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MONDAY

School board: The Van Buren Public Schools board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the administration building, 555 West Columbia, Belleville.

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Topics include a proposed runway shift at Metetta Airport.

WEDNESDAY

Fore: League play begins with 5-6 p.m. tee times at Fellow's Creek Golf Course. Two-man teams for league play. Registration fee is \$420. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Buy flowers: Remember your secretary on Secretaries Day today. And don't forget Arbor Day Friday.

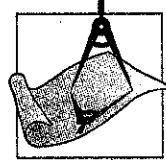
FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Calling all trash: Canton residents are invited to bring up to a truck-load of non-hazardous materials to the Canton Waste Recycling Site 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8-11 a.m. Saturday on Van Born west of Haggerty.

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Carpet sought for football field



BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators are asking the Michigan Department of Treasury for permission to spend \$875,000 in bond money to install artificial turf at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity football field.

According to state law, changes in

expenditures involving the \$79.7 million bond passed by voters in March 1997 need permission from the state before being spent.

"In the issues that began to arise with the North Pointe residents concerns, we went back and revisited the site plan for athletic field development," said Kathleen Booher, Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent. "We recognized the district had intend-

ed the new stadium would be a ninth grade-junior varsity field, and the existing stadium would become a varsity stadium.

"We realized that if we have synthetic turf, it should be at the varsity stadium because of the number of games that would be played there, and the number of marching band competitions and activities," she said.

Booher said the volume of games and activities would make for poor turf and dangerous playing conditions if it continued to be a grass surface.

"The bid experience on the high school project has been excellent," added Booher. "Everything the bond issue promised the community has

been bid, and there's still enough in the balance to work with, allowing us to put in artificial turf."

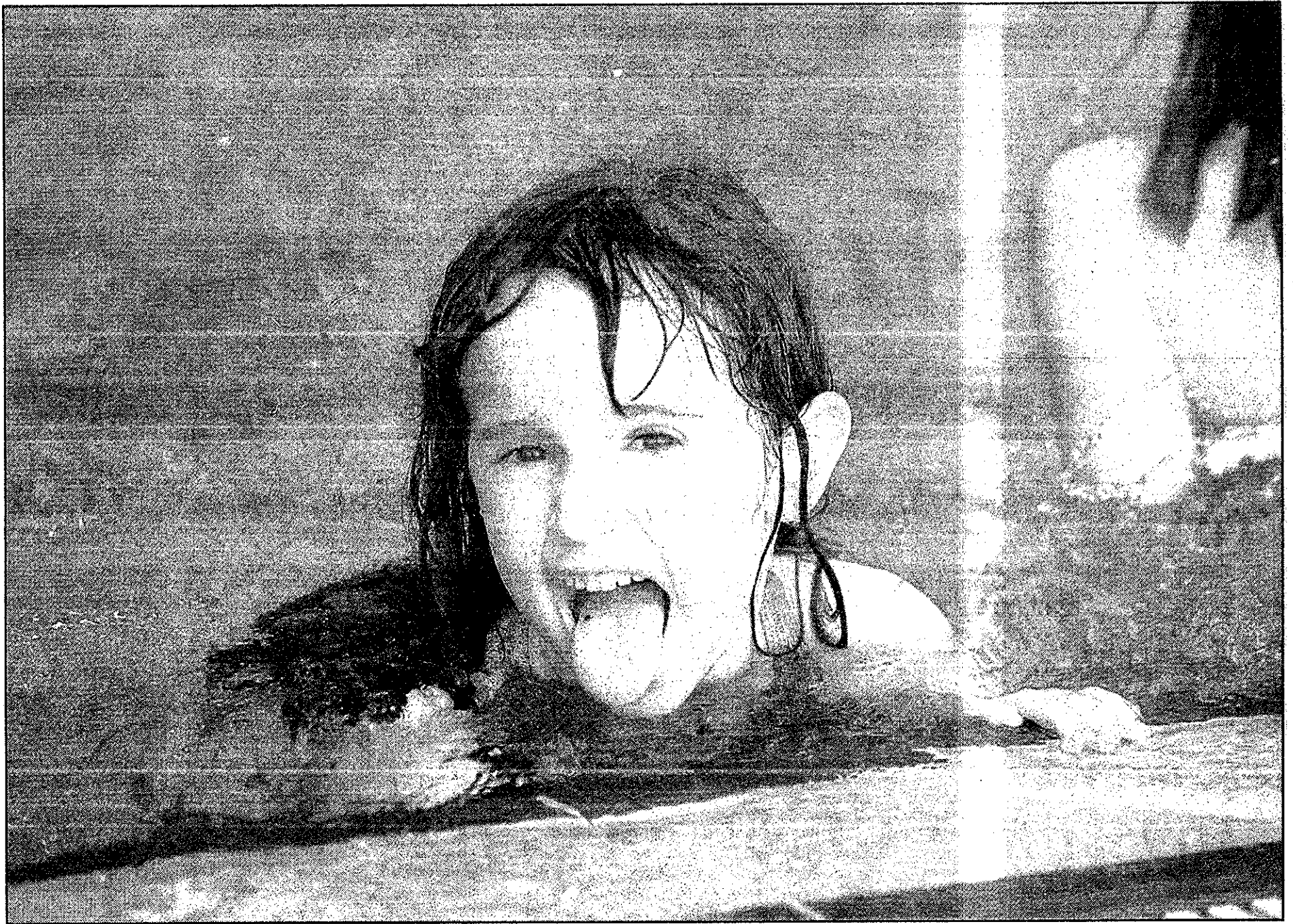
Reaction among school district trustees concerning the artificial turf has been varied.

"I'm not comfortable with this being the best decision for our students," said Roland Thomas. "I think there are less expensive options."

"We want that field to be used to the max, and we can't have a mud hole," added Susan Davis. "I know there is controversy over artificial turf, but there will be nine teams playing on that field."

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Splish-splash break



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Pool party: While the weather outside hasn't been delightful, many spring breakers took advantage of the perfect weather inside the pool atrium at Canton's Summit on the Park last week. Meghan McDermott of Northville, 5, was among hundreds of area children and their parents who took advantage of the open swim offered each day during the Easter Break.

State delays ITT Tech construction in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Construction in Canton of a new technological school has been delayed even before the groundbreaking.

Indianapolis-based ITT Tech's newest campus was to be built at Palmer and Haggerty roads, and Tuesday the Canton Township Planning Commission approved site plans for the 25,000-square-foot center.

However, ITT Tech CEO René Champagne said the office of Post Secondary Development Services of the Michigan Department of Career Development

has put the brakes on the project.

"They're reluctant to approve our third school in Michigan," Champagne said. "They have indicated they would like to see these schools become more college-like in orientation."

Currently, ITT Tech's Michigan sites in Troy and Grand Rapids are associate degree-granting proprietary schools.

"We are quite taken aback by this," Champagne said. "I have sent a letter to Gov. Engler stating this is foolish."

Not so fast, said Tiffany Dowling, spokesperson for the state's Career

Development office.

"We have nothing against ITT Tech or any proprietary schools opening in Michigan," Dowling stated. "There's just been a lack of communication. It's a very prominent proprietary school. They're national and they have a good reputation, but it's our job to make sure that students are actually getting the certificate and the education they think they're getting."

Dowling said ITT Tech has recently proposed new programs which must be reviewed by a state-appointed committee of scholars.

"It can be quite a lengthy process,"

Dowling said. "It can take three to six months."

Dowling said the state has been trying to arrange a meeting with ITT Tech administrators because the school has not yet applied to add the programs to their existing schools' degree listings.

Dowling stated Michigan welcomes private schools.

"It's just a matter of getting their programs approved," she said.

Champagne said if the new center is approved, the building process should take six or nine months.

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Good grades

The Canton Observer salutes Superstar Carriers for earning straight-A marks on their recent report cards. They include:

■ Alen Averkamp, 11, a student at Central Middle School who delivers the paper in Windsor Woods.

■ Ryan Olson, 13, a student at East Middle School who delivers papers in Edenbrooke Farms. "I like getting exercise, and I like money," he said. "That's why I deliver Observer papers."

■ Matt Hemmelgarn, 14, a student at Discovery Middle School who delivers papers in Embassy Square.

Go fish

The annual kids fishing derby goes forth Saturday, May 5, at the ponds in Heritage Park. A new

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format this year reserves 8:30-11:30 a.m. for kids age 12 and under. Kids age 13-15 may fish from noon to 3 p.m. The fee is \$1 per kid. The pond will be stocked with rainbow trout. For additional data, call 397-5110.

New cop

Patricia Ann Vermeesch, 22, is the latest addition to the Canton Township police force. As a patrol officer, Vermeesch will be responsible for traffic enforcement and other general law enforcement duties. "It's interesting work," she said. "It's a different environment every day. You're always on the go

as a police officer."

New office

Cardinal Staffing Services has opened a new location in the Canton Village Center, 44296 Cherry Hill. The business provides placement and recruiting services for other businesses. Call (734) 844-8720.

Dishdog dude

Canton resident Dan Kelly was named Wet-n-Wild Dishdog of the Year by the bd's mongolian barbeque at the annual company party April 9.

Kelly works at the bd's mongolian barbeque restaurant in Novi.

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School district financial woes may affect contract negotiations

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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When the Plymouth-Canton Education Association resumes contract talks with Plymouth-Canton Schools officials in the coming weeks, is the deal that was turned down by educators April 11 the best the district has to offer, and will it be put back on the table?

The one-year contract called for a 3-percent wage hike for teachers at the very top of the 11-year pay scale, as well as for first-year teachers. Educators in the middle, who are in their second through 10th years, would have received pay increases of 1.75 percent. Rejection of the pact "stunned and disappointed" the PCEA leadership and bargaining team. However, teachers didn't like what they perceived as a two-tier wage scale.

The tentative agreement was put together before the district revealed initial budget forecasts indicating expenditures will begin to exceed revenues as early as the 2002-03 budget year. PCEA President Chuck Portelli said he's concerned recent financial forecasts could mean less money for teachers.

"If their projections show they won't have the money, the amount they're currently offering could be different than what we end up with," said Portelli. "The budget numbers weren't brought up at the bargaining table, but there was a concern

over the budget."

Superintendent Kathleen Booher noted that 87 percent of the district's budget is salaries and benefits.

"It will be tough to negotiate," admitted Booher. "When a district operates on such a slim margin as this one, we have hard work ahead of us."

Portelli knows the district's spending is mostly on people and has concerns about the future.

"If you have to cut, where do you start?" he said. "Class size will go up, and that means layoffs. I don't want to see that."

Booher said it will come down to a partnership to resolve a new contract.

"The employee units in the district will need to be partners with us in figuring out how to maintain the quality of programs we offer, in a fashion that appropriately compensates our employees, but at a level the district can afford," she said. "Those parameters don't create simple answers."

The PCEA represents 1,000 teachers, including 950 at the district's 21 elementary, middle and high schools, along with 50 who teach adult education at Starkweather and English as a Second Language.

The current three-year pact expires in August. Both sides had agreed to a one-year extension, giving Booher time to get her executive director for human resources on board and involved in negotiations.

GEORGE O. AHO

Services for George O. Aho, 91, of Dearborn Heights, were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Mr. Aho was born Dec. 24, 1901 in Gilbert, Minn., and died April 15 in Dearborn Heights. He worked as a dental manufacturer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn J. Aho.

Survivors include daughter, Mardelle E. (Robert W.) Smith; son, Roy G. (Susan) Aho; daughter, Patricia A. (Daniel) Charter; eight grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

WILMA R. CARR

Services for Wilma R. Carr, 87, of St. Joseph, Mo. (formerly of Plymouth), were held April 20 at the Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel with the Rev. Jim Chardwicke officiating. Burial was at Flag Springs Cemetery in Missouri.

Mrs. Carr was born June 25, 1913 in Waterloo, Iowa, and died April 17 in Gower, Mo. She had

lived in Plymouth most of her life, then in Plymouth, Ind. for 12 years before moving to St. Joseph, Mo. 13 years ago. She was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton for 30 years and currently a member of Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo. She had worked as a flight kitchen manager for United Airlines in Michigan for more than 10 years. On Aug. 5, 1934 she married Leslie A. Carr in Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie A. Carr; two sisters, Ovida Sutton and Leona Buell; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include son, Richard F. Carr of Frisco, Texas; daughter, Ruth Ann Arbron of St. Joseph, Mo.; daughter, Marilyn M. Utley of Fort Pierce, Fla.; daughter, Marcie J. Carr-Riegal of Berkeley; 10 grandchildren; and 26 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo.

Arrangements made by Heaton-Bowman-Smith and Sidenfaden Chapel.

CONNIE R. DEAN

Services for Connie R. Dean of El Paso, Texas (formerly of Plymouth) were held April 20 in El Paso.

Mrs. Dean was born Nov. 20, 1951 in Detroit and died April 17 in El Paso. She lived in Plymouth until 18 years ago when she moved to El Paso. She was a member of the Community Chorus when in Plymouth. She was a nurse at Providence Hospital in El Paso at the time of her death.

Survivors include her husband, John (Jack) Dean of El Paso, Texas; daughters Bethany Kaye Dean and Kathryn Leigh Dean of El Paso; father-in-law, Gregory W. Dean of Plymouth; brother-in-law, Richard S. (Anna) Dean of Stockbridge; sisters-in-law, Michelle Dean of Plymouth and Jan E. (Art) Flint of Knoxville, Tenn.

Arrangements made by family.

RAYMOND GLENN LANE

Services for Raymond Glenn Lane, 83, of Northville Township, will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Lane was born June 12, 1917 in Detroit and died April 18 in Northville Township. Mr. Lane retired from Whitman and Barnes in Plymouth, where he was a machine operator. He came to Plymouth in 1953 from Detroit. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was also a member of the Plymouth Elks B.P.O.E. No. 1780, and the VFW in Livonia. He served in the Army during World War II, spending two years in Europe and had an honorable discharge. He loved growing raspberries which he sold at his roadside stand. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He lived in Plymouth for more than 25 years.

Survivors include wife, Lois of Royal Oak; daughter, Joan (John) Vondola of Maine; son, Mark (Mary) Lane of Commerce Township; daughter, Linda Kiser of Texas; and daughter, Carole Cell of Texas; eight grandchildren; sister, Grace Stracker of Livonia; and niece, Gloria Harper of Royal Oak.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

WALTER ARVID PETERSON

Services for Walter Arvid Peterson, 81, of Canton Township were held April 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. William F. Hopper officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Peterson was born May 3, 1919 in Dodgeville, Mich. and died April 17 in Livonia. Prior to retiring he was a body shop repairman for a Plymouth dealer for 15 plus years. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Hilgard A. Peterson of Canton Township; daughter, Trudy (Vincent) Migliore of Tipton, Mich.; daughter, Marsha (Steve) Maxwell of Livonia; sister, Esther Hardenburgh of Dearborn Heights; sister, Elsie (Edward) Lawrukovich of Las Vegas, Nev.; five grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075.

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Food Network calls on Canton cook

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Darlene Deeg laughed and reminisced as she previewed in her Canton home the tape of her 11 minutes of fame. The rest of the world can see what she's giggling about Monday night when Deeg will be featured on the Food Network's *Calling All Cooks*.

"This seems so funny," Deeg marveled while watching the tape. "You know I always have my nails done before cooking."

Deeg, who admits she's a cooking show junkie, said about a year ago, she was watching *Calling All Cooks*, and was inspired to tell the show's

producers about a tradition come to be known as "Bunco night" she and her neighbors enjoy every month.

Deeg and 11 friends gather to play the dice game and share food, wine and desserts. The women each host Bunco once a year.

Deeg submitted an Apple Cinnamon Creme Brulee dessert recipe that wowed her friends when she had last hosted Bunco.

The producers were as wowed by Deeg as her friends were by her dessert, and several months after she e-mailed the recipe, Deeg got a call from the show.

She was asked to make a five-minute video of herself in her kitchen.

"It was hilarious," Deeg said. "That kind of sold the Food Network on us, this comical video tape."

Deeg said her husband, two sons and parents joined in to make the video, which featured her 6-year-old informing the producers that his favorite dish that mom cooks is macaroni and cheese from a box.

Deeg and her family also scripted a comical sketch in which her father dares to bring her frozen appetizers, only to have his self-taught gourmet daughter turn up her nose and toss them into the trash.

While none of Deeg's amateur video made it into the show, her sense of humor and enthusiasm remained a consistent theme.

Although Deeg was thrilled to welcome the camera crew, chef and producer into her home last November, she admitted the 12-hour show taping was exhausting.

"My feet were killing me and I was worn out," Deeg said. "But I'd definitely do it all again."

Deeg, a tax accountant for Ford Motor Co., said she fantasizes about turning her well-equipped kitchen into a test kitchen for a food column.

"I'd love to test recipes and critique them," she said. Her love affair with cooking began when she was only 8 years old and she made a fudge brownie recipe. That cooking experiment turned into a two-year quest for the perfect fudge brownie recipe.

"I must have made about

50 different recipes before getting it perfect," she said.

She said her parents are good cooks, but neither quite share her passion for culinary experiments. She said if she's preparing a dinner for guests, she'll spend at least a week planning the perfect menu and perusing her cookbooks and recipes stored in her computer.

"I experiment on my family, especially on holidays like on Easter," she said. "I just have to. That's the price they pay."

Deeg joked she's gone a little overboard, and has been forbidden to buy more cookbooks.

Deeg's husband of nine years, Joe, takes it all in stride. Deeg recalled when they were newlyweds, she cooked gourmet meals for him nearly every night.

After a few months, she ran out of ideas and asked what he would like to eat.

"He said, 'Could we just have some hot dogs and crinkle fries?' So even now, about once a month we have hot dogs and fries," Deeg said.

Her children, 6-year-old Bobby and 4-year-old Bradley, greet mom's cooking with different degrees of enthusiasm. It's young Bradley, whose favorite foods are salads and hommous, who is the intrepid eater. But big brother relies on the standby peanut butter and jelly.

Viewers can watch Deeg in action, and catch a glimpse of Deeg's family and the Bunco club Monday night on the Food Network when *Calling All Cooks* will air at 10 p.m.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Really cool: Darlene Deeg uses a mini blowtorch to melt sugar on top of her creme brulee.

DARLENE DEEG'S APPLE CINNAMON CREME BRULEE

- 6 large egg yolks
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups whipping cream
- 3 medium granny Smith apples
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter

Peel and core apples. Cut into bite-sized pieces. Put apples in saucepan with cinnamon, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/8 cup water and butter. Cook mixture for 10 minutes or until apples are tender and sauce has slightly thickened. Cool.

Preheat oven to 325. Whisk yolks and 7 tablespoons sugar in a medium bowl to blend. Add vanilla. Gradually whisk in cream. Divide apples among six ramekins. Ladle custard mixture on top of apples. Arrange dishes in a 13- by 9- by 2-inch baking pan. Pour enough hot water into pan to come halfway up sides of dishes.

Bake custards until set in center, about 40 minutes. Place pan on work surface. Cool custards in water for 30 minutes. Remove from water and chill overnight.

Dust sugar atop each custard and brown with a torch.

If you don't have a torch, place the custards in an ice water bath, and place under broiler till brown, watching carefully.

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Epi-what? Darlene Deeg shows off her creme brulee at her Canton home. The ever-curious epicurean was chosen by the Food Network to share her dessert recipe on the cable television show, along with a group of her friends.

Carpet dealer under fire from customers in western Wayne

BY ALICE ASHMORE
STAFF WRITER

A local carpet dealer has been accused of pulling the rug out from under a number of his customers.

Irate customers are alleging John McDonald of Absolute Carpet and Tile of Livonia failed to deliver the goods they ordered.

Kathy LeBlanc of Livonia is fuming over the situation.

"This guy's a jerk and I want him out of business," LeBlanc said. "I've got a judgment against him and I've not been paid." She was awarded \$1,407 in general civil court.

LeBlanc said, "I am supposed to go into surgery, and I can't until I get my \$1,400."

She said she got a copy of her canceled check and used it to contact McDonald's bank. "I put a lien on his account. I got a whole \$37."

She noted that the store is still in business. "His sign says '100 percent guaranteed.'"

"I am just livid because of this idiot," LeBlanc said. "My lawyer and I are at a standstill."

Livonia 16th District Court records show 29 closed complaints filed against Absolute Carpet and Tile of Livonia.

Delores Cooner, 69, of Canton says she is owed \$1,200 by the company.

"I'm really upset because I am a senior citizen," Cooner said.

Cooner had bought Pergo flooring through Absolute Carpet and Tile for her kitchen, dining and laundry rooms.

Cooner said she is embarrassed to have been taken in by McDonald. "He seemed so honest."

Patty Ziomek of Livonia said she is owed \$700 by the company. She been waiting since Oct. 24 for her Mannington vinyl kitchen floor to show up.

"I wanted it in by last Thanksgiving," she said.

"I haven't yet filed in small claims court yet, but I intend to. I don't want him ripping off anybody else."

When contacted by phone, McDonald admitted, "I do have some situations. My better half just went through bypass surgery - her aorta was 97-percent blocked."

"I also had a couple of accounts go sour," he said. He added, "I am trying to pull things together. I don't want to leave anyone out in the cold."

McDonald said he is putting together a program where everybody will be contacted and arrangements made to fulfill his obligations.

Plaintiffs said McDonald offered a myriad of excuses as to why he didn't perform the work that was promised.

"One time he told me his 'better half' was in the hospital," Ziomek said. "Another time he said all his guys were out deer hunting."

Diane Kilgore, 47, of Garden City is tired of the excuses. She ordered her carpet from McDonald

on Jan. 15, 2000.

Kilgore said she took him to court to get her money back.

"One time he said he missed a court appearance because his girlfriend had a seizure in the parking lot," Kilgore said.

"I don't know how he gets away with this - he is a complete jerk."

"He's ripped off too many people. If they have gone through half of what I have gone through - I feel sorry for them," she said.

Kilgore said her house was torn up for three months before she hired another carpet company.

Stephanie Quiroz of Farmington Hills said she and her husband paid \$5,000 up-front for kitchen flooring and carpeting. "It was some of our first home improvements."

The couple ordered the flooring in June 2000.

She said "hundreds" of phone calls later she has only a kitchen floor to show for her trouble.

The Pergo floor they ordered was finally delivered to their garage, but no one installed it for nearly a month.

"We had no floor in the kitchen for three weeks. It was nasty. I had a baby who was crawling."

Quiroz said McDonald set-up seven different appointments to install their carpet.

"Nobody ever came with the carpet," she said. "I called him four, five, seven times a day. It was crazy."

The couple was awarded a judgment of \$2,405 in court in Livonia. "He never paid or gave us the product," she said.

Quiroz said she chose not to follow the matter further. "(A sum of) \$2,500 is a lot of money, but I just had this really bad, sick feeling that I should not pursue it."

She was also told by McDonald that his wife was in the hospital.

Chris DeWitt, state Attorney General's Office director of Communications, reported that there have been nine complaints about Absolute.

"For the most part they have failed to respond to the complaints," DeWitt said. "Generally, that is not a good sign."

Court records in Livonia show that civil complaints were filed by residents or companies from Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Redford, Westland, Livonia, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Birmingham.

"This is not about money," Ziomek said. "This is my mother-in-law's house. She is a senior citizen and she is being ripped off."

McDonald said he's trying to rectify the situation.

"I'm sorry it got to this point. I have had some problems and I am trying to get things corrected," he said.

Who's Really Making the Big Money on the Internet?

Hold onto your mouse: It's probably the kid who mows your lawn

13 Year Old Florida Boy Rakes in 1.5 Million in a Year

By Don Parnell

SEATTLE - Who wants to be a millionaire? You don't need Regis these days to rake in the big dollars. It seems that all that's required is a computer and a little know-how. Internet use is doubling every 100 days according to USA Today. That means that every three months, a whole new audience is discovering the amazing power of the Internet. This global marketplace has exploded into a \$3 trillion marketing phenomenon. But who, you may ask, is making all of the money? Big corporations? Internet gurus? Well, you'd be surprised.

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Self-described regular guy is an 'Everyday Hero' to family

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The stunned expression on Bruce Gaither's face could have suggested he'd just found out he was moving to Iceland. Or it could have meant there was a newspaper reporter and photographer at his door telling him his family thinks he's a hero, and they're here to do a story about him.

Of course, the latter was true, and a dazed Gaither shook his head and opened his Canton home to the visitors from the newspaper.

Gaither's family took great pains to ensure the visit would be a surprise.

Gaither's oldest daughter, Rebecca, wrote to the *Canton Observer* to explain why her dad's a hero. She said her father, an elevator mechanic for Schindler Elevator Corp., labors tirelessly to serve his customers, often receiving phone calls for

emergency repairs in the middle of the night and on the weekends.

Gaither also took on weekend work installing and repairing lifts in churches and homes, which calls him out of the house nearly every Saturday.

Besides working hard to provide for his family, she said he remembers what's most important to him and is always present as a father and husband. He helps his three children with their homework. He takes his wife of 25 years out for a date once a week.

"This is our date night," wife Donna Gaither joked during the interview.

"Yeah," said Gaither, a man of few words. "I thought we were supposed to be going to the show."

He looks after himself by pursuing interesting hobbies. Gaither is a member of the Great Lakes Live Steamers miniature train club, which

takes him to a tiny train track in Royal Oak throughout the summer, where he generously offers youngsters train rides on his coal-fueled train.

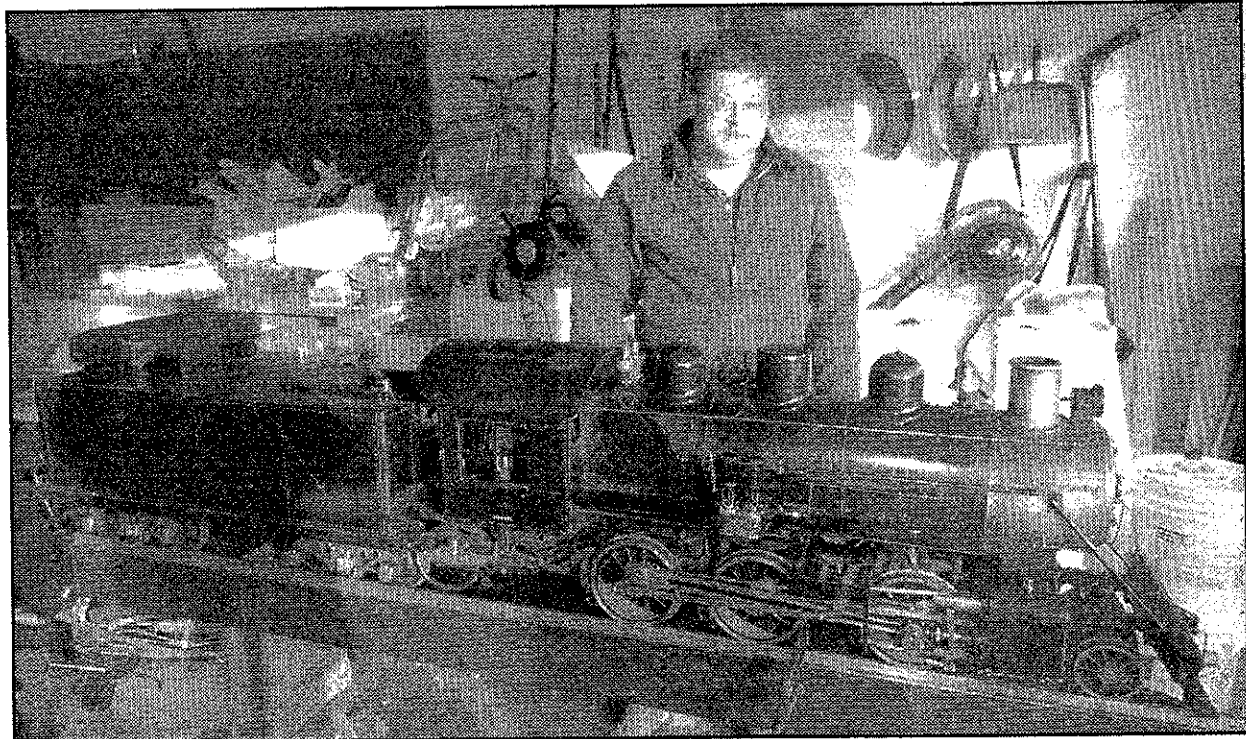
"My family, including my mother, my sister and my brother, would like to thank my dad for what he does to supply for his loving and caring family," Rebecca wrote.

Just the fax, ma'am

After she faxed the letter, she admitted she'd nearly forgotten about it. Until she received a phone call informing her that her dad would be featured as an Everyday Hero.

"Dad, you know me," Rebecca wrote in a letter to her father after the phone call. Teary-eyed, she said she couldn't read the letter to her father aloud without crying. "I couldn't keep this secret for very long. I had to tell everyone but you."

Rebecca and Donna spread the news about the hero in their



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Hero: Bruce Gaither shows off his working miniature steam engine.

home, and for two months kept it a secret from Gaither, nearly letting the news slip on several occasions.

The night before they were finally able to let Gaither in on their secret, Rebecca's sister,

Heather, admitted she was in a bad mood and threatened to spill the beans after weeks of planning the surprise.

"Now it is all out in the open and everyone knows that you are a strong and dedicated man that

basically puts everyone else first before yourself," she continued.

Gaither said he's no hero. He's a regular guy. But in the eyes of his three children and his wife, that makes him a hero.

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He said because the immediate need for training in information technology exists in western Wayne County, he's frustrated over the delay.

"The developer, Delcor, proposed a \$4 million investment in constructing the building, and we accepted, and now it's on hold. We're a little disturbed about that," he said. "There are plentiful opportunities in Michigan for the skills we teach and as the auto industry is downsizing, you'd think this school in Canton would be a great opportunity."

"Instead of building a junior varsity field, we should be constructing a second varsity stadium," said Mark Slavens. "Then, we could use grass."

Trustee Judy Mardigian believes the money could have been used for other purposes.

"If we would have studied this more and put the new stadium in another place, we would have had a second varsity stadium," she said. "Not only would we have saved the money, we wouldn't be concerned with playing Saturday games."

The Plymouth-Canton athletic

department believes the artificial surface being discussed is a safe alternative to grass.

"The turf we're looking at is not the old, traditional astro turf that is laid over cement," said Tom Willett, athletic coordinator at Salem High School. "This is more like artificial grass, and is much safer. Safety for our students is our major concern."

Willett said artificial surfaces aren't unusual, citing fields at Birmingham Groves and Detroit Country Day.

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Metro's Pinnacle project designated state SmartZone

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation recently designated the Pinnacle Aeropark of Wayne County as one of 11 SmartZones in the state of Michigan.

The MEDC's SmartZone program is intended to create a statewide network of technology parks that will attract high technology businesses and jobs. Each SmartZone will have the authority to use tax increment financing for property acquisition, infrastructure, business incubators, management and marketing.

The Pinnacle Aeropark is a 1,300-acre mixed-use business development, located just south of Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport in the communities of Huron Township and Romulus.

The Pinnacle's close access to Metro Airport will help attract high tech jobs to the develop-

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Edward McNamara
Wayne County executive

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"The wide availability and frequency of direct flights at Metro Airport is a lure to high tech

companies," McNamara said. "With the SmartZone designation and our location at the front door of Metro's new midfield terminal, the Pinnacle Aeropark will have the amenities and fea-

tures that will appeal to a wide-range of companies."

The communities of Huron Township and Romulus are teaming up with Wayne County on the SmartZone.

The board of trustees in Huron Township and the city council in Romulus each passed resolutions supporting the Pinnacle Aeropark's SmartZone designation in concept and have committed to pursue establishing a tax increment financing district and local development financing authority.

Huron Township Supervisor John Mitchell said that Partner-

ing with Romulus and the County on the Pinnacle will help the township better manage development that is surely coming its way.

"The area south of Metro Airport is going to take-off when the new midfield terminal opens in a year, and we believe that together we can make the Pinnacle the region's premier business destination."

Romulus Mayor William Oakley added that he believes the Pinnacle is an opportunity for residents of Romulus as well as Huron Township to begin benefiting more from Metro Airport.

"We have experienced the negatives associated with being the host community for the airport. Now the Pinnacle can help us enjoy more of the economic benefits the airport will produce."

"We have a dynamic partnership with Romulus and Huron Township and our education partners in the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Wayne County Community College, and Henry Ford Community College," McNamara said. "We believe this makes us one of the strongest SmartZones in Michigan."

Grant helps community program

The Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education, the grant-making unit of the Council of Independent Colleges, has awarded Madonna University one of 13 grants to participate in the national initiative, Engaging Communities and Campuses.

Madonna was selected from the 113 colleges and universities that submitted proposals. This program will assist independent colleges and universities in establishing partnerships with community organizations to enhance service-learning opportunities for students while addressing community needs.

Submitted by Kevin West, adjunct assistant professor, College of Continuing and Professional Studies, and director of service learning at Madonna University, the grant awarded totals nearly \$80,000 and will be issued over a 2-1/2-year period. The money will support Madonna University students who are involved in service-learning projects in partnership with the All Saints Neighborhood Center in Southwest Detroit.

"This unique project will allow Madonna University students from across the curriculum to receive hands-on experience and apply textbook knowledge in a live setting," said West. "Our students will be able to interact with ethnically diverse population groups in a helpful capacity, as well as develop their interpersonal skills with people of varying ages and educational levels while working in conjunction with the ASC's objectives."

The Engaging Communities and Campuses program is based on the premise that to prepare students for a lifetime of contributing to their fellow man, colleges and universities should offer enrolled students the opportunity to connect with the world beyond the campus.

"Through an emphasis on student learning characterized by students and faculty participating in the resolution of community identified and defined issues, this program will empower colleges and universities and community organizations to collaborate in ways that are new to academe," said Michelle Gilliard, executive director of the constortium.

West looks forward to a growing relationship with the ASC and its executive director, Dennis Nordmoe, whose main objective is to strengthen community bonds and solidarity within the All Saints neighborhood through social and educational exchange at the Center.

Some of the immediate projects will involve journalism and computer science majors assisting Nordmoe with an online community newsletter and web site design, and inter-generational computer training for residents and their families.

"We want to continue to be involved with the center's growth over time," added West. "As this partnership expands, there will be an increasing number of service-learning opportunities for Madonna University students at the ASC, including the development of specialized courses and a Certificate in Community Leadership."

For more information about service-learning opportunities at Madonna University, call Kevin West at (734) 432-5704.

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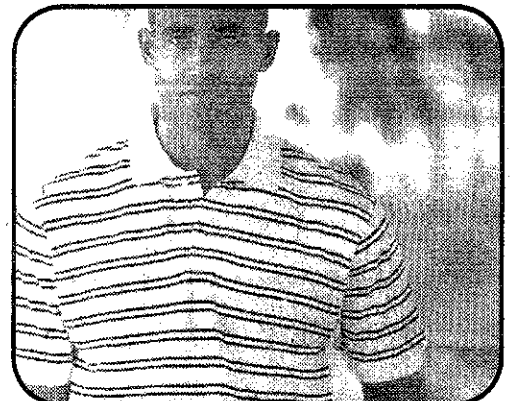
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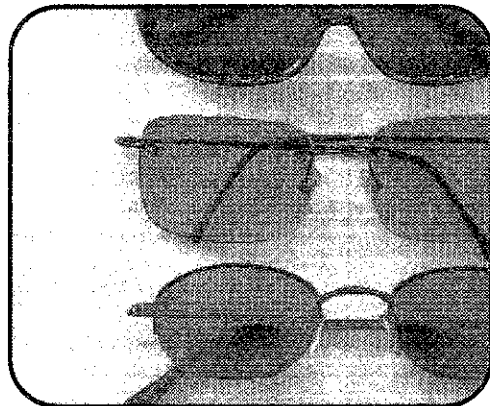
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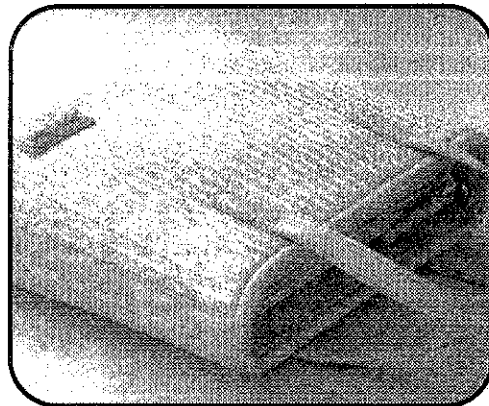
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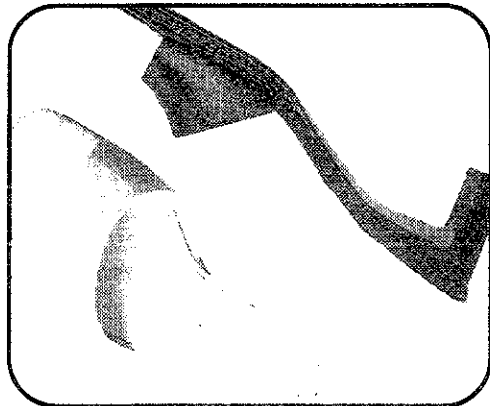
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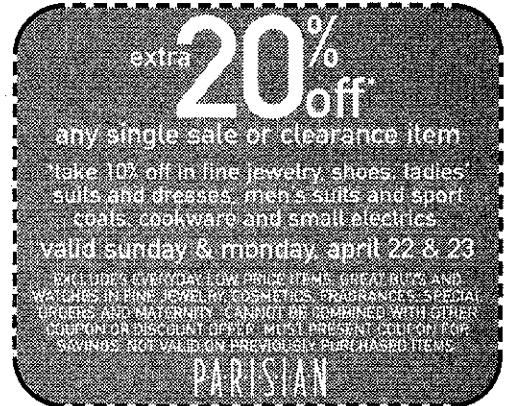
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WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding a three-day weekend class showing aspiring painters many new and different techniques for painting flowers on April 27, 28 and 29 from 9-3 p.m. at the Arts Council building. The cost is \$270 with the materials list provided upon registration. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

PLYMOUTH STAMP SHOW

The Plymouth Stamp Show happens at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth April 28 & 29, sponsored by West Suburban Stamp Club. Admission and parking are free. Contact (734) 699-1026 for further information.

AFTERNOON AT THE THEATER

On April 29, Canton Project ARTS is once again planning a bus trip to the beautifully restored Gem Theater in Detroit for a performance of Jeff Daniels' "Tropical Pickle." The trip costs \$30 per person, which includes round-trip bus transportation from the Canton Administration Building and admittance to the play. The bus leaves at 12:45 p.m. and returns to the administration building around 5 p.m. Call Debby Bradley (734) 394-5193 for more information.

LADIES GOLF LESSONS

Pheasant Run Golf Course is offering lessons on May 15-17. The fee for gold lessons is \$70 and there are two class times available. The afternoon class is from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and the evening class is from 6-7:15. In person registration began April 16 at Summit on the Park. For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at 394-5460.

FISHING DERBY

Canton Leisure Services is hosting its annual Kids Fishing Derby for Canton children on May 5 in the Heritage Park ponds. In session one, Canton kids age 12 and under are invited to fish from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and session two is from noon to 3 p.m. for kids 16 and under. The cost for fishing is \$1 per child and each child fishing will receive an "official" fishing Derby ribbon. There is a three-fish limit and licenses are not required. Open fishing will begin at 8:30 p.m. for any resident wishing to fish.

FUN FAIR

Miller Elementary is hosting a Fun Fair for parents and students on April 27 from 6-9 p.m. Call school for further information (734) 416-4810.

EARTH DAY EVENT

Day-long activities at the Howell Conference & Nature Center on April 22. Will include Wild Wonders Animal Tours, Native American Programs, crafts, pond study, canoeing, fishing and much more. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on our beautiful grounds. Advanced reservations required \$8 per child, which includes four workshops. Parents are free. The first 100 children to register will receive a free "Earth Day" T-shirt.

PLYMOUTH YMCA

Spring classes starting April 23 (soccer, T-Ball, C-Ball), taking sign ups now.

Summer Day Camp begins June 18. Sign up now for the summer. Call (734) 453-2904 for further information.

BOATING CLASS

Ann Arbor Power Squadron is providing a basic boating education course. A seven-week course runs April 25 through June 6. This will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

League play begins with 5-6 p.m. tee times beginning April 25 at Fellow's Creek Golf Course. The league runs 20 weeks. Canton residents only. Two-man teams for league play. Registration fee is \$420, which covers all league green fees and awards. Registration must be done in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at Canton Leisure Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call the Recreation Division at (734) 394-5460.

HEAD START

Starfish Family Services has openings for preschoolers in its Head Start program. This is a free program for income-eligible 3- and 4-year-olds and their families. It also accepts eligible foster children and children with disabilities. For information, call (888) 857-9980.

FUN RUN

Congregation Bet Shaverim presents a one-mile run/walk and 5K run/walk on April 28 at Heritage Park in Canton. Entry fee is \$18. For additional information, call Stu at (734) 432-0644.

TINY TOTS

Tiny Tots Preschool The Salvation Army is accepting registration for Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4 year olds; Tuesday, Thursday, 3 year olds; for the fall 2001-2002 session. Call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464 for further information.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Dixboro Co-op Preschool is accepting applications for children 3-5 years old for its fall semester. For more information, please call (734) 665-5632.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Hours for the museum are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday. Tours for school, Scouts or other groups may be arranged by calling (734) 397-0088.

VILLAGE MUSIC

Group classes in piano and hammer dulcimer for people ages 5 through adult. The complete kinder-musik curriculum is offered for newborns to 7 year olds. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 384-9825.

FOX HILLS FISH FRY

Fox Hills Golden Fox Fish Fry is 5-9 p.m. Fridays. The cost is \$8.50 for all you can eat.

WOMEN PAINTERS

The Ann Arbor Women Painters and the Women's Center of America are exhibiting paintings in celebration of Women's History Month. The exhibit will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April 27 at the Women's Center of America, 2500 Packard, Suite 110, Ann Arbor. You may make an appointment for other times by calling (734) 973-6779.

LIBERTY FEST

Canton Township is looking for artists to be involved in the 10th annual fine art and fine craft show at Liberty Fest 2001. The displays will run 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Artists can choose to display their work under the "big tents" or can bring their own tent.

The show is juried, and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of his work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for submissions is April 16. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at D & M Studios, (734) 453-3710.

ANN ARBOR RANGERS

The Ann Arbor Rangers U17 boys soccer club is looking for new team members for the spring "travel" outdoor season. Interested people can attend one of the practices 8-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Mack School in Ann Arbor. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0011.

HATHA YOGA

Classes in Plymouth, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 - 11 a.m. and 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., and Sundays, 4-5:30 p.m. Sticky mats and Mother's Day gift certificates available. Call Cynthia Gray (734)420-2418.

TAI CHI

Ongoing Tai Chi classes are offered for all ages in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Afternoon classes are also available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Society at (248)332-1281 anytime.

RECREATION

The City of Plymouth is taking registration for its children's tots gymnastics, dance, arts, Jump-A-Rama, tae kwon do, personal development, aerobics and more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

SKATING CLASSES

Learn to roller skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. \$6 per session or \$30 for six weeks. Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages. 10-week session with one game a week for all ages. Call (734) 459-6401 for information.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be delivered. Call Bill VonGlahn at (734) 453-8253.

CREATIVE MUSIC

The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has registration for its kinder-musik classes. Classes are pro-rated. Classes are at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 4500 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

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WOMEN'S CLUB
On April 25, in lieu of the monthly meeting, the club

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SOCIAL GROUP

St. John Neumann Catholic Church has a new social group, "The Next Chapter," exclusively for widows and widowers, though not just for parish members. Anyone who has lost a spouse is welcome. The next monthly meeting is April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Here is your chance to make new friends, enjoy an evening out and maybe even pick up a few legal pointers.

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PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

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PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE DAR

Meeting April 24, sandwich luncheon with speaker Aris McLeod and Delegates on "Reports on the Continental Congress in DC & Resolutions." At the home of Shirley Hering. Call (734) 455-5525 for information.

MASTER GARDENER

Slide lecture by Canadian horticulturist Marion Jarvie demonstrating the use of dramatic structural and architectural plants including perennials, ornamental grasses, alpine, roses and smaller flowering woody plants. Pre-registration \$15 in form of a check sent to MGAWC, 35912 Joy, Livonia, MI. 48150. On-site registration \$18. Noon to 3 p.m. April 22 at University of Michigan-Dearborn's School of Management.

FARM AND GARDEN

The branch meets the second Monday of each month from September to June. Members can express their creativity in some of the many club projects that benefit the community. For more information, call the club president, Maureen Armstrong, at 453-7467.

COMMUNITY DEMOCRATS

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

TOASTMASTERS

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Westside Singles presents dances every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m., dressy attire, bar, D.J., 21 and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

K OF C BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

ARTS COUNCIL

Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Lectures are free to senior citizens. Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adults: photography, mandala-making, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure drawing with models. Art or drama birthday parties or Scout workshops custom designed for each group (any age) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) holds its regular meetings 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOPS

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerly. Call (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

CIVITAN CLUB

The Civitan Club holds an annual garage sale

April 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., next to the Penn Theatre at The Gathering. Proceeds are for community projects, Salvation Army, youth essay contest and others. Call Joe at 453-7569 or Barbara at 464-1129 for further information.

GOURMET DINING GROUP

The Plymouth/Northville/Canton gourmet dining group meets the second Saturday of the month through June. Planned menu and recipes for each meal. If interested in joining, call Dottie Brower at (734) 455-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7446.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (734) 538-7622.

M.I.T.I.

An informational coffee meeting will be held April 26 at 7 p.m. for moms or grandmothers interested in meeting weekly to pray for their children and schools. Call Linda (734)762-7091 or Karen (734)397-2771 for details.

MOMS CLUB

MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734)844-3685.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Christine at (734) 416-0300.

VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PARTY

Work is under way for the all-night senior party to be held June 10. The committee is looking for volunteers to help in the party. The group is also in need of donations, either monetary or merchandise, to be given out as prizes on the night of the party. For more information or to volunteer, please call Joanne LaMar, 459-4539, or Dave and Marcia Garnice, 844-3855.

DISCOVERY SHOPS

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll-free at (800) 925-2271.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

The agency needs foster parents and help publicizing its work. Call (877) 464-3264 for further information.

U OF M CANCER CENTER

The Patient Education

Resource Center at the U of M Cancer Center is looking for volunteers to help patients and families obtain information about cancer. Basic computer skills and knowledge of the Internet required. One four-hour shift per week during business hours. For more details, call Ruti Volk at 936-9947.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CHILDREN NEED HELP

To address the needs of grieving children, Community Hospice is offering a six-week series, connections, designed specifically for children. Parents meet concurrently in groups and are provided an opportunity to talk with other parents and mental health professionals regarding children and coping strategies. Connections begins April 25 from 6:30-8 p.m. Call Community Hospice at (734) 522-4244 for registration.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Millions of people each year experience feelings of sadness, loneliness, and anger after the death of a loved one. Group support meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the Community Hospice in Westland. Call (734) 522-4244 for further information.

ADULT CHILD'S DEATH

Arbor Hospice & Home Care is offering a seven week support and informational group. Open to any member of the community; a minimal donation is requested, 4 p.m. Thursdays, March 22 through May 3. To register or for more information, call Pat Bauer at (734) 662-5999.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

The group meets weekly from 6-7 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday evenings. The group is designed for children ages 6-12 and may also benefit children whose parents have separated or divorced in the past but who are still struggling to accept it. For information and registration, call Barbara Bielak at (734)453-0718.

GRIEF SUPPORT

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers grief support groups and resources to the community free of charge. Groups for widows and widowers of all ages are offered in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Macomb counties. Groups will be provided for parents who have lost a child, parental loss, widows and widowers, suicide loss, and other losses due to death. Call (248)348-0115.

DOWN SYNDROME

The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the up-side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. Call (734) 516-0746.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Families Anonymous meets monthly at 8 p.m. Thursdays at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. Call (734) 416-0315.

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

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Digging in



For Earth: Schoolcraft College basketball coach Carlos Briggs takes his turn helping to plant a Kwanzan cherry tree in the courtyard outside the Forum building. The tree planting Thursday was part of Schoolcraft's celebration of Earth Day. The celebration also included discussions of ecology issues and the awarding of scholarships to students with the best essays or creative treatment on an ecology-related subject.

West Suburban Stamp Club holds annual show in Plymouth

The 32nd annual "Plymouth Show" is Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, at Central Middle School, Church and Main, Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Gov. John Engler, has issued a proclamation declaring April 22-28 as Michigan Stamp Week. His declaration coincides with the show dates.

Also in conjunction with the show, the club is offering for sale a set of two cachet covers celebrating the Detroit 300 anniversary. Each cover will have a multi-colored cachet of the city skyline or several older historic Detroit buildings. In addition each cover will have the 1951, Cadillac landing at Detroit three cent stamp, a current issue stamp to make the 34 cent letter rate and special show cancel.

Collectors can purchase the set of covers at the show or by mail at a cost of \$4 per pair. To order by mail send a check or money order, plus a No. 10 stamped self addressed envelope to the WSSC, Box 700049, Plymouth

48170. On Saturday Craig A. Whitford Auctions will hold a sale of the William C. Allen Michigan Postal History collection. The sale will feature territorial, Toledo Strip, stampless including material from the Gov. Felch correspondence, U.S. classics on cover, fancy cancellations and much more.

The exhibition is the largest stamp show in Michigan. Altogether more than 2800 pages will be on display. A panel of American Philatelic Society (APS) accredited judges will judge all exhibits.

The "Plymouth Show" is a qualifying national show in the APS's "World Series of Philately." The Grand Award winner will compete in August at STAMPSHOW 2001 in Chicago, Ill. against winners from the other 34 national shows. The grand award winner will also receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife artist Larry Hillard. In addition, a reserve grand award, the usual five levels of medals, and numerous special awards will be presented. Several stamp-collecting soci-

eties will participate in this year's show. The Peninsular State Philatelic Society will hold their annual meeting on Saturday. Also the Plate number Coil Collector's Club and Society of Philatelic Exhibitors will present programs.

A 40 dealer bourse will offer stamps, covers and supplies in the bourse area for both the new and experienced collector. The dealers themselves come from eight states and Canada.

The United States and United Nations will have on-site post office substations open during show hours to sell their current issues.

The "Plymouth Show" will have an APS judges critique on Sunday afternoon. Exhibitors can ask judges questions regarding their award and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits. This is also an opportunity for future exhibitors to learn.

A donation raffle drawing will award a used 1847 Franklin (Scott No. 1), mint \$5 Alexander plate block (Scott No. 1053) or a 65 cents Zeppelin (Scott C13) to three collectors.

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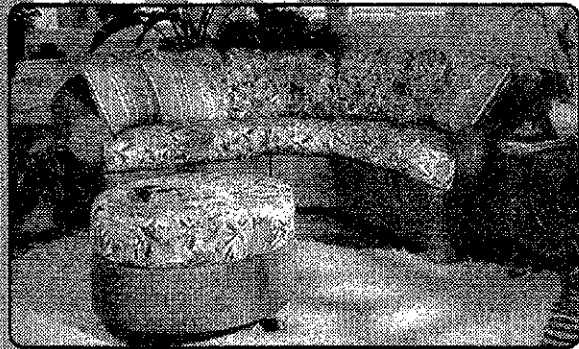
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State compiling 'data warehouse' of Michigan students

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"We are spending \$13 billion on our education system and we don't know very much about it. We don't know much about how the money is being spent; we don't know how well it is performing. This is an attempt to make that education system a little more transparent," said Madhu Anderson, director of Michigan's new Center for Education Performance and Information.

CEPI, created by executive order last year by the governor, is assigned to the task of setting up a massive new computer system capable of holding a "data warehouse" of information on schools and students.

It is all made possible, Anderson explained, by new technology. Advances in computer technology — the creation of "relational databases" along with increased information storage capacity — allowed for the cre-

ation of such a system. What the computer will be able to hold is a record of every student in the state and how he or she has progressed year to year.

That database is known as the Single Record Student Database. Additionally, the computer will be able to hold several other databases, containing records on each teacher and on each building. Other databases will contain information about testing, finances, and crime and safety.

Comparing practices

"It is a way to look at best practices," Anderson explained. "An educator for instance might look at another district and see that it is spending this much and its performance is X. He might say, 'I'm spending this much and my performance is not as good.' Hopefully then, that educator would pick up the phone and call the other district to see what it is doing differently."

The system is also giving some local school districts fits. Admin-

istrators complained recently to the House Education Committee that converting their records into the form needed by CEPI was burning up many staff hours. Mason schools, for instance, estimated its time at 1,000 hours.

Likewise, districts have complained the format keeps changing. With CEPI requiring 120 "fields" of data needed on each student, it requires a lot of work when the format changes, they say. And the format has changed five times.

Districts are concerned about the system, considering it is expected to go online this fall and that students counts will be compiled through the computer, meaning state aid payments will be based on the information stored there.

Anderson acknowledges the problems, but believes the system will be ready by fall. A March test went well, she said, meaning sample files from dis-

tricts would be transmitted properly to the state computer and that the information was compiled there accurately.

She doesn't envision putting off implementation of the system. There will be plenty of opportunity for district to verify the accuracy of the data as the process goes along, she said, assuring that districts won't be shorted in their state aid payments.

Different levels

But the problem occurs mainly because different school districts have different levels of sophistication in their own information systems. Some, Anderson said, are very sophisticated.

"One superintendent keeps all the information on his students on index cards in his shirt pocket," she said.

All the information being gathered by CEPI for the new system is information school districts are supposed to have already, but

they may be gathering it in different ways. Some might list a student's age, where others use birth date, Anderson said.

CEPI has avoided asking school districts to install new computer systems themselves, and is instead attempting to work out compatible electronic formats. Districts already complain that the work involved in manipulating the information is a violation of the Headlee amendment, although Anderson disagrees. But forcing districts to replace computer equipment would be.

Security is also an issue, although Anderson said she is confident the computer will be hacker-proof. The computer is supplied by Bull Information Systems, a French company with Michigan offices in Lansing and Southfield, and Bull has a good reputation for security, she said.

"There are firewalls all over the place" inside the computer,

she said. There will be six different levels of security, all aimed at making sure students records are private and that information from the system can't identify information about individual students or teachers.

Aggregated information will be available to the general public.

The system is intended to allow for research about education in Michigan schools and to generate the various reports now issued about education in the state.

Eventually, Anderson said, her CEPI office will produce additional studies for the public on the status of the public schools. She sees her office and the computer system as a reporting agency.

Established by an executive order last year, CEPI is a temporary agency with two years to do its work. When fully staffed, the complement will come to about 30, Anderson estimates.

Gas prices jump 8.4 cents

Gas prices jumped 8.4 cents per gallon this week — marking a third consecutive week of increases totaling 24.6 cents, according to AAA Michigan.

The statewide average for serve regular is currently \$1.659. Motorists are now paying 23.9 cents a gallon more than last year at this time.

The price ranges between

\$1.529 and \$1.749. The average cost a year ago was \$1.420 per gallon. In Metro Detroit, no-lead averages \$1.650 per gallon, up 9.7 cents from last week. The average is 28.9 cents more than a year ago (\$1.361). Prices range from \$1.579 to \$1.699.

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Team Michigan

The 20-player Team Michigan hockey squad, composed entirely of state seniors, took part in the Chicago Showcase National High School Hockey Tournament during the weekend.

Observerland area players on the squad are Billy McSween of Redford Union plus Detroit Catholic Central players Brett John, Jared Ross, Derek Genrich and Sean Genrich. The team is coached by Jeff Hatley.

Team Michigan defeated Pittsburgh, 4-3, on Wednesday but lost to Massachusetts, 6-4, Thursday.

Ross scored a goal, assisted by both Genrichs, against Massachusetts. Ross also assisted on a goal while Derek Genrich had another assist.

The quarterfinals were Saturday with semifinals and finals set for Sunday.

Discovery perfect

The Discovery Middle School basketball team completed what it believes to be a middle school first — winning all 16 of its basketball games this season.

The team pushed perfection in the classroom, too. A total of 17 of its 21-player squad compiled grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

Team members included Kevin Bradley, Justin Broedel, Mike Cassidy, Brandon Demars, Matt Hemmelgarn, Jason Houdek, Jacob Langdon, Matt Larner, Sean Little, Andrew Mackin, Brad Marsh, Matt McClellan, Steve Mischung, Jeff Morency, Cody Newcomb, Eric Northrup, Rayn Pieknik, Brian Rumeo, Adam Stanko, Jon Trevarthen and Dominique Washington.

The team was coached by David VanWagoner with assistants Steve Weisenstein and Jason Waidman.

Whalers' schedule

The Ontario Hockey League has released the schedule for the Plymouth Whalers' Western Conference Finals series with the Erie Otters.

The first game was played Saturday night at Erie.

Game 2 was set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth with the third game to follow at 7:30 p.m. Thurs. at Erie.

Game 4 returns to Compuware Arena in Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. Sat., April 28. Game 5, if necessary, is scheduled for Sun., April 29, at a time to be determined in Erie.

The sixth game, if necessary, is at 7:30 p.m. Tues., May 1, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth while if a Game 7 is required it will be played at 7:30 p.m. Thurs., May 3 at Erie.

The Whalers plan a fan bus for Game 3 and Game 5 (if necessary) at Erie. Those interested should email the team at frontoffice@plymouthwhalers.com.

Hockey school

Wayne State hockey coach Bill Wilkinson is offering the 'Warrior Hockey School' June 18-22 and Aug. 6-10 for players 5-13. Cost is \$225, with family and team discounts offered.

The June camp is held at the Great Lakes Sports City Complex in Fraser while the August camp is at the University-Liggett School in Grosse Pointe.

The camps are designed to help young players, both novice and experienced, improve their hockey skills with on-and off-ice instruction. Students will be grouped by age and ability.

Wilkinson plus assistant coaches Danny Brooks and Cal McGowan will be instructing. For more information, call (313) 577-9174.

Fishing derby

Canton's Recreation Division is sponsoring its annual Kids Fishing Derby on Sat., May 5, at the Heritage Trout Ponds.

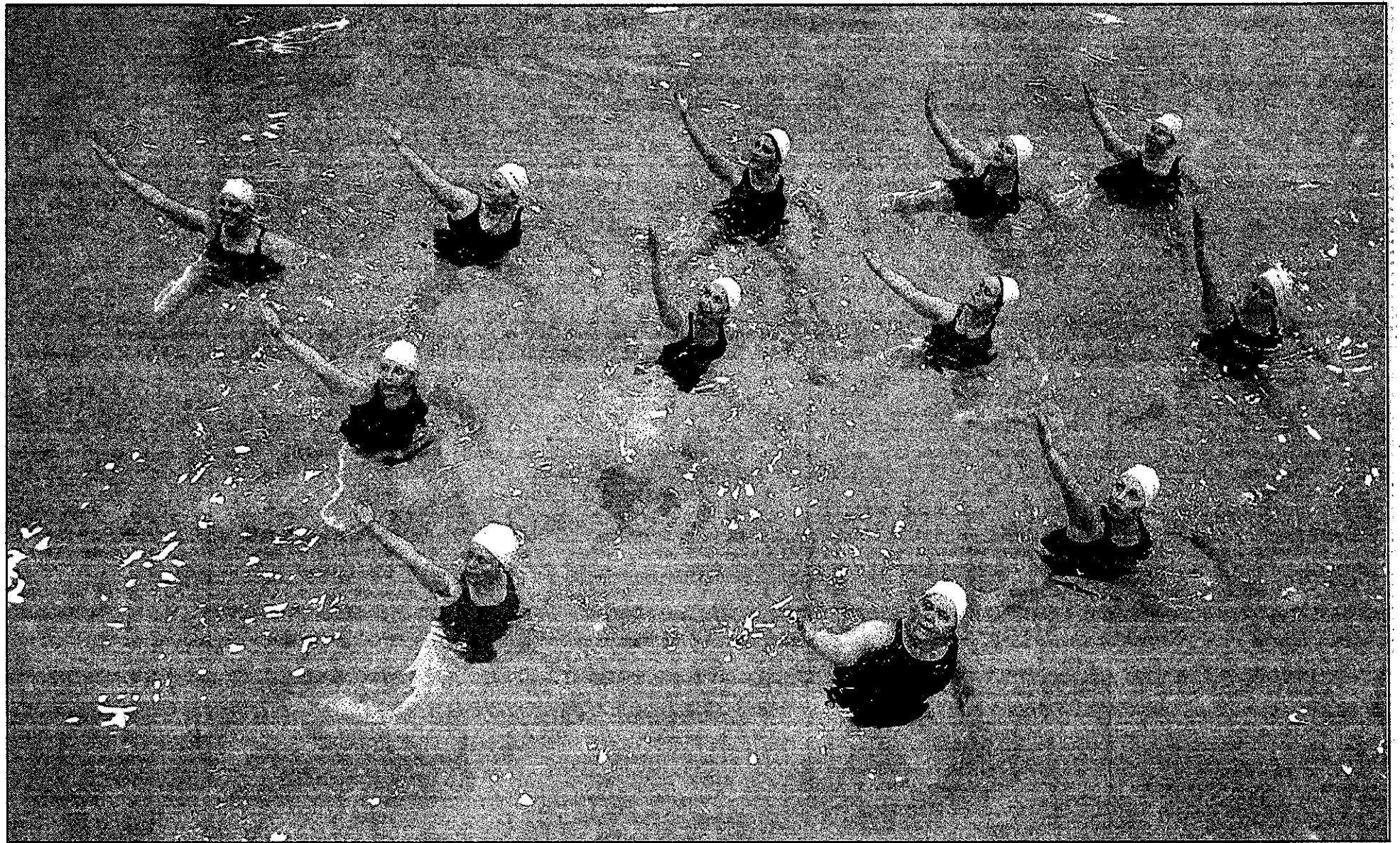
There is a fee of \$1 per child payable on the day of the event before fishing. Only Canton residents are eligible and advanced registration is not required.

Only children ages 12-under can fish from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Kids 15 and under can fish from noon-3 p.m. From 3:30-dark is open fishing for all Canton residents.

The Heritage Park ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Individuals are responsible for their own fishing equipment and bait.

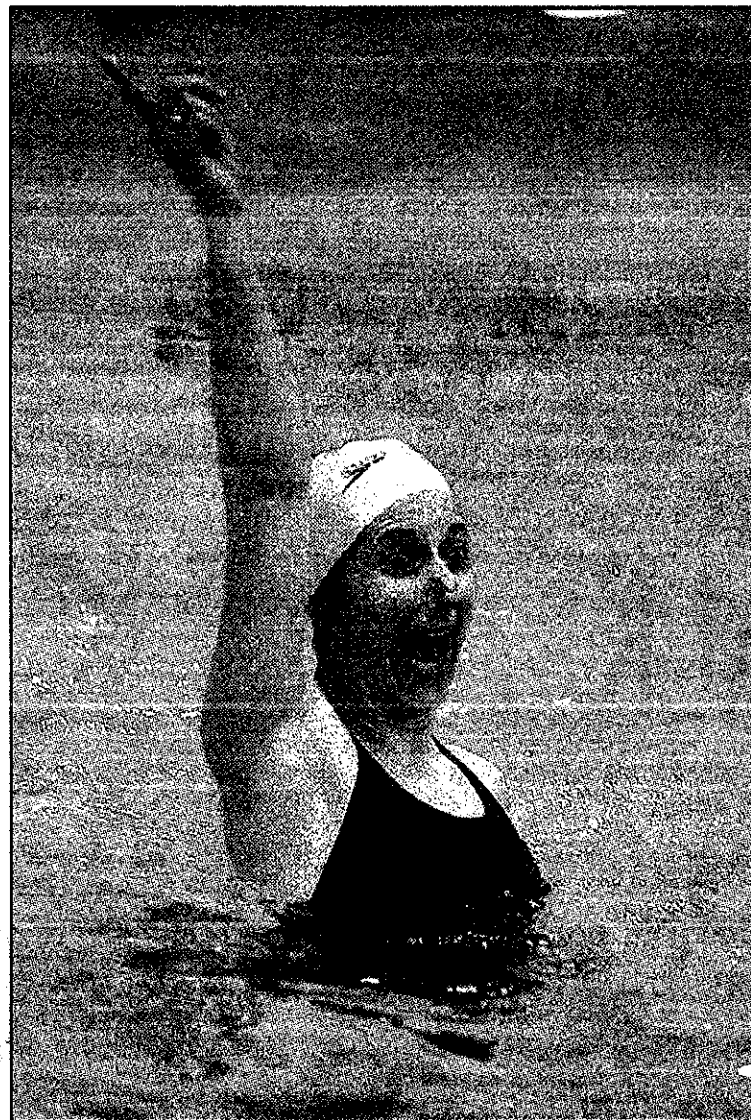
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Still in tune after all these years



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In synch: It started as fun, a cool way to spend the summer, but now synchronized swimming has grown up. A group of women centered in the Observerland area are enjoying competition at the Masters level while still keeping pretty low key about the whole thing.



One up: Rhonda Madej of Plymouth gets lifted out of the water as part of one of her synchronized swimming routines.

**Synchronized swimming:
 now it's not just for kids**

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Thirty years ago, there weren't a lot of options for girls who wanted to participate in sports.

They couldn't play Little League baseball. Softball was a sliver of an option and soccer programs were non-existent.

So a group of Garden City girls decided to take up synchronized swimming, thanks to a program at their friendly department of Parks and Recreation.

As the years went on, they got married, found jobs, went to college, raised families and most of them moved out of town.

But they're still swimming. And they're still having a ball doing it. And they're still pretty good at it.

What started with fun in the summer time has grown into a group of 25-30 women swimming twice a week for some 20 years with the Michigan Synchro Masters.

Part of the fun is still being able to compete. It's just that now they compete at a more relaxed level, in international events against their peers.

"Some of us have been together for at least 30 years doing age-group swimming," said Rhonda Madej, part of the original group from Garden City, but now living in Plymouth. "Not all of us are still together, obviously. But the core group has been doing this for years."

There are about nine members of the team who can trace their roots back to the good old

days in Garden City.

The rest are "newcomers," ranging from their early 20s to 76, and living in Novi, Westland, Troy, Beverly Hills, Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Livonia and even Port Huron. They practice twice a week at Schoolcraft College, which lets the group use the pool as part of its continuing education program, and meet once a week to work on their performances out of the pool.

"It's great exercise and you have to be in shape," said Carrie Tluczek, who still lives in Garden City. "You have to basically swim four laps and swim underwater too. The biggest difference now is that it's still competitive, but it's not cutthroat any more. We don't have to be perfect at it any more."

It might not be cutthroat, but it's still pretty competitive. The group came in first in the nation in the 40-49-year-old team category in 1999 and second in 2000 — and also placed second in the 35-49 division last year in Munich, Germany, in the World Aquatic Games.

"It's tough, though," said Peggy Brady of Beverly Hills. "I mean, the more people you try to put in synch, the harder it is to stay in synch."

Brady took up the sport while attending the University of Michigan, switching gears from distance swimming. "I had lots of stamina swimming, but not enough speed. So I switched to a sport where you need a lot of stamina and not a lot of speed."

Brady's U-M connection also helped the team

Please See **SWIMMING, B5**

Plymouth tennis ready to resume

The tennis programs are on sound ground at both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

Both squads are solid and have depth. Whether that will make them competitive at the top level of the Western Lakes Activities Association will depend upon good health, good fortune and the quality of the league's other top teams.

"We're pretty strong," said Coach Barb Hanosh of Canton, which lost three key seniors from last year but is replacing them with a trio of quality freshmen and good upperclass depth. "We finished in the middle of the road last year, maybe a little bit higher."

"You always want to achieve better. But you never know who you're going up against."

Hanosh is in her ninth season with the Canton boys squad and has a new assistant, Shannon McVey, a tennis player who is a first-year teacher at rival Plymouth Salem.

"I'm confident that with her assis-

TENNIS

...tance, we'll continue to get better and better," Hanosh said.

Her two senior co-captains are Brian Balfour and Kevin Nuttal.

Juniors Erik Durance, Kyle Andrews and Chris Slupek are playing the top three singles positions while freshman Chris Kopinski occupies the No. 4 spot.

Hanosh has Balfour and junior Adam Landry at No. 1 doubles while the freshman combo of Sam Kaufman and Jeremy Rosmer have been impressive in early practices.

"They started in Monroe (Invitational tournament) when we took second place," Hanosh said. "Most of our players there earned an individual medal as well."

"Doubles are probably the strong point of our team."

Junior Andrew Wagner will be a

key contributor in that category.

"I'm really confident and very pleased with the level of play, how it's increased from last year," Hanosh said. "Our captains have done a lot of motivating and encouraging."

"I anticipate our lineup will fluctuate in the next week. We haven't played a league match yet but we'll get our first when we return from spring break. We'll have some movement then."

Coach Bill Nelson's Salem squad edged Canton in the Monroe Invitational despite not having one of its top singles players, senior Jon Machnacki, who is recuperating from pneumonia.

Nelson was expecting Machnacki to be back in action shortly.

Nelson said his team was solid, with decent experience returning and a good lading of players who spent the winter sharpening their game indoors.

The Rocks don't have any All-Amer-

ica players, he is on record as saying, but he figures the team will be competitive at the upper levels of the WLAA again this year.

Entering the resumption of play as No. 1 singles will be senior Andy Fenton while Machnacki will play at the No. 2 slot.

Junior Evan Roller is at No. 3 singles while a freshman, Mike Ware, is playing fourth singles.

It should be noted the lineup is subject to change as the result of competition.

A pair of juniors are playing No. 1 doubles for the Rocks — Kyle Jose and Dave Kwak — while two more juniors are paired at No. 2 doubles, Dave Wallen and Dave Daigneu.

His other doubles tandems are being sorted out from among primarily four players, freshman Pat Shaw, junior Jeff Sibbold and sophomores Pat Tokarski and Sameer Dohadwala.

Salem participated in the Bay City Invitational on Saturday.

Chiefs ground Falcons to earn split of doubleheader

It may have been slightly less than perfect, but it was still a win in the eyes of Plymouth Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey. Canton followed a 4-3 loss to visiting Dearborn Divine Child with a 10-9 second game victory over the Falcons.

"We made five errors in the first game," Dickey said, "and we only had made five errors the whole season going into that game."

"It was a windy day and that made it tough. But it was tough for both teams. We made three errors in outfield, two of them in the seventh inning."

"In the second game, we gave up 10 walks to Divine Child.

BASEBALL

That's uncharacteristic of the way our pitching has been this year.

"And we made two more errors — so it was seven for the day."

The Falcons had scored three in their half of the sixth to take a 9-8 lead on the Chiefs but Joe Kondratek walked with one out, Chris Pirch beat out a well-placed bunt for a base hit and Jay Sofen sacrificed the runners into scoring position.

Brent Kwiatkowski then delivered a two-run single to give Canton the victory. The Chiefs are now 6-3.

Mark Hansen started the second game and walked six batters in his 4 2/3 innings of pitching. He gave up six hits and struck out three and three of the runs he allowed were earned.

Matt Staley (3-0) finished up and got the win. He gave up just one hit, struck out one but walked four. He was charged with three earned runs.

Sofen went 2-for-3 with a double, a run and a sacrifice; Kwiatkowski was 2-for-5 with two RBI; Oliver Wolcott went 2-for-3 with a home run and another RBI; and Nick Musselman went 2-for-4 with a two-run triple in the second and two runs scored.

Russ Caid, Hansen and Staley each had one hit while Pirch went 2-for-4 with two runs.

Wolcott hit his home run in the first and the Chiefs added four in the second. Hanson singled, Jon Loos was hit by a pitch, Musselman tripled and Kondratek singled for the big blows of the inning.

In the third, Sofen doubled and scored on a Kwiatkowski single.

Divine Child scored two in the third, fourth in the fifth and three in the sixth.

"The windy conditions played a big part in the two games," Dickey said, "especially on the hits dropping in.

"But our walks and errors helped them come back in the second game. I gave a lot of credit to our kids for coming back."

In the opener, Greg Neino took his first loss despite allowing just one earned run. The left-hander went seven innings, struck out eight and gave up four hits and four walks in the 4-3 setback.

Canton scored a run in the second and got its other two in the third while Divine Child got one in the third, one in the fourth and two in the seventh.

Brian Rossow, Kwiatkowski and Sofen each had a hit for the Chiefs while Wolcott went 2-for-3 with a run and two RBI, both

coming on a home run in the third.

Caid went 2-for-4, Hansen 1-for-3 with a run and Loos had a double as the Chiefs got nine hits in the opener.

A two-out triple by Divine Child with two out in the seventh brought in the winning runs.

Canton had the weekend off to prepare for the resumption of its Western Lakes Activities Association season.

Canton hosts Livonia Churchill on Monday and Farmington on Wednesday before going to Walled Lake Western on Friday.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN CANTON AND PLYMOUTH SPORTS

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 23
 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Agape at Warren Zoe, 4:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Cranbrook at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
 Agape vs. Jewish Academy (2) at Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.
 C'ville at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Farmington at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 U-D Jesuit at Redford CC (2), 4 p.m.
 C'ville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 HVL at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27
 Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
 Harrison at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Agape at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.
 Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
 Redford CC at Wyandotte, 7:45 p.m.
 PCA at

Warren Bethesda Tourney, 12 p.m. (all double-headers)
 Salem vs. North Farmington at Lansing, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 23
 Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Agape at Warren Zoe, 4:30 p.m.
 Divine Child at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
 Kingswood at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
 Salem at AA Huron (2), 4 p.m.
 Country Day at PCA, 4 p.m.
 Agape vs. Taylor Light & Life (2) at Softball City, 4:30 p.m.
 C'ville at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 C'ville at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
 HVL at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 27

Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.
 North Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
 PCA at Whitmore Lake, 4:30 p.m.
 Harper Wds. at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
 Canton at
 • Chelsea Tourney, 9 a.m.
 Salem at
 Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK
Monday, April 23
 Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
 PCA at AA Greenhills, 4 p.m.
 Luth. East, Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. N'west, Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Harrison at Canton, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Salem at North Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27
 Canton at
 Hawks 9/10 Relays, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Salem at North Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 Canton at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Stevenson at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
 Lady Chief Relays at Canton, 9:30 a.m.
 West Bloomfield Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 23
 Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
 Mercy at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Luth. W'sid at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m.
 Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 North Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Ladywood at Divine Child, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27
 Luth. East at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
 Salem at Saline, 12:30 p.m.
 Troy Athens at Canton, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Notre Dame vs. Redford CC at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 27
 Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Monday, April 23
 Salem vs. John Glenn at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.
 Canton at Farmington, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
 Canton at AA Huron, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 Northville at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Farmington at Salem, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at Goannie G.C., 3 p.m.

Friday, April 27
 Canton, Salem at Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe, 8:15 a.m.

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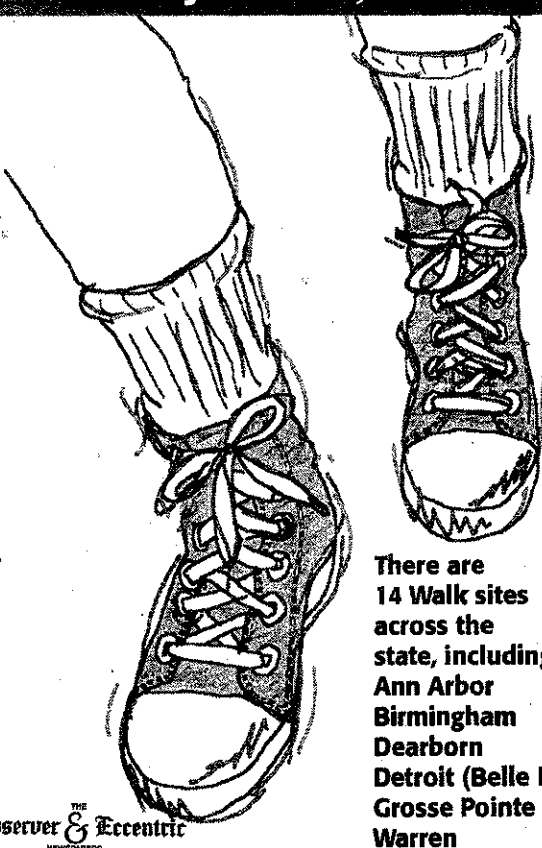
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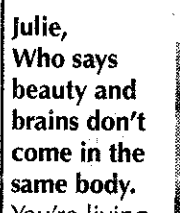
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Glod continues to seek edge in age-old industry

BY JIM TOTH
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Your demeanor on the golf course can indeed pay off.

Just ask David Glod. Often allowing frustration to get the better of him on the golf course as a youngster, Glod found himself spending as much time repairing equipment as using it. That type of on-the-job learning set the stage for Glod to establish Tour Edge Golf - an equipment manufacturer continuously on the cutting edge of technology in the ever-expanding world of golf.

With the humble beginning of working out of the garage, Tour Edge Golf was established by Glod in 1986, and with the focus of providing "high quality at affordable prices" the company products are now distributed in 22 countries.

"I grew up in golf," said Glod a Chicago native, who now makes his home in Bloomfield Hills. "I grew up selling golf balls over the fence in Glen Allen (Ill). I went on and played high school golf and was a very intense player.

"That intensity caused me to

break some clubs, so I needed to learn how to fix them," Glod went on. "I got pretty good at it and soon had a side job in high school doing probably 20 reshafts or regrips per week."

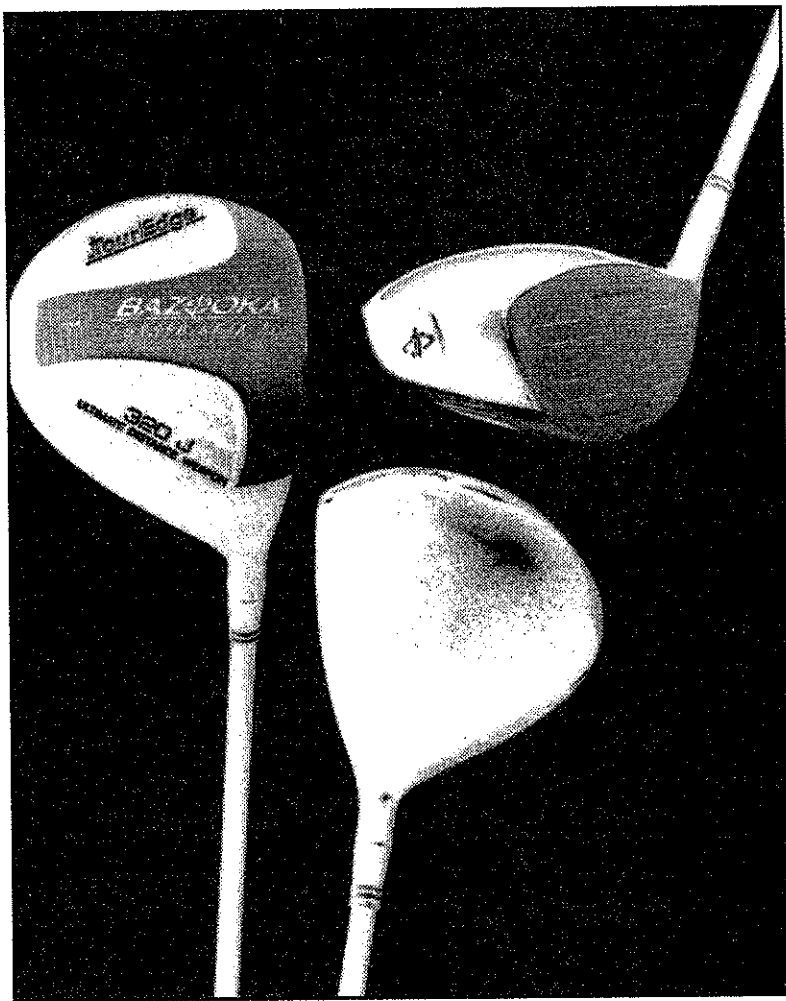
After a brief stint as a teaching pro in Chicago and a less than stellar showing at club tournaments, Glod decided a little more profitability could be found in design rather than disgust.

In that first year, Glod and his brother, Gordon, saw Tour Edge Golf generate nearly \$100,000 in revenue. At the time, it was difficult for them to imagine that entering the new millennium Tour Edge's iron line would be the third fastest growing brand, according to Golf Retailer magazine. Glod hopes of moving among the top 10 club makers in the near future.

"We're probably among the top 30 right now," Glod said. "We're just trying to take it to the next level each year. In the United States if you don't intend to grow, you will fail. With many things I'd be comfortable with the way things are going, but it doesn't work that way (with golf)."

Glod has had a golden touch in product design and development, launching such items as the Iron-Wood, Bazoooka 320J driver and St. Charles series putters, which have rapidly found their way into golf bags around the world.

The uniquely shaped Iron-Wood continuously raises the question is it a wood or is it an iron? According to Glod, it's neither as the creation features multimetal technology, offering the control of an iron and the distance and trajectory of a wood. A utility club by nature, the 14 degree Iron-Wood, which has become the No. 1 Iron-Wood on the Senior PGA TOUR, has the traditional shaft length of an iron, providing golfers more confidence off



Heavy hitter: Tour Edge Golf has the Bazoooka 320J driver producing exceptional distances for golfers.

the tee or in the fairway.

Seeking Tiger Woods-like distance off the tee, look no further than the Bazoooka 320J driver, which Senior PGA TOUR player Chi Chi Rodriguez stores in his bag. Combining a Grafalloy Hyperlight shaft with Win grips and four-piece, forged, beta titanium head and extremely thin face, the driver allows players to enjoy a larger sweet spot and a spring-like effect when smacking the golf ball.

Oh, a Tiger Woods-like swing also would be helpful.

After blasting a Bazoooka 320J down the center of the fairway and finding the middle of the green with an Iron-Wood, all that is left is zeroing in on the bottom of the cup with the St. Charles series putter. The putter features a precision milled face cast from responsive carbon steel that results in a delicate feel.

"Each model boasts an exact neck length to optimize balance and performance for that specific model," said Glod, who

since 1990 has been the creator of all the company's equipment. "The neck length on these models promotes face balancing which minimizes miss-hits and twisting on the follow through. The blade style is natural for a putting stroke that opens and closes on the forward stroke."

Glod's commitment to adding innovation into the mix has continually taken Tour Edge sales to unprecedented heights. But with technology continuing to dictate play on the golf course, controversies have intensified.

However, that isn't a problem for Glod as he believes it important to remain on the cutting edge of development and provide golfers with the best equipment possible.

"Offer the golf shop means to make money and give the golfer an exceptional value and everyone wins," Glod said. "Golf is way too difficult for equipment to get in the way. People are always interested in improvement. The greatest obstacle often is the mind."

Foot fetish

Five-toed chipper is a kick on golf links

BY JIM TOTH
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Inevitably, if you've played golf, you've come across a playing partner at one time or another who can miraculously follow up a forgettable shot with a recovery, a la Woods, Duval or Mickleson. Some use a club and others, well, resort to the old reliable and invisible foot wedge.

Well, thanks to Bill Kennis that old invisible foot wedge has been replaced by the real thing - a sleek chipping wedge featuring a graphite shaft and an aluminum-alloy club head shaped like a human foot.

"Everyone loves it," said Kennis, a resident of Troy, who turned his attention to the promotion of the product after taking a business trip. "We have 2,200 distributors selling it now and we get several orders per week. We've had some promotions and outings where golfers actually fight over it."

The evolution of the Foot-Wedge can be traced back to a sales trip to Tennessee by Kennis in the late 1980s. Encountering Scott Maloy, a design engineer for an automotive original-equipment manufacturer, Kennis was shown a project intended to inject a little humor into the game.

Simulating the foot of his two-year-old daughter, Maloy developed what resembled a chipping wedge as a spoof off the age-old ruse of a golfer kicking a ball to improve a bad lie. Maloy's invention became known as Foot-Wedge and the partnership between the two went from there.

The Foot-Wedge is in compliance with USGA rules and is endorsed by former PGA touring pro Dan Pohl, a native of Mt. Pleasant who Kennis acquainted himself with while attending Central Michigan University.

Kennis' marketing strategy for the Foot-Wedge is strictly as a promotional product. Visibility is achieved mainly through golf

outings, promotional shows and corporate meetings where just the sight of Foot-Wedge brings intrigue. Corporate customers often purchase the club to distribute to favored customers and employees.

"It's a promotional product right now," said Kennis. "We feel that's the right direction to take. We didn't want to posture it as too serious a club or even a woman's club. But we do know it would make a great Mother's Day gift."

The Foot-Wedge - with its impact area at a field-tested 33 degrees to provide lift from difficult lies - can be customized to accommodate any corporation, academic institution or personal agenda as colors vary from crimson to gold to black to gray and an insignia or logo can be craft-

'Everyone loves it... We've had some promotions and outings where golfers actually fight over it.'

*Bill Kennis
Foot-Wedge president*

ed neatly on the club head, er foot.

It's not used by only the neighborhood golfer, either, as celebrities such as President George W. Bush, rock star Alice Cooper and former NBA great Michael Jordan have one in their possession.

"I handed one to the President while he was here on a campaign trip and another story I got was that Michael Jordan's mother liked it so much when she saw it, she got one as a gift for him," Kennis said.

Kennis supports the legitimacy of Foot-Wedge by pulling it from his golf bag and using it when around the fringe of the green.

"It really works," Kennis said. "It's the proper weight and it does get you out of trouble."

GOLF OUTINGS

APRIL

■ The 18-hole Breakfast Golf Scramble is set for Saturday, April 28, at the Beech Woods Golf Course in Southfield. Teams of four golfers will tee off beginning 9 a.m. This first tournament of the season is open to anyone and cost is \$30 per person, with breakfast served prior to golf.

Preregistration is required and can be made by calling 354-4786.

The Beech Woods Golf Course is located at 22202 Beech Road, south of Nine

Mile Road. It is a 2,778-yard, par-34 course and includes a 45-tee driving range and a PGA professional staff. Clubs, pull carts and power carts are available.

For more on Southfield Park and Recreation's 18-hole Breakfast Golf Scramble, call (248) 354-4786.

MAY

■ Troy High School Booster Club will hold its 16th Annual Golf Outing and Auction Fundraiser at Twin Lakes Golf Club. The event will begin with a 1:30

p.m. shotgun start and conclude with the auction/dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost for golf, auction and dinner is \$100 per person. Cost for auction and dinner is \$35 per person. Proceeds from the event will benefit all student programs.

For more info, call (248) 641-3059.

JUNE

■ The Fifth Annual Jim Macy Golf Classic, benefitting the Food Bank of Oakland County, will be held Monday, June 4, at Paint Creek Country Club in

Lake Orion.

Hosted by WWJ-TV news anchor Devin Scillian, the day's activities will include an 18-hole scramble with a 10 a.m. shotgun start, lunch, dinner, awards presentation, premier auction, raffle and prizes. Cost is \$200 per golfer or \$750 per foursome. Dinner guests pay only \$75.

For more information, contact the Food Bank of Oakland County at (248) 332-1473.

■ NAWBO-Greater Detroit Chapter 15th Annual Golf Outing will be held Thursday, June 7, at Dearborn Hills Country Club.

Sponsored by Detroit Edison, the day's activities begin with registration and a continental breakfast and conclude with an awards presentation and reception. In between will be 18 holes of golf with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

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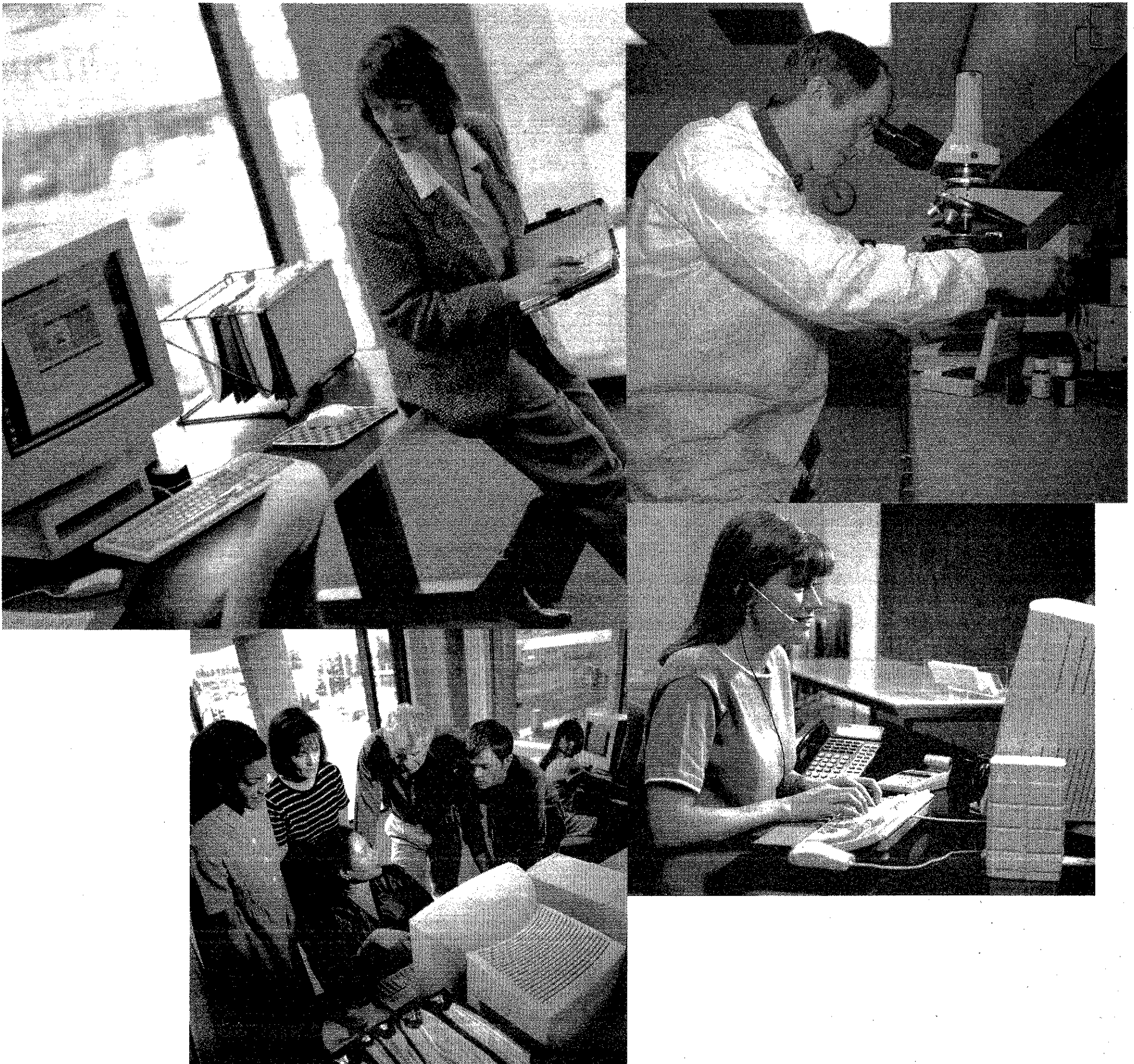
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These three young bowlers are well on their way to future stardom — Pat Barter of Westland, Pat Brown of Canton and Evan Relich of Garden City.

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all-stars and professional bowlers from around Michigan and Ohio.

It is separated into boys and girls categories with the top finishers taking scholarship money for when they go off to college.

Many of today's all-stars came up through the MJMA and it has been Dan Ottman of Troy who has spearheaded the program now for many years.

Barter rolled a 300 game last fall in the Westland Coca Cola Majors Youth League.

He shot a series of 300-262-227, starting with 18 strikes in a row.

His mother, Robin, bowls in the ladies All-Star Bowlerettes and has a 299 to her credit.

Pat Brown showed a lot of talent as he anchored the Plymouth-Salem squad and led them to the Michigan State High School Championships a year ago.

Evan Relich, a junior at Garden City, is another outstanding young bowler who has made his mark on the bowling scene.

He has scored as high as a 289 game and 738 series.

Relich is another graduate of the Strike Force Pro shop located in Oak Lanes. His dad, Tom, is also his coach and owns the pro shop and bowling school.

Evan got an early start at age 4.

Want to find out more about the MJMA?

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Jim Zelek of Redford is another bowler who started very young.

His dad, Dave got him on the lanes at the age of 5, and now he is in the adult leagues averaging well over 200.

During the previous season, Jim had twice rolled a 299 game within 10 days of each other, leaving the four-pin each time.

On April 12, he asked his father to come and watch him shoot a 300 game. He fulfilled his prophecy with a perfect 10 at Ford Lanes.

He said: "Dad, that's all I ever

wanted to do, bowl a 300 game and have you there to see it."

Dad was also there when Jim had an 801 series in 1997. That was the result of a 267 triplicate. To get to the triplicate, he had to make the 6-7-10 split on the final ball.

Jim, how about picking a Lotto number for me?

•The "Trekkies" were at it again a couple of weeks ago at Cloverlanes in Livonia as the Klingons of Prexis vied against Star Fleet in a fund-raiser for Special Days Camp.

This is a program for children with cancer.

Jim Hope, of Livonia, is one of the directors and said, "This year, with 30 bowlers in full cos-

tume, we were able to raise \$1,700 for the camp."

The high game honors went to Richard Smith of Star Fleet with a 190 game and everyone had an inter-galactic blast.

The battle cry of the Klingons could be heard from one end of Cloverlanes to the other.

Our galaxy is now safe for another year.

•Openings remain for Lew Ansara's Bakers Dozen doubles tournament beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

The Baker format features two bowlers per team, each rolling in alternate frames.

For more information, call (519) 974-9819.

CC product Stan Heath tapped from Izzo's staff to lead Kent State

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When he played basketball for Redford Catholic Central High, Stan Heath was known as the consummate floor general.

And for Heath, who spent the past 13 seasons as an assistant coach at five different college stops, he's now come full circle.

The 36-year-old Heath gets to command his own unit again, but this time it's the Kent State University men's basketball team.

"I'm so glad for Stan because he's worked so hard," said Madonna University men's coach Bernie Holowicki, who coached Heath back in his days at CC.

"When Stan got done playing at Eastern Michigan he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. He wasn't sure about coaching, but once he got into it, I knew he'd be something special."

"Stan was a kid who was smart in the classroom and smart on the floor. He's a class guy who is not afraid to work."

The soft-spoken Heath spent the past five seasons as assistant coach under Tom Izzo at Michigan State, helping guide the Spartans to three Final Fours, four NCAA tourney berths and an NCAA championship.

Heath is replacing Gary Waters, who left the Golden Flashes to take the head coaching job at Rutgers. During the

past three years, Waters led Kent to a 75-20 record, two NCAA appearances and one NIT berth. This year the Golden Flashes upended higher seed Indiana in the first round of the NCAA tourney.

Four senior starters return off that team, including shooting guard Trevor Huffman, which won a school record 24 games.

Heath signed a five-year deal with an annual base salary of \$120,000 per season.

"I'm excited and ready for the challenges at Kent State University," Heath said in KSU press release. "I feel like this is an excellent fit for me as well as the returning team members and the future of Kent State basket-

ball."

Heath was one of four finalists for the Kent State position.

Wisconsin assistant Shawn Hood, University of Charleston (S.C.) head coach Jayson Gee and KSU assistant Garland Mance were also interviewed by Kent Director of Athletics Laing Kennedy.

"I am very pleased that Stan has accepted the opportunity to become our head men's basketball coach," Kennedy said. "He brings a proven track record of coaching at the highest intercollegiate level in being a part of a national championship program at Michigan State, while also having deep roots in the Mid-American Conference."

"There's no question Stan is ready for this job," Izzo said.

"Stan related well with the kids,

and you won't find a guy who's more loyal. Most importantly, he's not afraid to work."

Heath played four seasons as a reserve guard at EMU. He received a bachelor's degree from Eastern in social science in 1988 and went on to earn a master's in sports administration from Wayne State in 1993.

Heath began his coaching career in 1987-88 as a varsity assistant and head freshman coach at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School.

He also served as a college assistant at Hillsdale, Albion, Wayne State and Bowling Green before coming to MSU in 1996-97.

"Stan will do a good job," said Wayne State men's coach Ron Hammye, who had Heath as an assistant for three seasons. "He's

a tremendous individual, he has the knowledge and he'll do things the right way. His athletes will be more than players. They'll be part of the community, they'll graduate and they'll be well coached. He's a great guy."

"People don't know how good a player Stan was," Holowicki said. "The man could play. I think he'll move on from there."

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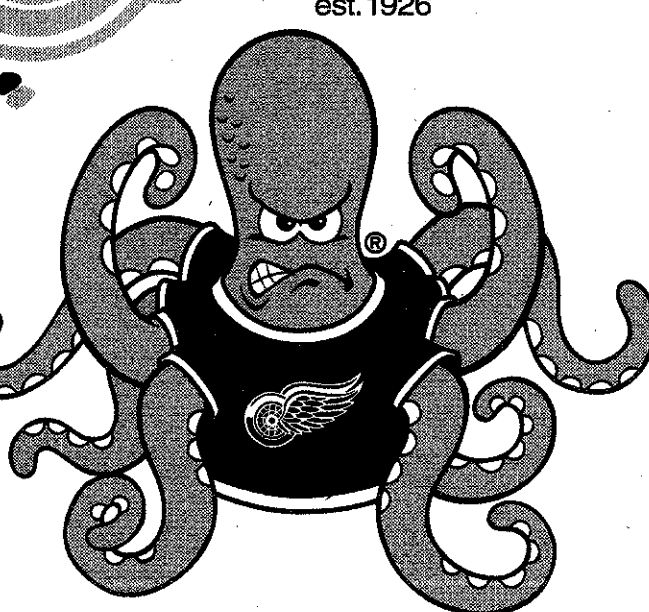
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Saints take two from Crusaders on diamond

The Saints had just a little bit too much for the Crusaders. Siena Heights swept a baseball doubleheader from Madonna University, taking the first game, 2-0, Wednesday behind a one-hitter by Scott Krause, and coming out of the second game with a 4-3 victory. The sweep left Siena Heights (10-21) a game ahead of Madonna (10-21) in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

standings. The Crusaders are 7-11 in WHAC play while the Saints are 7-9. A single by center fielder Devin Cole (Garden City) was all the Crusaders could muster against Krause in the opener. He walked one and struck out six. Redford Union's Joel Halliday (3-4) went the distance for Madonna and was touched for a run in the second and another in the sixth. He gave up six hits,

struck out six and didn't walk a batter. The visiting Crusaders held a lead of 1-0 after the first inning and 3-1 after three but the Saints tied it with a pair in the fifth and won it with a run in the sixth. Eric Williamson started and was relieved by RU's Mike Hayes (0-2) with one out in the fifth. One of the three runs allowed by Williamson was

unearned. Madonna got seven hits off Kevin Barkholz but all were singles. Williamson and Hayes allowed just five singles between them but they walked four. Outfielder Gary Linzell had two hits for Madonna. Linzell and Joe Pruchnik (Lutheran Westland) had the only two RBI for the Crusaders.

Turkey talk heats up — even in middle of road

Standing in the middle of the dirt road, the mature tom turkey was oblivious to my approaching vehicle. At least he appeared to be.



OUTDOOR INSIGHTS
BILL PARKER

wings arched and dragging in the sand, this ol' boy clearly had other things on his mind — hen turkeys. In a very nonchalant manner he finally relented his position on the back road and moved to the side so I could pass. But as I drove away, I looked in my rearview mirror and saw that he was heading right back to his "strutting zone" in the middle of the road.

Toms are gobbling and looking for love, at least down here in the southern part of the state, which is where I saw this bird last week. Although Mother Nature has been slow in changing the seasons this year, the late arrival of spring hasn't dampened the turkey's spring courtship rituals. Turkeys mate in the spring. Toms establish a strutting zone — an open area from where he

can easily be seen — fluff out their feathers and gobble in earnest in an effort to attract a mate. Receptive hens see and hear this display and come to the toms to mate. Spring turkey hunters play on this natural instinct by mimicking the calls of a hen in an effort to fool a gobbler. The bag limit in the spring is one bearded turkey (male).

Bird flies off to Auburn for last two years of ball

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COLLEGE HOOPS

Derrick Bird has found his nest for the next two seasons. The 6-foot-4 shooting guard from Schoolcraft College has decided to play his basketball at Auburn University. Bird, who averaged 20 points and five rebounds per game for the 32-4 Ocelots, made his decision Thursday night. "It's a good situation for me and I like the coaches, they seemed to be good at heart," said Bird, an Ypsilanti High graduate who played one season at Central Michigan before transferring to Schoolcraft. "It's a good feeling to get this over with and I'm confident in my choice. They want me to come in at the No. 2 (guard) spot, be able to score and play good defense."

considering Creighton, Drake, Toledo and Eastern Michigan, but then schools such as Oklahoma, TCU, Northwestern, Wyoming and Auburn jumped in. Texas Tech, UNLV and even Michigan State also inquired about Bird. "The SEC is a real good conference and Auburn is a high major school with something to play for," Bird said. "I hope I can help them achieve their team goals, and along with it, achieve some individual goals. I hope to come in right away and be an impact player. It was a blessing to play so well this year. Over the summer I hope I can improve my ability to get to

the basket and score. I want to be a complete player with an overall game." Bird not only is a good player, but also a good student. He carries a 3.5 grade-point average. "I've always said Derrick is a better person than he is a player," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs. "Derrick did everything we asked him. He showed up every day, worked hard and never complained once. It shows that hard work and doing the right things can pay off. Having a knee injury, and not playing at Central, he could have gone into the tank, but he turned a negative into a positive." Other Schoolcraft players who have signed include Sam Hoskin (DePaul), Dwight Windom (Lincoln Memorial) and Nick Evola (Western Michigan).

Meanwhile, point-guard Dave McGlowin is still considering Southern Illinois and Arkansas-Little Rock. Other possible Schoolcraft recruits include Keanan Weir, Mike Peek, Colin Wilkinson and Mike Tobin. Another former Schoolcraft player, 6-5 swingman Lamar Bigby, is considering Toledo and DePaul after sitting out last season. Bigby originally signed with San Jose State, but did not fulfill academic requirements. He attended a California JC last year to finish up his degree.

Auburn returns four of its top five scorers from an 18-14 squad which reached the second-round of the NIT before losing to Purdue. The Tigers finished 7-9 in the tough Southeastern Conference, losing several close games. Coach Cliff Ellis returns 6-6 forward Marquis Daniels, the team's leading scorer at 15.7 points per game. Also returning is 6-5 swingman Adam Harrington (15.5), 6-7 forward Mack McGadney (15.0) and 6-4 point-guard Jamison Brewer (8.4). McGadney played in only eight games before being lost for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament (knee) injury. The team's fourth leading scorer, senior guard Scott Pohlman (12.5), has used up his eligibility. Bird, Schoolcraft's MVP who shot 53 percent from the field, including 39 percent from three-point range, had a banner season. The 77 percent free throw shooter earned first-team All-Eastern Conference, All-Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA All-Region 12 honors. But his stock really soared when they crushed No. 7 Vincennes (Ind.) and Gogebic (Mich.) to reach the 16-team Division I NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. Bird averaged averaged 22 points in three games, including a 27-point, 13-rebound performance in an overtime loss to eventual national champion Wabash Valley (Ill.). Prior to the tourney, Bird was

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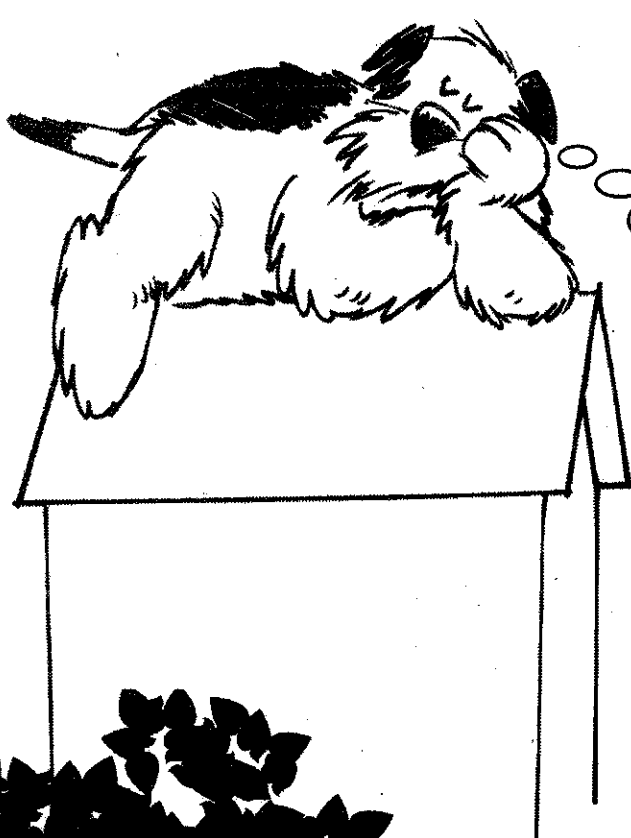
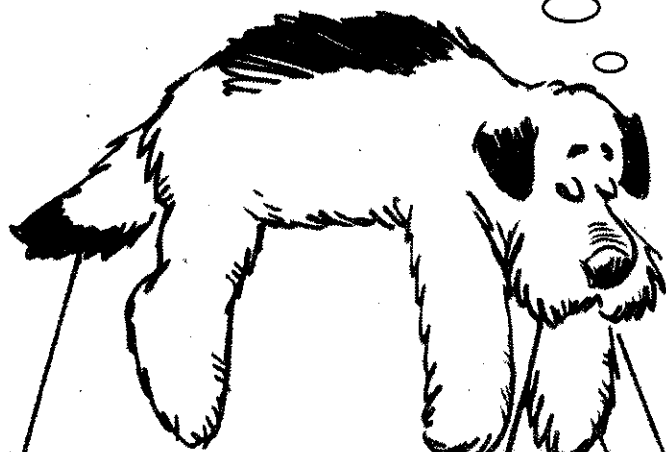
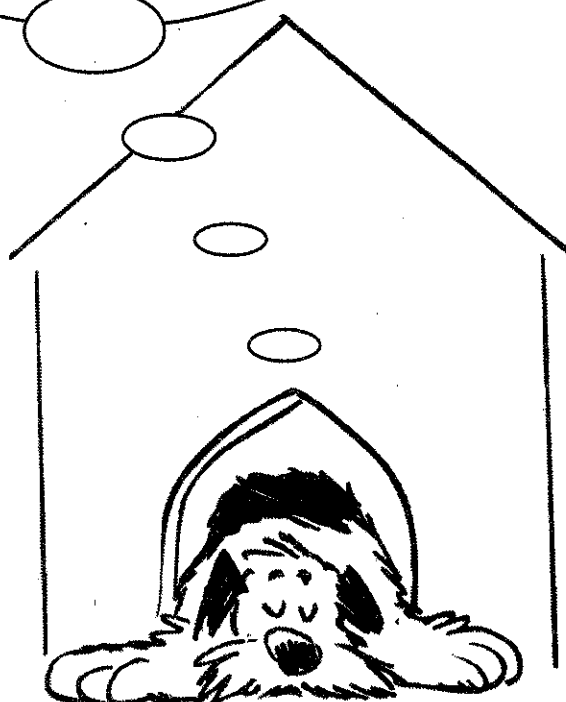
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Hawks Hall of Fame set

Past champions will be honored and athletic glories revisited Thursday at the inaugural induction ceremonies for the new Farmington High School Hall of Fame.

A committee of former and current coaches and administrators selected five of the school's all-time sports greats to be members of the prestigious club.

The honorees are Rex Cawley (Class of 1959), who won a gold medal in the hurdles at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, pole vaulter and gymnast Nate Durham (1972), cross country and track standout Mike McGuire (1974), wrestling champion Mark Churella (1975) and soccer/track star Carrie Maier (1990).

"When you look at their accomplishments, it's pretty hard to do much better than they did," said Bernie Call, the athletic building coordinator at Farmington who was instrumental in organizing the event.

"Nate Durham and Mark Churella were highly-touted candidates for the (1980) Olympics, but they didn't go because it was in Russia. Both would have made the team and probably medaled."

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pull in its current coach - Joyce Lindeman, a retired assistant professor of kinesiology at U-M and former synchronized swimming coach at the school when it was still a varsity sport.

"Being able to coach them is fun," said Lindeman, who also taught at Thurston for 10 years before plunging into synchronized swimming. "They basically choreograph their own routines and pick the music. I just run practices, see if what they're trying to do is too tough for their skill level and help them make the most of their pool time."

All 25-30 swimmers don't compete in the same routine. There are solo routines, duets, trios and team competition from four-to-eight competitors. The routines range from three minutes in solo to four for the team.

The only event they compete in is the annual U.S. Masters Nationals, but they hold their own water show every year before nationals and have been asked to appear in others.

The age group they compete in is determined by the average age of the team members in each event - 10 year increments at the national level and 15 at the international level.

"There are about 20 to 30 teams at the national level and there might be 200-250 competitors, depending on what part of the country it is," said Marie Lamberg of Livonia. "And we usually compete in the Grand Masters division instead of the Masters, which is based on how many of your group were in the top 10 nationally or other high

places in junior nationals or collegiate swimming."

While the core group has competed for about 30 years, others manage to find their way into the club. Some competed in college, some got back into it after

years away from the sport. And then there's the oldest member, 76-years-young Joan Jasin, of Canton. But hey, she ought to be good - she's been practicing since she was 45. "I think it's good for me to go

and mingle with the younger population," said Jasin, who also competes in Senior Olympics. "I did duet in the last competition and by the time the nationals come up, will do either trio or duet again. But they're really a nice group of girls. They make newcomers welcome and, even me at my age, make me feel welcome."

The group will get one or two new members each year and, occasionally, others will decide not to come out.

"It's still competitive, but we all got back into it for fun," said Tluczek. "We'll get new people coming out, who might have done it in college, and they'll think they have to be cutthroat. Then they realize it's all relaxed and it's all fun."



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Leading the way: Joan Jasin, 76, of Canton (top, above) practices one of her routines during a recent workout.

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 The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Flexible Spending Plan Administration for the District**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact Sharon Himebaugh of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-4834. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2001. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.
 Board of Education
 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
 JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary
 Publish: April 22 and 29, 2001

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
 ORDINANCE NO. 01-3**
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING MAP (SECTION 78-27) IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.
 THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:
SECTION 1. Section 78-27, in Article II zoning Districts in Chapter 78 "Zoning" in the code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by changing the following described parcels from B-2 Central Business District and RM2 Multiple Family to PUD Planned Unit Development.
SECTION 2. The parcel is described as follows:
 Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, "May Subdivision", as recorded in Liber 31, Page 6, of Plats, City of Plymouth, WCR, and lots 231, 233, 239 and 240, and 1/2 vacated Penniman Avenue adjacent to lots 239 and 240, "Assessor's Plymouth Plat no. 9", as recorded in Liber 65, Page 7, of plats, City of Plymouth, WCR.
SECTION 3. The Planned Unit Development is further described as a five story, 35 unit residential condominium and preservation of the existing "Wilcox House" for use as an R-1, RM-2 or O-1 use only, as depicted on the Site Plan/Final PUD Plan dated February 27, 2001 and Building Layout and Elevations dated March 14, 2001. (Planning Commission File No. NR-00-13)
SECTION 4. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.
SECTION 5. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance, as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.
SECTION 6. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.
SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after adoption hereof and after publication hereof.
DAVID A. McDONALD LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
 Mayor City Clerk
 Introduced: April 2, 2001
 Enacted: April 16, 2001
 Effective: May 13, 2001
 Publish: April 22, 2001

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
 REQUEST FOR BID**
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00a.m. Thursday, May 10th, 2001 for the following:
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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
 Publish: April 19 and 22, 2001

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
 CITY COMMISSION VACANCIES
 LEGAL NOTICE**
 Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will be accepting petitions from qualified registered voters to fill upcoming vacancies on the City Commission for the City of Plymouth.
 Petitions can be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 201, S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Four positions will be vacant and filled after the November 6th, General Election. Depending on the number of petitions filed by May 15th, 2001, there would be a Primary Election held on August 7th, 2001 for the City of Plymouth.
 Any questions regarding this matter, please contact the City Clerk at 734-453-1234 ext. 234, or the Deputy Clerk at ext. 225.
LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
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 Publish: March 9, 18, April 12, 22 and May 6, 2001

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Musician tames growling tiger

Peter Soave's words pitch and dip as he listens to Astor Piazzolla taming the bandoneon on a recording of "Oblivion."

"Listen here, I can envision a hunt. It's a fusion of Mahler and Bartok and jazz. It's very dramatic, rhythmic, emotional, always uplifting and always going to new levels; now it changes to a different level," said Soave as he compares the tango accordion to a beast capable of expressing rage, anger, sadness and joy.

The Farmington Hills musician knows the emotion an accomplished bandoneon player is capable of drawing from this small-scale accordion. Soave's performed bandoneon music all over the world as well as recorded

Season Finale

What: Peter Soave plays bandoneon with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra
When: 8 p.m. Friday, May 4
Where: Edsel Ford High School, 20601 Rotunda, Dearborn
Tickets: \$18, \$2 children, call (313) 565-2424

Piazzolla's compositions with the Moscow Philharmonic and the Klima String Quartet of Zagreb. On Friday, May 4, he joins the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra for a performance of "Concerto for Bandoneon" by Piazzolla.

"It's a growling tiger, much more physical than playing accordion with only straps for your wrists," said Soave. "You're holding it and expressing it all at the same time."

Growling tiger

Soave discovered Piazzolla's music for the "growling tiger" while competing and winning international accordion competitions in Europe as a teen. At the time, Soave noted the bayan, a more complex member of the accordion family, was gaining popularity over the familiar piano accordion.

Soave began playing accordion as a



Tantalizing sound: Peter Soave expresses the moving rhythms of Latin composer Astor Piazzolla on bandoneon.

child and continued studying the instrument while growing up in Southfield and as a student at Brother Rice in Birmingham. He eventually switched to bandoneon and all those studies paid off. In early April, Soave and the Emerald Sinfonietta won the Detroit Music Award for Best Classical Recording for "Homegrown: A Suite to 20th Century American Composers." The CD was a project with long-time Detroit Symphony Orchestra member Felix Resnick.

"I didn't understand Piazzolla's music at the time. It's kind of jazz but modern classical," said Soave. "Piazzolla wrote for himself on bandoneon. Now Yo-Yo Ma is adapting it for his instrument because of the music's classical roots. Piazzolla's classical studies encouraged him not to abandon folk traditions but to fuse tango with classical, baroque. He came out with a new tango, a fusion of forms."

"His music is for all emotions. In his music what may be sad for one person could be happy for another. He touches the emotions with the same success as pop music."

Soave believes much of Piazzolla's success originates from the family of instruments heard in folk music around the world. Soave's own family brought the tradition of accordion music to the United States in 1957.

"Accordion in Italian American fam-

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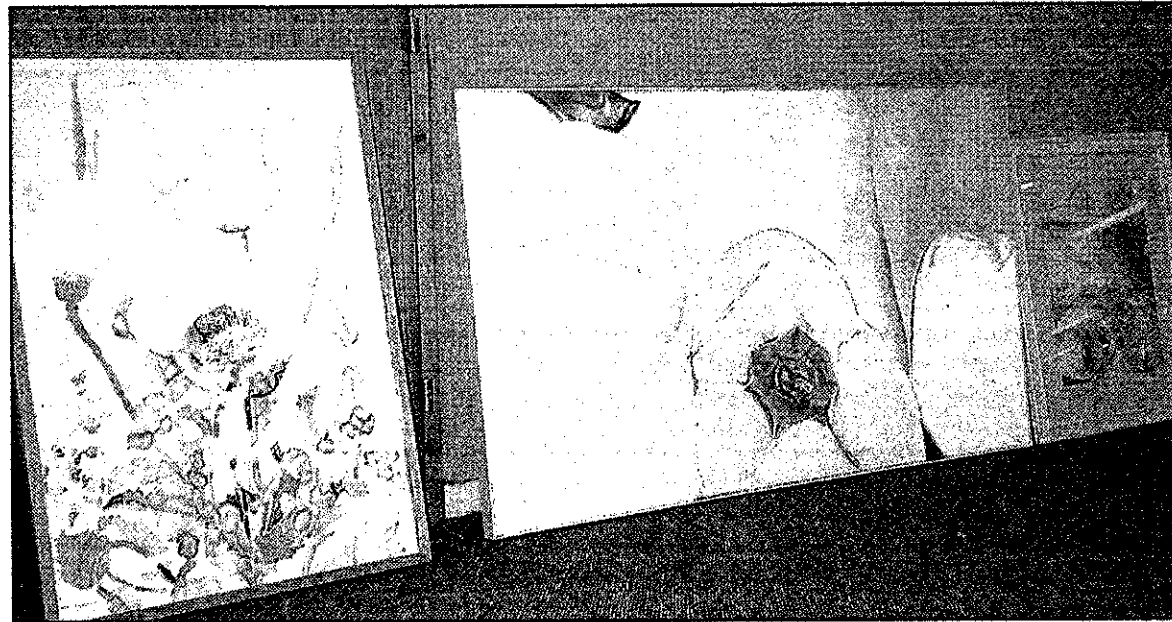


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Arts line-up: The Farmington Artists Club will have hundreds of paintings for sale during the Farmington Festival of the Arts.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Imagine viewing hundreds of paintings, listening to jazz and classical music, and hearing poetry and prose read all in one place. Think it can't be done. Throw in a Dance-a-Thon, some wacky comedy by The Chenille Sisters, and a gala evening with the Matt Michaels Trio for good measure. The sixth annual Festival of the Arts offers all this and more April 29 to May 6.

A joint effort by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, the Farmington Community Arts Council and the school district, the festival kicks off Saturday, April 28, with a dinner by Gourmet Express and an opportunity for a first look at two-dimensional works by members of the Farmington Artists Club.

Festival of the Arts

What: Farmington Hills and Farmington celebrate the music, dance and visual arts in its communities with a free festival
When: Sunday-Sunday, April 29 to May 6. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 29 and May 6; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 30 to May 4; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 5
Where: Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, call (248) 473-1856
Highlights: A Preview Gala opens the festival 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Tickets \$25, \$45 a couple. Call (248) 473-1857
■ The Chenille Sisters perform 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Tickets \$20, \$18 seniors/students, \$10 for under age 10, call (248) 473-1856
■ The Farmington Community Band plays 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6. No charge.

"My favorite part last year was hearing the Ridgewriters reading their own original writing and then being served tea, then seeing all the artwork, bins and bins of unframed art," said Nancy

Coumoundouros, coordinator of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division. "Every year the arts council tries to add new events. It's a cooperative effort with 24 organizations joining together from the community band and chorus to the Embroiders Guild who have hands-on projects that are fun for students. We expect a large crowd for the Chenille Sisters concert, and for them to bring more people to the festival and besides the Chenille Sisters are so much fun. Come early and walk through the exhibit and then listen to them singing in their outlandish costumes."

Something for everyone

"There's something for all interests, a full slate of arts activities. It allows people to see what's available in the arts in Farmington. The Farmington area is rich in the arts."

Coumoundouros could go on and on about the dozens of activities taking place at the arts festival.

"The gala is a fund-raiser with live and silent auctions including art, dinner for six by Gourmet Express, tickets to "Phantom of the Opera," an ice skating party, an evening at the movies at the Civic Theater for 130 of your family and friends, all to support the festival. And there's a whole day for seniors (Tuesday, May 1). It's all free including lunch. Seniors must register ahead of time. We make an effort to include all ages. The afternoon ends with a dance with a big band."

Dance-a-Thon

Bryan Farmer is expecting 300-500 people to show up in their dancing shoes Friday night May 4 for the Dance-a-Thon, an idea of the high school students serving on the Mayor's Youth Council.

"We're going to have music from the 1920s to the music of today, two students deejaying and featured acts from the 1920-1930s to break-danc-

ing," said Farmer, recreation specialist for the city of Farmington Hills. "I think it will be pretty entertaining. The dancing is open to anybody. If you're a sponsored dancer, the money will go to present recreational events for high school students next year. And the way the Dance-a-Thon is set up, you'll be able to view art or dance."

Greater exposure

Annetta Lind couldn't be happier about helping make the Farmington Artists Club exhibit and the festival a success. The event draws larger crowds than if the art work was solely on display.

As chairperson of the exhibit, Lind is coordinating the installation of hundreds of oil, watercolor, colored pencil and mixed media works at the

Costick Activities Center. The 106-piece exhibit was juried by Richard Fairfield, an art professor at Eastern Michigan University. Fairfield awarded \$750 in cash prizes provided by the arts council. An open show will feature additional works by members.

"The Farmington Artists Club never had a place like this when we first began exhibiting in 1965," said Lind, a charter member and past president. "The first year it was in a hobby shop. Over the years we've displayed at the Masonic Temple and on a fence around the old Farmington High School. It started out everybody painted in oil then acrylic and watercolor. Now it's watercolor and moving to mixed media."

This year, like last, the Ridgewrit-

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Multimedia: Farmington Artists Club members prepare for their spring show.

THEATER

Actors search for the 'real' story of POWs in German camps

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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John Boufford might never have known what it was like to survive the physical abuse and monotony of a World War II German POW camp if it weren't for the marvels of modern technology. World War II took place more than 50 years ago but the Internet brought the human agony close to home when Boufford decided to research his part for the Farmington Players production of "Stalag 17" opening Friday at Barnes & Noble Book-sellers in West Bloomfield.

Stosh, the gruff but funny barracks clown, became a "real" Air Corps man when Boufford, a Troy resident, met one of the survivors through a Web site.

"The site was set up by one of the children of one of the POWs and I was able to contact one of the POWs by e-mail - one of the prisoners at Stalag I, living in the Grosse Pointe area, to give us a history as it really happened," said Boufford. "From what I read on the Web site there's a lot left out of the



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN TERNES

Bittersweet drama: Fred Karn (left), Joe Wachowski, John Boufford, Kirt Haas, Aaron Brown and Joe Marzka (in bunks), Matt Yanke, Ross Grossman, John Yono and Jeff Miller survive daily life in a German POW camp in "Stalag 17."

script. You could really see how dull the life must have been. Every day the same old thing - washing out your socks, the same German black bread

and watered down meal. You could see what a desperate situation that was and you could see the excitement when they were liberated.

Stalag 17
What: The Farmington Players present the World War II drama about a German POW camp
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, May 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and Thursday, May 17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, May 6 and 13
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile, West Bloomfield
Tickets: \$12, call (248) 219-0800 or (248) 553-2955

"Because of the time period, it's difficult for a younger cast to associate with the war. From a historical aspect it's teaching us that bit of history and exploring the social bonds that develop at a time like this."

Quiet desperation

Hank Bennett took on directing duties for the production because of the intensity of the story. Written by Donald Bevan and Edmund Trzcinski, "Stalag 17" follows a barracks full of U.S. Army Air Corps

sergeants as they struggle to escape a brutal reality which includes beatings. Bennett, a Farmington Hills resident,

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ilies as well as any ethnic family holds a very special charm," said the 37-year-old Soave. "The music of the homeland is played with instruments such as accordion. We always had an accordion player at family functions.

"Accordion is part of the ethnic tradition - French, Polish, Yiddish, Russian, German, African, it's all over. Just about any folk music, Chinese, the accordion is there."

While accordion is the favorite instrument of folk music, Soave's found classical musicians slow to

accept the instrument. Even though he's just returned from playing with the Roumanian Philharmonic in Bucharest and recording with the Zagreb Soloists, Soave finds the accordion and bandoneon a hard sell here in America. Europe is another story. In May, Soave plays with the Belgrade Philharmonic before concertizing in Italy and Croatia. He returns to Europe again in July and August.

"For the past 17 years I've been working to break down the

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*Peter Soave
Musician*

barrier of promoters and conductors who say 'I don't work with accordion,'" said Soave, who performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra two years ago and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in March 2000. "European halls are sold out and it's starting to catch on here. On the classical stage it's gaining more

prominence. Accordion in the 1970s and '80s represented anti-modern, anti-pop. Now with Piazzolla it can be the same as any other instrument."

Introduction to bandoneon

The instrument was relatively unknown to Dearborn Symphony

Orchestra conductor/music director Kypros Markou until he heard Soave in concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The minute Markou did he fell in love with the instrument and the music of Piazzolla. He can't wait for Soave to join his 70-piece orchestra with members hailing from Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington Hills and Birmingham.

"It's an all Hispanic or Latin flavor program with standards like 'España' by Chabrier to 'Capriccio Espagnol' by Rimsky-Korsakov," said Markou, director of orchestral studies at Wayne State University. Markou also conducts the Westmoreland


Symphony Orchestra in Pennsylvania, something he's done for 20 years.

"There's everything from a Russian paying tribute to Latin music to Aaron Copeland, an American paying tribute to Mexico with 'El Salon Mexico.' Piazzolla used tango to write nice classical. The program is somewhat lighter than classical. It's a program that should appeal to everyone."

And even tame the growling tiger.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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is reviving those stressful days with the help of assistant director Angie Tyburski. So far, the biggest challenge has been finding enough men to fill the roles. Bennett had to cast himself as one of the POWs who doesn't speak but sits in the corner all day long playing his flute.

"It's a slice of life, a day in the life of these POWs," said Bennett, who's directed plays for SRO Productions in Southfield. "When it's divulged, there's a snitch in the barracks there are comments on the situation to lighten the mood but the monotony of it all is a lot to contend with.

"But I'm fond of the era. It's one of the last times everything was so clear cut. This was good; this was bad. It's the nostalgic feeling of innocence that's lost."

Kirt Haas' favorite part of the drama, which frequently pits man against man, is his own as the pivotal character of Sefton. A regular with the Dearborn Players Guild, Haas joined the cast as a favor to Bennett. The two worked together in productions at Greenfield Village many years ago.

"Sefton's a cynical loner," said Haas. "He knows his place and takes care of himself at the cost of others. He sort of picks on the guys. My favorite moment is when my character figures out who the spy is. It's dramatic. It's very meaningful."

Spy unmasked

Jeff Miller dreads the moment the POWs discover the identity of the spy. The Belleville resident did a lot of theater during his eight years in the military but it never prepared him for the dog-eat-dog exchanges between inmates and guards in the German camps.

"Price is the spy, the security man in charge of all escape attempts, a clean cut executive type," said Miller. "He's trying not to be obvious that he's German counter intelligence. I have to revert from English to German in especially heightened scenes and that can be difficult. I end up being killed."

"It's a bittersweet comedy. I actually get scared when they find out who I am."

Joe Wachowski, on the other hand, is trying to survive by

making light of the emotions felt by his character and interned men like Marko (played by John Ono of Livonia). But their feelings aren't always easy for the 21-year-old Plymouth Salem High School graduate to understand.

"He's a wise guy along with Stosh," said Wachowski, a Canton resident who was an extra in Billy Crystal's HBO movie "61." "Together they keep the barracks in good spirits. We're kind of like a team. We like to think we have the spy figured out. One of the most interesting things for me to learn was how the guys get along and bond."

"It's an important part of our history. It shows how our soldiers tried to stay sane and keep a sense of humor to survive."

Being funny to survive

Joe Marzka plays Duke, one of the other "funny" guys who laugh to keep from crying. The Ypsilanti resident has acted with Rosedale Community Theater in

the past.

"They're a bunch of guys in a bad situation," said Marzka, a warehouse manager for Performance, Sound & Light in Plymouth. "For the most part these guys care for one another. Biting humor is the only way for these guys to survive. You can laugh at the jokes but they're serious jokes."

Emily McSweeney never realized how serious the times were until she began researching costuming for the production.

"It's set in December 1944. In October 1944 the Germans started taking their uniforms and boots for their own soldiers and giving the POWs a mix of clothes from people in the Jewish concentration camps. Some were allowed to keep one of their two uniforms so I decided to have a mix of civilian and military clothes. I found five flight jackets in a second-hand shop. It was a very moving experience to think about what the men who wore these might have gone through."

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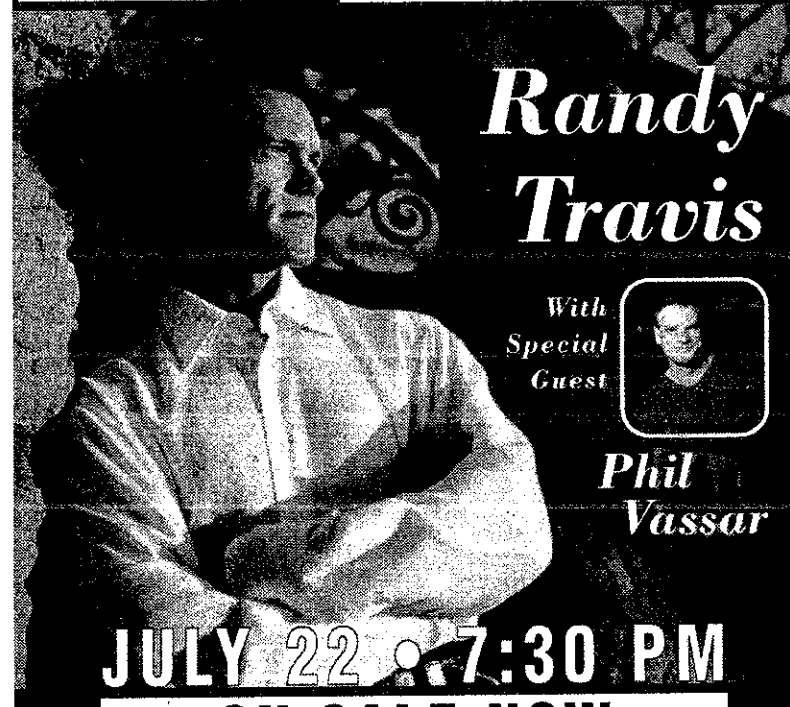
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BOOKS

Fun book puts Detroit 'in its World Setting'

Detroit in Its World Setting Edited by David Lee Poremba Wayne State University Press

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

In 1905 a surly but gifted outfielder from Georgia began his major league baseball career with the Detroit Tigers.

Japanese War for which he would win a Nobel Peace Prize.

This font of information can be found in "Detroit in Its World Setting: A Three Hundred Year Chronology, 1700-2001."

Wonderful library addition

Editor David Lee Poremba puts Detroit and Michigan into the context of national and world events, political, cultural and scientific.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings.

THE STUDIO SPEAK-EASY Enjoy an evening of readings of poetry, prose, storytelling and the spoken word every Tuesday

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY Family Book Talk discussion of "Dragon's Milk" by Susan Fletcher

WALDENBOOKS LIVONIA Local author, Robert Evangelista, will be signing his book "Business of Winning"

SPRING BOOK SALE Hosted by the Ann Arbor District Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SCREENWRITER'S SEMINAR Bonnie Garvin, a native Detroit and successful screenwriter, will host a seminar

The selections are sometimes obvious, sometimes inspired and sometimes just plain arbitrary, but for anyone who loves history and Trivial Pursuit, this is a wonderful addition to the library.

and Lake St. Clair narrows and bends. They choose this site because it is an easily defensible location, perfect for building a fort - Pontchartrain de Detroit.

Poremba then follows each year with a listing of events local and national. In the early years, local events are few, the activities of a small backwater community that changes hands from the French to the English to the Americans, far from the centers of power.

In June 1805, the frontier city of Detroit was destroyed by fire, reportedly started in the barn of baker John Harvey.

In 1861, Detroit was deeply involved in the Civil War. In August the First Michigan Infantry suffered heavy losses in the Battle of Bull Run.

First synagogue

Shaarey Zedek Jewish Society was organized in this year and the first orthodox Jewish synagogue and second oldest Jewish congregation was formed in Detroit.

Detroit grew as an industrial city, taking its place as a leading manufacturing site during the growth years following the war.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

bag with books for \$4. In the Book Shop, lower level of the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., (734) 327-4211.

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY Mike Best discusses UFOs, and the spring sky, 7-8:30 p.m.

COSTICK CENTER Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion on the first Thursday of each month

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE Appearance and book signing by author Kate DiCamillo

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Detroit Women Writers Past President Darlene House hosts a Swing Into Reading session

SCREENWRITER'S SEMINAR Bonnie Garvin, a native Detroit and successful screenwriter, will host a seminar

Thomas Edison, who spent his boyhood in Port Huron and worked there as a telegrapher, led a revolution in technological development.

All of this made Detroit ideal for the events that would change it forever. In 1899 Ransom Olds opened his first automobile factory on East Jefferson near Belle Isle and the Light Guard Army was the site that year for Detroit's first auto show.

Poremba's timeline takes note of new books, new plays, movies, recordings and sports events. In the 20th century Detroit makes important contributions in all these areas.

Other champions In addition to Cobb and Louis, Detroit and Michigan would also proclaim such champions as Charlie Gehringer, Gordie Howe, Terry Sawchuk, Tom Harmon, Isaiah Thomas, Thomas Hearn, Magic Johnson and Al Kaline.

While the Beatles and Bob Dylan were remaking popular music, Detroit's Motown was proclaiming a new, invigorating brand of rhythm and blues that would sweep the world with its infectious optimism.

At a glance you can see where and how Detroit fit into what was going on in other places, whether its the city's contribution to World War II or the sad story of the city's race relations in the context of the civil rights movement.

"Detroit in Its World Setting" is richly illustrated with black and white drawings, maps and photographs showing the city as it looked over the centuries, from the wooden French fort, with a Potawatomi encampment nearby, to several views of the modern skyline as it evolved from the 1920s to the 1990s.

This is a fun book.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

ARTS MEETING

Artifacts Art Club meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Former Center for Creative Studies teacher Bill Girard will do a formal critique of club members work.

ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is holding open auditions 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 at the University of Michigan School of Music, 1100 Baits Drive, Ann Arbor, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton.

Posted positions include Principal Oboe, Second and Third Trumpet, Second French Horn, Third/Utility Clarinet, Principal and Assistant Principal Viola, and String Section players. Substitute musicians are needed for all instruments and other openings may be posted as necessary.

Audition selections will be taken from standard orchestra repertoire. Non-standard selections will be supplied. Auditions are by appointment only. Fall auditions for any remaining openings will be held September 10. Full orchestra rehearsals begin Monday, Oct. 1.

To arrange an audition, call personnel manager William Hulsker at (313) 640-1773 or send e-mail to wfh@home.com.

ART CONTEST

The Observer Newspapers along with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Historical Museum, and the Plymouth Symphony are sponsoring an art contest for the design of a mascot to represent the new Passport to the Arts & Culture Program, an incentive program which provides youth (K-12) with a passport to travel the world of culture and art available in the community.

Deadline for entries is Friday, May 4. The winner will be acknowledged at the inaugural concert Aug. 3. For information about entering or how you can support this program or the Aug. 3 concert through a gift of money, prize incentives, time or energy, call Darlene Dreyer at the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to plymouth-symphony@aol.com.

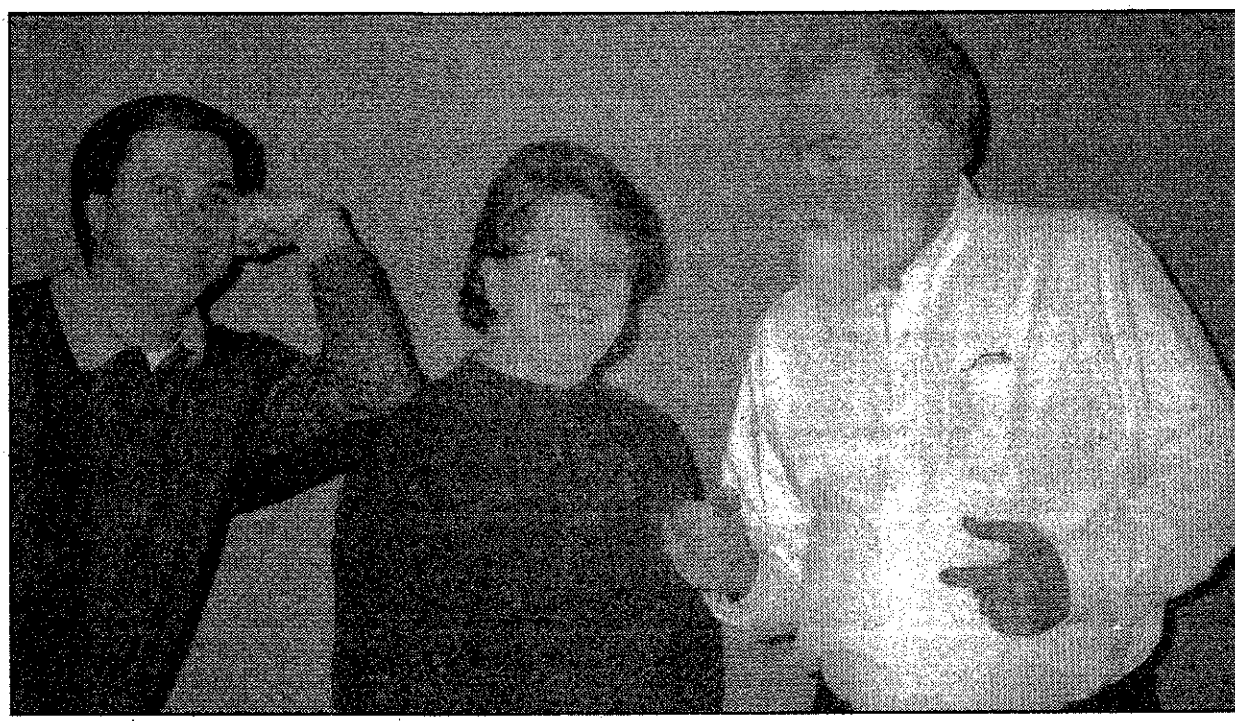
The contest is open to students in grades K-8 in the Plymouth-Canton School District. Students are asked to design a mascot, an animal or character, to represent the program. Drawings should show a mascot traveling through the world of arts and culture (art, music and history). Only 8 by 11 inch pencil drawings will be accepted.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

VSA Arts of Michigan is looking for entries for its "Art with a View II," a bi-annual exhibit for professional artists with disabilities. Artists must reside in Michigan, be 18 years of age or older, and have a disability which falls within the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Deadline for entry is Monday, April 30. Call (313) 832-3303 or send e-mail to vsami@ic.net.

"Art with a View II" will tour throughout Michigan for two



Dial M 4 Music: Jim Whitten (left), Macaire Boos and John Chew rehearse "Together Wherever We Go" for the Livonia Civic Chorus' spring musical comedy.

years. The first opening is targeted for June 2001. The first exhibit toured to 10 professional and nonprofit galleries, and museums. Artists will be encouraged to attend opening receptions and give demonstrations or informative talks in their communities.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Dial M 4 Music" is your ticket to fun when the Livonia Civic Chorus present the musical comedy 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 seniors/students and available at the door. For more information, call (248) 543-2946.

This year's "Dial M 4 Music" revolves around a fund-raising telethon to benefit victims of T.D. (Tone Deafness). It is hosted by Bond Billson and features songs such as "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "You've Got a Friend," "Imagination," and "Jailhouse Rock." If you like comedy, dance and romance plus great music,

don't miss "Dial M 4 Music."

CHOIR CONCERT

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir gives a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt.

Donations will be accepted during intermission. For information, call Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175.

The 50-voice choir, under director Gerald Custer, will sing Mozart's "Vesperae solennes de confessore," Faure's "Cantique de Jean Racine," and two differing versions of "Ave Verum Corpus," by Mozart and William Byrd.

ART CLASSES

The spring and summer season of art and music classes sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division is firing up, and promises to be fun and creative. New this year is the Acoustic Guitar class for begin-

ners. Students will learn the basics of playing guitar, as well as how to buy one. Self-teaching methods will also be demonstrated. The class is open to all ages over 15, and will be held on Saturday mornings at the Costick Activities Center April 28 to May 26.

There is also an array of art classes for children and adults. This month's Artfest class for children ages 5 to 12 is Saturday, April 28 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The morning class from 10 a.m. to noon is "Windows Into Art," where students will use techniques utilizing light to create their own "windows." In the afternoon class, from noon to 2 p.m., students will make a colorful kite for spring. The final Artfest class this spring will be May 5, and covers cartooning in the morning and French Impressionist style in the afternoon.

Teens and adults alike can join the one-day workshop "The Power of Art," in which Eastern Michigan University art profes-

sor Ellen Wilt will facilitate the creation of artistic posters that make a statement about any topic close to your heart. Bring your favorite paint brushes and/or markers. The workshop is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in the Day Camp at Heritage Park.

Two adult art classes start in May. Basic Drawing, taught by Andrea Bronson, will give participants a chance to learn new skills or refresh old ones, using pencil, colored pencil, inks and charcoal. This class runs Wednesday nights May 9 to June 13. In Watercolor Painting, taught by Barb Cicchelli, stu-

dents will explore and develop individual expression and watercolor painting techniques. The class runs 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, May 15 - June 19.

Registration for all the classes is through the Farmington Hills Recreation Department at (248) 478-9570.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills are now accepting applications for the Farmington Founders Festival, a juried outdoor arts and crafts fair to be held July 19-21.

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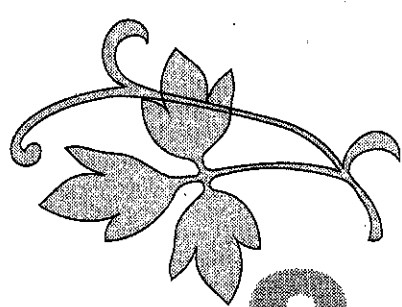
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ers took photographs of the paintings after the juror chose the winners. Members then wrote poetry about Marie Benzinger's first place watercolor "Spring Waters," Sue Bauman's (Birmingham) second place colored pencil "Crease in Time," Sylvia Clark's third place oil "Sunday Choice" and Gwen Tomkow's (Farmington) watercolor which won the Grumbacher Award for Best Use of Color. The verses will be displayed by the paintings.

"The artists really enjoy it because their paintings have evoked inspiration in another art form," said Lind. "The festival is a compilation of all the arts - 7,000 school kids will come through 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday to see the art. The festival brings in more people. There's more reason to exhibit than just to sell paintings. We do it to be part of the community. This is a community event."



"FACES & PLACES"

As usual, there's always news on the retail front. Here's a wrap-up of recent happenings and events.

The Michigan Jewelers Association, a division of the Michigan Retailers Association announced winners of the 12th Annual Jewelry Design Competition at the 2001 Greater Great Lakes Jewelry Exposition held March 30-April 1 in Novi.

Jewelry artisans **Brendan Sherwood** (designer), **Kirk Eilertsen** (fabricator) and **Tim McInerney** (setter) all of **Elements Custom Jewelry in Royal Oak** took first place in the Designer/Manufacturer Category, as well as the Best of Show award.

Avo Ounjian of Artisan's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry in Farmington Hills received the **Spectral Award** given to the entry with the most votes from show attendees. Ounjian's prize, a 6.18-carat garnet was donated by **Roger Dery of Spectral Gems in Birmingham**.

Other local winners included **Canton High School student Ryan Welsh of Plymouth** for first place in the student category and **Alexia Bongiorno of Alexander J. Bongiorno Creative Jeweler in Troy** for first place in the Professional Goldsmith category.

Congratulations to the winners and kudos for their unique designs.

Also celebrating is **Margot Kohler**, owner of **Margot's European Day Spa in downtown Birmingham**. Kohler is celebrating the 20th anniversary of her spa, which began in a 600-square-foot space and is today a full-service spa facility. In 1975, Kohler developed a line of skin care products to sell at her business. Last year, Kohler began offering Hydrotherapy treatments using minerals from the Mt. Clemens mineral wells. Located at **280 North Old Woodward**, the spa can be contacted at (248) 642-3770.

Jacobson's is celebrating a new clothing line. The retailer introduced **BOSS Hugo Boss women's clothing** to their **Birmingham** store's designer collection. Known as the BOSS Woman label, the collection focuses on jackets as an essential wardrobe piece.

On the mall front, the **14th Annual Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant** is coming to **Westland Mall**, and organizers are looking for contestants.

The pageant is slated for **2 p.m. Saturday, May 5**. Contestants must be age 60 or over. Judging is based on an interview, inner beauty, poise and talent. The winner will compete in the State Preliminary Pageant in Rochester Hills and in the state finals in October at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. An application and additional information can be obtained by calling: (248) 735-1500 in Novi; (734) 844-3060 in Canton; (313) 531-6874 in Redford and (734) 728-5222 in Westland. Westland Mall is located at 35000 West Warren Road and can be contacted at (734) 425-5001.

Shoppers at **Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield** can indulge themselves this spring thanks to Mother's Day. The mall is celebrating the holiday by offering a bonus gift to shoppers who spend \$100 or more now through May 13.

Shoppers who bring their receipts to the mall's customer service center will receive a gift set trio of Bath & Body Works products. Gifts are limited to one per customer while supplies last. Mall shopping hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. For more details, call (248) 353-4111.

Finding style where they go

Local couple set out to build fashion magazine for world audience



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Looking: *Clear* magazine's Emin Kadi, photographer and publisher (left), and Ivana Kalafatic, editor and fashion director, peruse clothing at the Linda Dresner boutique in Birmingham and talk about a piece featured in their second issue.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Metropolitan Detroit is anything but a fashion Mecca. But there's enough of a style foundation to build one, say the creators of a Westland-based fashion magazine that's going after national and international readers.

The premier edition of *Clear* magazine issued last month. Now the founders, editor and fashion director Ivana Kalafatic and publisher/photographer Emin Kadi, are anxiously awaiting the release of their second issue and the magazine's official launch party on April 27 at Clutch Cargo's Mill St. Lounge in downtown Pontiac. The event is open to the public and starts at 8 p.m.

While the publication will be based in metropolitan Detroit, the goal is to produce a magazine that's distributed nationally and in other countries. "It's been done in other cities, but it's never been done here before. That's why it's so difficult for people to grasp," says Kalafatic. "It's a high-end, sophisticated publication that happens to be in Detroit."

But how is that possible in the Motor City of all places? Kalafatic and Kadi, who both grew up in the area, say it's a myth that a major magazine can't be produced in a city like Detroit. Several established and new retailers carry fashion that's on par with merchandise sold in New York City. And what they can't find here, they'll bring in from other cities.

At the same time, they'll always showcase something from Detroit. "It's the whole ball of wax," says Kadi. "It's a view into Detroit and a view outside."

And by producing a magazine in Detroit, Kalafatic and Kadi hope to not only cultivate a greater interest in fashion but also ignite a bona-fide fashion scene here.

"We want to get that scared feeling out of people here and get them to open their eyes and try something new," says Kalafatic.

But why not base the magazine in another city?

Kalafatic and Kadi say they could, but want to run their magazine from home where they have more support and feel more at ease. Besides they like the idea of launching a magazine from Detroit. "We can do everything here but in a more comfortable way," says Kalafatic. "We never considered not doing it here."

For information about *Clear*, call (734) 467-9337 or visit www.clear-mag.com.



Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance. Sunday, April 22

KNITTING TRUNK SHOW

The Knitting Room, 251 East Merrill Street in Birmingham, hosts a Berroco yarns trunk show, including new garments and patterns, through May 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. For details, call (248) 540-3623. Tuesday, April 24

LOUIS FERAUD COLLECTION

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham hosts Louis Feraud's latest collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., International Designer department. For more information, call (248) 644-6900.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

ESCADA FOR FALL

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Escada Fall 2001 Trunk Show with informal modeling 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and a designer representative on hand to work with guests through April 27, Designer Sportswear, second floor. To make a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3341.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FENG SHUI EVENT

Feng Shui consultant Lynn Meadows leads a seminar for guests at Art Van Furniture, 5053 Dixie Highway in Waterford, 6:30 p.m. Refreshments included. Reservations are suggested for this complimentary event. Call (248) 674-4731.

JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Garth Floran Trunk Show of jewelry through April 27, Fine Jewelry, first floor. Call (248) 643-9000 ext. 219.

FRIDAY APRIL 27

COLLECTIBLE SHOW

Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents a card, coin, stamp and sports collectible show through April 29 with Baseball Hall of Fame's Bob Feller appearing 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

FIT CLINIC

Women's Health Boutique, 31209 Plymouth Road in Livonia, hosts a bra fit clinic and the designer of the new Aviana plus size bra with refreshments and drawing, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Call (734) 762-9324.

DEBRA DEROO TRUNK SHOW

Fibres, 270 West Maple in downtown Birmingham, welcomes designer Debra DeRoo and her spring trunk show through April 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 723-2880.

AIRPLANE SHOW

Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads hosts an airplane show featuring model airplanes displayed throughout the mall and demonstrations of remote airplanes at 1 p.m. in the parking lot, through April 29. Call (248) 476-1160.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

HAT CLINIC

Gena Conti Millinery Salon, 2732 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte, hosts a hat clinic by reservation only, 1-3 p.m. Call (734) 284-3417 between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. to make a reservation.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

JUDITH LEIBER TRUNK SHOW

View the jewelry designer's spring collection through May 11 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Accessories, first floor. Call (248) 643-3300.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- The print Trillium Morning by Cyndy Callog can be purchased at Wild Wings on 388 Main Street in Plymouth, call (734) 455-3400.
- Thomas Kinkade computer screen savers are sold through Wild Wings in Plymouth, call (800) 755-3401.
- The 1987 Honda Civic headlight can be found at Schram's Used Car

Parts in Pontiac, call (248) 673-5700, or Apple Auto Parts, at Grand River and Beech Daly roads in Redford, call (313) 532-0372.

- For vinyl work on patio furniture, try Ken's Casual's Inc., 82 Park Street in Troy, call (248) 585-6629.

- For dog grooming in the home, try Gorgeous Dogs, call (248) 666-8900.

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WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A business where a 1995 (preferably red) used Chrysler Plymouth Neon automobile door can be bought.

- A store that sells a power microwave concentrator for the Presto Power Pop Popper for Doris, who lives in West Bloomfield.

- A store that sells a slide projector for Julie.

- A store that sells the "Stretch Armstrong" toy for Jan, who resides in Oxford.

- A store that sells Coty L'Origin powder or perfume for Cheryl, a resident of Livonia.

- A business that sells scrap marble, granite and slate and other building materials and supplies to the general public.

- A store that sells stainless steel cake pans for Cindy, a resident of Livonia.

- A store that sells the original Jane Fonda workout videocassette for Alice, a resident of Birmingham.

- A store that sells no-boil lasagna noodles by Ronzoni for Marilyn, a resident of Southfield.

- A store that sells a hand cranking coffee grinders for Sharon, who lives in Redford.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

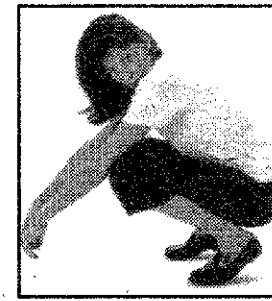
Tone of style

Get red with your wardrobe



Patterns for red: Banana Republic's long-sleeve silk paisley print shirt has bold red sleeves and is made of silk. Tiger Lily print takes red as its dominant tone, \$58 at Banana Republic stores.

Red for everybody: Jhane Barnes woven cotton shirt (left) is gold in back and becomes mango and red on the front, \$175. A red silk wrap blouse, \$98, is the perfect complement to a gold suede skirt with red stitching, \$180, all at Jacobson's.



Capri red: Northern Reflections' all-cotton twill Capri makes a bold, yet classic, statement in red. Capri, which is also available in stone, white and black, runs \$29.99.

Local shopping malls offer asthma screenings

Adults and children who experience breathing problems, such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath, can find out if asthma is taking their breath away through the American College of Allergy Screening Program.

The program, now moving into its fifth year, has screened more than 30,000 people who thought they might have asthma and has referred more than half to a doctor for a professional diagnosis. Detroit-area allergists, physicians who are asthma specialists, will screen adults and children for asthma at the following locations:

- May 5 at the Lakeside Mall, 1400 Lakeside Circle, Sterling Heights
- May 9 at the Livonia Mall, 21514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
- May 12 at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall, 4000 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills
- May 12 at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Road
- May 16 at St. Johns Hospital, 50 N. Perry Road, Pontiac

The screening program is funded by an educational grant from AstraZeneca.

Nationally, an estimated 17 million people have asthma, and many do not know they have the disease or how to control it.

It can occur at any age and is more common in children than adults. It affects five million children.

The cost in direct medical care and indirect expenses associated with asthma totals more than \$6 billion each year. Although its exact cause is unknown, many treatment options are available to control this chronic inflammation of the lungs' airways.

Area allergists will be volunteering their time to conduct the free asthma screening programs.

During a screening, adults who are experiencing breathing problems complete a 20-question Life Quality (LQ) Test developed by ACAAI for the program. A study recently published in the Annals of

Allergy, Asthma and Immunology found that the self-test is a valid tool for predicting which individuals will test positive for asthma in a clinical diagnosis by a physician.

Children under the age of 14 will take a special LQ Test called the Kids' Asthma Check. The Check enables children ages 8 through 14 to answer questions themselves about their breathing problems.

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In addition to the LQ Test, participants take a special lung function test that involves blowing into a tube. They will also meet with a physician to determine if they should seek a thorough examination and diagnosis. Those who already know they have asthma can talk with a specialist about their disease and efforts to keep symptoms under control.

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TRAVEL

Life's grander at Michigan's summer retreat

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As a child, I thought a trip to Mackinac Island was a requisite for Michigan residency ... sort of like knowing how to point out where you live with the palm of your right hand.

For those who have childhood memories of the island, they no doubt are special ones. Renting and riding bikes around the island with my brother is a particularly fond one for me, as was the climb up to Fort Mackinac for a panoramic view of the Straits of Mackinac.

But probably the most incredible sight was — and still is — the Grand Hotel. Seeing its 660-foot porch come closer and closer into view from the ferry boat is one of those moments — as an adult or child — you never forget.

Truman slept here

And the guest list of patrons who have stayed at the Grand Hotel reads as a Who's Who of the 20th century: Mark Twain, John F. Kennedy, Barbara Walters, Madonna, the Four Tops, Al Kaline, Arnold Palmer and Jack Benny are just a few of the famous folks who've stayed in the hotel.

And, of course, there's the hotel's Hollywood connection. *This Time for Keeps*, a 1949 movie starring Jimmy Durante and Esther Williams, and *Somewhere in Time*, the 1980 movie starring Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour and Christopher Plummer, were both filmed at the Grand Hotel.

Built in 1887, the majestic venue recently added 42 guest rooms and a 3,600-square-foot Grand Pavilion — the largest addition since its opening.

Opening day

The Millennium Wing, as it is called, opens on Thursday, May 3. And though all rooms are filled for opening weekend, Ken Hayward, vice president of sales and marketing, says plenty of rooms are available throughout the season, which comes to an end Nov. 4.

After two years of construction, the Millennium Wing is, as Dan Musser III, president of Grand Hotel, said, "The most significant enhancement to the hotel in its entire history."

Musser is the third generation of his family to own the hotel, which was bought by W. Stewart Woodfill, a desk clerk and Musser's great-uncle, in 1919.

If you're going

■ The Grand Hotel follows the long-time tradition of including a full breakfast and five-course dinner in its room rate

■ Children are welcome, and special children's activities include a children's dinner table, a picnic and hiking outing, story hour, game room, lawn games, biking, swimming, tennis and movies

■ There are 11 restaurants and bars on the Grand Hotel grounds with dining options available for every appetite

■ No motorized vehicles are allowed on the island. Horse and carriage, along with walking and bicycles are the only modes of transportation on the island.

■ Rooms are still available throughout the 2001 season. For more information, call Grand Hotel at (800) 33-GRAND or visit the Web site at www.grandhotel.com

Rooms with a view

The rooms have been designed along two themes — "Great Lakes" and "Summer Garden."

Grand Hotel decorator Carleton Varney designed the "Summer Garden" rooms to feature lavender, pink and soft lemon floral wallpaper and drapery fabric. The "Great Lakes" rooms have a forest wall-covering of white birch tress with green leaves on a soft pale blue sky background.

Varney is an internationally renowned designer who has decorated the White House, the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, and the Governor's Mansion in West Virginia.

In addition to a four-diamond rating from the Automobile Association of America, the Grand Hotel is also listed as one of the best places to stay in the world by *Condé Nast Traveler* and was named one of the top 25 hotels in the world by *Gourmet Magazine*.

Most recently, the Grand Hotel joined National Trust Historic Hotels of America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Seasonal selections

For the 2001 season, the Grand Hotel is offering many weekend packages, including



Grander than grand: The Millennium Wing, which opens on the east end of the Grand Hotel on May 3, features 42 new guest rooms and an expanded dining room.

Tee for Two in May, June, September and October, when guests can enjoy a round of golf at The Jewel and partake of the legendary afternoon tea in the Grand Hotel's parlor.

Memorial Day weekend offers benefits to AAA members and a reception on Saturday and Sunday. The Mackinac Island Lilac Festival is June 8-17, and guests will be treated to a tour of the gardens and lilac trees, some of which are more than 200 years old.

The Grand Hotel Arts Weekend, June 29 through July 1, features entertainment and instruction conducted by faculty from the Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters.

Wine lovers will enjoy June 22-24, the Summer Connoisseurs' Weekend. Participants will sample vintages from the hotel's own wine list, which was given an award for excellence by *Wine Spectator*.

The Grand Hotel's 114th birthday will be celebrated July 1 and 2 and 8-11. And from July 3-6, there will be an old-fashioned Mackinac Fourth of July

■ If Mackinac Island is somewhere you haven't been since you were a child, then perhaps this is the year you should rediscover it. And with the addition of the Millennium Wing at the Grand Hotel, there's no excuse for not treating yourself to the finest.

celebration.

Recreation is the focus for the Games & Gardens week, Aug. 26-30. And Labor Day weekend will be ushered in with the sounds of jazz.

Carleton Varney's Antique &

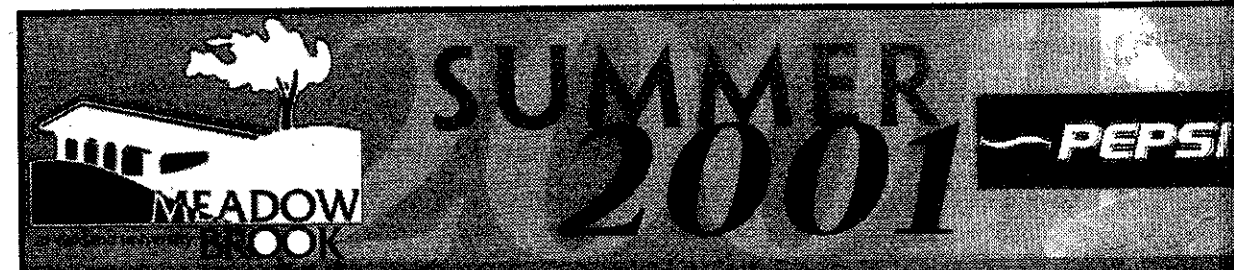
Design Fall Festival is Sept. 28-30 and will feature displays of antiques by 40 top dealers from across the United States.

For those with a clue, Murder Mystery Weekend is Oct. 5-7, and those who like to hoof it a

bit will enjoy the Big Band Dance Extravaganza Oct. 19-21.

Capping the season is the perennial favorite, *Somewhere in Time* weekend Nov. 2-4. Members of the cast and crew of the movie participate in panel discussion and lectures, and they tour sites where scenes were filmed.

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- 25 Buena Vista Social Club Orquesta Ibrahim Ferrer. Ruben Gonzalez, Jesus Aguaje, Ramos Guajira Mirabel. \$45 pav. /\$20 lawn.

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Organically grown label upheld in recent ruling

The phrase "organically grown grapes" on a wine label has been upheld in a recent ruling by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Bonterra Vineyards in Mendocino County, one of California's most respected wine producers that uses only organically grown grapes, views the ruling as a victory for wine consumers across the country.

Bonterra vineyards are farmed without the use of pesticides, herbicides or synthetic fertilizers. Cover crops between vine rows provide a habitat for natural predators of "bad" bugs and provide nutrients for the soil, allowing the vine and grapes to flourish.

Wine Picks

Enjoy the new-release Bonterra Vineyards wines from organically-grown grapes.

■ 1999 Marsanne, \$19, is a wine that sings Spring
 ■ 1999 Roussanne, \$19, has orange blossom and honeysuckle accented with pears; stone fruit flavors and bright acidity
 ■ 1999 Viognier, \$19, has a delicate floral and honeysuckle nose with hints of vanilla and orange blossom. Peach and apricot flavors complete a wine with creamy texture.

■ 1999 Chardonnay, \$15, has apples and citrus aromas mirrored on the palate with a creamy finish.

■ 1999 Syrah, \$19, sports black raspberry and peppery spice in an enjoyable wine with medium-full body.

Bonterra's winemaker Bob Blue maintains that "after thirteen years of farming organically, our experience is that vineyards with balanced, fertile soil produce healthier vines and grapes and subsequently better wines."

Currently, viognier, roussanne, marsanne, syrah, chardonnay, merlot and cabernet sauvignon are all grown by Bonterra in certified organic vineyards.

The first four of the above mentioned varietals are Rhone-style wines.

The first three are white and syrah is the red variety grown in the northern Rhone Valley, where it produces the great red wines of Cote-Rotie and Hermitage.

White Hermitage wines may be produced from marsanne and/or roussanne. Marsanne makes a refreshing, medium-bodied wine offering aromas of apples and peaches with some mineral hints. The 1999 Bonterra Marsanne is a good accompaniment to shrimp, crab, salmon, chicken or pork and takes well to spicy dishes.

Roussanne exhibits mineral aromas as well as apple, pear and honeysuckle. The 1999 Bonterra Roussanne flavors pair well with spicy and smoked dishes, baked or fried oysters, fresh fish and seafood.

Viognier (vee-oh-nya) is the most floral of the white Rhone varietals used to make Condrieu, the northern Rhone white wine. Viognier from France or California is best when fresh, so always purchase the most recent vintage.

Viognier exudes peaches, apricots and honeysuckle with a touch of spice. The 1999 Bonterra Viognier best accompanies smoked fish, seafood and kicked-up Asian cuisine.

Refreshing Rhone-style white wines boast lots of fruit and not oak. Any oak used for aging these wines is from older barrels that do not impart a wood impression. You can taste that the wine is made from fruit! The bright fresh character is maintained by preventing malolactic fermentation with lowers acidity. By maintaining the acidity, Bonterra has preserved the freshness of these charming whites.

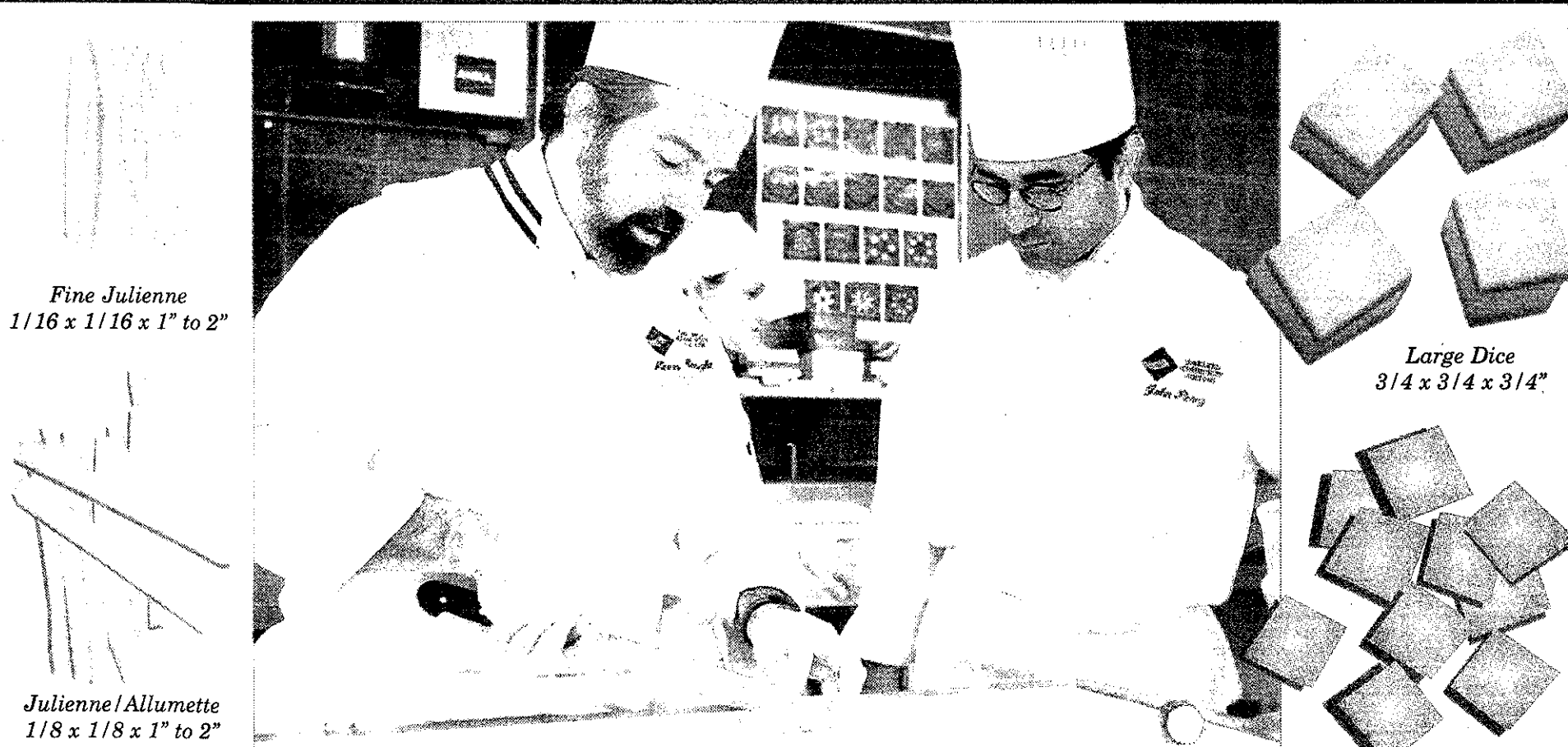
Syrah can be blended with other red varieties as is done in France's southern Rhone Valley, but in the

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Julienne/Allumette
1/8 x 1/8 x 1" to 2"

Large Dice
3/4 x 3/4 x 3/4"

Paysanne
1/2 x 1/2 x 1/8"

Batonnet
1/4 x 1/4 x 2" to 2 1/2"

Brunoise
1/8 x 1/8 x 1/8"

Brunoise
1/8 x 1/8 x 1/8"

Small Dice
1/4 x 1/4 x 1/4"

Medium Dice
1/2 x 1/2 x 1/2"

SHARPEN UP YOUR COOKING TOOLS

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No shirt, no service. No knife, no food. Knives are an essential cooking tool. Without them, cooking would be difficult, and good eating, well, impossible.

Nonetheless, recreational cooks tend to view knives as utilitarian utensils, rather than instruments of craft when placed in a pair of guiding hands. The thought is: As long as the devils are present, the job will get done. That and be careful. Knives, of course, can be dangerous.

"And, a sharp knife is always less dangerous than a dull one," throws in Chef Kevin Enright, an instructor in the culinary arts program at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

While you may have heard that adage on knives and a few others - always carry them with the point down, for instance - you've probably been misled about the particulars that don't pertain to safety.

One common misconception: To cook well, you need a big collection of knives, a comprehensive set sold in a wood block.

Not so, says Enright. In fact, the recreational cook can do more than just get by with just three knives: a chef's knife, paring

knife and bread knife. "I think you'd be fine with those," says Enright. "You really don't need every kind of knife."

Don't feel alone, if you thought otherwise, Enright adds, recalling the number of first-year culinary students that show up for class with an expensive knife set only to learn they won't use the majority of them for at least a year.

Although most chefs do have sizable collections, they typically turn to the basic knives - and their assortment of specialized ones quite rarely.

Without a doubt, the chef's knife gets the most use. Also referred to as a French knife, it's used to chop vegetables, fruits and herbs, and to make basic culinary cuts like julienne and mincing.

And when you want to add on to the essential three, Enright recommends a boning knife for de-boning fish and meat and a carving knife.

The moral of the story: Spend your money on high-quality essential knives, rather than forfeiting a fortune on the kit and caboodle, particularly since good knives can be expensive.

Cost and construction

Misconception No. 2:

Just because it's an expensive knife, doesn't mean it's a good one.

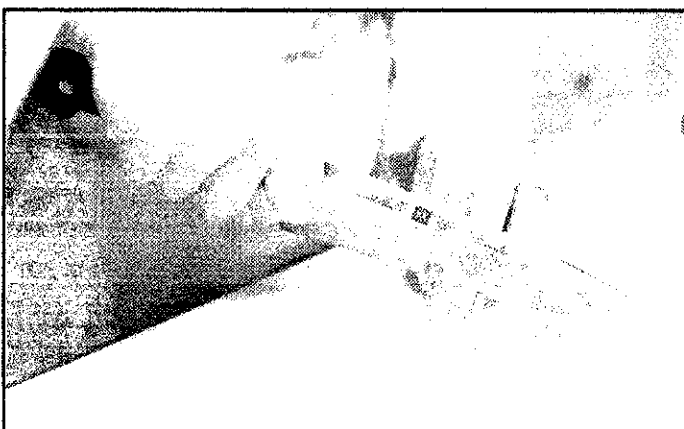
"You don't always look at price," warns Enright. "There are some that are of little bit less that people have been using for years. Then again, a Cadillac is still a Cadillac."

Most knives are made in Germany. The best known are Wustoff Trident and Henkel. Other brands that Enright recommends include F. Dick and Dexter.

All in all, what's important is how the knife feels or balances in your hand. "When you put it in your hand, it has to feel good to you," he says.

Balance is achieved by run-

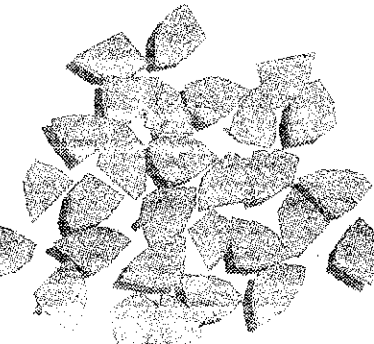
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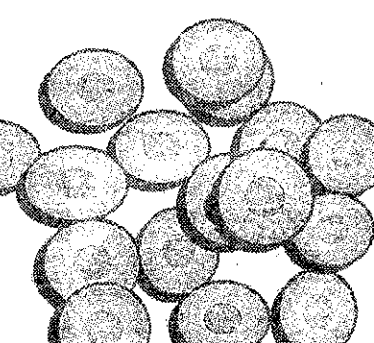
Chef's best friend: A Oakland Community College culinary arts student uses a French knife, commonly known as a chef's knife, to dice carrots.



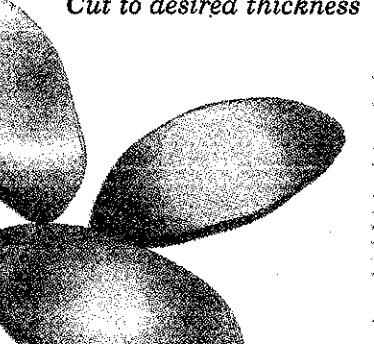
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Fermiere
Cut to desired thickness



Rondelle
Cut to desired thickness



Tourné
Approximately 2" long with 7 faces

Event features great grapes of the Great Lakes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Many early Europeans settled in the Great Lakes region, bringing winemaking traditions with them.

Once they lived in and learned about the region, they discovered that the unique micro-climate of the Great Lakes was perfect for growing a wide variety of grapes, according to Joe Borrello, author of "Wineries of the Great Lakes."

"The land and the micro-climates here are well-suited for hearty cool-weather fruit," Borrello writes about Michigan wineries.

Wine connoisseurs who wonder about the caliber of Michigan and other Great Lakes wines can sample from more than 400 of them at Oakland Community College for the sixth Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting on May 16.

The event also features food samples from 12 restaurants, including the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, Fox & Hounds in Bloomfield Hills, Steve & Rocky's in Novi, Confectionately Yours in Livonia and Essence

Restaurant in Northville. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for students in OCC's culinary arts program.

"Each year it gets bigger and bigger," said Darlene Levinson, event co-chair and OCC instructor. "All the proceeds go to scholarships. Unfortunately, the event is one of the best-kept secrets in Oakland County."

That afternoon, before the public attends the event, 24 professional wine judges, including Borrello, will taste wines from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ontario and Pennsylvania. They will give the wines Gold, Silver, Bronze and Double Gold awards to the wines of distinction in categories of flavor of varietal, character, body and bouquet.

While visitors won't know which wines won awards, they can sample any of the 400 there.

"It's a very relaxed atmosphere," Levinson said. "It's really awesome to see the people and the wines all lined up."

Levinson raves about the Ice wine from Canada. "It is an extraordinary wine," she said, describing it as a sweet dessert wine.

Borrello writes that grapes used for Icewine are harvested naturally frozen on the vine at 20°F or colder. "While they are in a state of deep-freeze, they are pressed, extracting only the highly concentrated juice and leaving the water behind as ice," he writes. "After vinting, this nectar results in a wine that is wonderfully sweet and fruitful."

Other judges include Joseph Schagrin, the president of the International Wine Tasting Guild, and Stan Howell, who manages and grows experimental grapes at Michigan State University.

Anyone not familiar with particular Great Lakes wine certainly will have plenty to choose from, but, of course, they should enjoy them in moderation.

Kevin Enright, chef and instructor at OCC, said the event is a good learning tool about wine for students and the public. "You can eat this food and taste this wine and see how they fit," Enright said.

"It's classy, it's fun and it's educational," Levinson said.

Last year's event raised more than \$3,000

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What: 6th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting. Featuring more than 400 wines from various wineries in Great Lakes region and food from 12 restaurants. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Oakland Community College culinary arts students.
 Where: "J" Building, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road (just south of I-696) in Farmington Hills
 When: 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 16
 Tickets: \$40 per person. Checks payable to Oakland Community College. Tickets also are available at the door. Call (248) 522-3700 for information.

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ning a steel shaft called a "tang" into a knife handle to counteract the weight of the blade. Generally speaking, a knife with a "tang" that runs the entire length of the knife handle has optimal balance and costs more to produce, thus purchase. Beyond construction, the cost of a knife is based on the type of steel used to make it. The three types used are carbon steel, stainless steel, which is the least expensive, and high carbon stainless, which is the most common. Enright prefers high carbon stainless and advises against buying knives with wood handles, given the material's propensity to trap bacteria.

Another misnomer about knives is that one sharpens them

to keep them in the-top shape. However, chefs never say, "I'm going to sharpen my knives" because that's not what they - or for that matter, we - do with that metal shaft that's been billed as a knife sharpener. The instrument is officially known as a "steel" and, for lack of a better word, hones or straightens the blade of a knife. Chefs call the process "bringing up the edge."

"After cutting with a knife, the edge bends a little bit," Enright said. "So when you use a steel, you straighten that edge."

If that weren't confusing enough, there's the question of how often such maintenance is required. Chefs take a steel to work every day. The average at-home cook only needs to "bring

up the edge" about three times a year, depending on the knife's use, Enright said.

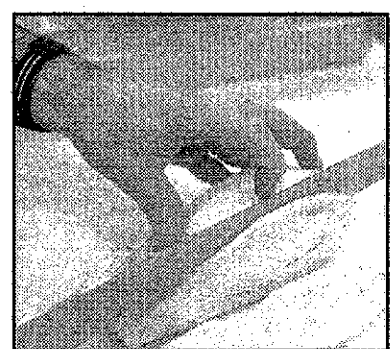
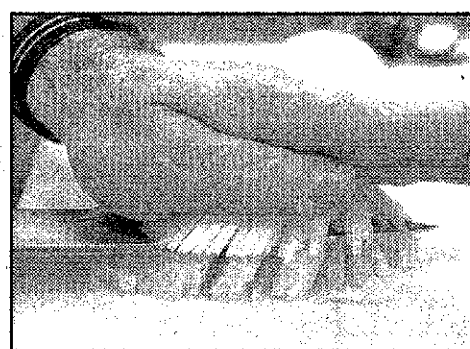
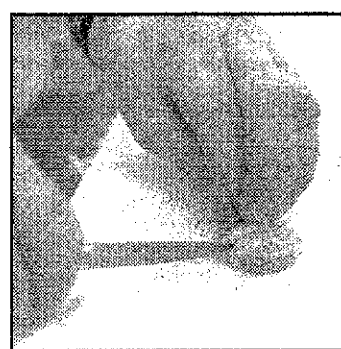
When in doubt, ask yourself how hard you're working when cutting with a particular knife. If the knife seems to glide through ingredients, it doesn't need honing. If you find yourself pushing the blade through, however, it's time to do some straightening.

Ultimately, a knife should make preparing food a more efficient process.

But ease and efficiency depend largely on knowledge of form and practice. While practice may not be a problem, most recreational cooks don't know much about form.

Even first-year culinary students, who have professional experience working in a restaurant, are often unaware of how to properly use a knife and "have just been hacking away," Enright said.

That's why basic knife use is one of the first lessons given to culinary students at OCC. Besides affecting efficiency in preparing food, form affects moisture-retention in certain foods and consistency of shape, which ultimately impacts how evenly an ingredient is cooked in a dish.



Taking cuts: Chef Kevin Enright, a culinary arts instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, demonstrates use of a paring knife to dice a shallot, a chef's knife to prepare an onion for dicing and a specialized knife called a slicer to make thin slices of eggplant.

Here are a few of the most basic, if not assumed, guides:

- Generally speaking, don't cut with food items in your hands (chefs peel potatoes, not in their hands, but by rotating them on a countertop).

- Tend to cut away from the body.

- Use your free hand as a positioning guide for both what you're cutting and the knife (the classic position for the guiding hand is fingertips tucked under slightly and holding the object to be cut, thumb held back from fingertips, and knife blade rest-

ing against the knuckles, which prevent the fingers from being cut).

- Start slowly and carefully; adeptness with knives takes time and practice.

If you're interested in mastering knife use in the kitchen and learning specific culinary cuts - julienne and tourne are just two of many - Enright suggests referring to a cookbook with information on technique, such as those authored by Julia Child and Jacques Pepin. You also may want to invest in a culinary

school text book like The Professional Chef or The Professional Chef's Knife Kit. Both are available at large bookstores, says Enright.

Otherwise, just cook, cook, cook, he says.

"If someone cooks frequently, they have to use a knife, right? You won't be chopping with your eyes closed, but nobody does that, hopefully. But you can be pretty close."

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northern Rhone it stands alone. Mendocino Syrah makes a purplish, rich, intense wine with notes of blackberries, spice and black pepper. The 1999 Bonterra Syrah is smooth, full and warm in the mouth with ripe tannins that are not aggressive. Age this wine in the back seat of your car and by the time you get home it will be ready to drink. Bonterra Syrah is blended with about 3 percent viognier, an ancient practice in the northern Rhone that helps bring out the aromas of syrah and enlivens a red wine that may have low acidity. When a winemaker works with healthy red grapes he can employ newer oak barrels without overpowering the wine.

Winemaker Bob Blue aged the lush and smooth Bonterra Syrah 14 months in French oak barrels of which 27 percent were new.

Try Bonterra Syrah with long cooked meats such as Osso Buco (Italian style veal shanks), leg of lamb or grilled steaks. Pasta with a melange of mushrooms brings out the wine's earthy notes. It's great with heartier cheeses and crusty French bread.

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and dining for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

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for scholarships. Restaurants will be donating food and staff to serve the food.

Levinson did not know what the restaurants were preparing yet for the event.

Last year guests enjoyed cold smoked chicken en salsa, mussel salad with smoked scallops and roasted pork loin and eggplant relish and ginger barbecue sauce were served.

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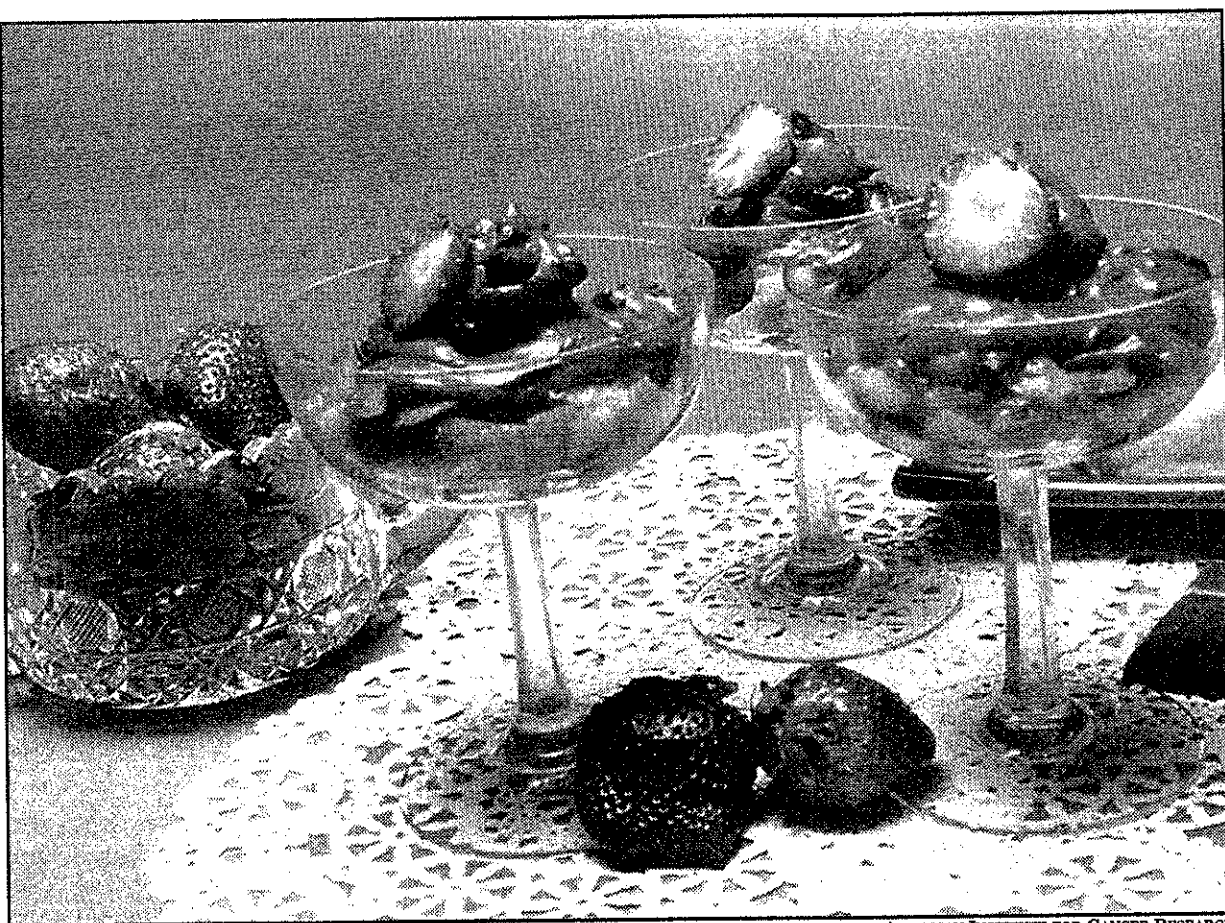
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Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

LEARN ABOUT COOKING
Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, is offered as a continuing education class at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Anyone interested in more information can call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education at (734) 462-4448.

M-FIT CLASSES
The M-Fit Culinary team of the M-Fit Community Health Promotion Division offers cooking classes, such as To Tell the Truth (About Weight Loss Plants and Fad Diets), 6-7:30 p.m., April 25, at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, \$50 for a two-person fee, and \$80 for a series of three classes. Nutrition education class fees are \$20. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.mfitnutrition.com. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 to register by phone. Other classes offered from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise indicated, include: Sharpen Up Your Knife Skills, May 9; Magnificent Marinades, May 16, and In the Herb Garden, May 23.

DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS
Busch's Food Store offers daily cooking demonstrations, recipes and cooking tips between 4 and 7 p.m. at the following locations: Grand River and Drake in Farmington Hills, Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township and Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.



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Chocolate and tofu: Mix silken tofu with melted chocolate, sugar and lemon juice, and you have the makings for this dessert with only 10 grams of fat per serving.

You can use tofu in desserts

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

April is National Soyfoods Month (so declared by the Soyfoods Association of North America). Both the American Heart Association and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration endorse eating soy foods as a way to help reduce elevated blood cholesterol and the risk of heart disease. The AHA recommends 25 or more grams of soy protein a day.

Soy may be cancer protective as well, but the research is not definitive. For now, the American Institute for Cancer Research recommends moderate soy intake as part of a mostly plant-based diet for cancer prevention.

AICR experts say individuals who now have, have had, or are at high risk for estrogen-receptor-positive breast cancer, eating large amounts of soy is not recommended.

Tofu desserts are increasingly more available, especially tofu cheesecake, which has become common.

Most soy is kosher. It is also a boon to those who are lactose-intolerant, enabling them to eat cheesecake, tiramisu, even dairy-free ice cream (usually called "frozen dessert" on the packaging).

Using tofu and soy milk in desserts can be as simple as setting the blender whirring. See for yourself with these Chocolate Pots de Crème. The French original, named after the diminutive covered containers in which it is served, is a mousse made with chocolate, eggs and butter.

Soy milk can be used in most dessert recipes calling for dairy milk. Soy milks called "plain," "original," or "vanilla" contain sweeteners and natural thickeners - used to create a "mouth feel" more like dairy milk - that sometimes interfere with how a dessert comes out.

Instead, use an unsweetened soy milk. The next time you make your favorite custard, bread, or rice pudding, try using soy milk and see how nicely soy blends in.

CHOCOLATE SOY POTS DE CRÈME WITH STRAWBERRIES

- 1-1/2 pints strawberries, hulled and chopped
- 3 1/2 tablespoons extra-fine sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 ounces best-quality dark chocolate (see note)
- 1 12-ounce box soft silken tofu
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 ounce dark chocolate, for garnish

Combine strawberries, 1-1/2 tablespoons of sugar and vanilla in a bowl. Set aside.

Chop 6 ounces of chocolate. Place in heat-proof bowl and melt in microwave. Or melt chocolate in top of double boiler, making sure barely simmering water in the bottom pot does not touch top section. (You can make a double boiler by setting a heat-proof bowl over a pot of simmering water, making sure no steam escapes from the pot.) Stir chocolate until melted. Set chocolate aside to cool to lukewarm, 10 to 15 minutes.

Purée tofu in blender. Add melted chocolate and blend. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar and lemon juice. Mix until well blended.

Evenly divide strawberries among 6 small custard cups. Spoon chocolate mixture over fruit, dividing evenly among cups and smoothing surface. Cover loosely with foil and refrigerate 1 hour or until chocolate sets. This dessert can be made up to four hours ahead.

Just before serving, grate 1/2 oz. chocolate (if using garnish) over top of each mousse.

Note: Use a high quality chocolate such as Ghirardelli or, even better, Callebaut.

Nutritional information: Makes 6 servings, each containing 218 calories and 10 grams of fat.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Pepper steak flavored with port mushroom sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This deeply flavored port mushroom sauce is reminiscent of a classic bordelaise sauce but is made in a fraction of the time. The recipe is included in *The Best of Cooking Light 2* (\$9.95 paperback).

- 1/2 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup port or other sweet red wine
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon tomato paste
- 1/8 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

To make Port Mushroom Sauce: Combine mushrooms and flour in a bowl; toss. In a medium skillet, combine the wine, shallots and balsamic vinegar. Bring to a boil; cook until thick (about 3 minutes). Reduce heat to medium. Add broth, Worcestershire sauce, tomato paste and rosemary; cook 1 minute.

Add mushroom mixture; cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in mustard. Set aside and keep warm. Makes about 1 cup, 4 servings.

PEPPER STEAK WITH PORT MUSHROOM SAUCE

For the Port Mushroom Sauce:

- 1-1/2 cups sliced shiitake mushroom caps (about 3-

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Cook casually with ragout

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beef-Vegetable Ragout is a good dish for a casual get-together. Casual for the cook, too, because it can be ready in about half-an-hour.

The dish is featured in "Better Homes and Gardens One-Dish Dinners" (Meredith Books, \$24.95). The editors of this varied collection of recipes for compactly assembled meals suggest serving the ragout over pasta and offering crusty bread or cornbread with it.

With such a hearty main course, a simple finish would be appropriate. A refreshing sorbet and cookies, or fresh fruit would be a good balance.

Sugar snap peas (also called sugar peas), called for here are wonderfully sweet peas in an edible pod - not to be confused with snow peas. Both kinds have edible pods, but peas in the snow pea pods are tiny and the pod is almost translucent. Peas in the sugar snap pea are larger. Each kind has a different flavor and texture.

BEEF-VEGETABLE RAGOUT

(Preparation and cooking time 30 minutes)

- 12 ounces beef tenderloin
- 1 tablespoon olive oil or cooking oil

- 1-1/2 cups sliced fresh shiitake or button mushrooms (4 ounces)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 14-1/2-ounce can beef broth
- 1/4 cup port wine or dry sherry
- 2 cups sugar snap peas or 10-ounce package frozen sugar snap peas, thawed

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
Cut beef into 3/4-inch pieces. In a large non-stick skillet heat oil. Cook and stir meat in hot oil for 2 to 3 minutes or until meat is of desired doneness.

Remove meat; set aside. In the same skillet cook mushrooms, onion and garlic until tender.

Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Add broth and wine. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Stir in sugar snap peas; cook and stir for 2 to 3 minutes more or until peas are tender.

Stir in meat and tomatoes; heat through. If desired, serve the meat and vegetable mixture over hot cooked bow-tie pasta or wide noodles. Makes 4 servings.

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"Kids need to know that they can live a normal life with asthma if they put into practice a management plan," said Dr. Rick Vinuya, chairman of the Detroit Asthma Coalition. "Asthma patients and their families need to know the factors that contribute to an asthma episode. Triggers can include severe allergies, respiratory infections, vigorous exercise, exposure to sudden temperature change, cigarette smoke, excitement and stress."

Asthma incidence in Detroit is three times the national average, with African American children three times more likely to die from asthma as Caucasian children.

Healthcare representatives from some of the 80 organizations that comprise the Detroit Asthma Coalition will be on hand to answer questions and discuss new medications and treatment options. A buffet meal will be served 4-6 p.m.

Call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (800) LUNG-USA or visit www.alam.org

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Weight loss

Since the program's inception in November, 38 participants in the weight management program offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia have shed a total of 672.7 pounds. Two more 13-week series of weight management classes begin April 26 and May 7. The program is a partnership between the hospital and Health Management Resources.

Participants must attend a free orientation session at the hospital noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in the Community Outreach Conference Room.

The HMR Weight Management Program includes the option of a medically supervised program or non-medically supervised program, "Healthy Solutions," depending upon the amount of weight loss desired. Both options use nutritionally complete weight-loss foods (shakes, bars and entrées).

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Stress management

Stress can be a good thing. Yet, crisis-induced events - injuries, illness or loss of a job or loved one - take their toll. Whether onset is sudden or gradual, too much stress may contribute to a decline in physical, mental and emotional health.

To aid adults facing stress-related problems, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a three-week course titled "Stressed for Success" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 9, 16 and 23 in the pavilion. Various coping skills, relaxation techniques, communications skills and the use of humor will be explored.

There is a fee. To register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only).

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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INDOOR POLLUTION

A risk to respiratory health

Seattle, Wash. - Indoor pollution poses a high risk to respiratory health as people spend more time indoors at home, in addition to time spent in shopping malls, theaters, restaurants, vehicles, and other recreational facilities, according to speakers at a recent international conference on the environment sponsored by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in Seattle.

"Studies in both the U.S. and Europe indicate that people spend over 90 percent of their time indoors. They encounter a broad range of air pollutants traveling through a succession of microenvironments in the course of their daily activities," said program chair Dr. Emil J. Bardana, Jr., ACAAI president-elect.

Potential health consequences depend entirely on the number and concentrations of pollution sources, as well as on the duration of exposure. The quality of indoor air depends on the quality of outdoor air, the strength and nature of indoor emission sources, and regional climatic conditions.

"In general, indoor air pollution can be divided into agents that can induce respiratory disease immunologically (IgE-mediated response), and those that exert an adverse effect on the upper and lower respiratory tract by a variety of non-immunological mechanisms," said Bardana.

Indoor exposures include:
■ **Biological contaminants and their by-products**, including microbial cells such as bacteria and viruses, in addition to fungal spores, protozoans, algae, animal dander and excreta, and insect excreta and fragments.



Household dust

■ **Chemical exposures**, such as combustion sources that emit a variety of inorganic gases, hydrocarbon gases and impurities; and volatile organic compounds.

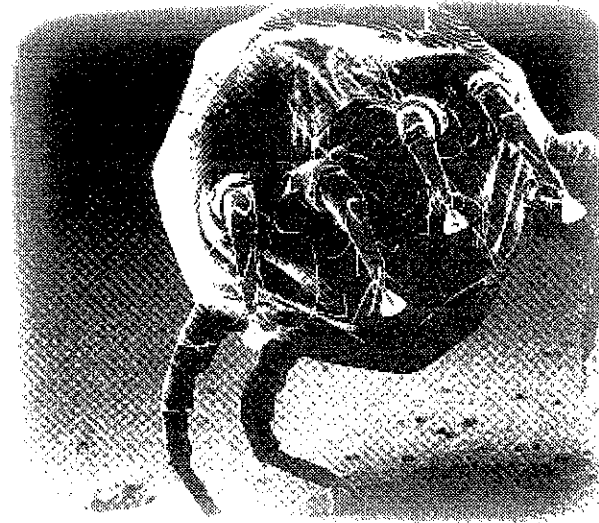
■ **Pollutants** - such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and formaldehyde - cause non-immunologic reactions. Sources include tobacco smoke, gas cooking stoves and pilot lights, unvented kerosene space heaters, wood and coal stoves and fireplaces.

■ **Occupant activities**, including tobacco smoke, perfume, cosmetics, pesticides, room deodorizers.

The major sources of indoor allergens responsible for IgE-mediated respiratory illness in the United States are house dust mites, domestic pets (cats and dogs), cockroaches, fungi and other microorganisms.

Tiny pests

House dust mites are small, sightless, eight-legged arachnids related to ticks, spiders and scabies mites that live in the dust which accumulates in bedding, carpets, fabrics and soft furnishings. The presence of sensitization to dust mite is strongly associated with



Dust Mite

increased airway responsiveness and asthma.

"For remediation, it is important to remember that mites infest fabrics, and that they require constant humidity and warm temperatures," said Dr. Peyton A. Eggleston, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. "The allergens associated with mites are found in large particles that require vigorous disturbance to become airborne and do not remain airborne for long."

His recommendations for environmental control measures for dust mites are:

■ **First line:** use of mattress and pillow covers; wash bedding; keep stuffed animals out of bed; avoid extra humidity.
■ **Second line:** remove carpets and upholstered furniture.
■ **Third line:** use of acaracides (pesticide), tannic acid and dehumidifiers.

"The importance of mattress and pillow encasings cannot be overemphasized, and if they are appropriately used they will reduce mite allergen levels by two orders of magnitude. Washing allergen from bedding with water is effective. Dry cleaning will kill mites but is less effective in removing allergens at the same time," said Eggleston.

Animal allergens

Animal allergens are small, molecular weight proteins found in animal secretions - saliva, sebum, perianal glands and urine - that are carried on small particles and can be airborne for many hours. They are transported by becoming attached to clothing, shoes and hair. Significant concentrations of dog and cat allergens can be detected in homes without a pet.

"The only proven method of reducing animal allergen concentration indoors is to remove the animal, and even then, it requires six months or more to clean the allergen from the home. Measures short of this have not proven to reduce either settled dust or airborne allergen levels appreciably," said Eggleston.

As a second line of control, he recommends washing the pet, establishing a "safe room" with no pet access, no carpeting, use of a room air filter, and use of protein denaturants, such as tannic acid.

Cockroach allergens introduced to the environment through feces and saliva also present a major risk factor for asthma. They are found in kitchen cabinets, kitchen floor dust, bathrooms and basements.

"Cockroach extermination is best managed by a professional pest control company. Generally they

will apply new, highly effective pesticides as odorless gel baits that are environmentally friendly. These measures should eliminate roaches for 3-6 months," said Eggleston.

"After extermination, the home must be thoroughly cleaned to remove allergen from roach hiding places, woodwork, kitchen surfaces fabrics and rugs. To prevent reinfestation, food sources must be kept in sealed containers and dishes must be cleaned frequently," he said.

Fungus

Fungal contamination present in indoor environments is a growing concern. Many fungi produce allergens and toxins that have the capacity to induce adverse health effects. Fungi require oxygen, a suitable temperature, a source of nutrition and moisture to thrive. Toxins are produced by many different kinds of fungi.

"A few fungi can digest human tissue and lead to infections," said Dr. Harriett A. Burge, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Mass. "During growth, the fungi release enzymes, which can be allergenic, into the environment to digest food to a soluble form for adsorption. In the digestion process, new enzymes and secondary metabolites are released that can be allergenic, irritating or toxic for some forms of life."

Fungal allergens clearly play a role in respiratory allergies including asthma. Because living with mold is dangerous for asthmatics, and potentially a problem for young children with respect to lower respiratory illness, fungal growth in homes and schools should be minimized.

"The absolutely essential step for controlling fungal growth is to remove water from the environment," said Burge.

Stachybotrys is a mold sometimes found in indoor environments associated with water damage.

"The potential adverse health effects of Stachybotrys toxins (saratrotoxins) cannot be ignored and will remain a concern," said Dr. Abba I. Terr, University of California - San Francisco Medical Center. "However, a critical review of the current published reports of possible human disease from inhalation of Stachybotrys spores do not yet establish a clear-cut cause-effect relationship to warrant the degree of concern now expressed by such terms as 'fatal fungus.'"

All fungi that produce airborne spores, including Stachybotrys, are capable of causing allergic sensitization and disease, said Terr. "In each case, the correct diagnosis must be established by thorough clinical evaluation, appropriate testing and proper interpretation of environmental investigations."

More information on allergic diseases, including asthma, is available on the Internet at www.medem.com or by calling the ACAAI toll-free number (800) 842-7777.

Teen sex Program offers help in saying, 'No!'

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Teen sex is just not worth the risk. That was the message taken home by the scores of teens from the Wayne-Westland School District who attended the Wayne County Department of Public Health's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Rally at the Wayne Recreation Center March 30.

Held in a carnival setting, which included appearances from WDTJ-FM radio personalities "Spudd & Sunny," the event was designed to get teens to enroll in the health department's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, known as "TP3."

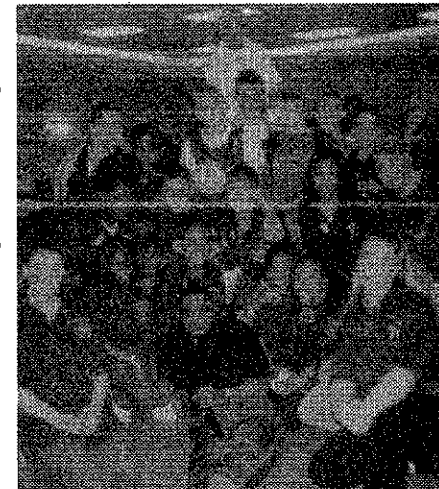
"While teen pregnancy in the United States has declined in recent years, there are communities within Wayne County where teens are becoming pregnant at an alarming rate," said Patricia Soares,

Wayne County Public Health Director. "We are directing our teen pregnancy reduction efforts towards Wayne-Westland because teens giving birth in this district exceed state and county levels."

According to reports tabulated by county officials, live birth percentages range from 2.8 to 9.0 percent of teen mothers living in the Wayne-Westland School District. In hard numbers, that translates into 456 babies last year. That's higher than Taylor, which recorded 436 births.

"We would add to these numbers significantly if we added terminations or miscarriages," said Soares.

The TP3 program is a partnership between the school district, the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Wayne County Family Inde-



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Teen power:
Teen advisors and rally participants pose with WDTJ 105.9 FM's "Spudd" (lower center) at the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Rally.

Long-term care insurance can prevent financial ruin

When it comes to long-term care, many believe that somehow they are already covered through health insurance or Medicare. Some believe that Medicaid is a viable answer. This reasoning gives a false sense of security and can lead to financial ruin.

The truth is Medicare and health insurance pay for short-term care, which is designed to help you get better, but not long-term care. If medicine and other therapies won't help you, neither will they. It is all there, in black and white, on page 102 of the 2000 Guide to Health Insurance for People With Medicare:

"Long-term care: Custodial care given at home or in a nursing home for people with chronic disabilities and lengthy illnesses. Long-term care is not covered by Medicare."

So why do they cover some nursing home stays when the guide states they won't? The trick is in the wording.

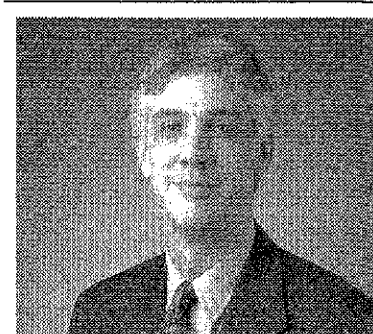
Notice in the above definition the word "custodial." It means help that will get you by on a day-to-day basis by either providing supervision for severe loss of mental capacity or for loss of ability to perform basic activities, such as bathing, walking, dressing, eating and personal grooming needs. If this is the only care you require, Medicare won't pay.

Medical welfare

Once you are in custodial or long-term care, there is only one government program that can help you: Medicaid, or "medical welfare." Unfortunately, you must prove destitution before you can receive it. Many families have falsely impoverished an ailing family member to preserve the assets for the family. This is becoming harder to do. The Medicaid system has been severely challenged in the last decade. It is continually being stretched thinner by an aging population with access to ever-increasing medical technology that prolongs life and makes the risk of long-term care even greater.

If you should end up on Medicaid, whether legitimately or through financial creativity, the quality-of-care issue looms ever larger. In the past, there was greater equity between what Medicaid would pay for a patient and what that patient would have to pay privately.

Lately, however, there is



Mark Kirby

greater disparity. The increases in Medicaid spending are tied to the U.S. consumer price index, which, historically, has not kept pace with increases in actual costs. The result is that hundreds of nursing homes are operating under chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. If they don't stay in business, what will become of the 100,000-plus patients? In the meantime, how good is the care they receive?

When it comes to long-term care there are no easy answers. It is an unpleasant subject that is habitually swept under the rug and ignored, yet it is the leading cause of destitution in America. Our collective sense of denial, coupled with a vast array of misinformation, is leading us toward a crisis.

Insurance

The only viable relief available for the financial detriment imposed by long-term care is insurance to cover the risk. Although its not always a perfect solution, it is the best one so far. Currently there are two bills in Congress that will make the premiums fully deductible. The current medical deduction requires a threshold of 7 1/2 percent of adjusted gross income before the allowance.

The introduction of these bills is a clear indication from the federal government that it is unwilling or unable to further enhance either Medicare or Medicaid. When it comes to long-term care the message is clear: You're on your own until you are broke, and don't expect much after that.

Mark Kirby is a long-term care specialist with GE Financial Assurance. Call him at (734) 462-4960.

Teen pregnancy facts

- The United States has the highest teenage pregnancy rate of all developed countries.
- About 1 million teenagers become pregnant each year; 95 percent of those pregnancies are unintended, and almost one-third end in abortions.
- Children of teen mothers often have insufficient health care.
- Teen mothers are less likely to complete school and more likely to be single parents.
- Children of teen mothers often receive inadequate parenting.
- Children with adolescent parents often fall victim to

- abuse and neglect.
- Children of teenagers often suffer from poor school performance.
- Children born to teen mothers suffer from higher rates of low birth weight and related health problems.
- Public cost for teenage childbearing totaled \$120 billion from 1985 to 1990. Of that amount, \$48 billion could have been saved if each birth had been postponed until the mother was at least 20 years old.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

MORPACE Int'l

Farmington Hills-based MORPACE International, Inc. has named the following staff members vice presidents:

Craig Porter will manage the company's research teams that specialize in the automotive and financial services industries. He has a bachelor's in marketing from Oakland University and a master's in management administration from Central Michigan University.

Jeffrey Leiman is responsible for the development, implementation and refinement of the company's online research activities and products. He has a bachelor's in political science and a master's in mass communication from the University of Michigan.

Karen Gaule is responsible for sales, project management and cost control. She has a bachelor's in business administration from Western Michigan University and is a member of the American Marketing Association.



Porter



Leiman



Gaule

American Megacom, Inc.

American Megacom, Inc. of Livonia, an independent technology consulting and services firm, announced the following additions to its management and technical teams:

Michael J. Peterson, project manager, Network Services Team. Formerly a global services project manager with AT&T, Peterson is heading up telecommunications cost reduction projects for AMI clients AAA Michigan, ALPS Automotive, and Owens-Illinois, Toledo, among others.

Paul Gyorke, team leader, Wide Area Network Engineering. Formerly a data design engineer with Ameritech, Gyorke is a Cisco Certified Design Associate (CCDA) and is managing multiple WAN installation and relocation projects for AMI clients.

Renee Bezeau, communications specialist, Network Services Team. Formerly a telecommunications specialist for Eaton Corporation, Bezeau is AMI's team lead on its new cost reduction engagement with Owens-Illinois, Toledo.

Kathryn Williams, communications specialist, Network Services Team. Formerly with Oliver/Hatcher Construction and Development, Williams is AMI's team lead on its Henry Ford Health Systems cost reduction project.

Metaldyne

Plymouth-based Metaldyne, a full-service, vertically integrated metals supplier, has named two new leaders for its Diversified Industrial Group: Grant H. Beard, president and CEO, and Todd R. Peters, vice president of finance and

administration. Prior to this appointment, Beard was president and CEO of HealthMedia, Inc., a software company based in Ann Arbor. Peters was global working capital team leader for Dana Corporation.

Lindhout Associates

Lindhout Associates architects aia pc of Brighton and Livonia announced that **Michael J. O'Leary** of Livonia recently passed the architectural registration exams and is now licensed in the State of Michigan. O'Leary has a Masters of Architecture from Lawrence Technological University.

Gale Group

Chris Morton, executive vice president of Business Development for Farmington Hills-based Gale Group, has been named as one of five new members to serve a two-year term on the Software & Information Industry Association Content Division Board.

SIIA is a trade association working towards building the digital economy. The SIIA Content Division provides a forum for companies that are in the business of publishing and distributing online content or offering technologies and services that facilitate the distribution of information products.

AIAG

Kelly L. Wilcox of Farmington Hills has been appointed administrative operations manager for Automotive Industry Action Group of Southfield. She will oversee meeting planning, physical facility issues, shipping and receiving, class coordination, travel and printing. She formerly served as AIAG's meeting planner.

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pendence Agency. It focuses on both male and females, ages 13 to 19 years old, who are at risk of experiencing a first or repeat birth.

Soares said the community is fortunate in that "there was sufficient infrastructure already in place to launch a program." However, in order for the program to be a success, she said, people in the community must make their voices heard: It is not acceptable for teens to be having babies.

The TP3 health education classes began April 11 with an eight-week series titled "Reducing the Risks." Ten classes will be held throughout the Wayne-Westland area. Topics include abstinence negotiation skills, reducing the risk of sexually transmitted disease and HIV infections, violence reduction, and drugs and alcohol information.

It also teaches teens the value of a good reputation. "Once a 13 year old gets that reputation, it is very difficult," said Soares.

Having one baby is a difficult lesson to learn; having another baby can introduce a set of negative dynamics, she added. "With each baby additional stress - emotional, economic and social - is brought upon that pregnancy and that family, so the birth outcome lessens. It sets up a cycle of poverty that becomes very difficult to break."

However, one pregnancy does not have to cast a mother's life in concrete, stressed Soares. "You don't have to repeat this pregnancy. There are things you can do to reach your goals."

The program is offered at the following times and locations:
■ 3:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 to June 6, and 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Thursdays, April 12 to June 7, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, Wayne.

■ 3:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 to May 9, and 3:30-6 p.m. Thursdays, April 12 to May 10 at the Wayne County Administration Building, 33030 Van Born, Wayne.

■ 3:30-6 p.m. Thursdays, April 12 to June 7, at the Simons Center, 29150 Middlebelt, Inkster.

■ 3:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 to June 6, at the Inkster Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster.

Wayne-Westland teens can still sign up for the TP3 program. As an added incentive, the health department is offering \$50 to each teen who completes the program.

Call the TP3 helpline at (866) 266-TEEN.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Valassis

Livonia-based Valassis, formerly known as Valassis Communications, Inc., has partnered with its clients Lenscrafters, Inc., the Lenscrafters Foundations and the Lions Clubs to give

the "Gift of Sight." Through this program, needy people throughout the world are provided with eyeglasses, donated by individuals. Of the 1,400 Valassis employees, over half participated in the program.

"This program fulfilled two

important objectives - to rein-

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Event offers support to caregivers

Former First Lady Mrs. Rosalynn Carter often said that there are only four kinds of people in this world: Those who have been caregivers, those who currently are caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers.

Henry Ford Health System - West Bloomfield will host a symposium for caregivers from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at 6777, west of Farmington Road in West Bloomfield. The symposium is co-sponsored by Henry Ford and the Well Spouse Foundation. It is open to both health professionals and the public. The cost is \$5.

Keynote speakers are David Haigler of the Rosalynn Carter Institute, Suzanne Geffen Mentz, president and co-founder of the National Family Caregivers Association and Greg Piburn, author of the book "Beyond Chaos."

Workshops subjects include advocacy, costs, maintaining relationships, emotions of caregiving, benefits and limitations of home care, and support groups.

To order tickets, make out a check to W.S.F. (Well Spouse Foundation) and send to 18263 Westland, Southfield, MI 48075. For more information, contact George Hopper, president of the Well Spouse Foundation, at (248) 569-3605 or Rabbi Bob Scott, director of the foundation, at (248) 661-3383.

For additional information on W.S.F., contact Les Graifman, executive director, Well Spouse Foundation, 30 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10016. Call (212) 685-8815 or visit www.well-spouse.org

BUSINESS CALENDAR

APRIL 24 & MAY 1

CREATIVITY
Attention, managers. Does your department or company need a creative boost? Attend "Creativity: The Competitive Advantage," a seminar offered 6-9 p.m. by Davenport University's Corporate Outreach Services. Learn exercises and techniques that will develop your creative talents and help you think "out of the box." Fee: \$79. Davenport University is located at 4801 Oakman Blvd., Dearborn. Call (313) 581-4400, ext. 207.

THUR, APRIL 26

ISO 9000 REVISIONS WORKSHOP
Arch Associates will present a half-day study of the new ISO 9001:2000 quality system requirements at Laurel Park Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. \$220 cost includes copy of the new standard course manual and refreshments. The

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MUSCLE PAIN AND SPRING

A type of muscle ache occurs in spring, which if you are aware of, will save you concern or a doctor's visit. This aching involves the thighs and shoulders. In the legs the aching is worse going up stairs. In the arms, discomfort occurs when you reach up as when putting on a seat belt.

This pain diminishes at night, and you feel better in the morning than in the evening. Heat helps as does mild activity, but prolonged walking or extra effort increases the ache.

The reason for this muscle irritation is that the body has difficulty in making the transition from winter to spring. This problem is particularly prevalent in older individuals. Adapting to the change in seasons becomes more difficult if the individual has not undertaken exercise during the winter.

The patients with such aching whom I see, often note that this last winter they did not use the indoor bike as in the past, or skipped the mall walking that was their habit in previous winters. Then that individual starts out in spring with a long brisk walk, or with a cleanup of the whole yard.

This aching unlike the athlete's first day of scrimmage, does not appear to be a myalgia and does not resolve in a day. The discomfort I am describing is not so intense but not so short lived, that is the source of worry. The discomfort lingers.

However, if the characteristics are as mentioned above, namely better in a.m. and mild with light activity, do not be concerned. Adjust your activity level to what you can comfortably undertake, and let your body guide you to how fast and far you can go.

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force our strategic vision with employees, using a great theme, and to provide help for a very worthy cause," said Marcia Hyde, vice president of human resources and the communications center.

Crestwood Dodge

DaimlerChrysler Motors Corporation has awarded **Crestwood Dodge** membership in the company's elite Chargers Club for 2000 based on overall excellence in sales, service and customer satisfaction. The award acknowledges the dealer-

ship's strong commitment to sales volume under the leadership of owner **Robert (Rob) Robbins** and his team.

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fication, the highest dealership recognition DaimlerChrysler can bestow.

Crestwood Dodge is located at 32850 Ford Road in Garden City. Contact them at (734) 421-5700.

Freudenberg-NOK

Plymouth-based **Freudenberg-NOK** has received Ford Motor Company's Recognition of Achievement World Excellence Award, recognizing the company as one of its top suppliers in the world for 2000. The award provides annual recognition based

on quality, cost and delivery metrics jointly developed by Ford and its suppliers.

"Congratulations to Freudenberg-Nok. You are one of Ford's most valuable assets," said Carlos Mazzorin, VP of Global Purchasing, Ford Motor Company.

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SE Mich. Quality Study Group will meet afterwards at 1 p.m. to discuss quality system contributions to overall business plans and successes. (Prior attendance of Arch Associates ISO 9000 Workshop is required.) \$120 cost includes reference materials and refreshments. Advance registration required for both the workshop and the study group. Call (248) 449-5433.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR QUALITY Automotive industry expert Dr. David E. Cole will discuss "The Automotive Industry in 2000 and Beyond: Life in the Really Fast Lane" at the meeting of the Ann Arbor,

Detroit, Jackson and Lansing sections of the American Society for Quality at Travis Pointe Country Club, 2829 Travis Pointe Road, Ann Arbor. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Program 7:00-9:00 p.m. \$25 for ASQ members, \$35 for non-members, \$15 for students. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner are complimentary. Seating limited. Business attire appropriate. Contact Rhonda McFarland at (248) 616-5377 or rmcfarla@tac.textron.com. Dr. Cole formerly directed the University of Michigan's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation. Currently, he is a management partner of the

Environmental Research Institute of Michigan and director of ERIM's Center for Automotive Research.

FRI, MAY 4

WEB SITE LAUNCHING

Davenport University's Corporate Outreach Services will offer "Launching Your Web Site" 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how to organize, create and maintain Web pages using service providers and an HTML editor. Fee is \$89. Davenport University is located at 4801 Oakman Blvd., Dearborn. Call (313) 581-4400, ext.

207.

SAT, MAY 12

WOMEN AND MONEY

"Smart Women Finish Rich" is the subject of a seminar given by financial advisers Kathleen Fitzgerald and Yvonne Carber at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter's Livonia/Laurel Park office. Admission is free. For reservations, call Kristi McCombs at (734) 779-8001.

THUR, MAY 17

MORGAN STANLEY

"Smart Women Finish Rich" is the subject of a seminar given by financial advisor Jeff Probst of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter at the company's Laurel Park Place Mall office, 17420 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 432-7525.

THUR, MAY 24

ESTATE PLANNING

Financial advisor Jeff Probst of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter will discuss "Estate Planning" 6 p.m. at the company's Laurel Park Place Mall office, 17420

Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 432-7275.

THUR, JUNE 14

WOMEN AND \$\$\$

Attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Women Business Owners - Detroit Chapter and celebrate NAWBO's accomplishments of the past year. Luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club. NAWBO members, \$35; non-members and guests, \$45. Call (313) 961-4748.

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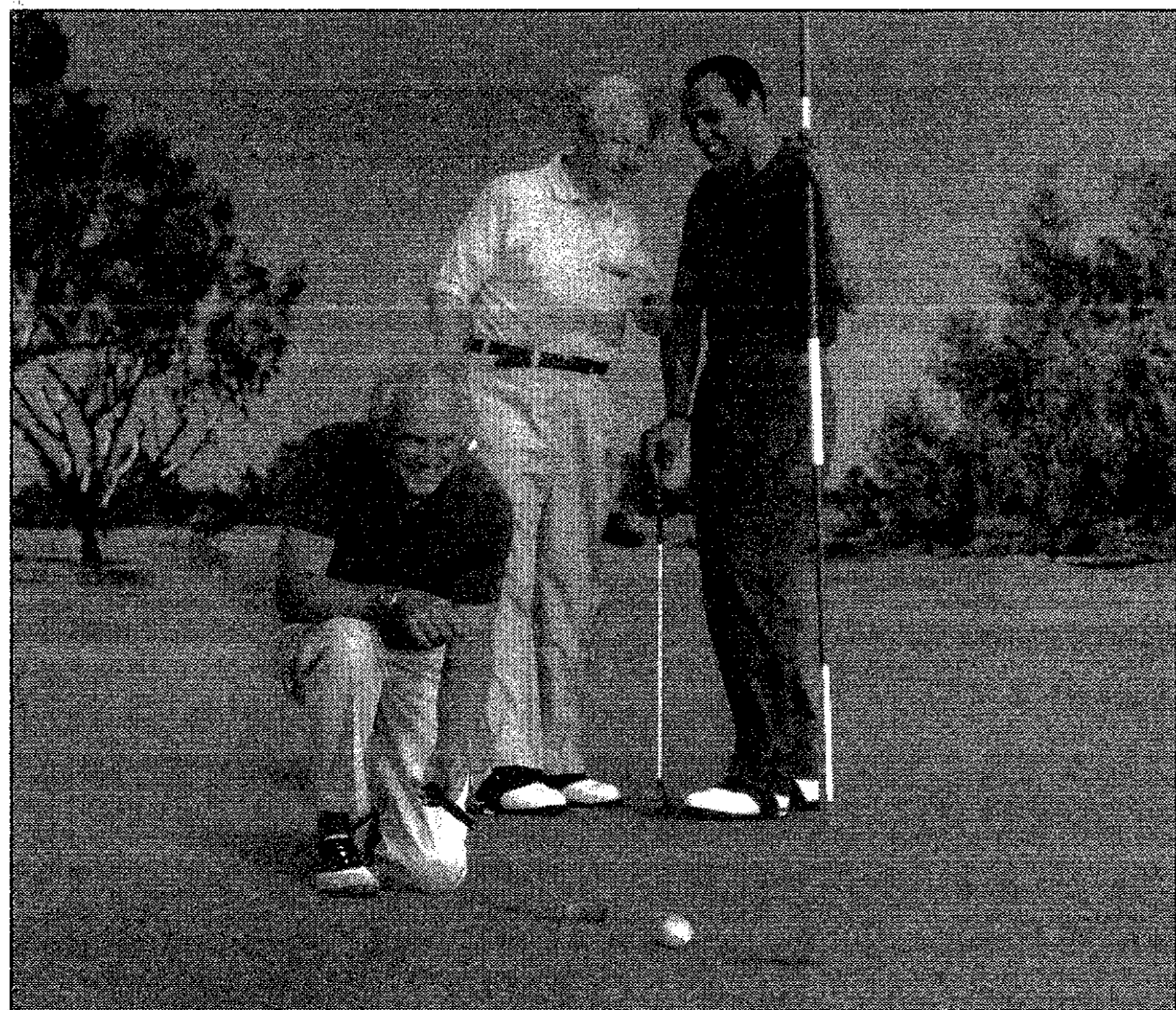
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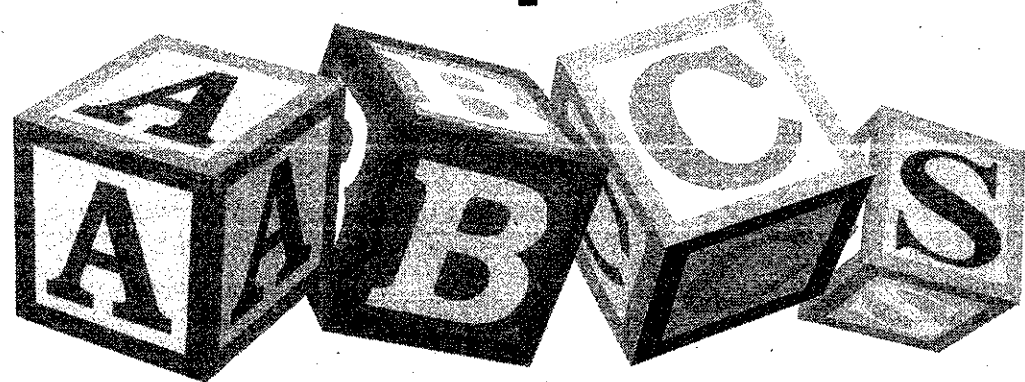
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APRIL 24-MAY 1, 8

MIND-BODY HEALING
BodyWorks Healing Center, 819 N. Mill Street, Plymouth offers a series on attitudinal healing, from letting go of fears to unlocking your potential from 6:30-8 p.m. Classes may be taken individually. Cost is \$35 per class. Preregistration required. For more information, call (734) 416-5200.

APRIL 23- JUNE 25
NUTRITION FOR CHRONIC DISEASE

Dr. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki will present a nutritional conference with a focus on natural healing for those with fibromyalgia and other chronic diseases. The seminar will present a nutritional program for and chronic conditions. Topics include food sensitivities, irritable bowel syndrome, toxins in the environment and natural ways to detoxify. The conference will be held at Arthur's Place in Plymouth. Monday April 23, May 21, and June 25 from 6:30-8:30. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 734-254-0500 or 248-344-4063.

TUES, APRIL 24

THYROID CANCER
A support group for thyroid cancer survivors has begun meeting 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the Plymouth Public Library, 223 South Main Street, Plymouth, the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are free and open to all thyroid cancer survivors and their families. Call M. Weckerle at (734) 397-2801.

APRIL 24- MAY 8
DIABETES SERIES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a three-week series on "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes" in Pavilion A. Pre-registration is required by April 17. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650 (out-of-town callers).

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ESTATE PLANNING
Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane will sponsor a free lecture on retirement and estate planning 6-7 p.m. at the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. Sue Cantley, a financial consultant from Merrill Lynch, will discuss several issues: How much will you need to maintain your lifestyle? Do you plan on leaving your loved ones your estate? Will your assets go to the government? Call (313) 982-8384.

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PREGNANCY FITNESS
The Marion Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer "Prenatal Fitness," a six-week series that meets weekly 6-7 p.m. in the hospital's West Addition B. To preregister, call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 for out-of-town callers. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan.

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St. Mary Mercy presents Women's Health Day

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 2001 Women's Health Day, "Keeping Women Healthy," will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, April 28 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia West.

Keynote speaker Sandra Beckwith of New York will offer her program, "Finding the Courage to Change," which helps empower women to make the necessary changes in their jobs, lifestyles and relationships.

Beckwith's years of work as an author and speaker helped launch *The Do(c)little Report* in 1993 in an effort to minimize

some of the relationship frustration caused by gender differences. She has been interviewed by most daily newspapers and as a guest on radio programs coast-to-coast.

The 7th annual Women's Health Day is sponsored by the Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. For the first time, a breakfast buffet will precede the workshops.

Workshop topics include:
 ■ Stress Relief...The Yoga Way
 ■ He said/She said: Understanding Male Behavior

■ Freshen Up Your Look for Spring
 ■ Smart Travel
 ■ Stress Management
 ■ Put Your Oxygen Mask on First (taking care of yourself so you can take care of others)

Program cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 or 1-800-494-1617 (for out-of-area callers). The Holiday Inn - Livonia West is located at the intersection of Six Mile Road and I-275.

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Administrative professionals celebrated, honored

BY MARGO DEWEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Nearly every office has them. They are considered the fuel that drives the engine of a business. But, they are no longer called secretaries. Their new title is administrative professional, and the official week to honor these hard working individuals is April 23-29.

The 49-year-old tradition of honoring administrative secretaries was renamed as of last year by the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). Professional Secretaries Week began in 1952 in an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions to the workplace, and to

attract young people to secretarial careers.

Today, there are more than 34,000 administrative professionals in Michigan, according to Bruce Weaver, economic analyst for the Michigan Department of Career Development.

"The average hourly wage for these individuals is \$15.41," said Weaver. "Generally, the growth rate for this type of job is low in terms of the rate of demand due to other careers that are more high profile such as computer technology."

But, no matter the demand, there definitely is a need for the professional administrator who sometimes replaces even "the boss" when he or she is out of town.

This administrative assistant also wears many hats besides that of a "secretary," according to Barbara Cumming, owner of Express Personnel Services in Farmington Hills and Wayne.

"The role of a secretary has definitely changed with the times and technology," Cumming said. "The main skills of a secretary 10 or 15 years ago was to type accurately, fast and efficiently. In order to obtain a job as a secretary you had to pass a test where you literally had to type so many words a minute. That is no longer a requirement."

In fact, Cumming said when a secretary had to make a change on copy that she or he had typed, the usual process

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Job titles do make a difference

Q. I have developed skills that can be used in many business settings. However, my previous titles pigeonhole me. How do I overcome this?
B.M.



GEORGE HAYES

A. In a job search, titles can have the same restrictive effect as money. When it's early in the hiring process, any specific dollar figure you cite will likely be too high or too low in the view of many employers. Too high means you risk frightening hiring managers and cutting off opportunities before they are fully developed. Too low means you risk leaving money on the table or squandering your perceived value (she can't be right for the job because she's too inexpensive).

Similarly, titles can be too big or too small. President and vice-president, for example, are often intimidating, even when the resume describes responsibilities that are closer to those of a first line supervisor or salesperson. An expressed willingness to take a step or two backward isn't likely to allay an employer's discomfort.

On the other hand, accountant doesn't quite capture the scope and depth of a person who has been involved in long term financial planning, bank relations, mergers and acquisitions. An employer or headhunter looking for a CFO might not read on if the candidate's title seems two notches down the food chain from the open position.

The market generally regards titles as closely related to status and merit. Of course, they are not, but fact matters less than perception in marketing. So a total buffoon who has led various companies to ruin will land yet another job as CEO or president. Meanwhile, the high performing boss who has paid scant attention to his title (or even compensation) is discounted and may struggle to find a comparable position. People who say titles don't matter are wrong.

Titles can also be too specific. Who do

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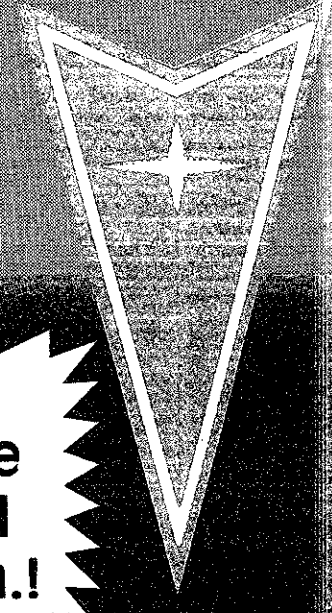
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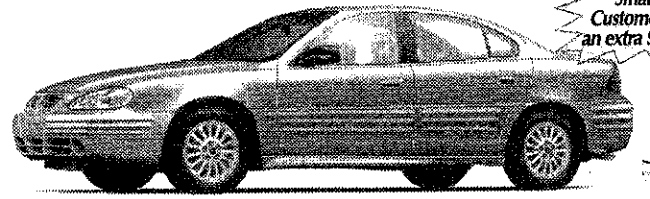
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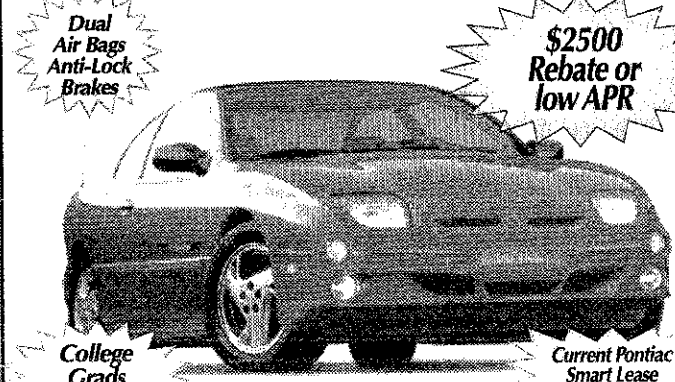
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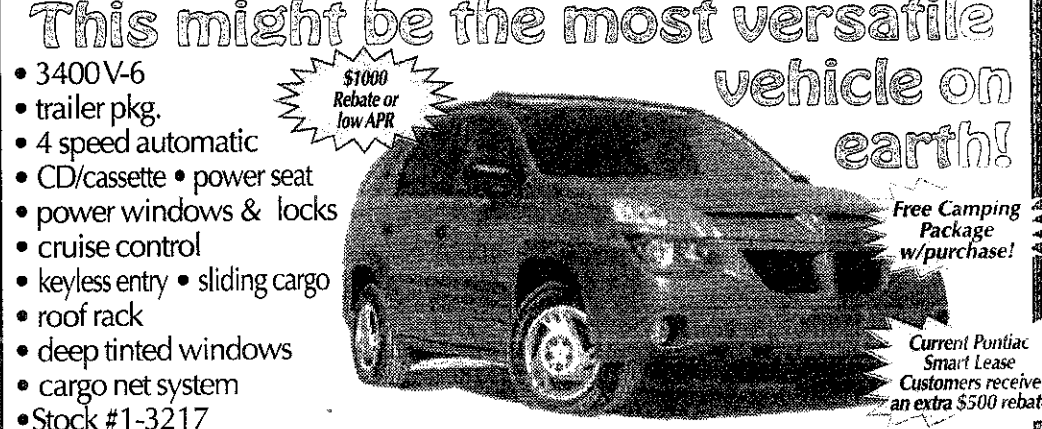
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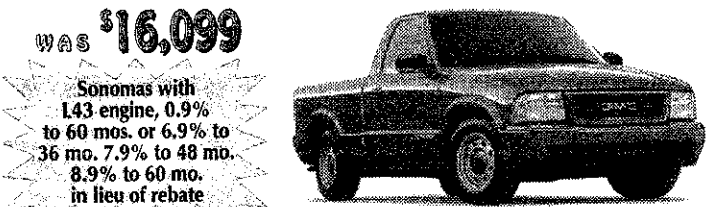
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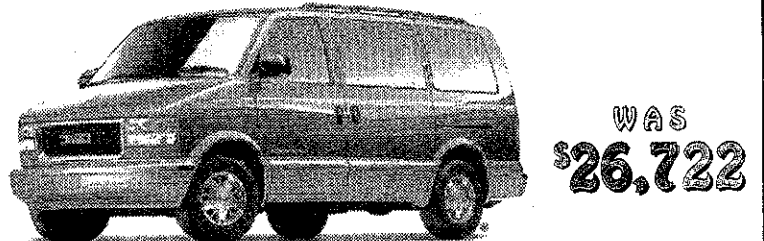
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was \$26,732

SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**

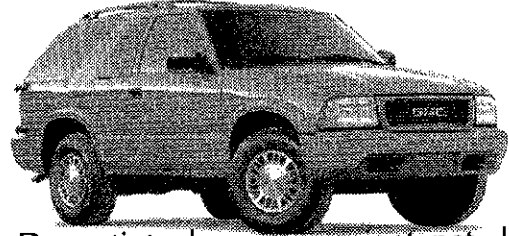
\$23,275* **\$22,340⁹⁶***

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\$366¹³** 36 mos. \$2951.80 due at signing

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was \$25,770

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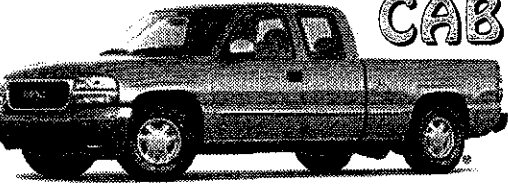
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LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**

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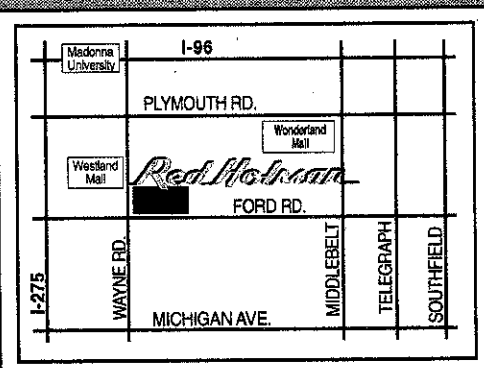
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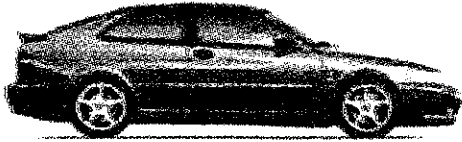
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Saab Viggen



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The JA37 Viggen was the most accomplished jet fighter Saab ever built. Now, the Viggen version of Saab's midsize 9-3 series behaves like a jet on wheels, thanks to its high-output turbocharged engine.

Saab has been squeezing maximum power from four-cylinder engines for decades, and this time, the result is 230 horsepower and 258 pound-foot of torque from a mere 2.3 liters of displacement.

Turbochargers often suffer from a momentary lag while they built up boost. The Saab system, however, "fools" the driver by opening the electronic throttle more than the driver requests with pedal pressure. This trick makes turbo charging feel immediate.

My Lightning Blue test car wore the traditional Saab styling cues — a somewhat upright windshield, unique grille, high tail and concealed hatchback. But the Viggen struts with a macho attitude, wearing its bold front air dam, rocker panel extensions, and rear wing, all sitting on 17-inch light alloy wheels with low profile tires. These changes improve airflow around

the car, for higher performance, less noise, and greater stability (and a cool look, too).

The sport suspension beefs up the springs, dampers, anti-roll bars and steering rack mounts. The few minutes I escaped the freeway showed an extremely poised sports car that cornered and steered well.

Viggen identity is splashed all over the car, from the metal threshold plates to the unique textured seat leather with embossed Viggen delta-wing emblems.

Saab Viggen behaves like a jet on wheels

The car's leather seat and door inserts matched the bright blue body paint. The shapes inside the Viggen are uniquely Saab, with the traditional flat instrument panel covered in a unique light gray instead of wood grain, flanked by organically shaped door panels. The door handles tilt forward, as if blown over by the wind.

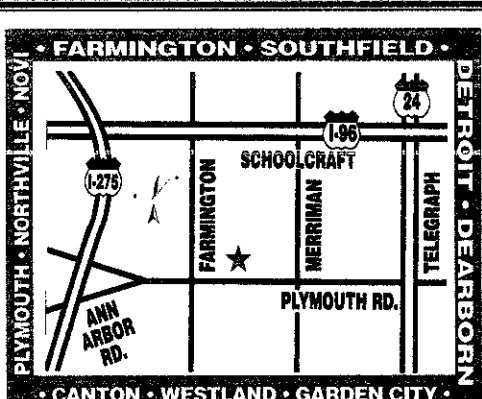
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2001 RANGER	10% Down 0 Down	\$2575 \$425
2001 FOCUS	10% Down 0 Down	\$1700 \$300

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the console-mounted ignition key, but it does explain why the remote locking fob resembles a miniature pontoon. A secret: The transmission must be in reverse before the key will come out!

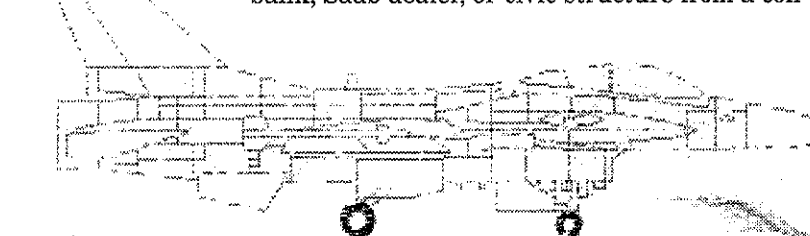
Safety is a major Saab selling point. Saab has studied thousands of accidents in Sweden since 1972 to help design a more effective high-strength steel safety cage and crumple zones. The 9-3 was subjected to more than 40 different crash tests, including the famous "moose test."

A hinged side pillar protects head and shoulders from impact. Saab's SAHR active head restraint system is completely mechanical, and pops up the headrest during a collision to catch the driver's head before whiplash can result. The resettable device saves time and big money too.

The Viggen's ability to leap quickly to avoid trouble is the active part of the safety plan. The enhanced sport suspension and oversize disk brake rotors, with cooling vents and grooves, help make quick stops and crash avoidance a split-second reality.

General Motors owns Saab now, so GM's high-tech OnStar system is available in all Saabs for just \$895, plus a monthly connection fee. Push the small OnStar button on the dash and within a minute, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a live, trained operator answers in the OnStar center in Michigan. Just talk into the built-in micro-

phone and the OnStar staffer will respond through the car's stereo system speakers, gladly supplying route information, or directing you to any restaurant, gas station, bank, Saab dealer, or civic structure from a con-



stantly updated database. The kicker is they know exactly where you are because the system uses global positioning. A small button with a red cross summons medical assistance, and the system automatically places an emergency call if the airbags go off in a

crash. I placed three calls to OnStar, and found Dan, who explained the system; Tyrone, who provided directions; and Kima, who located a nearby seafood restaurant.

The Viggen satisfies the need for performance, exclusivity and comfort, and has a price tag to match expectations. The coupe and sedan cost \$37,750 each plus \$500 for delivery charges. Add about \$7,000 more for the convertible models.

Fuel mileage on premium is posted at 20 city, 29 highway. I averaged 20.1 mpg over about six hundred miles of predominantly freeway commuting.

Complaints? Just three minor ones: The front air dam can scrape on low driveways, the car torque steers to the right if you stomp on the gas too hard and the cup holder blocks the radio display. Not bad compared to all the praise this car has generated since its debut.

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ZX3 3-DOOR
Sangria red cc metallic, dark charcoal cloth, 2.0L engine, automatic trans, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, aluminum wheels, c/c free air cond.
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
WAS \$15,265 **NOW \$12,746^{85*}**
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2001 TAURUS SES
Stk. #14111
155 Taurus Available
0.9% Financing Available
4 DOOR SES
Silver frost clearcoat metallic, dark charcoal cloth bucket, 3.0L 2V 6 cyl. engine, auto overdrive transmission, front and rear floor mats, power moon roof, 5 passenger seating, mach stereo, 6 disc CD changer.
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Deep wedgewood blue clearcoat metallic, dark graphite cloth, chrome 15" wheels, 4.0L V6 engine, 5 sp. auto trans., tilt, 6 disc CD changer, power windows, power locks, air, remote entry.
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2001 MUSTANG COUPE
Stk. #11503
46 Mustangs Available
Financing As Low As 2.9%
2 DOOR COUPE DELUXE
True blue clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth, 3.8L EFI engine, auto overdrive transmission, air and more.
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WAS \$18,785 **NOW \$15,077^{45*}**
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2001 WINDSTAR LX
Stk. #12999
118 Windstars Available
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Vibrant white clearcoat, medium graphite cloth interior, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission, aux. climate control, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, AM/FM stereo/disc/cass/clock.
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **\$297^{63**}** ZERO DOWN **\$254^{27**}** \$1500 DOWN per mo.

2002 EXPLORER XLT
Stk. #20004
254 Explorers Available
Over 75 2002 Explorers in Stock For Immediate Delivery!
4 DOOR XLT 4x4
Black clearcoat, graphite cloth sport bucket seats, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed automatic O/D transmission, running boards, aluminum wheels, CD/cass/radio.
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member
WAS \$31,520 **NOW \$26,908^{00*}**
A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **\$352^{48**}** ZERO DOWN **\$288^{62**}** \$1500 DOWN per mo.

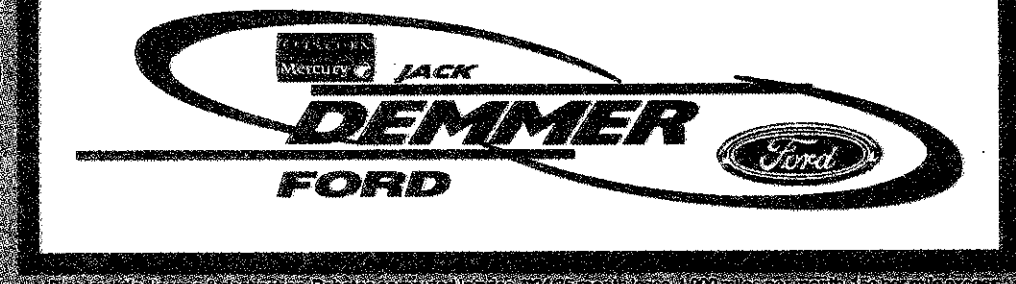
2001 F150 SUPERCAB XLT
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Deep wedgewood clearcoat, dark graphite cloth interior, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, air, 5.4L EFI V8 engine, electronic 4 speed, 17" aluminum wheels, trailer tow package.
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A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **\$354^{**}** ZERO DOWN **\$289^{**}** \$1500 DOWN per mo.

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Stk. #11174
15 E-150's Available
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WAS \$28,609 **NOW \$20,822^{10*}**
A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL **\$372^{01**}** ZERO DOWN **\$325^{31**}** \$1500 DOWN per mo.

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inception
2001 FOCUS ZX3	0 Down \$1800	\$308 \$1849
2001 RANGER XLT 4X2 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1500	\$378 \$1899
2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	0 Down \$1800	\$845 \$2088
2001 CONVERSION VAN	0 Down \$1500	\$564 \$2104
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	0 Down \$1800	\$432 \$1973
2001 MUSTANG COUPE	0 Down \$1500	\$390 \$1939
2001 F150 4X4 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1500	\$414 \$1939
2002 EXPLORER XLT 4x4	0 Down \$1500	\$488 \$1984

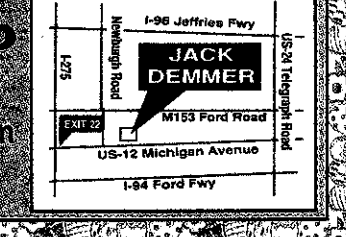
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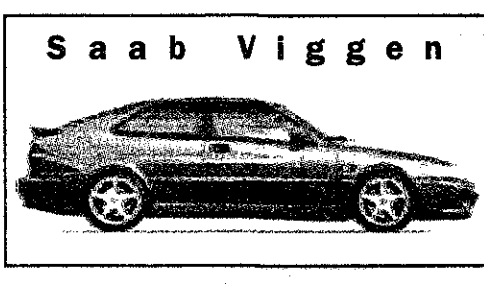
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TURBO CHARGED



BY STEVE SCHAEFER
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The JA37 Viggen was the most accomplished jet fighter Saab ever built. Now, the Viggen version of Saab's midsize 9-3 series behaves like a jet on wheels, thanks to its high-output turbocharged engine.

Saab has been squeezing maximum power from four-cylinder engines for decades, and this time, the result is 230 horsepower and 258 pound-foot of torque from a mere 2.3 liters of displacement.

Turbochargers often suffer from a momentary lag while they built up boost. The Saab system, however, "fools" the driver by opening the electronic throttle more than the driver requests with pedal pressure. This trick makes turbo charging feel immediate.

My Lightning Blue test car wore the traditional Saab styling cues — a somewhat upright windshield, unique grille, high tail and concealed hatchback. But the Viggen struts with a macho attitude, wearing its bold front air dam, rocker panel extensions, and rear wing, all sitting on 17-inch light alloy wheels with low profile tires. These changes improve airflow around

the car, for higher performance, less noise, and greater stability (and a cool look, too).

The sport suspension beefs up the springs, dampers, anti-roll bars and steering rack mounts. The few minutes I escaped the freeway showed an extremely poised sports car that cornered and steered well.

Viggen identity is splashed all over the car, from the metal threshold plates to the unique textured seat leather with embossed Viggen delta-wing emblems.

Saab Viggen behaves like a jet on wheels

The car's leather seat and door inserts matched the bright blue body paint. The shapes inside the Viggen are uniquely Saab, with the traditional flat instrument panel covered in a unique light gray instead of wood grain, flanked by organically shaped door panels. The door handles tilt forward, as if blown over by the wind.

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A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL	10% Down \$1373	Zero Down \$216** Per Month	WAS \$15,265 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member \$12,746
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2001 TAURUS ^{230 Available}

Air conditioning, keyless entry, power windows, power locks, speed control, floor mats [3 at this price]

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL	10% Down \$1696	Zero Down \$236** Per Month	WAS \$19,715 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member \$15,337
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2001 F150 WORK TRUCK ^{365 Available}

8' box, automatic trans., air conditioning, sliding rear window, 6000 GVW [2 at this price]

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL	10% Down \$1657	Zero Down \$240** Per Month	WAS \$19,975 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member \$15,359
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#1 WINDSTAR DEALER IN THE USA ^{386 Available}

2001 WINDSTAR LX

Four door, air, power locks, power windows, power mirrors, AM/FM cassette/CD, remote keyless entry, floor mats, electric rear defrost. [3 at this price]

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL	10% Down \$2229	Zero Down \$277** Per Month	WAS \$25,570 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member \$19,663
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#2 TAURUS DEALER IN THE USA

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2002 EXPLORER 4 DOOR XLS

Trailer tow, speed control, tilt wheel, cassette CD, cloth buckets, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, air conditioning. [10 at this price or less]

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWALS	10% Down \$2250	Zero Down \$287** Per Month	WAS \$25,715 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member \$20,768
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2001 RANGER EDGE 4x4 SUPERCAB ^{398 Available}

4.0 V6, automatic transmission, in-dash 6 CD player, power windows, power locks, speed control, tilt wheel, air conditioning, keyless entry, limited slip axle, color keyed bumpers & wheels & molding [5 at this price]

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL	10% Down \$2123	Zero Down \$255** Per Month	WAS \$24,995 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member \$18,644
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2002 EXPLORER	10% Down 0 Down	\$2775 \$500
2001 F-150	10% Down 0 Down	\$2000 \$325
2001 WINDSTAR	10% Down 0 Down	\$2800 \$505
2001 RANGER	10% Down 0 Down	\$2575 \$425
2001 FOCUS	10% Down 0 Down	\$1700 \$300

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844 Dodge NEON 1999 - auto, air, dark red, \$49 down, \$99 mo. No cosigner needed. OAC. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

848 Ford CROWN VICTORIA 1999, 4 dr., V-8, auto, air, loaded, 23K, \$12,999. DEMMER FORD (734) 721-2600

848 Ford FOCUS 2000, ZTS. Silver, leather, auto, air, cruise, CD, \$15,000/best.

848 Ford MUSTANG 2000, auto, air, CD, loaded, \$13,999. DEMMER FORD (734) 721-2600

848 Ford TAURUS 1999 LX, 4 dr., auto, air, full power, 1,200 miles, \$12,899.

848 Ford THUNDERBIRD, 1994 LX - 3.8L engine, full power everything, great cond. \$6,200/best.

852 Honda CIVIC EX 1996 great cond, 65,000 miles, moonroof, 1 owner, forest green \$8900 or best offer.

842 Chrysler CHRYSLER 1996 LHS 4 dr., V6, 59K miles, cd, leather, loaded, \$13,000 or best offer.

844 Dodge CONCORDE 1996 - 4 door, auto, sunroof, alarm, excellent condition, \$6900.

846 Eagle VISION 1993 Sedan- 4 dr., 160K, dark tires, brakes, transmission mounts, \$3000.

848 Ford ESCORT 1997 - Excellent condition, \$5800 or best offer.

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GAGE OLDS 248-399-3200 MUSTANG 1994 Convertible - 5 speed, low miles. Exc. cond. \$9500.

TAURUS 1995, 4 dr., V6, new brakes, runs good, \$4,500.

850 Geo GEO, 1992 Tracker, convertible, automatic, air, 85,000 miles.

852 Honda ACCORD 1986 4dr, 130K, Reliable, needs work. \$1000.

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ESCORT 1998 SE - 4 dr wagon, clean, 26,800 miles, am/fm radio, air, \$7995.

TAURUS 1997 'SHO', leather, moon, chrome wheels, \$10,995.

MUSTANG 1996 GT coupe, auto, 24,000 miles, winter stored, black beauty, must see.

TAURUS 1997 LX, Ex. cond., black, 55K miles, warranty, \$8995.

852 Honda ACCORD 1996 4dr, 130K, Reliable, needs work. \$1000.

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LeBaron 1995 convertible, loaded, auto, 48K, good cond, \$7000/best.

DURANGO 1999 SLT - 5.9 L V8, fully loaded, silver/black leather int. low package, mint cond.

CONTOUR 1998 SE, 4 drs (4), auto, air, full power, from \$10,999.

ESCORT 1998 X2E Sport, auto, air, loaded, blue, 17K, Warranty, \$8100.

TAURUS 1999 SE, 25K miles, keyless entry, \$10,800.

MUSTANG 1999 GT - coupe, fully loaded, leather, 25,500 miles.

TAURUS 1998 SE, 2dr, valv, ABS, 56k, new brakes/tires, exc. cond.

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854 Lexus SC 300 1992 - burgundy, tan leather, 200 horse power, 57K chrome rims, CD changer, 120K miles, much more.

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ESCORT 1998 X2E Sport, auto, air, loaded, blue, 17K, Warranty, \$8100.

TAURUS 1999 SE, 25K miles, keyless entry, \$10,800.

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TAURUS 1998 SE, 2dr, valv, ABS, 56k, new brakes/tires, exc. cond.

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Deep wedgewood blue clearcoat metallic, dark graphite cloth, chrome 15" wheels, 4.0L V6 engine, 5 sp. auto trans., tilt, 6 disc CD changer, power windows, power locks, air, remote entry.

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True blue clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth, 3.8L EF engine, auto overdrive transmission, air and more.

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