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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Gun owners meet: The Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners will hold a public meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. Featured guest is state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. For more information, call (734) 981-2933 or (734) 394-1701.

TUESDAY

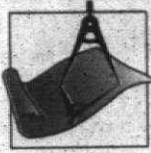
Grief seminar: L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes and Arbor Hospice will host "Where Do I Go From Here?" a seminar for people dealing with the loss of a friend or relative, 7-8:15 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The free program is open to the public.

SATURDAY

What's on my line: Canton Parks and Recreation sponsors the 12th annual Kids Fishing Derby at the Heritage Park Ponds. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and residents may register for a one-hour period only at the cost of \$1 per child payable on site. Advance registration ends Thursday. The ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout and prizes will be raffled off each hour. Participants are responsible for their own equipment and bait. To register or for information, call (734) 397-5110.

Open house: Clink Landscaping and Nursery hosts an open house 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 51333 Cherry Hill. Specials are available on all in-stock materials and complimentary refreshments will be served noon to 4 p.m. The event runs through Sunday, May 2.

New building likely for center



The Sheldon Road center that houses the Canton Community Foundation and several social service agencies could be razed for a new building on the same site. The former recreation center was remodeled in 1997.

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Canton's Human Services Center appears headed for a new home within a few years.

Township trustees reached consensus to construct a new building for the center at its Tuesday study session. No formal action was taken, however.

Supervisor Tom Yack said a new building would provide more bang for the buck than renovating the existing site at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon roads.

"When you make major changes to an old building," he said, "it's going to be very expensive and you don't get much for your money. New is always better."

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, one of the township's biggest proponents of historical preservation, even agreed.

"There's nothing intrinsically valuable about that old bomb shelter at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon," she said.

The Human Services Center opened in the fall of 1997. The building, which was once the township's recreation center, now houses Growth Works and the Canton Community Foundation.

"I'm pleased with the direction the township is thinking about moving," Growth Works Executive Director Dale Yagiela said. "The township has been great about this. It has been a really

good deal."

Trustees authorized a site plan study for expansion of the facility last December. Lonny Zimmerman, of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates, presented two options to the board Tuesday.

The first called for expansion of the current building. A total of 6,100 square feet would be added to bring the center up to 10,500 square feet.

Zimmerman found several flaws with the plan.

The building would remain as non-conforming to township zoning standards in terms of road setbacks. Park-

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Successful transplant: Ron Hawkins promotes organ donor awareness during the recent Project Health-O-Rama event at the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building.

Heart recipient an eager recruiter for the cause

BY LILLY A. EVANS
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At 39, Ron Hawkins of Canton was playing basketball, tennis and golf and considered himself in tiptop athletic shape. Then he had his first heart attack only to be followed by seven years of serious heart problems.

"I did it all, until my coronary arteries closed up," Hawkins said.

After three years on pacemakers, the doctors told him his heart was just worn out.

By the time he was 46 years old, he was bedridden in the hospital, waiting for a heart transplant after doctors told him there was no other way. After four months of waiting, an 18-year-old man in Grand Rapids died from a head injury sustained in a car

accident.

After the boy's death, his heart saved Hawkins' life.

Now, 10 years after being an organ recipient, Hawkins is spreading the word.

He's a trained volunteer for the Gift of Life Transplantation Society of Michigan (TSM).

"I owe it to the people who are waiting. As many people as we can get on the (donor) list the better," Hawkins said. "But only about 1 percent of the people who sign up to be donors organs are ever used."

Hawkins spent April 19 at the Secretary of State branch office in Canton, distributing donor information and bending the ear of anyone who would listen about the positive aspects of becoming a donor. The statewide observance of "Buddy Day" featured similar programs at 87 Secretary of State

branches. The annual awareness event is held the third week of April to coincide with National Organ and Tissue Donor Week, however, this year Gov. John Engler announced April as Donor Awareness Month to emphasize the great need for organ and tissue donation in Michigan.

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller said there are three things anyone can do to help: sign the back of your license, enroll on the Gift of Life Organ and tissue registry and discuss your wishes with your family.

There are detailed criteria for kidney, heart, lung, liver, pancreas and intestine donations. Newborn to 75 years (older donors may be accepted) donors are eligible; they must be brain dead and the final approval is the

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School violence a concern here, too

■ COLORADO SHOOTINGS

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The day after the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., students at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools had concerns about the same thing happening here.

"You know it could happen anywhere, but I'm trying not to think about it," said Ian Bugle, 17, of Canton. "It's a scary thing ... it only takes one person. But, we can't let this get to us."

"There were a lot of different emotions in the school," added David Stobbe, 17, of Plymouth Township. "The thought does cross my mind that it could happen here. You look at the kids who dress like the kids who did this, and you wonder."

"We watched CNN and the whole classroom got quiet," said Derek Arcenal, 17, from Canton. "It really affected all of us. They went to school

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EMU student, 22, recovering after plunge

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Earl Wilber has been spending the last two weeks shuttling between his Canton Township home, his job in Wixom and his son Nathan's hospital bed in Ann Arbor.

"Basically, I've been running every day from 5:30 a.m. to 10 at night - and putting in a full day of work, too," he said.

But Wilber is heartened that his 22-year-old son - who fell from a fourth-floor residence hall window at Eastern Michigan University on April 20 during

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Author says best fiction more fantasy than fact

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The best fiction, author Jack Driscoll said Thursday, is that which is truly made up.

If that sounds like an oxymoron, rest assured it isn't, Driscoll told an audience of about 200 at the 1999 Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries at Fox Hills Country Club.

The annual luncheon is sponsored by Hometown and Observer Newspapers. Proceeds help pay for various independent efforts undertaken by the friends groups throughout the year, including youth and adult programming, special library collections and other projects.

"There is a difference between the personal and the autobiographical ... and believe me, the personal is far more compelling."

Driscoll, who is author-in-residence at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, said too many of today's novelists feel a need to include every last detail. "It may be factual, the way things were," he said. "But no, we really don't want

to hear it all."

Driscoll peppered his compact presentation with just that kind of sardonic wit. It's the same attitude readers will find in his first novel, "Lucky Man, Lucky Woman," (Pushcart Press) winner of the Pushcart Editor's Book Award and the Barnes & Noble Discover Award.

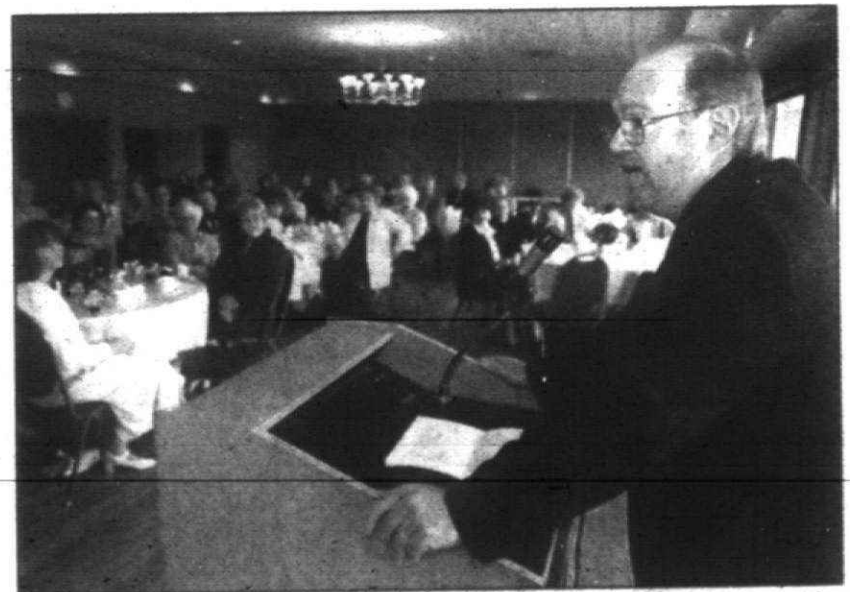
"It was well done," luncheon guest Dave Olgren said. "I really enjoyed his sense of humor and I think we can all relate back to school days." (Driscoll read an early short story, "Miss Dunn," a not-so-fond reminiscence of life in the fourth grade.)

Canton resident Maureen Stellwagon said Driscoll was accurate in his less-than-flattering depiction of contemporary "celebrity" authors.

Driscoll, 53, said the novelist John Irving provided some of his most memorable instruction. The author of "The World According to Garp" and "Hotel New Hampshire" taught him that "making it up wasn't only allowed, it was essential."

Driscoll cited J.D. Salinger, Flannery

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Story time: Northern Michigan novelist Jack Driscoll speaks to the audience at Thursday's annual library luncheon, benefiting the friends of Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville libraries.

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Planners OK revised bank conversion site

By RICHARD PEARL
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The new Flagstar Bank in Canton, which is to be one of the first in metro Detroit - took a big step closer to reality Monday when the township's Planning Commission approved its site plan.

The commission had tabled the plan at its April 5 meeting, requesting some facade modifications at the location, the former Donut Scene at Lilley and Ford, and an access drive to the east.

The commission's approval of the changes Monday night sends the matter before the Canton Board of Trustees for possible final approval at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the township administration building.

When finally approved, remodeling on the northeast corner of the intersection will

If approved by the township board, Flagstar Bank would replace the former Donut Scene

begin. Bank officials expect the bank to open by late fall.

"We're excited about it," said Peggy Younglove, a Flagstar assistant vice president and its new-construction coordinator. "It will be a nice addition" to Canton. "The office will look lovely."

Younglove said the Canton facility, the bank chain's 34th, will be just the third in the metro area, all of which will be in operation this year. Expected to precede it are a Farmington Hills branch and the remodeled and expanded corporate headquarters facility in Bloomfield Hills.

Architect Jason Corvella, who said the remodeling project will cost \$550,000, changed the bank's facade from split-faced block to brick and made some landscaping-plan modifications. The bank also is providing a vehicular access drive to the east, where the former St. Joseph's McAuley health-care building is located.

The access drive, once completed, will give bank customers a link to offices and businesses to the east, thus reducing congestion along Ford, according to Judy Bocklage of the township's planning department.

Flagstar Bank is a five-year-old, statewide corporation formed when First Security Savings of Bloomfield Hills, primarily a mortgage-banking institution, bought Security Savings Bank of Jackson, which had been in business for 50 years.

Most branches of the bank are along and south of Interstate 96 and extend as far west as Grand Haven. The corporation took the Flagstar name about three years ago.

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ing, he added, would be spread around the building instead of in one central location.

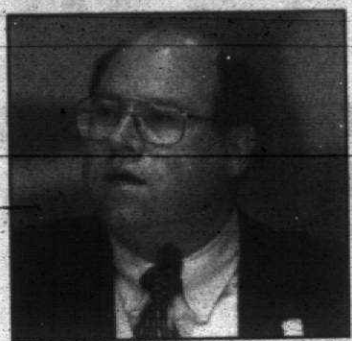
Yack said a private development trying to get a similar project approved by the township would run into difficulty.

"I think most of (the board) wouldn't be favorable to it," he said.

Total cost of renovations were estimated at \$873,500. Zimmerman said the center would also likely have to close during construction.

As for creating a new building, the final cost was estimated at \$1.15 million - a difference of less than \$300,000. Zimmerman said the township would like get a more attractive, usable facility for the extra dollars.

Building size, 10,500 square feet, would be the same. But parking would be centralized, the building could be designed for specific uses and it would conform to zoning ordinances.



Supervisor Tom Yack

"There wouldn't be any down time for the center during construction," Zimmerman added, noting that the old building could remain open while work was being done.

Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager said either option would be federally funded through HUD. The township will have approximately \$1.2 million

available through 2001 from community development block grants.

Growth Works' Yagiela said he'd be happy with either option. His main objective is simply to have enough space to bring other service organizations on board at the center to provide coordinated, collaborative help to those that need it.

"We have been working in that direction since the center opened," Yagiela added.

A specific timeline on a formal board action doesn't exist. Ager indicated in a report to trustees that block grant funds would allow for construction of a new building to begin by next spring.

Whether that building would be located at Michigan and Sheldon is still open for debate, though. Yack said the value of that land could make it more logical to use other township-owned property for the center.

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O'Connor and Arnold Toynbee (another professor) as authors who used their own background

and experiences but spun most of their work out of whole cloth.

The author said his own work is about 80 percent fantasy and 20 percent fact-based. "Or maybe even 90-10," he added. He joked about how he has changed some information - like the house his parents lived in when he was born - just because he liked the sound of a street name from his later life better.

"There's a danger with the autobiographical that you already understand it all, it doesn't provide the opportunity for you to go back and re-examine your characters and their beliefs."

"Even the most autobiographi-

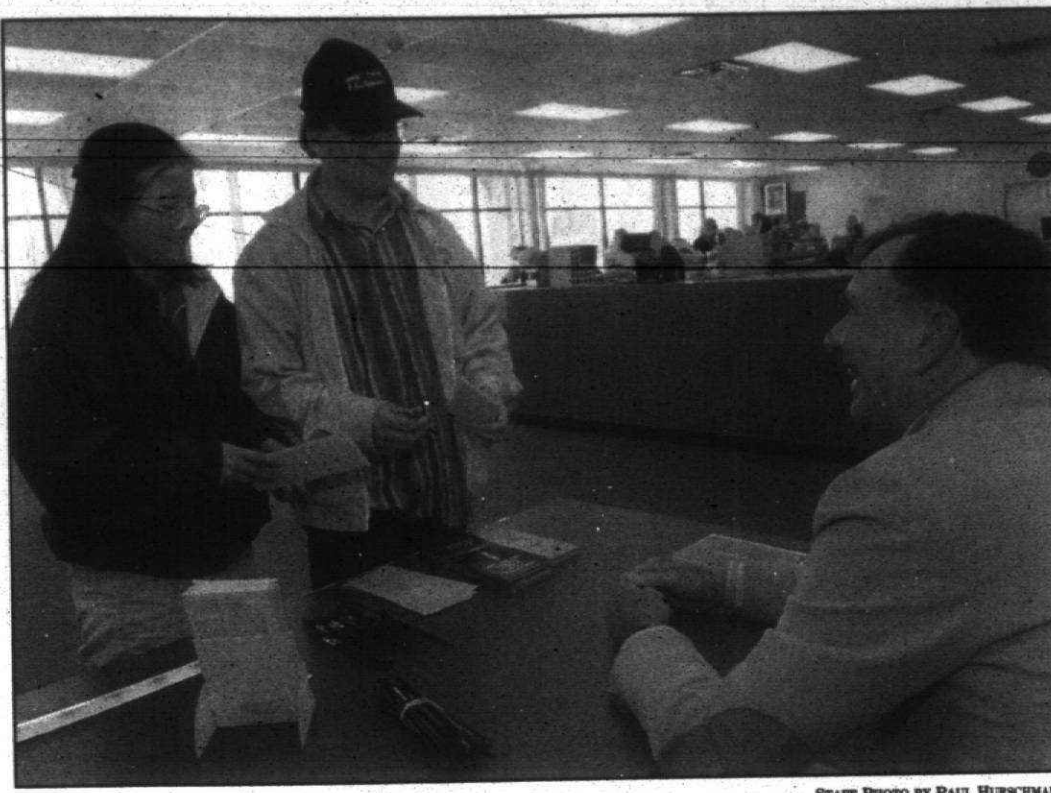
cal story I've ever written ("Miss Dunn") turned out to be only marginally autobiographical," he said.

A Massachusetts native, Driscoll and his wife, Lois, have lived in northern Michigan since the mid-1970s.

He has published several works of poetry and a second novel, "Stardog," is set for release later this year.



Jack Driscoll



Awareness: Ron Hawkins (right) distributes organ donor information to Oom and Bill Norris of Canton during an awareness program at the Canton Secretary of State branch earlier this month.

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responsibility of the Transplantation Society of Michigan. There are also medical criteria considering the condition of the organ. Tissue donation does not require the donor to be brain dead. All deaths are acceptable.

More than 2,500 people in Michigan and more than 200,000 Americans are waiting for donated organs.

For more information, call the Gift of Life Agency at (734) 973-1577 or (800) 482-4881.

Still waiting

According to the Gift of Life organization, some 2,500 Michigan residents are on waiting lists for organ transplants as of March 1. They include:

- Kidney - 1,593 people
- Heart - 82
- Lung - 136
- Liver - 296
- Pancreas - 126
- Cornea - 152

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and never came out." "I didn't feel that close to the situation until I saw the pictures of the girl who was shot and bleeding," said Tom Halverson, 17, of Plymouth Township. "Then my mood changed while watching it. I'd like to say it couldn't happen here, but it easily could."

Debra Matuniak of Canton said she's talked to her son, Skye, a freshman, about what to do if something like the Colorado incident were to happen.

"I've had conversations with him about what to do. Don't play a hero. Get under a desk or run if you can," said Matuniak. "It scares me to death, and I worry about it a lot. There's 5,000 kids here, and there were only 1,800 in Colorado."

"I don't think my mom is being overprotective," added Skye, 14. "Students were scared because they know it could happen here. I'm scared because I don't feel like dying any time soon."

Debra Matuniak said maybe it's time students start speaking up.

"Kids shouldn't be afraid if they see something or hear something to tell adults so things like this can be prevented," she said.

Plymouth Salem High School principal Gerald Ostoin held a regular staff meeting, but did not note much of the discussion centered on the shootings in Colorado.

"The staff is concerned, and they've had feedback from students about their concerns," said Ostoin. "The town in Colorado has much the same socioeconomic background as we do here in Plymouth and Canton."

Ostoin said there is an internal plan with the teachers and an external plan with Canton police "if you can plan for something like that. Every situation is different."

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said a plan is in place in case of an incident like the one that's been seen all too often at high schools across the country.

"We've had a tactical opera-

tions plan the past six years to deal with critical situations and how we would deal with them," said Santomauro. "Earlier this school year we reviewed the plan and had training with some staff people for the school district on what we would do and how we would do it."

Canton High School principal Patricia Patton said there was "a very sobering type of mood" at the school Wednesday.

Patton said she expressed to her staff the need to let students know they care.

"We want students to know that we care about them, no matter how different they might be," said Patton. "They are important to us, and we can make a difference in their lives just by showing we care."

Patton said she feels comfortable at the high school complex because of the seven security staff members who patrol the area.

"They know the kids and listen to them," added Patton. "They know if something unusual is going on. They let us know and we are able to respond to the situation."

High school teacher John Campbell of Canton said he has relatives living in Littleton and said when he called to see how everything was doing "they were stunned, shocked and in disbelief."

Campbell, who has visited Littleton, said he can relate to the Colorado community.

"It's similar to Plymouth and Canton, a nice community," said Campbell. "They have good kids, so you think it couldn't happen there."

Campbell believes the school district should seize the opportunity to make something good out of a terrible situation.

"Business people, the schools and parents should get together to see what can be done to help the schools," added Campbell. "We can't protect the students 100 percent, but diversity classes and peer mediation are ways we can help to avoid such a terrible incident."

OBITUARY

PAMELA M. GRIFFITHS

Services for Pamela M. Griffiths, 43, of Canton were April 23 in the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born Oct. 12, 1955, in Detroit. She died in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. She was a

nursing assistant.

Survivors include her parents, Marie and David; one sister, Patricia A. Oneho, one brother, Andrew D. Leggett; and nieces and nephews, Laura, Matthew, Corey, Lindsey and Kyle.

CANTON CONNECTION

School zone help

Drivers in three school neighborhoods this spring will get a reminder to keep it at 25 mph.

The Canton Public Safety Department, in cooperation with the Wayne County roads division, will install fiber optic changeable message boards near Eriksson, Field and Gallimore schools.

The signs, which total \$75,000, will convey the appropriate speed for school zones and other safety-related messages. The school district will share in the cost of the signs.

School officials have said they would like traffic signals in each of the locations, and the county has agreed to run traffic studies to determine whether electronic signs are needed.

duces young adults, age 14-21, to career opportunities in law enforcement.

Dan's card is tops

Dan McClure, a Canton resident and sixth grader at East Middle School, is the Michigan winner in a contest to design the best Mother's Day card.

McClure's card, which features scenes of famous people and their mothers, was entered in the KFC "All-American Salute to Mothers" last fall. State winners of the franchise-sponsored competition will receive a Picture Atlas of the World, Picture Atlas of Prehistoric Life and \$25 in KFC gift certificates to treat their mothers on Mother's Day.

Student cited

Glenn Gettyna of Canton was one of 15 Northwood Institute students who competed in the DECA State Career and Development Conference in Battle Creek.

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She will go to the National Competition May 1-4 in Orlando.

She is the daughter of Patricia Wachtel of Canton.

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Publish: April 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29, 1999

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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PLEASE take notice that a public hearing as required by the Charter Township of Plymouth Telecommunications Ordinance will be conducted regarding the Telecommunications Permit Application filed by MediaOne Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc. at the special Plymouth Township Board Meeting to be held on May 4, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.
Publish: April 25, 1999

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 1999 for the following:
ROOF - OLD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER
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CAROL A. STONE
Admin. Services Dir.
Publish: April 25, 1999

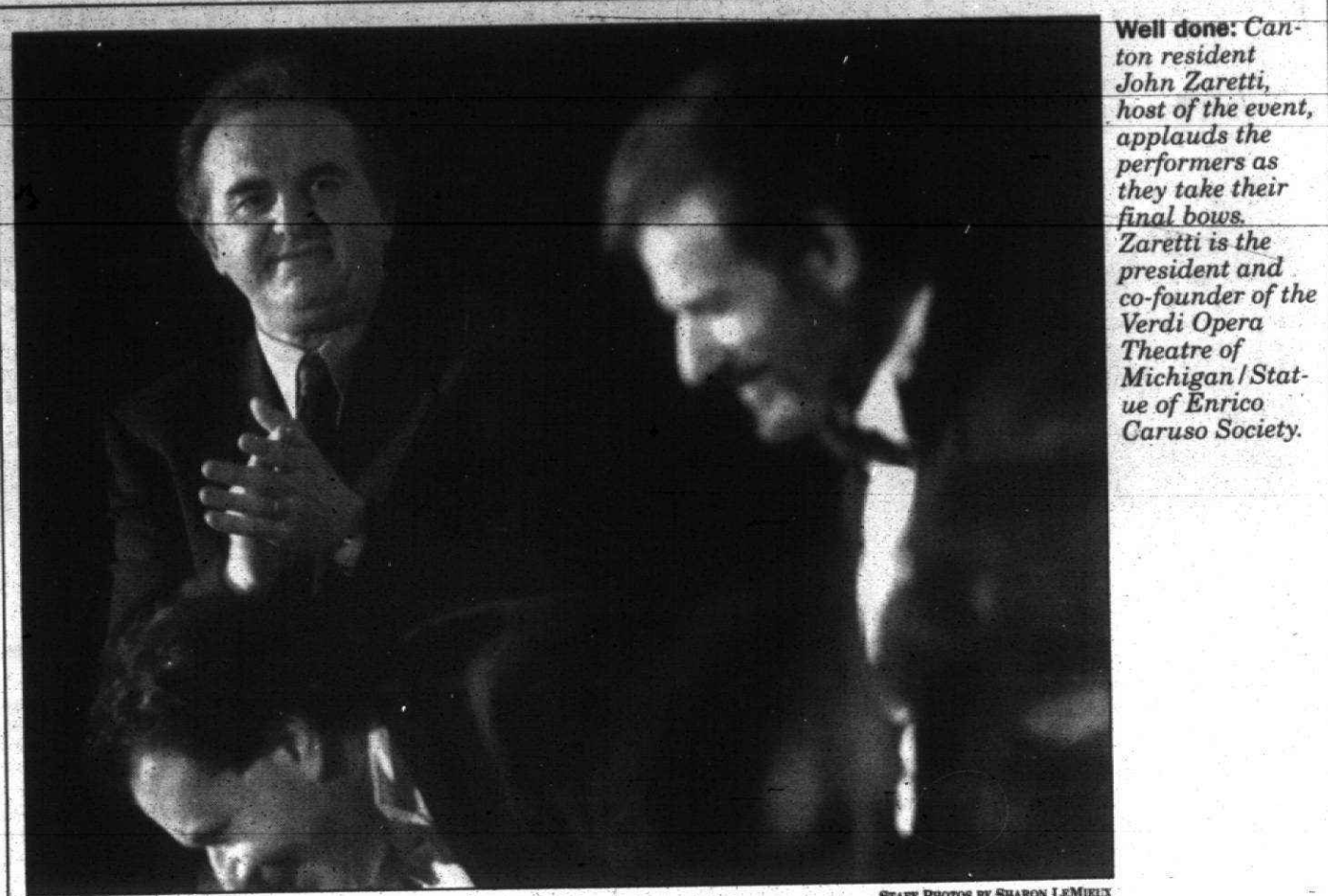
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Plymouth City Commission will conduct a public hearing on April 26th, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. for all those interested in commenting on MediaOne's request for a permit to access and use the public rights-of-way by running a telephone service through MediaOne's existing cable television network. The public hearing will take place at the time noted at the Plymouth City Hall. All are invited to attend and comment.
LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk
Publish: April 25, 1999

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of One 1999 Ford F-350 4x4 Chassis with Dump Body and One Ford F-250 4x4 Super Duty Pick-up Truck. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary
Publish: April 25, 1999

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a request for proposal for Legal Services in the Area of Workers Compensation. RFPs are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed RFPs are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 28th, 1999. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
ELIZABETH M. GIVENS, Secretary
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Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer AJ Cox, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 453-8600.
LINDA J. LANGMESSER CMC
City Clerk
Publish: April 25, 1999



Well done: Canton resident John Zaretti, host of the event, applauds the performers as they take their final bows. Zaretti is the president and co-founder of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan/Statue of Enrico Caruso Society.

STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMLEY



Duet: Gina D'Alessio, soprano and Razmik Papikyan, tenor perform a lovers' quarrel via opera in a piece by composer R. Leoncavallo.

Summit aria Canton Project ARTS hosts a day for opera

The banquet hall at Canton's Summit on the Park never sounded so good. A quartet of vocalists showed off their operatic skills April 18 in an afternoon that was billed as a primer for would-be opera fans. "I hope this may whet people's appetite for opera," said Canton resident John Zaretti, whose Verdi Opera Theatre troupe staged the performance. Featured vocalists included soprano Gina D'Alessio, tenor Razmik Papikyan, baritone Dino Valle and mezzo soprano Dorothy Duensing. They were accompanied by pianist Margaret Benian. Selections ranged from the well-known "Carmen," "The Barber of Seville" - to arias that experienced performers might not recognize. A final number, "Libiamo, Libiamo," the "drinking song" from La Traviata, even included a chorus of audience participation. The event was part of Canton Project ARTS, which has brought various cultural events to Canton since 1992.

Young fan: Anna Quillen, 5, of Westland rocks and sings along with her mom Lisa Marcolina at the end of the program. The were singing a drinking song from Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata."



Local teen selected for Ms. Detroit pageant

Jennifer J. Presley of Canton was recently selected to participate in the National's 1999 Ms. Detroit pageant on May 30. Presley will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and special gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing in the Ms. division, one of five divisions for young ladies between 7 and 23 years old. If Presley were to win the title of Ms. Detroit, she would represent Detroit and the surrounding communities within a 200 mile radius of Detroit at the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla.

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Commission seeks answers on exec's reorganization plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A county commission staff review of County Executive Edward McNamara's reorganization plan raises questions whether powers delegated by McNamara in the plan can be retrieved by the commission. But Deputy County Executive Mike Duggan said all the plan does is formalize duties that division heads have been doing during the last few years. The review questions whether commissioner will lose legislative authority under the plan, but Duggan said commissioners will still approve all department heads and deputy department heads. "Somebody must have misunderstood, but there is nothing specific in there (the review) about that," Duggan said.



Duggan

On April 6, commissioners passed the plan for the day, which left it open for more discussion, most likely at the next committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday, May 4. The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6. County commissioners can approve or reject the plan, according to the charter, and must act by June 6, 90 days after McNamara first proposed it. Commissioners cannot amend the plan, so Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon was expected to discuss the plan with McNamara's office. If commissioners do not act, the plan automatically takes effect.

Questions arise
Written by Fiscal Adviser James Smith, Commission Counsel Ben Washburn and Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, the review raises the question whether a county executive's reorganization plan may modify the powers and duties of the legislative branch - the commission - or more specifically the power to reject the county executive's appointments. Duggan called that question "reasonable," but added that the review did not have specific cases where the county executive was taking any authority away from the commission. "Department heads and deputies are approved by the commission, while division heads and deputies are not," Duggan said. The review states the plan does not specify what the additional appointees and reorganiza-

tion will cost. Duggan said funds have been budgeted for eight new positions, six of which will be with the Department of Community Justice as that department will take over a \$100 million block grant program. Two positions will be added at the airport to oversee the expansion there, Duggan said. The review states that McNamara has proposed 13 additional department divisions and at least an additional 26 appointees not subject to commission approval. Reviewers say the budget control functions for airports, environment and public services departments and the division of mental health have been moved to the Department of Management and Budget, but Duggan said that move was made to show that Susan Kopinski, who works at Detroit Metro as finance director reports to Chief Financial Officer Tom Naughton with the Department of Management and Budget.

Review recommended
The review also suggests the commission examine the progress of the departments of Information Technology, Community Justice and Jobs and Economic Development. The responsibility to advise county agencies on employment discrimination has been transferred to the Department of Personnel/Human Relations, the review states. Under the charter, the Division of Human Relations is expressly authorized for that responsibility and duties cannot be modified by a reorganization plan. The charter also states the Department of Senior Citizens cannot be altered with a reorganization plan. McNamara's plan calls for a division of the Department of Health and Community Services and its director to be appointed at the will of the county executive, rather than for a six-year term sent to the commission for approval, as provided in the charter. Some of the other formalized changes in departments include:
■ The Department of Management and Budget will have 12 divisions;
■ The Department of Health and Community Services remain at eight divisions, but two present divisions are merged and a new one is added;
■ The Department of Jobs and Economic Development goes from four to six divisions;
■ The Department of Community Justice goes from two to six divisions; and
■ The Department of Airports goes from six to eight divisions.

Tax group asks court to refund money

A group of area taxpayers is asking the state Court of Appeals to force the state Department of Treasury to return \$172 million in property tax overpayments over two years. The group contends that Treasury's use of an inflation rate of 2.7 percent instead of 1.7 percent as the amount of allowable increase in property assessments. That 1 percent (difference) is further compounded into an automatic overtax in 1999 and every year thereafter, said Bill McMaster, Birmingham publicist and chair of Michigan Taxpayers United. Among the plaintiffs are Stewart Oldford, Hartland resident

and owner of lumber companies in Hartland and Northville; Dominick Vincentini, Oxford County Taxpayers Association; Mary McMaster, Orion Oakland taxpayers group; and Rose Bogaert, Dearborn Heights resident and chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association. Attorney is Jeffrey Meek of Livonia. Here is where the Engler administration erred, according to McMaster: Proposal A of 1994 limits assessment (tax base) increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation in the consumer price index, whichever is lower. The Treasury Department sends notices to county equalization officers. The CPI, measured year to year during January, is 1.7 percent. But Treasury calculated the rate by adding the monthly increases and dividing by 12, yielding assessment increases of 2.7 percent. The taxpayers group also charges there is a discrepancy between total state revenue reported by the state Treasury and state revenue reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The federal figure is about \$10 billion higher, McMaster said, asking for an independent audit of the state. The Treasury Department has several weeks to file a reply brief.

SC golf tourney to benefit foundation

Play a little golf and help college education. The Schoolcraft College Foundation's 16th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 7, at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. The tournament helped the foundation award more than 400 scholarships to Schoolcraft students last year. Golfers can aim to win the longest-drive or closest-to-the-pin contests. They can drive home in a new car after a hole-in-one or collect an extra \$5,000 for winning the Putt for Dough Contest. Between events golfers can use the recreational and exercise facilities at the Summit on the Park Conference Center. End the day with a meal prepared by the Summit staff and a live auction. Golfers will have various golf packages from which to choose. For \$1,000, the President's Club Package offers 18 holes of golf

and a cart for four, sponsorship sign at the tee, preferred golf time, lunch, golf clinic, tournament bag tag, use of Summit facilities, door prizes, contests, full-course dinner, auction participation and recognition in Schoolcraft publications. Morning golf packages at \$175 and afternoon packages at \$200 will be offered. These include 18 holes of golf and cart, lunch, golf clinic, tournament bag tag, use of Summit, door prizes, contests, full-course dinner and auction participation. A hole sponsor package for \$300 can be purchased, which provides a scholarship sign at the tee and recognition in Schoolcraft College publications. A dinner only package for \$35 includes door prizes, a full-course dinner and auction participation. The auction will include:
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By Mark Slavens, P.C.
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EMU student

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what was reported as a beer-keg party — is showing signs of recovering from his injuries.

Nathan Wilber could face charges of furnishing alcohol to minors, but EMU Police Chief John McAuliffe said it's not likely such charges, if any, would be filed soon. The case is now with the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office.

Wilber, a computer sciences

major who was a long-distance runner on his Bad Axe High School track team, "has realized it's a situation he never wants to be in again," his father said.

"I guess I did it, too," said his father, an electronics technician for a communications company, "but I was a little more lucky and lot more careful."

"He was just having a little bit of fun and it got out of hand."

As for young Wilber's injuries, his father said Thursday night Nathan "is progressing very well." On Friday, Nathan was listed in good condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Nathan — who reportedly feared being arrested — dangled from the room's window, lost his grip and fell, suffering a broken arm, a collapsed lung and crushed vertebrae.

Police search teen's home on gun threat

"He'll probably be in physical therapy for a while," Earl said, but, miraculously, no long-term problems are foreseen.

In fact, Nathan was to be moved Friday from the spinal care unit to the physical therapy floor, said his father.

Nathan is wearing a back brace and has been sitting up. But the younger Wilber has realized "this is going to take a while."

"He's in real good spirits," said Earl, crediting the medical care and the concern of Nathan's many college and other friends and family.

"They've all been very helpful. They've been a lot support," said Earl.

"And I have to give a lot of credit to the dorm students who helped him until the ambulance arrived," he added.

"When I stood there in his room and looked down," said Earl, "it's a miracle he got out of it as far as he did."

When Wilber fell, he landed on his feet, leaving two deep imprints in the ground, according to a report in the Ann Arbor News.

Other students in the dorm eventually called for medical help after Wilber complained of pain in his back and legs.

EMU Chief McAuliffe said all evidence has been turned over to the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office for review and possible charges. Police ticketed two minors for possession of alcohol following the incident, McAuliffe said.

Plymouth and Canton Township police say there are no charges pending against a Plymouth Township teen who spoke of having a gun at Starkweather Center in Plymouth.

Plymouth police went to the home of the 18-year-old student after others heard threats to be carried out with a gun. Authorities talked to the student, his mother and searched the home for a gun. No weapon was found and police were satisfied the threats were just talk on the part of the student.

The student, who also attends the high school complex, was also questioned by Canton Township police, who say they are satisfied the threats weren't real.

Fraud

An elderly Dearborn woman told Canton police Wednesday someone has been using her credit cards to make unauthorized purchases from the La-Z-Boy Showroom, 40150 Ford Road.

The woman said the suspect bought almost \$5,370 worth of furniture.

Store personnel said a woman called, giving the card owner's name and card numbers but a

different name and address for delivery. The caller ordered a \$2,200 sofa, loveseats for \$1,999, a rocker for \$999 and leather protectors for \$169.

The Dearborn woman said she'd also been contacted by Troy police about another fraudulent order, but that she was able to have it canceled.

Tractor missing

A heavy-equipment owner told police Tuesday that, in the preceding 48 hours, someone had taken the \$20,000 Kubota LS2900 tractor he had disabled and parked in the 8400 block of Haggerty.

The man said he had disabled the tractor through the coil wire, so whoever took it "knew what they were doing."

Jacuzzi taken

A builder working on a new house in the 600 block of Pheasant Woods Drive said someone stole a three-by-five, \$2,500 Jacuzzi tub from the upstairs area.

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Area hospitals face uncertain financial future

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Hospitals in southeast Michigan are cautious about praising the financial data in the 1997 Michigan Hospital Report, released earlier this week because figures from the last quarter of 1998 paint a very different picture of operating and total margins than those reflected in the 200-page report.

This report states more hospitals are struggling financially, said Michigan Hospital Association President Spencer Johnson.

"It shows that Michigan hospitals provide valuable benefits to their communities to improve overall health and that the vast majority of the state's hospitals are performing as well as, or better than, expected. It demonstrates that, although costs and payments of Michigan hospitals are in line with regional and national hospital norms, declining operating margins signal financial trouble in the future."

Low profit, high debt

Profit margins disclosed in the report have dwindled by half or more since the numbers for this year's report (1997 data) were calculated. Local hospitals fault the cuts in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement and increasing pharmaceutical costs with the dramatic variances from one year to the next.

"Similar to other hospitals, the financial viability of St. Mary's is being impacted by declining Medicaid reimbursements and high pharmaceutical costs," said Julie Sproul, director of Community Relations at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. "We are continuously looking at ways to provide high quality care in the most cost effective way."

Those sentiments were echoed by personnel from Botsford General Hospital, Garden City Hospital, Henry Ford Health System, Oakwood Healthcare System, Providence Hospital, and St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

While the report validates the ongoing financial challenges the health care industry faces, it also includes clinical performance data for Michigan hospitals and four-year trends for each hospital's performance on eight types of cases, and information on community benefits.

Based on their patient populations, the MHR shows hospitals are performing as expected or better in clinical areas such as knee and hip replacements, valve repairs, coronary artery bypass grafts, non-surgical heart cases and C-section and VBAC (vaginal birth after

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—director community relations, St. Mary's Hospital

Caesarean) rates for outcomes in length of stay and mortality rates.

Performance examples include:

■ St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor had the lowest C-section rate and among the highest vaginal birth after C-section rate among all of the hospitals reporting.

■ Since 1994, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers reduced the average length of stay for hip and knee replacement patients by two days, according to Dr. Michael Deegan, senior vice president of medical affairs.

■ Botsford General Hospital provided transportation for 39,000 individuals at a cost of \$525,000 and health screenings on 120 occasions, serving 7,294 people at a cost of \$142,000.

■ \$40 million worth of uncompensated care (payment not received, only a portion of the cost reimbursed or uncollected charges) was provided by Henry Ford Hospital-Detroit, said Steve Velick, CEO Henry Ford Hospital.

■ Trend lines show Oakwood has decreased medical cases length of stay from 6.02 in 1994 to 4.96 in 1997.

■ St. Mary's Hospital provided \$2.8 million in uncompensated care to approximately 40,000 people in 1997, said Sproul.

■ Garden City Hospital saw length of stay averages within range or lower than expected on several cases. Terry Carroll, director of Development and Community Relations, said the hospital sees that as a positive since their patient mix consists of a higher elderly population and patients are kept until they are well enough to go home or sent to a skilled nursing center rather than transferred out of the system.

Far-reaching benefits

County HMO makes health care affordable for small business

HealthChoice, Wayne County's program to allow small businesses to provide health care coverage for employees, recently signed up its 10,000th subscriber.

The record number is proof of how beneficial this program is to employers," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "HealthChoice has allowed small businesses such as hair salons, gas stations and party stores to finally provide health coverage for their employees. It proves creative, outside-the-box thinking can really make a difference."

HealthChoice, managed by Wayne County, hosted a gathering at the Hunter House in Detroit — the location specifically chosen because the new downtown restaurant recently signed up as the health care program's 1,000th business. Enrolling the business brought in the program's 10,000th customer.

HealthChoice provides comprehensive health care coverage for

businesses employing three or more employees. Premiums are split three ways: 1/3 is paid by the employer, 1/3 is paid the employee and 1/3 paid by HealthChoice. To qualify, companies must also have 90 percent of their business in Wayne County, have a work force where 50 percent or more of the employees average less than \$10 an hour and not have offered health care benefits in the past year.

The program started in 1994 when McNamara was grappling with how to help businesses with skyrocketing health care costs. Now, more than 30 new businesses are signing up for coverage each month. The coverage also acts as an incentive to bring businesses to the county and to keep them there.

"It's a super program," said Judy Franulic, a HealthChoice customer for one year and owner of The Drycleaning Station in Livonia and Northville. She read about HealthChoice in a flyer sent to her home and now has at least five employees — and herself — enrolled.

This is the second year MHA has compiled and released community benefit information on programs and services provided by hospitals to their local communities. Of the 122 nonprofit hospitals that participated in the 1997 survey, \$466 million in uncompensated care was provided to citizens across the state of Michigan — not including approximately \$282 million in bad debts owed to hospitals.

Programs and services provided by Botsford, Garden City, Henry Ford, Oakwood, Providence, St. Joe's and St. Mary's Hospitals included subsidized inpatient and outpatient services, primary care clinics, community education/outreach, health screenings and subsidized community contributions totaling 8,257,423 visits or encounters during 1997.

"This report verifies some of the strengths that we have and serve as a useful piece of information for people to make informed health care decisions," said Nancy Dumas, public relations coordinator for Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The Michigan Hospital Report is only one of several publications that report hospital data. The public disclosure of financial information and patient outcomes was generated to "improve health and health care delivery in Michigan" as well as providing consumers a foundation for selecting a health care provider based on their physical and emotional needs.

"We hope they look at the data and incorporate it into their decision process. It is a convenient way for people to seek out the quality care they are looking for, however, it is only a snapshot of a select group of factors out of many that should be taken into consideration," said Deegan of Providence Hospital.

Garry C. Faja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, said the report demonstrates a hospital's commitment to maintaining and improving care.

"We have a clinical team in place that has developed methods to shorten lengths of stay for those specific cases that do not compromise quality of care or patient satisfaction. It fits very well with the goal of the MHA report, which is to help hospitals continuously improve their quality and provide a high level of care to the communities they serve."

The 1999 Michigan Hospital Report is available for review at most public libraries in the state and on the Internet at www.mha.org/mhr4. Published copies are available for \$25 by writing to: 1999 Michigan Hospital Report, 6215 W. St. Joseph Highway, Lansing, MI 48917.

"I'm thrilled with it. There's real peace of mind having the coverage." Franulic's business is one of 48 in Livonia signed up for the coverage. The program includes 13 Canton businesses, nine in Garden City, eight in Plymouth, 23 in Redford and 26 in Westland. Detroit has the most businesses covered with 464.

Employees of the businesses must not be eligible for government health benefits and work at least 20 hours a week and expect to work more than five months. Employee premiums can be as little as \$41 a month. Health care services include prescription drugs, emergency services, hospitalization and ambulance service. Supplemental coverage on services such as vision care and dental care are available.

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New librarian striving for a teen-friendly atmosphere

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It's doubtful that anyone, anywhere is more at home in a library than Stefanie Halliday. After all, the 25-year-old has worked in one library or another since second grade. She brings that experience and a healthy dose of enthusiasm to her new job as Canton's young adult librarian.

"I want to get kids into the library and get them involved," said Halliday. "I want to make it a place for them to come."

"Young adult" refers to the 13- to 18-year-old age group. Canton Public Library Executive Director Jean Tabor thinks she has found the right person to work with and for teens.

"She seems really in tune with them," she said, "and has a lot of energy and pizzazz. It takes a special person to do that job and she is. I think the kids will gravitate to her."

Halliday, who began last month, is Canton's first full-time young adult librarian. She's responsible for programming and will operate the young adult room when library expansion is completed next summer.

"I think the kids are excited about the new room," Halliday said. "They'll have their own place to hang out."

Halliday has been hanging out at the library most of her life.

A Michigan native, she grew up the daughter of a military man. That meant moving to place such as the Netherlands,

Germany, Louisiana and Alabama.

Halliday returned to the area to attend the University of Michigan. She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature in 1995 and a master's in library science two years later.

Halliday showed her dedication to becoming a young adult librarian as an undergraduate. She spent a term as an eighth-grade student teacher to broaden her understanding of teens.

"I did it as background," she added.

It was one factor in Tabor's decision to hire Halliday.

"I think she has a genuine interest in this age group," she said.

After graduating from college, Halliday worked as a substitute librarian in Ann Arbor. She also worked part time at Saline's public library.

Landing the full-time position in Canton was like a dream come true, Halliday said.

"It's what I've always wanted," she added. "Sometimes I have to pinch myself to make sure it's real."

Halliday hit the ground running. She already has plans in place for numerous young adult programs over the next few months.

A summer reading program is a main project. Teens will get a chance to read a variety of books as well as write reviews of World Wide Web sites.

Reviews will be submitted weekly for prize drawings. Halliday plans on teaching teens how

to create their own Web pages.

"I've always wanted to do this," said Halliday. "I've always wanted to be a librarian."

Being a librarian means working nights and weekends on a regular basis. But Halliday doesn't seem to mind.

"If you believe in the concept of serving people," she said, "you have to accept that that's part of it."

Halliday said she has received a warm welcome from fellow librarians.

"The people here are very helpful," she added. "I felt that I was accepted right away."



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Her generation: At 25, Stefanie Halliday is still in touch with the likes and dislikes of young adult library patrons.

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CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Pale pilsner smooth and mellow brew

This is the time of year that I really start having a taste for pilsners. Could it be that I was from Bohemia in a previous life? Maybe I was a court brewer for King Wenceslas of the Christmas carol fame, or perhaps it's just because I'm a big fan of saaz hops and have been waiting 16 weeks for that lager to be ready.

Pilsner Urquell

In the meantime, there is plenty of Pilsner Urquell to be had. Located in the city of Plzen in the Czech Republic, Plzensky Prazdroj was established in 1842. Up until that time, almost all beer was pretty dark, even when it was called pale.

Advances in malting and drying of barley, coupled with a yeast strain brought from Munich in 1840, the very soft water of the area, cold and slow fermentation, and long cool lagering helped produce a very pale yellow, crystal clear, smooth and mellow beer.

Urquell uses renowned barley from Moravia, and the equally renowned Saaz hop from the Zatec region of Bohemia, to give its beer a pleasant spiciness in aroma and taste with a dry finish.

What's really amazing is that not long ago the beer was fermented in 775 gallon open wooden vessels for 12 to 14 days, then put underground into 1,000 gallon pitch lined wooden tanks in 6 miles of tunnels for 13 more weeks. This is not your average pilsner.

I know I've mentioned this a few times, but Dean at the Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham makes a really tasty pilsner with a boatload of hops he has flown in from the Czech Republic. It's a true taste treat that's not available all the time, but when it is, it goes fast.

Tasty dish

Now, on to the food part. Last Tuesday, my friend Stawarz called and said Donna, his significant other, had a meeting. I answered, "so does Michelle."

He had the Urquell, and said that I had to come up with dinner. Since there's a seafood market close to my house, and Urquell is great with fish, fish it was.

This is a slight twist on an entree we serve at the Water Club Seafood Grill.

SWEET POTATO ENCRUSTED WHITEFISH

- 2 (8 ounce) pinboned whitefish fillets
- 2 big sweet potatoes
- 5 tablespoons white horseradish, (or more if you like it)
- 4 tablespoons grated onion
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Bake sweet potatoes at 350°F until half-way done, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Remove the skin from the potatoes and grate potatoes, as if you were making hash browns, into a bowl. Add horseradish and onion, mix well.

Lay the whitefish flesh side up and press an even layer of the potato mixture on the fish to completely cover it. (You do not have to use up the whole mixture on the fish, you will have some left over, it's great in the morning formed into little pancakes, sautéed and served with an omelet for breakfast).

Pour oil into a nonstick sauté pan and heat it until a small piece of potato sizzles nicely. Take a long spatula, and slide it under the fish. Tilt the pan so the oil goes to one side and place the fish potato side down in the pan. Give it a small shake to get the oil under it. Cook for about 3 minutes or until gold-

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B.B.Q. Buddies

Friends co-invent handy barbecue tool

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Barbecue buddies Al Flores of Livonia and Glenn Cox of Trenton met at work and learned they had a lot in common.

Both like being outdoors. They work in the Wayne County engineering department overseeing road construction projects.

When they're home with their families they enjoy barbecuing and making things out of ideas.

B.B.Q. Basting Buddy brings the sauce and basting brush together in one piece taking some of the messiness out of barbecuing. Screw the brush onto your favorite bottle of barbecue sauce.

"You press a lever to let the sauce flow onto the brush. Let go the lever when you have enough, and finish basting," said Al. "Sauce that has come in contact with the food does not flow back into the bottle."

It's dishwasher safe, and rinses easily after use. A cap, designed to look like a chef's hat, covers the bottle when it's not in use.

B.B.Q. Basting Buddy was Glenn's idea. Al helped bring it to fruition.

"I just bought a new grill and didn't want to get it dirty," said Glenn. "I was trying to figure out a way I could get the barbecue sauce onto the food and keep the grill clean."

After making dinner, of course, he took the turkey baster out of the kitchen drawer and went downstairs to the basement to tinker.

His grandfather was an inventor, too, and family members say Glenn inherited his genes. He enjoys creating something when he sees a need for it.

"I cut a hole in the turkey baster bulb and put it on top of an Open Pit barbecue sauce bottle," said Glenn.

Later he went to the hardware store and bought a wallpaper brush. He taped the brush to the bulb with electrical tape to see if it would work.

Sauce poured out of the bottle too fast. Glenn worked on his idea. He shortened the brush handle and created a valve.

"It worked, and I was tickled pink," he said. "I used it for awhile."

That was about 2-1/2 years ago. Glenn approached Al with his idea, and he thought it was a good one.

Al called his cousin Ken Yanez, who has customized cars since he was a kid, and asked for help making a prototype. Yanez owns Special Projects, Inc. in Plymouth Township and even



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Buddies: Al Flores (left) and Glenn Cox co-invented the clever B.B.Q. Basting Buddy.



Barbecuer's friend: Juggling barbecue sauce and a basting brush can be difficult. B.B.Q. Basting Buddy screws onto the top of most barbecue sauce bottles. A valve regulates the flow of sauce onto the bristles.

worked on former President Richard M. Nixon's limo.

With the seed planted, the guys said they felt like Jack in the Beanstalk who sold the family cow for three magic beans. Their "magic bean" cost them \$2,500.

"I'm conservative," said Glenn. "He'll (Al) take the risk. We're good together."

Nodding his head in agreement, Al adds, "There's a lot of respect between us."

Believing they had a great idea, they looked for people who might be interested in licensing B.B.Q. Basting Buddy, but struck out.

With prototype in hand, they searched for, and found a manufacturer with help from John Avgoustis at Detroit Quality Brush in Livonia.

"We paid lots of money and ended up with 15,000 'beans' B.B.Q. Basting Buddies," said Al. "We just plugged away at it, little by little."

They applied for a patent, designed the package, and took it on the road to home and garden and home and improvement shows at Novi Expo Center and Cobo.

So far, it's been a hit. "We've sold about 10,000," said Flores who called just before we went to press to say that Farmer Jack will be offering the B.B.Q. Basting Buddy for sale at metro Detroit stores "soon."

You can purchase the B.B.Q. Basting Buddy for \$6.95 at all three Westborn Market locations — Livonia, Dearborn, and Berkley; Byrd's Meat Market in Livonia; Town 'N' Country Hardware in Garden City; and Northside Hardware in Wayne.

It's also available by mail order for \$6.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. Make check payable to Uneek Enterprises, Inc., and mail to Uneek Enterprises, 19548 Hillcrest, Livonia, MI 48152. To place your order by phone, call (248) 478-6575.

Call for information about carrying the B.B.Q. Basting Buddy in your store.

"It's our American dream," said Al. "We have high expectations, but it's just getting started."

They hope to sell a lot of B.B.Q. Basting Buddies so they can give back to the community.

Customers have written to say how much they enjoy using the product.

Who knows, it might not be long before B.B.Q. Basting Buddy becomes a household word, just like another familiar name in barbecuing, "Weber" that began with an idea.

George Stephen was tired of cooking outdoors on an open-broiler grill. The year was 1952, and he was working for Weber Brothers Metal Works in Chicago. Stephen had experience shaping metal. He experimented and found that two metal half-spheres used for navigational buoys could be fashioned into a covered barbecue grill. His grill could be used whether it was rainy or snowy and maintain an even temperature.

Friends laughed at his invention, but Stephen began selling the odd-shaped grills to friends and neighbors. In the late 1950s he bought out the barbecue division of Weber Brothers Metal Works, became sole owner and worked full time designing, manufacturing and selling the Weber kettle. The kettle is the flagship product of the Palatine, Ill., based Weber-Stephen Products Co. manufacturers of charcoal and gas barbecue grills.

See recipes inside.

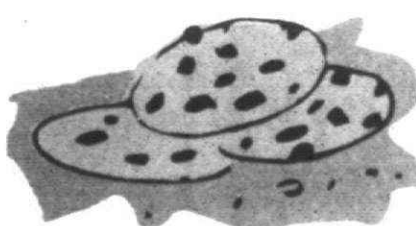
Chocolatey cookies are a chip above the rest

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Chocolate Chipper Cookies, a recipe from Giovanni Jack Leone, corporate chef of Robert's Restaurants, which includes Streetside Seafood, 220, Beverly Hills Grill and Edison's, is a keeper.

"Lots of people ask me for it," said Leone. "It's a recipe we developed when I was in Colorado where I had a gourmet take-out restaurant. We sold a lot of these cookies."

Leone describes the cookie as a chocolate chip cookie with a Western flair. "It's a combination of a couple of recipes," he said. "We worked with oatmeal and granola cookie recipes and said 'let's put all this together.' Out West near Boulder and Denver, people are outside 360 days of the year. They



eat a lot of granola."

This chocolate chip cookie is full of surprises — raisins, shredded coconut, granola and oatmeal.

At Beverly Hills Grill, 31471 Southfield Road, (south of 13 Mile Road) in Beverly Hills, the cookies are served warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. They're not on the menu at the other Robert's Restaurants, but served at parties and other catered events.

CHOCOLATE CHIPPER COOKIES

- 4 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 24 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 6 large eggs
- 3/4 cup vanilla
- 4 cups raisins
- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 9 cups chocolate chips
- 3 cups shredded coconut
- 3 cups granola
- 3 cups oats (old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 4 1/2 cups walnut pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Cream butter and sugar in mixer. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix all dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt and baking powder) together and slowly add to the

creamed mixture while mixing.

Blend in remainder of ingredients.

Refrigerate dough until firm, about 1 hour, before baking. Bake at 400°F for approximately 10 minutes depending on your oven.

Makes 45 large cookies.

Recipe compliments of Giovanni Jack Leone, Corporate Chef, Robert's Restaurants.

What's your favorite recipe to share? Send us your recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in Taste, we'll send you a newly published cookbook.

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Weber's Art of the Grill' features creative recipes

Recipes from "Weber's Art of the Grill," Chronicle Books, \$35, written by experts at Weber-Stephen Products Co., the manufacturer of Weber barbecue grills and accessories. Look for it in bookstores beginning May 1.

JALAPENO-CITRUS TUNA STEAKS

Direct/Medium Heat
For the tuna:
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh oregano
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon kosher salt
4 ahi tuna steaks, each 7 to 8 ounces and 1-inch thick
For the relish:
4 small oranges, about 6 ounces each

1 lime
1 teaspoon honey
1 jalapeno chile, seeded and minced
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
In a small bowl, mix together the olive oil, oregano, cayenne pepper and salt. Brush the mixture over both sides of the tuna steaks. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate in the refrigerator at least 15 minutes or as long as 45 minutes.
To make the relish: With a sharp knife, cut the skin and outer white pith from the oranges. Slide the knife down one side of each orange segment, then down the other side, removing the segments as you go.
Cut the segments into 1/2-inch pieces and place them in a bowl. Follow the same procedure for the

lime and combine with the orange pieces. Add the honey, jalapeno chile, red pepper flakes and cumin. Stir and toss to mix well.
Grill the tuna steaks directly over medium heat, turning once, for 4 minutes total for rare or as long as 8 minutes total for well done.
Serve warm with the citrus relish. Serves 4.
COFFEE-AND-PEPPER-CRUSTED NEW YORK STEAKS
Direct/High Heat
2 tablespoons whole coffee beans
2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns
4 New York (strip) steaks, each about 3/4 pound and 1-inch thick
Vegetable oil for brushing cooking grate
Remove the steaks from the grill. Season both sides with salt. Allow to rest for 2 to 3 minutes before serving.
Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.
S'MORES ALL GROWN UP
Direct/High Heat
Peel 1 medium orange, with most of the white pith removed, cut into 1/4-inch wide strips
2 cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar

Kosher salt to taste
Coarsely grind the coffee beans and peppercorns in a food processor or coffee grinder. Press mixture evenly on both sides of the steaks.
Lightly brush the cooking grate with vegetable oil. Grill the steaks directly over high heat, turning once, for about 8 to 10 minutes, or until cooked to desired doneness.
Remove the steaks from the grill. Season both sides with salt. Allow to rest for 2 to 3 minutes before serving.
Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.
S'MORES ALL GROWN UP
Direct/High Heat
Peel 1 medium orange, with most of the white pith removed, cut into 1/4-inch wide strips
2 cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar

8 graham crackers, each one split in half
8 thin squares (2 inches each) premium chocolate such as Valrhona
8 large marshmallows
4 long metal skewers (or 4 long bamboo skewers soaked in water for at least 30 minutes)
Bring a small saucepan filled three-quarters with water to a boil. Add the orange strips, blanch for 2 minutes, and then drain.
In the same small saucepan, bring 2 cups water and the two cups sugar to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar.
Reduce the heat to a simmer, add the orange strips, and simmer stirring occasionally, until tender, about 10 minutes.
Have a small bowl ready with the remaining 2 tablespoons of

sugar in it. Drain the orange strips and quickly put them in the bowl of sugar, tossing them with a fork or tongs. Allow the orange strips to dry on a rack at room temperature for 4 hours.
Place each graham cracker half on a plate, setting a square of chocolate on top of each one. Add 1 or 2 pieces of candied orange peel to each piece of chocolate. Thread 2 marshmallows onto each end of each skewer. Hold the marshmallows just above the cooking grate directly over high heat and turn slowly until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes.
Slide a warm marshmallow onto each square, placing the remaining graham cracker halves on top. Gently press together and wait until the marshmallows melt the chocolate slightly, about 1 minute. Serve immediately.
Makes 8 S'Mores.

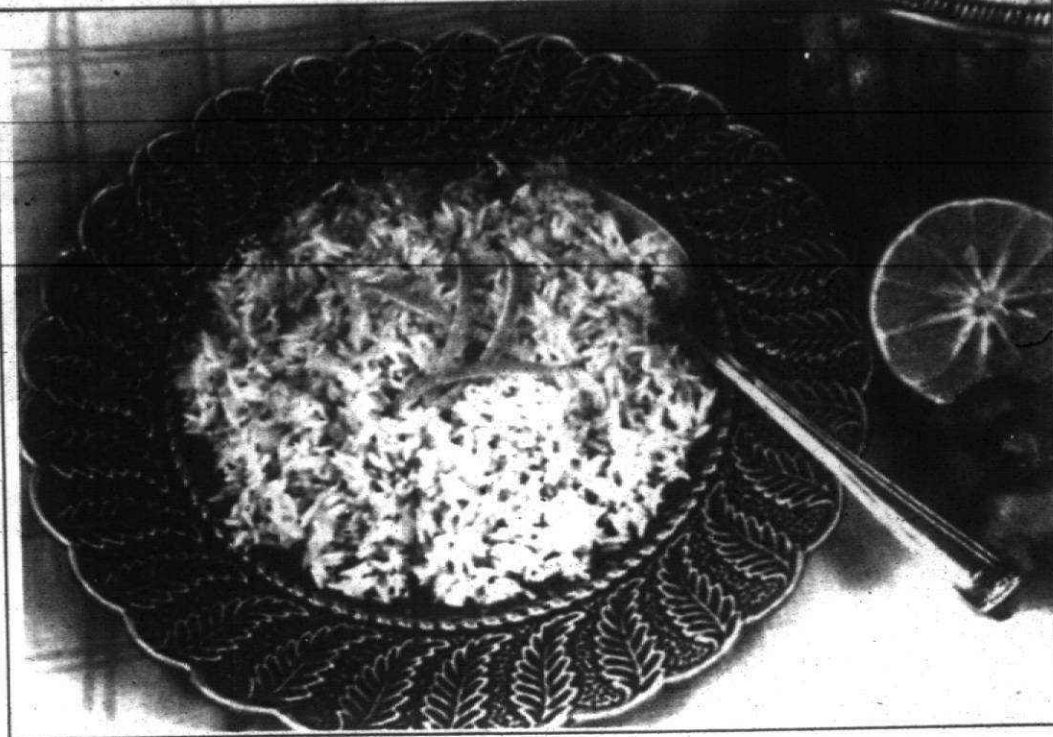
Put some sunshine into meals with oranges

By Dana Jacobi
Special Writer

In April, though the markets are still heaped with apples and pears, the appeal of these winter fruits often diminishes as spring flowers brighten the landscape. Before local strawberries come along, this is the time for sunny, bright Valencia oranges.
In fact, April through the summer is when this fruit is at its peak, since the best of the crop comes in mid-season, and Valentias are harvested from February through October. It is almost as if Nature knows that orange juice, lifted with a dash of vanilla extract, is a great partner for the fresh berries soon to come, and that icy, tangy orange juice is also one of the best hot weather refreshers.
Valentias are the only orange equally good for eating and juicing. To eat a Valencia orange, cut it into wedges. I like to keep a bowl of these "smiles" by my computer as I work. They are thirst-quenching, won't spill, and the fragrance of the cut oranges is almost as enjoyable as the fruit itself.
Florida and California both grow Valencia oranges. In Florida, where 90 percent of the crop is pressed for juice, this one variety of orange accounts for 50 percent of all the fruit grown in the state.
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1 teaspoon grated orange zest
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup long-grain white rice
1 cup orange juice
1 cup fat-free chicken broth
Preheat the oven to 400° F.
In a small Dutch oven or other ovenproof pot with a tight-fitting lid, melt the butter over medium-high heat on top of the stove. Add the onion, and saute until it is translucent, 4-5 minutes.
Stir in the orange zest and ginger, and cook 30 seconds. Stir in the rice until it is shiny. Mix in the orange juice and chicken broth. Bring the liquid to a boil, and cover the pot.
Place the covered pot in the oven. Bake the rice until all the liquid is absorbed and the rice is fluffy, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven, and let the rice sit, covered, for 10 minutes before serving. Fluff the rice with a fork and serve.
Nutrition information: Each of the six servings contains 156 calories and 2 grams of fat. Written by cookbook author Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research.



Springtime side dish: Orange Rice Pilaf is a delicious accompaniment to grilled foods.

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en brown.
Slide spatula under the fish, tilt pan and replace fish skin side down. Cook 2 minutes, remove and place fish on a baking sheet.
Change the oil, if needed, and repeat with the other fillet. Place in a preheated 350° F oven and bake for 10 minutes, serve. Serves 2.
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GROCERY STORE TOUR
Sandra Dalka-Prybyl, author of "Slow but Sure" will show shoppers how to best fill their grocery carts to achieve their weightloss goals, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at Kroger on Maple at Woodward in Birmingham. Her book, which chronicles the journey that led to her losing 170 pounds will be available for purchase. "Having a book signing at a grocery store may be unusual, but this will allow her the opportunity to help others become more familiar with low-calorie and low-fat food items," said Dalka-Prybyl. "It'll remind shoppers of the importance of

reading food labels and how eating proper food portions can make all the difference in shedding pounds."
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Thursday, April 29 to Sunday, May 2 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi features national and local celebrity chefs including Martin Yan, Rick Rodgers, Joy Martin, Jimmy Schmidt, Kathleen Hawkins, Executive Director of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, and Chef Michael Bush of the Kroger Co. of Michigan. Other highlights include fashion shows & entertainment, health & fitness information, food sampling. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance at Kroger stores. Children 4-12 are \$3; children under 4, free. For more information, call (800) 849-0248 or www.southernshows.com

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It contains kitchen tested recipes including cherry pie, cherry banana bread and cherry cheesecake with many color photos.

Vegetable casserole hearty

AP - Both vegetarian and nonvegetarian menus could include this Caribbean Corn and Vegetable Bake. It's a hearty casserole calling for corn, potatoes, onions and tomatoes, flavored with cumin, thyme and ground red pepper. The vegetables are cut into chunks, and the casserole bakes in just over 30 minutes.
CARIBBEAN CORN AND VEGETABLE BAKE
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon sugar
3/4 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
4 ears fresh corn, shucked and halved
1 pound plum tomatoes (about 6), cut in halves
12 ounces small thin-skinned potatoes (about 4), cut in quarters (about 2 1/2 cups)
2 medium onions, cut in thin wedges (about 2 cups)

Preheat oven to 450° F. In a small bowl, mix oil, cumin, salt, sugar, thyme, black pepper and red pepper until blended. Place corn, tomatoes, potatoes and onions in a 15 by 10-inch roasting pan. Pour the oil mixture over the vegetables; toss gently to coat. Cover pan with foil. Bake, stirring once or twice, until vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes.
Makes 4 to 6 servings, about 9 cups. Nutritional facts per serving: 258 cal., 6 g pro., 45 g carbo., 9 g fat, 576 mg sodium.
Recipe from: Southern Super-sweet Corn.

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Blood drive

Red Cross nurses available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29, to accommodate anyone wishing to donate blood. "The Gift of Life." Call Garden City Hospital to make an appointment, 458-4330. Walk-ins welcome.

New hospice

The new Hospice of the Henry Ford Health System will open Wednesday, April 28, at 260 S. Union in Plymouth. The grand opening will serve as an opportunity for individuals to tour the center and ask questions about care.

Mammograms

Now through May 29, free Mother's Day mammogram pamphlets are available at nearly 8,600 Rite Aid pharmacies nationwide. The pamphlets include breast health tips and a hotline number, (888) RITENOW, that women can call to determine if they are eligible for a free mammogram. Qualifying women are then referred to a local health care provider for the free mammogram.

Strength training

Exercise, strength training and conditioning class will teach you to design your own program in order to enable you to reach your Peak Performance Level. This practical workshop will help educate you to correct your training procedures in accordance with the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Instructor Kenneth S. Stooa Jr. will teach the class 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Plymouth Canton High School. Call 416-2937 to register.

Urgent care

The new Henry Ford medical centers in Canton and Plymouth are offering urgent care. The Plymouth location is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and holidays. The medical center is located at 14300 Beck Road, between M-14 and Commerce Drive and can be reached at (734) 453-5600. Canton is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday only at 6100 Haggerty, between Ford Road and Commerce Drive. Call (734) 981-3200.

Open house

Angela Hospice of Livonia will hold its second annual open house from 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at 14100 Newburgh. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the care center and ask about many of the caregiving services. Call (734) 464-7610.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments, news, tips in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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PARKINSON'S

New treatments on horizon for sufferers

By M.B. DILLON
SPECIAL WRITER

What do the Pope, actor Michael J. Fox, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and 55,000 Michigan residents have in common? Unfortunately, all suffer from Parkinson's disease, a chronic neurological disorder that causes tremors, rigidity, imbalance, slowed movements and other motor problems.

The progressive illness is caused by the loss of nerve cells in the brain and the subsequent lack of an important brain chemical called dopamine. There is no known cure for the disease, but it is treatable. It occurs in all parts of the world. Men are slightly more affected by Parkinson's than women.

April is Parkinson's Awareness month, and volunteers like Ruth Ann Butler, facilitator of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Support Group, are making a special effort to "reach all the people we can, whether they are possible Parkinsonians or their families. We want to help them become better informed, and make them aware that we have a discussion and support group not only in Livonia, but in 35 other locations throughout the state of Michigan," said the Westland resident.

"The reason Parkinson's is brought to light all over the country during April is because Dr. James Parkinson, for whom the disease is named, was born in April," said Butler. "In the early 1800s, when he lived and researched the disease in England, it was called shaking palsy."

It's thought that the incidence of Parkinson's in Michigan is actually greater than 55,000. "The people who don't go to the doctor — who think they just have a shaking hand or whatever — we don't know about," said Butler.

The Western Wayne Parkinson's Support Group meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Citizens Building at 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile in Livonia.

"It's a self-help group where people with Parkinson's disease, their family members and friends can come to share their concerns and gain information," said Butler.

"We meet every month of the year, and have speakers who are professionals and knowledgeable in the field of Parkinson's disease, those being neurologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, and those professionals who care for Parkinsonians," she said.

The group hosts social gatherings as well. "We have one upcoming in June, a picnic with music under the stars at the Livonia Civic Center. In December, we host a Christmas party with entertainment and goodies," said Butler, who in 1995 was honored with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's humanitarian award. She currently serves on the foundation's board of directors.

Butler sends Parkinson's literature and information packets to anyone interested upon request. She also writes a monthly newsletter, lobbies Congressmen, speaks to groups, locates wheelchairs and other items for those in need, steers people to helpful agencies and finds rides to the support group meetings for Parkinsonians.

She could use help with the latter. Anyone wishing to offer lifts to the Western Wayne support group sessions may call Ruth Ann Butler at (734) 421-4208.

With a delegation, Butler traveled to Washington, D.C., a few months ago to urge Congress to supply more funding for Parkinson's disease.

"Research is ongoing, and the scientists feel they are very close to an answer. But we have to encourage more funding so that the National Institute of Health can come up with a positive answer for a cure," said Butler.

Historically, Parkinson's has been associated with older individuals. "But through research and more diagnosis, we're finding it hits people at a younger age, as in the case of Michael J. Fox," said Butler. "He was 30 when he was diagnosed, and just brought it to light at 37. He's had surgery; a new procedure that can help a Parkinsonian. There are always new things coming up that can be done besides taking medicines. Three new medicines are on the horizon that will be available around the first of the year."

Dr. Peter A. LeWitt, professor of neurology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, shares Butler's optimism.

"There are more options for managing the symptoms of Parkinson's disease," he said. "There is considerable expertise in Michigan for the treatment of Parkinson's, as well as active research into new therapies and the causation of this mysterious disorder."

"Patients and families are entitled to a high level of optimism regarding the future, because so much has been accomplished over the past 20 years," added LeWitt, who practices at the Clinical Neuroscience Center in Southfield. "We're looking to a healthy future for patients with Parkinson's disease."

What is the natural course of Parkinson's? While it can be a disorder of progressive disability, Parkinson's symptoms are often quite mild. Some patients experience little progression over more than 10 years after the onset of symptoms. Parkinson's is not a cause of premature death. With medication, most patients achieve major improvements, experts say.

Butler says a person newly diagnosed with Parkinson's should get a second opinion. "Don't just go with the first diagnosis. I'd encourage both the individual and the family to become very knowledgeable about the disease. Take a positive attitude," she said.

"Exercise. Get into an occupational therapy program and a speech therapy program. Do not try to hide it. Be proud of who you are and what you are, and help us find a cure. I'm an advocate of the family working with the Parkinsonian, and the Parkinsonian working with the family."

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation helps Parkinsonians and their families. The nonprofit group offers neurologist referral, educational materials, assistance with medication, funding for day care, counseling groups and a quarterly newsletter.

You may contact the MPF at 3990 John R. Detroit, MI 48201. The toll-free information line is (800) 852-9781; (313) 745-2000; fax, (313) 745-2049. The MPF also has a Web site, www.parkinsonsmi.org

Karmanos study may link prostate cancer prevention with tomatoes

New medical research suggests that the consumption of lycopene — the stuff that makes tomatoes red — may prevent cancer.

Omer Kucuk, M.D., oncologist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, has produced the first scientific evidence to indicate that a lycopene supplement containing tomato extract may protect against prostate cancer.

In the study, Kucuk and colleagues followed 30 men with localized prostate cancer who were scheduled to undergo surgical removal of the prostate. For three weeks prior to surgery, study participants were randomly assigned to receive either a 15-milligram capsule of lycopene as a pure tomato extract, twice daily, or no intervention. Following removal of the prostates, the glands were analyzed to determine whether there were any differences between the two groups studied.

The investigators found that the group treated with lycopene supplements had smaller tumors, the cancer was more frequently confined to the prostate, meaning the cancer did not spread to surrounding tissue and organs.

Levels of serum PSA (prostate specific antigen, a



common marker used to detect prostate cancer) actually declined during the 3-week span that participants

took the lycopene supplement. In addition, the tumors in participants who consumed lycopene showed signs of regression and decreased malignancy.

"This study represents the first clinical evidence that lycopene supplements may prevent cancer," said Kucuk. "Furthermore, the findings suggest that lycopene may not only help prevent cancer, but may also be useful in treating men who are already diagnosed with prostate cancer."

"However, due to the small size of the study, it is not yet possible to draw a firm conclusion. More studies on the effects of prostate cancer are warranted," he added.

Studies previously conducted on the preventive health benefits of lycopene were epidemiological studies that indicated an association between consumption of tomato products and decreased risk of prostate cancer. Kucuk's clinical trial suggests a more direct relationship between the consumption of lycopene and prostate cancer than the previous studies.

Visit the Institute on the Internet at www.karmanos.org.

Race brings attention to breast cancer research

Breast cancer takes the life of one woman every three minutes in the United States. It will affect one in nine women who live to the age of 85.

"These are scary statistics, but the numbers are improving," explained Dr. Beverly Blaney, executive physician, Clinical Operations, Ford Motor Co. "The best way to beat this life-threatening disease is with early detection. That means being aware of changes in your body, then taking action."

Blaney was one of the featured speakers at a special Ford-sponsored program designed to focus attention on breast cancer and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

Breast cancer survivor Sharon McAllister, a 35-year employee of Ford Credit, described her personal experience with the disease and the support she received from her extended family — her co-workers at Ford. While she was convalescing, her entire department joined with family and friends in the Detroit Race as a way to celebrate McAllister's recovery.

The Komen Race for the Cure® is a series of 5K fitness runs/walks nationwide to raise awareness of breast cancer and raise funds for education, screening, treatment and research. Today, it is the largest series of 5K fitness runs/walks in the world with 98 races scheduled for 1999, involving more than 700,000 participants.

Staying active before, after pregnancy improves postpartum weight loss, mood

Women who are physically active before and after the birth of a child not only retain less weight after the birth, but tend to remain socially active and feel better about themselves in the postpartum months, according to a new University of Michigan study.

"We found that women who exercise were much more likely than not to participate in fun activities, such as visiting friends and family, engaging in hobbies or going to the movies," said Carolyn Sampselle, U-M professor of nursing and senior author of the study published in the January/February issue of the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing (JOGNN).

The study, "Physical Activity and Postpartum Well-Being," focuses on 1,003 women who completed a questionnaire at their six-week postpartum examination. Nearly 35 percent of the women exercised an average of three times per week.

Those who were most active retained significantly less weight (8.6 pounds) than their less active counterparts. Also, the more active women had less difficulty adapting to the birth of a child and they were more likely than non-exercisers to socialize and engage in other fun

activities, such as hobbies and entertainment.

Beyond giving advice for abdominal exercises, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and physicians seldom offer advice on the importance of remaining physically active during the postpartum months, according to Sampselle.

"The most important message we can send to health-care providers is the need to talk with postpartum women about their exercise goals and to support those goals. The message we send now is that all of your attention should go to the baby and don't worry about yourself. I think they are really doing a disservice to women," said Sampselle.

Of the 1,003 women who participated in the study, 34.8 percent engaged in vigorous exercise, while 65.2 percent did not; 54.8 percent reported engaging in less physical activity, while 29.2 percent reported the same level of activity, and 16 percent reported engaging in more physical activities.

Most of the women reported engaging in fun activities; 71.4 percent of the women said they stretched; 47.5 percent pursued hobbies; 47.4 percent socialized; 47 percent participated in sports; and 38.5 percent said

they participated in other forms of entertainment.

Although final conclusions on the effects of exercise on mental well-being will require further research, the study also showed that new mothers who exercised were generally more satisfied with their lives.

They were more satisfied with their partners; roles in caring for the infant; they were more confident in their abilities as a mother; they reported a better experience during labor and delivery; reported an overall better quality relationship with their partner; they were more satisfied with life overall; more satisfied about motherhood in general; and had more support from family and friends.

The questions raised by the study will be the subject of a continuing investigation by SeonAe Yeo, a U-M associate professor of nursing and co-author of the new Sampselle study.

"This was a retrospective study, which means we can't say it's the exercise that is the cause of their positive experience in adapting to the birth of a child. We plan to conduct a clinical study to see if in fact exercise caused this change in the women's state of mind," said Yeo.

St. Joe's reorganizes in response to industry changes, Balanced Budget Act

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, accelerating its continuous cost reduction strategies in response to cuts in Medicare reimbursement and other revenue sources, is pursuing a major redesign of overhead departments, examining programs' effectiveness and appropriateness and reducing expenses.

"We certainly are not immune to the pressures other Michigan health care systems are facing," said SJMHS president and CEO Garry C. Faja. "The Medicare cuts resulting from the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, additional revenue shortages proposed by President Clinton and an increase in managed care patient volume are strong incentives for us to streamline our processes and ensure we continue to focus on our mission of providing high-quality care."

Faja said SJMHS "must redesign itself to become exquisite at care delivery, care management and service excellence." The system is looking at a number of ways to improve processes and financial performance, including:

- Management reorganization to attain a "best practices" ratio of management to staff.
- Redesign of "back office" functions and processes that do not affect patient care in conjunction with its parent organization, Mercy

Health Services.

- Active recruitment of nurses to ensure the quality of patient care and reduce employment agency costs and overtime expenses.
- An overall reduction of full-time equivalents (FTEs) from 4900 FTEs to 4600 FTEs during the next 12 to 18 months. The reductions will be accomplished through process redesign, reduction of employment agency use and overtime, use of voluntary staff reductions, program changes and other efforts, with limited use of involuntary staff reductions.

"The health care industry is undergoing dramatic change, and we must take dramatic action in response to be true to our mission of improving the health of the people we serve," said Faja. "SJMHS is in a better financial position than some other health systems due to our employees' continuing efforts to implement quality initiatives that have improved care, increased efficiencies and reduced expenses."

"We know this transition period will be difficult at times," said Faja. "We are committed to accomplishing our initiatives in a manner consistent with our mission and values and continuing to provide the high level of care our communities have come to expect from us."

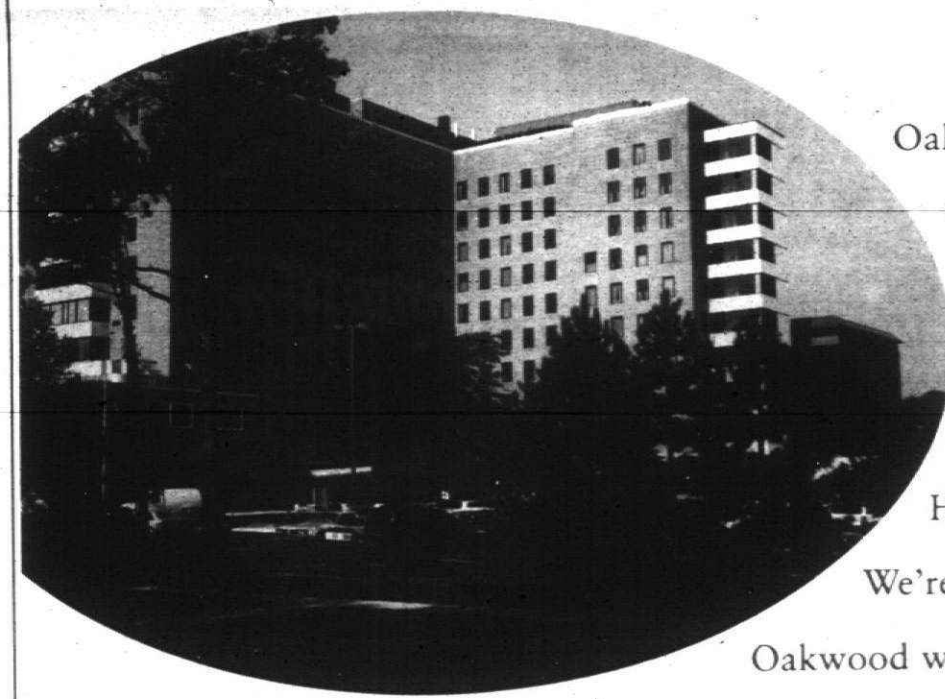
UPCOMING EVENT

The Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah will present a Women's Health Education Day at the Westin Southfield. The day titled, "Body, Mind, Heart,

Soul" will start at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 23, and includes continental breakfast, workshops, women's health and care exhibits, luncheon and a keynote

address by Department of Health and Human Services' Saralyn Mark, M.D. Open to the public, cost \$30. For reservations call (248) 683-5030.

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School massacre killers heavy Internet users



PC TALK
Once again, the Internet is a major story about violence. The tragic massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., has sent millions flocking to online chat rooms, prayer sessions and portal news sites.

Like traditional media, the Internet has buzzed with information and anguish over the tragic news of the shootings. But what has become most disturbing is how big a role the Net played in the lives of the two gunmen, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Both frequented many of the hate Web sites and played violent online games, according to friends.

Harris created Web sites that espoused violence, contained instructions on how to build shrapnel-loaded pipe bombs and reportedly wrote: "I live in Denver and I would love to kill almost all of its residents. You all better hide in your houses because I'm coming for everyone and I will shoot to kill and I will kill everything."

Trying to help

The father of a student at Columbine High School turned that and 14 other pages of Harris' Web writings over to police last fall. On an America Online Web site Harris created, he told teenage visitors how to make pipe bombs, cautioning them to

put newspapers down on the carpet when working with gunpowder, saying: "... if you have a big black stain on yer carpet, mom and dad might ask some questions."

Police and school officials wouldn't comment on the Web pages, which were common knowledge among Columbine students, according to numerous news accounts. AOL removed the Web site immediately after the shootings and turned the data over to the FBI.

Warning signs
Even a couple months before, researchers at the Simon Wiesenthal Center had stumbled across the so-called "Trenchcoat Mafia" Web site. Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Los Angeles-based center that keeps track of hate crimes, said he didn't report it to police at the time because "there was no indication that this was a dangerous site from people planning something."

The truth of the matter is, as bad as Harris' site may have been, there are many more that are much worse.

Hier is calling on Internet companies to voluntarily screen out sites that promote hatred, violence or teach how to make weapons.

I went on line the other night, about 10 minutes before I was to host a radio show on WXYT to talk about the tragedy. Just out of curiosity, I typed in a simple search on the word pipe bomb. By airtime, I had exact recipes on how to make three different types of explosive devices.

That same day, a reporter for the Reuters newswire went on

the Net to see how easy it would be to buy weapons. After just a few minutes online, with virtually no knowledge of firearms, the reporter was able to arrange to buy a powerful .357 handgun, no questions asked.

There will be much more written and reported about the killers and the Net. And there will be more incidents to come.

But the shootings underscore once again the critical need for parents to take responsibility and start monitoring the Internet habits of their children. And with that, the online community must also begin to vigorously police itself.

Meanwhile, for the latest news and background on the tragedy, as well as resources for parents on understanding the youth culture that the suspects came from, check the following sites:

<http://insidedenver.com/> (Rocky Mountain News newspaper)
<http://www.denverpost.com> (Denver Post newspaper)
<http://columbinejeffco.k12.co.us> (Columbine High School)
<http://jeffco.k12.co.us> (School District)

<http://www.jeffcoasherriff.com/> (Sheriff's Department)
<http://www.kusa.com> (Local News channel)
<http://www.swedishhospital.com> (One of the local hospitals)

The Mining Co.'s "Parenting of Adolescents" Web site (<http://parentingteens.miningco.com>) offers an extensive collection of links and resources about the problem of teen violence.

And "Plugged In," Focus on the Family's online guide (<http://www.family.org/ppia>)

ce/pi/) for parents seeking to understand the youth culture.

PC Mike seminars

Space is almost gone for the next PC Mike Seminar, "Internet 101" now set from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 8, at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

The popular session will provide a broad and practical overview of how the Internet and e-mail can help personal and business users. It will include information on navigating and searching the World Wide Web, how to set up a Web site for personal and business use, how to filter out porn and unwanted e-mail and what to look for in a computer system and Internet Service Provider.

I'll also pass out my new PC Mike Tech Tips card... free to all attendees. Doors open 9:30 a.m., but you must reserve a spot in advance. Call the 24-hour PC Mike reservation line at (248) 423-2721. Admission is \$5 per person.

And we've just added a second seminar for next month, this one dealing with the Y2K problem. It will be held Saturday, May 22, at the MSU Management Center in Troy. Again, call (248) 423-2721 to reserve a space.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Newsmakers are welcome from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Manager named

A California software company recently opened a regional office in Livonia and named local construction consultant Sarah Keiser its regional manager. She will supervise sales and consulting for Omware, Inc., of Sebastopol, California, developers of The Master Builder construction management software.

Election

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwestern Oakland County (RRRASOC) recently announced

that its recycling coordinator, Heidi Jo Wayco, has been elected chair of the Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC).

Wayco, a Livonia resident, began her recycling career at the city of Southfield after having been a volunteer at the city of Livonia recycling drop-off center.

Expert elected

The directors of Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia, have elected Seth Goldstein to its board. Goldstein is currently Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Flatiron Partners. He is prepared to help the company build on its information system and technology infrastructure.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, APRIL 28

BOOKKEEPING/PAYROLL
BIG E-Z Bookkeeping Co. will host a Small Business Bookkeeping and Payroll Reporting Workshop 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Jenkin Meeting Room on the third floor of the Livonia Library, 32777 Five Mile. The cost is \$59 per participant. You must preregister; call (734) 462-2727.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.
The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth and Newburgh. The Metro Livonia Chapter meets same time at American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

FRI, APRIL 30

BUSINESS NETWORK INT.
The Livonia Chapter meets 7-

8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, Plymouth and Stark. Call BNI office at (810) 635-8807.

MAY 18-19

TECHNOLOGY EXPO
The Fifth Annual Computer & Technology Showcase, which takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18-19 at the Novi Expo Center, will present technology solutions to an audience of thousands of IT Professionals in Southeastern Michigan. Those wishing to attend the exhibits and conferences can register online at www.techshows.com, or call Event Management Services, Inc. at (800) 422-0251 for more information. A complete seminar schedule will be posted on the Web site after March 20. Visit the AITP at www.rust.net/778dpm/public/links.htm.

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We know that early prevention can improve activity and independence, and reduce disease rate in old age. Most of the current preventive measures, however, concentrate on heart disease and cancer. With the continued "graying of America," conditions such as dementia, degenerative arthritis, hearing and visual impairments are more common than before. These conditions cause functional disability and increased dependency on others. The role of health care professionals is essential in screening and detecting these problems in order to provide early intervention to restore health and functionality.

Although it is helpful to be genetically programmed to age slowly, optimal aging with minimal health decline can be achieved by adhering to some healthy strategies. Intellectual stimulation, dietary modification and exercise (including resistance training) are beneficial. Old age should not prevent people from making meaningful contributions to society. Physicians can help by encouraging older adults to enjoy an active and creative life. Finally, do not let your age decide how old you are. Dwight Eisenhower once said, "I'm saving that rocker for the day I feel as old as I really am."

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

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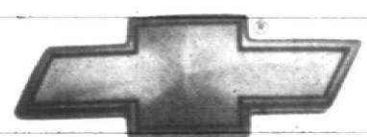
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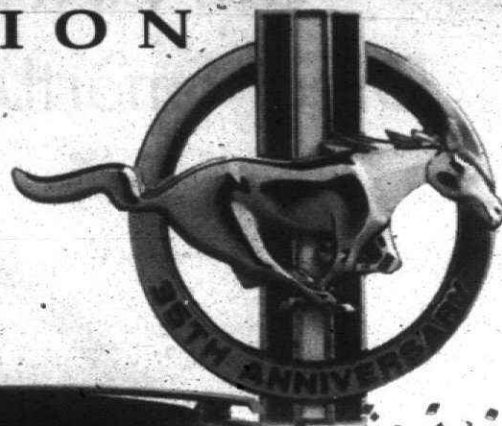
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

SCool Jazz trips on vocal music

Members of SCool Jazz and PRIME, Schoolcraft College's vocal jazz groups, are busy selling pizza kits and collecting bottles and cans to raise money for their European tour this July. They've been invited to perform in the prestigious Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, and the North Sea Jazz Festival and the World Choral Symposium in The Netherlands.

"It's quite an honor. We're very pleased," said the groups' director Steve SeGraves. "I never envisioned that it would be all three. I started by just applying to Montreaux. I did a lot of work, phone calls and e-mail. I decided we had as good a chance as anyone."

It will cost approximately \$32,000, or \$1,700 each for the 20 musicians including SeGraves, drummer Brian Buckmaster, a bass player, and pianist Eileene Standley of Plymouth, to spend 10 days in Europe. Schoolcraft College is donating \$10,000 for the trip; students will pay \$500 each. That leaves \$14,000 still left to raise



Cool Jazz: Steve SeGraves leads SCool Jazz and PRIME in a concert to raise funds for the vocal group's upcoming European tour.

Michigan Vocal Jazz Arrangers Tribute

What: A concert by SCool Jazz and PRIME featuring "Fly Me to the Moon," "The Look of Love," "When Doves Cry," and "It Might As Well Be Spring."

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28.

Where: Radcliffe campus of Schoolcraft College, 1751 Radcliffe, (off Ford Road between Wayne and Venoy), Garden City, Cal (734) 462-4770.

Tickets: \$5 minimum donation, proceeds for groups' travel expenses for a July concert tour in Europe. For information, call Steve SeGraves (734) 354-9593.

Concert today

The 16-voice Schoolcraft College Chamber Singers will give a concert 4 p.m. today at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gottfredson, Plymouth. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children under age 12, and available at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert, or by calling the church office (734) 459-9550. Proceeds go to scholarships and other school music programs.

for lodging, food and airline tickets. In addition to collecting bottles and cans for the deposits and selling do-it-yourself pizza kits, the groups will perform several benefit concerts, the first of which takes place Wednesday, April 28, on the Radcliffe campus of Schoolcraft College. A tribute to Michigan vocal jazz arrangers, the program showcases the work of April Arabian-Tini, Cathy Hadrian, Carl Rinne and SeGraves, among others.

"There's a lot of contrast in the concert from 'You Go to My Head' and 'For Once in

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Roundtable to discuss arts education

You're invited to "Opening the Book," a roundtable discussion about arts curriculum in our local school districts, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Panelists will answer questions from the audience, and address their concerns about arts education and curriculum in the school districts the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers cover. There is no charge to attend.

Call Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557, Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105, or Linda Chomin (734) 953-2145 if you have any questions.



Standing tall: Interim Director Maurice Parrish has provided much-needed leadership for the Detroit Institute of the Arts over the last year-and-a-half.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Let the Renaissance begin. This time, it's not the same old talk of renewal tossed around by supporters of flashy casinos and trendy sports stadiums. There's no inflated rhetoric about the impending revival inspired by the influx of capital from corporate behemoths relocating south of Eight Mile.

If all goes according to the \$320-million plan, this time the "renewal" will be the real thing — a financial and spiritual

The Detroit Institute of Arts 10-year, \$320-million Fund-raising Campaign

Phase One
■ Goal: To raise \$120-million over five years
■ \$80 million dedicated to building renovations and improvements, including adding 30,000 square feet in gallery space
■ \$40 million to sustain museum's operating budget

Phase Two
■ Goal: To raise \$200 million over 10 years
■ Total amount would be dedicated toward building endowment
■ Income from endowment will support museum's programs
■ \$40 million will be earmarked to ensure collection is secure

Skeptics, take a seat. Welcome to the newfangled encyclopedic arts institution, no longer resting on its laurels as the fifth largest museum in the United States.

Modern-day Medicis

Of course, this is the same arts museum that has, over the last decade, struggled to keep its doors open and been the victim of divisive city-suburb-state politics, including haggling over state funding and who should be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the institute.

With one stroke of the pen and a dip into their deep for-

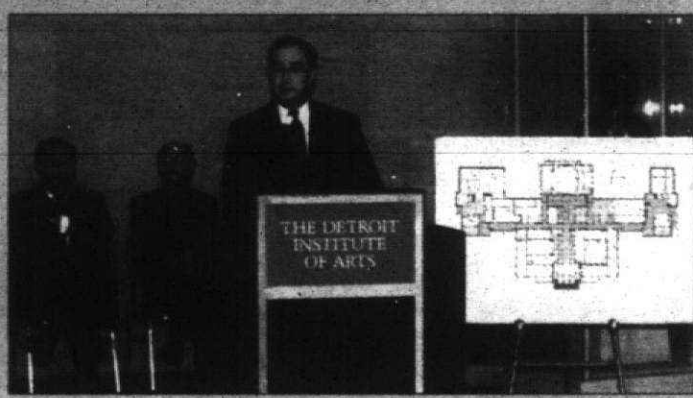
commitment to transform the Detroit Institute of Arts as a repository of culture and a symbol of the quality of the regional civilization, also known as life in metro Detroit.

For doubters wondering whether the DIA would exist into the 21st century, the question is no longer "if" but "how."

By 2010, the DIA is expected to be transformed into a financially self-sustaining, physically updated cultural trove with an endowment growing by three-fold, 30,000 square feet in additional gallery space, expanded hours and, above all, a new sensibility aimed at attracting more people to walk through its marble corridors.

TRANSFORMING the DIA

FORD, MANOOGIAN, TAUBMAN
\$50-MILLION GIFT KICKS OFF UNPRECEDENTED FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



Future plans: John D. Lewis, chair of the DIA's development committee, explains the details of the two-phase \$320-million campaign.

tunes, three modern-day Medicis (famous patrons of the Italian Renaissance) have generously made the point that the history of a region is defined by a shared culture, not cultural differences.

Last Wednesday, Josephine Ford (widow of Walter Buhl Ford II), Richard Manoogian and A. Alfred Taubman made a \$50-million lump sum donation from their massive personal wealth to launch the DIA's 10-year fund-raising campaign with the goal of raising \$320 million.

"These three individuals have given before," said Maurice Parrish, interim director at the DIA. "They challenged each other to establish a new standard in philanthropic giving."

The "giving" is the largest donation ever to a Detroit cultural institution, far exceeding the \$9 million private donation the DIA received in 1970.

It was largely through donations of the Ford family that the DIA was built in 1927. Since then, the Ford family has played a central role in sustaining the museum. More recently, Manoogian and Taubman, among the wealthiest people in Michigan, have added their influence to the museum. Manoogian, chair of Masco Corp., serves as president of the DIA board. And Taubman, of Bloomfield Hills and founder and chair of the Taubman Co., is president of the Detroit Arts Commission.

"This campaign will send a strong signal," said Manoogian. "We're alive and well and expanding."

The campaign is divided into two phases. Phase One aims to raise \$120 million over five years to fund the museum's operating budget and renovations. Phase Two is expected to take 10 years to raise an additional \$200 million to add to the DIA's current endowment of \$93.2 million.

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Jump 'n Time: Livonia Civic Chorus members Patrick Sivy-er (left), Mary Jo McKiddie, Dr. Richard Ruel and Dr. Jim Bumford swing into spring with a musical comedy.

Chorus swings into spring with comedy thriller

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Mystery, greed, betrayal and love, the Livonia Civic Chorus' spring production has all that and more.

Set in the Sweet Adeline Hotel during Prohibition, the chorus-oriented musical comedy is a mystery about people who disappear one night during an electrical storm. Fifteen years later a real estate agent is showing the hotel to prospective buyers when lightning strikes and brings back the people from 1932.

Co-authored by chorus director Jim Whitten and member Mark Sweetman, "Jump 'N Time" has all the elements of a good mystery—a haunted hotel, missing persons, eccentric foreigners and dangerous mobsters. Pianist Chris Gach and drummer Jim Person accompany the chorus as they sing their way through a range of '30s and '40s

tunes from "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" to "This Joint is Jumpin'." Sweetman narrates the April 30-May 1 productions at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

"It's a combination ghost story and USO show that you haven't seen the likes of since Abbott and Costello meets Lon Chaney," joked Sweetman, who began doing stand-up comedy 19 years ago at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and still works regularly at Joey's Comedy Castle in Livonia and Mainstreet Comedy Showcase in Ann Arbor.

This is the fourth production Whitten and Sweetman have written together. Sweetman likes writing

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MUSIC

Singers rejoice over major choral works

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Don Pratt is rejoicing with the 70 other Plymouth Oratorio Society members because conductor Leonard Riccinto chose not one but two major choral works—Franz Schubert's "Mass in G" and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" for them to sing with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra May 8 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Add to that the fact, Riccinto invited two seventh grade students, Garret Mette and Sara Greenfield, from Central Middle School to sing the boy alto parts in "Chichester Psalms" as Bernstein noted when he wrote the composition, and Pratt's in heaven on earth.

"It's an enjoyable group and gives me an opportunity to sing major choral works with an orchestra," said Pratt, a Canton



Chichester Psalms: Garrett Mette and Sara Greenfield are soloists for a Bernstein composition being performed by the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

resident and math teacher at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. "What's special about this concert is we're doing it with children soloists from the community."

Dixie Cocaigine sings in the choral group for the same reason as Pratt. The Plymouth librarian performed in her first Oratorio Society concert seven

years ago under conductor Robert Pratt. Her husband, Charles, also sings with the chorus.

"We do beautiful music," said Cocaigine. "We originally were with the University Choral Union in Ann Arbor so we missed doing the music when they began traveling and couldn't continue to sing with them. A lot of people drive over from Ann Arbor to sing with the Plymouth Oratorio Society, but we have members from all over, not only Plymouth and Canton but Farmington and Westland."

Founded by Plymouth attorney John Stewart and a few other singers, the chorus is now in its 13th season. Only half a dozen original members remain but flexibility is what the group is all about. Members meet in January to begin rehearsing for 16 consecutive Monday evenings. Riccinto thinks that's quite a commitment.

"Why do we only do one concert a year, so people could participate in other groups," said Pratt who also sings with the choir at St. John Neumann Church in Canton.

Vocal challenge

Now in his fourth season as conductor, Riccinto chose Schubert's and Bernstein's works for the program to test the skills of choral group members while

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entertaining the audience. Soprano Karen Chapin of Plymouth, tenor Robert Cassidy, Westland and Melvin Thompson, Detroit, basses Lars Gustafson, Tpsilanti, Henry Naasko, Ann Arbor and Robert Nelson, Canton will also sing solos for "Mass in G," the 1816 work by Schubert.

Composed in 1965 by Bernstein, "Chichester Psalms" challenges members to sing in Hebrew. Riccinto asked Mette and Greenfield to sing the boy alto solos for the work because their voices are at similar stages of development, and thought "why not give both children a chance to gain experience with the choral group. Having the children as soloists connects me and the chorus with the community." Other soloists for the Bernstein work are Chapin, Pratt, Gustafson, Cassidy, Gayle Rosey, Ralph Bozell, and Tricia Todd.

"Schubert comes easy to them, but the Bernstein stretches them. I'm not only a conductor but an educator," said Riccinto, choral director at Eastern Michigan University where he's taught 14 years. Prior to Eastern, he taught choral music in high schools in Battle Creek and Grosse Pointe 13 years. "I look for excellent literature that has to not only entertain but enlighten. I try to challenge them. Bernstein is a challenge."

Riccinto, who works with Patrice Pedersen's husband Gary, a piano professor at Eastern Michigan University, was the connection to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Pedersen is choral music director at Central Middle School. She started working with Mette and Greenfield in January to prepare them for the May 9 concert. Mette has studied guitar since age 7 and plays everything from jazz to blues to rock.

"Singing is something I want to do because it gets me more involved and I get to meet people," said the 13-year-old Mette. "Before we started rehearsal I was nervous because I never actually sang with a choir before except at school but I thought it would be fun."

Like mother, like daughter

Greenfield came naturally to singing. Her mother, Karen, is a longtime member of the Farmington Community Chorus. The 12-year-old Greenfield follows in her footsteps. She already has sung in Marquis Theatre youth productions of "Cinderella" and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." She began taking piano lessons at age 6.

"I've been listening to music all my life," said Greenfield. "I just love it."

For the fun of it

Other members of the Plymouth Oratorio Society are music lovers as well. CPA Terry Fuller joined the choral group two years ago because he was

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My life to "When Doves Cry" by the artist formerly known as Prince," said SeGraves. "That's what makes it interesting. That all that can be jazz."

SCool Jazz and Prime will now be selling their CD "From Russia With Jazz" to raise funds. Two years ago the groups, with different members, were the first ever college vocal jazz ensemble invited by the Russian Ministry of Culture to participate in a 12-day tour of the former communist country.

"We're trying to raise \$14,000 in the next three months to make the trip a reality," said SeGraves. "We wanted to showcase the arrangers because there's a lot going on in vocal jazz in the state. There's a lot of outstanding arrangers in Michigan including a couple in my group."

Plunking out the melody on the keys, SeGraves stands at the piano leading the group in an



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In the last decade, the DIA has spent \$17 million to repair its roof, and electrical system along with updates and reinstallation to several of its galleries.

Future renovations will minimize new construction and maximize the current space, said Michael Graves, architect of the DIA's master plan.

Within a year, further renovation included in the master plan will be visible.

A promenade will be constructed along the DIA's north-south side. And the 30,000 square feet of new exhibit space will be fit within the current Prentiss and North Courts. The actual type of art to be exhibited, however, is still being debated.

"The idea is to have a building where visitors are able to get exhibits more easily," he said.

"How can we get people to understand that the front door of the DIA is for everybody?"

Last year, after the transfer of the day-to-day operation of the

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show because it allows the chorus to tinker with script practically until the curtain rises. Originally, there was a gangster scene with guns in "Jump 'N Time." After the tragic shootings and bombings this week at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., the script now calls for a group of ruffians minus the guns.

"We'd traditionally done a lot of show music combined with choreography when we decided to add drama and musical theater," said Whitten, a Farmington Hills resident who's conducted several choruses in the metro Detroit area over the last 25 years. "In the last four years we've been doing this, all have been comedies. This one is a spoof on a ghost story."

Since the audition process in February, the 55 chorus members chosen to participate in the production have pulled together to make the production a smash. For the last two months, a crew has been hard at work building the scenery to serve as background for the stylish tastes of choreographer Lucy Kovick's dances.

"We want to get our people

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museum from the city of Detroit to a nonprofit corporation reporting to the Detroit Arts Commission, the effort was undertaken to restructure the DIA. Redefining the organization and mission of the museum, included broadening the composition of the board, and clarifying how to be more relevant to the community, said DIA interim director Parham.

"It's been an evolutionary process," he said. "Once we determined our long-term goals, we realized the (financial) numbers. Then, we had to look at how we would raise the money. It was apparent that people had to step forward."

The DIA didn't have to look far. Farmington and Taubman have provided the ultimate example of practicing what you preach.

"Great museums must reflect their times, that is our challenge and opportunity," said Manogian.

Antiques Shows, Art Fairs

ANN ARBOR SPRING ART FAIR
21st anniversary art fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2. Washburn Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Farmington Fest of Arts
Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the Arts, April 25-May 2. William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free; (248) 473-1816.

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Sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, streamline, prairie school, Greek Egyptian, Gothic Revival, Surrealism and others. 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 582-DECO.

DETROIT FESTIVAL OF ARTS - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Detroit Festival of the Arts, held Sept. 17-19, is seeking artists. Deadline: April 30. For application; (313) 577-5088.

ELIZABETH GARDNER VOCAL AWARD
Michigan Federation of Music Clubs holds 25th Annual Vocal Competition, April 25 at First Baptist Church, Willis Street, Birmingham; (248) 375-9534.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's Juried "Art on the Green" held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Call (248) 851-5438.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD
An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pop, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for 8th annual "Spotlights," an art, craft and gift show, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6 & May 20. Oakland Center; (248) 656-1170.

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Auditions for experienced actors to perform at the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, held Aug. 14-Sept. 26. Auditions on Saturday, May 8 by appointment, only.

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Auditions held on April 25 for the following positions: associate concertmaster, section strings, principal flute, principal oboe, second oboe, assistant principal horn, third horn, bass trombone. To reserve an audition, call (517) 631-9931, ext. 1501.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
Michigan artists invited to submit work for judging in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," held Oct. 13-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application: The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009; (248) 594-6403.

PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS
Gilbert Camp Memorial and Plymouth Community Arts Council Fine Arts Camp Scholarships for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in Plymouth/Canton and plans to attend summer fine arts camp. **Joanne Winkelman Nulce Interchurch Arts Camp Scholarship** for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in Canton area and has applied to the seven-week Interchurch Summer Arts Camp. **Margaret E. Wilson Scholarship** for the Performing Arts for any graduating senior who is a resident of Canton area, accepted in accredited professional program in the performing arts for fall. Applications due by 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5. Applications for scholarships available through fine arts teachers and the PCAA office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4AAT.

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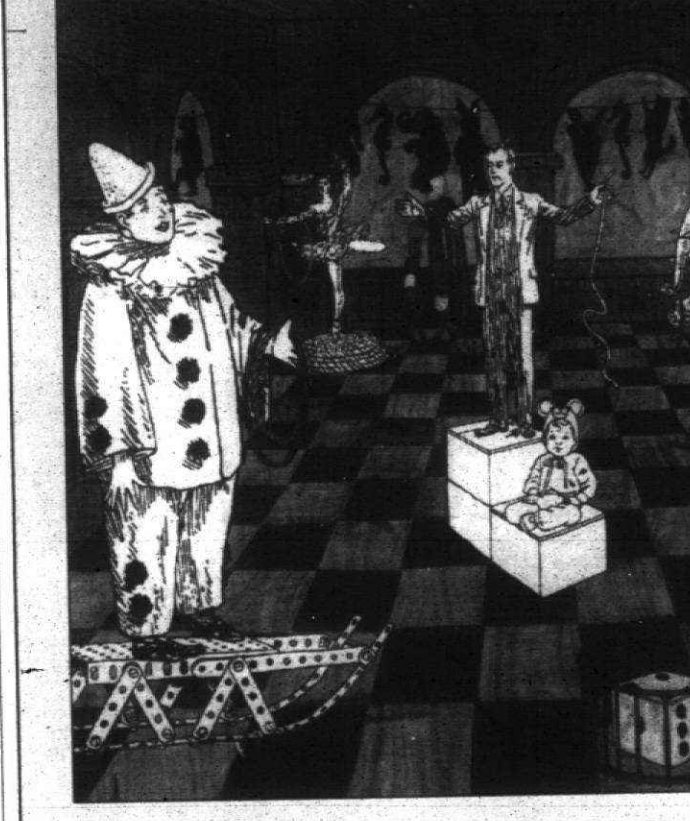
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"Measure for Measure," 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin; (248) 626-6606.

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Robert Honner Renaissance Ensemble of Central Michigan University, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 471-7667.

OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA
World premiere of "Car Trek," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Varner Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$5, (248) 652-2526.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Presents its 13th choral concert 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Program includes "Mass in G" by Schubert and Chichester Psalms by Bernstein. (734) 455-8353.

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
Flutist Alexander Zoric, flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Margaret Kibias in "Two Flutes and a Piano," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25, (248) 683-1750.

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The Canadian Brass 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor; (734) 936-6837.

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Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3000. For applications, contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034; (248) 225-4879.

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21st annual spring concert of the Academy Singers, 7 p.m. Monday, April 26, Varner Hall, Oakland Community College, Rochester Hills; (248) 626-705.

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Good retail service may await you, too

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

Service stinks, and everything you buy these days falls apart - I can't tell you the number of times I've heard that complaint or voiced it.

Widespread consumer dissatisfaction doesn't surprise me. We've all waited too long in line to spend our money, purchased appliances that blow up after a year of use and encountered, if not a rude, then downright useless salesperson.

We believe manufacturers and retailers are only interested in making an extra buck, which can involve cutting corners in quality and good service.

My own consumer cynicism dissuades me from not only shopping in general but also making essential retail purchases.

At the moment, for instance, I'm in a need of a couch.

For several months I've been searching, all the while without a cozy place to curl up on when watching a good flick or Thursday night "must-see-TV."

I'm afraid of disappointment, convinced the couch of my dreams will fray at the seams upon delivery.

The day after the couch's warranty expires the frame will plunge to the floor, I think, increasing my purchase anxiety and tendency to procrastinate.

So when the shoulder strap of my leather Coach handbag broke, I was not surprised.

"Oh well, it has to break," I thought to myself. "Planned obsolescence." All consumer-designer products with a target date for destruction in mind.

Actually, I had been toting around my little black Coach bag almost every day for several years. In the end, I decided it had served me well, far better than any other purse I had owned, and for a longer period of time than most retail products.

In fact, I would say its longevity exceeded my expectations. Not only that, I could still use the purse since it was equipped with a carrying handle.

Not inclined to run out and spend money on a replacement, I continued to carry - by hand - the trusty Coach bag, never even considering I might be able to replace the shoulder strap.

Several weeks later, I found myself - accompanied by Mom - wandering into the Coach leather store at The Somerset Collection in Troy, debating whether to inquire about the availability of a strap replacement.

"It looks like that purse, but bigger," I told Mom, hoping she would spot the model that matched my purse, which was I carrying at the time.

But before either of us had an opportunity to peruse the display shelves, we were distracted by a soothing voice at our backs.

"You need a shoulder strap?" inquired the voice's owner, as if reading my mind. (Actually, the voice's owner, the store's assistant manager, had been observantly and patiently listening to Mom and I discuss my dilemma.)

"Do you have the broken one?" the woman inquired in a matter-of-fact tone, as Mom and I turned our attention from handbag display to attentive store manager.

"No, I don't," I said, shrugging my shoulders.

"Hold on, I'll get you a replacement," she said and then disappeared somewhere in the back of the store. I looked at Mom, confused but pleased.

Moments later, the manager returned carrying a new leather strap, its brass clasps and adjustment buckle shiny as gold.

"Just drop off the broken strap next time you're at the mall," she said.

"Do you always do this?" I inquired.

"Coach replaces all its hardware free of charge," she said. "Would you like me to clean your purse?"

Imagine my astonishment. Not only had the usefulness of my Coach bag been restored but its nicked - and dirty as Mom pointed out - leather exterior was about to be rejuvenated.

Of course, the service did not come without a pitch: Coach sells its own line of leather cleaning and conditioning products.

So what, I thought. My needs as a customer - a non-buying customer, for that matter - had been met, and my expectations had been surpassed yet again.

The joy of shopping

Local Girl Scouts literally shopped 'till they dropped

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Girl Scouts Courtney Smith and Jessica McClain revel for hours in the purchase of a \$12 cassette tape by the band "FIVE," their glowing cheeks evidence of the joy of shopping in its purest, most innocent form.

"It's more fun than shopping with your mom," says 8-year-old Courtney of making the mall circuit with girlfriends and, most importantly, best friend Jessica.

"Yeah," adds Jessica. "And, (Courtney) always shows me things. ... We get to see more things that way. I wouldn't have seen the FIVE CD, if Courtney hadn't found it."

Members of Girl Scout Troop 3296, the Westland adolescents are two of more than 2,000 Girl Scouts turning out April 17 for an all-night shopping, eating, talking and movie-watching extravaganza.

Held annually at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, the event, dubbed "Slumberland at Wonderland," epitomizes the mall-shopping experience.

Pit stops for Burger King french fries and school girl gossip follow spurts of frenzied store browsing. Other moments, travel time between stores, for instance, are reserved for purchase-making plans.

While movies and other activities are available for the hordes of Girl

Scouts roaming and sitting about the mall, they uniformly explain the primary reason for coming is: "SHOPPING!"

Surprisingly, impulse purchases are the exception rather than the rule. These young girls, who ranged in age from 7 to 16, are savvy shoppers with discerning tastes and an eye for bargains.

As Jessica puts it, "We like to think things over. ... And we don't like (the musical group) 'Hanson.' They sing too loud and look like girls."

True, Courtney's music purchase at F.Y.E. (For Your Entertainment) is well reasoned and sensible: the cassette was on sale, and Courtney loves



Pit stop: Kyrie Bouman and Katy Douly indulge.

music and adores FIVE. More importantly, FIVE is one of a handful of bands she and her peers currently idolize. And Courtney and friends have, essentially, made the purchase communally.

A quintessential shopping experience for adolescents, deciding with the help and shared enthusiasm of your friends to make a purchase, let's face it, doesn't happen often in adulthood.

Courtney's small, yet triumphant purchase also illustrates how shopping makes people feel empowered, if only momentarily.

And, \$12.19 worth of empowerment is better than none at all.

Courtney's shopping experience might even be likened to the emotional state of a woman who defiantly purchases that \$2,000 designer suit she's been wanting since last season.

The elation is the same, even though the price tags are radically different.

In fact, not much shopping is required before members of Troop 3296 are ready to return to the night's home base, a row of sleeping bags carefully unfolded in front of a closed store, to celebrate and talk about their purchases.

Brooke Killeen, 7, also has made a sought-after music purchase at F.Y.E., a cassette tape by the group "In Sync" for \$10.59, which the girls pass around and admire.

Likewise, 8-year-old Macie Bowman withdraws an In Sync pencil and book from her shopping bag, igniting excitement among the other members of Troop 3296.

After the girls review their purchases, plan their next shopping experience and count the dollar bills left to spend, they're off to Stroh's Ice-cream for another pit stop. Not surprisingly, their choices are the same - half the group orders "big gulp" Mountain Dew sodas, the rest settle on Superman ice cream cones.

Is anybody getting tired? "NO," the girls exclaim in unison. What's next? "SHOPPING!"



Home base: Macie Bowman and Kayla Tuchasz take cat naps before more shopping.



Savvy shopper: Jessica McClain from Westland listens to a new album before deciding to make a purchase. She is one of more than 2,000 girl scouts who turned out for a late-night shopping event at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

COLLECTOR TOY SHOW
The Winross Collectors Club of America sponsors a toy collector's show at the Monaghan K of C Hall in Livonia, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For information, please call (734) 747-7192.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

CHANEL DAY
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents "High Summer 1999," a Chanel collection focus day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

FERRAGAMO FOR FALL
View Ferragamo's women's special order footwear collection for fall at Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through May 1, Women's

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Designer Shoe Salon, first floor.

CLARKS ENGLAND SHOES

View the shoe collection of Clarks England at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon. Show also runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 30 at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

WOMEN'S SHOW
Fashion, food, fitness, education, business, travel and the home are the subjects of a four-day show (through May 2) for women at the Novi Expo Center in Novi. Discounted admission coupons are available at local Art Van Furniture stores. For further information, call (800) 849-0248.

WARDROBE SEMINAR
Jones New York holds a series of wardrobe seminars at local Hudson's stores through May 1, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, 7 p.m. April 29, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 1 p.m. March 30 and Oakland

Mall in Troy, 2 p.m. May 1, Jones New York department.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

DANCE THE MARIACHI
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents "Uno de Mayo," a dine and dance family night with live mariachi music, 6-8 p.m.

BRIDAL JEWELRY SHOW

The Gold Loft, 33191 Grand River in Farmington Hills, holds a trunk show of wedding bands and engagement rings, 12-4:30 p.m. For information, please call (248) 478-0400.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

IN-HOME TRUNK SHOW
View the Doncaster summer collection through May 7 at area homes in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. For information about this traveling trunk show, please call, (734) 416-8838.

BEANIE BABY SHOW

Michigan's largest Beanie Baby show with more than 50 vendors returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Kids, age 4-12, enter for \$2.

Summer specs



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZUCCHIN

Sensational sights: SEE, or Selective Eyewear Elements, in downtown Birmingham showed off its eyewear and the fashion of several local designers on Thursday. Eye glasses with plastic rims were all the rage, as well as color-tinted sunglasses. A few styles represented include, left to right, narrow rectangle frames in silver metal, \$179 with lenses, red-tinted "disco" sunglasses, \$139, colorful laminate-frame glasses, \$159 with lenses, and black "Jackie O" sunglasses, \$159.

Designer of decor pieces slated to make appearance at Neiman Marcus on May 1

Richard MacKenzie-Childs, co-founder and co-designer of MacKenzie-Childs decorative home items is slated to appear May 1 at Neiman Marcus at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

Known for bringing color, whimsy and charm into the home environment, MacKenzie-Childs pieces run the gamut of home accessories and include furniture, picture frames, lamps, table settings and door knobs.

MacKenzie-Childs, the designer and founder, will be on hand noon to 4 p.m. to present his limited edition commemorative pieces and sign purchases of \$1,000 or more.

The show and appearance will be held in Neiman Marcus' Gift Galleries department on floor three. For information, call (248) 643-3300.

Tel-Twelve offers free gifts to shoppers

If you're shopping for a gift to give Mom for Mother's Day, consider stopping by Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield, especially if you're interested in surprising her with a second gift.

You won't even have to pay for it.

Tel-Twelve Mall is offering shoppers a little something extra this Mother's Day season.

Shoppers who spend \$100 or more at the mall will be eligible for a free gift from the Bath & Body Works, now through May 9.

Shoppers should bring their store receipts from purchases to the mall's Customer Service Center to receive their gift, a trio of two-ounce bath products, which will be available in two different fragrances, fresa and ever-popular raspberry.

The gifts are limited one to a customer and will be available until supplies run out. For additional information, please call (248) 353-1838.

RETAIL DETAILS

SHOP WITH PRECISION AND COUPONS

To encourage the pursuit of precision shopping - finding bargains without searching the racks of numerous stores - Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills has put together the "Precision Shopping Guide."

The guide also contains discount coupons for 20 stores located in the mall, including OFF 5th, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Brooks Brothers factory outlet, Bella Luna, Pfaltzgraff and Jones New

York Company.

The coupons are redeemable through April 30. For information, please call (248) 454-5000.

JACOBSON'S JOINS RACE FOR A CURE

More than 200 Jacobson's store associates joined the fight against cancer and participated in the annual Race for the Cure event at the Detroit Zoo on Saturday. The race benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Jacobson's staff came from several area stores to help out.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly leave your name, number and message. And you should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Found the video tape of the movie "Fantasia" for Ruth. Ernie had a 1939 Central High School yearbook as well as an old-fashioned Quaker oatmeal can.

Another reader called to say he has a 40-year-old Hires Root Beer soda bottle, but there is no listing in Evanston, Illinois for the Hires Root Beer Company.

A half-inch curling iron brush can be bought at Sally's Beauty Supply on Warren Road in Westland. A full-size apron can be found at Countryside Crafts on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Eyebrow stencil shapes can be found in the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-1267.

For Teresa, we found someone who does glass cutting, but not a glass cutter.

We also found a wire player for Gloria, a shorthand book for Greg and Cecil Fielder memorabilia for Jenny.

Teresa can have her pool table recovered at Saffron Billiards & Bar Stools. Call (800) 286-7682. Also, call local fabric stores to purchase vinyl for the cover. Then put a stick on one end of the vinyl and staple the vinyl to the stick and roll the cover over the table instead of sewing the corners, a reader informed us.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Young Ashley from Redford is looking for anyone who has backstage passes to the July 31, "In Sync" concert at the Silverdome.

Don is looking for a 1972 Northwest Detroit Henry Ford High School yearbook.

Marilyn wants Maybelline Ultra Brow brush-on color in brown.

Jill is looking for Revlon's Moondrops lipstick in Mocha Pocha #70.

Marilyn is looking for an original 1969-1974 Betty Crocker cookbook, as well as a new and revised edition published in the 1970's.

Joyce is looking for a four-piece set of dishes by Corelle in a pattern called Mirage.

Al is looking for two Wilson golf woods, a number three and a number five (originally called the Whale).

Sam is looking for two 1957 De LaSalle High School yearbooks.

Dorothy needs two 1940 Eastern High School yearbooks and one 1941 yearbook from the school.

Joanne is looking for Popweaver or Act II Microwave natural popcorn and the name of a store that sells Colombo yogurt.

Mrs. Murphy is looking for a soft plastic bonnet style hair dryer that sets on a base and stand.

Leo is looking for Miracle Berries and Pop Knots popcorn, both which are products that were advertised on television.

Betty wants an old-fashioned, wooden tabletop phonograph in working condition.

Diane wants a machine to cut walls, which has a hand-held crank and can be used for rug hooking.

Delores needs a glass stem for a six-cup Pyrex glass percolator.

Mary wants men's Britannia pants and women's Kobbie Cuddler velcro tennis shoes.

Faye wants a 1953 Central High School yearbook.

Yvonne is looking for a black ceramic butter dish with lid.

Dorothy wants the 1985, 1987 and 1992 Plymouth/Canton High School yearbooks for her children, who never received them upon graduation.

Donna is looking for photos or pictures from the 1st Ever Car Show (in August of 1998), held at Six-Mile and Beech Daly roads.

Janet is looking for canned bacon from Hungary.

Carol is looking for three items: a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook; the old "Lion King" dish set (not the new "Simba" one); and a Maude Humphrey plate called "Sarah."

Sherie is looking for Max Factor Super Lash comb-on mascara in black.

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

Kristy is looking for Paragon china in "White Cliffs of Dover."

Zelda needs a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

YO! Students!

Need a job this summer?

If you're looking for something to do this summer - mowing lawns, babysitting, - whatever, we'll run your ad totally FREE during May 1999.

That's right! No charge! Just call us with your ad, which in five lines or less, should tell our readers:

what kind of job you'd like

what area you live in

describe your experience

Please FAX us your ad, if possible, to 734-953-2232.

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TRAVEL

Europe beckons bargain shoppers to couture bazaars

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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"I hate Paris!" Nicole Christ said emphatically with a laugh. "They're so mean."

But Paris is the home of Chanel, Dior, Givenchy, St. Laurent and other name designers. And when the fashion shows are over, the dresses go to resale shops.

That's something Christ knows all about as owner of Nicole's Revival, a designer resale store at 958 N. Newburgh, Westland. Christ and Carolyn Schneider, author of "The Ultimate Consignment and Thrift Store Guide," are leading a European Resale Tour to London and Paris, Sept. 30 to Oct. 7.

Christ, 28, has been leading local resale bus tours of the Detroit-metro area since 1994. Four or five Saturdays a year, a group of about 50 people gather at Nicole's Revival, share a continental breakfast and then take a bus that stops at seven resale shops. The \$35 tour runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Carolyn Schneider liked the

idea so much she suggested they might expand their horizons.

"She said let's go to Europe," Christ said. "We went last March and interviewed stores. The only ones that were rude were the ones in Paris. The Paris stores are real expensive, pricey. ... But they have things that we don't have here. Madame Nicole, who has several stores, has one that's all Chaneles. I'm lucky if I get one Chanel, but this whole store was full of them."

Not every store in London and Paris was acceptable.

"We saw 10 stores in London. Five were no's, three maybes and two definites," Christ said. "We've had stores calling but we needed details. We have to be selective on a trip like this. We can't show them hillbilly thrift shops."

And the two cities definitely have their own unique styles.

"In London, I noticed a lot of the shops had more, um, mohawks, anarchy, vintage sort of things. In Paris there is more couture, more art. London is more ...," Christ said ending by imitating a Jimmy Page guitar

riff.

Christ, who lives in Garden City, is not a big fan of Europe. She first visited London six years ago. Her ex-husband was from England and they honeymooned in France.

But nothing stops a shopper in pursuit of a bargain, which has been Christ's life work for the last six years.

"I was going into real estate, I went to school and got my real estate license and studied building and was going to combine them, but then I decided to open this store six years ago," she said.

Her brother had noticed that Crowley's was closing a store and throwing racks of clothing in a dumpster. That was the beginning of Christ's quest for slightly used clothing. A quick check on buying habits told her Westland ranked just behind Grand Rapids and Troy as a retail center.

Each week Christ visits the homes of the wealthy and locally famous to buy their designer suits, dresses and accessories. She also picks up clothes worn by auto show models, stores that go out of business and designers.

"We buy outright, no consignments," she said.

And her customers include a broad range of incomes.

"We have people who could buy and sell this place a million times over but like the thrill of the hunt," she said.

But not everything in Nicole's Revival is high-end designer wear. She also has clothes originally from the Gap, J. Crew and Eddie Bauer.

But for men, she has only high-end items. She said men want to take the time to shop around and search for items. They have a definite idea of what they want.

That was one of the attractions of Madame Nicole's in Paris.

"She owns a men's resale shop that was the best I've seen with Versacci, Armani," she said.



Celebrities: Carolyn Schneider (left) and Nicole Christ caught the attention of Paris television on their last visit.

Schneider's book, "The Ultimate Consignment & Thrift Store Guide," is a listing of hundreds of stores around the world. She has been in charge of contacting the stores while Christ has created an itinerary working with Four Corner Travel in Birmingham.

The group will be flying a United Airlines 777.

In addition to intensive bargain hunting at resale shops and some flea markets, the trip will include some of the more usual travel opportunities: trips by boat on the Thames and Seine, a Buckingham Palace tour, a Ritz Escoffier cooking demonstration in Paris, a fashion show and free time to explore.

"On Sunday in London we are going to Westminster Abbey to their 3:15 p.m. service. I guess their service is awesome! They have young boys 8-10 singing and it's like angels singing," she said.

The trip is tentatively priced at \$1,165 per person which includes roundtrip air, flight



Royal accommodations: Nicole Christ isn't a fan of Paris, but she said Versailles was impressive.

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"Jump, Jive & Jam!" will feature a high-energy party band as a prelude to "Cedar Point Summer Spectacular" laser, light and

sound extravaganza. "Jump, Jive & Jam" will feature kick off the summer party on June 26 and run through Aug. 22. Cedar Point opens Sunday, May 9.

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The Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts will celebrate summer 1999 with dozens of world premieres among hundreds of music, theater and dance performances, including two world premieres based on the novel "Summer" by Edith Wharton, which is set in a rural Berkshire village. The stars of stage and screen will be evident in the area including Academy Award-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow's appearance at the Williamstown Theatre Festival as Rosalind in Shakespeare's "As You Like It," scheduled Aug. 14-15.

On Aug. 28, the Berkshire Opera Company will premiere

the operatic version of Wharton's "Summer" Aug. 31, Sept. 2 and 4 at the Koussevitzky Arts Center on the Berkshire Community College Campus in Pittsfield.

This year the Boston Symphony Orchestra will honor Seiji Ozawa's 25th anniversary as music director at Tanglewood. The BSO will begin its season July 9 with Ozawa conducting Beethoven's 6th and 7th symphonies. Tanglewood will also feature noted classical soloists, jazz and popular music.

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REI is holding a Kayak Demo Day 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor, take the Geddes Road exit off US-23 west to Huron Drive. This clinic is an on the water event co-hosted by Walden Kayaks. This is a chance to try a kayak, learn paddling techniques, water safety and your options with kayak accessories. Open to beginners and skilled kayakers. All clinics are free and open to the public.

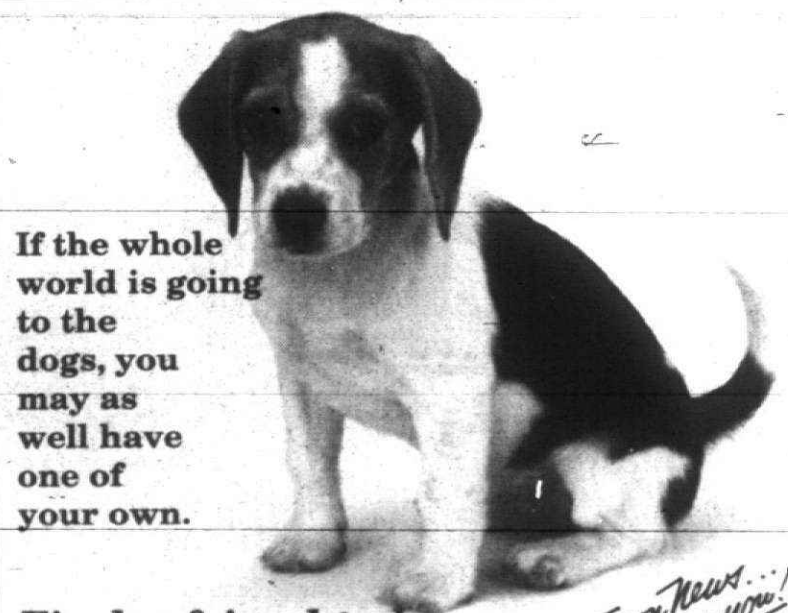
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Brodie honored

Bob Brodie, basketball coach at Plymouth Salem HS for the past 15 season, was named the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's Region I Coach of the Year in Class A. Brodie guided Salem to a 20-5 record this season and a berth in the state quarterfinals, where the Rocks lost to Pontiac Northern 70-64. It equaled the furthest a Salem team has ever advanced in the state tournament.

He was also the Observerland's coach of the year.

Radtko commits

One of the best NCAA Division III soccer programs in the state has gotten a bit better with the addition of Theresia Radtko, a defender from Plymouth Canton HS.

Kalamazoo College announced Radtko's commitment to become a Hornet in the fall last week. She joins five others who have also committed, with hopes of extending Kalamazoo's success, which included an 18-3 record and an 8-0 mark and a first-place finish in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association last fall.

Compuware honored

None of its players received any recognition, but at least the Compuware Ambassadors — regular-season winners of the North American Hockey League and on the brink of representing the league at the National Gold Cup Championship Tournament April 30-May 5 in Lincoln, Neb. — got something from the NAHL.

Ryan Miller, a goalie from the Soo Kewadin Casino Indians, was named league MVP; George Parros of the Chicago Freeze is the NAHL's rookie of the year; Jon Kretin of the Springfield Junior Blues was the most valuable defenseman; Rick Zombo of the St. Louis Sting was the coach of the year; and Jason Durbin of the Danville Wings earned the NAHL Community Service Award.

And the Ambassadors? Mike Vellucci was named the NAHL's executive of the year. Last February, Vellucci was named chairman of the NAHL's board of governors, which is in addition to his duties as president, general manager and coach of the Ambassadors. Vellucci's six-straight appearances in the Gold Cup was highlighted by a national championship in 1994. He also coached the U.S. Junior Selects to a gold medal in the Freedom Challenge this year in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Girls hoop camp

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem basketball coaches will join together to host the Canton-Salem Skills Camp, a girls summer day basketball camp for girls who will enter grades fourth through ninth this fall, co-hosted by Salem's Fred Thomann and Canton's Bob Blohm.

There will be two sessions. Session I, which will run June 21-24 and June 28-July 1, will be 1-3 p.m. each day for girls in grades fourth through seventh. Session II, for girls in grades eighth and ninth, will be 1-3 p.m. each day July 6-8 and July 12-16.

Cost is \$65 for each session. All sessions will be at the Canton and Salem gymnasiums. Included are a T-shirt and a basketball.

Checks should be made payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and sent to Plymouth-Canton HS, c/o Bob Blohm, 8415 Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI, 48187.

For more information, call Thomann at 459-7315 or Blohm at 414-8156.

Titan baseball outing

The fourth annual University of Detroit-Mercy baseball alumni and friends golf outing beginning with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake.

All proceeds go to UDM baseball. The cost is \$100 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, beverages, lunch and dinner).

Hole sponsorships are available (signage provided UDM). Program ads are also available for \$25.

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6-run rally sends Salem past Hawks



Talk about reversals. Plymouth Salem opened its baseball season in poor fashion, losing its first five games. But coach Dale Rumberger made certain the Rocks knew the competition they were facing, and that's paid off.

A slow start has been replaced by a surge by Plymouth Salem's baseball team, which won its fourth-straight game Wednesday by beating Farmington Harrison, one of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament finalists last season, 7-1 Wednesday at Harrison.

The game was knotted at 1-all going into the top of the seventh inning, when the Rocks struck for six runs. Rich Stankov started the rally with a single; after a Steve Gordon sacrifice to move Stankov up a base, Steve Stiles

unloaded a run-scoring double.

Nick Eicher followed with a two-run home run to make it 4-1. After that came a walk to Chris Longpre, a single by Joe Rizzi, a two-run double by Jason Lukasik and an error by the first baseman that allowed Lukasik to score.

Salem opened the scoring with a run in the first on a double by Longpre and another double by Mike Hoben. Harrison tied it in the third on a single by Blake Ashley, a stolen base, a single by Blake Boesky and a sacrifice fly by Bob Austin, delivering the run.

Sophomore Chris Trott improved his record to 2-1, giving up just three hits and one walk while striking out five in seven innings. Zach Burton started and took the loss for Harrison.

Hoben had three hits, including two doubles, with an RBI to pace the Rocks. Rizzi and Stankov each contributed two hits.

Ashley had two hits for the Hawks.

The win improved Salem's record to 4-5 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA. Harrison fell to 1-2, both overall and in the conference.

Redford CC 12-17, U-D Jesuit 2-0: University of Detroit-Mercy was the site of a Catholic League Central Division double-header on Wednesday that included Detroit Catholic Central.

Maybe U-D Mercy should have been the Shamrocks' opponent.

U-D Jesuit was no match for CC, which swept both ends of the double-header, 12-2 and 17-0.

U-D Jesuit scored the first run of the double-header on three straight walks and a ground ball in the bottom of the second before the Shamrocks unleashed their potent offensive attack.

CC scored a run in the third on a two-out RBI single by Casey Rogowski and nine more in the fifth. Starting pitcher Mark Cole had two doubles during the rally to drive in four CC runs.

Cole was the winning pitcher, striking out seven and walking four in four innings.

Please see **BASEBALL, D2**

Churchill chops Rocks

It's been a rough go for Plymouth Salem's soccer team thus far this season — which made Friday's cancellation of its non-league game against Birmingham Seaholm seem welcome.

The Rocks played well at Livonia Churchill Wednesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game, rallying from an early 2-0 deficit to knot the score in the second half. But two minutes after tying it, they surrendered the game-winning tally and were forced to absorb a 3-2 loss.

The Rocks are now 2-3-1. Churchill improved to 4-0.

"That was big because we had Rochester Adams on Saturday," said Churchill coach Chad Campau. "It was nice to be able to play them as an undefeated."

"Plus, Salem beat us twice last year."

Kersten Conklin gave Churchill a 2-0 lead Wednesday with two goals in the first 15 minutes of the game.

But Salem retaliated with a Suzi Towne goal 10 minutes before the end of the half to cut the deficit in half.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Rocks tied the score on a Towne goal off a penalty kick.

But two minutes later, Stacey Supanich scored to give the Chargers the win. Conklin assisted on the game-winner.

Kerri LaPorte was in goal for Churchill and made 18 saves, several of which Campau said were critical.

"Under the circumstances," Campau said, "I was very happy with the results."

"We've had injuries and illness from the beginning of the season. We played 12 people Wednesday. We knew the girls were getting tired, but they kept working hard and got us the win."

Now it's the lull before the storm for the Rocks. They host Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. Monday, then travel to play at defending state champion Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Wednesday in a pair of WLAA matches before hosting non-league foe Troy Athens — the team that ended Stevenson's 42-match win streak earlier this season — at noon Saturday.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Close contact: Salem's Jami Coyle (right) tangles with Churchill's Deanna DeRoo in pursuit of the ball during Wednesday's WLAA match-up. A bad start put the Rocks in a 2-0 hole before the first half was half over.

Canton 9, N. Farmington 0: It was a goal-feeding frenzy Wednesday at Canton, with the Chiefs bombarding North Farmington in a WLAA crossover game.

Elise Thornell did the bulk of the damage, scoring four goals. Beth Sandusky added a goal and two assists,

with Anne Morrell getting a goal and an assist.

Other goals were scored by Nicole Miller, Amanda Lentz and Stephanie Johnson. Allison Mills added three assists, with Melanie Dunn, Sarah Deben and Pam West getting one apiece.

The win improved Canton's record to 4-1-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA. The Chiefs play at Westland John Glenn at 4 p.m. Monday, then host Farmington Harrison at 7 p.m. Wednesday in a pair of WLAA matches. On Saturday, Canton travels to Troy for a non-league game at 10:30 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Chiefs lose Hudson, but still win; Rocks stopped

It was an up-and-down week for Plymouth Canton's softball team. And maybe an illuminating one.

Ace pitcher Gretchen Hudson suffered a hyper-extended knee last weekend, putting her on the sidelines and the Chiefs in a quandry — a slight one, anyway.

Canton, ranked fourth in the state, isn't reliant upon one player. Jenny Fisher stepped in and pitched superbly against Western Lakes Activities Association rival North Farmington, surrendering just three hits and two walks in the Chiefs' 4-0 victory Wednesday at North.

Unfortunately, Laura Stewart wasn't as fortunate last Monday. Stewart gave up five hits and four runs in a 4-3 loss to Walled Lake Western in a WLAA Western Division game played at Western.

Fisher improved her record to 2-0

with her shutout win over North. She struck out six.

Christina Kiessel paced the Chiefs' attack with two hits, including a double, and one run batted in. Liz Elsner added a double and an RBI, Carrie Kovachevich had a single and an RBI, and Fisher helped her own cause with a base hit and an RBI.

Kristina Colombo was the losing pitcher for North.

The win pushed Canton's record to 2-1 overall and in the WLAA; the Chiefs are 0-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Chiefs' coach Jim Arnold was hoping to have Hudson available by early this week.

Harrison 3, Salem 2 (9 innings): Errors proved costly to Plymouth

Please see **SOFTBALL, D4**

BOYS TRACK

Salem still WLAA master; Canton topples Northville

It was never too close Thursday at Westland John Glenn HS.

The Rocks hosted Westland John Glenn in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys track meet, and Salem — the defending WLAA champions — had no trouble disposing of the Rockets 94-43.

The win left Salem with a 2-0 dual-meet record, 1-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Glenn is 0-1 in the division.

Chris Mason, Jon Little and Nick Allen each had two individual wins — well, sort of. Little and Allen had a win apiece when they both ran in the 3,200 meters and tied for first in 10:46.0.

Little won the 1,600 in 4:34.8; Allen was first in the 400 in 54.6.

Mason's victories came in the 100 (11.6) and 200 (24.1) dashes. Other Salem winners were Gabe Coble in the long jump (18-feet, 10-inches); Matt Carpenter, Sean Galvin and Ryan

Silva, who tied for first in the high jump (5-6); Mark Snyder in the shot put (46-1); Ryan Thomas in the 110 high hurdles (15.5); and Bobby Cushman in the 800 (2:01.5).

Salem's 3,200 relay team of Mark Bolger, Cushman, Little and Allen also earned a first (8:25.8). So did the Rocks' 400 relay team of Dave Clemons, Mason, Pat Johnson and Mark Sheehan (45.9).

"This might have been a little costly," said Salem coach Geoff Baker, noting that two valuable sprinters — Mike Shull and Mason — pulled up in their races with potential hamstring muscle pulls. Shull came up lame in the 100. Mason after winning the 200.

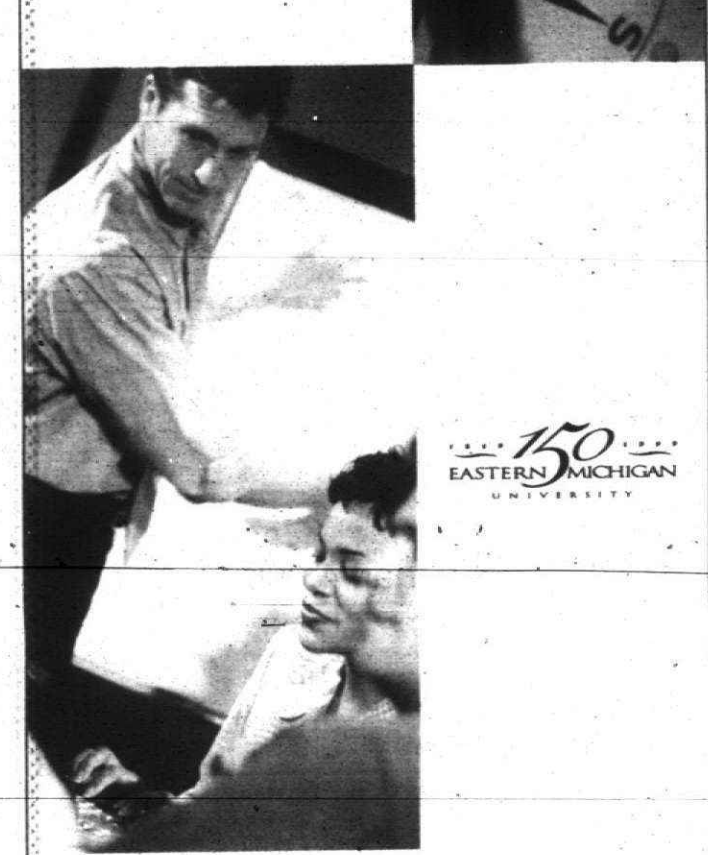
"It was a cold day, but the pole vault was a bright spot," said Baker. "We had two clear 8-6 (Greg Kubitski

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TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 100 1/2
NORTH FARMINGTON 35 1/2
April 22 at Livonia Stevenson
Shot put: Brad Anselmi (LS), 43-7 1/2; discus: Dustin Wilton (LS), 147-4; high jump: Dan Ferris (LS), 5-6; long jump: (tie) Tony Wright (LS) and Nate Kenna (NF), 17-11; pole vault: Baskin (LS), 10-6; 3,200-meter relay: Stevenson: 9:03; 110 hurdles: Brian Jones (LS), 15-2; 100 dash: Mike Lenardon (LS), 13:07; 800 relay: Stevenson: 1:36.9; 1,600: 2:58; 3,200: Matt Wiegand, 10-49; pole vault: Joe Lebovic, 10-0; high jump: Mike Lech, 5-4.
North third places: long jump: Bowman, 17-8; 3,200: Matt Wiegand, 10-49; pole vault: Joe Lebovic, 10-0; high jump: Mike Lech, 5-4.
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Chargers' pitchers rule John Glenn, Thurston

SOFTBALL

Seven innings or five, a no-hitter is still a no-hitter. Livonia Churchill's Adrienne Doyle tossed a no-hitter Wednesday night, dominating host Westland John Glenn, 11-0, in a game shortened to five innings.

Then on Thursday at Churchill, the Chargers thrashed Redford Thurston, 9-1, behind the pitching of freshman right-hander Meghan Misiak.

Misiak hurled seven innings, giving up just two hits. She struck out 13 and didn't walk a batter.

Doyle fanned 12 in her gem, which didn't have a clear-cut winner until the Chargers posted an eight-run fifth. Churchill only had four hits in the game.

It was scoreless after three but then, in the fourth, two walks with one out followed by a Kelly Stahley triple to right gave Churchill a 2-0 lead. Stahley then scored on wild pitch.

In the Thursday game, Churchill scored a run in the second inning, but the game was postponed.

North coach Bill Pinnell said, "Going into the finals, she was in fourth place in the long jump," which she ended up winning.

Dual-meet records: Stevenson, 4-0 overall, 1-0 Lakes Division; North Farmington, 0-2 overall, 0-1 Lakes Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 99
FARMINGTON HARRISON 38
April 22 at Livonia Churchill
Shot put: Mike Gaura (LC), 49-4 3/4; discus: Guy Diakow (LC), 153-10; high jump: Ryan Kearney (LC), 5-8; long jump: Andre Davis (FH), 19-6; pole vault: Derek Laskowski (FH), 11-6; 3,200 relay: Livonia Churchill (Ryan Gail, Josh Montheil, Aaron Bell, John McCallum), 9:20.1; 110 hurdles: Ryan Kearney (LC), 14.7; 100: Kevin Woods (FH), 11.4; 800 relay: Churchill (Jamie Shooks, Nathan Picklehaup, Avery Jessup, Paul Karolack), 1:39.5; 1,600: Ryan Gail (LC), 5:02.8; 400 relay: Harrison, 46.8; 400: Ricky Bryant (FH), 56.3; 300 hurdles: Nick Hall (FH), 41.1; 800: Brandon LaPointe (LC), 2:08.8; 200: Ryan Kearney (LC), 22.5; 3,200: Jason Richmond (LC), 10:42.4; 1,600 relay: Churchill (Tim Styles, Nathan Picklehaup, Ed Rosetto, Ryan Kearney).

Dual-meet records: Churchill 2-0 overall, 1-0 Western Division; Harrison, 0-2 overall, 0-1 Western Division.

Coch's comment: "Dayna Clements had a big day (three first places — two on relays — and one second), and Katie Gaffey did a nice job."

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Salem Wednesday against visiting Farmington Harrison. The Rocks made six of them, resulting in three unearned runs — and a loss.

Salem slipped to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA.

Amanda Sutton again suffered a hard-luck loss. She pitched all nine innings and did not give up an earned run; she allowed six hits, did not walk a batter and struck out one.

"She's pitching great right now," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, noting Sutton's 0.67 earned run average this season.

The Rocks had a chance to win. They led 2-1 going into the sixth inning, but the Hawks (3-0, both overall and in the WLAA) got a game-tying run without the benefit of a hit to force extra innings. An error, a fielder's choice, a fly out to left field and a dropped fly ball in center made it 2-2.

Two more errors resulted in Harrison scoring the game-winning run in the ninth. An error to start the inning followed by Leslie Schrock's single put runners in scoring position. A ground ball back to Sutton ended with a low throw to first and a dropped ball — and a run.

Salem scored runs in the fourth and fifth, Sutton singling in the fourth and coming home on two wild pitches. Carrie Carter walked to start the fifth, stole second and scored on Katie Kelly's single.

Kelly had two hits, and an RBI in the game. Maureen Buchanan added three hits for the Rocks.

"We're right there," said Southerland. "We're playing well, and we're playing well together."

PCA 12, Agape 2: Sarah Lorion collected three hits and drove in three runs to lead Plymouth Christian Academy to an easy win over Canton Agape Christian Thursday at Agape.

The Eagles earned their record at 2-2. Agape is 0-1.

Sophomore Crystal Martin tossed a one-hitter at the Wolverines, striking out eight. Deanna Worley and Lisa Larew added three hits apiece for PCA.

Boys track from page D1

and Dan Dwenger) and another over 8-feet (Jim Brzych).

Now the Rocks prepare for a home meet against Livonia Stevenson Thursday.

Canton edges Northville

Visiting Northville came away with more first-place finishes, but Plymouth Canton's depth was pivotal in the Chiefs' 77-60 dual-meet victory over its WLAA Western Division rival Thursday.

The win improved Canton's record to 1-1 overall, 1-0 in the division. Northville is 0-2 overall, 0-1 in the division.

The Chiefs won seven of 17 events, with Jordan Chapman winning a pair, the high jump (5-feet, 10-inches) and pole vault (10-6). Other individual firsts went to Ugo Okumabua in the long jump (19-5 1/4), Jerry Gaines in the 400-meters (54.6) and Steve Blossom in the 800 (2:10.3).

In the relays, Jim Korona, Blossom, Andy Tessema and Marty Kane combined for a first in the 3,200 (9:03.3), and Jack Tucci, Jim O'Brien, Dave Thomas and Aaron LeBeau teamed for a win in the 1,600 (4:00.5).

Where Canton's depth showed was in its second-place and third-place finishes. In the 13 individual events, the Chiefs placed second in 11 and third in nine others. K.J. Singh recorded a pair of personal bests in finishing second in both the 100 (11.5) and 200 (23.4). Jason Rutter also had a pair of seconds, in the 1,600 (4:56.6) and 3,200 (10:56.0).

Kane battled teammate Blossom all the way in the 800, finishing second by a narrow margin (2:10.7), and Chapman added a second to his pair of firsts in the long jump (18-2 1/2).

"We're more than a month ahead of where we were last year," said Canton coach Bob Richardson.

The Chiefs' next action is a WLAA Western Division dual at Livonia Churchill Thursday.

Chiefs solid at Hawk

Several Canton competitors fared well at the Hawk ninth 10th grade Invitational Friday at Farmington Harrison HS.

Kevin Palmer and Ken Page combined for a first-place finish in the long jump relay, totaling 33-feet, 3-inches. Another strong performance was turned in by Ugo Okumabua, who took third in the open 110-meter intermediate hurdles (16.4) and teamed with Page for a third in the high jump relay (10.8 total).

Doug Kurth also had a strong showing, placing fourth in the open 400 (58.1).

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar, send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to barker@home.com.)

SAUGER season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

PIKE Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other Wednesday in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 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.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in 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. on 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 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0566 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 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.

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.

ARCHERY

3D LEAGUE
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 15-week 3D league beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOOT
Oakland County Sportsmans Club will host a Mother's Day 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Mothers shoot free. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

YOUTH SHOOT
Detroit Archers will host a youth shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Every participant age 17 and under will receive a trophy. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

SEMINARS

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING
Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Saturday, April 24. Call (248) 553-7764 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY
Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person, and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

MOUNTAIN BIKING
Join author Mike Terrell and learn where to go mountain biking in the northern Lower Peninsula during this class, which begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at REL in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

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.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ACTIVITIES

PAINT CREEK HIKE
Take a fast-paced hike over level terrain along the Paint Creek Trail with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on Sunday, April 25. Participants should meet at noon behind the Michigan National Bank on 14 Mile Road, east of I-75 (south edge of the Oakland Mall). Call June Cox at (248) 435-9522 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

REE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT
Trout stream opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

WALLEYE
Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER

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Ottman team takes lead; Bowlerette rolls a perfect

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Captained by Troy's Dan Ottman, with Jay Lang, Kerry Kreft, Chris Jones and Bill Orlikowski, their 45-game total pinfall of 9919 beat the previous high of 9918 rolled by the Lodge Lanes team of Belleville.

Ottman's team won the 1997 team championship in this highly-regarded event.

He also serves the bowling community as Executive Director of the Michigan Junior Masters Association, was recently elected to the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall-of-Fame and serves as director of the regional Pro Bowlers Tour.

The ABC event ends June 20, 1999. More than 50,000 bowlers are competing from all over the United States.

■ The ladies All-Star Bowlerettes finished their championship season with one more perfect game, this one delivered by Debbie Hanson in the first game last Monday night at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

It was the sixth 300 this season in the league and her first. Much of her excitement was the joy of beating her husband, Bob, to the family's first 300.

Bob had fished with one last December, his 298 coming after leaving 7-10 on his twelfth shot.

Debbie immediately phoned home to her hubby, Bob Hanson Jr., who rushed over and gave her hugs and kisses. He really was jealous at all.

Debbie actually started the night with fifteen strikes in a row, as she followed with the first three in game two.

Debbie and Bob work together in their Redford-based family business, Excel Products, and they bowl together in an every other Saturday mixed league at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.

Asked how she felt in the 10th and final frame of her perfect, she said, "I wanted a cigarette, but I had just quit smoking about six days ago."

Debbie had some elbow problems until she started wearing her Band-It, for no pain and a better game.

■ Steve Hubble of Westland is the pin mechanic at Town & Country Lanes in Westland.

Besides being able to keep the

automatic pinsetters working properly, Steve is a pretty good bowler.

Last Tuesday he stroked his first 300 game while in the Westside Proprietors Traveling League bowling at Taylor Lanes.

Steve is averaging 209, which is more difficult when you bowl in a different house each week.

■ Earlier this year I had written about John Stephens.

His story is a monument to the human spirit, for not only did he lose a leg and one-half in Vietnam, he took the challenge of bowling and has shown the world that the mighty spirit of man can overcome great adversity.

Nobody else bowls like John Stephens. His style is unique.

But he adapted to his physical limits and has come on as a 200-plus bowler in the K of C league at Merri Bowl in Livonia.

To top off the long list of achievements, he has just bowled an incredible series of 822.

Anyone who has ever bowled knows how hard it is to roll an 800 series, so here is another chapter in the book of John Stephens, and we salute him!

■ Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield was named Captain of the U.S. Macabees Games bowling team which will be competing this summer for the world championships in Mexico.

The Macabees Games are the Jewish Olympics. Competitors come from all over the world to compete. And unlike the Olympics, bowling is a featured sport.

■ Brian Butka of Troy finished second in the Midstates Masters, most recent event held at Imperial Lanes.

Butka qualified 11th in the 256-entry field and also averaged 232 in winning five match games. He had to settle for the \$1,600 runner-up prize.

His two three-baggers in the final game fell just short of Jim Rathbun's five-bagger. The score in the final was 223-221.

Two pins made a difference of \$1,600 in prize money. Remember that when you read this week's Pro Tip by Fred Bauss.

■ Next time you are asked to donate to a bowling charity fundraiser, think of the big picture.

Traditionally, bowlers have proven their generosity and it may be worth knowing that a recent survey shows in 1998 the bowling community raised \$73.5 million for those charity.

The survey showed \$32 million was raised for national-based charities; more than \$21-million for local charities; another \$9 million for scholarship funds and about \$10 million was contributed in nonmonetary donations.

BOWLING AND RECREATION

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)
Piazz Men: Dave Smyczek, 257/234; 236/727; Bob Healy, 266/722; Dave Jack, 253; Mike Kania, 279; John Paz, 266; Ted Galt, 258; Art Scher, 268.
Boys & Girls: Pete Bidwell, 243/279; 246/768; Ron Sandack, 256/700; Ray Kelly, 255.
Waterford Men: W. Ray Griffin, 254; Dave Fisset, 258; Chuck Morris, 264/700; Jon Demeter, 253; Terry Pomroy, 257; Phil Peters, 275.
St. Colette's Men: J. Sadler, 251; Frank Pencola, 258; Brian Warshawski, 278; Larry Traylor, 254; Bill Cuddey, 257.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)
Thursday Preps: Jeremy Henderson, 214.
Friday Preps: Michelle Haman, 136; Laura Justice, 144; Alex Hany, 168; Derek Portmoe, 185.
Thursday Juniors/Majors: Brian Stack, 226; Nicole Kendrick, 186; Justin Bonkowski, 199.

Friday Majors: Jason Kimm, 256; Dave Jacobs, 223; Jim Monicelli, 212; Josi Ross, 210; Steve Reitzel, 209.

Saturday 9 a.m. Preps: Kevin Pierce, 160; Greg Polano, 164; Matt Usinski, 155; Brad Hill, 173.

Saturday 11 a.m. Preps: Katy Ingraham, 161.

Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Jason Schwartzberg, 222.

Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Tony Vitale, 210; Pat Brown, 279/643; Ken Bazman, 234/577.

Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Michael Ligenki, 150/563; Todd Schernack, 204/547.

TOWN & COUNTRY LANES (Westland)
Tuesday Junior Classic: Jim Mazi, 300.

Biltmore Ladies: Cheryl Brezovsky, 225/619; Janine Sherman, 222/602; Karen Lindberg, 213/656.

Ken Givonski: Nate Schi, 269/673; Ken Givonski, 249/633; Sue O'Haire, 222; Mary Ann Walker, 221/618.

WESTLAND BOWL
Sunday Sleepers Invitational: Sherman Duckworth, 268/700; Troy Lindon, 300; Mike Tremonti, 279/719; Robert Schepels, 280/709; Shawn Arzoglou, 279/713; Gordon Tesarz, 276/732; Tom Johnston, 278/705; Ron Mijal, 276/725; Wade Hampton, 279/704; Paul McMurry, 278/738.

Twins Parish: J. O'Donnell, 256/673; D. Daddie, 256/661; Bud Dimaggio, 257/650; Bill Jacobs Sr., 275/594; Joe Lindley, 253/647; Brad Thiesen, 254/621.

Monday Morning Men: Jim Griffith, 300/719; Marty Murrey, 279/647; Randy Kline, 278/711; Ray Krueger, 300/715; Joe Kovach, 278; Jo Fuchs Jr., 270/653; Anthony Przytulski, 267/720; Paul McMurry, 276/698.

St. Ma's Men: Gary Morton, 255/632; Chet Popek, 279/703; John Auty, 267/690; Bill Van Velsor, 245/697; Matt Roden, 244/617.

CRANFORD LANES (Livonia)
Fellows: John Cullhane, 279/655; Cal Collins, 591; Wayne Walters, 687; Greg McIntyre, 258/678; John Wright, 659 (164 pins o/a).

All-Star Bowlerettes: Debbie Hanson, 300; Lisa McClellan, 279; Kim Kopf, 268; Aleta Sill, 257/734; Angela Tesner, 257; Michelle Leland, 256/722.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
St. Peter's Pro-Am: Danielle Labadie, 255/635; Jim O'Day, 253/643.

Wonderland Classics: Jim Burton, 269/741; Jerry Hellestedt, 258/259/722; Bud Bogatay, 715; Murray Hale, 300; Dave Kaleszewski, 269/718; John Kohler, 278; Stuart Levy, 279/714.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)
Wednesday Tourist & College: Pety Carlon, 251/575; Diana Krupinski, 201; Gracien Hocking, 225/562; Debbie Mohr, 644; Betsy Grace, 203/550; Kim Eller, 527; Joyce Gradinscak, 548; Beth Carpenter, 533.

Senior Merry Bowlers: Roy McMahon, 212/562; Gene Elward, 211/505; Carmen Leggett, 204/552; John Rudolph, 543; Herbert Lloyd, 549.

K of C Men: John Stephens, 822; Brian Adams, 785; Randy Presnell, 753; Jim Monroy, 731; Duane McTeer, 738; Chris Tubero, 706.

Early Risers: C. Truskowski, 559; Ev Roman, 512; Jean Snyder, 500; Wanda Denardis, 510; Wendy Kleisly, 578.

Men's Senior House: Marc Mattus, 226; 266-247/739; Garrett Nagle, 186-279; 279/744; Kerry Reetz, 236-278/793; Tom Kreggar, 252-265/259; 778; Pat Cerkner, 258-247/218/733; Jim Jesson, 267-216/265/748.

Newburg Ladies: Kathy Duchene, 195; Darlene Jolinski, 191.

Youth Leagues: Guster Dusters: Josh Blanchard, 197; Jason Maples, 172; Amanda Corredine (44 avg), 100/270; Dominie Fetter (62 avg), 107/278.

Strikes & Spares: Justin Kowalski, 205; John Kahl, 203; Joe Pielars, 224; Jesse Harlow, 167; Matt Lewandowski (129 avg), 139/134.

Paper Pros: Jason Kietisch (150 avg), 245-256/635; Matt Bochenek, 226; Barb Baumester (103 avg), 173; Frank Sopher, 230-254/651; Brian Adams, 235.

Pin Busters: Billy Ringrose (116 avg), 184; Janice McCarthy (114 avg), 180; Chet Warkins, 133.

Pin Heads: Mark Lewandowski (124 avg), 205/756; Rob Hargan, 230-220/628; Mike Gaudin (115 avg), 176.

Parish/Chick: (K&S) Ali Cichon, 243; Jessica Cichon, 235-211/631; Joe Dorton, 247; (Indus) Derrick Truk, 222; Tom Kiska, 206; Dor Cichon, 196.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Mossy Tree: Steve Hubble, 257/764;

Turkey permits are at a high; trout season is in full swing

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Turkey season opened Monday. Trout, walleye, pike and musky seasons open Saturday. Steelhead are in the Clinton and Huron rivers and southern Lake Huron is littered with steelhead and salmon brown trout. It's time to get out and celebrate the arrival of spring.

The popularity of Michigan's spring turkey season has never been higher as upwards of 111,000 hunters applied for a permit this year.

"It looks like it will be another good season, weather permitting," DNR upland gamebird specialist A. Stewart said. "There are 135,000 birds out there so the numbers are good. It's a pretty exciting time for turkey enthusiasts and turkey hunters."

"Last year was an excellent production year with very high polt survival. Overall, the winter was fairly mild, too, so they came through it pretty good."

Hunters who failed to receive a permit for their desired hunt period can still participate in the season through the experimental fourth hunt period, May 18-31. While many feel the experimental hunt is held too late in the spring for hunters to be successful I've got news to the contrary. The late season can be as productive as the early hunts.

"Hunter success during the late hunt is around 22 percent while hunter success during the rest of the season runs at about 26 percent," Stewart said. "That tells me the difference is basically user error. If there was 10 or 20 percent difference or higher then maybe the opportunity would be different but that's not the case. A lot of hunters are having success in the late hunt."

And why not? By then most of the hens have gone to nest, but the Toms are still hot to trot, which makes them susceptible to being killed.

If you didn't get the permit you wanted take a chance and get out during the late hunt. I've hunter that season twice and taken two nice, mature Toms.

Trout season on tap
If fishing is more your cup of tea this is the weekend you've undoubtedly been awaiting as the 1999 trout season opened Saturday on designated trout lakes and streams across the state.

From the Big Two Hearted

and the Tobacco in the Upper Peninsula to the fabled "Holy Waters" of the AuSable, Michigan's trout streams, big and small, will be bursting with anglers.

Northern Michigan's fabled trout streams offer favorable conditions for natural reproduction. Southern Michigan streams aren't conducive to such occurrences because of the greatly fluctuating water temperatures from summer to winter. There is limited year-to-year carry over in some of southern Michigan's streams - which accounts for the occasional 15- to 20-inch fish caught down here each year - but not enough to sustain a viable fishery. Thanks to an aggressive stocking program by the Michigan DNR, trout anglers in southeastern Michigan don't have far to go to enjoy the thrill of bringing a feisty trout to the net.

Inland lake anglers will be busy this weekend, too, as pike, walleye and musky seasons open Saturday. Walleye anglers will be out in force on such lakes as Union, Kent, Cass and Belleville while pike anglers will seek their prey on Orchard, Union, Lake Sixteen and Lakeville lakes among others.

Salmon Stakes reminder
It's not too late to get tickets for the River Crab Salmon Stakes. Slated for Saturday, the annual fishing tournament/raffle is based at the River Crab Restaurant in St. Clair and raises money to benefit programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide.

Money is raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers baseball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant.

There are also cash stipends for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout.

On top of all this, all ticket purchasers are winners since ticket stubs are good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants.

Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwether's in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at (800) 468-3727.

April is spring's 1st month, with lots of new life to see

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

April is a good month to celebrate our environment because we can see the rejuvenation of dormant life and the arrival of "vacationing" summer residents.

This past week marked the celebration of Earth and Arbor Day on April 22 and April 23, respectively.

Celebrations help us remember some of the things we can easily take for granted. Earth Day is a day to think about all living things on this planet, while Arbor Day is focused on trees.

Trees in Michigan have a rich history, especially the white pine. Even before the white pine lumbering era in Michigan, trees of various kinds were harvested for lumber which was used in place of metal and plastic we use today. Lumber was used to build our country to what it is today.

Each kind of tree has unique features and qualities that make it valuable. Soft wood, like pine, is good for rough construction and some finish work too. Michigan white pines help build Detroit, Chicago and many small towns in between. Hardwoods are also valuable for finish work and furniture. When visiting a mansion in Wyoming a few years ago, it was mentioned that oak and walnut was shipped from Michigan to finish the interior.

Trees also produce fruits that serve as food for animals and humans. Unfortunately, animals in the eastern states will not know the taste of American chestnuts that were so plentiful and economically important years ago. A blight killed most of the trees.

Shade, shelter, cover and oxygen production, along with filtering carbon dioxide from the air, are just a few of the other things trees do for life on earth. These practical and utilitarian features should not shadow their beauty and majesty. Imagine a world without trees - I shudder at the thought.

Without green plants to produce oxygen, all other living things, except a few things that survive on sulfur, would not exist. Today only about 1% of all the living things that ever existed on earth are living. Though a million different kinds of insects have been identified, over 4,000 mammals, about 9,000 birds and thousands of plants, invertebrates and others, life has been on this planet so long that today we see only a small percentage of those life forms.

During Earth's long history many species disappeared, long before man arrived on the scene. But by celebrating Earth Day we can remind ourselves that we are just one of those life forms and that we shouldn't accelerate the rate of extinction for the other species, because just as they are dependent on other species, we are dependent on other species too.

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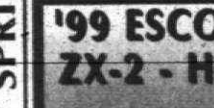



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ZX2	0 Down Ford Employee 250 225	562 525
CONTOUR	0 Down Ford Employee 275 250	598 587
TAURUS	0 Down Ford Employee 325 300	674 633
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