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CANTON Observer

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Skill with knives helps Salon team take culinary competition.
Taste, B1



Theater ground-breaking draws kudos

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Bryan Amann struck to the heart of the matter, imitating a well-known television credit card advertisement. Theater: \$11.5 million. Giving a home to unbridled talent: priceless.

"The dividends will be immeasurable not only for the artists, but for the community," said Amann, chairman of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Amann's comments preceded the ceremonial groundbreaking Tuesday for the long-planned Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Good food, great music and camaraderie highlighted the groundbreaking on the grounds of the historic Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road at Cherry Hill - near where the theater will actually stand.

The ceremonial groundbreaking - excavation for the new theater is actually under way - served as the culmination of years of study, planning and fund-raising to make the facility a reality.

HELP NEEDED

That's not to say the planners and the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities - a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization - have what they need to pay for the theater. "We're on the final



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spotlight Players actors Joseph Marzka, Mike Cuba, Dave Durham, and Toby Booker perform a scene from their recent production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," during the pre-ceremonial groundbreaking festivities for the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill Tuesday at the Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road.

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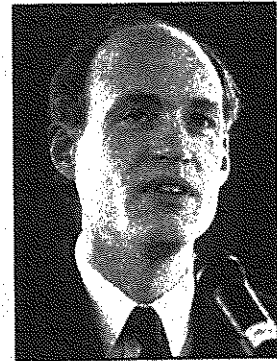
Senior party

The public is invited to Salem High School June 8 for a preview of the 2003 Senior Party and all the decorations. The public viewing takes place from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Tickets are still on sale for the event. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 in the Salem and Canton High School cafeterias May 29-30 and June 2-4.

McCotter speaks

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, (R-Livonia), will announce legislation he introduced to establish an Under-Secretary of Manufacturing within the Department of Commerce to give manufacturers a voice in the executive branch to



advocate policies to advance this industry.

McCotter will announce the new legislation at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 28 at the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center at 4791 Halyard Drive in Plymouth and give local manufacturers the opportunity to ask questions regarding the legislation.

A murder case

The Summit Player's, Canton's senior theater group, will present their fifth Annual Senior Play, *The Soapy Murder Case*, by Tim Kelly. Performances will be at 1 p.m. May 29, 7 p.m. May 30 and 31, and 3 p.m. June 1 at the Summit. Tickets are \$6 and available at the Summit.

Rainbow winners

Detroit Public Television has announced its finalists to compete in the Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Awards national contest for kindergarten through third graders.

Amanda Sergeev of Canton was the finalist in first grade, for her work, *A Mad House*.

Kindergarten Catherine Lawton of Plymouth, first-grader Benjamin Weaver of Plymouth, second-grader Michael Makarewicz of Canton and third-graders Rachel Bissonnette and Frankie Topalian of Canton earned honorable mention.

Miller party

Miller Elementary School is celebrating its 30th birthday, and organizers are looking for former students to join in the fun.

The Miller Parent-Teacher Organization is sponsoring a birthday party from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the school, located at 43721 Hanford in Canton. The party will feature hot dogs, games, a disc jockey and other fun activities.

For more information, call (734) 416-4800.

School hopeful wants to make administration more accountable

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Roy McCutcheon said if voters want the same old school board, go ahead and cast ballots for the other three candidates in the June 9 school board election.

However, the Canton Township resident said if voters want someone who will challenge the current board and administration, then he's the man.

"Maybe we need a dissenting opinion on the board," said McCutcheon. "Asking hard questions and making things make sense, I'm the guy who's going to do it."

McCutcheon, whose son is a second-grader at Field Elementary, said he wants to make the administration more accountable.

"They keep telling us that compared to other schools we don't have as much administration," said McCutcheon. "That's OK to say, but you need to give facts."

"I want to take a look at everyone who is a director, assistant director or secretary to see if they are all necessary," he said. "If you're going to cut people, I want to cut non-essential administrative positions before you can get to the people who are helping our kids - secretaries at the schools, principals and teachers."

Another area of spending McCutcheon would like to tackle is the athletic budget at the high schools.

"I haven't seen any studies that correlate varsity athletics with academic performance," said McCutcheon. "I'm not against varsity sports, but not at a cost where we're losing out on academics."

"I'm more concerned about the number of students who actually benefit from the expenses of varsity athletics," McCutcheon added. "I'd rather spend the money on lowering class size for

PLEASE SEE HOPEFUL, A4

12-year veteran honored as top officer

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Robert Smedley, a 12-year veteran police officer in Canton, was named the township's officer of the year Thursday night.

"I was really surprised," he said after the ceremony. "They posted the notice last week and somebody said, 'Hey, officer of the year? I figured it couldn't be me but there it was.'"

Smedley, who is the

department's school resource officer at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, was cited specifically for his work in that capacity.

"Officer Smedley has become a mentor and role model to the students," said Public Safety Director John Santomauro in presenting the award. "He volunteers his own time as a Canton High School football coach. During extracurricular events at

the schools, he has raised a favorable police presence in the community."

Smedley, who is married and has two daughters and a son, served for two years on the Detroit Police force before moving to Canton.

"I was laid off in Detroit," he said. "I took a job in Canton 12 years ago and I'm still here."

In addition to working as school resource officer, Smedley is active in the department's bicycle

patrol, is an evidence technician and is a member of the honor guard and the rapid response unit.

In addition to being named officer of the year, he was also given two other awards. He, along with five other officers, received a special unit award for meritorious service as members of the department's honor guard. He also received a

PLEASE SEE OFFICER, A6

Local veterans remember the sacrifice made

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton residents Don Rochefort, 84, and Bill Loughran, 74, spent Friday morning putting U.S. flags on the graves of servicemen at Kenyon and Sheldon cemeteries.

It's an annual ritual the two veterans perform before every Memorial Day.

For Rochefort, a World War II veteran, and Loughran, a veteran of the Korean War, it's their way of paying tribute to fallen comrades - even those going back to the Civil War.

"In Kenyon Cemetery," Loughran said, "there's the graves of three brothers who died in the Civil War, all within a short time of each other and in different places."

To Loughran and Rochefort, those three

graves symbolize the sacrifice that veterans have made for their country.

And there's no better time than Memorial Day to remember.

For Rochefort, who served in Europe and the Pacific during World War II, and Loughran, who was stationed in Germany during the Korean War, recent events in the Middle East haven't made much difference in the way they view the day set aside to remember veterans.

Neither was particularly supportive of the war in Iraq.

"I don't think much of it," Rochefort said. "It wasn't the thing to do at the time. But we go along with what the president and the rest of the country want."

Loughran echoed that sentiment like an old soldier.

"As soldiers we were taught to follow orders," he



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

World War II veteran Don Rochefort, left, and Korean War veteran Bill Loughran display some of the flags they will play at gravesites of veterans for the upcoming observance of Memorial Day.

said. "To have faith that the people at the top know what they're doing. As for the troops, I really feel for them. Thank God I'm not one of them."

Both have seen a shift in the attitude of the country in recent years.

"Patriotism has kind of

gone out the window," Loughran said. "I hope in some small way we can bring it back."

Both hope the war in Iraq will make the public more aware of the importance of service personnel.

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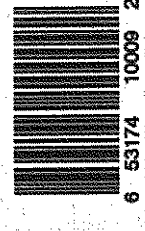
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LOOKING AHEAD
Predator or scavenger?
In Thursday's Arts section: Robotic dinosaurs tell the tale of T. Rex at Cranbrook Institute of Science.



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New fuel eliminates hazardous fumes from buses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The scent around the Plymouth-Canton school bus yard on Mill Street is more like the aroma of freshly popped popcorn than the usual odor of diesel fuel.

The reason can be attributed to a new standard of fuel being pumped into the district's school buses, called biodiesel - made from virgin vegetable oils such as soybeans - which eliminates the black smoke from the exhaust of the buses.

"We've been using biodiesel since December, and it's been great for us," said Melvin Latnie, the district's director of transportation. "We haven't had any mechanical issues, and it's reduced a lot of the toxic emissions that diesel fuel puts out."

"The premium diesel we used before met federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standards, but this takes it to a higher level," Latnie said.

According to industry reports, biodiesel is the only

alternative fuel that has completed and met the EPA's Tier I and Tier II health effects testing. Tier I tested biodiesel's significant reductions in most regulated and unregulated emissions, while Tier II tested the fuel's nontoxic effect on health.

Kurt Miles, the district's garage supervisor, saw an article on biodiesel and presented the information to Latnie. After more research, Latnie said he was sold.

"Initially, the plan was just to use it in the winter and fall months," said Latnie, "but it's been so good, and the health advantages so tremendous, that we've decided to continue to use it."

The health benefits were of prime concern because teachers and students at nearby East Middle School, which is a stone's throw from the bus yard, complained of becoming ill as a result of the haze of diesel smoke twice a day when drivers warmed up their buses.

"Last year, and the beginning of this (school) year, there were

some teachers who complained that the diesel smell was making them, and students, dizzy," said Marsha Hoff, East principal. "Since they changed the fuel, I haven't had any complaints, even with the windows open the past several weeks."

Latnie said the health benefit associated with the new fuel was the turning point in deciding to use biodiesel in all of the district's 122 buses.

"I don't think you can put a dollar value on the health of students and employees," Latnie said.

"The health advantages outweigh the minimal additional costs associated with it. And, productivity from employees is improved because they're not breathing in the emissions and becoming chronically sick."

Dave Rocker, assistant transportation director, said biodiesel generally costs between 2 and 4 cents a gallon more, but can be as high as 20 cents, depending on the distributor.

"We have better cold starts in the winter," said Rocker.

"The soy makes the diesel fuel real slippery, so it lubricates the engine parts."

District officials believe that, along with extending the life of a bus, the increased costs will be offset by better gas mileage.

"Biodiesel is brand new for the state, but in Europe they've been using it for 15 years," said Latnie. "And, all the reports in Europe indicate it enhances the fuel economy, especially for older units."

"I honestly believe that if we were using this product 10 years ago, we'd be in better shape in terms of life span for some of our older buses," he said.

Plymouth-Canton is one of seven districts statewide using biodiesel. The others are Wayne-Westland, Ann Arbor, Fowlerville, Manchester, Zeeland and Ithaca.

Latnie said he's been contacted by Northville and Utica schools, which are considering switching to the upgraded diesel fuel.

OBITUARIES

Helen M. Pervine
Services for Helen Pervine, 67, of Canton, were held May 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Frey officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Mrs. Pervine was born Sept. 22, 1935 in Dennis, Kan., and died May 18 in Canton. She retired from Technicolor in Livonia. She came to the Canton community in 2002 from Plymouth where she attended the Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth. She was a member of the Northville Lions Club and the V.F.W. No. 6695 in Plymouth. She loved to play Bingo at the VFW hall in Northville and the one in Plymouth. She loved traveling, visiting casinos and shopping. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. Survivors include husband, Louis Pervine of Canton; children, Michael Pervine of Plymouth, Clayton Pervine of Plymouth, Terri (John) Bonfiglio of Plymouth, and Tony (Marsha) Pervine of Tennessee; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Delores (Joseph) St. Pierre of Cheboygan, Harold (Ineze) Hopper of California, Nancy (Ray) McCall of Plymouth, and Gary (Theresa) Hopper of Tawas. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Residents invited to talk garbage May 28

State Sen. Bruce Patterson of Canton will host one of three joint hearings on out-of-state waste at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28 in the Rondel Media Center at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville. "There is a great deal of interest in landfills and landfill space," said Patterson, vice chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

He acknowledged there is plenty of confusion, misinformation and consternation about landfills and the highly publicized importation of waste from other states and Canada. Much of the importation is protected by interstate commerce rules. But the state can impose certain hurdles, Patterson said.

"I want the citizens to express themselves because those of us in Lansing don't have all the answers," he said.

The hearings are intended to gather testimony from residents on legislation and to hear ideas on how to address the issue.

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Samantha Howell, 5, left, and Claire Wenrick, 4, shake their pompons as they participate in the annual Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon Clinic held recently at the high school.

Future Chiefettes learn from the pros

Eighty future Chiefettes joined 30 varsity squad members for a morning of learning dance and kick routines. The girls were separated into three groups; advanced, intermediate and beginner. Later in the day they performed for their parents, and will be invited back

for the Chiefettes variety show in the fall, which will celebrate the 30th year of the Canton Chiefettes. The clinic was moved to the spring rather than the traditional August date because too many families were on vacation, preventing both participants and varsity members

from attending. Parent volunteers assisted coaches Kristen Barkoot and Andrea Rentz with registration and snacks. The junior varsity squad held a bottle drive, collecting pop bottles and cans, that same morning to raise money for their new sweaters for the 2003-04 school year.

Police seeking lone bank robber

Canton Police are searching for a lone bandit who held up the Flagstar Bank at Ford and Lilley roads about 5 p.m. Thursday.

Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler said a man entered the bank and walked up to the counter. He handed a note to the clerk that said "Give all your money - no alarms."

The clerk handed over an undisclosed amount of money and the man left. Mutchler said he never spoke while in the bank. He fled in an unknown direction. No vehicle was seen.

Mutchler said the man was described as a black male in his mid-to-late 20s, with an oval face, well built, close cut hair wearing a dark shirt, dark

pants and a white baseball cap.

Mutchler said the FBI was notified and has offered its resources to Canton in its investigation. "We're talking with other agencies," he said, "and looking at any unsolved robberies or similar cases." Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

EQUIPMENT STOLEN

An employee of Scott's Landscaping on South Lilley reported to police that someone cut a lock off a chainlink fence and stole equipment from three trucks and a trailer in the parking lot.

The incident occurred between 7:30 p.m. May 20 and

7 a.m. May 21.

Tools, saws and landscaping equipment valued at \$5,000 were stolen.

A similar break-in occurred at another lot at a nearby location but nothing was taken.

CAR BREAK-IN

A resident of the 1900 block of North Sheldon reported to police that someone broke into his 2000 Mercury sometime between May 19 and 8 a.m. May 21.

Twenty-nine cassette tapes and seven CDs were taken. They were valued at \$650. Damage to the passenger side door was estimated at \$300.

By Jack Gladden

City, county leaders reach agreement on DARTA pact

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

An agreement was reached Thursday to form a Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority.

The leaders of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the city of Detroit agreed to begin steps to create the new mass transit authority without waiting for approval from the state legislature.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said that discussions have been going on with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office for several weeks, with Alan Helmkamp representing Wayne County.

"We worked through the possibilities in informal discussions," Ficano said. "A first-class urban area has to have a transportation system we're serious about. It's a quality of life issue."

Ficano said developing a regional transit system was crucial for creating jobs for the area.

The agreement, officially between Regional Transportation Coordinating Council, which coordinates city and suburban transportation; the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, the suburban transit system; and the City of Detroit, was made under the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, which allows local governments to come together to form regional authorities.

A bill authorizing formation of DARTA was approved by the state legislature last year but vetoed by former Gov. John Engler just before he left office. The bill was reintroduced this year but hasn't made any progress through the legislature.

"This was on Engler's desk, and he vetoed it on the last day he was in office," said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County

executive. "In the last couple months, it has been getting chewed up in the legislature, and lost a lot of the provisions in the original bill."

"In desperation, we took the bull by the horns and did an end around by using the Urban Cooperative Act."

Patterson hasn't heard much criticism from Lansing about the move, and doesn't believe he will.

"What's so wrong with having a transit system that helps the handicapped, the elderly and the working poor? That is a basic necessity in a society like ours," he said.

Matt Wirgau, chairman of the board of SMART, said there are differences in the original legislation and the agreement reached Thursday. Under the legislation, DARTA would have been a taxing authority and local communities would have been able to opt out of participation.

DARTA will have no taxing authority under the current plan; all communities are in but funding will be determined at a later date.

The agreement is important for receiving federal funding. U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, has worked to earmark \$850,000 for planning and staff for DARTA. The formation of a unified authority will make it easier to obtain operational funding from the federal government.

"Given the veto in the last session, Brooks, the governor and (Detroit Mayor) Kwame (Kilpatrick) have stepped up to do what's best for the region," said U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who as a state senator last year was active in steering the DARTA legislation through the state senate.

"It shows that our region is serious about developing a transportation system for the

region, which is important when we go seeking funding," he said.

Under the agreement, DARTA would be governed by an 11-member board including two members appointed by the chairperson of the Macomb County Board; two appointed by the Oakland County executive; two non-Detroit residents appointed by Wayne County executive; two Detroit residents, one appointed by the mayor of Detroit and one by the Detroit City Council; one Monroe County representative; one member appointed by the RTCC; and one member appointed by SMART.

Patterson said board appointments should be made within the next two months.

DARTA will assume all the functions of RTCC to coordinate the operations of SMART and D-DOT, the Detroit transit system. By March 2004, DARTA is required to hire a chief executive officer and by March 2005, DARTA is required to adopt a comprehensive regional public transportation service plan for Southeast Michigan.

A final decision on the authority will be made by voters, according to Patterson.

"Realistically, it will take a couple of years before our residents will get a chance to vote on it. This effort has been in the works for 37 years, so it's not going to happen overnight," Patterson said.

Wirgau said the agreement doesn't address the many disagreements over rapid transit, such as differences over development of a light rail system. But he said it's a move toward better discussion.

"It gets us to the point where we're coming together about planning a system in a cooperative venue," said Wirgau.

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Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, Regulations, or Laws.

TAPS RESTRICTED

The term "tap" as used herein shall include any opening or outlet heretofore or hereafter made in the water system, for the purpose of withdrawing water therefrom for any use, public or private, either commercial or domestic excepting fire hydrants. No taps shall be made to the system unless authorized by the proper city authorities.

>> Non-Payment Penalty - 15% Added To Total Bill For All Bills Paid After The Due Date <<

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kindergarten than putting a football team on the field. The school district is in the business of educating students, not the entertainment business."

McCutcheon said he wants to know which sports are self-funding, and questions why the athletic budget includes three athletic directors at the high school park, several assistants, and the staffing of so many coaches and assistant coaches.

"I don't think we've gotten any straight answers," he said. "And, I don't understand why the current board is kow-towing to athletics people in the amount of money that's going to the athletic budget."

"I want to know, and the people want to know, what are the numbers behind it," said McCutcheon. "Why was pay-to-play taken off the table? You can have fun in organized sports, but not at the expense of education."

McCutcheon makes a distinction between athletics and

'It's not fair for Birmingham to have \$13,000 per pupil, and Plymouth-Canton \$7,025. You've got to keep the pressure on our legislators.'

Roy McCutcheon
school board candidate

extracurricular activities, such as band and the student-run radio station.

"I'm 100 percent for that," he said. "Those are academics. When you are in a \$5.6 million budget deficit, you have to make decisions this board won't make."

Concerning the deficit, McCutcheon said he'll do whatever it takes to get more equitable state funding for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"It's not fair for Birmingham to have \$13,000 per pupil, and Plymouth-Canton \$7,025," he said.

"You've got to keep the pressure on our legislators."

"But, you can't try to trick

the voters," McCutcheon added. "We have to look at the budget and see if we need three athletic directors; maybe we need pay-to-play; or maybe we need to raise lunches by more than a quarter to a reasonable market level. The schools aren't in the lunch-subsidy business."

"People will pay if they know the savings is going to materials in education for their kids," he said.

Despite the budget crunch, McCutcheon said he would like to see the district lower class sizes in kindergarten through second grades.

"It would be more beneficial to see if we could move some resources so we could get a couple of extra kindergarten teachers to get those numbers back to 22 (from 25)," he said. "I would really like to see it at 18."

"When you're in a budget crunch, like the one projected for next year, it's hard to lower class size," he said. "I'm realistic about that."

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THEATER

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60 percent," Amann said. "We know we'll get there by the strength of where we started."

The process for the theater began long ago when residents where asked if they wanted a performing arts theater. "Overwhelmingly, the group said absolutely," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Funded by the Canton Community Foundation, studies were conducted that covered the size of a facility, location, budgets, ability to raise money and a public/private partnership to make the dream come true.

Organizers looked at the Detroit Institute for the Arts, which is owned by the city of Detroit, yet operated by a public-private nonprofit partnership. A decision was made to follow their lead.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be built by the township, while the partnership, which is fund-raising, will lease and operate the facility when it will open in August 2004.

The township has committed to build the facility. TMP was hired as the architect and the George Auch Co. as construction manager.

"We did it this way because it makes everyone step up to their responsibilities," Amann said.

Fund-raising has already prompted major donations from developers, such as Dick Lewiston, Singh Development and Beztak. Through State Sen. Bruce Patterson and former State Sen. Loren Bennett's efforts, \$300,000 has been received from the state in grants.

"They have put their money where their mouths are," Amann said, of the donors.

While some have donated into the hundred-thousands and millions of dollars, the partnership is equally committed to a community campaign.

Theater seats will bear individual, family or business names for \$600, for example.

'RISK WORTH TAKING'

"Look in your heart. Look into your checkbook. Look into your investments," Amann said. "If you get involved in this community, you will become a part of this community. It is a risk worth taking."

Both Amann and Yack lauded the study and planning process that has led to creation of a performing arts theater, as well as what the theater will do for the community and the region.

The theater is expected to have as equal impact as has the Summit on the Park. "Our expectation is we will touch an entirely different group of people," Yack said.

Two visions guided the theater's planning: to increase audience capacity and to involve kids.

"We are not developing an appreciation for the arts the way we should," Yack said.

Ann Conklin, Canton leisure services director, said the theater will be home to just about all of the arts disciplines.

Already, plans are under way to get projects, performances, programs and the like ready to go so nothing starts from ground zero when the theater opens.

"We are starting to develop partnerships and collaborations," she added. On tap for the fall is a dinner theater by the Spotlight Players at the Summit.

Amann told the ground-breaking guests that support for the theater, as well as the talent who will use the facility, will be regional. "This project will go a long way in adding to the heart of the community," he said.

Arts and culture is waiting for you at Cherry Hill Village

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Arts and culture isn't waiting for the doors of the Theater at Cherry Hill Village to open.

"There is a lot being done already," said Jennifer Tobin, who was hired from the Plymouth Community Arts Council in February as Cherry Hill Village Theater coordinator. Here's a clue to what is on tap, some of which has been going on for a long time in the township: kids dance classes, special events that include performing arts, exhibits and programs by Canton Project Arts

and free concerts - patriotic, reggae, oldies, rock 'n roll, a Beatles tribute, pop and classical - throughout the summer at the amphitheater in Heritage Park to name a few.

New this year is a series of entertainment venues in the heart of Cherry Hill Village, which will be home to the new performing arts theater. This summer will be a chance to warm up everyone.

"We're going to have entertainment Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays on the porch of the models (homes). People can bring their chairs, sit in yards and the park and get in

on some of the activities," Tobin said. Concessions will complement the musical variety.

A campfire is planned with the traditional marshmallow roast, as well as sing-a-long for kids and senior adults. Tobin is planning plenty of interactive activities that will draw residents into the music and the fun. Plymouth teen Sarah Lenore, who was recently seen on Caroline Rhea's television show, will provide a musical variety. The crowds will be whisked away to another land with Latin music and on another weekend to guitar music by Plymouth's Fred

Sanderson, as well on yet another weekend with jazz numbers by Sheila Landis.

Plenty of camps are planned for kids this summer that cover dance, art, acting and even circus during which kids will learn how to juggle, do magic and even walk a tightrope (not far above the ground).

Tobin lauded township officials for their foresight with the planned theater. "We will create a world-class quality of life for people in their leisure time that includes everything that betters the whole person," she said. "Our community will benefit, as will the school

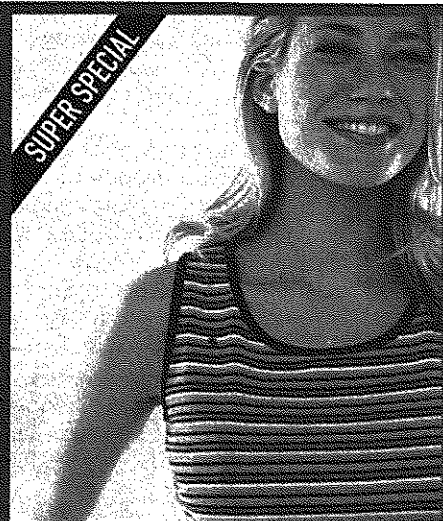
district and the region. This is not just for Canton. This will draw attention and resources to Canton," Tobin continued.

Programs that are already planned as well as those still being planned are designed to provide worth and meaning.

"People are so busy. We don't want to add something to their schedule. We want them to do something that is meaningful," Tobin said. "The arts make you feel and behave in all sorts of ways. It helps you deal with your emotional health."

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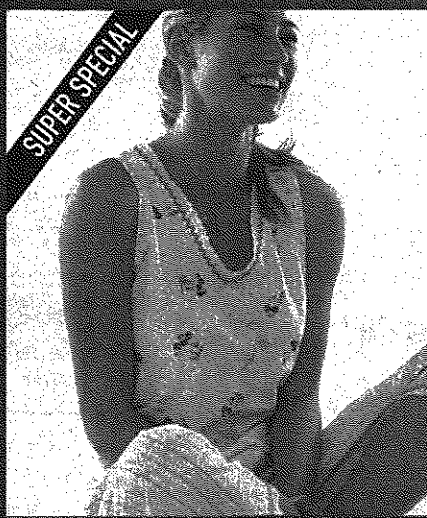
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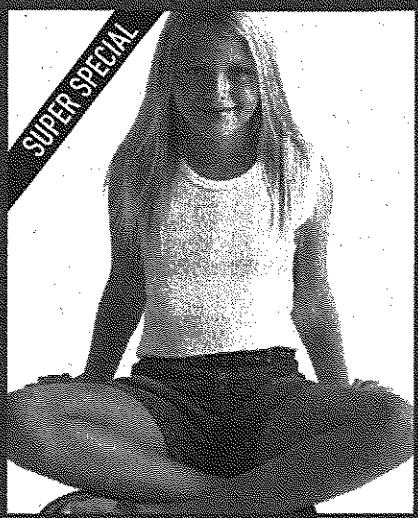
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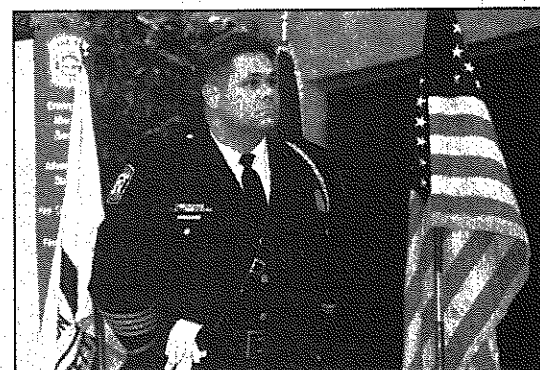
commendation award for actions leading to the arrest of a suspect who was subsequently charged with a four-count felony warrant.

On Aug. 7, 2002, Smedley, working the day shift patrol, pulled into a shopping center parking lot and noticed a delivery truck being unloaded. At the back of the truck he saw a large male wearing fatigue pants, combat boots and a tactical vest. He thought the man might be armed and called for backup.

When another officer arrived they questioned the man and arrested him for illegal possession of pepper spray and an outstanding warrant. At the police station it was discovered that the man had a loaded semi-automatic handgun in one of the pockets of the vest and a check of his criminal history revealed several felony convictions on his record.

Also honored at the ceremony was Anastacia Reynolds, information technology specialist at the Public Safety Department, as civilian employee of the year.

She was instrumental in developing and maintaining the department's



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Canton Police Officer of the Year Robert Smedley listens as Department of Public Safety Director John Santomauro reads his accolades during the Canton Police Department Annual Awards & Citations Ceremony at the Summit on the Park Thursday.

computer system operations.

"In the delivery of exceptional service, Staci has proven to be a valued asset to the department in her capacity as systems administrator," Santomauro said.

Numerous other officers received awards at the ceremony, ranging from certificates of merit to safe driving honors.

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And both have their own memories of the big wars.

Rochefort, whose unit was redeployed from Europe to the Philippines in 1945, recalls landing in the islands the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

"We heard a report that a

bomb had destroyed a whole city," he said. "We said, 'Yeah, sure.' We don't have anything like that."

But both agreed it was a necessary action.

"If they hadn't done that," Loughran said, "we'd have been on the ground in Japan. And we might not be here today."

The vets think their military experience was something that made them better people.

"I only wish more youth could have that experience," said Loughran. "It teaches you to respect people and judge them the way they are and not by the stripes on their sleeve. You follow orders. I wonder how many young people today would argue. You can't argue under those (war) circumstances."

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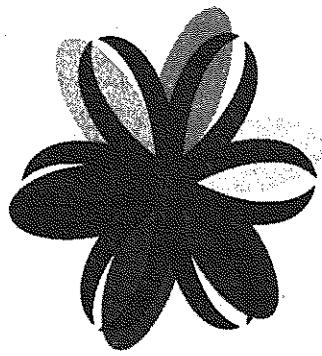
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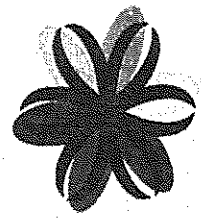
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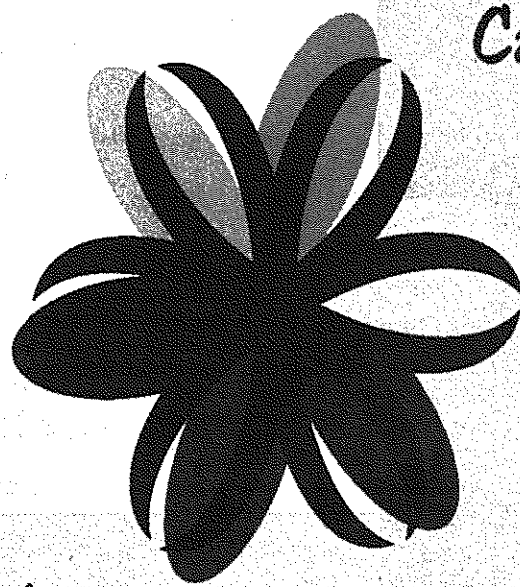
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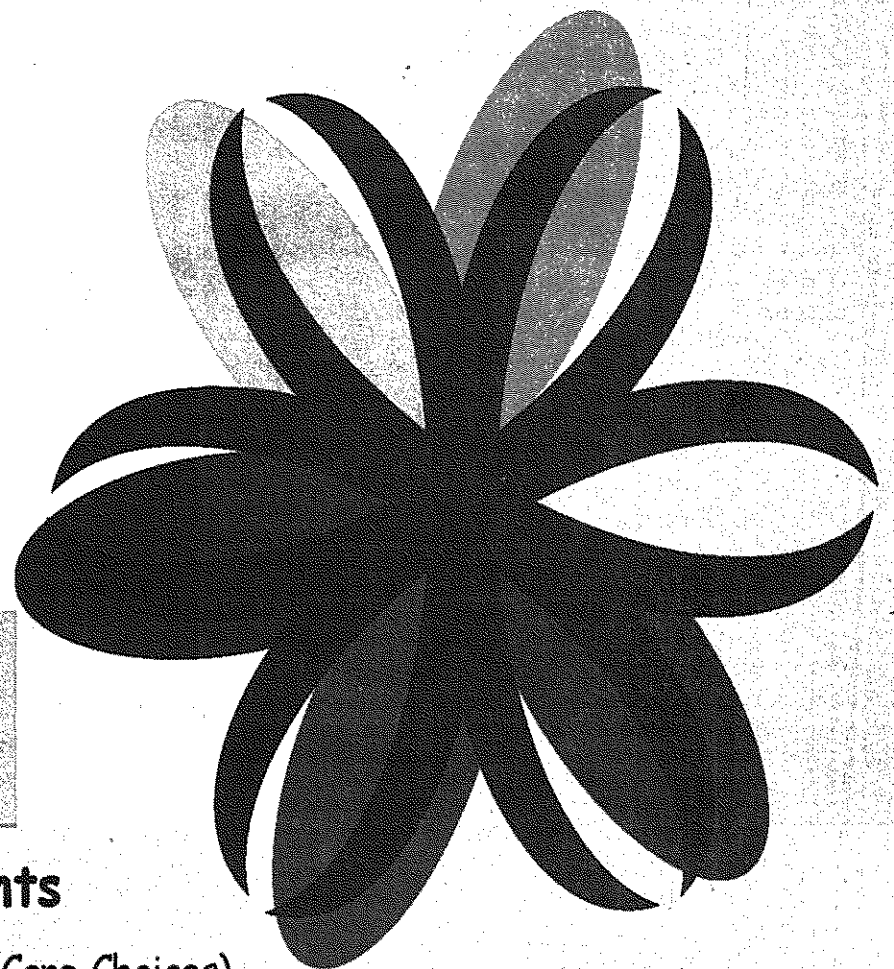
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BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A couple dozen area residents told state legislators Wednesday they are tired of Michigan being a dumping ground for Canadian and other out-of-state trash.

The residents sounded off at a public hearing at Oakland University, which was sponsored by a natural resources committee made up of a number of state senators and representatives, including Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, and Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton.

The hearing was one of several held around the state to let residents help shape a number of bills currently being debated in the state legislature dealing with the amount and kinds of trash Michigan landfills accept from other states and Canada.

According to estimates from the Don't Trash Michigan campaign, a coalition of more than two dozen organizations, roughly 20 percent of the trash that makes it into Michigan landfills comes from out of state. The percentage may actually increase now that Toronto is sending all of its trash to the Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter Township in Wayne County.

State landfills also receive substantial amounts of trash from Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Although very little of the trash made it into Oakland County's two active landfills (only 43 cubic yards), Wayne

County has been a primary depository for out-of-state garbage. From October 2001 to September 2002, more than 3.1 million cubic yards of out-of-state trash was dumped in Wayne County. Only Berrien County, in the southwest corner of the state, received more during the same period.

TRASH GRABS ATTENTION

The imported trash problem has not only angered residents like those who showed up at Wednesday's public hearing, it has also grabbed the attention of state lawmakers. Currently, more than two dozen bills are making their way through the state legislature, aiming to regulate out-of-state trash.

For example, Senate Bill 57, sponsored by Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, would require each vehicle transporting waste into Michigan to be inspected at the border, as well as requiring a fee to cover the cost of the inspection. Another bill proposes the state begin charging a tonnage fee (\$3 per ton) on all out-of-state trash. All the other Great Lakes states charge such a fee.

Johnson, meanwhile, is the author several trash import-related bills, including one that would ban waste from Canada and other states that fails to meet Michigan's public health protections and environmental standards. The bill is aimed at curbing such things as used motor oil and car batteries, which states like Ohio allow in

their trash.

The knowledge that such hazardous materials have been and are still being dumped in Michigan landfills is what spurred Oxford resident Henry Gleisner to attend the hearing. A member of the North Area Citizens Conference, which represents the northern townships of Oakland County and the southern townships of Lapeer County, he is a proponent of the proposed bills.

Brad van Guilder, the Wayne County organizer of Don't Trash Michigan, said Gleisner is not alone.

"I have personally spoken to hundreds of people who are just outraged by this," he said.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Van Guilder, who also works for the Ann Arbor-based

Ecology Center, said the biggest indicator that the tide is turning against out-of-state trash is the fact both parties in Lansing are working together on the issue.

"There seems to be a bipartisan consensus coming together on this like I haven't seen before. It's really exciting."

Johnson said there was definitely a "central theme" to the public comment, namely stopping out-of-state trash from coming into the state. She said the testimony will be used by state lawmakers as they proceed with the bills.

"What we've heard may start new legislation, or just help us refine the bills that are already making their way through the legislature," she said.

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Leave firewood behind if traveling

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER


With many families on vacations for the holiday weekend, state officials want people to be aware of the danger of spreading the Emerald Ash Borer.

The invasive pest from Asia has decimated ash trees in a six-county area, which includes Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe and Livingston counties. A quarantine has been declared for the six counties, which means it is illegal to trans-

port any ash products from the area.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director K.L. Cool is asking residents in the area who are headed up north or to other parts of the state not to take firewood with them. Rather, he said to buy firewood from wherever they are traveling.

Residents who find dead or dying ash trees outside of the quarantine area are urged to contact the state's toll-free Emerald Ash Borer hotline at (866) 325-0023. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mda.




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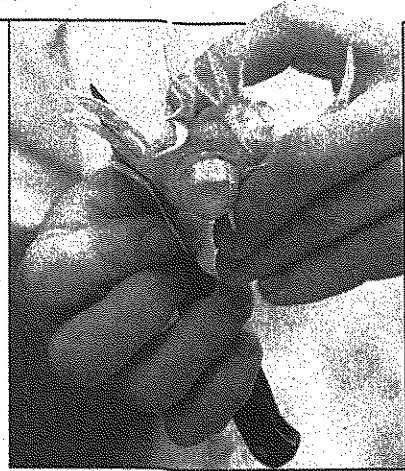
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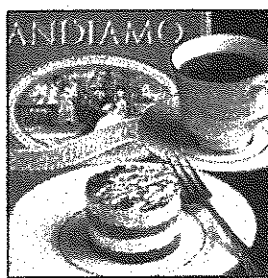


Knowledge and knives

Andiamo in stores

Authentic Italian specialty products created by chef Aldo Ottaviani of Andiamo have arrived in stores in the Detroit area.

Italy's classic dessert, Tiramisu, a signature delight at Andiamo, is available in the frozen dessert section



in a four-serving package, with a retail price listed at \$8.99.

Ottaviani also redesigned the pasta sauces, including the Marinara Style, Sicilian Style, Tomato & Basil and Mushroom & Garlic. Sauces are listed at \$6.99.

Andiamo products are available at Hiller's, Papa Joe's, Nino Salvaggio's, Westborn Fruit Markets and Farmer Jack Emporium markets.

Of course, the foods also are available at all seven Andiamo restaurants, including Andiamo Italia West at Telegraph and Maple in Bloomfield Hills, and Andiamo Osteria restaurants at Main and Fourth in Rochester and Main and Second in Royal Oak.

"Offering these products to our customers in retail stores is another way for them to get a true taste of Italy in their own home," said Andiamo CEO Joe Vicari.

IHOP's new dishes

International House of Pancakes restaurants nationwide are offering guests a slice of paradise here on the mainland.

Infusing the flavor of the tropics into IHOP locations across the country, Paradise Pancakes are available in three warm weather varieties: South Pacific Pancakes, Banana Split Pancakes and Banana Macadamia Nut Pancakes. The national family restaurant chain will serve Paradise Pancakes through June 29 at all participating IHOP locations.

South Pacific Pancakes feature two of IHOP's famous buttermilk pancakes topped with grilled pineapple and toasted coconut, sprinkled with powdered sugar and crowned with whipped topping. Banana Split Pancakes tempt with two buttermilk pancakes drizzled with strawberries, blueberries, fresh bananas and granola followed by a scoop of strawberry yogurt or vanilla ice cream.

Banana Macadamia Nut Pancakes delight with fresh banana slices, finely chopped macadamia nuts, lightly toasted coconut, powdered sugar and a dollop of whipped topping covering IHOP's award-winning buttermilk pancakes.

To complete their meal, guests ordering Paradise Pancakes can choose from breakfast favorites such as eggs, bacon strips, pork sausage links or hash browns.

Paradise Pancakes are available for a limited time only, and pricing will vary by location.

For more information, call the company's headquarters at (818) 240-6055 or visit the Web site at <http://www.ihop.com>.



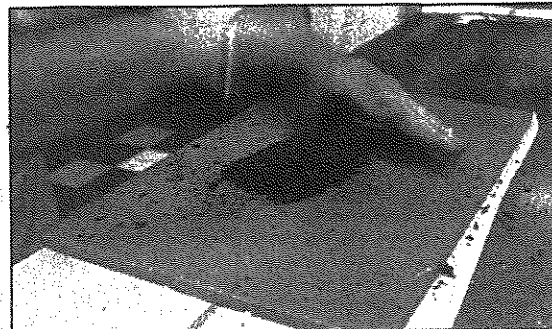
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Above, Schoolcraft College's Salon team practices the fine culinary art of cutting onions from dicing to tournes, which is a football-shaped cut. Mark Donovan of Westland (left foreground) is joined by teammates Brandon Taylor (left background), David Koshizawa of Canton, Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey and Adam Kline of Charlevoix. Top, Brandon Taylor hand flutes a mushroom.

Schoolcraft culinary teams advance to championship

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College's Salon team took another step toward getting the national culinary title back to the college when the five-member team won the American Culinary Federation's Regional Salon Hot



High speed knife work makes for very, very fine parsley. Mark Donovan is wielding the chef's knife for this part of the competition.

Food competition in late April in Houston.

But the school's culinary arts program received another accolade when the school's Knowledge Bowl team also won the ACF regional title. This year's team is the first one from Schoolcraft to participate in the Jeopardy-like double elimination tournament.

The five-member Salon team of Mark Donovan of Westland, Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey, Adam Kline of Charlevoix, Brandon

Taylor of Livonia and David Koshizawa of Canton received 38.6 out of a possible 40 points. They receive points for knife skills, kitchen skills and hot food competition. That team outscored nine other teams representing Midwestern states. They were coached by two Schoolcraft instructors - certified master chef Kevin Gawronski and certified master pastry chef Joe Decker.

TOP TEAMS

The Knowledge Bowl team consisted of Mark Butcher of Northville, Kathryn Cillick of Livonia, Richard Weinkauf of Farmington, Pam Charney of Grosse Ile and Carolyn Atcheson of Flat Rock. That team defeated 11 other college teams and was coached by Chris Misiak, a certified executive chef and instructor.

Both teams advance to the national ACF championship in Washington, D.C., July 25-29.

Misiak was "ecstatic" over the Knowledge Bowl team's performance in its first year of competition. Schoolcraft defeated last year's national champion from Elgin (Ill.) Community College, after falling 200 points behind, and also defeated Johnson Community College (a school which had last year's national Salon team champion), and

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THE MENU

Here is a menu of Schoolcraft College's Salon team from the regional American Culinary Federation's Hot Food competition in Houston in April. The team was expected to revise the dishes to make them more seasonal for the national competition in July.

Torchon of Ruby Trout
with its Essence, Early Spring Vegetables and Wild Sea Trout Roe

Medley of Duck
Pan-Seared Breast with Confit of Duck Leg in Creamed Cabbage, Cherry Smoked Duck Sausage and Liver Dumpling, Roasted Glazed Carrot, Potato Turnip Puree, Madeira Demi Glace and Crispy Potato Pizzelle

Baby Farm Greens
with Meyer Lemon Vinaigrette, Spicy Sweet Pecans, Poached Pear and a Charlotte of Chevre and Gorgonzola Cheese

Pumpkin and butternut Squash cream
Featured with a Red Currant Compote and Ginger Cake

Sterling Vintner's offers Napa know-how at affordable prices

Sterling Vineyards with its 35-year history in California's Napa Valley has experienced many landmarks, not least of which is credit in 1969 for the first varietally-labeled merlot.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

A multimillion dollar cellar renovation in the mid-1990s, followed by hiring the winemaking talents of Greg Fowler and Rob Hunter in the late 1990s, have dramatically improved Sterling Vineyards' wines.

In that same time frame, however, the price of Napa Valley wine grapes soared and Sterling became aware that its once excellent and affordable by-the-glass wine program in restaurants had fallen from the reasonably priced category. Quietly and diligently, Sterling's Fowler and Hunter sought to correct this with introduction of Sterling Vintner's Collection wines, first released for on-premise sales in 1998.

"Grapes for our initial releases of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and chardonnay," said Sterling Vintner's Collection winemaker Chris Millard, "came from top California coastal microclimates, and were vinted and bottled in the Napa Valley. Although made from grapes that cost less than those Sterling grows in the Napa Valley, they are made by the same techniques. The Vintner's Collection wines are crafted to offer delicious expressions of Central Coast fruit."

NEW ANCHOR

Today, Sterling Vintner's Collection wines are anchored by the 1,300-acre Paris Valley Ranch Vineyard at the base of the Santa Lucia Mountains. Nearly half of the fruit for Vintner's Collection wines is grown on the Paris Valley Ranch, located in California's Salinas Valley, defined by the Gavilan and Santa Lucia Mountain ranges, due east of Big Sur on the Pacific Ocean coastline.

Millard and colleague Ken Green manage wine production with input from their teammates Fowler and Hunter.

Only a short time ago, the Salinas Valley was a less than distinguished wine growing area. Vineyards were planted with little regard to varietal suitability. With progressive vineyard redevelopment, this negative has been largely corrected. Chardonnay, pinot noir, riesling and gewurztraminer are planted in the cooler, northern sections of the valley, while merlot, syrah and cabernet sauvignon achieve success in the warmer south valley.

AFFORDABILITY

With land costs considerably lower than Napa Valley, quality grapes can be grown in Salinas less expensively, while using the same state-of-the-art craftsmanship practiced in Napa. The result is more affordable wines in the critical \$10-\$13 price category where many consumers have drawn a not-so-imaginary line in the price sand.

In late 2002, Sterling Vintner's Collection wines were made in sufficient quantity to be available for off-premise sales also. They are now available in Michigan, all priced at \$13.

■ 2001 Sterling Vintner's Collection Chardonnay showcases slightly floral

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Cindy Forcier selects an ice wine, kept chilled, of course, by an ice sculpture.

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OCC presents Great Lakes tastes

Wine lovers had a chance to taste and learn about regional wines at the eighth-annual Great Lakes Wine Competition and Wine Tasting May 14 at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Visitors sampled more than 500 bottles of wines from 75 vineyards in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ontario.

Proceeds from the event benefit scholarships for culinary arts students. The event has helped the college collect more than \$70,000 for the scholarship fund over the eight years of the event.

More than 20 restaurants, including Loving Spoonful, Pine Lake Country Club, Steve & Rocky's, Fox & Hounds, P.F. Changs, Pine Lake Country Club and Travis Pointe Country Club, prepared foods for the evening to sample with the gold, silver and bronze medal-winning wines.



Birmingham's Susan Emery makes this an annual event. It's her fourth year.

Mix soba with lemon, soy and ginger

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

The Japanese eat more noodles than any other dish. As in Italy, the popularity of particular noodle dishes in Japan varies widely by region. But that's where the similarity between Japanese noodles and Italian pasta ends.

Soba, the word for both the buckwheat grain from which the noodles are made, and the distinctive, thin, beige noodles themselves, is associated with Tokyo and northern Japan. In the U.S., as well as in Japan, you can find soba made entirely from buckwheat, though noodles made from a combination of buckwheat and wheat flour are more common.

Pure buckwheat soba costs considerably more because it is far more difficult to make. The pure buckwheat variety has no elasticity, making it so hard to handle that producing it by hand takes years to master. It also requires special handling to make industrially.

All soba tastes nutty and faintly bitter, but the more buckwheat flour used, the stronger the flavor. Soba noodles made with wheat flour are

milder tasting, and the wheat's gluten also makes them easier to cook.

While the full flavor of soba makes it ideal for simple dishes (in Japan, it is frequently served cold, accompanied by a soy dipping sauce) it also stands up to full-flavored dishes like this salad, which includes shiitake mushrooms, salmon, green beans, and scallions, plus a ginger-flavored dressing.

Always undercook soba, leaving it still hard at the very center. Immediately rinse the hot, drained pasta in cold water to stop it cooking, and to rinse off surface starch so the noodles do not stick together. The cooked noodles keep in the refrigerator, so you can do all this ahead.

- about 1/2 cup
- 7-8 ounces soba noodles, or 8 ounces whole-wheat linguini
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon oyster sauce
- 1 teaspoon roasted sesame oil

Roast sesame seeds in small, dry skillet over medium heat until fragrant, 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly.

Set aside. (This step can be done a day ahead.)

Coat nonstick skillet with cooking spray, and place over medium high heat. Saute shiitakes until tender and lightly browned, 6-7 minutes. Place mushrooms in large mixing bowl. Add beans, salmon, and scallions.

In large pot of boiling water, cook soba until it is still slightly hard in center, about 5 minutes. Pasta must be slightly underdone, or it becomes mushy. Immediately drain, rinse soba in cold water, and drain well.

If using linguini, follow pack-



This Japanese pasta salad features soba noodles, shiitake mushrooms, salmon and green beans. AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

age directions, cooking it al dente.

Rinse drained pasta, as for soba. Place pasta in bowl with vegetables and salmon.

In small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, soy sauce, sugar, ginger, pepper flakes, and black pepper.

Whisk in oyster sauce and sesame oil. Pour dressing over pasta and vegetables. Using two

forks, gently toss pasta to coat lightly with dressing, leaving most of the other ingredients in bottom of bowl.

Arrange pasta on serving platter.

Spoon green bean and mushroom mixture over pasta. Pour dressing remaining in bowl over salad. Sprinkle on sesame seeds.

Serve within one hour, covering and refrigerating salad if not

serving immediately. Serves 4 (Makes 7 cups with salmon)

Nutritional information per serving: 316 calories, 7 grams total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 49 grams carbohydrate, 18 grams protein, 3 grams dietary fiber, 749 milligrams sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of *The Joy of Soy*.

TASTE CALENDAR

Weight Watchers
Chef Tim Cirka will prepare balsamic chicken with mushrooms at cooking demonstrations during the month of May at the following Weight Watchers locations: Weight Watchers Center, Waterfall Plaza, 5651 Dixie Highway, Waterford, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 28. The chicken recipe equates to four points per serving, per the Weight Watchers Winning Points program. Other recipes on the hand-out at the demonstrations include basmati rice and cucumber salad and oven roasted talapia with gremolata. The demonstrations are free and the public is invited.

Community House classes
The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, in Birmingham hosts cooking classes this summer, including Summer Soups, instructed by Michelle Bommarito, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28. She will instruct the preparation of Chilled Avocado Lime Soup with Crispy Tortillas and Borscht (Beet) Soup with Dill Yogurt Sauce and Spicy Gazpacho. Other classes include: For information and registration, call The Community House at 248-644-5832.

Continuing education
Schoolcraft College's Department of Culinary Arts features continuing education classes at the new VisTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. You will also find further information at www.schoolcraft.edu, and then click on Continuing Education, CES Schedule, then spring 2003. Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef, will teach Fresh and Fabulous Salads, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, June 5, and Quick Easy Meals, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 7. Gabriel also instructs Basic Cooking Techniques: Hands-On, Monday-Thursday, June 2-5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448.

Cooking classes
Valerie Wilson, "Macro Val," offers healthy cooking classes, Picnic Foods 2003 will be taught 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. Fee is \$25. The class will be taught at 30516 Krauter, Apt. 3C in Garden City. Class includes recipes, step-by-step instruction, personal hands-on experience and a meal. Space is limited. Classes must be pre-paid. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com for information.

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Buttery steak debuts at Papa Joe's

Before you gasp at the thought of paying \$39.99 a pound for New York strips, \$49.99 for filets, or \$29.99 for rib eyes, hear what others have to say about American Kobe beef. "We've had it overseas, it was delicious," said Dick Dale of Birmingham. "Anyone that likes a good steak would love this."

"I tasted it many years ago in Japan. The flavor, texture and marbling was incredible. You could cut it with a butter knife," said Tony Curtis, general manager of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham. "I've been trying to get it for the last two years."

Curtis and his brother, Joseph, finally succeeded, and American Kobe beef by Snake River Farms was introduced at the market in December.

Lately, they've been offering a Kobe top round roast beef dinner for \$9.95 at the Gourmet to Go carving station inside the Birmingham store, and a Kobe New York strip

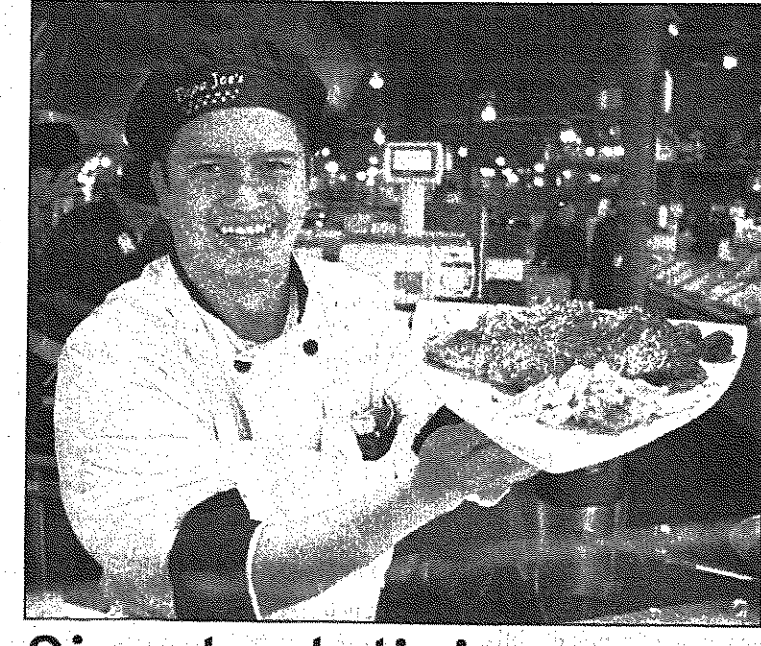
dinner for \$17.95, which includes a starch and veggie. The menu changes daily, so call ahead. Papa Joe's is also offering Kobe beef to its catering customers.

"Everyone that's tasted it has come back for more," said Curtis. "You're eating a piece of meat that you can really enjoy."

In Japan, it's not uncommon to pay \$100 a pound for Kobe beef. There's a very limited supply because it's very expensive to get to market. The cattle are raised closely to the Japanese model on a natural diet of barley, golden wheat straw, alfalfa hay and Idaho potatoes. The cattle, according to Idaho-based Snake River Farms, grow slowly and naturally, almost a year longer than U.S. commodity cattle.

The story of Kobe beef begins in the second century A.D. when Wagyu cattle were brought to Japan from Korea to plow fields. It became a local delicacy less than 200 years ago. A strain of Wagyu cattle in the Kobe region became the foundation of the Kobe beef brand. It was introduced to the U.S. in 1994. Snake River Farms crosses its premier Japanese Wagyu cattle with premium American Black Angus to create American Kobe beef. It's sold at restaurants in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Seoul, New York City, Phoenix, Beverly Hills and Chicago.

There are only two places to get it in Michigan - Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham and Rochester Hills. "We cater to people that are well-traveled," said Tony Curtis. "They're looking for different things. We're always trying to seek out things that nobody else has."



Simply delicious New York strip steak

Here's a recipe for American Kobe beef from Snake River Farms.

STEAK MADE SIMPLE

8-10 ounce New York strip steak
Cracked black pepper
Olive oil
Butter
Sea salt (substitute kosher salt if not available)

Remove steaks from the refrigerator and allow them to come to room temperature. Preheat oven to 450° to 500°F. Place an empty black cast iron skillet on the stovetop on high setting for 8 to 12 minutes. The pan should be very hot.

Dry-rub both sides of the steak

with cracked black pepper. Lightly cover bottom of pan with just enough olive oil to prevent steak from sticking.

Immediately place the steaks in the pan. Sear each steak for 2 minutes per side, turning with tongs (never press down on steak with spatula or stick with a fork). Then, using a hot pad, place the skillet and steaks in the 450° preheated oven and cook for 2 minutes for rare, 3 to 4 minutes for medium.

Remove the skillet from the oven with a hot pad.

Place steak on a warm plate and immediately top with 1 teaspoon of butter. Lightly dust with sea salt, to taste.

Allow steaks to stand 3 to 4 minutes and serve.

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TEAM

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Joliet (Ill.) Community College.

"We had some of the hardest teams to compete against," Misiak said. Questions were pulled from several books: *On Cooking*, *Escoffier*, *Superior Management* and books on sanitation and nutrition.

"We actually created mock games," Misiak said.

"We had (Schoolcraft) alumni come in and oppose us, and sometimes the alumni won, so it gave us a chance to be beat."

Misiak said the five team members worked as a team. "We had a team that contributed evenly, where other teams had only a captain that answered all the questions," Misiak said.

In fact, the team did so well and had such a large lead, they froze out the opponent and stopped ringing in for answers. "We had accumulated so many points, that they could not catch us unless we answered the questions wrong," Misiak said.

ALMOST PERFECT

The Salon team won a gold medal, only 1 1/2 points short of a perfect score.

"I think the fact that we went down there early (2 1/2 days), that we had time to get comfortable in a different environment," Gawronski said. "They had developed a nice comfort level."

They tweaked their dishes at the last minute, adding fresh peas to the seafood dish and created a baby farm greens dish.

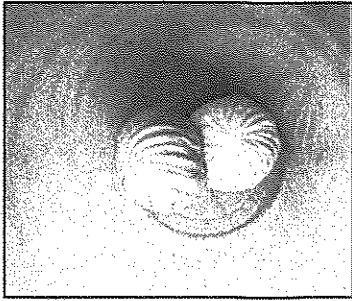
"They did all the little nuances with simple elegance," Gawronski said.

"They made it as fresh as they could and everything went out hot."



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Schoolcraft College won the Central region in the American Culinary Federation's student culinary competition in the Baron Galand Knowledge Bowl and the Salon Hot Food competition. Pictured are (from left): Kevin Gawronski, Salon team coach and Schoolcraft instructor; Mark Butcher; Adam Kline; Kathryn Cillick; David Koshizawa; Brandon Taylor; Mark Donovan; Chris Misiak, coach of the Knowledge Bowl team and instructor; Rich Weinkauff; Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft; Pam Charney, Jeremiah Brown and Carolyn Atcheson. Butcher, Cillick, Weinkauff, Charney and Atcheson were members of the Knowledge Bowl team, while Kline, Koshizawa, Taylor, Donovan and Brown were members of the Salon team.

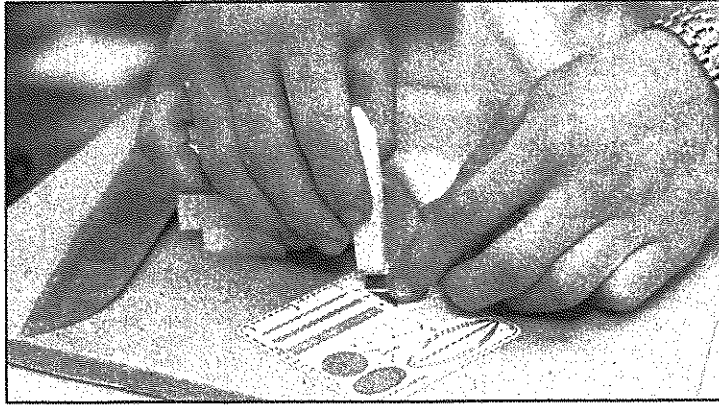


Two hand-fluted mushrooms sit in the bottom of a plastic cup.

The dishes were so hot, the steam off the dishes rose into the judges' faces, Gawronski said.

That heat was retained through the ingenuity of the team members, as Donovan created a hot box, and Donovan and Koshizawa made a heat lamp for the dishes.

Gawronski and Decker received photos of the kitchen before the regional competition, so that the team could plan the kitchen setup accordingly.



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Adam Kline checks his potato cut called "Paysanne" which is to be 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch by 1/8-inch.

The only glitch - if you could call it that - was the pecans were slightly overcooked, but the team took the scrapings off the pan, chopped them up and added them to the salad, Gawronski said.

Gawronski said the coaches and the team were ecstatic when the team won. "Usually at every practice

something goes wrong," Gawronski said. But the team did everything right that day, he added.

"I couldn't have asked for a more professional group as far as their demeanor and attitude," Gawronski said.

"They had a tremendous amount of confidence."

WINE

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and apple aromas with steely notes, like a French chablis. "This character," Millard noted, "is typical of Monterey area chardonnay. Where you might consider a sauvignon blanc for a good food match, try this crisp, food-friendly chardonnay with added mouthfeel dimensions."

2000 Sterling Vintner's Collection Merlot delights first with aromas of red roses, cherries and red plums. It scores on the palate with a pleasant, easy-drinking fruit core.

2001 Sterling Vintner's Collection Shiraz has deep, dark color with youthful purple edges. "We call the variety syrah," explained Millard, "but our winemaking method is distinctly Australian, so we've labeled it shiraz."

A smoked bacon character

WINE PICKS

Among red wines, CABERNET SAUVIGNON continues to lead all other red varietals. Here's the assessment from our recent cab taste-off.

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2000 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz (\$26). The 1999 vintage of this wine won a Double Gold at the Detroit International Wine Experience judging. The 2000 is better!

Delicious: 1999 Hess Collection (\$35), 2000 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County (\$27) and in a decidedly Coonawarra style, 2000 Wynns Coonawarra Estate (\$15).

Wallet pleasers: 2001 Wolf Blass "Yellow Label" (\$14) and 2001 Healdsburg Vineyards (\$8) (NEW).

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complementing blueberries and currant notes makes this pleasant, full wine typically Oz in character.

2001 Sterling Vintner's Collection Cabernet Sauvignon delivers a big bang for the buck

with duck. Blackberry aromas and flavors are enriched by attractive spice notes and solid finish.

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Among his credentials, Kraynek served as special events executive chef at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in the Napa Valley; was executive chef at the Hollywood and Vine Diner in Hollywood, Calif.; was corporate chef for the Kruse and Muer Corporation in Rochester; and was chef de cuisine at Epcot Center in Florida. The seminars are:

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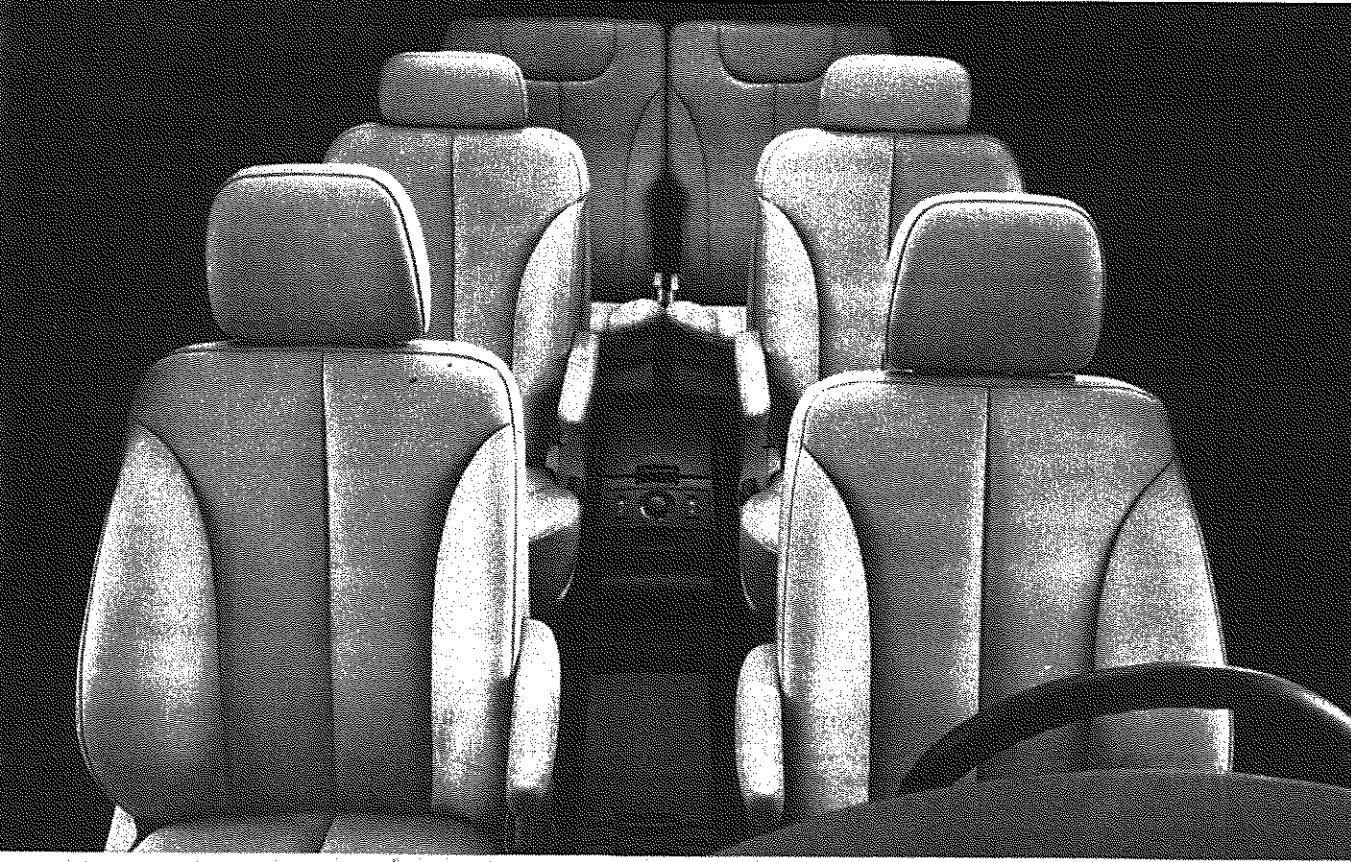
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There's something poignant about off-the-cuff jokes. They're funnier than their contrived counterparts. In a nutshell, that's the beauty of improvisation shows like *Comedy Works*, showing Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 28 at the Century Theatre in Detroit. "There's something about creation in the moment," said Kirk Hanley, a performer in *Comedy Works* and current director of The Second City Detroit Touring Company. "If you try to re-create the moment, it's never as funny," said Hanley of Farmington. "When improv works, it's a beautiful thing."

The show, which is presented by a group of 22 local comedy professionals called The Guild, is similar to the ABC television hit *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*

Nominated for an Emmy, the TV show stars host Drew Carey and four actor-comedians improvising their way through a half-hour of games. *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* began as a London radio program in 1988.

The television show has drawn attention to improvisational comedy, a relatively new art form that grew out of a 1950s acting technique, said Hanley. "It used to be

that you had to explain what improvisation was all about. *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* is a wonderful shorthand for us."

Comedy Works breaks down into two sets, one comprised of short games and the other, longer, more character-driven scenes, said Margaret Edwartowski, founder of The

Guild and an alumnus of The Second City Detroit.

The show's impromptu nature depends on audience participation. The cast asks audience members for specific references, such as a place or word, to work into each game.

"It's a roller coaster that the audience rides with you," said

Edwartowski, who grew up in Auburn Hills.

"Everybody played some version of cowboys and Indians when they were a kid. That's what we basically do. It's kind of like 'hey, come play make-believe with us.'"

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The cast of 'Comedy Works' include, left to right (back row) Mark Mikula, Rico Bruce Wade, Mike McGettigan, Quintin Hicks, Matthias Schneider, Margaret Edwartowski, Denise Swindell, Lauren Bickers and Elana Elyce.

Writers haunted by 'Unholy Ghost' tell their stories

UNHOLY GHOST: WRITERS ON DEPRESSION

Edited by Neil Casey, (Perennial, \$13.95, paperback)

Judging by its title, this may sound like a depressing read.

Once you've finished this collection of 22 essays on the experience of depression (written from within and without), you'll be struck not just by how clear-eyed its approach, but how truly hopeful is its overall impact.

The late Michigan poet, Jane Kenyon (who suffered from bipolar disorder), once wrote of depression: "You are certain to come again." But as we see on these pages, each of these writers has faced down his or her "Unholy Ghost" more than once — to spot a glimmer at the end of the tunnel, and ultimately to tell us of their harrowing, complicated journeys. (The title of the book is from a poem by Kenyon, who died of leukemia in 1995.)

"It is of great importance that those who are suffering a siege, perhaps for the first time, be told — be convinced, rather — that the illness will run its course and that they will pull through," writes William Styron in an excerpt from *Darkness Visible*, the well-known account of his own bouts with the disease.

In this collection's lead-off essay, *A Delicious Placebo*, Jane Heffernan writes of how her depression appears



Victoria Diaz

to have begun with a sudden event: the end of a love affair.

"Overnight ... I'd gone from a 28-year-old optimist ... to ... a person other

people find themselves trying to avoid," she remembers.

Uncontrollable crying jags, inappropriate behavior in public, lying, feelings of deep alienation followed (others' problems "seemed like parables telegraphed from outer space").

She began to see her life "as something enormous, great, and terrible."

Finally, she began antidepressant therapy, which for her acted as a kind of "miracle drug," rescuing her from the paralyzing mire of depression, and doing it in rather short order.

In *Heaven and Nature*, Edward Hoagland, who once experienced "a bad dip into suicidal speculation," suggests that a certain darkness of mind may even be beneficial to humanity overall.

"People with sunny natures do seem to live longer than people who are nervous wrecks," he writes, "yet mankind didn't evolve out of the animal kingdom by being unduly sunny-minded."

In a strikingly vivid memoir (*On Living Behind Bars*), Nancy Mairs tells us of the

six months she spent at Metropolitan State Hospital in Massachusetts before electroconvulsive therapy made it possible for her to go home again and become a productive member of her community. (The ECT was agreed to by Mairs only after every other available treatment had failed.)

"I did not get well," she stresses, "I got functional, which is another condition altogether (though not, on the whole, one to be sneezed at). ... Nothing I know can free me from depression, which is, by now ... my existential style ... I will likely need, I am told, three tiny yellow pills with a glass of water at bedtime ever after if I am to survive."

Larry McMurtry traces the depression he "fell into" to a period following bypass surgery in 1991. Because of the heart-lung

machine, during the operation "you are neither really alive or truly dead," he points out.

"The conclusion I reached then: that I had died for a few hours, been brought back to life, and now was attempting to live as someone similar to, but not identical with, my real self, is still how I feel," he tells us, in his excerpt from *Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen*.

Former Michigan scholar and writer, Donald Hall, gives readers a look at what it's like to care about and live with someone who has been diagnosed with depression and other mental illnesses. (Hall was married to Jane Kenyon.)

In *Ghost in the House*, he reveals how closely he, as caregiver, could sometimes be affected by the mood swings of his partner: "When Jane went manic, I

fell into a deep depression. She soared up and I plunged down — a moody seesaw."

Perhaps in an attempt to describe what may be indescribable, a few of these essays seem wordy or overwrought.

And some are shaded with the rather dry and esoteric language of scholarly writings as well.

As a whole, though,

Unholy Ghost fascinates and informs, broadening both our sense and sensibility about a subject that, worldwide, will affect millions of us, either directly or indirectly, at some point in our lifetime.

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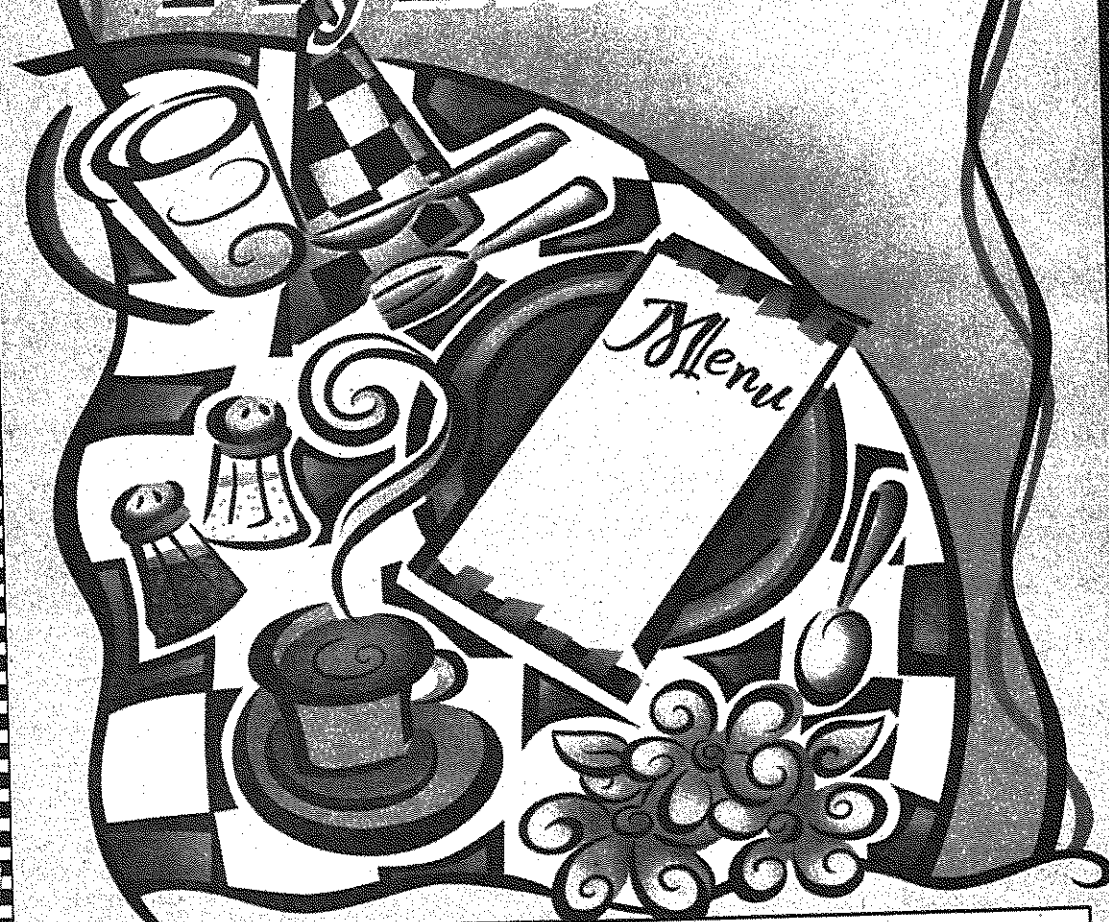
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Still famous for sizzling steaks and fabulous barbecue, the city is the nation's barbecue headquarters. Kansas City barbecue is always smoked over wood and each restaurant has its own sauce.

Kansas City played a major role in the nation's history as a gateway for pioneers heading West. This past is highlighted in an interesting mix of museums. Pioneers disembarked from riverboats traversing the Missouri River to begin their overland journey, passing through a lively market area, known today as City Market, which is still a farmer's market. This is the site of the Arabia Steamboat Museum. The Arabia sunk with a hoard of treasure. Buried for 132 years, its excavation uncovered a time capsule of remarkably preserved 1856 frontier supplies of every description.

The Jesse James Home, Patee House and Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, about one hour from Kansas City, are worth seeing. The Patee House was a pioneer hotel and headquarters for the Pony Express in 1860. Housed within the two large floors of the old hotel are collections of Western art, antique toys, trains, cars, refurbished 1800s hotel rooms, Streets of Old St. Jo, and a large carousel.

Kansas City Museum has artifacts and displays relating to the develop-

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ment of life on the plains and Kansas City's role in the Westward expansion. Of note is a 1910 drugstore with a working soda fountain, a natural history hall and planetarium.

JAZZ AND BASEBALL

In the area where baseball and jazz reigned during the 1920s, you'll find the Museums at 18th & Vine. This building houses two museums, The American Jazz Museum and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. The Visitors Center has a brief video depicting the African-American community that thrived at 18th & Vine for 40 years. Kansas City's role in nurturing the development of jazz is legendary.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the world's only museum dedicated to preserving this incredible history, depicts the history of African American baseball prior to 1947 when color barriers were broken with the signing of Jackie Robinson to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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Downtown Kansas City at Night is a beautiful sight. The city straddles the Missouri-Kansas state line.

ters. The Center offers more than 80 shops and restaurants, live theater, cinemas and two hotels. Hallmark Visitors Center is a fascinating place, especially for children who can step through a keyhole into a room filled with giant pencils, brushes, paint tubes and jars or make their own colorful gift box.

The Westin Crown Center Hotel, part of the Crown Center, utilized the natural stone bluff upon which it was built to create an indoor waterfall sev-

eral stories high. The walkway that connects the Crown Center to Union Station passes over the lobby of the Westin Hotel. Union Station, the country's second largest train station, was restored to its 1914 elegance. It houses Science City with 50 interactive exhibits, theaters and restaurants.

There are numerous places to visit that will please children and adults. The impressive 200-acre Kansas City Zoological Park and IMAX theater requires a full day and comfortable

shoes. Another favorite is the Toy & Miniature Museum with its extensive collection of antique toys and 80 furnished dollhouses.

No longer a prairie cowtown, the saying from the musical *Oklahoma!*, "Everything is up-to-date in Kansas City," is definitely true...see for yourself.

Norma and Wendy Schonwetter are a mother-daughter travel writing team. Norma lives in Farmington Hills and Wendy in Seattle.

TOP 5

TV SHOWS

1. *Friends*, NBC.
2. *American Idol*-Wednesday, Fox.
3. *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, CBS.
4. *American Idol*-Tuesday, Fox.
5. *ER*, NBC. (From Nielsen Media Research)

FILMS

1. *The Matrix Reloaded*, Warner Bros.
2. *Daddy Day Care*, Sony.
3. *X2: X-Men United*, Fox.
4. *Down With Love*, Fox.
5. *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*, Disney.

(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

1. *Get Busy*, Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
2. *21 Questions*, 50 Cent (feat. Nate Dogg). G-Unit.
3. *Ignition*, R. Kelly. Jive.
4. *I Know What You Want*, Bust Rhymes & Mariah Carey (feat. The Flipmode Squad). J.
5. *Can't Let You Go*, Fabolous (feat. Mike Shorey & Lil' Mo). Desert Storm. (From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS

1. *Body Kiss*, The Isley Brothers (feat. Ronald Isley). DreamWorks.
2. *Come Away With Me*, Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum - certified sales of 1 million units)
3. *On and On*, Jack Johnson. Moonshine Conspiracy.
4. *The Very Best of Cher*, Cher. Geffen.
5. *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, 50 Cent. Shady. (Platinum) (From Billboard magazine)

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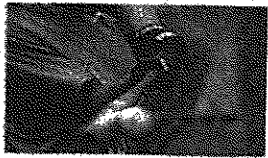


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Sidelines

Baseball signings

A season that started strongly but withered once play in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference got underway has led



Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger to sign seven recruits, five of them from Farmington. The Crusaders were 20-30 last season, including a dismal 4-18 WHAC record.

The new recruits from the Farmington area are Jake Ghannam, a third baseman from Farmington Harrison; Greg Hocking, a first baseman from Harrison; Kevin Zerbo, a catcher/outfielder from Harrison; Mike Hand, a right-handed pitcher from North Farmington; and Preston Picard, an outfielder from Farmington HS who graduated in 2002.

Other Madonna recruits are John Hageman, a right-handed pitcher from Redford Union, and Kyle Fedorka, a pitcher/infielder from Lakeland.

"I'm very excited about this group of early signees, especially since all seven are from Michigan," said Haeger. "We are pleased with these players. I think this group complements our returning players for the 2004 season."

The 5-foot-10, 195-pound Ghannam, twice an all-league player, hit .420 with 24 runs batted in for the Hawks, while Hocking (6-1, 185) hit .415 with two homers and 22 RBI. Zerbo (6-2, 210) packed even more power, hitting .430 for Harrison with six homers.

Hand, 6-2 and 175, has an excellent fastball that he complements with a good breaking pitch. And the left-handed hitting and throwing Picard (6-2, 190) comes to Madonna after spending a year at Florida Community College, where he hit .298 batting in the No. 4 slot.

Hageman (5-11, 160) owns a first-rate breaking pitch, according to Haeger, and Fedorka - who missed much of his senior season at Lakeland with a broken hand - recovered sufficiently enough to blast five home runs in an eight-game stretch.

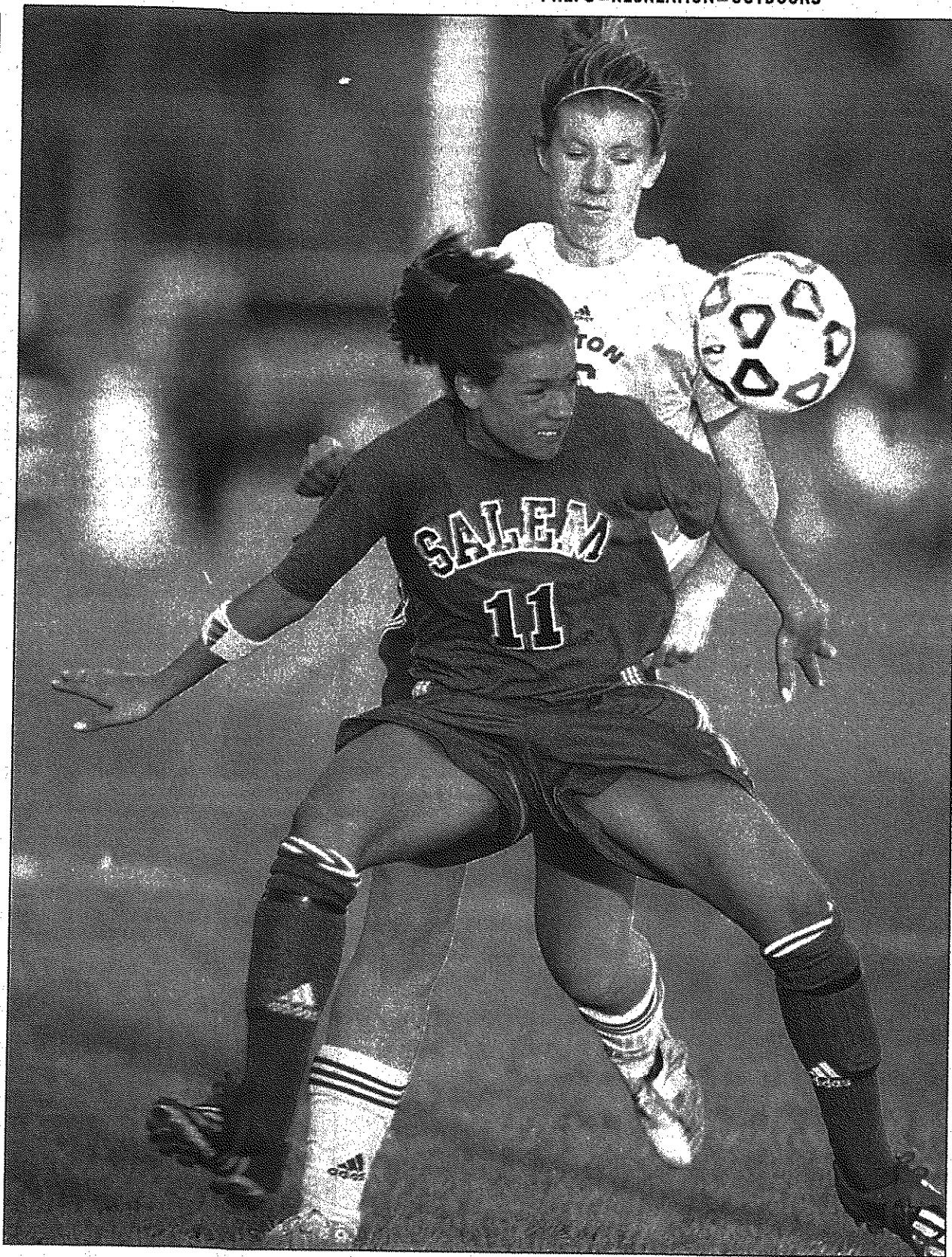
Haeger isn't through recruiting. He hopes to sign anywhere from seven to 10 more before the start of fall practice in August.

All-MIAA

Chris Trott, a sophomore at Albion College and a Salem HS graduate, was named to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team.

An outfielder, Trott batted .343 for the Britons with seven doubles, three home runs and 20 runs batted in. He led the team in homers and RBI, and he was second in average and in runs scored with 26. In 17 conference games, Trott batted .315 with two doubles, a homer and nine RBI. Also, he had just one error in the field in 34 games.

Albion was 12-23 overall, 7-11 in the MIAA.



Salem's Jordan Falcusan (11) tries to protect the ball from Canton's Katie Esper. Falcusan scored one goal and assisted on another in the Rocks' win.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Close call

Salem edges Canton 3-2 to claim conference title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The difference in this match, which featured Canton against Salem for the first time in this millennium, could probably be measured on a 12-inch ruler.

That's how much better the Rocks were this time around. They put two in the net in the first half and got another in the second, then held off a determined comeback effort by the Chiefs to gain their first Western Lakes Activities Association soccer title since 1987 by a 3-2 margin Wednesday at Canton.

Salem, which beat Novi Thursday, finished the regular season at 14-1-2 overall, while the Chiefs slipped to 11-3-2.

The Rocks, who two weeks earlier had been edged by Canton 2-1, were not about to be outworked this time. Indeed, the message on the dryboard leaning against an equipment bag next to the Salem bench was simple and to the point: "Hard work."

"That was our goal," said Rocks' coach Joe Nora after gaining his first-ever win over Canton in four seasons as Salem's coach. "We came out focused. We wanted to play physical and play our game. We wanted to take it to 'em."

Which the Rocks did through much of the first half. They got an early break when a shot by Canton's Erica Ahrens 4:30 into the game was deflected off the goal post by keeper Heather Jones, keeping the match scoreless.

Salem took advantage of their good fortune just over a minute later, when Marissa Sarkesian flicked a pass to Jordan Falcusan for the finish, giving the Rocks a 1-0 lead with 34:13 left.

Salem continued to control play for the next 20 minutes, preying on a Canton defense altered after the loss of all-division defender Katie Raker, who suffered a broken leg in the final 90 seconds of a 2-0 win over Livonia Stevenson. Raker's absence had prompted Chiefs' coach Don Smith to move Andrea Johnson, normally the team's sweeper, up to stopper.

"We're still shifting things around," Smith said. "I don't know if we'll make any adjustments."

The Rocks pierced the Canton defense again with 18:27 left, this time with Amy Gizicki receiving a cross from Falcusan and, after Chiefs' keeper Briana Wolcott stopped her initial shot, Gizicki punched in the rebound to make it 2-0 in Salem's favor.

PLEASE SEE RIVALS, C3

Tomasso to coach at Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

When Don Smith resigned as Canton's boys soccer coach, it announced the end of one era and the beginning of another.

The new era, however, will have definite ties with the past.

George Tomasso has been hired as Smith's replacement. Tomasso brings a wealth of

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soccer experience and, equally important, a strong connection to the school he'll be coaching at.

Tomasso graduated from Canton in 1996, helping take the Chiefs to a state title as a junior in 1994. An all-Observer and all-state keeper, he went on to play four years at Eastern Michigan University before the program was dropped.

Since graduating from Canton, he has served as a volunteer assistant coach, an assistant coach and, this spring, as coach of the Chiefs' freshmen girls team. Also, among the 12 seniors on this fall's team will be Matt Tomasso, one of George's younger brothers. Another, Mark, will be a sophomore in the fall.

PLEASE SEE COACH, C3

Chiefs race to a league championship

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Three school records bit the dust Wednesday as Canton captured its fourth Western Lakes Activities Association boys track title in school history.

The Western Division dual-meet champion Chiefs will be engraving the trophy for the year 2003 after holding off a stiff challenge from Lakes Division champ Walled Lake Central, scoring 131.5 points to the Vikings' 118 in a meet held at Walled Lake Northern.

Livonia Churchill turned in probably its best showing of the year by placing third with 98. The remaining field

WLAA TRACK

included Walled Lake Western (96), Livonia Stevenson (90), Northville (86), Salem (67), Westland John Glenn (45), Wayne Memorial (29.5) and Livonia Franklin (19). See complete results.

It was the third championship for Canton coach Bob Richardson, who guided the Chiefs to crowns in 2001 and 1993. Canton's other Western Lakes title came in 1986.

Farmington Hills Harrison, the 2002 WLAA champion, vacated the title after leaving last fall to become a member of the Oakland Activities Association.

"I knew there would be at least three

teams up there and I knew Churchill had some quality people," said Richardson, whose team was runner-up at the Observerland Relays and second at the Ypsilanti Lincoln regional. "I was worried about Walled Lake Central, the Lakes Division dual meet champ. And I knew Walled Lake Western had a dynamite team. Both Western and Central beat us last week at Troy."

Junior Devin Thomas had quite an afternoon for the Chiefs, winning the 200-meter dash in a school-record 21.9, which shattered the mark of 22.6 set last year by current teammate Corey Walser and Brian Carney (1987). Ironically, Canton freshman Andy Rossow clocked a

PLEASE SEE LEAGUE, C2

Canton comeback earns a WLAA title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It truly was a championship-caliber game, and the way it turned out was, well, typical of Canton's baseball team and its season.

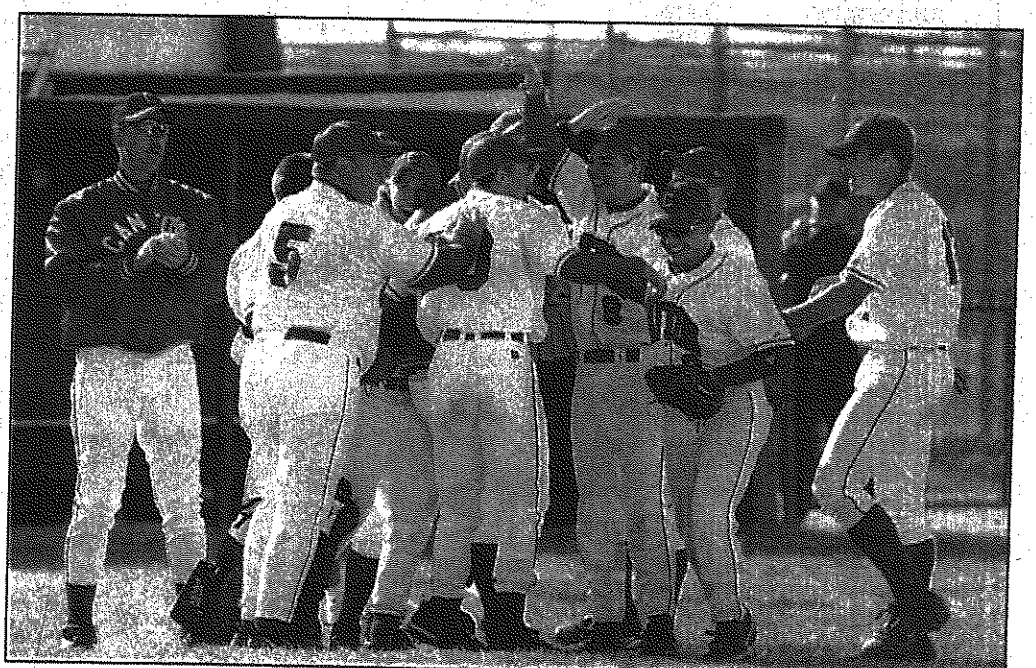
Slow start, battling back from behind, overcoming long odds, doing the unimaginable.

The Chiefs did all of that against Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division champion Walled Lake Central Wednesday, allowing the Vikings to build a 4-0 lead through four innings of the WLAA championship game.

But, just as they've done all season (they trailed in 11 of their 15 wins), the Chiefs found a way, clawing their way back for a 5-4 victory at Canton.

"We've just been finding a way," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We just try to keep playing it like it's 0-0. 'We keep finding a way.'"

Central was finding the way early, scor-



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The Chiefs celebrate their come-from-behind win over Walled Lake Central in the WLAA Championship game

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, C4

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LEAGUE

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22.6 in the 200 en route to a fourth place finish, which would have tied the record. Thomas also was a part of one of the fastest recorded 100 sprints ever in the WLAA as Walled Lake Western's Lawson (10.33) outduled Thomas (10.4), Wayne Memorial's T.J. Dillard (10.41) and Walser (10.64).

and we were able to win three sprint relays." Churchill's performance was highlighted by a 16-point showing in the discus as Michael Ghannam won the event (138-4) and Chuck Cannon adding a fourth (129-0). The Chargers' 3,200 relay team of Kevin Kane, James Gale, Kevin Forgette and Justin Brevich also finished first (8:07.5).

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WLAA TRACK RESULTS

2003 WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS & GIRLS TRACK MEET May 21 at Walled Lake Northern GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 143 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 133; 3. Canton, 77.5; 4. Salem, 76; 5. Westland John Glenn, 63; 6. Walled Lake Central, 50.5; 7. Northville, 38; 8. Livonia Franklin, 30.5; 9. Wayne Memorial, 27.5; 10. Walled Lake Western, 24.5.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2003-2004 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2003-2004 City Budget.

PROPOSED 2003 CITY MILLAGE RATES: The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2003 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

The 2003 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3937 mills, which is .0004 mills less than the 2002 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3937 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage rollback formula.

The 2003 tax rate for debt millage to fund debt service requirements for the 1997, 1998 and 2002 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 2.31 mills, a decrease of .0400 mills from the 2002 tax rate.

The 2003 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.80 mills, an increase of .3000 mills from the 2002 tax rate.

The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.5037 mills for 2003, which is .2596 mills higher than the 2002 total City tax rate of 15.2441 mills.

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established tentative 2003 equalization factors of 1.0967 for residential classes of property, 1.0533 for commercial classes of property and 1.000 for industrial classes of property. Since the City has increased assessments for the residential and commercial classes for 2003 by the proposed factors, all 2003 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2003-2004 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2003-2004 as follows:

Table with columns for GENERAL FUND, MAJOR STREET FUND, LOCAL STREET FUND, RECREATION FUND, WASTE & RECYCLING FUND, OTHER CITY FUNDS, REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and EXPENDITURE TOTAL.

Table with columns for OTHER CITY FUNDS, REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and EXPENDITURE TOTAL.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS: The general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund or up to ten percent (10%) between funds with regard to appropriations related to Public Works expenditures, but not from Reserve Accounts.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE: A complete copy of the 2003-2004 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC City Clerk

Madonna soccer camps set

Madonna University will stage two sessions of Premier Soccer Academy (boys and girls ages 6-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 7-11 and July 21-25. The cost is \$210 per player (includes T-shirt). Group rates (for eight or more) is \$175 per player. Mark Zathay, MU women's coach and director of coaching for the Northville Soccer Association, is the camp director assisted by former MU players Jen Barker, Kara Wisniewski, Matt Buzewski and Emily Jackson, along with Sam Maki of the Northville Soccer Association. For more information, call (734) 432-5882 or email

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all increased and qualified companies to submit a bid for Musical Instruments for Plymouth High School. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions should be directed to Amy Boerma of the PHS Music Department at (734) 582-5665. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS - E. J. McClendon Educational Center located on 464 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2003. 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.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Publish: May 18 and 25, 2003

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the following items:

- Z 03-08 860 Palmer Non-Use Variance Requested Fence Height Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: John & Nancy Poszywak
Z 03-09 112 N. Harvey Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback (side street) Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Mark & Krista Orr
Z 03-10 195 S. Union Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: David Dewitt

All interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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BASEBALL

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ing single runs in the second and third and getting two more in the fourth to make it 4-0. Canton finally found an answer in the fifth, pushing across four runs - all after two were out.

The game-winning run - no surprise here - also scored with two out. After a Dave Nicoloff single and a Jake Powers sacrifice bunt, Powell laced a run-scoring single to make it 5-4. Powell and Howald had two hits apiece, Powell knocking in one run and Howald two.

the Western Lakes."
In his nine seasons as Canton's coach, Dickey has had some great teams. Indeed, the last five each won at least 20 games.

The Rocks led 3-2 after two innings of this WLAA crossover Wednesday at Northville. However, everything fell apart - or at least the Salem gloves fell off - after that as the Mustangs put nine runs on the board in the next four innings.

STATE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday, May 27
Dearborn at Thurston (2), 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 4 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PISTONS CAMP

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Training Camp Tour, sponsored by Nike and Chevrolet, will make Canton HS one of its stops on its 10-city tour through Michigan

and northern Ohio.
The camps, which are conducted by Steve Moreland, director of Development and Basketball Camps/Clinics for the Detroit Pistons, will feature Pistons' players and coaches, who will serve as

guest speakers. Under the direction of Moreland, the Pistons' camps have been named the top youth basketball camp program in the NBA.

p.m. July 21-24. Cost is \$149 and space is limited to the first 150 participants.

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 2003

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.
THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

- Richard Ham-Kucharski
Roy I. McCutcheon
Mark Slavens
Roland J. Thomas, Jr.

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 9, 2003, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

- SIX YEAR TERMS
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Richard J. DeVries
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THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 2 and all of City Precinct No. 3.
PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Central Middle School. The first precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 10 and all of City Precinct No. 21.
PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Iabister Elementary School. The third precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 5, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 9, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 14.
PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: East Middle School. The fourth precinct consists of all of City Precinct No. 1 and all of City Precinct No. 4.
PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Allen Elementary School. The fifth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 3, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 4, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 10.
PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: West Middle School. The sixth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 12, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 15, and all the territory of the school district located in Salem Township.
PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Farrand Elementary School. The seventh precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 1, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 2, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 8, and all the territory of the school district located in Northville Township.
PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Fiegel Elementary School. The eighth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 3, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 6, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 32.
PRECINCT NO. 9
Voting Place: Miller Elementary School. The ninth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 4 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 13.
PRECINCT NO. 10
Voting Place: Hulsing Elementary School. The tenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 7, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 12, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 24.
PRECINCT NO. 11
Voting Place: Eriksson Elementary School. The eleventh precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 9, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 14, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 34.
PRECINCT NO. 12
Voting Place: Field Elementary School. The twelfth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 5, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 18, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 29 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 31.
PRECINCT NO. 13
Voting Place: Canton High School. The thirteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 8, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 25, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 27, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 35, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 36, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 37, and all the territory of the school district located in Superior Township.
PRECINCT NO. 14
Voting Place: Bird Elementary School. The fourteenth precinct consists of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 7, Plymouth Township Precinct No. 11, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 17.
PRECINCT NO. 15
Voting Place: Pioneer Middle School. The fifteenth precinct consists of all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 6, all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 13, and all of Plymouth Township Precinct No. 16.
PRECINCT NO. 16
Voting Place: Tonda Elementary School. The sixteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 11 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 19.
PRECINCT NO. 17
Voting Place: Hoben Elementary School. The seventeenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 1, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 22, and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 23.
PRECINCT NO. 18
Voting Place: Bentley Elementary School. The eighteenth precinct consists of all of Canton Township Precinct No. 16, all of Canton Township Precinct No. 17 and all of Canton Township Precinct No. 26.

ABSENT VOTER'S COUNTING BOARD

Voting Place: Absentee Ballots - E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.
All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.
This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

THOMAS J. WYSOCKI
Secretary, Board of Education

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Third Party Administration for Workers Compensation Insurance. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools


PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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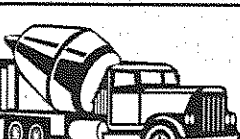


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■ Fitness day

The 10th Annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day will get underway 9 a.m. May 28 at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. All activities are free. Highlights include a trial-size 20-minute exercise class for seniors; gentle yoga; chair yoga; stretch and strengthen classes; and a healthy yogurt social from noon to 3 p.m.

Lectures throughout the day include Let's Get Moving, Alternative Therapies, Chronic Disease Management and Fall Prevention/Home Safety. Blood pressure screenings, blood sugar screenings, facility tours and water fitness demonstrations will take place all day. Call (248) 477-6100 for information.

■ Prenatal test

Henry Ford Hospital is the first in Michigan to offer a new prenatal genetic test that improves the accuracy of detecting Down's syndrome. The blood test, when combined with other prenatal genetic tests, increases the detection rate for Down's syndrome to 81 percent from 76 percent and lowers the false positive rate from six percent to three percent.

The new test measures a chemical in the blood called pregnancy associated plasma protein A or PappA. It is the fifth in a series of markers that analyzes chemicals in the mother's bloodstream to identify unborn babies who may be at risk for a birth defect. For more information about the PappA test call (800)-HenryFord or visit HenryFord.com

■ Summer camp

Maplegrove Center, a facility that helps families cope with chemical dependency problems, will host three free summer camps for children. Registration is required and enrollment is limited. Call (248) 661-6170. Parents can concurrently participate in adult programming including family communication discussions and effective decision making.

Dates and locations include 9 a.m. to noon June 23-27 at Maplegrove Center, 6773 West Maple Road and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 4-8 at Gilead Baptist Church, 12501 Telegraph Road.

■ Anxiety Disorders

Free mental health screenings will be offered throughout the remainder of May at the Center for the Treatment of Anxiety Disorders. You can speak with a mental health professional and learn ways to get help. If persistent, anxiety can develop into an anxiety disorder. Call Carolyn Daitch, Ph.D. for a free appointment (248) 626-8151.

■ Tornado season

The American Red Cross urges southeastern Michigan residents to ready themselves for the 2003 tornado season. As with any disaster, preparation can be the difference between life or death.

The Red Cross recommends families create and practice a home tornado plan (unclutter an area where you can gather for shelter); assemble a disaster supplies kit (first aid kit, canned food, bottled water, battery powered radio, extra batteries, manual can opener); and heed storm warnings (know the difference between a watch and a warning). For more information call (313) 833-4440 or visit www.semred-cross.org

Botox treatment

The first step in turning back the hands of time



Deborah Aure-Vachon sits patiently while Dr. Michael Freedland readies her Botox injections.

BY LAURA COLVIN
CORRESPONDENT

For those who want to soften the effects of time but aren't ready for something as drastic and costly as a facelift, Botox may be the answer.

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, over 1.1 million Americans chose Botox last year as a means of smoothing the facial lines and wrinkles brought on by sun, smoking, genetics and age.

One session lasts about 10 minutes, and the result is a smoother, more youthful appearance.

"The life expectancy is increasing," said Dr. Michael Freedland, a plastic surgeon at Michael H. Freedland Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Bloomfield Hills. "People still feel young at 60 and remain very active. They don't want to look their age."

Botox isn't just for older adults. While it is approved to treat facial lines and wrinkles in people age 18-65, the ASPS reports highest use in those between 35 and 50.

The process is fairly simple, minimally invasive, and there's no recovery time. Botox is administered through small, precise injections, and works by temporarily paralyzing the muscles that cause skin to wrinkle.

The effects last about four months, but Botox won't work on every wrinkle.

"Botox works best in the upper third of the face, in the area between the eyes, on the crow's feet - those lines that form outside the eyes - and on the forehead," said Freedland.

Botox is a purified and diluted form of botulinum toxin A, a neurotoxin produced by clostridium botulinum - the bacteria that sometimes grows in canned food, and, when ingested, causes botulism poisoning.

Risks are minimal but can include allergic reaction, headache, bruising, numbness and swelling. Also of concern is a rare condition caused when Botox is administered to patients with very loose skin on the upper eyelid.

"If you use Botox on those patients, they're not going to be happy," said Freedland. "At the end of the day that loose skin begins to droop over the eyes and they won't be able to see."

Most practitioners recommend that patients seek a health professional who will perform a comprehensive evaluation and reduce the possibility of such complications.

"I think it's a good idea to go to a plastic surgeon," said Freedland. "I can say to that patient 'I can do the Botox, but here's what might happen.' In those cases, I can recommend other options for that particular patient."

LOW RISK FACTOR

The risk of serious complications is low, and Botox is enjoying enormous popularity.

According to Allergan, a specialty pharmaceutical

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Earlier referrals to hospice mean better quality of life

The hospice philosophy centers around providing comfort and dignity for the terminally ill, while bringing families together by involving loved ones in the patient's care.

Yet despite the peace and autonomy that hospice can bring, many families remain reluctant in their approach to admission into hospice care. Many people view admission into hospice care as a death sentence; it isn't. It is a life sentence. Many people view hospice care as "the end" or "giving up."

"We are experts at working through all types of pain right along with you," said Wendy Winkler, a registered nurse, clinical manager at Angela Hospice in Livonia. "We have support available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. We discuss your life with you, not your death."

Hospice care is a way for patients and their families to cope with and take comfort from facing the end of life. But admitting that a life-limiting illness is present in yourself or a loved one is a difficult step to make. The natural response to facing a terminal diagnosis can be a shocking and emotionally stressful time. The aim of hospice care all over the world is to ease patients and their families through this time, in as comfortable a setting as possible.

Earlier referrals to hospice care can greatly increase the comfort and decrease the pain of terminally ill patients. It is not necessary for a patient's doctor to refer them to hospice care. A patient can enter hospice by their own decision and will.

"We realize that it is a hard call to make for some people, because a change is happening and they aren't always

ready to accept that. But families of our patients always say they wish they had found us sooner," Winkler said. "We can be the eyes and ears of your doctor, we can bring everything to you while you stay at home and avoid long and expensive hospital stays. Our focus is on the emotional and physical care of patients, not just treating their illness."

The continuation of a happy, healthy, pain-free life is also a primary goal of hospice care. Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the first modern hospice in London in 1968, said: "You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully but to live until you die." No one wants to die alone or in pain. And few would choose to die in impersonal surroundings, hooked up by tubes to machines, and cut off from their family and friends and everything familiar to them. Hospice assures all its patients that they will not die in this manner. Rather they will spend their last moments at home, alert, free of pain, and among the people and things they love.

In 1999 nearly 2.4 million Americans died. Of those who chose to receive hospice care, 78 percent were able to spend their last days at home, or in a home-like environment, with their family and friends gathered around them.

WHAT IS HOSPICE?

The hesitancy on the part of patients toward hospice care often stems from two sources: first, they are afraid to accept that they are, in fact, facing the end of life, and two, they are not aware of

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Frequently asked questions about hospice care

When should a decision about entering a hospice program be made - and who should make it?

At any time during a life-limiting illness, it is appropriate to discuss all of a patient's care options, including hospice. By law the decision belongs to the patient. Many people are uncomfortable with the idea; they wish to continue their treatment and beat their illness. Hospice staff members are highly sensitive to these concerns and are always available to discuss them with the patient, family, and physician.

Can a hospice patient who shows signs of recovery be returned to regular medical treatment?

Certainly. If improvement in the condition occurs and the disease seems to be in remission, the patient can be discharged from hospice and return to aggressive therapy or go on about his or her daily life. Patients are also free to discontinue hospice care without signs of recovery. If at any time the patient no longer wishes to receive hospice care, regardless of the current status of their illness, they can withdraw from hospice.

How difficult is caring for a dying loved one at home?

Caring for a dying family member is never easy; in fact, it is often difficult. At the end of a long, progressive illness, nights especially can be very long, lonely and scary. Hospices have staff available around the clock to consult with the family and to make night visits as appropriate. In addition, the hospice team advises the family in how to care for their loved one at the time of admission.

What specific assistance does hospice provide to home-based patients?

A team of doctors, nurses, social workers, counselors, home health aides, clergy, therapists, and volunteers cares for hospice patients - and each provides assistance based on his or her area of expertise. In addition, hospices help provide medications, supplies, equipment, hospital services, and additional help in the home, as appropriate.

Does hospice do anything to make death come sooner?

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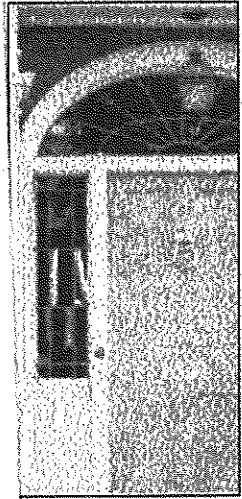
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Large homes sprout at golf course in country setting

Shinnecock Hills is the latest residential community built around Tanglewood Golf Course in Lyon Township.

The platted development consists of 54 lots, several fronting on the 18-hole public golf course or a nature preserve off 10 Mile just west of Chubb.

Hometowne Building Co. presents six different floor plans.

"I think the big draw is the great location of Lyon Township and its growth," said Patrick O'Leary, Hometowne owner. "More specifically the Tanglewood community is the leader in that market. Our high quality ... and designs round out our success."

"We wanted to capture some of the empty-nester market looking at a golf course community as a lifestyle decision as well as that family home buyer looking at a strategic location and grade school," he added.

"We've done very well. We couldn't be happier with our absorption," O'Leary said.

The homes range in price from \$339,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,340 square feet with three bedrooms and 2½ baths to \$379,900 for the same style home with 3,042 square feet, four bedrooms and 3½ baths. All the plans include at base price two-car garage, separate tub and shower in the master suite, fireplace, G.E. brand range, microwave and dishwasher, plus basement.

Wood flooring is standard in the foyer, hallway, kitchen/nook and half bath, ceramic in the laundry of the two-story plan where the laundry is upstairs. An additional floor covering allowance ranges from \$2,800 to \$3,600 per plan. The laundry is on the main floor in the other five plans at Shinnecock Hills.

"I think it's the whole concept of a golf course community ... even for those who don't golf ... that draws people," said Wendy Zucchetto, sales associate. "Everyone says Tanglewood has a great reputation."

"A lot of people like that new schools are going in across the street. It tells people they're not going to build commercial there. It tells people that South Lyon is a growing area," she added.

Shinnecock Hills is surrounded by golf courses, horse farms and open spaces. Kensington Metropark, Island Lake State Recreation Area, Maybury State Park and the city of South Lyon



This two story of 3,100 square feet contains four bedrooms and 2½ baths.

are nearby.

"All our (lot) fronts for the most part are over 100 feet or close to 100 feet," Zucchetto said. "Houses are spread apart. Hometowne is pretty strict about landscaping requirements."

"Visitors love the quality of construction. A lot of people love the design of the (model's) floor plan, the functionality of it. As for customer service, we do a 14-page punch list before you close and we have a quality assurance manager who walks people through," she said.

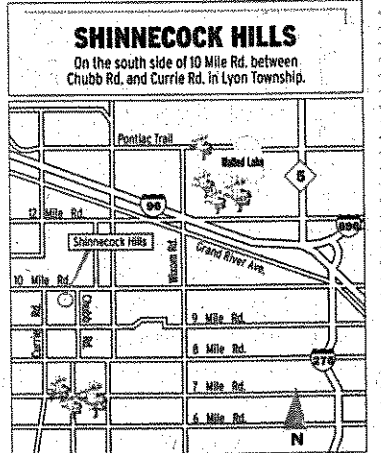
The model, a story-and-a-half of 2,825 square feet, contains a two-story foyer

with the steps leading upstairs tucked off to the side of the front door. A bridge overlooks the great room from the upper level. The main floor features a formal dining room; kitchen/nook with breakfast bar counter; great room with two-story ceiling and lots of windows; laundry; half-bath; and a den which can be converted into a guest suite by adding a full bath for \$7,900.

The master includes two vanities, a walk-in closet and a compartmentalized toilet. Two bedrooms, a full bath and a game room that can be used as a bedroom are upstairs. Base price is \$359,900. The model with upgrades probably would go for nearly half a million dollars. Brick and cement siding are primary exterior materials on all houses. Most available lots carry a premium ranging from \$4,000 to \$80,000.

Shinnecock Hills is serviced by a community water well and sewage system. It has sidewalks and is within the South Lyon public school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$28.46 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales



price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$350,000 home there would pay about \$5,000 the first year. The annual association fee is \$75.

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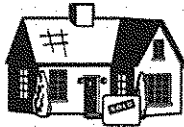


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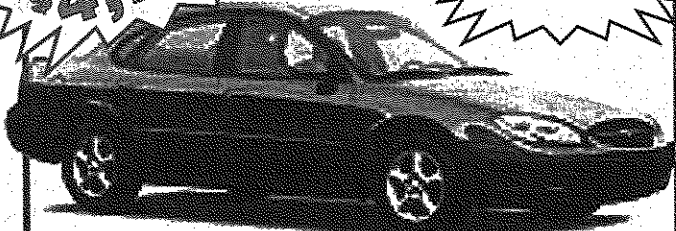
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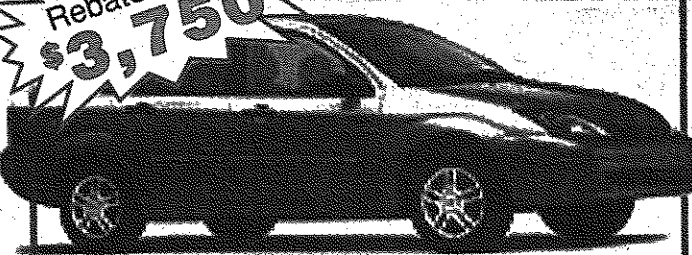
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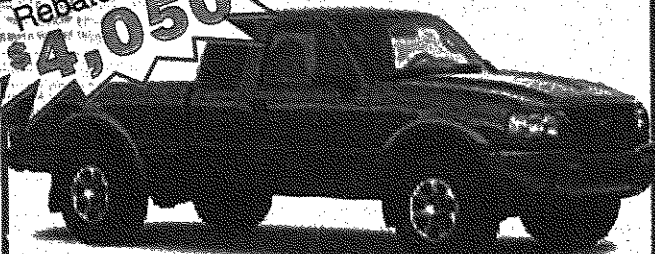
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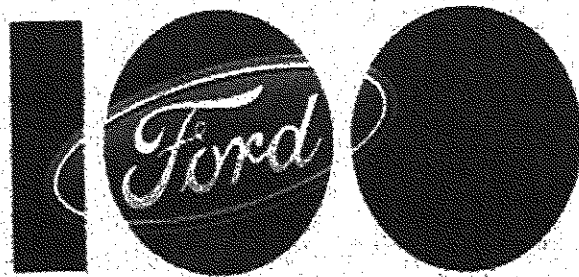
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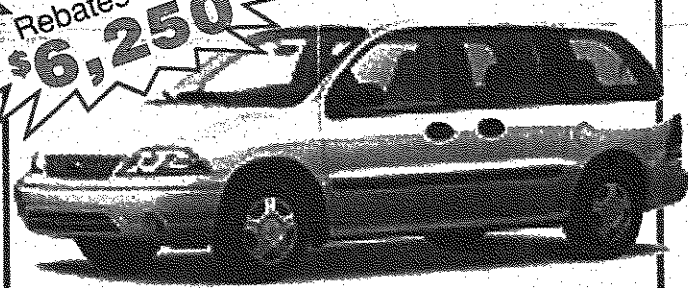
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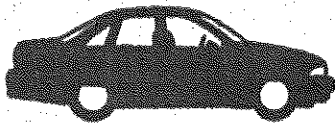
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Auto columnist Anne Fracassa is off this week. Filling in for her is Avanti News Features motorhome editor Marty Majchrzak. Write Marty at avanti1054@aol.com.

My wife Donna was awakened one morning by the sound of the doorbell. It was the drive-away service delivering our Fleetwood Southwind Storm motorhome that we were taking to Florida for a visit to Disney World.

I began to concentrate my thoughts on our trip that we had planned for months. So at 5:30 a.m. we hit high road. We visited all four parks at Disney, Universal Studios and even the Kennedy Space Center. We ran from early morning to late at night, and our Fleetwood kept up with us just fine. Donna came back home and said she had lost weight from all the walking in the parks.

Our campsite was in Fort Wilderness right on the Disney grounds, and we had bus transportation right down the road from our site. It took us where ever we wanted to go on the grounds. That was great.

After walking around in 100-degree heat, the Southwind Storm was a welcome sight at the end of a very long, hot day. The air conditioning was great. While we cooled off, I popped a cassette in the VCR and settled back with a Pepsi, relaxed and waited for my turn to use the shower.

We had no worries about running out of hot water because this baby delivered constant hot water. Even after four people went through the shower, there was still plenty of water for me. The Storm was the first motor home we had with a hide-a-bed. I have three children and this setup works the best for us. My sons Matt and Jason shared the hide-a-bed and daughter Amy slept in the dinette. The table dropped down and we laid the cushions across the tabletop, which made a perfect bed for Amy.

One of the highlights of this motorhome is the Smartroom that transforms right before your eyes. Simply turn a key, press a button and watch your bedroom transform itself into an open space, workroom, playroom or anything else you can imagine. Electrically driven and with modern décor, the Smartroom folds the bed into the wall and is a great way to get a lot more usable space.

After the bed is folded up into the wall, a desktop folds down if you want to create a computer station, or leave it up to create a playroom for the kids. This advantage gave us a lot more room to spread out.



PHOTO BY MARTY MAJCHRZAK

The Southwind Storm is great for camping trips.

Every morning I had the job of making breakfast. It sure was easy with the three-burner cook top stove with oven and microwave. We had eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, pancakes and, of course, orange juice. Just thinking about it makes me hungry. Lunch was easy. Sandwiches made of assorted lunch meats. Dinner was Donna's job. She prepared all her dinners at home before we left and froze them. The refrigerator and freezer took care of all of our dinners and the microwave took care of heating them back up to eat. It worked out great. After being gone all day we knew that when we returned home we could eat right away.

The Storm we had was a 32-footer with a slideout that was very user-friendly and gave us plenty of space. I was glad to see a climate-control system that keeps the temperature just right and allows you to run both central air units at the same time. Amy accidentally hit the living room thermostat on our way out and when we got back to the motorhome there was frost on the windows.

If power is what you need, the Ford chassis with a V10 Triton motor is a good match. Our average speed was 70 miles per hour and we were able to manage more than 8 mpg on a 2,400-mile trip.

After driving a long distance, I turned on the generator for the central air and went to sleep. After an eight-hour rest I woke up to find that the generator didn't use hardly any gas -- another plus. The only true fault I found with the Southwind Storm was the

placement of lighting and electrical outlets. Lighting on the inside was plentiful but my wish is for more wall-mounted switches. Everything was done by reaching overhead.

A light in the storage compartments and the dump center would help when you're out there at night. Outlets need to be placed in more convenient areas. For example, there is an outlet in the dining area under the table mounted to the booth at your feet. We couldn't find one appliance with a cord long enough to plug into that outlet except a vacuum cleaner.

For the amount of options that were on this tester, not including the Smartroom like power roof vents, a Winegard satellite dish and a Panasonic VCR, the tested price of \$82,647 is very reasonable and a good value for your investment.

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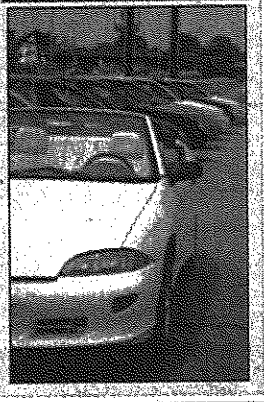
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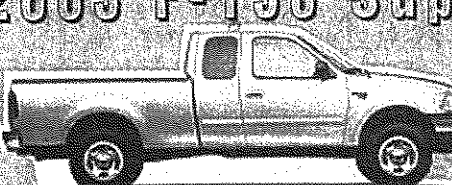
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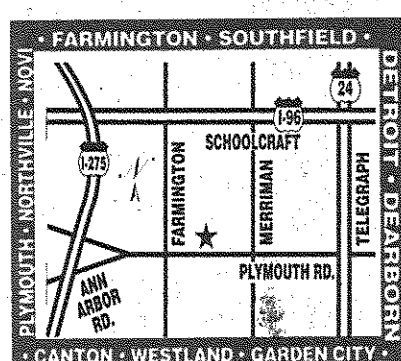
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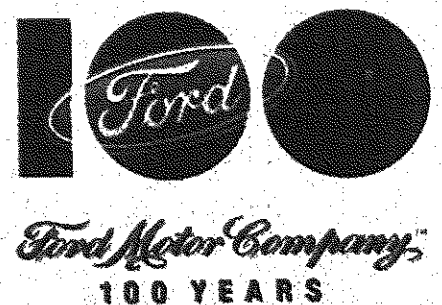
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