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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Ice show: The Plymouth Cultural Center will be presenting the 19th annual ice show, "Celebration on Ice 1999," for its final performance at 3 p.m. today. Tickets are \$3 for seniors and children under 12; \$5 for adults or children over 13. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

MONDAY

Ally-think: The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring "Analyzing Ally McBeal" from 8:30-10 p.m. at Boulder's Restaurant, 1020 Anni Arbor Road, Plymouth. Approach the popular TV show from an analytical perspective. View the season finale on a wide-screen TV. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a study session 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center. The meeting is open to the public.

School board: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the E.J. McLendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

WEDNESDAY

League meet: Plymouth Canton High School hosts the WLAA League Meet in girls' track. Events get under way at 3 p.m.

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Cherry Hill plans leap forward



Canton and Biltmore Properties officials met for three days in an 'intense' design workshop. The result is a clear direction for development of 1,200 housing units, retail shops and municipal buildings in the historic village.

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From an abstract idea to a real plan. That's how much progress the township and Biltmore Properties made on Cherry Hill Village this week. A three-day design workshop, or "charrette," concluded Wednesday with both sides thrilled at strides made in planning of

the 1,200-unit development.

"This has been a rare cooperative effort," said Jim Constantine, a New Jersey-based Biltmore planning consultant. "This is how you get a truly great place."

Workshops began early Monday morning at Cherry Hill School. Constantine made a final presentation to members of Canton's Board of Trustees

and Planning Commission Wednesday evening.

In between, township and Biltmore officials worked nearly non-stop on every aspect of the project.

Home sizes, locations and prices, land topography, green space, retail shops and a civic center were among topics discussed and planned.

"I think this project has a good chance at success," said Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik.

He praised Biltmore and its consultants for going above and beyond what's required of developers.

"I think you've set a new standard in the community that others will have to

step up to," Machnik said.

Other township officials left similarly impressed.

"I think it was a terrific charrette," said Canton Clerk Terry Bennett. "We all as board members got an opportunity to be planners, too. It was very exciting."

She described the three days as intense and being very different than the normal planning process.

"This is the first time that on a large accumulation of property, that we have had the ability to sit down with architects, planners and consultants in one

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A swing through spring



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

They've got the beat: Olivia Beyer, 2, left, and Jordan Strahm, 5, sing recently on a tire swing outside of the Crosswinds Church on Ford Road in Canton.

Guile pushes 'common sense' approach in P-C education



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Steve Guile of Canton Township says he wants to be elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education because it's time for a change.

"I applaud what the school board has done for the betterment of schools, but they've lost sight of the big picture," said Guile, 50. "I bring a common sense approach to the educational system. I will bring some creative solutions to the problems that currently exist."

Guile, who is the downtown development director for Westland, believes his understanding of public accounting, labor negotiations, construction projects and marketing will "bring a fresh approach to the way the school board operates." That's why he wants one of the two, four-year seats up for grabs in the June 14 school board election.

Guile said the district should be more accountable to the people who live within its boundaries.

"As I've seen the school district in the past couple of years, there tends to be a lack of public understanding of the system," said Guile. "There tends to be an image of the school board that it's isolated, they're operating in a vacuum."

"That might not be true, but the perception is there," added Guile. "My goal is to open the decision-making process in a more informative way."

Guile said the only way to get close to the problems of the district is to listen to the people.

"I would have informal quarterly meetings with various groups that are involved in the district... teachers, taxpayers... open forums on the issues,"

he added. "The district is reaching a critical point, and we need to tell the public we're here to listen."

Guile said that as a member of the school board, he would look forward to being part of selecting a new school superintendent to replace Chuck Little.

"The selection committee has to be cognizant of the impact of vouchers, charter schools, decreasing birth rate and enrollment, and schools of choice," said Guile. "The new superintendent has to be creative in maintaining pupil base, the curriculum and the reputation of the school district."

"If you can't maintain that reputation of excellence, vouchers will be the death of the school district," added Guile. "If you don't have quality programs with adequate funding, people will choose to go elsewhere."

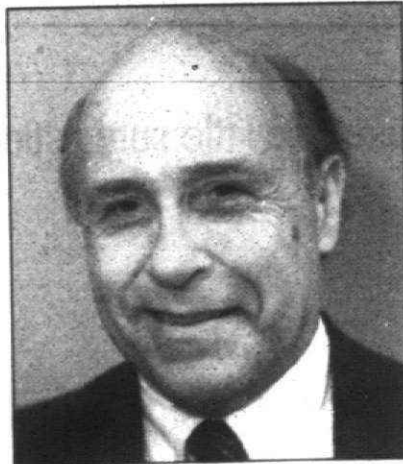
Guile views charter schools as a real threat to public education.

"Charter schools will have an immediate effect on the district," said Guile. "People are seeking a more personalized type of education opportunity, and charter schools offer that in the lower grades."

"We need to publicize and market our programs," continued Guile. "We have to make sure that people understand the complete realm of what is being offered. I don't think the school district has done a good job of that."

Despite the money crunch being experienced by the district, Guile believes the worst is yet to come.

"In a few years we'll be affected by vouchers and charter schools," said Guile. "If three or four hundred people leave the district, that will cost us up to \$3 million."



Steve Guile

"And, we also need to look at the location of the new high school and the funding to operate it," Guile pointed out. "The logical option is to locate it in the same vicinity of the existing campus to reduce the overall operational cost."

One way to alleviate the situation, according to Guile, is to seek additional money.

"We have to find other sources of cash or grants. The district needs to fight for additional dollars because of the strain on the budget," said Guile. "There will have to be some lobbying efforts because of the way Proposal A was written."

"However, the answer isn't selling the names of schools to commercial entities," he added. "Commercialism

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School board race heats up

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Debate among the four candidates vying for the two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education became confrontational at times during a forum sponsored by the Observer and the League of Women Voters Thursday night at the Plymouth District Library.

Occasionally it appeared as if it was the incumbents, Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, against the challengers, Steve Guile and Mark Slavens, as they discussed issues pertaining to budget cuts, foreign language opportunities, vocational education, merit pay and the third high school, among others.

"It's interesting to hear Steve and Mark talk about their knowledge of the problems," said Maloney. "I don't think I've seen either one of them... between the two of them they've probably attended three or four meetings start to finish."

Slavens didn't let it get by him. "When I went to school board meetings I must have been wearing my invisible suit," said Slavens. "I've been there many more times than three or four, so I take exception to the comments that were made."

In his closing remarks, Maloney again took the offensive.

"I don't think the challengers have the combination of academic background and private sector experience

"I was fully surprised by some of the remarks," said Guile. "I didn't think that was the forum to get confrontational."

"There were some negative com-

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Seniors celebrate fab 90s

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If not for the invention of radio, Ed Rach might have been a world-famous musician.

As a young man, he would often spend eight hours a day practicing the violin. Those practice hours were often logged after working a full shift as a grocer.

"I was totally involved with the violin," said Rach, now 97, "until radio came in. I wanted to be a concert violinist. I guess I would've made it if I stayed with it, but I got interested in radio."

He was one of eight 90-and-above seniors honored Wednesday at Canton Place's Tea Luncheon.

"We really just wanted to celebrate your lives," Manager Ginnie Hauck told a large gathering. "You all look so beautiful. It's really inspiring to look at you each day when we come into work."

May is national Older American month.

"We always try to celebrate our 90-and-above residents at this time," said

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Cherry Hill

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setting," Bennett said.

Cherry Hill Village is comprised of about 400 acres. Biltmore currently controls about 325 acres and the township 20. It's unclear whether the developer will acquire the remaining 55 acres.

The development, which will likely take a decade or more to complete, is on Canton's far west side in the central portion of the township.

Its borders are roughly Saltz Road on the north, Proctor on the south, Napier in the west and Denton in the east.

According to Constantine, the village will center around Cherry Hill School at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

Retail shops would frame the school on three sides. A drug store, grocery, hardware and ice cream parlor are examples of businesses expected to occupy the area.

A "civic square" would be located directly across from the school on the south side of Cherry Hill Road. It might include a farmer's market and open green space, Constantine said.

The township's parcel, which is adjacent to the village center,

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Terry Bennett,
Canton Township clerk

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While each of those features could be spectacular, Bennett

said what will set Cherry Hill apart is its feel.

Because existing buildings and features of the village will be incorporated into the development, it won't be "contrived," said Bennett.

The key, she added, will be in the details. Making sure housing stays true to historical designs and allowing for different lot sizes are examples.

"The integrity of the project will be in its execution," Bennett said.

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St. Joseph Mercy Canton to be area urgent care site

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Beginning June 14, residents in Plymouth who want urgent care can go to the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600 S. Canton Center in Canton. That urgent care facility will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

St. Joseph Mercy will discontinue urgent care services at its downtown Plymouth facility. The health provider blames "significant cutbacks in federal reimbursements and other revenue reductions."

Physician offices, the pharmacy, laboratory, radiology and support services will continue at the Plymouth facility, with general office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Some physicians and the pharmacy will include Saturday hours, Saint Joseph officials say.

The Plymouth facility has been operating for 14 years, while the Canton facility, built less than two years ago, is much bigger.

"With the limited ability to

expand in Plymouth, plus the lack of federal reimbursements, we had to make a choice," said Bud Landwehr, vice president of Patient Care, Ambulatory Care Services and Programs for the health care provider. "We just can't afford to have the urgent care at both facilities. That's the type of (economic) pressure we're feeling."

On the average, urgent care facilities lose \$35 for every patient that is seen by doctors, Landwehr said. While Landwehr said he expects the Canton facility to continue that trend, they are hoping other services will cover the losses.

"I just want to pull out of western Wayne County," added Landwehr. "We'll try to provide services on a reduced cost structure."

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has already received a number of calls from physicians who want to lease some of the 3,000 square feet of space that will be available when the urgent care unit ends operations, Landwehr said.

Canton resident walks for Leukemia Society

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Joyce Costanza of Canton will be walking in the farthest reaches of the United States to show her support for finding the cure for a deadly disease.

Through regular training that includes up to 21-mile walks, Costanza is preparing to walk a marathon in Anchorage, Alaska June 19 for a Leukemia Society of America fund-raiser. She's working on raising \$5,000, which will cover travel expenses and serve as a donation to the non-profit group. The Michigan chapter is based in St. Clair Shores.

Costanza, 59, helps manage the Station 885 and La Bistecca restaurants in the Plymouths with her husband and owner, Jerry. She said deciding to walk the 26.2 miles was a natural step.

"Being in the restaurant business I'm on my feet all the time," she said. "I think I was born walking."

She has until June 9 to raise nearly \$2,000 more for her goal. She was required to raise just \$4,200 but decided to increase her goal.

She is keeping her fund-raising low-key, despite having the visibility of working in two prominent restaurants.

"I just talk to people and let them know what I'm doing," she said. "Customers" give me a lot of moral support."

She trains on the streets of Canton, Plymouth and Northville and in Kensington and Stony Creek Metroparks. Two laps around the hike/bike trail at Kensington is about 16 miles.

"We're fortunate to have places like Kensington that are so well cared for," Costanza said.

All she needs to think about to keep her motivated are the two reasons she decided to walk: Ben



Walking tall: Joyce Costanza of Canton will walk a marathon in Anchorage, Alaska June 19 for a Leukemia Society of America fund-raiser.

Coretti, a cousin who lost his battle with leukemia at 3, and 3-year-old Jimmy Born of Flat Rock, who continues to fight the deadly disease. All Leukemia Society fund-raiser participants walk in honor of leukemia patients. She will walk in honor of both.

"He's a lively little thing, and his hair is growing back," she said of Born, whose leukemia is in remission. "We've got to get a cure for this."

Leukemia is a disorder characterized by an overabundance of disease-fighting white blood cells, causing anemia by crowding out oxygen-rich red blood cells. Bone marrow transplants, chemotherapy and aggressive drug therapies are the most common treatments for the disease, which can go into symptom-free remission.

Common symptoms of the disorder are swollen lymph nodes, fever, fatigue and decreased ability to fight infections. Initial symptoms can resemble flu symptoms.

Leukemia Society trainers work with participants to help train them for the event. During the training, they learn about proper diet, stretching techniques and how to stay properly hydrated.

"I just didn't realize how dried up I was," she said of her hydration lesson. Sweating leeches vital moisture from the body, meaning it must be replaced to prevent dehydration.

Trainers recommend walkers and runners successfully complete two 20-mile routes before tackling the 26.2 miles.

Costanza said trainers have encouraged her to start with shorter walks and gradually make them longer. She began training and fund-raising in February.

"You really get sore legs," Costanza said. Some fuels she has tried include nutritional bars, gels and sports drinks.

Apart from charity aspect, there's yet another reason Costanza is looking forward to the walk.

"This will be a wonderful birthday gift for me," she said. Her 60th birthday is in June.

People interested in making tax-deductible donations to Costanza's effort can stop by either Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village

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would be damaging to the quality of schools. Education is for the kids.

With the recent incidents of violence in the schools, Guile believes it's an issue that's been boiling under the surface for a long time.

"We're lucky to have the type of educational atmosphere that doesn't include a lot of violence and gangs," said Guile. "However, schools can't dictate morality or discipline. That has to be done at home."

"Teachers are trying to educate the best they can. Sometimes there's a sense of frustration on their part to teach and discipline at the same time."

Candidate profile

- Name: Steve Guile
- Age: 50
- Residence: Canton
- Occupation: Director of Westland Downtown Development Authority
- Family: Guile and wife, Joanne, have four children, Christopher, Jason, Samantha and Sarah.
- Offices held: Township trustee for Charter Township of Lansing, treasurer of the Michigan Development and Financing Association
- Civic memberships: Rotary Club of Westland

Golf outing to benefit grants named for Salem swimmer

Organizers of the second annual golf outing to benefit the Educational Excellence Foundation Michael Kilgore Scholarship Fund are looking for participants and sponsors.

This year's outing is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor.

Kilgore was a Canton resident, a member of the swim team at Plymouth Salem High School and an Observer carrier. He died from heart failure in March 1988.

Eight students received scholarship awards with proceeds from last year's event. The scholarships are awarded to Plymouth-Canton students based on academic standing and "responsibility toward their family, friends, community and their personal values."

The theme for the 1999 outing is "Success is Never Giving Up."

Cost for the event is \$75 for adults and \$50 for students (18 and under). Tickets include 18 holes of golf, with cart, a continental breakfast, barbecue lunch, prizes and raffle.

The outing is limited to 144 golfers and the course allows soft spikes or tennis shoes only. The registration deadline is July 10.

In addition, sponsorships for the 1999 outing are still available. More than 50 sponsors have agreed to participate in this year's benefit.

For information on sponsorships or to register as a participant, call (734) 454-0998 or (734) 844-8058.

Seniors

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Hauk.

She runs Canton Place and Sheldon Place, which are independent-living senior apartment buildings.

Residents Wednesday were treated to a lunch of sandwiches, vegetables, coleslaw and dessert. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack stopped by to help serve meals and meet each of the 90 year olds.

Rosie McDonnell was one such honoree. A Canton Place resident for nine years, she likes playing cards and bingo with friends.

"I bake a lot, too," said McDonnell, 90, who moved to the township in 1977.

Zucchini bread is a specialty of hers.

"She is excellent," said Hauk. "She always makes sure we have something good to eat."

It's not uncommon for McDonnell to cook for neighbors when they're under the weather, she added.

"She cooks all the time," Hauk said.

Rach knows a thing or two about food, too. He worked for the C.S. Smith company, a grocery chain, for 35 years.

The Detroit native always found time for activities away from his job. He still does.

Rach plays in the Canton Senior Kitchen Band. The group performed at the Plymouth Masonic Temple Tuesday.

"We really knocked them dead," said Rach. "We got some of those men up to dance with their wives. That was really remarkable."

He has always followed sports, as well. Rach was an avid bowler and found time to visit Tiger Stadium to see baseball legends such as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

"I saw Ty Cobb play," he said. "He wasn't as bad as people say. If they tried to block him from second, yeah, he'd spike 'em. But it wasn't nearly as rough as what they do today."

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Campaign views: Candidates (from left) Carrie Blamer, Mark Slavens, Steve Guile and Mike Maloney at Thursday's forum at the Plymouth District Library.

School board race

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ments made. I think they (Guile and Slavens) are hungry," said Blamer. "I don't have a problem being challenged. This board has never hid behind anything."

For those in attendance, it was a chance to see candidates speak on the issues. Some already had an idea of who they would vote for, and had their ideas reinforced. Some were able to come to conclusions after hearing the candidates debate.

"I walked into here not knowing who I wanted to vote for, but now I have an idea," said Chris Dooley of Plymouth Township, a mother of four students. "I was interested in the safety issue, considering what's happening around the country, classroom size and the Talented and Gifted program."

"Some of the issues important to me are the location of the third high school, community education and academics," said Jan Wilbur of Canton, who has two children attending school in the district. "I'm real close to deciding who I want to vote for."

The election for the Plymouth-Canton school board will be held 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 14.

Applications for absentee ballots can be requested by calling elections clerk Liz Adams at 416-3095.

Adams said residents can vote absentee at the Board of Education offices, 454 S. Harvey, anytime between now and the election. The office will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, to vote or turn in absentee ballots.

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56 Plymouth-Canton students get scholarships

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When it comes to awarding scholarships to students of the Plymouth and Canton community, the Women's Club of Plymouth has made this a passion.

The group raised nearly \$18,000 to award 56 students with scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. The Women's Club has made this a pet project since 1983.

Students, parents and community leaders came together Tuesday night at the Plymouth Manor to honor these young men and women with an already-impressive list of accomplishments and academic achievements.

The four students awarded with \$1,000 scholarships each had a grade point average well over a 4.0. One recipient had

been awarded with five other scholarships from varying universities, and another donated 300 hours of community service at the Veteran's Medical Center in addition to having an impressive academic record. There was also an athlete, who volunteers for the Special Olympics and helps tutor middle school students, and a two-time Homecoming Queen, who is also the vice president of Plymouth-Canton's National Honor Society and involved with DARE and SADD programs.

"Pay attention to what is going on around you and don't hesitate to get involved. With the minds that you have, you almost have a greater responsibility," K.C. Mueller told students in her closing remarks. Mueller is a Women's Club member and chairwoman of the scholarship committee.

"Even though you are young

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adults, you have a voice that should be heard. We all have a responsibility to ourselves first, but we also have a responsibility for each other. Watch over your friends. You are the future leaders of our society."

The Women's Club uses a point system to rate applicants using grade point averages, recommendations from adults and community involvement. The response to two essay questions is also a key factor. Scholarship winners are as follows:

\$1,000 Awards
Christine Broda of Canton

High School from the Ford Motor Co.; Kelly Moore of Canton High School from the Plymouth Community Foundation; Chris Jaskot of Plymouth Township, who attends Franklin High School in Livonia from Marian Kehrli, an individual donor and member of the Woman's Club; and Wheatley Coleman of Canton High School from the Woman's Club of Plymouth.

\$500 Awards
Teri Hanson of Canton High School from Mike Bailey of Dietrich Baily & Associates; Elizabeth Elsner of Canton High School from RE/MAX on the Trail; Joy Garrett of Canton High School from Dr. Mary Fritz; Kristen Adler of Salem High School from Dan Heriman & Associates; Janine Schmieding of Salem High School from Ken and Esther Hulsing; Elizabeth Cordara of Salem High School from Andover Lakes West Subdivision; Bryan Kulczycki of Canton High School from Andover Lakes West Subdivision; Krista Weigand of Salem High School from the PMC Center; Gretchen Hudson of Canton High School from Hines Park Lincoln Mercury; Jon Little of Salem High School from Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake; Kacie Theisen of Salem High School from Don Massey Cadillac; Andrew Werner of Detroit Catholic Central from Peoples State Bank; Corey Mason of Detroit Catholic Central from Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor; Emily Bonneau of Salem High School from K.C. Mueller, Plymouth Township trustee; Adam Wilson of Salem High School from TNT EDM Inc.; Brian Ott from Salem High School from TNT EDM Inc.; Melanie Mester of Salem High School from the Patricia Group; Colleen Carr of Salem High School from Remerica Hometown II; Sarah Lorion of Plymouth Christian Academy from Dennis Shrewsbury, Plymouth city commissioner; Carolyn Fry of Salem High School from Remerica of Michigan; Ryan Thomas of Salem High School from Saturn of Plymouth; Fadi Musleh of Salem High School from Marcello Scapaticci; Aroti Achari of Salem High School from Silvio Scapaticci; Erin Babich of Canton High School from Al Tabaka, attorney; Susan Szabecak of Salem High School from Charles Masten, D.O.; Heidi Anderson from Canton High School from PRISM Mortgage; and Theresa Radtke of Canton High School from Rosemary Jones of the Woman's Club of Plymouth.

School from Harold Berquist of the Plymouth Volunteer Center; Dana Lobelle of Canton High School from the David Brandon Foundation; Christopher Houdek of Canton High School from Bill Steiner of Dearcreek Building Co.; Jaclyn Bernard of Canton High School from Hull Brother Properties; Mahabir Pirzadeh of Salem High School from Blackwell Ford; Kristin Lyman of Canton High School from Pat and Carol Reddy, owners of 1st Security Title; Jennifer Poes of Salem High School from Hemming, Polack and Cronin; Daniel Holland of Canton High School from Johnson Controls; Emily Jo Ross of Canton High School from Adriano Pacioco of Multi Building Co.; Sara Wiener of Salem High School from Calvin and Charlotte Perry; Elise Thornell of Canton High School from Realty Executives-West; Lynnette Polyn of Salem High School from Bank One; and Brandon Bitter of Salem High School from the Plymouth Observer.

\$350 Award
Kathryn Eve Mokienco of Canton High School from Jim Stevens of Coldwell Banker Preferred.

\$250 Awards
Rima Makhiwala of Canton High School from Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake; Danielle Filips of Salem High School from Steven Book of Sempliner Thomas and Book; Christopher Longpre of Salem High School from James Bonadeo Builder; Jennifer Connell of Canton High School from Remerica Hometown; Lisa Kozian of Canton High School from Remerica Hometown; Allyson Charles of Salem High School from Station 885; Devan Popat of Salem High School from Dillon and Dillon PC; Carrie Hayes of Canton High School from Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township treasurer; Jason Darow of Canton High School from Dick Scott Buick; Leah Fisher of Salem

Volunteers needed for river day

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Rolling... rolling... rolling down the river.

On Saturday, June 5, volunteers from Friends of the Rouge, the Clinton Watershed Council, Friends of the Detroit River, and the Huron River Watershed Council will band together for River Day '99.

They'll haul lots of tires and a few cars from streams, shore up eroding river banks, conduct garden tours, plant trees and make sure storm drains are clearly marked.

They hope their collective efforts will focus greater attention on the plight of rivers in southeastern Michigan.

"We just thought this year, rather than working independently, we would get more public awareness by working together," said John Bingham, Friends of the Rouge director of public involvement projects.

"Regional awareness also allows those citizens living on the border of two watersheds to split their volunteer efforts."

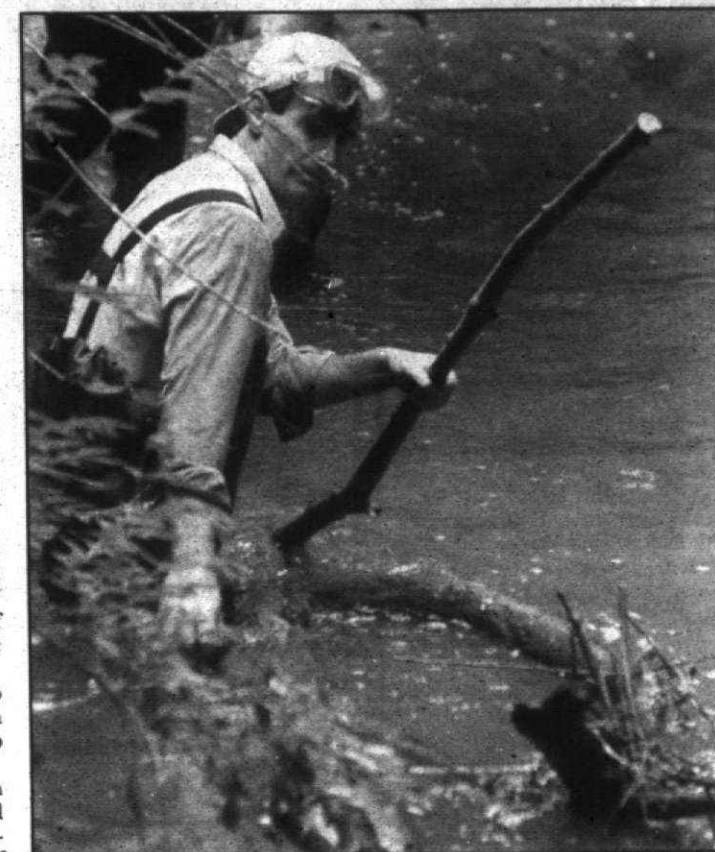
The core of River Day '99 in the Rouge River watershed will be the 14th annual Rouge Rescue river clean-up. Friends of the Rouge expects 2,500 volunteers to remove log jams and debris from the Rouge at 20 work sites.

Local efforts

Sharon Sabat, recreation supervisor for Livonia's Department of Community Services, doesn't know what to expect along the banks of the Rouge in Botsford Park on Lathers Road north of Seven Mile.

It's been three years since Friends of the Rouge volunteers visited the site. Last year, the group's efforts at Tarabussi Creek near Seven Mile and Meridian yielded an entire car.

Sabat said her group also will paint storm drain stencils in the Botsford Park neighborhood.



Cleanup: Friends of the Rouge need some 2,500 volunteers to help clean up the Rouge River.

The stencils consist of a 2-foot by 3-foot fish with the words "Dump no waste, drain to Rouge" printed below.

"When they go to drop that motor oil down there, they go, 'Oh my, you're not supposed to do that,'" said Sabat.

Alan Van Kerkhove of Plymouth Township has organized a 13-mile bike tour that begins at Riverside Park on Hines Drive and winds through Plymouth Township and the subdivisions west of Beck Road.

Van Kerkhove will conduct information stops near the head-

waters of six small streams and discuss geology of the area along the way.

"I'll show them where we built cluster developments, dry and wet retention basins, and talk about stream geography," he said.

Bob Patterson, community development specialist for Westland, will help focus the efforts of 200-300 volunteers in cleaning up the frontage of Holiday Park Nature Preserve and restoring the banks of Morgan Creek, which are near Central City Parkway and Nankin

Boulevard. Although Morgan Creek is one of the cleanest Rouge River sites, it has its garbage, he said. "We're going to be hauling away many shopping carts."

All about people

Bingham said the focus of River Day '99 is more about public involvement than cleaning up debris. "It's not a question of how many log jams have been removed as it is about how many people have volunteered." Last year a homeowner spent several months before Rouge Rescue day cutting up abandoned cars and pick-up trucks with a blow torch for Friends of the Rouge volunteers to haul away, he said.

Even non-volunteers can do their part for River Day '99 by paying attention to what happens in their own backyards, he added. They should use time-release fertilizers to reduce the run-off impact on streams.

They also can participate in stream surveys by going to a bridge at a road crossing in their neighborhood and noting suspicious pipes and debris or unusual smells.

Bingham said 95 percent of the industrial pollution in the Rouge River has been cleaned up. Finger-pointing is now more personal.

"Most of the remaining problems are the non-point sources—a little bit of fertilizer, a little bit of dripping motor oil, a little leaking of septic tanks. Multiply that by 1.5 million people, and it's suddenly a lot of pollution."

Volunteers for River Day '99 get free T-shirts while supplies last. It's an incentive to sign up early, said Bingham.

For more information, call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9827. People interested in signing up for Van Kerkhove's bike tour can call him at (313) 455-9144.

Madonna University expands MBA programs

The master of business administration degree at Madonna University has added three more certificates to its program, which begins this September.

Certificates in human resources management, international business management and international business finance operations will now be offered. These join existing certificates in general business administration, nonprofit leadership and quality management.

"We have incorporated the certificates of completion to allow students the opportunity

to specialize in an area pertinent to their careers," said Dr. Stuart Arends, dean of Madonna's School of Business.

Designed for both working professionals and those who have recently earned a bachelor's degree, the 40-semester-hour program covers all the functional areas of business. Classes will be offered in the evenings and on weekends, with some courses delivered online.

For information, contact the School of Business at (734) 432-5356. For an application, contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (734) 432-5667 or e-mail muni@smtp.munet.edu.

GOP women host Posthumus

The Suburban Republican Women invite the public to hear and meet Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at Bobby's Country House, 5870 Five Mile, just east of Levan Road.

Cost for the luncheon and speech is \$11 per person. Call (734) 420-4368 for reservations. The luncheon includes chicken dinner with rice, salad,

beverage and dessert. Posthumus, a former state senator, was elected along with Gov. John Engler in November 1998.

Posthumus, a farmer from Alto (community in west Michigan) is a former Senate Majority Leader. He was elected to the state Senate in 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994.

Rivers to meet constituents

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, has scheduled coffee hours 8:30-10 a.m. on Friday, May 28, at Leon's Family Dining Restaurant, 303 S. Wayne, in Westland.

All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their

concerns with her. For further information, call Deborah Johnson in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

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The two components of cholesterol, commonly known as "good" and "bad" are low-density lipoprotein (LDL or "bad cholesterol") and high-density lipoprotein (HDL or "good cholesterol"). Triglycerides are other fats that circulate with cholesterol. The higher the total cholesterol, LDL, and triglycerides the higher the chance to develop heart disease or heart attack. LDLs are taken up by cells within artery walls, forming a blood-clogging plaque. High level of triglycerides also adds to plaque build up on the artery walls. On the other hand elevated HDL "good cholesterol" protects the heart by carrying LDL to the liver where it is excreted.
Older adults with high LDL-cholesterol are at increased risk for heart disease, and intervention is more effective than in younger individuals. Women after menopause develop a rise in "LDL-bad cholesterol" and have relatively higher rates of coronary heart disease. Dietary modification and exercise showed better results when done together, but medications are very effective when indicated.

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Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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OBITUARIES

VICTOR M. WISNIEWSKI

Services for Victor M. Wisniewski, 90, of Canton were May 18 at St. John Neumann Church, Canton.

He was born Dec. 2, 1908, in Poland. He died May 14 in Riverview Hospital of an aneurysm. He was a job setter for the automotive industry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella C. Survivors include his son, Richard V. Wisniewski; one daughter, Irene R. (Paul) Smith; three sisters, Rose Kuras, Sophie Czarniak, Wanda

Galazka; and three grandchildren, Patricia, Michael, and James.

HELEN C. GNIWIEK

Services for Helen C. Gniwiewek, 68, of Canton were May 15 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, Canton.

She was born March 17, 1931, in Detroit. She died May 10 in Ann Arbor. She was a home-

maker. Survivors include her husband, Leonard Gniwiewek; three sons, Paul Gniwiewek of Royal Oak, Stephen Gniwiewek of Canton, Matthew Gniwiewek of Westland; two daughters, Judee Remenapp of Saline, Teresa Chludzinski of White Lake; one sister, Patricia Kasza; and 10 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

ERMA H. HOVEY

Services for Erma H. Hovey, 98, of Livonia (formerly of Canton) were May 18 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Selberg officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery of Chelsea.

She was born Jan. 31, 1901, in Ann Arbor. She died May 16 in Livonia. She was a resident of Canton for 10 years, formerly of Detroit. She was a member of the Holiday Park Senior Group. She also loved to garden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Alice Mohrlock. Survivors include her two daughters, Nancy J. Mosher of Northville, Beverly (Frank) Kuczyński of Plymouth; one granddaughter, Lisa (Jim) Prochazka of New Hudson; one grandson, Scott Mosher of California; one great-grandson, Nicholas; and one great-granddaughter, Megan. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

MATTHEW N. STEHLER

Services for Matthew N. Stehler, 21, of Westland (formerly of Canton and Plymouth) were May 19 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drexel Morton officiating. Burial was in Harger Cemetery, Marion Township.

He was born on May 8, 1978, in Livonia. He died May 15 in Westland. He was a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a co-op intern with

Plymouth Township Police in 1994 and 1995. He was a driver-operator at Westland Car Care.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Edith Neely. Survivors include his parents, Floyd A. and Betty J. Stehler of Lupton (formerly of Canton and Plymouth); one brother, Brian Stehler of Howell; two sisters, Fiona (Sander) Koteles of Farmington Hills, Lynne Sallow of Howell; grandmother, Margaret Thomson of Melbourne, Australia; and his beloved Christy and Tyler Reuter of Westland.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice 2368 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor 48103 or National Wildlife Federation 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22184.

DOROTHY P. WYATT

A committal service for Dorothy P. Wyatt, 94, of Canton will be May 25 at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia with the Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton presiding. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

She was born Aug. 27, 1904, in Dale, Ind. and died May 19 in the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Wyatt. Survivors include his two sons, Claude Wyatt Jr. of Imlay City, Thomas Green of Ohio; one daughter, Dianne Bennett of

Canton; one brother, Robert Avery of Florida; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Services for Ellen Marie Pietras, 81, of Canton were May 22 in St. Dunstan Catholic Church, Garden City with the Rev. Donald Demmer officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

She was born Oct. 9, 1917, in Detroit. She died May 19 in Livonia. She was an assembler. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Pietras. Survivors include her three sons, Patrick (Audrey) Pietras, Jerome Pietras, James (Judy) Pietras; one daughter, Diane Pietras of Canton; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Dunstan Catholic Church.

PHYLLIS RUTH WALLIS

Services for Phyllis Ruth Wallis, 75, of Canton were May 18 in Dunning Park Bible Chapel, Redford with the Rev. Edward J. Pearce officiating.

She was born May 6, 1924, in Detroit and died May 15 in Livonia. She was a executive assistant.

Survivors include her husband, James E. Wallis of Canton; two sons, James (Joy) Wallis Jr., William (Terese) Weld-Wallis; three daughters, Barbara (James) Tammialis, Teri (Keith) Bailey, Marcie (Alex) Rahill; and 14 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Phyllis Wallis Memorial Fund.

First week of June is target date for concrete on I-275

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Progress on I-275 continued this week with crews removing smashed concrete and broken reinforcement rods from what was formerly I-275's southbound lanes.

Construction crews are expected to pour new concrete during the first week of June, if the weather permits, according to a spokeswoman from the Michigan Department of Transportation. While that freeway's traffic has flowed relatively smoothly in recent days through Livonia, motorists using I-96 between Novi and Kent Lake Road can expect lane closures, which was scheduled to start Saturday.

Lanes will be reduced from three to two, so crews can prepare the freeway for a \$20.2 million, 11-mile resurfacing project.

"We'll take the right-hand lane and shoulders (for closures)," said MDT's Robin Pannecouk. "They'll start at about 7 a.m. Saturday and work around the clock until Monday at 5 a.m."

"They are preparing the shoulders and the necessary lane shifts."



STAFF PHOTO BY BETSY MITCHELL

Road construction: Construction workers removed smashed concrete and broken reinforcement rods from what was formerly I-275 southbound lanes last week.

Like I-275, the actual repaving of I-96 won't begin until early June. The I-96 work will be completed in two phases — the first will be completed between South Hill Road and Kent Lake, then the second between South Hill and Novi roads.

Madonna expands global reach with Seoul Center agreement

Continuing to broaden its international scope, Madonna University has entered into an agreement with the TOBA Center in Seoul, South Korea, to promote international education and student exchange programs.

One of the first cooperative efforts will involve TOBA students who have completed certificate programs in commercial art, hospitality management, nursing and computer science being accepted at Madonna and mainstreamed into its undergraduate programs.

It is expected that 40 South Korean students will come to Madonna this fall to study

education. "As we continue to build our international expertise, students from Madonna University, as well as those from other countries, will benefit by learning more about how globalization influences their work-related and life roles," said Dr. Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs at Madonna.

The University's Center for International Studies currently has affiliations with programs in England, Japan, Poland, Mexico, Taiwan and the People's Republic of China.

"With the continually expanding significance of Asian countries and the necessity for us to

become more aware of their cultural priorities, it is entirely appropriate that we would enter into an agreement with South Korea at this time," said Dr. Jonathan Swift, the center's director.

"We have much to learn from them as they learn from us. This knowledge is the basis of understanding, the basis of friendship, the basis of world peace."

Madonna University, located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, offers more than 50 career-oriented undergraduate programs and 14 master's degree programs in business, education, health services, hospice and nursing.

Variety highlights Schoolcraft's continuing education program

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services offers classes from massage to business. Classes beginning Tuesday-June 1 through Saturday, June 5, include the following:

■ Detailing a Business Plan - Your Roadmap to Success - Part of the Small Business Entrepreneur Series, this one-day class helps you learn to organize your thinking, and develop your business' description, markets and financial statements. The class begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, for a \$42 fee.

■ It's All in Your Head: Learning to Relax and Live - Learn strategies to help you unwind, manage stress and relieve tension. The one-day class is offered in conjunction with Botsford Hospital. The class is 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, for an \$18 fee.

■ Internet - The Great Beyond and More! - This two-week course teaches you to navigate the World Wide Web using the Netscape Navigator. Become acquainted with search engines, helper application plug-ins, bookmarks and electronic mail in this hands-on class. The class begins at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, for a \$98 fee.

■ Buying and Selling Your Own Home - Learn how to buy and sell a home at the best price, how to select a broker, how to select property, and how to market your home. Learn about financing, contracts, qualifying bargaining, costs, expenses and tax effects. This four-week class begins 6 p.m. Thursday, June 3 for a \$49 fee.

■ Hormone Replacement and Natural Hormones - A gynecologist from Botsford Hospital will discuss the role of natural and synthetic estrogen, progesterone and testosterone in protecting against osteoporosis and heart disease and using hormone replacement to reduce the symptoms of perimenopause and menopause. The one-day class is 1 p.m. Friday, June 4, for a \$5 fee.

■ Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction - This class is based on the mind-body research done at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center's Stress Reduction Clinic and helps you respond to the stressors in your life to increase your sense of control and well-being. The two-day class begins Saturday, June 5, for a \$72 fee.

■ Performance Based Motorcycles - This one-day seminar is designed for the experienced but unlicensed rider or as a refresher for the experienced, licensed

rider. Topics include braking, counter steering, turning and speed judgment. All students must provide their own cycle, proof of insurance and take a riding skills test. The class meets at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 5 for a \$25 fee.

■ Swimming for 5-and 6-Year-Olds - Children learn the basics of kicking, arm movement, blowing bubbles, floating and safety. The students should have some water experience, and parent participation is encouraged. This eight-week class begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5, with a second session at 1 p.m. for an \$43 fee.

■ Parent and Tot Swim - Children 6 months through 5 years will develop a high comfort level in, and around water and a readiness to swim. The parent or adult must enter the water. Bring your own swim suits, towel, lock and tight rubber pants over cloth diapers. The eight-week class begins Saturday, June 5, with sessions at 10 a.m. and noon for a \$39 fee.

For information on these or other CES classes, call (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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Holiday weekend blood drive set

American Red Cross Donor Centers will be open for special Memorial weekend hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29.

In recognition of Memorial Day, everyone who attempts to donate will receive a limited edition Red Cross "Remember" pin, and have their names entered in a raffle for Meadowbrook, Pine Knob, and Grand Prix tickets, restaurant dinner packages, and other giveaways. Schedule an appointment at a center near you by calling 800-GIVE-LIFE.

Every day more than 700 people are needed to donate blood to meet the need of patients in southeastern Michigan. With less than 5 percent of eligible adults donating blood for this entire area, blood supplies can drop dangerously low.

To be a blood donor, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in general good health. The donation process takes approximately one hour and includes registration, a brief medical history, a

mini-physical, and the blood donation. To schedule an appointment, call 800-GIVE-LIFE. Nearby donor centers include: Ann Arbor, 2725 Packard (near Eisenhower Road); Novi, 41160 Ten Mile Road (east of Meadowbrook Road); Dearborn, Village Plaza at 23400 Michigan; Livonia, Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 Six Mile Road, Suite 100C.

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Garden City	Westland
Wednesday, May 26 2 p.m. at Garden City Public Library 2012 Middlebelt Rd.	Tuesday, May 25 2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's 36601 Warren Ave.
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City of Plymouth 1999-2000 Budget RESOLUTION 1999-2000 CITY BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the 1999-2000 City Budget was presented by the City Manager on April 5, 1999, and was reviewed by the City Commission with the Administration during four public study sessions; and

WHEREAS, various modifications have been made to the proposed budget, based on a review of projected revenues and expenditures, and the City's priorities for various programs and projects;

NOT THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby calls a public hearing to consider the proposed 1999-2000 City Budget as revised, in accordance with the following notice:

City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 1999-2000 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 1999-2000 City Budget.

PROPOSED 1999 CITY MILLAGE RATES: The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 1998 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

The 1999 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.76 mills, which is the same as the 1998 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.76 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage rollback formula.

The 1999 tax rate for debt service millage to fund a portion of the debt service requirements for the 1997 and 1998 General Obligation Bond issues is proposed to be 1.84 mills, a decrease of .02 mills from 1998.

The 1999 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.60 mills, an increase of .20 mills over the 1998 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.20 mills for 1999, which is .18 mills higher than the 1998 total City tax rate of 15.02 mills.

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established a tentative 1999 equalization factors of 1.0693 for residential classes of property, 1.0259 for commercial classes of property and 1.0000 for industrial classes of property. Since the City has increased assessments for the residential and commercial classes for 1999 by the proposed factors, all 1999 equalization factors will be set at 1.00.

1999-2000 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 1999-2000 as follows:

GENERAL FUND: REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
Property taxes \$3,691,450	Administration \$1,322,140
Licenses & Permits 119,500	Buildings & Grounds 411,440
Federal Grants 46,000	Police Department 1,700,620
State-shared Rev 1,142,320	Fire Department 648,000
Sales of Service 249,060	Public Works Dept. 666,160
Cemetery Revenue 139,800	Bldg. & Engineering Dept. 278,610
Parking Revenue 34,600	Other Functions 219,500
Other Revenue 454,100	Capital Outlay 203,800
Transfers to Other 29,640	Debt Service 204,670
REVENUE TOTAL \$5,906,470	Transfers to Other Funds \$251,530
	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$5,906,470

MAJOR STREET FUNDS:	
Gas & Wgt Taxes \$342,200	
Contrib & Other 752,200	
REVENUE TOTAL \$1,094,400	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$1,094,400

LOCAL STREET FUND:	
Gas & Wgt. Taxes \$137,280	
Contrib & Other 426,800	
REVENUE TOTAL \$564,080	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$564,080

RECREATION FUND:	
Property Taxes \$153,360	
Prog. Fees & Other \$93,400	
REVENUE TOTAL \$1,116,760	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$1,116,760

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND:	
Property Taxes \$490,760	Operating Expenses \$57,250
Sales of Service 167,000	Debt Expenses 78,510
REVENUE TOTAL \$657,760	EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$657,760

OTHER CITY FUNDS:	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 376,140	\$ 376,140
DDA Debt Fund	\$ 396,800	\$ 396,800
Old Village Dev. Fund	\$ 73,680	\$ 396,800
Public Improv. Fund	\$ 178,000	\$ 108,730
1997 G.O. Bond Const. Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,074,500
1998 G.O. Bond Const. Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Parking Fund	\$ 24,000	\$ -
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 24,000	\$ 14,000
1997 G.O. Bond Debt Fund	\$ 637,680	\$ 637,680
1998 G.O. Bond Debt Fund	\$ 74,780	\$ 74,780
Highway Debt Fund	\$ 30,650	\$ 30,650
Building Authority Funds	\$ 464,510	\$ 464,510

Financial plans for the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund and the Equipment Fund are also included in the Budget Document.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS: As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE: A complete copy of the 1999-2000 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Salem secretary named Extra Miler

Susan Jackiw, secretary to the principal at Plymouth Salem High School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the school board meeting on April 13.

Jackiw was cited for her enthusiasm and drive, along with her dedication and devotion to the students, staff and parents at Salem and toward the entire Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Members of the Salem staff wrote: "There is nothing that comes under the category of 'that's not my job' for Susan. Whatever she is asked to do, she does and whatever requires attention that she is not asked to do, she does. She strives throughout the year to maintain the philosophy that if there is a 'better way,' she will find it, implement it, and usually give

another the credit for it. When the doors are open (and they are) Susan is working to complete a myriad of tasks."

"You may be confident that all are completed timely and beautifully."

Fellow secretaries Linda Walther and Linda Cummins said, "Susan is always seeking ways to make others happy as well as taking responsibility for being 'upbeat' herself. She is a joy to work with."

Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin said, "You will not find anyone in this district more deserving of this Extra Miler honor than Susan Jackiw."

Jackiw received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by board member Darwin Watts.

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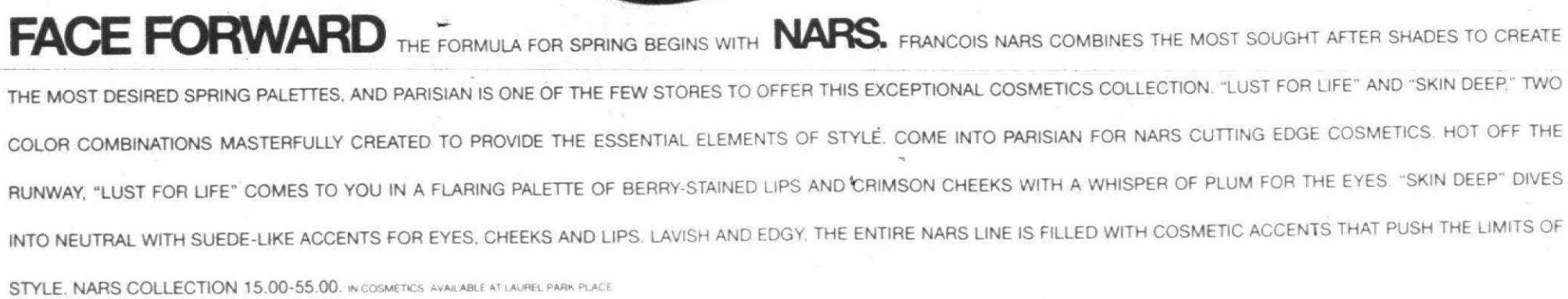
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PARISIAN

CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Good food and good beer at Rochester Mills

Tony Dandar is getting married. There are some who said this would be the start of the apocalypse, but I have not seen four guys riding around on horses yet, so I guess we are safe. That leaves me as the last soldier standing.

Stawarz, RB, and I thought that we should take Tony out for a small celebration. Since old Tone Dog lives in Rochester now, what better place for us than the Rochester Mills Beer Co.

We got there after lunch when things were not so hectic. We met Chef Jim Munroe and brewmeister Pat Scanlon. They're two really nice guys. One does great food and the other does great beer.

Now Pat would not give up the recipe for his mild, but Jim gave up his recipes for Yellow Tomato Gazpacho and Grilled Michigan Rainbow Trout with Spicy Black Beans, which we had for lunch.

In the way of beer I had the Watch Tower Ale and Cornerstone I.P.A. with the gazpacho and Michigan Mild with the trout.

The Watchtower is a traditional bitter full of flavor. The I.P.A. is a big malt and hop with a very nicely balanced finish. Mild is a British classic, with dark, chocolaty, nutty and caramel malt flavors. It has a nice light body that doesn't fill you up.

Since there was a bunch of us, we tried all their beers — a crisp golden Lazy Dazy lager, an unfiltered German wheat beer, Water Street Wheat, Rochester Red, and a stout lover's delight Sacri-licious Stout, a dry Irish stout that was a big favorite of the table.

So if you are in the neighborhood, stop at 400 Water St. in downtown Rochester. You will not be disappointed.

GRILLED MICHIGAN RAINBOW TROUT WITH SPICY BLACK BEANS

Serves 8

- 6 cups cold water
- 1 pound black beans
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon cracked coriander
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 8 Rainbow Trout

In a large saucepan, combine water, black beans, ginger, cumin, coriander, honey, balsamic vinegar, sesame oil, kosher salt, and white pepper.

Bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer 1 1/2 to 3 hours until beans take on a glossy look and nearly all the liquid is absorbed. There is no soaking in this recipe. Mixture can be refrigerated and reheated in a microwave.

To prepare trout. Clean fish, cut in half and leave skin on one side. Season to taste. Preheat and oil the grill.

Place fish on the grill, flesh side down first, and sear for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes.

Turn over and continue cooking for 2-3 minutes, depending on thickness.

Serve with side of black beans.

Note: Rainbow Trout can be found at most local grocery or seafood markets.

YELLOW TOMATO GAZPACHO

Serves 8

- 4 pounds yellow tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 diced red bell pepper
- 1 diced yellow bell pepper
- 1 diced English cucumber
- 4 thinly sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons minced cilantro
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup olive oil

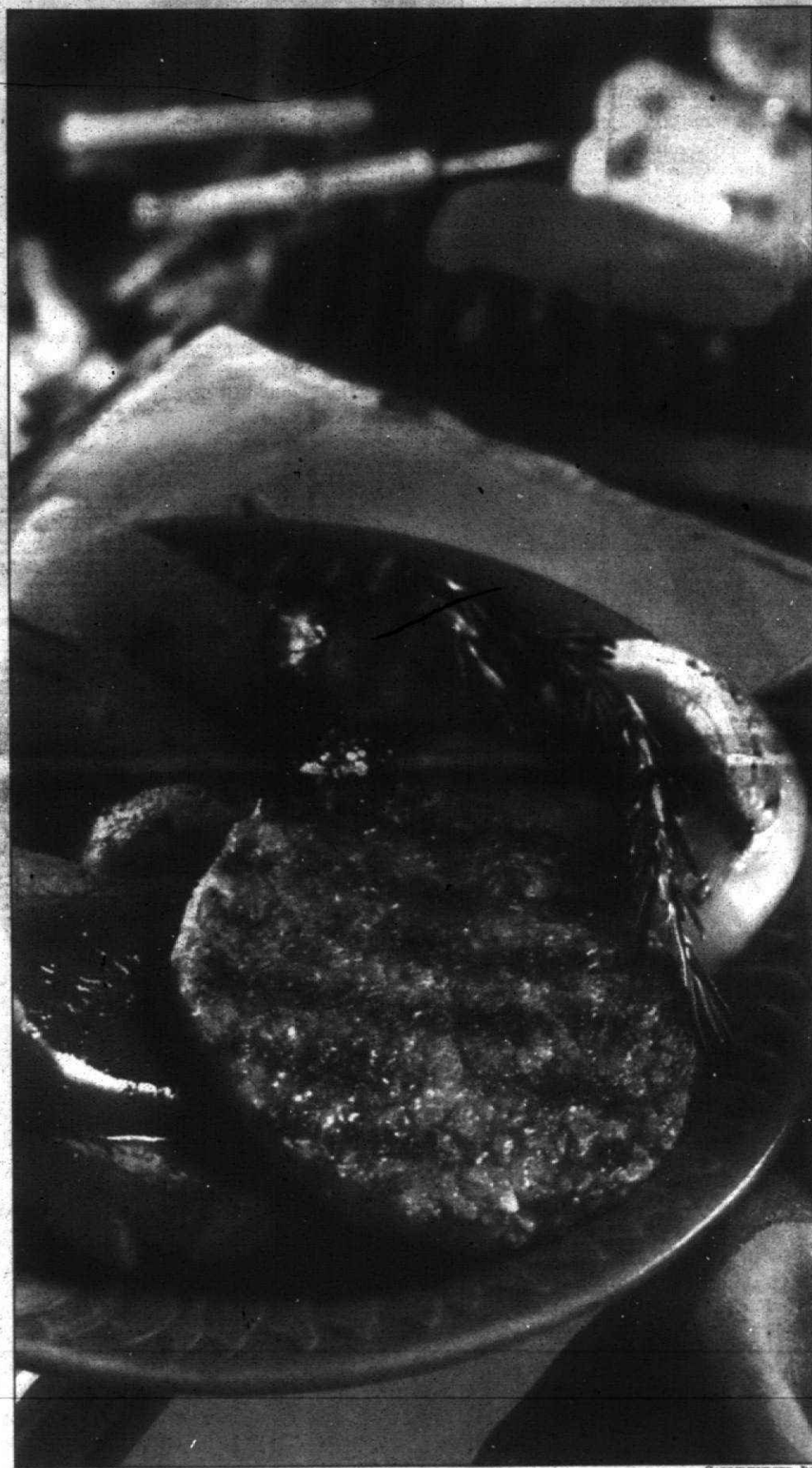
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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- These potato chips are "Better Made"
- Have a "Herb" in your life

A HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE Gardenburgers



BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

If you watch any TV, you've seen him, Chef Paul, or his cartoon equivalent.

He's trying to convince you that Gardenburgers are not only healthy but delicious.

Just how good are these Gardenburgers?

More to the point, will I, a person known to browse meat markets world wide, like this meatless, hamburger look-alike?

I tried not only the Original veggie patty Gardenburger, around since 1981, but eight others, created since then. Two of them, Gardenburger Santa Fe and Gardenburger Hamburger Style Sautéed Onion, are brand new.

I liked them, preferring the newest renditions best because they are packed with flavor. I liked them grilled over hot coals better than pan-sautéed or nuked in a microwave. Even though Gardenburgers are prebaked and only need to be defrosted and heated through by the chosen cooking method, charcoal grilling imparted more flavor and a gentle smokiness.

Barbecue dilemma

We all love to barbecue in summer. It's easy and keeps kitchen mess to a minimum. But there's a downside. What we generally grill is high calorie, high fat and high cholesterol.

The Kroger Co. of Michigan's registered dietitian Diane Reynolds provided some nutritional analysis for the most popular barbecue items. Each fish, poultry or meat serving is four ounces, unless otherwise stated and from least caloric to most, here's her breakdown:

- Grilled skinless chicken breast: 132 Calories, 1.4 grams fat, 66 mg cholesterol. With 1 1/2 tablespoons barbecue sauce, calories bump to 159.
- Grilled salmon fillet: 233 Calories, 14 grams fat, 71.5 mg cholesterol.
- Grilled Oscar Mayer hot dog on a bun with mustard, pickle relish, ketchup and chopped raw onions: 286 Calories, 13 grams fat, 30 mg cholesterol. Change this to Italian sausage and the numbers escalate to 479 calories, 36 grams fat and 89 mg cholesterol.
- Grilled ground round beef hamburger on a bun with mustard, ketchup, raw onion slice, tomato slice and a lettuce leaf: 506 Calories, 24 grams fat, 99 mg cholesterol.
- Dry rub 12 ounces of baby back pork ribs and your intake is 906 calories, 51 grams fat and 237 mg cholesterol. Brush on 1/3 cup of traditional barbecue sauce and calories top 997.

Gardenburgers are 2.5 ounces each, four to a package. They range, depending on type, between 100 and 130 Calories. Even if you grilled two of the highest caloric count, your intake is half the calories of a ground round burger.

If you choose the new Gardenburger Hamburger Style Sautéed Onion, they are 100 calories each, zero fat and no cholesterol.

Did I know I wasn't eating meat? Absolutely! But served on a whole grain bun and topped with red onion, mustard, ketchup and leaf lettuce, the taste of the traditional was there — a different texture, but

Please see GARDENBURGERS, B2

Wholesome and hearty: Gardenburgers are soy meat alternatives that mimic the taste, texture and look of meat. Grill them over hot coals for the best flavor.

Award-winning Italian inspired salad quick, easy

BY KEELY WYAGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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Eleanor Froehlich's Beef Tortelloni Salad can be made in a hurry on days when you'd rather be outside enjoying the sunshine than inside cooking.

Froehlich's recipe received an honorable mention in the Michigan Beef Cook-Off sponsored by the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Her prize included a check for \$50, and an apron.

Since retiring from Birmingham Groves High School where she taught English, Froehlich has been busy cooking. She won her first cooking contest in 1985, and won four this year.

"I like the challenge of following the rules they give you, and coming up with something that tastes good," said Froehlich who lives in Rochester. In making the Beef Tortelloni Salad, Froehlich said she had to pare ingredients down to a minimum. Contest rules called for six ingredients or less,



excluding salt and pepper.

Instead of the deli marinated Italian vegetable salad called for in her recipe, Froehlich said you could substitute your choice of vegetables such as roasted red peppers, marinated mushrooms,

rooms, and chickpeas. Toss the salad with a fat-free or lite Italian salad dressing. Look for deli marinated Italian vegetable salad at specialty food markets.

Froehlich has entered several cooking contests this year, and just sent in her entry for the Land O'Lakes Cookie Swap Contest.

"I experiment in my own kitchen," she said. "I read a lot of cookbooks, and

try different tastes and textures. If I find something I like, I refine it."

To receive rules and entry information for the next beef cook-off, contact the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, MI 48864, (517) 347-0911.

Get your copy of the "Best of Beef" winning recipes brochure. Send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission at the address listed above.

Visit the Michigan Beef Industry Commission Web site www.MIBeef.org

Everyone has a "Recipe to Share." What's yours? Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

If your recipe is chosen you'll receive a cookbook along with our thanks.

BEEF TORTELLONI SALAD

- 1 1/2 pounds sliced deli roast beef, about 1/8-inch thick
- 2 cups deli marinated Italian vegetable salad, undrained
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup shredded Romano cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 package (14-16 oz.) cheese tortelloni

Cook and drain cheese tortelloni according to package directions.

Cut roast beef into 1/4-inch strips, then into 1-inch lengths.

Mix all ingredients except tortelloni in a bowl.

Add the tortelloni; toss. Serve immediately. Serves 8.

Make Gardenburgers special

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

See related story on Taste front.

Do a little gourmet preparation and turn Gardenburgers into special appetizers or main plates with the following recipes. A few more calories, but not a whole lot more!

I adapted all the following recipes to grilling rather than skillet directions provided by Gardenburger.

GREEK TRIANGLES

- pita bread
 - 1/2 cup prepared hummus
 - 2 Classic Greek Gardenburger veggie patties
 - 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese or plain yogurt
 - Chopped fresh mint
 - Chopped fresh tomato
- Preheat oven to 375°F.
Split pita bread into two rounds and bake at 375°F for 3 minutes or until slightly crisp.

Spread cut sides with hummus and cut into 8 triangles.

Grill Gardenburgers until heated through (about 3 minutes per side). Cut each into 3 wedges.

Arrange 1 patty wedge on each pita triangle. Sprinkle feta cheese, mint and tomato on each wedge. Makes 16 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 41 Cal, 1.3g fat, 2mg chol.

FIRE ROASTED FOCACCIA

- 4 Fire Roasted Vegetable Gardenburgers
 - 1 loaf focaccia bread, halved horizontally
 - 2 tablespoons pesto sauce or 1/4 cup prepared pizza sauce
 - 4 prepared roasted red peppers
 - 4 thin slices onion
 - 1/2 cup shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese
 - Ground black pepper
- Preheat oven to 375°F.
Grill Gardenburgers until heated through (about 3 minutes per side).

Meanwhile, spread bottom half of bread with pesto sauce. Layer red peppers, grilled patties and onion on pesto.

Sprinkle cheese and pepper on cut side of top half of bread. Bake both halves at 375°F for 10 minutes or until cheese melts.

Place top half of bread, cut side down, on onion. Cut into six



GARDENBURGER INC.

Appetizing: Turn Gardenburgers into special appetizers such as Greek Triangles.

wedges. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 318 Cal, 7.2g fat, 14mg chol.

Tip: Serve with tossed green salad and low-calorie dressing of choice.

TERIYAKI GARDENBURGER

- 1 Original Gardenburger
- 1 tablespoon prepared teriyaki marinade or sauce
- 2-3 each red and green bell pepper rings
- 1 whole grain hamburger bun
- 1/2 cup finely shredded cabbage
- 1 tablespoon chutney sauce (recipe follows)

Place bell pepper rings on grill. Grill Gardenburgers until heated through (about 3 minutes per side).

Brush patty with teriyaki marinade during grilling.

Toast bun on grill if desired. Place cabbage then grilled patty on bottom half of bun. Top with pepper rings. Spread chutney sauce on top half of bun and place on peppers. Makes one serving.

For chutney sauce: combine 1 tablespoon low-fat mayonnaise and 1 tablespoon mango chutney. Mix well. Makes 2 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 324 Cal, 5.9g fat, 4mg chol.

Tip: Serve with prepared corn relish or three-bean salad.

GARDEN FETTUCCINE

- 8 ounces spinach fettuccine
- Boiling salted water
- 4 Savory Mushroom Gardenburgers
- 1 cup ready-to-serve white sauce
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh ground pepper
- Minced parsley
- Thinly sliced sweet red pepper

Cook fettuccine in salted water until tender; drain.

Grill Gardenburgers until heated through (about 3 minutes per side).

Thoroughly heat white sauce. Add cheese and ground pepper; mix well.

Portion 1/4 of fettuccine on each of four warmed plates.

Quarter each Gardenburger patty and arrange in tent-like shape on top.

Pour sauce in center of patty "tent." Sprinkle with parsley and red pepper. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 444 Cal, 12.2g fat, 15mg chol.

CALIFORNIA GARDENBURGER

- 2 Veggie Medley Gardenburgers
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons minced cilantro
- 2 whole grain hamburger buns, toasted on grill
- 2 tomato slices
- 6 slices (about 1/2) peeled, seeded avocado
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 lettuce leaves
- 2 each orange slices, strawberries and grape clusters (optional)

Grill Gardenburgers until heated through (about 3 minutes per side).

Combine mayonnaise and cilantro.

Brush avocado slices with lemon juice.

Spread cut sides of buns with mayonnaise mixture. Place Gardenburger, tomato slice, 3 avocado slices and lettuce on bottom half of each bun. Cover with top half of each bun.

Garnish each plate with orange slice, strawberry and grape cluster if desired.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 392 Cal, 13g fat, 8mg chol.

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plenty of good taste.

Soy meat alternatives

Both Gardenburger Hamburger Style Fat Free and the Low Fat version are soy meat alternatives mimicking the taste, texture and look of meat. The Gardenburger Hamburger Style Fat

Free version contains no animal products and appeals to vegans. Cheeseburger lovers, desiring to cut down on fat and cholesterol, will enjoy the Low Fat which is hamburger style with cheese soy patty.

What everyone who's watching calories and cholesterol dislikes

most, especially at a barbecue with friends, is looking different. Gardenburgers look like regular, high-cal burgers. Put them on the grill, slip them off in a few minutes onto a bun, top with the works, and look like everyone else munching away.

Gardenburgers are available

at Kroger stores, Meijer, Farmer Jack's, Vic's World Class Market and Merchant of Vino-Whole Foods. To try before you buy, Gardenburgers can be ordered off the menu at many Denny's and T.G.I. Friday's restaurant locations.

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- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Cut tomatoes in half sideways (not through stem end) and gently squeeze each half to remove seeds.
- Place tomato halves in a large sauce pan over low heat for about 20 minutes to reduce some of the juices.
- Pour off excess juice. Working in batches, if necessary, in a blender or food processor, puree tomatoes until smooth.

In a large mixing bowl, mix pureed tomatoes, garlic, red pepper, yellow pepper, cucumber, green onion, cilantro, olive oil, cayenne pepper, salt and black pepper.

Chill and serve.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

Weber experts ready to help

Each spring as backyard cooks around the country start to fire up their grills, the Weber Grill-Line springs to life.

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They have been trained to answer a wide variety of grilling

subjects, including food and product safety.

Call the Grill-Line to request a free copy of Weber's latest booklet, "Weber's Beyond Burgers Barbecue Booklet."

The Grill-Line is open for calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Labor Day. A taped recording offers limited information 24 hours a day.

When it comes to meat, many Americans choose beef

May is Beef Month in Michigan. According to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, beef has been a main component of American diets for centuries.

Nearly nine out of ten households in the U.S. will serve beef in the next two weeks.

"Beef is a nutritional bargain," said Kathleen Hawkins, executive

director of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. "Our producers have been responsive to consumer demands for leaner beef at a good value. Today's beef has 27 percent less trimmable fat than just a decade ago and beef has significant amounts of important nutrients like iron, zinc, protein and the B-vitamins."

Americans are expected to consume more than 55.8 million pounds of beef this Memorial Day. Remember to use an instant-read thermometer to safeguard against foodborne bacteria when preparing beef.

A study commissioned by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association found that only two percent of Americans say they regularly use an instant-read thermometer to determine the proper doneness of beef. Of those who do use an instant-read thermometer, less than half they use an instant-read thermometer every time. More than half said they do not use instant-read thermometers because "they never thought of it."

The best way to know the internal temperature of beef or poultry is to use an instant-read thermometer to ensure that it is cooked to the proper temperature.

Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Steak and roasts to 145°F. Reheat leftovers to at least

160°F. When cooking chicken, the thermometer should read 180°F.

For more information about beef and food safety on the Web, visit www.beef.org, www.MIBee.org, or www.fight-bac.org.

To receive "Plating If Safe" and "Fight BAC!" food safety brochures, call (888)-SAFTIPS.

Thai-Style Steak Pizza is one of the recipes you'll find in "America's Favorite Beef Recipes," (Time-Life, Inc. 1998). The bold flavor of beef pairs perfectly with the assertive flavors of indigenous Thai cuisine.

Packed with 77 delicious recipes this cookbook was created by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

THAI-STYLE STEAK PIZZA

Total preparation and cooking

- time: 30 minutes
- 1 1/4 pound boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
- 1 tablespoon roasted garlic oil
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1 package (10 ounces) pre-baked thin pizza crust (12-inch diameter)
- 3 tablespoons Thai peanut sauce
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded pizza cheese blend
- 1/2 cup packaged shredded carrots
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Heat oven to 425°F. Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch thick

strips. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Stir-fry beef and onions in 2 batches, 2 to 3 minutes each, or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon.

Place pizza crust on ungreased large baking sheet. Spread with peanut sauce; sprinkle with 1/2 cup of cheese. Top with beef mixture; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup of cheese.

Bake in 425°F oven 11 to 13 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with carrots and cilantro. Cut into 8 wedges. Serve immediately. Makes 1 pizza, 8 wedges.

Nutrition information per wedge: 266 calories; 23g protein; 18g carbohydrate; 11g fat; 2.7mg iron; 429mg sodium; 53mg cholesterol.

Delicious and easy: Thai-Style Steak Pizza is but one of the classic and contemporary favorites from the new cookbook, "America's Favorite Beef Recipes."

Pair spicy shrimp with veggies

AP — Southwestern cooking makes a vivid statement. Its style is characterized by bold flavors, colorful ingredients and earthy seasonings.

Shrimp Mexicana and Vegetable Kebabs calls for a medley of spices, including chili, cumin, garlic and oregano, to flavor a lemon-juice and olive-oil marinade for the shrimp. Zucchini, mushrooms, bell pepper and onion make up the vegetable complement on the skewers.

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Marinade:

Juice of 1 lemon (2 table-

- spoons)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Kebabs:

- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 small zucchini, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1 cup mushrooms, cut in half
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch dice
- 1 medium red onion, cut into

1-inch cubes

In a bowl or self-closing plastic bag, combine marinade ingredients.

Add shrimp and toss to coat. Refrigerate 15 minutes.

Skewer the shrimp alternately with the vegetables.

Broil or grill kebabs 7 to 8 minutes, turning frequently or until the shrimp are cooked through and vegetables are tender. Serve with cooked rice.

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Bread salad a flavorful introduction to Tunisian cuisine

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Blankit is an easy canapé, a kind of succulent Tunisian bruschetta. Perfect in warm weather, it is a slice of French bread heaped with the finely chopped salad of tomato, green pepper and radish or fennel. A wedge of hard-cooked egg or some moist, dark tuna is often perched on top of the Blankit.

The French, who once ruled Tunisia, left behind in this North African country an enduring love for their crusty bread. In Blankit, which actually refers to the cushion of bread itself, the cottony center of the local version of French bread soaks up and holds the juices of the vegetable topping. Because of this, you must eat Blankit shortly after it is made or risk having the whole thing fall into a delicious mess in your hand.

A better way to avoid this is by serving Blankit as an appetizer, eaten with a knife and fork. And still better way is to turn the Blankit into a bread salad.

Visiting Tunisia recently, I enjoyed Blankit served this way. It was the first course at a lunch served by the Maouia family at Dar Maouia, their home in the medina, the once-walled old quarter of Tunis.

The Maouia sisters, our hosts, were exceptional cooks, even in

this country where women are the most respected chefs. Their family recipe for Blankit combined cubes of soft French bread with the expected chopped vegetables, plus finely diced Swiss cheese, chopped parsley, olives and anchovy, and flaked tuna. This was dressed with fruity olive oil and a splash of wine vinegar, and served on a bed of Romaine lettuce leaves, ringed with wedges of hard-cooked egg.

Though Tunisian cooking is little known in the U.S., you can easily get all the ingredients for this salad, making it an easy as well as an appealing introduction to the splendid flavors of this North African cuisine.

BLANKIT: TUNISIAN BREAD

SALAD
1 large green bell pepper
10-inch length French bread, stored overnight in a plastic bag
4 large plum tomatoes, seeded and diced (1 cup)
2 ounces low-fat Swiss cheese, cut in 1/2-inch cubes (1/2 cup)
2-ounce can anchovy filets, rinsed and chopped
1/4 cup Sicilian-style green olives, chopped
1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and chopped
1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley

1/2 cup chopped mint
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Romaine lettuce leaves

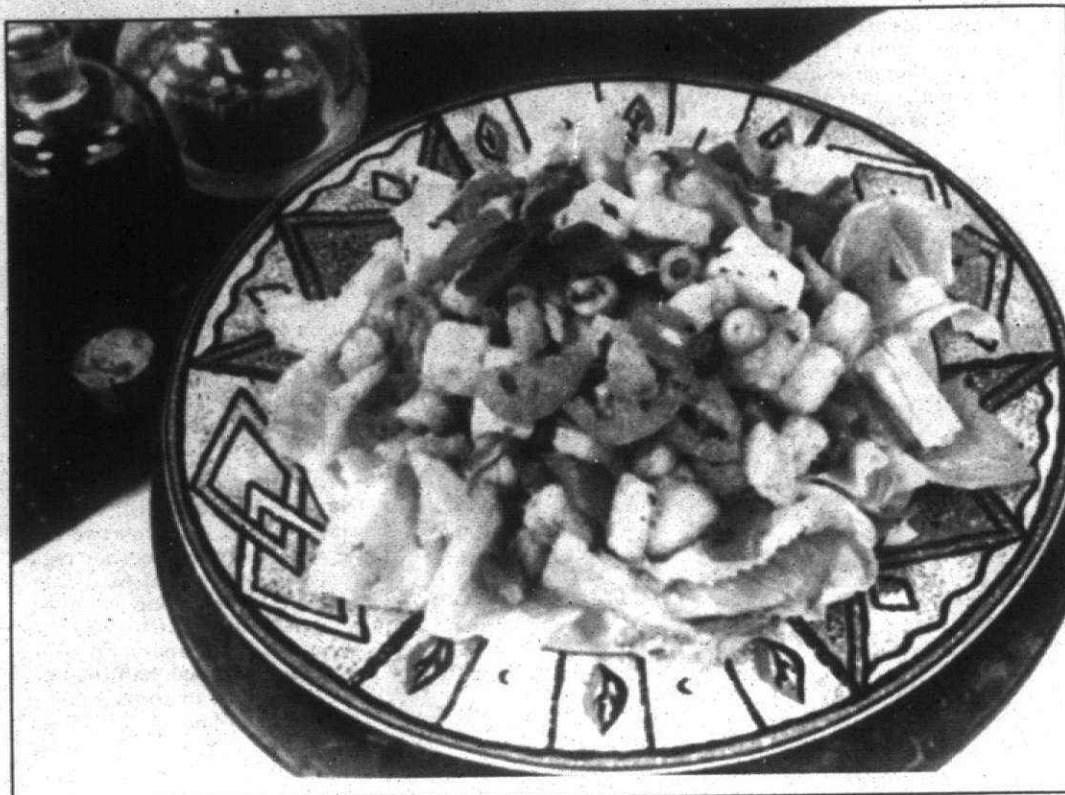
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Place the pepper on a piece of foil in the center of the oven. Roast 20 minutes, until its skin is dark in spots and loose.

Immediately place the pepper in a paper bag for 20 minutes. Using your fingers, peel the pepper. Seed the pepper and chop it finely.

Cut the bread into 1/2-inch slices. Halve each slice horizontally, then stack and cut the halves into 1/2-inch pieces. Place the cubed bread in a large bowl; there should be 4 cups.

To the cubed bread, add the green pepper, tomato, cheese, anchovies, olives, and capers. Toss to combine. Add the parsley and mint, and toss. Pour in the oil and vinegar, and toss until the bread is completely moistened; it will reduce in volume. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Arrange the lettuce to make a bed on each of 4 dinner plates, then mound 2 cups of the salad on each. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information: each of the four servings contains 238 calories and 8 grams of fat.



Splendid salad: Though Tunisian cooking is little known in the U.S., you can easily get all the ingredients for this bread salad.

Dana Jacobi, is author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!" tutre for Cancer Research. Written for the American Insti-

Meat maven shares tips for outdoor grilling success

AP — Meat maven Bruce Aidells considers grilling a year-round activity, but he bows to seasonal backyard chefs and offers some advice to make sure the summer cooking ritual kicks off in high style.

Aidells is co-author of the

well-received "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin) published last year, and is founder-owner of the San Francisco-based Aidells Sausage Co. Here are some of his outdoor grilling tips:

■ Best bets for grilling: 1 1/2-

inch to 2-inch-thick steaks, pork, lamb or veal chops, as well as burgers, kebabs and sausages.

■ Salt beef, pork and lamb BEFORE grilling, not after. It will be much more flavorful and juicy.

■ Sauces made with sugar or

honey burn easily. Use caution when grilling meats that have been soaked in a sweet marinade, brush on sugary barbecue sauces after cooking or during the last few minutes of grilling.

■ Don't parboil spare ribs before grilling. That only toughens the meat and drains it of flavor.

■ Prepare three temperature

zones on your barbecue. High heat (2 to 3-layers of coals), medium (one layer) and an area with no coals around the edge. Sear meat over high area then move to medium area to finish cooking, or to the no-coal zone to

keep fully cooked pieces warm while the others finish. Food kept in this area will continue to cook, so don't leave it too long.

■ Use the "hand test" to check for coal readiness. Hold the palm of your hand just above rack level over high-heat zone. If your hand becomes too hot by the time you count to two, it's time to grill.

■ Cover kettle grills during cooking, and use the vents to regulate heat and control flare-ups. Open vents to raise temperature, close vents to reduce it.

■ Use a digital instant-read thermometer to test for done-

ness. Consult a cookbook for a guide to doneness temperatures for various meats. With the exception of hamburgers, which should be cooked to medium well, grilled meats are at their best when cooked to no more than medium rare.

■ Remove meat from heat when thermometer reads 5 degrees less than the desired temperature. Keep loosely covered on a warm plate. Carryover heat will continue to cook the meat.

■ Allow meat to rest for 5 to 10 minutes before carving or serving to absorb juices and balance the internal temperature.

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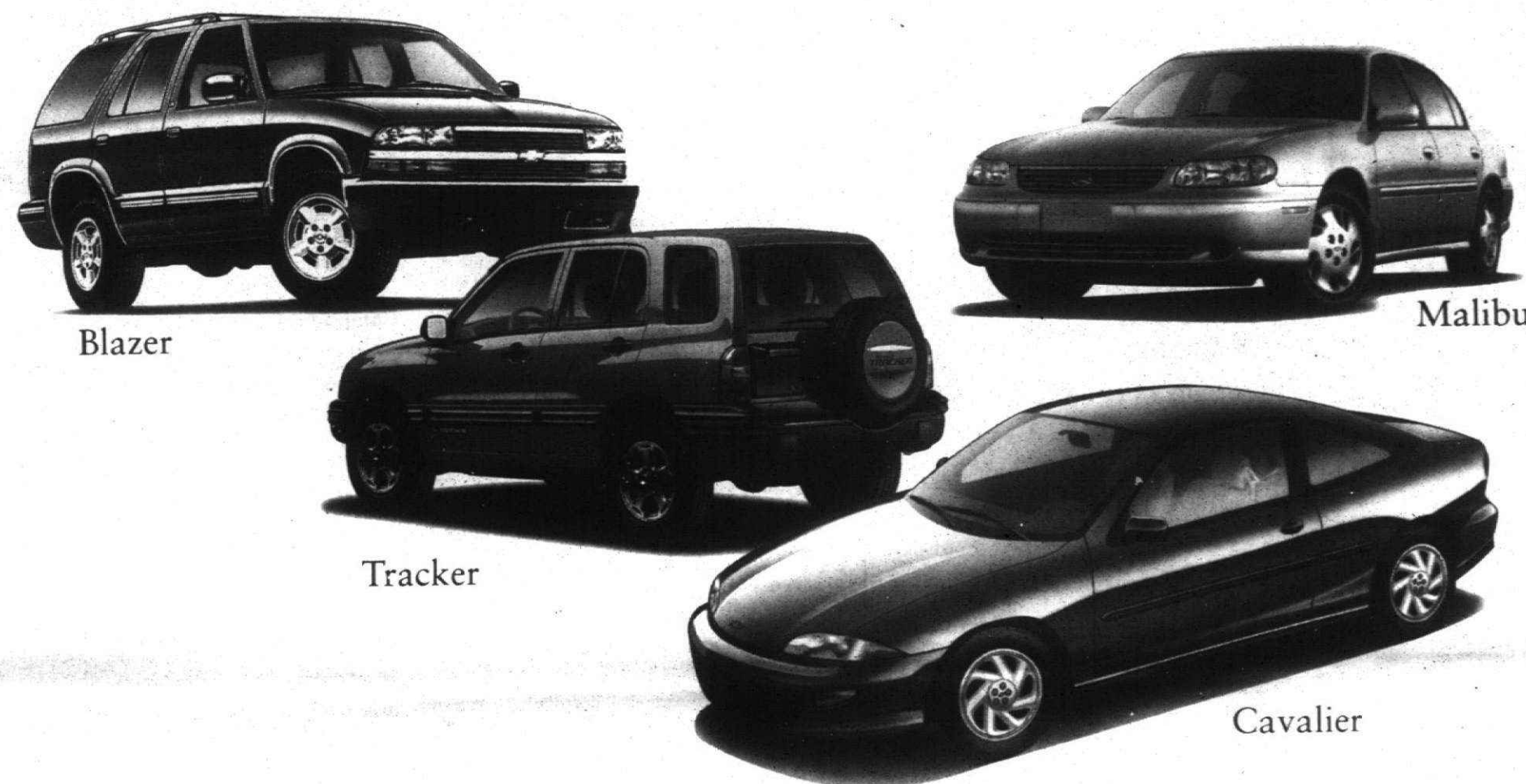
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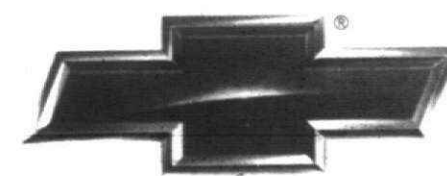
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Oakwood Healthcare Center - Westland (2001 S. Morcoran Road) is helping kids prepare for summer activities and the return to school this fall by offering physicals and free immunizations on Saturday, Aug. 7. Many summer camps, sports activities and school require that kids have a physical evaluation and all their immunizations be up to date. Appointments are not necessary but parents must bring their child's immunization records. Call (800) 543-WELL.

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Cholesterol update

James Macienko, M.S., Ph.D., director of Botsford General Hospital's Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis lab will describe the role of HDL and LDL cholesterol and hereditary risk factors in heart disease from 1-3 p.m. Monday, May 24. He will explain the use of antioxidants, high fiber consumption, hormone replacement therapy and a low-fat diet in protecting against heart disease. \$5 Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448.

Cancer survivor day

St. Mary Hospital is planning a variety of activities for area cancer survivors on National Cancer Survivors Day, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 6 in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion near the South Entrance. Special guest speakers include Vainutis Vaitkevicius, M.D. ("Dr. V"), internationally known oncologist; Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. Preregistration is requested by May 28. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Lupus support

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3 at the Farmington Library (23500 Liberty Street). Dr. Parveen Qazi, rheumatologist will discuss "Lupus and overlapping diseases that mimic Lupus, including fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and Epstein Barr. Call Andrea Gray for more information (734) 261-6714.

Urgent care

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Fibroid tumors

New procedure lessens downtime for patients

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While a hysterectomy was an option her physician suggested for the removal of fibroid tumors, Suzanne Schuelke recalls it wasn't an alternative she was willing to accept. "I wasn't prepared for a hysterectomy," said Schuelke who was experiencing stomach aches and intestinal problems as the result of five fibroid tumors (three very large) that had grown on the walls of her uterus.

Fibroid tumors are common, noncancerous growths that can range in size from very tiny to larger than a cantaloupe. Approximately 20-40 percent of women 35 and older have a uterine fibroid.

Although Schuelke, 42, wasn't experiencing the typical symptoms associated with fibroid tumors (prolonged/heavy menstrual periods, pelvic pain/pressure or bladder problems) the discomfort was enough to cause her physician to order an ultrasound and a series of six injections of Luprin — a medication that stops a woman's menstrual cycle by beginning premature menopause.

After six months a follow up ultrasound showed minimal change, said Schuelke, a resident of Livonia.

Fibroid tumors will affect 30 percent of American women

Thirty percent of American women over the age of 30 will develop uterine fibroid tumors, which are benign masses developed from an overgrowth of uterine muscle tissue.

Tumors may occur on the inside of the uterine cavity, within the uterine muscle wall, or on the outside of the uterus. The number of tumors present may vary from one to several, and may vary from the size of a pea to larger than a melon. Fibroid tumors usually do not cause any symptoms or discomfort and may be left untreated. Since estrogen production tends to fuel fibroids, menopause usually brings about the reduction and disappearance of the fibroid(s).

Careful evaluation should be performed when diagnosing fibroids to assure they are a benign tumor and not a malignant (cancerous) tumor of the ovary or uterus. Occasionally, removal of fibroids is the required treatment. Since fibroids are made up of muscle tissue, there is usually a large blood supply feeding the tumor. If the tumor grows too large, there is a chance the blood supply to the tumor will become inadequate and the tumor will start to "degenerate" or die. In this case, the woman may feel severe pelvic pain and tenderness. Also fibroids are a common cause of irregular and heavy menstrual bleeding. Some women also complain of pressure and urinary discomfort.

Source: "Obstetrics & Gynecology, Second Edition," Beckmann, et al., Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, 1995.

The procedure (uterine artery embolization) eliminates the pelvic fullness, congestion and irregular periods or excessive bleeding some women experience with fibroids...When the tumor dies after this procedure, it shrinks to about a fourth of its former size, virtually eliminating the painful symptoms.

— Dr. P.C. Shetty
Henry Ford Health System



Dr. P.C. Shetty

"My fertility wasn't an issue when it came to not wanting a hysterectomy, it was a number of other things. Besides I was involved in a project at work that was going to take two to three years of my time and I couldn't afford to be away for any length of time," said Schuelke of the average downtime a hysterectomy patient experiences.

Alternative procedure

According to Dr. P.C. Shetty, division head Vascular and Interventional Radiology - Henry Ford Health System, since the middle of 1998, his department has been treating fibroid tumor patients with a minimally invasive technique called uterine artery embolization. Unlike a hysterectomy (uterus is surgically removed) or a myomectomy (fibroids are removed surgically) the embolization requires only a small incision in the groin area and a catheter is inserted to release synthetic particles into the vessels that carry blood to the tumors. Blood flow allows the tumors to thrive and grow.

The particles, nearly transparent to the naked eye, operate as "spring coils" to block the main uterine arteries, said Shetty who noted the procedure in no way interferes with a woman's hormones as with a hysterectomy. Once the arteries are blocked the tumors should gradually begin to diminish as their source of nourishment is no longer viable.

Shetty said the first choice for someone would be to avoid any form of surgical or nonsurgical technique and live with the symptoms. There are cases where it is necessary for a woman to undergo a hysterectomy, however, if a patient nearing menopause has tumors that are causing heavy bleeding, back and bladder pressure or pelvic pain the uterine artery embolization is a simpler, safer procedure than a hysterectomy or myomectomy.

"The procedure eliminates the pelvic fullness, congestion and irregular periods or excessive bleeding some women experience with fibroids," said Shetty. "These women may have tumors inside them that are as big around as a grapefruit. When the tumor dies after this procedure, it shrinks to about a fourth of its former size, virtually eliminating the painful symptoms."

Complications

The risk factors associated with uterine artery embolization are minimal and complications are rare, according to Shetty. Nominal bleeding at the site where the catheter is inserted is anticipated and requires a small stitch to close the incision. Other complications that occur in less than 1 percent of patients include infection at the site of the incision that is prevented with antibiotics administered during and after the procedure.

The Henry Ford surgeon said in extremely rare instances the floating synthetic particles that are used to block the blood vessels can travel to other areas of the body and erroneously cease blood flow in the wrong location.

"In the three years I've been performing this procedure this hasn't happened once," said Shetty who noted surgery would be required to unblock the obstructed vessel if the particle did not permanently impede arteries leading to the fibroid tumors.

Patients are heavily sedated and prescribed oral pain medication for any discomfort they may feel. Cramping and heavy bleeding are associated with the technique, said Shetty as a result of the large amount of dying tissue that the body rid itself. Typically patients go home the next day and are back to work within a week. The tumor gradually shrinks over the next six weeks and ultrasounds are conducted at six months and one year to observe the reduction.

"I'm very satisfied. The nonsurgical procedure is so much healthier for a woman if she can avoid major surgery and not lose estrogen," said Schuelke. "I would encourage someone to look into it if they want to avoid unnecessary surgery and the pain associated with a hysterectomy. I feel better already."

This summer Schuelke will undergo her first six month ultrasound since the Jan. 27 procedure.

St. Mary Urgent Care offers prompt treatment for injured, ill

By KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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You're likely to have a far different experience in the Emergency Center of St. Mary Hospital than you may have just five years ago.

With the expansion of the Emergency Center in 1995 and the initiation of an Urgent Care center within the heart of the 17,000 square foot EC, patients are averaging significantly less waiting time and shorter stays.

The progress can be credited to a number of factors including the practice of bedside registration. During the last quarter of 1998, patients in Urgent Care were treated in an average time of 95 minutes.

According to Ash Gokli, M.D., chairman of Emergency Medicine - St. Mary Hospital, the goal of Urgent Care is to provide quality medical treatment for patients with minor injuries and illnesses with less waiting time.

"We want to be the best provider of quality, emergency medical care," said Gokli.

Common conditions treated in Urgent Care include minor upper respiratory infections, sprains, fractures, minor lacerations, bruises, and suture removal. Urgent Care is staffed by physicians and nurses specifically trained to treat patients with these types of conditions.

Efficiency of service, according to Janet West, MSN, RN, manager Emergency Center, starts the moment a patient enters the EC where a trained triage nurse assesses the degree of the

medical emergency and makes the decision as to whether the individual should be treated in the Urgent Care center or if the condition is more severe, they are treated by the Emergency Center staff.

After an unexpected fall one evening in March, Canton resident Debbie Warde made what she called a "dreaded" decision to seek medical treatment at an emergency room.

"I've been to Emergency Rooms before and waited around for hours for treatment," said Warde. "My experience at Urgent Care was far different. I was astonished at the immediacy of care."

Warde recalled she and her husband arrived at the Emergency Room of St. Mary Hospital and were greeted by a triage nurse who made the determination she should see a physician and have x-rays in Urgent Care.

"I was seen right away, taken to a private room then they came and took all my personal information down with a computer they brought to the room. I got x-rays taken and saw the doctor quicker than I would have in my own doctors office," said Warde.

Just the basics

A name, phone number and birthdate is the only information the registration clerk requests before you see the triage nurse. The triage nurse solicits the chief complaint from the patient, takes vital signs, assesses urgency and can initiate treatment such as x-rays, lab work or pain management immediately.

It's only after a patient has been assigned to an exam room that a registration clerk begins the registration process — beside via a computer terminal the attendant transports on a wheeled cart.

"Patients often already had their tests sent to the lab or x-rays taken before the registration process begins. This cuts down on the time someone has to wait for initial care or medication. A child can be given Tylenol immediately, if they have a fever, rather than delaying treatment until they are seen by the physician. We have the protocol in place for that," said West.

The 26-bed EC features on-site lab and radiology, specialized trauma rooms, and a Chest Pain Evaluation Unit. A separate OB/GYN (obstetrics/gynecology) Room, Isolation Room, ENT (ear, nose and throat) Room and Decontamination Room are also part of the state-of-the-art Emergency Center. Urgent Care has a separate registration desk and waiting room for families from the Emergency Center area.

According to Gokli, chairman of Emergency Medicine, the outcomes of patient visits to ER and Urgent Care are closely monitored and have been dramatically improving since the program was initiated. For example, twenty-seven percent of patients were discharged in less than one hour and 17 percent in one hour, 15 minutes. "In the last quarter of 1997, the medium time from 'door to discharge' was four hours and fifteen minutes compared to the last quarter of 1998 when the time was cut by almost half - averaging two hours and 34 minutes," noted Gokli.

Subtle changes "I noticed the difference right away," said Warde who had been to the Emergency Room of St. Mary Hospital in the past. "My doctor had a wonderful bedside manner and I was treated and released in about an hour. I was pleasantly surprised."

Carol Ann Fausone, RN, BSN, MSN - director for Behavioral Medicine, Emergency, Maternity and Women's Centers, said it's the attention to detail that adds to the success and efficiency of Urgent Care.

"When a patient comes to ER we take the decision from the patient and put it in the hands of the experts as to whether they should be treated in ER or Urgent Care. At a free standing urgent care facility the patient typically makes the decision and that can result in a critical delay of care if in fact your injury or illness was of a more serious nature and emergency room treatment would have been the more appropriate choice."

Other elements of Urgent Care include the policy of allowing two family members to accompany a patient and the placement of an x-ray lab within the Emergency Center rather than having the patient travel to another area of the hospital. The Urgent Care Center is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily while patients can be seen in the Emergency Room 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The EC entrance is located off Levan Road south of Five Mile on the west side of the road.

MEDICAL DATABOOK

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

SUN, MAY 23

HEALTH DAY

The Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadsasah will present a Women's Health Education Day at the Westin Southfield. The day titled, "Body, Mind, Heart, Soul" will start at 8:30 a.m. and includes continental breakfast, workshops, women's health and care exhibits, luncheon and a keynote address by Department of Health and Human Services' Saralyn Mark, M.D. Open to the public, cost \$30. For reservations call (248) 683-5030.

MON, MAY 24

UPDATE ON CHOLESTEROL

James Macienko, M.S., Ph.D., director of Botsford General Hospital's Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis lab will describe the role of HDL and LDL cholesterol and hereditary risk factors in heart disease. He will explain the use of antioxidants, high fiber consumption, hormone replacement therapy and a low-fat diet in protecting against heart disease. 1-3 p.m. \$5 Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448.

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Personal, hands-on instruction on cooking macrobiotic meals. Meals to be prepared will include millet soup, ginger fried rice, creamy vegetables, arame saute', amaranth oat pudding. Call Val to register (734) 261-2856. tue, may 25

FIBROMYALGIA

Dr. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki will present a lecture on fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome from 7-9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse pointe Farms. Fee, \$3 per person. Call (313) 881-7511 for directions or Sharon at (248) 344-0896 for information.

THUR, MAY 27

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

A Breastfeeding Class is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Instructors will demonstrate the many techniques of breastfeeding. Topics will include breastfeeding and the working mother, questions and concerns about breastfeeding, and a review of breastfeeding pumps, helpful books and supplies. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

TUE, JUNE 1

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Hospice of Washtenaw will begin their next five-week Grief Recovery Series from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice office in Ann Arbor. Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions and pre-registration is required. (734) 327-3409. june 1-24

DIABETES EDUCATION

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics 18 years of age and older. "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes" Held at St. Mary Hospital from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This series of eight classes provides information on self care and successful management of diabetes. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, JUNE 2

CANCER SUPPORT

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP The Marian Women's Center

Menopause Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required, call 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

THUR, JUNE 3

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will gather at 7:30 p.m. the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty St., Farmington. Parveen Qazi, M.D., rheumatologist will discuss "Lupus and overlapping diseases that mimic lupus," such as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, Epstein Barr, RA. Call Andrea Gray (734) 261-6714 for more information.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a Pre-Marital Counseling Class from 7-8 p.m. 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. Call (734) 655-1100.

SAT, JUNE 5

PITUITARY SUPPORT

The next Pituitary Disorders Education and Support Group Meeting will be held in West Bloomfield, Michigan, at the Henry Ford Medical Center on 6777 West Maple Rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting will be held in the lower level conference rooms. The Topic will be "Drug interactions for medications commonly prescribed for patients with pituitary tumors." Feel free to attend and bring your family or friends Dr. Jack Rock will be at each meeting to answer your questions one on one or in group discussions.

SUN, JUNE 6

CANCER SURVIVOR DAY

St. Mary Hospital is planning a variety of activities for area cancer survivors on National Cancer Survivors Day, Sunday, June 6 from 2-4 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion near the South Entrance. Special guest speakers include Vainutis Vaitkevicius, M.D. ("Dr. V"), internationally known oncologist; Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. Preregistration is requested by May 28. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

TUE, JUNE 8

POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group from 10:00-11:00 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. Call (734) 655-1100.

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 the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100.

WED, JUNE 9

CARELINE LECTURE

"Caring Tips for the Caregiver" from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium. Deborah Dunn, RN, MSN, St. Mary Hospital, will be the guest speaker. No fee but registration is requested. For more information, please call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1615.

Web site reminds women of annual pap exam

American women today are busy. Often, they are too busy to even take care of themselves. But an initiative by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) is making it easier for women to remember to schedule an appointment that could save their lives.

The CAP is providing a free Internet-based service that will help remind women to schedule an annual Pap smear, a screening procedure that is critical in the prevention of cervical cancer.

One quick visit to www.papsmear.org allows a woman to select the day she would like to schedule a Pap smear. On the date she chooses, an e-mail will be sent reminding her to call her doctor or other health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"Many women are so busy with their careers and families, they don't take time for their own health — including receiving a Pap smear each year. This Web site takes only seconds to set up the reminder, but those

seconds could save a woman's life," says Mary E. Kass, MD, FACP, chair of the CAP's Council on Public Affairs. "It's our goal to register at least 4,000 women this year so that they will remember and schedule this important annual screening."

Pathologists, doctors who care for patients through laboratory medicine, know that having an annual Pap test is one of the most important things a woman can do to help prevent cervical cancer.

Pap smears can detect abnormalities before they develop into cancer. In fact, pathologists recommend that every woman who is over the age of 18 or who is sexually active should have a Pap test every year.

The official launch of the site is May 13, the birthday of Dr. George Papanicolaou, the physician who developed the Pap smear in the 1940s. Since it came into common usage after World War II, the Pap smear has reduced cervical cancer deaths in the U.S. by 70 percent,

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making it the most effective cancer screening tool known to medicine.

The Pap smear reminder site is very brief and easy to use — devoted exclusively to providing women with a fast reminder resource. The system is driven by the popular ColdFusion database, which weaves together relational databases and Web pages. The automated reminder sends an e-mail on the date specified by the registrant, provides suggestions for maximizing the accuracy of her Pap smear and

allows her to re-register for the following year. E-mail addresses are used only for this reminder and to provide registrants the opportunity to comment on the value of the service.

"According to a Gallup survey commissioned by the CAP, 9 out of 10 women know they should have an annual Pap smear," says Dr. Kass. "Nevertheless, nearly 40 percent of American women risked their lives last year by not getting this test. We are committed to improving this statistic and saving lives in the process."

According to the same Gallup survey, only half of the women age 50 or older reported having a Pap smear last year in spite of the fact that more than half of all cervical cancers are found in women age 55 or older. Hopefully these same women can register for their Pap smear reminder. According to a Nielsen Media Research study, women over 50 are one of the fastest growing segments of people online.

June picnic honors, celebrates cancer survivors

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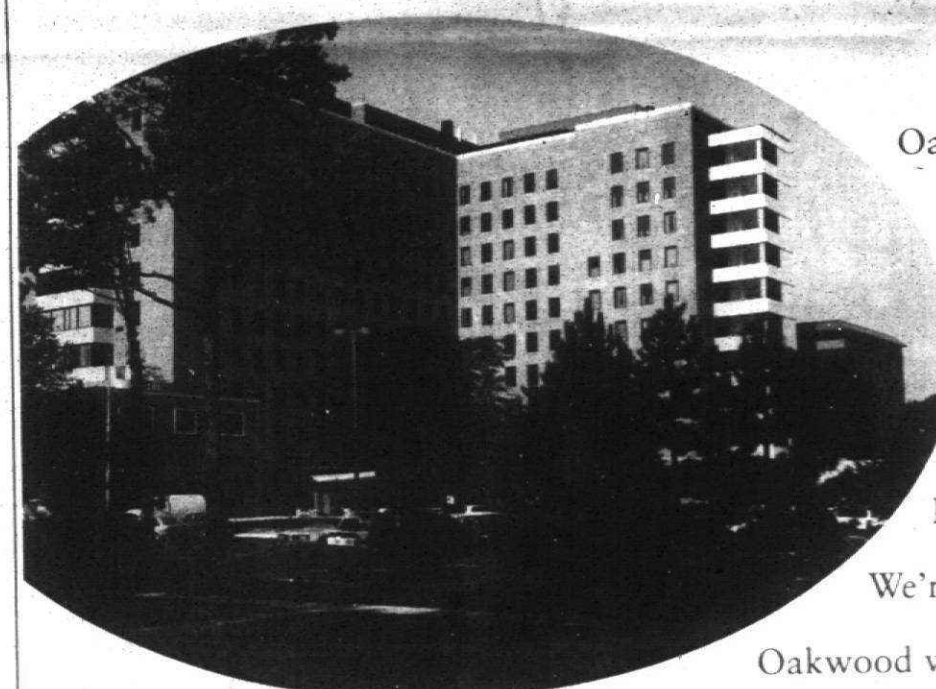
Vaitkevicius, M.D. ("Dr. V"), internationally known oncologist; Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

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Net surfers... Beware. Both a new survey and recent Security and Exchange Commission enforcement actions underscore the problems that unsuspecting Net users can encounter online.

For starters, six million Internet users claim they have been ripped off while online. The most common scam involves credit card fraud and unauthorized use, according to a new survey by the National Consumer League.

"This survey shows that Web-era consumers are every bit as vulnerable as those who were around before the Internet changed the way that more and more of us do things," according to League President Linda Golodner.

The "Consumers in the 21st Century report" was conducted by the Lou Harris and Associates polling firm and involved more than 1,000 adults interviewed over the past month.

"The underlying number of 6 million Americans marks this as a major consumer issue for the new century," said David Krane, executive vice president, Lou Harris and Associates.

You can read the report on line on the League's Web site: (<http://www.nclnet.org/NCLSURV5.HTM>)

Online trading

Meanwhile, in its first enforce-

ment action against an electronic brokerage firm, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has censured the Datek Online Brokerage firm for dipping into customers' funds to cover its own trading obligations and trades by other customers.

The firm agreed to the censure without admitting or denying the agency's findings. It will pay a \$50,000 fine and promised to hire an independent consultant to monitor its controls and record-keeping. Robert Bethge, Datek's chief marketing officer, says Datek has hired outside accounting and legal experts to clean up what he called inadvertent clerical errors after the SEC discovered them last summer.

He said the alleged violations happened last spring because of a "bad calculation" of how much the firm had to deposit in its customer reserve fund. He emphasized that no customer money was lost, adding: "There was certainly no ill intent, no malice on our part."

But Henry Klehm, the SEC's senior associate regional director in New York, told MSNBC the actions were quite serious. If the stock market had plunged, customers may have walked away from trades, leaving Datek obligated but unable to pay for all of them, he said. "In a highly volatile market," he added, "it's very important" that brokerage firms keep the required cash on hand.

More online fraud

The censure of Datek came just a few days after the SEC made a nationwide sweep against Internet investment fraud, bringing charges against

26 companies and individuals. It was the third such SEC sweep of the Internet in recent months.

One Web site promised investors they could turn \$35,000 into \$3 million in 10 months. Another scam site touted the investment opportunities in constructing prefabricated hospitals in Turkey. And another, in selling "interests" in a company that claimed to have a new way to extract gold from magnetite ore, offered shareholders a 2,600-percent annual return on their investment.

Because of the proliferation of such operations on the Internet, the SEC says it will double its staff of attorneys, accountants, and volunteers who search for Internet fraud.

Online fun

Okay, enough of the bad net news.

Here's a fun story:

If you have a computer and an Internet connection, you can join a worldwide search for intelligent life in space.

It's all done through a screen saver anyone can download from the Web site maintained by the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) organization (<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>) made famous in the popular movie "Contact."

The Seti@home project is a grand experiment allowing thousands of volunteers to download a screensaver and a chunk of data from the world's largest radio telescope. When the volunteer's PC is idle, the program searches the data for any indication of intelligence.

Scientists believe that the best

way to find life in space is to look for radio signals. As the PC works on the data, the screen displays a three-dimensional graph charting the signal analysis.

Participants also can view maps showing where the Seti@home project is searching and who is taking part in the project. After the computer is finished, it sends the results back to Seti@home scientists at the University of California at Berkeley and grabs another chunk of data.

"This project lets us do Seti a lot, lot faster, with 10 times more sensitivity and exploring more thoroughly the spectrum of radio frequencies we scan," said Seti@home's Dan Werthimer.

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

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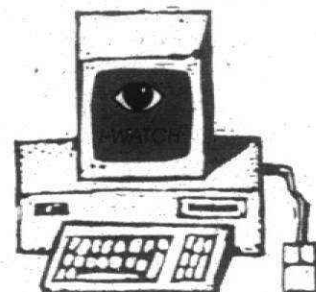
WED, MAY 26

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
BNI meets from 7-8:30 a.m., Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant (30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia (New location), Metro Livonia, American Table, 33501 W. Eight Mile Call (810) 635-8807.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
BNI regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m., Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island, on Plymouth.

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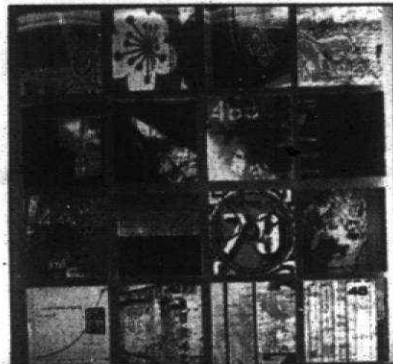
LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Art fairs tempt visitors with variety of wares

Warm sunny days are back and that means artists will soon take to the streets to hawk their wares. If you're planning a visit to one or more of the art fairs this summer, don't forget sunscreen and sensible shoes.

Overall, it looks like this year's festivals are bigger and better than ever with an expanded variety of media being offered. Plan to spend plenty of time so you don't miss anything.

■ Art on the Avenue, in addition to 120 artists, will feature cars and entertainment 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 5 in Dearborn's West Village.



Nature's beauty: Photographer Norris Hardeman of Canton is one of more than 400 exhibitors in Art in the Park in Plymouth.

Children can create their own art or have their face painted in an activities area near the Commandant's Quarters, 21950 Michigan Avenue.

■ The Livonia Arts Commission hosts its annual Livonia Arts Festival and Fine Arts in the Village Exhibit 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 12, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh in Livonia.

Admission to both shows is free as is parking, shuttle bus service and entertainment. For more information, call Livonia's community resources department at (734) 466-2540.

More than 200 exhibitors will show everything from painting to jewelry, clay, metal sculpture, wearable art, oak furniture, decorative painting, wood, Japanese folk art embroidery, and hand-tooled leather pictures of Western scenes and seascapes outdoors in the village.

Inside the historic buildings is the exhibit featuring 53 works by 39 fine artists. This is the third year for the Fine Arts in the Village portion of the festival. Livonia Arts Commission president Robert Sheridan said it was important to initiate such a show.

"For some reason Livonia doesn't have the reputation of being a very artsy community," said Sheridan. "We thought if we pushed the fine arts with this exhibit that people would realize the art we have here."

Kenneth R. Gross was juror for the competition which drew 60 artists and 114 works. Former executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Gross is now director of the Art Museum Project at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"There were some strong works," said Gross. "As a community competition they're taking on an ambitious task. I suggested maybe next year they could give a special award for works on historical settings. Artists could come to the village to sketch or paint a work for the competition."

■ The West Bloomfield Arts Festival also takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 12-13 at the Henry Ford Medical Center.

For more information, call the West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce at (248) 626-3636 or Howard Alan Events at (954) 472-3755.

■ The Liberty Fest Fine Art and Fine Craft Show features nearly 90 artists displaying ceramic tiles, photography, wood sculpture, canoe shelves, bird houses, blown glass,

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Creating a Balance

EDUCATORS DEBATE 'CORE' OF ARTS CURRICULUM

Editor's note: In response to the American Canvas Report published by the National Endowment of the Arts in October of 1997, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers regional team inaugurated a series of roundtable discussions with representatives of the arts community. The American Canvas Report considers the impact of reduction of public funding for arts; an aging audience; cutbacks in arts education programs; and the "elitist" attitudes of some artists and cultural institutions.

On Tuesday, we held our sixth discussion at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. "Opening the Book: Educators spell out the importance of arts education and nurture talent and audiences for tomorrow." Serving on our panel were — Janet Davison, Avondale High School art teacher; Nancy Koski, fine arts teacher, Bloomfield Hills School District; Gail Mack, director of the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School in Livonia; Daisy Newman, director of education, Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Linda Pallas, curriculum director, Redford Union Schools; Patrice Pedersen, choral music director, Central Middle School, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, instructor Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp; Jack Pierson, executive director, Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association; Cheryl Poole, education coordinator, ArtServe; and Richard Zecchini, arts teacher, Southfield Lathrup High School.

Prior to the roundtable, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers conducted an informal survey to learn the "State of Arts" education in the school districts the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers cover (see related story on page C2).

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Just because the arts sometimes get less attention in public schools than math, science or English, Linda Pallas doesn't think they're less important.

"The state is putting demands on us to do more to achieve in the core curriculum," said Pallas during the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper roundtable discussion on Tuesday, May 18. "Why aren't the arts more a part of core curriculum? We're looking to give it more attention, but it doesn't quite balance. It doesn't mean we don't value it, but we give it less attention."

"Reading, writing, and math," are subjects that have measurable value and are tested in fourth, fifth, eighth and 11th grades. The MEAP — Michigan Educational Assessment Program test sets the benchmark for what the state believes students in Michigan need to know.

"It does take weight over other things," said Nancy Koski. "We have every other day music programs. If this was core curriculum, it would not be meeting half the time. If it was part of the core, it would be given the same priority as math."

Jack Pierson believes that people who teach arts need to sell their importance to state legislators, those empowered to make changes in what gets taught in Michigan's public schools.

"We're not selling our product," said

Pierson. "We have to get the legislators involved. Every Memorial Day is an opportunity to sell legislators on what the key issues are. Corner that individual."

Art programs, including vocal and instrumental music, and drama are electives in most school districts. Because they're not part of the "core" curriculum, they aren't given the same priority as math, English, social studies and science.

Education priorities

When she hears the word "core," Patrice Pedersen cringes. "I refuse to be excluded," she said. "I am a core subject. I keep preaching the gospel. I am living math, dividing time and space, taking math to a new dimension. Mozart was all about math. Einstein arrived at the theory of relativity through music."

Pedersen points to studies that have shown children who learn how to play a musical instrument at an early age have increased brain capacity. The brain itself is altered by performing music.

Parents are an important part of the equation that equals a successful arts program. "You can't underestimate the power of parents," said Cheryl Poole. "Michigan recognizes the autonomy of local school districts. It's the parents who carry the responsibility. They're the only ones school districts respond to."

"We have to catch them up," said Koski. "It takes a lot of hard work, but

once you get local support (for arts) it's the beginning of getting more legislative support."

The good news in Redford is that parents are doing extra funding so more arts programs are available in the Redford Union School District. "But it's still called extracurricular," said Pallace. "Yet those (arts classes) touch kids differently than math. Legislators look at measurable results. They don't have time to ponder but put pressure on scores."

Participation

Without exposure to the arts, students don't know what they're missing. It's not a question of money. Even in affluent Oakland County there are students who have never been to the Detroit Institute of Arts or to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"Less than one third of my students have been to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to hear a live performance," said Koski. "We take all of our seventh grades to a DSO Coffee Concert."

Experiencing the arts firsthand makes it real. Richard Zecchini took a group of students to see Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project and asked them to decide if it was art or junk.

"It piqued their interest," he said. "There was the whole notion of an artist in the community trying to do something."

Making the arts relevant is something arts teachers work to do. Not every musician will be a virtuoso nor every actress famous, but you don't have to "starve" to be an artist.

In addition to artists, musicians and actors, Poole believes schools should invite web designers and people who do sound for musicals "so students can

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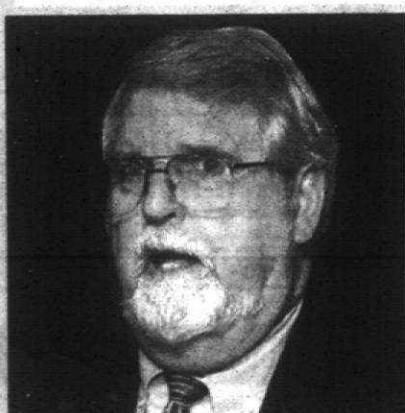


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EXHIBIT

Students expose inner self through photography

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Carlos Diaz points with pride to the works of students in the photography department at Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design. As he walks through the 2,500 piece exhibition, Diaz enthusiastically relays stories of each of the students in the photography department he chairs. Many are searching for themselves. Art is the catalyst for resolving their questions.

"That's what art is all about — self expression," said Diaz, a longtime Livonia resident now living in Brighton. "We're allowing for the student's voice to be reflected in the final presentation."

New directions

When Diaz took over as photography department



Perceptual Entities: Aaron Metis created the 16 color prints in this work about how people process information.

chairman in the fall of 1996, he refined the program. Diaz doesn't see a line between students hoping for a career as a commercial or fine art photographer. So he merged the two separate curricula. He also rebuilt the studio and bought color enlargers, along with other equipment, for the department which serves 100 students.

"I thought it was important for students to study both," said Diaz. "The commercial was involved with technical — lighting and such. The fine arts area students were clearly working with sophisticated concept, critical theory and contemporary history. A lot of discussion about the creative process was only with fine art students. A good photographer has technical knowledge as well as in-depth understanding of the creative process and is far better prepared for the professional world."

Skill of lighting

Carolyn Carleton in her quest for a bachelor of fine arts degree honed the commercial skill of lighting. Diaz talks about the Bloomfield Village student's series of 12 black and white (gelatin silver) prints titled "Fashion is Form." Carleton, he said, "has become very adept at using light."

"I pre-visualize the images before creating them through the camera," said Carleton. "The series revolves around using design and form to accent the human form," said Carleton. "I use a man's handkerchief as a woman's shirt."

Carleton has been hooked on photography since studying the subject for four years at Birmingham Seaholm High School. While attending Michigan State University, Carleton

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Survey reveals common goals, uncommon means

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Art teachers and administrators believe that participation in the arts is essential to foster students' self-esteem and intellectual development.

But there's a rub. While there is widespread appreciation and deep passion for art education, the priorities along with the resources dedicated to the arts differ significantly

in school districts throughout metro Detroit, according to an informal survey conducted recently by the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

In general, the survey results indicate what may seem strikingly apparent: support for arts education is strongest where there is a vibrant cultural community, such as active art associations or the presence of art museums.

The survey examined the pri-

ority, funding, curriculum offerings and student participation in the arts.

School districts that responded to the survey included Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Oxford, Plymouth-Canton, Redford Union, Rochester, Southfield, Wayne-Westland, and West Bloomfield.

Significant findings in the survey included:

■ Widespread belief that par-

ticipation in the arts improve students' aptitudes in other disciplines.

■ Funding for arts education, on average, has increased from 2 percent to 12 percent over the last five years.

■ Teachers were the number one influence for interesting students in the arts.

■ Three-quarters of the respondents believe that parents are involved in exposing their children to the arts.

■ Universal hope that the arts should be integrated with classes such as history, English and science as a way to teach students about the interrelationship among the disciplines.

In a public educational system where "what gets tested, gets taught," most school districts complained about a lack of time and funding for the arts, despite the contention of the vital role of the arts. (Knowledge of the arts are not included in student aptitude tests.)

Overall, the survey illuminated the paradox: If the goal of teaching the arts is to develop each student's unique expressive abilities, then how can the effectiveness of arts education be measured in quantifiable terms?

"The arts are all about heart, soul and spirit," said Cheryl Poole, educational coordinator for ArtServe Michigan, a statewide arts advocacy group.

"How can that be measured and tested?"

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decided on a career in fine art photography.

"I realized I needed to really go after my dream of being a photographer," said Carleton. "With OCS I could be close to my family and have the experience of an art education."

Gelatin silver, color and platinum/palladium prints, digital, and Polaroid transfers are just some of the different methods used for producing photography in the exhibition.

Tammy Eby's work is very personal. The Livonia resident chose dramatic black and white images to reveal a journey from her troubled past to the hope-filled present in "Now and Then." Eby considers all the works "self-portraits" although only two of the photographs are of her. The rest are models.

"Photography is a type of art therapy for me, and I want it to be that way for other people too," said Eby.

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women, juxtaposing the way in which they've traditionally been seen — inanimate versus intimate, subject versus object.

Xiang Dong looks at how people interact with the landscape. A Canton baseball backdrop seems out of place in a park-like setting. A Westland backyard full of folk art and a dinosaur forest in Irish Hills illustrates the way we choose to shape our environment.

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ART ON THE AVENUE
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ART OVER THE INTERSTATE
A fine arts & crafts fair in Charlotte M. Rothstein Park over I-96 in Oak Park. May 30-31, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

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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.

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

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Audition for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble on June 12, 1 p.m. at EDE 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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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.

MACOMBER 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. 1-6, register by June 1. Call (810) 286-2017.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center lectures series featuring Donna Jegteheim. May 25, 7:30 p.m. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through June 6 - Wisdom art. Perfection: Lotus Blossom in Asian Art; through June 27 - Walker Evans Simple Secrets; Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill; 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

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

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Through June 13 - Solo exhibition of retrospective works by Lillian Mitchell. 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-5022.

BOOKBEAT
Through June 30 - Children's author and illustrator Wang Herbert Yee. 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park; (248) 699-1190.

CARY GALLERY
New paintings by Mary Aro. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
Through May 30 - Annual student exhibition. 201 West Kirby, Detroit; (313) 872-3118.

CREATIVE RESOURCE FINE ART GALLERY
Through June 13 - Exhibition of Ukrainian-born artist Anatoly Dvorn. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

Malls & Mainstreets

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Sunday, May 23, 1999

Overzealous salesmanship goes nowhere

SHOP TALK
I now realize my previous (and first) Malls & Mainstreets column, an account of the excellent customer service I enjoyed at the Coach leather store at The Somerset Collection in Troy, may have been a step in the wrong direction.

In the weeks following the column's appearance, I experienced poor customer service on a number of occasions, leading me to conclude that, more often than not, service really is second-rate.

Of course, good service ought to be praised and noted for the benefit of readers. Drawing attention to good service not only is a useful service but, arguably, leads affected shoppers to safe havens where hassle-free purchases may be made.

Other than the media, who is able to force the gambit of retail entities to truly pay attention to the shopping experience?

It's fair to say even retailers who care about their shoppers' needs, those that conduct annual customer surveys and hire secret shoppers, don't get a full, vibrant picture.

Consider, for example, a concept I call "shopper's guilt." I recently experienced it shopping for a Mother's Day gift in the intimate apparel section of a large department store.

Let me first note, the service wasn't poor in the typical sense of the word. I was offered help in making a selection within minutes of my arrival, and it was knowledgeable, friendly and efficient service at that.

The problem was, for lack of a better term, over-service. The clerk brought me one selection after another, including items that didn't meet my stated criteria. When I attempted to step back and take a moment to contemplate potential purchases, I was urged to buy one or the other items for one or another reason.

I realize my experience — an encounter with aggressive salesmanship — isn't an unusual one. Others might interpret the clerk's approach as merely helpful.

However, my attempts to "buy" myself a bit of room for browsing and contemplation ("Hmmm, I'll have to think about this nightgown," I said, ducking behind a clothing rack in hopes of losing the clerk) failed.

Within minutes, a sense of relief came over me. I had concluded I would simply buy the garment, a frilly version of the simple cotton nightgown Mom hoped to receive.

"Whatever," said my internal voice. "It's only one Mother's Day gift. She can always return it. Just buy it, just buy it, just buy it," the voice echoed.

Ironically, it was at that moment that my internal voice made a complete reversal and turned against the clerk. "No, no, no," it said. "You've been pushed into feeling guilty, even obligated. You're not buying this nightgown, or any nightgown. In fact, you're not buying anything from this store," said the newly empowered voice.

"You know what?" I said, addressing the clerk. "I think I'm going to take a look elsewhere, but thank you for your help," I added and fled the scene.

Later, I more closely analyzed my internal dialogue. It was filled with statements like: "I've managed to take up a substantial amount of this woman's time, haven't I?" And, "I did give her the impression I was buying, didn't I?" And, "She has been incredibly helpful, hasn't she?"

Yes I felt pressured. More importantly, I, the consumer, the shopper, the patron, the guest, had entered the store with the intention of dropping more than a few bucks, never mind the tremendous mark up, and ended up feeling guilty.

Although I had avoided submitting to my guilt, I had expended tremendous energy and at least half an hour — it was the day before Mother's Day and time was in short supply — in doing so.

Nicole Stafford is special editor of Malls & Mainstreets.

Shop 'n shape

Area malls give shoppers full-service exercise clubs

BY LARRY RUEHLIN
STAFF WRITER

For years, about the only way to combine shopping and exercise was to join the throngs of walkers who roamed the halls of malls to get fit. But mall fitness centers are now making it possible to take a kickboxing class, do some shopping, see a movie and eat dinner all in one stop.

Park Place Athletic Club, at Laurel Park Place Mall, Six Mile Road and Newburgh in Livonia, was the first area fitness club to thrive in a mall setting. The 12,410 square-foot facility has been open for seven years and has a membership of 1,000.

A second club, Complete Health & Fitness, is slated to open in late May in a 20,000 square-foot space at Westland Shopping Center, at Wayne Road and Warren in Westland.

Both are full-service facilities replete with an exhaustive array of exercise gear and fitness classes. They also offer personal touches like daycare areas for children and personal trainers.

Park Place has a pool and

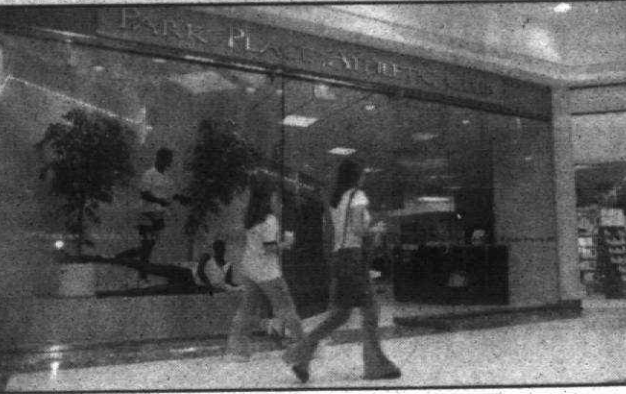
whirlpool, and the Westland center plans to offer a sauna, steam room and whirlpool.

Dave Martindale, a Plymouth resident and Park Place Athletic Club member, said having a good fitness club in the mall is definitely a plus.

"I come here about three times a week," he said, exiting the mall with gym bag in hand. "Once in while I go shopping before or after I work, but the main reason I joined this club is because people actually come here to work out. It's not a pick-up spot and it's not a body-building gym. It's just a good place to exercise and relax in the whirlpool, and that's what I was looking for."

The owner of Complete Health & Fitness, Christine Photenauer, believes malls are an ideal setting for fitness centers, and the combination could become more common in the near future.

"I think fitness centers will eventually get established in malls because people are looking for convenient, effective ways to manage their time," she said. "We've already pre-sold 400



Shop, then sweat: Shoppers at Laurel Park Place in Livonia walk by Park Place Athletic Club, the mall's full-service exercise club.

memberships. We have an information booth in the mall, and shoppers have been very positive," she said.

"It's a good location because malls already have an established customer base. All we have to do is provide a good facility and good service and the word will get out."

Karen Susalla, marketing director for Laurel Park Place, thinks malls will have to become more activity-driven to survive in the ever-changing world of retail.

"Internet shopping will likely become more popular for basic items," she said. "But most people, especially women, like to go to the mall because they like to shop and they like the atmosphere. Malls are going to have to provide more options for consumers, and the fitness center is a good fit. Their members occasionally stay to shop, and shoppers sometimes get interested in joining the club because they see it while shopping. It works both ways."

Brian Fryd, manager of the General Nutrition Center across from Park Place Athletic Club at Laurel Park

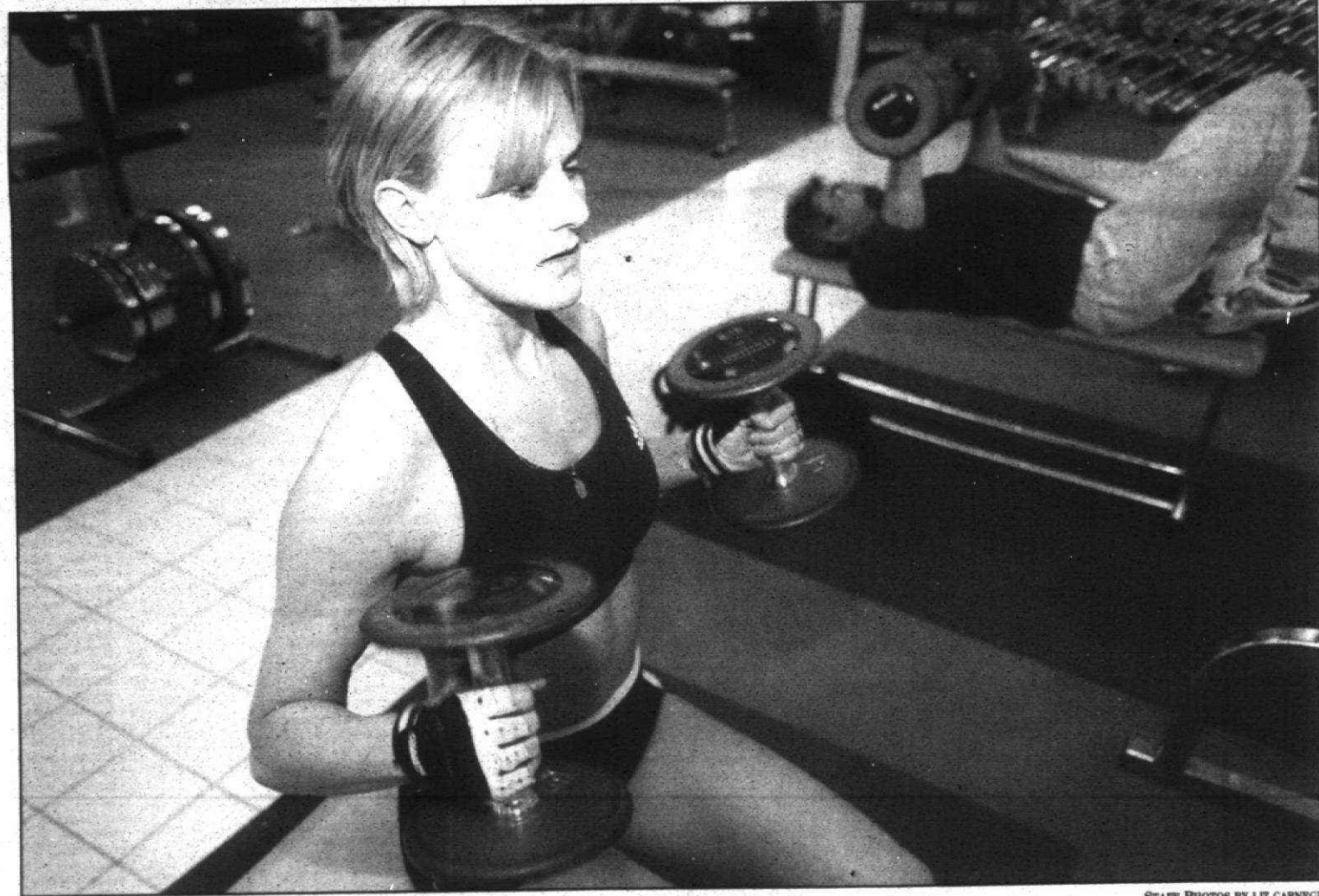
Place, is convinced the fitness center is good for his business.

"We have people who come in three or four times a week to get a power bar before they work out at the club," he said. "Others come in to buy nutritional supplements after they have finished their workout. We also send customers their way. It has worked out great for both of us."

For people interested in combining shopping and exercise, Park Place Athletic Club is offering a summer special on membership, \$125 per person or \$199 per couple. (Children 14 and older can use the club if accompanied by parents. Also, the club has a day rate of \$8.)

Likewise, Complete Health & Fitness will offer a special introductory rate, \$360 for a two-year membership. (Children 13 to 15 must work out with a parent but older kids are allowed to work out without supervision.)

To reach Park Place Athletic Club, call (734) 462-3880. For information about Complete Health and Fitness, call (734) 524-9822.



Pumping Iron: A member of Park Place Athletic Club at Laurel Park Place lifts weights before heading out to do some shopping at the Livonia mall. Locating fitness clubs in malls may help shoppers fit exercise into their busy schedules.

Golf tournament tickets offered at Hudson's

Hudson's has a giveaway for golf fans.

Area Hudson's stores are giving away gallery tickets to the J.P. McCarthy Memorial P.A.L. Invitational slated June 7 at the Tournament Players Club of Michigan in Dearborn.

Tickets for the golf celebrity event will be available at no cost through June 7 in the Players Department

of all local Hudson's stores. Tickets also will be available for a \$10 donation at the event, which begins at 12 p.m.

As a ticket sponsor for the event, Hudson's Travel Service, along with Northwest Airlines, is offering ticket holders an opportunity to win a golf vacation package, which includes round-trip airfare for two to any Northwest destination and a \$250 gift certificate

for ground expenses.

The golf tournament draws top golfers from the PGA, Senior PGA and LPGA circuits and raises money for the Detroit Police Athletic League's educational and athletic programs for Detroit children.

For additional information, call Hudson's Event Line at (248) 443-6262.

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Designer Craig Taylor appears at Jacobson's in Birmingham, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Collection Sportswear Department. Taylor also appears at the same time May 26 at Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store in Livonia.

BRIGHTON TRUNK SHOW
The Apple Tree Room, at 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, hosts a preview trunk show of the new Brighton Sunglasses Collection, 12-4 p.m.

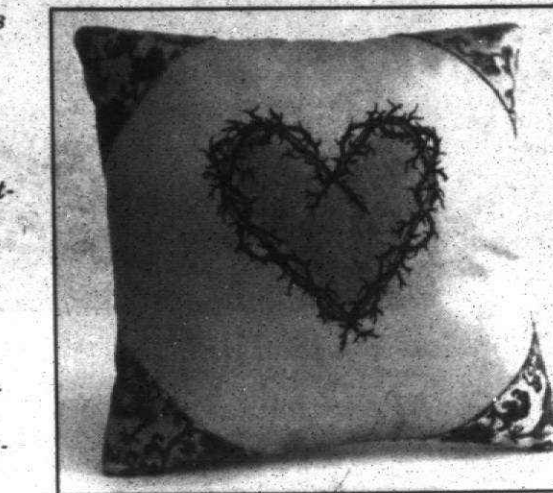
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JIL SANDER STOCK SHOW
View Jil Sander's Fall 1999 Collection at Neiman Marcus, The Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Jil Sander Boutique, third floor.

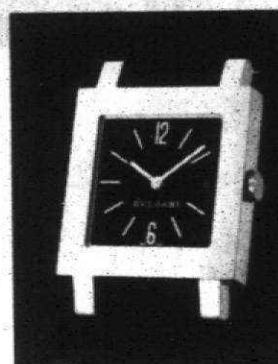
MOVING SALE
The Claymore Shop, 210 S. Woodward in downtown Birmingham across from the Birmingham Theater, holds a moving sale, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The men's wear retailer is relocating across from the Townsend Hotel, and the sale will run until the store's stock is gone.

BIRKENSTOCK COLLECTION
Jacobson's stores in Birmingham and Rochester Hills present an informal showing of Birkenstock's collection, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon.

Silk heart: By Los Angeles performer-artist Johanna Went, a beige and gold silk chaise longue pillow handpainted with French dyes and a heart design rendered from an original etching, \$44.50, Union General Store and Sweet-shop Cafe in downtown Clarkston.

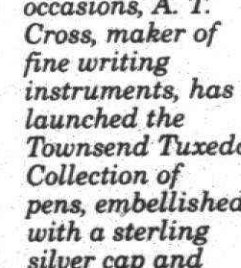


Organic for hair: Basil, mint and lemon-grass are just a few of the botanical ingredients used in Modern Organic Products, a relatively new and completely organic line of hair care products, \$11-14, exclusive-ly available at Figaro Salon & Gallery in downtown Birmingham.



Be square: A perfectly square base sets apart Bulgari's Quadrato watch, which comes in several variations and sizes. With an opaque black dial and metal numerals, the steel Quadrato watch retails for about \$2,100 and is available at Schubert Jewelers in Troy.

Black tie optional: For formal and not-so-formal occasions, A. T. Cross, maker of fine writing instruments, has launched the Townsend Tuxedo Collection of pens, embellished with a sterling silver cap and black lacquer barrel. Available with a fountain tip, ball-point or rolling ball tip, the pens sell for between \$85 and \$250, Gail's Office Supply stores in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township.



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Couple travel by lighthouse beacons

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Darrel and Joy Emerson of Livonia have been following the beacon lights from the tip of the Keweenaw to the sunny coast of Florida.

What began as a pleasant diversion during family vacations, has become a focal point for exploration and an avocation — photographing the dramatic lighthouses along shorelines and coastlines.

Darrel, a journalism and history teacher at Wayne Memorial High School, takes crisp, dynamic photos of the lighthouses. Then he and Joy, a secretary for the Livonia Church of Christ, mat and frame the pictures for sale at community craft shows. Their three children are now grown.

"We've based our trips on lighthouses, but also find other

things to see," Darrel said. "On our first trip we went to Savannah, Ga., and two lighthouses there and Charleston, S.C., which has several lighthouses. My wife likes to go to craft shows and we thought maybe we could take our pictures there."

The lighthouse hobby has taken the Emersons all around Michigan's shoreline, which boasts the most lighthouses of any state in the union, to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, to Wisconsin's Door County, to a recent trip to Florida and last summer to a meandering journey through New England.

"I do wedding photos as well and this couple was getting married in New Hampshire," Darrel said. "We took photos all along the coast from Maine to Long Island."

Lighthouses have many appealing qualities to the Emersons. They combine history, scenic locations and often dramatic architecture, which Darrel examines from every possible angle.

"My wife is very patient, she'll sit in the car and read while I'm shooting the lighthouse from every angle," he said.

When not accompanied by Joy, Darrel will take his father on lighthouse trips through Michigan. Michigan has about 100 lighthouses and Darrel has photographed about 50 of them.

Taking the photographs is a challenge.

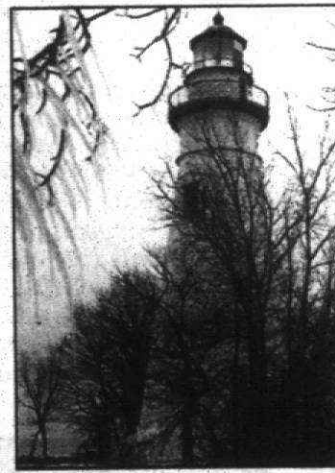
"The hardest part is the lighting because shooting into the light is difficult if the time you're there is not the best time of day," Emerson said. "I try to find an angle where the light is better. Occasionally water is a problem. Sometimes getting to them is a challenge."

America's lighthouses aren't what they used to be. Only one lighthouse is manned and that by order of Congress. All the others are automated and computerized. New radar on boats is making the lighthouse less critical for navigation. Many lighthouses have been decommissioned.



PHOTOS BY DARREL EMERSON

Dramatic setting: Newport, R.I.'s rocky shore is the site of the Castle Hill lighthouse. Bottom left is the popular Old Mackinaw Lighthouse, and right is Marblehead in Massachusetts.



"Some have been nicely restored, but a lot aren't being cared for at all," Emerson said.

Emerson's photographs show the wide variety of lighthouse styles, from the single towers to buildings that look like schools standing on rocky shores. Some have been repainted and preserved, but others show the ravages of water and time.

Some lighthouses have been converted to other uses. Sand Hill in the Keweenaw is a bed and breakfast, others have been restored as museums and still

others have been converted to private housing.

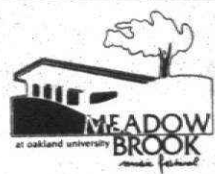
As a history teacher, Emerson said the stories behind the lighthouses are especially interesting.

Emerson said this summer he and Joy plan to travel to Montreal and Quebec City to scout out lighthouses along the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The Emersons are planning to display and sell their pictures at a craft fair in St. Clair Shores this autumn.



Lighthouse fan: Darrel Emerson took his Livonia Observer along when he went to the Ponce de Leon Lighthouse near New Smyrna Beach, Fla.



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Umpires needed

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is searching for umpires. All ages and experience levels are welcome; games are Monday through Thursday evenings.

For more information, call Dave Gieve at (734) 981-3427.

Kids hockey sign-up

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association will conduct two sessions of basic hockey for children ages 5-to-8 years, beginning Aug. 1 and continuing through March 26, 2000. This program will focus on learning to skate and basic hockey skills for a limited number of children.

The program will be at the Artic Pond Arena in Plymouth. For more information, call Wally Hill at (734) 207-1002.

Girls hoop camp

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

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

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

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

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

Baseball camp

The Plymouth-Canton baseball coaching staff and players will host the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp, for kids 7-14 years old, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. June 21-25. The camp will be at Canton's varsity baseball field and will include five days of group and individual instruction in all phases of the game: throwing, fielding, pitching, base-running, etc.

Cost is \$85 if received by June 10; at-the-gate registration is \$90. A free T-shirt and lunch is included. Optional caps can be purchased for \$10.

The camp is limited to 125 kids, so early registration is encouraged. For more information, call Teri Stonerook at (734) 454-7591 or Carole Reddy at (734) 451-2084.

Tennis clinics

Free tennis clinics will be offered through Canton Parks and Recreation Services on Saturday, May 29 at Griffin Community Park, located on Sheldon north of Cherry Hill. The clinics are open to all ages, and are designed to get people of any age to try the sport.

There will be three sessions: noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. Call (734) 397-5110 to reserve a spot.

Rockers camps

The Detroit Rockers will stage a pair of summer soccer camps (ages 6-16) — 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 21-25; and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The camps will be directed by Rockers coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty. Appearances will also be made by Rockers Neil Gilbert, Randy Prescott, Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst.

A total of 20 half-day, week-long camps throughout the metro Detroit area are currently available for \$99.

A full-day, week-long session is also offered July 12-16 at Franklin Racquet Club. Half-day camps are \$119 and full-day are \$189 for all registrations received after May 15.

All campers will receive an official size-5 Kendis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-2000 Rockers VIP season ticket pass.

For more information, call (313) 396-7070.

Determined effort Chiefs rattle Rocks to win conference

BY C.J. RISAK
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This meeting meant more than the first. And Plymouth Canton played it that way.

The Chiefs got better action in their midfield and kept Plymouth Salem off-balance for much of Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association soccer championship match, and the result was a 3-1 victory.

Canton enters the state district tournament Monday against Pinckney

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(game time: 5:30 p.m. at Canton) with a 12-2-3 record. Salem goes into the districts with a 9-5-2 mark; the Rocks host Novi at 7 p.m. Monday.

If Canton beats Pinckney, it will play South Lyon 7 p.m. Wednesday at Canton. If Salem defeats Novi, it will play at Northville at 7 p.m. Thursday. The district championship match — which could be a third Canton-vs.-Salem showdown — is 1 p.m. Saturday at

South Lyon HS.

"They outthrustled and outplayed us for the first 40 minutes," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld of Canton. "We couldn't do much of anything."

"This is a big-time rival, and I thought we'd play better. But a big part of it was Canton — they were all over the place."

The Chiefs took the lead early and never surrendered it, although Salem did make a strong run at them in the second half. One of Canton's major

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Hard to contain: Canton's Anne Morrell (7), here outfighting Salem's Brandi Groves, showed why she is an All-American caliber player by scoring two goals to lead the Chiefs to the WLAA championship.

Canton gets shot at WLAA title

When it gets right down to it, Plymouth Canton's Gretchen Hudson is tough to beat, as are all of her softball teammates.

Hudson stopped Livonia Churchill on two hits and one walk while striking out eight in leading the Chiefs to a 4-1 triumph Friday at Churchill. The victory landed Canton a spot in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game opposite Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The Lakes Division champion — Central — hosts the WLAA title game,

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but the Vikings' field is being renovated, so the game will be played at Walled Lake Western.

With the victory, Canton — the WLAA's defending champion — tied Farmington Harrison for the WLAA's Western Division crown. The Chiefs advanced to the final by virtue of the tiebreaking formula (better conference record).

Central was unbeaten in the Lakes Division, but the Vikings did lose to Canton, 3-2. "They are a very good team," said Chiefs' coach Jim Arnold.

Fortunately for Canton, Hudson is on target. She and teammate Jenny Fisher combined for a no-hitter four days earlier against Livonia Franklin, and last Wednesday she got the last out of the game in a 9-5 victory over Farmington. Against Churchill, Hudson stretched her no-hit streak to 9 1/3 innings before allowing a lead-off single.

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Rocks can't dethrone Spartans; Chiefs 7th

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It was Livonia Stevenson's night again at the Class A girls track regional.

The Spartans rode the legs of junior Andrea Parker to edge Detroit Cass Tech by 1 1/2 points, 97.5-96, to repeat as champions at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

Plymouth Salem was a close

third with 85.

"I really didn't think about the team score until they announced it with about two events to go," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "We've had some awfully good track

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Salem 4th in region; Canton finishes 6th

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Detroit Cass Tech sure knows how to spoil a party.

The Technicians, coached by Thomas Wilcher, scored 84 points to win the Class A boys track regional Friday night at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

Redford Catholic Central was a strong second with 74 points

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followed by Dearborn High with 64 and defending champion Plymouth Salem with 61.

Despite being disqualified in the 800 relay, Cass won the 400 relay (44.4) and took four of the top six places in the 200

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BASEBALL

Salem falls to Stevenson in title fight

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Plymouth Salem came knocking in the top of the seventh inning Friday, but host Livonia Stevenson hollered "Nobody home" and kept the door to the plate closed to win the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division baseball title, 3-2.

The Spartans did it by ending Salem's last-ditch, bases-loaded effort with a perfect throw by Spartan centerfielder Dan Wilson to catcher Brandon Gajda, whose tag stopped the potential tying run from scoring and made the final, title-winning out.

"Most times in high school ball, they don't throw the runner out at the plate," rued a dejected Dale Rumberger, the Salem coach, of Wilson's throw.

The Spartans scored the winning run in their half of the fifth inning on Salem pitcher Steve Gordon's error. Gordon had attempted to pick off Pete Pinto at third base, but his throw went wide and Pinto trotted home with what proved to be the winning run.

The crown goes to the Spartans because they defeated the Rocks both times this season, while North Farmington, the runner-up, split with Salem.

The Spartans, whose other victory over Salem also was by a run, didn't find Salem any easier on Friday.

They found themselves down 2-0 after Salem's No. 9 batter, Chris Longpre, singled home Corey Wacker and leadoff hitter Geoff Bennett scored Ian Winter on a sacrifice fly to center.

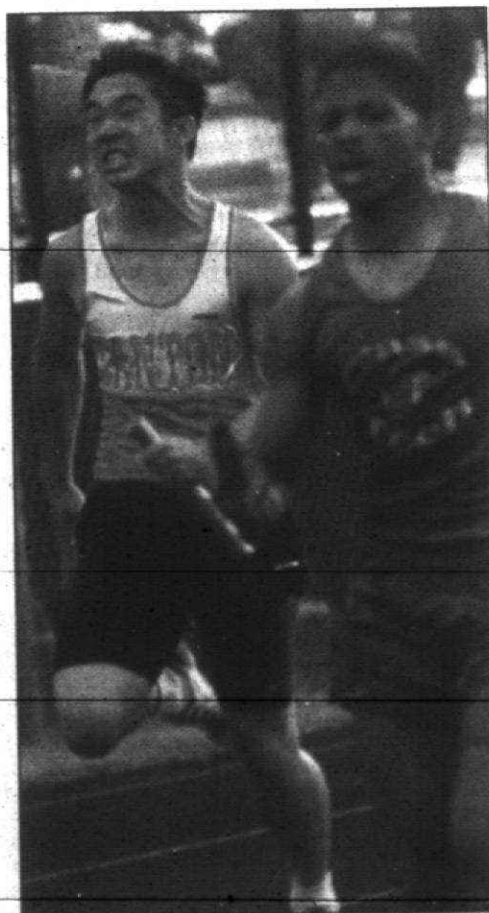
However, the Spartans came back the bottom of the inning, using a double steal to tie the score.

With one out, shortstop Steve Anderson walked and stole second. Matt DiPonio was hit by a pitch, putting runners at the corners. On the double steal, Anderson scored and DiPonio was safe at second. DiPonio then scored on a single by Pinto, who was thrown out at second while attempting to stretch it into a double.

Salem threatened in the top of the fourth when they loaded the bases, but Rizzi flew out to Wilson in short center.

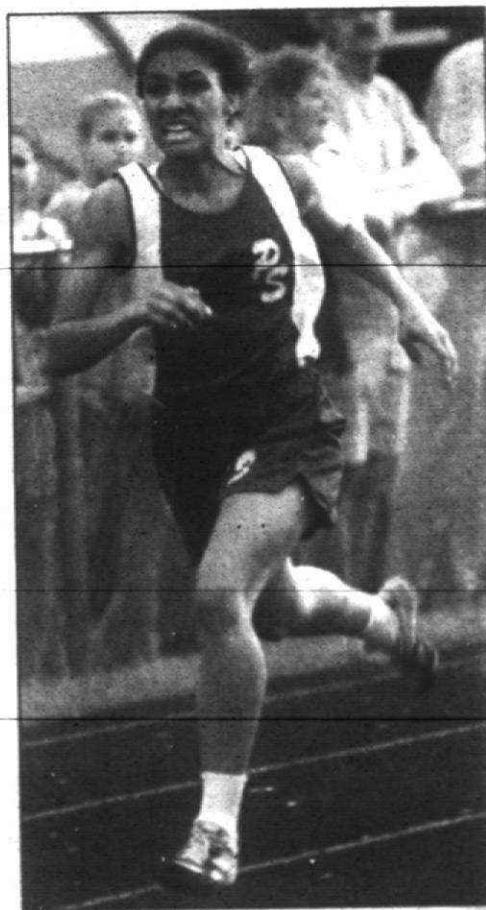
The Rocks didn't threaten again until the seventh. With one out, Stevenson right-hander Roy Rabe hit husky left-handed batter Rizzi on the right heel to put him

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Strong finish: Gary Lee's anchor leg helped the Chiefs qualify for state in the 400-meter relay.



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Beating the clock: Salem's Autumn Hicks qualified for state in four events, including the 400-meter run.

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advantages is the finishing ability of sophomore Anne Morrell, who was recognized as an All-American player by the National Soccer Coaches Association prior to the game.

Morrell displayed her ability quickly, and so did Amanda, who went on to score the goal. Lenz, another sophomore, was stationed at the other forward spot for most of the season in an effort to relieve the pressure on Morrell. Although Lenz did produce at that position, the Chiefs experienced trouble controlling the ball at the midfield. So Canton coach Don Smith moved Lenz back to attacking midfielder.

The payoff was immediate. Lenz angled outside and went down the right wing, then crossed a perfect pass into Morrell for the finish, putting the Chiefs up 1-0 just 7:50 into the game.

Canton continued to get the better of the opportunities, but Salem keeper Jill Dombrowski proved difficult to beat. In a 10-minute late in the first half, Dombrowski picked off another crossing pass, this one from Vicki Palis, before it could reach Morrell; dived on a deflected shot from Beth Sandusky, stopping it just short of the goal line; and deflected a looping shot from 35 yards away by Cheron Rice just over the crossbar.

The Rocks had a few chances in the opening half, too, the best a hard shot by Kristina Senich from a sharp angle to the left of the Canton goal that keeper Amy Dorogi had to leap to save.

The second half started like the first one ended, with the Chiefs in command. Again, the dividends were almost immediate, and again, it was Lenz who got the play started. Her cross reached Sandusky in the middle of the box, and Sandusky dribbled a shot that eluded Dombrowski and gave Canton a 2-0 lead.

"I think it worked out nicely," said Smith of Lenz's re-positioning. "We weren't getting a lot of movement there, so we had to make a change."

Unlike the first half, however, the Chiefs' dominance waned. Their second goal seemed to serve as a wake-up call to the

Rocks, who attacked more aggressively and started coming after Canton.

It didn't take long for the change to take effect. The score: Suzy Towne poked in a loose ball in front of the net, with the assist going to Jami Coyle, with 81:23 left to play, trimming Canton's advantage to 2-1.

It was a full-field, up-and-down war from then on, each team getting good scoring chances, each keeper making big saves. Twice, Morrell got open and hit a hard shot on net, twice, in a 6-and-1/2 minute span, Dombrowski robbed her.

Canton's Dorogi did the same on Salem's Jeannine Edwards, stopping her drive from 20 yards out with a diving grab, with 17:05 left. With 8:27 to play, Morrell centered a pass to Allison Mills in front of the net, but Mills shot braced off the goal post.

The outcome was still very much in doubt until, with 53 seconds left, Morrell took a pass from Mills at midfield, sped down the right wing, and fired a rocket that fooled Dombrowski and got inside the near post, making it 3-1.

"It was a good team effort," said Smith. "We had a lot of people come in and do a nice job."

Said Landefeld: "I was a little disappointed with our effort, but they put us on our heels from the start, and that can be hard to get out of."

The Rocks could get a third chance at it, on Saturday. But first, they must negotiate a very tough path to the district final. They tied (Novi) and lost (Northville) to the teams they must defeat to get that far. While Canton's path is easier, it's no certainty.

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What a big-inning!

5-run rally in 6th is a winner for Canton

Plymouth Canton exploded for six runs in the fifth inning Friday to erase a 2-1 deficit and beat visiting Livonia Churchill 7-2 in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division baseball game.

The Chiefs improved to 18-6 overall, 6-4 in the division. Churchill is 12-15 overall, 3-7 in the division.

Joe Cortellini socked a three-run homer for the victorious Chiefs in the bottom of the fifth, while Oliver Wolcott contributed a two-run double. Cortellini and Wolcott each had two hits. Jon Johnson added two RBIs.

Senior Ben Tucker was the winning pitcher, raising his season mark to 7-2. He scattered nine hits and one walk over seven innings.

Churchill starter Andy Shoemaker suffered the loss.

Farmington 7, Canton 5 (eight innings): Plymouth Canton battled back from a 5-1 deficit after five innings with two runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh to force extra innings Wednesday against visiting Farmington, only to see a chance at winning slip away thanks to some fielding errors in the eighth.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 17-6 overall, 9-5 in the WLAAs.

The Falcons scored four times in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie. Canton narrowed the deficit to 5-3 in the sixth on a double by Oliver Wolcott, a RBI-scoring triple by Jon Johnson and an RBI single by Bryan Kay. The Chiefs then tied it in the seventh on a walk to Brad Smigajski, a single by Andrew Copenhagen, a sacrifice by Steve Lueck, an RBI fielder's choice by Wolcott and a run-scoring single by Johnson.

Kevin Tomasaitis was the losing pitcher. He took over in the eighth and gave up two unearned runs on one hit and one walk.

Johnson started and surrendered five runs (four earned) on eight hits and one walk in the eighth.

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PCAs 11-7, A.A. Greenhills 1-6: The Eagles swept a pair from host Ann Arbor Greenhills Friday, using Scott Maddock's strong pitching in the first game and his timely hitting in the second.

The two non-league wins evened Plymouth Christian's overall record at 9-9.

In the opener, Maddock allowed one unearned run on three hits and one walk; he struck out 13. Dave Shumaker paced the offense with three hits and two runs batted in; Derric Isensee added two hits and two RBIs, Nick Conti had two hits, and Evan Gaines had a hit and an RBI.

"That's the best I've seen Scott pitch," said PCA coach Sam Gaines.

The second game was far different. The Eagles needed a three-run rally in the sixth to overtake the Gryphons; Maddock delivered two of those runs with a two-out single. Shumaker then brought home another run with an RBI single, making the score 7-5.

"I was really pleased, especially since Greenhills had beaten us at home earlier in the season," said Gaines. "We got some good pitching and some timely hitting."

Andy Powers started the second game, but worked only two innings because he was at his weekly innings limit; he allowed one earned run. Bill Kiesel took over in the third and was the winning pitcher.

Shumaker and Isensee each had two hits and an RBI to lead PCA; Kiesel added a run-scoring double.

PCA's junior varsity also won, making its record 5-5 in only its third year.

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Raider repeat

North collects 3rd-straight title

By Dan O'Meara
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North Farmington was near perfect last week in winning its third consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association championship in boys tennis.

Led by senior Brad Jaffe, a three-time champion at No. 1 singles, the Raiders were in the finals at every flight, won seven and scored 31 of a possible 32 team points.

That was the best showing yet for North, which outscored runner-up Northville the last two years, 28-23.

The Mustangs, who had won five times in a row until being dethroned by the Raiders in the 1997, were second again with 18 points and Farmington third with 15.

In WLAAs dual matches, the Raiders, ranked No. 1 in Division II, won 86 of 88 points while going 11-0 for the third straight year. North finished with an overall record of 14-1.

"It's always fun to coach, but it's icing on the cake when you're able to do it with talented players and great family support," North coach Rick Jones said, referring to the "moms and dads" who attended the matches.

"It's been one of the highlights of my teaching and coaching career to be around this group of kids. It's easy to say that because we won, but I think I'd say that if we hadn't won."

"They're just great people. I doubt if there's been a group of seniors in the North Farmington

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program who've won more matches and accomplished more in their careers."

In a match that didn't begin until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jaffe defeated Farmington Harrison junior and rival Ryan Shade in the No. 1 singles final, 7-6 (7-1), 3-6, 6-4.

"It was really a huge match; you hated to see anybody lose," Jones said. "Ryan played tremendous tennis. Brad was able to break him in the last set, and that was really the essence of the match."

It was the third time this season Jaffe played Shade, with Jaffe winning a second time and avoiding a loss to Shade in the previous meeting. All three matches have gone three sets.

Jaffe's record this year was 21-1 as of Wednesday.

"I don't think people always appreciate how difficult it is to play at No. 1, because virtually every school has a quality player," Jones said. "Brad has stepped up and played big matches all year. He's played a lot of tough matches, and to play at that high level all year is remarkable."

The Raiders swept first place in singles competition with junior Chris Erickson, senior Justin Street and senior Brandon Finkel winning at Nos. 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

Erickson, who combined with Street to win at No. 1 doubles

last year, whipped Northville's Matt Schlanser in the finals. Street rolled through the tournament, according to Jones, losing just six games in three matches and defeating Farmington's Max Moore for the title.

Finkel, a semifinalist at No. 4 singles last year, won it all this time with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Mark Thomson of Northville in the finals. Finkel was down 4-1 in the second set but rallied to win it.

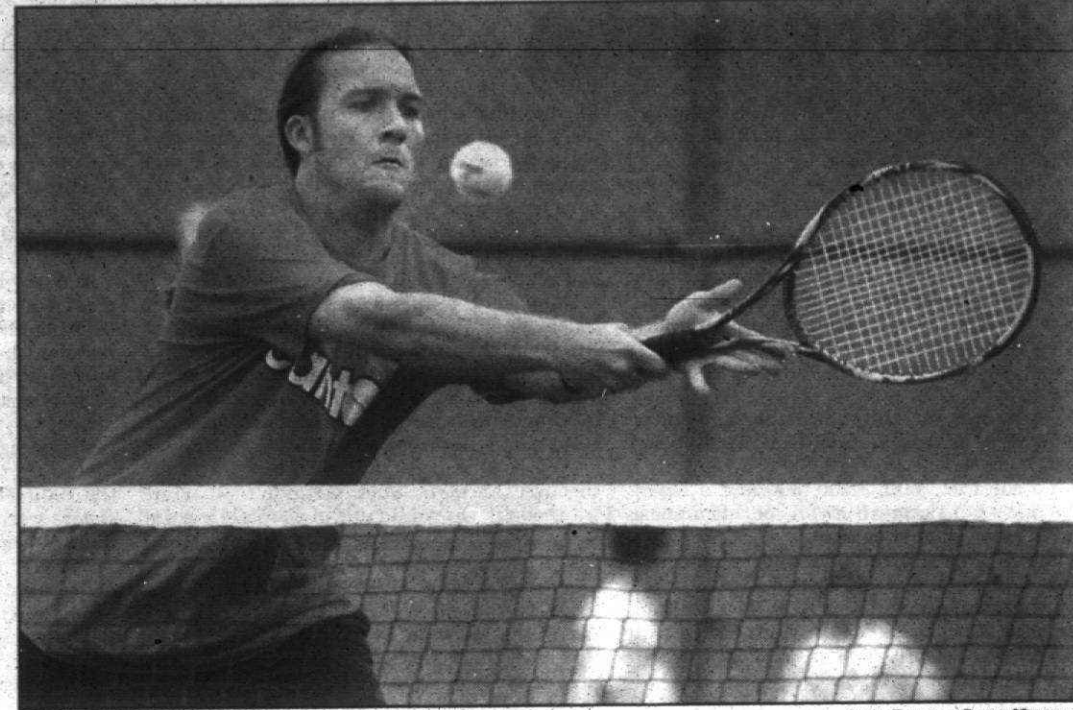
Senior Mark Frankel and sophomore Jay Berman, last year's No. 2 doubles champs, captured the No. 1 title and increased their unbeaten record to 22-0 after defeating Plymouth Canton's Jason Darow and Chris Houdek.

Juniors Geoff Streit and Brady Dwyer were runners-up at No. 2 doubles, losing a three-setter in the finals to Northville's team of Kyle Wargo and Brian Wilson. Dwyer and Streit had beaten Wargo and Wilson earlier, 6-1, 6-1.

Junior Andrew Golaszewski, who was Street's teammate last year, and junior Josh Wood combined to win the No. 3 doubles title.

After losing twice in three sets to Northville's Dan Drake and Ryan Prendergast, they knocked off the top-seeded Mustangs in the WLAAs finals.

Sophomore Steve Jaffe and freshman Rob Frankel defeated Northville in the No. 4 doubles semis and Livonia Churchill's Kenny Tseng and Chris Singleton in the final.



Eliminated: Canton's Mike Bruder angles for a return at No. 2 doubles during the WLAAs conference tournament. North Farmington dominated; Canton tied for fifth.

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. North Farmington, 31 points; 2. Northville, 18; 3. Farmington, 15; 4. Livonia Churchill, 12; 5. (tie) Plymouth Canton and Farmington Hills Harrison, 9 each; 7. Walled Lake Central, 7; 8. Plymouth Salem, 5; 9. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Western, 3 each; 11. Livonia Franklin, 2; 12. Westland John Glenn, 1.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated Ryan Shade (FH), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; semifinals: Jaffe def. Siddiqui Faraz (PS), 6-2, 6-0; Shade def. Jonathan Gore (F), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2: Chris Erickson (NF) def. Matt Schlanser (N), 6-1, 6-0; semifinals: Erickson def. Randy Hassan (F), 6-4, 6-2; Schlanser

def. Tim Kupferer (FH), 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Justin Streit (NF) def. Max Moore (F), 6-0, 6-1; semifinals: Streit def. Ritchie Ikeh (PC), 6-0, 6-3; Moore def. Ben Luong (LC), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 4: Brandon Finkel (NF) def. Mark Thomson (N), 6-4, 6-4; semifinals: Finkel def. Chris Foss (PC), 6-3, 6-2; Thomson def. Sean Newsom (WLC), 6-3, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman (NF) def. Jason Darow-Chris Houdek (PC), 6-0, 6-2; semifinals: Frankel-Berman def. Eric Bruce-Ben Broder (F), 6-1, 6-3; Darow-Houdek def. Krist Botker-Kyle Denne (N), 7-6, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2: Kyle Wargo-Brian Wilson (N) def. Brady Dwyer-Geoff Streit (NF), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; semifinals: Wargo-Wilson def. Scott Risner-Mike Horke (LC), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; Dwyer-Streit def. Dan Turkovich-Guillaume Odenfall (F), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3: Josh Wood-Andrew Golaszewski (NF)

def. Dan Drake-Ryan Prendergast (N), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Wood-Golaszewski def. Sharik Trivedi-Hemant Srivivas (F), 6-1, 6-2; Drake Prendergast def. Zac Tobies-Adam Rouke (LC), 6-0, 6-3.

No. 4: Steve Jaffe-Rob Frankel (NF) def. Kenny Tseng-Chris Singleton (LC), 6-4, 6-3; semifinals: Jaffe-Frankel def. Brian Arndt-Nathan Gutzit (N), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Tseng-Singleton def. Chris Hall-Loren Klein (F), 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Overall WLAAs standings: 1. N. Farmington; 2. Northville; 3. Churchill; 4. (tie) Farmington and Canton; 6. Salem; 7. W.L. Central and Harrison; 9. W.L. Western; 10. (tie) Franklin and Stevenson; 12. John Glenn.

Lakes Division dual meet champion: N. Farmington.

Western Division dual meet champion: Northville.

Atallah leads Shamrocks into the state tournament

Junior David Atallah evened the score with a pair of old foes Friday in the Ann Arbor regional tennis tournament to lead Redford Catholic Central into the Michigan state finals.

Atallah defeated Julian Darwall of Ann Arbor Pioneer 7-6, 7-5, in the semifinals and then downed Alan Chu of Ann Arbor Pioneer, 7-6, 6-1, to take the regional's No. 4 singles crown.

His title victory gave the Shamrocks one point more than the 16 they needed to qualify for the state finals June 4-5 in Midland.

CC picked up its second regional crown when No. 1 doubles duo J.D. Shade and Rob Sparks defeated Andrew Iannetoni and David Scheltman of Pioneer 7-6, 7-5.

Pioneer, with two singles and one doubles titles, won the regional while Huron, with the No. 1 singles crown, was second. The Shamrocks had three individuals in the singles semis and three duos in the doubles.

Mike Findling and Jeff Slezar joined Atallah in the singles, with Slezar bowing at No. 2 singles to David Hinkler of Pioneer, 6-0, 6-0. The No. 2 doubles teams of Nick Gray-Matt Slezar and the No. 3 duo Ryan Cibir-Matt Roe also reached the semis.

Atallah won the tiebreaker in

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the first set against Chu by 10-8. "He hung in on long rallies," said first-year Shamrocks head coach Paul Bozyk. "He decided he was not going to miss many balls."

Bozyk attributed Atallah's success to "finding the appropriate time to attack the net" during long rallies.

"I couldn't be prouder of David, because of the endurance he showed," said Bozyk.

Shade and Sparks had previously beat Iannetoni and Scheltman 6-4, 6-2, in a May 13 dual meet at Schoolcraft College.

Other championship flight singles results:

No. 1-Owen Fletty (AAH) def. Jeff Augustyn (AAP), No. 3-Evan Ufer (AAP) def. Ray Wu (AAH).

Other championship doubles:

No. 2-Adam Fox and Mark Reading-Smith (AAP) def. Tai Etra and Eddie Smith (AAH), No. 3-Pat Fay and David Toronto (AAP) def. Dan Miller-Sanchez and Jim Dailey (AAH).

Final team standings:

1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 24; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 20; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 17; 4. Livonia Churchill, 7; 5. tie, Belleville and Plymouth Salem; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 5; 8. tie, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton, 3; 10. Westland John Glenn, 0.

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The LeSabre, believe it or not, is new - and improved



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Here we go again. All this talk about a new millennium. 2000 this, 2000 that.

It's just another year

in your life, folks. Big deal.

But what's a really big deal is the fact that we entered the old millennium on horses and buggies and are entering the new one with a host of new, sophisticated and smart machines we've come to know as automobiles - our beloved mode of transportation.

I'll tell you something. The 2000 Buick LeSabre is no exception. After all, it's been the best-selling U.S. full-size car for the past seven years in a row. Usually, an automaker doesn't change something that doesn't need fixing. They generally just leave it alone until some focus group says it needs some changing.

So it's puzzling why Buick decided to change the LeSabre. It was a great car the way it was, and was selling quite well.

You begin to understand the changes when you get inside and really start to gaze at the outside of this version of the LeSabre. The Buick brand is evolving into a car that a lot of us would take a second look at, rather than being marketed just to older folks.

This here is a full-size premium family sedan that gets high marks on roominess and gadgetry and still has a lot of luxury and elegance thrown in.

Let's get the complaints out of the way right away.

On the instrument panel - that controls the stereo, heating and cooling lights, windows, doors and trunk release - there are a total of 52 buttons to play with. And that doesn't include the turning and wiper stalks, steering controls or passenger-side controls.

I don't think I can count that high.

In their defense, all of the buttons are large enough for the average hand to operate. Nothing is really micro or anything. It's just really overwhelming. I'm looking at



The 2000 LeSabre has impeccable styling and a roomy, quiet ride.

it from a 76-year-old's point of view. Man, that's an awful lot to read and understand and push and position.

OK, OK, Buick is marketing the LeSabre to people in their 30s, 40s and 50s. I'm 40 and still found it a bit overwhelming. Sorry. The only other thing I didn't like was the automatic driver's seat. It has two positions (which is very smart) that you can set.

I tried to set it, but it didn't work the way I wanted it to. I guess I should've taken out the 400-page manual and trudged through it to figure it all out, but I'm sorry in this day and age, I don't think you should have to look at the manual to figure out the basics.

The manual is there for how to change the tire or where your fuse box is or what the proper tire pressure should be. Not to be used on adjusting the seat.

All right. I'm all done bellyaching.

Let me tell you about the neat things this 2000 LeSabre has to offer. From its impeccable styling to its 3800 Series V6 under the hood, the LeSabre gives you more than you bargained for in a car in this class and

price. I loved the quiet ride. I loved the fact I felt there was a lot of car around me. I liked the roominess in the passenger compartment and in the cargo compartment.

The rear seat flips down in case you need to carry something really long. The trunk release button, located on the lower part of the driver's door, can be locked. How smart.

The center console holds a couple of cupholders, but I don't know what's supposed to be stored next to that. There's a flat area there. Behind that is a rather large storage compartment that has a power point nestled in there. Great hiding place for the cell phone.

The glove compartment (why do they call it that when nobody wears gloves anymore?) is adequate for your manual, registration and oil change/tuneup receipts, but nothing else. But there are map pockets all over the place to hide your - what else? - maps and things.

Other niceties include shoulder and lap belts for all three rear passengers, rear-door child security locks and anchors on

the rear shelf at all three rear seat positions to handle the attachment point for child seats.

The LeSabre Limited has a standard theft-deterrent alarm system and a pass key won't allow it to start unless the right ignition key is in the slot. Also standard is air conditioning, tinted glass, automatic leveling suspension, ComfortTemp dual climate controls, aluminum wheels and a pretty nice stereo speaker system.

The driver's information system is a really cool gadget to play with at a long red light. You can find useful info like amount of fuel used, miles per gallon, time pressure, odometer and trip odometer. There are rain-sensing windshield wipers and a three-channel universal garage door opener

See next page for LeSabre specifications and Let's Talk Cars by Art Cervi

Spartan, Blazer golfers qualify for state

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Livonia will be sending two teams to the state girls golf tournament June 4-5 in East Lansing.

For the first time since 1996, Stevenson made the cut at the Division I regional at Oak Point in Brighton with a second-place finish.

Meanwhile, Ladywood slid in by one shot at the Division II regional at Timber Trace for the first time since 1990.

Ann Arbor Huron, rated No. 4 in Division I, shot 350 to win the regional at Oak Point followed by No. 3-ranked Stevenson (357) and Brighton (359).

Ann Arbor Pioneer (375), South Lyon (379) and No. 5-ranked Livonia Churchill (381) were on the outside looking in.

Stevenson, the recently crowned Western Lakes Activities Association champion, was led by senior Maria Mazzoni's 82.

Mazzoni, who played in the state meet as a

freshman, rebounded from her 92 on Tuesday at the WLAAs meet.

"She had a much better day," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "She's been working on her short game and it showed. The course was in great condition. There was no water, but it was kind of rolling. The rough played tough."

Heppner, a junior, fired an 88, while junior Laura Haddock had a 91. Sophomore Katie Carlson shot a 91 and junior Jessica Makowski had a 98.

"The entire season this has been a team of non-individuals," Wagner said. "We've been a true team. They've picked each other up all year. There are no superstars."

Although Churchill did not qualify, freshman Heidi Aittama's 85 was good enough to earn a spot as an individual in the two-day state tournament at Forest Acres (East Course).

"This is the first time ever that anybody from Churchill has gone to the state meet and we're happy about that," said Charger coach Sharon Laskowski, whose team fin-

ished runner-up to Stevenson in the WLAAs.

"Today we were kind disappointed not to qualify, but we're a young team. We played two freshmen and don't have any seniors," Ladywood, 5-7 during the dual-meet season, may be the biggest surprise of the day.

Northville of the WLAAs won Timber Trace regional in Pinckney with a 384 total, while Saline and Ladywood shot 390 and 400, respectively.

"This was one of our goals this season and I don't think the girls actually believed they qualified," Ladywood coach Randy Ferguson said. "We were fortunate to be one stroke better and we're really excited about going to the state meet."

"We played a lot of tough teams this year in our league, including Mercy, and I think that helped," Ferguson said.

Katy Zimmerman led Ladywood with a 92, while Becca Andersen turned in her best score of the year with a 94. Both are seniors. Betsy Rais and Mary Griffin shot 106 and 108, respectively. Gretch Siebert had a 125.

Megan O'Connor, 113; Katie Beasley, 118; Kristin Kmet, 139.

Wayne: Allison Murphy, 116; Ann Phillips, 146.

John Glenn: Nicole Ziegler, 137; Jennifer McDermott, 151.

DIVISION II REGIONAL May 21 at Timber Trace

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advance to state meet): 1. Northville, 384; 2. Saline, 390; 3. Livonia Churchill, 400; 4. Bloomfield Hills Ladies, 401; 5. Pinckney, 411; 6. Birmingham Marian, 412; 7. White Lake Lakeside, 424; 8. Hartland, 426; 9. Oxford, 431; 10. Ypsilanti, 436; 11. Grosse Pointe North, 430.

TEAM INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Stevenson (357): Maria Mazzoni, 82; Carl Heppner, 88; Laura Haddock, 91; Katie Carlson, 90; Jessica Makowski, 98.

Churchill (381): Heidi Aittama, 85 (qualified for state meet); Ashley Johnson, 95; Kelly Parzuchowski, 99; Jennie Liska, 102; Julie McLaughlin, 107.

Salem (412): Angie Jones, 92; Kim Tomme, 99; Jenny Schwan, 110; Grace Yoonke, 111; Kelly Tamme, 124.

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Auto News

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offered as optional equipment. Another convenient and thoughtful idea in the LeSabre is the front driver's and passenger's vanity mirrors, although that's a really nice touch. They also can be pulled out in three different ways to block the setting or rising sun from bothering you on your commute. Truly a thoughtful touch.

This \$26,000-something LeSabre is powered by the tried-and-true, strong-as-a-horse 3.8-liter 3800 Series II V6 engine that's mated to a 4-speed electronically controlled 4-speed transmission. The engine promises 205 horses and 19 miles per gallon city and 30 miles per gallon on the highway.

The newest generation of LeSabre is worth a look if you're in the market for some great value for your money and a whole lot of room to ride around in.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

2000 Buick LeSabre
Vehicle class: Full-size sedan.
Power: 3.8-liter 3800 Series II V6 engine.
Mileage: 19 city / 30 highway.
Where built: Flint, Mich.
Price: \$26,695.

Let's Talk Cars



Art Cervi

I made the mistake of "thinking" again. Thinking about the '29 Model A Sport Coupe the teacher gave me for doing her yard work for the summer. In the 50's this car, as sharp as it was, probably had a value of \$25-\$50. Try that today!

The point I'm making here is that I can remember what followed what. A '48 Crosley (engine parts in a basket) nice body. Traded that for a '47 Chrysler Windsor convertible... high-lander trim... loved that car. But it must have been jinxed... three accidents, two while it was parked and the last one, when someone pulled out of a side street and plowed into me. Really

messed up the front and rear end. It was time to say good-bye. In came the '54 Plymouth I've referred to in past articles.

I know I'm not the exception, and I wonder how many of you have a soft spot in your heart for a car you used to own. Maybe it was your first car handed down by a relative or the first one you purchased. Possibly it could be one in the middle somewhere, that for whatever reason you sold and you've never forgiven yourself for letting it go. Certainly would like to hear about the special one in your life. This applies to both males and females, of course! Just drop it in the mail and send it here at the Observer and Eccentric. If you don't mind, I may even print some of them. Please include your phone number to verify that I have your per-

mission to use it.

Now that the car show season is upon us, a lot of fellow enthusiasts are taking advantage of these nice days to detail their vehicles. Some are also thinking this may be the year for that long-awaited paint job. How much it will cost will depend on how much you are willing to do yourself, i.e., taking off the bright work, scuffing up the paint, reassembly, etc. Got a lot of information for you coming up in future articles. I talked to Tom, the owner of Classic Autobody in Madison Heights, and he tells me things have really changed regarding priming and painting. Lacquer was the paint of choice for a lot of folks... one big reason, you could do it yourself. Then sand and rub it out for a sparkling (hopefully) shine. Now

it seems that the government is phasing out lacquer. There aren't too many places that even sell it anymore. Going away like freon. Speaking of freon, remember when you could buy those small cans to recharge your AC system for about \$3-\$5 a can, on sale \$1.99? Now you can only purchase freon if you have a license. I understand it now goes for about \$350-\$500 for a 20 lb. container. Any ideas as to what they now get for a recharging? Your comments are always welcome here at the Observer and Eccentric... 'til next week...

Art Cervi of "Let's Talk Cars" can be heard each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon on WYUR, AM 1310.



The Jaguar 2000 S-TYPE has a modern, high-performance appearance and comes with a variety of sophisticated features.

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As of May 3, 1999, Jaguar Cars' new luxury sports sedan, the S-TYPE, went on sale throughout North America.

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"Expanding our reach with a dramatic new sports sedan, in a different market segment from our current cars, enables us to offer the unique experience of Jaguar ownership to a far broader range of customers," says Ms. Irma Elder/Dealership Principal of Jaguar of Plymouth. "The excitement has been building for months. We have never before experienced such anticipation over the release of a new Jaguar."

The 2000 S-TYPE is named in tribute to the company's high-performance 3.8-S-type of the 1960's, acknowledging the link between the new car's modern appearance and Jaguar's powerful

design legacy. Styling and development of the S-TYPE took place at Jaguar's Whitley Engineering Center in Coventry, England, and the car is manufactured in a new production complex at Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham.

The S-TYPE's standard and optional equipment offerings will provide buyers with a variety of sophisticated features. Among the innovations is a system of voice-activated controls, a first of its kind in the auto industry, to operate the climate control, audio system and telephone. An optional in-dash Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) navigation system, Dynamic Stability Control and Computer Active Technology Suspension (CATS) are available as well.

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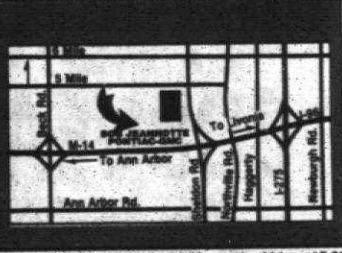
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MODEL	SECURITY DEPOSIT	TOTAL DUE AT INCEPTION
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CONTOUR	0 Down Ford Employee 275 250	598 587
TAURUS	0 Down Ford Employee 275 275	594 625
RANGER	0 Down Ford Employee 175 175	424 408
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