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THE WEEK AHEAD

Veterans: The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold their general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9 at 9318 Newburgh Road (Between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 regardless of duty station, are eligible. For more information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752 or (734) 525-0157.

MONDAY

School: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 9-13 from 6 to 8 p.m. for children ages third through sixth grades.

TUESDAY

Meeting: Canton's Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. at the township administration building. The meeting will take place in the first floor board room.

WEDNESDAY

Lecture: Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Dr. Bharate Srivastava present a series of free lectures devoted to seniors and their health. The next lecture is 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The topic will be health issues of women, including osteoporosis, breast cancer, uterine cancer and nutrition and exercise. Call St. Joseph Mercy Health Center at (734) 397-5444.

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Township seeks new developer for ice arena

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Canton is back to square one in its search for an ice arena developer/operator.

Owners of Plymouth-based Arctic Pond recently pulled out as the leading candidate to run a township facility at Canton Softball Center. Supervisor Tom Yack expects the project to go back out for bid by Friday.

"We've got to get cracking if we're going to have the arena up for next September," he said. "We've got to know who these people are."

Potential developer/operators will have 30 days to bid on the project. The township will then narrow the field and make a decision sometime this fall, said Yack.

If all goes as planned, construction would begin next spring, he added.

"It's not a real complicated facility (to design and build)," said Yack. "You can move from a signed agreement to the planning commission quickly."

The township had been negotiating with owners of the Arctic Pond since late May.

Food and beverage rights became a sticking point early in talks. Arctic Pond owners wanted the right to put a restaurant and/or concessions in the arena.

The township was unwilling to grant those rights, however. Diamonds Bar and Grill has exclusive food and beverage rights at the softball center.

"We couldn't violate that agreement," said Yack.

Arctic Pond owners also wanted financial help in building the arena, he said. Canton's response was a firm no, Yack said.

"That came as a big surprise," he said of Arctic's financial help requests. "We thought the only outstanding issue was the restaurant."

"We were not a willing partner."

In a letter to Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik dated July 19, Arctic Pond Vice President of Operations John Stansik said the deal didn't make financial sense to his company.

"We are disappointed that we cannot

■ 'We've got to get cracking if we're going to have the arena up for next September.'

Tom Yack
—Canton Supervisor

see the economic feasibility of the proposal the way it is structured at this point," he wrote.

Stansik declined further comment on the negotiations Friday.

Financial viability will be the key in selecting a new developer/operator, said Yack.

"You don't want to talk to people that can't get it done," he added.

The project, which will be located on seven acres at the softball center, will cost between \$6 and \$8 million to build.

Besides financial strength, the new operator must also be willing to grant access to its facility to the Canton Hockey Association and include at least two ice rinks in the development.

The failed talks with Arctic Pond is the latest chapter in what has become a long, hard effort to get an ice arena built in Canton.

Griffin Properties has helped Canton develop ice and soccer arenas as well as a golf dome at the softball center on Michigan Avenue east of Beck Road.

Trustees approved a \$25 million agreement between the township and Scott Griffin in early March.

It included moving the project, which was to have been at Michigan and Haggerty roads, and sealing it down from Griffin's original \$100 million "Sportstown USA" concept. That plan emerged more than a year ago.

In return, Griffin got the right to purchase a 19.4 acre parcel on Haggerty. The parcel will likely be used for research and office development.

But the deal was contingent upon Griffin supplying a suitable ice arena operator by late May.

Yack said Griffin has lived up to his end of the deal. Griffin will not play a role in selecting a new ice arena developer/operator, he added.

Brady named Observer GM

Dick Brady, vice president for sales and marketing for HomeTown Communications Network has been appointed interim general manager of the 16 Observer & Eccentric newspapers, while continuing to perform his corporate duties, according to Richard Aginian, president and chief executive officer of HCN, parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Susan Rosiek will continue to serve as publisher of the Observer newspaper group, including the Canton Observer.

Aginian also announced that by mutual agreement Steve Pope has left his position as O&E General Manager to seek other opportunities.

"Running the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is one of the best jobs in the industry," Aginian said, "and we will begin an immediate search for a new general manager. In the mean-



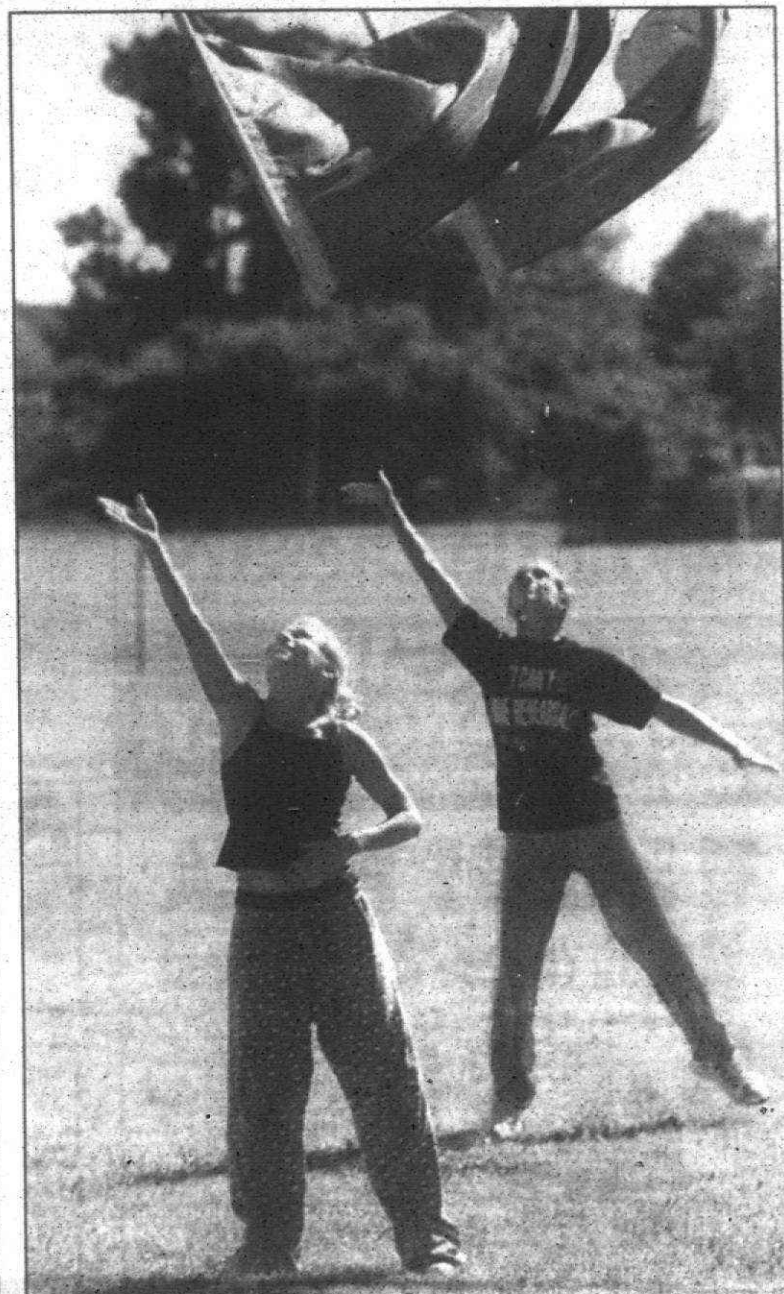
STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

New GM: Dick Brady takes over for Steve Pope as the Observer's general manager.

time, I am confident the papers will continue to move forward with the present management team under the leadership of Dick Brady, who has ably

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Flying high



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Practice makes.... Plymouth Canton Color Guard members Amy Provenzano, left, and Katie Lorenz twirl their flags during a practice at the high school Thursday. The colorful team will perform for the home crowd during Salem and Canton games and will compete throughout the year in various Color Guard contests, the first of which is slated for mid-September.

Shopping center predicts full house

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It is both the best and worst of times at the Golden Gate Shopping Center. It's all a matter of perspective.

A January snowstorm that collapsed the roof over the southern half of the center forced almost a dozen businesses to close or relocate. For most businesses that stayed, traffic has been slow, real slow.

The center is on Lilley just south of Joy Road across from Mettetal Airport.

"Thirty percent of business has been down since the collapse," said Gary Patel, manager of Discount Beverage. "The main draw was Bob's of Canton."

Bob's, a large meat and produce market and the center's anchor store, has since relocated to Westland on the northeast corner of Warren and Merri-man.

Flora Rossi, the owner of Golden Gate Cleaners, sat behind the counter in her unairconditioned store. She shrugged her shoulders and gestured toward the near empty parking lot

"Nobody's here."

John Brendel often helps his son, Ted Brendel, owner of Craftsman Shoe Repair. The store has been there for many years, but still much of its business comes from foot traffic.

"After Bob's left, and the big places closed, business has really cut down," he said. "Most people think the whole place is closed. Sometimes they call to see if we're still open."

Brendel paused and then said, "And Ted does such good work. Everybody likes him."

George Krikorian, owner of George's Tailoring, one of the businesses that lost its roof, was fortunate enough to move into a storage unit farther down the center.

"It's been seven months already, seven months," he said. "Here, it's very bad. You don't have any traffic. I leave here at two or three o'clock every day. I don't have any customers. I'm broke. Will you give me some money?"

However, better times are coming for Golden Gate Shopping Center, said

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Farm land falls victim to free hand of market

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Going, going, gone. Community planner Jeff Goulet said all that remains of Canton's farmland are several 40- to 80-acre tracts west of Denton and south of Proctor that will be up for development in four to five years, and another parcel south of Ford and west of Ridge slated to go sooner.

"In 10 or 20 years, there'll be no agricultural land left in Canton."

However, those who prefer nature's green to devel-

opers' concrete gray shouldn't blame city planners. The fault lies in the marketplace.

"We can't tell a farmer he can't sell his property if a developer wants to buy it. All we can do is make sure that our plan policies are in place to provide logical growth patterns and our ordinances are in place to provide good quality development."

Utility availability is the only leverage a city has against development, said Goulet. "As long as there's

capacity in the system you can't legally prevent logical extension."

In other words, Canton could say "no" to developers if the Detroit or Ypsilanti sewer authorities refused to accept any more sewage from the township.

Development vs. sprawl

In the last ten years, Canton's population has increased by over a third, from 52,000 to an expected 77,000 when the census figures come in next April, said Goulet.

Canton's commercial and industrial base also has

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LAND USE

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Nick Tufenkjian, the center's owner. "We're going to make it back to what it was, a complete family service center."

Tufenkjian was at the center consulting with his contractors the day a reporter visited. Most of the structural work on the roof should be completed by Friday, said his carpenter, Gene Brown.

"Brown, who lives in Plymouth, said the repair project was delayed two and a half months due to an order of faulty trusses that didn't meet Canton's building code for snow load."

"Construction crews installed 8,000 square feet before they realized the trusses were not strong enough. Twenty thousand square feet needed to be replaced."

Tufenkjian said the delay cost him \$150,000. "But if he didn't take the trusses out immediately, we would be stuck with a bigger problem."

Brown said the roof collapse resulted when the original trusses, constructed of a chemically treated fire-retardant lumber, dried out and became brittle. The chemical, which was commonly used 15 years ago, "eats up moisture," he added.

Tufenkjian provided a preview of new businesses, most of which are still being negotiated. He said another bakery, jewelry store and hair salon are likely tenants, and he hopes the former Basket Kreations location becomes a family restaurant.

He also offered a teaser to teens: The long-

empty Pogo's, a sports bar and grill, might become a "very classy, wholesome teen nightclub."

The Canton Coney Island is coming back, and sure bet for a new business is Aclaim Limousine Services. Three white, stretch limos already are parked behind the mall.

Tufenkjian plans to have a grand opening as center fills with new businesses in September.

Meanwhile, those tenants who remained are simply waiting for customers. It's been lonely.

"It's kind of like a ghost town," said John Brendel.

Thief snatches TV equipment

COP CALLS

More than \$1,200 worth of equipment was stolen from a 28-year-old Canton woman's home in the 500 block of Highlands Wednesday.

According to township police reports, the woman decided to take her child for a walk at about 6 p.m. When she returned home, she discovered a camcorder and golf clubs, among other items, had been stolen by an unknown person.

The woman told police that her garage door had been unlocked. Police have no suspects.

Police are investigating the incident.

Retail Fraud

Canton Police arrested a 49-year-old township man after he attempted to steal cigarettes from Kroger's on Sheldon Road Monday.

Police reports said the man entered the grocery store at about 10 a.m. and began shopping. Minutes later, the man went to the front of the store and then told a cashier he had to go to his car to pay for the groceries.

The cashier, reports said, noticed that he tried to conceal a carton of cigarettes in his clothing. Police later arrested the man.

Larceny

A 39-year-old Detroit woman told township police that a co-worker stole \$151 in cash from her purse on July 30.

Robbery of bike rider

A 21-year-old Canton man told police he was robbed around 11 p.m. July 30 while riding his bike to work in Westland.

He had stopped on Palmer near Hannan to light a cigarette, when a man approached him from behind, stuck a knife in his back and said, "Don't move. I have a knife."

Police said the suspect slid off his backpack and jacket and let them slide to the ground. The suspect threw the victim's wallet back after removing several I.D. cards. The suspect then said, "The Crips are out in force tonight."

The victim told police he was too scared to look back. He contacted police after arriving at work.



Biking: Canton Police Officers Eric Kolke, left, and Ed Lang ride through Heritage Park on their bicycles.

Officers ride for local charity

By SCOTT NEINAS STAFF WRITER

What has at least 40 legs, 20 heads and rides on 50 wheels?

The Canton Police Department's Charity Bike Ride.

OK, it's a bad joke - but the event, unlike the riddle, will make hundreds of kids smile.

At least 20 police officers from around the state will pedal 32 miles in a round-trip convoy from Canton to the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor, the event's beneficiary.

Officer Ed Lang of the Canton Police Department is organizing the effort and plans on making it an annual occasion.

"It's for the kids ... I really enjoy doing things for them," Lang said. "I focus a lot of attention on them in my job, that's my motivation for doing this."

The Ronald McDonald House, situated in the shadow of the University of Michigan Medical Center, houses families whose children are being treated at the hospital.

Executive Director Dave McDowell said the money will go directly to the house's operating budget, adding that it costs \$35-40 to put a family up for one night.

Guests pay whatever they can afford, a maximum \$8 per night, to stay at the facility.

McDowell said the house accommodates up to 29 families at a time.

"We never turn a family away if they're unable to pay," he added.

The sundry assembly of bicycle patrol officers will meet Aug. 14 at Heritage Park behind the Canton Police Department and will depart at 10 a.m.

The bikers will be led by a motorcycle unit in front and a patrol car will flank the procession's rear as they make the trek down Canton Center road to Geddes Road.

The caravan will then turn right and head west to Ann Arbor. The house is situated in the shadow of the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Once there the riders will lunch on hot dogs, hamburgers and beans donated by Foodland.

After a tour of the Ronald McDonald House, the officers will go a block over to Mott Children's hospital and spend some time with the kids.

"We'll give out police badges and coloring books, that sort of thing," Lang said.

Along with more than a dozen Canton cops, Lang recruited bike patrols from Flint, Adrian, Oakland Community College and the University of Michigan.

Each department's team is being asked to obtain a sponsor that will donate a minimum of \$500 to the charity. The sponsor can be an individual, a business, or a team's department or city.

Planet Cycle Bike Shop of Canton has already signed on as a sponsor.

The store and TREK are donating a Trek 6000 bike to the team who raises the most money.

Staff will also be present for maintenance checks and emergency repairs on the bikes, if needed.

McDowell's will provide coffee and juice for breakfast, and will supply the bikers with its own new brand of bottled water for the ride.

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Detroit and Grand Rapids are the other Michigan sites. A fourth house is under construction now in Lansing.

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Margolis and Schaeffer are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and graduates of Wayne State University of Medicine. Both served in Oakwood Hospital's Internal Medicine Residency program.

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After hearing anecdotal evidence from athletes that their tight-fitting shorts and leggings (such as Lycra) "improved" their performance, researchers set out to evaluate so-called compression garments. The five-year study, undertaken by researchers of applied physiology at Pennsylvania State University, found that male and female athletes of all ages experienced increases in power output and endurance two important measures of athletic performance by as much as 12% and by as much as 10%. The researchers concluded that the elasticity, form-fitting fabric exerts pressure on the muscles that increases blood flow and aids in flushing away lactic acid and other fatigue-causing waste products. The added pressure also reduces muscle vibration, which is another source of muscle fatigue.

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Wonderland Mall shows new vitality

By MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER mjachman@ecce.com

Wonderland Mall, the shopping destination in western Wayne County in its early years, has taken on a new role as the leader in the redevelopment of Plymouth Road.

And with new stores, a new look and an active, energetic new manager, the 40-year-old mall is starting to reap the rewards of its own redevelopment, shoppers and local observers say.

"We're very, very pleased to see it improve or change, because for a long time there it seemed to be going backward, you know," said Stan Anderson, who lives about a half-mile from Wonderland and is a member of the Plymouth Road Development Authority.

"Stores were moving out and the number of shoppers was declining."

"It was kind of going down," said Violet Janowski of Westland, who has shopped at Wonderland regularly since it opened in 1959. "It was seedy."

"It's beautiful"

Many say there's a new attitude toward the aging shopping center and it's been sparked by a number of changes: A steady campaign of improvements by mall owners Schostak Bros. & Co.; major renovations at anchor stores Target and Montgomery Ward; this week's opening of the Old Navy store; and efforts to make the mall available to businesses and community groups.

Shoppers, even those who probably wouldn't be drawn by the youth appeal of many mall newcomers, welcome the new stores and the revamped food court and say the mall is noticeably cleaner.

"I think it's wonderful. It's beautiful," said Sherri Reed of Detroit, who said she visits Wonderland three times a month or more and has been shopping there for about 30 years.

Reed said she's seen steady improvements since the mall was enclosed, which took place in the mid-1980s.

"I think it's a big lift," for Plymouth Road's commercial corridor, said Maryann Huhta of Redford Township. "I think it looks great."

Wonderland stores continue to offer goods at prices that are reasonable for middle-income people, said Ester Labbe of Livonia.

"It's good for people to find a place they can shop at" affordably, said Labbe, who, like Janowski, has been visiting Wonderland since the beginning.

Upscale trend

That affordability, combined with a brighter, more polished atmosphere, is one of the keys to a Wonderland comeback, said Reinhard Lemke, mall manager since December.

"We do not want to be a Somerset Collection here, but we do want to be not less the quality," said Lemke, a native of Germany, in clipped, accented English.

Wonderland's new look, and new attitude, contradicts the image that only dumps offer reasonably priced goods, Lemke said. The trend now is for stores with moderate prices to adopt an appealing, upscale look, he said.

Community involvement in the mall, Lemke said, is another key to its success. Wonderland has invited businesses and local groups to use its community room, booked local performers to entertain shoppers and even reached out to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, scheduling an LSO fundraising concert there for Sunday, Oct. 3. Last fall, after Livonia Mall dropped plans for the city's annual holiday parade, Wonderland hosted the event after a march down Plymouth Road.

"Whatever we do should tie in with the community," Lemke said.

"Very dynamic person"

Changes at Wonderland were long under way before he was hired, but many credit Lemke's enthusiasm for much of the turnaround.

Livonia Police Chief Pete Kunst illustrates Lemke's get-it-done attitude with an anecdote: About two days after he passed along to Lemke a senior citizen's concern about a restroom light switch - the man wanted a key-operated switch so the lights couldn't be turned off by just anyone - the job was done.

"He really strikes me as a manager whose heart is really in providing a nice service to people," Kunst said.

"He's just a positive, energetic, very dynamic person, and I don't think Livonia's seen anybody like him," said Gary Bewersdorff, the owner of Livonia Gold & Silver, a mall tenant since 1984.

Lemke, 41, his wife, Ann, a Detroit-area native and a scholar of the music and literature of the German Romantics, and their daughter, Annabel Sophie, moved to the area from Germany last year. A native of Offenburg, Germany, near Frankfurt, Lemke had worked for a commercial real estate development and management company in Europe.

"An anchor"

Wonderland's success is vital to the success of Plymouth Road, said John Nagy, a former Livonia planning director and now the director of the PRDA.

"I think it is an anchor. I think it is a big draw for the corridor," Nagy said. Other shops in the area rely on the traffic generated by Wonderland, he added.

The mall started generating that traffic from its opening longtime patrons said.

"We were certainly pleased when they decided to build it, because that was really our primary shopping spot for things other than groceries," said Anderson, who moved to the neighborhood with his family before Wonderland was built.

"We looked forward to having this mall," said Janowski.

Road opens

Cherry Hill Road is now open to through traffic from Lilley Road to Haggerty. Work started last April to reconstruct a bridge/culvert on the Huston Drain that runs under Cherry Hill Road, just west of Haggerty.

False alarms

Canton's Department of Public Safety reports that 302 false alarm notices were issued between June 1 and July 25.

False alarms continue to be a problem for the department, according to officials. In June, a total of 151 false alarms from businesses and 141 false alarms from private residents were made. Similar numbers were recorded in July. The department receives an average of 12.67 false alarms each day.

CANTON CONNECTION

Summer concert

On Thursday, Aug. 12, Canton's summer concert series winds down with its last concert of the season, "Twistin' Tarrantula," a progressive rockabilly band, provides the entertainment. Their influence is roots-driven, blue collar rock 'n' roll.

The concert will be held in Heritage Park's amphitheater. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the sounds.

The park amphitheater is located west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, behind Canton's administration building. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Bible School

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 9-13 from 6 to 8 p.m. for children ages third through sixth grades. Students will explore God's promises in an exciting "Jungle Journey" filled with the latest, coolest crafts, thrilling Bible stories, rain forest rhythms and an ice cream social. Christ Our Savior is located at 46001 Warren Road, just west of Canton Center Road. The event is open to everyone in the community. Call (734) 522-6830 to register.

Cedar Point

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a fun-filled family trip to Cedar Point for Canton residents on Aug. 21. The bus will leave the Summit on the Park parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and leaves Cedar Point at 5 p.m. The fee is \$29 per person. Call 397-5100 for more information.

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Development

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grown fairly rapidly, 700,00 to 1 million square feet of non-residential building a year. However, residential building - 1,000 units per year for the last five years - has claimed far more land, said Goulet.

"When you build 1,000 homes at 2,000 square feet each, it's hard to maintain that balance."

Westward expansion under the township's master plan for

land use is not "leapfrog" development or sprawl, said Goulet. Tempered by ordinances and zoning laws, it's logical extension.

"To me, sprawl really says you have growth out of control in areas you haven't planned for. Rapid growth does not mean you have sprawl."

Assem Inam, a professor of architecture and urban planning

■ 'When you build 1,000 homes at 2,000 square feet each, it's hard to maintain balance.'

Jeff Goulet

—Canton Community Planner

at the University of Michigan, said "the biggest problem is when logical development is urban sprawl, when it becomes one and the same."

One way to contain, and even enhance, development is through zoning and ordinances that restrict lot sizes and require higher density, said Inam. Building 2,500-square-foot homes on one- and two-acre lots eats up land.

Canton's green acres are being saved by requiring higher density, said Goulet. For example, the township's planning division is considering a zoning change along Lotz Road north and south of Palmer from three homes an acre to four homes an acre.

The ideal Areas of mixed-use zoning, allowing for commercial and higher density residential development, is a way to control sprawl, said Inam. People shouldn't have to drive for 15 minutes to get a carton of milk; they should be able to walk to a store.

But this presents its own quandary for today's suburban

society, he added. "They want to be able to walk (to conveniences), but they don't want to have their neighbors close. Guess what? You can't have both."

Cities should provide incentives for good development, said Inam, such as lowering taxes for developers who create walkable communities.

Canton may have such a prototype in the proposed Cherry Hill Village, a 600-acre development of homes and businesses planned for an area centered near Cherry Hill between Denton and Napier.

"Cherry Hill is intended to be built the way communities were built before subdivisions," said Goulet.

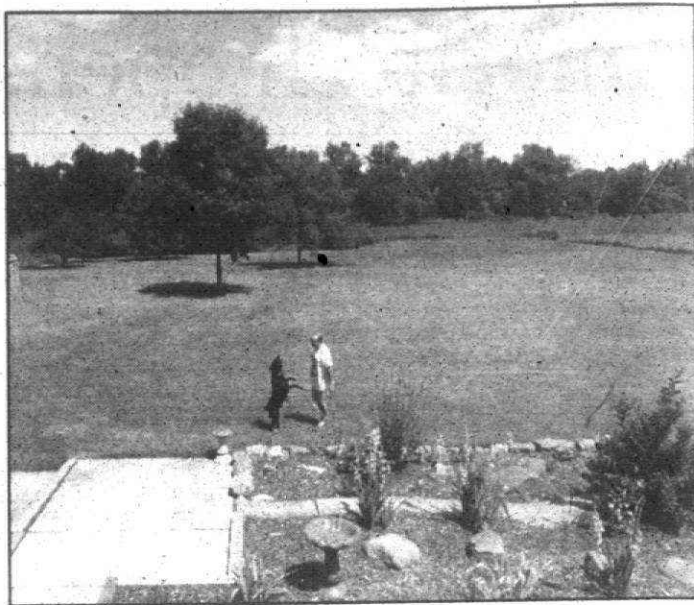
The development will have regular street patterns, a commons, park areas surrounded by homes, possible alleyways, and a commercial core. Buyers will choose from five or six housing styles on a variety of lot sizes.

Goulet said the township doesn't want to repeat their mistakes of the 1970s, the era of "planned unit development," where a developer proposed a master plan for residential and commercial building within a specific area.

"It resulted in a proliferation of commercial on every corner."

Potential buyers can avoid surprises by looking at the township's master plan for land use in Goulet's office at township hall.

"Just like people who buy next to vacant commercial property then complain when a shopping center comes in."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

Land owner: Dan Leisur plays with his dog, Ramsey, a five-year-old Labrador retriever, in the backyard of his home which sits on two acres along Geddes Road.

Growth changes resident's lifestyle

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From the backyard of his home on Geddes Road just west of Beck, Dan Leisur watches deer emerge from the tree line just beyond his two-and-a-half acres. They approach his fence at dusk,

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sometimes singly but often in pairs.

"My wife and I will throw apples to them," he says.

Leisur knows the lifestyle he sought in southwest Canton when he moved from Wayne last year will soon change. At their regular meeting July 27, the Canton Board of Trustees approved the rezoning of almost 200 acres surrounding Leisur's property from agricultural to residential.

It's just a matter of time. Some would say Leisur should have known development was coming. New subdivisions sprouting museum-size colonials have been pushing their way southward and westward for years in Canton. Farmers who sell their land are no longer considered traitors to the land.

"When I first moved here I noticed a sign that said 100 acres for sale. I had no idea I'd be surrounded. I didn't know it would be a subdivision. Nobody wants to farm any more."

Leisur, who works "all the shifts nobody else wants" at Ford's truck plant in Wayne, has never farmed. He doesn't even have a garden. He does, however, let a farmer use some of his property beyond the fence.

"Of course, this is going to be his last year."

Leisur worries about the changes development will bring. Will he be forced to hook up to new sewer lines? Will the easements intrude into his property? Will they widen Geddes Road?

When Leisur received notice of the rezoning, he decided to write the Canton Township Planning Commission a letter. He wrote about the vanishing farmland, the deer and the peacefulness. He asked them to reconsider the rezoning. He asked for much, but was willing to settle for a lot less.

"If nothing else, please save the mature tree lines surrounding these areas. There is a nice creek at the tree line behind my property, and it would be a shame to fill this in and have mature trees removed," he wrote.

But what if the trees are not to be spared? Leisur doesn't know if he will fight the developers. "I don't know how, really," he says.

Leisur said he and his wife, Kathy, have no intention of selling. They love their comfortable ranch home with its large patio and sprinkling of apple and black walnut trees. They love their view of the trees in the back and the cornfields in front.

And they like having just one next-door neighbor.

"We're extremely private" right now. It's nice and peaceful."

Kidd new boss at area center

Children's World Learning Centers announces the appointment of Laura Kidd as director of the Children's World Learning Center located 211 N. Lilley Road in Canton. In this position, Kidd will oversee the day-to-day management and operations of the center.

A resident of Garden City, Kidd has been with Children's World for 14 years.

Ameritech opens billing center to fight slamming

■ 'We will act as a tour guide, and walk them through, step by step, their bill.'

Sean Elliott

Ameritech customer service representative

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Ameritech opened a regional specialized billing center in Redford Wednesday with a promise of more jobs for area residents and improved customer service in the fight against telephone slamming.

That facility, north of I-96 and west of Telegraph at 24551 Acadia, will hire 70 new customer service representatives to join a staff of 150 to help Ameritech's 13 million customers in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin to deal with billing issues, including slamming and cramming.

Slamming occurs when a customer's local or long-distance company is changed without the customer's knowledge. When a company places a charge on a telephone bill for a service that wasn't ordered, that is known as cramming.

John Rooney, president of consumer services for Ameritech,

said telephone bills have become the No. 1 topic of concern for telephone customers nationwide, particularly third-party billings.

"Some of it is obfuscated, and that leads to unnoticed cramming and slamming," Rooney said. "This center will specialize

in third-party billings."

Ameritech also has started including customer service telephone numbers of these companies on telephone bills and now indicates in a box whether a long-distance carrier has been changed for the customers.

"In the past, they got slammed and they didn't even realize it," Rooney said.

Ameritech President Robert Cooper commended state lawmakers for passing legislation and the state for the stiff fines meted out by the Michigan Public Service Commission against slamming companies. "As of this date, no company from Michigan has been fined," Cooper said.

Cooper said the center was located here for the "great business climate" in Michigan, calling the Redford, Detroit and a third billing center in Port

Huron a "hat trick" for Michigan. "We're adding about 350-plus jobs that could have gone to other states," Cooper said.

Ameritech service representatives will receive training to deal with slamming and cramming questions, company officials said.

"(Customers) don't like it when someone interferes with or changes carriers without their permission," Rooney said.

Customer service representative Sean Elliott said he will answer questions about long-distance service providers, toll calls

and local and long-distance service charges.

"We will act as a tour guide, and walk them through, step by step, their bill," Elliott said.

Customers who have questions about another company's charges on their bill should call that company first. If they can't get their problems resolved, they can call the Ameritech Specialized Billing Center at (800) 244-4444 and follow the prompts for billing questions.

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Selling your home seminar

Approved Mortgages Inc. is offering a free seminar on Wednesday, Aug. 11, to help you sell your home faster and easier. Reservations are still available. The seminar will be held at the Summit on the Park on Canton Center Road in Canton. For reservation or information, please call (734) 254-1454.

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OBITUARIES

ELMA L. RUOHONEN
Services for former Redford resident, Elma Ruohonen, 72, of Howell were today, Aug. 5, in MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell.

Mrs. Ruohonen died July 31. Surviving are her sons, Keith and Steven (Annie); brothers, Brynolf and Wilbert Kero; sisters, Edna Rautiola, Ruth Rabbitt, Viola Heikkonen, Aggie Kantala, Elvie Rautiola, Alice Koski, Lois Kero and Karen Strand; and six grandchildren. Members of Mrs. Ruohonen's family reside in Canton and Westland.

Mrs. Ruohonen was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond.

THOMAS E. HUNT
Services for former Garden City resident Thomas Hunt, 73, of Peachtree City, Ga. were Aug. 5 in Carl J. Mowell & Son Funeral Home Chapel, Peachtree City, Ga. with burial at Westminster Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hunt was born April 22, 1926, and died Aug. 2.

Surviving are children: Daniel (Linda) of Sharnsburg, Ga., Gerald of Wayne, Tom (Debbie) of Peachtree City, Ga. and Kathy (Mark) Stroh of Tyrone, Ga.

brothers, Jim of Detroit and Dick of Peoria, Ariz.; sisters, Noreen Davis of Canton and Mary Jeffrey of Huntington Beach, Cal.; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fayette Senior Services, 390 Lee St., Fayetteville, GA 30215.

HELEN M. HITTINGER
Services for Helen M. Hittinger, 95, of Plymouth were Aug. 3 in Vermilion Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Garden, Plymouth.

She was born May 25, 1904 in Detroit. She died Aug. 1 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Hittinger; and her parents, Christian and Wilhelmina Schmidt. Survivors include her niece, Jean E. Schmidt; and several great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680 or to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48201-9953.

THOMAS O'FLYNN
Services for Thomas O'Flynn, 64, of Canton Township were Aug. 7 in St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charney officiating.

He was born March 6, 1935 in Detroit. He died Aug. 3 in Detroit Receiving Hospital. He was a project manager for a computer company.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores "Dee" O'Flynn; two daughters, Micki (Arthur) Hall, Maureen (Stephen Salvador); two sons, Kevin (Kathleen), Dennis (Loretta); two sisters, Rose Mary (Fritz) Sutter, Peg; and one brother, Jim (Diana).

Memorials may be made to Detroit Rescue Mission or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Canton.

DOROTHY R. CRISP
Services for Dorothy R. Crisp, 71, former resident of Plymouth, were Aug. 4 in St. Paul's Church, Concord, N.H.

She was born in Plymouth and died in Concord Hospital. She graduated from Plymouth High School and attended Ohio Wesleyan University until she was married to Jack P. Crisp, who was then in the Army Air Corp. in St. Joseph, Mo. on Feb. 28, 1945.

They settled in Michigan

where they had two sons, Gary Donald born July 9, 1945 and killed in a car accident on Nov. 2, 1973 and Jack Perry born March 15, 1950, who is a lawyer practicing in Concord and Berlin, N.H. The family moved to Connecticut in 1959. Dorothy purchased a home in Franklin, N.H. in 1983.

She worked for the Olin Corporation at its Stamford, Conn. headquarters and its New Haven research and development facilities for many years. She retired as vice president of Human Resources in 1985. Dorothy was active in the Eastern Star for most of her life and was a Past Worthy Matron. She was on the Franklin Planning Board and the Zoning Board. She was also a Supervisor of the Voter Checklist. She had been very active in the Franklin Methodist Church and more recently in the Congregational Methodist Church. She was on the board of directors for the Franklin Visiting Nurses Association, the Historical Society and involved in the restoration of the Opera House. She was a social worker at Mountain Crest and had been active in the Republican Party. She occasionally worked in her son's law firm.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Greer; and oldest child, Gary. Survivors

include her husband, Jack P. Crisp Sr.; one son, Jack P. Crisp, Jr.; five grandchildren, Melissa, Hanna, Emma, Sara and Lydia; and one great granddaughter Julia.

She was described by her friends as being expressive, caring, determined, creative and loving. She was a person of great faith who worked to love and support her family, contribute to her community and follow the tenets of her faith. She was always busy but never without grace or a smile and friendly word or deed.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin, 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin, N.H. 03235.

MICHAEL JAMES FITZGERALD
Services for Michael James Fitzgerald, 61, of Canton were Aug. 6 in Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating.

He was born May 25, 1938 in Detroit. He died Aug. 3 in Oakwood Hospital, Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Fitzgerald of Canton; two daughters, Melinda (Garet) Pridotkas, Wendy (Gary) Smith; one son, Michael James II; mother, Dorothy Fitzgerald; one sister, Michele (David) Jankowski; one brother, John (Cathy)

Fitzgerald; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

PHYLLIS L. BELLINGER
Services for Phyllis L. Bellinger, 75, of Canton Township will be Aug. 9 in Cherry Hill United Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Wik officiating.

She was born June 6, 1924 in Indianapolis, Ind. She died July 30 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Russell E. Bellinger; three daughters, Sharon A. Sage, Janie L. Rider, Elaine S. (Ronald J.) Toth; and one son, Russell T. Jr.; and six grandchildren.

JESSIE GEE
Services for Jessie Gee, 94, of Westland were Aug. 7 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Col. Franklin Thompson of the Salvation Army officiating.

She was born Nov. 18, 1904 in England. She died July 31 in Westland. She was a supervisor for a bakery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas. Survivors include her three daughters, Barbara (William) Auerbach of Canton, Betty Mae (Robert) Kurkjan, Mary Lou (Michael) Tanamachi; one son, Donald; nine grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.



Quick news: Metro Airport has introduced an electronic sign with information on parking availability.

Metro has new electronic sign

Drivers entering Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport now can get up-to-the-minute parking information from a new 30-foot electronic sign.

As they enter the airport onto Regill Drive from either I-94 or Merriman Road, motorists will notice the sign in the median with messages instructing them about parking availability on the lots and the deck.

"We want to tell customers of lot closures before they reach that first traffic light as they come into the airport, said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Instead of driving right up to a closed deck, customers will know that they have to turn left to use the green or red lots."

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The other side of the sign will be used for messages to greet visitors to Detroit.

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Watch what you say or you'll get slammed

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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Hang up the phone. That's advice from State Rep. Robert Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, about how best to deal with telemarketers from companies that "slam" telephone customers - the practice of switching them from one local or long distance carrier to another without their knowledge or authorization.

If customers can educate themselves on how to avoid getting slammed, they are less likely to become victims. Unidentified telephone companies, usually fly-by-night operations, contact customers and ask what phone company they use, said Brown, who serves on the House Committee on Energy and Technology.

People may then respond, "I don't have the time," Brown said. "That will be the actual name of the company calling them," Brown said. The company, usually run in another state, will use that response as authorization to bill for a long-distance call.

"My suggestion is don't say a word and just hang up," Brown said.

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, conducted a public hearing on the issue in Livonia with other members of the House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues.

Toy had heard of a similar name used as a ploy for consumers. That company was called "I Don't Know."

"We've got to take a closer look at these," Toy said. Consumer scams aren't limited to phone bills. Another deal with letters informing residents that they've won money and should respond.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, advised consumers: "Don't believe that you've won \$1,000. That's how they snag people in this (slamming) system."

Ameritech customer service representative Laura Govan said customers should read the fine print when they receive a notice that states that they have won a contest. "That's how a lot

of these changes appear on customer service bills," Govan said. As far as writing legislation to fight unscrupulous companies, Bennett said: "It's like trying to hit a moving target."

Brown added: "They look at the fine print of the law." Lawmakers expect discussions this fall on slamming legislation.

customers will benefit if they educate themselves. "Deregulation is good if there is fair and honest competition," Brown said. "But you should never deregulate consumer protection."

Lawmakers expect discussions this fall on slamming legislation.

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available at the facility. State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said he appreciates Ameritech's efforts to bring new jobs to Michigan. "A job, in my opinion, is the best solution to so many problems that are out there," Bennett said.

State Rep. Robert Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, thanked Ameritech for locating the facility in Redford, part of Brown's district. Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley said Redford was grateful for the facility and its jobs.

Depending on the applicant's education and experience, these new jobs carry a starting salary at \$25,400 at the billing center and \$25,800 at the Ameritech Collections Center, 105 E. Bethune, in Detroit, where 200 employees are expected to be recruited. Employees can attain a salary of \$41,000 after two years, Rooney said.

Ameritech seeks people with computer skills, communication abilities and customer service experience. To apply, people can call (800) 892-2698.

Tuition rates set to jump at Eastern Michigan

Tuition for resident undergraduates at Eastern Michigan University will increase an average of 3 percent in 1999-2000, as approved by the Board of Regents at its regular meeting June 21.

Resident tuition for those enrolled in lower-level undergraduate courses will increase to \$101.50 per credit hour, up from \$99 last year. Resident tuition for upper-level undergraduate

courses will increase to \$108.25 per credit hour, up from \$105.50. Tuition for resident graduate students will increase to \$157 per credit hour, up from \$149.50. Tuition and fees for resident undergraduates enrolled in 31 credit hours during the fall and

winter semesters will be \$7,353.50 for the 1999-2000 academic year. Nonresident tuition will increase to \$265 per credit hour, up from \$262 for lower-level undergraduates and increase to \$300 per credit hour.

A public hearing on the proposed 2000 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

JEAN TABOR
Library Director

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filled the O&E general manager's role in the past." HCN Chairman Philip H. Power stated, "Our newspapers serve local readers and businesses in their own hometowns with individually edited publications. Dick Brady's commitment to that fundamental principle will serve us well during this transition."

"I look forward to working with all my O&E colleagues and friends to produce and deliver the best community newspapers for our readers and advertisers, and I welcome hearing from our customers," Brady said.

O&E Interim General Manager Dick Brady can be reached at 734-953-2204 and 2252 as well as by e-mail at dbrady@homecomm.net.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of Property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements on Ridge Road between Ann Arbor and Powell Roads and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The project consists of approximately 3,600 feet of existing gravel road along Ridge Road from Ann Arbor Road to Powell Road to be paved with bituminous concrete, consistent with Ridge Road north of Powell Road and Powell Road between Ridge and Beck. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road and proceeds northerly along Ridge Road to the southerly right-of-way line of Powell Road.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage consists of parcels with tax I.D. numbers 045-99-0001-701, 045-99-0001-702, 045-99-0001-703, 045-99-0002-000 (A1B), 045-99-0005-001 (B1), 045-99-0005-704, 045-99-0005-705, 045-99-0005-003 (B3), 045-99-0008-000 (D1B), 045-99-0009-702 (D3B), 045-99-0009-703 (D3B) located in the northeast 1/4 of Section 31, and 045-99-0009-000 (Q1A), 045-99-0010-000 (Q1A), 045-99-0011-000 (Q1A), 045-99-0012-000 (Q1B), 045-99-0014-000 (S1A), 045-99-0015-000 (S1B), 045-99-0016-000 (S1B) located in the southeast 1/4 of Section 31. The district also includes Lot 277 through Lot 295, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 3 as recorded in Liber 101 Page 29 to 32, Lot 306 through Lot 318, inclusive, of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Number 4 as recorded in Liber 102 Page 1 to 3, and Lots 1 through 33, inclusive, of Pine Ridge Estates Subdivision as recorded in Liber 104 Page 44 to 47, of T18, R8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Offices located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing the said Special Assessment Roll, and hearing objections thereto. Said Roll may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the Special Assessment Roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

As owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, projections of costs and Special Assessment District have been filed with the township and are available for public examination at the office of the township Clerk. The projected costs of such construction is in the amount of \$644, 638.00. The Special Assessment District shall be responsible for 20% of the construction total (\$128,927.20), plus Township administrative costs.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property subject to the statutory limitation of 10%.

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Contrasts create flavor excitement

Big flavor, health-minded cooking seems to be the tall order of today. As we are straying from high fats, oils and butters, try exciting the palate by creating contrasts in flavor, temperature and texture.

The first step to cooking greatness is retaining or encasing the essence of the product you're working with. Providing contrast is an essential element of good cooking. Here are some guidelines to help you:

- **Marinades** are an awesome method for adding flavor to lean meat choices.
- **Smoking** adds big flavor. Using a dry spice rub adds another layer of flavor complexity to smoked products building on the base of great taste.
- **Adding natural fruit juices** to vinaigrettes will lend an earthy kick to dressings.
- **Cook veggies** in fresh stocks or broths to add flavor, but not fat. Add a little stock to baked or braised meats to keep them moist and flavorful.
- **Food harmony** is key. It's difficult to enjoy your plate when foods don't go well together or there is too much of one item. A good rule of thumb is a plate should have 60% of grains, pastas and vegetables.
- **Use low-calorie ingredients** in non-traditional ways. For example, use a strong-brewed coffee as part of a gravy base to add a rich flavor to beef dishes. Steep your favorite spiced tea and use it in place of water to intensify the flavor in quick breads, cakes and muffins.

Flavor enhancers

Seasoning is the secret to great tasting food. Here are some suggestions for "Big Flavor" seasoning:

Chicken or poultry - Paprika, poultry seasoning, thyme, parsley, sage, fresh mushrooms, basil, marjoram, cranberry relish, ginger, cranberry sauce.

Lamb - Curry powder, rosemary, garlic, mint, onions, parsley, pineapple rings, mint sauce, mint jelly, oregano, basil.

Pork - Garlic, sage, onions, marjoram, applesauce, spiced apples.

Beef - Bay leaf, green pepper, chives, onions, mustard (dry), sage, thyme, tomatoes, marjoram, mushrooms, nutmeg, garlic.

Veal - Bay leaf, curry, garlic, ginger, basil, marjoram, mushrooms, oregano, pepper, chervil, summer savory.

Fish - Bay leaf, dry mustard, paprika, curry, mushrooms, tomatoes, dill, green pepper, lemon juice, marjoram, garlic, basil, thyme.

Eggs - chives, curry, dry mustard, green pepper, mushrooms, onions, paprika, parsley, tomatoes, basil.

Seasoning vegetables

Vegetable flavors can be intensified by a pinch of sugar along with other seasonings. Bay leaf, dill seed and vinegar will improve the flavor of any vegetable. Prepared mustard is high in sodium, but you can add water and vinegar to dry mustard for a spread. Try adding a few of the following to perk up vegetables at your next meal:

Asparagus - lemon juice and chives

Green beans - marjoram, lemon juice, nutmeg, rosemary, dill seed, onions, chives, scallions

Broccoli - Lemon juice

Cabbage - Mustard dressing, dill seed, unsalted margarine with lemon and sugar

Carrots - Parsley, mint, or nutmeg; glazed with unsalted margarine and sugar; chopped chives, lemon juice.

Cauliflower - Nutmeg

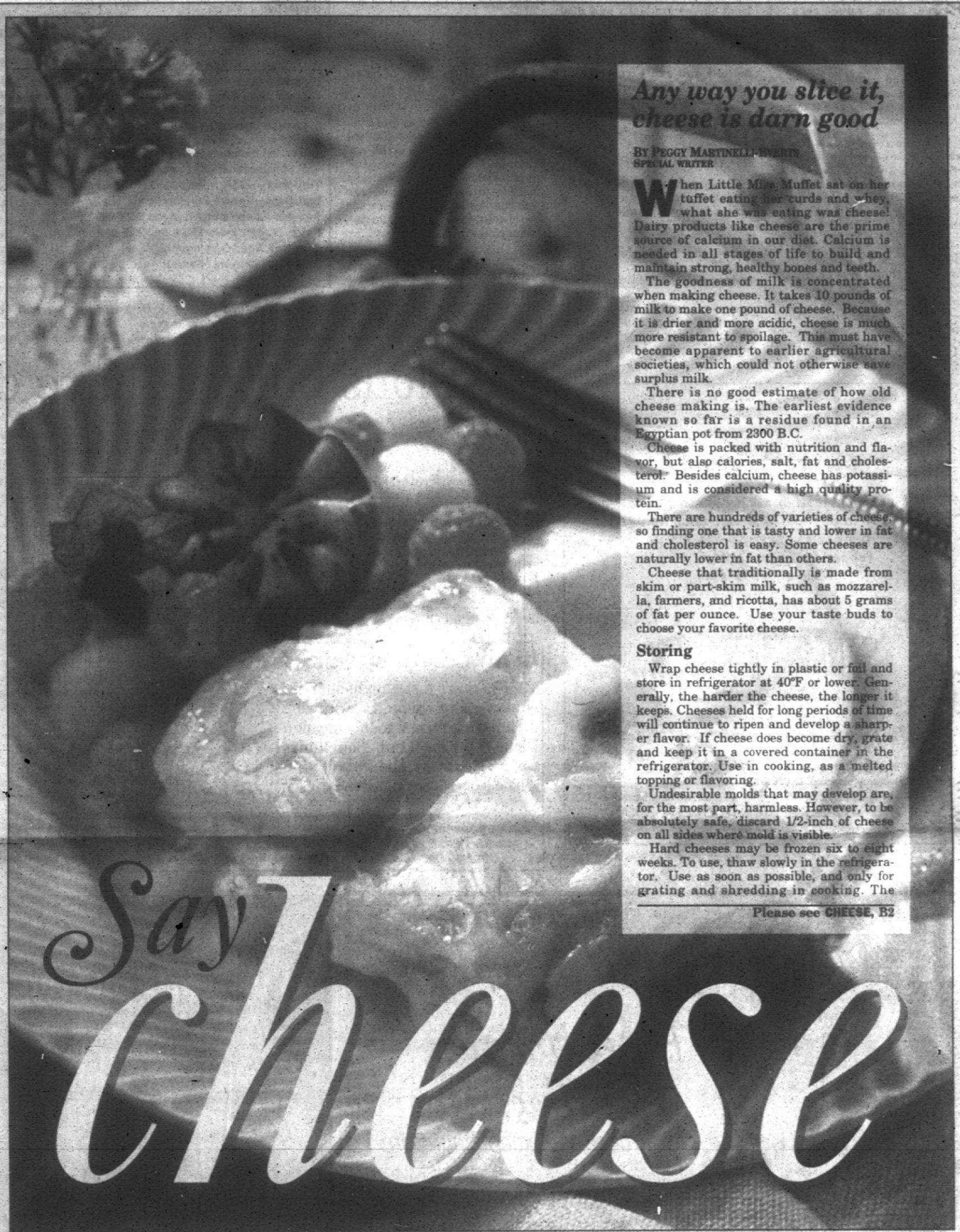
Corn - Green pepper, tomatoes (fresh or canned without salt), chives, parsley, onions, curry

Peas - Mint, fresh mushrooms, parsley, onions, chives, chervil, lemon juice

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Twist on Tradition



Cheesy dish: Squash Gratin with White Cheddar Cheese is a flavorful way to enjoy this year's crop of yellow squash.

Any way you slice it, cheese is darn good

By PEGGY MARTINELLI-EMERSON
SPECIAL WRITER

When Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet eating her curds and whey, what she was eating was cheese! Dairy products like cheese are the prime source of calcium in our diet. Calcium is needed in all stages of life to build and maintain strong, healthy bones and teeth.

The goodness of milk is concentrated when making cheese. It takes 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese. Because it is drier and more acidic, cheese is much more resistant to spoilage. This must have become apparent to earlier agricultural societies, which could not otherwise save surplus milk.

There is no good estimate of how old cheese making is. The earliest evidence known so far is a residue found in an Egyptian pot from 2300 B.C.

Cheese is packed with nutrition and flavor, but also calories, salt, fat and cholesterol. Besides calcium, cheese has potassium and is considered a high quality protein.

There are hundreds of varieties of cheese, so finding one that is tasty and lower in fat and cholesterol is easy. Some cheeses are naturally lower in fat than others.

Cheese that traditionally is made from skim or part-skim milk, such as mozzarella, farmers, and ricotta, has about 5 grams of fat per ounce. Use your taste buds to choose your favorite cheese.

Storing

Wrap cheese tightly in plastic or foil and store in refrigerator at 40°F or lower. Generally, the harder the cheese, the longer it keeps. Cheeses held for long periods of time will continue to ripen and develop a sharper flavor. If cheese does become dry, grate and keep it in a covered container in the refrigerator. Use in cooking, as a melted topping or flavoring.

Undesirable molds that may develop are, for the most part, harmless. However, to be absolutely safe, discard 1/2-inch of cheese on all sides where mold is visible.

Hard cheeses may be frozen six to eight weeks. To use, thaw slowly in the refrigerator. Use as soon as possible, and only for grating and shredding in cooking. The

Please see CHEESE, B2

Fruity main dish salad perks up summer appetites

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Are you into "fusion" cooking? Have you ever considered applying these principles to salads?

No, I'm not talking about blending flavors and ingredients from different ethnic dishes, but rather, mixing fruits and vegetables in the same salad.

The following recipe is a tasty example of flavor contrasts. The sweetness of the fruit and tartness of the veggies is accentuated by the smoky, salty taste of Canadian bacon, and a soy-lime dressing. This salad is guaranteed to perk up jaded summer appetites.

The recipe is an updated version of one of my favorites - spinach salad. Several ingredients were changed for smarter eating, flavor enhancement and convenience.

Canadian bacon takes the place of regular bacon, because of its lower fat content, and for cooking convenience. I'm a lazy cook, remember?

Because Canadian bacon comes from the pork tenderloin, the serving portion (2 ounces) has slightly more fat than 2 ounces of skinned chicken breast. The portion size also puts a lid on sodium

content. Because Canadian bacon is already cooked, it requires nothing more than a short browning time to reheat. The warm-up adds an interesting temperature contrast to the other salad ingredients.

Mangoes are in season now. They're abundant and inexpensive. Mangoes have a peachy, pineapple taste, lots of fiber, vitamin C and beta carotene. Choose plump mangoes with no soft spots or wrinkled skin. Mangoes will ripen in your kitchen at room temperature out of the sun. When ripe, they have a fragrant aroma, and feel slightly soft.

To cut up mangoes, score the skin lengthwise into quarters and pull off the peel, holding the fruit over a bowl to catch the juices. The pit is wide and thick. Slice each side of the pit into two thick pieces. Cut the remaining fruit from the pit and cut into serving size pieces.

Besides this salad, I like to serve mangoes with grilled meat or chicken.

The soy sauce in this recipe is one of my Oriental cooking style secrets. As you know, soy sauce is relatively high in sodium. Regular soy sauce has 1,200mg of sodium per tablespoon; salt has 2,300mg per teaspoon. Reduced sodium soy sauce is prepared by diluting regular soy sauce with water and adding sweeteners, coloring and

preservatives. In a survey we did for my newsletter "Eating Younger" we found that Kikkoman Lite Soy had the best flavor of the "lite" soy sauces. But, we also found that diluting Tamari (Japanese soy sauce) with equal parts of dry sherry produced a sauce that was a taste treat with one-third of the sodium and no sweeteners, coloring or added preservatives. I've included it in my ingredient list, but you can substitute your favorite reduced sodium soy sauce if you like.

This salad is a one dish meal that partners well with warm, toasted whole wheat raisin bread strips. Keep the salad cool before serving.

FRUITFUL SPINACH, BACON AND TOMATO SALAD

- 10 ounces spinach leaves, washed and shredded
- 8 ounces Canadian bacon, sliced thin and cut into strips
- 2 large mangoes, peeled and diced
- 8 plum tomatoes, diced
- 1 bunch green onions, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 cup reduced sodium chicken bouillon
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 teaspoon garlic (2 cloves) chopped
- 4 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon tamari and 1 tablespoon dry sherry (mixed) or 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon white wine Worcestershire sauce

To make salad: Toss spinach, mango, tomatoes and onion together in a bowl.

To make dressing: Blend (tamari/sherry mixture) or soy sauce with bouillon, oil, garlic, lime juice and Worcestershire sauce.

Add dressing to vegetable-fruit mixture.

Heat Canadian bacon in a non-stick skillet until slightly browned. Add to salad mixture. Toss to blend. Serve immediately. Serves 4

Nutrition facts per serving: Calories 252, total fat 2.6g, saturated fat 0.8g, cholesterol 30mg, sodium 966mg.

Food exchanges: 2 lean meat, 3 vegetables, 1 fruit.

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

Cheese from page B1

cheese may become too crumbly for slicing. Freezing is not recommended for soft cheeses.

Cooking hints

Cheese can be enjoyed in every course from appetizers to desserts. All cheese dishes should be cooked at low temperatures for short periods of time. Overcooking may cause cheese to separate and result in a stringy, tough product. If using cheese as a casserole topping add it during the last 10 minutes of baking.

In the microwave, cook cheese-based foods on low settings and cook just until cheese melts. Aged cheeses generally melt and blend into foods more easily and lend more flavor than young cheeses.

In preparing sauces, grated cheese will melt faster and more uniformly than slices or chunks. For best results, stir the cheese into the hot sauce — off the heat — just until it melts. Hard, well-ripened cheeses can tolerate higher temperatures than soft cheeses because more of their

protein has been broken down into small, less easily coagulated fragments. Heat, salt, the amount of acidity, and even vigorous stirring, all can cause curdling. The key to maintaining a smooth texture is gentleness. Heat cheese gradually and moderately, and stir slowly.

A word of caution, imitation cheeses emit strange odors when melted and can turn rubbery. Add flour or cornstarch to reduced-fat cheeses to help blend them more smoothly into a sauce.

Serving suggestions

If using cheese as an appetizer, remove it from the refrigerator at least 30 minutes before serving to bring out the fullest flavor. Fruit is a natural partner for cheese. Apples pair well with creamy Brie, dry Jack cheese and pistachios. Plums complement a mellow Monterey Jack, creamy Havarti, or tangy cheddar. Pears go well with Maytag Blue or Roquefort and walnuts. Enjoy peaches sliced over

Cheese varieties	
Natural cheese — is made from milk that has been solidified by means of curdling, and may or may not be aged. Each natural cheese variety is manufactured by a different process, resulting in distinctive qualities.	
Pasteurized processed cheese — is a cheese prepared by grinding, blending and heating one or more natural cheeses together. The process provides uniformity and keeping quality.	
Cheese food — is made by blending one or more cheese with milk solids and salt. Cheese food is high in moisture and spreads easily.	
Cheese spread — is like pasteurized process cheese with an edible stabilizer, milk solids, sugar and added moisture to make it smooth.	
Characteristics of some common cheeses	
Very hard — 30% water, 26% fat, 36% protein	
Parmesan (Aged 8-36 months)	
Romano (sheep's milk): Aged 8-24 months	
Hard : 30-40% water, 30% fat, 25% protein	
Cheddar : Aged 6-24 months	
Emmental, Gruyère (Swiss): Aged 3-10 months	
Provolone : Aged 3-6 months	
Semi-hard — (semi-soft): 40-50% water, 30% fat, 20% protein	
Brick : Aged 3 months	
Edam : Aged 3-12 months	
Gouda : Aged 3-12 months	
Muenster : Aged 1-3 months	
Port du Salut : Aged 1-2 months	
Roquefort (sheep's milk): Aged 2-5 months	
Stilton : Aged 4-6 months	
Soft — 50-75% water, 25% fat, 17% protein	
Brie : Aged 1-3 months	
Bel Paese : Aged 1-2 months	
Camembert : Aged 1-2 months	
Unripened	
Cottage and Ricotta skim : 80% water, 4% fat, 13% protein	
Cream : 50% water, 35% fat, 8% protein	
Mozzarella (originally water buffalo's milk): 40% water, 30% fat, 25% protein	
Neufchâtel : 50% water, 23% fat, 18% protein	
Pasteurized Process : 40% water, 28% fat, 25% protein	

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Fabulous burgers have double cheese

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chef Bobby Flay grew up eating hamburgers at J.G. Melon's, on New York's Upper East Side. "I always try to emulate their burgers on the grill, but I really haven't a clue about their secret — just simple, good burgers," he writes in his latest cookbook, "Boy Meets Grill."

Flay serves the hamburgers with grilled Vidalia onions and horseradish mustard. Vidalia

onions, grown only in Georgia, are sweet as candy, and are delicious grilled with a little olive oil, salt and pepper.

HAMBURGERS WITH DOUBLE CHEDDAR CHEESE

- 2 1/2 pounds ground chuck (slightly coarse grind)
- Kosher salt and ground pepper
- Sixteen 1/4-inch-thick slices Cheddar cheese
- 8 hamburger buns

8 leaves romaine lettuce
Grilled Vidalia Onions (recipe below)
2 beefsteak tomatoes, sliced into eight 1/4-inch slices (four slices per tomato)

Horseradish Mustard (recipe below)
Divide the chuck into eight 5-ounce burgers; season on both sides with salt and pepper. Grill on the preheated gas or charcoal grill preheated to high, cook 3 to 4 minutes on each side for medium-rare.

During the last minutes of cooking, top each burger with two slices of cheese, cover the grill and let the cheese melt, about 1 minute. Split the buns and toast on the grill, cut side down, until golden.
Place a burger in each bun, top with lettuce, onions, tomato and dollop of Horseradish Mustard. Arrange on a large platter. Makes 8 servings.

GRILLED VIDALIA ONIONS

- 2 Vidalia onions, sliced crosswise 1/2-inch thick (do NOT separate into rings)
- Olive oil, for brushing
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Brush the onions with olive oil on both sides; season with salt and pepper. Grill on the preheated gas or charcoal grill until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes on each side.

HORSERADISH MUSTARD

- 1 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons finely grated fresh horseradish, or prepared horseradish, drained

Mix the mustard and horseradish together in a small bowl. Mixture may be refrigerated up to one week. Serve at room temperature. Makes 1 cup.
Recipe from: "Boy Meets Grill" by Bobby Flay and Joan Schwartz (Hyperion, \$32.50)

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Cheesy dishes sure to delight taste buds

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front.

CHEESY SWISS CHARD BUNDLES

- Serves 4
- 8 leaves Swiss chard
- 8 pieces Mozzarella cheese, 1 ounce each
- 2 tablespoons Italian dressing
- 2 tablespoons onion finely sliced
- 8 small basil leaves, chopped fine
- 1 Roma tomato sliced thinly and laid to drain on paper towel
- Salt and pepper to taste

Soak cheese in dressing. Choose smaller, whole leaves of Swiss chard.

Plunge in salted, boiling water until leaves are pliable but not thoroughly cooked. Remove from water and drain. Spread leaves out, dry with paper towel and lay flat. Cut off tough stem end and shave off the stem on the inner leaf without damaging the leaf.

To assemble: Lay leaf flat with stem side pointing away. Place cheese with drops of dressing on closest third of leaf. Sprinkle with dressing. Pile on a tomato slice and a little onion and pepper. Salt & pepper to taste. Roll up leaf by folding bottom up over cheese "pile," folding in and over consecutively until you have a neat bundle. Fasten the leaf with a toothpick. Spray the outside of the bundle with olive oil.

Grill bundles on low heat. If grill is too hot you may lay foil

over the grate to prevent any cheese from leaking out and onto the fire. When slightly brown on the edges, the bundles will be done.

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

Nutrition information per serving: (2 bundles per serving); calories: 215, protein 13g, fat 16g, sodium 62mg, Carbohydrates 3g. Percent of calories from fat: 74

EASY CHILES RELLENOS

- Serves 6
- 6 large green chili peppers or 3 green peppers
- 6 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, cubed
- 4 beaten eggs
- 1/3 cup 2 percent milk

Salt and pepper to taste
4 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded
Optional
Salsa
Low-fat sour cream

Halve peppers lengthwise and remove stems, seeds and veins. Grease 10-by-6-by-2-inch baking dish and arrange peppers, cut side up. Fill each pepper with Monterey Jack cheese cubes.

Combine eggs and milk and pour over peppers. Bake uncovered in a 450° F. oven for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Serve warm with salsa and low-fat sour cream.

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

Nutrition information per serving: (Without salsa or sour cream); Calories: 256, protein

17g, fat 19g, sodium 689mg, carbohydrates 4g. Percent if calories from fat: 66.

SQUASH GRATIN WITH WHITE CHEDDAR CHEESE

- Makes 6-8 servings
- 1 cup (1 medium onion) onions, thinly sliced
- 2 pounds yellow squash, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 pound (8 ounces) white Cheddar cheese, grated
- 1-2 tablespoons butter
- Preheat oven to 350° F. In a medium saucepan blanch* onions and squash in a small amount of boiling water until almost tender, about 2-3 minutes. Drain well.

Arrange in a 2-quart baking dish. Add the salt and pepper to taste.

In a medium bowl, combine the eggs, sugar, milk and cheese. Pour over the squash mixture and dot with thin slices of butter. Bake for 45 minutes. Cut into squares to serve.

*To blanch, purge onions and squash into boiling water briefly. Blanching is used to firm the flesh, loosen skins and lighten and set color and flavor.
Recipe provided by Fearrington House Inn, Chapel Hill, N.C. for the American Dairy Association.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 250, total fat 16g, carbohydrate 13g, protein 13g, calcium 30 percent recommended daily value.

Tuna salad roll-up sandwiches are terrific

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuna salad sandwiches are an American favorite. This contemporary version is accented with water chestnuts and rolled up in tortillas.

Taking advantage of canned ingredients helps to cut down on time spent in the kitchen preparing these Terrific tuna roll-ups.

TERRIFIC TUNA ROLL-UPS

- 1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 2 cans (about 6 1/4 ounces each) chunk tuna packed in water, drained
- 1/2 cup drained water chestnuts (from 8-ounce can), sliced and coarsely

- chopped
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/3 cup chopped red bell pepper (or prepared roasted red peppers)
- 4 8-inch flour tortillas
- 2 to 3 cups shredded romaine lettuce

In mixing bowl, blend mayonnaise and mustard. Stir in tuna,

water chestnuts, green onions and bell pepper. Divide tuna mixture among tortillas, spreading to within 1 inch of edges. Cover each tortilla with about 1/2 cup lettuce. Roll each up tightly like a jellyroll. Cut in half diagonally and serve immediately, or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 3 hours. Makes 4 servings.
Recipe from: Canned Food Alliance

Grilled sirloin spicy dish

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spicy Grilled Sirloin is a hearty dish with fine flavor from a sprightly marinade — yet weighing in with only 6 grams of fat per serving.

The recipe is featured in "Betty Crocker's Best of Healthy and Hearty Cooking" (Macmillan, \$24.95), a collection of more than 400 recipes, all geared to helping make it enjoyable to eat what's good for you.

The book has a substantial introduction, with guidelines on nutrition for an entire lifetime, from pregnancy through infancy to older adulthood. All the recipes have nutrition analyses; there are meal plans as well as individual recipes, and appetizing color photo illustrations show you the food can look as good as it tastes.

SPICY GRILLED SIRLOIN

- 1 1/2 pounds beef boneless top sirloin steak, about 1-inch thick
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped

Pierce beef with fork several times on both sides. Mix remaining ingredients in shallow non-metal dish or heavy-duty resealable plastic bag. Add beef, turning to coat with marinade. Cover dish or seal bag and refrigerate, turning

beef occasionally, at least 6 hours but no longer than 24 hours.

Heat coals or gas grill. Remove beef from marinade; discard marinade. Cover and grill beef 4 to 6 inches from medium heat 15 to 18 minutes for medium doneness, turning once. Cut beef across grain into 1/2-inch slices.

Nutrition information per serving: 145 cal., 6 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 55 mg chol., 730 mg sodium, 2 g carbo., 21 g pro.

Share your chili recipes

The Observer will publish a special section about the Plymouth Chili Cookoff Sept. 30, and we'd like to include your favorite chili recipes. Send your recipes to Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echinaw, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail them to rechinaw@oe. homescom.net.

We will publish as many as we have room for. Cooks for all over the Midwest are expected to cook in two chili cookoffs to be held in downtown Plymouth on Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Oct. 3.

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JUST ONE CALL
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ARE YOU THE ONE?
Upbeat, Catholic DWPC mom, 37, 5'3", is seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-50, who likes children, for friendship first. Her interests include camping, water sports, hiking, the theater and much more. Ad# 6666

HEAVEN SENT
This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6661

SHARE MY FAITH
This churchoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad# 7575

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THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, movies, and quiet times at home, is seeking a caring, sincere, ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS
Catholic DWCF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWCM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad# 6440

STILL SEARCHING
Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, rare unicorn. Ad# 4444

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Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWCF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

UPLIFTING
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SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD
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GREAT TIMES AHEAD
She's an outgoing and friendly DWPC 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

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Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, hiking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52, Ad# 8317

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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

SOUND LIKE YOU
Catholic DWCF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, Catholic SWM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad# 3131

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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

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Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is looking for a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad# 1122

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HONESTY COUNTS
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Handsome, slim DWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys traveling, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad# 4545



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DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWF lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

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Rheumatoid patients

If you are over the age of 18 and have been told by your doctor that you have Rheumatoid Arthritis, you may be eligible to participate in a marketing research study. Qualified respondents will be paid. Your participation will be entirely confidential. Call Karen at (800) 559-5954 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Alzheimer's support

The Marquette house Alzheimer's Support Group will hold its initial meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. The group is open to families and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease. Call Sally Levay, (734) 326-6685.

Mental wellness

Henry Ford Medical Center in Canton is offering a four-week course called "Growing Wiser: Mental wellness for those 65 and better." The course covers mental alertness, loss and life changes and communication. The course takes place from 9-11 a.m. Fridays Aug. 13-27 at Henry Ford Medical Center, Canton, 6100 Haggerty Road. The cost is \$12. Call (888) 767-2428.

New book

To provide inspiration, information and techniques for coping with Macular Degeneration Henry Ford Ophthalmologist Lyla Mogk, M.D. and her daughter Maria, co-authored "Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight." Visit the Random House Web site for information on the book at www.randomhouse.com

Urgent care open

Livonia Urgent Care is now open! Serving patients in the Mission Health Building on the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Newburgh. Open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week, 365 days a year. No appointment is needed for any of the services including urgent care of accidents/injuries; adult and pediatric illness; on-site lab services (strep, mono, pregnancy urine testing); sports school physicals; vaccinations and X-rays. For information, call (734) 542-6100.

Immunization clinic

Mission Health Medical Center will host an immunization clinic for children (sponsored by Providence Hospital and Medical Centers and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital) at 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh. Fee is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines except chickenpox. Dates, with no appointments necessary, include Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m. Don't forget to bring your child's immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 to register.

Sleepless nights

The Sleep Research Institute in Washington D.C. has published a booklet on what to do if you can't get enough sleep and where to turn. Visit their Web site at www.institute-dc.org for information.

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 noteworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointment/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (clinical advances, short news items from hospital physicians, companies). We also welcome noteworthy 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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Former Winston cigarette model Dave Goerlitz may be best remembered for the "Search and Rescue" series of print ads he was featured in during the 1980s. The advertisements portrayed Goerlitz as a macho, cigarette smoking, tough guy, scaling mountains and flying airplanes.

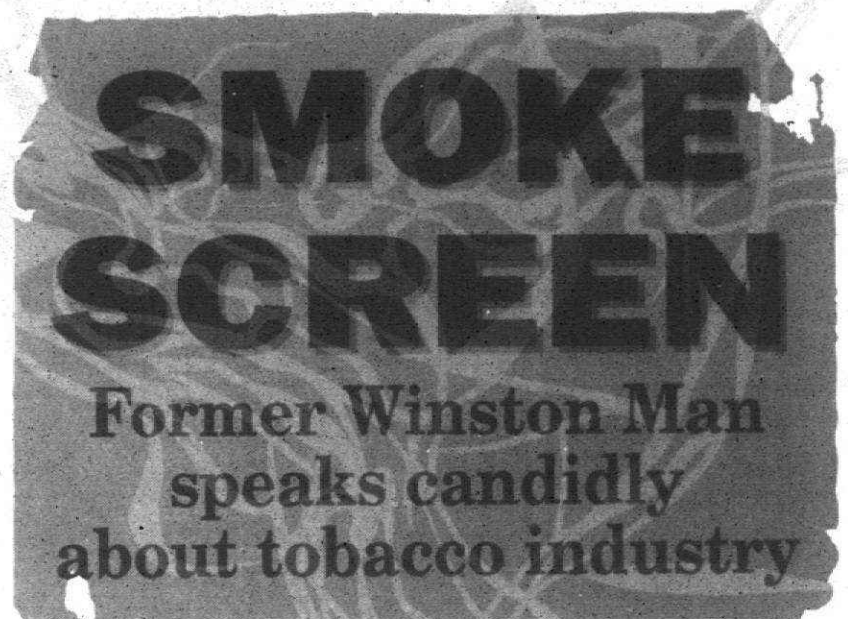
Nearly two decades later the New Jersey native finds himself on a very different recovery mission. Today he publicly speaks out against an industry that he says paid him more than \$100,000 a year to "entice, encourage and lure kids to smoke."

Goerlitz's stand against the multi-billion dollar tobacco industry started in 1988 when he publicly quit smoking — ending an addiction that led him to smoke 3-1/2 packs a day for more than 20 years.

"I was a professional smoker," said Goerlitz, "who was paid a lot of money to get men smoking... particularly young boys. The marketing made smoking look good because I looked macho, tough, robust and virile in the ads."

Goerlitz's frank anti-tobacco comments were sent to an audience of approximately 200 students from throughout Wayne County at the "My Mind Is Free, No Tobacco For Me!" conference sponsored by the Wayne County Smoking and Tobacco Intervention Coalition and more than a dozen agencies and organizations including Hiram Prevention, St. Mary Hospital, Oakwood Hospital, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Karmos Cancer Institute.

Appearing as the keynote speaker at the all-day conference in River Rouge,



Former Winston Man speaks candidly about tobacco industry

Goerlitz fast-paced 40 minute presentation emphasized the manipulative role he believes he promoted as the Winston Man. "I was paid to create illusions. I'm an actor — I did a good job."

Goerlitz says his job was to find replacement smokers for those who either quit or died from a smoking-related illness. "The tobacco industry doesn't sell cigarettes for brand loyalty," said Goerlitz, "but for profit. The ads are deliberate lies about the real value of their product."

During his stint as the Winston Man, he was featured in 42 advertisements (more than any other tobacco model including the Marlboro Men) during which time



Former Winston Man, Dave Goerlitz

R.J. Reynolds brand Winston cigarettes moved from number four to number two in worldwide sales.

Currently Goerlitz makes his living addressing young people and adults at public speaking engagements, conferences, smoking cessation programs, through videos and on his Web site by promoting his anti-tobacco message. On the road for approximately 240 days a year, Goerlitz estimates he appears at some 400 events annually.

The former model says his 11 year quest has been fueled by his desire to "undo the damage that his ads may have done in addicting young people to a product."

"I'm ashamed of what I did," said Goerlitz as he reflects upon his work for

the R.J. Reynolds company. The 48-year-old father and grandfather has other modeling and movie credits to be proud of despite the unfavorable impression he's left with as the former Winston Man.

Goerlitz appeared as Harrison Ford's stand-in in the movie "Witness" and worked on such film productions as "Eddie and the Cruisers," "Rocky II," "Striking Back," and "Last Exit to Brooklyn." He has been featured in commercials for The Adolph Coors Company, Vanderbilt Swan Perfume, Fava Shoes and more.

A little help

It was his son who motivated him to kick his cigarette habit. "That kid meant business," said Goerlitz, "and my quitting reinforced him to not start." That, coupled with a minor stroke he suffered while working on "Witness," left him with a lack of feeling on the left side of his body and the inability to taste foods. The medical emergency served as an important wake-up call.

Despite the seriousness of his message, Goerlitz couples humor with anecdotal stories from his upbringing in an effort to connect with the students about tobacco use whether it's cigarettes, Bidas (flavored cigarettes), chewing tobacco or cigars.

"Tobacco is tobacco. Just like garbage is garbage," said Goerlitz. "Advertising of tobacco is a huge problem and it's a bunch of lies. It's not one thing that gets kids to smoke but many things."

Dave Goerlitz recently completed a book titled, "Behind the Smokescreen," a chronicle of his life beginning with his first smoking experience at the age of 13. For more information visit his Web site at <http://davegoerlitz.find-her-site.com>

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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

Welcome

Western Wayne Physicians, P.C., Dr. Gary R. Gazzella and Dr. Brian For welcome Steven Lis, D.O., to their family practice. Comprehensive, quality, patient-oriented, health care for you and your family, regardless of age. The practice is located at 8555 Silvery Lane, Suite C302, Dearborn Heights, (313) 561-9090.

Donation received

Garden City Hospital was the recent recipient of a \$400 donation from the Comerica Awards for Volunteers Leadership Program. The award was made in recognition of the volunteer hours spent at Garden City Hospital by John Powell, vice president of Comerica Bank in Farmington Hills. The funds will be used to acquire additional educational material for the Medical Education Center and library of the hospital.

New CEO

Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., recently appointed J. Joseph Diederich as the chief operating officer for the Oakwood Healthcare System. Diederich will be responsible for leading Oakwood's clinical delivery units, including its five affiliated hospitals, 35 ambulatory care networks and long term care

operations. Distinguished with some of the most prestigious awards in the healthcare industry, Diederich holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and a master of science degree from the University of Missouri, and is an instructor at the University of Michigan's College of Pharmacy.

New board members

Oakwood Healthcare Inc. welcomes new board members, Sunil Bhatia, M.D., and Allen E. Dobzyniak, M.D. Bhatia is American Board certified in internal medicine and is subspecialty Board certified in cardiovascular disease. He resides in Ann Arbor. Dobzyniak is certified as a Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine, a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine and is Vice President of Southeastern Michigan Physicians, Inc. He resides in Dearborn.

Important rating

Oakwood Healthcare Inc., owners of Oakwood Healthcare System and Oakwood Enterprises, maintained its A+ rating from Standard and Poor. According to S&P, the rating reflects management's ability to quickly alter strategy to turn around recent operating losses, a solid liquidity cushion and location in the extremely competitive and fragmented southeast Michigan market.

Director appointed

Harmesh Naik, M.D., has been named Medical Director of Oncology at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. In this new capacity he will serve as the

physician liaison between the Oncology Program and administration.

Accredited

The Boys and Girls Republic, a residential treatment center in Farmington Hills, has earned accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc.

CAP recognized

Oakwood Healthcare System Community Assessment Project (CAP) was recently awarded the 1999 Patric E. Ludwig Community Benefit Award from the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). The Ludwig Award honors those MHA members that have collaboratively worked with individuals and organizations in their communities to benefit the health and well-being of local citizens. The Oakwood CAP Report, funded by The Ford Motor Company fund and in partnership with the Wayne County Department of Public Health, was selected due to the broad range of programs that demonstrated community collaboration that have an impact on health status and well-being of community members.

Chief nursing officer

Unlimited MedStaff of America, a Livonia-based temporary medical staffing firm, appointed Barbara Lowdermilk as Chief Nursing Officer. Lowdermilk will lead the Company's testing, compliance and education efforts for Unlimited MedStaff's nurses, nurse aides and other medical staff.

HEMS appointments

The Whole Life and Health Center has moved to the Treehouse at 22908 Mooney St., in Farmington, Dr. Sharon Oliver, M.D., believes that all healing occurs through the use of Universal Truths and wishes to guide and support others with the use of herbs, nutrition and a host of traditional ancient modalities. For information or a consultation call (248) 442-7449 or (248) 473-0624.

Health Emergency Medical Services, Inc. has elected the following officers and executive committee members for the 1999-00 term of office.

President, Ken Gruber, Garden City Hospital; President Elect, Edward Freysinger, Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center - Taylor; Past President, Peter Forster, University of Michigan Health System; Treasurer, Carol Ann Fausone, St. Mary Hospital; Secretary, Sheila Cartwright, Henry Ford Hospital - Fairlane Center; Members at Large, Edward Barter, Botsford General Hospital and Robert Laible, Medical Director, Robert Demeier, M.D. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor and Alternative Medical Director, Mark Bagnic, D.O., Garden City Hospital.

New medical office

A new practice, Cherry Hill Internal Medicine Associates in Canton, has opened under the direction of David Margolis, M.S. and Michael Schaeffer, M.D. The practice is located at 42287 Cherry Hill by the Lilley Inter-section. In addition to Margolis and Schaeffer, there will be a part time OB/GYN physician available.

Health center relocates

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Bee stings can be avoided with a little common sense

Knowing how to avoid stings from bees, wasps, hornets and yellow jackets leads to a more enjoyable summer for everyone. The following precautions are suggested by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology:

- Avoid walking barefoot in the grass. You might step on a honeybee or bumblebee foraging on white clover, a weed that grows in lawns throughout the United States.
- Insect repellents do not work against stinging insects.

- Never swat or flail at a flying insect. If need be, gently brush it aside or patiently wait for it to leave.
- When eating outdoors, do not drink from open beverage cans and keep food covered at all times. Stinging insects are fond of the same foods you are.
- Garbage cans stored outside should be covered with tight-fitting lids.
- Avoid wearing sweet-smelling perfumes, hair-sprays, colognes and deodorants.
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■ If you have had an allergic reaction to an insect sting, it is important that you see an allergist. You have a 60-percent chance of having a similar, or worse reaction if stung again.

Future allergic reactions can be prevented with a highly effective vaccination program available from your allergist.

Persons interested in learning more about insect stings and allergic reactions can call (800) 23-STING for a free educational booklet written by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WEB SITE

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, invites you to visit its Web site at www.nmssmi.org. The site offers regularly updated information about MS, the latest research, special events and programs for people with MS and their families. The site also offers links to National MS Society headquarters Web site at www.nmss.org. The NMSS will soon present

a series of Internet broadcast programs for people who have recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). Nationally renowned experts will participate in four live Internet broadcasts on current

MS information and research. The series is set for, Aug. 17, Aug. 31, Sept. 14 and Sept. 28, 1999. Each session will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will last one hour. The first 30 minutes will be a live audio presenta-

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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

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Memberships renewed

Doris Carter, of Livonia, has renewed her membership in the Association of Bridal Consultants. Carter was a member since 1995 and has earned the title of Professional Bridal Consultant for her work in the Association's educational programs.

She operates Carter's Creations from Livonia serving western Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties. She is a floral designer and wedding planner.

Tracy Kohls, of Canton, has renewed her membership in the Association of Bridal Consultants. She operates Couture Bridal in Canton and serves brides in the metropolitan Detroit area. She is a full-service wedding planner and consultant.

She has been an Association member since 1993 and has earned the title Professional Bridal Consultant for her work in the Association's educational programs.

New account supervisor

Tiffany Devon has joined Hermanoff & Associates, a full-service public relations firm as an account supervisor. In her new position she will lead on several consumer, healthcare and government sector accounts as well as new business efforts. Before joining Hermanoff, Devon was the 6 p.m. news producer for WJBK-TV Fox 2 in Detroit. She

lives in Livonia with her husband and their two children.

New ex. director

The Community Literacy Council, Inc. of Plymouth recently announced the appointment of Kimberly L. Black to executive director. The CLC is a non-profit family literacy program located on Holbrook in Plymouth. In her new position, she will be responsible for fundraising and development, tutor training, volunteer coordinating, and assisting in strategic planning. She reports directly to the CLC Board of Directors.

Black lives in Farmington Hills with her husband Major Bill Black, United States Marine Corps, and their two-year-old daughter Mackie.

Good times shared on the Internet

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MIKE



MIKE WENDLAND

As I write this, I hear the Pacific Ocean surf pounding outside the screen door. I'm on vacation, in Hawaii.

Wanna see? A webcam is pointed out at the view I'm looking at. Every three minutes, it uploads the current picture.

Just go to www.staykauai.com and click on the live camera hyperlink. A Sony digital camera, inconspicuously mounted in a corner of the ceiling and pointing out between the venetian blinds, shares my view with the world.

I've sent this link out to many of my friends. Eat your heart out, I say. Invariably, they send back nasty little notes telling me what to do with the webcam. But it's all in good fun. They're not serious. At least I don't think they are.

The webcam is what attracted me to this condo. It's owned by a California couple, Jack and Margaret Phillips. And they clearly love gadgets and gizmos. There are a system of home the likes of which I've never seen, stocked with dozens of CDs. There are funky mood lights and fancy dimmer switches that, after four days, we're just starting to figure out.

But the Phillips also use the Internet to market their rental units on Kauai. And that attracted my attention as I searched out potential vacation spots on

the Internet. The live pictures from the webcams show the little cove outside my door, the ocean out front and even the surfers who ride the waves from sunup to sundown.

There's a little guest book on the coffee table in the living room. Several guests, between raving about the beauty of this island, clearly note that the way they found this condo was through the Internet webcam.

After I made my booking, the Phillips' manager, Ricky Mae Toro, sent me an e-mail confirmation and a long note on how to find the condo, places to eat and waste information on what to do and see here, complete with links to local Web site on the island.

Remember when we thought TripTiks were a big deal? Now, with the Internet, information is instant and multimedia. It's absolutely amazing what the 'Net is doing these days.

But now that we're here, we still miss our kids and grandkids. We wish we could share this vacation with them.

So, we decided to use the 'Net to do just that. We set up our own special Web page to chronicle our vacation activities for our kids and friends back home. But, hey, you readers are family, too. You're welcome to check it out. (www.pcmike.com/hawaii.htm)

Remember what it used to be like in the pre-Internet days? We'd wait and wait to get our photos developed and then have to wait some more to get together with family and friends to bore them with our vacation pictures. Now, we can bore them on the

World Wide Web

So, as my wife and I hiked the spectacular Waimea Canyon here, I took along my Sony Mavica digital camera. Same with my Scuba diva trip. Zap. There's a picture of a turtle. A white-tip shark.

The camera came along on a visit to a tropical garden. There we are standing in front of a huge tree.

We visited a spectacular waterfall. A couple of hours after I snapped a picture, it's now posted on the 'Net.

And so on. Each day, I take digital photos of the highlight of what we saw and did.

At night, I just pop out the disk with the digital pictures, load them on my hard drive, tweak the contrast and adjust the image size and then just post them on a Web page for our family and friends back home.

Before I flew over, I called the local ISP, www.hawaiian.net, and arranged to have a short-term Internet account. That gives me unlimited access, with no long-distance phone charges. I send out e-mails to our friends and relatives telling them what's the latest on our vacation Web page.

And then they send back snide little comments. Like what I can do with my Sony Mavica. They're just kidding. At least I think they are...

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HEAT HELPS

When a joint hurts what is best - heat or cold? If your knee or ankle is swollen following an injury, then cold is best. The reason is that cold applied to an area closes the blood vessels, an action that prevents blood from leaking around the joint. It is this leakage of fluid that causes the joint to swell and contributes to your pain.

However, after 6-8 hrs., you want to increase blood flow to that injured knee or ankle. The augmented blood supply will bring in nutrients that accelerate healing. After the initial application of ice, the best treatment thereafter, is the application of heat.

This use for heat applies to joint fluid leakage as well as muscle spasms. Heat is also possible to the irritated joint. Blood flow warms the area, relaxes the muscle and helps to the irritated joint. Blood flow warms the area, relaxes the muscle and helps to the irritated joint. Blood flow warms the area, relaxes the muscle and helps to the irritated joint.

The best heat is moist heat, not because it penetrates, but because it is safe. Moist heat cools over time, preventing a burn that can occur when you combine radiation with electrically generated heat.

LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.
Attorney at Law

THE OTHER SIDE

While much emphasis is put on legal rights and seeking compensation for damages due to injury in a civil court, there is also the other side to consider. For every plaintiff who brings suit for negligence or an intentional tort, there is a defendant. What if you found yourself on the receiving end of a civil lawsuit? Do you have an attorney in place to defend your legal interests? If the answer is "no," it would make sense to enter into a relationship with an attorney whom you can trust. Just as we

have a family physician to attend to our health needs, it is a good idea to have a lawyer on hand prior to an urgent legal need.

If you are being sued, waste no time in speaking to your attorney. Time is of the essence to preserve evidence and to mount a compelling defense. Even if you have insurance, and the insurance company will provide an attorney, your best interest and your insurance company's interests may not always coincide.

HINT: A defendant may choose to answer a complaint by asking the court to dismiss the charges for failing to state a cause of action.

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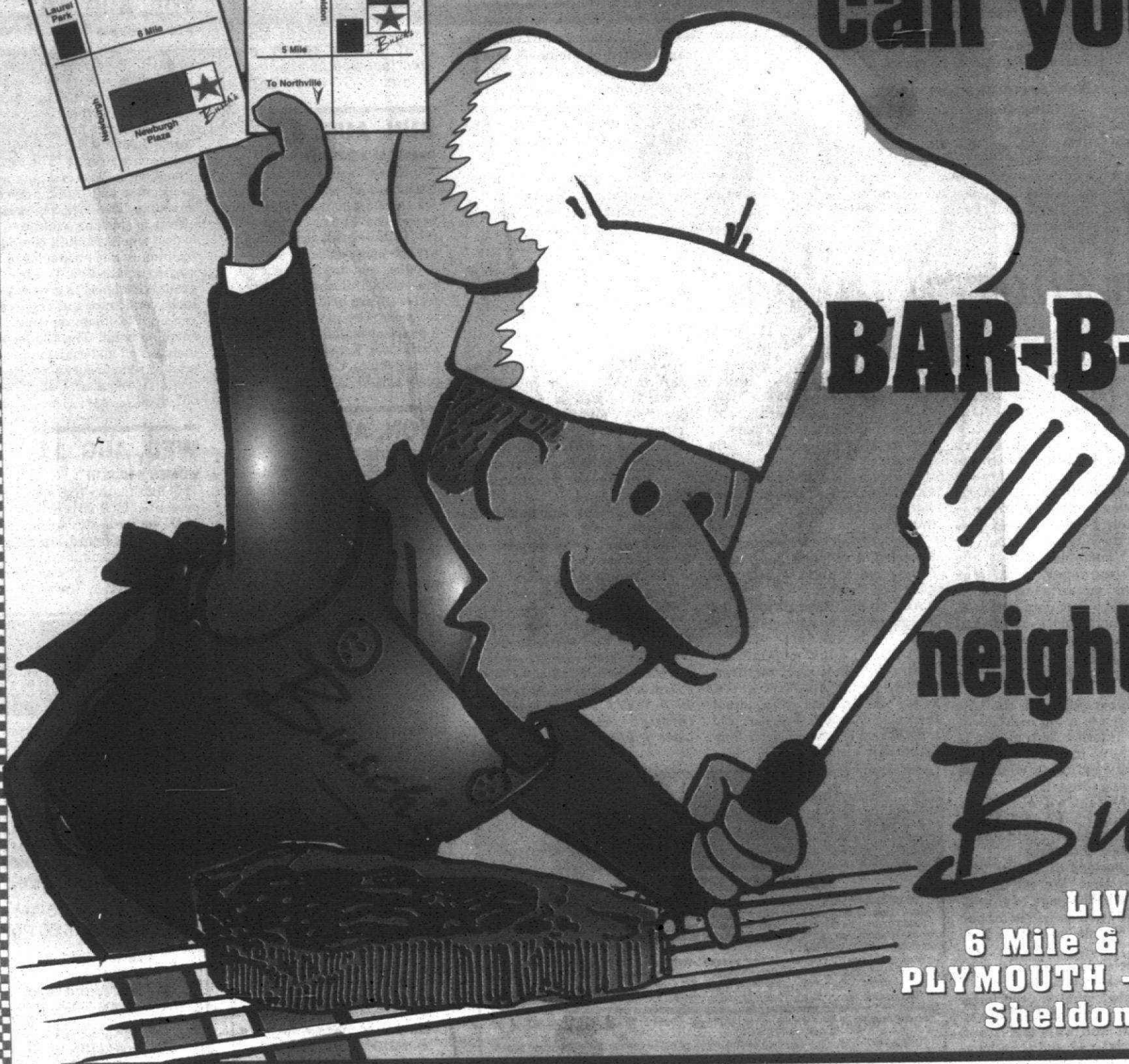
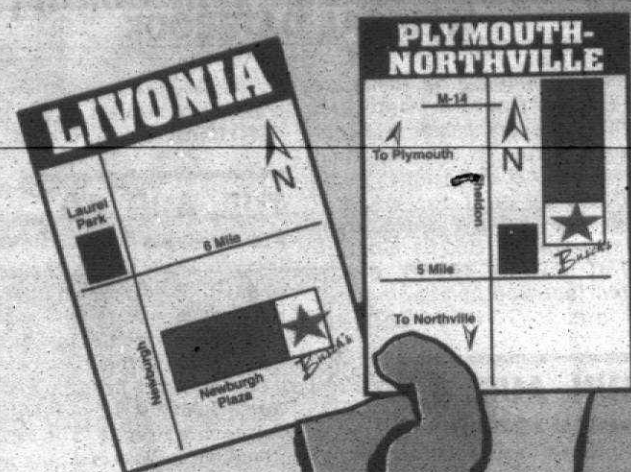
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SUN, AUG. 8

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends is a free support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical and/or environmental irritants such as smoke, fragrances, pesticides, cleaning supplies and new construction materials. Informal monthly meetings are held in various locations. Group will gather for a picnic at Island Lake State Park (near Kensington Lake) from 2-5 p.m. Call for directions (248) 349-4972.

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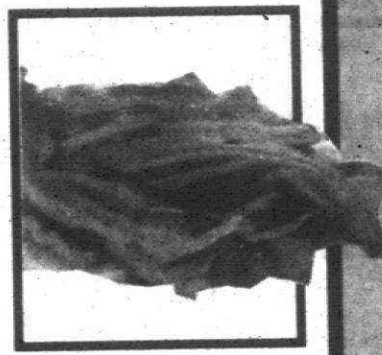
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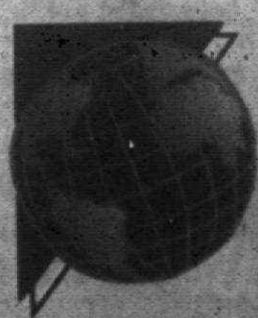
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists kiss summer bye-bye with gusto

August is usually the month most people take one last opportunity to enjoy the fleeting days of summer, but not Observerland artists. They're busy exhibiting their work and performing in concerts around the area.

If you decide to stay in town this month, check out the art local artists are creating. You won't be disappointed.

Final days

Artifacts Art Club, is presenting its first summer multimedia exhibit through Aug. 15 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts in Plymouth.



Artifacts exhibit: Amy Alley painted this oil titled "Comfortable Silences."

Irish landmark. Janosi relays the gentleness in the face of a Silverback gorilla.

Painting with thread

Westland artist Saundra Weed and Debra Danko of Grand Blanc create wall-warming "Art Quilts and Other Images" through Aug. 27 at Livonia City Hall.

Weed is a well-known area artist and teacher, but not many people have seen the sensual paintings she creates from fabrics. From an Oriental landscape to a floral focusing on irises, her works lure the viewer into the image. More recent art quilts mimic windows — stained glass or one that looks out onto a flower garden. Whichever you choose, Weed says art quilts are a new way to soften rooms.

"I think people are afraid to use paintings and quilts together on their walls," said Weed. "You just want to keep the colors or subjects consistent."

Weed's and Danko's works complement each other. Danko grew up in Livonia and turned her lifelong love of sewing into self-expression in 1991 when she took up quilting. Four of the quilts in the show are from a series she created with money from a 1999 Creative Artist Grant, supported by ArtServe Michigan in conjunction with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Danko's gorgeous Georgia O'Keefe-like flowers tease the viewer to come closer.

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Exhibits & Concerts

■ "Art Quilts and Other Images" — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday through Friday, Aug. 27, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

■ Summer Music Festival concert featuring Anthony Bonamici — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, Forum Building Recital Hall Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. No charge. (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5218.

■ Artifacts Art Club — multimedia exhibit 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday through Sunday, Aug. 15, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278.

■ Pewabic Pottery's Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 15 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe. Admission \$5. Call (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.com on the Web.

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra — pops concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Livonia Civic Center Park, Farmington Road at Five Mile Road. No charge. (734) 466-2540.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

People helping people: Jim Pujdowski (front) directed the painting of a mural on which student, John Durant, puts the finishing touches. Lesley Green (below) liked painting freehand the edges of the geometric shapes.

MURAL BECOMES A LESSON IN COMPASSION

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Jim Pujdowski smiled with satisfaction as he watched his students put finishing touches on a mural in the lobby of Community Choices in Redford.

The project was about more than just creating art for a building. Pujdowski, a Redford artist, hoped that during the eight days of laying down the vibrant red, yellow, blue and green geometric shapes the junior and senior high school students would learn compassion and respect for the disabled persons assisted by Community Choices.

It's a lesson he isn't always able to relay in the art classes he teaches at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"There's tremendous compassion here at Community Choices," said Pujdowski. "Everyone's treated with respect and dignity."

Pujdowski believes in people helping people. Since 1988, he and his

wife Marian Mudie have served on the board of Living Concepts, now known as Community Choices.

"I'm happy to give back and have this happen," said Jim Pujdowski, who recently gave a lecture to members of the Michigan Water Color Society at the Bloomfield Township Library. "The energy will be in my future work."

Lesson in compassion

Pujdowski knows from experience that extending a helping hand benefits volunteers as well. To prove his point, Pujdowski made arrangements with the school for students to earn the 25 hours of community service credits necessary to graduate.

John Durant, one of Pujdowski's painting students, was happy to have

the credits but he probably would have given his time anyway. As he added finishing touches to the mural, the 16-year-old contemplated the impact the last week had on him and fellow students Lesley Green, Stephen Buhalis and Byron Abraham.

"I saw that the people here really care about the people who come in," said Durant. "I'd never really known people who were physically challenged. I saw how some of them needed constant attention and how difficult the basic things were for them. You appreciate what you have after witnessing the difficulty they have."

The mural and the students are just part of the story Pujdowski thinks should be told. The building,

which houses Community Choices, was just a pipe dream of executive director Tom Chapman and his brother Robert until Ray and Fay El Kadri came into the picture. The brothers were in the process of joining Living Concepts and For-You, the nonprofits they headed, and were looking for a central location. In the last 20 years, the two organizations have serviced over 100 persons with disabilities in more than 30 locations.

The El Kadris, who recognized long ago the hardships endured by people with disabilities, offered to buy the building on Plymouth Road then renovate it according to Tom Chapman's design. Community Choices could take its time paying back the money to rejuvenate the storefront.

People helping people

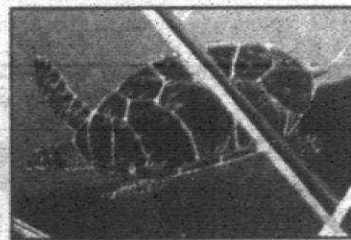
The El Kadris' were grateful for the help Community Choices continues to give their son.

Fal, now 43, was left legally blind

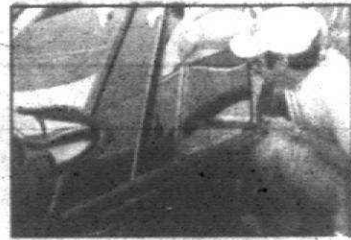
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Aquatic theme: Byron Abraham paints a fish into the brightly-colored mural.



Something fishy: This turtle is part of a mural created in Redford.



Helping hand: Stephen Buhalis was one of the students who brightened the lobby.

MUSIC

Orchestra 'Pops' into town for a swinging evening

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Cellist Kevin Crudder grew up in Plymouth, and like a lot of people, watched Boston Pops concerts on TV.

On Thursday he'll be performing some of the music he grew up with when the orchestra pops into Detroit on Aug. 12 to present an evening of swing music.

"I've been playing with them off and on for the past 10 years," said Crudder. "They're great players. You get to play a variety of music, it's fun."

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will be swingin' Thursday at the Fox Theatre with the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers, a British dance troupe who know how to "Jump, Jive 'n' Wail."

"We'll make a show people can cut a rug to," said orchestra conductor Keith Lockhart. "We hope it's something everyone will want to dance to."

Earlier this month, the Jivin' Lindy Hoppers appeared with Lockhart and

the Boston Pops in a PBS "Evening in the Pops" program titled "Swingin' at the Pops."

"The audience loved them, and we enjoyed the collaboration," he said. Usually the Pops offers a potpourri, something for everyone, on its tours, but this year they decided to concentrate on swing music from the Big Band era.

"We've been playing this music since the 1940s," said Lockhart. "Swing and Big Band music has had such a big revival. It's nice to be part of a trend. The first album I recorded with the orchestra was a tribute to Glenn Miller. We put it all together for this concert."

The program begins with a musical



MIRO VICTOROV

Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra

history lesson of jazz in America including the music of George Gershwin, Scott Joplin and Leonard Bernstein.

"There's a big chunk of Duke Ellington," said Lockhart. "Everything from the tunes everyone is familiar with to a foray into some of Ellington's more innovative classical compositions."

The dancers join the orchestra in the second half of the program with a salute to the Big Bands of Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw and others. They'll be "Runnin' Wild," doing the "Back Bay Shuffle," and playing "Swing Fever," a new Boston Pops arrangement that pairs

"Zoot Suit Riot" with "Jump, Jive 'n' Wail." The second half also features orchestra members in solos on trumpet, trombone and clarinet.

Boston Pops Swing Tour

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12

WHERE: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

TICKETS: \$37, 50, \$50 and \$75. call (248) 433-1515.

ON THE WEB: Visit the Boston Symphony Orchestra at www.bso.org

"Because of the resurgence of interest in swing we wanted to play pieces from some of the bands of today including Brian Setzer," said Lockhart. "We're trying to keep current."

"Keith is a great performer," said Crudder. "He's able to establish a rapport with the audience. You're not just attending these concerts, but you

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"It makes me happy to create something beautiful in a medium that can last for years," Danko said.

Summer Music Festival
Anthony Bonamici of Livonia will give his last concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, before returning to Russia to study piano. The performance will be during the Summer Music Festival on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



Bonomici, a former student of music department chairman Donald Morelock, returned to the United States in September after four summers of intensive studies at the Moscow Conservatory of Music. He will play Rachmaninov's "Sonata 2, Op. 36 in B-flat minor" at the concert. Bonamici was introduced to the work earlier this summer as part of the college's study trip to St. Petersburg Conservatory.

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Both musicians have fond memories of performing with local groups. "The Plymouth Symphony was important," said Crutcher who studied with retired orchestra member cellist Louise Bradley and now lives in Brookline, Mass. a suburb of Boston. "They played real concert repertoire. It was my first exposure to more standard classical literature."

The Livonia Youth Symphony made a huge impact on Gedigian who makes her home in Newton Upper Falls, a suburb of Boston.

Charles River Esplanade during July and perform Christmas Pops concerts and a New Year's Eve gala.

Five season
This is Lockhart's fifth season

as Boston Pops conductor. His fifth album with the orchestra, "A Splash of Pops," was released just before July 4 and included the first Boston Pops recording of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" since the Fiedler era along with other patriotic favorites such as the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

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Art Tile Fair
Diane Dunn does double duty as an exhibiting artist this month. In addition to the Artifacts Art Club show, Dunn is displaying wildlife tiles in Pewabic Pottery's Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Jerry Plenda of Livonia is also exhibiting tiles along with his partner Debbie MacNamara. Their Cheeky Monkey Studio will display designs ranging from Plenda's geometric abstracts to MacNamara's Celtic themes taken from seventh-century illuminated manuscripts.

Working in clay is quite a departure for Plenda, who graduated from Michigan State University with a psychology degree. He returned to school to study ceramics for the next two years before seeking employment as a glazer at VanBriggle Pottery in Colorado Springs, Colo. He and MacNamara now work in production at Pewabic Pottery. They first showed their work together at a Pewabic tile fair in March at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"I realized art is what I wanted to do," Plenda said.

Other local residents exhibiting in the August fair are Nancy Chevalier-Guido and Lisa and Rodney Cooper, Livonia, and Claudia Bortolotti Tann, Farmington.

Music Under the Stars
Conductor Volodymyr Schesniuk picks up his baton to lead the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in a free concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Livonia Civic Center Park.

Guest artists are soprano Darlene McMullen and baritone Dino Valle. LSO French horn player Carl Karoub will conduct half of the program.

"Pops, pops, pops is what we'll play," said Schesniuk. "It's a fun evening. Every year more and more people come."

In his native Ukraine, Schesniuk performed every Sunday in the park. "It was wonderful," said Schesniuk who immigrated to the United States in 1991. "We even had a special stage."

If you've never heard the Livonia Symphony Orchestra before, the Livonia Arts Commission-sponsored concert is a great opportunity. Who knows, you might even end up buying tickets to its opening concert on Nov. 9. Organist David Wagner is returning for the Good Friday program.

"This season we're also playing Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 to celebrate the new millennium," said Schesniuk.

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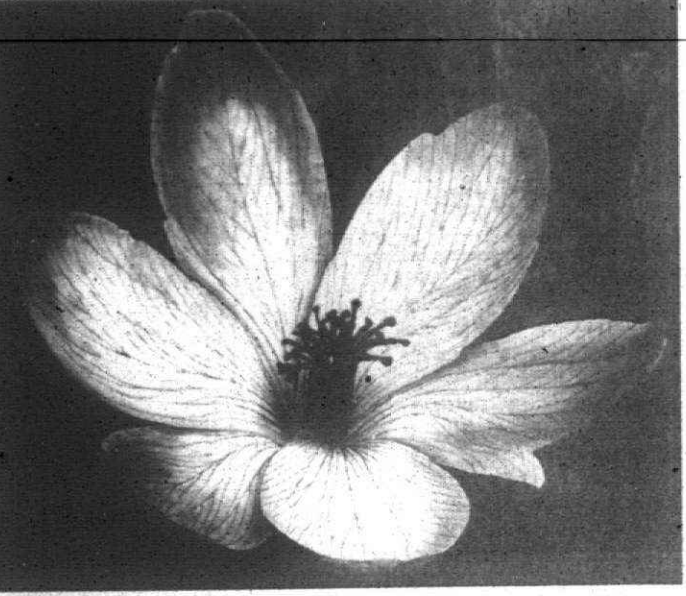
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Art quilt: Debra Danko created this saffron crocus from fabric.

tickets to its opening concert on Nov. 9. Organist David Wagner is returning for the Good Friday program.

"This season we're also playing Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 to celebrate the new millennium," said Schesniuk.

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Noteworthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

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

FERNDALE ART FAIR
Juried fine art show with more than 80 artists, student exhibit and children's area, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, Ferndale Civic Center, 300 East Nine Mile.

NOVI ART FESTIVAL
Fifth annual Novi Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at the Novi Town Center in Novi. (248) 347-3830.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUTUMNFEST
Traditional crafts, including candlemakers, quilters, and woodworkers, sought for Autumnfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 354-5180 or (248) 424-9022 for table information.

CANTON PROJECT ARTS
Canton Projects ARTS is accepting applications for the 1999 juried "Fine Arts Exhibition" to be held October 8-15 at The Summit on the Park, Canton. All work must be submitted on slides, accompanied by an application by August 25. To request an application or further information, please call (734) 397-6450.

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.

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Positions open for concertmaster, second horn and strings. Auditions Wednesday, Sept. 1. To schedule, call (313) 565-2424.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
Applications available for talented young people to join the 1999 Youth Artists Market and also people of all ages to participate in the Banners contest. The Festival is Sept. 18-19 on the campus of WSU. To request an application, call (313) 577-5068.

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, Lathrup Village, MI, 48076-0569.

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

FULL CIRCLE DANCE
Henry Ford Community College Full Circle Dance Company auditions August 12 and 20, 2-3 p.m. at the Dance Studio, Athletic Building, 5101 Evergreen. Required rehearsal: MWF, 1-3 p.m. (313) 845-6314.

HARLEM NUTCRACKER
The University Musical Society hosts auditions for the Harlem Nutcracker Kids cast on Saturday, August 21 on the Detroit Opera House Stage, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. The Harlem Nutcracker runs from Wed. Nov. 24 through Sun. Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House. For information about auditions contact the UMS Education office at (734) 615-0122.

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Tranquility: Recent works by Hessam Abrishami on exhibit through Aug. 29 at the Danielle Peleg Gallery, 4301 Orchard Lake Road (Crosswinds Mall), West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

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.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Exhibitors wanted for the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild eighth annual "Spotlights Market," art, craft and gift show 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 at Oakland University's Oakland Center, room 126-127. (248) 656-1170.

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

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Seeks artists to design the outdoor public billboard at the gallery, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Proposals must be received by Sept. 30. (248) 541-2444.

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.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Summer semester runs now through 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 Road, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

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

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and youth throughout the summer, 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.

METRO DANCE
Children and adult classes beginning Aug. 9. Special summer camp for children ages 4-6, 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

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at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7 p.m., Monday, August 9, 2260 E. Stadium, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2550.

FOR KIDS

JINGLE BEL INC.
Summer Stock Camp for ages 7-12, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Mondays, August 9-12, Colorama Art Camp, 12:15-1:45 p.m., Monday, August 9; Preschool Colorama Art Camp, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Monday, August 9, 1551 East Auburn Road, Rochester. (248) 375-9027.

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.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Through Aug. 15 - The 18th annual Alma Print competition exhibition. Through August 27 - "Mixed Bag," the Michigan Surface Design Association exhibit. 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Through Aug. 31 - Fiber artist Muriel Jacobs' one-woman show. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

BORDERS BOOKS
Through Aug. 31 - "Timeless," the photography of Mary Silk. Oakland Mall Borders Books, 460 W. 14 Mile Road, Troy. (248) 544-1203.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Aug. 28 - "Regional Art: A Legacy to Acquire," 47 Williams Street, Pont

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Post-season bargains can update your wardrobe



CARI WALDMAN

Once I started looking for them — end of the season bargains, that is — they were everywhere.

While some of us are still caught up in our tank tops, bathing suits and other carefree, summer garments, others are in the heart of serious fall wardrobe planning.

Regardless of your time horizon and wardrobe needs for fall and summer, there are some post-season bargains out there that are too good to pass up. And, shrewd shoppers are scouring sales racks for steals to pack away for mid-winter vacations and next summer. That high-priced, designer bathing suit you've been eyeing all season is the perfect example of an item you can snag at significant savings.

Furthermore, ingenious shoppers are likely to find wearable items during the fall transition period, the stage between warm summer days and chilly autumn nights.

A sweater set of heavier weight, for example, might be worn in early fall with other apparel pieces. A light-weight wool suit from the summer season, for instance, can be worn through October.

At every price point, we saw a lot of the same apparel trends: Capri pants, flat-front khakis, strappy sandals, halter tops, sweater sets, pale gray suits and tops with three-quarter-length sleeves.

Luckily for us, there are still plenty of these items hanging on sales racks discounted by 50, and even 75, percent.

At these prices, why not indulge in the designer digs you passed up earlier this year in the name of being practical?

Seriously though, reconsider the word "clearance" and look for pieces you can have fun with now but wear into the fall season.

Here's a look at what's out there:

Let us start with three-quarter-length sleeve shirts. At The Limited at The Somerset Collection in Troy, \$29 will buy you a silk-cashmere blend V-neck sweater with three-quarter-length sleeves.

Likewise, at Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, I spotted three-quarter-length sleeve shirts in white, light blue and pink by Finity. Originally \$68, these practical, crisp-textured shirts were marked down to \$23.99.

Keep your eye out for good quality T-shirts, too. They're always needed and, if you're lucky, you may land a real steal.

Notable finds — all priced under \$20 — included fitted boatneck and V-neck shirts at The Gap, Banana Republic and Loehman's in West Bloomfield.

In the category of designer bargains, I found a lightweight wool-lycra blend suit in cement gray by Calvin Klein on sale at West Bloomfield boutique Complainant. Both of these pieces are perfect items for your fall transitional wardrobe. The jacket, originally priced at \$385, was marked down to \$193. The matching flat-front trousers were reduced from \$195 to \$98.

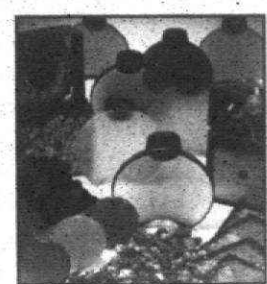
Also marked down 50 percent at Complainant were unusual cotton sweaters and sweater sets by Calvin Klein, Esprit, Pin Up and Icon.

The best bargain I found in the shoe category turned up at Imelda's Closet in downtown Birmingham. Mezzan's Italian-made, woven leather flats in natural and black, originally \$150, were priced at \$49 and \$59.

The store also has Barleycorn's suede ankle boots at a significant reduction. Available in shades of navy, rock and brandy, these funky boots will complement a pair of khakis or dark rinse jeans in the fall just as easily as they do summer gear. Originally priced at \$155, they're a steal at \$89.

The rest is common sense. Get out there and score those sales racks. And, let me know how I can help in your quest for a good bargain.

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



BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Buyers of designer cosmetics and fragrances know there's no such thing as browsing the beauty counters.

Unless you're immune to the influence of cosmetics sales clerks, who work on commission and are trained to sell, your leisurely shopping pace will most likely disappear within minutes of approaching the counters.

But new concept beauty retailer Sephora is about to give local buyers of brand name cosmetics and scents a different environment in which to shop.

Founded in France and currently commanding 20 percent of the French beauty market, Sephora is setting up its 30th U.S. store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

The 5,500-square-foot store will open Aug. 13 at Somerset North near Hudson's. The company opened a store at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights in May and plans to open another location at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall in December.



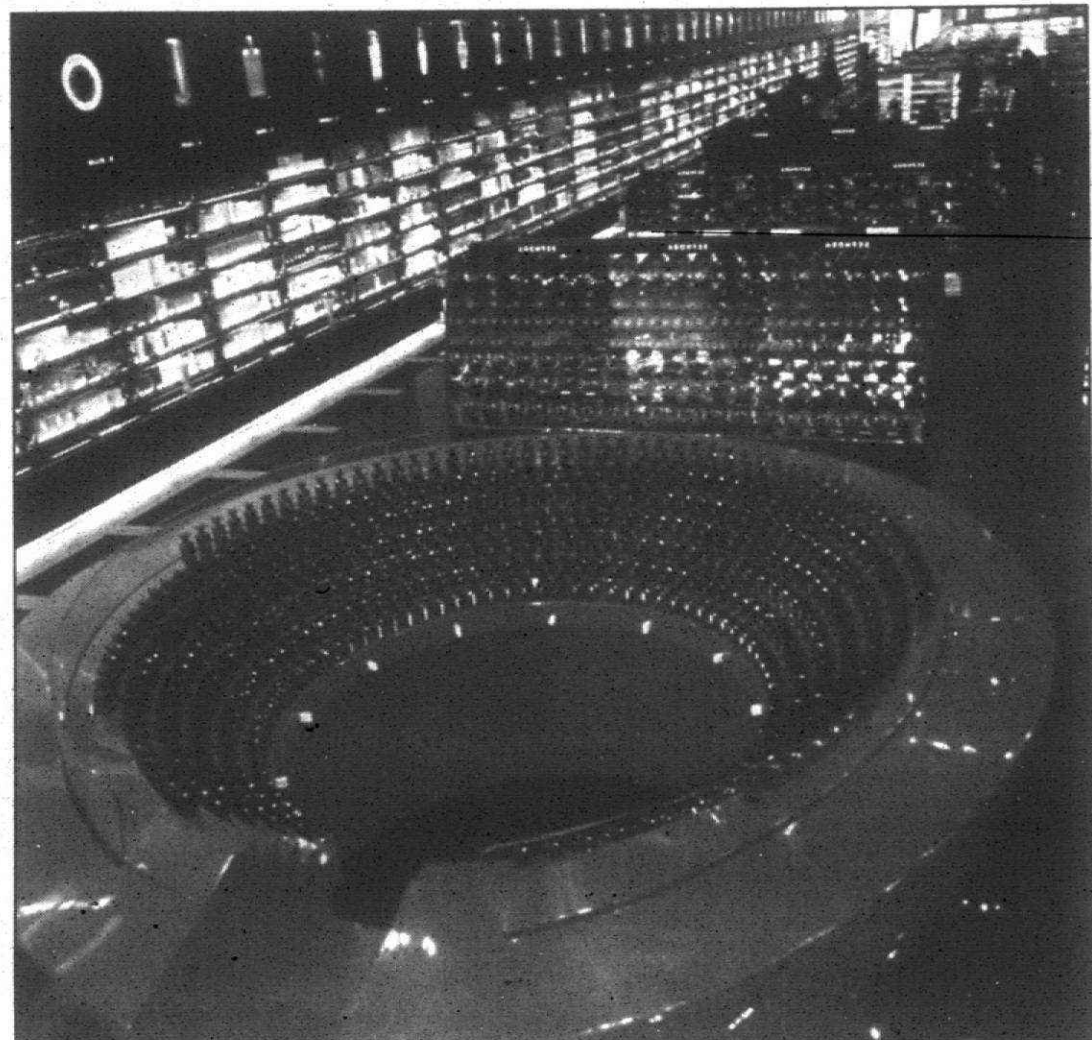
Private label: Sephora has its own line of beauty products.



Well-being: Sephora sells well-being products, like candles, too.

Browse, test, compare

New concept beauty retailer changes the way we shop for cosmetics



New concept: Founded in France and in command of 20 percent of the French beauty market, Sephora sells designer-brand cosmetics and fragrances in a self-serve environment where assistance is available if needed. Sephora opens its 30th U.S. store at the Somerset Collection in Troy on Aug. 13.

Designer fragrances are housed together in alphabetical order for easy selection and fast comparison shopping.

Testers are also provided for each of the store's estimated 13,000 products, which include Sephora's own beauty line — about 10 percent of the store's merchandise — and more unique goods with limited availability.

"I suspect that the purpose is to make it easier for those (shoppers) who want to make their own decisions," said R. Mohan Pisharodi, associate professor of marketing at Oakland University's School of Business.

Sephora also seems to target consumers who like to do comparison shopping, a style of purchase decision-making on the rise, said Pisharodi.

"Lots of consumers today want to compare, compare, compare," said Pisharodi. The same type of shopper also worries more about sales clerks' influence on their purchase decisions, he said.

While Sephora shoppers are encouraged to freely explore store merchandise and test and compare products, the company does provide customer service. Tailored to meet the needs of individual shoppers, customer service ranges from assistance locating a particular item to full-blown makeovers, said McCarty.

Another feature distinguishing the store from cosmetic counters is the well-being library, where hair care goods and products typically sold only by dermatologists and beauty salons will be available.

The store's appearance, sleek and futuristic, is also radically different from the conventional cosmetic counter. Dramatic black walls and display areas contrast with the store's ruby red carpeting. Sales clerks don white gloves and wear all-black clothing.

"It's so intriguing," said McCarty of the overall environment. "You can't help but feel that way."

Mode du Concours show is sporty and chic

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Sophisticated and sporty can coexist in fashion.

That's the message Ellen Tracy's Fall 1999 Collection sent at the annual Mode du Concours fashion show July 30 at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

One of many events making up the Concours d'Elegance weekend, the show was organized by Saks Fifth Avenue and "Mirabella" and "Elle" magazines.

Sporty elements showed up in styling and color. Tracy, for example, gave cropped, tailored jackets and luxurious sweaters sporty, sweatshirt-style hoods. She also showed a slew of cozy, funnelneck turtlenecks that were styled loosely, rather than folded under neatly.

Casual zip-front jackets and snap-button shirt jackets had a formal look by virtue of fabric choice. One shirt jacket, cut much like a man's flannel shirt, was made of rich, rusty brown leather. Zip-front jackets were made elegant with soft

felted wool and an elaborate paisley fabric.

Color also lent a playful, sporty air to Tracy's fall clothing collection. While the designer certainly tapped classic colors like dark blue, winter-white, gray, taupe and an array of brown tones, she interjected a large dose of both pastel and bright colors.

Plaid, for example, showed up in hues of lilac and mint green. A tailored, Shetland wool, outer coat reminiscent of Jackie O. showed up in Halloween pumpkin orange. Lemon yellow gave an elegant, shearing-leather and fur jacket a wear-it-with-jeans look.

Other playful colors included hot pink, ice blue and bright hunter green. Most of Tracy's evening wear, however, came down the runway in midnight blue with classic black, red and other jewel tones conspicuously missing.

Trousers, with the exception of Tracy's tab pants, fell on the slimmer side relative to other designers' fall collections. But her skirts, just above and at the knee, were true to expected season trends.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Makeup artist Trish McEvoy appears with her company team at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Trish McEvoy Cosmetic Counter. Appointments are limited. To schedule a consultation, call (734) 591-7696.

ST. JOHN FALL SHOW
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents St. John's Fall 1999 Collection in recognition of the Junior League of Birmingham, 5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. show, St. John Boutique, second floor. For ticket information, call (248) 646-2613.

BEAUTY GIVEAWAY
Receive a tote bag and sampling of beauty products free with any cosmetics or fragrance purchase of \$50 or more at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Aug. 15.

SWEEPER TRUNK SHOW

The Apple Tree Room in Franklin hosts a trunk show of Michael Simon's sweaters (with 10 percent savings on orders) through Aug. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SAKS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, celebrates its 32nd anniversary at its current location with cake and refreshments, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., First Floor.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

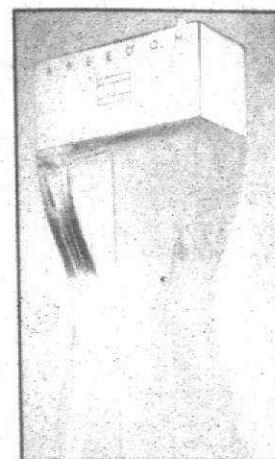
MICHAEL MOORE APPEARANCE
Meet Bobbi Brown Essentials makeup artist Michael Moore at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Aug. 14, Cosmetics Department, first floor. To make a consultation appointment, call (248) 643-3300, ext. 2109.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

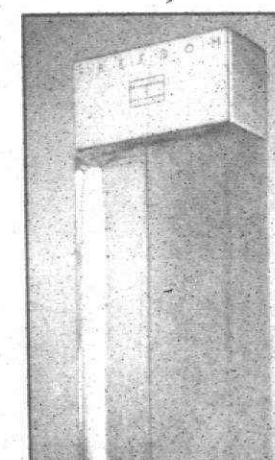
MAKEOVERS FOR GIRLS
Hudson's stores offer young girls an opportunity to undergo a mini-makeover with choice of hair styling, assistance with decorating a barrette or a manicure, 2-4 p.m., Girl's Department.

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STUFF WE CRAVE

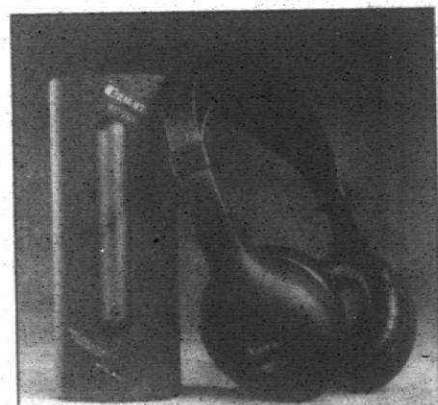


Freedom: Tom Hilfinger's new fragrance line, Freedom, includes individual scents for men, below, and women, above, in bottles made to suit each sex, \$12-55 at Hudson's.



Popular pajamas: Karen Neuburger's comfortable, colorful and whimsical pajamas are perhaps best known as the bedtime duds of television sitcom character Ally McBeal, but women are buying buying stores out of the item, about \$52 at Jacobson's, Hudson's, Nordstrom and other area department stores.

Solar sound: Bring the music outdoors and don't worry about batteries and extensions cords with a solar-powered radio, \$79 at The Sharper Image, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Where can I find?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

Clock repairs are available at The Clock Doctor in Troy, (248) 524-2338.

Coty 24 lipstick can be bought at Walgreen's stores.

To recycle plastic bags, call Enviro Bag Company, (800) 866-3954. They will tell you which schools in your area take plastic bags for fundraising events and then sell them to Enviro Bag.

Daniel Green slippers are sold through the QVC Cable Network, (800) 345-1515.

Cherryburgers are available at Farmer Jack, Busch's, Spartan and Hiller's stores or at Plavits in Cedar, Mich., (616) 228-5000.

Pokemon cards are sold by Susan B. Ashlee Company in Northville, (734) 420-1800.

A Solid State magneto needle can be purchased at Discount Marine on John R. in Madison Heights, (248) 588-0633.

We found the Cinderella story movie video with Leslie Ann Warren, a Rainbow Brite doll, a potato grater and Lego train tracks.

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A wrinkle remover product called Spray Press by Maid of Honor that was formerly available at Kmart stores.

A Hamilton Collectors Plate called Sara by Maude Humphrey Bogart and a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook for Carol.

A musical weight scale for Dorothy.

A used sewing machine desk cabinet with drawers on both sides with or without the machine for Wanda of Garden City.

The book The Anne Jillian Story for Toby.

Peanut butter pretzels for Justine.

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TRAVEL

What to do on whirlwind weekend in Manhattan

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The long weekend in New York City is at once both cliché and unique experience.

It has been the subject of several movies, most notably "The Out-of-Towners" with Sandy Dennis and Jack Lemmon, recently redone by Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn.

Their experience is awful as a variety of big-city mishaps befall the couple.

Our weekend was much better.

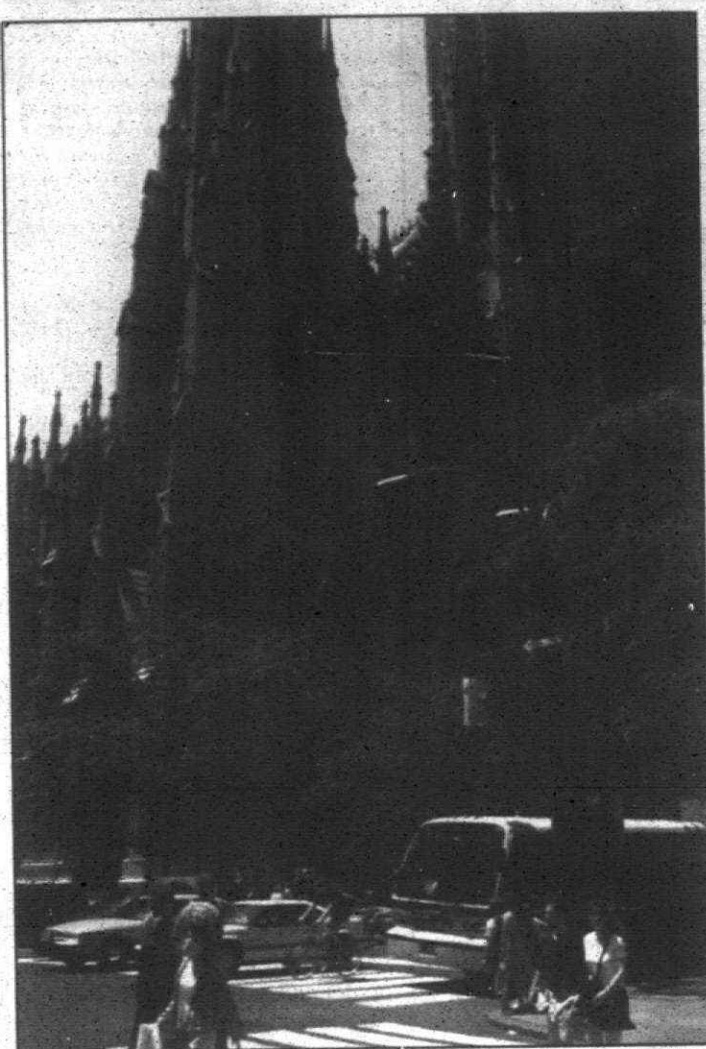
We decided on a stay stretching from Saturday noon until Tuesday noon. Our companions were our son, Mark Johnson, who works for West Bloomfield Schools, and his wife, Trista.

Saturday, after checking into lovely rooms at the Omni Berkshire Place hotel, we took a cab to Central Park for an early dinner at Tavern on the Green. The landmark restaurant is often featured in movies (including Martin's recent "Out-of-Towners"), especially the Crystal Room. Dinner was wonderful, about what you'd expect at a moderately expensive restaurant in southeast Michigan.

We spent the middle part of the evening at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest museum in the Western Hemisphere. You'll never get to all 230-plus galleries in one evening.

Highlights for us were the 2,000 European and American paintings on display, many of them priceless, many of them classic images often reproduced in textbooks. It is thrilling to see originals like "Washington Crossing the Delaware."

It may seem like hyperbole, but this museum's collections of paintings can't be equaled any-



PHOTOS BY DOUG JOHNSON

Manhattan landmark: Spend a few moments inside St. Patrick's cathedral listening to the organ.

where in America. Also at the museum you'll want to walk through the magnificent Temple of Dendur. The Met built its reputation on Egyptian antiquities.

We capped off the summer's

evening with a horse-drawn cab ride around Central Park, punctuated by the sweet smell of all the honeysuckle in bloom. Be advised: these rides aren't cheap. The hansom cabbies gather at



Oasis: Many New York buildings provide small outside spaces for a respite from big city crowds.

New York City information

The Omni toll free number is 1-800-THE OMNI; a recent ad offered rooms at \$199. The Omni Berkshire in New York completed a \$50 million renovation in 1996.

The Fodor's guides to big cities is at fodors.com on the Web.

"Hop-on, hop off:" Apple tours, 800 876-9868; Gray Line tours, 212 247-6956.

Metropolitan Museum Web site: metmuseum.org; phone 212 535-7710. The Met is closed Mondays but open late Friday and Saturday.

Tavern on the Green is in Central Park; 212 873-3200; reservations suggested.

"Ragtime" is playing in a huge 1,850-seat, totally renovated theater; tickets are currently being sold through next January; 212 307-4550.

the bottom of Central Park and protocol demands you take the first in line.

Opting to walk the few blocks back to the Omni, we first strolled the lobby of The Plaza, hoping to see the ghosts of F. Scott Fitzgerald or John Lennon. Dessert and coffee at midnight at the Omni was \$47 and provided our first true dose of Big Apple sticker shock.

Finding a hotel in Manhattan can occupy much of your planning time. Many Internet sites are very helpful, especially fodors.com (Fodor's travel guides). Often specials are offered in the Sunday New York Times travel section and it is possible to find a room in the \$120-a-night range.

The Omni was about \$190

(discounted rate through Quest) not counting all the taxes. We liked its location one block from St. Patrick's Cathedral, two blocks from Rockefeller Center, five blocks from the theater district. It was also right around the corner for the Museum of Modern Art.

Sunday morning was spent with late breakfast and a walk up Madison Avenue, and over to St. Pat's, Sak's and Rockefeller Center.

Sunday afternoon was set aside for "Ragtime," an ideal play to see in New York. It is really a New York story capturing the wonderful fictional and historical aspects of E.L. Doctorow's novel about the tumultuous turn of the century melting pot that was NYC. The mas-

sive set created for the scene with Henry Ford and the Model T production line especially resonates with Detroit visitors.

Clive Barnes glowing review of "Ragtime" says it well: "It's a show that takes the heartbeat of a legendary New York, half-real, half-hoped and totally imagined."

Monday was devoted to a bus tour of Manhattan on the London-style double decker buses of Apple Tours. Gray Line also offers these "hop on, hop off" loops around Manhattan; a couple of other firms offer tours in vans, but these are booked in advance. Guides are of uneven quality. One was an ex-cop with a great voice and an encyclopedic knowledge of the city; another was a radio dj wannabe with a bad Don Imus imitation.

The tour took all day with "hopping off" at Battery Park for a look at street performers and the Statue of Liberty.

We had a late lunch at a no-name store-front eatery in Chinatown. The menu consisted of a 10-page mimeographed panegyric to Chairman Mao stapled in front of the meal offerings. I don't know which was more fun: the wonderful food or the discussion of how much Mao liked spicy pork.

Monday night we had a wonderful meal at a mid-town Italian restaurant, "50 Restaurant," (Cinquantia Ristorante) at 50 East 50th Street.

Tuesday morning before the plane ride home was spent at MoMA and the wonderful works there (like van Gogh's "Starry Night"), and a quick peak into Tiffany's.

Everyone had something they wished they had done: Trista would have liked to visit a jazz club; Mark would have liked to go into the Guggenheim. I would have liked to see the photography galleries in SoHo; my wife would have liked a boat trip in the harbor.

But that's for the next long weekend in New York.

Doug Johnson, retired Livonia teacher, and his wife live in Plymouth. Their son and daughter-in-law live in Livonia.

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French Travel expert David Groen, a retired Livonia teacher who lives in Redford, will offer a

mid-November opera trip to Paris (Nov. 14-22). Escorted from Detroit by Groen, the trip includes airfare roundtrip, transfers, comfortable three-star hotel, near the Arc de Triomphe, continental breakfast each day, two dinners, walking tours of the city and tickets to two operas of your choice: "Lulu," Marriage of Figaro, "LaBoheme," or "Dialogue of the Carmelites." Cost is \$2065 double occupancy, booked through Carlson Wagonlit Travel

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Sharp-shooter

Brandon Czekaj, who will begin his sophomore year at Livonia Stevenson HS next month, made his appearance at the NRA National Smallbore 3-Position Outdoor Competition at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio July 23-24 a worthwhile one. Czekaj, who has been shooting competitively for only two years, placed second in his Intermediate Junior (15-17) Division, scoring 2,102 points out of a possible 2,400 in the two-day event.

Czekaj, using an Anschutz 1913 rifle in the gusting winds coming in off Lake Erie and high heat, scored 1,019 out of a possible 1,200 on the first day and hit 1,083 out of 1,200 on the second. The competition was at 100 yards.

Lewis selected

Craig Lewis, a freshman at Westland John Glenn HS, has been chosen to participate in one of 16 Griffey International All-American Talent Showcases in September.

Lewis will demonstrate his baseball talents in front of college coaches and pro scouts at Eastern Michigan University Sept. 10-12. Players will show, by position, their ability to hit, run, throw and field, and will undergo tests for strength and speed — including hand strength, bat speed, arm velocity and upper-body strength.

Many of those who participate in one of the Griffey International Showcases eventually earn college scholarships or are drafted into the pros.

Indians advance

The Michigan Indians defeated the Ozone (N.Y.) Dukes, 9-5, to advance to the final 16 in the AAU Junior Olympic Tournament in Cleveland.

Justin Ockerman of Garden City fired a four-hitter, striking out seven, to lead the Indians. Jim Phillip and Dave Short paced the offense with three hits apiece, while Zach Short collected two hits. Bobby Marten's play at shortstop sparked the defensive effort.

Friendship Run/Walk

The 50th Anniversary Friendship Festival Run/Walk is slated for Saturday, Sept. 11 at Central City Park in Westland. There will be a 5-kilometer run/walk starting at 3 p.m. followed by a one-mile run/walk at 3:30 p.m. The events are sponsored by St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Cost to participate in either is \$10, which includes a T-shirt and a drink cup. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 4; race day registration will be 2-2:45 p.m. on race day.

Medals will be given to the top three male and female overall finishers in the 5-K race. Concessions will be available on race day. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew Lutheran and mailed to Jess Shough, 35680 Fernwood, Westland, MI 48186.

For more information, call Jess or Carolyn Shough at (734) 729-4720, or St. Matthew Lutheran Church and school at (734) 425-0261 or (734) 425-0260.

Booster meeting

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Canton HS. Topics of discussion include fund-raising goals for the 1999 school year, completing picnic plans, and discussing plans for the upcoming football season.

All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend, including those of incoming freshmen who plan to play football. Future meetings will be at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 165 of Canton HS.

For more information, call booster club president Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

Coach needed

Emerson Middle School in Livonia is in need of a cross country coach for the fall. Those interested may call Lee Cagle, Emerson's athletic director, at (734) 523-9456 and leave a message, or they may call the Livonia schools' personnel department at (734) 523-9107.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to Sports editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Tri-State lands 5 from state champ

The fate of Tri-State University's football team just might be traced to Redford and Catholic Central, after the Thunder signed five Shamrocks. Their recruitment brought to eight the number of CC football signings.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Adorning the walls of the athletic wing at Redford Catholic Central are photographs of recent graduates, and some not so recent, in their collegiate or professional uniform.

Eight players from last year's Class

AA state football champion will go on to play collegiately this fall, which would normally mean that many phone calls to colleges from CC athletic director Bob Santello for new photographs.

But Santello can save on his long-distance bill and get five new faces on the wall with only one call to Tri-State University, located just south of the

Michigan border in Angola, Ind.

Recent CC graduates Justin Cessante, Lou Willoughby, Brocc Naysmith, Derek Anderson and Jason Woehlke will continue their football careers at Tri-State, which finished the 1998 season with an 11-3 record and a loss in the NIAA national semifinals.

Three other Shamrocks, Nick Brzezinski, Dave Lusky and John Abshire, are headed off to college on their own. Brzezinski will play at Duke, Lusky is headed to Eastern Michigan University and Abshire to Hillsdale College.

Cessante, a defensive back, was the

first to commit to Tri-State and the rest fell like dominoes. He committed to the Thunder after making an official visit, the same weekend he visited Grand Valley State, which never came through with a scholarship offer.

"I like the coaching staff, they paid a lot of attention to me," Cessante said. "I went to Grand Valley on a Friday and almost didn't go (to Tri-State) because I thought Grand Valley was going to come through (with a scholarship). I made a visit Saturday, liked it, then told them about (some of his CC

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Quite a showing

Observerland golfers challenge on Junior Tour

BY C.J. RISAK
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It was a chance to put on a good performance on a familiar course, and several young Observerland golfers responded to the challenge at Wednesday's Power-Bilt Junior Tour event, hosted by Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

One of the best showings belonged to Canton's Brian Gullen, who narrowly missed winning the boys 16-and-over division. Gullen fired a 73 on the 7,001-yard course, one shot behind winner Mitchell Flemming of St. Clair Shores and Justin Sharp of Owosso (Flemming won in a playoff). Gullen's score earned him 40 tour points.

Matt Bartnick of Livonia, playing in the boys 14-15 division, was equally successful. Bartnick was second in his age group with a 75, two shots behind winner Brandon Duff of Goodrich. Westland's Jason Lang was five strokes off the pace, tying for sixth with a 78.

In the 14-15 girls division, Heidi Aittama of Livonia fired a solid 81 to place third, behind winner Mandi McConnell of Grand Blanc, who carded a 74, and Devan Andersen of Grosse Pointe Farms, who shot 79.

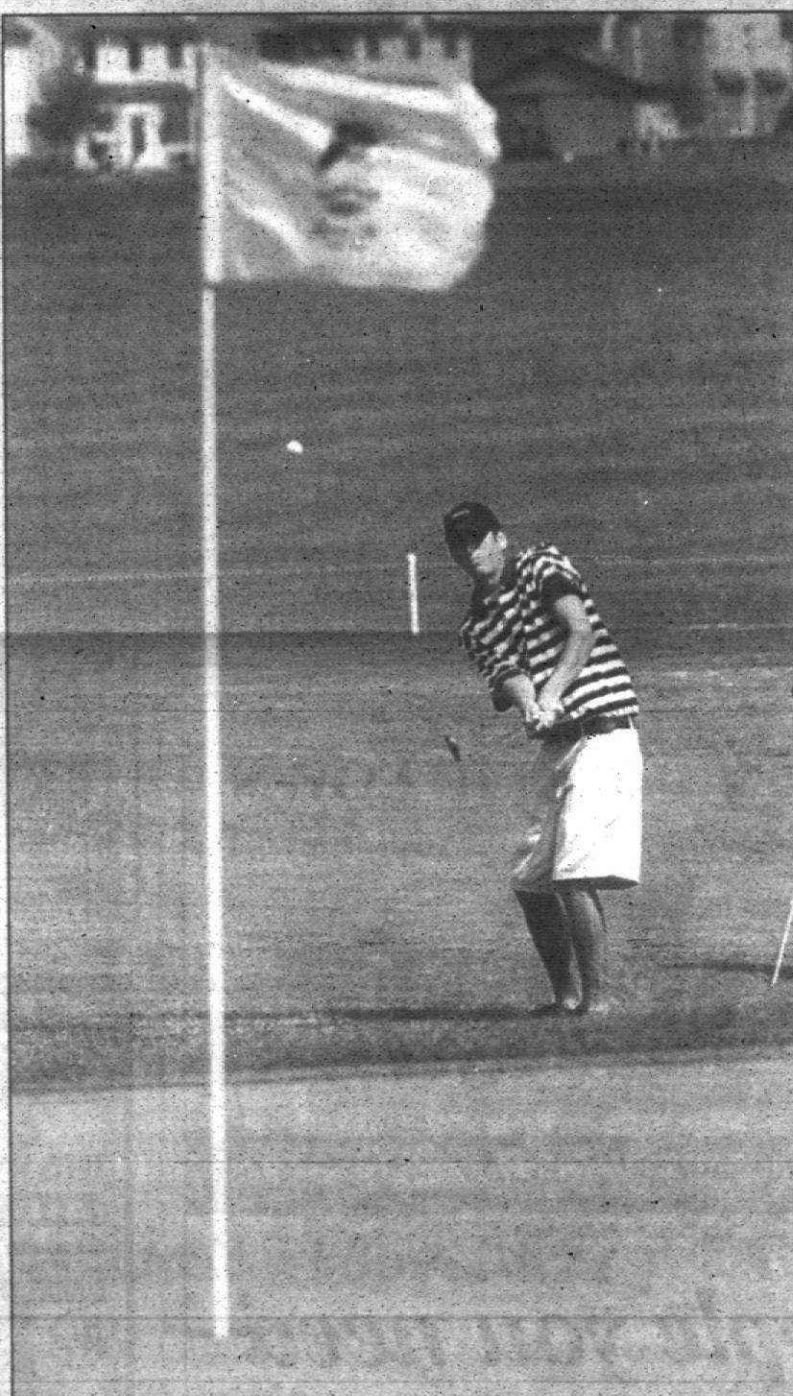
And in the boys 13-and-under division, a pair of Canton kids placed in the top six. Andy Thackaberry was fifth with an 88, and Robert Bedder tied Novi's David Denyer for sixth with an 89.

There were several other impressive performances. In the boys 16-and-over division, Ryan Nimmerguth of Canton tied for eighth with a 77 and Jay Smith of Plymouth and Chris Tompkins of Westland tied for 17th with 79s.

Other local scorers in the 16-and-over division: Ryan Shamrock of Westland, 84; Mike Thackaberry of Canton, Randall Boeige of Livonia, Mark Doughty of Canton and Bryan Marshall of Livonia, each with 88s; and Michael Check of Farmington Hills with a 92.

In the boys 14-15 division, other Observerland scorers were T.J. Lester of Plymouth with an 80; Scott Wolfe of Livonia with an 84; Scott Oliver of Plymouth and Bob Zydeck of Canton with an 88; Richard Sudak of Westland with an 89; Preston Picard of Farmington Hills and Joshua Young of Livonia at 93; Steve Robinson of Livonia, 94; Keith Fukuda of Canton, 95; Matt Immerfall of Canton, 96; and Ben Kristy of Livonia, 98.

The only other girl from Observerland to compete in the 14-15 division was Elizabeth Lulek of Canton, who



shot 136.

In the 13-and-under boys, Canton's Ryan McKendry placed eighth with a 91, and Farmington Hills' Joseph Stefan tied for ninth with a 92. Livonia's Matt Robinson scored a 111 and Plymouth's Dante Masciulli had a 120.

Polanski first

Kristen Polanski of Livonia finished first at the Traverse City Junior Golf

Championship Wednesday at Grand Traverse Resort's Spruce Run course. Polanski shot a 92, giving Polanski enough points to earn Player of the Year accolades for her division.

Polanski will start her freshman year at Livonia Stevenson HS next month.

Junior results

The 23rd annual Junior Golf Tour-



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On target: During the high school season, these two paired off for their respective schools against one another — Ryan Nimmerguth (left) for Plymouth Canton, Chris Tompkins (above) for Westland John Glenn. At Wednesday's Power-Bilt Junior Tour Tournament at Pheasant Run, Nimmerguth emerged with the better score — although Tomkins' was solid, too. Nimmerguth shot a 77; Tomkins had a 79.

nament of Livonia, sponsored by the Livonia Civitan Club and Livonia's Parks and Recreation Department, attracted 180 golfers, with champions crowned in eight divisions. The tournament was held July 29 at Idyl Wyld.

There were also morning and afternoon contests in several categories, such as longest drive, closest to the

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After strong start, Travel teams slip

BASEBALL

Russ Price and Tony DeMarco.

Travel 15 falters

The Livonia Travel 15 struggled at the 15-and-under World Series in Winterhaven, Fla., without top pitcher Daniel Wilks, finishing 1-3.

Wilks, who was 5-1 during the season, was unable to throw due to a shoulder strain.

In their opener at the Cleveland Indians' Chain of Lakes facility July 26, LT 15 got off to a winning start with an 8-3 mercy-rule victory over the Coffeyville (Kan.) Rockies. Eddie Conz got the win, improving to 4-1, with Jim Manusco going 3-for-3 at the plate with three runs scored, Daniel Wilks going 2-for-3 with three runs batted in, Jake Viane collecting two hits and two RBI, and Billy Marsack adding one hit and three RBI.

On July 27, LT 15 played two games in tempera-

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The start was strong, but after being rained out on Friday (July 23) the fortunes of the Livonia Travel Blue 15-16 year-old baseball team slipped as they finished with a 3-2 record at the AABC District Tournament at Plymouth Salem.

The Blues won twice on Thursday, beating the Troy Rangers 6-5 behind the pitching of Dan Dziekan (from Redford Catholic Central), and Detroit 12-0, with Paul Mercier (Livonia Churchill) tossing the shutout. Friday's rainouts forced the Blues to play three times Saturday.

They started well, defeating the South Farmington Selects 12-8. But after that came back-to-back losses to the Michigan Rams Select, 16-2, and A. Green, 12-8.

The Blues finished the season with a 17-7 overall record.

Leading hitters for the team were Jason Dominas (Churchill), 470; Brent Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Can-

ton), 418; Mercier, 415; Brandon Ray (Livonia Stevenson), 408; and Paul Price (Walled Lake Western), 397.

Several Blue players were drafted to play for other teams in tournaments, with Mercier playing for the Northville Broncos in the NABF World Series and Paul Price by Trenton to play in the Oklahoma World Series (Price declined).

Other team members are Brent Kwiatkowski, David Latin, Ryan Opalinski, Chris Smilo and Derek Vermeulen of Plymouth Canton; Brandon Ray of Livonia Stevenson; Ryan Tracy (Livonia Franklin); Brent Zeestraten of Belleville; Eric Allen of University of Detroit Jesuit; and Jason Piazia of Dearborn Divine Child.

The team is coached by Joe Mercier, John Ray,

Aluminum bats produce higher scores

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Put wooden bats in the hands of collegiate-aged baseball players and you can take away the long home run fences at Livonia's Ford Field and the 2-hour, 15-minute time limit for games.

That's the consensus in the second year wooden bats were used exclusively for the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, whose home diamond is Ford Field. Aluminum bats are used when the collegiate teams played against the unlimited age teams in the Can/Am Division.

Run production was down considerably for two of the four Collegiate Division teams when wooden bats were used instead of aluminum, but even more noticeable was the lack of the long ball and games played in a shorter time for all four teams.

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, made up mostly of Henry Ford Community College players, and Livonia Adray seemed to be the most affected by the change in artillery.

In 21 games (12 with wood and nine with aluminum) compiled by the Observer, Hines Park averaged 9.2 runs per game with aluminum bats and 2.7

BASEBALL

per game with wood. Hines Park, which finished last in the Collegiate Division, was 2-9 in 11 games played with wooden bats, 5-4 in aluminum-bat games.

Livonia Adray scored 34 runs in 12 games with wooden bats tracked by the Observer, an average of 2.9 per game. Adray averaged 5.4 runs in the 11 aluminum bat games tracked.

Adray, third in the Collegiate Division, was 5-7 in wooden bat games, 4-7 in aluminum bat games.

Hines Park coach Stu Rose, who also coaches Henry Ford CC, said Dan Fairchild, a 1998 Garden City graduate, was one of his few players not hindered by the wooden bat.

The Collegiate Division teams elected to use wooden bats for a second-straight season in a preseason vote among the four coaches. Michigan Lake Area Rams coach Rick Berryman, Livonia Decatur Consultants coach Mike George and Livonia Adray coach John Moraitis voted in favor of wooden bats and Rose voted for aluminum.

Majority ruled.

The league decided to go to wooden

bats last year in order to attract quality players who were choosing to go out of state to play in wooden bat leagues. Rose isn't sure it's a good idea, and not just because his team struggled.

Omar Diaz hit the team's only two home runs with wood, Rose said. Hines Park hit all sorts of homers with aluminum bats, scoring in double digits several times with the bats they've been swinging since they were kids.

"I didn't want to go to wood," Rose said. "I'm an aluminum fan because that's what college use. It made sense to me to swing what they use during the season. My team batted seventh (among junior colleges) in the country with aluminum. It's a whole different team with wood."

If the 'top' player wants to show a pro scout who's not convinced he can hit with wood, the Cape Cod League is a great place to play. Marginal players, suspects, are much better off using aluminum and let the scouts guess.

Moraitis said he's indifferent about which bats his team uses.

"I'm just like a sheep, went along with what everyone else did," Moraitis said. "They hit (with wooden bats) all right, just can't hit it as far. The bat's a little heavier and they don't get it around as

quick." In contrast to Hines Park's and Livonia Adray's struggles, the Rams and Collegiate Division champion DCI averaged slightly more runs per game with wooden bats than aluminum.

The Observer compiled all of the Rams' scores and they averaged of 4.3 runs with wooden bats (64 in 15 games), compared to 4.09 with aluminum (45 in 11 games). The Rams were 8-7 with wood, 4-7 with aluminum, finishing second in the Collegiate Division.

Berryman said the Rams had more hits with aluminum bats but couldn't seem to get the clutch hit often, keeping scores lower in those games.

He was surprised that the Rams scored more per game with wooden bats than aluminum.

"I'm shocked by it," he said. "But we hit pretty decent pitching this year."

Berryman still is a believer in using wooden bats will make the players better hitters when they return to aluminum in the collegiate season.

"It makes them realize what they have to work on to be better hitters," he said.

All of DCI's scores were compiled, also. DCI averaged 5.5 runs per game

with wooden bats (83 in 15 games) and 5.4 with aluminum (54 in 10).

DCI was 11-3-1 with wood and 4-5-1 with aluminum.

George, the DCI coach, thinks using wood makes a player a better hitter once he goes back to aluminum in the collegiate season. He said his teams at Madonna University, where he formerly coached, used to take batting practice with wooden bats and it helped once they used aluminum in games.

"I like the concept of the wooden bat," George said. "It makes for a quicker game and is a great teaching tool for kids. You get away with a lot with an aluminum bat that you don't get with wood. I would vote for it to stay."

The Can/Am Division, an unlimited age division made up of Troy Jet Box and three teams from Canada, is in favor of continuing to use aluminum bats in all of its games, including those with the collegiate teams.

"We are all senior players, not going pro anywhere so why spend extra money on wooden bats when there's no advantage to you anyway," said Chris Souliere, a former coach in the league.

"I can see over there in the Collegiate Division, they're trying to attract better college players with wooden bats."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball tryouts

*A 12-and-under AAU Little Caesars baseball club will have tryouts Aug. 21 and Aug. 28, with times and places to be determined. This is a competitive baseball team, with a schedule of 70 games.

To register, and for more information, call Jeff Dolbrowski at (313) 274-6951.

*The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, formerly the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League, will have its fall sign-up for its 12-and-under and tee ball teams from 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Community Library. The PCJBL will have its first meeting from 7-8:45 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Plymouth Community Library, at which board member nominations will be conducted. Those nominations will be voted on from 8-8:45 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Plymouth Community Library.

Falcon 5K

The Falcon 5K, a five-kilometer run to be held in Dearborn, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21. Pre-race entry fee is \$14 (before Aug. 13); day-of-the-race entry fee is \$17 (7-8:30 a.m.). Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in each age division: 14-and-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. All pre-registered 5K runners will receive a T-shirt; a limited number of T-shirts may be purchased the day of the race.

There will also be a one-mile (free) fun run, starting at 8:45 a.m. The Falcon 5K will follow at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the run will benefit the Divine Child Alumni Association. Checks should be made payable to DCAA, Falcon 5K and mailed to: Falcon 5K, 25001 Herbert Weier Dr., Dearborn, MI, 48128.

For information, call Ron

Debono at (734) 464-7145 or Dennis Vogel at (248) 888-9029.

Briton football

Talk about an expanding audience. Those who follow Albion College football, an NCAA Division III school of fewer than 2,000 students, will be glad to know their school's radio coverage will be available to an audience of two million.

Among those who will broadcast Briton football — starting Sept. 4 with the home opener against NCAA Division I-AA foe Butler (Ind.) University — is WCAR-AM, 1090 on the radio dial, in Livonia/Garden City.

WCAR's broadcasts will be tape-delayed and will be heard at 5 p.m. Saturdays. WCAR is one of three radio stations in the state to carry Albion football.

For more information, call the PCHA Hotline at (734) 254-9198.

PCHA membership

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association will be accepting applications for membership from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The lack of ice time prevents the PCHA from expanding, so there are few openings.

Which is why the application process will be in the form of a wait-list drawing, which will be at 12:15 p.m. Aug. 15. Residents of Plymouth and Canton are asked to bring proof of residency, because they will be given first priority in the drawing. There are few openings, so most applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

For more information, call the PCHA Hotline at (734) 254-9198.

Equipment sale
The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association will have its annual used equipment sale from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Those with used equipment for sale should arrive at 9 a.m. to tag their equipment. The PCHA will keep 15 percent of the sale price of each item sold.

Call (734) 254-9198 for further information.

Coaches wanted
Livonia Franklin HS is in need of a freshman cheerleading coach. Any prospective candidates should call Franklin athletic director Dan Freeman at (734) 523-9317.

Livonia Ladywood HS is searching for a junior varsity tennis coach for the upcoming school year. Contact the Ladywood athletic office at (734) 591-2323 for more information.

Walled Lake Central has an opening for an assistant boys' soccer coach for the fall season. If interested, contact athletic director Dave Yarbrough at (248) 956-2074.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may direct them to sports editors C.J. Risak or Brad Emmons, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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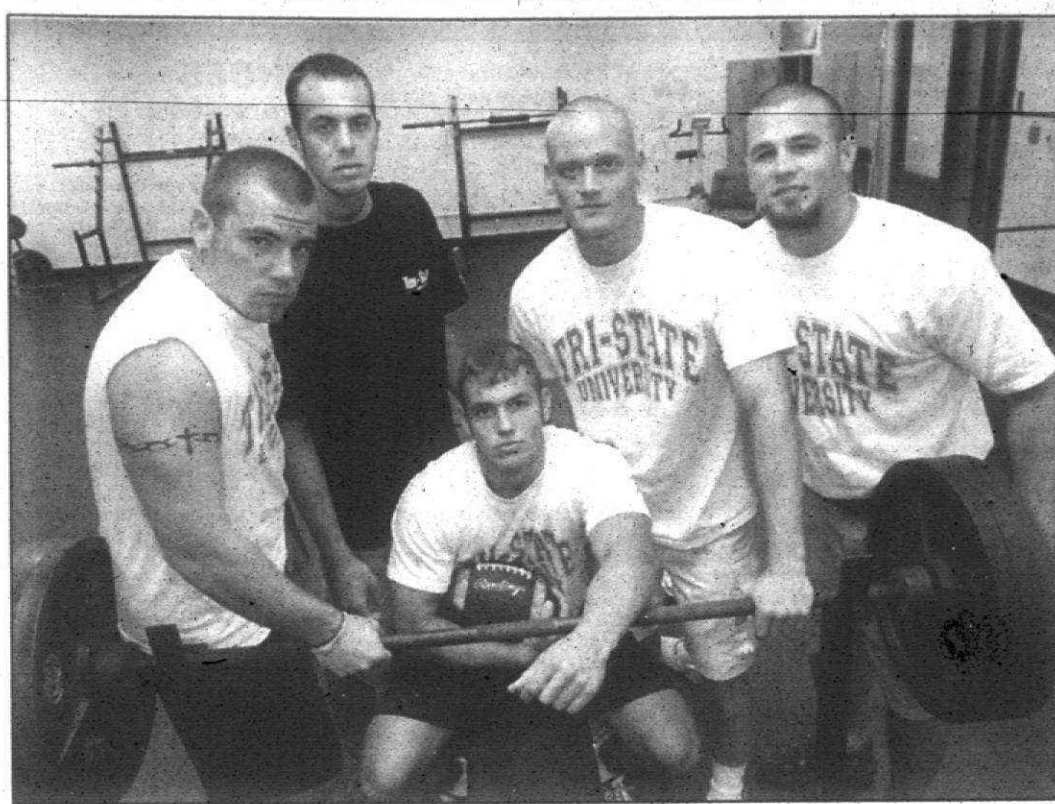
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Teammates still: A year ago, these five — (from left) Lou Willoughby, Jason Woehlke, Justin Cessante, Derek Anderson and Brocc Naysmith — were preparing for another run at a state title for Catholic Central. Now, all five will be seeking something similar, but for a different school. All five will attend Tri-State.

Golf from page D1

pin, and closest to the white line hole. There were two holes for each contest.

In the 14-17 girls 18-hole flight, Ashley Johnson's 86 was best. Katie Carlson took second with a 92.

In the girls 10-13 nine-hole flight, Danielle Kaluzny was first with a 69 and Katy Burger placed second with a 76.

First place in the boys 14-17 18-hole flight went to Robert Shaffer, whose 83 edged runner-up Steve Robinson by a single stroke.

The boys 12-13 nine-hole first flight was captured by Kenneth Sinclair, who topped John Thomas in a sudden-death playoff. Both shot 38 for nine.

In the boys 12-13 nine-hole second flight, Robert Milton Jr. was first with a 41; Mike DuPuis, Jeff Lerg and Tim Tofan tied for second, each with a 43.

And in the boys 12-13 nine-hole third flight, Gabriel Molnar won in a playoff with Nick Kasaba, each shooting a 45.

The 10-11 boys nine-hole first flight went to Mike Dolmetsch, again in a playoff, he edged Daniel Wensing. Both shot 39.

In the 10-11 boys nine-hole second flight, Kurt Rogalla was a winner with a 49, with Danny Stone second with a 56.

In the afternoon, boys longest drive at hole No. 5 was taken by Nick Colangelo; boys longest drive at No. 18 was by Joel Camfield. Boys closest-to-the-pin at No. 4 was by Mike DuPuis; at No. 17, it was by Chris Boyle.

And boys closest-to-the-white-line honors at No. 3 went to Kyle Stutzman; at No. 12, Matt Steiniger was first.

In the morning, girls longest drive at No. 15 was by Burger; at No. 17, honors went to Johnson.

Boys longest drive at No. 5 was by Dolmetsch; at No. 15, it was by Sean Sachau. Boys closest-to-the-pin at No. 4 was by Chris Boyle, while at No. 17 the honor went to Sachau. And boys closest-to-the-white-line at No. 3 went to Joe Thomas, while at No. 12 it was Sachau, again.

Women's results
In the Women's Suburban Golf Association Tournament at Reddeman Farms Friday, Livonia's Dorothy Cortes had the low net score in second flight, a 70. Low gross honors in the second flight were captured by Mary Ann Kraft of Dearborn Heights with a 93.

First flight low gross was taken by Diane Wazney of Dearborn with an 86. Low net went to Lillian Vandenberg of Dearborn Heights with a 71.

CC recruits from page D1

teammates). They saw films and liked what they saw."

Willoughby, a defensive lineman from Livonia, can't believe how lucky he is to join these many teammates in college.

"I thought there'd be a chance I'd go off to college and have another teammate or someone there I already know, but I never thought I'd be playing with this many," he said.

Cessante's roommate will be Woehlke, a wide receiver from Westland who has been a close friend since the two were freshmen.

Willoughby and Anderson, a wide receiver from Livonia, also plan on being roommates. Tri-State's colors are red, white and blue, the same as CC's, and they'll be reminded every time they awake.

"My mom and Derek's mom are trying to color coordinate our room," Willoughby said, smiling.

Naysmith, a linebacker, is the odd man out because he committed last. He doesn't know yet who his roommate will be.

Naysmith is the grandson of CC wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez, whose first question after "congratulations" was

"Does the school have a wrestling team?" The answer is no, which is bad news to grandpas but good news for Naysmith.

"Thank God there's no wrestling team," Naysmith said, smiling. "If there was one he'd probably encourage me to do it."

Naysmith, Woehlke and Willoughby plan to study criminal justice and Cessante is interested in pre-medicine. Anderson, who with Willoughby had the top ACT score among the group, both recording 27s, is undecided about a major.

Maybe it's best Willoughby and Woehlke aren't going to be roommates. They're already going to see enough of each other in class and on the field.

"I picked my schedule and this kid just went off mine," Willoughby said, laughing while pointing at Woehlke.

Cessante is expected to get the best shot at playing, and maybe even starting, as a freshman. The rest are just hoping to receive some playing time as freshmen.

"The coaches told us they

think the Catholic League is a source of hard workers and they expect us to be leaders right away, coming from a winning program," Cessante said.

The Thunder employ a wide-open West Coast style offense with a three-receiver set for most plays.

That brings smiles to the faces of Woehlke and Anderson.

Four of the five players wear earrings now, Naysmith being the only abstention. Earrings can't be worn at CC but they're in on the Tri-State team.

"Everyone's got them at Tri-State," Willoughby said.

Naysmith and Willoughby also sport tattoos on their biceps and they couldn't get them until after their athletic careers at CC ended.

If a CC student has a tattoo it must be covered by clothing. Naysmith also wears a goatee, which wasn't the look he had at CC, where facial hair isn't allowed.

"I got mine after it was 'legal,'" a smiling Willoughby said of his tattoo, which came after track season.

Baseball from page D1

tures approaching 110 degrees, losing 16-1 to the National Braves (Sacramento, Calif.) and 12-11 to the Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) Thunder. Viane paced the hitters with two hits, including a home run, and four RBI in the double-header; Marsack, 5-for-8 with three runs scored; J.T. Haellerman, three hits and two runs scored; Gary Zielke, two hits and two RBI; and Conz, two hits.

After an off-day, LT 15 played a consolation game against the Northeast Louisiana Sluggers July 29, facing perhaps the toughest pitcher they had seen all season. The result: 15 strikeouts by LT 15 and just five hits, two of those by Viane, in an 8-1 loss.

Marsack's .636 batting average paced LT 15 in their four-game stretch; he also had five runs scored and four RBI. Viane batted .600 with one homer and six RBI; Wilks hit .429 with five RBI; Mancuso batted .455 with five runs scored; Zielke hit .354 with three RBI; and Conz hit .500 with three runs scored.

For the season, Marsack's .389 topped LT 15, followed by Wilks, .383; Viane, .376; Zielke, .346; Conz, .338; and Haellerman, .336.

Other team members are Steve Celoskey, Bernie McDonnell, Andrew Miller, Jeff Niemic, Sean Sugrue, Kyle Jekot and Jake Ghanam. The team is coached by Rick Marsack, Butch Conz and Doug Miller.

Rams split at NABF region

The Rams began play on Thursday at the North American Baseball Federation regional, losing to the host team, Swan's Insurance, 13-3.

Tom Gallos suffered the loss on the pitcher's mound. Chet Rees (Westland John Glenn/Madonna University) was 2-for-2, including a home run, with one RBI.

The Rams won a thriller on Friday morning, 13-12, as Phil Commer earned the save in relief with a clutch performance.

Ben Rush and Lance Siegwald led the Rams' hitters. Siegwald was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Rush was 3-for-6 with three RBI.

Peter Varon was 2-for-5 with two RBI and Rees and Mike Patterson were each 2-for-5 with an RBI.

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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.

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.

SPORT SHOOTING

SPORTING CLAYS
Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear season opens Sept. 10.
GROUSE
Grouse season opens Sept. 15.
RABBIT
Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.
SQUIRREL
Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

FISHING

B.A.S.S. TOP 150
The first stop on the 1999-2000 B.A.S.S. Top 150 circuit will be

Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 25-28 on Lake St. Clair. Daily weigh-ins will be at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens.

TOP BASS
The final stop on the Top Bass Tournament Trail is the series championship, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15, on Wixom Lake. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information.

METRO BASS 'N' GALS
Metro Bass 'N' Gals will hold the Linda Carruthers Memorial, a two-person team open bass tournament, on Sunday, Aug. 15, on Lake St. Clair. Call Mary Ashteneau at (313) 981-3367 to register or for more information.

CLASS/CLINIC

HUNTER EDUCATION
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will offer a hunter safety Aug. 9-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 to register and for information.

PADDLE CAMPING ESSENTIALS
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a class on the basics of paddling camping beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL CLINIC
Tri-County Michigan Duck Hunter's Association and the Bay City State Recreation Area are co-hosting the fourth annual Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Call (517) 667-0717 for more information.

WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC

The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville will discuss his hike across Lake Royale National Park during an ultralight backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsman's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for 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 Aug. 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

PAINT CREEK OUTFIERS
Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. 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.

ACTIVITIES

HERITAGE PARK
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore Heritage Park in Farmington Hills during this program, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Call Tom LaFrance at (734) 464-7899 for more information.

BALD MOUNTAIN HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a five-mile hike at Bald Mountain State Recreation Area beginning at noon on Sunday, Aug. 22. Call Dan Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for information.

CLUBS

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 Day at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club

meets at 7 p.m. 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 Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for 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 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.

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

SHOOTING

RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & 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 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6777 for information.

COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

NATURE CLUB
Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Independence Oaks.

Ferguson could be a bass star

NATURE NOTES



BILL PARKER

With the new millennium approaching, Al Ferguson is rapidly gaining momentum on the professional bass fishing circuits. Could he be the next superstar of bass fishing? Will the first 10 years of the new millennium be the decade of the "Art of Fishing?"

Time will tell, but if I'm Dave Hite, Roland Martin, Kevin VanDam or any of the other big names in the industry I'd be looking over my shoulder. There's a new kid in town, he's capable, he's hungry, and he's proven he belongs fishing side-by-side with the best bass anglers in the world.

If there were any doubts about Ferguson's ability he's erased them over the past year.

On the rise
Fresh off a career-best third-place showing and a \$50,000-pay day in the Wal-Mart FLW Forrest Wood Open last month on Lake St. Clair, Ferguson, of Rochester, wrapped up an impressive 18th-place finish over the weekend in the granddaddy of all bass fishing tournaments, the prestigious B.A.S.S. Master Classic. Held on the Mississippi River Delta in Louisiana, Ferguson got off to a sluggish start in the tournament but finished with a flurry.

"I feel real good about it," Ferguson said of his top-20 finish. "I would have liked to have done better, you go in to win, finish 18th, but overall I'm pretty happy. I struggled early, but finally found some bigger fish. It was nice to come back like that."

Ferguson was 18th after the first day, weighing a five-fish limit that went 9 pounds, 11 ounces. He again caught a limit on day two, but it weighed just 8 pounds, 1 ounce, which dropped him to 23rd place.

Helping hand

"A buddy of mine, Randy Howell, from Arkansas, did real well on the last two days. Going into the last day he gave me a pump-

kin jig-n-pig and that's what I ended up catching the bigger fish on," Ferguson said. "I caught my limit on a seven-inch Gambler red shad worm, but the bigger fish seemed to hit the jig better."

The final weigh-in was held before some 25,000 fans at the Superdome in New Orleans. Ferguson jumped back into 18th place by weighing another limit on the final day that tipped the scale at a respectable 13 pounds, 9 ounces.

"The final weigh-in was pretty awesome. It was mind-blowing," Ferguson said. "I had a nice limit on the last day so it was pretty exciting to go up in front of that many people."

Ferguson started fishing professionally in 1990, but didn't fare well out of the gate. Although he qualified for the Classic that year by placing third in the B.A.S.S. National Federation Championship, he lacked adequate sponsorship and nearly went broke fishing the BP Top 100 circuit. The fish didn't cooperate much either.

He continued to fish in local and pro tournaments and also started a guide service - summers on Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay, winters on Florida's Lake Okeechobee.

Gaining confidence
Ferguson's success and confidence steadily increased as he gained more and more knowledge about the lakes he was fishing, the habits of the fish in those lakes, and the intricacies and rigors of tournament fishing. This year the "Art of Fishing" has arrived.

At age 34 and with a ton of experience under his belt, not to mention some big name sponsors including Marathon, Chevy Trucks, Triton Boats and Mercury, he returned to the pro circuit this year and turned in top 30 finishes on the B.A.S.S. Master Top 150 Pro Am. He was third in the Forrest Wood Open and qualified for the FLW Championship next month on Fort Gibson Lake in Oklahoma. He was also sixth in the Northern Division and seventh overall in the B.A.S.S. Wrangler Federation National Championships, which qualified him for the Classic. Ferguson also qualified for the 1999-

2000 B.A.S.S. Top 150 and begins fishing in that circuit Aug. 25-28 with a tournament on Lake St. Clair.

Back at home

"I'm excited about that one. It's going to be a great tournament," Ferguson said. "It will be nice to start the 1999-2000 circuit on my home water."

"I think it will be better than the FLW because there will be more big-name pros there and there's a lot more open water to fish now," he said. "The Canadian side (of Lake St. Clair) was closed until the last day of the FLW and not many people fished it because we couldn't get out there and find the fish in pre-fishing."

Ferguson expects the smallmouth to be in a late summer pattern when the Top 150 rolls into Metro Beach Metropark, which means they'll be schooling up in deeper water and in moving water.

"They're harder to find late in the summer, but when you do find them they're schooled up tighter," Ferguson said.

Fishing fans can meet some of the big name pros during the Chevy Pro Night, Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Hamilton Chevrolet, located at 14 Mile Road and Mound Road in Warren. Joining Ferguson at the event will be some nationally renowned pros as Roland Martin, Jimmy Houston, Denny Brauer, David Fritts, Tommy Bille, and Kim Stricker, among others.

While mainstream America considers the ramifications of the Y2K threat top bass anglers are pondering the impact of the arrival of the Art of Fishing.

To set up a guided fishing trip call Ferguson at (810) 997-7702 or visit his web site at www.alfish.com.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@home.com, or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)



A fish story: Wally Christensen was surprised to see a big sturgeon look directly into his viewfinder.

Rare photo gets noticed

Wally Christensen of Farmington was surprised by what he saw through the camera lens, but quickly took the picture.

What he saw was a large sturgeon poke its head out of the water, as if to have a look around and see what was happening.

Christensen took the photo earlier this year at Alverno Dam on the Black River, seven miles south of Cheboygan in the northern lower peninsula.

"We knew the guy who operated the dam, and we went to see the sturgeon spawning," Christensen said, adding the landlocked fish swim from Mullett Lake to the dam for that purpose.

Christensen estimated the sturgeon to be nearly 5 1/2 feet

in length and weighing nearly 80 pounds.

"I was awed when he looked at me like that," Christensen said. "Never in my life had he seen a fish do that. He just stuck his head up and looked right at us."

Christensen's young grandson took that and his other sturgeon pictures to school the next week to use during show and tell.

"He was a hero for the day," he said.

Christensen has had fun with the photos, too, showing them to people and asking them to guess what it is.

Some were fooled by the projecting snout, a characteristic of sturgeon, and thought it was a porpoise, he said.

Sturgeon also are valuable as a source of caviar.

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Entertainment will include an old-fashioned ice cream social on Friday, Aug. 13, with entertainment provided by the Big Band, the popular Larados on Saturday, Aug. 14 and the Waco Country Band close up the weekend on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Other entertainment will also be provided during the day Saturday and Sunday in the main pavilion, while family entertainment will be the highlight Saturday and Sunday.

Other activities will include a four-on-four soccer tournament held on the park's baseball fields; an exhibit by the Garden City Fine Arts Association in the Log Cabin, and craft booths in the park.

For the entire family, there will be free swimming in the nearby outdoor pool and free open skating at the nearby Civic

Arena during specified times throughout the weekend.

"Each year we hope we can add to the Family Fest and give people the type of activities and entertainment that they can be happy to bring their family to," the chairman said.

Following is the timetable for festival events:

Friday, Aug. 13.

Noon - Soccer Ball Challenge at the Activity Field

Noon - Children Under 7 Games and Contest at the red pavilion.

1:30 p.m. - Home run derby/softball throw at Diamond 1

2 p.m. - Police/fire demonstrations

4 p.m. - Pie eating contest at Big Top

5 p.m. - City departments' tug-of-war at Activity Field

Saturday, Aug. 14

Noon - Bike parade (bring your decorated bike) at batting cages and children under 7 games and contests at Red Pavilion

2 p.m. - Field games at Activity Field with watermelon eating contest at Green Pavilion

4 p.m. - Synchronized swim show at the outdoor pool

Sunday, Aug. 15

Noon - Muddiest kid contest (bring extra clothes) at Activity Field

2 p.m. - Golf chipping/closest to pin at a baseball diamond and field games at Activity Field

3 p.m. - Drawing contest (13 and under) at Green Pavilion

4 p.m. - Synchronized swim show at the outdoor pool

Saturday field games:

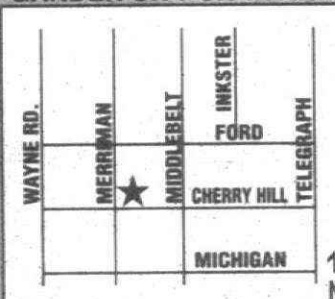
Wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, tire roll relay, Hula Hoop contest, Simon says, adult baby crawl and family tug-of-war.

Sunday field games: Water balloon toss, water balloon relay, egg toss, egg toss relay, football toss, football punting, egg and spoon relay, tire roll relay, yo-yo contest and diaper derby.

Free open skating - noon-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Civic Arena. Fee for skate rental.

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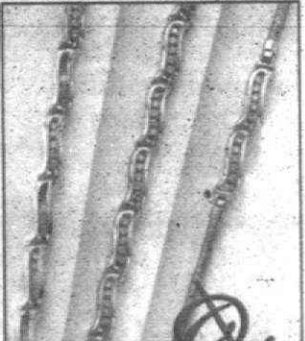
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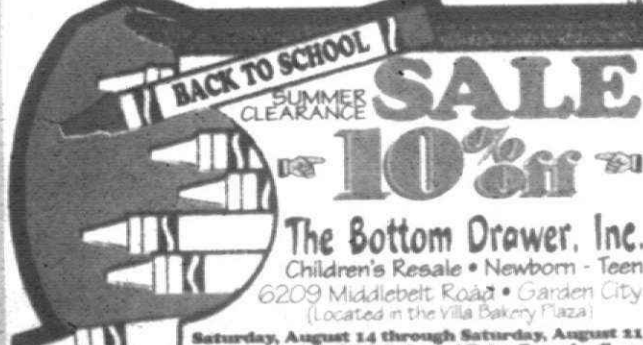


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