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On Thursday, June 1, a new At Home section will debut in your Canton Observer. The new section is a broadsheet like the other sections in your hometown Observer. This means more local news about gardening, home decorating, home improvement and landscaping. Many features that our readers look forward to each week such as "The Appliance Doctor" and "Marketplace" continue.

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Look for the redesigned At Home in the Thursday, June 1, issue of your HomeTown Observer and let me know what you think. I welcome your comments and your suggestions.

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Sincerely,

Susan Rosiek

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THE WEEK

AHEAD

MONDAY

Parade and ceremony: The Plymouth-Canton Memorial Day Parade begins at 7:30 a.m. at Theodore and Main streets in downtown Plymouth. The route runs to Union and Ann Arbor Trail. Canton Township veterans will hold a Memorial Day ceremony at 2 p.m. behind the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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Court clears ballot for Lowe

■ A Wayne circuit judge ruled Wednesday that two attorneys can't seek a 35th District Court judgeship - despite the state botching petition information it supplied to the would-be candidates.

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A Wayne County Circuit Court ruling has just about guaranteed that 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe will be unopposed in his bid for reelection, thus avoiding becoming the first local judge to face competition in a primary.

Despite arguments from two local attorneys, William Selinsky of Northville Township and Peter Bec of Plymouth Township, that they failed to get the required number of petition signatures to be put on the August ballot because of a mistake by the Secretary of State's office, Wayne County Chief Circuit Court Judge Michael Sapala ruled he has no jurisdiction to put the pair on the ballot.

"The legislature lays out the number of signatures to give ballot access, and only the legislature can change the law," said Sapala. "This court has no authority and the Secretary of State has no authority to change the law, either. The only petitions that could be accepted are the ones with the proper number of signatures."

"I would agree that this is an unfortunate situation ... we have a mistake by the Secretary of State," said Sapala. "However, the plaintiffs are presumed to know the law. These plaintiffs aren't lay people. They had a duty to look up the law."

Sapala chastised both Selinsky and Bec for not taking the initiative to investigate the number of

Please see **BALLOT, A4**



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Helping hands: Salvation Army social worker Bill Moritz (left) and Lt. Jim Spencer stand with Judy Breneman of Canton in front of a doorway that was widened to allow her wheelchair to pass through.

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Judy Mardigian has been on the Plymouth-Canton school board for slightly more than two years. However, Mardigian said it's her experience volunteering in many capacities since 1994 that gives her the familiarity needed to move the district forward during some very critical times.

And that's why she is seeking one of two four-year terms on the Board of Education in the June 12 election.

"I want to continue what, I think, is a record of success," said Mardigian.

To the rescue Civic groups ease access for resident

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For Judy Breneman, four inches have made a mile of difference.

Those four inches prevented the multiple sclerosis patient from being able to enter her bedroom and bathroom without help, making her feel like a stranger in her own home.

The Canton Century Club donated \$500 and the Plymouth Salvation Army donated \$200 to widen her bedroom, bedroom closet and bathroom doorways from 28 to 32 inches. Dennis Mobile Home Service & Supply of Wayne performed the work.

"It's really just a blessing to be able to do a job and help people get on with their lives," Salvation Army social worker Bill Moritz said of the project.

Joan Noricks, president of the Canton Community Foundation, which formed the Canton Century Club two years ago, said Breneman's gratitude was moving.

"She wrote a thank-you letter that just brought tears to your eyes," Noricks said. "We help people who, for whatever reason, are really just facing a hard time through no cause of their own."

Breneman said the doorway expansion has made her feel like she's back in her own home again.

"It's helped tremendously," Breneman said. "I can't tell you how much it helped. I couldn't get into my bathroom (because) I had to use my walker. I'm not very good with it."

About a month ago, she fell

Please see **RESCUE, A5**

Township goes for Web site upgrade

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Ease of use, interactivity and practicality.

Those are just some of the elements officials are working to incorporate into Canton's redesigned Internet web page. According to Township MIS Manager Brad Thompson, the site will continue to evolve over the next few years.

"We feel it will take four phases to implement all of the changes and improve the site," he said.

The push to upgrade came from Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. He sees the web as an alternative method of providing services to residents.

"It's convenient," Yack added. "Information is at your fingertips 24 hours a day, seven days a week when you want

Please see **WEB UPGRADE, A3**

Mardigian wants to 'continue record of success'



"I've been working since 1994 on lowering class size for elementary grades."

"I've also been very involved in lobbying for more money from Lansing," she added. "I've helped with our local legislative summits, and I attend quarterly meetings in Lansing to lobby

directly with our legislators to dialogue with them on how to find more money for Plymouth-Canton.

"And there's a lot of unfinished business for me, like our building campaigns," said Mardigian. "I was instrumental in passing the bond issues, and I feel a strong commitment to make certain those projects come in on time, on budget and on scope."

"I would also like to help our new superintendent (Kathleen Booher), whom I helped hire, become acclimated to our district and become successful."

Please see **CANDIDATE, A3**



Judy Mardigian

Preschooler left on bus; district suspends driver

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A Plymouth-Canton school bus driver has been suspended with pay pending an investigation as to why a pre-school child was left on her bus alone for three hours at the district's bus yard on Lilley Road Wednesday morning.

According to school officials, the girl did not get off the bus to attend the pre-school program at Tanger School with the rest of her classmates. When the bus driver returned to the school bus yard, she reportedly put an "empty" sign in the back window, in keeping with transportation department procedure, and left her bus parked in the yard.

The girl was found when Plymouth Township school resource officer Dave Hayes reportedly saw the pre-schooler get out of the bus and then get back in, closing the door behind her. There are reports the girl may have hidden under a seat to avoid being seen by the bus driver.

"We view this as a serious matter," said Judy Evola, director of community relations.

Daughter faces charge for check theft scheme

A 44-year-old Canton woman intends to press charges against her daughter for stealing and using checks from her account with a local credit union, according to township police reports.

The Howson Lane resident told police that her 21-year-old daughter took checks from her bedroom while she was out of town between May 15-21. Reports said a credit union employee notified her on May 16 that a woman matching her daughter's description tried to cash a check.

Reports said she was unsuccessful, but then went to a Plymouth branch and cashed a check for \$180. Canton police are investigating the case.

Spirited

A white male described as 5-feet 10-inches tall, wearing a dark coat with a white stripe stole \$50 worth of wine from Holiday Market Tuesday morning, according to police reports.

Two employees saw the man running from the wine section out a north exit from the building on Lilley Road south of Cherry Hill. Canton police are investigating the incident.

Pizza pizza

Hungry Howie's Pizza was robbed of \$300 cash early Tuesday, reports said.

A delivery driver noticed a window near the restaurant's front door smashed out at about 8 a.m. Tuesday. Police discovered the facility's safe open and cash missing.

Reports said \$400 damage was done to the restaurant. A brown landscaping truck was found near the window and police believe it was used to gain entry.

Power line

A construction worker avoided injury after a power line fell on top of a backhoe Wednesday afternoon, Canton Fire Chief Mike Korabacher said.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 p.m. near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Lilley roads. Korabacher said the worker's machine got caught in a phone line and pulled it down. The power line, he said, came down with it.

COP CALLS

Top cop: Nemecek cited as best by township

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
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After 13 years of service, Lt. Patrick Nemecek was recently named Officer of the Year at Canton's 14th annual Police Awards and Citations ceremony.

Known for his friendly manner and practical jokes, Nemecek heads the department's training program.

He has taken the program further than anyone anticipated, according to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"It's one thing to be an innovator, but it's another to put together an implementation plan and see it through," he said.

"It's an honor," Nemecek said of receiving the award. "I do enjoy the job. I'm given great resources and support by the department."

Nemecek is the first command officer to receive the award.

He began his career with Canton's police department in 1987 after a four-year stint with the Wayne County Sheriff. Since then, Nemecek has served as a patrol officer and community relations officer, among others. He became a lieutenant in 1992.

Nemecek has helped himself by earning a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"I'm always looking to better myself," he added. "I'm not the type of guy to sit around and rest on what I've done before. I'm constantly looking toward the future."

The department offers training from motorcycle school to sniper school to radar certification, attracting students from as far as California.

"We looked at it as a way of getting officers in a position where we could offer training to people," Nemecek said of why the program was started.

"We wanted our officers to be able to teach other officers."

Santomauro anticipates the training program will make about \$100,000 over its expenses this year.

Nemecek worked with builders, architects and others in the community to plan design and eventually construct the police department's new state-of-the-art firing range. The new range has become a necessity because of increased departmental training and because more agencies are using the Canton Police Department's current site.

The officer's participation in the decoy operation helped the Canton Police Department reach 100 percent compliance from local businesses in 1999. The goal is to stop minors from using tobacco products and drinking alcohol.

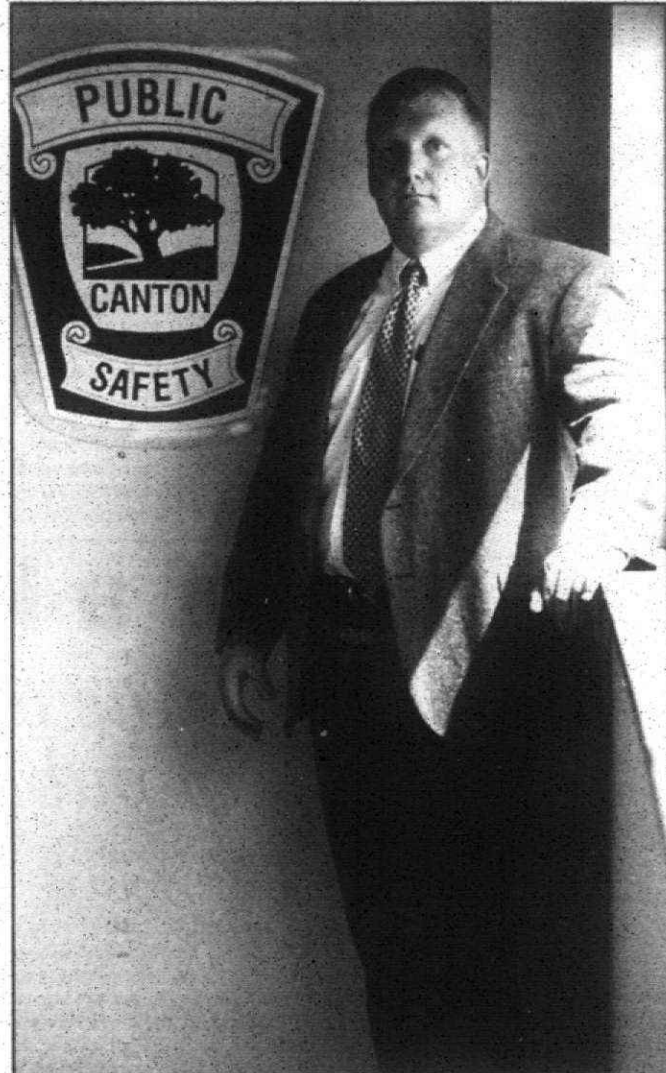
"That's turned out to be a very successful program," said Nemecek.

Decoys are minor police officers sent into local stores to try to purchase alcohol or tobacco. If store employees sell to the decoys, they are ticketed. Fortunately for Canton, all the stores targeted last year passed the test.

"He's a hard worker and an extremely bright guy," Santomauro said of Nemecek.

"He's a good community person and he assimilates well with people. He's almost a natural for leadership."

At the awards service, many officers were honored for their heroic contributions to the community, as well as a few civilian employees.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Honored: Pat Nemecek runs training programs for the Canton Police Department. He is the first command officer to be named Police Officer of the Year.

School hopefuls hit variety of education issues at forum

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The five candidates seeking the two-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the June 12 election were together for the first time Thursday night, answering questions concerning Proposal A, program cuts, charter schools, merit pay and MEAP scores, among other issues facing the district.

The event was a public forum hosted by the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers and the League of Women Voters, which will be broadcast several times before the election by Media One.

On the ballot are challengers Carl Battishill, James Donahue and Kathleen Payne. Incumbents Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigan are seeking re-election.

Unlike last year's event, this year there was very little attacking by candidates. And, at times, candidates even agreed with each other on several issues.

Concerning charter schools, Donahue said, "We already have an outstanding base in this district with good, creative programs. We just have to focus more on the customer."

On the issue of vouchers, Payne noted, "There just isn't justification to give state dollars to private school students."

Answering a question concerning poor morale in the district, Mardigan said, "We have a new superintendent with some fresh ideas and an enthusiasm for meeting with the staff and spending a lot of time in the buildings."

Givens said merit pay "carries a lot of emotional baggage with it... if we can have the evaluation and accountability and not call it merit pay, it would be better off for the district."

When it comes to MEAP scores, Battishill said, "Those scores are slipping as compared to our neighbors. We should either focus our attention on that test... or admit we aren't going to take that as a serious concern."

The forum helped some of those in attendance understand issues and, in some cases, determine who they will vote for next month.

"I was interested in what they had to say about the MEAP and how they will make sure all students will have equal opportunity to use the facilities when the new high school is built," said Carolyn Rothwell of Canton.

"I want a candidate who doesn't always do what the teachers want. I want a school board member to do what the parents want," said an unidentified woman who teaches in the district. "I am still upset about the location of the new high school, and I like merit pay for administrators."

"I came to hear how each of them spoke and handled themselves," said Annette Heindryckx of Plymouth Township. "I have a feeling the board doesn't care much about what the people think."

'I have a feeling the board doesn't care much about what the people think.'
—Annette Heindryckx, district parent

Candidate from page A1

ful," she said.

Mardigan believes hiring Booher is one of the better decisions she's made while a member of the Board of Education.

"Kathleen has done a lot of listening and soliciting of feedback from her staff," she said. "She has come up with ideas to try and make the whole enterprise of educating our children more user friendly."

Mardigan sees the current effort by Booher to reorganize the central office administration as a first step in improving education and communication in the district.

"It's long overdue, and puts a greater focus on our educational programs," said Mardigan. "Kathleen has done a wonderful job in motivating our administrators, sees them as team players and is quite a recognized leader around the state among superintendents."

Mardigan sees her role as a board member as one who sets policy, is responsible for the taxpayers money and uses creative thinking to improve the district.

"The role of the board member is to set policy first, and then make sure the policy is followed," Mardigan said. "There's less of a need to be part of day-to-day management, but instead be more focused on policy and long-range planning. I consider myself a fiduciary, making sure our money is well-spent."

"I also think I have a lot of creative ideas and can bring my business skills to bear on the position," she added. "I'm interested in increasing business partnerships, not only to find money but looking to business on how we can enhance our programs. Business partnerships would also allow us to do things we can't do because of our average funding level."

Some of the biggest challenges Mardigan will face over the next four years, if re-elected, include:

- **State funding:** "We need to be competitive with our labor market and lower class size, but our funding keeps us from doing that."
- **Vouchers:** "I'm not in favor of vouchers. I think the money for them will be taken out of the state aid fund and economically we'll feel the effects."
- **District-wide growth:** "We need to have careful planning of facilities so we can provide adequate space."

Mardigan said she sees herself as someone who can help the public find solutions to their problems.

"I am a representative of the community," she said. "If people feel they need assistance, they can come to me and I can direct them where to go in the system for information. I can help them get answers."

KIDS DAY AMERICA

Dr. Alex Tomko and his staff would like to thank everyone involved in making the first Canton Kids Day America such a success.

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Web upgrade from page A1

The first step in the upgrade was hiring a web page designer. Thompson said technical skills were not necessarily paramount in filling the vacancy.

"We were looking for someone with good technical and creative skills," he commented. "But we felt if someone had good creative skills they could learn the technical skills."

Mari Ellis, a University of Michigan graduate, took the job nearly three months ago. She has since begun an overhaul.

"We're getting a basic structure in first," she said. "We want it to be a page people come back to frequently and find interesting."

Navigation was one of her first challenges with the site. Ellis said moving around the old page was confusing.

She solved that problem by dividing the page into windows. A menu of categories, such as township departments, publications and news, is always present. Clicking on one brings up information, but doesn't exclude

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"That's three or four years away," he commented.

It will take that long, Thompson said, because the township is doing everything itself. That means rewriting software programs to allow for interactivity and e-commerce.

"We're doing it ourselves because we like having that measure of control," said Thompson.

The end result will be a web page that's updated and tweaked every day, said Ellis. No relying on a third party to do the work, in other words.

"It's a lot more efficient that way," she added.

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Board OKs gun range

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Christmas has arrived early for Canton's Police Department. The money for a new outdoor gun range was approved Tuesday by the township board of trustees. The facility, which will be on Lilley north of Van Born, will cost \$408,000.

The range will provide Canton's 75 sworn officers an excellent training venue, Public Safety Director John Santomauro said. He also sees it as cash-generator for the department.

"We think it has tremendous potential as a revenue source," Santomauro told trustees.

Officers now use a range next to Canton's Department of Public Works building on Sheldon. The facility, which is near residential areas, was built in 1988. Santomauro said his department has simply outgrown the site. Training time is limited by its proximity to homes. Noise from the range is also disruptive for residents, he said.

The department briefly considered an indoor range. But it's less useful and much more expensive than an outdoor range, Santomauro said.

"We would be looking at \$1 million or more. The versatility of those ranges is very limited."

The new range will be spread out on nine acres. It will feature 25 shooting positions as well as classroom facilities.

A repel tower and confidence course will be included. A variety of training will be done at the site, Santomauro said, including SWAT, sniper and patrol rifle schools.

He believes an ample market exists for the outdoor range. Canton would provide ammunition, targets and other supplies as well as instruction, said Santomauro. All of those costs would be built into a contract fee for departments using the facility.

"Outdoor ranges are at a premium right now."

The director didn't give trustees a construction timeline Tuesday. But he did say, "we'll be able to move rapidly toward completion."

Classrooms and parking facilities would present the highest costs in building the range at \$150,000 and \$57,000, respectively. Nearly \$40,000 is listed as contingency in estimates costs.

An indoor range would be less useful and more expensive than an outdoor one, police said.

Sneaky's wins Class C approval

Canton's board of trustees met in regular session Tuesday. It took action on a number of items, including:

- A class C liquor license for Sneaky's was approved. The bar, restaurant, night club combination will be in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza on Lilley south of Joy. An August opening is planned.
- An eight-year 50-percent tax abatement was granted to Schuler Inc. The new business, which will specialize in hydro-forming parts for the automobile industry, will be on Commerce Boulevard east of I-275. The company is expected to add 20 jobs.
- A 10-acre parcel on the west side of Beck between Hanford and Warren roads was rezoned to allow a 14-lot subdivision.
- A water main extension in the Central Park south subdivision was approved. The main will be extended along Geddes from Beck to Denton.
- The township renewed assessment services with Wayne County for five years.
- A fairway mower was bought for Pleasant Run Golf Club. The mower, a Toro, will cost \$24,351.
- Storage shelving was bought for the township administration building. It will help store important township documents. The cost was \$5,948.
- Three non-union positions at the Summit were reclassified. Assistant Community Center Manager went from salary grade 7A (\$41,400) to 10A (\$48,300); aquatics specialist from grade 6A (\$38,900) to 8A (\$43,600); recreation specialist from grade 3A (\$31,900) to 6A (\$38,900).
- A \$45,000 contract was awarded to Wade-Trim/Associates for the township's sidewalk ramp project. The firm will provide consulting and project management services.
- An \$81,000 contract was awarded to Cameron Contracting for construction of an in-line skate hockey court at Flodin Park. The project should take 90 days, according to the township.

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Ballot

signatures needed for petitions, even though both checked with the Secretary of State's office for confirmation.

The Elections Bureau discovered it failed to include the population of the three townships in the court district, previously counting only the cities of Plymouth and Northville. The required number of petition signatures is based on the total population of the district.

Sapala said the pair should have known something was amiss when the number of required petition signatures was comparable to smaller court districts.

"If we can't count on the Secretary of State to give out accurate information, what do we do?" Brady asked Sapala. "They only got what they thought they needed in order to get on the ballot."

After the hearing, both Selinsky and Bec were obviously disappointed, and unsure of their next steps.

"It seemed to me, from the beginning, he (Sapala) seemed to have his mind made up," said Selinsky in the hallway outside Sapala's courtroom. "From the questions he was asking, he seemed to want to justify the decision he came up with. If they made a mistake by checking the census figures, how would we come up with a different number?"

"We'll have to decide the practicality of moving forward," added Selinsky. "I don't know if we could get a decision soon enough from the Court of Appeals. We've already lost a lot of time to campaign."

Lansing attorney Eric Doster represented Lowe's interest,



Judge Ron Lowe

which was to make sure the law was upheld and the two attorneys were kept off the ballot.

"If you follow the law, it will enhance my client's ability to be re-elected," Doster argued to Sapala. "My client followed the rules of the Michigan Election Code. Our interest is substantial."

Lowe only had to file papers, indicating he would run for reelection, while challengers are required to submit petitions.

It was Lowe's telephone call to the Board of Elections on the last day the petitions were due which resulted in the mistake being found. Selinsky and Bec contend Lowe subverted their efforts to run against him by "finding" the mistake just hours before petitions were to be turned into the state. However, Sapala didn't see it that way.

"I can't presume Judge Lowe knew the requirements," said Sapala. "He may have just found out."

CANTON CONNECTION

Scholar-athletes recognized

Three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students were recently named winners of the U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award.

Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Walters presented the awards to Salem High School student Ron Thompson and Canton High School students Karamiit Singh and Anna Keil.

The bronze, Olympic-style medals are given for demonstrations of outstanding academics and ability in a number of high school sports, including football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, swimming and track.

Young leaders make mark

Thirty-five middle school students have completed this year's Youth Leadership Canton-In Line for Success program. The program, in its second year, is designed to ensure a continuing source of skilled and motivated leaders for the community.

New graduates are:
n East Middle School - Nicholas Naszradi, Lester Booker Jr., Jamuna Kesavan, Yuyin Chen, Ramie Abu-Zahra
n Lowell Middle School - Steve West, Lacey

Polderdyke, Marceline Teodoro, Jill Niemi, Jonathan Frye, Jason Frye, Kara Jones, Christie Johnson, Michael Basti, Jessica Beaudoin
n West Middle School - Julie Fabiszewski, Ashley Zub, Melissa Mestrovich, Megan Camann, Rebecca Adidi Etim
n Pioneer Middle School - Brian Barnes, Dayle Ford, Danielle Powers, Tricia French, Lindsay Freysinger, Shankar Ramamurthy, Krisita Johnson, Jackie Mersch, Sarah Robertson, Natasia Trace
n Central Middle School - Ashley Spohn, Fawna Millwood, Emily Maletic, Garret Mette
n St. Mary's School - Ben Koesters

Sing a song

The P-O-P Chamber Singers, the select men's choral ensemble from Salem and Canton High Schools, recently participated in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival on the campus of Western Michigan University.

In addition to receiving a perfect score and a first division rating at the MSVMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival, the chamber group was awarded as one of the top 14 ensembles in the state for the 2000 school year.

One of a kind Unusual bargains a hallmark of township public sale

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Need a kiln? Perhaps a set of big truck tires or a four-ton floor

jack will strike you fancy. If not, bargain hunters will be able to find a host of other items at the township's annual public sale June 1. From used office desks to bicycles, everything will be priced to move, according to Canton accounting clerk Karen Bailelli.

"We're not looking to make a lot of money," she said. "We're basically looking to get rid of these items. If someone can use them, that's fine."

The sale starts at 9 a.m. and runs to 11 a.m. at Canton's old department of public works building on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Geddes roads.

Sale items come from township departments and recovered stolen goods from the police. Township ordinance mandates a public sale to move used or outdated equipment.

Bailelli said Canton usually has the sale each fall. But a large backlog of equipment forced an earlier sale this year, she said.

"Things accumulated fast this year," she added. Proceeds from the sale will go into Canton's general fund. Bailelli said it's generally well attended.

"People will line up outside the door," she said. "People like to shop for bargains."

At \$650 or less, the kiln falls into that category. It's designed for ceramics and is in very good shape, according to Summit on the Park Manager Debbie Bily-Brown-Honsowetz.

The kiln was purchased for ceramics classes at the Summit. "We thought there might be a need for it," she said. "But the interest was never generated. It was taking up valuable space."

Most sale items will be less than \$50. An assortment of filing cabinets can be had for \$10 each. The four-ton floor jack is \$50 as is a Maytag dishwasher.

Tables, lamps, typewriters, tires and kitchen cabinets will also be available. An assortment of bikes, priced \$5 to \$15, can be purchased, too.

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Bailelli said Canton usually has the sale each fall. But a large backlog of equipment forced an earlier sale this year, she said.

"Things accumulated fast this year," she added. Proceeds from the sale will go into Canton's general fund. Bailelli said it's generally well attended.

"People will line up outside the door," she said. "People like to shop for bargains."

At \$650 or less, the kiln falls into that category. It's designed for ceramics and is in very good shape, according to Summit on the Park Manager Debbie Bily-Brown-Honsowetz.

The kiln was purchased for ceramics classes at the Summit. "We thought there might be a need for it," she said. "But the interest was never generated. It was taking up valuable space."

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Rescue

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while trying to maneuver into the bathroom on a walker.

"I'm just grateful I didn't break anything," she said.

Breneman, 42, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis about two years ago.

"I got hit real hard," she said of the degenerative central nervous system disease, which is characterized by speech defects, loss of muscular coordination, and in some cases, vision loss.

"It came mildly one day then bam - out of the blue I got attacked after attack." Since her diagnosis, she's lost about 95 percent of her sight and has undergone numerous treatments, including plasmapheresis, which attempts to filter out the parts of the blood that cause the immune system to attack itself.

The MS sidelined her from her job at AAA's main office in Dearborn, where she worked in the travel office 3 1/2 years.

"I miss it - I loved my job," she said.

She said she could never have afforded to get the work done herself. Her net monthly income of about \$1,200 comes from Social Security and long-term disability from AAA.

"By the time I pay health benefits, there is no money left over," Breneman said. "I was lucky to get into AAA (because of) the good benefits. Trust me - I'm grateful I have them now."

She's waiting for her insurance company, Heath Alliance Plan, to deliver her motorized wheelchair so she can go outside and use her new wheelchair ramp.

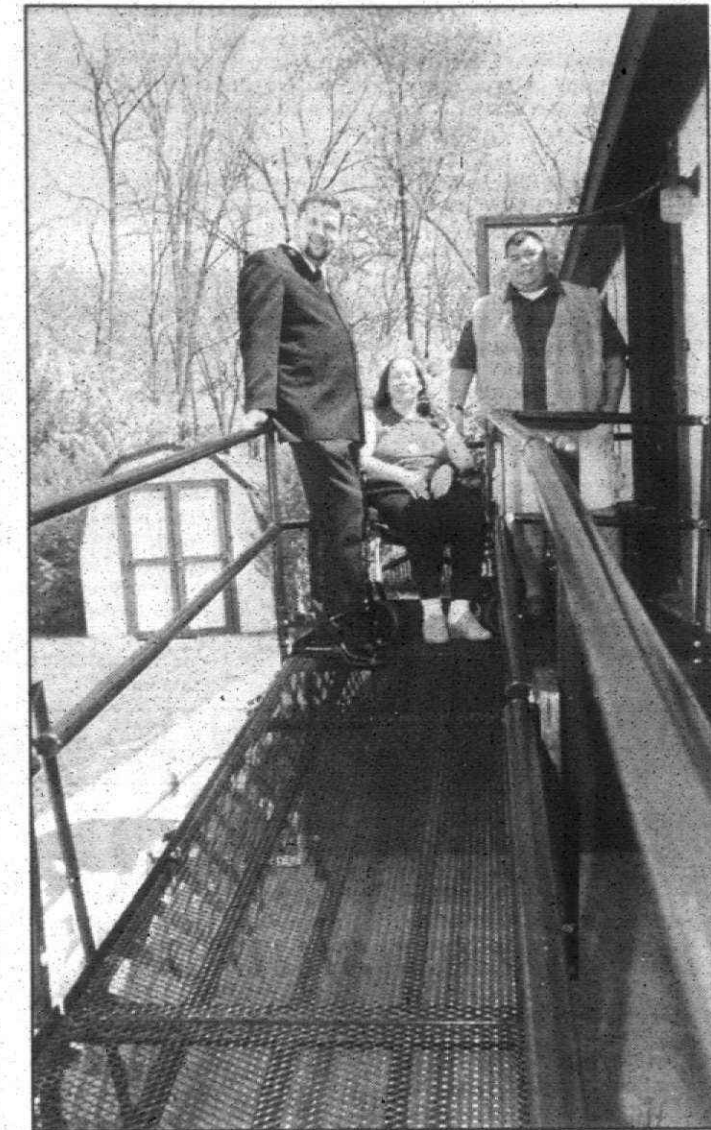
The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan chapter and the Medicaid Waiver Program provided the \$4,000 to build the ramp. The two foundations donated roughly \$500 each and Medicaid provided the rest. Advanced Therapeutic of Westland did the work.

"I'm pretty much just stuck here," she said. "It'll be nice being able to get outside - especially with summer coming."

Breneman's sister, Cheryl Hayes Gassen of Livonia, was instrumental in making sure her sister's needs were not ignored.

"I kind of became Judy's patient advocate," Hayes Gassen said, adding that she made as many as 700 calls per month on her sister's behalf. "I sort of coordinate everything."

Another project she has helped arrange is getting the Michigan Commission for the Blind to provide rehabilitative services, that could help Breneman work out of her home. The commission



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

Going mobile: Judy Breneman shows off her new wheelchair ramp. The ramp and other modifications to Breneman's home were paid for with donations from the Canton Century Club and the local Salvation Army.

would help provide necessary modifications, such as an enlarged computer screen and voice-activated software.

A shop teacher at John Glenn High School has offered to help lower Breneman's kitchen sink, enabling her to use it while in her wheelchair. Hayes Gassen added.

Another family member who has chipped in is Breneman's daughter, Lisa, 19.

"That girl has been there for her mother," Hayes Gassen said of her niece, who works full time and is attending college. Breneman was diagnosed with MS shortly before her daughter's 1998 graduation at John Glenn.

Breneman's determination has been a strong driving force in Hayes Gassen's quest to help

School gets land use approval

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Plans for Dodson Elementary School are moving forward.

Special land use approval for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District facility were unanimously approved by the township's board of trustees Tuesday.

"It's appropriate an elementary school be named after a guy who was an excellent elementary educator and administrator," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said of George Dodson, a longtime teacher and principal.

The school will be at the north-

west corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. It will sit on 16 acres.

Groundbreaking for Dodson was in late March. The school district plans to open the building in August 2001.

Canton Trustees had previously granted special land use approval in April 1998. That approval had since expired.

Under Michigan law, the school district is under no obligation to get an approval from the township. The state controls school development.

"I think it's quite clear in this instance the school district is offering a high degree of coopera-

tion," Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik said. "We're fortunate to have a school district that is so cooperative."

Don Morgan, an attorney for the district, characterized the relationship between the township and schools as being strong.

"It's a pleasure for the Plymouth-Canton School District to work with your staff," he said. "Not always do units of government come together like this."

While generally approving of details in the school plan, trustees expressed several concerns. They focused on lighting and landscape plans.

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Bill would require burial of aborted 'preborn children'

BY MIKE MALOTT
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An "unborn child" who dies, whether it is the result of abortion or miscarriage, deserves the "status of personhood" that comes with a "proper burial," according to state Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston.

That's the logic behind his proposed House Bill 5678, introduced in April to the Michigan legislature, to require burial of each aborted or miscarried "embryo, neonate or fetus." The bill actually amends public health code regulations regarding the disposal of medical waste, providing an exception for "the products of human conception." Aborted fetuses would have to be turned over to a funeral director or a cemetery for cremation and burial, if the bill is approved by lawmakers.

'We will oppose it because of the additional cost and trauma for parents ... That's his morality and he is trying to impose it on the rest of us.'

Judy Krandjeff
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan

"When I was in medical school, we would get cadavers to work on. They might have had no name, no family," DeWeese explained. "Often they came to us because they were alcoholics or homeless people, found on the streets with no identification. When we were done with them, they would get a proper burial even though they had no name, might have been chronically alcoholic, or had no money. The reason is that they deserved to have the status of personhood. People deserve to have a proper burial."

The proposal is likely to be

contested by pro-choice advocates.

"We will oppose it because of the additional cost and trauma for parents ... That's his morality and he is trying to impose it on the rest of us," said Judy Krandjeff, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan.

She said she was unsure how much burial costs might add to the price of an abortion, but DeWeese estimated it at \$70, an amount that would have to be paid for either by the patient or the insurance company.

Parents considering abortions already have difficult decisions to make, Karandjeff said. Adding burial arrangements will just make the process more traumatic for them.

But it is that "status of personhood" for an aborted fetus that raises the most troublesome questions, DeWeese admits. Strongly pro-life, DeWeese said his intention is not to use the bill as a first step down "the slippery slope" toward banning abortion, nor is it an attempt to set a precedent that would impact Roe vs. Wade. If it did, he said, it would likely be declared unconstitutional.

Karandjeff disagrees. "This is just another small step these lawmakers are trying to take to gain that personhood status for a fetus," she said.

DeWeese on the other hand said he believes that lawmakers "who support a woman's right to

choose can still support this bill." Despite the fact abortion is legal, there are already laws that give "preborn children" special status, he said. For example, in inheritance disputes attorneys have been appointed to represent the interests of an unborn child. In many states, DeWeese said, an additional sentence can be given to a criminal if an assault on a pregnant woman results in injury or death of her unborn child. Michigan added that extra penalty just last year.

"If that is just a lump of flesh, if it is nothing, what warrants the additional sanction?" DeWeese asked.

"We opposed that bill for exactly that reason," Karandjeff said. It's the same lawmakers who favored passage of the bill last year who now want to use it to support their arguments for the status of personhood, she contended.

Although DeWeese said he doesn't want the bill to enter the abortion debate, he said it "could begin to change the culture, the way the public thinks about the preborn ... Culture drives politics, not the other way around. But if someone goes to a cemetery and sees a bunch of markers, it may change the way they think about the unborn," DeWeese said.

The bill would not prohibit use of fetal tissue for medical research. Just as doctors might take eyes, skin or organs from the body of a deceased person, organs could be used from a fetus, the representative said. The only requirement is that the remainder of the fetus would have to be buried.

The bill now awaits action in the House Health Policy Committee. DeWeese said he hopes lawmakers will consider the bill in the fall.

New judge for 52-1 District Court now appears certain

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It now appears almost certain a new judge will be added to the bench of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, according to Judge Den-

nis Powers. Exactly how and where that judgeship will be created is what's still in question. The state House of Representatives' Committee on Family and Civil Law voted 7-0 to create the new judicial post effective in

January of 2003.

If the bill survives the scrutiny of the full House and Senate, it would be the first new judgeship created in Michigan in over a decade.

As a control on the budget, Gov. John Engler has insisted that any increases in the number of judges in district courts be accompanied by a reduction somewhere else. A commodity as rare as a new judgeship is sure to produce wrangling among lawmakers, including partisan tussling, as to who gets it. And the committee discussion produced some heated debate as a result.

Courts overloaded

Only 52nd District Court has received recommendation from the Michigan Court Administrator's Office for the addition of a new seat on the bench, based on the fact it has the heaviest caseload per judge in the state. State Court Administrator John Ferry has stopped short of recommending 35th District Court, covering Plymouth, Canton and Northville, and 47th District Court, covering Farmington and Farmington Hills, for new judges, although he admitted to the committee those courts are overloaded as well and could use

the help.

Senate Bill 769, sponsored by Sen. Len Benoit, R-Canton, originally proposed the elimination of one judgeship at 27th District Court, covering the area of Wyandotte and Riverview, and adding one in Plymouth's 35th District Court. Senate Bill 257, by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, would have merged 52-1 District Court with the 52nd District Court's second division in Clarkston.

Before passing the legislation on, committee members did quite a bit of rewrite. They dropped wording of the merger, replacing it with the verbiage of a Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, proposal, House Bill 4207, to simply add a judge to 52-1 District Court. The committee also dropped the additional judgeship in Canton.

They tacked on an amendment by Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, to essentially reserve the next judgeship for 47th District Court. Raczowski presented the amendment to add that seat the next time another judgeship in the state can be eliminated.

Although approved by the overall committee, the amendment received strong criticism from Democrats, who accused

Raczowski of attempting to circumvent the process the state has been using for the siting of new judges. Powers said he hopes wording to merge the first and second divisions of the court can be revived, and he has been promised an amendment will be offered on the floor of the House to make that change.

Merging the courts would allow judges to decide where cases belong. Communities that lie between the two courthouses - Highland Township, White Lake Township and Rose Township - could be switched between the courts as populations shift and caseloads require. Decisions about the jurisdictional boundaries between the two courthouses, Powers said, could be made in a single meeting among the judges. As it stands, with the two courts separate, adjustments to the boundaries take one to two years.

More flexibility

"It would give us the flexibility we need. As units of government get smaller, they get more expensive," Powers said after the committee hearing. "We want to achieve some economies of scale and save some money. This would allow us to make those changes as the economies of scale dictate."

Fears that, if the Clarkston

court is combined with Novi's court, the smaller northern communities will be unable to elect a judge to the bench because of the number of voters in Novi, are unjustified, Powers said.

"Novi cannot elect a judge alone," he said. "The numbers just aren't there."

The merger all depends on Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who has expressed opposition to the idea in the past. Powers said the judges of the 52-1 district court-house plan to pitch the idea to him again shortly to get him to reconsider. Powers argues the best solution, based on the courtroom space available, would be to locate the judge in Clarkston in a merged district court. The merger, as well as the new judgeship, will also have to be approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners before it can be filled by election in the fall of 2002.

Powers further said he had no objection to Raczowski's amendment. He said the wording reserving a future judgeship for Farmington is "meaningless" because the question would have to come back before the state Legislature before it could be added. And the Legislature would likely seek another recommendation from the State Court Administrator's Office.

Schoolcraft's McDowell draws praise, pay hike

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Schoolcraft College's board of trustees showed Wednesday night just how much it appreciates President Richard W. McDowell by increasing his salary 8 percent and extending his contract a year.

It also offered to boost his merit award by \$10,000, depending on his performance in the coming year.

All told, that could bring McDowell's compensation to more than \$160,000 by next summer.

By comparison, Richard T. Thompson, chancellor of the five-campus Oakland Community

College, is earning \$133,600 this year and gets no bonus. His salary is expected to be increased in July.

The Schoolcraft actions followed the board's annual evaluation of McDowell, who has been with the college 19 years. The evaluation was held in a closed-door session during the regular monthly board meeting in the Livonia-based college's administration building on Haggerty Road.

After the evaluation, the board emerged to praise McDowell as "an outstanding president and leader" and adjusted his current

\$120,000 annual salary by \$6,000, then increased the total by 3.25 percent.

That put his salary at \$130,095, effective July 1. He also will get a \$20,000 merit award, putting his total compensation for now at \$150,095.

In adding a year to his three-year contract, the board retained McDowell's services through June 30, 2003.

The 3.25 percent salary increase was the same the board approved for its administrative and technical staffs earlier in the meeting.

In a statement, the board com-

mended McDowell "for his excellent leadership and commitment" to the 8,000-student community college.

"Dr. McDowell continues his enthusiasm and innovation and has served the college well for 19 years," the board said.

It praised his achieving funding for the expansion and renovation of the Waterman Campus Center, stated that college's North Central accreditation study and strategic plan are "progressing extremely well" and noted Schoolcraft's finances "are well-managed."

The 35-year-old institution

"continues to remain debt-free," the board said.

The board noted that "The college is a leader in the use of technology for instruction and campus operations" and said it "provides an excellent learning climate for students of all ages."

"Dr. McDowell continues to perform his duties and responsibilities in an excellent fashion," the board statement concluded.

"He is an outstanding president and leader for Schoolcraft College."

Reporter Pat Murphy contributed to this article.



Richard McDowell

SMART to upgrade bus fleet

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Livonia, Redford Township, Garden City and Westland will start seeing new SMART buses on their streets within the next 18 months, if not sooner.

The board of directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation - or SMART, as it's popularly known - has authorized \$83 million to replace up to 292 heavy-duty buses over a five-year period.

Availability of federal and state funding will determine the exact number purchased, according to SMART spokeswoman Beth Gibbons.

The new 35- and 40-foot-long buses will offer easier entry and exit to both pedestrian and wheelchair passengers compared to today's fleet and they will be air-conditioned, Gibbons said.

The 35-footers hold 27 seated and two wheelchair passengers, the 40-footers 37 seated plus two in wheelchairs.

"They also will offer a much more comfortable ride" than does the present fleet, Gibbons said.

But the low-floor design will have "the biggest impact" on passengers, she stated.

"With our present buses, that first step is a doozy," Gibbons said. "But the new buses will be level with the curb, so passengers don't have to step up that high."

Wheelchair users will find the buses equipped with motorized ramps instead of the "very temperamental" hydraulic lifts which have plagued SMART and other bus companies across the country, according to Gibbons. If a ramp motor fails, the bus driver can operate the ramp manually, so that "No wheelchair user will be denied a ride," she said.

SMART has spent millions rehabilitating its current fleet, she said, installing windows that can be opened and heavy-duty engines that can handle the demands of the air-conditioning units.

SMART's current fleet is eligible for retirement due to mileage: The buses average 57,000 miles each, compared to the national average of 32,000 miles.

The Gillig Corp. of Hayward, Calif., won the bus contract through competitive bidding.

Irish celebrate 'Bloomsday'

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute is holding its Thirtieth Annual James Joyce Celebration at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, 5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

Bloomsday - the anniversary of the day in 1904 when Leopold Bloom, the hero of Joyce's "Ulysses," set out on a daylong journey through the streets of Dublin - is celebrated all over the world by Joyce enthusiasts and other party-lovers.

For those who can't get to Dublin on Bloomsday, the local celebration offers readings from "Ulysses" and other works by Joyce; spontaneous recitations from the audience; plus traditional Irish music by Jim Perkins and Don Morse as MC. The donation is \$5.

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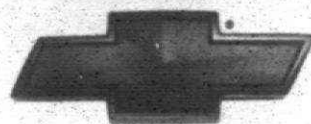
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Mayfest champs

The Canton Red Oaks, an under-nine boys select soccer team, won their division championship at the Mayfest Soccer Tournament May 6-7 in Sydney, Ohio.

Jace Bearden scored three goals and Dominic Ciantar got another in the Oaks' 4-2 victory in their first game. In the second game, Matthew Calupina and Bearden each scored goals as they finished with a 2-2 tie.

In their third game, the Red Oaks got a goal from Calupina and keepers Chuck Blommaert and Brent Zinn made it stand up in a 1-0 triumph.

Other team members are Collan Baker, Chris Cummins, Michael Gieha, Reece Moss, Kendall Persons, Zach Schuit, Josh Walters, Daniel Yates and Scott Zech. The team is coached by Bob Meyer and Bill Joker.

Junior golf program

A junior golf program for boys and girls 8-17 years old will be conducted by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services from June 19 through July 31 (no program July 3) at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Participants may receive six nine-hole rounds of golf, golf clinics and will compete in a nine-hole tournament. Cost is \$55; there are no residency requirements.

Participants may play unaccompanied by an adult from 6 a.m.-noon on Mondays; before 2 p.m. with an adult on weekdays; and after 3:30 p.m. with an adult on weekends.

Registration begins Tuesday at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices. Registration deadline is June 15. For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

MSU wrestling camps

Michigan State wrestling coach Tom Minkel will supervise four wrestling camps this summer, starting with a team camp June 25-29 in East Lansing. Commuter cost is \$205; for residents, it's \$295.

The first technique camp will be from July 9-13; cost is \$225 for commuters, \$315 for residents. The second technique camp is July 16-20; cost is the same.

An intensive camp is slated for July 23-27. Commuter cost is \$530, resident cost is \$660.

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Golf outing

The fifth annual Birdie Fore Warmth Heat Bank Open golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 at Chandler Park in Detroit. The event is co-sponsored by Gas Workers Local #80 and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon), with all proceeds benefitting MichCon's Heat Bank Program.

Cost to play is \$100 per golfer, which includes breakfast and lunch. Sponsorships are also needed and can range from cash donations to raffle gifts. Deadline for sponsorships is June 30; for golfers, it's July 14.

Last year, the outing raised more than \$60,000, which was used to help senior citizens, the disabled, the unemployed and low-income employed customers keep their homes heated. MichCon shareholders will match the total amount raised, dollar for dollar.

For further information, call Elaine Anderson at MichCon at (313) 577-7062.

Anderson softball tourney

The 24th annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Invitational softball tournament will be Friday through Sunday, July 21-23, at Anderson fields in Wayne.

The tournament is open to Class A, B, C and D teams. The entry fee is \$225. The entry deadline is Wednesday, June 14.

For more information, call Larry Quartuccio at (606) 384-7578 or Keith at Wayne Parks and Recreation at (734) 721-7400.

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A noble fight



Just in time: Canton keeper Amy Dorogi

pounces on a loose ball just in front of the goal line in the final 90 seconds of Canton's WLAA title match against Stevenson. Dorogi's save preserved a scoreless tie and a co-championship for the Chiefs.

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BRYAN MITCHELL

Canton, Stevenson share title

BY C.J. RISAK
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One of the state's best goal-scorers was there — ready, willing, able — and sitting.

Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell was being penalized for attending an Olympic Development Training Camp in March. The sentence handed down by the Michigan High School Athletic Association: three games on the sideline, watching.

The suspension prevented Morrell from participating against Livonia Stevenson in Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game played at Stevenson, and certainly played a major part in the Chiefs' failure to score a goal.

It also had something to do with how Stevenson played offensively, since the Spartans were unable to break through against their defensive-minded opponents.

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The result: a scoreless tie and a co-championship.

Stevenson will enter this week's state district tournament with a 10-3-3 mark. Canton defeated Saline Friday to improve to 15-1-2.

"No, I can't complain," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We didn't have many scoring opportunities, but we had a couple."

So: Was Morrell's absence a major factor? "Of course," Smith answered. "You know you're not going to get as much down the field. We wanted to distribute the ball to the outside more instead of up the middle, and we didn't do that."

Against a lesser team, Canton could have played over Morrell's loss. Stevenson, however, is not a lesser team.

"I didn't want to see Anne sit today," said Spartans' coach Jim Kimble. His

reasoning was two-fold: Yes, putting Morrell on the field would change the personality of Canton's team. The Chiefs would become more offensive-minded.

When the two teams met earlier this season, Morrell had Canton's only goal in a 1-1 tie.

But it also meant there would be more scoring chances for Stevenson. The Chiefs would not pack the majority of its team into the box, something Kimble thought they did in Thursday's title match.

"Give them credit," Kimble said. "They did what they had to do."

Not that the Spartans were without scoring opportunities. They had plenty of them. Problem was, they couldn't cash in.

"We're having a problem finishing right now," said Kimble. "In the games we've lost this year we've had chances, we just haven't finished them. We don't have anyone stepping up."

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North batters Chiefs in league finale

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Something's better than nothing — right?

Plymouth Canton's softball team must take that viewpoint after Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game.

North Farmington doesn't have to. The Raiders got it all.

After four scoreless, hitless innings for both sides, North broke through for five runs in the fifth and cruised from there, posting a 9-0 triumph at Canton.

North takes a 24-11 record into Saturday's state district tournament, which will again be at Canton. The Chiefs are 19-11; they must play Farmington in a pre-district game Tuesday at Canton.

The conference title was the first for the Raiders in

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at least a dozen years, according to their coach, Dave Brubaker.

"After 12 years, I finally won one," he said. It was the first time in Brubaker's tenure the team had reached the WLAA title game.

"The girls showed up and played the way you'd hope they'd play in a game like this," he said.

Both teams did that for the first four innings. Canton, which reached the title match with a double-header sweep at Farmington Harrison Thursday, put Laura Stewart — who won both games against the Hawks — back on the mound for this one.

Stewart was tough for those first four frames,

striking out five of the first six batters she faced and a total of eight in that span. The fifth, however, was a different story.

Kristy Reinhardt started North's rally with the game's first hit, a lead-off single. She moved to second on a wild pitch and was sacrificed to third by Kristina Colombo.

Staci Russell then came through with a run-scoring single, giving the Raiders the only run they'd need. But they got a lot more, thanks to some errant defense by the Chiefs.

"This team is kind of up and down," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "We made a ton of mental errors."

A single, three more wild pitches, a passed ball and an error in the inning led to four more Raider runs.

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Salem can't stop Hawk express

BY DAN O'MEARA
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At this rate, they'll have to put John Herrington in the baseball coaches hall of fame, too. And not just for longevity but merit as well.

Farmington Harrison repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association champion Friday with a 4-1 victory over host Plymouth Salem.

That makes it four league championships in the last six seasons (1995-97-99-00) for the Hawks, who were somewhat surprise winners this time based on preseason expectations.

"This one has been real gratifying," said Herrington, who is better known as the Harrison head football coach. "Basically, we had just one starter back — Brian Nelson — and he was hurt and didn't play the first five games."

"But, darn, if they don't all come together and do a great job."

The Hawks (19-3) also received help from senior Jim Kay, a transfer from Farmington High School who pitched a complete game Friday and improved his record to 8-1.

"He has done a great job, and that was something we didn't anticipate," Herrington said. "He showed a lot of

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heart today, pitching on two days rest.

"That put us at a little disadvantage. I was concerned about that, because their pitcher was a little more rested. Jimmy came through and did the job."

Kay scattered eight Salem hits, allowing no more than two per inning, while striking out four and walking one batter.

The Rocks (15-13) also had a well-pitched, complete game from Steve Gordon, who allowed seven hits but spread them around, too.

It was a clean game in that Gordon didn't walk anybody and fanned a pair.

But the Rocks committed four errors (Harrison made none), including two during a three-run third inning that ended up deciding the outcome.

"We just didn't play well," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said. "This game was so uncharacteristic of the way we've played the last three weeks."

The Rocks had won 10 of their last 13 games and averaged 9 1/2 runs during that stretch, "but we didn't get it done today," Rumberger added.

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Safe at second: Salem's Chris Eicher (11) reaches second base on a sacrifice bunt in the fifth. Eicher got on base with a single, but was stranded at second.

ALL-WLAA GIRLS SOCCER

ALL-WLAA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM
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Defenders: Andrea Sied, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Cheryl Fox, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Christen Shull, senior, Plymouth Canton; Karen Kramer, senior, Livonia Churchill; Ali Edwards, senior, North Farmington; Emily Carrott, junior, Northville.
Middlefielders: Kristin Leszczynski, senior, Livonia Churchill; Amanda Lentz, junior, Plymouth Canton.
Forwards: Megan Urbats, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Anne Morrell, junior, Plymouth Canton; Lindsay Gusk, junior, Livonia Stevenson.
Keeper: Jill Dombrowski, junior, Plymouth Canton.
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Defenders: Cheryl Towne, senior, Plymouth Canton; Danielle Treloar, senior, Walled Lake Central; Jessica Palis, senior, Plymouth Canton; Alexis Bowman, senior, Livonia Franklin; Carly Wadsworth, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Arielle Bryant, junior, Plymouth Canton; Julie Gottlicher, sophomore, Farmington.
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Forwards: Angel Bushor, senior, Walled Lake Western; Michelle Smith, senior, Livonia Churchill; Kaitie Mullin, junior, Plymouth Canton; Danielle Strickland, junior, Farmington; Harrison; Larisa Fili, sophomore, Northville; Sarah Phillips, sophomore, Livonia Churchill.
Keepers: Jade Furuta, senior, Westland John Glenn; Amy Dorogi, senior, Plymouth Canton.
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North Farmington: Lauren Hogan, Nicole Adena, Jackie Tate, Ashley Lynch.
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Farmington: Dana Wantin, Kara Tweedey, Shanna Barkume, Molly Jud, Erica Rose.
John Glenn: Lacey Catarino, Sarah Pock, Val Kurzynski.

Rocks finish 4th

Plymouth Salem's boys tennis team finished fourth in a field of 11 teams at the state regional tennis tournament at Ann Arbor Pioneer May 20, scoring 10 points. Pioneer was first with 25 points, followed by Saline with 19 and Ann Arbor Huron with 18. Following Salem were Livonia Churchill with six points, Belleville with five, Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton with four apiece, Novi with three and Westland John Glenn with one. Livonia Franklin did not score.
 The Rocks' No. 1 doubles team of Jason Meininger and Todd Schmalhurst reached the finals by upsetting second-seeded Sean Franzblau and Patrick Wilkes-Krier of Huron, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in the semifinals. In the finals, Pioneer's David Scheltens and Andrew Iannetoni prevailed over the

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Salem pair, 6-1, 6-1. Meininger and Schmalhurst, Salem's team co-captains, played two seasons together in doubles and posted a 33-9 overall match record. Salem's Ben Bartlett reached the semifinals at No. 2 singles before falling to Saline's top-seeded Ian Opalia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Andy Fenton, Salem's No. 4 singles, also reached the semifinals before losing to first-seeded Mark Reading-Smith of Pioneer, 6-1, 6-0.

Scott Peruski and Evan Roller, the Rocks' No. 3 doubles team, lost to second-seeded Peter Grace and Ryan Pirooz of Huron 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 in the semifinals.

Stevenson shuts out Canton; PCA hammers out a win

Livonia Stevenson's Brad Buckler tossed six innings of one-hit ball, which proved too tough for Plymouth Canton Friday as the Spartans rolled to a 7-0 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover baseball game at Stevenson.

The Chiefs fell to 18-5 overall. Stevenson is 14-12. Buckler struck out eight and walked two in his six innings of work.

Mark Hanson started and took the loss for Canton, giving up

regular-season game Friday at Bloomfield Hills Roper. The Eagles finish 8-5 overall, 3-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Derric Isensee and Eric

Schultz were the offensive stars in this game. Isensee was 5-for-5 at the plate, driving in four runs. Schultz went 3-for-3 and collected five RBIs. Aaron Boone added two hits

and two RBIs, and Mark Erickson had two hits. Clay Welton was the winning pitcher in relief of Erickson, who started but was tagged for seven runs in 2 2/3 innings. Welton

allowed two runs in 4 1/3 innings. The Eagles trailed 7-2 after three innings, but a seven-run fifth gave them a lead they never relinquished.

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Lou Hadley and Nick Vitanis had base hits and scored runs in the Harrison third on Matt Lee's fielder's choice and an error. Tim Dalg knocked in Lee with a groundout. The Hawks added a run in the fourth on back-to-back singles by Nelson (3-for-3) and Kent Taylor, a sacrifice by Jake Ghannam and Marcus Menicotti's suicide squeeze that scored Nelson.

"The key to the game was our execution," Herrington said. "We were able to get the squeeze bunt down and make the first-and-third steal."

"Against a guy like Gordon, you're not going to get a lot of hits. You have to take advantage of what you do get."

"They had a couple bloopers that got through, but that's ball," Rumberger said. "You make your own breaks."

"I thought we had a chance to win the game, but we didn't swing the bat in key sit-

uations." In the first inning, Salem had runners at first and second with one out, but Ghannam turned an inning-ending double play from third base.

The Rocks scored in the fourth on Jason Lukasik's leadoff double and Ian Winter's RBI single.

Winter started the sixth with another hit, and Adam Kolb's ground-rule double put runners at second and third with one out again.

Kolb's drive to deep center would have scored Winter, but the ball went under the fence and the runners had to halt.

Kay stopped the threat with a strikeout and a groundout.

"He seemed to have a knack to get us out in key situations," Rumberger said of Kay.

"When he gets in those situations, he seems to be able to work his way out of it,"

Herrington said. Lukasik, Winter and Kolb had two hits apiece; Nelson was the only player with more than one for the Hawks.

Herrington added he was surprised at the success of this year's team due to its relative inexperience at the start of the season.

In the final Friday, the Hawks started two freshmen — Ghannam and second baseman Nick Vitanis. Plus, Lee, the designated hitter, is a sophomore.

"Last year I figured, with a veteran team, we should win it or be right there," Herrington said. "This one is more surprising, but they play with a lot of poise."

Rumberger, meanwhile, expressed continued confidence in the Rocks.

"We're a good team; we're not going to quit," he said. "We're going to go after the district pretty hard."

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Three times Stewart struck batters out for the third out, and each time they reached base — twice on wild pitches and a third on a passed ball.

Which led to an odd statistic: Stewart, who totaled 13 strikeouts for the game, had four in that inning.

Russell produced the second run on her own, stealing third base and, when catcher Danielle Weber — subbing for starter Jonelle Brown, who left after four innings due to illness — threw the ball into left field, Russell scored.

Two strikeouts that reached on wild pitches were sandwiched around a Samantha McComb single, loading the bases for North. A passed ball and two more wild pitches scored runs, making it 5-0.

Which was more than enough of a cushion for North ace Beth Danielewicz. "I can't say enough about her," said Brubaker. "She does it for us with her pitching and her hitting. Give me one run with her on the mound, and I feel pretty good about it."

Her pitching was more than enough in this contest. Danielewicz, a freshman, surrendered just one hit — a one-out single by Jenna Perrino in the sixth, who was later caught stealing at third. Danielewicz struck out five and walked one.

Stewart took the loss for Canton, going six innings and giving up seven runs (three earned) on five hits and two walks. "We hit the ball," said Arnold. "We just didn't hit it with any authority."

After the fourth, the Raiders were hitting the ball hard, too, and with authority. They totaled seven hits in the game.

They added two runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh. Lindsey Taub's groundout scored one run and McComb's single brought home another in the sixth; in the seventh, Reinhardt singled in Danielewicz, who started the inning with a double, and a second scored on Russell's grounder to short.

Reinhardt, Russell and McComb collected two hits apiece to pace the Raider attack. "Stewart" struck out 17 of us the first time," Brubaker said, referring to North's 10-inning win over Canton in the regular season. "This time, they laid off that high pitch."

"The girls put the pressure on and kept coming."

And in so doing, they secured North a league championship.

Salem 11, W.L. Western 9: The bats that erupted for 14 runs last Wednesday against Plymouth Canton kept on pounding Friday in a WLAA crossover game played at Walled Lake Western.

The Rocks won the slugfest, thanks in great part to Kelly Jaskot's two-run single in the second and two-run double in the third. Katie Kelly contributed two singles and an RBI. Dawn Allen had a run-scoring double in the first, and Jen Allen added an RBI triple in the fourth and a run-scoring fielder's choice in the sixth.

Jacqui Slesobnick got the pitching win, despite surrendering six earned runs on 10 hits and five walks, striking out three.

Salem will take a 24-10 record into Saturday's state district tournament at Salem.

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Chiefs sweep Hawks to win division

Plymouth Canton won a softball double-header Thursday from Farmington Harrison to force a tie for the division championship.

Both teams finished 7-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs won the first game in 10 innings, 3-1, and the nightcap in a regulation seven, 4-2.

By virtue of its doubleheader sweep, Canton won the tiebreaker with Harrison and advanced to the WLAA championship game Friday.

The Chiefs scored two runs on wild

SOFTBALL

pitches in the 10th inning of the opener. Kelly Taylor scored the Harrison run with two outs in the sixth as a result of two errors.

Canton pitcher Laura Stewart struck out 11 and walked two, Harrison's Lindsey Emmett fanned five and walked four.

The Chiefs had a 5-3 hits advantage. Canton's Jenna Perino had two hits and took a double away from Taylor with a diving catch in the outfield.

In the second game, Canton scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to break a 2-2 tie. The Chiefs scored on a wild pitch and an error.

Megan Coultas hit a two-out, two-run double to put Canton ahead in the second inning, 2-1.

Emmett doubled and scored for Harrison in the fourth to tie the score. Courtesy runner Vanessa Osiecki scored the first run.

Stewart threw a one-hitter, struck out 10 and walked none, and she managed to overcome six errors by the Canton defense.

Emmett allowed three hits in 5 2/3 innings before she was hurt trying to make a play at the plate. Kristin Schrock finished the game.

"We played awfully hard and, to have it be that close, was a major accomplishment," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We've stayed in a lot of games, so we showed some heart and ability to battle."

The Hawks, who played a scrimmage game Friday with Farmington, are 13-9-1 overall.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

PREP BASEBALL		McKenzie, noon; Championship final, 2 p.m.		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Southgate Aquinas district winner).	
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS		DIVISION I		DIVISION II	
at LIVONIA FRANKLIN		at MONROE JEFFERSON		at MONROE JEFFERSON	
Tuesday, May 30: Wayne vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.		Tuesday, May 30: Dearborn Hts. Robichaud vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 4 p.m.		Tuesday, May 30: Dearborn Hts. Robichaud vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 4 p.m.	
Saturday, June 3: Churchill vs. Wayne-Franklin winner, 10 a.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Garden City, noon; Championship final, 3 p.m.		Saturday, June 3: Robichaud/Divine Child winner vs. River Rouge, 9 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 1; Championship finals, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 2.		Saturday, June 3: Robichaud/Divine Child winner vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 1; Championship finals, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 2.	
(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Plymouth Salem vs. Farmington, 4 p.m. at Salem.)		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Birmingham Seaholm vs. Seaholm district winner.)		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Birmingham Seaholm vs. Seaholm district winner.)	
at PLYMOUTH SALEM		at BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM		at BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM	
Tuesday, May 30: Canton vs. Farmington, 4 p.m. at Salem.		Tuesday, May 30: Farmington vs. Plymouth Canton, 4 p.m. at Canton.		Tuesday, May 30: Farmington vs. Plymouth Canton, 4 p.m. at Canton.	
Saturday, June 3: Stevenson vs. Salem, 10:30 a.m. at Canton; North Farmington vs. Canton-Farmington winner, 10:30 a.m. at Salem; Championship final, 12:30 p.m.		Saturday, June 3: Farmington Harrison vs. Dondoso-Seaholm winner, 9:30 a.m.; Birmingham County Day vs. Detroit Renaissance, noon; Championship final, 12:30 p.m.		Saturday, June 3: Farmington Harrison vs. Dondoso-Seaholm winner, 9:30 a.m.; Birmingham County Day vs. Detroit Renaissance, noon; Championship final, 12:30 p.m.	
(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. Kimball district champion.)		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. Kimball district champion.)		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. Kimball district champion.)	
at BIRMINGHAM GROVES		at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY		at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	
Tuesday, May 30: Southfield at Groves, 4 p.m.		Tuesday, May 30: (at Griffin Park) Detroit Urban vs. Canton Agape Christian, 4 p.m.; Southfield Franklin Road vs. Holy Redeemer, 6 p.m.		Tuesday, May 30: (at Griffin Park) Detroit Urban vs. Canton Agape Christian, 4 p.m.; Southfield Franklin Road vs. Holy Redeemer, 6 p.m.	
Saturday, June 3: Detroit Henry Ford vs. Southfield Groves winner, 10 a.m.; Redford Union vs. Southfield Lathrup, 30 minutes after conclusion of game 1; Championship final, 30 minutes after conclusion of game two.		Saturday, June 3: (at Concordia College) Southfield Christian vs. Urban-Agape winner, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Christian vs. Franklin Road-Holy Redeemer winner, noon; Championship, 2 p.m.		Saturday, June 3: (at Concordia College) Southfield Christian vs. Urban-Agape winner, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Christian vs. Franklin Road-Holy Redeemer winner, noon; Championship, 2 p.m.	
(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. U of D-Jesuit district champion.)		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. U of D-Jesuit district champion.)		(Winner advances to regional semifinals at Royal Oak Kimball vs. U of D-Jesuit district champion.)	
at REDFORD CC		at REDFORD CC		at REDFORD CC	
Saturday, June 3: Detroit Cody vs. Redford CC, 10 a.m.; Detroit Cooley vs. Detroit		Saturday, June 3: Detroit Cody vs. Redford CC, 10 a.m.; Detroit Cooley vs. Detroit		Saturday, June 3: Detroit Cody vs. Redford CC, 10 a.m.; Detroit Cooley vs. Detroit	

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BOWLING AND RECREATION

All-Star leagues honor the best bowlers



AL HARRISON

The annual banquet for the two All-Star leagues was held last Tuesday night at St. Marys Cultural Center in Livonia.

The Pepsi All-Star Classic League bowls on Tuesdays at Thunderbowl in the arena, and the Budweiser All-Star Traveling Classic at various lanes in this area.

Many of the bowlers compete in both leagues, which are considered to be the finest top level leagues in the nation.

Banquet time means much more than just a delicious feast, it means that the trophy people really had to work overtime.

This was the 65th year for the Detroit All-Stars, which was originated by the great Joe Norris in 1934.

It was the first year for female bowlers to come forth and compete along with the men, as Angela Wilt of Westland, Linda Higgenall, Cyndi Black and Lisa Keough gained membership in the American Bowling Congress and became eligible.

(Note: Male bowlers may not bowl in Women's International Bowling Conference leagues.)

Larry Walker of Garden City posted high average with 233.19, and with an 817 and 805 series, took honors as "King of Bowlers" (Bowler of the Year).

In addition, he was also the captain of the Red Robin Restaurants team, which captured both half championships and rolled the team high game with 1,341 and high series of 3,625.

Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills is the sponsor of this team as well as the Ansara's Big Boy team, which won the

annual John P. Gavie Cup.

Bowlers of the Month include: Sept. - Todd Kurowski, 242.67; Oct. - Travis Franz, 243.92; Nov. - Julius Maisano, 236.40; Dec. - Andy Schnebelt, 241.11; Jan. - Larry Walker, 242.17; Feb. - Quintin Greene, 241.13; March - Chris Mueller, 245.06; April - Larry Walker, 241.33.

Rookie of the Year was Arnie Goldman, and most improved bowler was Bob Castle at plus-14.81 pins.

Ernie Segura earned high series honors with 833 and 21 bowlers rolled perfect games including Lee Snow of Farmington, Dan Ottman of Troy, Julius Maisano of Redford, along with Westlanders Terry Tesarz and Jeff Herzog.

The Budweiser All-Star Traveling Classic is comprised of many of the same bowlers and their championship was won by AMF/Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, which also took high game honors with 1,270 as well as high series at 3,651.

The happy team members include Chris Sand, Nick Wissinger, Kelly Bennett, Jason Lewis, Jay Lang and Kerry Krest.

The league had six 300 games including one by Canton's Ken Kossick.

Travel leagues generally do not score as high as home-based leagues with a different house and lane condition every week.

In addition to the crowning of the champions, there were several awards



Larry Walker Bowler of the Year

with Hall-of-Famer Tony Lindemann receiving the Ray Kowalski Memorial Award. Matt Fiorito was presented the Golden Quill award for bowling journalism. (I will win that one someday, I hope.)

The Joe Paulus Sportsmanship Award went to Tom Reaume and Ansara's Big Boy team won the K&R Award for most combined victories in both leagues.

Each member of that team was presented with a K&R triple bowling bag on wheels which really came in handy to carry all of the trophies home.

It is nice to see a long standing tradition keep on going the way it has and that our own great bowlers from the Observerland communities were so prominent in the awards banquet.

•The Colonel has returned.

That name is applied to Irving (Hank) Kempner, who was a teammate of mine for many years, going back to the 1960s when we were league champions in one of the old Masonic Lodge leagues.

Hank is not a big guy, nor was he a power shooter. His average was modest, but he had the heart of a tiger on the lanes, and nobody tried harder or wanted to win more than the Colonel (USAF-Retired).

If the team needed a mark, he was always the one who came through. Now retired to greener pastures in Arizona, he and his wife, Mary returned to attend our daughter's wedding last week in Grand Rapids.

I am sure that some of his competitive fire was a result of having served in a famous military unit, the Flying Tigers, not as one of the early mercenaries, but with the 14th Air Force.

This man is truly one of our nation's heroes, having fought against what was then a formidable enemy in the Far

East and Pacific. He then settled down in Detroit to work in the public sector while still active in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Hank does not bowl anymore, but the visit brought back lots of fond memories.

•The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will hold its 29th annual Golf Outing at 9 a.m. Monday, June 19 at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road in White Lake.

Those interested call the association office for entry forms. The entry fee is \$70 for each man including electric cart, beer or pop on the course, hot dogs & chips at the turn, a steak dinner and prizes.

The outing is limited to 144 players and to GDBA member only. You do not have to be an accomplished golfer, nor will you need an established handicap as the Hallway System will be used.

There will be approximately \$1,500 in prizes and each man will get three golf balls and will win at least one prize.

Hey! I might go myself and I don't even know which end of the club to hold, it sounds like fun.

For more information, call Greater Detroit Bowling Association at (810) 773-6350.

•Summer leagues start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6 at Wayne Bowl with the Majors Scholarship Singles for advanced Junior/Senior bowlers.

Friday Night Majors start at 7 p.m. June 9 for 10 weeks (includes T-shirts and trophies). The 10-week Tuesday Morning Bumpers and Junior/Seniors at 10 a.m. starts June 2. The Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic League mini-camp is Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 12-13.

HONOR ROLL

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

Friday Seniors: Otto Sash, 223/580; Joe Newton, 237-203/623; John Damiani, 221; Dan Uller, 245/539; Andy Wright, 251-212/641; Sam Samueloff, 235/602; Roy Prater, 214/543; Bob Charbonneau, 220; Dick Brown, 248-236/664; Royd Halstead, 212-201/560; Ken McDaniel, 235/580; Jerry Page, 268/689.

Tuesday Seniors: Andy Wright, 212/554; Tony Rye, 224-224/625; Dan Uller, 226/572; Ken McDaniel, 204/553; Ted Serr, 212/559; George Bowman, 202/569; Larry Trute, 221/607; Les Morland, 224; John Gonsior, 215/517; Hank Zajac, 214/558.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior House: Pat Erigebrtson, 254/713; Craig Johnson, 269/732; Ken Smoltz, 267/671; Lorne Green, 289/752; Dick Shoupe, 246/687; Dennis Yaros, 275/706; Ken Elenich, 254/666; Brian Ziemba, 217/730; Bill Stillwell, 257/672; David Mahaz, 265/745; Mark Chrysler, 2278/686.

Summer Trio: Ed Dudek, 279/756; Jeff Roche, 300/717; Mark Howes, 267/728; Brian Senda, 729; Tim Marwell, 680; Kevin Murphy, 680; Chuck Dobrick, 679.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

Battle of the Sexes: Matt Dalley, 236-217-247/700; Bryan Maccek, 278-246-245/767; John Thorsen, 265-258-279/802.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Summer Seniors: Mark Hickock, 256/621; Alvin Left, 212/542; Denis Craig, 231/581; Julie Daniels, 201; Dorothy Reaume, 201.

Wednesday Night Doubles (Youth): Tony Vitale, 265; Howard Hardy, 246; Brian Adams, 246; Jenny Chism, 235; Melissa Miller, 184.

Different fish find different means of propelling



TIM NOWICKI

A few weeks ago I spent some time at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

I was fascinated by several fish that use their dorsal, or top, fin in an undulating motion. Their long dorsal fins looked like a sound wave drawing as it moved the length of the fish. This motion was their sole means of propulsion.

This undulation of the fin is different than the typical fish we see here in Michigan. Most fish in Michigan swing their tail from side to side to propel themselves forward.

Dorsal and ventral fins are used more for stabilization. So when I saw this unusual means of propulsion, I began to think about the movement of undulation.

I suppose even Michigan fish use undulation of their body when they fan their tail from side to side, but it's not as pronounced at the dorsal fin of those coral reef fish at the aquarium.

By maintaining an even push from right to left, an animal can keep going in a straight line.

Eels in our lakes and streams demonstrate undulation with their entire body. They push against water with a slight backward and sideways motion.

The overall effect of this backwards push, forces the eel forward and to the side just a little. A similar movement to the opposite side keeps the eel going forward.

A snake on the ground uses a similar technique as it pushes against the vegetation or the small contours of the land. Their

very muscular bodies are able to react and push at many different angles where needed.

Undulation developed because there were no appendages, such as arms or legs, to push against the water or ground.

Fish reduced their appendages in order to become streamline. Snakes developed lots of vertebrae in their spine for flexibility and musculature to compensate for the loss of limbs.

Worms also exhibit an undulation of their muscles as they burrow through the ground. Small projections from their body get forced into the soil to anchor the

worm as the rest of its body moves forward. Even scales of a snake dig into the soil for a little traction while undulating.

After thinking about the occurrence of undulating in animals, I began to see it in other instances.

Swallowing for example.

Every time we swallow a mouthful of food, the muscles in our esophagus contract in a wave-like motion that pushes the food down to the stomach.

While bird watching, it's helpful to know that certain birds have a characteristic undulating flight pattern. Many birds will flap their wings several times and then keep them closed for a brief moment. During this closure they lose some altitude, but it is not very noticeable.

Other birds, like woodpeckers and the American goldfinch show very pronounced undulations when they flap and stop flapping as they fly. Experienced birders can identify these flight patterns from quite a distance.

Nature has designed some universal techniques used by different animals which must solve the same problem.

Can you think of some other universal problem solvers?

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

FLY TYING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly tying clinics (beginning, advanced, Atlantic salmon, and fly tying round table). All clinics will be conducted at the store and will cover tying tools, tool uses, and understanding of materials. All classes are limited to six students. Call (248) 538-3474 for specific times, dates, fees, and registration information.

FLY CASTING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 538-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman

Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. 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.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payouts will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries.

For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. 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. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for 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 more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association,

a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6653 for more information.

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 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and

shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

CANOEING

"Voyageur Canoe Day" is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Stony Creek Metropark near the Rochester/Utica area. Learn about the French fur trade and its impact on the Great Lakes. Participants must be at least six years of age. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Mount Vernon Picnic Area. For additional information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Gala signals final curtain, ensures new act

This is it — the final curtain for the Farmington Players Barn and its members couldn't be happier. This summer the old structure will be torn down to make way for a new theater. But first, the Players will hold one last performance of *Kiss Me, Kate* during a June 3 gala to raise money to pay for the new theater. As the actors take their final bows, a few tears are sure to be shed. But the show must go.

"The Players are known for their food and parties," said Cynthia Tupper, president of the Farmington Players. "No one's going to walk away hungry. We're going to have food from Marco's in Farmington, Tom's Oyster Bar in Southfield and 15 other restaurants. There'll also be a silent auction of jewelry, golf packages and barn memorabilia plus a live auction."

The Players hope to match the \$30,000 their first event raised two years ago. In addition to that gala, which was coordinated with a performance of

Laughter on the 23rd Floor, the nonprofit community theater group has been applying for grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The Players are three-quarters of the way toward meeting their goal of \$1.5 million, the estimated cost of the new theater. Designed by Heins and Kwapis Architects of Rochester, the structure

Kiss Me, Kate

What: The Farmington Players present the musical comedy during a special gala to celebrate 48 years of community theater and the last show at the barn.

When: Begins 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by *Kiss Me, Kate* at 8 p.m.

Where: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Tickets: \$100, proceeds go toward the construction of a new theater. Call (248) 553-2955

will be located on the old barn site on 12 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. It is scheduled to be completed in time for the opening of the 2001-2002 season.

"It's still going to look like a barn," said Tupper. "We wanted to keep that image. It's our history. That's who we are. The new barn is going to ensure the future of the Players. We've been around nearly 50 years. With a new theater — we could do so much more with children's theater and youth programs."

This is the second time around for Phil Hadley. A member of the Players since 1978, he remembers when the idea for a new performing arts space was proposed 15 years ago. At that time, the Players came to the conclusion that a new facility was the only solution to their tight quarters, both on and off stage. The comfort of patrons was also a concern. The present heating/cooling system left the audience freezing in winter and sweating through the warmer months.

"The project's been fascinating," said Hadley, manager of the new barn. "We'd talked about improving the facility for years but realized the roof doesn't allow us to add on. With the new theater we'll be able to expand seating from 170 to 240 with reconditioned seats from the Americana West Theater in West Bloomfield. The stage will be about 15 percent larger allowing room for flexible staging and enough space offstage for actors waiting to come on. And it will be entirely barrier free which makes it flexible for anyone to use."

Flexibility is what the new theater is all about. Hadley, Tupper and the rest of the Players plan to make the new theater available to the community. In addition to presenting their 2001-2002 season of productions, they're inviting businesses and organizations to use the space for meetings, recitals or whatever. Sounds like a great reason to come out and support the Players.

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Plymouth potter: Kathy Sandberg is an old hand at throwing clay. She is one of 150 ceramists and glass artists exhibiting work in the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Show.



Decorative tile: Sara Frank of West Bloomfield created this six-inch stoneware, "Piano."



Garden art: One of Kathy Sandberg's most popular sellers is this bird bath.

The Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11

Where: Washington Avenue, between Fourth and Lincoln, Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 547-4000.

Earthy delights Artists reflect on beauty of glass and clay

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Glass is still new to Deb Eliassen. But in the short time since the Farmington Hills artist began working with the material, she's developed a love for its ability to reach out and grab the viewer.

For Eliassen there's no greater satisfaction than having someone admire her blown glass and want to cup it in their hands. She knows exactly how they feel.

The minute Eliassen walked into a class at internationally-known glass artist Albert Young's Michigan Hot Glass Workshop 2 1/2 years ago, she knew there was no turning back from the magic of this dazzling beauty. A novice at creating art, Eliassen had been an equity analyst working in the field of finance until she took that first glass class through the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"When I turned 30, I flipped out because I wanted to create something," said Eliassen. "As soon as I stepped into the studio, I knew this was it. It's 2,200°F when it comes out of the furnace and is glowing orange. I find it so interesting that you can take this molten blob and turn it into anything."

Eliassen continues to apprentice with Young at

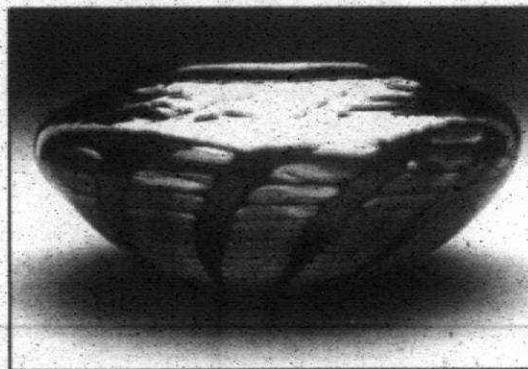


PHOTO BY LESLIE SPONSELLER

Hot glass: Deb Eliassen, a Farmington Hills artist, created this glass vessel in earth tones.

the Michigan Hot Glass Workshop, formerly located in Pontiac. She's in the process of opening Deb Eliassen Glassworks, a studio and gallery, alongside Young's Workshop in the Russell Industrial Center in Detroit. There she'll continue to blow glass into various forms. Her latest works — small,

lidded vessels created with the colors of earth — will be on display at the sixth annual Royal Oak Clay & Glass Show Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11. Eliassen is one of 150 artists exhibiting in the show sponsored by the Downtown Royal Oak Association of merchants.

"There's a little bit of mystery when you put a lid on a vessel," said Eliassen, who also exhibits at Art in the Park in Plymouth July 14-16 and Art on the Green in Franklin Sept. 4. "If I use bold color, I just let it peek out a little."

Spellbound

Eliassen never forgot the first time she saw glass being blown. It was 20 years ago at Greenfield Village when she was 11. Little did she know then that in 1998-99 she would work there as an assistant to a glass blower making 19th century reproductions.

"I was enthralled by it, mesmerized," said Eliassen.

Anne Kuffler thinks most people have a similar reaction to not only glass but clay as well. Kuffler is chairwoman of the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Show and owner of the Arianna Gallery in Royal Oak. This is the first year the show will be juried. Judges

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OPERA



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT KUMEL

Omnipresent: The chorus of *Peter Grimes* serves the role of the nosy neighbor who lives to gossip and judge.

Singers take on foreboding 'Peter Grimes'

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Peter Grimes, Benjamin Britten's 20th-century opera, has all the ingredients that make a great opera. The recipe includes a deeply tragic story, a remarkable musical score, love, death, sexual insinuations, more death and psychological turmoil.

Yet few opera devotees would count the English opera, which opens at the Detroit Opera House on Saturday, among their favorites.

Nor would they likely be found humming — or singing — the tale of a fishing village under their breath.

Unless, of course, you're part of the chorus. Peggy O'Shaughnessey said she's been living with the score since January when rehearsals began for the 70-plus member chorus which includes members of the

What: Michigan Opera Theatre presents *Peter Grimes*, an opera sung in English by Benjamin Britten
When: 8 p.m. June 3, 7, 9 & 10; 2 p.m. June 4 & 11
Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit
Tickets: \$18-\$98. Call (313) 237-7464 or (248) 645-6666

Rackham Choir and several vocal exchange students from Palermo.

"The harmonies and timing were very challenging to learn," said O'Shaughnessey, a Troy resident. "I find myself

singing it everywhere. It's both disturbing and wonderful."

Jay Smith, a Clarkston resident who teaches music at Harlan Elementary School in Birmingham, said he's

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been living with the *Grimes* CD in his car for months now.

"The score is so bizarre," he said. "One part of the chorus sings in one key, while another part sings in a completely different one. Then the principals sing something altogether different. The nice part is when we put it all together."

While the Michigan Opera Theatre's last production, *Tosca*, had only one scene that utilized a full chorus, in *Grimes*, the chorus performs the function of a main character.

"It is the principal role other than Peter Grimes," said Suzanne Acton, the MOT's chorus master.

"I would say it is the most difficult English opera, and the chorus is most important for its success. There is so much for them to do, so many lines for them to memorize."

Which explains why *Grimes*, which made its world premiere in 1945 in London, is not widely performed.

The MOT chorus, which has been under Acton's direction for nearly 20 years, is ready for the challenge.

Rumors abound

The modern opera, based on George Crabbe's poem *The Borough*, tells of a coastal fisherman driven to madness by the suspicious and hypocritical villagers.

The chorus serves the role of the nosy neighbor who lives to gossip and judge. Only rarely does it look inward.

Grimes played on alternate dates by Mark Baker and John MacMaster is considered the anti-hero, he is neither noble nor nefarious, yet he is driven to his end by a tragic man-hunt.

"The psychological things in this score are unbelievable," said Acton.

Certainly the church scene

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Herb Babcock and Susan Beiner will award a \$1,500 Best of Show and several \$750 Honorable Mentions.

Entertainment

But it's not all glass and clay. The main stage on Washington at Lincoln will feature several of the areas hottest musicians including Stewart Franke on Saturday night and Sinatrasound-alike Mark Randisi Sunday afternoon. And don't forget to bring the kids. On the Fifth Avenue walkway, children will be able to make projects with the help of Arts & Scraps, Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild and the Scarab Club. A silent auction of items donated by artists and local businesses will benefit Gilda's Club.

"It's a unique event — the only clay and glass fest in the U.S.," said Kuffler. "There's so many other art fairs that have mixed media. We try to approach it differently. It's a great opportunity for collectors to find a great variety from porcelain and stoneware to fused, flameworked and blown glass."

Functional and sculptural

One element all of the artists have in common is their need to grow and experiment within their particular medium. Kathy Sandberg began working in clay 29 years ago and hasn't stopped trying new techniques, glazes and forms ever since. From her Plymouth studio, she literally creates something for everyone. Now in her fourth year in Royal Oak, Sandberg will bring new figurative work to the show along with the tried and true vases, Japanese flower arranging pots known as ikebana, and abstract slabs that double as decorative art and serving pieces. Sandberg works primarily in white and cream with a hint of color. Her opalescent glazes are almost like a chameleon in that they pick up the color of nearby objects.

English lyrics

That happens quite often during the opera, where there is a juxtaposition between characters and, though they may sing the same passage, the words have two different meanings.

Through the opera is sung in English, surtitles are still present since, quite often, the chorus and soloists are not singing in unison.

The last English opera the MOT performed was *Porgy & Bess* in 1998.

Each of the opera's six scenes are introduced by orchestral pieces, which serve as character tone poems.

Dark and stormy, these develop the turmoil in Grimes' character. And for the chorus, these interludes provide the only respite from performance.

"*Tosca* had only minor things for the chorus," said Smith. "This isn't like *Tosca*, where we played *couche* backstage during the show. Either the chorus is on-stage or backstage singing."

"There's a wide variety in Royal Oak," said Sandberg. "Everything imaginable done is clay is there. I'm changing direction from vessels to wall art. I'm always trying something new. Clay responds to your hands and emotions. Glass is related to clay. That's what glaze is. It's really made of the same components as glass. That's why I enjoy showing with glass artists. We work with similar materials."

In addition to experience, Sandberg's studies reflect in her work. Over the years, she's learned from the best ceramists in the area including John Murphy, a Redford potter and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She's also taken classes and seminars at Pewabic Pottery in Detroit and with John Glick at Plum Tree Pottery in Farmington. In 1999, a week-long class with Dr. Arthur Park and Mary Park exposed Sandberg to the Korean wheel thrown process. A founding member of Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, Sandberg currently teaches wheel thrown and hand-building techniques there.

"I enjoy selling my work at shows like Royal Oak," said Sandberg, who'll also exhibit at Art in the Park in Plymouth. "The majority buy for themselves, especially the larger pieces. They're looking for something different, original and handcrafted that has a piece of the artist in it."

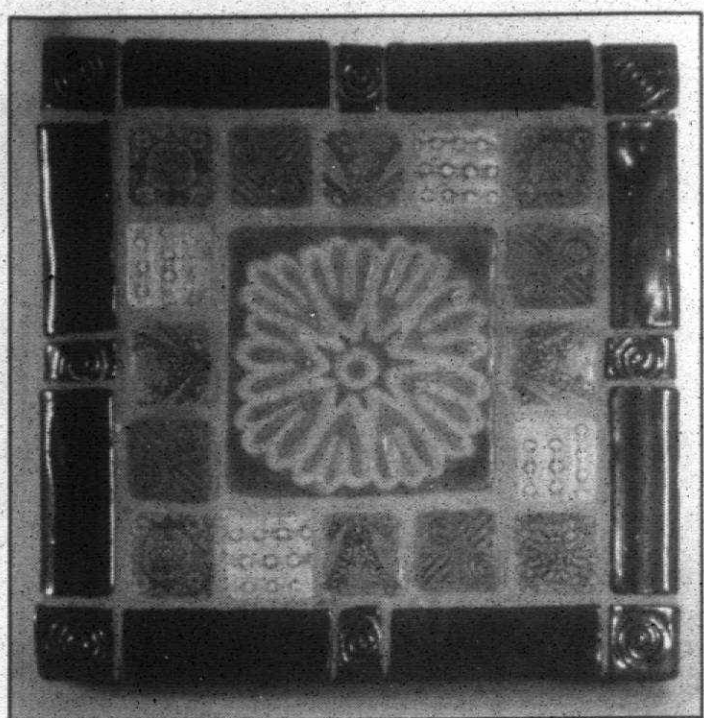
Tile work

The Royal Oak Clay Invitational, as it was originally known, was one of the first art shows Sara Frank exhibited in. Since then, the West Bloomfield tile artist and owner of Iguana Works studio, regularly shows her ceramic tiles and tables, mirrors and boxes accented with tile designs. In addition to Royal Oak, she'll bring tiles ranging in themes from nature to women, Judaism, dogs and cats, mythological (dragons, unicorns), nursery rhymes, and music to Art on

the Avenue June 3-4 in Dearborn and the Wyandotte Art Fair July 12-15. Frank's love of music stems from all the years she's played flute, including her student days at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor.

"I really enjoy Royal Oak," said Frank. "When it began it was only clay. All of the variety within the same medium makes it interesting and glass and clay are related."

Frank, who began working in



Durable beauty: Flowers, like the one found on this tiled tabletop, is a favorite subject of Sara Frank.

clay in 1992, took classes at Pewabic Pottery in wheel throwing, glaze formulation and tile making. She initially studied pottery at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Her special commissions include the creation of an Isaac Stern Tribute Tile for the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor in early May, and a recently-installed Mother Goose mural for the children's area of the West Bloomfield Library.

port the Players at the gala, and have a little fun while you're doing it.

"We're looking to develop the building's use when we're not there," said Hadley. "The lobby will be a nice big open space for displays by artists. It's a perfect symbiosis. Rotating displays of art will allow us to decorate and the artists to exhibit."

By the way, the 2000-2001 season will open in September

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with Neil Simon's *Fools at Barnes & Nobles* on Orchard Lake Road between 14 and 15 Mile roads in West Bloomfield. The entire season is scheduled to take place there.

Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Open registration begins May 23 for summer classes for children and adults including Art Portfolio for high school students and a Watercolor in the Park workshop for adults. 407 Pine, Rochester. For a brochure call (248) 651-4110.

SHAAREY ZEDEK

Mozart, Mommy and Me, the individualized play-based multi-sensory approach to caregiver/child interaction for preschoolers, will continue spring programs at Shaarey Zedeck in Southfield. Summer classes begin in Birmingham in June. Call (248) 642-7933 for information.

THE ART GALLERY/STUDIO

Canton artist Kay Rowe will teach watercolor classes 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays June 6-27 at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford, Garden City. Portraiture classes in any medium with individualized instruction by Detroit artist Lin Baum run June 1-22. A model is provided. To register and for a suggested supply list, call (734) 261-0379 or (734) 513-4044.

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 Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

Nightnotes concert features Beethoven to Baker, 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Presents the Boychoir of Ann Arbor in a Summer Sotice Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 650-2655.

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, 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

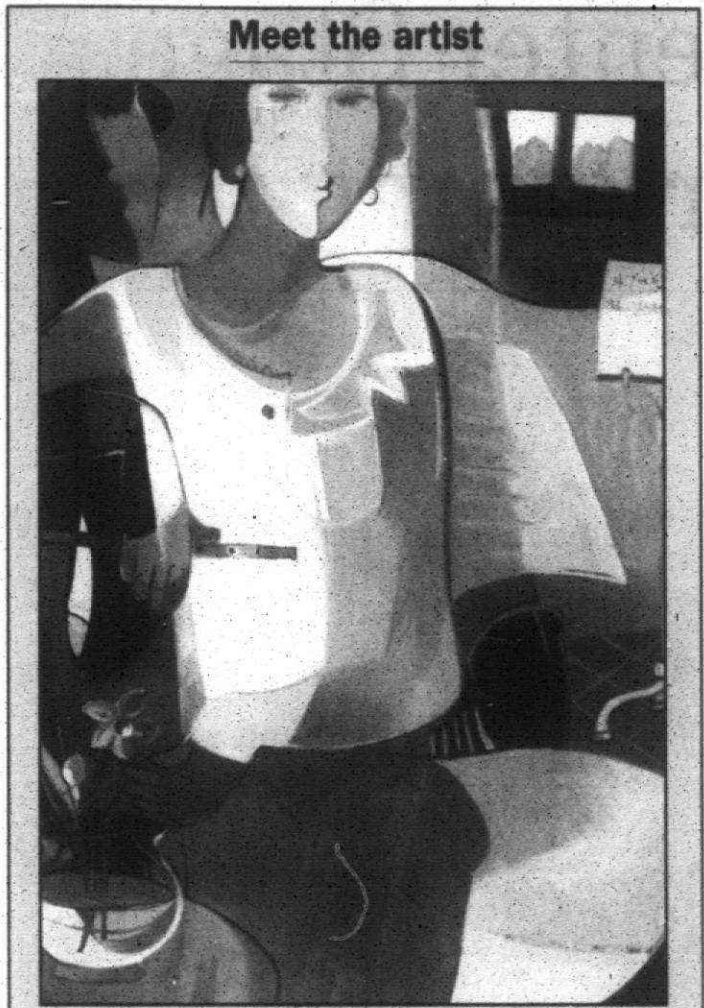
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Works by Gokar: Ali Gokar, whose work is shown here, will be in attendance at a Champagne Reception from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Danielle Peleg Gallery in West Bloomfield. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery, at 4301 Orchard Lake, can be contacted at (248) 626-5810.

ART & CRAFT SHOWS

METRO BEACH SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The 13th annual spring arts and crafts show is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4 at Metro Beach in Harrison Twp. For exhibition info call (810) 658-0440.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Annual \$500 grant to members of the Art Center who have studied calligraphy for at least one year. Application deadline is June 1. Submit to Janet Torno, Executive Director, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, 48009. (248) 644-0866.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Accepting entries for Celebrate Michigan Artists 2000 fine arts exhibition. The slide deadline is at 5 p.m. June 30. Curator this year is Heiga Pakasaar, curator at the Art Gallery of Windsor, Canada. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to PCCA/Celebrate Michigan Artists, 407 Pine, Rochester, MI 48307. PCCA is also accepting entries for the Student, Faculty and Staff Art Show that will open on June 2. It is open to students and faculty of all ages who have taken or taught classes at PCCA from June 1999 to June 2000. For more information contact Exhibition Director John Cynar at (248) 651-4110.

THE ART GALLERY/STUDIO

Canton artist Kay Rowe will teach watercolor classes 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays June 6-27 at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford, Garden City. Portraiture classes in any medium with individualized instruction by Detroit artist Lin Baum run June 1-22. A model is provided. To register and for a suggested supply list, call (734) 261-0379 or (734) 513-4044.

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 Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

Nightnotes concert features Beethoven to Baker, 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Presents the Boychoir of Ann Arbor in a Summer Sotice Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 650-2655.

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, 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and

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CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Summer continuing and community education classes begin June 19 at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. For a schedule of classes or more information, call (313) 664-7456.

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BACI THEATRE

Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

FOR KIDS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Summer at the Art Factory is a creative summer camp for kids ages 6-12 with weekly themes and projects. Morning, afternoon and full day sessions are available. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

D & M SUMMER CAMP

The theme this year is Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness. Camp runs from June 13-August 25 for students ages 3-16. Classes are held at locations in Canton and Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

EVOLA MUSIC

Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (ages 0-7), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4577.

KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Oakland University Department of Theatre, Music and Dance presents a musical production of Kenneth Grahame's beloved classic at 10 a.m. May 31, June 1 and 2. Other performances are 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 965-4336.

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New shops and eateries debut in local malls

If you just can't shake that incessant sweet tooth while shopping at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia, head to Godiva Chocolatier, the mall's newest store.

The shop, a stand-alone kiosk located in the commons area, sells premium chocolates, packaged gourmet coffee, biscotti, and mini-biscotti.

Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile Road, a quarter mile east of I-275.

More at Laurel Park
Sweet Lorraine's Cafe has opened in its fourth Detroit-area location at the Marriott Hotel in Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia.

The eatery is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a menu that emphasizes fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Lunches range from \$6-\$12. Dinners are from \$7-\$19. Selections range from deli-style sandwiches to main courses. (734) 953-7480.

New in Auburn Hills
Look for these three new stores at Great Lakes Crossing, located at I-75 and Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills:

■ Master Spas manufactures and sells spas, jacuzzis and patio sets.

■ Noah's Ark, a kiosk in the "district 6" section of the mall, carries Beanie Babies and accessories.

■ Sprint PCS, a kiosk in "district 7," sells a variety of wireless phones.

New in Dearborn
Three new businesses have opened at Fairlane Town Center, located north of Michigan Avenue and west of the Southfield expressway in Dearborn:

■ Games Workshop sells war games, pieces for war game sets and miniatures. Customers can play Warhammer on Tuesdays, Mordheim and Battlefleet Gothic on Wednesdays and Warhammer 40,000 on Thursdays. Gaming runs from 5-9 p.m.

■ Fusion Spa & Salon offers coloring, highlighting, hair extensions, perms, cuts and styling. Services are available on a drop-in or appointment basis.

■ Bourbon St. Grill offers New Orleans-inspired cuisine with seating for 834 patrons.

New in Lake Orion
Fortress Games, Inc. sells historical and science fiction miniatures, games and game terrain.

It also runs open gaming from 5-7 p.m., on Wednesday nights. Participants bring up to 1,000 points of any painted Warhammer 40K army to battle.

The shop is located at 8 Shadboit West in downtown Lake Orion.

At the lake
Venture Outdoors of Plymouth has ventured north, opening a second store on the shore of Walled Lake.

The store specializes in Neeky kayaks, imported from British Columbia, Canada. Shoppers can test drive any kayak in Walled Lake at anytime during store hours.

They also can join a Wednesday night class, taught by a certified American Canoe Association instructor, to increase their paddling skills.

The Plymouth store is located at 44601 Five Mile, (734) 453-1987. Call the Walled Lake store at (248) 669-2000.

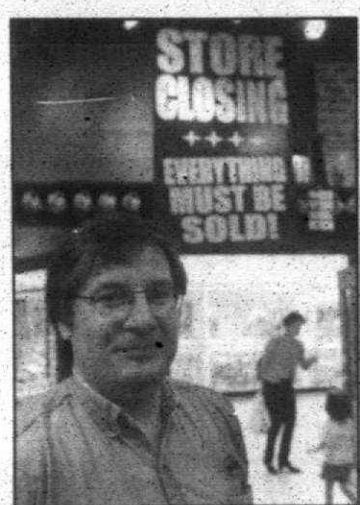
At Lakeside Mall
Catherine Wing, a Troy resident, is the new marketing director at Lakeside Mall.

Wing, who spent five years with Michael Flora & Associates in Troy, has worked with a variety of retail chains, including Somerset Collection, Car Tuning and Alvin's Bride.

Lakeside Mall is located on M-59 and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights.

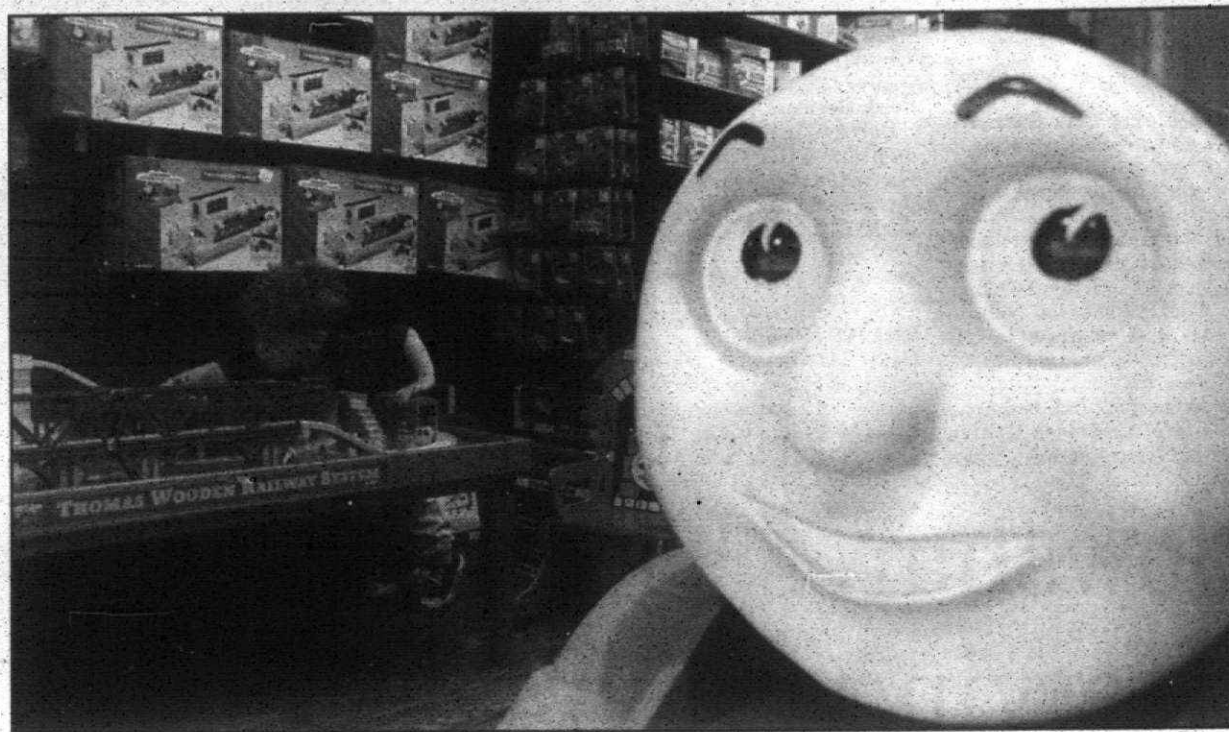
At Somerset Collection
James Westcott of Lake Orion is the new assistant general manager at Somerset Collection.

Westcott had been general manager and marketing director since 1993 at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills.



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—The Great Train Store

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Goodbye Thomas: Ian Larson, 2, of Clawson, plays with a Thomas wooden railway station at The Great Train Store which will close this summer.

Troy train store rolls out of town

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Adams has a fool-proof method for shopping with reluctant tots.

She promises her son, Erik, 4 1/2, a trip to The Great Train Store where box cars clatter along an overhead track, a wooden engine rolls on tyke-sized terrain and — best of all — hundreds of smiling Thomas the Tank Engine toys greet adoring preschoolers.

"It's the only way I can get him to come to the mall with me," Adams said.

The Birmingham woman will have to find a new bargaining chip and toy source this summer when Thomas and his friends chug to the end-of-the-line at the Somerset Collection store.

The 15-year-old toy store chain, which boasts the largest inventory of Thomas toys, is closing the doors of all 48 stores, including its only Michigan store in Somerset Collection North.

Anyone with a preschool-aged child knows all about the BBC program, Thomas the Tank Engine, broadcast on PBS stations, including Channel 56 in the Detroit-area.

And they know about the railroad-theme merchandise, from tee-shirts to train cars to baby dishes, that the series has spawned.

Then there's Theodore Tugboat and his floating pals, stars of the Canadian-made PBS animated series and of their own product line.

And Brio, a high quality brand of wooden train parts for tots.

The Great Train Store stocked a better-than-average supply of all three merchandise lines, but parents of preschoolers counted on the store to carry a broad inventory of Thomas toys.

"We have the largest selection," said store manager Chris Niclo. "We have 62 characters."

The store also carried trains and related merchandise for more serious collectors and adult hobbyists.

"We wanted to appeal to the entire family with something for everyone," Niclo explained.

Niclo closed the chain's Buffalo, N.Y. store before heading to Somerset to train a new manager. A few weeks later the company ordered him to close the four-year-old Somerset store. He's not sure of the final business day, but everything in the store is for sale.

"There were a lot of crying children when we closed the Buffalo store," he noted.

He said the company began reorganizing more than a year ago to combat financial troubles, although "business was good" at the Somerset store.

"Some local hobby stores might carry what we do, but it's not as extensive. This was exclusive to our company," he added, showing off a wall of Thomas the Tank Engine clothing.

Adams left the store with Thomas pajamas, four new Thomas train cars and doubts about finding a comparable source for her son's toy collection.

But Sandy Sygdel of Berkley isn't worried.

She suggests shopping Noodle Kidoodle stores.

"It's a wonderful program. Your kids either like it or they don't," said Sygdel, who bought several Thomas items at The Great Train Store last week.

Aaron, her 3-year old, does. "He's got about \$1.10 worth," Sygdel said, quickly adding "mostly from his grandparents."

Andrea Gutilla of Beverly Hills bought a collectible engine from the store. She's confident other shops will carry train toys for her son, Alessandro, 3.

"I am sad it's closing. It's a nice store," she added.

Parents can find Thomas toys at Adventures in Toys, Birmingham; Brighter Toy Store, Canton Township; Noodle Kidoodle store; Store of Knowledge; Toys-R-Us stores (plastic cars only); The Learning Tree Stores and Toys International, Auburn Hills.

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Buying: Patricia Zimolzak bags toys for Connie Tramel, while Lauren Lewis (left) and Hailey Tramel check out merchandise.

Children's book author visits Rochester store

tellers I've ever met in my life. She's one of those rare people with the ability to tell stories orally and translate it into print. Hearing her in person is a major treat for the audience. She'll leave you with tears in your eyes."

Polacco's latest book, *The Butterfly*, tells the story of her great-aunt, Marcel, a member of the French Resistance in Nazi-occupied France.

"Almost every book is based on someone in her family or someone she knows," Mannino explained. "With Irish Christians on one side of her family and the other side being Russian Jewish, she comes from two great storytelling traditions."

Mannino recommends *The Butterfly* for fourth and fifth graders because of the book's serious topic.

Picture books, which traditionally have appealed to first and second

graders, found a new audience in older elementary school children during the past decade.

"There are a lot of thoughtful topics you can do in picture books for older children. A lot of great writing has come out of books like this."

Polacco's presentation at Halfway Down the Stairs is appropriate for first graders through adults.

"It's not a story hour. This is her talking about her work. But she's warm and funny and children love her."

Mannino brings a handful of children's book authors and illustrators into her store every year. Many of them make Halfway Down the Stairs their only book tour stop in southeastern Michigan.

"I've been fortunate. It's a combination of knowing some very nice people

in publishing and three months after I opened I had (children's author) Eric Carl in. His publisher sold tons of books. It allowed us to establish a track record."

Polacco will talk about her work and autograph books at 12:30 p.m. at the store, located on Fourth Street, just east of Main.

The shop is one of three stops in Michigan on Polacco's book tour.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

MAKUP ADVICE
A special representative from Clarins will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarins Skin Care Center at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. For appointments call 248-614-3364.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

GIVING BACK
Hudson's at Oakland Mall will donate one percent of the profits from the sale of oriental rugs today to Boys & Girls Club of Troy. The sale continues through June 5.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Check out Westland Shopping Center's *Made in America* arts and crafts show today through June 4. Artisans from across the country will demonstrate and sell their work, including paintings,

stained glass, wood furniture, jewelry, decorative painting, doll clothing, ceramics, toy puzzles and more. The center is located at 3500 Warren, Westland.

PHOTO DISPLAY
Third and fourth graders from six Livonia elementary school classes, will show their photography at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia through June 14. Farmington photographer Monte Nagler led workshops in photography basics in their classes and Laurel Park Place Mall gave each student a disposable camera last month. The mall will display their works along with Nagler's photos.

ANIMALS ALL AROUND
Old World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion will sponsor animal training demonstrations, handling procedures and more at *Paws on Parade*. The one-day event will include a petting zoo, face painting and caricature artist. (248) 391-5700.

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TRAVEL

Stage set this summer on Chicago's Navy Pier

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Besides being known as "The Windy City," Chicago is gaining a reputation for outstanding Shakespearean Theatre.

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, founded in 1986 as Shakespeare Repertory, opened a \$24 million, seven-story theater facility on Navy Pier in October. It was an instant success with many sold-out performances.

"Chicago has embraced the theater," said Criss Henderson, executive director of the theater. "Shakespeare has become one of the hottest tickets in Chicago, and no one imagined that."

Summer is the pier's on season, but the theater's off season. Henderson believed it was a fact the theater couldn't ignore.

Summer on Stage at Navy Pier opening Wednesday, June 21, and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 20, offers a musical, comedy and introduction to Shakespeare for the whole family.

The season begins with Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

"It's a really exciting Broadway style musical," said Henderson. "It's wonderful musical theater and should be delightful presented in this intimate setting."

The Second City, a Chicago tradition, is presenting *Hamlet*

If you go

What: Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier, call (312) 595-5600 for tickets and information or visit online at www.chicagoshakes.com.

Summer season - June 21-Aug. 20

■ **Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet** - 11 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, beginning June 29. Tickets \$15 adults, children age 12 and younger \$10

■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, beginning June 21. Audiences at the Wednesday and Saturday shows are invited to enjoy the Navy Pier's evening fireworks displays from the theater's lobbies. Tickets \$38 adults, \$28 children, ages 12 and under.

■ **Hamlet! The Musical** - 8 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday, beginning June 22. All seats \$20.

2000-2001 Season

■ **Two Gentlemen of Verona** - Sept. 8-Nov. 5

■ **The School for Scandal** - Nov. 21-Jan. 14

■ **King Lear** - Feb. 9-April 15

■ **Peter Brooks's Hamlet** - Opens in May 2001

■ **The Herbal Bed** - Oct. 11-Dec. 10

Three play subscription tickets \$114 for weekend series, \$81 for weekday series, and \$59 for preview series. Single tickets \$45 for weekends, \$32 for weekdays and \$28 for previews. Tickets for *Hamlet* are \$75, and not included in the subscription series. Tickets for *The Herbal Bed*, presented in the Studio Theatre, \$28-\$32.

the Musical, a funny reworking of the bard's popular work that incorporates pop culture and original '60s-style tunes, Thursday-Friday beginning June 22.

Families visiting the pier during the day can learn about Shakespeare's most famous couple - Romeo and Juliet - while enjoying Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet.

A 15-minute discussion with

cast members follows each 11 a.m. performance presented Thursday-Sunday beginning June 29.

Navy Pier offers the best views of Lake Michigan, and that's another reason to visit.

It's not too early to begin thinking about fall and making reservations for the theater's 2000-01 subscription season.

It opens Sept. 8 with *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, a "wonder-



MICHAEL BROSILOW

Title role: Bernie Yvon stars in the title role of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," part of Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's "Summer on Stage at Navy Pier."

ful but seldom produced comedy," said Henderson.

The School for Scandal, based on the Stratford Festival of Canada's production, opens Nov. 21, followed by *King Lear* on Feb. 9. Peter Brooks will direct award-winning actor Adrian Lester in the title role of *Hamlet*

in a production scheduled to open in May 2001.

The Herbal Bed, written by British playwright Peter Whelan, which tells the story of Shakespeare's daughter, Susanna, who was publicly accused of adultery and later sued for slander, opens Oct. 11 in the inti-

mate 180-seat Studio Theatre.

Whether you make plans to go in the summer, fall, winter or spring, Henderson says you won't be disappointed. "It's a beautiful theater," he said. "It's very unique. You'll be blown away."

Stratford and Shaw festivals feature works by Oscar Wilde

Oscar Wilde is the featured attraction this summer at Ontario's Stratford and Shaw festivals.

The caustic wit whose comedies and life shocked Victorian and Edwardian England has been enjoying a revival on London and New York stages in recent years. Both his controversial life and his hilarious plays will be front and center at the two theater festivals, which are now in early previews.

The Stratford Festival is holding a Wilde lovefest this summer. They will present a staging of Wilde's most popular play *The Importance of Being Earnest*, through Nov. 4 at the Avon Theatre. Wilde's life and his controversial trial for being a homosexual will be examined in Maxim Mazumdar's *Oscar Remembered* will be staged Sept. 8-29 at the Tom Patterson Theatre. In addition, there will be a series of programs on Wilde's influence and works in August.

At the Shaw Festival in Nia-

gara-on-the-Lake, Wilde is a regular attraction as a contemporary of Bernard Shaw. This year he is represented by *A Woman of No Importance*, through Sept. 24 at the Court House Theatre.

Official opening week at the Stratford Festival begins May 29.

The Festival Theatre will feature:

Hamlet, by William Shakespeare with Paul Gross as Hamlet, through Nov. 5.

The Three Musketeers, by Peter Raby from Alexandre Dumas' novel, through Nov. 4.

Fiddler on the Roof, book by Joseph Stein from Sholom Aleichem stories, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, through Nov. 4.

Tartuffe, by Moliere translated by Richard Wilbur with Brian Bedford in the title role, Aug. 1 to Nov. 3.

The Avon Theatre will feature:

As You Like It, by William Shakespeare, through to Nov. 4.

The Diary of Anne Frank, by

Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman, through Nov. 5.

The Importance of Being Earnest, by Oscar Wilde, through Nov. 4.

Patience in concert by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, July 11 to Oct. 13.

At the Tom Patterson Theatre:

Titus Adronicus, by William Shakespeare, June 8 to Sept. 30.

Medea by Euripides, adapted by Robinson Jeffers, June 6 to Oct. 1.

Elizabeth Rex, by Timothy Findley with Paul Thompson, with Diane D'Aquila as Elizabeth I, June 21 to Sept. 30.

Collected Stories, by Donald Margulies, featuring Uta Hagen, July 21 to Sept. 2.

Oscar Remembered, by Maxim Mazumdar, Sept. 8-29.

For ticket information, call 1-

(800)567-1600. You can also reach Stratford at its Web site, www.stratford-festival.on.ca.

Shaw Festival

At the Festival Theatre:

The Doctor's Dilemma, by Bernard Shaw, through Oct. 29.

Easy Virtue, by Noel Coward, through July 21.

Lord of the Flies, by Nigel Williams from the novel by William Golding, July 5 to Oct. 29.

The Matchmaker, by Thornton Wilder, Aug. 12 to Nov. 11.

At the Court House Theatre:

A Woman of No Importance, by Oscar Wilde, through Sept. 24.

The Apple Cart, by Bernard Shaw, June 9 to Sept. 23.

A Room of One's Own, by Virginia Woolf, June 27 to Sept. 22.

Six Characters in Search of an Author, by Luigi Pirandello, Aug. 11 to Sept. 23.

At the Royal George Theatre:

Time and the Conways, by J.B. Priestly, through Oct. 28.

She Loves Me, book by Joe Masteroff, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, through to Oct. 29.

Still Life, by Noel Coward, June 17 to Sept. 10.

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HOME SENSE



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Asparagus: A harbinger of spring

Springtime means fresh Michigan produce. Asparagus is a springtime delicacy, especially when it comes from your backyard. Unfortunately most of Michigan asparagus goes to processors so the fresh supply here is limited.

Most of the asparagus in the grocery stores comes from California, so visit your local farmers market for the "best" asparagus.

Look for bright green asparagus spears and lightly packed tips with a lavender tint. Ideally, asparagus should be eaten as soon as possible but can be stored, uncleaned, in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper. Asparagus can also be stored upright; trim the ends and place in a narrow container with 1-inch of water. Cover with plastic and store in the refrigerator for up to three days.

Preparation

To prepare asparagus, simply cut or break off the tough stem ends and soak them in cold water to clean. Peeling asparagus is not necessary and is a matter of personal taste. Asparagus can be steamed or tied in a bundle and boiled gently. Both methods are very quick, requiring only 3 to 5 minutes for tender, bright green asparagus. Overcooking makes asparagus limp, discolored and bitter. Asparagus, whole or cut, hot or cold, can also be used in stir-frys, quiche, omelets, salads and casseroles. Swiss and cheddar cheese are especially nice with asparagus. Toss leftover asparagus with equal parts garbanzo beans and tomatoes and top with a light vinaigrette dressing to eat for lunch or as a tasty side dish.

Seasonings

To keep your asparagus low in fat and calories, use seasoning and spices to enhance flavor rather than butter or hollandaise sauce. Citrus, chive, thyme and tarragon are just a few of the flavors that complement well. Asparagus is rich in folate and vitamin C with only 23 calories and less than half a gram of fat per serving (about 6 thin stalks).

Michigan asparagus is green and snapped above the ground. There is also white asparagus that is picked as the tip of the plant peeks through the ground. The sunlight doesn't change the color to green. It is prepared the same way as the green variety.

Rhubarb is arriving

Rhubarb is also a welcome site in the spring. The spring stalks of rhubarb are the most tender. Pink to red and all shades in between made rhubarb flavorful. Rhubarb can be grown in a hot house. This is usually a pink color and may have a milder flavor. Rhubarb's long celery-like stalks are edible but the leaves and roots contain oxalic acid which is toxic, so do not eat them.

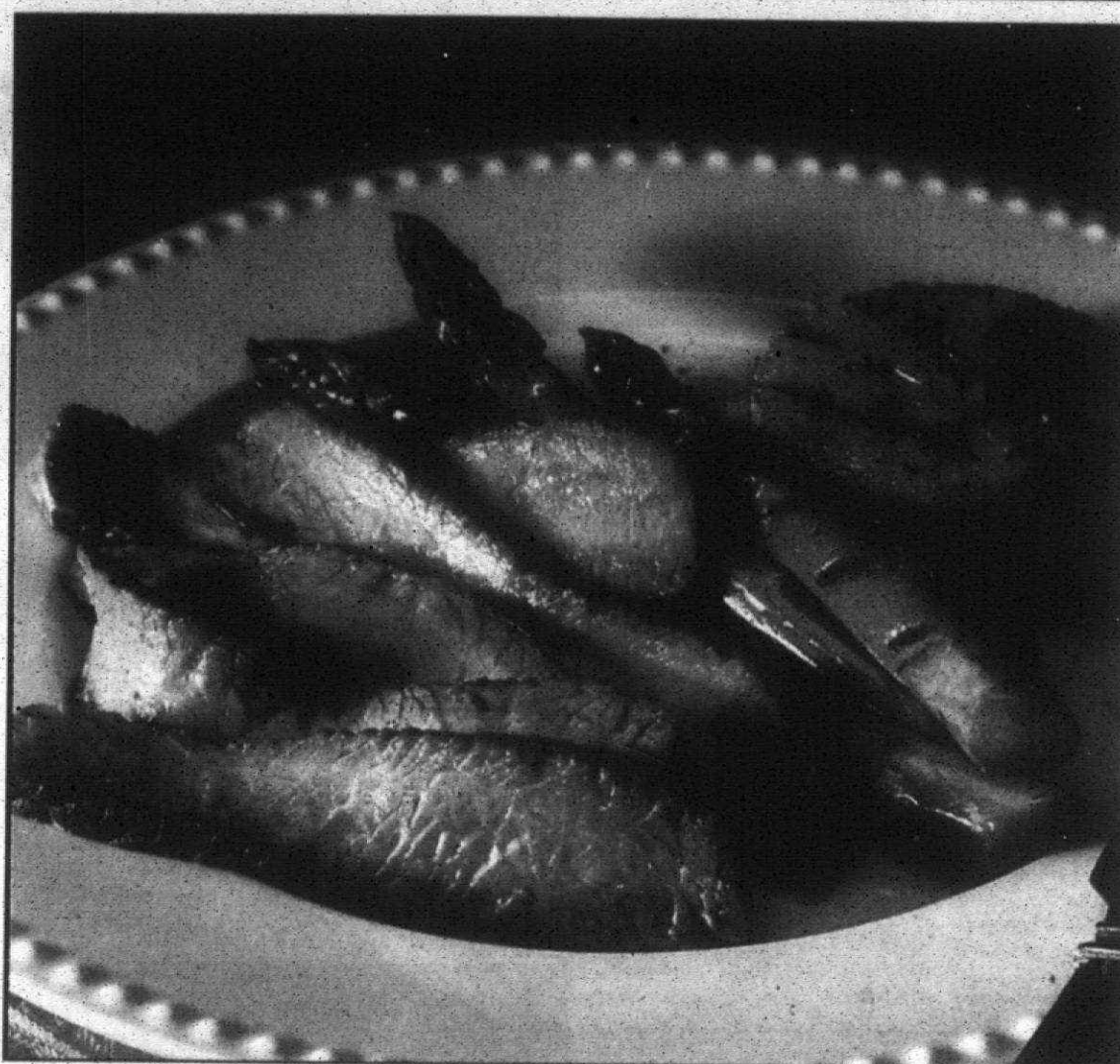
After picking rhubarb, refrigerate quickly or it begins to wilt. Placed in a moisture-proof container and refrigerated, they'll keep for about a week. Rhubarb is generally known as "pie plant" as it is frequently used for pies. Rhubarb can be stewed, made into jam or jelly, used in coffeecakes, pies, cobblers, salads, cookies or served as sauce for meat or poultry. Rhubarb is extremely tart so it will need a lot of sugar unless you add another sweet fruit, such as strawberries or pineapple. Stewing rhubarb with orange juice will also produce a sweet-flavored product.

Don't cook rhubarb in an aluminum or cast iron saucepan. Rhubarb will leach all the bacteria out of the cracks and crevices and change the color of your saucepan. One pound of fresh rhubarb makes about 2 1/2 cups of sauce or the one bunch you may purchase.

Please see ASPARAGUS, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Focus on Wine
 - Make camp lunches fun



Sensational: Balsamic-Marinated Sirloin and Asparagus stars beef top sirloin. It's simple to prepare and looks great.

NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

Great grilled beef

■ **Choose the steak** – Tender steak choices (chuck eye, top sirloin, ribeye, Porterhouse/T-Bone, tenderloin or top loin) can be marinated briefly prior to grilling to impart the marinade's flavor. Less tender steaks (top round or boneless chuck shoulder) must be marinated in a tenderizing marinade prior to grilling.

■ **Choose the ground beef** – For juiciest burgers, choose 80 percent lean ground beef. Shape into patties using a light touch, otherwise burgers will be compact.

■ **Grill properly** – Turn steaks with tongs. Do not use a fork, which pierces the beef and allows flavorful juices to escape. Turn ground beef patties with a spatula. Do not flatten them; flavorful juices can escape resulting in a dry burger.

■ **Cook to the correct doneness** – Cooking times are based on beef removed directly from the refrigerator. Use the time suggested in recipes as a guide, and turn steaks and burgers occasionally. For food safety reasons, cook steaks to at least medium rare (145 degrees F). Top round steaks are most flavorful when cooked to just medium rare. Ground beef patties should be cooked to medium doneness (160 degrees F) or until the centers are no longer pink and the juices show no pink color.

Use an instant read thermometer to check the internal temperature of the steak or burger near the end of suggested cooking time. For steaks, horizontally insert the thermometer (past the indentation on the stem) into the thickest part without touching the fat; the temperature registers in seconds. For burgers, insert the thermometer horizontally and check the temperature.

Information from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Steaks, burgers sizzling stars

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This is the weekend to get fired up – about grilling, and the lazy days of summer ahead. Most of us will be cooking steaks and burgers on a gas grill, and the person in charge will probably be a man.

According to a survey conducted by the Barbecue Industry Association, men are twice as likely to do the grilling, 67 percent, compared to 33 percent for women. Sixty percent of grill owners have gas grills, and seven percent have natural gas grills. Charcoal grills are owned by 50 percent of all grill owners. About 19 percent of grill owners have both a charcoal and a gas grill.

Hamburgers, steaks, hot dogs and chicken are the most popular foods to grill.

When backyard chefs have a question about grilling, lots of them pick up the phone and dial 1-800-Grill-Out (1-800-474-5568). The hotline, offered 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Labor Day is staffed by home economists. This year the Weber certified experts received additional training from the National Seafood Educators to answer questions about grilling seafood and fish.

Lots of people in Michigan called the Weber Grill-Line in 1999. In fact, our state ranked seventh in a list of top 10 calling states. Weber found that men do 58 percent of the grilling, but when there's a problem or a question, women are more likely to call for help, 51 percent compared to 49 percent

men.

Taste editor, Ken Abramczyk, said "it's kind of like asking for directions."

For some suggestions on the best way to cook a steak or burger this Memorial Day weekend, we asked a couple of our experts.

Beef provides protein, iron, zinc and several B-vitamins. For the leanest cuts, choose those with "loin" or "round" in the name such as top sirloin and top loin.

When Virgie Marble, executive chef at Morton's of Chicago, steakhouse in Southfield, grills steak at home his favorite cut is a rib eye. His second favorite is a New York Strip Steak.

Marble says the secret is to start with a good piece of meat. "The simpler the better," he said about seasoning. "I use garlic powder, seasoned salt and pepper."

When he makes beef kabobs, Marble marinades the meat in olive oil, teriyaki sauce, brown sugar, ground ginger, garlic powder and lemon juice. "Marinate the meat about a half hour to an hour," he said. "Use a good virgin olive oil; it doesn't flare up."

Marble uses ground round, for burgers and mixes barbecue sauce with the meat before shaping it into patties.

He's got two grills at home – gas and charcoal – but prefers the charcoal grill. "It gives the meat more of that charcoal flavor," he said. "With a gas grill it's harder to control the temperature."

Diane Reynolds of Farmington Hills, a registered

dietitian at the Kroger Co., leaves grilling to her husband Mark.

"It's kind of a guy thing," she said. "I don't know if it's because there's fire involved, but he also likes to stir-fry."

The Reynolds grill year-round on their gas grill, even when it snows. New York Strip, trimmed of fat is their choice cut of steak, and for burgers, Reynolds recommends ground sirloin over ground chuck because it's leaner.

For those counting calories, Reynolds says – yes you can have your steak and lose weight too – but you've got to control the portion. A serving is about as big as a deck of cards or a computer mouse.

For lower fat options, consider ostrich or buffalo, which Reynolds have a beef-like texture. You can mix ground buffalo with ground sirloin for a lower fat burger.

Jerry Nelson of Canton who works in the meat department at Bob's of Canton, also has a gas and charcoal grill. But for steaks, he uses his charcoal grill.

Delmonico, he said is the most tender, flavorful steak. He'd rather have a Porterhouse instead of a New York Strip Steak.

When Nelson makes burgers he chops up onions and green peppers and mixes it in with the meat before he makes patties.

Then he gives the patties a shake of salt and pepper before grilling to perfection.

See recipes inside.

RECIPES TO SHARE

Souffle 'sandwich' casserole feeds a crowd

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Jean Wynn of Livonia remembers working at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit in the 1970s with her supervisor, Anna Caffrey, who also was a great cook and host.

"She had a little tip for entertaining," Wynn recalls. "She said, 'Always set the table before guests arrive.' Then they see the hosts have things under control."

Caffrey gave Wynn a recipe for a chicken souffle sandwich casserole, which Wynn describes as a special dish, that should be prepared the day before and chilled overnight. Prepare this casserole, and you can expect requests for the recipe, Wynn said.

"I would describe it as a good luncheon or buffet dish, in that it isn't a red meat dish," Wynn said. Even though it is called Mrs. Caffrey's Chicken Souffle Sandwich Casserole, it isn't really a sandwich. It features layers of bread along with chicken, eggs, mushrooms, water chestnuts, mayonnaise, cheese and cream of celery and cream of mushroom soups.

For dessert, Wynn enjoys baking a lemon cake. She thinks she has made

Maude's Lemon Cake "20 to 30 times" over the years.

"It came from an elderly lady named Maude Embury, who in turn had been making it since probably the 1950s," Wynn said. Maude was the parent of one of her friends.

"The recipe is dependable. It's a natural lemony taste and is not a fake. You can take it to a work function or a buffet gathering."

"Some things are easy to make, but not delicious. But this is both. The lemon flavor is a real zinger."

Wynn said you can dress this cake up with whipped cream.

MRS. CAFFREY'S CHICKEN SOUFFLE SANDWICH CASSEROLE

- 9 slices white bread, crust removed
- 4 cups cooked chicken, sliced
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 5-ounce cans water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 9 slices sharp cheese
- 4 eggs, beaten

- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 2-ounce jar pimentos, drained and chopped
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups buttered bread crumbs

Line large flat buttered baking dish with bread. Top with chicken. Saute mushrooms in butter 5 minutes and spoon over top. Sprinkle on water chestnuts. Dot with mayonnaise and top with cheese.

Beat eggs, milk and salt together. Pour over casserole. Mix soup and pimento and spoon over all. Cover with foil and store overnight in refrigerator.

Bake uncovered in 325-degree F oven for 1 1/2 hours. Sprinkle with bread crumbs on top for the last 15 minutes. Serves 10-12.

MAUDE'S LEMON CAKE

- 1 package gold cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup oil
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 (3 ounce) package lemon Jell-O

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Beat above ingredients together four minutes. Pour into a greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake 50 minutes. Cool.

Make glaze from juice of two lemons (plus grated rind) and 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar. Poke holes all over cake with fork or thin skewer, then pour the glaze over it, until absorbed.

(Note: For 1/2 recipe, bake in loaf pan about 30 minutes.)

Recipes courtesy of Jean Wynn of Livonia.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific as possible with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@de.homecomm.net

Vegetarian Cooking — Lenore Yalisco Baum, author of *Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking*, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled a session on the principles of macrobiotics, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Mondays in June. Other June classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays include: pressure cooking, June 7; Mid-east favorites, June 14; cool pasta sal-

ads, June 21, and delicious vegetable, June 28. Call (248) 478-4455.

Classic and Contemporary Sauces — Dress up any plate and add flavor to all your dishes with this course at Schoolcraft College offered on Wednesdays for two weeks starting May 31. From breakfast to dinner, appetizers to snacks, classic and contemporary sauces create elegant and exciting finishing touches. This course will start with very basic sauces used in all French cuisine and move on to lighter, modern versions. You will never need packaged sauces again. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Herbs and Spices — Herbs and spices have many uses for enjoyment and good health. Peter Stark of Renaissance Acres and the M-Fit Culinary Team will show quick and easy recipes to incor-

porate herbs and spices into favorite foods 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, and Wednesday, June 7, at the demonstration kitchen of the East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, ext. 236, to register. Class fee is \$20 for individuals, \$35 for couples.

Pastries and Desserts — Through demonstration and hands-on experience, the student will learn how to construct pies, tarts, cakes, tortes and French pastries in this course offered on Mondays at Schoolcraft College for three weeks starting June 5. Pastries and desserts presented are designed for the person who loves to entertain at home. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

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Kraft is coming to the Detroit area in search of 12 crowd "cheesers" who will win a \$10,000 college scholarship, a family trip to Florida and get to appear on more than 1 million packages of the famous blue box. At each event, kids can enter the "I Want the Blues" contest, meet the dinosaur mascot, Cheesaurus Rex, and his "Cheeseleaders" and win prizes playing Kraft Macaroni & Cheese games.

Entries will be divided into three age groups: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. In each age group, there will be four winners (one written, one video and two drawings) for 12 Blue Box Kids. All entries will be judged on creativity, originality and appropriateness to contest themes.

In addition to the 12 grand prize winners this year, there are honorable mention prize packages that will be awarded to 48 entrants. This prize includes a year's supply of Kraft Macaroni & Cheese (48 boxes), an honorable mention certificate

and an "I'm a Blue Box Kid" T-shirt.

Children, ages 4 through 12 as of July 31, 2000, can enter through any written entry, such as a poem, jingle or story no more than 100 words, creating a drawing on a 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper or creating a video entry by performing through acting, singing, dancing or any other manner. Maximum length of the video is two minutes and entry must be submitted on a standard VHS cassette videotape.

The new video category gives kids the flexibility to show off their talents for the camera and "cheese it up" in front of the camera by singing, acting, dancing or showing any other way they can to express their Kraft Macaroni & Cheese blues. To receive a copy of the contest

rules, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 468022, Lawrenceville, GA 30042-6022. The contest ends July 31, 2000. The winner will be announced in February 2001. For information, visit www.thecheesiest.com or call 800-288-4024.

Children can enter the contest at the following locations:

Livonia: Busch's, 37083 Six Mile Road, 4-6:30 p.m. Friday, June 2.
Orion Township: Kroger, 3097 Baldwin, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3; and Kroger, 460 N. Lapeer, 4-6:30 p.m.
Westland: Meijer, 37201 Warren, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10.
Northville: Meijer, Haggerty and Eight Mile, 4-6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 10.

Cookbooks offer tips on grilling

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Along with the classic grilling cookbooks, some new titles are vying for attention as the backyard cooking season gets under way.

Each of the three reviewed briefly below features an individual approach, a different range of flavors and influences.

"Grilling: Where There's Smoke There's Flavor" (DK Publishing, \$19.95), by Eric Treuille and Birgit Erath, is a large-format tome lavished with glossy color photos, that may be better for armchair browsing than carrying out to the yard.

But it's good value, packed with information about grills, tools and techniques. Photo spreads give practical coaching on how to clean a grill, chop a lobster in half, peel a garlic clove and grate fresh ginger, among other tricky chores.

Recipes cover meat, seafood, poultry, vegetable, sauces and salads; there are helpful notes on seasonings and other ingredients and on putting menus together.

Treuille and Erath are London-based food professionals. Treuille, chef and cooking school director, learned to cook in his native France; Erath, German-born, travels the world as a spice trader.

"Red Sage: Contemporary American Cuisine" (Ten Speed Press, \$40), by Mark Miller, is named for Miller's popular Red Sage restaurant in Washington, D.C.

The book's recipes are distinguished by Miller's style, a sophisticated blend of Southwestern culinary tradition with modern techniques.

Recipes are grouped under headings that include Main Dishes from the Ranch House, and Sides from Pueblo Farms and Mission Gardens, with plenty of good color photographs.

Dishes for the backyard cook to try range from Barbecued Beef Quesadillas, and Grilled Smoky Mesquite Flank Steaks, to Chile-Glazed Grilled Squab. For dessert, try Campfire-Baked Pineapple Upside-Down Cake. Note: Recipes in the book do not deal with outdoor grilling.

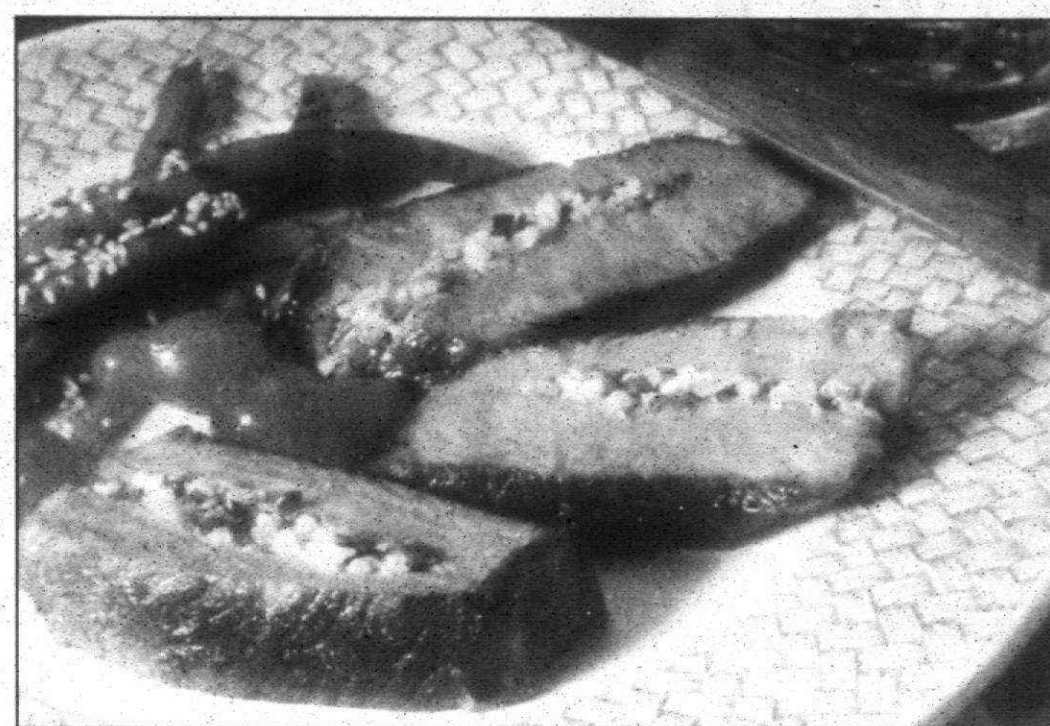
Miller, who also wrote the popular "Coyote Cafe" cookbook, alternates the recipes in "Red Sage" with chapters of Western history, on such topics as mountain men, birth of a cattle culture, and Native Americans, illustrated with period photos.

"Pacific Grilling" (Chronicle, \$18.95 paperback), by Denis Kelly, is subtitled "Recipes for the fire from Baja to the Pacific Northwest."

Kelly, food writer, co-author of "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin) and college teacher, is based in northern California, but points out that grilling is a way of life for the whole West Coast. Out there, he says, "it seems that just about everybody grills just about anything anytime."

That introduces a wide sampling of international and regional tastes and styles, with an overall fresh and lively flavor. Kelly's choices include Grilled Prawns or Scallops With Thai Cilantro Sauce, Ahi Skewers With Miso-Sesame Crust, and Grilled Pork Chuletas With Lime-Tequila Marinade. Plus a "traditional" California Burger With Big Bopper Tomato Topper.

The book also features basic cooking information, and short essays with vignettes of local color.



Garlic-stuffed: These grilled garlic-stuffed steaks are simple to prepare and special to eat. Guests will rave over these top loin steaks stuffed with garlic and green onion.

Get grilling

Fire up your summer with steak

See related story on Taste front.

If you're looking for a casual, yet festive meal on the grill, consider Balsamic Marinated Sirloin and Asparagus, a recipe from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Sirloin steak and fresh asparagus spears are marinated in a blend of Dijon-style mustard, garlic, balsamic vinegar and fresh basil.

Just 15 minutes is all you need to add flavor by marinating, but the steak can be marinated up to two hours if that works better for your schedule.

Add bread and dessert to complete the meal on the grill. For a special treat, grill the bread. Cut slices of French bread, brush lightly with olive oil and grill.

BALSAMIC-MARINATED SIRLOIN & ASPARAGUS

1 boneless beef top loin steak, cut 1-inch thick (about 1 1/4 pounds)
1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
Balsamic Marinade:
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 teaspoon sugar

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients. Place steak and 1/3 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes to 2 hours, turning occasionally. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.

Meanwhile in large skillet, bring 1 inch of water to a boil; add asparagus. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain. In shallow dish, combine asparagus and reserved marinade; turn to coat. Set aside.

Remove steak from marinade; discard. Place steak

on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 17 to 21 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. During last 3 minutes of grilling, arrange asparagus on grid around steak. Grill 3 minutes, turning once.

Season steak and asparagus with salt and pepper. Carve steak crosswise into slices; serve with asparagus. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's tip: To microwave asparagus, place asparagus and 1/2 cup water in shallow microwave-safe dish; cover. Microwave on high 5 to 6 minutes or until crisp tender. Drain.

GRILLED GARLIC-STUFFED STEAKS

2 boneless beef top loin steaks, cut 2 inches thick (about 1 pound each)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup very finely chopped garlic
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

In small skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat until hot. Add garlic. Cook and stir 4 to 5 minutes or until tender, but not browned. Add onions. Continue cooking and stirring 4 to 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Season with salt and pepper; cool completely.

Meanwhile, with sharp knife, cut pocket in each beef steak. Start 1/2 inch from one long side of steak and cut horizontally through center of steak to within 1/2 inch of each side. Spread half of garlic mixture inside each steak pocket. Secure openings with wooden toothpicks.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 22 to 24 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Remove wooden toothpicks. Carve steak crosswise into 1/2-inch thick slices. Makes 6 servings.

Recipes from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Basic sauce adds flavor to meat or chicken

Sauces and marinades can add additional and different flavors to whatever you have on the grill. Here's a recipe from www.barbque.com.

BASIC SAUCE

1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons chile
1 tablespoon onion, grated
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon allspice

1/4 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 cup salad vinegar

1/4 teaspoon celery powder

1/2 cup dark brown sugar

2 cups tomato sauce

Simmer until well blended, about 15 minutes. Try adding 1 teaspoon soy sauce for variation.

Asparagus from page D1

chase makes about 4 1/2 cups space. Two pounds makes a generous 8- or 9-inch pie. Rhubarb freezes well. Just cut it up and freeze in a moisture-proof freezer container or bag. You will be able to enjoy the homegrown rhubarb all year.

Dandelion greens

Dandelion greens can also be eaten. However, make sure that the plant has not been treated with weed killer or fungicides.

The greens that you buy in the store have been cultivated for eating. Dandelion greens have a little bit of a bitter taste, something similar to chicory. If you have found some "safe" dandelion greens, pick them before the yellow flower develops. Dandelion greens do contain calcium, fiber and various other minerals so they are good for you, but you need to find those that are safe to eat.

Asparagus, rhubarb and dandelion say "spring" to everyone. Spring gives us new flavors and fresh garden produce that never taste quite as good as those first few picked.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

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Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Say goodbye to corns, callouses and crooked toes ...

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Ready to pull those socks and shoes off for a romp at the beach and in the park? For many, however, warm weather means exposing neglected feet and toenails for the whole world to see.

While pedicures and foot massages make your feet look and feel better, they should not be done to mask foot health problems, according to Johanna Youner, D.P.M., director of the Podiatric Clinic of New York University Downtown Hospital.

"Proper foot care involves more than a fresh coat of nail polish, or even a pedicure. Pay attention to the health of your feet year-round and realize that unsightly feet may be a sign of a more serious health problem."

Dr. Youner offers these tips for avoiding common foot problems:

- Wear flip-flops in showers and locker rooms.
- Wash feet daily and dry thoroughly.
- Change socks daily, or more often if necessary.
- Trim shoes regularly with antifungal powders.
- Alternate the shoes you wear, and make sure they fit correctly.
- Make sure sterilized, professional tools are used for pedicures.

Dr. Youner recommends caution when having pedicures. "Everything should be sanitized and sterilized. Cutting cuticles can lead to infection, allowing fungus to get into the nail," she also warns that frequent nail polish application and removal can damage nails.

Wearing high heels or ill-fitting shoes can also lead to poor foot health, causing heel fissures, corns and calluses, not to mention nail fungal infection, and other serious complications.

"Approximately one-half of the population has nail fungus," said Dr. W. Steven Watson of Canton Foot Specialists in Canton. Medications used to treat nail fungus include Penlac, a topical medication used in Europe for the past eight years. It's applied once a day and has no side effects, said Watson.

Lamisil (terbinafine HCl tablets) Tablets is an oral treatment taken once daily for toenail or fingernail fungus (onychomycosis). The drug kills dermatophytes, the most common organism associated with nail infections. Results are evident in 90 days, with optimum results in one year, said Watson.

However, Lamisil is not for people with liver or kidney problems. Although serious side effects are rare, your doctor most likely will do blood tests before prescribing the drug.

"We always check liver enzymes before we prescribe," said Watson. "We also get medical clearance from the patient's family doctor if they have any other serious medical problems."

Movement disorders

The Oakwood Pediatric Neurology & Movement Disorders Program will hold an Open House 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the Oakwood Waterworks Building, 21031 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Caretakers for special needs children are invited to tour the facility, enjoy refreshments and hear the latest information on state-of-the-art therapy for movement disorders (tics/Tourette's, other), spasticity and cerebral palsy, as presented by Dr. Yasser Awaad, director of the program. Presentation begins 7 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 791-4323.

Stroke prevention study

Dr. Seemant Chaturvedi, associate professor of neurology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, will participate in a global study to determine whether one statin, a cholesterol-lowering drug, is effective in preventing strokes.

Atorvastatin, known commercially as Lipitor, is commonly used to treat heart disease and prevent second heart attacks. This is the first study to see if the drug is useful in preventing strokes or mini-strokes after a first occurrence. About 20 percent of strokes are caused by blockage of the blood vessels leading to the brain.

The study will recruit 4,200 patients who have LDL cholesterol between 100 and 190 and have had either a stroke or a mini-stroke within the past six months. Those who have coronary artery disease are not eligible to participate. Participants, who will be given either 80 mg of atorvastatin or a placebo, will receive all health monitoring, doctor visits and study medication free of charge.

For more information, call Flicia Mada at (313) 745-1893.

Knee and hip pain

Tired of the pain in your hips and knees limiting your physical activity?

Botsford Hospital will offer a four-week knee-hip Feldenkrais class 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays at TRACC, 39505 Grand River Avenue (1/8 mile west of Haggerty Road) Novi. The class is designed to improve posture, flexibility and coordination and reduce chronic pain. The cost is \$40. Preregistration required. Call (248) 473-5600.

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The sturdy foot

The foot is an anatomical work of art - 26 bones, 33 joints, and a network of more than 100 tendons, muscles and ligaments that work together like a finely tuned race car to get us where we want to go.

According to the American Podiatric Medical Association, the average person takes 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day, the equivalent of several miles. Multiply that by a lifetime and most of us have walked about 115,000 miles, more than four times the circumference of the globe.

Oh, my aching feet. Oh, my tender toes.

Although some foot ailments are hereditary, many result from a lifetime of abuse and neglect. High heels - defined as any heel higher than two inches - often pinch the fifth, or little, toe, resulting in a not-too-pretty hammer toe with a corn. Ouch!

The new higher platform shoes also can damage to your feet and back as much as high heels. In a recent issue of Botsford General Hospital's Health News, Dr. Marshall Solomon, chairman of Botsford's Podiatric Medicine Department, wrote:

"Walking in these shoes changes a person's relation to the ground. It causes them to reorient themselves and forces them to mis-step. Many times this leads to fractures and breaks."

However, many foot problems - such as flat feet, which cause the leg to rotate inward, resulting in knee, hip and lower back pain, or uneven limb length - can be corrected with an orthotic, a special insert for the shoe.

"It balances the foot to the optimum level. It can take pressure off bunions and callouses," said Wilson.

New procedure

Watson is in the business of straightening out painful crooked toes, also known as "hammer digit deformity." In a procedure done in the office under a local anesthetic, a small incision is made on the side of the toe. Through this incision, Watson removes the large bone segment responsible for the toe's claw-like position. He then sets the toe in the new straightened position and closes the wound with a dissolving stitching material.

"People are amazed how little pain there is," he said. The procedure has a high success rate, he added. "We have not seen any returns."

It's unlikely that women will stop wearing high heels or platform shoes, but Solomon, along with the American Podiatric Medical Association, recommends giving your feet a mini vacation once in a while.

"If you're wearing high heels, or chunky heels, take a break from them. If you're doing paperwork at your desk, switch to a lower heel for awhile so you can give your feet a rest," said Solomon.

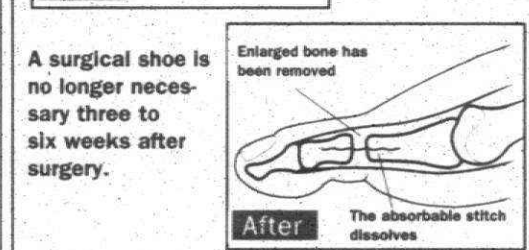
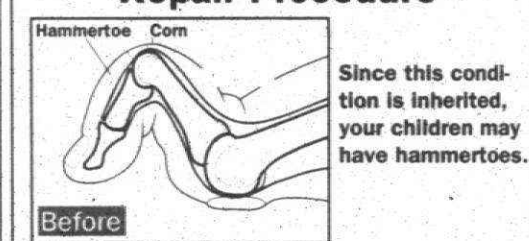
He also recommends exercises that are helpful in alleviating pain and discomfort.

"Even before you get out of bed in the morning, try this exercise. Wrap a towel around your feet and pull it toward you, making sure you extend your knees and pull your feet toward you. This will stretch your muscles and it feels great, too."

Another recommendation is to stand facing a wall, palms touching the wall and toes straight. Bring your chest toward the wall, heels on the ground. This stretches out the hamstring. However, do this exercise slowly to avoid tearing or rupturing ligaments. Try it. Ahh, such a delicious stretch.

Be kind to your feet. They're the two best friends you'll ever have. With a little tender-loving care,

Advanced Hammer Digit Repair Procedure



For a great pair of feet, follow these tips

- Do not ignore foot pain. It's not normal. If pain persists, see a podiatric physician.
- Inspect your feet regularly. Pay attention to changes in color and temperature. Look for thick or discolored nails (a sign of developing fungus), and check for cracks or cuts in the skin. Peeling or scaling on the soles of feet could indicate athlete's foot. Any growth on the foot is not normal.
- Wash your feet regularly, especially between the toes. Dry them completely.
- Trim toenails straight across, but not too short. Be careful not to cut nails in corners or on the sides; it can lead to ingrown toenails. Use nail clippers; scissors can cut the skin. Persons with diabetes, poor circulation or heart problems should not treat their own feet because they are more prone to infection.
- Purchase new shoes later in the day when feet tend to be at their largest.
- Make sure the shoes fit well - front, back and sides - to distribute weight. The widest part of your foot should correspond to the widest part of the shoe.
- Select and wear the right shoe for the activity (running shoes for running).
- Alternate shoes. Don't wear the same pair every day.
- Avoid walking barefooted. At the beach or when wearing sandals, always use sunblock on your feet as on the rest of your body.
- Be cautious when using home remedies for foot ailments.
- Use a pumice stone for rough, dry skin, but don't be too aggressive. Lotions such as "Pretty

- Hands & Feet" and "Eucarin" can help remove very dry skin, said Dr. W. Steven Watson. If the problem is very severe, see a podiatrist.
- Soaking your feet often washes away oils. Watson recommends soaking only for therapeutic reasons, such as arthritis or infection. After soaking, rub your feet with aloe vera with vitamin E or cocoa butter.
- Do not soak your feet if you are diabetic.
- Do not go barefoot if you are diabetic. Diabetes causes decreased sensation in the feet.
- If you have diabetes, it is vital that you see a podiatric physician at least once a year for a check-up.

Sources: The American Podiatric Medical Association and Dr. W. Steven Watson of Canton Foot Specialists.

Sweaty Feet

The average pair of feet sweats almost a cup of fluid daily. The feet contain lots of sweat glands, which secrete fluid when you walk or run. These glands also are activated when your feet get hot. Stress or anxiety also triggers perspiration in the soles, which occurs simultaneously with the sweating of the palms.

How do you handle (ugh!) sweaty feet? Let the accumulated sweat evaporate.

Wear "breathable" socks and shoes of natural material, which "wick" away moisture from the skin. For socks, cotton (warm

weather) and wool (cool weather) are superior to nylon, orlon, or other synthetics. Select shoes with an upper made of leather or canvas. Avoid man-made materials like vinyl.

Change your shoes and socks as often as possible during the day and do not wear the same pair of shoes on two consecutive days. Adding cornstarch to your shoes and socks (more absorbent than talc and less expensive) is helpful.

Antiperspirants also help prevent sweaty feet. Use conventional spray-on or roll-on products, or ask your pharmacist for a bottle of 25 percent aluminum chloride tincture, the active ingredient in most antiperspirants.

Source: www.foothealth.com

Stinky Feet

This condition is technically known as bromhidrosis and is caused by an accumulation of bacteria, fungus, mold and yeast. Foot odor is compounded by the rotting of materials within your shoes, which is caused by the caustic action of your perspiration.

Bromhidrosis can be caused by the ingestion of aromatic foods and spices. For some people, their foot odor clears up when they stop eating garlic.

Prevention is directed at keeping the feet both clean and dry. In his book *Dr. Zisner's Skin Care Book*, Jonathan Zisner recommends a good antiodorant soap, such as Safeguard or Palmolive

Automakers on the muscle over rival Web sites



MIKE WENDLAND

Detroit's automakers are warning their dealers across the country to have nothing to do with independent Web sites that are selling new cars directly to consumers.

Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler have sent warning letters to their dealers. The reason: Online brokerage sites like CarsDirect.com and CarOrder.com.

The Big Three carmakers are telling their dealers that if they sell vehicles to car brokers who bypass traditional dealerships, they will be in violation of long-standing franchise agreements.

Other online car sites like Autobytel generate leads via the Internet but then refer buyers directly to dealerships.

The heavy-handed warnings

reflect the tight competition in the automobile industry and the growing strength of the Internet as a marketing medium that squeezes out the middleman.

Broadband is taking its time

It is taking much longer than anyone expected but, slowly, the world is being wired to broadband. Fast cable or DSL service, soon to be augmented by broadband satellite and wireless Internet, will be used by 35 million people in the U.S. by 2005.

Prices will plummet, too, thanks to competition. All this according to a new report by Forrester Research. But keep that in perspective.

With 135 estimated Internet users in the United States, the vast majority, for some time to come, still will be stuck with dial-up modem access. With 50 percent of the households in most urban areas now wired to the Internet, expect a growing

clamor for broadband to be rolled out a lot faster than it is.

Wary over wireless

The information technology community is warily eyeing all the hype over wireless computer networks because of warnings about overloaded bandwidth.

Wireless networks - called LANs for Local Area Network - use radio signals instead of cables to electronically hook up computers in office buildings. But so many people are embracing wireless LANs that available frequencies in many urbanized areas around the country are starting to get clogged.

One IT director for a Detroit-based Fortune 100-sized company told me his company just cancelled a multimillion contract for wireless because new studies showed the equipment would be obsolete in four years.

Already, the FCC is getting complaints about wireless LAN interference in some cities ...

which could be even more disruptive than a hack attack.

Microsoft virus patch has holes

Although Microsoft has admitted its Outlook e-mail program is vulnerable to computer virus attacks, the security patch the company has hurriedly made available for free download is being criticized as too little, too late. The patch causes synchronization problems with users of the Palm handheld organizer, which is as common as a wireless phone for many Detroit area road warriors. Some difficulties with the Pocket PC.

And it is an all or nothing solution, meaning it cannot be uninstalled without wiping clean the entire Microsoft Office suite and starting from scratch. Several IT execs and Net techs have e-mailed me to say they would rather take their chance with a virus than install the patch. They plan to wait for a complete

ly new version of Outlook expected later this year or to switch to another e-mail program not as susceptible to viruses

A new community gathers online

Detroit's Heidi VanArmen was disabled at the age of 15 when she was shot in the neck. But through an upbeat "I can" philosophy that has seen her mentor and inspire other disabled people to live powerfully impactful lives, VanArmen is turning to the Internet with a new Web site aimed at the one major group that has yet to find a central community online to call home.

Her new Web site called - you guessed it - Icanonline.net is a place where people affected by disabilities can take advantage of the community - building power of the Internet. A one-stop resource for information, guidance, conversation and companionship, Ican Online brings together content, community and

resources in one easy-to-navigate place. The Web site is exactly what the Internet is all about.

PC Mike Seminar

My PC Mile "Internet 101 Seminar" is next weekend, Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by TalkRadio 1270, WXYT, the free seminar will teach you what you need to know to use the Internet successfully. It will be at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, in Birmingham. The seminar is totally free but you need to get a reservation. Call (248) 455-7343.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His "Net News Daily" Internet reports are on WWJ, NewsRadio 950 Monday-Friday at 6:26 p.m. His "PC Talk" call-in radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his website at www.pcmike.com

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TUES, JUNE 13

CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. For more information, call Tracey Huff (248) 347-

TUES, JUNE 13

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

The National Association of Women Business Owners-Greater Detroit Chapter will hold their monthly breakfast meeting 8-9 a.m. Tuesday at Cleary College, 3601 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor in the Student Lounge. The speaker is Leslie Rzeznic of Whomp Web Designs. No cost. Call Jennifer Rice at (734) 424-9577.

WED, JUNE 14

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The National Association of Women Business Owners will meet 7:45-9 a.m. at Border's, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham or networking and presentations by member businesses. No cost. Refreshments available for purchase. Call Gail Parker at (248) 352-7368.

THUR, JUNE 15

BUSINESS WORKSHOP

The Service Corps of Retired Executives will offer a business plan workshop 8:45 a.m. to noon at the One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. Topics include financial statements, example business plans, sources of funds, \$40 per person. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to register.

FRI, JUNE 16

PRE-BUSINESS WORKSHOP

The Service Corps of Retired Executives will offer a workshop for people thinking of opening a business 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. \$40 per person. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to register.

Schoolcraft College will offer an international trade certificate program beginning June 6 to help area businesses become more competitive in the international market.

The program, through Schoolcraft's Business Development Center, provides real-world training and application in courses and seminars taught by global trade experts. Sessions focus on developing entrepreneurs and translating international business strategy

into long-term goals.

Michigan's annual overseas exports have increased steadily and recently crossed the \$30 billion mark. According to statistics, nearly 97 percent of U.S. firms that export are small businesses, accounting for nearly 31 percent of total U.S. export sales. To learn about the business potential for exporting, attend the following sessions:

- June 6 and 8, International Marketing
- June 13 and 15, International

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE 5, 12 & 26

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will sponsor community blood pressure screenings on the following Mondays: 1-3 p.m. June 5 in the hospital's lobby at 36475 Five Mile Road; 8-10 a.m. June 12 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia; and noon to 2 p.m. June 26 at the Northville Senior Center. Call (734) 655-8940.

TUES, JUNE 6

DIABETES AWARENESS

Meijer Pharmacy (Eight Mile and Haggerty) in Northville will host a Diabetic Health Awareness Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will showcase diabetic supplies and information about the

COMMUNICATION GAP

Relax and have fun in this Botsford Hospital Health Development Network-sponsored workshop that looks at the differing communication styles of men and women. Preregistration, \$20 fee. Call (248) 477-6100.

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SEEING THE DOCTOR & COMING BACK AGAIN

You may have experienced the following: You have swelling of the knee. See your doctor who gives the knee X-rays, medicine, and sends you home. But you and the doctor expect that your knee pain and swelling will resolve, and you can return to the activities of your life with no restrictions.

However, the next day you don't feel much better, and the day following you still have not improved. The same sequence of events occurs when you receive a new medicine, or make a change in how you take medications. You expect that seeing the doctor would improve your pain.

When you realize you are not improving as anticipated, call your doctor. You should be ready for a series of responses, even disbelief in his, your doctor's, belief prior to their work, and when they haven't succeeded, they read a human lesson.

What your doctor will give you is a prescription response. He may want to see you as soon as possible, and you will be asked to call a physician to follow up on your therapy to counter what will occur.

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