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THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Mock accident: Students Against Drunk Driving will hold a mock accident at Canton High School to warn students about the dangers of drinking and driving. The event begins at 9:30 a.m.

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

THURSDAY

A Civil action: The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Ralph and Sharlene Welton, 1224 S. Haggerty. The Weltons have restored and live in the home of Ephraim Truesdell, a Civil War veteran. Mr. Welton, a member of the Canton Historic District Commission, has invited members and the public to tour the house. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 397-0088.

FRIDAY

Summit hours: New spring hours begin at Summit on the Park. Through June 14, hours at the community center will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Summer hours (closing time 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday) begin June 14.

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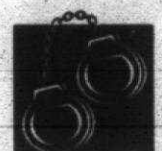
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Canton man faces trial for rape



Nunzio Austin will be tried in connection with the sexual assault of his ex-girlfriend, a paraplegic woman. The incident occurred last February in the victim's Westland home, which Austin allegedly entered illegally.

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A paraplegic Westland woman testified Thursday that her former boyfriend, a Canton resident, terror-

ized her in her wheelchair before he rolled her into a bedroom and raped her.

"I was scared to death," the 48-year-old woman said, testifying from her wheelchair inside a Westland court-

room.

She described in chilling detail how her 48-year-old attacker gripped her head "like a bowling ball" and pressed his thumbs painfully against her eyes. She ignored his warnings not to scream.

"I was afraid of him poking out my eyes," she said.

Her testimony surfaced during a preliminary hearing for Nunzio Austin Stout, formerly of Garden City and

Westland.

Judge Gail McKnight called the woman "a very strong witness" and ordered Stout to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of first-degree home invasion.

Stout, accused of attacking the victim at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 11 inside her Westland home, is now jailed in lieu of

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Emotional afternoon: Ginnie Hauck receives a hug from Penny Klei after being selected as the 1999 recipient of the Athena Award Wednesday at the Summit in Canton.

Business, Athena winners show foresight and class

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
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Tom Cassidy is a man of vision — and not just because he's an optometrist.

Cassidy's commitment to his clients, the community and his belief in Canton's future are some of the reasons he was named Wednesday as 1999 Business Person of the Year by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Also honored by the chamber was Ginnie Hauck, manager of the Canton Place and Sheldon Place senior apartment buildings, with the Athena Award. The award is presented annually to a local business person who "demonstrates support and assistance to professional woman" and "provides a valuable service to the community," according to guidelines drawn up by the International Athena Award organization.

Martha Mayhood Mertz, the founder and outgoing president of the organization, was the keynote speaker for the annual luncheon at the Summit, which drew 100 people.

"Our business plan from Day One was to treat our patients right and be a part of the community. It really doesn't seem like you should get an award for that," Cassidy said.

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Prayer breakfast crowd tops record

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A rousing success. That's what the Community Prayer Breakfast was Thursday at the Summit, according to chairwoman Phyllis Redfern. Nearly 400 church and local

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Getting together: Mark Walker (from left), of the singing group The Resurrection, the Rev. Eric Moore and speaker Carol Kent laugh together prior to the Community Prayer Breakfast at the Summit Thursday.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Daughter: Mom took the time for her special family



about her mother, Donna Mallard, also of Garden City, that was selected from the seven semifinalists who represented each of our Observer communities.

About her Mom, Zylla wrote: "Having four children, one child suffering an unexpected disability, my Mom,

Selecting one mother to be recognized as "A-May-Zing" wasn't an easy task, since each and every mother nominated was truly amazing in their own right.

But after careful consideration, it was the tribute Jennifer Zylla of Garden City wrote

along with her new medical responsibilities, emotional distress and frequent prayers, still took time — time to love us individually, applaud our accomplishments, debated our quarrels, encourage our dreams — giving all of herself to us. Making her most A-May-Zing Mom."

As our "A-May-Zing Mom," Mallard will receive a complete makeover at Gerald's Salon in Northville Township, an ensemble from Boon-Loot in Northville and dinner for two (a \$50 value) at Fonte d'Amore Ristorante in Livonia.

Because of the volume of responses, one winner was selected for each community, with the overall winner selected from that group of finalists. In addition to Mallard, the finalists were:

■ Sharon Horger of Redford, nominated twice by her daughters Karyn and Dawn.

■ Debra Gray of Westland, nominated by her daughter Tina-Marie Gray.

■ Nancy Kashani of Plymouth, nominated by her daughter Amanda Marie Wroblewski.

■ Mary Morrison of Livonia, nominated by her daughter Sharon Morrison.

■ Rena Weintraub of Farmington Hills, nominated by her daughter Debbie Weintraub.

■ Cheryl Gambrell of Canton, nominated by her daughter Nicole Gambrell.

You can read their letters as well as those of our other A-May-Zing Moms on Page A5.



Donna Mallard

Learning specialists win board reprieve

■ PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

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It just might be the classic case of the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Nearly 60 people, including teachers, elementary administrators and parents, showed up at the Plymouth-Canton school board meeting Tuesday night to protest a budget proposal that would slash seven of the district's 14 elementary learning specialists.

Twenty-three people spent more than an hour explaining to the board why dropping learning specialists from elementary schools would be a mistake.

"Eliminating even one learning specialist position would adversely affect kids at a time in their lives when academic support can make the

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Township names new volunteer coordinator

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Canton's army of volunteers has a new leader. Maureen Karby took command one week ago with the idea of matching the right person with the right position for township events and functions.

"I took this job to make a difference in the community," said the township's new volunteer coordinator. "I really believe I can help do that."

Karby, 48, has already had an opportunity to leave her mark at the township with last weekend's children's fishing derby. In coming months, she'll be responsible for events such as the Liberty Festival.

"I see this as the heart of the community," Karby said of the volunteer program. "The chance to orchestrate it all means a lot to me."

Karby takes over from Kathleen Salla, who became Canton's Downtown Development Coordinator in early March. Salla, in fact, had kept some of her old duties through the transition period.

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a \$250,000 cash bond as he awaits trial. He could face life in prison if convicted.

At times fearful, the victim testified that she has known Stout since 1981. The year after she met him, she suffered a paralyzing spinal cord injury when she jumped from a second-story window of a home she shared. Police said the incident involved a domestic dispute.

The woman later had two daughters with Stout before he moved out in 1992. She said he suffered from schizophrenia and dramatic mood swings — sometimes requiring that he be hospitalized.

"As long as he was acting OK, I would let him come and visit the kids," the woman testified.

Alone on Feb. 11, the victim said she didn't invite Stout in when he came to her house, but he entered through an unlocked door. She described 20 minutes of terror in her kitchen that began when Stout started pulling on her leg with a claw-shaped device, used by disabled people to reach for objects.

The victim said Stout tipped her wheelchair back against a stove, put his fist under her nightgown in a sexually threat-

ening manner, and grabbed her head "like a bowling ball" — alternately pressing his thumbs and fingers against her eyes.

"The pain was sharp," she testified. "It felt like someone was pressing very hard on my eye sockets."

The woman said she screamed despite warnings from Stout to keep quiet. Then Stout mentioned sex, and she said she pretended to be interested to avoid more injuries to her eyes and face.

The woman said Stout pushed her wheelchair to her bedroom and put her on the bed, raping her for about 30 minutes.

"I tried talking to him about other things to take his mind off of it," she said, but the attack continued.

Stout eventually got off the

bed and went to the living room, giving the victim the moment she said she needed to phone 911. She said she screamed into the receiver, "Nunzio Stout, you raped me!"

Stout left her house but was later arrested.

The woman said the incident left her face and lips bruised and swollen — injuries that Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor

Thomas Beck documented in court with photographs.

Defense attorney Joseph Zanglin argued in court that Stout shouldn't stand trial for home invasion, in part because he formerly shared the residence with the victim. Judge McKnight disagreed.

Zanglin also failed in his effort to convince McKnight to dismiss some of the felony sex charges against Stout.

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difference between a path to success or a path to failure," said Sue Iwema, the learning specialist at Allen Elementary.

"We have many high needs students with a variety of learning difficulties," said Dave Wert, fourth grade teacher at Hoben Elementary. "Reading is a cornerstone of a strong elementary education... to take away our learning specialist would be academically crippling to an elementary school."

Later in the meeting Superintendent Chuck Little presented the board with a new budget proposal that would cut only two of the learning specialists.

However, most of the board decided that cutting any personnel wasn't the way to balance the budget.

"In my mind, I was hoping not to see these proposed cuts again in learning specialists and full-time employees," Trustee Judy Mardigan told Little. "We really depend on the people in the trenches... to make us understand what the impact is going to be. We can't be competitive if we're taking away

from elementary and not preparing kids for the future. We need early intervention. Let's face it, our reading MEAP scores don't look great, and this will set us back even more."

"I believe we need a learning specialist in every school, and I believe there is a way to do that," said board member Sue Davis. "But we have to begin thinking about how we can deliver our services differently so we can provide the service to every young person who needs it."

The trustees directed the administration to look at cuts that wouldn't affect people.

"We have \$140,000 more to cut than when we walked in tonight," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent of employee relations and personnel. "We're going to try and avoid cutting any additional people, but the next list will be just as difficult."

The school board has tentatively scheduled to adopt the 1999-2000 school budget at its meeting on June 8.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Top trio: Speaker Martha Mayhood Mertz, founder of the Athena Award, is flanked by Athena winner Ginnie Hauck and Tom Cassidy, named 1999 Business Person of the Year by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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Cassidy's community involvement has included sponsorship of "The Book Club," a reading program for fourth and fifth graders at Erikson Elementary School, collecting glasses for the Lions Club and coaching a youth baseball team.

Cassidy and his partner, Brian Pierce, opened The Vision Center on Ford Road in 1993. The practice has grown to three full-time and two part-time employees. He has been an active chamber member and is on the chamber's board of directors.

He said he moved to Canton at first because it was a good place to raise a family. Locating a business in the community has also paid dividends, he said.

Hauck made an brief, emotional speech in accepting the Athena Award. "I share this award with every other nominee," she said.

Hauck, who is employed by National Church Residences, an Ohio-based non-profit organization, when it was built in 1990 and added management responsibilities at Sheldon Place when it opened last year.

Together, the two buildings are home to 176 senior citizens and Hauck. The overwhelming majority of residents are women,

and Hauck tends to their residential, medical and emotional needs in a way that allows them to keep their dignity intact, said Nicki Wilson, a previous Athena winner.

One example is the "Helping Hand Fund," which was set up by Hauck to solicit donations from the community to provide for those residents without immediate relatives and others most in need.

Hauck's actions are typical of Athena winners in that they "make visible some of the outstanding things in the community that men and women accomplish working together," Mayhood Mertz said.

The founder of International Athena organization, which is based in Lansing, said that a goal for the award, first given in 1982, is to open up leadership opportunities for women.

Four hundred cities around the world now present Athena Awards, she said.

Also nominated for the Athena Award were veterinarian Judi Fleischaker, Brenda Pollock of Clark Block & Supply, Deana Tuzcek of Family Services Inc., and Canton Township employee Debbie Zevalkink.

Business Person of the Year nominees included: Bob Boyer of Boyer's Meat Processing, Doug Bricker of Bricker's Box Board Inc., attorney Michael Gerou, David Griffin of L.J. Griffin

Funeral Home and Tom Moore of Yazaki North America.

Blasting off from Hoben



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Ready for Space Camp: Fifth-graders from Hoben Elementary School in Canton gather Friday in preparation for their trip to U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla. The students were scheduled to leave today for a week at the camp as part of a districtwide program being underwritten by an anonymous benefactor.

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leaders from Canton and Plymouth attended — a jump of more than 50 percent from a year ago.

"I think it came off well," Redfern said. "We're very excited about the number of people that came."

Worshippers were treated to a 90-minute program featuring gospel music, an inspirational speaker and, of course, prayer.

"You always say you can't beat last year," Redfern said. "But God always shows us a way to do it."

A 10-person committee of Canton and Plymouth residents worked to put the event together.

"This committee has been a truly awesome committee," Redfern told the audience. "We've taken the prayer breakfast to a new level."

"Light Up Your World With Prayer" was the breakfast's theme. The four-member band "Resurrection" highlighted that theme with songs such as "America the Beautiful," "Grateful" and "This is My Prayer."

Band members shared with the audience how prayer and faith had changed their lives. Lead vocalist Leon Jones said it had helped him put drugs and crime in the past.

"Life can be really beautiful to live when you know how to do it," he commented.

The audience for its faith and reminded it about the importance of prayer.

"Our last resort should be our first resort," he said, "to pray."

Speaker Carol Kent agreed. "Jesus made prayer a priority," she said. "I find that prayer helps me stay focused."

Kent heads up "Speak Up With Confidence" seminars, which aim to help Christians develop communication skills. She has taught and spoke motivationally for 15 years.

Kent, who is away from her Port Huron home three days each week speaking, believes prayer and faith is on the increase. People seem more receptive over the past few years, she said.

"If the Bible's principles are real to people," said Kent, "then they become life changes."

Kent spoke anecdotally for about 30 minutes at the prayer breakfast. A recent car breakdown in Lansing, she said, brought her in touch with a female tow-truck driver.

The driver, Kent explained, had gone through tough times and needed someone to pray with. She thinks God led her to the young woman.

She called such unexpected events "God appointments."

Kent urged the audience to pray daily.

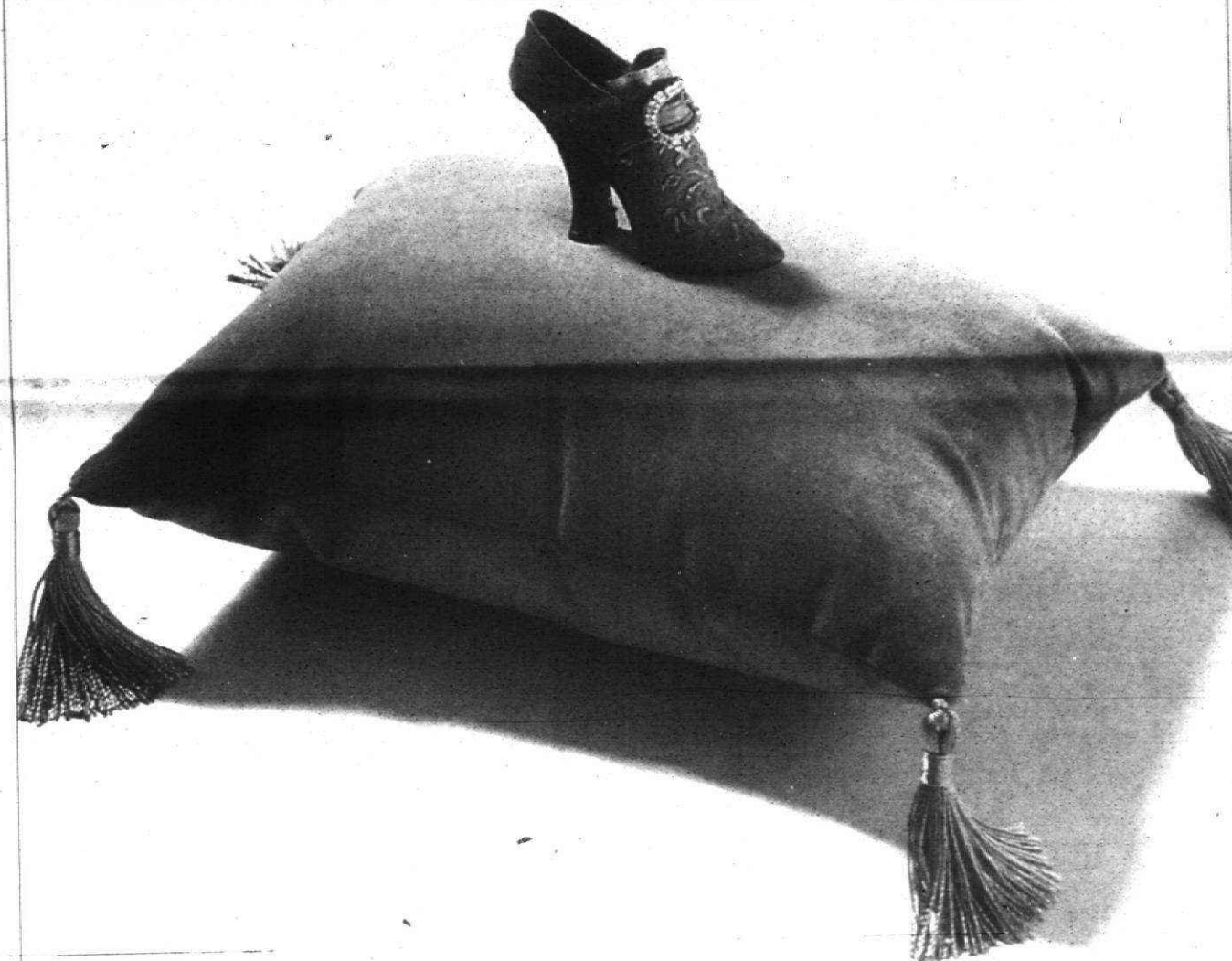
"God is never on hold," she said. "There is power in prayer. Prayer will change you."

CLARIFICATION

An article in Thursday's Canton Observer on a carbon monoxide detector recall should have said that the detector must have an alarm activation before the fire department will come to

a home to check for CO2, according to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. For more information, contact Canton's Fire Department at 397-5346.

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Traffic crossover set for I-275

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Starting late tonight (Sunday), southbound I-275 traffic is expected to be switched to the northbound side.

Contractors paved a barrier to divide the two directions of traffic between Grand River and Five Mile roads. Work crews also constructed temporary crossover lanes last week.

"We will make the switch during a slow-volume traffic time," said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation. But that also means Monday's rush hour will see the crossover for the first time.

With nearly 200,000 motorists a day, I-275 is the second busiest freeway in the state.

Construction crews will be breaking the cement on the old southbound lanes, then excavators will remove the pieces and place it on trucks to be removed. Once that is completed in about three months, new southbound lanes will be paved.

The two-way traffic will then be crossed back over onto the southbound side.

Motorists have waited through traffic delays in that



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

More headaches: Starting late tonight (Sunday), southbound I-275 traffic is expected to be switched to the northbound side. Contractors paved a barrier to divide the two directions of traffic between Grand River and Five Mile roads.

construction zone as the freeway's four lanes on the northbound side were reduced to three. With the crossovers, both sides will be reduced to four lanes.

The gridlock is expected to extend to westbound I-96 in Livonia, as the two-lane exit from that freeway onto northbound I-275 was narrowed to one lane. Congestion is expected to continue in Farmington Hills as one lane of the two-lane ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 will be closed.

Loop ramps from westbound M-5 to southbound I-275 and from westbound I-696 to eastbound M-5, which connect to this ramp, will also be closed.

Temporary crossover exits will be installed and marked for motorists accessing Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads.

The loop ramps at those "mile road" interchanges along I-275 will be closed until at least October, and with weather delays, that period may be extended to November. These ramps include westbound Six Mile to southbound I-275, eastbound Six Mile to northbound I-275, westbound Seven Mile to southbound I-275, northbound I-275 to westbound Seven Mile, and westbound Eight Mile to southbound I-275 to eastbound Eight Mile to northbound I-275.

The construction project needs so much concrete, two cement factories were installed along the freeway in Livonia.

Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes, such as Newburgh or Haggerty roads in Livonia.

Community college land dispute splits local commissioners

The Wayne County Commission rejected a resolution introduced Thursday by Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, congratulating a collaboration between Henry Ford Community College, Ford Motor Co. and United Auto Workers Local 387 for receiving a grant to construct a new training facility.

HFCC was one of eight community colleges to receive Michigan Technical Education Center grants totaling \$50 million.

Many commissioners opposed the resolution because HFCC was building a \$5 million technical training center at the Ford Woodhaven Stamping Plant in Woodhaven that they believed would compete with Wayne County Community College.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said she was disappointed that HFCC was moving into another district's territory. "I think it isn't legal, and I think it isn't fair," Beard said.

Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, also opposed it. "Clearly, we need as much training for our constituents as we can get, but it is clearly not the way to achieve our goal by moving into another district."

Commissioners Lyn Banks, R-Livonia, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, were among five commissioners who supported the

resolution. Banks said the grant was a "done deal." "What would be more useful is a resolution asking the Legislature to consider something in the second round," Banks said.

Husk said: "I think we would want to educate our constituents. I think it will be healthy in the long run for the county."

Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, who represents Canton, abstained. "There were a lot of good arguments on both sides," Sullivan said later.

"You have the argument of how it affects the western Wayne campus, but I understand that HFCC won the bid in a fair process and (workers) need the training."

The issue has moved into the judicial arena. Wayne County Community College District filed a lawsuit April 23 against Henry Ford Community College seeking to stop Henry Ford from building a multi-million dollar technical center within the WCCCD service area.

The proposed technical center is to be built in Woodhaven Township in the legal service area of WCCCD on a parcel of land donated to Henry Ford Community College by Ford

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Commission extends airport parking contract

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Wayne County commissioners extended an airport parking contract for 30 days while county attorneys negotiate a settlement between \$380,000 and \$500,000 from APCOA Parking of Cleveland.

Commissioners approved a contract in April contingent on the settlement after George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting

attorney for Wayne County, informed them the county is entitled to a \$503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses.

APCOA leased the shuttle buses through financial agreements with various lending institutions, then collected reimbursements from Wayne County.

Ward reviewed the lease agreements after Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy and his staff estimated the airport could have purchased shuttle vans for less than what the lease agreement cost. Dunleavy found Wayne County could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease 37 vehicles and discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each, not approximately \$28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

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Credit Recording Act. Some local statutes also require payment of the attorney fees to the winning side's attorney. In acknowledgment of the fact that many injured might be denied their fair right to sue for damages simply because they haven't the money to pay for an attorney, our legal system allows for representation on a contingency basis. Simply described, if your lawyer agrees your case has merit, he or she may agree to represent you without advance payment. If, and only if, you win compensation, the attorney is paid (usually a percentage of the award).

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County will take control of juvenile programs Oct. 1

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Wayne County's Department of Community Justice will take over programs aimed at curbing juvenile delinquency formerly administered by the state's Family Independence Agency, effective Oct. 1.

On Friday, a Wayne County official asked the 18 member communities of the Conference of Western Wayne to decide whether the CWV wants to be a care management organization or allow a service provider of juvenile programs — such as Growth Works of Plymouth — to fill that role.

The CWV is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Wayne County expects to use these care management organizations and juvenile assessment centers to help juvenile delinquents with drug or alcohol problems obtain general equivalency degrees or job training, according to Greg Roberts, executive assistant with county Executive Edward McNamara.

"When we look at what happened in Colorado and what happens in Wayne County, a lot of people asked what we can do to stem the tide of violence and crime," Roberts said. "We believe Wayne County has the answer."

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The assessment centers will refer the youths to CMOs, which can be non-profit or private organizations.

"This is going to be ZIP code-driven, meaning that CMOs and subcontractors will bid on areas in certain ZIP codes," Roberts said. "They are saying they will address young people who live in areas with particular ZIP codes."

The system is "outcome-based." The CMOs will be paid per youth, per month," Roberts said. "We want the organizations to be rewarded for doing well."

If the CMOs lose contact or the youths become repeat offenders, the CMOs will face financial

penalties, Roberts said. "They've got to realize they have to turn around the lives of young people referred to them."

Requests for proposals will be sent out May 15, and are due June 15, so Wayne County needs input from the CWV quickly. The CWV scheduled a meeting for 9:30 a.m. May 21 in Canton Township.

Inkster Mayor Edward Bivens asked what the programs did to involve parents. "The assessment center will develop an individualized service plan that will involve the entire family," Roberts said.

Dearborn Fire Chief Jack MacArthur asked what recourse communities had if the community was not satisfied with a service provider. Roberts replied that they could inform the county about concerns, but communities will not be a part of the evaluation process of the bids.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack asked what indirect costs were allowable in the program. Roberts said the money would be going to service providers who "would assume the financial risks." Yack expected to submit a question in writing to the county.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, who chairs the CWV, advised his colleagues that "the devil was in the details" of the program. "There are great concerns and you should look carefully at the package," Kirksey said.

Attorneys should review the proposals and the liability aspects of the plan, Kirksey said.

Program to mark police week celebration

The Wayne County Sheriff Department will celebrate Police Week at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Nankin Mills Area in Hines Park.

The department's special

response team, the marine unit, motorcycle unit and mounted division will give demonstrations to students. Free food and refreshments will be available. Information on Internet safety

and pistol safety will be distributed to youngsters. For more information, call the Wayne County Sheriff Department's community service unit at (313) 224-3607.

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Fishing derby awaits young anglers

Anglers of all shapes and sizes can reel in more than 800 rainbow trout from the Hines Park-Waterford Bend Picnic Area in Northville on May 15 from 8 a.m. to noon for the fourth annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby, sponsored by Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

The fun begins with a fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 12 and under. A variety of prizes will be awarded in several age categories for: largest fish, smallest fish and specially tagged fish. Following the derby, anglers of all ages are welcome to join in.

A fishing license is not required for this event, but participants must bring their own equipment. The co-sponsors of this event are the Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528 and the Northville Parks & Recreation Department.

Participant registration is scheduled 7:30-8 a.m. The fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 12 and under is scheduled 8-10 a.m. Fishing for all ages begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until noon.

The Waterford Bend Picnic Area is on Northville Road, just north of Six Mile Road in Northville. Take I-275 to the Six Mile Road exit and take Six Mile Road west to Northville Road. For information, call (734) 261-1990.

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2 UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

Cooking over open fire is ancient history

Man has cooked over open fires throughout history. Roman legions, on their quest to conquer the Western world, cooked over fire logs in makeshift camps. Ancient Persians grilled meats over small braziers — and are still doing this today. Shish kebab originated in the Middle East. In Turkish dialogue, "shish" means sword and "kebab" is broiled meat — "meat on a sword."

During the 11th century, Genghis Khan and his band of warriors swept across China. They would feast on animals slow-roasted whole on a spit over low heat. This is a practice we know today as a pig roast. Other Mongolian warriors would heat heavy metal shields over their personal fire and grill meat on the hot metal. A practice commonly seen today in countries such as Vietnam is grilling on ember-filled hubcaps.

All over the world, people are still practicing Old World styles of barbecue and grill cookery. They are also inventing many new flavored foods with smoke, fire, and heat.

Cooking methods

Actually, many people misuse the term "barbecue." It seems to be applied to anything cooked on a grill. Barbecue is a method of cooking, not a gadget or regional dish. The distinct difference between barbecue and grilling is that grilling is done over direct heat. Barbecue is the process of cooking meat at a low temperature for a long period of time.

With grilling the focus is on searing the product on the outside, and concentrating the flavor on the inside. Foods are cooked quickly over fire, wood or coals. Grilling is a healthy way to cook meat because the fat drips off.

In Brazil and Argentina, grilled and barbecued meats are served with a wide array of relishes, chutneys and fresh salads.

In Turkey, Morocco and other Middle Eastern countries, you'll find shish kebabs marinated in herbs and spices.

During an evening meal in most Asian countries, you would be presented with thinly sliced meats on bamboo skewers, seared quickly and presented with a variety of dipping sauces and rice. In Australia, you might enjoy a cookout over a small open campfire, "shrimp on the barbee," or damper bread cooked on wooden sticks.

Texans dredge their spare ribs in a dry spice rub and then cook them over a low, smoky grill. The ribs are finished with a basting of grandma's secret barbecue sauce.

Culinary adventures

Every culture has a few chapters in its food history that pertain to grilling, barbecuing, spit roasting or smoking.

The next time you are tempted to grill hamburgers, ribs or chicken, let me suggest an outdoor adventure instead — Tandoori style chicken or a Jamaican Jerk marinated steak. You're only limited by your imagination.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Start a healthy tradition

BY PEGGY EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Five years ago, when George Lip-ton was in the hospital recovering from bypass surgery, his doctor put him on a restricted diet. Reduce fats and cholesterol, limit salt intake and reduce alcohol consumption were the doctor's orders. To George this was disheartening news. No ice cream, no martinis, no big, juicy steaks. A late evening dinner ending with a cigar and cognac were out of the question. Bacon and eggs for breakfast? Forget it!

There was another dilemma too. George and his wife, Kathy, were fond of entertaining in their beautiful Rochester Hills home. Cooking meals for a circle of friends and family was a big part of their social life. George felt his freedom of choice in food and drink was obstructed. He became uncomfortable, frustrated, resentful and even depressed.

His state of mind was not healthy, especially for someone with heart disease. Whenever they

Cooking with eggs

Tips for reducing cholesterol and fat when cooking with eggs:

- Substitute two egg whites for one whole egg.
- Substitute one whole egg plus two egg whites for two whole eggs.
- Use 1/4 cup egg substitute to equal two eggs.
- Combine one egg with 1 1/2 to 2 cups crushed bran crackers, whole wheat bread crumbs, or cooked rice to form a pie crust (e.g., quiche). Be sure to coat your pie plate with non-stick cooking spray.
- Instead of frying eggs, thoroughly poach or boil them due to the risk of eating undercooked eggs.
- Use one egg yolk per serving and add extra egg whites for omelets, scrambled eggs and quiches.

were going out, George would be faced with so many temptations. The couple began to withdraw from their circle of friends. This wasn't good. Going out just frustrated George. He was becoming a complaining, boring couch potato.

Research

Kathy had to do something. She began with some research, and over the course of about a year, learned

a great deal about cooking reduced-fat, reduced-salt meals. Through experimentation, and support from classes at Crittenton Hospital, she learned how to adjust her favorite recipes, and make new great-tasting dishes as well.

George liked Kathy's cooking. As time went by, it became easier and easier to enjoy food. In fact, George — who was about 40 pounds overweight when he had the surgery — began to slowly shed pounds. He felt better as he ate healthier. His depression began to lift. George began cooking too, using low-fat ingredients.

Still, it was difficult to go out to eat with friends. That was when he missed his martinis.

Kathy wasn't about to give up. She wanted to see her friends. She enjoyed entertaining and didn't relish the thought of losing touch.

Delicious custom

She came up with a simple solution that started as a Mother's Day party and evolved into an on-going custom. Now George and Kathy do most of their entertaining at brunch.

It is better, especially for someone with heart disease, to eat a good mid-morning meal than to eat late at night. The food has more time to digest and is used as fuel during the remainder of the day. People are less likely to overeat early in the day. They welcome a bowl of fresh fruit, a light salad, an omelet, muffins, waffles, or other light dishes.

Kathy serves inventive egg dishes, breads and bagels, fruit, Canadian bacon and salads. She even serves champagne, Mimosas or an occasional Bloody Mary. An egg dish is usually her main course.

The American Heart Association allows up to three or four eggs a week for healthy people. No limit has been set for egg whites (no fat or cholesterol). Because eggs are such a good source of protein, one or two eggs are allowed per week if cholesterol is elevated.

To balance the meal, Kathy usually includes fresh waffles, muffins or bagels for a starch, fresh fruit and a salad.

George and Kathy's brunches have changed the way they entertain. Instead of going to restaurants or having dinner parties full of fattening, salty foods, they now invite guests to late morning gatherings that feature a healthy and low-fat buffet. They shop together for the freshest vegetables and fruits and prepare many of the dishes on Saturday afternoon.

Some friends come from church. Others plan the day around brunch and play a little tennis or go canoeing before. Golf is the game of choice after brunch. Kathy and George keep their brunch simple so they can enjoy their guests.

After seeing how George's eating habits have helped him lose weight and feel better, many of their friends have adopted a brunch theme for entertaining as well.

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Fire up the grill for red snapper with spring salsa

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Sometimes, it seems to me that fruit and vegetables should be sold in the drugstore, not the produce store. Almost every new nutrition study stresses the relationship of plant food for prevention and treatment of chronic diseases like high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and cancer of various kinds.

If you're having problems getting your "five-a-day" servings of fruits and vegetables, this recipe should be a big delicious help. It doesn't contain broccoli, but it's a wonderful source of "phytochemicals" like the lycopene recently reported in the news that might prevent and/or treat prostate cancer.

The fish in the recipe is a good preventer of heart disease, as you know. Red snapper is an especially popular salt water fish in Mexico. It has a sweet subtle flavor that makes it a perfect partner for salsa. The dense texture of red snapper makes it a good choice for grilling. Best of all, the recipe cuts down on kitchen time because you don't have to cook the salsa, and the outdoor grill person can be put in charge of the fish. Even if you are the person doing the grilling, you can still enjoy the scenery as you cook.

Salsas are chopped mixtures of fruit and vegetables of infinite variety. They are an "Eating Younger" person's dream come true. Salsas contain little or no fat, and are full of flavor, fiber, phytochemicals, vitamin A, C, sometimes B complex, and minerals.

Tomatoes form the base of many salsas. At this time of year I use fresh plum tomatoes. I leave the peeling on all the vegetables in the recipe for extra fiber. Plum tomatoes are pulpy and easy to seed, just core and hand squeeze the seeds out. The cucumber of choice is one of those "curly" ones in the produce market that look like zucchini. The peeling is not waxed and the cucumber meat is sweeter. You can add more or less jalapeno depending on your taste for "heat."

I add ripe mangoes for a peachy-pineapple accent. Mangoes are usually shipped green. To ripen, place the mangoes in a brown paper bag. They're ripe when they're fragrant and yield to the touch. In addition to contributing phytochemicals and vitamin C, mangoes are an excellent source of fiber. To cut mangoes, score

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Muffins, waffles, souffle are perfect for brunch

See related Taste story on front.

Here are some recipes that are perfect for a springtime brunch.

CRANBERRY MUFFINS

Makes 18 muffins
1 cup dried cranberries
1 cup orange juice
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup applesauce
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 egg whites, lightly beaten
1 cup nonfat yogurt
Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray. Plump cranberries by covering them with orange juice in small bowl and microwaving for 45 seconds. Let set covered until ready to use.
Mix flour, sugar and baking soda in mixing bowl. Add applesauce, vanilla, yogurt, and egg whites. Drain cranberries, reserving 1/4 cup juice. Add juice to mixing bowl. Beat 3

minutes on medium to high speed until smooth. Fold in drained cranberries. Pour batter evenly into muffin cups — about 3/4 cup full. Bake 20 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 132; protein 3.2g; Fat 1g; Sodium 9mg; Carbohydrates 29g.

Recipe compliments of HDS Services.

These waffles are wonderful with real maple syrup. A perfect springtime treat!

CINNAMON APPLESAUCE

Waffles

Makes 8 medium-large waffles
1-3/4 cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
3 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 eggs, separated
1 1/2 cups skim milk
1/3 cup applesauce
Blend flour, baking powder,

sugar and salt in a mixing bowl. In a small bowl, combine beaten egg yolks and milk and stir into dry ingredients, then stir in applesauce.

Beat egg whites until stiff and carefully fold into batter. Do not overmix.

Pour approximately 2/3 cup batter onto preheated waffle griddle. Close and bake according to manufacturer's directions, about 3 minutes. Waffles are somewhat softer than the average waffle; for a crispier waffle, bake a minute or two longer.

Nutrition information per serving (without maple syrup): Calories: 144; protein 6.5g; fat 2.5g; Sodium 195mg; carbohydrates 24g. Percent of calories from fat: 16.5

Recipe compliments of HDS Services.

TWO CHEESE SOUFFLE

Serves 8
8 slices bread of your choice, such as white or French — cubed

4 egg whites
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
1 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded

1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Coat 9- by 12-inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Cube bread. Mix the cheeses together. Place 1/2 of bread cubes evenly on bottom of baking dish. Then layer with half of the cheese. Spread remaining bread cubes and top with the rest of cheese.

Beat eggs, egg whites and milk together. Pour over bread/cube layers in baking dish. Cover and refrigerate overnight. The next morning, remove from refrigerator for an hour and then bake in oven at 350°F. for 1 hour.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 198; protein 13g; fat 9.5g; sodium 324.5mg; carbohydrates 13g; percent of calories from fat: 43.

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

Serves 8
1-1/2 cups fresh strawberries, washed and hulled and sliced
3 cups cleaned, tightly packed, torn spinach
1-1/2 cups torn romaine lettuce
1/2 cup diagonally sliced celery
1 tablespoon sliced toasted almonds
1/2 cup strawberry vinegar (see recipe)
1-1/2 teaspoon light olive oil
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Combine strawberries, spinach, lettuce, celery and almonds in a large bowl. Toss gently. In a separate bowl, combine Strawberry vinegar, olive oil, salt, sugar and pepper.
Mix well. Pour dressing over

salad mixture. Toss and serve.

STRAWBERRY VINEGAR

4 cups fresh strawberries, washed and hulled and sliced
1 cup white vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar

Combine strawberries and vinegar in a bowl. Cover and let stand at room temperature for 24 hours, stirring occasionally.

Strain mixture through several layers of cheesecloth, discard seeds. Put vinegar and sugar into saucepan, bring to a boil. Remove from heat, let cool.

Pour vinegar into jars and cork or seal with airtight lids.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories: 94.5; protein 2.5g; fat 4.5g; sodium 90mg; carbohydrates 19g.

Percent of calories from fat: 45
Recipe from the North American Strawberry Growers' Association

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Accept the challenge of cooking for one or two

BY MELANIE POLK SPECIAL WRITER

May is Older Americans Month, and for many older people, eating well is particularly challenging because they are cooking for just one or two.

If you're used to cooking for a full family, it's often hard to adjust. You may find yourself eating what's at hand rather than preparing three nutritious meals a day.

One way to overcome this is to prepare food in quantity, eating one or two portions and freezing the remainder, but such a strategy may limit the variety of your meals and may not be practical if you have a small freezer.

Instead, look for recipes and cookbooks designed for those who are cooking for one or two people. They often include tips and shortcuts to make smaller meals that are nutritious, tasty and easy to prepare.

Single servings purchased from the supermarket usually cost more than the large economy size. You can take advantage of the larger, lower cost packages by buying them and repackaging them at home. The nutrition label tells you the number and size of servings in a package, so divide the contents into serving units.

Use small plastic bags to store one or two portions of foods like pasta, cereal, crackers or raisins. If you purchase frozen vegetables in large bags rather than boxes, it's easy to pour out the amount needed, then reheat the

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bag. Freeze sliced bread and take out only the number of slices needed. Look for supermarkets that sell unpackaged dry food in bulk; these are less expensive and can be purchased in any quantity.

Many supermarkets now have their own salad bars, which are life-savers when you're cooking for one or two. No more wilted or moldy produce — you can buy small portions of fresh vegetables and fruits and avoid the waste that comes from throwing away half a head of lettuce or other produce that has gone bad.

Use salad bars to provide vegetables for small stir-fry dishes,

salads, soups, stews and casseroles.

Other simple, inexpensive ways to boost nutrition and flavor in smaller meals include: adding diced vegetables to canned soup during cooking; spreading low-fat Italian dressing on a skinless chicken breast or low-fat ranch dressing on fish before baking or broiling; marinating single servings of vegetables overnight in a low-fat vinaigrette dressing; or boiling vegetables or pasta in low-sodium bouillon instead of water.

Almost any recipe can be altered to suit your taste and your portion requirements. Mustard-Rosemary Chicken is designed to serve just two.

MUSTARD-ROSEMARY CHICKEN

2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1-2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried rosemary
Freshly ground pepper, to taste

2 chicken breast halves, skin removed

Combine all ingredients except chicken in flat baking dish. Add chicken pieces, turning to coat well with the mixture. Cover and marinate at least one hour or overnight in refrigerator.

Chicken can be cooked in oven, microwave, or on a grill. To bake, cover and cook at 375°F. for approximately 40 minutes.

To microwave, cover with wax paper and cook on high 10-13 minutes, rotating dish halfway through, let stand 2-3 minutes before serving.

To grill, shake off extra mari-

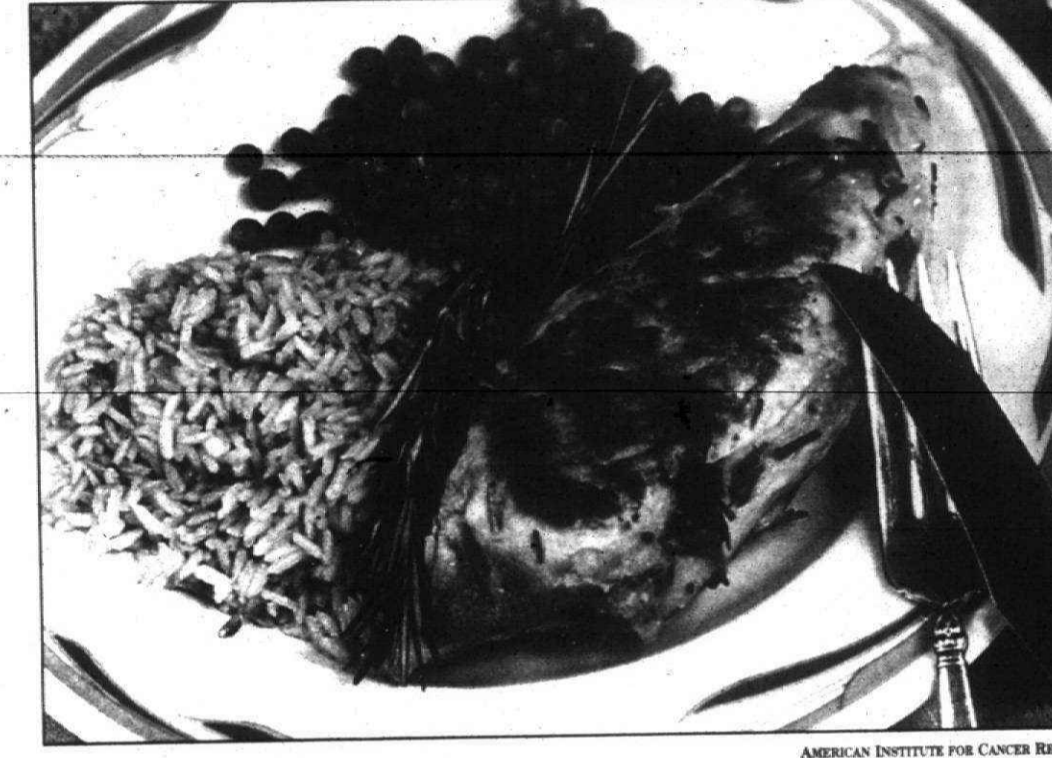
nade and cook over medium-high flame for about 15-20 minutes.

To check for doneness, pierce thickest part with fork. If the juice is clear, chicken is done.

Nutrition information: Each of the two servings contains 153 calories and 3 grams of fat.

For a free copy of the American Institute for Cancer Research's brochure, "Cooking Solo," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. SA, P.O. Box 97167, Washington, DC 20090-7167.

Melanie Polk is a registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Education for the American Institute for Cancer Research.



Just for two: When there's just two for dinner, try Mustard-Rosemary Chicken.

Sauce, rub and marinades enhance flavor of grilled foods

See related 2 Unique Column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

TANDOORI STYLE CHICKEN

BREAST WITH YOGURT AND CILANTRO SAUCE

6 chicken breasts
Tandoori marinade
Yogurt cilantro sauce

TANDOORI MARINADE

1 onion, chopped coarsely
2 garlic cloves, chopped fine
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon ground coriander
2 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon Turmeric

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

2 cups plain yogurt
In a food processor, puree the onion and garlic. Process in the lemon and lime juices. Add spices and the yogurt and process to blend. Marinate the chicken breasts in this mixture, turning occasionally overnight in the refrigerator.

Prepare a charcoal or wood fire and let it burn-down to embers. Remove the excess marinade and grill for 5 minutes on each side or until done. Serve with Yogurt Cilantro sauce to taste.

JAMAICAN JERK MARINADE

1/2 cup scallions, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons allspice
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon black pepper
4 garlic cloves

YOGURT CILANTRO SAUCE

2 cups plain yogurt
1/2 cup chopped cilantro

Combine yogurt and cilantro to make sauce. Serve with chicken.

Recipe adapted from Bobby Flay and Jack McDowell, TV Food Network.

Try this marinade on steaks, pork, chicken or game.

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Brunch from page B1

Now George and Kathy do brunch often. They keep it simple most of the year, and save more extravagant brunches for special occasions.

Sue Ann Schellig, who lives in Bloomfield Hills and entertains frequently, posts a "To Do" list prepared for casual get-togethers. She's ready when friends say "What can I do?" The list has all the last minute preparations like filling water glasses with ice and water, bringing up extra chairs from a storage room, slicing bread, putting out the butter and tossing the salad. Everyone enjoys pitching in,

crossing off the "To Dos," and it is less stressful for the host and hostess.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts is a resident of Clarkston, and a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 32-year-old Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in foodservice management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools.

Look for Peggy's healthy food feature in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

Snapper from page B1

the skin lengthwise and pull off the peel. Holding the fruit over a dish to catch the juice, slice horizontally parallel to the flat thin pit. Cut the remaining flesh from the pit.

Serve the salsa on top of the fish. Store leftover salsa in the refrigerator where it will keep about a week. Serve leftover salsa with nonfat chips. Puree salsa in a blender or food processor to use as salad dressing.

RED SNAPPER WITH SPRING SALSA

For the salsa
5 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
2 mangoes, peeled and diced

1 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped (about 1/2 cup)
4 green onions, chopped
1 medium "curly" cucumber, sliced

1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped (use as much pepper as you like)
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/2 cup fresh lime juice mixed with 1 teaspoon honey
1 (2 1/4 ounce) can sliced black ripe olives, drained
To make salsa, mix all ingredients. Marinate for 30 minutes in a

covered bowl in the refrigerator. Serves 4.

Food values per serving: Calories 90; Fat 0.6g; Saturated Fat 0.3g; Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 145mg.

Food exchanges = 1 vegetable, 1 fruit

FOR THE SNAPPER

1 pound red snapper fillets
2 teaspoons olive oil
Juice of 1 lime

Brush fillets with olive oil and lime juice. Cook fish skin side down on an oiled prepared grill or place in oiled wire fish basket (my choice). Cook fish for 5 minutes, baste and turn red snapper. Con-

tinue grilling 2 to 3 minutes until fish begins to flake when tested with a fork. Place fish on platter and serve with salsa on top. Serves 4.

Food values: Calories 133; Fat 2.1g; Saturated Fat 0.6g; Cholesterol 40mg; Sodium 444mg.

Food exchanges = 3 lean meats
Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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Food allergy week is about awareness

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Of the thousands of fruits, vegetables, meats, beans, fish, nuts and liquids one can consume — eight foods account for approximately 90 percent of allergic reactions. They include tree nuts (walnuts, pecans), fish, shellfish, milk, eggs, soy, wheat and peanuts.

What may seem like a harmless nut found in snacks or used as filler in countless dishes from chili to Chinese food — can cause a severe reaction in some individuals that can lead to an anaphylactic reaction (difficulty breathing, itchy skin, cramps, loss of consciousness, swelling of the throat) that if untreated could result in death.

In an effort to raise the public's awareness of the dangers of food allergies and cross contamination with allergens, The Food Allergy Network has declared May 10-14 Food Allergy Awareness Week during Asthma & Allergy Month.

"We want to save lives. It's as simple as that. Until there is a cure for food allergy, education and awareness are the keys," says Anne Munoz-Furlong, founder and president of The Food Allergy Network.

According to FAN, during a food-allergic reaction the immune system mistakenly believes that a harmless substance, in this case a food item, is harmful. In its attempt to protect the body, it creates specific IgE antibodies to that food. The next time the individual eats that food, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals and histamines in order to protect the body. These chemicals trigger a cascade of allergic symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract, skin and cardiovascular system.

Local support

Locally, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Education & Support group will hold a meeting from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 at the Arbor Health Building (990 W. Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. Anne Russell, RN, BSN and director of FAAES said Dr. Marc S. Morris who specializes in allergy/immunology at the University of Michigan, will discuss the diagnosis and management of food allergy and anaphylaxis.

"I think the idea to designate a week [during Asthma/Allergy month] is to emphasize the wide spectrum of severity when it comes to food allergies," said Russell. It also allows us to focus on those allergies that are life threatening."

Physicians are reporting an increase in the number of food-allergic patients in the country. To date an estimated 5.2 million Americans are afflicted with food allergy and 2.6 million are children. Unfortunately, individuals that have a reaction consumed a food that they "thought" was free of the allergy. Annually 125 people die from food allergy-related reactions and approximately 50 people die from insect stinging reactions.

While there is no known cure other than strict avoidance, the best treatment following a reaction is a medication called Epi-nephrine. It is available by prescription in two products — EpiPen® auto injector, and AnaGuard®, a 2-dose needle and syringe.

A special event will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at the First Congregational Church in Ann Arbor (608 E. William Street). The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis seminar is open to the public as well as interfaith church/synagogue staff in Ann Arbor and surrounding communities. To register call Claire Groshans at (734) 662-1679.

If you would like information about FAAES call Anne Russell at (734) 420-2805. The group requests that no perfume, cologne, food or smoking is done in the meeting room.

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AIR MEDICS



Swift: Dr. Harlan Hodges and Flight Nurse Therese Canning of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Midwest MEDFLIGHT crew quickly move the critically injured patient from the helicopter to the ER.

Quick response time makes the difference

It's not hard to recognize the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Midwest MEDFLIGHT crew as they make their way through the hospital in their bright blue jumpsuits.

The three-person team hurries through the hallway of Urgent Care and splits off at the entrance as Flight Nurse Therese Canning, RN, EMT-P makes her way to the hospital's blood bank for two pints of O-Negative.

Time is of the essence. On the helipad adjacent to the Emergency Room, Lead Pilot John Goold readies the red and white helicopter for lift off. The myriad of buttons, switches, dials and light panels is perplexing to Goold's civilian passenger.

The pilot, whose hair is starting to show streaks of gray, jokes that he recognizes which switches and buttons to work on the instrument panel by their worn appearance and faded labels. It's Goold's experience as a Medevac pilot in Vietnam and the more than 10,000 flight hours he's logged that puts his passenger at ease about flying.

Behind Goold is 28-year-old Dr. Harlan Hodges, a Grace Hospital physician who began flying with the Midwest MEDFLIGHT crew in October 1998. As Flight Nurse Canning boards the aircraft, she and Hodges begin mental check lists of their plan of action once they land at the scene.

As the helicopter blades pierce conversation to a shout, the crew dons headsets that will allow them to communicate with each other as well as Gill Thom, emergency communications specialist who operates radio transmissions between the MEDFLIGHT crew, the hospital and various fire and safety departments throughout southeast Michigan who request air assistance. Thom plots Goold's flight course by providing him with longitude and latitude information.

"It helps for the pilot to be familiar with local roads because the location of an accident isn't always at the exact location we're dispatched to," said Goold.

The helicopter rises from the concrete pad with

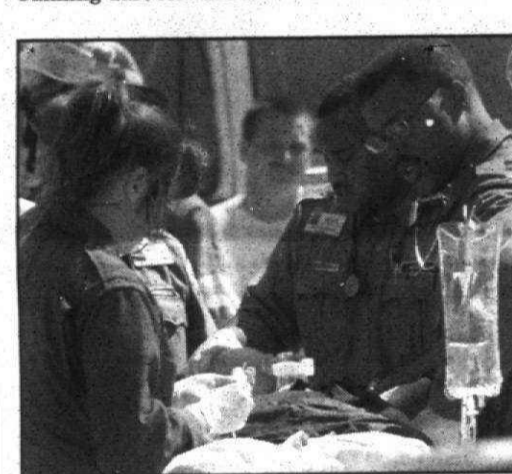


Preparation: Flight Nurse Therese Canning, R.N., EMT-P of the Midwest MEDFLIGHT crew looks over her medical equipment before her patient is extracted from the vehicle.

an ETA of four minutes. The Van Buren Fire Department placed a call to the Emergency Communications Office early Sunday afternoon that a two-car collision occurred on the service drive of Rawsonville Road — at least two of the victims will require air transportation to St. Joe's and U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Time is of the essence. What seems like only seconds, the crew circles above the crash to assess the degree of the wreck and Goold observes the landing zone a fire fighter has chosen for them to touch down. Power lines, telephone wires, traffic, trees and debris from the collision are all obstacles the pilot has to consider when setting down the helicopter.

Landing on the service ramp about one-half mile east of Rawsonville Road, both Hodges and Canning dart forward from the side of the heli-



Team work: Canning and Dr. Harlan Hodges, flight physician with the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Midwest MEDFLIGHT crew evaluate the status of a patient at the scene of a two-car collision.

copter toward the scene with their medical gear. The magnitude of damage the two cars suffered is extensive and rescue crews from surrounding townships work diligently to free the victims with the Jaws of Life. Extraction, says Goold, isn't as easy as opening a door and often takes up the most time they spend at the scene.

"You see things at scenes like this that you wish you hadn't," said Goold as he powers down the helicopter.

Flight for life

The female victim Canning and Hodges will attend to is pulled from the car nearly 10 minutes after landing. Her head and neck are braced securely onto a back board and she's lifted upon a stretcher. The doctor and nurse as well as several medical rescue personnel work to access her for the flight to St. Joe's.

The victim is loaded into the rear of the helicopter and each member of the MEDFLIGHT crew is intensely focused on the 19-year-old victim's care.

Time is of the essence.



On the move: Canning and Hodges work with members of the Van Buren Fire Department as they prepare to move a female patient from the scene to the helicopter.

The verbal traffic filing the headset of Goold would present a challenge for anyone not experienced in deciphering simultaneous radio communications. The pilot is talking with Thom in the Emergency Communications Office, the physician and nurse in the aircraft, the air-traffic control tower of Willow Run Airport (who have them on their radar screen) and the rescue crew of the Van Buren Fire Department.

As the high-tech air ambulance gently drops down on the helipad at St. Joe's, Canning and Hodges dash through an awaiting door of the Emergency Center and into ER with the critically injured victim.

Called into action

It will be less than 90 minutes before Thom pages the MEDFLIGHT crew to respond to a second two-car collision on Rawsonville Road in Augusta Township.

Landing next to a home in a grassy field surrounded by telephone and power wires, the team treats a 46-year-old male whose passenger was killed instantly in the accident. In the background a blue van, whose roof has been peeled back like a soup can lid, is evidence of the force of the impact.

En route to the hospital and despite the life-saving efforts made by Canning and Hodges the victim dies as a result of his injuries.

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Follow through: Lead Midwest MEDFLIGHT Pilot John Goold performs post-flight paperwork.

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New helicopter will help service expand

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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The air medical helicopter, a BK117, is considered a strong and versatile aircraft with two-patient transfer capabilities. It is one in a fleet of over 300 that Petroleum Helicopters Inc., the world's largest civilian aviation service company, maintains.

According to Mario Papizzo, one of two mechanics who service the helicopter, the MBH Boehringer Kawasaki (BK117) is a German aircraft with a Japanese-built transmission and American engines. An inspection is performed every 24-hours and Papizzo and his colleague are on call 24-hours a day, 7 days a week in the event of maintenance problems.

Papizzo will observe his 13th year as a St. Joe's employee this July and gained training and experience in the Navy prior to graduating from the Detroit Institute of Aeronautics (now Michigan Institute of Aeronautics).

Midwest MEDFLIGHT President John McCabe, M.D. said the BK 117 helicopter was obtained in November 1998 and enables the hospital to "care for a greater number of patients and provide additional high-tech medical care during transports."

"During our past 13 years of operation, we have assisted approximately 5,000 critical patients, and we are excited that our new vehicle will enable us to expand our services," said McCabe.

In addition to the transportation of

trauma victims from emergency scenes the MEDFLIGHT crew carries patients from inter-hospital settings and has done so from as far away as Petoskey. Victims include burn and trauma patients, pediatric, obstetric and medical emergencies.

According to Midwest MEDFLIGHT Program Director Mike Eastley, it is the decision of the rescue crews at the scene as to whether they call on MEDFLIGHT based on the mechanism of injury and a trauma score.

A typical scenario would call for the police and fire department to arrive at a scene and evaluate the situation, brief medical control in the area and dispatch a call to the Emergency Communication Office if immediate air transport is needed.

"There is a protocol involved at scenes as to when a helicopter is needed," said Eastley who added the national average for a medical air flight is \$3,000 and reimbursement varies from between 50 to 70 percent on an overall basis.

"That's for a standard call," said Eastley. "The cost can differ depending on the procedures, equipment and drugs used during the emergency."

Therese Canning, a registered nurse since 1986, said search and rescue missions have also been performed by the crew in an attempt to find missing persons or drowning victims.

"We do everything we can to provide advanced life support at the

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or by fax to (734) 591-7279.

MON, MAY 10

PROSTATE HEALTH FOR MEN

Men concerned about prostate health can attend a free informational presentation by Botsford urological surgeon Steven Roth, D.O. at 7 p.m. May 10 and May 12 at Botsford General Hospital's Ziegler Center, Community Room 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Attendees will be eligible for a free prostate screening and PSA test this month. Appointments can be made at the time of preregistration. Call (248) 477-6100.

TUE, MAY 11

STOP THE WORRY CYCLE

Learn to use misused energy in a constructive way through creative visualization at 7 p.m. at Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN), 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Cost is \$15. Because of limited space, preregistration is required by calling

(248) 477-6100.

POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10-11:00 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. The support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in West Addition B. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615. The Marian Women's Center is in St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia.

WED, MAY 12

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

St. Mary Hospital will hold a

CareLink lecture on High Blood Pressure in Advancing Age, from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Safwan Kazmouz, M.D., St. Mary Hospital, will be discussing the common health risks associated with high blood pressure and the many proven benefits of treatment. No fee but registration is requested. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1615.

SAT, MAY 15

PRE-MARRIAGE COUNSELING CLASS

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Pre-Marital Counseling Class from 11 a.m. to noon, in West Addition Conference Room A. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Upon completion of the class, each person will receive the certificate necessary to obtain a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To register, call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

SUN, MAY 16

GREAT STRIDES WALK

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is please to announce that its annual Great Strides walk is

slated this year's 10K walk is slated at noon at Maybury State Park. Great Strides registration form, team information, or sponsorship opportunities, (248) 269-8759 or (734) 998-1234.

SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30-4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, building 5305, near parking lot F. Because of Mother's Day, the next meeting will be held May 16 with potluck. Bring a place setting and a dish to pass. Call (734) 930-6335 for information or (734) 741-9209.

MON, MAY 17

INSULIN DEPENDENT

Adults with insulin dependent

diabetes. Program titled, "Dealing with Complications." Free of charge, 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN) 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 to register.

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. The six-week sessions will be held from 7-9 p.m. every Mondays, May 17 through June 28, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615 to preregister.

WED, MAY 19

FREE MALL WALKING

Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club is offering free May blood

pressure screening. Mall walkers are open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall, 29614 Seven Mile Road. Call (248) 477-6100. Have your blood pressure checked, the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m.

SAT, MAY 22

HEALTH SCREENINGS

St. Mary Hospital will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B, near the South Entrance. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. The blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

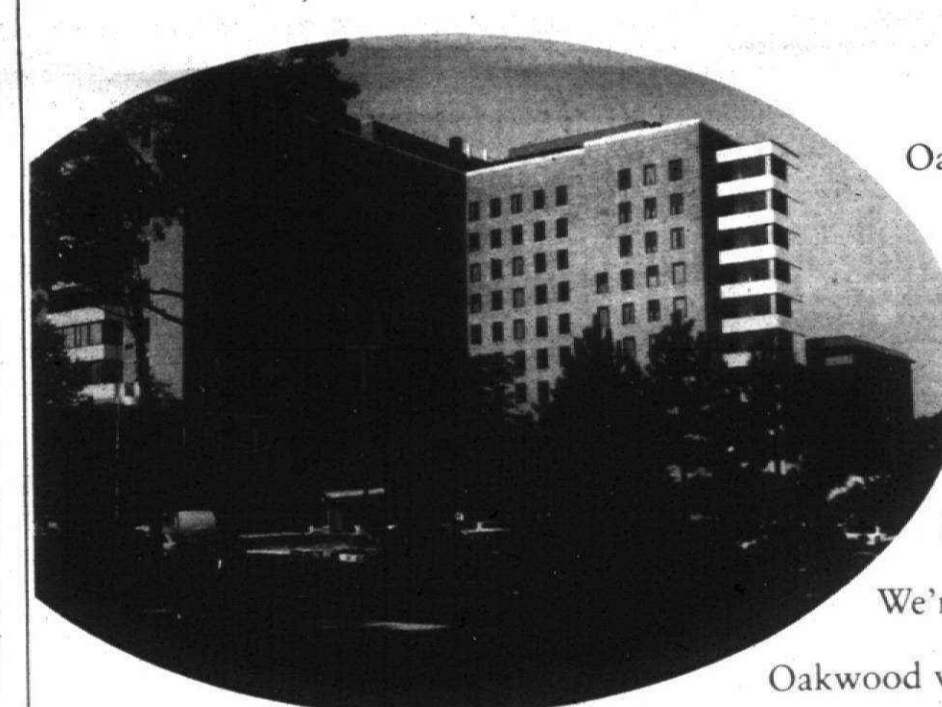
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St. Mary Hospital recently announced three new members to the hospital administration. They include Michael DeRubeis, vice president, Finance, Chief Financial Officer; Judith Johnson, vice president, patient care services/Chief Nurse Executive; and Kathleen Kittle, vice president, Network and Continuum Development.

The three new administrators join Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO; Sister Mary Modesta, senior vice president, special projects; Mitchell Salhaney, M.D. executive vice president, medical affairs; Daria Kiani, M.D., associate vice president, medical affairs; and Sister Mary Cynthia Ann, who holds the new title of vice president, mission effectiveness.

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Web site checks background of online Romeos

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Like millions of other Internet users, Linda Alexander struck up a relationship in an online chat room with someone who sounded like he'd be worth getting to know better. In person. But unlike many, who rush into face-to-face relationships with online pen pals only to be very disappointed or worse, Linda Alexander decided to do a little checking.

Alexander is a California attorney. And, by taking advantage of her legal training, she was quickly able to learn that her new online friend, who claimed to be a widower, was anything but.

In fact, by just checking a few public records sources, Alexander learned the man was married and still living with his very alive wife. In fact, Alexander's background check poked so many holes in the would-be suitor's story that the online correspondence immediately stopped. "But I figured, if someone like me could be fooled, this must be a major problem," Alexander told me on my WXYT radio program the other day.

As a result, a Web site was born, called WhoIsHe.com or WhoIsShe.com. For \$75, Alexander does a public record check, creating a personal profile that reveals whether the person is married, where they live, what kind of a lifestyle they live and, often, many other things.

Alexander has found online predators, con artists and even incarcerated felons, using the Internet to find new victims they

can harass or sweet talk out of money, sex or to feed seriously warped egos.

About 60 percent of all the people she checks out turn out to be lying or misrepresenting themselves.

Listen to some of the testimonials Alexander has collected from clients:

"She told me she was 38, turned out she was 47. I am so disappointed," wrote Shawn from West Virginia.

Kelly from Florida writes: "By having the information I received from you, I was able to go further in investigating my Internet 'Love.' Only what I found out was that he had told me many lies, especially about what he did for a living. He told me that he was a medical doctor, however, he was not. If he is willing to lie about that, what else will he lie about?"

Sometimes, the Web site gets

requests from concerned relatives of those smitten in cyberspace. Rhea, from New York, decided to check out a man that her mother was dating.

"She is very unsophisticated when it comes to how people will fudge on the truth," said Rhea. "After meeting the man, I was suspicious and so I sent a request to your company. Boy am I glad that I did. From what you were able to find out, things were not as he said they were. I was glad that my mom decided to dump him."

Alexander's Web site outlines her services. But it also gives some common sense tips on how to play it safe online. Here are three of many:

■ Never go out with someone who will only give you their pager or work number.

■ Try to find out the person's date of birth. You can obtain this information by first asking the

person's age, birth sign and then the actual date. This is important information if you want a personal background check done.

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We'll meet at the MSU Management Center at Square Lake

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To attend, you must reserve a spot by calling (248) 423-2721. Admission is \$5.

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

MARKETPLACE

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Prestigious honor

Aristeo Construction Company of Livonia recently was honored with the 1998 Gold Pentastar Award from Chrysler Corporation (now DaimlerChrysler). The award is presented annually to those vendors and suppliers chosen by the automobile manufacturer for excellence in quality, service, technology and cost. Aristeo, established in 1977, specializes in industrial, automotive and related construction types and also offers a complete line of in-house steel fabrication services.

A&W expands

A&W Restaurants, Inc. of Farmington Hills, currently celebrating its 80th anniversary and America's oldest franchise restaurant chain, announced it will open in Bangladesh September 1999 with plans for four

additional restaurants.

Circle of Excellence

Spring Engineering & Manufacturing Corporation of Livonia was added to the Circle of Excellence by Fourth Shift Corporation. A Fourth Shift user for six years, Springer implemented Fourth Shift in only three months. Since then they have increased on-time product delivery to customers from 84 percent to 98 percent, increased annual inventory turns from 6.4 to 13.2, and increased operating profit from 2.1 percent to 9.9 percent.

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Internet presence

The Gale Group of Farmington Hills, a premier international reference and research publisher has contracted Sigma6 Interactive Media, Detroit's largest full-service Internet solutions company, to create its new Internet presence. Sigma6 will solidify The Gale Group's online

presence by developing an interactive Web site (www.gale-group.com) that merges information from two former sites, www.gale.com and www.informationaccess.com, into one presence for customers.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR May meeting Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Dance inspires paintings

Looking at Michelle A. Hegyi's paintings, the figures seem to dance through the geometric and organic shapes. Hegyi doesn't claim to be a dancer although she's studied modern dance for some time.

Her lyrical, tall thin shapes are reminiscent of sculptor Alberto Giacometti whose work she's studied.

"A lot of my paintings are inspired by dance," said Hegyi who lives in Ann Arbor. "Dance is a way of expressing the body and mind."

"Eiko" is a painting modeled after a Japanese troupe Hegyi saw dance in



Painting on plastic: Michelle Hegyi experiments with a variety of mediums including the Mylar ground, acrylic paints and graphite she used to create this painting titled "Void."

What: The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts an exhibit of recent works by Michelle A. Hegyi and Mary J. Reusch. **When:** Through Wednesday, May 26. **Where:** Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, (at Junction), Plymouth. **Related activity:** Hegyi talks about her art during a luncheon program 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19. For reservations, call (734) 416-4ART.

the Huron River in Ann Arbor last September.

"Their dance is all about people being part of the landscape," said Hegyi. "I tried to make my figures part of it as well."

Yet another painting is based on a dance performance, "Who Knows One," by the Bat-Sheva Dance Company of Israel. All of the dance paintings were created on the clear plastic film called Mylar.

The recent works are part of an exhibit by Hegyi and Mary J. Reusch, which continues through May 26 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"They're from a film series of acrylic paint and pencil," said Hegyi. "I started painting on Mylar because I wanted a surface that was more slippery and difficult to control. A lot of the process is wiping it off with a rag. You see the process, the history of the painting."

Hegyi will talk about the process of painting on Mylar during a May 19 luncheon at the arts council. She'll also discuss how she combines computer art and painting.

"In many of these, the shapes are all floating against a white background to make it luminescent," said Hegyi. "In one, it only has two lines that indicate a roof. I like to have

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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.

Artrageous

From carvings to sports art, Plymouth walk has it all



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Artrageous: Annette Horn and Scott Smith co-chair the weekend extravaganza of art, music and poetry.

Plymouth is Artrageous

What: An art walk featuring artistic demonstrations, live music and poetry readings. Admission is free. For more information, call Annette Horn (734) 455-8838 or Scott Smith (734) 455-5531.

When: 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16.

Where: Downtown Plymouth streets including Main, Ann Arbor Trail, Penniman and Forest.

Highlights:

■ The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company — showcases paintings from the Village Artists Studio, including ones by owner/watercolorist Kay Rowe who demonstrates 3-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15. Ann VanWagoner will be featured 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Pam Grossmann (pen and ink) 3-5 p.m. Sunday.

■ Frameworks — oil and pastel artist Patricia Bombach, best known for her animal and people portraits.

■ Jill Andra Young Photography — the Plymouth Community Arts Council's 1997 Art Collection, and works by Jonathan Patterson, winner of the 13th Congressional District Art Competition.

■ Gabriela's — Judy Moriarty and Nancy Pelky, mother and daughter duo who paint home decorative pieces.

■ Wild Wings — nature artist Richard Theissen (waterfowl and birds of prey).

■ Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers — in-house jeweler Edward Pomroy, who also does watercolors, oils and pastels, and Deborah Piotrowski Lobb who specializes in custom designs.

■ Creative Framing & Gallery — Plymouth painter Tom LeGault.

■ Sideways — glass artist Don Schneider, owner of York Street Glassworks in Plymouth's Old Village area.

■ Hands on Leather — Ken Wright and his hand-made drums.

■ Linden Art Glass — Joe Slezak, Ray Prokopp, Kris Rowe, George Pozan and Michael Fili, also stained glass demonstrations.

■ Village Peddler — Livonia print artist Jeanne Poulet.

■ Westchester Square Mall — Village Potters Guild.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Scott Smith points to one of the most popular art works in his Penniman Gallery, a garden creature by Haydn Larson, one of the artists who worked on George Lucas's new Star Wars film.

The winged work is just one of thousands of items available for sale during the fifth Plymouth is Artrageous art walk May 14-16.

Smith and Annette Horn, co-owner of Native West Gallery, co-chair the arts extravaganza, which features everything from painting demonstrations to live music and poetry readings in and around 15 Plymouth galleries and businesses.

"It's a celebration of the season," said Smith. "I'd like to see it become a premium art event on the west side of Detroit. They're able to meet the artists. It can be an educational experience as well."

Each of the participating galleries and businesses will host artists during the event. Smith showcases the ceramic talents of Garden City artist Judy Buresh, "a master alchemist who does all her own glazing." Buresh will exhibit functional pottery as well as her animal figures. Penniman Gallery, now in its 16th year, shows glass, clay, metal, and wood home accessories along with jewelry by American artists.

"This is a community event and merchant driven," said Smith. "It's our way of saying thank-you to Plymouth. How many towns of this size have a potters' guild, a symphony and an arts council?"

The Plymouth Community Arts

Council, Horn and a few local businesses started the event in 1994 to fill the void of events in Plymouth from the International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in January to Art in the Park in July.

"Spring is fresh, it's new why not be one of the first art related events of spring the weekend after Mother's Day," said Horn. "The reason is to get people to realize what Plymouth has. It's a three-day event to get people to come in and stroll and see what treasures are here."

The event grows and changes every year. This year downtown merchants are inviting artists from the nearby Old Village area to participate and display their works.

Maps will be available at all Plymouth businesses and the Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main St.

"We're trying more than ever to continue the tradition that the artists must be in the shop," said Horn. "The arts council has been helping non-art shops to secure artists for the event."

In addition to the visual arts, music from classical to jazz will be provided by musicians from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Plymouth Guitar. The Plymouth Poets will be reading poetry around town as well.

"Part of the flair of this event is a duo on one street corner, a saxophonist on the next, and chalk walks by students from Central Middle School," said Horn. "We want this to be creative and fun. You're going to walk on the art."

Celebrating a decade of selling contemporary American Indian art, Native West Gallery is featuring Zuni fetish carver Arvella Cheema who will

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Contemplative: "Eugene Onegin" includes a cast of pensive, fate-ridden characters based on Alexander Pushkin's literary classic.

Tchaikovsky's 'Eugene Onegin' opens at Detroit Opera House

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER

Alexander Pushkin's "Eugene Onegin" is to Russian students what "Romeo and Juliet" is to their English-speaking counterpart.

Every student is required to read and practically memorize the literary masterpiece. His contemporaries called Pushkin's lyrical novel, written between 1823-30, the encyclopedia of Russia.

With its pensive, fate-ridden characters, "Eugene Onegin" also served as inspiration for Tchaikovsky's fifth opera, which the Michigan Opera Theatre will perform for two weekends beginning this Saturday, May 15.

When "Eugene Onegin" made its American debut in 1920 at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, one critic said the only thing he liked about the opera was that they kill the tenor in the second act.

That dire criticism has certainly changed.

While this is the first performance of "Eugene Onegin" in MOT's 27-year

What: Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," presented by the Michigan Opera Theatre.

When: 8 p.m. May 15, 19, 21, 22, 2 p.m. May 16 & 23.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at the corner of Madison Avenue), Detroit.

Tickets: \$18-\$95, (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666.

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Maestro: Steven Mercurio conducts the MOT orchestra in "Eugene Onegin," Tchaikovsky's fifth opera.

MUSIC

Jazz series pays tribute to the 'chopper'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Frank Tiberi thinks Woody Herman would have liked knowing that the Orchard Lake Middle School Jazz Band is opening a May 16 concert devoted to Herman's music at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. Herman always gave young musicians a chance to play with his band. In fact, it's one of the reasons his music has been popular for more than 60 years.

Tiberi, the horn player Herman hand-picked to lead his orchestra, will join Johnny Trudell's Band in the "Woodchopper's Ball," "Blue Flame," "Caldonia," and other tunes Herman made famous in the final concert of the Clarenceville Jazz Series. The original series in the 70s and 80s featured big bands such as Stan Kenton, Count Basie and Herman. Tiberi began playing with Herman's band in 1969. He took over as band leader in 1978.



Driving sound: As leader of the Woody Herman Orchestra, Frank Tiberi continues the tradition of the Thundering Herds.

"Woody never wanted a ghost band," said Tiberi, who plays tenor sax, alto sax, flute and bassoon. "Woody had been in an accident and asked me to take over."

The response from people was so positive, that Herman asked Tiberi to take over permanently.

Tiberi began playing clarinet at age eight. He started playing professionally at age 13, and toured with Benny Goodman, Bob Chester, Urbie Green and Dizzy Gillespie. Tiberi also "did a lot of musical shows in Philadelphia as a bassoon player working in the pit as a woodwind doubler before joining Herman's band. He contributed to, and is featured on, Herman's Grammy Award-winning albums "Giant Steps" and "Thundering Herd," and more than a dozen other recordings.

He's has been active in music education performing as a clinician in seminars since joining Herman's band, and is currently writing a book on jazz studies titled "New Dimensions."

While it sounds like a lot, the truth is Tiberi has slowed down since the 70s when he played 285 nights a year with the Woody

Herman Orchestra. The group now plays about 50-60 dates a year. This summer, the group will play several European concerts. Tiberi is spending more time promoting his own playing and recently recorded his debut for NY JAM Records — "Tiberian Mode," "a fairly contemporary album" to be released in the next couple of weeks.

The album features saxophonists Joe Lovano and George Garzone, "Bulldog" Ray Drummond on bass, Andy Nussbaum, drums, and James Williams and Andy LaVerne on keyboards. The recording includes some of Tiberi's original tunes.

Since the 70s, Tiberi has arranged John Coltrane's compositions both for Herman and his own album.

"It gives me a chance to expose myself with a band in which I don't compromise myself," said Tiberi. "The recording showcases

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Woody Herman Tribute

What: Johnny Trudell's Big Band re-creates the music of the Woody Herman Orchestra. Guest artist is the band's current leader Frank Tiberi. Emcee for the program is Linda Yahn of WEMU Radio in Ypsilanti.

When: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16. The Orchard Lake Middle School Jazz band, under the direction of Doug Blackwell, warms up the audience at 2:45 p.m.

Where: Clarenceville High School auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, (between Seven and Eight Mile Roads), Livonia.

Tickets: \$15, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. The concert is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival on Sunday, July 18 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and the Friends and Alumni of Clarenceville Foundation.

Opera

history, maestro Steven Mercurio said the opera is among the finest Russian compositions that has withstood the test of time.

"Eugene Onegin" marks the MOT debut of Svetlana Vassileva, a Bulgarian soprano with a dark, brooding voice. She, and Mary Mills, a MOT favorite and Miami in its 1996 "La Bohème," share the role of Tatiana. Russian-born Evgeny Dmitriev, who made his U.S. debut in "Lucia di Lammermoor," and Victor Benedetti, in his MOT debut, share the title role.

"They're a great-looking cast," said Mercurio. "They're all very young and have the right looks to be effective in the part."

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things not too literal. I want people to find out what it means to them."

The work with the two lines indicating a roof, "Possibilities," was recently juried into the Michigan Fine Arts Competition at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Among the other exhibits in which Hegyi's displayed her paintings are the University of Michigan-Dearborn's "Botanicals II," Oakland Community College's "Our

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demonstrate Saturday and Sunday. Fetishies are animals carved out of stone. Zuni fetishies are thought to bring good luck, power and protection to the owner. The belief is the power and strengths of the animal is conveyed to the owner. A carver for 16 years, Cheema creates bird fetishies believed to carry prayers to the clouds and sky, asking for rain and blessings.

In addition to the hundreds of fetishies on display, Native West Gallery offers Native American jewelry, sand paintings, home accessories, musical instruments, storyteller and kachina dolls, and Santa Fe Furniture.

"Everyone in their family is a carver," said Horn. "She loves to carve with Picasso marble. In true Native American tradition, it's all passed down, learned from other family members."

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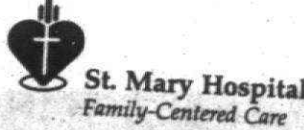
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revealing passion, to which he promptly replies, "But I'm by nature and by fate not made for joy."

Later at a party, Onegin overhears rumors linking him with Tatiana. He decides to take slight revenge on his friend, Lensky, for inviting him. He dances with Olga, Lensky's fiancée and Tatiana's sister.

Lensky is consumed with anger and challenges Onegin to a duel. In one of the opera's most pivotal scenes at the end of Act 2, Lensky is shot dead, and Onegin is filled with remorse.

Years later, Onegin finds himself at a party attended by Prince Gremin and his princess, Tatiana. Onegin realizes he loves her and writes her a letter revealing such.

Now it is Tatiana who must rebuke Onegin. "Happiness came near, so near for you and me... I love you, why conceal the truth? But I am now another's wife. I will be faithful all my life."

The Letter

Few passages in all of opera are as powerful and convincing as the "Letter Scene" in Act One. Introduced with a tender, sighing refrain, Tatiana bursts forth in an emotional frenzy.

"Without a doubt the letter scene is pure heart and soul," said Mercurio. "This young girl stays up all night trying to get this letter just right. There isn't

geometric, abstract background. It's something everyone brings their own experience to. Many people with abstract paintings make it into something they recognize."

Conversations with myself

Reusch's paintings are the exact opposite of Hegyi's. Traditional realism colors the paintings Reusch says are "mostly a conservation that I have had with myself about shapes and space, and my journey to express what I see."

Reusch graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting May 8 from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. She previously earned a bachelor of science degree with emphasis in arts and media from Grand Valley State University in 1979. A Grand Rapids artist, Reusch's work was exhibited in the 65th

Jazz

more of myself right on through."

Band's longevity

Tiberi isn't leaving Herman's orchestra any time soon. He respects the chopper's legacy. Among the jazz musicians to come out of Herman's band were Red Norvo and Shorty Rogers.

"Woodchopper's Ball came out in 1936 and that caught hold," said Tiberi, who lives in Easton, Mass. just outside of Boston. "Woody had the greatest musicians in the world, all the great ones played with Woody from Chick Corea to Steely Dan. Any jazz musician you can name with talent played with the Woody Herman band."

The reason for Herman's longevity, no doubt, is the fact he sought out young talent. The average age of musicians in Herman's band ranged from 19 to 30.

"Woody was always interested in young talent," said Tiberi. "He used to have a lot of requests from musicians and arrangers in the band. He was a great editor. He was open minded. The band was not stagnant. Musicians would come out of Berklee College of Music (Boston) and

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ART EXHIBIT

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual spring exhibit and sale May 10-15 at the Garden City Library, 2012 Middlebelt Road south of Ford Road.

An awards presentation will be held 7 p.m. Monday, May 10. The public is invited to meet the artists.

Original works of art by Garden City Fine Arts Association members will be displayed and available for purchase.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Kenneth Barbo at (313) 277-2697.

PREMIERE PERFORMANCES

"Captain Beefalo," a new play by Patrick Moug, a sergeant with the Livonia Police Department, will premiere at Genetti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville on Friday, May 14.

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Annual art walk weekend May 14-16 featuring artists and entertainment in downtown Plymouth.

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

ARBOR CONCERT

Meeting for summer Renaissance season, May 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Concordia College Krefl Center for the Arts, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-7823.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Auditions for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Scholarship, 10 a.m., May 15. Applicants must be high school graduates, between ages of 18-22. Michigan residents, good performance in viola, cello or string bass. First Baptist Church, Willets Street (at Bates Street), Birmingham. (248) 375-9534.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists to participate in their Sept. 11-12 show at Central Middle High School in Plymouth. For an application call (734) 416-4278.

DANCE AUDITIONS

Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August. Appointment only. Call (248) 552-5001.

Auditions for contemporary dancers for "Moore & More Dances," May 22, 2:30 p.m.; (248) 626-7004.

EISENHOWER DANCE AUDITIONS

Audition for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble on June 12, 1 p.m. at EDC Center for Dance, 1541 W. Hamlin in Rochester. Call (248) 370-3024.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED

"A Fair to Remember" on Oct. 16-17 at St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 East Maple. Troy is seeking exhibitors for an arts and crafts show. Call (248) 932-5636.

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FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL

Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's "Juryed 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.

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE GUILD

Jurying for 8th annual "Spotlights," an art, craft and gift show, 7-9 p.m. May 20. Oakland Center. (248) 656-1170.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHEAST

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.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS

Michigan Artists invited to submit work for jurying 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.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Accepting entries for its "Celebrate Michigan Artists' 1999 Exhibition." Slide deadline is May 27. Art Pine



Sign language: The sign paintings of Dennis Garethy are on display through Saturday, May 22, at the Cowboy Trader Gallery, 251 Merrill Street, Suite 209, Birmingham, (248) 647-8833.

CLASSES

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through June 20. Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, Sherridan Square, Garden City. (248) 513-4044.

GENIEER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY

Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

METRO DANCE

Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Three summer workshops: Drama Workshop for Youth, July 19-23. Register by June 25; Annual Show Choir Workshop, July 25-31, register by May 28; 15th Annual Piano Workshop, Aug. 16, register by June 1. Call (810) 286-2017.

PAINT CREEK CENTER

Spring semester runs through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Classes & workshops for all ages. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

QUILT CLASS

Merry Silber, quilt show curator, appraiser and judge will discuss quilts on May 15, 24 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

SWANN GALLERY

Free life-drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 14 p.m. Sundays, 1250 Library Street. Detroit. (313) 965-4826.

TEXTILE CLASS

Fiber artist Kristen Drips is the featured speaker for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan May 11 at 9:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 540-2707.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

May 9, 8 p.m. Johnny Trudell's 60th Birthday at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Woodward Ferndale. (810) 254-6388.

B'JAZZ VESPER

May 16, 6 p.m. Ron Kischuk's Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

BRENTAN STRONG QUARTET

With pianist Mitsuko Uchida, 8 p.m. May 11. Sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. (248) 737-9980.

DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY

Blue Moon Art Happening every Friday 6-9 p.m. at The Swann Gallery. Live poetry reading and art auction. 1250 Library St. (313) 965-4826.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

May 13-16 "Pops: A Mancini Tribute," May 11 Chamber Music Society of DSO, 8 p.m. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Final performance of Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony, May 16, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

EUPHONIA PIANO QUARTET

May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Twp. (248) 642-5800.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY

Season finale "String Genda," May 15, 7:30 p.m. at Carl Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburg and Joy Roads in Livonia. (734) 421-1111.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

May 16, 4 p.m. A Men's Choral Society presents its 10th anniversary concert at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. (734) 485-8128.

MICHIGAN FLUTE ORCHESTRA

May 16, 5 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. (248) 626-6506.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

May 15-16 19:23 "Eugene Onegin" at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-7464.

PRO MUSICA

Soprano Bridgett Hooks May 14 8:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 886-5638.

G.S. SACHDEV AND SWAPAN CHAUDHURI

Master flutist and percussionist perform at Verner Recital Hall at Oakland University, May 15, 7 p.m. Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. (248) 734-0395.

SONNET QUARTET

Through May 29 in the Verner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 370-3013.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

May 15 8 p.m. The Ted Sullivan Show featuring Broadway and hip hop dance May 25, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ramona Quintin, Masonic Temple, 400 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

Insightful Bonnie Garvin presents a two-day workshop for writers trying to break in the entertainment industry. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 15-16. The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-2476.

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

Summer school in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and ballroom dance, July 12-August 19 in Troy. (248) 828-4080.

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

Saturday and Sundays in May, noon & 2 p.m. "Kolobok," a Russian interpretation of "The Gingerbread Man," PuppetART, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Let's Play Opposites," Tiny Tots Series, May 15 at 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. (313) 576-5111.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute at Meadow Brook, July 26-August 8. For information, contact the DSO Education Department at (313) 576-5167.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, Saturdays, through May 15, Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

TINDERBOX CAMP

Performing Arts Summer Camp July 19-30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Latch-key available, grades 1-12, Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS

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) 225-4679.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

May 12 - Exhibition of Ukrainian born artist Anatoly Ovrin through June 13, 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

MEDIA UNION GALLERY

May 15 - The multimedia installations of Marco Garcia. Reception May 15, 6-9 p.m. Media Union, 2281 Bonsteel Blvd., Ann Arbor.

PARK WEST GALLERY

May 14 - An exhibition and sale of works by Salvatore Dali, 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 354-2343.

UMJOIA FINE ARTS GALLERY

May 15 - Features the works of Charles A. Bibbs and Ivan Stewart Jr., through May 16, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 104, Southfield.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

CARY GALLERY

New paintings by Mary Orr, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY

Through May 20 - "Seven Hands On" exhibition and sale of art of seven Jewish artists. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY

Exhibition of Works by Henry James LaVerigne, 11 South Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 993-3632.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through May 14 - Recent works by Dana Freeman, Paul Sacardim, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit. (313) 393-1770.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Through May 23 - "Panic in Detroit," an exhibit of 13 artists. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 896-4278.

DIA

Through May 15 - Center for Creative Studies and U of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture in a collaborative exhibit, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 872-3118.

ELAINE J. JACOB GALLERY

Through June 4 - "Self Portraits" by Susanna Coffey, Daniel Leary and Susan Hauptman. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

GALLERY BLU

Through May 29 - Tom Rice's "Television Gone Mad," 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through May 29 - New paintings by Deloss McGraw and Otto Ducker, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through June 19 - "In Honor of Water," a group exhibit, 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through May 28 - "Editions: Printmaking '99" juried exhibit to recognize emerging printmakers. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through May 28 - Mixed media of Jane Hammond, 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-6623.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Through May 24 - Exhibit of Junior and Senior High School students of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (248) 466-2540.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY

Through May 28 - Exhibit by members of the Visual Art Association of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (248) 466-2540.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through May 28 - "Invention & Inspiration," student and faculty exhibit, 1 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 647-4662.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through May 29 - Watercolor paintings by Joseph Grey, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham. (248) 647-4662.

NETWORK

Through May 12 - "The Clarity of Seduction" an exhibit of 26 alumni and students of Cranbrook Academy of Art in Livonia, Saginaw. (248) 466-3339.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY

Through June 18 - "Please Touch!" an unusual exhibit for all your senses, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through May 31 - Oriental art by Leonard Aiken, 14200 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. (248) 691-7480.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through May 28 - Marcia Harvey's Birds, Sticks & Seeds, along with an exhibit of the history of Pewabic Pottery, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

WORKSHOPS

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS

Workshops in fiction, poetry, screenwriting, essay, and other genres. Three sessions - July 9-13; July 9-11; July 14-18. Register by May 15. Call (248) 645-3664.

GLASS BEAD JEWELRY WORKSHOPS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts offers glass bead workshops beginning May 17 for four weeks. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

UNDERSTANDING THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Wayne State grad Bonnie Barvin's two-day workshop for aspiring writers trying to break in the entertainment industry, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 15-16. The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates. Birmingham. (248) 644-2476.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through May 14 - "The 1999 Cranbrook Academy of Art Graduate Degree Show," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3313.

DIA

Through June 6 - "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary," through June 27 - "Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill," through May 23 - 62nd annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 833-7930.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro League Baseball," 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART

Through July 3 - Seeing "I Through Faculty Artists from the School of Art & Design," 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

May 12 - Glass, Its Substance & Attributes by Michigan Artists, through June 27, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4001 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 591-4508.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

May 14 - Solo exhibit of the artist, through June 13, Opening reception May 14 6-8 p.m. 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-5022.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

May 16 - The 52nd annual Watercolor Society exhibition, through June 25, Julie Ed Snay, from Southern Illinois University will speak at the BEAC on May 14 at 7 p.m. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

May 12 - Annual student exhibition, opens May 14 with a patron's preview 5-6 p.m. Tickets required, call (313) 664-7464. Opens free to the public on Saturday, May 15 through

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

May 14 8 p.m. at Waterford Mall High School, Waterford. (248) 623-9380.

TOURS

CRANBROOK HOUSE

Guided House tour 1:30 & 3 p.m. May 9. 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3149.

Malls & Mainstreets

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New shapes define the Capri pant this season



CARI WALDMAN

Capri pants are big news for spring and summer fashion. New shapes sport narrow, low waistbands, flat fronts and cropped pant lengths. Just below the knee to mid-shin is the perfect length to go with in a pair of Capris this season. And, it's hip to wear the pant style a little loose and riding low on the hips.

Fabrics run the gamut, so you can find them in just about every texture and color imaginable: canvas, khaki twill, silk shantung, rip-stop cotton, denim, and stretch-Lycra, to name a few.

Acquiring Capris is an excellent way to update your wardrobe since this year's style incorporates some of the most important elements of the season—cargo pockets, flat fronts, and cropped lengths.

For a sporty look or casual evening out, pair Capris with a three-quarter-length sleeved shirt, twin sweater set or fitted, boat neck T-shirt.

For a casual Friday option, try Capris with a cropped blazer, shirt jacket or a tailored white shirt.

Capris look best with a wedge flat-shoe, but, please, don't wear pantyhose.

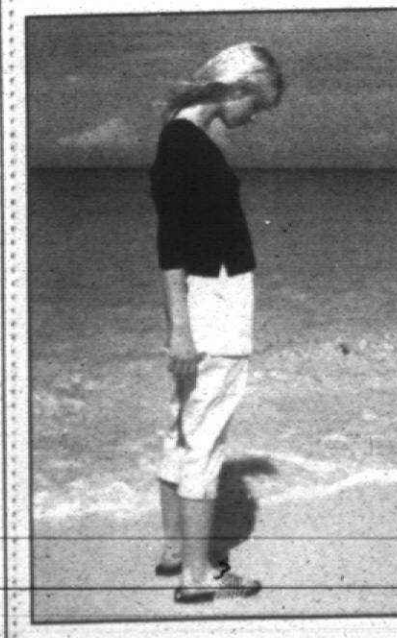
You can find Capris just about anywhere right now, but Target's cargo-style variety, at \$19.99, are the most reasonably priced.

The Gap also carries sensibly priced Capris at \$38. Express is offering a stretch-Lycra group of apparel this year that includes Capris in several great shades of gray for \$39.50. And, Caruso Caruso in Birmingham has Capris by Mavi that come in denim, black and khaki for \$50.

Cari Waldman attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and is a local fashion stylist and freelance writer. Please send your style and bargain shopping questions to Cari at OERead@aol.com.



Tough pants: Rip-stop Capri khakis retail \$38 at The Gap.



Going cargo: Target's cargo-pocket Capris sell for \$19.99.



Outdoors inside: At the center of Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is a massive fish aquarium complete with rock formations and a waterfall.

A taste of the good outdoors

New Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store intrigues, entertains, educates

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Location, location, location, they say. But, atmosphere, atmosphere, atmosphere, will likely draw shoppers to Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. "We bring the outdoors indoors," said Tom Sokolowski, assistant general manager of the 135,000-square-foot fishing and outdoor store, which opened Thursday following a Wednesday evening store preview and fund-raising event to benefit the Michigan Conservation Clubs.

"Wow," is the usual response elicited by the enormous and visually intriguing showroom, said Sokolowski. "It blows everyone away when they walk in the door. You'll never see anything like it."

Most visitors find themselves still-struck, overwhelmed by the sights, upon entering the Canadian lodge-style building.

Passing through the store's outdoor entrance, shoppers encounter the front of an Adirondack log structure trimmed with replicas of record-size fish caught in Michigan.

Eight feet stone slabs and Michigan rocks form a large fireplace and hearth in the lobby. In the distance, a 40-foot rock formation cradles a waterfall and large, Sea World-style fish aquarium.

Above, massive chandeliers, decorated with images of wolverines and other animals indigenous to Michigan, hang from the store's vaulted ceilings.

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Casts of animal tracks punctuate walkways.

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A fish-eye viewing port attached to the aquarium seems to bring the fish within touching distance, but visitors will be sure to smell the creatures.

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ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, holds fur re-styling appointments through May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fur Salon, third floor.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

SOUTHFIELD SCHOOLS SHOWCASE
A display of art work and science projects done by Southfield public school students runs through May 14 at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. Students will also present musical concerts on the mall's Center Court stage. Exhibits are displayed throughout the mall, and concert schedules are available at Mall Customer Service.

MONDAY, MAY 10

ATENCIO JEWELRY SHOW
Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents a show of John Atencio's jewelry collection, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Fine Jewelry Department.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

AFTERNOON STORYTELLING
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts an afternoon of storytelling for kids at their F.Y.E. store, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

FUR RE-STYLING CLINIC

16 in the Women's Shoe Department.

DESIGNER DENIM
View the denim collections of Versace, Moschino and Plein Sud at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, through May 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Contemporary Department, second floor.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

SKIN CARE CONSULTATIONS
Saks Fifth Avenue, The Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts skin care and makeover consultations with Orlane through May 15, Cosmetics and Fragrances, first floor. For reservations, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 466.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

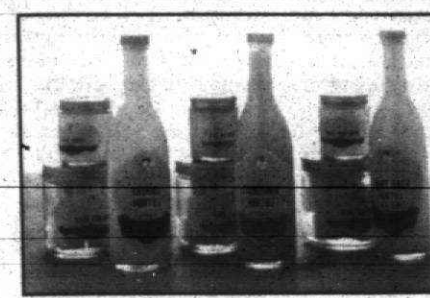
SHOE SELECTION SEMINAR
Learn how to find the perfect shoe to wear with the season's stylish looks at Hudson's, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 3 and 4 p.m., Women's Shoe Department.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR
Livonia Mall in Livonia hosts storyteller Judy Seema, 10:45-11:45 a.m., in front of Sears.

DANCING AT WONDERLAND
As part of Wonderland Mall's Dine and Dance event in Livonia, Bobby Lewis & the Cracker Jack Band appear, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



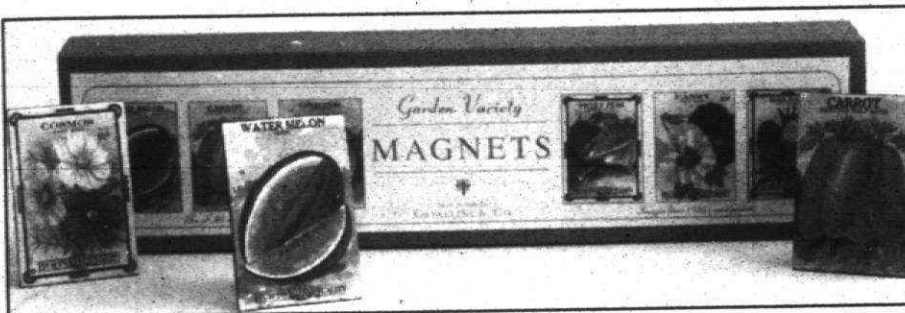
Exotic beauty: Star fruit, kumquat and loquat, inspire this collection of body products by Felissimo, which retails for between \$14.95 and \$19.95, Aetheria in Ferndale.



Body royal: Royal Doulton, maker of fine china and crystal, has launched a line of bath and body products. Presented in distinctive glass bottles with antique silver crowns, the collection runs \$39 to \$75, Jacobson's stores.



Commune with nature: Come a little closer to nature this season with Tiffany & Company's colorful Tulips scarf. Part of the Tiffany Nature collection, the 36-inch, silk square scarf retails for \$185, Tiffany & Co., The Somerset Collection in Troy.



Garden plenty: Images from 1920s gardener's seed packets inspire Cavallini and Company's decorative magnets. Use them to post photos and children's art work, or give them to your favorite gardener, \$25.50, Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe, Clarkston.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:
Colombo Yogurt can be found at the following places: PaPa Joe's on Rochester and Hamlin roads in Rochester; Valu-Center Market on 6 Mile Road, west of Inkster; Western Market on Middlebelt between 5 Mile and Schoolcraft roads; Hiller's Market on 14 Mile and Haggerty in Commerce Township and Kremitz Candies on Ann Arbor Trail, west of Forest in Plymouth.

White Wizard spot remover can be found at Restoration Hardware at The Somerset Collection in Troy. Also, call the manufacturer for purchase locations, (714) 995-5921.

We found someone who repairs lampshades and a glass stem for a Pyrex percolator.

Canned brown bread can be purchased at Village Market on Mack in Grosse Pointe; Kroger stores and Hiller's Market on 14 Mile and Haggerty roads.

Hudson's carries a black ceramic butter dish with lid that is made by Fiesta Ware.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:
Mr. Puckett would like to find a 1942 Central High School yearbook.

Joan is looking for a paperback cookbook titled "Mr. Hopes" or "Mr. Pops."

Karen wants a pink Corvette Bed for a toddler. Kim is looking for a Tiara HobNail glass pitcher and tumblers.

Marie is searching for the movie videotape "Elvis & Me."

Joanne would like to find a 1943 Fordson High School yearbook and memorabilia from the 1964 World's Fair in New York, especially pieces from the Ford exhibit.

Julie is looking for Fox's Whole Meal brand crackers, which are English biscuits.

Kathy is looking for "Viva Italia" dishes in white with a red and a green stripe. Hudson's formerly carried them.

Sherrie is looking for a Goldilocks cookie jar made by Regal in the late 1940s or early 1950s.

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

Jill is still searching for Revlon's Moondrops lipstick in Mocha Pocho #70.

Emile needs new or used parts and accessories for his Honeywell slide projector, model #620.

Al is looking for two Wilson (Whale) fairway woods, #3 and #5.

Sam still would like to find two 1957 De LaSalle High School yearbooks.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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Accordingly, free classes and seminars covering a variety of topics—from fly-tying to cooking wild game—will be regularly offered customers.

In fact, between 15 and 20 classes will be taught by in-store experts every month, said Sokolowski.

"A lot of people stop fishing because they don't catch any fish," he said. "But, if you teach people how to fish... they'll get a passion for it."

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, like many other stores at Great Lakes Crossing, also plays its part as theme entertainer for shoppers.

Children and adults can test their shooting skills at an inter-

active, laser shooting arcade. The store's second floor hosts Uncle Buck's Snack Shop where shoppers can take pause and munch on hot dogs, nachos, sandwiches and other edibles.

Even coffee connoisseurs won't feel out of their element; the store's seating area looks like today's trendy coffee houses and brews espresso drinks.

Also on the second floor is a 107-foot-long pistol and rifle range equipped with motorized targets. Other demonstration areas include a 65-foot-long archery range, golf putting green and netted driving range.

While fishing gear and other outdoor sporting equipment, including boats and RVs, domi-

nate the store's merchandise, even shoppers who cringe at the thought of communing with nature will likely find an item or two of interest.

In addition to carrying full lines of equipment and clothing for fishing, camping, hunting, golf and boating, the store sells athletic shoes and casual sportswear for men, women and children, food items for the pantry, cookbooks and an array of home decor items—from a log bed to aromatic candles.

"We have a lot of people selling sports goods today," said Sokolowski. "We're about fishing, hunting, boating, camping, golf and a whole lot of other things."

There is a better way.



Here are just a few of the people who have told us that they've found the best way:

Lori C. of Troy advertised her car and furniture—

"I had great success—the Observer and Eccentric Classifieds gave great exposure to a lot of wonderful, polite, sincere people."

Mark C. of West Bloomfield advertised his furniture—

"I sold nearly the whole Drexel Heritage collection on the first day. Everyone who called and bought merchandise saw my ad in the Observer. Your clientele is much better than other papers I've used."

Myra F. of Farmington Hills advertised her duplex—

"I've had the best response from your newspaper. I'd rather place an ad with The Observer & Eccentric than with either of the major Detroit papers."

Janice P. of Plymouth advertised her estate sale—

"I had tremendous response. Calls from everywhere—they all read The Observer. I'm very pleased."

Gloria G. of Redford advertised her car—

"I sold it yesterday. Your Classifieds worked great. I'll definitely use your newspaper again!"

M. P. of Farmington Hills advertised two cars—

"I was amazed with the response from The Observer & Eccentric. My husband couldn't believe the calls we received—you don't need to put in a lot of detail, your items will sell!"

Marc C. of Northville advertised his open house—

"I had several people show up and received three offers. I closed the deal within three days."

Anna D. of Bloomfield Hills advertised her piano—

"I sold it right away!"

Karen A. of Franklin was looking for a live-in housekeeper—

"I was very pleased with the response. I was reluctant to place the ad, but I'm so glad I did. I received more than 30 calls and have several good candidates."

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TRAVEL

Daughter in Peace Corps leads to family adventures

By DOUG JOHNSON
SPECIAL WRITER

When Larry and Susan Truckly's daughter, Katy, came home from Michigan State and said she was joining the Peace Corps, the couple knew some unusual travel plans were in their future.

Katy, a Plymouth Salem grad, finished at MSU in June of 1996 and started her Peace Corps stint in Ecuador in February, 1997. She finishes this June.

The Trucklys live in Plymouth Township. She works in Livonia for a counseling agency; he works in Redford as a machinist repairman.

Early on, Larry and Sue and their other daughter, Elizabeth, decided trekking to Ecuador as a group wasn't the best idea. Better to visit separately and then Katy would have touched base with her family three times, not once.

So sister Liz went in December, 1997, and Susan went last summer in June and Larry this last November.

Susan's trip was the most difficult but included a trip to Peru and the lost city of the Incas, Machu Picchu.

Machu Picchu is considered one of the world's most impressive archeological sites, partly because of the mysteries surrounding the people and their high mountain location. The unmoored stone ruins were not discovered until early this century, and were therefore left



Machu Picchu: The afternoon sun backlights Truckly and Katy and highlights the awesome Inca ruins.

untouched by the conquistadors. "From Detroit, nobody (airlines) goes right to Ecuador," Susan said. "Ultimately, I ended up on 13 planes in 14 days."

Her voyage began with a Detroit-to-Houston flight that was delayed, causing her to miss her connecting flight into Panama City. Since another flight to

Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city, wasn't scheduled for 24 hours, Susan elected to fly to Quito, Ecuador's ancient capital, inland very near the equator.

"I flew to Quito so as to fly out in the early a.m. to meet with Katy. Unfortunately my time there was quite harrowing due to language problems."

Susan speaks no Spanish and the airport and hotel personnel spoke little or no English.

In the meantime Katy was in Guayaquil awaiting her mom. Susan stayed in Quito overnight, found her way back to the airport and flew to Guayaquil to connect with her daughter.

From there they flew to Lima, Peru, and then on to Cuzco, the jumping off point for Machu Picchu.

You can get to the ruins on foot along the Inca Trail (one long, hard day) or, more logically, by rail along the Urubamba River.

"It was a five-hour train ride and lots of fun," Susan said. "We met a lot of people. The fact that Katy speaks Spanish meant everything. The local people were very warm and friendly."

From the rail head, a bus took them to the mountain top, about 7,000 feet above sea level. They spent the better part of the day looking through the stone citadel-city. Susan warns: "Be prepared to walk and climb, some, too."

Earlier in the decade, travel to Peru was discouraged by the state department because of the Shining Path, terrorist guerrillas whose leadership is currently locked up for life on a Pacific Island naval base.

Mother and daughter stayed overnight at the foot of Machu Picchu. The zig-zag ride down the hairpin turns from the

mountain top was fun "because a little boy in an Inca costume tried to beat the bus by going cross-country, calling out all the way. We paid him at the bottom for the entertainment."

The crowd at Machu Picchu (sometimes 1,000 visitors a day) was very polyglot according to Susan. "They were from all over the world."

Katy lives and works in Cuenca, a "pretty" Ecuador city according to Susan.

Larry's trip in November to see Katy went more smoothly. American Airlines got him from Detroit to Miami to Guayaquil easily. After visiting Cuenca, Larry and Katy took a daytrip north to Tena for some white water rafting. Larry is no stranger to water adventure. He's rafted rivers in West Virginia, and took a 10-day trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

More dangerous than the "mild" rapids on the Napo river was the trip over the Andes.

"Your heart is in your throat" Larry said. "The road is about a lane and a half wide. On the bus we met an oil pipeline truck. The two drivers got out and discussed at length who would back up. We came back from the river run at night."

Both Susan and Larry stayed at a variety of places including modern hotels and hostels that cater to Peace Corps types. Katy uses her biology degree working for a non-profit agency on such

projects as paper recycling. Cuenca, her temporary home town, is in the mountains. She keeps in touch with home via her computer and e-mail. Real letters take two weeks, and packages a month from Ecuador. Even so, Larry said, Ecuador does not appear to be a backward country.

"I've seen third world countries. Ecuador was more modern and more urban than I expected. The people seem to have good clothes, good diet, good teeth. We went to a wedding. It was the same as here ... all the guys were at the bar."

For Katy, travel to the Galapagos Island (closely controlled by the Ecuadorian government) is in the plans for the near future. Since Katy has nearly become a native she will have fewer problems traveling to the famous archipelago than outsiders.

No more Peace Corps for Katy, but she does respect what it has meant to her and her future. Her experience is exactly what John Fitzgerald Kennedy had in mind when he proposed the corps in a now famous 2 a.m. speech on the steps of the University of Michigan Union.

Back in Plymouth Susan and Larry wonder what's next for their oldest daughter. All she's said so far is she wants to come home, rest and have a real Coca-Cola.

Apparently bottlers in Ecuador just don't get it right.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY TRAVELER

This is not your normal travel column. You won't be reading any descriptive accounts of my exploits. Instead, you may be creating some of your own.

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Of course, there's no lack of information out there. Billions of bits of travel data light up the Web, TV, radio and print media every day. But it's a virtual travel library with no Dewey decimal system. Or you can always call your travel agent. But there are more than 8,000 adventure companies alone out there. That's where OOT comes in. We'll be your Veg-o-matic of travel ideas for long hauls or short hops - every two weeks, right here on the travel page. Now for your part. We want your ideas, too. Tell us what unusual trips

you've taken, or know of, and we'll try to share as many as we can in this column. Drop us a note at www.wildgoosestravel.com

Sometimes, when you want to go, no one else does. If you are hearing, "You want to do WHAT?" it's time to post your dream trip on our Web site. Chances are you'll find one of our readers who's dying to go there, too. You now have a local companion for the plane ride.

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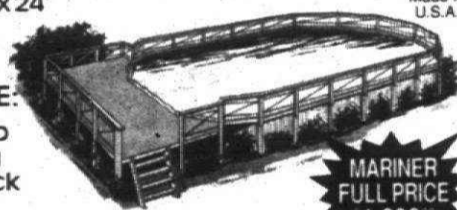
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Ambassadors reign!

It was a formula the Compuware Ambassadors have utilized all season, and on Wednesday it carried them that final step — to a national championship.

The Ambassadors defeated the Des Moines (Iowa) Buccaneers 3-1 in the title game to win the Gold Cup Junior 'A' National Championship Wednesday in Lincoln, Neb.

Jack Redwood got the Ambassadors going, scoring a goal five minutes into the second period. He then made it 2-0 nine minutes later.

The Bucs trimmed the deficit to 2-1 before Josh Bowers reestablished Compuware's two-goal cushion, scoring early in the third period.

Defense and strong goaltending, the Ambassadors' greatest attributes in this, their second national title-winning season of the decade, were again prevalent. Goalie Craig Kowalski was unbeatable in the nets, turning away 32-of-33 shots.

"It was important to get off to a good start," said Kowalski. "We knew that was the key."

The Ambassadors finished with 19 wins in their last 20 games, their only loss in that stretch coming against Des Moines in the round-robin segment of the Gold Cup Tournament. They won both the North American Hockey League regular-season and playoff titles, posting a 39-11-6 regular-season record and then sweeping through all three of their playoff series.

"I never doubted this team at all," said Ambassador coach Mike Vellucci. "We feel this could be the best Junior 'A' team ever."

In a fitting response to their title-winning season, the Ambassadors swept the awards presented to the NAHL's goalie and the player of the month. Kowalski earned goalie of the month honors. For April, he was 7-0 with a 1.86 goals-against average, one shutout and a .932 save percentage. He finished the season at 34-7 with three shutouts, a 2.10 goals-against average and a .921 save percentage.

The NAHL's player of the month was Bowers, who scored nine goals and assisted on four others in April. For the season, Bowers had 22 goals and 15 assists for 37 points in 44 games.

Stibel an All-American

Doug Stibel, a senior at Ohio State from Canton, completed his final collegiate season of gymnastics by earning All-America laurels in the parallel bars and floor exercise.

At the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Lincoln, Neb., Stibel tied for second on the bars with a personal-best score of 9.775. He also placed sixth on the floor.

That brought the number of career All-America honors for Stibel to three. "Doug has been such an important part of Ohio State men's gymnastics," said his OSU coach, Miles Avery. "His dedication and the way he attacks his gymnastics has established something the younger team members can look to for a model of correctness and guidance."

"Doug still has a promising career in front of him, and if he continues to turn in solid performances he can contend for a spot on the Olympic team."

All-City wrestling

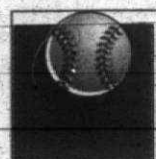
The Plymouth-Canton school district does not have an extra-curricular wrestling program at the middle school level, so John Demick — who serves as the Canton HS wrestling coach — started something to introduce younger kids to the sport.

Demick teaches a wrestling class offered through Community Education and, although he says "It's certainly not the same as having an official competitive program, but it gives our kids a chance to get familiar with the moves and find out what a great sport amateur wrestling really is." At the conclusion of the class, there is an All-City Competition.

This year's All-City winners were: Joey LaPorte, 75-81 pounds; Rob Schmetter, 82-89; Joe Lorenz, 90-93; Tony Hilko, 94-100; Brian Clark, 101-112; David Burr, 113-120; Richard Demick, 121-130; Matt Hurley, 131-142; Chris Pocock, 192-and-under; Thom Taylor, heavyweight.

Other place-winners were Jeremy Aubert, Brian Danville, Alex Freitag, Joey Halewicz, Steve Hoseney, Michael Hurley, Ryan Keesey, Jon Kleemann, Steve Koenig, Nick Monoidis, Mike Morelli and Jason Rau.

Another win for Canton; Salem falls



There doesn't seem to be anything that can derail the Canton express. The combination of good pitching, strong fielding, solid leadership — and now potent hitting — has made the Chiefs a power to be reckoned with.

Friday's baseball game at Walled Lake Western got off to a fast start, Plymouth Canton scoring three times in the opening inning and the Warriors answering with two runs of their own. But after that, it calmed down a bit. At least for Western.

Canton just kept on rolling. The Chiefs collected 10 runs on 11 hits and blasted the Warriors, 10-4, to improve to 16-2 overall, 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Ben Tucker got the pitching win, improving to 5-1. He allowed three

earned runs on six hits and one walk, with six strikeouts. Eric McDonald took the loss for the Warriors.

Jon Johnson and Tucker paced Canton's offense. Johnson had three hits, including a double, and drove in two runs; Tucker finished with two hits (including a double) and three RBI.

Bryan Kay added a two-run home run in the fifth (his third), Jason Evans had two hits (including a double) and an RBI, and Brad Smigielski had a hit, two runs scored and two stolen bases.

N. Farmington 13, Salem 8: Three

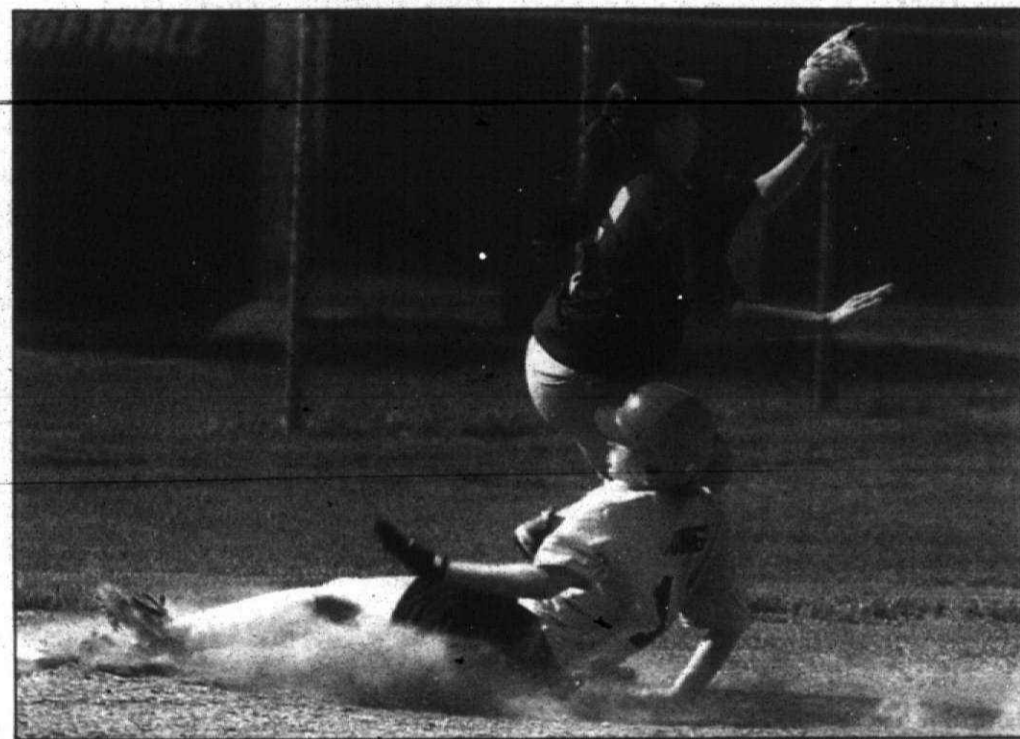
home runs and an eight-run inning carried North Farmington to a Western Lakes Activities Association baseball victory Thursday over host Plymouth Salem.

The Raiders had a four-run second inning but still trailed 5-4 after three; however, they broke loose for eight runs in the fourth.

Jay Melvin hit a grand slam and Matt Kelmigian a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Evan Feldman, the winning pitcher, belted a two-run

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A hard loss to take



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Off target: Salem's Jessica Chapman awaits a throw at third base, but it comes too late to get Churchill's Christine Fones. Indeed, the throw got past Chapman, allowing Fones to score one of the two Charger runs to cross the plate in that inning. Misplays in the field led to several runs for Churchill, and an 8-4 triumph.

Salem stumbles against Raiders

One team was unbeaten in division play. The other was closer to the basement than the ceiling in the very same division.

But when those two teams met Friday, the only dominant factor was the inability of either team to consistently field the ball. North Farmington made three errors in the game — half as many as Plymouth Salem, which was a good reason why the Raiders prevailed, 4-2, in a game played at North.

The Raiders improved to 2-3 within the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division, 7-8 overall. Salem had been unbeaten in division play until this loss; the Rocks dropped to 8-9 overall, 4-1 in the Lakes.

"We outthit them," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We just had a ton of errors."

The loss was the second-straight for the Rocks, and it brought their error total to nine in two games. On Wednesday, they were beaten by Livonia Churchill 8-4 in a WLAA crossover.

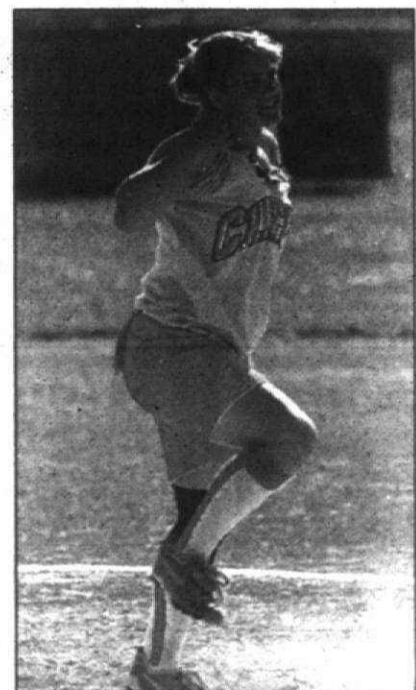
That defeat hurt, but not as much as Friday's. Salem outhit North 8-5, but misplays in the field cost the Rocks. The Raiders scored all four of their runs in the third inning; the Rocks struck for two in the fifth, with pitcher Amanda Sutton and Dawn Alley each singling in a run. Sutton finished with three hits; Shae Potocki had two, and Katie Kelly contributed a double.

Kristina Colombo was the winning pitcher. She gave up four runs on eight hits and four walks, with six strikeouts. Sutton took the loss; she surrendered eight runs (two earned) on five hits and two walks, with one strikeout.

Against Churchill Wednesday, Salem overcame a 2-0 deficit after one with a four-run rally in the second, all the runs scoring after two were out. Marnie Jones started it with a one-out

single. She moved to third on a steal and a wild pitch. Following a strikeout, Carrie Carter walked and Kelly singled to score one run. Sutton's drive to left field eluded the outfielder, allowing two more runs to score and putting Sutton on second. A stolen base and a wild pitch scored Sutton.

But Salem's 4-2 lead didn't last long. The Chargers got one run in the third,



Something to cheer about: Gretchen Hudson tossed a two-hitter at Western, avenging Canton's earlier loss to the Warriors.

two in the fourth and three more in the fifth off a pair of Rock pitchers: Liz DeKarske started and took the loss, giving up five runs in 3 2/3 innings. Jackie Sledobnick relieved and worked the final 1 1/3 innings.

Meghan Misiak got the win for Churchill. She went all seven innings, giving up four runs (one earned) on six hits and six walks, with 10 strikeouts.

Maureen Buchanan led Salem with two hits.

"(Churchill) is very aggressive at the plate," said Southerland. "They're a pretty good hitting team. Their record (6-8 through Friday) doesn't show it."

Southerland didn't pitch her No. 1, Sutton, because "I had to give her a break. She took a line shot off her leg Monday (in a win over Livonia Stevenson)."

Canton 4, W.L. Western 0: Gretchen Hudson was on target once again for Plymouth Canton, and it came at a good time — against the only team to beat the Chiefs in the WLAA this season.

Western did that by a 4-3 count in Canton's second game of the season. Hudson didn't allow the Warriors much of a chance for a repeat performance: She tossed a two-hitter, allowing one walk and striking out five. She also extended her scoreless inning string to 18 innings.

The thing is, Hudson did more than just stifle Western with her pitching. She was 3-for-3 at the plate with two doubles and two runs batted in. Liz Elsner knocked in the other two runs, one on a ground out and another on a base hit.

The win pushed the Chiefs' record to 16-2 overall, 4-1 in the division.

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SOCCER

Rocks rule Groves, 2-1

Fast start. A Salem finish. Which is just fine with Plymouth Salem's soccer team, which bettered non-league — and state-ranked — foe Birmingham Groves, 2-1 Friday at Salem.

"Besides (Livonia) Stevenson, this was the first big game that we've won," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld, his team now 8-4-1. Groves is ranked third in Division II.

"They had some chances, we had some chances. They're a good team. They work hard. Danelle Filips and Andrea Weinman and Kristen Shull played pretty well. They're in the back and they minimized (Groves) number of quality chances."

Salem led 1-0 when Suzi Towne scored a goal, assisted by Kristina Seniuch, 15 minutes into the match. The Falcons tied it five minutes later, however, Sabrina Borquist getting the marker.

The game-winner came with 10 minutes left in the first half. Towne got it, this time on an assist from Jami Coyle.

"We created some chances and we defended real well," said Landefeld. "The second half wasn't pretty, but we found a way to win."

Canton 8, A.A. Huron 0: In a non-league game Thursday, Plymouth Canton collected four goals in each half to blow past visiting Ann Arbor Huron.

Anne Morrell accounted for three goals. Amanda Lentz added one goal and three assists, Vicki Palis had a goal and an assist, Lisa Tomasso had a goal and an assist, and both Abi Morrell and Stephanie Johnson scored single goals. Beth Sandusky and Rachel Lindman picked up assists.

Amy Dorogi and Sarah Debieen split time in goal.

Canton improved to 10-2-1 overall.

Salem 9, Harrison 1: As lopsided as Wednesday's final score would seem, it was only 1-0 in Salem's favor at halftime, and, shortly into the second half, host Farmington Harrison tied it at 1-1.

"We created some opportunities, but didn't score," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld. "Once (Harrison) scored, everyone woke up and said, 'What are we doing?'"

It didn't take long to find an answer. Jami Coyle, who scored the Rocks first-half goal, got another, and another after that, giving her three for the game. Kellee Mullin also scored three times, and Suzi Towne, Jeannine

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BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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The Madonna University baseball team nearly completed its task of taking home the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference trophy late last week but fell short in the championship game against Indiana Tech, 19-17, on Friday.

By posting a 3-2 tournament record, the Crusaders finished the season one game over .500 with a 25-24-1 record.

Indiana Tech 19, Madonna 17: In a slugfest that decided the WHAC tournament title, Indiana Tech

COLLEGE BASEBALL

had the last slug, outlasting Madonna on Friday afternoon at Bailey Park in Battle Creek to take home the hardware.

The bullpens were more like Seven-Eleven check-out lines as the two teams used a combined total of 10 pitchers, four by Indiana Tech and six for Madonna. After the dust settled, Indiana Tech reliever Brian Laney earned the win with Madonna starter Eric Williamson (2-3) taking the loss.

Madonna third baseman/pitcher Daryl Rocho swung the biggest bat, finishing with seven RBI and

two runs scored on a 3-for-6 hitting performance and designated hitter Jason Brooks was the only other Crusader to have more than two RBI in the game with three.

Williamson was driven from the game in the third inning after facing four batters without recording an out. Reliever Nick Dedeluk came on in relief but was also ineffective, recording no outs through three batters.

Indiana Tech eventually scored eight runs in the inning to hold a 13-4 lead.

Madonna scored four runs in each of the next two innings to pull to within 15-12 and made it 15-14

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A sweeping triumph Canton builds early lead, then hangs on

This was good. No matter how anyone had envisioned Thursday's Plymouth Canton-at-Walled Lake Western boys track dual meet would come out, it couldn't have been brighter for the Chiefs.

They'd never done this (not this season, anyway) — sweep the top two spots in both throwing events. Two events Canton had dominated in previous seasons were finally theirs once again.

Had to be a good omen, right? Maybe not. Because after Canton claimed the top two spots in both the shot put and discus — and the high jump, too — things soured. So much so that, after the 400-meter relay, the lead the Chiefs had constructed with those early triumphs had dissipated. "The Warriors were ahead."

Fortunately for the Chiefs, another reversal was in order, and it belonged to them. Canton regained the momentum and finished with an 80-57 triumph, evening its dual-meet record at 2-2 and its Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division mark at 2-1.

"We got a ton of points early," said Canton coach Bob Richardson, "then we were down after the 400 relay. But we finished strong."

Indeed they did, accumulating 39 of their 80 points in the last six events. As is often the case, no one athlete changed the outcome, but one who had a major impact was Jerry Gaines. The Canton sophomore ended up winning both the 400 (52.3) and the 200 (23.9).

BOYS TRACK

Gaines wins came in key events. In the 400, Canton got the top two spots, with Jack Tucci placing second (52.9); in the 200, the Chiefs did even better, collecting a first-second-third. K.J. Singh and Nate Howe were both officially clocked at 24.1, with Singh second and Howe third.

In-between came a one-two finish in the 800 by Marty Kane (2:13.3) and Andy Tessema (2:14.9). The Chiefs finished with a first by Jason Rutter in the 3,200 (11:02.8) and a win in the 1,600 relay (3:44.8).

The Chiefs early lead came thanks to Asa Hensley and Jared Chapman. Hensley was first in the discus with a personal best 130-foot, 9-inches; Chapman was second at 121-1. Their roles were reversed in the shot put, with Chapman winning (40-10 3/4) and Hensley taking second (40-5 1/2). The Chiefs added a one-two in the high jump, courtesy of Chris Kalis (5-10) and Juan Cortes (5-8).

Other Canton wins came from Rutter, Aaron Schmidt, Jim Korona and Bryan Kulczyk in the 3,200 relay (9:10.3) and from Steve Blossom in the 1,600 (4:58.7).

Canton hosts Livonia Franklin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Salem stalled
The final score alone could qualify this as the biggest surprise of the track season:

Walled Lake Central 93, Plymouth Salem 39. But explanations make this seem less of a surprise, more totally logical.

"We didn't run half the team because we have the Mott Relays tomorrow," explained Salem coach Geoff Baker, whose team opted to surrender a shot at the WLAA Lakes Division title in lieu of the opportunity awaiting in Flint at the Mott Relays Friday.

"You have to set your priorities sometimes, the division or invitationals," explained Baker.

Baker said he passed along his intentions to keep many of his key personnel out of the meet to the Central coaching staff, in case they wanted to make adjustments in their lineup. Unless there is a major upset, the Vikings will emerge as the Lakes Division dual-meet champions; they are currently 3-0. Salem is 2-1.

Among those Baker did not run against Central were his imposing distance runners, including Nick Allen, Jon Little, Bobby Cushman, Donnie Warner, Manvir Gill and Craig Little.

One who did compete against Central was hurdler Ryan Thomas, who won both the 110-meter (15.1) and 300-meter (41.8) hurdles. Thomas was unable to compete at the Mott Relays Friday.

The Rocks other winners were Pat O'Conner in the 3,200 (10:58.0) and Richie Cieslak in the shot put (42-6 3/4).

Salem runs at Farmington Thursday.

Rocks get a victory

PREP GOLF

Plymouth Salem finally put one on the plus side of its dual-meet golf record, beating Westland John Glenn 219-279 Wednesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

It was the Rocks lowest score of the season; their previous best was a 228 in a loss to Plymouth Canton. Angie Jones '90 was best for Salem; Kim Tamme added a 51, Molly Hedger shot a 56 and Danielle March fired a 62.

Northville stops Canton
Northville got the better of Plymouth Canton Thursday.

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Edwards and Mandy Marsonek got one goal apiece. Lisa Dombrowski was in goal for the Rocks.

Canton 5, Franklin 0: It was a slow start, sure. Canton led just 1-0 at halftime. But the reason was simple: The usual starters for the Chiefs were on the bench until the final seven minutes of the opening half. "We let everyone else play

until the last seven minutes of the first half," Canton coach Don Smith explained. After that, the Chiefs pulled away to an easy WLAA triumph. Amanda Lenz totaled two goals, with Anne Morrell, Stephanie Johnson and Vicki Palis scoring one apiece. Lisa Tomasso had two assists, and Allison Mills, Janine Gustafson and Sarah Dehien each got one.

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Judy Telford (Mercy) 34.10 1/2
Paula Tomlin (Salem) 34.0
Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 33.2
Rachel Koff (Redford) 33.1
Jenny Scherbas (Canton) 33.1 1/2
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33.1
Shannon Moran (Redford) 32.7
Gina Griggs (Stevenson) 32.5
Angie Puroli (Garden City) 32.2 1/2

DISCUS
Tiffany Grubbaugh (Salem) 127.2
Judy Telford (Mercy) 120.9 1/4
Jenny Heher (Churchill) 105.3
Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 104.1/2
Ann Armstrong (Farmington) 102.7
Jenny Heher (Churchill) 97.6
Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 97.3
Erin Allen (Farmington) 96.5
Dawn Ballo (Franklin) 96.5
Paula Tomlin (Salem) 95.7

HIGH JUMP
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 5.8
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5.2
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5.0
Bekah Hoffmeier (Lutheran Westland) 5.0
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.0
Carey Czech (Mercy) 5.0
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5.0
Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 4.11
Lizy Mathis (Mercy) 4.11
Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 4.11

LONG JUMP
Nicolette Jarrett (John Glenn) 17.1 1/2
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 16.9
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15.11
Erin Hayden (Ladywood) 15.7
Carey Czech (Mercy) 15.6 1/2
LaToya Chandler (John Glenn) 15.5 1/2
Kara Bouschell (Farmington) 15.4
Ann Roff (Lutheran Westland) 15.1
Jessica Cichon (Churchill) 14.11
Beth Kwapis (Churchill) 14.10 1/2

POLE VAULT
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10.0
Shaoh Wint (Franklin) 9.1
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9.0
Kara Cason (Churchill) 8.9
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Emily Mayberry (Harrison) 15.6
Crystal Alderman (Canton) 16.4
Suzanne Pepinski (Ladywood) 16.5
Dayna Clemens (N. Farmington) 16.8
Cassie Ehlers (Stevenson) 16.9
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 16.9
Kristel Stucker (Farmington) 17.1
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 17.2
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300-METER HURDLES
Crystal Alderman (Canton) 47.6
Suzanne Pepinski (Ladywood) 48.5
Christy Tzolis (Stevenson) 48.5
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Winning combination Salem trio accounts for 6 individual 1sts

Three members of the Plymouth Salem girls track team collected two individual wins apiece to lead the Rocks to a 78-49 victory over host Walled Lake Central Thursday.

The win keeps Salem unbeaten in dual meets this season at 4-0, including a 3-0 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division.

Tiffany Grubbaugh was one of Salem's double-winners, capturing the discus (127 feet, 2-inches) and shot-put (36-7). Grubbaugh's effort in the discus set a new school record, breaking her own record of 124-2 established in 1997.

The other Rocks to win two individual events were Rachel Jones, in the 100-meter (13.1) and 200-meter (27.3) dashes, and Autumn Hicks, in the high jump (4-7) and 400 (1:01.1).

Hicks and Jones also combined with Melissa Drake and Brynne DeNeen for a first place 4x200 relay (1:52.2). Other winners for

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The Rocks were Aisha Chappell in the 300 hurdles (51.2) and Kim Wood in the 3,200 (12:44.7).

"It wasn't a real impressive performance," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "But we limited the appearances by some of our bigger contributors. We gave some kids an opportunity to run on the varsity."

There was nothing lacking the previous Saturday (May 1), when Salem won the 10-team Stafford Relays hosted by Walled Lake Western. The Rocks rolled up 94 points to edge runner-up Novi (89.5); Western was a distant third (51).

Salem finished first in five events. Hicks, Marylou Liebau and Eliekem Amable combined to clear 13-10 and win the high jump relay; Grubbaugh, Paula Tomlin and Michelle Bonior totaled 103-7 3/4 in the shot put relay

(a new school record for that event); Grubbaugh, Tomlin and Lisa Plaskamp had a combined effort of 294-10 in the discus relay; Bonior, April Aquino, Drake and Jones won the 4x100 relay (51.6); and Hicks, DeNeen, Drake and Jones teamed for a first in the 4x400 relay (4:14.6).

The Rocks also had four seconds, coming from DeNeen, Aquino and Drake in the long jump relay (43-7 1/2); from Becky Phelan, Shannon Will, Shannon Miller and Annemarie Vercurryse in the 4x800 (10:24.8); from Jones, Bonior, Drake and Hicks in the sprint medley (3:00.0); and from Phelan, Will, Melanie Meester and Wood in the distance medley (13:37.9).

Miller, Meester, Phelan and Lisa Jasnowski took a third in the 4-K medley (23:35.7), and Staci Schmiedding, Janine Schmiedding, Kelly Holka and Lara Savitake were third in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:12.9).

Salem hosts Farmington in a WLAA Lakes Division meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Lou Wiloughby (Redford) 49.4
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 48.9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47.6
Scott Genord (Thurston) 45.9
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 45.2
Andy Brandt (Salem) 44.1

DISCUS
Nick Berezinski (Redford) 186.1
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 153.10
Scott Genord (Thurston) 148.3
Dustin Willis (Farmington) 147.4
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137.0
Lou Wiloughby (Redford) 136.7
Kurt Plankow (Stevenson) 136.0
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Asa Hensley (Churchill) 130.4

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Juan Cortes (Canton) 6.0
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 5.11
Dave Panter (Franklin) 5.10
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C.J. Whitfield (Farmington) 5.10

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Madonna season ends at WHAC tourney

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The Madonna University softball team played four games in one day at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at Bailey Park in Battle Creek Thursday, posting a 2-2 record to fall short of a chance to play in Friday's conference championship.

The Lady Crusaders finished the season with a final record of 34-26.

(5) Aquinas 16, (4) Madonna 10: For the second time in four games, in the same day, Madonna squared off against Aquinas College in the WHAC tournament but, this time, with a different result.

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The game featured four lead changes and two ties as Aquinas finally posted its seventh inning to secure the victory.

Kristy McDonald led Madonna offensively with a 3-for-5 hitting performance, including three RBI and three home runs.

Ronda Bolitho and Kristin Jones each went 4-for-6 with three RBI to lead the Aquinas offense while teammates Jodi Overkleeft and Sarah Hamilton each had two RBI in support.

Missy Bako (2-8) took the loss after allowing eight runs (two earned) on eight hits in one inning pitched.

(4) Madonna 5, (6) Siena Heights 2: The

Lady Crusaders scored five first-inning runs, that proved to be enough as Madonna improved to 2-1 in the WHAC tournament on Thursday.

Siena scored a run in the sixth and seventh innings but couldn't overcome the five-goal deficit.

Madonna starter Missy Bako (2-7) recorded the win for the Lady Crusaders after allowing four hits and one run in six innings pitched.

Siena committed two errors in the game as Madonna scored two unearned runs.

Kristy McDonald, Jamie Cook and Jen Walker each had one RBI in the game for Madonna. Third baseman Jenny Kruezi was the only player to have two hits for the Lady Crusaders, going 2-for-three with a run scored.

(1) Concordia College 2, (4) Madonna 3:

Madonna starter Janell Leschinger (2-0-8) held Concordia to just two runs on four hits through six innings pitched but, unfortunately for the Lady Crusaders, they managed only one run on four hits of their own for their first loss of the WHAC tournament on Thursday.

Concordia scored a run in the first and fourth innings and held on for the win after Madonna catcher Vicki Malkowski cut the lead in half with a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Despite the loss, Angela Litwin continued her hot hitting for the Lady Crusaders, going 2-for-3 as one of only three Madonna players to get a hit. She also had her second stolen base of the day.

(4) Madonna 8, (5) Aquinas College 5:

Madonna produced the offense it needed to counter the five errors it committed in the opening-run win Thursday morning.

Janell Leschinger (five innings) and Janell Schmidt (two innings) combined for the win over Aquinas College. Leschinger recorded her 20th win of the season for Madonna.

Madonna scored a run in the first inning and Aquinas tied the game in the second but the Lady Crusaders posted seven runs in the fourth to hold a commanding lead that Aquinas couldn't topple.

Left fielder Angela Litwin led the Madonna offense with a 3-for-4 hitting performance with two RBI and two runs scored as well as a stolen base. Shortstop Kristy McDonald (1-for-3) and center fielder Jamie Cook (1-for-2) each had two RBI for the Lady Crusaders.

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with two more runs in the eighth. Indiana Tech scored four additional runs in the eighth inning that proved to be enough for the win and held off Madonna, who scored three more runs in the ninth, for the win.

Catcher Dan Mercado led the Indiana Tech offense, going 2-for-5 with five RBI in the final game.

Madonna 5, Aquinas 4: Madonna scored one run in the bottom of the ninth inning to post the win over Aquinas College Thurs-

day afternoon and advance to Friday's championship game against Indiana Tech.

The Crusaders also scored a single run in the starting pitcher to tie the score at 4-4.

Starting pitcher James O'Connor (4-1) went the distance to post the win for Madonna.

Travis Hardin, John Perko and Doug Austin each had a home run in the losing effort for Aquinas.

Both teams finished with 10 hits and two errors in the game. Aaron Shrewsbury hit is 19th home run of the season for Madonna to cap his school record perfor-

mance.

Indiana Tech 10, Madonna 9: Indiana Tech scored three runs in the seventh inning and another in the eighth to cap a comeback from behind win Thursday afternoon that would foreshadow the tournament's championship game.

Madonna starting pitcher Bob Mason (3-6) allowed 13 hits and 10 runs (five earned) in eight innings pitched and took the loss.

Daryl Rocho, Bob Hamp and Jason Brooks each played three RBI in a losing effort for Madonna.

Jeremiah Deakins went 2-for-4 to lead the Indiana Tech offense with four RBI.

Madonna 17, Siena Heights 10: Madonna scored at least one run in all nine innings to cruise to the WHAC tournament team.

Siena got the offense rolling late, with six runs in the eighth inning and two more in the ninth but came up short against the Crusaders.

The teams combined for nine doubles and a triple in the game along with three home runs.

E.J. Roman (3-3) earned the win for Madonna as Rod Redmon took the loss for Siena Heights.

Crusaders right fielder Aaron Shrewsbury hit his 17th home run of the season, breaking the single-season school record of 16 and set the school record for career base hits with 234 on the same play. The old record was held by Dan Taylor, who had 233. He also led the Crusaders with four RBI in the game.

Madonna 10, Spring Arbor 7: The Crusaders posted three runs in the seventh and eighth innings and survived a late rally by Spring Arbor for an opening-run win in the WHAC tournament.

Spring Arbor led the game, 4-3, until Madonna tied with a run in the fifth inning. After Spring Arbor scored another goal in the sixth to take the lead again, Madonna went on their two-inning, six-run scoring frenzy to earn the win.

E.J. Roman went 2-for-4 for Madonna with five RBI in the game to lead the offense with Bob Hamp chipping in with two RBI.

Jeff Warholik (5-4) went the distance for Madonna to earn the win.

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Softball D1

Canton 3, W.L. Central 2: It took nine innings, but Plymouth Canton managed to subdue W.L. Central opponent Walled Lake Central Wednesday at Central.

The game-winning rally started with a walk Brannan McNicholas. Anna Keil followed with a single, and Becky Mize delivered the winner with a sacrifice fly.

Paulie McKernan paced the Chiefs' offense with three hits, two of them doubles, with two RBI. Anna McKernan added a double.

Canton led 2-0 going into the bottom of the fifth, but the Vikings got one run in each of the next two innings to tie it and force extra innings.

Jenny Fisher improved to 6-0 with a strong mound performance; she went all nine innings, allowing two runs on three hits with two strikeouts.

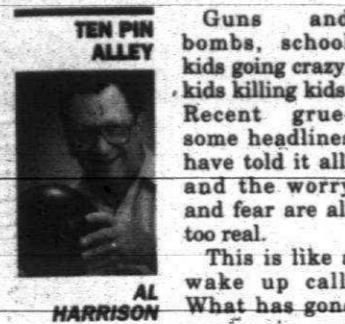
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Do you remember the hit musical, "The Music Man" with Professor Harold Hill saying "There's trouble in River City," and how he started up a band to keep kids out of the pool hall, and of course he sold some instruments.

This is a simple analogy, but it relates to our problems of today, and instead of a band, we can get the kids involved in organized programs, such as youth bowling, that are fun to participate in, but most important, to get them motivated mentally and physically in a healthy pursuit.

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Whether it's school related or not, the kids would be given an outlet for their energy.

In youth bowling programs, the kids learn to associate with all types of other kids, from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds and diverse cultures, and out on the lanes, they learn to compete in a friendly social atmosphere without developing animosities and hatred for others.

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guns and bombs, school kids going crazy, kids killing kids. Recent grue-some headlines have told it all, and the worry and fear are all too real.

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homer in the second inning. North had a 13-10 edge in hits. Kelmgian, who also hit a double, and Brian Lafer had three apiece and also scored two runs each.

Feldman, who had three RBI, and Melvin added two hits apiece. Ross Patterson had a double and two RBI, and Matt Laah chipped in an RBI double.

Nick Eicher, Jason Lukasik and Chris Longpre led the Rocks with two hits each. Eicher and Lukasik also had two RBI apiece.

Feldman was the winning pitcher despite giving up seven runs on nine hits and two walks over the first five innings. He

had five strikeouts. Garry Penta pitched the last two innings. Lukasik was the loser.

The Raiders are 4-1 in the WLA Lakes Division and 7-2 overall.

The game was moved up a day to accommodate North's prom Friday night.

"We're trying to cooperate with each other, because the prom is such a distraction," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said. "We didn't want to move it to the day after, either."

"I don't know that we've ever won a game the day after a prom, but that's one of the things about high school baseball. There are so many distractions

this time of year. Baseball isn't that important to people."

As for the game, Rumberger said the high score could have been expected.

"The wind was blowing out, and it was a great night to hit them out," he said. "And with Lukasik and Feldman both primarily fastball pitchers there were a lot of good pitches to hit."

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Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again SWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

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SHARE MY WORLD

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QUIET EVENINGS

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This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4956

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Pretty WWCWF, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling and country drives. She seeks a handsome DWCM, 45-50, without children at home. Ad# 2130

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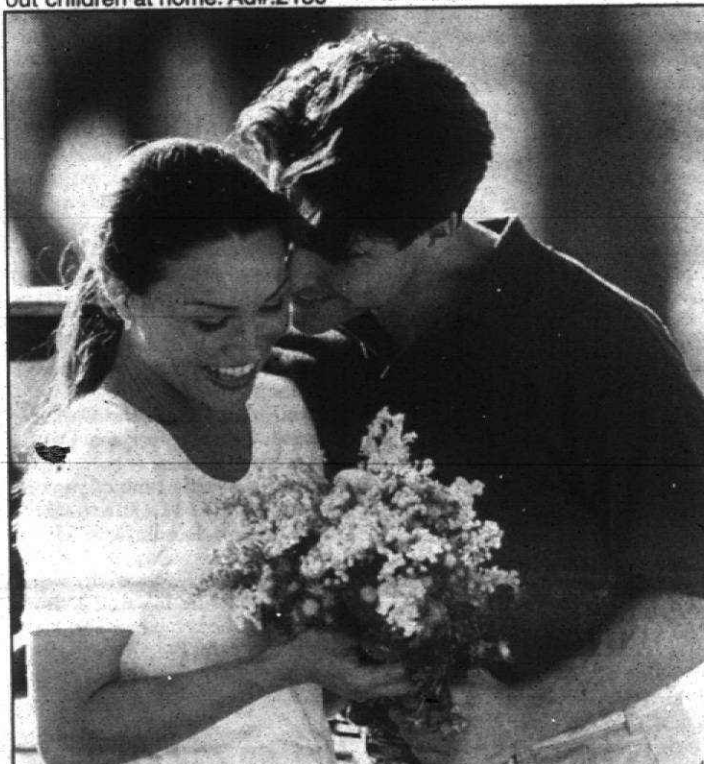
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DELIGHTFUL

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OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

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Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWCM, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

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HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad# 4275

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1951

HONESTY COUNTS

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Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad# 1233

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad# 5550

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad# 7878

CAN YOU RELATE ?

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Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3931

SAYING MY PRAYERS

Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad# 4322

JUST LIKE YOU

Professional SBCM, 36, 5'5", 155lbs., is seeking a humorous, outgoing, never-married SWCF, 27-38, N/S, childless, who loves the Lord. Ad# 7474

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad# 2753

FRESH START

Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8860

DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2799

IT COULD BE YOU!

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SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad# 1050

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad# 1907

LET'S MINGLE

SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad# 9614

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 6789

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Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad# 3336

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GO OUT WITH ME

Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad# 1991

LOVE & LAUGHTER

Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4475

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

Handsome SBCM, 24, 5'9", is seeking a beautiful, caring SBCF, 22-35, who enjoys dining out, spending time with friends, the outdoors and more. Ad# 3615

WAITING IN BELLEVILLE

This open-minded, exuberant 45-year-old SBCM, 5'11", 185lbs., N/S, drug-free, never-married, is in search of an attractive, sincere, slender to medium-built SWF, 21-45, who shares similar interests, for a possible serious relationship. Ad# 2730

SHARE MY WORLD

SWC dad of one, 43, 6', a professional, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and family activities, is searching for a SWCF, under 40, for a lifetime of happiness. Ad# 2100

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