July 10 - Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street
- Schunk, Starr, Dryden jazz trio, 7-9 p.m. July 17 - Penniman and Main Street
- Robert Bugar, (rock) 7-9 p.m. July 24 - Ann Arbor Trail and Forest
- Michele Ramo and Heidi Hepler (Brazilian Flamenco flavored jazz) 6:45-9:45 p.m. July 31 - Kellogg Park
- Perry Hughes, (jazz guitarist) 7-9 p.m. Aug. 7 - Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street
- Robert Noll/Blues Mission 7-9 p.m. Aug. 14 - Ann Arbor Trail and Forest
- Pamela Ransford and the Plymouth Guitar Band, and Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio (jazz, rhythm and blues flavored vocal stylings) 6:45-9:45 p.m. Aug. 21 - Kellogg Park.

Live music draws audience of shoppers

Three years ago when sales started to sag in Plymouth during Streetscape construction, Downtown Development Authority director Steve Guile added one more good reason for people to visit the historic city on Friday nights.

A series of jazz, rhythm and blues and rock groups are performing in Kellogg Park and on the streets of Plymouth in an effort to bring shoppers into the retail district. The concerts began May 15.

"The idea was to offer live music as a bridge between major events downtown as a traffic generator," said Guile. "It's developed into quite an event, and with concerts beginning in June by the community band and the series by the arts council, it's gotten so you can come to Plymouth almost any night of the week and hear live music, in different locations. It keeps people circulating. And the music is representative of talent throughout the metro Detroit area."

Scheduling entertainment
Fred Sanderson, owner of Plymouth Guitar, is responsible for scheduling entertainment. Sanderson has his hands on the local music scene's heart beat. He plays keyboards with the Plymouth Guitar Band and jazz vocalist Pamela Ransford on Aug. 21. The group plays a blend of jazz, rhythm and blues, standards, old soul, and swing.

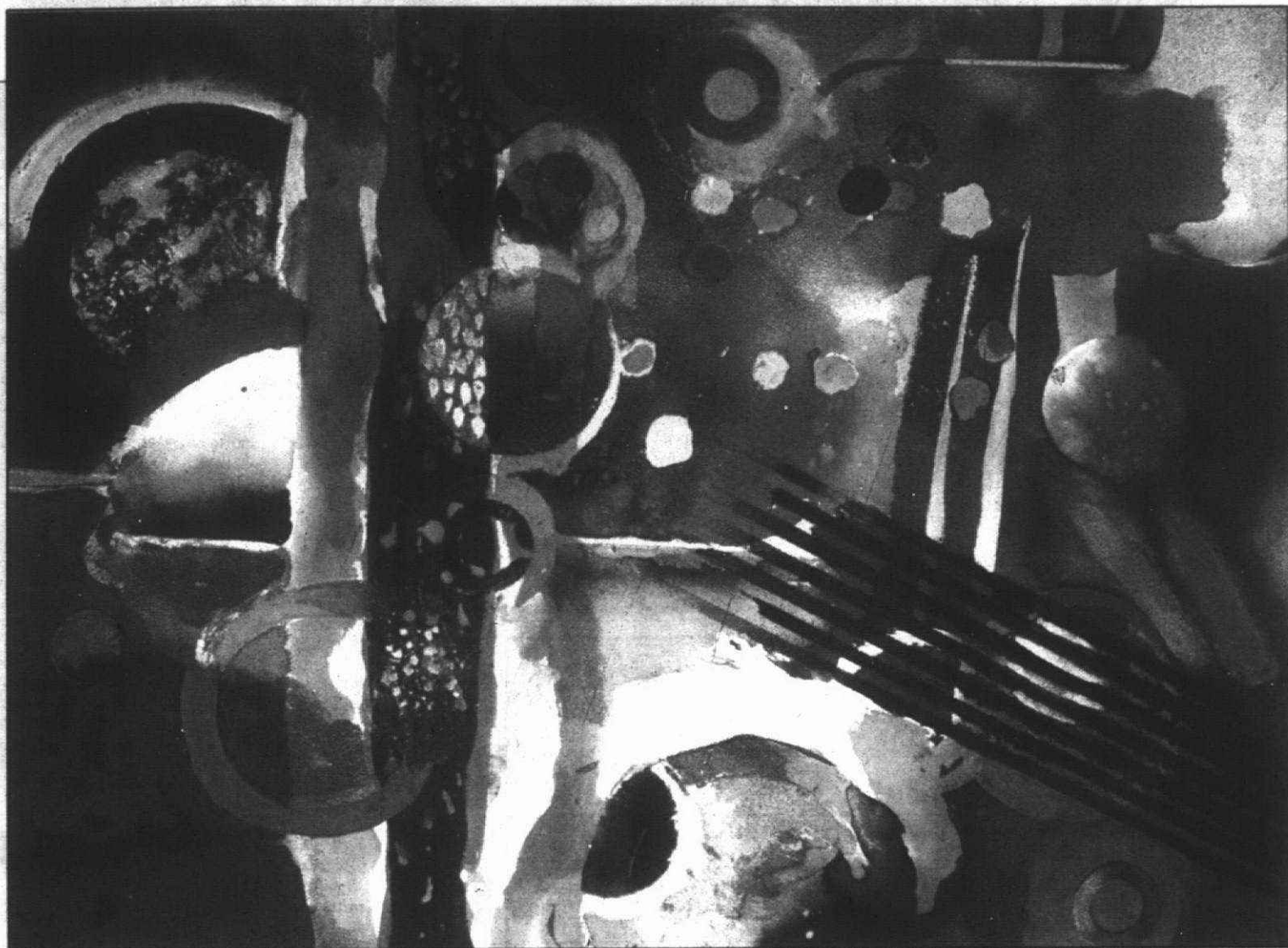
"The concerts are a who's who of the area musicians," said Sanderson. "Some are more well known than others. Everyone who comes down loves it. The concerts are free; they're quality. These musicians are the unsung heroes. They've worked hard polishing their craft and are not getting the recognition locally so the concerts benefit all of us."

Nearly all of the concerts are co-sponsored by downtown merchants this year.

Co-sponsors

Mike Karoub and Cello Jazz perform courtesy of Wild Wings Gallery June 12. Vocalist Jeanne Staels and the Regular Boys bring their brand of rhythm and blues to Kellogg Park June 26 thanks to Delta Diamond.

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Homage to Carl Sagan: Igor Beginin contrasts lines and curves in this vibrantly colored abstract.

Artist rises like Phoenix from Russian folklore

You'd never guess by looking at Igor Beginin the story of the man behind the paintings.

Beginin was born to Russian parents who fled their homeland for the former Yugoslavia when 15 members of his father's family were executed with machine guns during the Revolution. A Canton resident and art professor at Eastern Michigan University for 30 years, Beginin grew up in a cultured home. His father played the guitar and friends frequently dropped by to recite Pushkin or play classical music on the piano.

But all that ended when Beginin's father was shot by a firing squad in the former Yugoslavia. Beginin fled the country with his mother and "lived a life of lies" to survive.

Maybe his tragic family history is why Beginin always touches the viewer with his works whether it's with the vibrancy and passion of color, or the dark content of the "Night Stalker."

Like the Phoenix bird of the Russian folk tale, Beginin rose from the ashes. After living four years in a displaced persons camp in Italy, the family immigrated to America. Along the way, Beginin learned to speak five languages and served as an interpreter in the refugee camp in Italy.

It was in the former Yugoslavia that Beginin's talent for drawing and painting was first recognized. Beginin refers to his early art education for talented and gifted students in the German school in the former Yugoslavia as instruction under communism.

"I remember mixing pigment powders like 19th century painter Edouard Manet," said Beginin. "Everything in art was done to promote the communist government and its policy."

Phoenix rising

Since those early years, Beginin earned bachelor and master of fine arts degrees through scholarships from Wayne State University. The award-winning painter's work has been published in several books including West Bloomfield author Chris Unwin's "The Artistic Touch 2." Exhibiting in national and international watercolor shows, museums and galleries such as the Cary Gallery in Rochester won Beginin

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LIVONIA ARTS FESTIVAL

WHAT: The Livonia Arts Commission presents its 22nd annual arts and craft show in the streets of Greenmead Historical Village and the second annual Fine Arts in the Village in the historic buildings at Greenmead. On the grounds, but in a separate area, there will be a traveling museum by Precious Moments. Admission, parking and shuttle are free.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 14.

WHERE: Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Road, (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia. (248) 477-7375.

Tower emerges from the background

WHAT: The Music of Joan Tower, composer-in-residence of the Fifth Annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14

WHERE: Temple Beth El Chapel, 7400 Telegraph Road

FEATURED PERFORMERS: Paul Katz, James Tocco, Eighth Blackbird, Curateto de Cuerdas America

PROGRAM: "Petroushakes," "Winds," "Night Fields," "Tres Lent," "Or Like A . . . An Engine," "Noon Dance"

For information and tickets to this and other concerts in the Great Lakes Chamber Music **FESTIVAL SERIES:** Call (248) 362-6171, or (248) 645-6666.

Many writers claim that they listen to music while they write. Legend has it that William Faulkner sat an arm's reach away from the volume knob on his record player, often listening to Wagner's "The Ring of the Nibelung" in between sips of Jack Daniels.

But what do composers listen to when they're creating? "Having music in the background can't be done," said Joan Tower, arguably one of the least known and most talented composers in the classical music world.

Tower is the artist-in-residence at the fifth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. Her music will be featured in an "All-Tower Concert" Sunday, June 14, at the Temple

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Bold sounds: Joan Tower is considered one of today's most dynamic and colorful composers.

EXHIBIT



Stitch in time: Dawn Sgriccia (left) and Jan Chilenko stand in front of a quilt The Needlers Quilt Group donated for a raffle to raise funds for Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Needlers share friendship, stitches

Jane Raiger remembers playing under her grandmother's quilting frame as a child. In fact, the Livonia resident can't remember a time when quilts weren't a part of her life. Raiger recently finished warming up her new contemporary home by hanging quilts all over the walls, and Raiger's 89-year-old mother still makes quilts for her grandchildren.

Ten years ago Raiger decided with all this quilt making going on she could use a little help from friends. She invited fellow students in a class at Schoolcraft College to form a quilting group. At the time, a similar group existed in Northville, but Raiger was tired of being on the

long waiting list for membership and decided to start The Needlers.

Friendship

"It's a friendship group," said Raiger. "We get together to make quilt blocks for each other. I can't imagine the group ever dying out. We exchange homemade gifts at Christmas, hold August picnics for past members, and if one of our members gets pregnant, we make a baby quilt."

Unlike most clubs where camaraderie is one of the major benefits of belonging, The Needlers reap the fruit of their fellow quilters' labor. Every two years, a member supplies fabric

and patterns to other members who go home and stitch up their individual blocks. They return with the finished project the next month when another member chooses quilting materials for her blocks. The folk art, traditional and contemporary quilts, and quilted clothing by the 24 members of the club are currently on exhibit at Livonia City Hall.

Originally the group met in the homes of members, but recently moved their monthly meetings to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia. The church lets them use the Fellowship Hall. On display is a

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THE NEEDLERS

WHAT: Exhibit of creative stitching (quilts and clothing) hosted by the Livonia Arts Commission. The Needlers meet 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia. For more information, call Beth Colton, (248) 478-2812.

WHEN: Through Friday, June 26. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WHERE: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Soccer club tryouts

The following is a list of tryouts for the Canton Soccer Club's premier and select teams, both boys and girls, for this fall and next (1999) spring.

- **Kickers (under-19 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Art Page (981-2695).
- **Strikers (under-18 girls):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Gary Kurzynski (397-2188).
- **Magic (under-18 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Jerry Parent (844-8728).
- **Flames (under-17 girls):** Tryouts June 18; contact John Schimmel (981-1672).
- **Hornets (under-17 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Danny Rea (451-1032).
- **Crush (under-17 boys):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact Gary Cifaldi (459-3757).
- **Quest (under-16 girls):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Al Davis (451-5575).
- **Hornets (under-16 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Mark Zemanski (459-0611).
- **Force (under-15 girls):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact Eric Dean (455-3662).
- **Lightning (under-15 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Watson Zdrozdowski (459-0727).
- **Predators (under-15 boys):** Tryouts June 18, 19; contact Kurt Johnston (455-4703).
- **Comets (under-14 girls):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact Ernie Bucks (453-6555).
- **Vipers (under-14 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Dave Foess (416-9729).
- **Impact (under-14 boys):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact Tom Masters (844-1104).
- **Wings (under-13 girls):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact John Kiefer (981-7544).
- **Crossfire (under-13 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Jim Devries (397-8953).
- **Attackers (under-13 boys):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact Dave Krajovic (459-7849).
- **Conquest (under-12 girls):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact John Johnson (455-9884).
- **Strikers (under-12 boys):** Tryouts June 17, 18; contact Paul Palazzolo (207-1662).
- **Hurricane (under-11 girls):** Tryouts June 19, 20; contact Craig Picard (416-9428).
- **Canton (under-11 girls):** Tryouts June 22, 23; contact Cedric Gibson (453-5875).
- **Canton (under-11 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact Rick Pomorski (453-7817).
- **Canton (under-11 boys):** Tryouts June 22, 23; contact Doug Morrison (981-2773).
- **New team (under-10 girls):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact select/premier representative (455-9884).
- **New team (under-10 boys):** Tryouts June 16, 17; contact select/premier representative (455-9884).

Players wanted

A new under-19 girls premier soccer team is now taking shape, and players are needed. Anyone interested in playing for a team with a professional trainer that will be competing in the top division of the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League.

Those interested should have birthdates between July 31, 1979 and Aug. 1, 1983. All positions needed. For further details and tryout information, call (734) 464-9114.

Chiefs baseball camp

The Plymouth Canton baseball coaching staff and players will sponsor the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp, for kids 7-14 years old, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 15-19 at the Canton baseball field.

Included in the camp will be group and individual instruction in throwing, fielding, pitching, base-running, etc. Cost is \$85 per participant if received before June 7; at-the-gate registration is \$90. Included is a T-shirt and lunch. The camp is limited to the first 125 players.

Also — a one-day camp for eighth graders will be held from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at the Canton field. Cost is \$15; lunch will be included.

For information regarding either, call Mike or Diane Kwiatkowski (981-2024), Doug or Debbie Cortellini (451-1525) or Dick or Ellen Tucker (416-8376).

Sand volleyball

Co-ed sand volleyball leagues are now being formed by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Cost is \$40 per team (eight player maximum; four play at a time). Registration begins June 15 and ends July 2, at Canton Township Parks and Recreation, 46000 Summit Parkway (phone: 397-5110).

There is a six-team maximum per league; there are no residency requirements. All games will be played at 6, 7 or 8 p.m. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, from July 7 through Aug. 19, at the Heritage Park sand volleyball court.

Can new coach rebuild?

Now that's a pretty good birthday present. And it arrived early — about two years early, by Tim Baechler's account.

Today (June 7) is Baechler's 31st birthday. Earlier this year, the Lowell Middle School English teacher had applied for, and received, an assistant coach's position at Plymouth Canton HS. He had plenty of experience, having served as a varsity head coach at Hudson HS from 1991-96 and last year at Dexter HS.

Family reasons — his wife grew up in this area — prompted Baechler to leave Hudson, a Class CC program he had completely turned around, and move here. And although Dexter, a Class BB school that showed promise, was alluring, the travel time between Lowell and Dexter (in excess of 30 minutes) made it impractical.

So Baechler applied at Canton. "Coach (Bob) Khoenle told us he wanted to coach for two more years," Baechler said. "My intentions were to do a good job as an assistant and make my case, to have an opportunity to be a candidate for the head coaching position."

Well, things just didn't quite go according to Baechler's plan. Khoenle decided to leave early, resigning in mid-April. "He caught us by surprise," said Baechler.

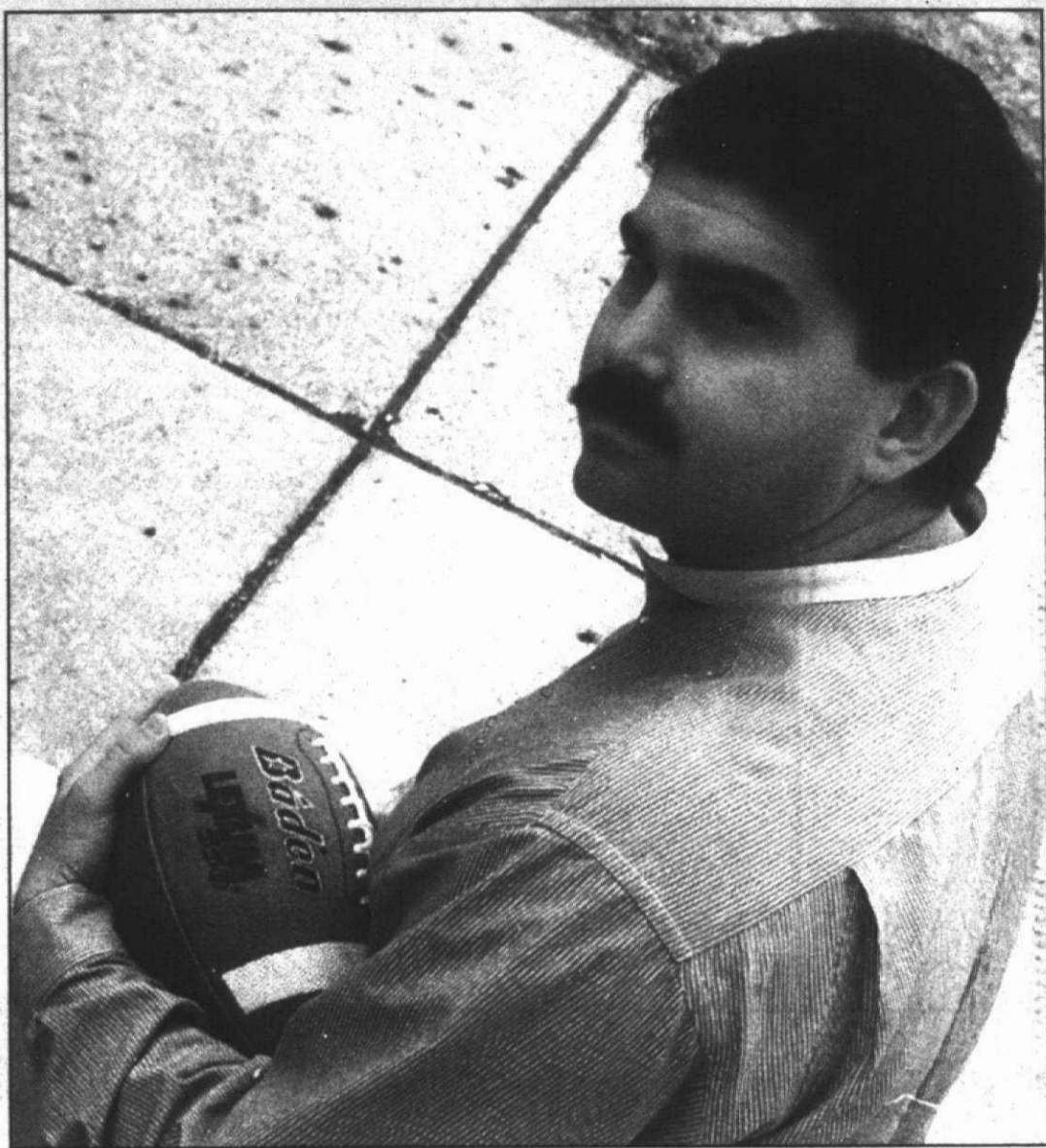
It didn't take Baechler long to decide what he wanted to do, and it didn't take those making the decision on the new coach long to choose Baechler as the Chiefs' head man.

"He does bring a successful high school experience to the table," said Brian Wolcott, CEP's director of athletics. "He's proven himself. I'm real, real confident he'll do a good job."

A look at Baechler's history indicates he will. In his five years at Hudson, his team started at 4-5 in its first year (the previous three seasons Hudson had been 1-26) and then went on a roll, going 32-13 during his stay. At Dexter last year, his team went 3-6 after going 2-7 the year before.

But as Wolcott said, the winning numbers are only a part of Baechler's story. "You know a rookie coach when you see one," he said. "He's not. He's got a presence, a confidence."

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Always a winner: Since he was a quarterback at White Pigeon HS, Tim Baechler has played for a winner. Even though he's only 31 (today), Baechler has six years of varsity high school coaching experience.

Chiefs, Rocks both make Observer

If you think you're having a deja vu experience looking at the 1998 All-Observer girls track and field team, it's because you are!

This year's team is nearly identical to last year's with eight individual repeat selections and two relay teams making encore appearances.

Earning consecutive places on the all-area squad are Livonia Franklin's Danielle Wensing, North Farmington's Melissa Gratz (shot put), Plymouth Canton's Nkechi Okwumabua (long jump), Westland John Glenn's LaToya Chandler (high jump), Farmington Harrison's Mahogany Fletcher (100-meter dash), Glenn's Nicolette Jarrett (200) and Livonia Stevenson's Kelly McNeillance and Kelly Travis.

Wensing, who was an at-large selection a year ago, earned a first-team berth in the shot put. McNeillance made the team in the 800 and Travis the 1,600, but last year they were the top picks in the 1,600 and 3,200, respectively.

Glenn's 800 relay team of Kania Adams, Nicole Herring, Chandler and Jarrett was Observerland's best again and added the 400 relay this year.

The top 3,200 relay team remains Livonia Stevenson's Travis, Andrea Parker, Danielle Harris and McNeillance.

Presenting the members of the All-Observer first team:

FIELD EVENTS

Danielle Wensing, senior, Livonia Franklin: Versatile is the perfect way to describe Wensing.

A regional shot put champion, Wensing also qualified for the state meet in the 400 meter dash and was second in the WLAA in the 200 dash. She placed 10th at the state meet in the shot put.

A top 10 placer in four events in Observerland, she is a three-time Most Valuable Player at Franklin.

She the shot put in 29 of the 31 dual meets she competed in during her career. So dominant, she broke the school record for career points earned as a junior.

This is her third straight year selected to the All-Observer first team.

"Danielle is everything a coach would ask for in an individual," Franklin coach Rich Lamb said. "Her combination of strength and speed is a true gift. In addition, her attitude and work ethic has allowed her to reach her full potential. Her name appears on the Franklin all-time top 10 list in seven different categories. However, what really makes Danielle special is her leader-

1998 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK & FIELD FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Danielle Wensing, senior, Livonia Franklin; 2. Michelle Bonior, freshman, Plymouth Salem; 3. Paula Tomlin, junior, Plymouth Salem.

Discus: 1. Melissa Gratz, senior, North Farmington; 2. Tiffany Grubaugh, sophomore, Plymouth Salem; 3. Emily Yambasky, junior, Livonia Stevenson.

Long jump: 1. Nkechi Okwumabua, senior, Plymouth Canton; 2. Brynne DeNeen, sophomore, Plymouth Salem; 3. Karinne Chatman, junior, Farmington.

High jump: 1. LaToya Chandler, sophomore, Westland John Glenn; 2. Natalie Grondin, junior, Farmington Hills Mercy; 3. Andrea Polasky, freshman, Livonia Stevenson.

Pole vault: 1. (three-way tie for first place) Kim Wise, freshman, Garden City; Katie Mitchell, senior, Livonia Stevenson; and Nicole Dettloff, junior, Livonia Stevenson.

RUNNING EVENTS

100-meter hurdles: 1. Nicole Herring, senior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Kristal Stricker, Farmington; 3. Erin Stabb, senior, Plymouth Canton.

300 hurdles: 1. Katie Sherron, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Suzanne Pepsinski, junior, Livonia Ladywood; 3. Crystal Alderman, junior, Plymouth Canton.

100 dash: 1. Mahogany Fletcher, senior, Farmington Harrison; 2. Brianna Watson, sophomore, Livonia Ladywood; 3. Kania Adams, senior, Westland John Glenn.

200 dash: 1. Nicolette Jarrett, junior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Tiffany Simon, junior, Redford Bishop Borgess; 3. Temica Clayton, sophomore, Farmington Harrison.

400 dash: 1. Autumn Hicks, freshman, Plymouth Canton; 2. Jennifer Hardacre, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Sarah Ware, junior, Plymouth Canton; and Taryn Moran, sophomore, Plymouth Christian.

800 run: 1. Kelly McNeillance, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Andrea Parker, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Kristin Hetra, senior, Livonia Churchill.

1,600 run: Kelly Travis, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Ashley Fillion, junior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Evelyn Rahhal, senior, Plymouth Salem.

3,200 run: 1. Alyson Flohr, freshman, Plymouth Salem; 2. Kim McNeillance, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Allison Fillion, sophomore, Livonia Churchill.

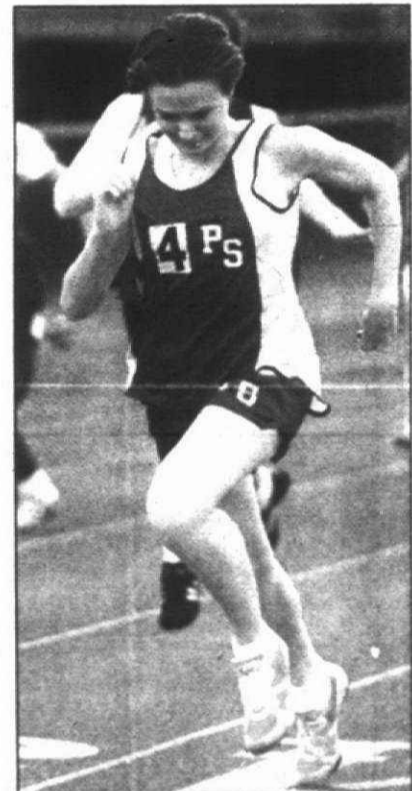
RELAY TEAMS

400 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (Kania Adams, Nicole Herring, LaToya Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett); 2. Farmington Harrison (Cierra Colbert, Temica Clayton, Lisa Rosemary, Mahogany Fletcher); 3. Livonia Ladywood (Brianna Watson, Kendall Carey, Kelly O'Brien, Katie McGraw).

800 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (Kania Adams, Nicole Herring, LaToya Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett); 2. Plymouth Salem (Autumn Hicks, Wendt Lehardt, Brynne DeNeen, Rachel Jones); 3. Farmington Harrison (Cierra Colbert, Temica Clayton, Lisa Rosemary, Mahogany Fletcher).

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth Salem (Brynne DeNeen, Katie Bonior, Rachel Jones, Autumn Hicks); 2. Livonia Stevenson (Katie Sherron, Jenny Hardacre, Nicole Dettloff, Kelly McNeillance); 3. Plymouth Canton (Ashley Williams, Sarah Ware, Terra Kubert, Crystal Alderman).

3,200 relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Kelly Travis, Andrea Parker, Danielle Harris, Kelly McNeillance); 2. Plymouth Salem (Evelyn Rahhal, Ellen Stemmer, Becky Phelan, Annemarie Vercurryse); 3. Livonia Churchill (Ashley Fillion, Allison Fillion, Kristin Hetra, Renee Kashawlic).



Relay standout: Rachel Jones, part of Salem's 1,600 relay team.

ship. She has been captain of our team for the past two years and is a very vocal leader. She is a presence that will be missed next year."

Melissa Gratz, senior, N. Farmington: Gratz didn't lose to anyone in the discus until the state meet, where only one girl had a better toss.

She also placed fifth in the shot put at the state meet and was a double champion in the WLAA, Oakland County and regional meets.

She made three straight trips to the state meet, placing fifth in the discus the last two years.

"Melissa has worked hard and been dedicated to our program for the past four years," North coach said. "She has been a team leader. It is great seeing her finish her career by placing fifth in the shot at the state meet and

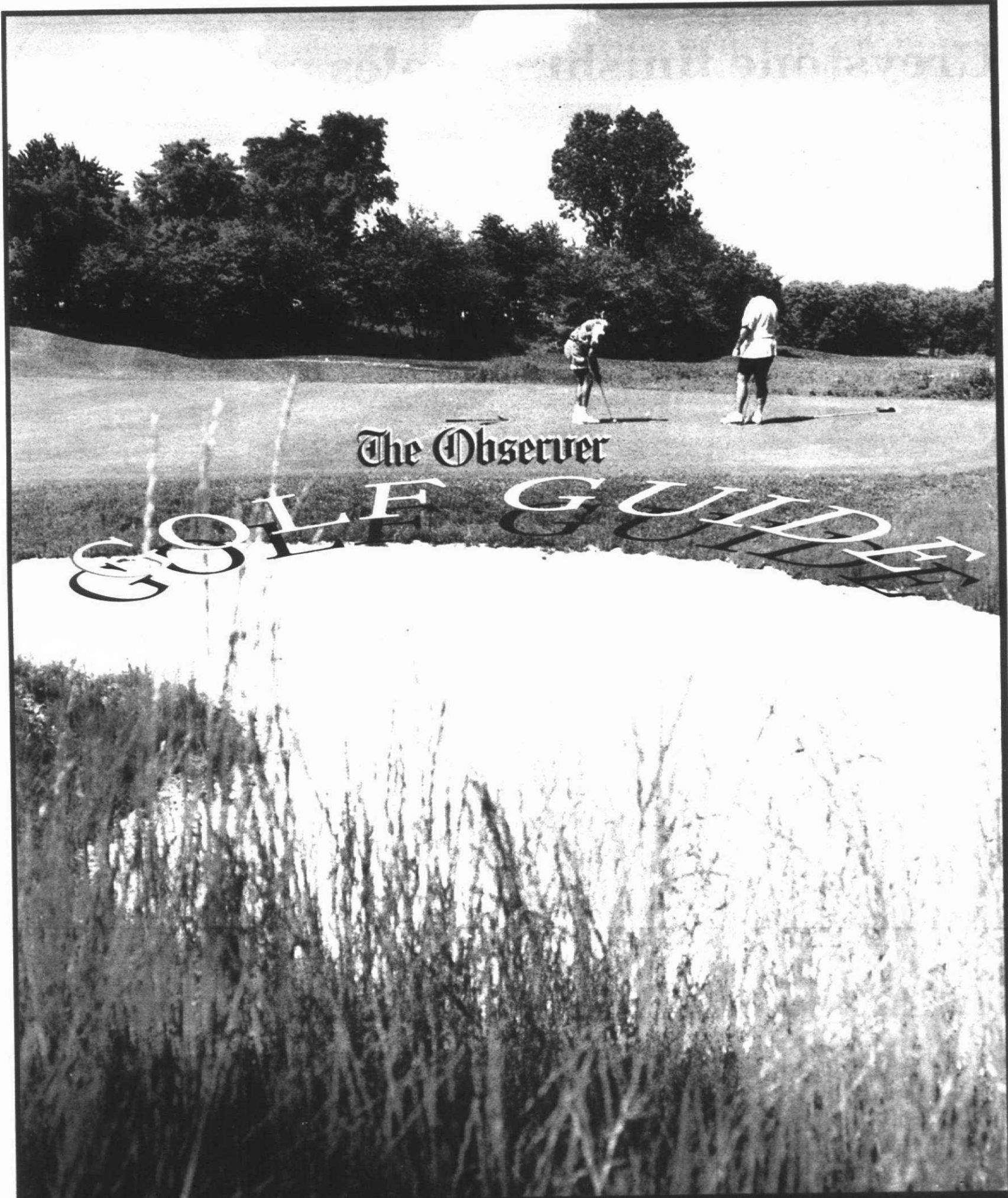
becoming an all-stater in her favorite event — the discus."

Nkechi Okwumabua, senior, Ply. Canton: Okwumabua finished sixth at the state finals in the long jump with a leap of 16 11 1/2; it was her fourth consecutive trip to state in that event. Her best jump, 17 7 1/2, broke her own school record. Okwumabua is the Western Lakes and regional champion with jumps of 17 4 and 17 6, respectively. She also was Canton's top sprinter with best times of 12.9 in the 100 and 27.2 in the 200.

"She showed a lot of consistency all year," said Canton coach George Przygodski, noting Okwumabua's seven meets with jumps over 17 feet. "That was her biggest improvement. I thought."

LaToya Chandler, sophomore, John Glenn: The

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GOLF GUIDE

Greystone finishing holes among best

Looking for a public golf course with all the amenities of a private country club and an up-north feeling, but within an hour's drive of most spots in the tri-county area?

Look no further than Greystone Golf Club, located on the border of Macomb and Oakland counties in Romeo on 67500 Mound Road, just off 32 Mile.

Billed as the "Best Finish in Michigan Golf," Greystone's 6,861-yard layout (from the black tees) doesn't disappoint. (The slope rating is 132.)

"We feel our finish — the 16th, 17th and 18th — are most unique and generates the most publicity," said Bob Breitmeyer, Greystone's general manager.

The scenic final three holes wrap around a man-made lake. Water becomes a factor on all three holes.

The par-3 16th, 209 yards (from the back tees), is straight downhill. Try to pay close attention because the prevailing wind makes club selection tricky.

The par-4 No. 17, 350 yards from the grey tees, is a long iron or fairway wood off another picturesque elevated tee. A longer shot will not get you closer to the green. Hit your 190-200 club at the fairway bunker (which doglegs right) or use your 240 club from the black tee (412 yards). The second shot requires one more club to an uphill green.

The 18th is Greystone's signature hole, which wraps around the lake, is



Signature hole: The 18th at Greystone, just in front of the clubhouse, is a challenge for any golfer.

451 yards from the black and 378 from the grey. A shot played left will normally come back toward the fairway.

A big drive on this hole is a must from the black, a 230 carry just to reach the fairway. Your drive must go over the trees and end up in the fairway. The approach to the green is scary with water and greystones lurking just in front.

Although the back nine is more challenging, the front side has its moments as well. The No. 8 par-5 is 548 from the

back is the course's No. 1 handicap hole.

Greystone, opened in 1992, was designed by Lansing's Jerry Matthews, an architect to many of Michigan's well-known courses including The Natural, The Majestic at Lake Walden and Timber Ridge.

The course was contoured around an old gravel mining operation.

"All we had to do was shape off the elevated areas," said Breitmeyer, whose family has been in the golf business for

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three generations. "There were piles of dirt, which is very unusual. But we also had to bring in a lot more top soil than normal because of the rocks.

"There were no sewers and very little development around when we came in."

Thanks to the efforts of greenskeeper Dave Jones, Greystone is in magnificent shape despite an usually dry spring. The greens, fairways and tees are all bent grass, which gives bitters a true lie.

"Our greenskeeper prides himself on conditioning," Breitmeyer said. "It takes a good year to fine-tune a golf course before it dramatically improves."

The greens, many surrounded by bunkers and mounds, are quick, but firm and fair.

"It's a fun course, not your typical Michigan course up north which is tree-lined, you can spray it a little bit," said Jim Szilagyi, 1997 Michigan Public champion. "You hit from a lot of elevated areas to low greens. You can see 90 percent of the course."

"And it's very pretty in the evening."

Ex-Michigan Amateur champion Dave Graulau is Greystone's Head Golf Professional.

Graulau and his staff offer lessons seven days per week. A half-hour individual lesson is \$35. Juniors (under-12) pay \$20 per half-hour.

Summer season rates (through October) rates (with cart) are \$45 (midweek), \$30 (midweek twilight after 3 p.m.), \$55 weekend (Friday through Sunday) and \$35 (weekend twilight).

Greystone also offers a range member program and a reserved pass for preferred tee times.

Besides "The Best Finish in Michigan Golf," Greystone caters to corporate and charity golf outings.

The Red Wing Alumni and Dick Partan events will be held at Greystone. The course will also host the Golf Association of Michigan Junior Amateur Qualifier and the Ladies Publix.

"We're primarily in the golf business, but we also cater to weddings because we have an upscale banquet facility," said Breitmeyer, who is also part owner of Partridge Creek. "It's a country club ambience we're trying to create."

"We believe there's a niche for this kind of course. We charge a little more for greens fees, but we also offer every amenity you'd expect from a resort. We have bag service as you drive up. There are not a lot of others with the same concept in the immediate area."

Once you finish your round, Greystone also provides a full service bar and grill (try the chicken sandwich). The clubhouse, featuring an upscale service bar, has an enclosed porch which overlooks the beautiful No. 18. (Lockerroom and shower facilities are also part of the clubhouse.)

On a scale of one to 10, this upscale public course certainly rates at least a 9.9.

Not perfect, but pretty darn close.

Futures Tour becomes proving ground

Suzy Green was born on Tax Day in 1967 and each year since she's had more than one thing to celebrate on her birthday.

Green hasn't been hit hard by the tax man but well into her eighth year on the Ladies FUTURES Golf Tour, she wouldn't mind seeing that change.

Keep golfing as well as she has and it might.

Green, a 1985 Birmingham Groves graduate, is off to her best start, winning two events and tying for third in another.

She has won \$18,495 through six tour events to rank second on the earnings list. Her total is nearly \$2,000 more than she won all of last year when she ranked ninth.

Green and her friendly rival on the FUTURES Tour, Shelly Sanders, were at Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti recently to promote the MED-HEALTH Wellness Centers FUTURES Golf Classic, held June 10-14.

Green's goal is to make the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour, but the catch is it doesn't matter how she plays on the FUTURES Tour, the LPGA's major feeder program. She can only qualify by finishing high at Tour School, which is held later in the year.

"A lot (of her success this year) has to do with being ready after I failed at Tour School (last year)," Green said. "I was not depressed, but psyched to get back out. With purses the way they are

we can actually make money out here. When I first started the FUTURES Tour there was no way I was ready for her LPGA."

Green uses the success some women have enjoyed on the LPGA Tour after starting with her on the FUTURES Tour as inspiration.

"I was a rookie with Pat Hurst and she just won the Dinah Shore (LPGA Tour event)," Green said.

Green is the daughter of four-time Michigan Amateur men's champion Pete Green and she started playing at the age of 2, but swimming was her early passion.

She started focusing more on golf in her teens and it paid off as she was a two-time Class A champion at Groves before accepting a golf scholarship to Ohio State University.

"Swimming helped as far as teaching me discipline," Suzy said. "At 5 a.m. I was up, by 5:30 I was in the water and to sleep by dark. I used to swim five hours a day and it's still fun, but only a couple laps. I just transferred that energy to golf."

"As a kid my goal was to be an Olympic swimmer and in college I was not a standout (on the golf team) but thought 'Let's just see how good I can get.' It's not a dream until something is actually done and it's awesome."

Green is sponsored by Boyne USA and Loc Tite as well as her father's company, John E. Green, Inc. a mechan-

ical contracting firm in Highland Park. Pete Green, who sometimes caddies for her, can offer her financial backing more than golf tips nowadays.

"I can still hit it by her. I just can't beat her," Pete Green said.

Last year's MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers FUTURES Classic was held at Cattails Golf Course in South Lyon and Green is the defending champion, winning in a two-hole sudden death playoff.

Green's brother Mike Green caddied there for her and she's being superstitious, electing to keep him for this year's event.

Pete Green said the Washtenaw course compares favorably with most of the courses used on the LPGA Tour. It's also to Suzy's liking.

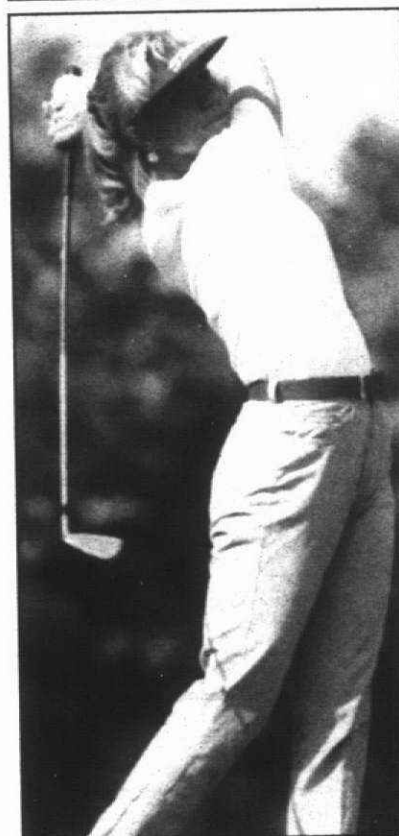
"I like a course to be demanding but I like to stand at a tee and know exactly what you've got to do," she said. "I don't like to say 'OK, which way does this one go.'"

Most of the money Green has made since college came on the golf course but she did spend some time as a sales person at a Birmingham clothing store.

What did she think of that?

"I was ready to get on the links," Green said, laughing.

For tickets to the MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers FUTURES Golf Classic, call (734) 459-1800.



Future ace: Suzy Green will compete in the MedHealth Wellness Center Futures Golf Classic June 12-14 at Washtenaw Country Club.

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Precautionary measures helps golfers stay sharp

"Knock on woods," golf is a fairly injury-free sport. However, it does have its health hazards. By following these tips from sports medicine experts, golfers can live happily to tee off another day.

◆Don't dehydrate. "When the beverage cart comes along, water is the best," said Shel Levine, a clinical exercise physiologist at Botsford Hospital's Total Rehabilitation Athletic Conditioning Clinic (TRACC) in Novi.

Even sports drinks take a back seat to water. In hot, humid weather, Levine recommends drinking eight ounces of water every three holes.

Don't drink alcohol and caffeinated beverages. "They help dehydrate you even more," Levine said.

Signs of dehydration include fatigue, muscle weakness, dizziness, muscle cramping and tremendous thirst. If untreated, dehydration could lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke, a potentially fatal condition.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include: cold, clammy skin; rapid, weak pulse; headache; fainting; high body temperature.

If you suspect a golfer is suffering from heat exhaustion, move the person to a cool area and remove most of his or her sweaty clothes. Damp clothes pre-

vent a body from cooling down. Place cold towels on the person and get him or her to drink cold fluids as soon as possible.

Heat stroke is a real medical emergency. "The person's survival depends on how fast a person gets treatment," Levine said.

Symptoms include: warm or hot skin, lack of sweat, disorientation or unconsciousness, rapid pulse, and very high body temperature. Start heat exhaustion procedures and call EMS.

◆Muscles, use them or lose them. For the past three years, TRACC has sponsored a golf clinic in March and April that includes muscle stretching, strength-building, on-site course instruction, and tips from pros.

Back injuries — mainly muscle strains — are the primary golf injury, especially for the weekend athlete.

"It's more the lack of flexibility, putting the muscles at a greater stretch," said Levine, an avid golfer.

The clinic targets conditioning of shoulder and back muscles — deltoids, erector spinae, trapezius and rhomboid. The neck also gets attention, as do the forearms and wrists.

Two weeks before a tournament is not the time to think about getting into shape, said Levine. He recommends

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Fashion statement: Comfort



Cool look: Lisa Burkemo (left) models the Izod shirt and shorts (Lycra sleeveless), along with Karen Kane sweater, while Craig Martin (right) has on the Greg Norman collection. Both are wearing Etonic shoes.

Neutral tones are in, straw hats are out, fitted caps are in, jeans are definitely out.

When it comes to golf fashion, experts from Bavarian Village Ski & Golf; Las Vegas Discount Golf & Tennis; and Dick's Sporting Goods agree there are few no-no's in choosing clothes that go well with blue skies and green grass.

"The basic concept on the course is to be comfortable, look good and enjoy the game," said Kenneth Griffith, general merchandise manager for Bavarian Village Ski & Golf.

However, fabric is important. Heavy cottons or twills are no longer popular, especially in the summer.

"Microfiber is the trend for shorts and slacks for both men and women," he said. "It's lightweight, soft to the touch, doesn't wrinkle, travels well, and always looks good."

For women, two-piece sweater sets at about \$65 a piece, sleeveless tops and the flat-front shorts from lines like Tehama at \$56 and up are a big hit.

As for color, black and white combinations are popular, although injections of bright colors — lime, yellow and orange — are making their appearance on area courses.

Plaids are fading, except for men's outdoor like windbreakers and jackets. While men still love their navy, black and khaki, they're venturing to wear the bolder colors: yellows, blues and reds.

Vests continue their popularity. They're carried by several golf clothing lines and cost about \$60. Also, waterproof or water resistant windshirts, at \$40 and up, are becoming the choice light outerwear for many golfers.

"They're a nice alternative to a sweater," Griffith said.

Mid-price clothing lines are Tail, ET Pro, ISOD Club, Sport Haley, Greg Norman, Nike's Tiger Woods and Tehama, co-designed by Clint Eastwood and Grosse Pointe's Nancy Haley. Some shirts in these lines start at \$29.99. Shorts and slacks start at \$45.

Expensive lines include Bobby Jones, Como, Nicklaus, and Bogner. The costs? "The sky's the limit," said Griffith.

Good news for golfers that don't want to pawn their clubs for some nice golf duds.

"They can get a nice pair of slacks and a golf shirt for well under \$100," he said.

John Moyer, manager of Las Vegas Discount Golf & Tennis in Canton, said women's golf fashion is his store's fastest growing segment. "If they buy their clothing from you, they'll buy their balls and their shoes."

Moyer said his women customers are fond of ecru, an off-tan color, as well as lots of blues and navies. Some print pieces are selling, but they "take just the right person." Sleeveless cotton pique tops, at \$45, are selling well.

Men like the Tiger Woods shirts, with their zipper necks or soft-colored V-necks. "He doesn't get into buttons," said Moyer of the Woods line.

Another popular line is Ashworth. "It's gotten a lot of tour recognition," Moyer said.

Prices for shirts in these lines start at about \$55. Shoes range in price from \$39-\$119. Saddle shoes in charcoal or black are big sellers.

"People don't want to do all white anymore," Moyer added.

Jessie Singh, lead man in the pro-shop at Dick's Sporting Goods in Livonia, knows how to transform the average male duffer into a real golf dude.

"I would go with a Tiger Woods shirt, black or red with stripes running down the sleeve," he said. "I'd go with black pants and plain white shoes."

The golf cap? "Black with a trim or red, or possibly white to match the shoes."

The shoes? "Air Zoom, by Tiger Woods." Of course.

Singh admitted this outfit is a bit pricey, about \$250-\$300, but said it's worth it.

"It's guaranteed he'll walk out of here and a few women will say that guy is looking sharp," Singh added.

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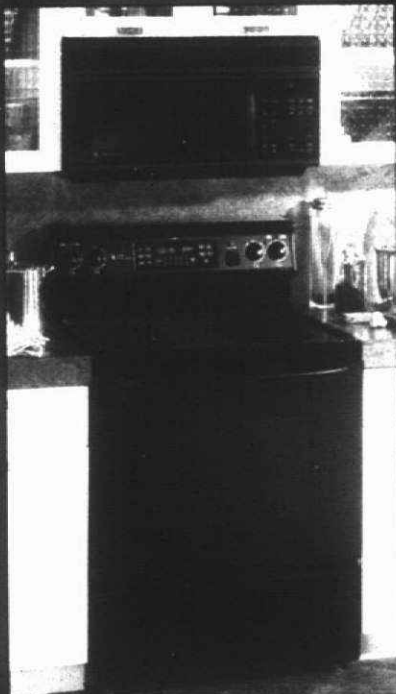
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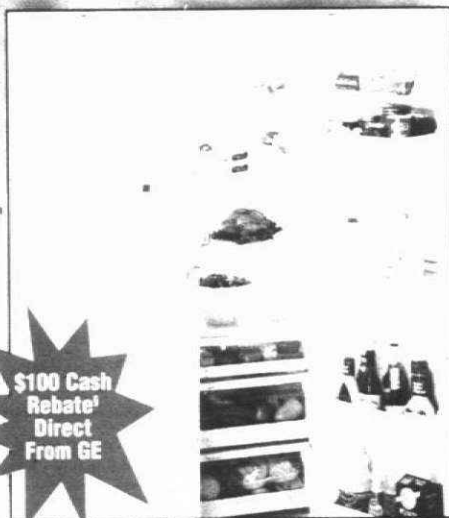
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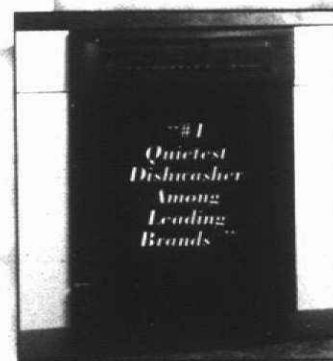
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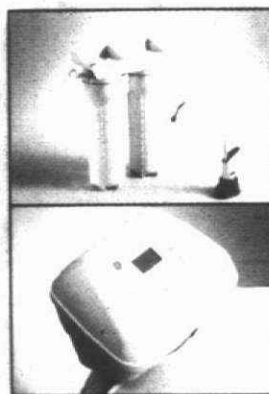
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