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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Graduation day: Seniors from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools receive their diplomas today in ceremonies at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Graduation for Salem students begins at 1:30 p.m. The Canton commencement gets underway at 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Summit hours: Summer hours for Summit on the Park begin today. The community center will be open 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Fridays; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays; and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

THURSDAY

Commencement, Part II: Adult education graduation begins 7 p.m. June 17, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. The presentation of diplomas will be followed by a reception honoring the graduates.

SATURDAY

Free immunizations: Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton is helping kids prepare for summer activities and the return to school next fall by offering physicals and free immunizations. The program will be available Saturday at the Canton location, 7300 Canton Center Road. Additional Saturdays are scheduled in July and August. For information call (800) 543-9355.

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Slavens' campaign a costly one



Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board candidate Mark Slavens has outspent three opponents by a 6-1 margin, according to his estimates. Voters will choose two board members on Monday.

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When it comes to campaign spending by the four candidates who are running in Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election, one stands out among the rest.

Mark Slavens of Canton says he's spent nearly \$3,800 in his efforts to

win one of the two four-year seats which are up for grabs.

"I'm targeting people who have traditionally voted in school board elections ... parents, staff and administration," said Slavens. "I'm just trying to get my message out on the top issues."

According to Slavens, about half the money he's spent has come from donations. Along with meeting with PTOs, teachers and administrators, Slavens

has sent out brochures which gives his take on the issues.

Challenger Steve Guile of Canton has spent about \$600 in his efforts to become a member of the board. Guile said he received one donation for \$100.

"Besides putting out signs, I've gone door-to-door with my message," added Guile. "I plan on being out at the polls election day handing out literature."

Incumbent Carrie Blamer, who is seeking a second stint on the Board of Education, said she's spent about \$400 to get re-elected.

"I've been mailing information to those who requested absentee ballots, and have also called some of them,

finding out their questions and concerns," said Blamer. "I had a phone bank making calls Saturday, and I'm dropping leaflets off in some of the higher voting precincts."

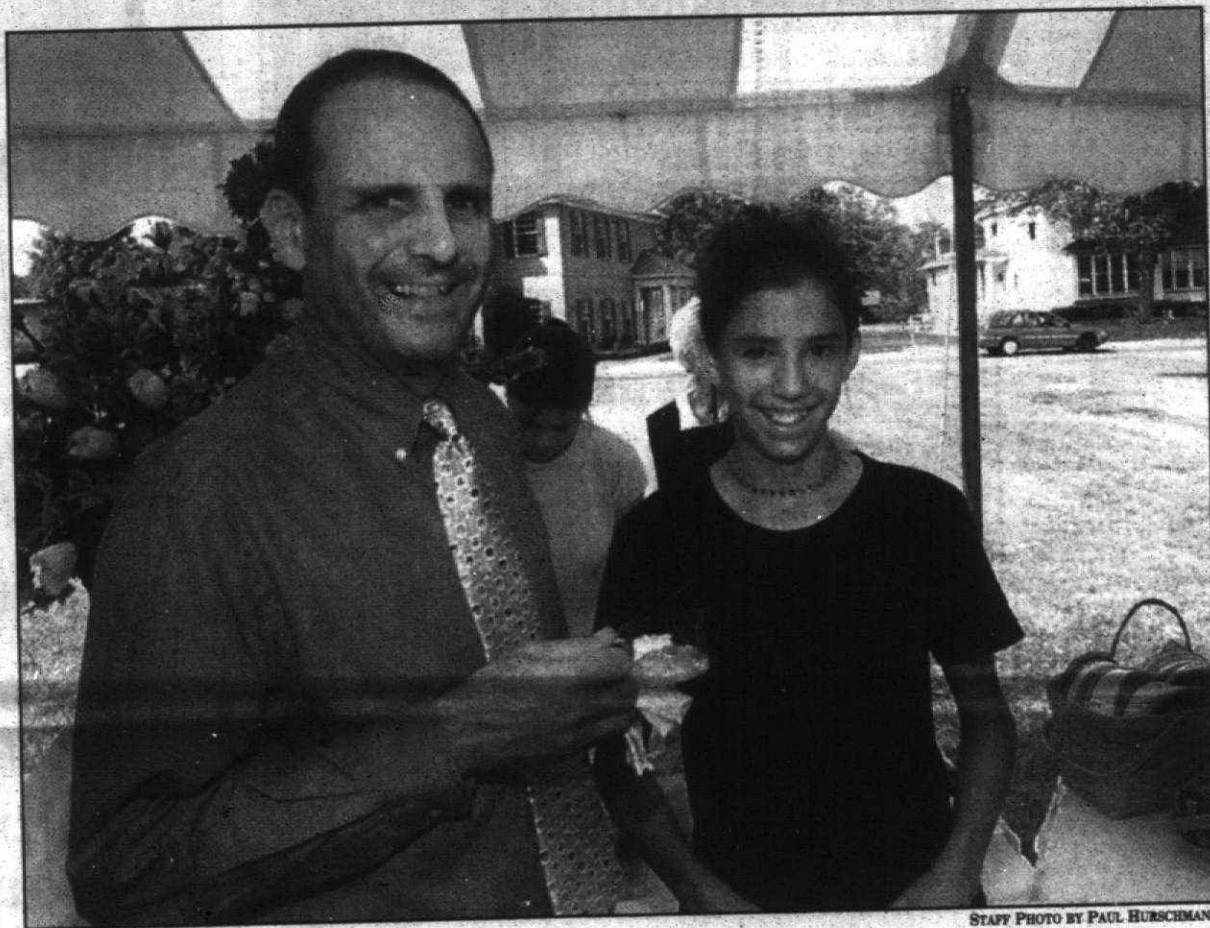
Board president Mike Maloney admits because of work schedules and a number of school related meetings and activities, he hasn't campaigned much.

"I haven't done as much as I should," said Maloney, who also noted he's spent about \$400 in his effort to be elected to a second four-year term.

The district's elections clerk, Liz

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An educational goodbye



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Family ties: Outgoing Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Chuck Little poses with his daughter Jennifer, 12, at Thursday's Farewell Open House. For a story on the event, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

Planners demand upscale look

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Canton Township's planning commission this week told a trio of developers that things have changed. The once rural township is now a true suburb with upscale aspirations.

"Dazzle us" with architectural design when you seek our approval for your plans, commission Chairman Vic Gustafson said.

As a result, during Monday night's 3-1/2-hour meeting, one developer's request for a special land-use permit passed by a 4-2 vote while requests by two others for site-plan approvals were tabled until June 21 via 6-0 votes.

The latter was a conciliatory move by the commission toward the developers, because June 21 originally was to be solely a work-study meeting.

The commissioners emphasized Monday night that Canton is no longer accepting just anything in the way of commercial-building designs.

As Gustafson told the Dick Scott Kia automobile dealership project representative, the township has "raised the

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New homes an easy sell for thieves, too

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Thefts from homes under construction are on the rise in Canton, according to township police.

About 50 incidents have already been reported this year. Officer Leonard Schemanske said it's a significant increase. He attributed the jump to Canton's building boom.

"There has been an increase," he added, "especially in the south end of Canton. Some (businesses) are being victimized more than others."

The metropolitan area experienced its highest level of new residential construction in two decades in 1998, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Canton ranked second in building permits issued in 1998 with 1,279 units. The township held the same ranking two years ago.

SEMOG includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

Police reports indicate that thieves are targeting Canton as a result of that growth.

On May 22, for example, Canton-based Orloff Homes was robbed. A unit on the 400 block of Pinehurst was stripped of \$800 worth of appliances including a dishwasher and microwave oven.

On June 4, Kime Builders reported construction materials such as lumber

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Library turns page to summer readers

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Canton's Public Library is changing gears with its youth summer reading program this year.

Instead of rewarding youngsters for the number of books read, time spent reading will become the focus. The program begins Monday and registration continues through July 19.

"We think it's a fairer way of doing it," said youth librarian Kathy Kershner. "I've worked at other libraries where it has been very popular."

More than 1,500 kids participated

■ YOUTH PROGRAM

in the program a year ago. Kershner is hoping the shift in focus will encourage even more children to read.

The Youth Summer Reading program is for kids in grades first through sixth. The goal is for each child to spend at least 10 hours reading over a six-week period, said Kershner.

Readers will keep a log of time spent behind a book. Rewards, such as gift certificates, will be given

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LEAF US ALONE:

Gypsy moths take a bite out of Canton

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If you've seen small brown-colored suede-like sacks in your trees this spring, it could mean a problem.

The gypsy moth. While Canton isn't under siege from the tiny insect - or even close - it has been a nuisance in isolated areas.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reported 19 township acres affected last year. Trees within those areas were 50-74 percent defoliated.

"We have had a little problem in the downtown development authority

area," said Canton community facility operations manager Kevin Mill. "But it's not a big outbreak."

Statewide, acreage affected by the gypsy moth shot up nearly 1,000 percent in 1998. A total of 300,000 acres suffered partial or complete defoliation compared to 38,000 in 1997.

MDNR Forest Health Program Leader Frank Sapio said a number of factors have led to the increase including:

- Mild winters. He said warmer weather has allowed more gypsy moth egg masses to survive.
- Dry springs the past few years
- A lack of natural predators.

The gypsy moth creates problems by eating the tree's leaves.

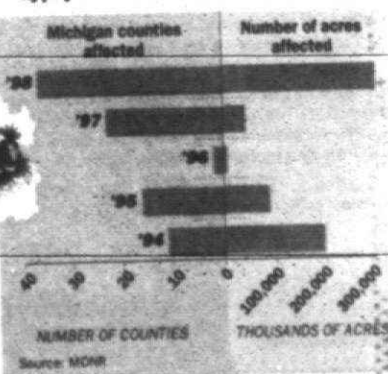
Defoliation stops trees from being able to feed themselves through photosynthesis, Sapio said. It also makes them more susceptible to disease and insects.

"A tree can stand up to three defoliations (before dying)," he commented. "But I've seen dead trees after one defoliation and others that can take four."

Varying weather conditions play a critical role in gypsy moth population.

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Gypsy Moth Defoliation in Michigan



Canton Observer OPINION

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For school board Blamer, Slavens best on ballot

On Monday, June 14, voters will make a decision to fill two seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. The four hopefuls are incumbents Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, and newcomers Steve Guile and Mark Slavens. All four candidates have much to offer the school district.

Two of these hopefuls stand out simply due to their dedication and their passion for making the school district a better place for children. And that's why the Observer recommends **Carrie Blamer** and **Mark Slavens** for the Board of Education.

Before Blamer called herself a realist at a recent candidate's forum, we already knew that. She is a realist when it comes to finances and understanding her role as a policy maker. Blamer also is inquisitive and won't vote on an issue unless she has received all the answers. But most importantly, Blamer represents every parent in the school district. While many school

board members view themselves as operating a big business, Blamer hasn't lost sight of what her job is all about — setting policy so that our children can have the best educational opportunity available to them.

Slavens has vision. From his past experience on various committees, particularly Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, we know he won't settle for the status-quo. The school funding group was one that went directly to legislators about the inequities created by Proposal A in growing school districts. Legislators later increased per pupil funding. Slavens is in search of solutions. He will go to the nth degree to find a workable answer to whatever plagues the district. With more financial bumps expected ahead for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Slavens would add a fresh mix to the Board of Education.

Blamer and Slavens are the best choices for school board on Monday, June 14.

LETTERS

Slavens cares

Mark Slavens is an excellent choice for the Plymouth-Canton school board in the Monday, June 14, election.

He is very knowledgeable on school finance issues brought about by Proposal A and he continues to take those concerns to our state legislature. Mark has demonstrated his leadership as the chairman of the 1998 Michigan Summit on School Equity, which brought key legislators and an audience of 600 to our community.

He worked as chairman of the district's building level committee to gain public support for the eventual passage of the Discovery Middle School bond.

Mark has shown a willingness to listen to all who are involved in the education of the children of the Plymouth-Canton community, including the students. He would be able to balance the special concerns of some members of the community with what would be best for the benefit of all.

Mark Slavens can be counted

on to work hard and do what's best for the children of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Vote Monday, June 14.
Martha Trafford
Canton

Problem at Bentley

Last week I received a message from my daughter who attends Bentley Elementary in Canton. The office had lost her inhaler that she needs for her asthma. Luckily I had another one at home. After returning home I called the school administration office. I spoke with Pat O'Donnell who seemed quite concerned about this matter. After approximately three hours the inhaler was found.

The next day I spoke with Principal Cheryl Johnson. I asked her what action she was taking to make sure this did not occur again. Her response to me was: "Quite frankly, nothing. This has never happened in the three years I've been at Bentley and I don't

expect it to happen again." Mrs. Johnson, what is it going to take to change your policy? Does a child need to be hospitalized or even worse, die, before you change your policy? What do they practice at the Bentley office, zero intelligence?

Lisa Clanton
Canton

Wright supporter

I have known Marshall Wright for over 10 years as a fellow case worker in the mental health field. He has always been a hard-working, conscientious individual whom I am proud to say is a good friend of mine.

Marshall possesses great rapport with peers on a professional and personal level. He is caring and sincere. I support and highly endorse his candidacy for a seat on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education.

Todd Fukuda, teacher
Burger School for
Students with Autism
Garden City

Incumbents best at Schoolcraft

Voters in the Schoolcraft College district will decide who will oversee a \$43.7 million budget, evaluate a college president who oversees the school's departments, observe the college's expansion and scrutinize future contract negotiations with the college's four unions.

The college's district includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi. Voters will choose two out of four candidates — Michael Novak, Richard Reaume, Gregory Stempien and Patricia Watson — to serve the next six years.

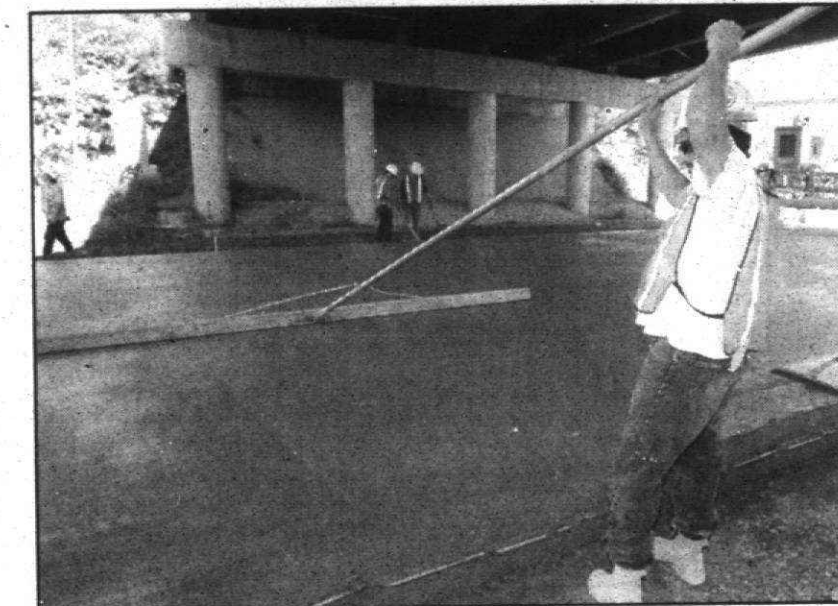
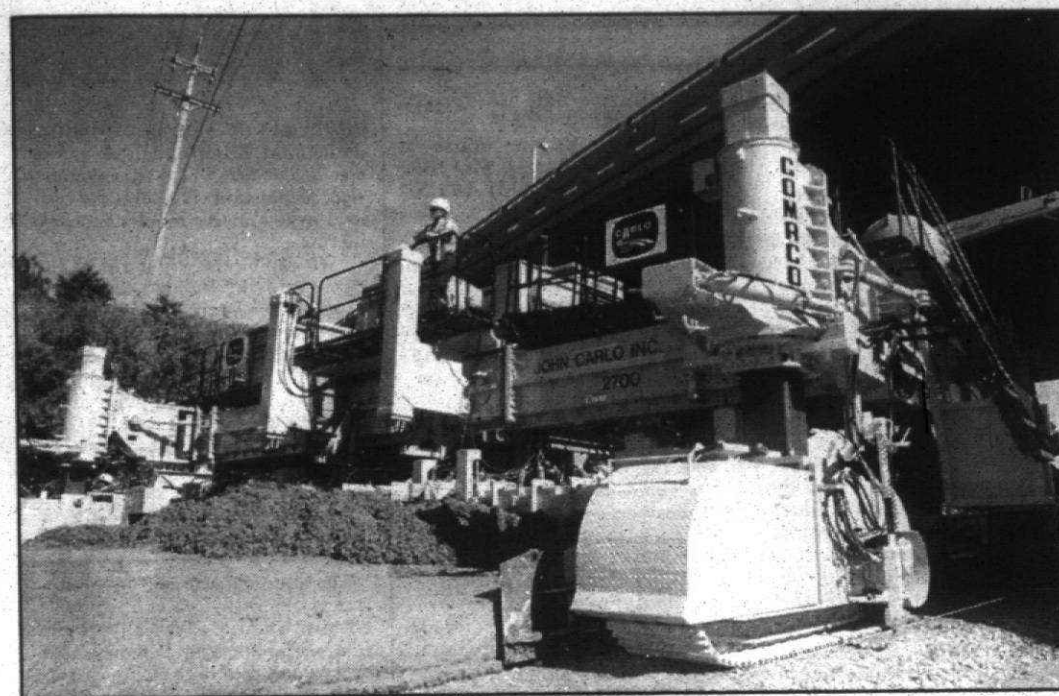
It is a strong field with all candidates displaying qualities that would serve the college's district well. The trustee position is unpaid, so it takes a commitment of time from board members to serve.

We believe the two incumbents — Greg Stempien and Patricia Watson — are the best

choices. Watson, a forensic and clinical psychologist at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, has served as the board chair since 1995. The Northville resident was appointed to the board in 1991 and was elected to a six-year term in 1993.

Stempien, an attorney who has a law practice in Livonia and resides in Northville, was appointed last January to the board to fill a vacancy. That seat must be filled in Tuesday's election.

Stempien brings a good legal mind to the board. He doesn't shy away from asking questions about the budget or capital expenses. When something doesn't sit right with him, he isn't afraid to suggest a solution. Stempien recently suggested the board have its attorney review language changes in a separation of church and state policy, which is what the board did.



Mixin' it up: One of two concrete spreaders shape and form concrete, above, for the new south-bound lanes of I-275. Road workers float the new pavement under the Grand River bridge.

PHOTO BY
BRYAN MITCHELL

Pouring it on Equipment, technology help crews spread concrete faster

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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When motorists drive on the new lanes of I-275 later this year, they won't forget the inconvenience of lane reductions and crossovers associated with the construction.

What they may not realize is the freeway is using technology and highly specialized equipment incorporated by the contractor to build a better road.

John Carlo, the main contractor on the \$49 million I-275 project, has been using two spreaders that will help pour concrete that measures about 36 feet wide or about three lanes. Traditionally freeway concrete has been poured one or two lanes at a time.

"Obviously this job is the biggest 'design-build' construction in state history," said Mike Donohoe, vice president of construction for John Carlo. "It gave us a little more leeway with construction."

MDOT wanted four lanes of highway and two shoulder lanes replaced on each side. With the spreaders, "we can pour three lanes twice, instead of two lanes three times," Donohoe said. "That alone will save us about a month. If you lower your days, you can lower your price."

With that equipment in hand, John Carlo officials could bid accordingly on the project, saving in time and labor costs about \$13 million.

That equipment also will enable John Carlo to finish the project this year. Originally MDOT officials had discussed and planned the project originally as a two-year project.

Spreading it out
Work crews operated spread-

I-275 CONSTRUCTION

ers last week on test pours to ensure the equipment was timed to work properly. The spreaders pour and level the concrete, then bell-bars — installed for expansion and contraction of the concrete — will be placed by a dower-bar inserter.

The spreaders contain software to check the grade of the slope. If the grade varies from a 2 percent slope, sensors are activated.

If laborers installed the expansion and contraction bars, they would need to pin them down and line them up, said Dennis Hanley, John Carlo's project manager.

"This new equipment allows us to unload the bell-bars and put them in their proper location, alignment and depth," Hanley said. "It's got the horses to push 12 inches of pavement."

The concrete itself is expected to allow for more expansion and contraction with bell-bar placed

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Arboretum explored Wednesday in Hines Park

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Bennett Arboretum, the roughly 70-year-old Hines Park planting project that all but died for lack of funding, will be explored Wednesday, June 16 during the Soil Conservation and Horticultural Workshop.

The annual hands-on Wayne County Soil Conservation Dis-

trict workshop will provide a first-hand look at the variety of plants, trees and wildlife in the arboretum and also answer participants' questions about problems in their own yards and gardens.

Headed by Carl Dollhopf, a Wayne County conservation district director and pest/pesticide expert, the workshop will be staffed by specialists from federal, state and county soil con-

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OBITUARIES

FLORENCE E. JAGODZINSKI
Services for Florence E. Jagodzinski, 76, of Canton were June 5 in Church of the Divine Savior with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Vermuelen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Aug. 3, 1922, in Detroit. She died June 2 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She

Say it with Flowers
by Steve Mansfield
GETTING STARTED

If you have never arranged flowers before and are hesitant about getting started, follow these simple tips for a fool proof arrangement: To begin with, try limiting your color palette to three colors, and mix in some white. Then, add a splash of drama with blue delphiniums and orange lilies together, or pair red and purple anemones for a bold statement. Next, broaden your perception of what a vase should look like and go with something more inventive. Look for pictures, canning jars, old milk bottles, teapots, or perfume bottles. Anything that holds water can serve as a vase. Finally, arrangements should be in the proportion of one-third container to two-thirds flowers. Follow your instincts and have fun.

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was a member of Church of the Divine Savior.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Rose Ochrenowicz; and one brother, Edward (Florence) Blasius. Survivors include her husband, Joseph Jagodzinski of Canton; one son, Jerry (Beverly) Jagodzinski of Farmington Hills; four daughters, Judy (Ernie) Bourgeois of Novi, Karen Dixon of Walled Lake, Gail (Wayne) Kelley of Canton, Debbie (Bill) James of Fairview, N.C.; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made in Mass offerings.

MARGARET A. KOPACH
Services for Margaret A. Kopach, 89, of Canton were June 9 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.
She was born Jan. 5, 1910, in Hartshorn, Okla. She died June 4 at Angela Hospice. She was a homemaker.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Hipolite Kopach. Survivors include her two daughters, Delores M. and Leilanie D. (Piro) George; one son, Donald J. (Maureen); four grandchildren.

Scott, Theresa, Christopher, Lori; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley and Adam.
JULIA T. KAWCEKI
Services for Julia T. Kawceki, 74, of Garden City were June 8 in St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
She was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Detroit. She died June 4 in Westland Convalescent Home. She worked for Ford Motor Company.
She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Survivors include her daughter, Carol Chanler of Canton; one son, Thomas Kawceki; one sister, Agnes; two brothers, Pete and Walter; and two grandchildren.

OWEN DAVIS SMITH
Services for Owen Davis Smith, 99, of Dearborn were June 9 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. John A. Smith officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.
Mr. Smith was born April 20, 1900, and died June 6 in Dearborn.
He was a tool and die maker. He was a member of the Gideon's International.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Milford and Nettie Smith.
He is survived by his wife, Hazel Smith of Dearborn; three sons, Eugene (Suzanne) Smith of Canton, Donald (Arlene) Smith of Bradenton, Fla., David Smith of Dearborn; one daughter, Lois (Frank) Giorgi of Dearborn; six

grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 700707, Plymouth, MI 48170-0922.
JAMES W. SCHILK
Services for James W. Schilk, 47, of Canton Township were June 11 in the Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Rev. Roger Aumann officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.
Mr. Schilk was born Jan. 15, 1952 in Detroit, and died June 6 in Las Vegas, Nev.
He was a car inspector for the railroad.
He is survived by his wife, Carol; and four sisters, Betty (Gil) Eagle, Jane, Evelyn Scharr, Alice (Paul) Payne.
Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

JEAN A. DAoust
Services for Jean A. Daoust, 38, of Plymouth were June 11 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Father Andrew J. Forsyth officiating.
Ms. Daoust was born July 13, 1960 in Ann Arbor, and died June 7 in Livonia.
She worked as a waitress at Daily Restaurant in Plymouth for 12 years. She currently was employed as a custodian at the Plymouth-Canton school system.
She was a life long Plymouth resident. She received her G.E.D. from Plymouth High School.
She is survived by her mother, Setuko Daoust of Plymouth; and many first and second cousins.

Gypsy from AI

Warm wet weather, such as southeast Michigan had a few weeks ago, acts to cut that population, Sapio said. It allows for natural gypsy moth predators to proliferate.
"We can't totally get rid of it," Sapio added. "But we can get it down to acceptable levels. I compare it to snow removal." Sapio said, aerial spraying is done to cut gypsy moth populations.
The state department of agriculture works with each of Michigan's affected counties. Typically, Sapio said, aerial spraying is done to cut gypsy moth populations.
"It targets the larvae of the moth," he added.
As a whole, Wayne County had 7,293 affected acres last year. Several other counties were hit much harder, according to MDNR numbers.
Arenac (21,453), Gladwin (82,292), Manistee (12,819), Midland (33,612) and Muskegon (51,884) all had higher acreage totals.

All but Arenac are located in the center or western portion of the lower peninsula. Arenac sits just above Saginaw Bay on the state's eastern shore.
Sapio said he and his staff are currently tallying 1999 numbers. Communities and counties are checked from airplanes.
"It's very easy to spot," Sapio said of gypsy moth damage. "But from a plane, I can't see anything less than 50 percent defoliation."
He declined to speculate on what this year's numbers might reveal.
"The gypsy moth is very difficult to predict," Sapio said.
According to Mill, the township will soon take a more proactive approach in dealing with they gypsy moth and overall health of Canton's public trees.
He will propose creation of a forestry division as soon as next month. The idea is to have it in place for fiscal year 2000.
The division will likely have two staff members and cost about \$200,000 a year to operate. Foresters would work in cutting disease among Canton trees, pruning and fertilization, said Mill.
The township has about 300 acres of trees to maintain. That includes parks, golf courses, road right of way and DDA areas.
Mill said the division is much needed.
"All you have to do is take a look around," he commented, "and look at our trees. There's definitely a need for it."
That's not to say the township's trees are in bad shape.
"I think most of this is routine maintenance," said Mill. "We're not in crisis management."

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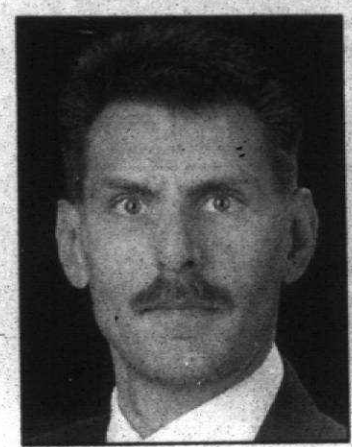
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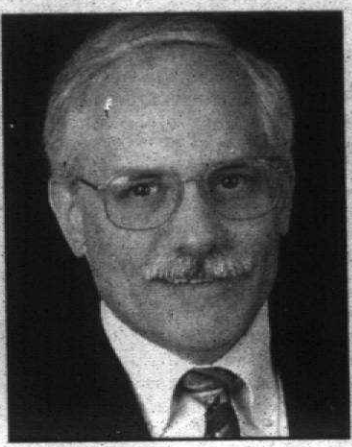
Faculty Forum supports two incumbents

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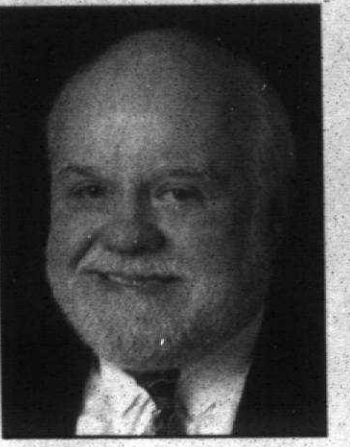
With the polls opening at 7 a.m. tomorrow for the election of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the candidates are lining up their endorsements.
Incumbents Greg Stempien and Patricia Watson received votes of confidence from the Schoolcraft College Faculty Forum, the union of 130 full-time and more than 300 part-time instructors at the college and two other bargaining units of building maintenance and secretarial staff at the college.
Richard Reaume has received backing from Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and others, while Mike Novak decided not to seek endorsements from elected officials in Livonia.
Voters will decide Monday which two candidates will serve six-year terms on the board. Polls will be open until 8 p.m. in the college district, which includes Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi



Mike Novak
school districts.
Roy Nutter, president of the Faculty Forum, said Stempien and Watson have a "demonstrated record of enthusiasm for and understanding of the college."
"They consistently exhibit diligence and extraordinary attentiveness to the needs of both the college and its students," said Nutter.
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Richard Reaume
when she first joined the board 10 years ago. "It was obvious she was sincere then when she admitted she didn't know much about the college, and now she's an absolute walking encyclopedia," Nutter said.
"She has grown into that role, especially after she became board chair."
Nutter said Stempien also knows the college well and has



Greg Stempien
been exposed to the college since his wife, Jeanne, also was on the board.
But Nutter also said they were not the only two strong candidates. For a newcomer, Reaume has informed himself well about the college and may do well tomorrow with a strong support base in the Plymouth-Canton district, while Novak also may bring strong numbers from the



Patricia Watson
southern area of the district, Nutter said.
Watson also has picked up endorsements from Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, Schoolcraft trustees Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and Carol Strom, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter and Livonia City

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Councilman John Walsh. McCotter and Walsh are former trustees.
Watson said she asked for endorsements from several of the above officials. "I think they are important, especially from the people I've asked, because they are well-versed in the college," Watson said.
Stempien and Watson said the Schoolcraft faculty and staff endorsements will not affect their approach in contract negotiations with the union groups. The groups negotiated four-year contracts within the last year.
For Schoolcraft, trustees generally leave negotiations to the administration, receiving periodic updates and ask for more information if they have questions, Watson said.
Watson said she doesn't communicate directly with the forum's bargaining team during contract talks. "There would be

Two trustees will be selected Monday from field of four

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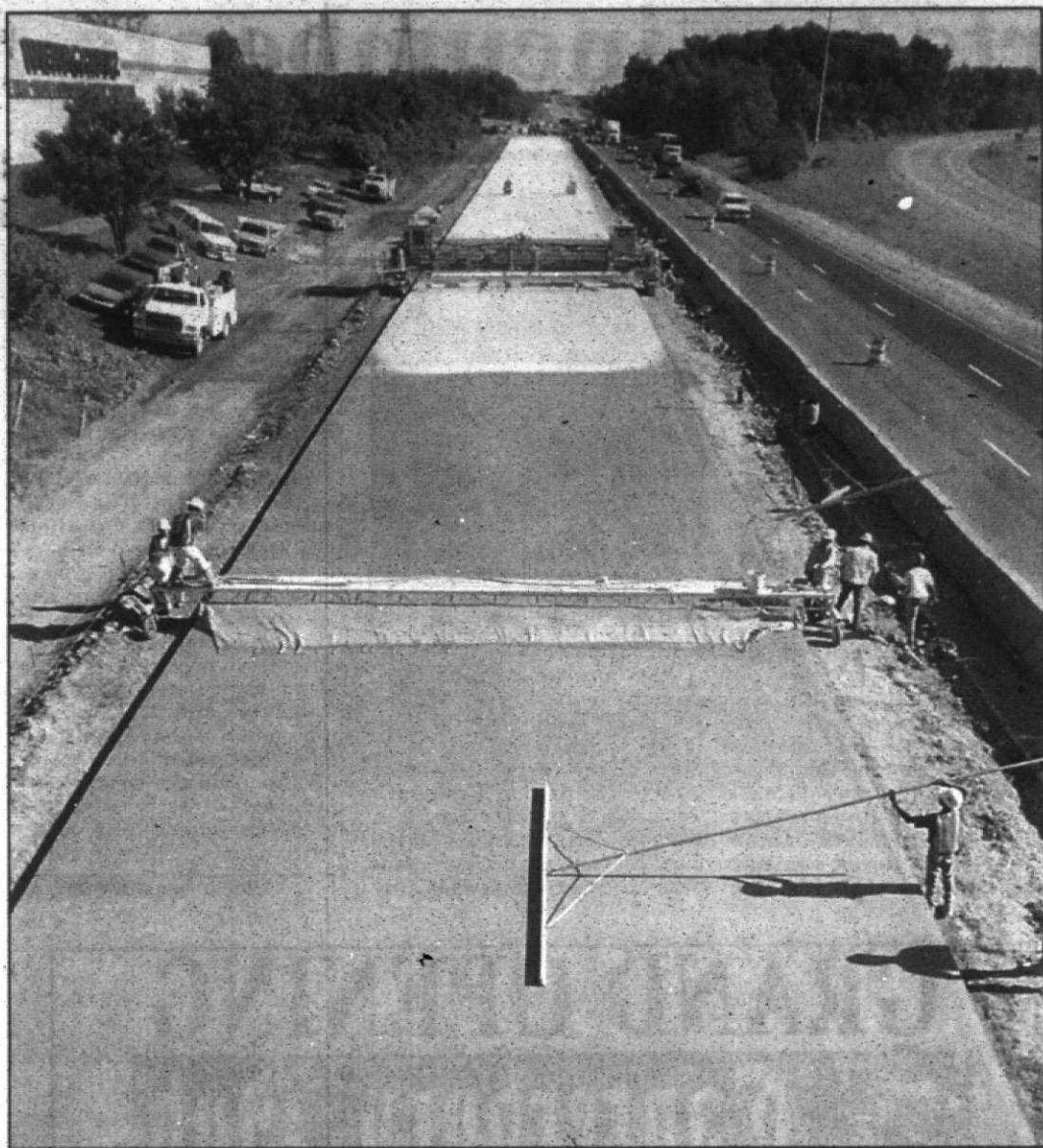
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New road: Road workers float new pavement on the new southbound lanes of I-275, following the concrete spreader. This photo was taken from the Grand River bridge in Farmington Hills.

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vation, forestry and horticultural agencies.

Dollhopf, who coordinates the gypsy moth program for Wayne County, urged participants to bring plant samples or the insects themselves.

He also recommended they wear good hiking boots and proper clothing for walking through largely undeveloped sites. Bug spray for protection and field glasses for observing the plentiful wildlife also will be needed.

The tour of the 3/4-mile area will be from 5:30 p.m. to dusk, rain or shine, at \$20 per person. There will be refreshments, and proceeds will help support the conservation efforts of the district, which gets no county funding, Dollhopf said.

What distinguishes the district's workshop from many others, noted District Administrator Gail McPherson, is that "we're not trying to sell you anything."

Instead, residents get help with plant identification, soil and water conservation and information about what trees and shrubs to plant in certain areas, she said. The district also works with communities and developers on these issues.

"It makes me sick," said McPherson, "to see all these trees that have to have branches cut because they're under telephone wires. The people didn't think before planting."

According to Dollhopf, Bennett Arboretum was planned in the 1930s as the site for some 400 species of trees, shrubs and evergreens. But the county "never had any money to take care of them."

So the area, located along both sides of Northville Road between Five and Six Mile Roads, evolved into woods and fields, he said. And many of the original plantings were "choked out by vines."

However, he said, "It's still a valuable resource for study." For example, the arboretum features nine different species of oak, thus allowing for on-site comparisons plus pest control information.

Dollhopf said the arboretum is in serious need of a Rouge River-style maintenance effort.

Dollhopf will be joined by Steve Olds, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service, formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service.

Olds will discuss stream-bank stabilization along the arboretum's Rouge segment.

Also, Andy Henriksen, the state's district forester for Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties, will identify tree species and their problems. Bob Bricault, Wayne County's Michigan State University horticultural extension agent, will discuss plants.

Concrete from page A5

closer together. Usually those expansion joints are 1 1/4 inches wide, but these will be 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide.

"These joints are not typical joints," Hanley said. "With these closer together, it will allow for more expansion."

The contractors hope the freeway's base will help prevent water from collecting in and under the concrete and prevent the freeze-thaw cycles that damage pavement in winters and spring. The road's base will contain a 4-inch draining coarse and rows of drain tile under that aggregate to draw moisture away from the base of the 12 inches of concrete.

A "finishing" machine trowels

'We can pour three lanes twice instead of two lanes three times.'

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the pavement. Laborers will trowel by hand.

The pavement will receive "tining" or diagonal lines in it to allow for surface water to run off the pavement and give better traction in winter.

The pavement takes about four or five days to cure. Once the southbound side is paved by

mid-July, both northbound and southbound traffic will be switched over to that side for the northbound lanes to be demolished, then constructed.

John Carlo has a five-year warranty on the work with MDOT, which means any potholes that appear, the contractor will repair. Hanley believes the road could last as long as 25 or 30 years.

Hanley wants motorists to be patient with the construction. "Sometimes it doesn't seem we're moving too fast, but we are going to get both northbound and southbound sides of the freeway done within 180 days."

"Give us a 'brake,' and slow down."

Support from page A7

ethical concerns with individuals on the board communicating with various groups during this stretch of negotiations," Watson said.

Stempien said the faculty forum's support or the other groups won't change his position as a trustee in any future contract negotiations with them.

"I always try to balance the needs of the staff versus the needs of the community. You want to have a content and satisfied staff, and you have to look at what is happening in society and take into account the needs of the taxpayers."

"That's one of the difficult things about this position. You're almost like a judge."

Stempien has been backed by Breen, Broderick, Strom, Watson

and Walsh, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Sheriff Robert Ficano, State Rep. Laura Toy, County Commissioner Kay Beard, former Livonia Mayor Bob Bennett, Northville Township trustee Marvin Gans, Plymouth Township trustee Ron Griffith and others.

Stempien doesn't believe endorsements have much impact individually, but as a group, he says, they may.

Reaume has been backed by Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Michael Gerou, past president of the Canton Chamber of commerce, Richard Brown, a member of the Northville school board, and James Burt, president of the school principles association of Plymouth-Canton schools.

Reaume was uncertain how critical endorsements would be in this election. "I think it's more influential when you have them in a local school board election. I've noticed that people don't give these endorsements off the cuff."

Reaume pointed out the wide spectrum he had in endorsements. "I have one from a community supervisor, another from someone in the business community, and another from a school principal," Reaume said.

Novak believes endorsements can be beneficial, depending on the race. "I decided not to actively seek an endorsement from Livonia elected officials because I felt it may be a conflict with my current position," Novak said. Novak is a police officer for the city of Livonia.

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2 UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

For a 'reel' treat try grilled fish

Summer has swept in fast, hot and furious this year. Barbecuing and grilling seem to be the preferred cooking methods. We are putting everything on the grill from pizza to whole turkeys and loving it. Many people are grilling fish, seafood and shellfish. These jewels of the sea offer a fun and scrumptious change from hot dogs, hamburgers and steaks.

Seafood consumption has risen 25 percent in the past 10 years, according to industry figures. With this increased demand for a large variety of fresh fish, aquaculture is becoming more and more prevalent. Salmon, oysters, mussels, tilapia and albacore are just a few of the species being successfully farmed.

Color and cut of fish

The color and cut of fin fish is almost always a sign of flavor intensity and texture. Most all, pearly white fish are milder tasting, flaky and tender. Darker fleshed fish such as mahimahi, bluefish, tuna, swordfish and salmon, are better suited to the grill.

Buying and storing

One of my favorite kitchen proverbs is — "In cooking, as in all the arts, simplicity is the sign of perfection ... Cuisine is when things taste like themselves." (Curnosky).

Buying whole fish is always a good bet. The less fish is processed and handled, the better.

The surface of the fish should be shiny and sparkling, have almost a sheen, and be taut to the touch. Don't be afraid to ask the person you buy your fish from to allow you touch and smell your future dinner for freshness.

Fish should be stiff which indicates it has been recently caught.

A fresh sea or water product will have no odor, except the smell of sea or a fresh pond.

The gills should be red. Avoid any product that appears to have a white film or slime.

Check for any bruises or lacerations, which indicates mishandling.

Fillet should appear to have a tight grain, those with gaps indicate age or mishandling.

Look to see if the fish is stored or presented on ice. At home, store fish on ice in a perforated vessel, such as a colander, cover with wax paper or plastic and top with more ice.

Grilling

Darker fleshed fillets, and steaks, approximately 1- to 1 1/2-inches thick, are your best bet.

Build a hot fire or preheat gas grills 10 minutes with cover down before grilling.

Brush steaks or fillets with a little olive oil before placing on clean hot grates. Mix herbs and spices with brushing oil.

Allow 6 1/2 to 8 minutes cooking time per inch of thickness, which is the standard rule of thumb, for proper cooking of fish.

A little Dijon style mustard brushed on about 3 minutes before end of cooking time will add a little zip to salmon or trout.

Try brushing a little hoisin or soy sauce on your next tuna or halibut steak.

A little pesto or dill rub half way through grilling time will add immense flavor.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Men who are rolling in dough

Put some

sizzle

into your summer

By PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Outdoor cooking is the way I get my husband, Andrew, involved in the meal, without making a mess, in my kitchen. However, since we are approaching Father's Day, this is a great time for all of us to review a few grilling basics.

We recently came across a cookbook from 1942, called "Grill and Skillet." It is fascinating to read how barbecuing has changed over the years, and yet how the basic cooking methods have remained the same.

The booklet, published by AAA Michigan, says that the first outdoor cook in Michigan was probably a Mound Builder who squatted over the coals of his fire and turned out medium-rare muskrat. Then came Native Americans, followed by Grosseliers and Radisson, the first explorers of Lake Superior country back in 1659.

"The first thing to be kept in mind in this outdoor cooking is that it should be simple — no elaborate dishes," says The Old AAA Traveler. "And you won't need elaborate dishes, for there's always an appetite in the open air."

Isn't that the truth! Camping, hiking, fishing or other outdoor activities can make for hearty appetites.

To grill or barbecue

Although many people use the words interchangeably, there is a difference between grilling and barbecuing.

The main idea behind grilling is to cook hot and fast. It is exactly like broiling except the heat source is on the bottom not the top. You want to get a nice, slightly charred, seared crust on the food exterior while cooking the interior to the desired degree of doneness. Grilling tends to dry out food. This is why grilled food is sometimes served with a sauce or dressing.

The first rule of barbecuing is "low and slow." The temperature at the surface of the meat should be 200°F to 275°F. It is always best to check the temperature with a food thermometer, rather than your eyes or by touch.

True barbecuing usually involves indirect cooking with smoke. The meat may take from three to 24 hours to cook. For me, tasty barbecued food gets basted in a spicy sauce.

Whichever method you decide to use, here are some ideas that sizzle!

- Oil the grates. Using some vegetable oil or meat fat.
- Trim off the rim or collar of fat on steaks and chops before grilling to reduce the risk of flame fire up.
- Make a few cuts around the exterior of the meat so it doesn't curl up under the high heat.
- Avoid excessively thick cuts of meat. Anything more than 1 1/2 inches thick may not cook thor-

oughly inside before burning on the outside.

- Baste the food with oil during cooking. Apply barbecue sauce only during the last 12 to 20 minutes of cooking.

- Cook over glowing coals covered with ash. Try this test to see whether your coals are hot enough. Carefully put your hand a couple of inches above the hot coals and about where your rack sits. If you can hold your hand there for about two seconds ("one Mississippi, two Mississippi") then the coals are about perfect.

- Cook fish fillets skin side up first to help retain moisture and flavor.

- Cook chicken and other poultry bony side down. The bones will transfer heat to the flesh above and provide insulation. Finish cooking on the fleshy side, but to keep the skin from sticking, make sure to lower the heat.

- When grilling sausage, don't get the grill too hot or the casing may burst and you'll lose flavor. Always use tongs so as not to puncture the casing.

- When grilling, after the initial searing, bank the coals to one side. On a gas grill, move the meat, lower the heat or turn off one of the burners. The food is now bathing in heat but away from direct flame.

- Some foods, such as ribs, can be precooked before grilling. Here are two methods:

In the oven: Place ribs on a rack in a shallow roasting pan with 1/2-inch of water. Cover with foil and bake at 300°F for 2 1/2 hours.

On the stove: Fill a large pot with water. Bring water to a boil and add liquid smoke. Add ribs to water and cover. Turn down heat and let simmer for 35 minutes.

Veggies and fruits

There are lots of other wonderful foods to grill besides meat, fish and poultry. These include asparagus, corn-on-the-cob (husk on; remove silk first), eggplant (sliced), peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, apples, pears, pineapple, papaya, and bananas (skin on, remove at the table).

Be sure to cut fruits and vegetables into large enough chunks so they don't fall through the grill grate. You can also use skewers or specially designed grill pans. These are great for fish and small portions of meat too.

It's time to hit the deck (or patio) and light up the barbecue!

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See recipes inside

Rub some flavor into meats for grilling

Rubs are used to accent the natural flavor of meat. The best time to apply a rub is 30 minutes to two hours before cooking. Combine ingredients and blend well. Place ingredients on a cutting board or large pan and press the meat firmly into them. Work ingredients into both sides of the meat with the heel of your palm or the flat side of a cleaver.

BBQ RUB

(Yield 20 oz.)

- 1 cup paprika
- 1/4 cup ground cumin
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1/4 cup black pepper
- 2 tablespoon cayenne pepper

TANGY RUB

(Yield 8 oz.)

- 1/4 cup ground allspice
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup onion powder
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons thyme
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves

FIREHOUSE RUB

(Yield 16 oz.)

- 3/4 cup paprika
 - 1/4 cup black pepper
 - 1/4 cup celery salt
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons onion powder
 - 2 tablespoons dry mustard
 - 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
 - 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- Pastes are great for basting meat on the grill.

HERB PASTE

(Yield 1 1/2 cups)

- 1-1/2 cups fresh herbs (such as basil, cilantro, rosemary, thyme or a combination of same)
- 3 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup olive oil

Combine herbs in food processor. Add remaining ingredients and puree to a paste. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Recipes from Gordon Food Service

Toss up a main dish salad to stay cool as a cucumber

MAIN DISH

MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

One of the ways I cope with summertime heat is to serve satisfying main dish salads for dinner. Not only does this cut down on kitchen time, but I can prepare most of the ingredients in the morning when it's cooler. When it's time for dinner, just add dressing to the salad and toss before serving.

Today's salad recipe has masculine appeal because steak is a major ingredient. You may be able to pass along the chore of cooking the steak to the outdoor chef at your house.

If this plan doesn't work, a large heavy skillet, like my friendly black iron fry pan, is ideal for top of the stove cooking. Spray the pan with non-stick spray and heat over high heat until quite hot. Sear the steak about 6 minutes on each side. Check for doneness. Remove the steak from the skillet and let it stand a few minutes to "set" the juices before you slice the meat.

The cut of meat that I use is beef eye

of round — not tender cut by a long shot. But it is the lowest in fat and saturated fat of any of the steak cuts. A lemon juice marinade helps tenderize the meat and adds flavor. Thin slices cut across the grain also enhance the perception of tenderness.

You probably already know that fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in meat, fish and poultry affect your blood cholesterol. This recipe reduces saturated fat in the meat in two ways. First, the beef cut is lowest in saturated fat. Second, the portion size is small — about 2 oz., although the greens and veggies make it look much larger.

I used a "curly" cucumber because these are usually not waxed. They are available at many produce markets throughout the area. The peel is included for extra fiber and flavor. Head lettuce is mostly water and low in fiber. Try romaine, leaf lettuce, spinach or a blend instead. You might even spike the flavor with some of the more peppery greens, such as arugula, watercress or nasturtium leaves. Enhance the flavor further by using freshly grated Parmesan cheese instead of the ready-grated canned variety.

I like to serve this salad with warm slices of garlic bread. You, no doubt, have your favorite reduced-fat version.

EATING YOUNGER'S STEAK SALAD ITALIANO

- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium beef bouillon
- 2 teaspoons garlic (3-4 cloves), chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice (approximately three lemons)
- 8 oz. beef eye of round
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, washed and halved
- 1 curly cucumber, washed and sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, washed and cut into strips
- 1 small red onion, washed, peeled and sliced thinly
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 cups romaine or other salad greens, washed and dried

Combine bouillon, garlic, oil, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Refrigerate half of mixture. Pour remainder over steak in plastic bag. Marinate in refrigerator for 6 hours or overnight. Turn bag at least twice. Grill or broil steak, basting with marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Slice steak thinly. Toss vegetables with remaining (refrigerated) half of marinade. Add steak. Toss briefly to distribute steak. Serves 4.

Nutrition facts: Calories 192, fat, 5.5 g; saturated fat, 2.1 g; cholesterol, 52 mg; sodium, 165 mg.

Food exchanges: 2 lean meat, 3 vegetables.

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

Grill some fruity kabobs, or Italian vegetables

See related story on Taste front.

1 firm pear
1 small pineapple
1 ripe (but not too soft) papaya

Combine the first 3 ingredients in a sauce pan over medium heat. Bring to a boil and simmer for 3 minutes. Remove from heat, cool to room temperature and strain sauce.

Cut unpeeled bananas (wash skins first) into 2" chunks. Make a small slit in each to facilitate peeling later. Cut the apples, pears, or star fruit into 3/4-inch slices. Cut the pineapple and papaya into 2-inch chunks.

Arrange fruit onto skewers and brush lightly with ginger sauce. Grill over fairly high heat until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per side.

Reduce ginger sauce by simmering it over low heat until syrup consistency. (Until it coats the back of a spoon.)

Drizzle grilled fruit with ginger syrup. Serve warm.

Recipe from HDS Services

GRILLED ITALIAN VEGETABLES

Serves 6

1 orange or yellow pepper
1 medium Spanish onion, halved and scoured on cut sides

1 small fennel bulb, stalks separated, bulb peeled and blanched

1 small eggplant, halved lengthwise, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch slices

2 small zucchini, washed, ends trimmed and halved lengthwise

2 large tomatoes, halved

1/3 cup olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic, chopped

1 1/2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
Pepper to taste

Bread crumbs

Grill the pepper on all sides over an open flame until the skin is black; put in a plastic bag and close tightly. Rub onion halves with olive oil and grill (cut side up) until dark brown; remove from heat, season with salt and pepper and rub with olive oil again. Turn over and grill 15 to 20 minutes.

When done let cool slightly, remove peels and cut into 4 to 6 pieces. Season the fennel stalks, rub with oil, grill on each side until light brown. Season the eggplant with salt and pepper and rub olive oil.

Grill until golden brown and soft. Remove from heat, hold at room temperature for service. Season the zucchini and rub

Health and safety tips

The opportunity for bacteria growth is also something to be aware of as you grill, especially on hot summer days. To protect yourself, consider the following:

■ Do not eat charred meat; cut away charred areas.

■ To reduce contamination risk, always use a clean dish to transport cooked meat from the grill to the table. Don't put your cooked meat back on the plate that you used to bring out the raw meat.

■ Marinades that were used to flavor uncooked meat should be discarded. Don't use this as a sauce for the cooked meat.

■ Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

■ Prevent bacterial growth by not leaving food out for more than two hours.

■ Keep a water bottle and fire extinguisher handy in case of flare-ups.

From Peggy Martinelli-Everts

with oil, grill on both sides until golden brown, remove and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Hold for service. Season the tomatoes with parsley, salt and pepper then sprinkle cut sides with bread crumbs. Broil, cut-side up, for a few minutes, until soft.

Remove the black peel, seeds and core from the peppers and cut into fine strips. Mix all the

vegetables in a bowl, add parsley, garlic and lemon juice and adjust the seasoning. Line plates with lettuce and arrange vegetables on top. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Recipe created by recipe of Chef Kevin Enright, from "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen, 25 Years of Chefs and Recipes."

Serve guests oven-fried chicken with tasty macaroni and cheese

AP — Low-fat or fat-free ingredients are sometimes short on taste. But, "It's easy to compensate by adding flavorful fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices to your recipes," says Maria Walls, senior nutritionist at Weight Watchers International.

No one need feel deprived with a spread that includes Southern Oven-Fried Chicken and Macaroni and Cheese, perhaps accompanied by baked beans, green beans and watermelon.

SOUTHERN OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

1/2 cup fat-free buttermilk
2 to 3 drops hot red pepper sauce

1/2 cup cornflakes, crushed
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
2 pounds chicken parts, skinned

4 teaspoons canola oil

Preheat oven to 400° F. Spray a large baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. In a large shallow bowl, combine the buttermilk and pepper sauce. On a sheet of wax paper, combine the cornflakes crumbs, flour, salt and pepper. Dip the chicken in the buttermilk, then dredge in the cornflake mixture, coating completely. Place the chicken on the baking sheet; drizzle with the oil. Bake 30 minutes; turn the chicken over. Bake until cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes longer.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional facts per serving: 229 cal., 10 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 64 mg chol., 295

mg sodium, 11 g total carbo., 0g dietary fiber, 23 g pro.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

1 1/2 cups elbow macaroni
1 cup low-fat (1 percent) milk

1/2 onion, grated
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Pinch grated nutmeg
1 cup extra-sharp Cheddar cheese

1 tomato, diced
1 tablespoon chopped basil

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Cook the macaroni according to package directions. Drain and keep warm.

In a large saucepan, bring the milk, onion, flour, garlic, mustard, salt, pepper and nutmeg to a boil. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the cheese in batches until it is melted and the sauce is smooth; stir in the macaroni, tomato and basil.

Transfer the mixture to a shallow 1-quart casserole. Bake until golden, 35 to 40 minutes; cool slightly before serving.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional facts per serving: 313 cal., 11 g total fat (6 g saturated fat), 32 mg chol., 503 mg sodium, 39 g total carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 15 g pro.

Recipes from: Weight Watchers International.

Give salmon a flavorful mustard rub

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

Michael Dean, at Superior Fish in Royal Oak offers these suggestions for buying fish:

Until mid-summer — Copper River Sockeye.

Alaskan halibut is good through November.

Yellow fin tuna is swimming strong and dollars are coming down — looks good through summer.

Sea bass is awesome to grill whole with garlic.

Mako shark steaks are firm and easy to grill. Serve with a yummy citrus salsa.

Fresh squid steaks with lemon and olive oil are great cooked over coals.

Try any one of Michael Dean's suggestions or get on over to your favorite fish market and buy seafood or fish to grill tonight for a refreshing change of pace.

Herb mustard crusted salmon

Pinch of salt and pepper
4 (5-6 oz.) salmon fillets (skin on)

1/2 cup Dijon mustard
1/4 cup honey

1 tablespoon chopped herbs of your choice
3 tablespoons olive oil

Pinch of red pepper flakes
Preheat grill 10 minutes, cool down, then turn heat down to medium.

Directly on the salmon flesh, sprinkle with a pinch of salt and pepper.

Combine mustard, honey, herbs, olive oil and red pepper flakes to make rub.

Coat top of salmon generously

with mustard rub. Put salmon on grill skin side down.

Close top of grill for about 3 minutes. Brush more mixture on top. Close lid and grill approx. 3-4 minutes longer. Salmon should be pink in the middle and firm to the touch.

This salsa is great on most fish and shellfish.

MANGO SALSA

4 mangos, cut into cubes
1 red bell pepper, diced small

6 scallions, minced
1/2 cup pineapple
1/4 cup rice vinegar

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon cilantro
Pinch of cayenne pepper

Salt to taste
Mix all ingredients together and serve.

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Dentistry in the 90s

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

A PILL FOR GUM DISEASE

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Doxycycline hyclate is a low-dose antibiotic that counteracts collagenase, an enzyme that responds to gum bacteria by attacking the bone that anchors the teeth. Study shows that those who took doxycycline hyclate preserved 50% more gum tissue than those who did not take the antibiotic. While patients with advanced gum disease still require scaling and root planning to remove the underlying infection that is damaging gums, we feature "Twilight Sleep," dentistry without fear.

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Start your day with breakfast, it's important

With the break of day, it's time to restore our bodies after a long night's fast. That's the idea behind breakfast, which most health experts, and probably your mother, identify as the most important meal of the day.

Breakfast, more than any other meal, reminds us how important food is to fuel our bodies for the day ahead.

A good breakfast should strike a balance among different food categories.

About 60 percent of breakfast's calories should come from complex carbohydrates, since these provide the fuel you need to get repped up and going.

Oatmeal, bran muffins and buckwheat pancakes are just a few of the whole grain options that are especially fiber-rich. For something a little different, try bulgur cooked with apple juice, cinnamon and raisins, and topped with tart apple slices.

Protein is also important at breakfast, since it helps the body maintain and repair itself and adds an alertness kick we can all use in the morning.

You don't need a lot of protein, however. The milk you put on cereal is enough to get your brain in gear and it also provides part of your daily calcium and

vitamin D requirements.

To get a good start on the five or more daily servings of fruits and vegetables that the American Institute for Cancer Research recommends we eat for good health, it's smart to include a few servings at breakfast.

Simply add a fruit topping to cereal, pancakes or yogurt, drink a glass of fruit or vegetable juice, or blend fruit into a breakfast beverage in your food processor.

How about a shake made with banana, peaches, buttermilk and orange juice, garnished with fresh strawberries? Or, warm wheat berry bread, spread with homemade apple-rhubarb butter with a wedge of cantaloupe on the side?

Although nearly one in four U.S. adults regularly skip breakfast, those who take time to eat in the morning are eating healthier than ever before.

Consuming less fat and more fruits and whole grains. Consumption of whole milk, bacon, eggs, butter, margarine and white bread are down, while the consumption of lower-fat milk, whole grains, and lower-fat quick breads has increased. We're eating more ready-to-eat cereals as well, with greater increases among higher

fiber cereals. The trend is toward better breakfasts — and starting the day off right is an important link to sound nutrition and good health.

WHOLE WHEAT BLUEBERRY BISCUITS

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 tablespoon granulated sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

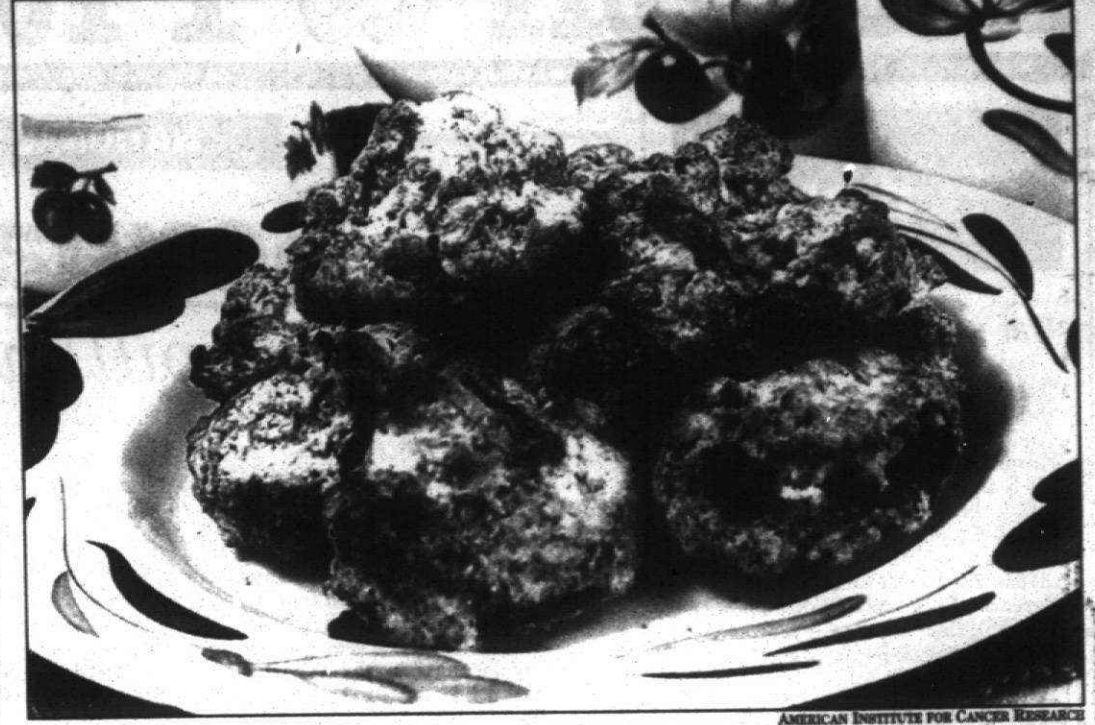
1/4 cup soft margarine
1 cup blueberries
1 cup skim or 1 percent buttermilk or sour milk

In bowl, combine all-purpose and whole wheat flours, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Using fingers, rub in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Stir in blueberries; add buttermilk and mix lightly. Drop by spoonfuls into 10 mounds. Bake in 425° F. oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Nutritional information: Each of the ten biscuits contains 150 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



Breakfast treat: Whole wheat blueberry biscuits are a delicious way to start your day.

Banana pancakes with compote simply delicious for brunch

AP — Treat your family to a mouthwatering and healthful homemade breakfast or brunch. Consider putting Banana Pancakes and Warm Fruit Compote on the menu.

These simple recipes are adapted from the second edition of the Culinary Institute of America's "The Professional Chef's Techniques of Healthy Cooking" (John Wiley), scheduled for publication next spring.

Like all the 375 recipes assembled for the book, the recipes that follow have been developed to suggest easy ways to cook with less fat and to include more healthy grains, fruits and vegetables in your diet.

The oat bran in the Banana Pancakes provides dietary fiber, and the baking powder and

yogurt provide calcium. If you prefer, canned pumpkin may be substituted for the banana.

The fruit in the compote is a good source of vitamins A and C. Use a variety of fresh fruits such as apricots, bananas, berries, cherries, mangoes, nectarines, papayas or pineapples. Dice large fruits.

If you can, select very ripe seasonal fruits that will naturally sweeten the compote. If necessary, adjust the sweetness with a few drops of lemon or lime juice, or honey.

Serve the pancakes with Warm Fruit Compote and low-fat breakfast sausage.

BANANA PANCAKES

1 cup all-purpose flour
2/3 cup oat bran
1 tablespoon sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt

1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (about 1 medium)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

4 egg whites

In a large bowl, combine flour, oat bran, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and ginger. In a separate bowl, combine water, yogurt, banana, 1 tablespoon of the oil, and vanilla.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix just until incorporated. Beat egg whites until they form soft peaks. Stir about 1/2 of the whites into the batter, then gently fold the remaining whites into the batter.

Use the remaining oil to lubricate a griddle, or use a large nonstick skillet (see note). Heat the griddle or skillet over medium heat. For each pancake, ladle 1/3 cup of the batter into the heated pan. Flip each pancake when the edges look dry. Cook until golden-brown on each side. Serve with

Warm Fruit Compote.

Makes about 16 pancakes for 4 servings.

Note: Use a brush to apply a thin film of oil and then rub away any excess with a clean cloth. Nonstick griddles or pans will not require additional oil.

Nutritional facts per serving: 290 cal., 11.5 g pro., 8.5 g fat (0.8 g saturated fat), 48 g carbo., 856 mg sodium, 0.5 mg chol., 4 g fiber.

WARM FRUIT COMPOTE

1/2 cup fresh or frozen raspberries, strawberries, or blueberries

2 teaspoons honey
2 teaspoons dry or sweet white wine

1/4 teaspoon Kirschwasser (optional)

1 1/4 cups mixed seasonal fruits (see note above)

1/3 cup peach or apricot nectar

2 teaspoons grated orange zest

Thaw berries if frozen. Puree berries, honey, wine and Kirschwasser in a blender. Strain puree through a fine mesh sieve. Simmer puree with remaining ingredients in a small sauce pan until thickened.

Makes about 1 cup for 4 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 60 cal., 0.5 g pro., 0.2 g fat, 15 g carbo., 2 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 2 g fiber.

Surprise dad with a spicy steak

AP — In search of a Father's Day treat? The family might well offer to cook this Spicy Rib-Eyes with Grilled Sweet Onions for Dad. No one will have to wait long to eat, total preparation and cooking time should be only about 20 minutes.

But the finished dish won't be short on flavor. The rib-eye steaks are seasoned with a spicy blend of garlic, herb and red pepper, grilled with slices of sweet onion and spiked with dash of fresh lime juice.

Use sweet and juicy varieties of onion such as Vidalia, Walla Walla or Imperial Sweet. Serve the steaks with corn-on-the-cob, and follow with Dad's favorite dessert.

SPICY RIB-EYES WITH GRILLED SWEET ONIONS

4 beef rib-eye steaks, cut 1 inch thick, about 8 ounces each

2 large (14 to 16 ounces each) sweet onions, cut into 1/2-inch slices

2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 lime, quartered

Seasoning:
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed

1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper

per
1/2 teaspoon salt

In small bowl, combine seasoning ingredients. Press evenly into both sides of each beef steak.

Brush onions with oil. Place onions on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes or until tender; turn once. Grill steaks 11 to 14 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness; turn once. Season onions with salt and pepper.

Squeeze lime over steaks and onions.

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Recipe from: National Cattleman's Beef Association.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 951-7279.

CHRONIC HEARTBURN
Program provides an overview of gastroesophageal reflux, otherwise known as heartburn, including diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment. Presented by R. B. Kolachalam, M.D., Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION
A six week course beginning at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling 458-4330.

SIBLING CLASS
Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a Sibling Class from 6-8 p.m. Children are invited to attend this class and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. You can see what your new baby brother or sister will look like and learn the safe way to hold the new baby. Call (734) 655-1100.

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A six week course beginning at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, (458) 4330.

WED, JUNE 23
SIBLING CLASS
A special night devoted to siblings which will help prepare them for the arrival of the family's new baby. Class time is two hours and is recommended for children three to eight years of age. Call Garden City Hospital, 458-4330.

THUR, JUNE 24
FIRST AID
Learn how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Must have a current CPR card and present it in class. Book and bandage kit included. \$25. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh.

CARDIAC DIET
Experience a taste of summer. Learn how to make fast and healthy dishes that are low in fat, cholesterol and sodium. Recipes and samples of dishes will be provided from 6-7:30 p.m. \$5. Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
St. Mary Hospital will host a breastfeeding class 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. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

WED, JUNE 30
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a new support group for caregivers. This on-going support group will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The first Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. The program will be moderated by various health care professionals.

Take precautions in heat

You've endured cold weather waiting for summer's warmth. But before you make plans to have fun in the sun, the Wayne County Health Department is offering tips on how to avoid heat-related illnesses associated with hot weather.

- Be alert to forecasts warning of a heat wave to prevent a condition known as hyperthermia, which is when the body is unable to perspire and disperse heat," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Medical Director.
- Signs of hyperthermia include clammy skin (cold, sticky moisture), headache, dizziness, extreme fatigue and nausea. In extreme cases of a heat emergency, a person can suffer a heat stroke which can cause vision impairment, disorientation, loss of consciousness and possibly death.
- To avoid hyperthermia during extremely hot weather, you should:
 - limit your physical activity to cool morning or evening hours
 - spend more time in air-conditioned rooms
 - drink plenty of water for proper hydration
- wear lightweight and light-colored clothing
- wear a hat and sunglasses to shield your eyes from the sun
- If you suspect a person is suffering from a heat crisis, Lawrenchuk recommends:
 - achieve rapid cooling by removing unnecessary clothing
 - spray person with lukewarm water and position fans to blow air on the person's body
 - apply cold compresses to the wrists, ankles, groin, armpits and neck
 - have the person drink cool water
- People at increased risk for hyperthermia are senior citizens, overweight individuals, mental health patients, laborers and athletes. For more information on hyperthermia and heat-related illnesses, call Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7000 during regular business hours.

Participants sought for yeast infection study

Yeast infection is one of the more irritating health problems most women have faced at least once in their lifetime. The irritating itch, burning sensation and discharge inconvenience is compounded by treatment methods that users wish could be simplified.

Simply put, a yeast infection is an overgrowth of yeast that is normally found in the vagina. Yeast infections are caused by a fungus (candida albicans) and are not so much "caught" as "grown."

Yeast infections usually affect women of child-bearing age and it is estimated that three of four women will have at least one vaginal yeast infection during their lifetime. Up to half of these will have a second infection, according to the U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group.

QUEST Research Institute is seeking volunteers for an ongoing study that of a pill taken by the mouth once a day that can treat and possibly prevent future yeast infections in women. The study, part of a national research project involving 350 people, is yearlong and will continue through this summer.

Yeast is a type of fungus which life on the skin and inside the vagina. When certain conditions are present, the yeast multiplies causing: itching and burning in the vagina and surrounding skin area; swelling and redness of the skin around the vagina; a thick, white discharge; and pain during sexual intercourse.

Conditions, which cause an overgrowth of yeast, include: menstruation; pregnancy; use of steroids, oral contraceptives, and certain antibiotics; diabetes; constant moisture and irritation of the vagina.

"For the study, we are looking for women ages 18-45 who experience recurrent vaginal yeast infections," said Donna Skupien, president of QUEST Research Institute in Southfield. "These women are typically able to get temporary relief of symptoms with over-the-counter treatments but symptoms frequently reappear."

"During the warmer months, vaginal infections are more common in women," said Skupien. "With so many over-the-counter treatments available, some women may choose to self-medicate, using one of these products. Improperly treating any vaginal infection can result in lingering infections or lead to pelvic inflammatory disease."

Women who mis-diagnose their own yeast infections can miss other important vaginal infections that produce similar symptoms and end up with a far more serious health problem.

Treatments may require a long course of anti-fungal medications (creams or ointments), painting the vagina and vulva with a purple medication called gentian violet, or using suppositories on a nightly or weekly basis.

"QUEST is researching improved methods of treating recurrent yeast infections in women," said Skupien. "The goal is to keep women yeast-infection free."

The specific treatment QUEST is studying is a pill taken by the mouth. In a national survey, 74 percent of the women polled preferred an oral pill as treatment because of the "messiness" of other methods.

For volunteers, all evaluations, study medications, and office visits are all provided at no cost. Participants are compensated with a \$100 stipend for their contribution. Anyone interested in participating should contact one of the institute's nurses at (248) 363-3440 for more information or www.aafp.org/health/into or www.cnetwatch.com/question.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Car seat check

Oakwood Healthcare system's "Keep Kids Safe!" team, in partnership with the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition, WNIC-FM, the Garden City Kiwanis Club and Gordon Chevrolet, are teaming up to offer free car seat safety checks and a "Booster Bites" from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, June 17 at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City (31850 Ford Road near Merriman). Parents will be shown how to properly install their child's car seat and will receive a 12-point inspection.

Bone marrow forum

Learn first-hand from the experts in the field, as well as BMT survivors about this procedure and its physical, emotional and psychological impact from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road) at the Fourth Annual Education Forum "Bone Marrow Transplants: Ask the Experts." There is no charge for the program. Refreshments will be served. Register 24 hours a day at (800) LINK-BMT (800) 546-5268.

Sitter class

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital Livonia will offer a Safe Sitter Class for young people ages 11-13 on Wednesday, July 28 from 8:30 to 3 p.m. and Friday, July 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The program includes basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions to prevent accidents, how and when to summon help and tips on basic child care. Cost, \$40 per student. Registration is requested call (734) 655-1100.

Lyme disease

The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square, Wayne). Next meeting Tuesday, June 15. Call Connie, (734) 326-3502 for information. All are welcome.

First aid

Learn how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Must have a current CPR card and present it in class. Book and bandage kit included in the Thursday, June 24 class. Cost, \$25. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center - 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh.

Camp 9-1-1

Huron Valley Ambulance will host a free 9-1-1 Camp for children ages 10-13 in Plymouth on July 27 and 28. Activities will include touring an ambulance, learning CPR and first aid, and taking a tour of a local ER. Interested children are asked to write a short letter explaining why they would like to attend the camp. For a registration form or more information call Julie Saksewski at (734) 482-6259.

We want your health news

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

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NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK, JUNE 13-20

Sexual dysfunction

Viagra, a pill that can restore men's sex lives

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Male impotence. Traditionally, it is a subject that no one wants to talk about, especially the men who are afflicted by it. The emergence of one little pill called Viagra may be helping to change this trend, though. Since it came on the scene in recent years, Viagra has helped countless men feel more complete by reinvigorating their sexual lives. Many have even considered it a godsend.

Considering 20 million men will be affected by impotence, or erectile dysfunction, each year and the drug has been heavily advertised, it is no wonder that Viagra has been so popular. Doctors are asked about Viagra as much as any drug today, demonstrating how important a healthy sex life is to a man.

On the flip side, there are few ailments that are as frustrating to men as impotence. Even with the advent of Viagra, many men are still very reluctant to discuss their problem. There are no stereotypical candidates, either. Impotence affects men of all ages, from the young to the old.

When the experience of erectile dysfunction is added to stress, the tension and frustration only get worse, causing a downward spiral. Even though men may desire sex, they are physically incapable of doing so because the impulses from the brain are being blocked, and the penis is unable to fill with blood. Viagra combats this blockage.

It is important to note that Viagra only fights half the battle. Without being sexually excited, a man who takes the pill will not become erect. "If you are half-way sexually aroused, the Viagra gives you the other boost to perform," Levran said, believing patients can wean themselves off of Vi-

agra as they gain confidence in themselves.

"Once you know you can perform, then somehow the stress level goes down. Eventually you won't need the Viagra."

Another reason Viagra is so popular is that it is so effortless to take. There are other forms of treatment for impotence, such as injection therapy and Muse, a drug that is inserted into the penis prior to sex, but none are as easy as Viagra. You simply swallow a pill one hour before you plan to have sex, and then let nature take its course. For many, the results have been remarkable.

"I'm 65-years-old, and everything works like I was 50 again, or even younger," said a Livonia resident who insisted on remaining anonymous, not wanting friends and family to know about his problem because he felt they wouldn't think he was "manly enough."

However, time has proven Viagra isn't for everybody. Men with certain heart conditions, especially those taking nitroglycerin and other similar medication, should never take Viagra. It has caused massive heart attacks in some men who have had heart problems. It is for this reason that one should consult a doctor prior to taking the drug. Many family doctors prescribe Viagra, but it is recommended that a prospective user make an appointment with a licensed urologist, who specializes in such matters.

Levran also warned against purchasing Viagra over the Internet, which can often be done by getting around the prescription process. He was even more adamant about men staying away from the many Viagra-like pills that are advertised all over the Internet, as well as magazines and newspapers.

Do not go for it! Don't call them! Do not order anything, because who knows what they put in there," Levran said.

Some men have been known to feel side effects after taking Viagra. While a commonly rumored side effect is long lasting, painful erections, a condition known as priapism, few men actually experience it. More common effects are stomach aches, short periods of hazy vision, and headaches.

"Most men say it is worth the headache. They say, 'I had the headache, but I had great sex, so who cares.' But if the side effects are so bad, some men will be deterred from further use," Levran said.

Despite its benefits, there are some drawbacks to the drug. Viagra is expensive to take, with each pill costing between \$10 and \$40. Also many insurance companies do not recognize it as an essential medication, and therefore do not cover its cost. However, some would say that it is a small price to pay for recapturing their sex life.

"I think Viagra is great. It works really fine. As far as usage, I might go at least once a week, or two or three times. It all depends on my wife," the anonymous Livonia man said.

Because of the psychological nature of impotence in some men, it may take several attempts with the Viagra before there is success.

"It's so important for people to understand that there is no switch that you can just turn on. Even with healthy men, it doesn't work every time. There are so many other factors," Levran said. "If it doesn't work the first or second time, try it a third and a fourth."

One of the greatest advantages of using the Internet as a medical tool is the information it makes so readily available. In many cases, before seeing a doctor, a person with an ailment can get an initial diagnosis from the many existing sites that provide such advice. Other sites give out helpful information about fitness and nutrition.

"With any type of information, particularly that dealing with your health, make sure that it has come from a credible association or source," Simanek said.

Simanek personally recommends several sites, including those for the American Heart Association (www.heart.org), the Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and the American Dietetic Association (www.nac.org), and the American Dietetic Association (www.eatright.org), which gives excellent nutritional advice.

Choose wisely

Using the Internet to attain prescription drugs, known as virtual pharmacy or telemedicine, is a relatively new phenomenon, though one that was inevitable, considering Internet shoppers spent around \$5 billion last year, and are estimated to spend \$95 billion in 2002.

"Trying to tap into this market, many sites that market pharmaceutical drugs have sprung up, taking away the need for a patient to travel to a drug store to fill a prescription. Three such companies that have recently begun marketing over the Internet are the Soma Corporation, PlanetRX, and drug-store.com.

There are advantages to shopping with these companies. Each have licensed pharmacists that are

available for consultation and drugs can be purchased at any time of the day. However, there are also drawbacks. Not only are there typically high shipping costs when ordering drugs over the Internet, many insurance companies do not include most virtual pharmacies in their plans.

There are also hazards with virtual pharmacies, probably the largest of which is that physicians are consulting patients over the phone or via the Internet, and are often prescribing drugs the patients don't actually need because of misdiagnosis or simple neglect. One such site that offers virtual consultations is The Pill Box Pharmacy (thepillbox.com).

While the Soma Corporation, PlanetRX, and drug-store.com are considered responsible sites, there are many, particularly those run by international companies, that are selling drugs to nearly anyone who will pay for them.

Heavily advertised drugs, such as Viagra, Claritin and Propecia are all being sold in great amounts over the Internet. In many cases it is illegal to purchase these drugs, as well as dangerous. Such practices have raised some red flags among medical professionals, especially legitimate pharmacists.

"It is important to establish a physician/patient relationship. We need to examine a patient. Much more so than an on-line type of relationship. You cannot examine a patient that way. You just don't have the face-to-face relationship. How can you prescribe prescription drugs without ever having looked at a patient?" said David Ruta, a pharmacist for the Oakwood Healthcare System.

While both Ruta and Simanek warn about the dangers that lurk on the Internet, and stress that it should never be looked at as a substitute for a doctor, both believe it is a very useful medical tool. In fact, both use it themselves.

"All our pharmacists at Oakwood are hooked into the Internet. We have particular sites that we use all the time, especially the FDA's. I personally use it to check up on new products," Ruta said. He also noted that Oakwood has a site that is helpful to patients.

Although it can be argued that the Internet is not as personable as the family doctor, it does have one advantage; it still makes house calls.

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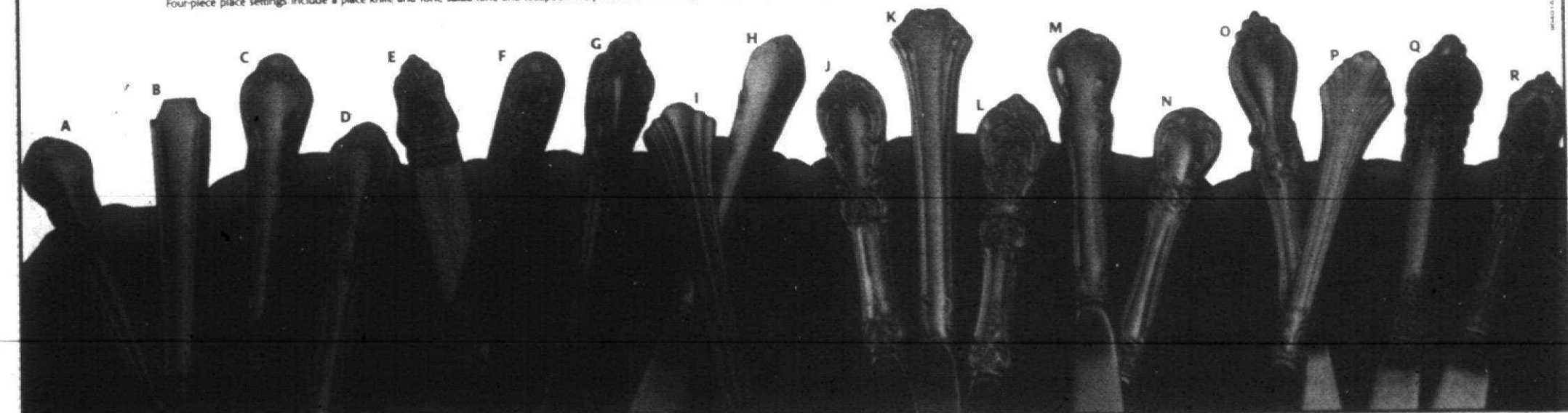
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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, JUNE 16

TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW
Arnold Berman, director of Soundview Technology Group, will discuss Year 2000 and general technology issues facing the investment community from noon to 2 p.m. at the Red Run Golf Club on Rochester just north of 12 Mile in Royal Oak. To make reservations by June 11 call (888) 822-4008.

STRETCH OUT IRA

Learn how to make an IRA last for decades, split an IRA into multiple IRAs, name beneficiaries, etc. at 6:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Daniel A. Cesta, financial advisor for PaineWebber, Inc. and David Perry, Attorney at Law will be the seminar speakers. For information call (734) 953-5937.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International, regular meeting 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, near Farmington Road. For information call BNI at (810) 635-8807.

THUR, JUNE 17

LIVING TRUST

Learn about the benefits of a trust versus a will, how to set up a living trust, how to pass all of your assets to the next generation and what types of trusts are available and who are they appropriate for at the Living Trust and Wealth preservation seminar hosted by PaineWebber Inc. of Livonia beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the PaineWebber Conference Center (19500 Victor Pkwy, Suite 325, Philip P. Bocketti, Jr./Gregory R. Wright, financial advisors for PaineWebber, Inc. and Francis G. Seyferth, Attorney at Law will be the featured seminar speakers. For information call (734) 953-5937.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 18

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
Business Network International, regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m., Livonia Chapter, Senate Koney Island, on Plymouth Road, near Stark. Call BNI for more information, (810) 635-8807.

TUE, JULY 6

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

The WBO of Southeastern Michigan will host its fourth annual all-area women's networking night, "Celebrate Women in Business." The event takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafe on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower at State Street in Ann Arbor. The cost is \$5 advance; \$10 at the door. Call (734) 332-9300 for reservations.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items from Business Newsweekers are from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted to: *Observer Newsweekers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. E-mail is accepted at: *kmortson@homecomm.net* or fax (734) 591-7279.

Recruiter hired

Amy Krabach of Redford was recently hired at Omnipoint Communications as its new human resources generalist. Krabach will recruit, hire and retrain employees for the Omnipoint Great Lakes region. In addition, she has also recruited, hired and trained human resources staff for newly opened metro Detroit stores of Montgomery Ward.

SHHH award

Barbara J. Douglas owner of Personalized Hearing Care, Inc. in Westland, has been selected to receive a 1999 SHHH National Professional Award. She was nominated by the Michigan SHHH Umbrella and the Western Wayne County Group of Michigan. The award will be presented at the SHHH National Awards Ceremony at the 14th International SHHH Convention in New Orleans.

Cannon named VP

Gregory L. Cannon of Livonia has been promoted to vice president — Law & Public Policy for MediaOne's Midwest Region. Cannon will manage more than 70 employees and is responsible for all legal, regulatory and public matters in the region, which comprises 779,000 customers in more than 320 communities in Michigan and Ohio.

New agent

Accident Fund Company, provider of workers compensation insurance in Michigan, recent welcomed Denise McHenry of Cambridge Underwriters, Ltd., of Livonia, to its Agent Advisory Council. She will serve a three-year term.

Executive retires

Michigan National of Farmington Hills announced that Richard Webb, head of the bank's Custom Business Financial Services department, will retire from full-time service, effective Oct. 1. Webb plans to continue working for the organization on a part-time basis. Lawrence Jones, who currently serves as Michigan National's Director of Greater Michigan Custom Business, will succeed Webb.

Webster promoted

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Y2K predictions and preparations for coming months



MIKE WENDLAND

A 42-year-old housewife from Troy has been quietly visiting the Cosco wholesale store in Madison Heights every other week, buying cases of canned goods and quarts of bottled water. "I have a pantry filled with food and water," she told me by e-mail. "I have told no one other than our immediate family. But we're ready. By the end of the year, we'll have enough on hand to survive for six months."

A 56-year-old engineer for one of the automobile companies has a vacation home outside of Traverse City. "We have parkas, blankets and freeze-dried food packs already in storage up there. Plus, I'll spend the summer weekends cutting wood and stacking it so it's ready to use our chalet," he told me. "We plan to drive up after Christmas and see what happens come Jan. 1. If it gets bad, we can stay there and be warm and safe."

Another man, who wouldn't tell me what he does for a living or how old he is, is buying guns. "I have several shotguns, several .22 rifles and .9mm and .357 handguns," he said. "I'm buying as much ammo as I can. I figure ammo will be as good as cash. I'll keep enough for my own security and barter the rest."

Those are just some of the e-mails I received in the past week after asking for your comments on how you're preparing for Y2K.

Sharing stories

Several wrote to tell me they thought all this Y2K worry was nonsense.

"Quit stoking people's fears," wrote an angry man from Garden City. "Irresponsible stories like yours will cause a panic."

A woman from Ferndale was a little more cordial. "I think it's important to think and study about this," she e-mailed. "But I really don't think Y2K will be that bad. I plan to have some extra batteries for my flashlight but everything I've studied leads me to believe it just won't be anything worse than what we go through after a big snowfall."

Maybe, I sure hope so.

But I'm not sure. I told you I'd share my thoughts and what I'm doing to get ready for Y2K.

I am indeed taking precautions for my family. I don't want to give the impression that we should all go out and buy guns and farm animals start raising crops. Since January, we started buying a few extra cans of food every time we go to the grocery store. Right now, we probably have a two-week supply on hand. I plan to up that to a month and then, by the end of the summer, reassess the situation.

Since some of the utility companies are stockpiling a six month's supply of fuel for their power plants, that tells me that maybe I need to think about having more food in my pantry than I planned. You don't need to spend thousands buying the pre-packaged stuff that many of the survivalist places are touting on the scare sites on the Internet.

Most canned food keeps easily for a year or more. Bottled water is good for 12 months. Buying a little extra every week and using those discount shopping places like Sam's Club or Costco makes it pretty painless to stock up.

Despite assurances from my bank that they are going to be Y2K compliant, I worry about panic-driven bank runs. So does the Fed, which is planning to print billions in extra cash and make loans available to the banks.

So, to document everything, I am keeping very detailed hard copies of all my financial records. I also think it's likely that there will be scattered disruptions in telephone service and probably even some power outages. So I'll have lots of candles, batteries for flashlights, some basic supplies. I plan to talk to our doctors and get an extra supply of medicines for the prescriptions we need, too.

Is it really that bad?

To be honest, I find myself going back and forth on this a lot. Some days, like when I read that the railroads are going to be hit really hard and will likely not move trains for some time in some parts of the country, I get really concerned. On other times, when I see that a segment of society like the automotive industry is well on its way to having their systems Y2K compliant, I relax a bit.

But then you get to thinking, what happens if the trains don't deliver coal to the power plants, parts to the suppliers? You see the real issue is, to quote the old cliché, our entire infrastructure is only as strong as the weakest link. Everything is so interconnected that if one part goes down, there could easily be a snowball effect that takes everything down.

The Army has already been practicing how they can handle food distribution come January and memos I've seen from the Department of Defense indicate that the military is very concerned about widespread and serious problems. So it's obvious that I'm not being paranoid here.

I think we'll start to get a sense about this when the second quarter financial statements come out in July. We'll start to really see how much Y2K remediation is cutting into the profits of our major corporations. And in the fall, when third quarter statements are released, it will then be very clear, one way or another. If those profit margins slip the way many are predicting, that could have a serious effect on the very volatile market and if the market tumbles like

many are predicting, the whole economy will suffer and everyone will suddenly take notice.

That could bring about all sorts of panic. Also, the end of June is the date most government agencies set as their deadline for fixing their computer systems. Most agencies were supposed to be ready in January, then February and now June. If we see a lot of spin control and those deadlines are pushed back yet again, the mainstream media will surely take notice and we will enter a whole new stage of awareness on this issue.

The bottom line is, we don't know how bad it will be. Maybe, nothing will happen. Maybe, But for now, I'm taking some easy precautions. I'll let you know between now and the end of the year how my thinking changes.

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HIPPIE AT HEART Attractive, sensual DWF 45, 5'7", 145lbs, who loves music, no country, nature, movies, kids, camping, seeks tall, fit, fun, passionate SWM 40-50, 6'4", brains, no boring. **42327**

A LOT TO OFFER SWPF 23, 5'6", full-figured, blondish/green, looking for sweet, sincere, caring man, 22-30, race/HW unimportant, to spend free time with. **42331**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Tall, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor, seeks quality male, 60+, N/S, social drinker, who enjoys theater, concerts, dining, dancing, conversation. Let's meet for coffee and interview. **42319**

BEAUTIFUL & CHARISMATIC Intelligent, romantic, witty, affectionate SWPF 33, 5'8", honey-blond/brown, slender, many interests. Seeking handsome, very successful, fit, witty, fun, romantic, intelligent SWPM 35-45, for LTR. **42338**

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK! If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more! Seeking SM 35-43, who appreciates children, for wild times, and quiet evenings. **42321**

BRAINS AND BEAUTY Very attractive DWF 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'8", full-figured, N/S, no dependents. Seeking tall, intelligent SWPM 38-46, for fun and dating. **42357**

FIRST TIME AD! Personable, fun loving SWF, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male companion, 30-35, with similar qualities and interests. **42028**

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE Petite DWF 34, brunette, mother of two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy who isn't afraid of a challenge. **42016**

IRRESISTIBLE... with beautiful eyes, Sensuous, sexy SWF 28, seeks tall, dark, and handsome SM, 30-40, emotional/financially secure, fun and dating. **42380**

YOUTHFUL Versatile, creative, spiritual, romantic, adventurous, ecology-minded SWF 41, N/S, enjoys organic gardening, ethnic and vegetarian cuisine, natural healing, art, music, dancing, walking, swimming, canoeing, hiking, horses, motorcycles, billiards. **42306**

SUMMER DREAM SWF 35, seeks to find a special, down-to-earth guy with sense of humor, to share camping, picnic, ball games, and the summer. **42342**

SOFT INTROVERT Artistic SWF 31, 5'7", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, seeks cultured, outgoing SM, over 30, HW proportionate, no dependents, for friendship and more. **42344**

HUMOROUS & PASSIONATE DWF 28, 5'3", Auburn/green, HW proportionate, loves good times, laughs, seeks S/DWM 28-38, who loves children, for friendship, possible LTR. **42319**

BLUES FOR YOU West side DWF 50, 5'6", Auburn/green, N/S, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts, sunsets, and stargazing, moonlight nights. Seeking outgoing, caring male 45-55, N/S, for dating and LTR. **42339**

TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO! Attractive DWF young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, emotionally/financially secure, seeks compassionate, honest, similar SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel or just being together for mutual LTR. Friends first. LTR. **42333**

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT? Fun, outgoing SWF 21, 5'7", 175lbs, blond/blue, N/S, enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun. Seeking honest, fun, outgoing SWM 21-30, who loves kids, for LTR. **42225**

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE Pretty health care professional, dainty, slender, youthful SWF 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, home owner, no dependents, enjoys biking, dancing, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated SWPM 45+, emotionally/financially secure, for friendship, possible LTR. **42328**

LET'S ENHANCE OUR LIVES Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous, petite SWF 43, long blonde/hazel, N/S, N/D, loves horses, nature, hiking, traveling, the arts, reading, dancing, conversational seeking same and more in handsome, intelligent man. **42164**

AMERICA'S ANGEL Slim, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonde, nifty 50s, 5'7", Jewish, visionary dreamer, optimist with distinctive qualities, attractive, fun and informative. How about you? Seeking active gentleman who is sweet and warm, age unimportant. **42089**

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE Slender DWF 43, 5'6", blond/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking fit, outgoing S/DWM 34-46, 5'10", with good sense of humor. Possible LTR. N/S. **42076**

LOOKING FOR A HERO Attractive, energetic, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF 36, 5'7", 125lbs, blond/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, hiking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life with. **42229**

STABLE, SMART... attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'6", nice figure, love to smile/laugh, love to keep your mind sharp. Seeking devoted, secure, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scrabble is the only game I play. **42397**

MALE WANTED... by pretty, blue-eyed blonde, youthful-looking 49, bright, warm and full-figured. Seeking attractive, warm man 35-55, for romance. Try area. **42327**

AMABLE WIDOW Pretty, slender, tall, intelligent SWF 53, refined, yet fun, smoker, seeks cozy dining, conversation, movies and more, with gentleman, 53-65, who's tall, more cerebral than physical, who dislikes country music. **42312**

DESERVING SOUL Pretty, petite, youthful, honest SWF 36, blonde, very thoughtful, non-smoker, into high-tech gadgets, Mac computers, cats, collecting stuff, take-home. Seeking SWM who gives 100% for same in return. **42376**

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY N/S, yes that's me, looking for the same. SF 5'5", 120lbs, blond/brown, seeks SM 50-65, who must be in good shape and love life. Talk to you soon. **42903**

SPARKLING BLUE EYES Attractive SWF 50, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, medium build, full-figured, intelligent, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. **42444**

ANGEL ON EARTH/RARE GEM Pretty mischievous, petite, perky SWF 34, blonde, 5'8", N/S, high tech, thoughtful, honest, seeks deserving soul, N/S, N/D, for possible relationship. Seeking someone who should be proud of me. **42375**

FANCY GIRL Happy-go-lucky, slender, cute, cuddly SF 22, 5'4", 115lbs, brown/blue, attractive, sensitive SWF, under 30, **42377**

WORTH THE CALL Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, who enjoys dancing, boating, skiing, travel, seeks fun, intelligent, outgoing SWM, late 30s to 40s for dating. **42389**

SPRING FEVER SWF 57, 5'3", 125lbs, long blonde hair, enjoys reading, dining out, call shows, movies. Seeking very humorous S/DWM, with similar likes. **42349**

WHERE IS THE ONE FOR ME? Professionally employed SWF 32, no dependents, enjoys movies, concerts, dining out, cooking, quiet times. Seeking sincere, college-educated, serious, family-oriented, employed SM 32-49, for a relationship. **42370**

EASY ON THE EYES Gentle on the heart, Cute DWF 52, N/S, seeks S/DWM, N/S, 45-60, 5'10", for dancing, warm-weather/fun and enjoying life. **42444**

NEW RECRUIT Outgoing DWF 52, 5'5", brown/blue, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, outdoors, just hanging. Seeking SM, similar interests, for long-term relationship or just for friendship. **42395**

THE BEST IS YET TO COME Attractive, intelligent DWF 49, N/S, affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous, seeks tall, fit, attractive, degreed, energetic, honest SWPM 45-53, 6'4", N/S, sense of humor, for friendship, possible LTR. **42358**

PRETTY FEMME FATALE Fun, mischievous, kind, outgoing PF, interior designer, seeks Ralph Lauren, type hair, 55-65, in Birmingham area. **42079**

SOMEONE SPECIAL Do you open doors? Help with her coat? Let her choose her favorite places? Willing to go forward with life? If so, give this attractive DWF 56, a call. **42445**

VERY ROMANTIC Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF 49, 5'4", medium build, likes the water, up north and Florida. Seeking total gentleman, who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman man. **42075**

COULD WE... have perfect chemistry? If you're a SWPM 45-57, N/S, fit, not into games, who likes traveling, theater, beach, is honest, intelligent, fun, romantic call this attractive SWPF 51 young. **42021**

ALL WORK... Attractive, college-educated DWF 53, looking to share dinner, dancing, and spontaneous activities, when time allows. Seeking DWM 50-60, who needs to relax and enjoy life. **42393**

ROMANTIC REALIST Attractive, intelligent, educated, creative, mature SWPF 40, b/b, seeks SWM counterpart, 35-50, enlightened, enduring, fit, confident (not arrogant), open to the transformative, for trust, communication, friendship, intimacy. **42383**

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate DWF 47, 5'5", brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking S/DWM 47-55, for friendship, possible LTR. **42329**

SINGLE DAD OR GRANDPA! Attractive, petite, red-headed DWF 53, 120lbs, N/S, loves camping, hiking, outdoor activities, classic cars, dancing. Seeking attractive, fit WCM 38-52, under 6', N/S, financially/emotionally secure, who's active and fun. **42321**

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE Fun, fit DWF 48, 5'8", brunette, Auburn Hills homeowner, seeks honest, stable companion, 44-52, 5'8", husky build, for fun this spring and summer. **42346**

BEST FRIENDS Attractive, sincere, honest, caring SWF 47, 5'8", professional, seeks honest, sincere, caring SWM 47-50, who wants a committed relationship, for travel, movies, companionship. **42374**

IN THE STARS Vivacious, shapely DWF 45, 5'8", N/S, professional musician, seeks college-educated, secure SWM 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, for possible LTR. **42399**

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN SWF 49, with varied interests, needs friend and companion to share life with, possible LTR. Give me a call. **42389**

WANTED: ROMANCE SPECIALIST Easygoing, talkative, friendly, romantic, attractive SWF 44, 5'8", red-head, N/S, social drinker, employed homeowner, no dependents, with many interests. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere, romantic, tallish SWM 40-50, for friendship leading to passionate LTR. **42391**

STARTING OVER Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining out, animals, walking, swimming, would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s, **42332**

SMART, SEXY, SELECTIVE Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'8", 118lbs, who's blunt but diplomatic, witty, happy, fit, and confident, seeks attractive, social, athletic, realist. **42231**

TALL... Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall (6'+), active, intelligent, classy, kind-hearted S/DWM with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, have wide variety of interests. N/S, N/D. **42332**

STATUESQUE BRUNETTE Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall (6'+), active, intelligent, classy, kind-hearted S/DWM with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, have wide variety of interests. N/S, N/D. **42332**

ANGEL LOOKING Outgoing, friendly SWF 45, 160lbs, enjoys music, movie, concerts, reading and conversation. Seeking SWM 35-45, HW proportionate with similar interests. **42373**

SCARLETT SEEKS HER RHET Female, 50+, but looks younger, blond/green, petite, has great legs, and loves to dance. Seeking gentleman, 45-58, with whom to share my interests. for LTR. **42376**

LADY IN WAITING Beautiful, BCFP 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. **42433**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND Widowed, retired white lady looking for a special, down-to-earth guy, 65+, with sense of humor, to share the golden years. **42433**

FROM CHICAGO Willowy SJF 37, 5'6", 115lbs, brunette/green, advanced degreed professional, very attractive. Seeking SJM 35-42, cultured, degreed, trim, attractive, films, non-fiction, travel. And if you could cook, great! For LTR. **42367**

BEST FRIEND WANTED SWF 44, N/S, looking for honest, caring S/DWM to share hugs, laughter, movies, meaningful conversation, for friendship, leading to LTR. **42361**

SOUTHERN GIRL IN DETROIT DWF 27, just relocated, childless, seeks caring, understanding SM who loves people for LTR. No games. Kids okay. **42356**

LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP This active, attractive, caring, senior SWF 55+, seeks tall, honest, dependable, sincere gentleman, N/S, with many interests, to get to know, for possible LTR. Age is unimportant, it's the spirit that counts. **42327**

ATTRACTIVE, BLONDE LADY European born, refined, loving, educated SF, young mid-60s, 5'9", good figure, many interests, seeks caring, intelligent, secure gentleman, 35-45, N/S, with sense of humor, for lasting relationship. **42324**

SEEKING A REAL MAN Full-figured DWF 42, loves life, nature, animals, card games, the theater, music, and more. Seeking normal man, 40-50, Gray hair to balding ok, not thinning is not. Let's talk. **42022**

SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY WF, single mother with 11 year-old daughter, seeks a man, not a boy, 34-40, with no dependents. Responsible behavior need only apply. **42023**

GIVE ME A CALL Beautiful, intelligent BF enjoys movies, trips, dining out, quiet/romantic evenings at home. Seeking male, 48-61, 5'8", financially/emotionally secure, for possible LTR. **42380**

SEEKING A FRIEND Easygoing, semi-athletic DM 26, 6'2", 220lbs, N/S, father of one, seeks S/DW 23-28, for friendship first, possible LTR. **42329**

TREASURE UNCLAIMED Sensitive, caring, fun-loving, unique, friendly, tall, handsome SWPM 40sh, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. **42354**

LET'S SHARE THE PRESENT Open, honest, spiritual, financially secure DWM, young 60s, 6', 200lbs, N/S, N/D, Summers Michigan. Winters Florida. Seeks lady to share fine arts, travel, dance, possible LTR. Never too late. **42328**

DAZZLING AND FLAWLESS... not required! Romance-ready, sharp SWM 40-sh, enjoys travel, culture, great company. Seeking an understanding, friendly lady I can count on. Age open. **42324**

SWEET SUNSHINE Great-looking, trim SM 36, 5'11", sandy/blue, enjoys cottage, boat, motorcycle. Seeking slim girl that I can love more today than yesterday but not as much as tomorrow. Kids ok. **42341**

NEW TO AREA! Easygoing, open-minded SWM 31, 140lbs, 5'9", brown/blue enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining out, playing pool. Seeking slender SWF 20s-30s with similar interests for LTR. Disease-free, no games. **42324**

ADVENTUROUS Educated, adventurous, passionate DWM 46, 5'7", 140lbs, N/S. Seeking similar SWPF, willing to embrace wonder, excitement life offers. Must enjoy all types of music, dancing, travel, romantic evenings, passionate nights. **42325**

DESPERATELY SEEKING Good-looking, DWM 43, easygoing, sincere, honest, enjoys sports, beaches and romantic candlelit dinners. Seeking SWF 32-45, with passion for life. N/S. **42325**

SEEKING TRUE LOVE Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, giving, sincere SWM 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slender, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted, single WAFH, for monogamous LTR, and true love. **42391**

A GOOD FIND Trim, handsome SWPM 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, outdoor dial of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, rock music, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, active, single, female, with similar interests. **42318**

OLD-FASHIONED Down-to-earth, secure CM widower, 48, 6'4", 220lbs, father of twins. Likes movies, cooking, martial arts. Seeking an attractive young female, 36-49, for possible LTR. Must have God first. **42226**

FREE SOUL Sensitive, honest, loyal, reliable man, 61, 5'9", portly, N/D, with some intelligence, looking for another miss with similar qualities. **42155**

BOY, MIND, SPIRIT Open your heart to this nice-looking, sensitive SWM, who enjoys travel, dining out, quiet times, and doing the town. Seeking reasonably attractive SWF 30s-40s, for possible LTR. **42227**

YOUR LAST CALL Handsome gem, SWM 45, looking good, one of a kind, and a real winner, outdoors, etc. Seeking a special lady in my life, to adore. **42228**

JUST TIME AD! Quiet, down-to-earth SWM 45, 6'3", nice-looking, likes motorcycle riding, boating, skiing, outdoor activities, sincere, honest, caring, seeks slender SWF with similar interests, for possible LTR. **42115**

SLIGHTLY HUMOROUS Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. Talk to you soon. **42252**

LOVE LIFE New ad! Honest, sincere, romantic DWM 41, 5'9", 180lbs, 9 years old, loves concerts, sports, traveling, travel, outdoors, more. Seeking DWF 34-40, with similar interests. Friends first, possible LTR. **42322**

FAIRYTALE ROMANCE This attractive, fun, sensitive, caring DWM 40s, 6'2", light brown/blue, maybe right for you! Seeking attractive, charming, under 40, HW proportionate, for true romance. **42080**

NEW BEGINNINGS DWM 44, 5'9", 150bs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, likes camping, fishing, swimming, fun in the sun. Seeking same in possible relationship. Age/race/looks open. **42183**

ATTRACTIVE AND HEALTHY Athletic, romantic, honest, intelligent, kind-hearted, outgoing, loving WCM 40, 5'10", 180lbs, lean, muscular build, N/S, animal lover. Seeking honest, attractive, feminine/athletic, outdoors, serious female, for fun, friendship, LTR. **42112**

HANDSOME, ROMANTIC... easygoing, honest. This humor, fun-to-be with SWM 44, 6'4", HW-proportionate, financially secure, enjoys art, fine arts, tennis, movies, dining in/out, travel, concerts, good conversations, Nascar, sports. **42113**

XX'S & OOO'S! Affectionate, attractive SWM 43, enjoys culture, current events, traveling, seeks radiant, adventurous, romantic lady, with whom to date, possibly more. **42102**

ROMANCE, LOYALTY... Laughs, passion is what I have to offer Italian male, 40, 6', loves kids, sports, family, life. Seeking same in attractive, slim SWPF 36-42, to fall madly in love with. **42108**

SINGLE IN LONIA Attractive DWM 47, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, N/S, light drinker, enjoys movies, dancing, music, 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. **42351**

EMPTY SADDLE ON MY HARLEY Muscular DWM 44, 6'2", 200lbs, fit, shaved (Yus Brenner), goates, looking for slim lady, under 40, who looks good on and off my Harley, for fun and love. **42103**

LEAN ON ME Friendly, handsome, supportive SWM 46, has nice shoulder to lean on, willing to communicate and understand, seeks to bring out the best in a lady. 35-48. **42014**

ULTIMATE MAN Romantic, honest, extremely attractive, passionate, sexy SWM 26, 6', incredible kisser, seeks slender, pretty, athletic SWF, age unimportant. If you like being swept off your feet, give me a call. **42319**

THIS KISS! WM 45, 6'2", 205lbs, police officer, in great shape, seeks N/S female, 25-40, who's also in great shape, for possible relationship. **42341**

REGULAR GUY! Responsible, fun-loving, honest, gentle, SWM 38, 5'10", 160lbs, seeks SWPF 35-45, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. No 9/28. **42344**

ATTRACTIVE MALE SWM 27, brown hair/eyes, very fit, enjoys movies, dining out, romance, outdoors. Seeking friendly, attractive SF for friendship that could lead to LTR. **42337**

QUALITY GUY Sincere, romantic DWM 53, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining out, dancing, plays, summer romance, seeking girlfriends. Seeking special friend to share great times with. **42340**

SINCERE Tall, honest, tall DWM 54, 6'4", with sense of humor, financially secure, N/S, social drinker, slim, in good physical condition, seeks a slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. **42330**

SERIOUS ONLY Caring, outgoing SWPM, N/S, enjoys movies, outdoors, summer activities. Seeking SWF 35-50, Armenian, Greek, Lebanese or similar background, N/S, for relationship. No games. **42335**

SUMMER SURPRISE Handsome, fit DWM 39, N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys life, fun, children, other activities. Seeking attractive S/DWF 25-40, with positive outlook, let's talk, date, have fun and grow children welcomed. **42357**

SEND ME AN ANGEL Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of a beautiful little girl, seeks warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lake travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Nov. **42320**

WAITING IN WATERFOOD DWM 41, 5'10", 180bs, bright green, seeks nice lady who is outgoing, travel, cooking for family. Seeking family-oriented woman, with values and personality. **42357**

RUGGED, MUSCULAR... tall, clean-cut, degreed SWM 40, 6'3", 230lbs, brown/blue, jock seeking attractive, N/S, for relationship. No games. **42018**

SINGLE FATHER Professionally degreed, financially secure, easygoing, caring, Christian DWM 45, 6', 165bs, seeks attractive mother, 30s, to participate in fun family activities, biking, camping, canoeing, car games, camp fire. Must be honest, fun, caring. **42284**

TIME FOR A CHANGE Communicative, curious, humorous, fit, flexible, persevering SWPM 42, 5'8", no dependents, has eclectic taste in movies, music, and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available SWF 28-42 to share healthy, happy relationship. **42193**

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL SPM 32, 6'1", medium build, seeks attractive, affectionate PF 25-40, for meaningful relationship/romance. **42223**

PLEASE CALL MY DAD! Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM 40, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial part of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. **42328**

SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST Nice-looking, trim DWM 60, 5'10", 150lbs, jogger, designer, artist. Seeking attractive, trim lady, 50-60 to have fun, travel, movies or just hanging out. **42024**

DESTINATION YET UNKNOWN Handsome SWM 40, with good build, into spontaneity, entertainment. Seeks sincere, caring, attractive SWF, age open. For friendship and LTR. Let's see what happens! **42015**

SUMMER IS HERE! Well-endowed SWM 35, seeks attractive, educated SWF 24-40, full-figure preferred for sizzling summer romance, leading to. **42017**

IN CONTROL/ROMANTIC Romantic SWPM 39, enjoys movies, dancing, dining, travel. Seeking feminine, passionate SWF 25-45, for adventure and fun. **42823**

BEATLES TO BACH... beer to champagne. Handsome, slender, intelligent, relaxed, outdoor WPM 46, interested in most everything. Seeking SWF 30-46, also interested in most everything. **42375**

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Art opens new world for student

Jessica Mackay doesn't know it but she's a pioneer in special education at Plymouth Salem High School in Canton.

Using music, art and dance to develop her skills, the "team" assigned to Jessica at the school, is helping Jessica, a multiply impaired student, become "just one of the kids in the regular classrooms" instead of being segregated in a special education room for the school day. In so doing, they've opened up a new world for Jessica.



Paving the way: Special education student Jessica Mackay proudly displays the art work she created with the help of Graham Martin and Diane Gavala.

When I met Jessica, she was smiling, and bubbling with excitement. But only months before she would sit with her arms crossed and fall asleep in her wheelchair lost in another world.

"I have to give Jesse so much of the credit," said special education teacher, Ginny Dean. "She's come a long way since September."

Jesse, as she's lovingly called by the team, is paving the way for several wheel-chair bound students with multiple impairments who will arrive at the high school next fall. The team's job is to make the transition as smooth as possible. This year, Dean, Rose Guastella, Barbara Meteyer, Diane Gavala, Nancy Kelly, and art teacher Graham Martin did just that by introducing music, art and dance to Jesse, previously a student at West Middle School.

"Without the teamwork none of this would have worked," said Meteyer. "Due to special education laws, Jesse's entitled to the least restrictive environment. As an inclusion student, Jesse is included in the educational process at the school but not part of the curriculum."

Over and over again, members of the team mentioned their joy over the changes they've seen in Jesse.

"As we got to know Jesse we got a reaction with music and she was able to express herself," said Gavala. "We started listening to more music every day because it would make her happy. She claps her hands every time she enjoys something. We're trying to tap into every activity she could possibly enjoy."

But that hasn't been easy.

Kelly, who works in the Physically or Otherwise Impaired program for the Wayne Westland Schools, consulted with the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency about games and other activities to expand Jesse's day. Because of Jesse's impaired motor skills, the "team" started by having the 18-year-old hit switches to turn on a radio. Now Jesse, who can stand for brief periods of time, is encouraged to dance.

"Music is the best stimulant," said Guastella. "I play piano and Jesse claps. Clapping is a happy expression for her. Music, art and dance have helped her develop. She loves painting. She's far more responsive when it's going on."

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Classic style: This is one of the nature-inspired tiles that ceramist Jeff Guido is bringing to the Liberty Fest Fine Art and Fine Craft Show.

LIBERTY for all

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Jeff Guido had no qualms about closing the Shaw Guido Gallery last fall to devote himself to creating ceramics. Long before he directed the line-up of artists at the Habatat/Shaw and Shaw Guido galleries, first in Farmington Hills, then in Pontiac, Guido oversaw the design and production of tiles at Pewabic Pottery for public art projects such as Detroit's People Mover Stations, and for use in commercial and residential applications.

Guido sparkles with enthusiasm at the mention of work he'll exhibit at the Liberty Fest Fine Art and Fine Craft Show June 19-20, in Canton.

Guido is joining a diverse group of exhibitors ranging from Kalen Erion, an emerging sculptor, to Mary Falzon, a secretary in the detective bureau of the Canton Public Safety department, who takes scenic photographs in her

spare time.

Held under huge tents in Heritage Park, the outdoor art show is a new venue for Guido, who is currently wholesaling his work to galleries.

"It would really be nice to talk to the people and hear their reactions to my work," said Guido. "An artist works in a studio secluded from outside influences and opinions so it's always interesting to have feedback from others."

Guido made the decision to walk away from retailing nationally — known artists because ultimately he didn't want to spend the rest of his life "running a gallery." After more than ten years, Guido dove back into creating ceramics full-time at his Full Circle Studio in Dearborn.

"Even though working with national collectors and artists was enjoyable, I wanted to get back into the studio and do my own work," said Guido. "I wanted to develop a line of slip cast objects: vessels, plates, bowls, candlestick holders, tiles. They're based on leaf and flower forms. I started with tiles and now have 40 designs, free form shapes inspired by nature, with thick mass and weight to them."

Off the wall

Kalen Erion has never shown his welded steel sculptures and enamel paintings on steel before. The 18-year old Plymouth resident welded his first abstract work two years ago. He was six when he began honing his welding skills in his father's tool and die shop.

In the tradition of naive or untrained artists, Erion was never concerned about becoming a part of the established art world, until now. He recently began studying painting and drawing at D & M Studios in Canton. Like Guido, Erion is eager to find out how people will view the steel

Artists enjoy showing work at festival



Emerging artist: Kalen Erion welded together steel and found objects to create this sculpture

sculpture, furniture and paintings on sheet metal that he will display at the Liberty Fest.

"My inspiration comes from love, life, death, pain, life experience," said Erion.

Life experience? That might sound odd coming from someone still in his teens, but not Erion. Over the last few years, he's traveled all over Europe and South Africa visiting cathedrals and museums.

"Traveling motivates me," said Erion, formerly a dancer with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. "I love Renaissance art and would like to get into the style of the old masters."

After hours
Like Guido, Falzon's inspiration comes from nature and architecture. Her photographs of lighthouses, barns and architecture from Maine to Michigan and Florida capture the beauty of frequently visited vacation spots.

"I enjoy meeting people and hearing about the places they can relate to," said Falzon, who rarely exhibits her images. "I do the show here in the park behind where I work because it's Canton. I don't expect to make a lot of money, it's just fun to have that connection to the community."

Falzon doesn't claim to be a professional photographer. She never planned to be the one taking all of the family "pictures" but her six brothers, sister, mom and dad recognized and encouraged her talent.

"When I went to New England with my brother and a friend last fall, they didn't even bring cameras because after we got home they'll look through my photos and choose the ones they want," said Falzon. "Photography's always been a hobby. I've always enjoyed taking pictures. I always liked going to art shows and buying other people's photographs so I thought why

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SRO acts on piece of history

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Nancy Harrower grew up listening to stories about her great grandfather, David Black Coulter, a second lieutenant in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry Division during the Civil War.

"I've always been interested in the Civil War," said Harrower, whose hands are full taking care of "A Pretty Piece of Business" for the city of Southfield Senior Arts League.

The job involves a lot of drama, but it's fun, and a bit of a farce, too, she said.

"A Pretty Piece of Business" is a one-act play written by Thomas Morton around 1860. Harrower is directing the one-hour farce, to be presented by SRO Productions June 19-20 during a Civil War reenactment of village life at the city's historic center the Burgh.

Bill Mandt, acting manager of the Southfield adult recreation center, chose "A Pretty Piece of Business" over the familiar "An American Cousin."

"I wanted a one-act because it would hold the interest of kids and be something the whole family could go to," he



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Just a kiss: Barbie Amann as Dobson, reacts to a kiss from Captain Felix Merryweather, played by Kerry Plague, in "A Pretty Piece of Business."

said. "It's a humorous farce, and believable, too."

The cast also includes Jennifer Wilson as Charlotte, Kathy Booker as Fanny, her friend, Kerry Plague, Captain Merryweather, Charlotte's fiancé, Dennis Hubel as Dr. Shee, and Barbie Amann as Charlotte's maid, Dobson.

Captain Merryweather is in the Navy and is coming home to the house he bought for Charlotte, his fiancée. Charlotte's friend, Fanny, a widow, is visiting. Charlotte wants to fix Fanny up with her brother, Dr. Shee. Dobson, the maid, stirs everything up in this

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EDUCATION

Art camps make learning fun

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Like hundreds of other music students, Jeff Myers took summers off as a child. Now, Myers, director of the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton, is working to show students that they can have fun while concentrating on the arts by offering summer camps. He's not alone.

This summer, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and D & M Studios in Canton are also treating students to fun ways to spend the summer at day camps.

Myers instituted the Jammin' in July music camp last year so students could learn to become better musicians. He's Jammin' this summer by introducing new camp sessions, which focus on the performing arts, in addition to music, so students can strengthen skills in the arts.

"The camps help keep them energized. It's fun not only to educate stu-

dents to play music but to do something they've never done before," said Myers. "For most students, the horn goes in a case in the closet and grows cobwebs. The camp forces them to push the limits, to concentrate on their music and makes the horn more enjoyable to play in general. Several of our instructors are members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra so they're learning from musicians who perform."

Jay Berckley, a saxophone instructor at the conservatory and the Jammin' in July camp, July 12-23 (\$295), recently recorded a CD with his big band, Swingin' and frequently plays at the Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor

and the Toledo Jazz Festival.

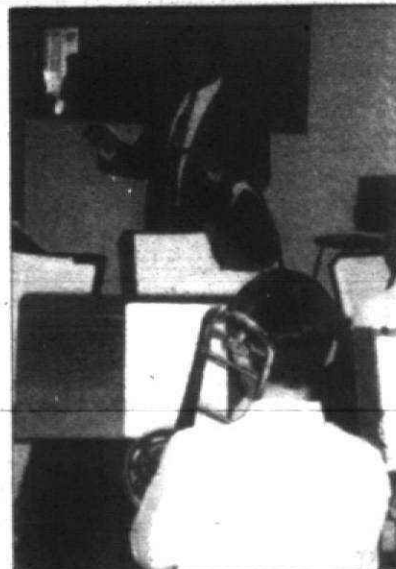
A former Plymouth Canton High School drum major, Berckley spent summers at Interlochen before pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree in performance at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor. In the Jammin' in July camps, students in grades 6-8, spend mornings working in smaller groups to prepare for playing in an ensemble in the afternoons.

"I attempt to bring students the experience of performing out in the world," said Berckley.

Dance, drama and music instructors in similar camps at the conservatory tease students with fun projects to stimulate creativity and nurture self confidence.

Sign of achievement
A display of trophies, recently won at the American Guild of Music competition by Dimas Caraballo's piano students, hint at the level to which conser-

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Let's jam: Rob Myers and his students work on a piece of music during the Jammin' in July music camp at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton.

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not try to sell some of my own."

Ever since she saved hundreds of Bazooska Joe Bubble Gum wrappers to send away for her first camera as a girl, Falzon couldn't wait to capture sunsets, watercolors and architecture. Through the years, she developed a love for lighthouses. She'll bring several images of the historic structures including the Point Iroquois on Lake Superior, and Cape Neddick in York, Maine to the booth she is sharing with her co-worker Valerie Greenhills.

"Something just captures my

eye and then I focus on it," said Falzon, who worked at the West Bloomfield police department before coming to Canton six years ago. "I love the lighthouses. They're usually quite a drive from the coast, and that can get tricky especially in winter but they're usually pretty and have a history and romance about them."

Criteria

The works of Guido, Erion and Falzon indicate the variety visitors will find at the show. D & M Studios owner Sharon Dillen-

beck selected exhibitors, not based on longevity, but quality and variety. Expect to find everything from wall and garden art to wearables in the show. Dillenbeck co-chaired with Joyce Murphy.

"There's a lot of fine art but we'll also have fine crafts by Arthur Gauger (Garden City) with his Petokey stone jewelry, birdhouses by Jim Woods, and paintings by Jim Williams (Highland), Hugh Burley and cancer patient Margie Tibbette," said Dillenbeck, who will exhibit

watercolors in the show. "There'll be sand art for the children and Shirley Moore of Sitting Pretty Ceramics will have greenware for kids of all ages to paint. And if kids wear their D & M Studios T-shirt they have their face painted for free."

Center for Creative Studies will showcase student art by Brian Kennedy and Trevor Anusiewicz (Plymouth), Diane Holcomb, Shannon Jones, and Liz Isaacson in a booth sponsored by Canton developers Jonathan Retzlaff and Bruce Silver.

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Opening up new worlds

Martin came up with the innovative ways for Jesse to make art. Although he's not a special educator, he saw a need to help Jesse enjoy the art of creating. He also saw the therapeutic benefits of painting and working with clay. Using an adaptive paint brush, Jesse now creates abstract paintings in Martin's classroom. Last semester in his ceramics class, Jesse rolled clay into icicles and ornaments.

"The school district policy is that every child can learn," said Martin. "We took on the challenge. What we found was happening was Jesse was using the principles of design, creating a pattern. We could tell what was happening because of the similarity of her brush strokes. When we put up a display of Jesse's work the student response was tremendous. My students could see the principals of design in her work. She now makes an attempt to say hi everyday and she expects to be coming to painting. Two or three girls in the class have taken a special interest in Jesse. They help her and encourage her to work."

Meteyer would like to see students regularly interacting with Jesse. Although Jesse was introduced to students classroom by classroom in the beginning of the school year, students and staff have been slow to interact with her. Meteyer has spoken with the president of the National Honor Society about a plan next year to reward students with credit for working with Jesse. The benefits would be endless, not only for Jesse but students

involved. "The goal is to have her involved with her peers. Pretty soon they'll realize they don't need credit for this," said Meteyer. "They'll say, I want to do this and they might even find it opens up new career fields."

Thirty years ago, students like Jesse would have been sheltered away in institutions to spend their days staring into space. Today, Jesse sits in the cafeteria with all the "normal" students. "It goes back to society's perception," said Kelly. "As we have more kids, we hope to change those perceptions that there's nothing to fear."

And the rewards reaped are plenty. "All of us have grown from the time we've spent with Jesse," said Meteyer. "I've learned about myself," added Guastella. "We're all not normal. What's normal?"

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chom in at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lehomin@homecom.net

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

MUSIC IN THE PARK
The Plymouth Community Arts Council kicks off its Music in the Park series now on Wednesday, June 23 with Marc Thomas and Max the Moose in Kellogg Park, Main Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Pennington.

Concerts will be held every Wednesday following and are free thanks to the generosity of Carl Schultz of Sealant Equipment & Engineering.

In case of rain, the concert will be held in The Gathering on Pennington.

For more information about the concerts, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
A half million people from all over the country will take over the streets of Ann Arbor, Michigan Wednesday, July 21 through Saturday, July 24, to view and purchase art from a wide variety of artists. Art from all over the United States as well as from around the world will be on

exhibit at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Fair hours are hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Information booths will be positioned throughout the fairs offering free guides with artist listings, maps, shuttle information, and a schedule of music events and other activities.

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR GOVERNORS' AWARDS
All Michigan residents are invited to nominate artists, educators, civic leaders, organizations and others for the 1999 Governors Awards for Arts and Culture.

The statewide awards competition is sponsored by ArtServe Michigan. The awards honor individuals and organizations for significant creative achievement or outstanding local, regional or statewide contributions to Michigan's arts and cultural community. Nominations are available at ArtServe's offices in Southfield, Grand Rapids and Lansing. Submit nominations by Tuesday, July 6. For more information, call (248) 557-8288 or visit its Web site at <http://www.artserve-michigan.org>

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART FAIRS

ANN ARBOR ARTISANS' MARKET
Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Sundays through December at Farmers' Market at Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

CANTON FINE ART & CRAFT SHOW
More than 90 artists featured at the eighth annual show. Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, Heritage Park, Canton Township.

LIVONIA ARTS FESTIVAL
Annual event in Livonia's historic village at Greenmead, Sunday, June 13, Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile Road. (734) 466-2540.

NORTHVILLE ART FESTIVAL
"Art in the Sun," a fine arts festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20. Performances by the "Straw Hat Band" 2:30-4 p.m., June 19 and 12:30-2 p.m. June 20. The "Motor City Brass Band" performs 12:30-2 p.m. June 19 in downtown Northville.

WEST BLOOMFIELD ART FESTIVAL
Fifth annual event at the Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield, Sunday, June 13, 6777 W. Maple Road. (248) 626-3636.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists to participate in its Sept. 11-12 show at Central Middle High School in Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August by appointment only. (248) 552-5001. Auditions for the Marygrove College 30th annual Summer School for the Performing Arts Festival of Dance, June 20-Aug. 20, begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1306.

DOCUMENTARY
The Museum of Contemporary Art, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, seeks artists to participate in an archival exhibit. Deadline is Aug. 1. (248) 334-6038.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED
St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple, Troy, is seeking exhibitors for "A Fair to Remember." Oct. 16-17. (248) 932-5636.

FOCUS: HOPE
Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a self-addressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Latrup Village, Mich. 48076-0569.

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

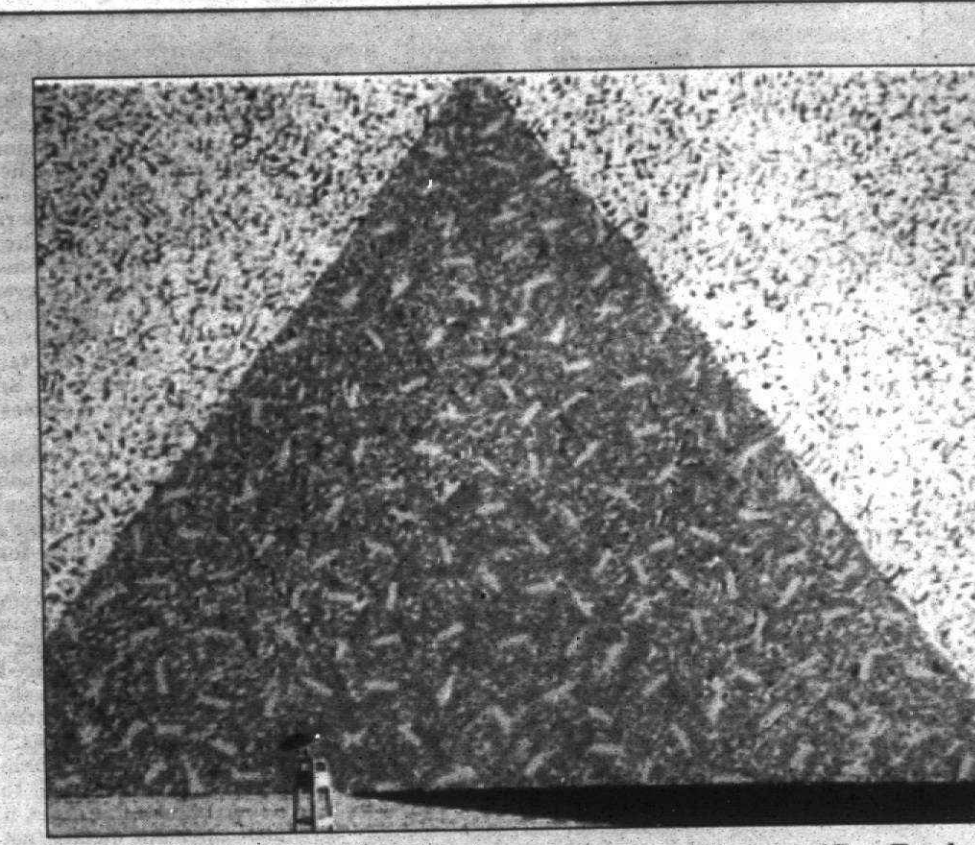
GOODSPEL AUDITIONS
TinderBox Productions is holding auditions for "Goodspeil," 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 27, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 28, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
General auditions for the 99-00 season, which includes Tintypes and the Odd Couple. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday. Wednesday, June 14-16, at Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester.

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

"MUSIC MAN" AUDITIONS
Dinner theatre performances Oct. 29-30. Auditions noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. Dinner theatre performances Oct. 29-30. (248) 626-6606, voice mail No. 30.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
Michigan artists invited to sub-



Summer vision: "Beaches," acrylic and watercolor paintings of Ron Teachworth, opens Saturday, June 19, at the Cary Gallery, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (248) 651-3656.

mit work for jurying in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," held Oct. 13-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application: The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, Mich., 48009. (248) 594-6043.

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Seeks artists to design the outdoor public billboard at the ferry, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Proposals must be received by Sept. 30. (248) 541-3444.

TRANSFORMING VISIONS
Swords Into Plowshares Gallery, 33 E. Adams St., Detroit, is seeking entries for its seventh juried exhibit in the fall. (313) 965-5422.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
Summer school in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and ballroom dance, July 12-Aug. 19 in Troy. (248) 828-4080.

CRANBROOK CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY
Programs are Monday-Friday, June 14-18, for adults, and Monday-Friday, June 21-25, for high school and college students, at the academy, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Entrance based on taped audition. (248) 645-3678.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Summer classes in drawing, painting, pottery, and many other media begin June 26 at the center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. Adult and children's classes available. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4249.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

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

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE ARTS
The deadline for the Drama Workshop for Youth, July 19-23, is June 25. (810) 286-2017.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Installation artist Carl Demeulenaere offers a free lecture on his past work and upcoming project, The Red Schoolhouse, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 at Madonna University, Kresge Hall, Room 1316, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

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

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Learning at the Opera House '99 offers classes for adults and children, Mondays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., June 21 through August 8 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 227-3270.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Summer semester runs July 19-Aug. 20 at the center, 407 Pine St., Rochester. Classes for preschoolers to adults. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Rd., Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

DANCE
1515 BROADWAY
Kimberly Boyd's "Dancing between the Lines," a one-woman show of movement art and storytelling, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the theater, 1515 Broadway St., Detroit. (313) 835-5059.

FOR KIDS
ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER
Week-long art painting classes for children 8 and older, June 21-July 26, at a Westland home. (734) 728-0670.

CAMP BORDERS
Sir Morgan takes kids back to the time of knights and dragons. 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 15; Sing-along for kids with Will Danforth, 11 a.m., Saturday, June 19 at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road. (248) 737-0110.

SUMMER ART CAMP
"Circus! Circus! Under the Big Top" is the theme for D&M Studios' 33 camps in three locations in Plymouth and Canton. Five-day camps available for children 3-16. (734) 453-3710.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute at Meadow Brook, July 26-Aug. 8. (313) 576-7604.

ART LEADERS GALLERY
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CARY GALLERY
"Beaches," acrylic and watercolor paintings of Ron Teachworth opens Saturday, June 19 with a reception at 6 p.m., and runs through July 17, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

C-POP
A multi-media event of music, opening reception 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the new gallery location, 4160

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
"Don't Duck, Look Up!" planetarium show designed for youngsters up to second grade. Saturdays-Sundays, June 19-20 and 26-27, at the museum, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0478.

GET UP AND MOVE CAMP
A program for children 4-10 years old, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays July 6-27, at Southfield Centre for the Arts, 10-11:30 a.m. Dance, music, arts and crafts. (248) 661-6640.

JINGLE BEL, INC.
Summer camps in the performing and fine arts for children ages 3-12, at Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority, 1551 E. Auburn Road. (248) 375-9027.

MUSEUM DAY CAMPS
The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm sponsors "Summer on the Farm Day Camps" (ages 9-11) from July 12-16 and July 26-30, and "Archaeology Day Camp" (ages 12-15) from June 23-25, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoesen Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663.

ROYAL OAK GOES BUGGY
Children's insect art show and special events through the month of June, at galleries and merchants throughout downtown Royal Oak.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Actor Alliance Summer Theatre Conservatory for ages 7-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 14-25, Art Academy Camp for ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 14-25, June 28-July 9. Get Up and Move Camp for ages 4-6, 10-11:30 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. July 6-29 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill" through June 27, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

CUNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
Exhibition of Works by Henry James Lavigne continues at the gallery, 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 933-3632.

FORD HALL GALLERY
Prints and drawings by Robert Thorne through June 18 at Easterg Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.

GALERIE BLU
Artist Jett Bourgeois' "Tahiti Show," through June 24 at the gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Works of emerging New York artist Melissa McGill through July 17 at the gallery, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
"In Honor of Water," a group exhibit through June 19 at the gallery, 32782 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Watercolor exhibit by Marge Masek in the Fine Arts Gallery through June 30. P.I. Freer presents mixed media works in the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

5167. SUMMER READING PROGRAM
U-M-Dearborn offers reading enrichment programs for 4 year olds to adults in several cities. Classes meet once a week for five weeks. 1-800-418-7910.

TINDERBOX ART CAMP
Performing Arts Summer Camp for children in grades 1-12. Masonic Temple, Detroit. Placement auditions Sunday, June 27, for Performing Arts Summer Camp 9 a.m. to 4 a.m. July 19-30. Latch-key available. (313) 535-8962.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3,000. For applications contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, Mich., 48034. (248) 225-4679.

WOODWARD, DETROIT. (313) 833-9901.

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through July 24 - "Numeric Expressions," works of artists Suzanne Andersen, Jeanne Bieri, Mark Esse, Sherry Moore and Alan Watson, 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
"Glass: Its Substance & Attributes by Michigan Artists," through June 27, at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

BIEGAS GALLERY
"Artists That Teach," exhibition and sale through July 31, at the gallery, 35 Grand River Ave., E., Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The 52nd annual Watercolor Society exhibition through June 25, at the center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Solo exhibition of retrospective works by Lilian Mitchell, through June 13, at the church, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-5022.

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Children's author and illustrator Wong Herbert Yee through June 30, at the store, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park. (248) 968-1190.

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U-M MUSEUM OF ART
Seeing it Through: Faculty Artists from the School of Art & Design, through July 3 at the museum, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor.

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Fabrics and design give classic polo a new look

THE REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Paprika, sage, butter, wine. No, I'm not referring to ingredients in a new Martha Stewart recipe, but the striking colors helping to reinvent men's polo shirts this season. You know the style, that traditional looking men's shirt with a collar and two buttons. Richie Cunningham wore them.

Well, the preppy classic is back, but with a refined 90s kind of style especially when it comes to fabric texture.

Consider buying a lightweight knit polo, like Jacobson's washable silk pique. It's a summer wardrobe essential that will keep you cool. Men who are fashion mavens should try it in burnt orange or paprika. But if stay-neutral is one of your style requirements, the same shirt is available at Jacobson's in black, nubuck and blue.

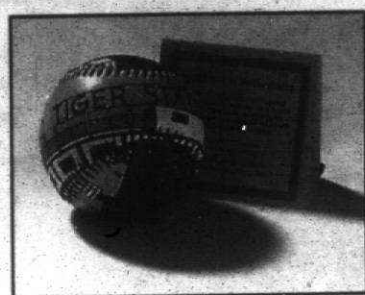
I went crazy for the shape, rich earth tones and fine gauge cotton of the knit polo shirts in the J. Crew catalog. At \$38, who could resist. Check it out at www.jcrew.com or call (800) 562-0258. You will find these knits are a clean alternative to dress shirts; they look great layered under a casual blazer with jeans or tucked in with a tailored trouser.

Younger guys, not just Dads, will be looking for polo shirts this season. For an already-worn, comfortable look, try American Eagle's pigment-dyed polos priced just under \$15. Available in surplus green, sport navy and orange, these shirts are weathered and pre-washed for extra softness. Combine with a pair of cargo or board shorts, and you have a easy summer outfit that will take you just about any place.

Golf enthusiasts will love Eddie Bauer's all-cotton, jersey polo with a tee and golf ball pattern. Bauer has even cut the shirt larger around the shoulders, chest and arms so players have more room to swing. If Dad's a golfer, this shirt might be a perfect Father's Day gift.

After scouting the town for polo shirts, I must say Old Navy wins the prize for the best deal. Their garment-washed polos with twill taping on the back of the neck for reinforcement are priced at \$12 this week for Father's Day. Given the look and feel of the polos, it's no wonder they were ranked number one for value and quality last year by Consumer Report magazine. The store carries basic colors like Navy and heather gray, year around and introduces a new color palette every couple of months. Teal, plum, coral and poolside blue are among my favorites this season.

Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari Waldman at OEReadDeal@aol.com.



Memorabilia: Jacobson's keepsake Tiger Stadium ball, sells for \$20.

A day for Daddy

Strange or stylish, pick gifts that suit him

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

If there's such a category as the most baffling gift recipient, fathers surely rank at the top of the list.

In general, men seem content with the clothing, gadgets, books and other possessions they already have. If they wanted or needed something, they'd probably buy it.

Thus, why many fathers, when asked what they'd like for Father's Day, repeatedly respond that a few pairs of socks, another tie or some other uninspiring gift will do.

Daughters and sons are then left to wonder whether Dad would appreciate an unusual gift or prefer a few humdrum staples. How about a fancy nail clipper set, one might wonder, hoping a luxurious and pricey version of an essential tool will convey the appropriate affection and appreciation.

In the end, exactly what you buy is probably less important than the type and style of the item you select. While scope is always important when gift shopping, it's particularly the case with fathers.



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Travel goodies: For fathers who travel, Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy suggests a black leather lawers bag, \$850, and matching duffel, \$780, both imported from France.

So, ask yourself first and foremost, what kind of dad is he? Is he a style maven or the epitome of practicality? Is he a couch potato who can't watch too many sporting events or he is a sports participant?

Given the abundance of men's clothing available in stores, fashionable fathers are probably the easiest guys for whom to buy. Of course a polo shirt, tie, cotton sweater or pair of shorts will do, but consider fashion accessories, like Neiman Marcus' sterling silver accessory set by David Yurman or Hudson's Tommy Hilfiger men's fragrance set, Totally Tommy, \$51.

Practical fathers will likely scoff at cologne and other so-called trivial items, so opt for a gift that saves time and money or keeps life orderly. Consider luggage, a new briefcase or watch. Saks Fifth Avenue's stainless steel travel clock from Gucci, \$395, is practical, especially for frequent travelers, and stylish.

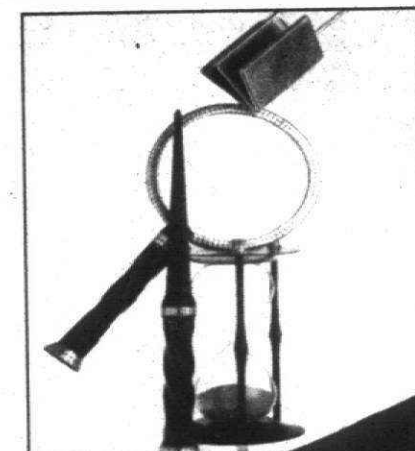
Sporting events fans always enjoy memorabilia. Package a T-shirt or hat from his favorite team in color coordinated gift wrap or jump on

this year's nostalgia bandwagon and give Dad an item commemorating Tiger Stadium. Jacobson's is selling a keepsake baseball that depicts the new stadium in the Detroit Tiger's team colors for \$20.

For athletic types, consider the latest gadget designed to make sporting activities easier and more interesting, a digital golf card, for example, or Nike's Triax watch for runners, which is available at Runner's Fit in West Bloomfield for between \$64 and \$135.



Instead of clothing: For fathers who are style mavens, give fashion accessories, like these sterling silver pieces from designer David Yurman. Clockwise from left, the "Double Wheat" chain bracelet, \$540, silver cuff links, \$535, "Plaque" belt buckle, \$285 and black lizard strap, \$120 are available at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.



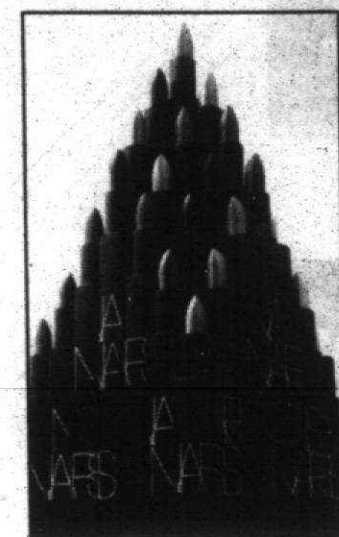
For studious fathers: John Hardy's collection of wood and sterling silver desk accessories, including a magnifying glass, letter opener and hourglass, \$150-\$470, Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

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STUFF WE CRAVE



Full palette: If you can dream the color, NARS has the lipstick. Satin, sheer and semi-matte shades are available, \$19, Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Essence of Audrey: In honor of what would have been Audrey Hepburn's 70th birthday, Salvatore Ferragamo has reproduced her ballerina shoe in limited edition. Five percent of every "Audrey" ballerina shoe, which will be available in black, beige, red and yellow suede, will be donated to the Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund, \$220, Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Hot but cool: Old-fashioned cotton dresses keep little girls comfortable and cool in summer's heat, by Colorado designer Three Girls, \$39-49, Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe, Clarkston.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find.

What we found:

Orlane makeup is available at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

A clock with large letters sells at Radio Shack at Tel-Twelve Mall on Telegraph Road in Southfield.

We also found a metal glider, green Pyrex bowl, 1964 World's Fair souvenir book, 1952 Central High School yearbook and a 1939 Commerce High School yearbook to copy and someone who is interested in obtaining tea bag tags.

What we're looking for:

A Humpty Dumpty, oval-shaped, baby pillow pattern with flat arms and legs with an embroidered face for Barb.

A poster of three dobermans called "The Bitches of Eastwick" for Stella.

A 1947 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook for Betty.

Revlon "Color Lock" anti-feathering lip base in a lipstick tube for Carla of Shelby Township.

Carla of Shelby Township

A recycling center for recycling plastic bags and cereal and cake boxes for Phyllis of Rochester and Laurie who lives in Oakland County. The need has arisen for residents who used to take materials to Dammon's Hardware, which no longer does recycling.

A January, 1942 Cass Tech High School yearbook for Corrine.

Venetian glass beads for a necklace for Pamela.

A 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook for Mike.

A 1996 Mercury Sable owners manual for Jim.

A 1978 recording of Kay Thompson reading "Eloise." Any tape will do.

A place that sells 10-, 15- or 20-pound containers of pitted, unsweetened, sour cherries for Stone of Farmington.

Season's French Lilac Refresher Oil, a room deodorant, for Katherine of Livonia.

Replacement hurricane globes for a Stiffel lamp (#5246) for Kathy.

A manual for the Black Angus broiler/roastisserie (#7TRP) or the company's address for Doris.

Nautilus dessert plates in the "Eggshell" pattern.

Coty's "Plum Wine" or "Mauve Mauve" lipstick for Margaret in Livonia.

A store with a good selection of rabbits for purchase for Kayla and Emmett.

Plastic replacement pieces for a boutonniere for Ann.

A dish made by International in the "Heartland" pattern for Vicki.

A January, 1949 Cass Tech High School yearbook for Doris.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name, phone number and community. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Presents ... AMERICAN SKY EXHIBITION & 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 3 from 7-11PM

FIREWORKS

10 PM - Presented at Lincoln Hills Golf Course and viewed from the BBAC.

SMARTBUS SHUTTLE RIDES

6:45 - 11:15 PM - Running from Seaholm High School and Groves High School to the BBAC

ART ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

7-8 PM - Silk scarf painting - bring home a beautiful hand-painted scarf!

8-9 PM - Make Origami boxes or patriotic mobiles!

9-10 PM - Be creative with Fun Plastic to make key chains, necklaces, pins, or anything else!

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

7-10 PM - Ceramics (raku and wheel throwing), printmaking (color monotype), oil painting.

stained glass, sculpture, as well as an overview

of Julia Cameron's best-selling book,

The Artist's Way.

MUSIC

7-8:30 PM - The Birmingham Straw Hat Band

9-11 PM - Sean Blackman Jazz Band

ATHENS CONEY ISLAND

7-9:30 PM - Will be serving Coney Islands, hot dogs, chicken gyros, chili, greek salad, pita bread, and chips. Lemonade, iced tea and a variety of desserts will also be served.

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Parisian hosts Swarovski Pin Tour

One of the most exclusive events in the jewelry industry has arrived at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The Swarovski Pin Tour, featuring the Nature's Jewels exhibit, will be on display through June 20 at the mall's Parisian store.

The touring Swarovski archival show was developed to commemorate the introduction of a new collection of limited edition pins and in response to the growing interest in collectible jewelry and crystal.

Swarovski is considered a premier manufacturer of full-cut crystal jewelry.

The museum quality exhibit of 62 pins shows the evolution of Swarovski design from a dramatic style to use of stones in smaller and more delicate ways.

Multiple pieces are used in Swarovski jewelry to add dimension. Also, each Swarovski piece is treated much like a tiny sculpture; details are always carefully handcrafted. Consequently, many people mistake Swarovski pieces as precious jewelry.

The exhibit will be located at the mall entrance front of Parisian. For additional information, call (734) 953-7605.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MONDAY, JUNE 14
CERRUTI 1881 FALL SHOW
Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the 1999 Fall/Winter collection of Cerruti 1881, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., International Salon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15
CHANEL TRUNK SHOW
View Chanel's Fall 1999 collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through June 16. Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture, third floor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17
FASHION FAIR MAKEUP EVENT
Hudson's, Northland Center in Southfield, hosts Fashion Fair makeup artists from and offers complimentary makeovers through June 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

For an appointment, call (248) 443-4323.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18
MOONLIGHT MADNESS
The Boardwalk shopping center on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield holds its annual Moonlight Madness Sale, until 11 p.m.

STILA MAKEUP EVENT
Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a team of makeup artists from Stila and offers one-on-one consultations and makeovers, 12-6 p.m. For an appointment, call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1414.

DETROIT TIGER APPEARANCE
Detroit Tiger and 1998 Rookie of the Year Matt Anderson autographs photos at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, to benefit The Love-light Foundation, noon-1:30 p.m., Men's Shop, first floor. Reservations are limited. Call (313) 874-2100.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
SUNRISE SALE
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's downtown merchants hold the Plymouth Sunrise Sale with savings starting at 50 percent off (sales percentages decrease 10 percent every hour thereafter), 5 a.m.-10 a.m.

MOTOWN NIGHT
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents another Dine & Dance event, Motown Night with D.J. John Eloff, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR
The Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads hosts guest storyteller Dottie Sogoin, 11 a.m.-noon, Garden Court.

HAIR SALON REOPENING EVENT
Wards hair salon at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield celebrates its reopening by offering free makeovers, hair styling demonstrations, gift certificate giveaways and free product samples, 2-4 p.m., South Mall Corridor.



Fabric: Jacobson's washable, silk pique polo runs \$49.



Design: Eddie Bauer's golf polo, \$48, is cut large near chest for better movement.

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Hilton Suites Detroit Metro Airport 734-728-9200 **\$79**
Hilton Toledo 216-447-1300 **\$74**
Hilton Toronto 416-869-3456 **\$155-\$195** (Canadian)
Hilton Toronto Airport 905-677-9900 **\$115** (Canadian)
Hilton Windsor 519-973-5555 **\$129-\$139** (Canadian)

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Chief award-winners

Several awards were presented at Wednesday's Plymouth Canton boys track banquet.

The team's Most Valuable Performer was Jordan Chapman, who scored in the high jump at the Class A state meet; he finished sixth. Chapman and Jerry Gaines were also named Sophomores of the Year.

Seniors Bryan Kulczycki and David Thomas earned the coveted Coaches Award, while the Most Improved Award went to junior K.J. Singh and sophomore Ugo Okwumabua.

Seniors of the Year were Steve Blossom and Jason Rutter; Juniors of the Year were Singh and Jack Tucci; and Freshmen of the Year were Aaron Schmidt and Ricky Singh.

Special awards were also presented to a pair of school record-setters: Gaines, who established a record in the 400-meters (50.3); and the 4x100 relay team of K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Jamie Bonner and Thomas (44.0). Chapman also was presented a special academic all-state award (he has a 3.944 grade-point average), and Juan Cortes, an exchange student from Argentina, was presented a special award from the team.

The captains for team in the year 2000 will be Howe, K.J. Singh, Tucci and Asa Hensley.

Conquest sparkle

The Canton Conquest, an under-12 Little Caesars girls soccer team, won their division at both the Sidney (OH) Mayfest Soccer Tournament May 23-24 and at the Canton Invitational May 28-30. At the Mayfest Tournament, the Conquest swept through their preliminary games before meeting the Patriot Magic, a team from Ohio, in the final. The Conquest won in a penalty kick shoot-out.

At the Canton Invitational, the Conquest were unscored upon, beating the Canton Cougars in the championship match.

Team members are Erica Arndt, Brittany Armstrong, Kristen Boylan, Lisa Baly, Taylor Foley, Bailey Fagan, Colette Gilman, Amy Gizicki, Nicole Hardy, Alicia Hay, Andrea Johnson, Jennifer Little, Megan McCarthy, Katie Polera, Molly Priebe and Katie Raker. The team is coached by John Johnson and Rich Priebe; Ed McCarthy is the team trainer.

Tryouts for the upcoming team are set for June 21 at Flodin Park. Call (734) 455-9884 for information.

Football camp

The Plymouth Canton High School football coaches will sponsor a football camp for middle school-aged students, grades six-through-nine, from 9 a.m.-noon July 12-16 at the high school football field. Cost is \$50 per camper.

For information, call Canton football coach Tim Baechler at 844-8850.

Soccer tryouts

The Plymouth Soccer Club will be having boys and girls team tryouts for all ages June 15-23 at various locations. The following is boys tryout information.

Under-10 select: 6-8 p.m. June 16 and 18 at Tanger School, call Mark McGraw at 420-3206 for information; **Under-11 select:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 16 and 18 at East Middle School, call Rich Kulczycki at 397-2071; **Under-12 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 15 and 16 at Heritage B, call Pete Griffin at 459-3324; **Under-13 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 15 and 17 at the high school, call Mark McGraw at 420-3206; **Under-13 select:** 6-8 p.m. and 10 a.m.-noon June 17 and 19 at East Middle School, call Randy Leslie at 459-1071; **Under-14 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 16 and 17 at Heritage A&B, call Ron Austin at 449-8865; **Under-14 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22 at East Middle School, call John Debieen at 459-1094; **Under-15 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 16 and 23 at Hines Park, call Brian LaMasse at 397-8325; **Under-15 select:** to be determined, call Paul Conlon at 459-4185; **Under-16 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 17 at Central Middle School, call Fred Stafford at 453-7107; **Under-17 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22 at Hines Park, call Glenn Kaatz at 454-0712.

The following is the girls tryout information.

Under-11 select: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 16 and 17 at West Middle School, call Peggy Bohrer at 454-9613 for information; **Under-12 select:** to be determined, call Janet Sibbold at 453-1353; **Under-13 select:** 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22 at Heritage A, call Scott Boothroyd at 451-0967; **Under-14 premier:** 6-8 p.m. June 15 and 17 at Hines Park, call Tom Esper at 420-2236; **Under-17 premier:** 6-8 p.m., 1-3 p.m. June 18 and 19 at Hines Park, call Dan Schilk at 459-8826.

Salem grad a star at Michigan

BY C.J. RISAK
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Everyone knows it: The University of Michigan recruits its athletes from across the country, drawing in the best of the best.

The Wolverine softball team is no different. U-M had been to the Women's College World Series every year since 1994 until losing in the NCAA Regionals this season and has won four of the last five Big Ten Conference Tournament titles.

So imagine that: A team bathed in excellence, one that has completely dominated the Big Ten with four regular-season titles in the last five years, with five-straight 50-plus win seasons, and it finds its top recruit of 1999 just a few miles down the road.

Of course, when Stefanie Volpe signed out of Plymouth Salem to play for U-M, no one anticipated she'd be star material, not in her first season.

Not even Volpe.

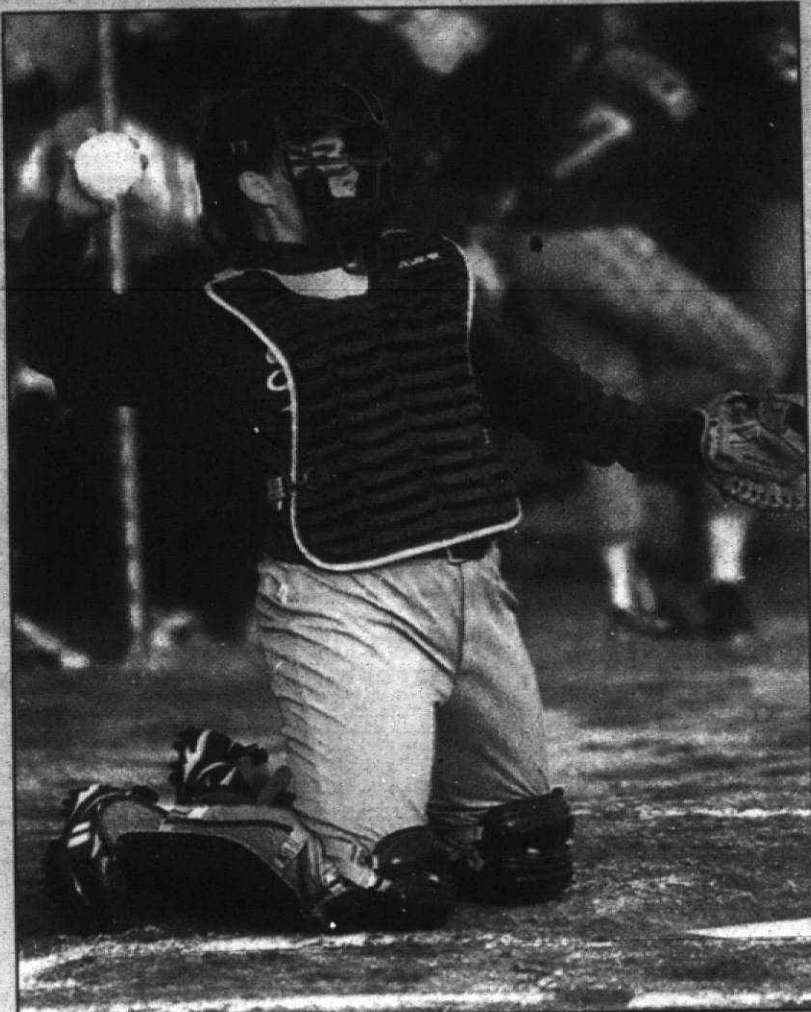
"It did (surprise me)," Volpe said after posting outstanding numbers as a starter for the Wolverines. "Coming in here, I just didn't expect to do so well, not my freshman year. I mean, playing for Michigan, I said if I don't play much at first, well, don't be surprised."

"I told myself, 'If I work hard, I'll get to play. If I don't work hard, I won't get to play.'"

When fall practice convened last September, Volpe was listed as the No. 4 catcher. She never played an inning at that position — which is where she earned all-Western Lakes Activities Association honors while at Salem — during fall ball.

"I didn't play much in the fall," she said. "I batted two, three times and played one inning at third base."

Which should hardly be much of a foundation for optimism entering her first regular season. But things changed.



Freshman standout: Stefanie Volpe went from Plymouth Salem (above) to Michigan and hardly missed a step. Volpe batted .400 in Big Ten play as a starter and was all-conference.

Volpe's hitting ability earned her a spot in the batting lineup as the designated player early in the season. By the time the Big Ten campaign had rolled around, her bat had cemented her position on offense; soon it would

be expanded to include defense.

Not at third base, either.

"I remember before our first game against Penn State, Hutch (coach Carol Hutchins) came up to me and said, 'You're going to play defense today,'" Volpe recalled. "I thought it was going to be at third base, because that's where I had been playing."

"She told me 'No, you're going to catch.'"

Kim Bugel had started the season as the top catcher after Melissa Gentile, No. 1 during fall practice, suffered a back injury that required surgery. Bugel's bat, however, was absent; she hit only .159. Karmen Lappo replaced her and started out well offensively, but her hitting slipped (she ended up hitting .209) and her lack of arm strength was a liability.

Which left it to Volpe.

She took advantage of her new position, playing the rest of the Big Ten schedule at catcher. She committed just two errors there in 24 games.

But it was her hitting that got her rave reviews.

"I knew Hutch wanted me for my bat," Volpe said. "That's why I came here. I had to adjust a bit in my first couple of tournaments, I had to adjust my timing to college-level pitching. They were throwing things I'd never seen before."

"I had to learn how read pitchers."

She batted in the clean-up spot for Michigan all season. In the Big Ten campaign, Volpe really sparkled: She had the team's second highest batting average (.400) with seven doubles, one triple and a league-high 33 runs batted in in 24 games. For the season, Volpe hit .345, with 10 doubles, two triples and 43 RBI, the last tying her for second on the team. She played in 58 of Michigan's 65 games.

Best of all, U-M finished with a 51-13-1 record and a Big Ten regular-

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Spartans blank Central to advance

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The Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team can see clearly now, especially after all the rain and lightning had disappeared last night at Jackson's Mehall Field.

After two 15-minute weather delays — one in each half because of unsafe skies — the two-time defending state champion Spartans scored twice in the final 26 minutes to oust previously unbeaten Portage Central in the Division I semifinals, 2-0.

Lindsay Gusick tallied the game-winner with 25:24

left on a pinpoint skip pass from Dana White.

Less than five minutes later, White scored from Gusick to put the game away.

The victory puts Stevenson, now 16-4-1 overall, in its sixth state girls against Rochester Adams (20-2-2), 4 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Canton. Stevenson beat Adams in last year's title matchup, 3-0.

Adams, meanwhile, won the other Wednesday semifinal with a 7-1 win over Grosse Pointe South.

STATE SEMIFINAL SOCCER

"We've had some bumps along the road this year, but I think that helped us in the playoffs," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "A lot of people didn't believe we could make it back again after what happened during the regular season, but there are still 28 people on this team who believed."

Portage, last year's Division II runner-up to Birmingham Groves, came in with a 23-0-2 record and averaging over five goals per game.

But Stevenson put the clamps on freshman sensation Lindsey Tarpley, and forwards Lisa Grubb and

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Observer stars rank with state's best

BY RICHARD SHOOK
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The Observerland area was blessed this season with four of the state's stellar track performers.

Listed alphabetically, they are Nick Allen, Nick Brzezinski, Ryan Kearney and Ryan Ollinger.

Plymouth Salem's Allen capped his career with his second All-Area berth.

Allen had the area's best time in the 1,600-meter run (4:19.8) and the third-best in the 3,200 (9:41.1). He also turned in outstanding performances on the Salem relay teams.

Brzezinski, of Redford Catholic Central, threw the discus 167 feet, 10 inches to win that event in the state Class A meet. And it wasn't even his best throw of the season.

Brzezinski's best exceeded 186 feet. He's also an excellent football player and has signed a national letter of intent to play that sport at Duke University.

Kearney, who completed a brilliant career at Livonia Churchill, was prevented by a hamstringing injury of repeating a high placement in the hurdles at the state Class A track meet.

No matter. He's still got his full scholarship to run track at Western Michigan, a rarity because sports outside football and basketball usually split their scholarships to attract more athletes.

Kearney is a virtual one-man track team, however, running anything coach Rick Austin asked (and probably several events he didn't request). He's a three-time All-Area performer.

Kearney was on the Observerland list of

best track times in the high jump, high and low hurdles and the 200 dash; he also participated on relay teams. He had the area's best times in the 110-meter hurdles (14.2 seconds) and the 300 hurdles (39.1).

Ollinger, of Lutheran High School Westland, posted the area's best long jump distance, a school record 21 feet, 8 inches. It was five inches farther than anyone else in the area.

Ollinger was third in the state Class C meet in that event. He also competed in the hurdles, posting the area's fifth-best time.

Six members of the All-Area boys track team area underclassmen — junior Mike Morris of Redford Catholic Central in the shot put, sophomore Jordan Chapman of Plymouth Canton in the high jump, junior Nick Hall of Farmington Harrison in the 300 hurdles, freshman Darryl Anglin of Redford Bishop Borgess in the 100 dash, junior Kevin Woods of Harrison in the 200 and sophomore Jerry Gaines of Canton in the 400.

Seniors selected to the honor team include Joe Frendo of Garden City in the pole vault, Bobby Cushman of Salem in the 800 and Dan Jess of Catholic Central in the 3,200.

Farmington Harrison's 400 relay team repeated as the area's best in that event.



Top man: Allen led Salem's distance runners.

1999 ALL-OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Mike Morris, junior, Redford Catholic Central; 2. John Kava, junior, Redford Catholic Central; 3. Mike Gaura, junior, Livonia Churchill.

Discus: 1. Nick Brzezinski, senior, Redford Catholic Central; 2. Guy Diakow, senior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Scott Genord, senior, Redford Thurston.

Long jump: 1. Ryan Ollinger, senior, Lutheran Westland; 2. Kwame Hampton, junior, Wayne Memorial; 3. Eric Scott, sophomore, Livonia Churchill.

High jump: 1. Jordan Chapman, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; 2. Chris Kallis, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; 3. Layne Bodilly, sophomore, Farmington.

Pole vault: 1. Joe Frendo, senior, Garden City; 2. Derek Laskowski, junior, Farmington Harrison; 3. Ryan Shiplett, senior, Livonia Franklin.

RUNNING EVENTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. Ryan Kearney, senior, Livonia Churchill; 2. Pat Hayes, senior, Livonia Franklin; 3. Ryan Thomas, senior, Plymouth Salem.

300 hurdles: 1. Nick Hall, junior, Farmington Harrison; 2. Josh Keyes, senior, Westland John Glenn; 3. Dave Brown, junior, Redford Union.

100 dash: 1. Darryl Anglin, freshman, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Dorian Buckman, sophomore, Redford Bishop Borgess; 3. K.J. Singh, junior, Plymouth Canton.

200 dash: 1. Kevin Woods, junior, Farmington Harrison; 2. Todd Anthony, junior, Farmington; 3. Mike Shull, senior, Plymouth Salem.

400 dash: 1. Jerry Gaines, sophomore, Plymouth Canton; 2. Kevin Schneider, junior, Livonia Franklin; 3. Matt Freeborn, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

800 run: 1. Bobby Cushman, senior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Steve Kecskemeti, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Steve Blossom, senior, Plymouth Canton.

1,600 run: 1. Nick Allen, senior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Jon Little, senior, Plymouth Salem; 3. Josh Burt, senior, Livonia Franklin.

3,200 run: 1. Dan Jess, senior, Redford Catholic Central; 2. Jim Curtiss, senior, Redford Catholic Central; 3. (tie) Ed Traynor, senior, Garden City; and Matt Daly, sophomore, Redford Catholic Central.

RELAY TEAMS

400 relay: 1. Farmington Harrison (junior Nick Hall, senior Ricky Bryant, senior Andre Davis, junior Kevin Woods); 2. Farmington (sophomore Jawoin Spinks, junior Mark Oatech, junior Todd Anthony, junior Dustie Gress); 3. Plymouth Canton (junior K.J. Singh, junior Nate Howe, junior Jamie Bonner, senior David Thomas).

800 relay: 1. Farmington (sophomore Andrew Buck, junior Mark Oatech, junior Dustin Gress, junior Todd Anthony); 2. Redford Bishop Borgess (Joe Kincannon, Ramon Scott, Darryl Anglin, Jason Smith); 3. Livonia Churchill (senior Devin White, junior Paul Karolak, sophomore Eric Scott, senior Ryan Kearney).

1,600 relay: 1. Livonia Franklin (senior Pat Hayes, junior Ryan Kracht, senior Nick Houstakakis, junior Kevin Schneider); 2. Plymouth Salem (senior Mark Sheehan, sophomore Andy Gabriel, senior Nick Allen, junior Gabe Coble); 3. North Farmington (junior Mike Millar, junior Jimmy Lala, junior Charlie Stamboulis, junior Anthony Best).

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth Salem (junior Gabe Coble, sophomore Manvir Gill, senior Jon Little, senior Nick Allen); 2. Livonia Stevenson (senior Matt Nicol, junior Matt Isner, senior Joe Versellen, junior Steve Kecskemeti); 3. Plymouth Canton (senior Steve Blossom, senior Jason Rutter, junior Andy Tessera, sophomore Marty Kane).

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Woods and Andre Davis were the only holdovers. Salem's 3200 relay team was the best in the area for the second straight season. Only Allen ran on both teams.

Following are individual capsules of the 1999 All-Area boys track-and-field team members:

Mike Morris, junior, Redford CC (shot put): Morris put the shot more than 53 feet on four occasions, including a 51.3 toss to lead all participants at the Overland Relays.

He was a regional and Catholic League runner-up in the shot put, and he also qualified for the state meet.

In the discus with a toss of 152-2 at the regional. He carries a 3.5 grade-point average and also started the past two years for CC's two-time defending Class AA state football champion.

"Mike is extremely strong and very quick for his size," CC coach Tony Magni said. "His success in the shot and discus and field is due to his fierce competitiveness and exceptional work ethic."

Nick Brzezinski, senior, Redford CC (discus): Records fall nearly everywhere Brzezinski went. He finished the year with a first place in the discus at the Class A state meet.

His toss of 167-10 beat Lamar Campbell of Flint. Brzezinski also won the discus at the Overland Relays. He was a regional and Catholic League runner-up in the shot put, and he also qualified for the state meet.

relays, as well as the Jackson Invitational and Catholic League meet.

Brzezinski's personal best of 186-1 shattered the school record. Also an excellent shot putter, he threw 52-8 at the state meet, just missing the final. Brzezinski will play football at Duke.

"Nick is one of the top discus throwers in the history of the event in Michigan," CC coach Tony Magni said. "He's truly a great and humble champion."

Ryan Ollinger, senior, Lutheran Westland (long jump): Ollinger set a school record of 21-8 while placing third in the Class C state meet. He finished first in the Metro Conference and the regional.

Ollinger finished lower than first in only two long jump competitions this season, and one of those was

the state meet.

"Ryan is one of the toughest competitors that I've coached," coach Mike Unger said. "He came through in the clutch several times to win long jump competitions. He was always willing to help the team by doing different events, too."

Ollinger's time of 14.4 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles tied for fourth on the area's top-10 list.

Jordan Chapman, sophomore, Plymouth Canton (high jump): Chapman competed in the pole vault and long jump as well as the high jump. He jumped 6-4 in three meets, the last time in the Class A finals where he finished sixth.

He's also the reigning Western Lakes Activities Association champion. Chapman finished fourth in the

regional and first in the Meet of Champions. He was a 12-foot pole vaulter.

"Jordan is a very determined, hard-working young man who has the ability to focus on the multiple events he competes in each meet," coach Bob Richardson said.

"He is also very successful in the classroom and has a 3.94 GPA. He was an Academic All-State Award winner."

Joe Frendo, senior, Garden City (pole vault): Frendo is a sprinter, which only enhances his ability in the pole vault.

Frendo was a two-time Class A regional and Metro

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FINAL OBSERVER BEST BOYS TRACK PERFORMANCES

SHOT PUT
Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 54-1
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53-5
John Kava (Redford CC) 53-3 1/4
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49-5
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 48-4
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 48-1 1/2
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 48-9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47-6
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 47-3 1/4
Matt Lopiccolo (Redford CC) 46-3 1/2

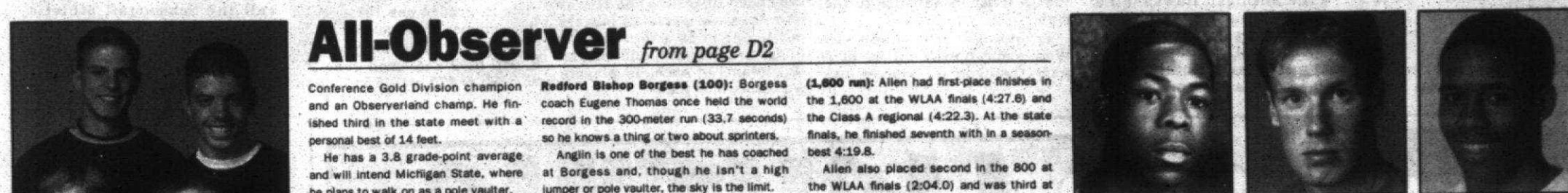
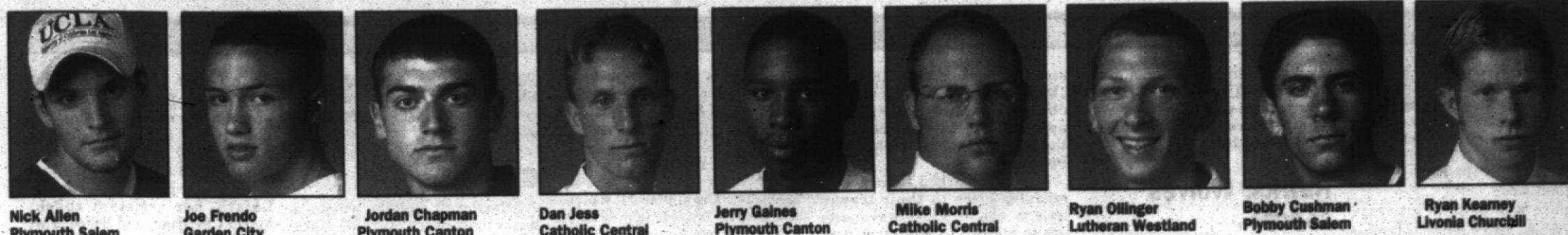
DISCUS
Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 186-1
Scott Genrod (Thurston) 159-7
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 157-10

SHOT PUT
Dustin Wilim (Stevenson) 156-1
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 152-2
Kurt Plankuch (Stevenson) 142-0
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 136-7
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137-0
Steve Migliore (Harrison) 136-5
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 134-7
HIGH JUMP
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6-4
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-4
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6-2
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 6-0
Juan Cortes (Canton) 6-0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0

LONG JUMP
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 21-8
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-3
Kevin Hampton (Wayne) 21-4 1/4
Pat Johnson (Salem) 20-1/2
Brent Barrick (Redford CC) 19-11 3/4
Andre Davis (Harrison) 19-10
POLE VAULT
Joe Frendo (Garden City) 14-0
Derek Laschowski (Harrison) 13-8
Ryan Platt (Franklin) 13-0
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 12-6

100-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 10-9
Darryl Anglin (Bishop Borgess) 10-9
Scott Genrod (Thurston) 11-1
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11-1
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11-1
Kwane Hampton (Wayne) 11-1
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 11-2
Chris Mason (Salem) 11-2
Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 11-2
200-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22-2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 22-5
Mike Shull (Salem) 22-5
Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22-5
Jason Blach (Farmington) 22-8
Dorian Ostach (Farmington) 22-9
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 23-1
Andre Davis (Harrison) 23-1
Scott Genrod (Thurston) 23-2
Joe Frendo (Garden City) 23-2
Cory Harris (Franklin) 23-2
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23-2
400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50-3
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50-6
Matt Freeman (Stevenson) 51-0
Anthony Best (N. Farmington) 51-6
Gabe Coble (Salem) 52-2
Mike Millat (N. Farmington) 52-0
Jack Tucci (Canton) 52-8
Brian Kaszynski (Redford CC) 52-8
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 52-8
Ryan Kracht (Franklin) 52-9
800-METER RUN
Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:01.5
Steve Kaskasmet (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Steve Blossom (Canton) 2:02.0

1,600-METER RUN
Nick Allen (Salem) 4:19.8
Jon Little (Salem) 4:23.6
Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:25.5
Charlie Stambouljian (N. Farmington) 4:26.2
Dan Jesa (Redford CC) 4:26.5
Ed Traylor (Garden City) 4:27.5
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 4:30.1
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:32.6
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.2
3,200-METER RUN
Dan Jess (Redford CC) 9:32.3
Jim Curtiss (Redford CC) 9:37.1
Nick Allen (Salem) 9:41.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:42.0
Chris Mason (Salem) 9:45.3
Jon Little (Salem) 9:44.9
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 9:48.4
Eric Bohn (Stevenson) 9:51.3
Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:03.8
Joe Robinson (Churchill) 10:08.7
400-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 43.5
Farmington 43.8
North Farmington 44.0
Plymouth Canton 44.0
Bishop Borgess 44.1
800-METER RELAY
Farmington 1:30.9
Livonia Churchill 1:32.6
Redford Bishop Borgess 1:31.2
Plymouth Salem 1:32.9
Lutheran Westland 1:33.5
1,600-METER RELAY
Livonia Churchill 3:27.6
Plymouth Salem 3:29.3
North Farmington 3:30.5
Plymouth Canton 3:30.6
Livonia Churchill 3:32.3
3,200-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 8:10.6
Livonia Stevenson 8:11.6
Plymouth Canton 8:13.2
Livonia Churchill 8:21.3
Livonia Franklin 8:24.3



Nick Allen, Plymouth Salem; Joe Frendo, Garden City; Jordan Chapman, Plymouth Canton; Dan Jess, Catholic Central; Jerry Gaines, Plymouth Canton; Mike Morris, Catholic Central; Ryan Ollinger, Lutheran Westland; Bobby Cushman, Plymouth Salem; Ryan Kearney, Livonia Churchill; Darryl Anglin, Bishop Borgess; Nick Hall, Farmington Harrison; Kevin Woods, Farmington Harrison

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Conference Gold Division champion and an Overland champ. He finished third in the state meet with a personal best of 14.4.

He has a 3.8 grade-point average and will attend Michigan State, where he plans to walk on as a pole vaulter.

"Joe is a very dedicated athlete," coach Bob Phillips said. "He is always there doing the extra things to improve. He is a leader and sets an example for our younger kids to follow. He is also a 'gamer.' He performs when the pressure is on."

Ryan Kearney, senior, Livonia Churchill (150 hurdles): Kearney never lost a dual-meet races in a hurdles event this year.

He was a four-time participant in the state meet; he won regional titles in the 110 and 300 hurdles three straight seasons; he was fifth in 300 hurdles in 1997, second in high and fourth in intermediates in 1998. A pulled hamstring scratched him from finals at this year's meet.

Kearney, who has a full-ride scholarship to track at Western Michigan University, also ranked second in Overland in the high jump and 200 dash, and he anchored the 800-meter relay team.

"Ryan has been an unbelievable track and field talent over his career," coach Rick Austin said. "He has run every event we asked him to run to put us in a position to win a track meet. He is a very classy young man who comes from a terrific family."

"His competitive desire and work ethic is incredible, as evidenced by his performances in bigger meets. His long track and field years are ahead of him."

Kearney also lettered in football and basketball.

Nick Hall, junior, Farmington Harrison (300 hurdles): Hall had second-best time after Ryan Kearney in the 300 hurdles. His best in the 110 hurdles (14.3) was just a tenth of second off Kearney's best. His 40.3 placed 3.2 seconds behind Kearney in the 300.

Hall was the Oakland County and regional champion.

"It was an absolute pleasure to coach Nick this year," coach John Reed said. "No one on the Hawk team worked harder, and all this work clearly paid off for him. We look forward to him having a great senior season."

Darryl Anglin, freshman, Nick Allen, senior, Plymouth Salem

800-meter relay: (clockwise, from top) Farmington's Matt Ostach, Andrew Buck, Todd Anthony, Dustin Gress.

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Redford Bishop Borgess (800): Borgess coach Eugene Thomas once held the world record in the 300-meter run (33.7 seconds) so he knows a thing or two about sprinters.

Anglin is one of the best he has coached at Borgess and, though he isn't a high jumper or pole vaulter, the sky is the limit.

Anglin placed in every major invitational Borgess attended. He was seventh at the state meet in the 100 (11.13) and helped the 400 relay finish fourth (44.08) and the 800 relay take third (1:31.15).

He had a personal best time of 10.7 in the 100 preliminaries at the state meet.

"I think he could be one of the top sprinters in the state," Thomas said. "He hates to lose. He rises to the challenge that's in front of him. He enjoys running."

Anglin took third place in the 100 at the Toledo Rocket Invitational, Overland, Catholic League and Class C regional meets.

Kevin Woods, junior, Farmington Harrison (200): His best time in the 100 equalled Anglin's but his 200 best of 22.2 stood alone.

He was second in the regional in the 200, second at the WLAA meet in the 200 and fourth in the 100.

"Kevin has been one of our top athletes all season," coach John Reed said. "He ran a lot of big races all year and was very consistent."

"Clearly, he is one of the top all-around track athletes in the area."

Jerry Gaines, sophomore, Plymouth Canton (400): Gaines won all but one dual meet in the 400 this season. His best time of 50.3 was the area's best and a school record.

He won the 400 at the WLAA meet and was second at the regional.

"Jerry has the potential to be one of the finest overall athletes in Canton history," Richardson said. "His success in track this season should help him prepare for football and basketball in his next two years, as well as in track and field."

Bobby Cushman, senior, Plymouth Salem (800 run): Cushman was injured on the eve of what should have been his greatest high school track season.

After recording the top time in Overland in the 800 (2:01.5), Cushman figured to be a state qualifier in that event at the regional (the winning time was 2:01.7). But he injured his knee at the regional and did not compete again.

As a junior, he helped Salem set a school record in the 3,200 relay (7:49.9).

"Bobby was becoming one of the team's best 800 runners when he got hurt," coach Geoff Baker said. "He is an outstanding student and runner."

1,600 relay: (clockwise, from top) Farmington's Matt Ostach, Andrew Buck, Todd Anthony, Dustin Gress.

3,200 relay: Plymouth Salem (Babe Coble, Manvir Gill, Jon Little, Nick Allen): With Salem's top 800 runner — senior Bobby Cushman — sidelined with a knee injury, this foursome stepped up at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions to not only finish first but to do it with the best time of the season in Overland (8:10.6).

The Rocks also won this event at the Overland Relays and the WLAA championships. Allen and Little are graduating (160 is Cushman), but Gill and Coble will get another shot at running on this relay. Gill is a sophomore, Coble a junior.

Dale Lee said, "We were able to rely on them all year. They set their goals early to qualify for the state meet and improved all season. They gave us some exciting races this year and here in a very long time."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Adult soccer
The Plymouth Recreation Division will sponsor a range of 6-on-6 soccer leagues, with play beginning June 28. Cost is \$270 per team, plus referee and non-resident fees.

There will be four separate divisions: Men's Open (18-and-over), Men's Masters (30-and-over), Women's Open (18-and-over) and Women's Masters (30-and-over).

Deadline for registration is June 16. Teams will play a minimum of seven games and a maximum of 10 games. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620.

Hawks, Wolves soccer
The Michigan Hawks (girls) and Michigan Wolves (boys) will be having tryouts for all of their premier-level soccer teams Tuesday at Wixom Total Soccer. These teams have produced 60 state champions, seven regional champions and three national champions, and have placed approximately 110 members into the state Olympic Development Program.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their tryout time to sign in. Players requesting to play in age must provide a letter in advance to the club.

Tryouts for the under-18 Wolves and Hawks will be at 3 p.m.; the under-17 Wolves and Hawks, 3 p.m.; the under-16 Wolves and Hawks, 9 p.m.; the under-15 Wolves and Hawks, 9 p.m.; the under-14 Wolves and Hawks, 4 p.m.; the under-13 Wolves and Hawks, 4 p.m.; the under-12 Wolves and Hawks, 7:30 p.m.; the under-11 Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 12 players per team), 5:30 p.m.; and the under-nine Wolves and Hawks (two teams of each, 12 players per team), 5:30 p.m.

All tryouts are at Wixom Total Soccer. For more information, call (734) 427-3336 or (248) 476-3141.

Cage camp
Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata will host a basketball camp for girls in grades one through 12 this summer at Schoolcraft.

A half-day camp, for grades 1-6, will be 9 a.m.-noon June 21-25. Cost is \$70, which includes a camp T-shirt.

The camp for grades 7-12 will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 2-6 and from 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 6-10; cost is \$110, which includes a camp T-shirt and a basketball.

Both camps will be run by Lafata, her assistant coach, Maria Christian, and Schoolcraft players. For more information, call the Schoolcraft athletic department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249.

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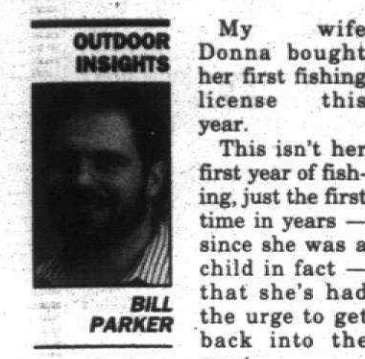
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Wife casts line, likes new sport



My wife Donna bought her first fishing license this year.

This isn't her first year of fishing, just the first time in years — since she was a child in fact — that she's had the urge to get back into the sport.

By the time my wife turned 16, the age at which a fishing license is required, she had fished away from the sport and didn't really give it much thought until years later when she hooked up with yours truly.

I finally convinced her last year, on Free Fishing Weekend, to join me on a short outing on a local lake.

Fishing was great and when Donna landed a 16-inch largemouth bass her face lit up like a halogen headlight. She was enamored with the sport. By the time the trip came to an end I knew she was back on track.

"Just one more cast," she said with urgency, as I pulled up the anchor and put away the tackle.

I knew at that instant she was hooked.

Hooked on fishing

Now I can't take the boat out of the yard without Donna jumping in the van.

If I speak with a buddy and he tells me about a nice bite that's



Bass catch: Westland's Sherry Harnack reeled in a 5.59-pound smallmouth in Lake Erie in the Tri State Bass Anglers tournament.

going on Donna wants to know when and where.

Two weeks ago she gave up an episode of her favorite show — Dawson's Creek — to tag along on a fishing trip with her twin brother Don and I.

Actually, I've just recreated an angler.

That's what Free Fishing Weekend (June 12-13) is all about — to introduce or reintroduce someone to the exciting, yet relaxing sport of fishing.

Success report

Several O&E readers have recently experienced hunting or fishing success.

• Fifteen-year-old Tim Rize, of Livonia, took his first turkey this spring while hunting in Gladwin County.

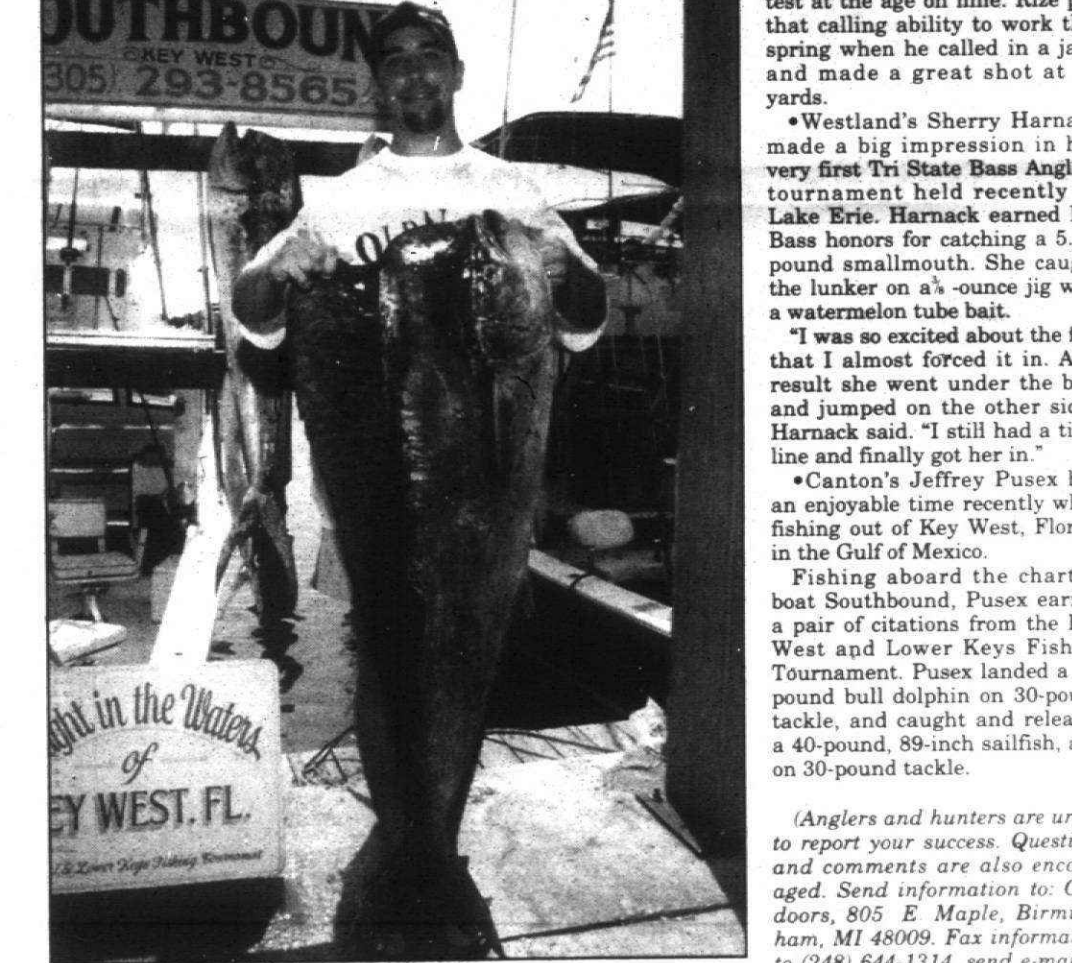
You may remember reading about Rize in this column some six years ago when he won the Junior State Turkey Calling contest at the age of nine. Rize put that calling ability to work this spring when he called in a jake and made a great shot at 32 yards.

• Westland's Sherry Harnack made a big impression in her very first Tri State Bass Anglers tournament held recently on Lake Erie. Harnack earned Big Bass honors for catching a 5.59-pound smallmouth. She caught theunker on a 1/4-ounce jig with a watermelon tube bait.

"I was so excited about the fish that I almost forced it in. As a result she went under the boat and jumped on the other side," Harnack said. "I still had a tight line and finally got her in."

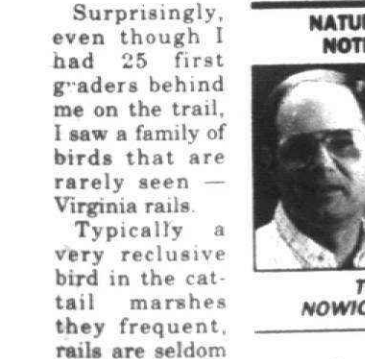
• Canton's Jeffrey Pusex had an enjoyable time recently while fishing out of Key West, Florida in the Gulf of Mexico.

Fishing aboard the charter-boat Southbound, Pusex earned a pair of citations from the Key West and Lower Keys Fishing Tournament. Pusex landed a 26-pound bull dolphin on 30-pound tackle, and caught and released a 40-pound, 89-inch sailfish, also on 30-pound tackle.



Lands dolphin: Using 30-pound tackle, Jeffrey Pusex of Canton recently reeled in a 26-pound bull dolphin near Key West, Fla. in the Gulf of Mexico.

Virginia rails tough to detect



Surprisingly, even though I had 25 first graders behind me on the trail, I saw a family of birds that are rarely seen — Virginia rails.

Typically a very reclusive bird in the cattail marshes they frequent, rails are seldom seen except when they are forced to fly above the vegetation for very short flights.

I was fortunate to have seen them on the side of the trail poking their heads out from the grasses.

I could tell by the downward shape of the bill, the size of the head and their running reaction to our approach, rather than flying to escape, that they were rails. All these clues together led me to the identification of Virginia rail.

Like all birds, rails have a zard that stores stones which are used to grind hard food items. Rails eat a lot of insects in their marsh habitat.

Insects, of course, have a hard outside skeleton of chitin, which is hard to digest. In fact, many birds eject the hard skeletons in the form of a pellet, reminiscent of the pellets formed by owls.

The three birds I saw on the side of the trail may have been feeding on some insects, but I suspect they were grabbing some grit for their gizzards. It's hard to find true grit in the middle of a marsh.

Three birds in a group also suggested to me that it was a family. Rails raise precocial young, that means the young hatch from their egg fully feathered and ready to leave the nest in just a matter of hours.

Young birds like rails, ducks and pheasants, are able to leave the egg shells and confining nest then to digest a predator. They follow the female and learn many things, like where to hide and what to eat.

Because rails walk between the stems of densely packed cattail plants, their bodies are flattened from side to side, hence when viewed from the front they look "skinny as a rail."

This body shape and long toes allow them to walk through marsh plants very easily.

Earlier this spring I heard the "tic-tic-tic-tic" sound of the Virginia rail in the same area where I saw the three birds. It sounds like someone tapping two golf ball size rocks together.

Seeing this family verifies that my identification of the song was correct.

If you are in a boat near some cattails, keep your eyes open along the edge of the water, you might see a Virginia rail appear briefly as it searches for food.

Consider yourself lucky if you see one, they are not easy to observe.

But the more often you walk the trail, or spend time outside, the better your chances of seeing the unusual.

OUTDOORS & BOWLING

All-City teams earn plaudits

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association (GDBA) recently named its All-City teams for the 36th year, with six bowlers appearing for the first time.

David Ewald of St. Clair Shores leads the rookie contingent as captain of the team with 85 points.

It is no mere coincidence that Steve's sister, Michelle Ewald was also named captain of the Women's Association No. 1 team this year.

Both siblings are excellent bowlers.

Points are tabulated on performance in the GDBA Masters, GDBA Association Tournament, Michigan State Tournament, ABC National Tournament, honor scores and league averages.

The Senior All-City team is comprised of all the above and performance in the GDBA Senior Masters.

Brian Brennan with 53.5 and Randy Gutowski with 43 points are the other rookies on the first team, rounded out by Kerry Kref (59.5) and Dan Ottman of Troy (48).

Kref, the only holdover from last year's first team, is currently second in the ABC Doubles with Billy Orlowski at 1,502, which easily paced the GDBA contestants.

He also performed well in the GDBA All-Events with a second place finish.

Ottman, a member of the 1998 class in the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, fared well on the ABC Tournament lanes in Syracuse, N.Y. He is second among GDBA players in the ABC Doubles with Chris Jones and tops in All-Events.

Rookies Scott Timko (41.5), Joe Krjenke (37) and Gary Schwarz (37) lead the second team, while Doug Evans (38.5) and Jay Lang (38) round it out the squad.

Timko recorded four 300 games, one 299 game and two 800 series. He hooked averages of 231, 217, 215 and 212.

Krjenke captured the GDBA Masters and recorded averages of 223 and 213, while Evans bowled well in the GDBA Masters and placed seventh in the GDBA All-Events.

Evans also recorded four 300 games, one 299 game and three 800 series in addition to averages of 226, 225 and 221.

Lang finished second among GDBA competitors in the ABC All-Events, had two 300 games, one 299 game, one 800 series and averages of 223 and 218.

Honorable mentions included Larry Deery of West Bloomfield, Bill Mueller of Novi, Nick Wissinger, Scotty Laughland and Livonian Ryan Wilson.

This was the 36th year of naming All-City teams by the GDBA.

Leading the way on inaugural Senior first team with 80 points is Doug Evans of Lincoln Park, followed by Laughland of Windsor, Harley Trumbull, Ken Charrette and Dick Beattie.

Fred McClain, Lou Ivancik, Ron Byrd Jack Ferns and Harrell Scales are members of the second team.

Honorable mentions included Ed Grant of Rochester Hills, Ed Dudek of Livonia, Larry Dembek, Leo Salachta and Archie Denard.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association is the largest local association of the ABC with more than 67,000 members.

The Detroit Women's Bowling Association (DWBA) is also the nation's largest local association with 47,000 members.

DWBA has also announced their All-City teams and the Queen of lady bowlers for the 1998-1999 season is Altramese (Mickey) Webb with a 216.6 composite average.

The Queen's team is made up of Michelle Ewald with a 215 composite average and a tie between Lisa McCarty and Sandra Winbiger with 215.5 each.

Ewald was named first team captain with 259 points, followed by Winbiger (190 points), Veronica Tubbs (163), Altramese Webb (157) and Yvonne Jones (136).

The second teams consists of Jo Ann Carter (124), Tamika Glenn of Farmington Hills (123), Erika Mickowski (119), Janet York of Southfield (115) and Novella White (112).

In the DWBA City Tournament, the team handicap champions were Equipment Services made up of captain Pamela Cunha, Tina Kaye of Troy, Carol Bogues, Maria Talerico and Stacy Sanchez.

The winning score was 2,744 (plus-772 handicap pins for a 3,516 winning total).

Tieri Nester and Charlene Porzondek took Doubles with 1,319 (plus-148) totaling 1,467.

The singles winner was Kathleen Krok, 718 (plus-105) and a total of 823. Jackie Elker took All-Events honors with 1,601 (plus-588), a total of 2,189.

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"First, I test the runways, then I change the inserts as I see fit.

"If the approaches are sticky, I even have little yellow discs that I can place in the soles of the sliding shoe.

"The other shoe is the traction foot and that will have a good rubber sole so you don't slip when you are walking up the approach in your delivery.

"The shoes are very important, so the better bowlers will usually pay more and get the quality shoes that are made out of better material, genuine leather uppers, and have better quality bottoms, or changeable sliding soles from Dexter to accommodate most conditions.

"So it's important to have good shoes that will give you good traction while you are taking the steps and give you good balance on your delivery.

"It's a like if the lanes are too dry and your ball is hooking too much, you can get to another ball, the same with the interchangeable soles.

"It is also important to keep your shoes in tip-top condition. Sometimes you have to scuff up the bottom with a wire brush or emery cloth to keep from sliding too much.

"It is also a good idea to check and clean the bottoms as you will pick up matter off the floor just from walking around.

"It doesn't matter what kind of shoes you have or how much you paid for them if you step in some water. The moisture will ruin your shoes, so be very careful around the showers or in the showers in winter weather.

"I advise putting on a pair of shoe protectors if you think they could get wet. It could cause you to stick and fall if your shoes get wet.

"When you select your next shoes, consider that the better shoes will last longer, the athletic shoe styles are made of synthetic and will not hold up as well as leather.

"The cost of leather shoes has gone up in recent years as the use of cattle for food has lessened, so have the hides which are needed to make the shoes.

"The leather bowling shoes are all made in the USA, the synthetics mostly come from overseas.

"Whatever your bowling needs, if you are a beginner or expert, look to your pro shop operator to fit you correctly. The professional will determine what you buy, but you will want to get the best value you can, keeping in mind that you may not perform as well if your shoes are not up to the performance level you need.

"The better shoes are \$70 and up mainly because of the materials. Take care of those shoes and they will last you a long time. I use shoe trees and use covers when I put them in the bag.

"When buying leather shoes, let them know if you are left-handed or right-handed. Not all styles or colors come in a left-handed version.

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Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3333

HONESTY COUNTS

SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad# 8498

POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1199

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD

This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad# 1098

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad# 1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad# 6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD

She's an outgoing and friendly DWC mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad# 1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad# 4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...

Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad# 5454

START AS FRIENDS

Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

SIMPLY YOURS

SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad# 9114

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

AVAILABLE

Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad# 1126

JOIN HER...

In celebrating her love for the Lord, she's a SBCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad# 7110

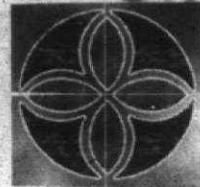
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SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad# 7733

ALL THAT & MORE

SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55. Ad# 2655

GOOD LISTENER

DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys long conversations and dining. Ad# 1234

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SCF, for a LTR. Ad# 1414

HE COULD BE THE ONE

Catholic DWM, 41, 5'6", of Italian heritage, who enjoys skiing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, without children at home. Ad# 2015

PATIENTLY WAITING

He is a humorous Catholic SWPM, 36, 5'10", who's waiting to hear from a SWCF, 24-35. He enjoys the outdoors, working out and spending time with family activities. Ad# 7000

HOPES & DREAMS

Never-married Catholic SWM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys playing pool, traveling and quiet times at home, is searching for a Catholic SWF, under 32. Ad# 2222



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Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad# 1111

SEARCHING

Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

DELIGHTFUL

Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3580

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2942

HONESTY COUNTS

Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad# 4141

SEARCHING

Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad# 6900

JUST YOU AND I

Considerate SWCM, 36, 6'3", who enjoys working out, has his heart set on finding that one special lady, a sweet, sincere SWCF, 28-38, to share interests, friendship and a possible LTR. Ad# 2739

GET IN STEP

If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad# 4163

ONE OF A KIND

Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecue's, candlelight dinners, cedar point and camping, seeks LTR, with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. West Bloomfield area. Ad# 5858

AVID DOWNHILL SKIER

Handsome SWCPM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-38, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad# 1550

DESTINY

Outgoing, self-employed SWM, 38, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys hockey, working out and the outdoors, is seeking an open-minded SWF, 28-38, who is willing to try new things. Ad# 1999

OPEN ARMS

Never-married SWM, 36, 5'11", with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, weekends at his cottage and spending time at the lake, wants to meet a sweet SF, 19-43. Children welcome. Ad# 3884

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Born-Again DWC dad of two, 36, 6'1", who enjoys church activities, working on cars and more, is seeking a well-rounded SWCF, 44 or under. Ad# 1944

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Very handsome and honest SWCM, 33, 6'3", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1201

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Sincere SWM, 33, 5'8", seeks an affectionate, attractive SWF, under 35., who enjoys dining out, movies and fun. Ad# 9865

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Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad# 4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE

Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad# 4545

PUTS GOD FIRST

This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad# 6667

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

THINK YOU'RE THAT LADY?

DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

NEW IN TOWN

Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWC dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad# 4275

THE MARRYING KIND

Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad# 2328

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1951

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

MOMS WELCOME

Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad# 2415

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad# 1961

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW

Hoping to meet you soon is this friendly DWCM, 47, 5'11", who enjoys movies, sports, good conversation and dining out. Leave him a message if you're a DWCF, with similar interests. Ad# 8709

SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad# 1233

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad# 5550

SO AMAZING

A shy and reserved SWM, 38, 6'1", wants to break out of his shell. If you're a SWF, 19-39 and are athletic, value family life and want to meet a good man, you could be the one. Ad# 2580

CAN YOU RELATE?

He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad# 4242

ENHANCE MY LIFE

Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3931

MONOGAMOUS

Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad# 2753

FRESH START

Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8860

DEDICATION OF LOVE

Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2799

IT COULD BE YOU!

SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad# 7453

SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU

Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad# 1050

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CLASSES/SEMINARS

OUTDOOR FLYFEST

Flymart Flyshops is hosting its fourth annual Outdoor Flyfest, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at its store in Royal Oak. The event includes Winston & Sage casting demonstrations, fly tying demonstrations, speakers and manufacturer reps. Call (800) 573-6335 for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

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

CANOE DAY

Join REI and Mad River Canoe and test paddle a selection of Mad River Canoes on Kent Lake during Mad River You Can Canoe Day, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Kensington Metropark. This program is open to newcomers and veteran canoe enthusiasts. There will be hands-on paddling demonstrations and trained staff to assist participants. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

GREAT U.S. HIKES

Learn the history of the Appalachian Trail, how to prepare for a long backpacking trip, trail safety, hiking tips and more during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at REI in Northville. For more information call (248) 347-2100.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

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

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS

Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Saturday, June 19, with a tournament on Wixom Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information. Additional stops on the Top Bass Tournament Trail are June 27 on Belleville Lake, July 11 on Lobdell Lake, July 17 on Wixom Lake, July 31 on Sanford Lake, and Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

TUSA YOUTH DERBY

Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America is hosting a Youth Fishing Derby beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston. The derby is open to anglers age 16 and under and there is a \$3 registration fee. For more information contact Jeff Morren at (248) 373-1521 or Marvin Aranowski at (248) 969-0962, or send e-mail to emjay@ameritech.

MOTOR CITY CHARITY

The 13th annual Motor City

Charity Bass Classic will be held Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair. The tournament is hosted by Lake St. Clair Bass Anglers to raise money for ARC Services of Macomb. Entry fee is \$160. For more information call Dave Hargrave at (810) 469-1600.

ST. CLAIR OPEN

The Backlashers Bass Club will hold its 12th annual Lake St. Clair Open two-person bass tournament beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Team entry fee is \$80 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger Hayslip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Taraszkiewicz at (313) 538-1202 or Jeff Mangrum at (313) 937-2190.

KENT LAKE OPEN

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers will hold its sixth annual Kent Lake Open, a two-man team tournament, beginning at 6 a.m. Sunday, June 20, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$100 per team and only cash will be accepted at the launch. To pre-register and for more information call Kevin Dyer at (248) 673-4676.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27, on Lake St. Clair. Entry fee is \$80 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after June 23. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments July 18 on Lk. St. Clair, Aug. 8 on Orchard Lake, Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

ARCHERY

3D SHOOT

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 20, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

IBO QUALIFIER

Royal Oak Archers will hold a two-day International Bowhunter Organization World Qualifier shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

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

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

LAKEVILLE SANCTUARY

Join members of the Michigan Nature Association on a hike through the Lakeville Nature Sanctuary during this trip, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in Lakeville (north of Rochester). For directions to the Lakeville Nature Sanctuary or additional information call Fred Dye at (248) 375-2955.

PROUD LAKE HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a hike through the Proud Lake State Recreation Area on Sunday, June 20. Participants are asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. behind the Marathon Station at the corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. For more information call Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370.

SEASON/DATES

BASS SEASON

Bass season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

FREE FISHING

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

BEAR SEASON

June 15 is the deadline to apply for a Michigan bear hunting license.

CLUBS

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. There will be a salmon fishing seminar, covering trolling, dodgers, spoons, down-riggers, Loran and GPS units at the June 1 meeting. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Colum-

bus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

SOLAR

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

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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**For GM Employee offers, S-10 payments based on 1999 Chevrolet S-10 2WD and MSRP of \$14,273; 36 monthly payments total \$3,528. Blazer payments based on 1999 Chevrolet Blazer 4-Door, 4WD and MSRP of \$28,395; 36 monthly payments total \$10,296. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GMAC must approve lease. Available only to residents of MI, MN, WI and select counties of IL, IN, IA, KY, MO, NE, ND, OH, PA and SD. Call 1-800-950-CHEV for residency requirements. You must take retail delivery from participating dealer stock by 7/1/99 for Blazer and 7/31/99 for S-10. Mileage charge of \$20 per mile over 36,000 miles. Lessee pays for maintenance, repair and excess wear. If lease terminates early, lessee is liable for all unpaid monthly payments. Payments may be higher in some states. Not available with customer cash offers. Available only to qualifying GM Employees and eligible extended family members. All current GM-S program rules and restrictions apply.

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