

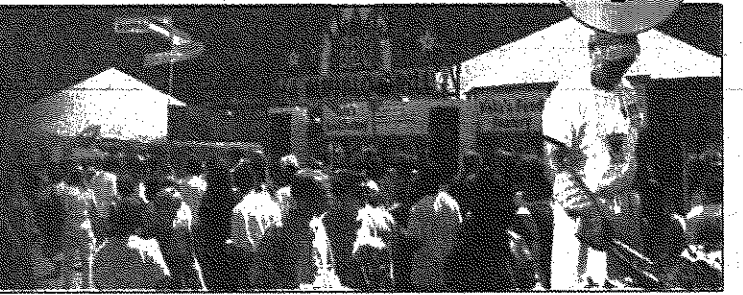
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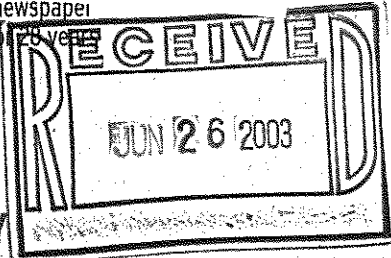
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Deadline extended

The deadline to nominate your favorite landscaped area for a Design Excellence Award has been extended to Monday, June 30. The new Design Excellence Awards promote excellence in landscape design and maintenance. Awards will be based on originality, innovation in creativity, and compatibility within the area. Nominations will be grouped by areas for judging which will take place in July. Awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in August. Nomination forms are available on Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org and at the Summit on the Park, at Canton's Administration Building and at the Canton Library.

As you drive around Canton, look for someone's property you would like to nominate for this first annual Design Excellence Award. Send nomination forms by June 30 to: Canton Design Excellence Award, c/o Neighborhood Coordinator, 1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton, MI 48188.

The Design Excellence Awards are being sponsored by Canton's Council for Community Excellence. If you have any questions, e-mail www.excellence@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5165. Information about the Council for Community Excellence can be found at www.canton-mi.org.

Friends for life

Laura Demsky, Catherine Srodawa, Lindsay Young, Amanda Paden, Pam Reasor and Caitlen Douthitt graduated this year. To honor their friendship and their graduation, they had a photograph taken of all of them together before college and life take over. Most of the friends have known each other since



kindergarten at Farrand, all of them since Central Middle School. Throughout their years in high school - all of them went to Canton, except Young, who went to Salem - they had special outings. All are honor roll students and each has been involved in school activities including student council, golf, swimming or cross country track teams.

Demsky is going to Eastern Michigan University. Srodawa and Reasor are headed to the University of Michigan, and Young, Paden and Douthitt are bound for Michigan State University.

The friends already have a reunion planned so they stay friends throughout their college years.

Canton woman faces loss of her home

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM AND JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITERS

A Canton woman is afraid that she may lose her home - for the second time in three years.

Lorraine and husband Rick

Carell lost their home on Wedgewood for the first time on Aug. 7, 2000, when it exploded from an apparent gas leak. A new home was rebuilt later on the same site.

Now the Carells and their homeowners insurance compa-

ny, State Farm, are being sued by Citizens Insurance of Howell, the homeowners insurance provider for two of Carell's neighbors whose home was damaged in the blast.

The \$316,000 lawsuit, filed Jan. 30, claims that the Carells

did not properly maintain their furnace and other gas appliances.

"If I lose this, I'll lose my home," Carell said, adding that her homeowners insurance will only cover \$300,000.

She and her husband both

sustained injuries in the 2000 explosion. She suffered burns on her face and body and in the trachea and lungs. She was hospitalized in the University of Michigan Trauma & Burn

PLEASE SEE HOME, A4

Liberty Fest

Liberty Fest draws record crowds

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

"The weather was perfect." That was the assessment of Bob Dates, the organizer of Liberty Fest, who's been putting the event together for the last 12 years.

As the major activities were getting under way Saturday morning, Dates was setting up the information tent on the edge of Heritage Park.

"We usually have to put the sides up on the tents," he said. "This year the sides are coming down."

And that was true for all the tents throughout the park. "This is absolutely the best weather we've had in the 12 years of the festival," he said. "We've had some nice days in the past, but there's usually one or two where the weather's bad. We've never had a full four days of weather like this."

Temperatures were in the 80s and the skies were cloudless. Even the Saturday night weather was perfect for the fireworks - clear skies and temperatures in the 60s.

While he didn't have an actual figures on how many people attended this year's event, Dates said it was the largest crowd they had ever had.

"I've been out for every major event we've ever had at the park," he said on Sunday. "Last night at the fireworks there were more people here than I've ever seen before."



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Alexandria Suchy-Mabrouk (left), Yasmienne Mabrouk, Alena Weiss, Cassandra Suchy-Mabrouk, and Erik Mabrouk, sit and watch the fireworks at Canton's Liberty Fest.

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Singh Development

Trustees accept new development

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A 133-acre planned development district at the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes roads received approval

Tuesday night from the township's Board of Trustees.

The Charing Cross PDD, a project of Singh Development, will

PLEASE SEE ROAD, A4

Library prepared to forgo dollars in wake of ruling

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton Library Director Jean Tabor is prepared to say goodbye to federal money and potential federal grants in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that says government can require libraries to filter all computers connected to the Internet.

From the Canton library, the answer is no. "I am sure our board will not change," Tabor said.

The ruling upholds the Children's Internet Protection Act, signed into law by former President Bill Clinton in 2000. It requires public libraries that receive certain types of federal money to install filtering software to prevent access

by minors to "inappropriate matter" on the Internet.

That means the Canton library is willing to forgo approximately \$11,000 in federal money used for the telephone system rather than filtering all of its computers for public use.

The library will also pass on federal grant opportunities, for which

the application process is considered cumbersome, particularly in light of the amount of grant money that can be obtained.

"It is not going to have that much of an impact on us," Tabor said.

The Internet Protection Act landed in the U.S. Supreme Court when it was challenged in April

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Mural brings out Canton's creativity

BY LAURA COLVIN
STAFF WRITER

Kelly Tabaka believes that everyone has a creative side, and Saturday she provided residents at the Liberty Fest with paint, brushes and the encouragement they needed to prove it. Tabaka, 21, a Plymouth Canton High School graduate, conceived and oversaw the creation of a large community mural, encouraging about 150 participants to produce a self-portrait on the 18- by 7-foot canvas.

'I wanted it to be a reflection of the people and unity in the community. A lot of people get hung up on making it look good. They think they have to draw things the way they look, but that's not what art is about. Art is about expression.'



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6-year-old Haley Navari (left) paints a self-portrait on a mural project by Kelly Tabaka.

Kelly Tabaka
Plymouth Canton graduate

The people that came out had a good time," said Tabaka, who recently earned a bachelor of fine arts in art education from Michigan State University. "At times I had 15 people working on the mural at one time, which was a lot of fun."

The end result: A colorful work of art representing the many faces and personalities that make up the community.

"I wanted it to be a reflection of the people and unity in the community," Tabaka said. "A lot of people get hung up on making it look good. They think they have to draw things the way they look, but that's not what art is about. Art is about expression."

Tabaka enjoys all types of art, but specializes in painting and photography. Her passion for art began when she was very young, and she recalls hours spent drawing the cartoon characters she saw on television.

"It's the best way I can express myself," she said. "I like to translate what I see into works of art rather than speaking or writing about it."

In addition to her own work, Tabaka enjoys helping others find their creative side, and plans to become an art teacher. Her big dream, she said, is to become a curator of education at a museum.

She is currently employed by the Michigan State University Museum during the school

year, and works for the Plymouth-Canton Kids Time program in the summer.

"I like to bring out real art projects for the kids," she said, "not crafty stuff like paper cups growing hair. If you let them use canvas and acrylic paint, they feel like they're creating real art."

Tabaka got involved with the Liberty Fest mural project after meeting Canton Township performing arts coordinator Jennifer Tobin while volunteering at Discovery Middle School. Tobin was impressed with Tabaka's creativity and organizational skills, she said, noting that an organized artist is not always easy to come by.

"When Kelly told me about her idea for the mural, I thought it was the perfect thing for the Liberty Fest," she said. "It's a neat project because it is created by the community."

But plans for the mural's future are uncertain at this time.

"If anyone would like a large mural to temporarily display in their place of business, we'd be glad to loan it out," Tobin said. "Maybe we can pass it around the community so everyone can enjoy it."



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And the winners are

(From left) Jannie Kozlowski, Keyan Klupacs, Issac Bessey, Kaitlyn Campbell, Jillian Yuhas and Kyle Patel were the winners of the annual Canton Observer pie-eating contest, one of the events that kicked off the Liberty Fest June 19 in Heritage Park.

Red, white and blue defines festival

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

If there was one theme apparent in this year's Liberty Fest, it was patriotism. Red, white and blue bunting was everywhere and American flags were the order of the day.

The 9 a.m. parade set the tone. Even elected officials were being patriotic, though a little self-promotion was involved.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Canton trustees, dressed in red, white and blue, marched behind a big elephant (a statue of course) on a trailer.

The elephant was draped with red, white and blue bunting.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-

Livonia) all had their own slots with a red, white and blue theme. LaJoy walked with a contingent carrying a huge American flag.

The Plymouth-Canton chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America drew applause from the crowd when it did a drill team exercise near the Veterans Memorial.

Even some vendors got into the act. The Great American Diner was selling "freedom fries" to accompany the hot dogs.

Vietnam vets had a booth where they were selling custom made dog tags. And next to them, a new participant this year was Michigan Military Moms, recruiting members and selling yellow ribbons (for \$2 apiece) and yard signs reading "I Support My Country and My Troops" for \$5.

The booth was manned by Peg Krueger of Canton and Genevieve Bogedin of Westland.

"We're here to get our name out," Krueger said. "We're such a new organization and there are many people who don't know about us."

Bogedin was a founding member of the organization that was started last July. "We started with eight

members," she said. "We now have 190."

Krueger and Bogedin described the organization as a support group.

"People can't understand what it's like to have a child in the military unless they've gone through it themselves," Krueger said. "Our group is for the moms — from the time their sons or daughters are recruited all the way through their active duty status. All the area military recruiters know about us. They direct the families to us."

Krueger's son, a corporal in the Marine Corps, was discharged last week after returning from Iraq a month ago.

Bogedin's son, a lance corporal in the Marines, was on his way back from Iraq even as his mother was working the booth.

The group meets the second Thursday of every month in the VFW Hall in Dearborn for a business and social meeting. Support meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

For more information on the group, call (313) 386-8035 or e-mail smsk@aol.com.

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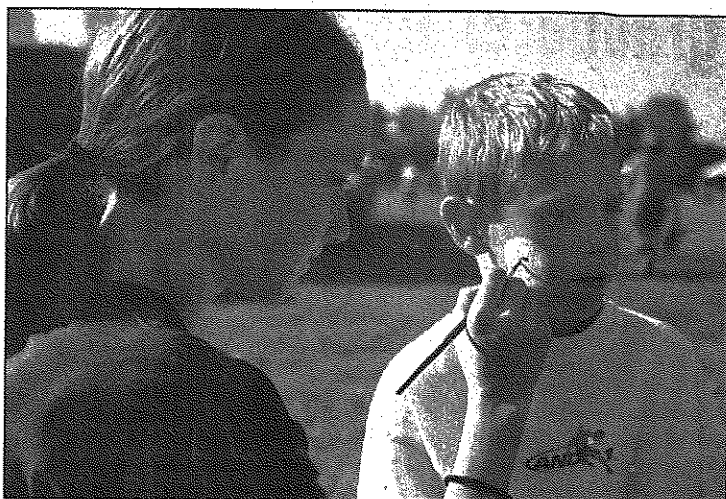
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Sean Driscoll gets a soccer ball painted on his face by Caitlin Gromacki at Canton's Liberty Fest.

PARADE

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This was their first visit to Canton's Liberty Fest.

"We wouldn't have known about it if it weren't for Christie being in the band," Diane said.

But they were impressed. "We're going to go to the fireworks and all the fun stuff," she said.

When the roughly hourlong parade was over, Diane was even more impressed.

"It was great," she said. "It was much better than the Memorial Day parade in Plymouth. That was real small."

They weren't the only ones to have heard of the parade from a child. The Northville Arabian Club was there complete with riders on horseback and walkers on foot.

"A Canton girl rides horses there," Bolden said. "And she said she'd like to see them take part in the parade. We invited them and they did."

Bolden said 65-70 units participated this year.

"A few came in at the last minute," he said. "Like the mini-dump trucks. That's always good."

Bolden said the Salem and Plymouth cheerleaders and the Canton Fire Department's Clown Unit were among the crowd favorites.

"They especially like the clown routine where one of the clowns falls off his mini-bike and others rush over to the scene with a stretcher," he said. "Then they put the bike on the stretcher and run off. They liked that."

And the Canton Public Library's newly formed Library Cart Drill managed to inadvertently silence the parade watchers momentarily with one of their routines.

After doing some circles with their library carts, they lean forward on one knee, put a finger to their lips and say "Shhhh!" At a couple of points the spectators stopped talking. When they realized what was going on - librarians shushing people - they laughed.

"It was a really good parade," said library Director Jean Tabor, who marched behind the drill team.

For Debbie Zevalkink, who helped Bolden organize the parade, the Plymouth Canton Marching Band was a big hit. "They're very big," she said. "And very good."

Bolden said next year he hopes to get the bands from Van Buren and Wayne-Westland to participate.

"This year they had a band camp," he said.

And Bolden's already started planning for next year.

"Debbie and I started comparing notes on Monday," he said. "I'd like to get more entries next year. And there's still a lot of people who don't know about it."

While some wondered if there were any plans to take next year's parade out onto a main thoroughfare, instead of containing it inside the park, Bolden said he didn't think so.

"I still like the intimate road we have it on," he said. "And it also helps with the crowd by drawing them into Liberty Fest."

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Creativity rules with crafters, vendors

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Craftspeople at this year's Liberty Fest found themselves with more room and more privacy than in previous years.

Instead of being packed into two or three large tents, each vendor had his or her own white tent, set up lining the paddle boat pond.

Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D&M Art Studio in Canton, liked the new setup.

"It's more of a festival atmosphere," she said.

Dillenbeck has had a booth at every Liberty Fest since the event started except for last year.

"I had to take a break," she said.

Because of her seniority she had dibs on the first tent, on the northeast side of the pond.

"We're here for the Thursday concerts in the park," she said. "This is our spot."

So how were sales going?

"In this economy people are being really picky," she said.

"But in my heart's heart, we're doing much better than I expected. People are coming with a really positive attitude."

Dillenbeck said one woman came in and said, "I'd like that big water color, but it's too big."

Dillenbeck told her to come back in a couple of hours.

"I repainted it and made it half size," she said. "She bought it."

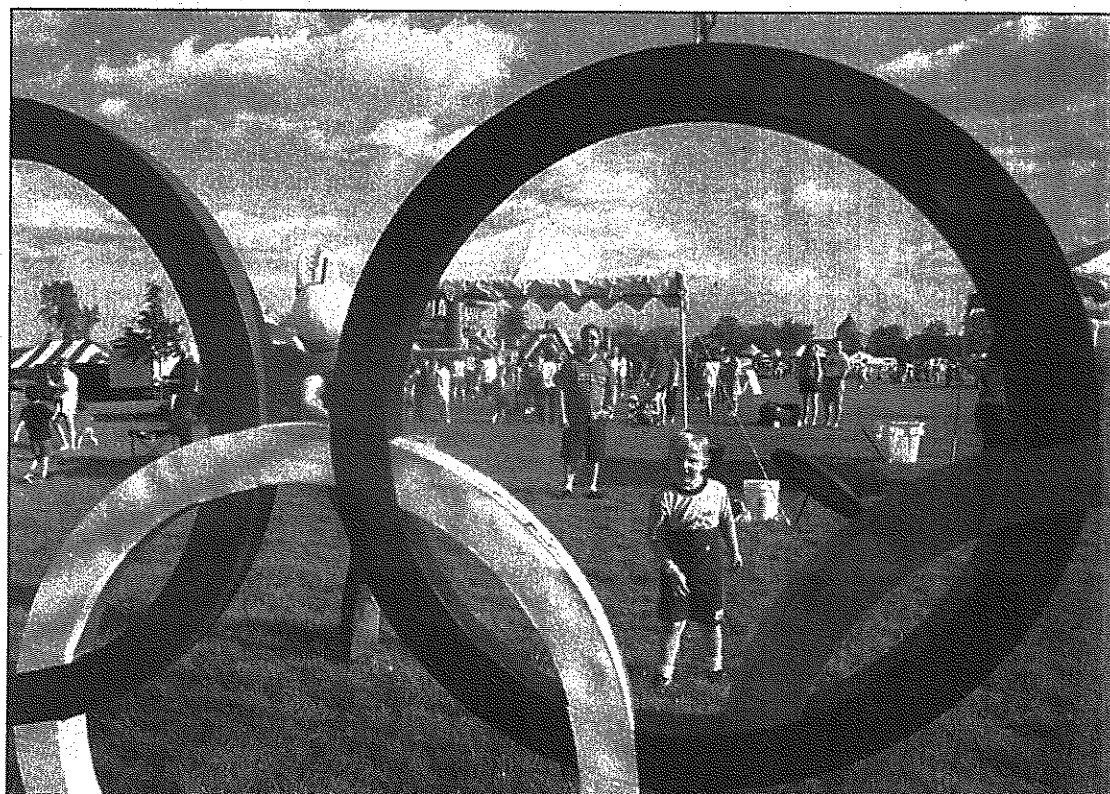
Dillenbeck's daughter, Kristin, 20, a math major at MSU, had her own booth for the first time next to her mother's. Kristin was doing face-painting for the kids, but also offering her own artwork for sale.

"I sold a big watercolor of flowers," she said. "It was my first sale to non-relatives. I'm excited."

But there was more than artwork available from the various vendors.

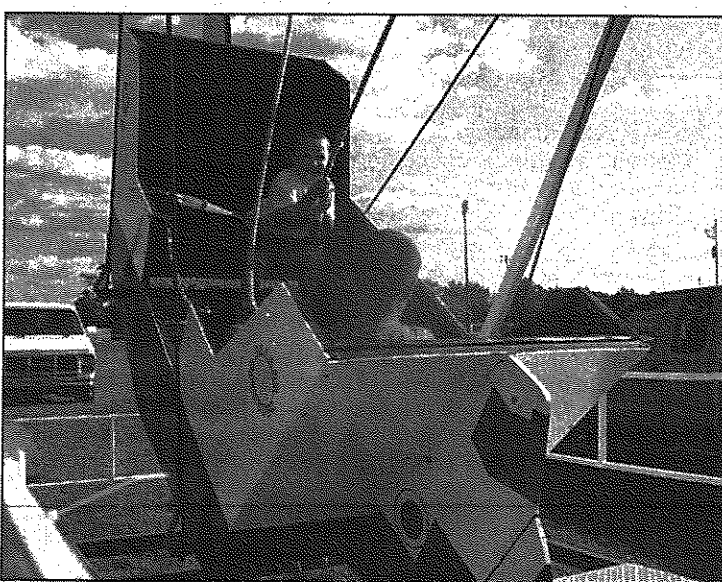
One tent offered homemade dog biscuits and treats. Another was selling colorful dog collar covers.

And next door Joe and Mary Hehir of Plymouth were selling their homemade soaps and shampoos - for both people and dogs. Their Body and Soul Soaps are billed as 100 percent natural vegetable blend. Joe manufactures them and Mary



4-year-old Eric Dorais tries to throw a Frisbee in the colored rings for a prize.

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Matthew Kopchal and dad David ride on the Dragonfly at Canton's Liberty Fest.

packages and markets them out of their home.

Down the pond a ways, Mary Beth Zakana was selling jars of José Madrid Salsa. The specialty product was named after her grandfather, who lived in the unsettled New Mexico Territory in the early 1900s.

There were plenty of tasters, and buyers, for the succulent sauces, which ranged from a raspberry concoction to a purely pepper lip burner that

was labeled "stupid hot."

While José Madrid is the official name, Zakana said when she's in Michigan she refers to it as "national champion salsa." She's from Columbus, Ohio.

One of the hottest-selling items was a Rube Goldberg contraption called a marshmallow launcher. Made of PVC pipe with a half-dozen joints and twists, the gadget shoots tiny marshmallows when you

blow into one end. It seemed like half the kids at the Liberty Fest - and even some adults - were walking around with the non-lethal weapons.

And selling them, from a booth beside the pond, were ... well, kids themselves. Samantha Reynolds, 18, Glenn Young, 17, and Keith Burns, 13, all from Lake Orion, made the drive to Canton to market their product, which they "manufacture" and sell out of Glenn's garage.

They've even given their business a name, Marshmallow Mania.

How did they come up with the idea?

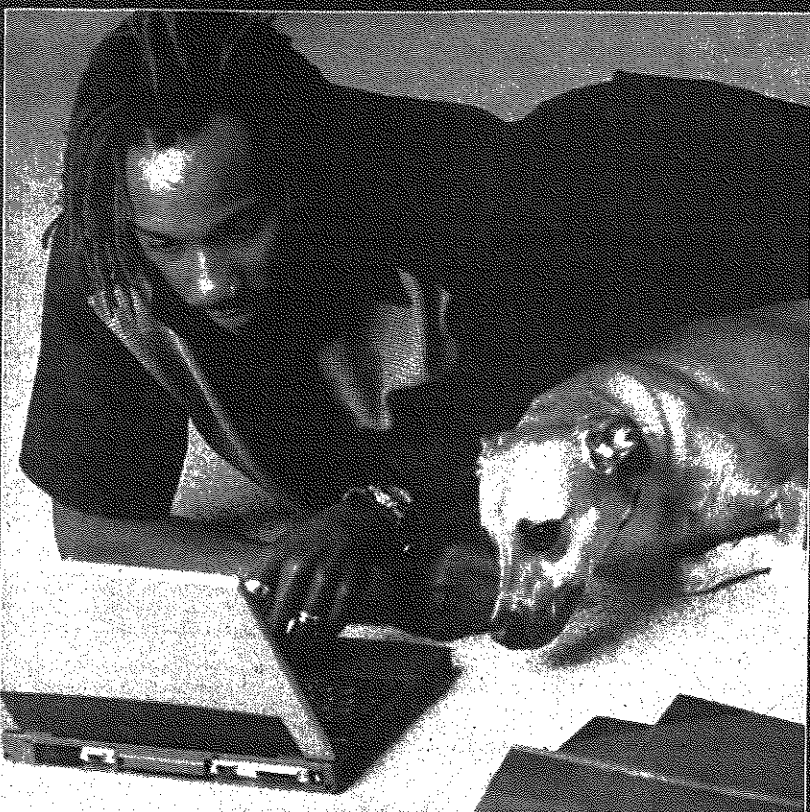
"Boredom," Glenn said. "We were just sitting around one day thinking of ideas. This is sort of like a blowgun."

And Keith credited the idea with winter - nothing to do. "It's similar to a paintball gun," he said. "This is our first show," Samantha said.

At \$5 a pop (no pun intended) the launchers were going fast. Samantha said by the time Sunday was over they would probably have sold 500 of the gadgets. But by midafternoon they had sold out and closed shop.

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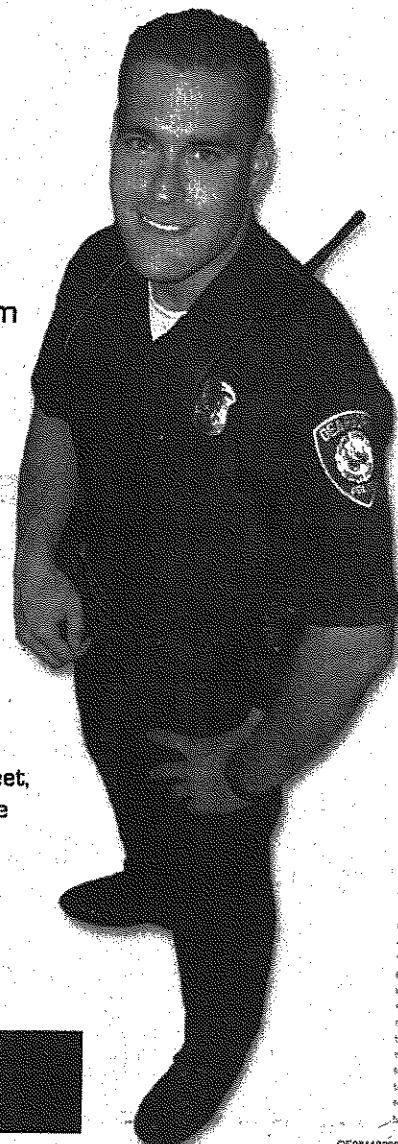
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Center and was heavily sedated on morphine for some time.

Carell maintained that she was still able to communicate with her husband even while sedated.

"I don't know if you'll believe this or not, but when I was in the morphine-induced coma, I heard Rick say, 'Don't leave me.' I told him, 'I'm not going.'"

When she finally recovered enough to come home, her husband, Rick, started becoming gravely ill. He could not eat, and by January 2001 - five months after the explosion - he was in severe pain.

"After losing my house, I lost my husband to pancreatic cancer," Carell said of Rick, her husband of 33 years. He died in April 2001, just eight months after the explosion.

Lorraine Carell, too, fought her own battle with cancer before the explosion, but managed to overcome it.

The pending lawsuit, she says, is the "icing on the cake."

"I just thought things had settled down," she said.

"Then in February I got served with a subpoena. They did it on a Saturday when I couldn't get hold of anybody."

The lawsuit alleges that the Carells were negligent in failing to have properly installed parts on their furnace, failure to have the gas service checked periodically, failure to have the furnace tested regularly and failure to see that there was proper ventilation in their home.

"The furnace was installed in 1996," Carell said.

"My husband had it checked every fall."

After the explosion the Carells hired an attorney to see if they had any cause of damage.

"We had no case against MichCon or the people who installed the furnace," she said. "No one could agree on the cause of the explosion. Our attorney investigated, the insurance company investigated, the state of Michigan investigated."

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said based on his

department's investigation the cause of the explosion is listed as undetermined.

"We were reasonably sure it was a gas leak in the basement," he said. "We had our eye on a couple of things, a joint in a pipe down in the basement for one."

He said the department sent some of the pipe out for testing.

"There were some damaged threads," he said, "but they couldn't determine if the damage occurred before or after the fire. We know it was a gas explosion. We would like very much to know what happened."

Jim Raftery, an attorney retained by State Farm to represent Carell in the suit against her, agreed with that.

"No one wants to have their house blown up," he said. "We should find out what happened."

Raftery said his office is just conducting discovery in the case.

"The fire was extensively investigated by a number of different experts," he said. "The cause was never determined. As far as I know, nobody knows why this explosion occurred. But it was never attributed to anything Mr. or Mrs. Carell did."

Citizens paid off the claim from Carell's neighbors and is now attempting to recoup that money from Carell and State Farm.

As to why Citizens Insurance waited so long to file the suit, Raftery said he had no idea.

"I'm waiting to find out," he said.

"Typically you investigate a lawsuit first before filing it. She (Mrs. Carell) is as surprised as anyone that this happened."

The lawsuit has been assigned to Wayne County Circuit Judge Warfield Moore for review in October, but Raftery said that could change.

"It's a complicated case," he said.

Michael Black, an attorney with Black and Duggan, representing Citizens in the suit, would not comment on the case.

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Leadership Canton program graduates its ninth class

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Todd LaJoy grew up in Canton, went to Plymouth-Canton schools and returned after his college graduation. The icing on the cake was being the son of former township Trustee Phil LaJoy.

"You kind of think you know what's going on the community," said LaJoy, who with his brother, Chris, owns LaJoy Group, an employee staffing company.

After graduating in May from the 2002-2003 Leadership Canton program, LaJoy now realizes that he didn't know all that he thought he knew about Canton.

"I thought it was a lot of fun," LaJoy said, about the nine-month program. "I personally came away with knowing more about how the community works."

The program, which began nine years ago, was designed by chamber leaders and township officials as a means of developing skilled and motivated leaders for the community.

"Each session is on leadership," said Diane Cojei, chamber executive director.

The monthly sessions cover community development, business and economic development, health and human services, local and state government, education, public safety and the justice system and challenges of the future.

"Mostly, we introduce them to what the community is about," Cojei said.

In addition to the individual sessions, students are faced with working on one of two projects. This year's projects were a video on the history of Canton Township, and the second was an in-depth look into options available to businesses and apartments for recycling.

"They gave a lot of options to start," Cojei said, about the recycling project.

LaJoy worked on the history video.

"I have lived here since 1976. I knew the history from that point."

He found it interesting to learn of the early Canton settlers and to recognize the names of their descendants

today in the community.

LaJoy encourages other community members to participate in the program. "I loved learning the details of how the community works, how the planning commission works and of meeting key people," he said.

The networking with other residents, business owners and township employees, a by-product of the sessions, were particularly helpful to LaJoy.

Already, applications for the 2003-2004 Leadership Canton program are available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office, 5820 Canton Center Road, Suite 110.

Scholarships to help with the \$800 cost of the program are available.

One-third of the proceeds from the chamber's annual wine tasting event are devoted to providing those scholarships.

"Last year, the class was filled fairly early," Cojei said. "If you can take it, do it."

The graduates of the 2002-2003 Leadership Canton Class are:

■ Renee Armstrong, Charter Township of Canton.

■ Katharine Bovitz, Katie Bovitz Designs.

■ Michelle Burger, New Liberty Bank.

■ William Campbell, Senior Alliance.

■ Aldona Chew, Bank One.

■ Gloria Hammonds, Canton Lion's Club.

■ Carolyn Harris, National City Bank.

■ Kay Hartman-Kuck, Canton Historical Society and Ford Motor Co.

■ Peg Krueger, Canton Community Foundation.

■ Todd LaJoy, LaJoy Group, Inc.

■ Thomas Misco, DTE Energy.

■ Gina Peterson, YMCA.

■ Marion Rozum, MSA Delivery Service.

■ Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

■ Kevin Scanlon, Canton Public Library.

■ Kim Scartelli, Curves for Women.

■ Patricia Van Dusen, Charter Township of Canton.

■ Shelly Van Riper, Oakwood Healthcare System.

Students honored for their volunteer efforts

Three local students are among the 40 Michigan winners announced by Kohl's Department Stores its Kohl's Kids Who Care volunteer recognition program. Each student will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card and be eligible for additional recognition, including \$1,000 and \$5,000 scholarships for their post-secondary education.

Area winners include Rebecca Lawton, 8, of Plymouth, who volunteered at

the local veterans hospital where she assisted disabled veterans with their daily activities; Aidan Yee, 9, of Plymouth, who raised money for the Salvation Army by volunteering as a bell ringer; and Brian Holowecky, 16, of Canton, who volunteers every Saturday in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy Hospital helping both staff and patients.

"Year after year, we are impressed by the generosity

and creativity of young people who are dedicated to taking a part in bettering our communities," said Julie Gardner, senior vice president of marketing for Kohl's.

"Today's youth continue to make a difference in their communities and Kohl's is pleased to acknowledge their contributions through the Kohl's Kids Who Care program."

Kohl's Kids Who Care is a national volunteer recognition

program that honors youth, ages 6-18, for outstanding service to the community.

Kohl's store associates selected a total of 984 store winners from more than 7,300 nominations in two age categories, 6-11 and 12-18. Regional winners, to be announced in July, will compete for one of 10 national scholarships worth \$5,000 each.

National winners will be announced in August.

ROAD

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include 117 site condominiums and 150 attached units.

The attached units would be located near the intersection of Beck and Geddes, while the site condominiums would be in the west and north portions

of the site. A total of 61.5 acres will be preserved as open space.

The original plan raised concerns in the Planning Department and the Planning Commission over various points. But Township Supervisor Tom Yack said after meeting with the developers and working out details, the project was acceptable.

A traffic study had indicated that while the service at the intersection is currently acceptable, once the Charing Cross project and other residential projects in the area are completed it will be at an unacceptable level.

Under the agreement Singh will contribute \$64,000 toward the intersection improvement at Beck and Geddes. It will also enhance the landscaping features there to create a "gateway" to Canton.

The company also agreed to provide 3,000 feet of easements to allow for the construction of a portion of the Rouge walkway system, a project of the Leisure Services Department. The value of that

easement is estimated at \$50,000.

Singh also pledged \$35,000 toward the construction of the pathway system.

"The original plan called for four-car garages," Yack said at the meeting. "Staff indicated the front yard setback would be encumbered by that."

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing Singh, said that portion of the plan had been withdrawn.

"I want to commend the petitioners and planners for doing great work in the design," Yack said. "They've paid lots of attention to architectural studies."

The request received unanimous approval, with Clerk Terry Bennett absent.

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OBITUARIES

Carl William Mau, Jr.

Services for Carl Mau, 60, of Plymouth were held June 25 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jeffrey R. Maxwell of First United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Mr. Mau was born Sept. 1, 1942, in Detroit and died June 22 in Plymouth. He was a superintendent for Ford Motor Company for 30 years. He retired in 2000. He was commander of the American Legion Post #346, who enjoyed cooking, golfing and fishing.

Survivors include wife of 38 years, Judith A. Mau of Plymouth; son, Scott Mau of Plymouth; daughter, Kimberly Ann Mau of Plymouth; parents, Harold Westfall and Anne Mau of Northville; sisters, Karen (Robert) Allerton of Livonia and Diane Kreimes; grandson, Xavier Kane; and also many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Groves-Walker American Legion Post #346, Farmington or First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Nedra Parrish

Services for Nedra Parrish, 82, of Canton were held June 23 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. James L. Rose officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West in Westland.

Mrs. Parrish was born Dec. 20, 1920, in Vortex, Ky., and died June 19 in Superior Township. Mrs. Parrish was preceded in death by her husband, Earl A. Parrish.

Survivors include brothers, Earl Patton of Kentucky, Albert Patton of Florida and James Patton of Kentucky; and sister, Orphia (James) Rose of Piqua, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Pamela J. Rodebach

Services for Pamela Rodebach, 50, of Livonia were held June 24 at the United Assembly of God Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Ken Hubbard officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Rodebach was born Dec. 12, 1952, in Hannibal, N.Y., and died June 20 in

Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Livonia community in 1976 from Alexandria Bay, N.Y. She was a member of the United Assembly of God Church in Plymouth. She was always full of joy. She and Larry had been married for 31 years. She was a loving wife, grandmother, sister, and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Rodebach was preceded in death by brother, Daniel Richardson.

Survivors include husband, Larry Rodebach of Livonia; children, J-Sun Rodebach of Taylor, Shanna (Matthew) McMaken of Plymouth, and Jamie Joy Rodebach of Livonia; grandson, Maxwell; brothers, Andrew Richardson of New York, Paul (Alberta) Richardson of Newark, N.J., Terry (Joyce) Richardson of Fulton, N.Y., Martin Richardson of New York, Melvin (Donna) Richardson of Lakeland, Fla., and Matthew (Ashley) Richardson of Mobile, Ala.; and sister, Lissa (Rev. Maurice) McCarthy of Geneva, N.Y.; in-laws, Lawrence (Alice) Rodebach of Dearborn Heights; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Assembly of God Church.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Harold W. Palm

Services for Harold Palm, 75, of Westland were held June 23 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Palm was born Jan. 15, 1928, in Defiance, Ind., and died June 19 in Westland. He was a salesman. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Palm was preceded in death by his son, Jeff Palm. Survivors include wife, Thelma E. Palm of Westland; sons Howard (Pamela) Love of Canton and Dennis Love of Westland; daughter, Cheryl Oxley of Tecumseh; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road,

Vernon "Frank" Massie

Services for Frank Massie, 67, of Canton were held June 25 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Donald Gregory of Faith Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Washtenong Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Massie was born May 10, 1936, in Laurence County, Ohio, and died June 20 in Livonia. He worked in drywall.

Survivors include wife, Laura Massie of Canton; children, Adam, Zakary and Rachel, Earl, Dean, Karl, Jackie Adams, Lance, Tony and Brenda; sisters, Gaynell McCoy and Ersa Kelly; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements made by John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home.

Muriel L. Chopp

Services for Muriel Chopp, 75, of Plymouth will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 27, at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Burial will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in

Northville.

Mrs. Chopp was born Oct. 10, 1927, in La Crosse, Wis., and died June 23 in Northville. Mrs. Chopp has been a resident of the Plymouth community since 1967. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She loved dancing, golf, travel, and playing bridge.

Mrs. Chopp was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Chopp; and brother, Dale Freehoff.

Survivors include children, Daniel L. (Jennifer M.) Chopp of Petoskey and Susan L. (Thomas S.) Close of Northville; grandchildren, Rachael, Ryan and Jordan Chopp, and Andrew, Sarah and Joseph Close; sister, Vivian Tauscher of La Crosse, Wisc.; brother, Robert Freehoff of Kenosha, Wisc.; sister-in-law, Sophie Freehoff of Onalaska, Wisc.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

LIBRARY

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this year by the American Library Association and the American Civil Liberties Union. The ALA argues that the law is unconstitutional and takes local control from libraries.

In the Canton library, computers used by children and teenagers are filtered. Unlike many libraries in the region, however, Canton offers adults a separate room - where patrons under 18 are not allowed - and 24 computers with unfiltered Internet access. Children are not allowed in the room - even with parents.

"I think our situation is as good as you can get," Tabor said. Tabor said Canton has always filtered computers in the children's department and she has no qualms with that. The Michigan Public Act 212 of 2000 requires libraries to guarantee that children are not exposed to sexually explicit or potentially dangerous sites.

But filtering computers that the adults use is another matter. Librarians argue that censoring what adults can access on the Internet is a First Amendment issue.

Additionally, they argue that

some filtering systems can block access to legitimate sites, while still allowing questionable sites to sneak through.

"Filters don't work. They give parents a false sense of protection. Kids are savvy. They know how to get around it," Tabor said.

Three types of filtering software are available, according to Carl Miller, the library's information technology specialist. The first method is by using a keyword. The second type of software looks at the graphic content on a site and determines how much skin tone is present. That doesn't work well, either. The example used is that a mosquito bite on a person's arm will show more skin content than an inappropriate photo of a woman wearing a mesh outfit.

The third type of software - the one used by the Canton library - is a subscription service in which people check out the Internet and its different Web sites and determine if they involve certain items, such as gambling, pornography and profanity. And yes, that is subjective. So far, the library has not received complaints.

"With this ruling, it's all or nothing," Tabor said, referring to the tie-in with federal monies.

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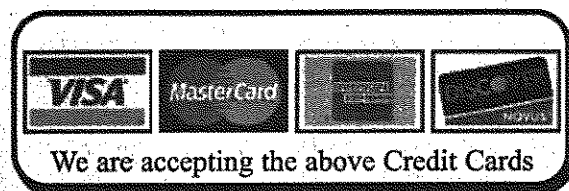
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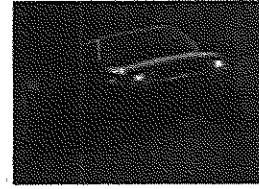
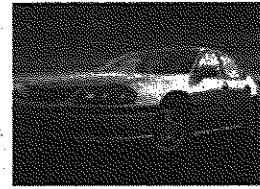
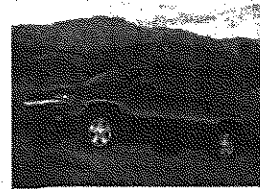
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OUR VIEWS

Put speed control in local hands

In the mid-1990s, a bicyclist was killed on Morton Taylor, between Ford and Saltz roads. Some homeowners and their children had the misfortune of being outside their homes at that very moment when the young man was struck by the car.

His death prompted outcries from homeowners who either face the roadway or back up to it. Their efforts and those of township officials were filled with months upon months of frustration as they fought to have the speed limit on Morton Taylor reduced. Before the man's death, the limit was 40 mph, admittedly far too fast on a residential road. Today, the 25 mph limit is fitting for an area filled with homes and kids.



LaJoy

In what will be Phil LaJoy's first public act, a bill that is expected to be signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm will give townships, such as Canton, a greater voice in setting speed limits on local roads.

A long time in coming, the bill would give townships an equal say, along with a county road commission and the Michigan State Police, in setting the limits. Right now, townships are controlled by the state police and county road commission.

LaJoy offers kudos to state Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick of Ypsilanti who initiated the effort last year. LaJoy's bill provides changes that meet the needs of the state police. The bills will be tie-barred.

In the case of Morton Taylor, township officials and homeowners eventually got the lower speed on the road. But it was the process of getting that limit that was so frustrating and unnecessary. It was a simple decision but the township had no real say or control over the process.

In effect, it took the death of a young man - and the tenacity of homeowners and township officials - to bring change to Morton Taylor. Without local efforts, state police and county officials would not have had a clue about a problematic speed limit on the road.

LaJoy's bill will go a long way in giving the township - and hence residents - a say in what happens in this community. Often, the state police and county officials are far too removed from a local community to have a sense of what needs to be done. This legislation brings government home.

Compromise needed on road funding plan

Gov. Jennifer Granholm set off a case of legislative road rage with her "Preserve First" plan to delay 34 road expansion projects until 90 percent of Michigan roads have been repaired.

Last week the state Senate voted unanimously to follow the House in restoring funding to the projects, many of which are already in the planning or preliminary stages.

The Senate vote is a victory for Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, who has been outspoken in her opposition to the governor's plan.

In a media release last week, Johnson said she objected to the process used by the governor and Department of Transportation Director Gloria Jeff in placing the projects on hold indefinitely.

Granholm took a back step last week and said she was willing to consider restoring some projects.

The governor made her initial decision in light of the state's tight budget and a shortfall in expected road funding.

While we generally endorse the governor's position that repairing existing roadways is the top priority, it is clear that she will have a hard time convincing the state Legislature. The governor should hold firm on vetoing the full package of 34 programs and then arrange a meeting with legislative leaders to work through a compromise.

Another voice in this argument has come from advocates for mass transit, who have always complained that mass transit has never received the 10 percent of transportation funding to which it is constitutionally entitled. They argue that funding either the road expansions or full maintenance takes funding from mass transportation.

As we see it, there is a real need for a master plan on roads and transportation. There needs to be a commitment to a transportation plan that takes into account what people want and also what that state needs to limit sprawl, cut pollution, reduce traffic deaths and provide service where needed.

Short term, Gov. Granholm must sit down with legislators and hear them out on the proposed road expansion plans and together make some tough decisions.



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Robonna Holman (left), Christina Radzilowski, Pam Popejoy, Karen Ballelli and Joy Mislevy participated in Race for the Cure June 21 as Team Canton. The employees rally for Popejoy, who is a breast cancer survivor.

LETTERS

It makes him mad

I won't be attending the Liberty Fest for the first time in four years this year. It makes me mad.

Why? It looks like Canton is trying to be more like Plymouth. Bikes are banned? That is the reason I stopped going to the festivals in Plymouth. The "people of excess age" must be complaining in Canton now, too, so let's ban bikes since the punk kids cause too many problems with "public safety."

Lets not consider that some of the older people in their 20s riding classic Schwinn's, etc., like to ride to the fest to show off their bikes while checking out the classic cars. They don't ride around running people over. The classic car lovers love to see Orange Krates since many owned one as a kid.

Plymouth tries to be Northville, Canton tries to be Plymouth. How pathetic. Excuse me while I puke up dinner.

Michael Lavander
Canton

What evil lurks

A Livonian, in all probability, although the miscreant could still prove to be from Redford, Canton, or Westland, has thought it cute and clever to order magazines using my name. I believe the action to be intended as retribution, but the individual with infirmities, condemned to a lifelong very low I. Q. may not know that his actions have caused several companies difficulty in administration. Then, it is possible that the misdemeanor was meant to at least mildly terrorize some of our nation's printers and publishers.

I have received a facsimile of the order cards and already know that the afflicted is a male, right-handed, not in his teen years, but older, with infirmities, and probably a lower-than-average I.Q. More will be known shortly and the punishable misdemeanor could shrink the pocket-book contents of the none-too-wise buffoon who, not able to succeed in discourse and debate on economic considerations, took the infantile road to tickle by subscribing to magazines in another's name.

Pity may be in order since it isn't caring and righteous to "fight" with an infirm coward. I may yet decide to laugh it off, as it were, rather than attempt to arrive at the court or the station. Usually, the unknowing liberal will fight the losing cause, the dead fish, to the final stink.

Beware when you write that the liberal mistakenly taken to the socialist point-of-view may travel the road to debauchery and devilment. What evil lurks in the liberal Marxist cranium? Or can you forgive, forget, and laugh at life's insignificant little problems. They know not what they do.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Reader remembers reporter

I am the son-in-law of Daniel Andrew, and the husband of Ann King. Two years ago, Ann gave Dan one of her kidneys. The article was written by Renee Skoglund for your newspaper, and at that time, Renee mentioned not feeling well and stepping back from some of her duties at the O&E. We lost touch after that, but I wanted to write and let you know how wonderful we all thought she was.

Renee came to Dan and Mary Lou's

home in May of 2001. It was surreal talking about the upcoming surgery, but Renee sensed our faith in God and the tight-knit family we held so dear. Her voice was soft but audible, and she took control of the question/answer sessions like no other. Hard to do with Ann's mom, but Renee never batted an eye; it was Renee's job and she loved it.

The surgery day came and there was a delay for Dan to come home due to some complications, but he, too, made it back to his home. We were surprised to see a front page/corner color picture referring to the article inside, and then found that the article covered almost two full pages! True to her word, Renee saw to it that the article was published for Father's Day 2001 in your *Observer & Eccentric*.

That Sunday paper must have sold very well, as extra copies of the article weren't plentiful when I went back to secure more.

The article went out to several friends and family that year, and Ann felt that Renee should have a gift of appreciation from our respective families. What about a fruit basket for Renee? She wrote back to us that she loved it. Renee had done a wonderful job writing that article, and I think she knew it.

According to Henry Ford Hospital, organ donation has increased each year since that article appeared in the O&E.

I didn't know Renee very well at all, but her compassion and determination for getting to the heart of our story was unsurpassed. I know she will be missed by her husband and children, but her wonderful writing will be missed by many readers who now know a little bit more about her and her passion for life's "real" stories.

Stephen W. King
Livonia

Saddened by death

With shock and sadness I read the article on Renee Skoglund's passing.

Last year, my husband and I met her when she wrote a front page article about his "Coming to America." She was a delightful person.

Our sympathies to her family and co-workers. May you find peace in knowing those she touched, even for a moment, loved her.

Joyce Weigel
Farmington Hills

Keep helmet law

As a survivor of both cancer and seizure disorders, I strongly oppose the idea of dropping Michigan's requirement that motorcyclists wear helmets. I wouldn't want anyone else to have to deal with either of these major medical problems.

We cherish the idea of a free society in which informed adults can make most of their personal decisions, but we also establish limits for the benefit of society as a whole. My cancer experiences have made me much more concerned about the harm done by other people's tobacco pollution (even though I never smoked). Likewise, having made adjustments in my lifestyle because of seizures (including not driving for eight months), I became

interested in the educational program and legislative goals of Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

Although most people dealing with epilepsy have not done anything to cause the condition, many others have experienced it because of a traumatic event - especially closed head injuries. Along with many other health groups, EFM is strongly against dropping our motorcycle helmet requirements. Epilepsy cost over \$12.5 billion in this country in 1995 - and probably much more now.

Medical insurance and public funds for medical care continue to escalate. Especially in this economic downturn, why should the public as a whole have to pay more taxes and more insurance premiums for situations that often can be avoided?

The emotional toll on victims and their families can be even more immense. Perhaps if the anti-helmets get better acquainted with people with epilepsy and other long-term medical conditions caused by closed head injuries, they may get a different perspective.

H. Bruce Carr
Farmington Hills

Don't raise SBT

Michigan's Single Business Tax is one of the most complex ways to obtain revenue from job creators in the nation. It requires compilation of revenue, payroll, inventory and dozens of other business accounting items, adding some together, subtracting others and creating good work for many accountants.

Now, some lawmakers who are opposed to cutting the state's budget are looking for new revenues by changing the past practices that have been used to determine the SBT burden on Michigan's companies - a burden that some national experts say push Michigan to the fourth highest business taxes in the country. Of course, these changes all result in higher tax revenues for the state - about \$100 million more in total.

These aren't loophole closings. They are fundamental changes in the state's tax system. They come at a time when Michigan's businesses are facing some of the toughest challenges they have faced in 20 years or more.

We don't need taxes. We need a state budget that is balanced.

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QUOTABLE

"It's a start. Townships were never allowed to have input into this process before. Is it perfect? Probably not, but it's a start. We have to work together to get things done."

- State Rep. Phil LaJoy, about his speed limit bill

Court chose right path in U-M affirmative action case

At a time when common sense, let alone sanity, is in short supply in our public affairs, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the University of Michigan affirmative action admissions policy cases is welcome.

The court ruled Monday that universities may continue to use race as a factor in achieving a diverse student body. The 5-4 ruling applied to the U-M's law school admissions process, which uses a relatively unstructured system to achieve a "critical mass" of diverse students. But in a split decision, the court also held, 6-3, that the method used by the U-M's undergraduate admissions — to assign an automatic 20 points to minorities out of a 150-point index — was unconstitutional.

Writing for the 5-4 majority opinion on the U-M law school admissions case, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote: "Our conclusion that the law school has a compelling interest in a diverse student body is informed by our view that obtaining a diverse student body is at the heart of the law school's proper institutional mission."

The key issue in both opinions, surely the most important having to do with affirmative action and higher education in a generation, was whether the country has a "compelling interest" in promoting diverse student bodies at universities. In the 1978 Bakke decision, the court ruled that race cannot be used to achieve a specific quota of races on campus, but that race could be used as a "plus" factor in granting college admission.

U-M President Mary Sue Coleman hailed the decision as "a tremendous victory for the University of Michigan, for all of higher education." She also said the university would modify its undergraduate admissions system to comport with the court's ruling.

I can't say the court's ruling was a surprise. To have flatly banned taking race into consideration in college admissions — an objective fervently wished by conservatives — would have thrown the entire higher education system in the country into turmoil and, very probably, would have resulted in the resegregation of college campuses. But U-M's excessively mechanical point-based undergraduate admissions system has always seemed to me the triumph of administrative expediency over fair-mindedness.

I served as a member of the university's Board of Regents while the affirmative action cases were being mounted, so I have some understanding of both the moral and practical issues lurking behind all the legal language.

The basic practical issue for years has been how the university could possibly sort through the 25,081 admission applications (in this case, for the class of 2002) for the 5,186 undergraduate places. With a limited number of staff, the U-M admissions office has for years argued the only way to sift through this mass of applications is to award points for things like standardized test scores, grade-point average, geography, athletic prowess and, of course, race.

When confronted with objections that the complex grids used to make admissions decisions looked pretty mechanistic and did not take individual potential into consideration, the office in essence argued it had no administrative choice. The university will now have to retool its admissions procedures to meet what everybody recognizes is still a nebulous standard as set out by the court.

The law school, with a far smaller student body, considered 5,243 admissions for the 352 places in the class of 2005. The school's admissions process was much more individualistic and, if I may say, consciously vague and indefinite. Were the admissions officers seeking a specific quota of minority students? No, but they wanted more than a minimum number. What was that? Can't really say. OK. Deliberately obscure rules yielded a desirable outcome, at least in the minds of this court.

Overall, I think the evidence is pretty clear that the system of college admission by affirmative action used by this country's elite universities over the past 25 years has produced exactly the objective intended: The middle and upper ranks of business, government and the military are now populated by people of many different racial and ethnic backgrounds. And the country is far stronger for it.

On the downside, I am afraid that in sanctifying "diversity" as a compelling social objective, the Supreme Court has accepted the device of defining individuals by their racial or ethnic origin in order to achieve a desirable social objective rather than considering individuals by their own merits. Plainly, a diverse society is far better than a segregated one. But a society that tolerates racial characterization as the price we pay for avoiding segregation is still a society that has a long way to go to achieve color-blind justice.

My sense of the Supreme Court's decisions is that the justices recognized both points of view and struggled to achieve an equilibrium of common sense. Both extreme liberals and ultra conservatives will be disappointed in its decisions — certain evidence the court chose the right path.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.s



Phil Power

Potter phenomenon unquestioned, despite being a mystery to me

My son says the tremendously popular, everyone-is-reading-them Harry Potter books are fun because they provide a sense of mystery, of magic, of fantasy.

I wouldn't know, because I've never even opened one, much less read even a single page.

According to 14-year-old Laura Sigler, who waited nearly six hours in line at Little Book Shoppe on the Park Friday for her reserved copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, that makes me uncool, although she does give me props for prodding my children to read the series.



Brad Kadrach

I simply don't get the phenomenon, but I guess that's to be expected considering I haven't read any of the books. Obviously, I'm in a pretty vast minority, given the fact nearly 400 people showed up Friday at Little Book Shoppe for the store's second Harry Potter party.

The store held a similar party for J.K. Rowling's last Potter offering, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, in the summer of 2000. That party

drew between 200-300 people, and store officials figured, with three years of anticipation before *Phoenix* was released, this year's bash would be bigger.

They weren't wrong. Nearly 400 people lined the aisles at the store, some arriving as early as 6:30 p.m., even though the publisher decreed the book couldn't be released until 12:01 a.m. Saturday. The store wasn't even opening until 11:30 p.m., but there the Potter faithful stood, lining up along Main and curving around onto Ann Arbor Trail.

While this party was demure by some standards — for instance, only a couple of people showed up in costume — the sheer size of the crowd was somewhat daunting.

Leanne Baranski, who coordinated the party for the bookstore, thinks she knows why it was such a big draw.

"I think because people have had to wait so long, it built up anticipation," said Baranski, who confesses she isn't a "huge" fan, but does like the books. "They really are good. They open up books to children who hadn't been reading. That's a good thing."

That seems to be the best part of the whole Potter explosion, one that seems to have taken even its author, the one-time single parent Rowling, by surprise. In television interviews this week, she expressed amazement at — and gratitude for — the phenomenon.

Rowling herself is an amazing story, a truly

prodigious example of the power of marketing. At one point she told Katie Couric she was "happy to be able to pay the bills." This from a woman who has turned a figment of her imagination into a \$600 million enterprise.

But the youngsters reading her books don't care anything about that. Juliana Sartor of Plymouth swears she's read each of the first four books "400 times." And this from a devout hater of trends who swore when the first installment came out that she'd "never read it."

But her aunt, knowing the lover of fantasy her niece truly was, bought the first volume and "forced me to read it," Sartor recalled.

"I read it, and I loved it," said Sartor, 14. "I loved the idea that that whole world could exist. The books have the message that there's always hope."

Parents seem to love the stories, as well, despite the lingering controversy that Rowling is espousing some sort of cultist appeal, that she's pushing the occult onto unsuspecting children.

After talking to many of the parents in the extraordinary line at Little Book Shoppe Friday, that doesn't appear to be a concern, at least around these parts.

What is of utmost concern, according to parents around here, is the fact these books get children reading.

"My kids were already readers, but (Potter books) got kids reading who weren't reading before," said Cheryl Burris of Plymouth. "That's a wonderful thing."

Her daughter, Edra, agreed. "I don't want to put them down," the 12-year-old said. "You have to find out what's on the next page."

Back to Laura Sigler, the 14-year-old who told me I was uncool because I hadn't read the books. She and her dad waited in line all evening to score the first copy of the book. The official 12:01 release ended a long wait for her.

"I love fantasies, and magic is so cool," Laura said. "I guess everyone loves it, and can't get enough. When I heard about it five months ago, I started counting down."

The countdown is over for her, and for the legions of youngsters who will spend the summer with Harry, Ron and Hermione and the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Reading is fundamental, and the Potter books unquestionably get more children to read. That may be Harry Potter's best magic of all.

Brad Kadrach, community editor of the *Plymouth Observer*, swears he's going to read at least one Harry Potter book this summer. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrach@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

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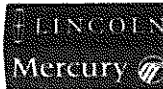
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State to crack down on waste haulers

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

First it was water and juice bottles, then Canadian trash. Now state officials are starting to focus on the amount of yard compost making its way into area landfills.

Officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have stepped up inspections of landfills in the Metro Detroit area to make sure grass clippings, leaves and small tree branches (less than four feet in length and two inches in diameter) aren't getting mixed into the general waste stream.

The state passed a law in 1995 prohibiting landfill owners from accepting such yard waste, after it was determined it was taking up about 25 percent of landfill space. The goal was to preserve landfill space

for the future.

As a result, municipal governments and trash authorities were forced to start composting and recycling the materials.

Most area municipalities now collect compost separately from general waste.

However, according to MDEQ inspector Sue McDonald, the agency started getting complaints from residents that waste haulers were simply combining the two. She said those complaints led the agency to begin inspecting all of the landfills in the Metro area. At least two landfills have received warnings about the problem.

"We never had a problem until about four years ago, when we started getting many complaints from residents who separate their compost at the curb only to see the

haulers mix it in with the rest of the garbage," she said. "Based on our inspections, we've found it's coming from the waste haulers."

As a result, the MDEQ has started contacting municipalities and trash authorities informing them the agency plans to start cracking down on offenders.

The Michigan Waste Industries Association, which represents about three dozen major companies involved in the landfill hauling and recycling of Michigan's solid wastes, would like to see the parameters of the law changed, so there are no penalties for taking compost to landfills in the winter.

"We need to fine tune and modify the law. Most compost sites are closed in the winter. When the weather gets cold, the compost doesn't break-

down, so the process doesn't work anyway," said Steve Essling, the group's former chairman and government regulatory affairs manager for Waste Management, which owns 16 landfills in the state.

Even McDonald feels the law should be revised. Only she believes it should be more stringent, not less. Until then, she said the MDEQ will continue to put pressure on landfill owners.

"The law only prohibits the landfill from accepting the compost. It doesn't put any burden on the waste haulers. I would like to see that change," she said. "The problem is not getting any better. We're receiving more and more complaints. Therefore, it's becoming more of a priority for us."

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CLARIFICATION

In a story in Sunday's *Observer* about the crackdown by the prosecutor's office on parents who are behind in their child support payments, the prosecutor's hotline number was incomplete. The number is (313) 224-0465.

Park offers 'Monsters Inc.'

Wayne County Parks will offer another summer movie June 27 with the animated film "Monsters Inc." at Inkster Park on John Daly Road, two blocks south of Michigan Avenue in Inkster.

The movie will be shown outdoors on a 300-foot projection screen with stereo sound. The movie will begin at dusk. Patrons are asked to bring their own blankets, chairs and picnic baskets or purchase a dinner from the concession stand.

"Movies in the Park" is part of Wayne County Parks' Summer Family Entertainment Series and is made possible through funding from the parks millage. Call (734) 261-1990.

Schoolcraft summer camps develop young athletes' skills

Young athletes can develop their skills in summer camps for boys' and girls' basketball, soccer and volleyball at Schoolcraft College during July and August. The camps feature expert instruction from the championship-winning coaches at Schoolcraft College.

The boy's basketball camp, for grades one through 12, takes place Aug. 4 - 8, for a fee of \$125 per person. Groups of players will be matched by age, size and ability, and players will receive both individual and group instruction in the fundamentals and finer points of the game. The camp director is Carlos Briggs, Schoolcraft basketball coach in his sixth season, who has taken three Schoolcraft teams to the national tournament. The camp begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

The girl's basketball camp, for grades seven through 12,

takes place July 28 - 31, for a fee of \$115 per person. Daily station work, drills, team competitions and contests will help develop fundamental skills. The camp coordinator is Karen Lafata, women's basketball coach, who has taken Schoolcraft teams to three conference championships and an appearance at a national championship. The camp begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

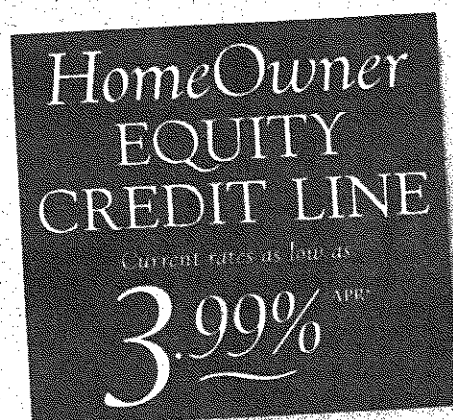
Volleyball players have a variety of choices during July. Beginners and intermediate players can enroll in all-skills camps or camps focusing on libero/defense, spiking and serving or a setters camp. Advanced players can attend elite all-skills camps, and there are evening specialty camps in spiking and serving for high school varsity and college players only. The camp coordinator is Tom Teeters, who has led

his Schoolcraft teams to a national championship and a second place.

Soccer camps are scheduled weekly from July 14 through August 4 for boys and girls between ages 5 and 16. There are sessions for beginner and intermediate players and for advanced players. Each coach will train 10 to 12 players, and parents are invited to observe anytime and participate on the final day of camp. The coordinator is Dominic Scicluna who took his 2002 team to the national tournament where the team placed second.

For more information or times and fees for the various volleyball and soccer camps, contact the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5564 or 5607. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275.

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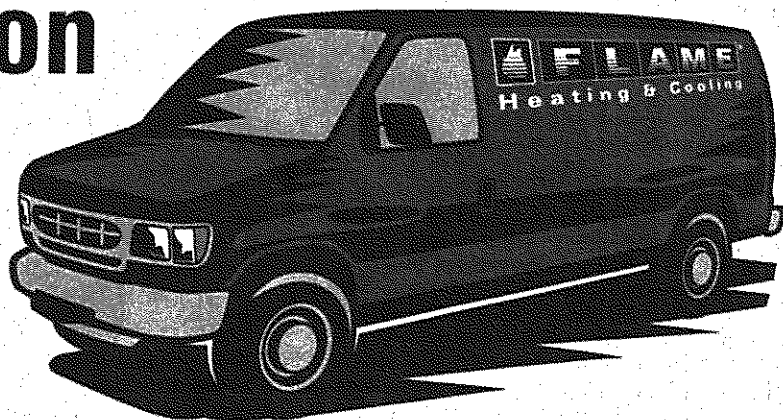
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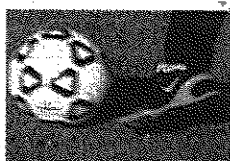
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Fall soccer

The Canton Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for its Fall 2003 seasons.

Registration forms are available through June 30 at High Velocity Sports, located at 46245 Michigan Ave. You can also find forms at www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

For more information, call the club office at (734) 480-7046.

Net camp

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp is scheduled for July 22-24 from 1:30-4 p.m. at the new Plymouth High School.

All middle school and freshman athletes (as of the 2003-04 season) are welcome to attend.

Cost of the camp is \$50, and players should bring their own playing equipment.

For more information, contact coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704.

Youth basketball

Calling all youth basketball players: Boys and girls entering third through eighth grades can come and play in the Summer Basketball League, from 6-9 p.m. every Thursday at Summit on the Park in Canton.

Registration, which is currently underway, and games will be at Summit on the Park. Cost is \$45 for Canton residents and \$55 for non-residents.

The program includes coaches, a jersey, games and awards. The league is sponsored by Canton Leisure Services and the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association.

For more information call (734) 483-5600.

Golf outing

The date for the Plymouth HS Golf Outing has been changed to Saturday, Aug. 2. The outing will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads; play begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The format is a four-person scramble, with 18 holes of golf followed by a steak dinner and presentations. Cost is \$120 (\$60 for dinner only).

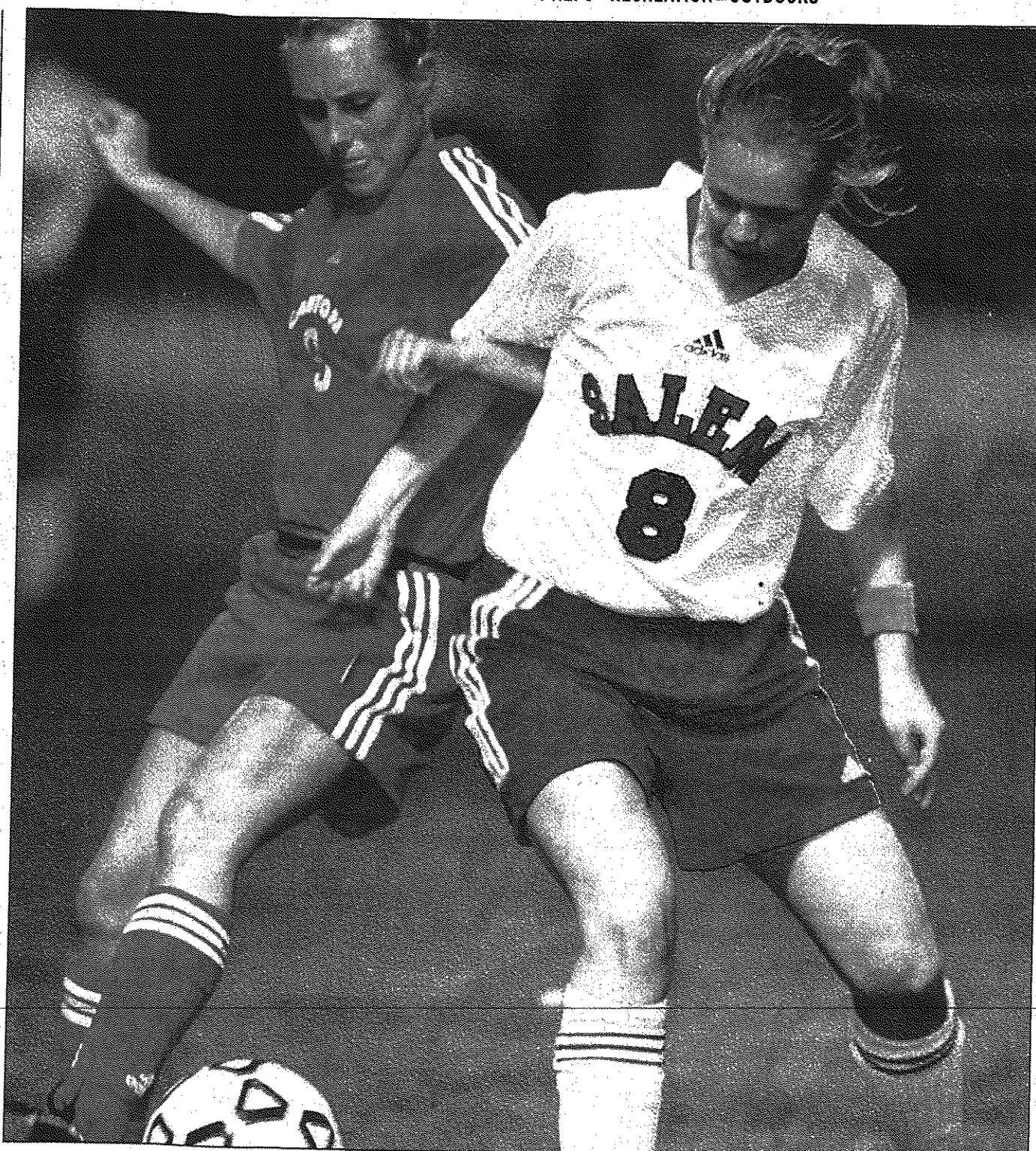
Side attractions include 50/50 longest drive contest (\$10 per golfer), 50/50 closest to the pin (\$10 per golfer), and 50/50 skins game (\$20 per team). Fees for games must be paid at registration.

Checks should be made payable to PHS Athletics and mailed to: PHS Athletic Dept. (attn: Kurt Britnell), 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Spots are limited. Mail your check by July 19.

Golfers wanted

Madonna University is looking for women golfers to fill spots in its inaugural women's program for the 2003-04 year.

Women who are interested should call Madonna golf coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or e-mail him at billdurham@pga.com.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Marissa Sarkesian (8) battles for control with Canton's Danielle Shepard, left. Sarkesian was a First Team All-Area soccer selection for the Rocks, while Sheperd netted an honorable mention nod for her strong season with the Chiefs.

5 lead all-area soccer squad

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The foundation is firmly in place. Livonia Ladywood's soccer program has arrived and it appears it's going to stay on solid footing for next season as the Blazers lose only two seniors to graduation.

The architect has been coach Jill Logsdon, who has transformed the Blazers into a legitimate state contender in Division II.

Logsdon, named Observerland Coach of the Year, guided Ladywood to its most successful state tournament run in school history as the Blazers went all the way to the state semifinals before losing to Catholic League Central Division rival and eventual Division II champion Birmingham Marian, 1-0.

Ladywood finished the year 10-6-5, including its first-ever regional title and second straight district crown.

Logsdon went 5-12-1, 5-12-1 and 8-8-1 in her first three seasons before going 9-5-5 a year ago while capturing its first district title in school history.

"By winning the district last year I really think it brought a lot of confidence to our team this year," said Logsdon, who is 37-33-12 five seasons. "We were more calm in the

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Hockey games feature low scores

It was a virtual pitcher's duel, at least as far as the Metro Summer Hockey League is concerned, when the Whalers took on the Redhawks Monday night.

The Whalers used a three-goal third-period outburst to edge the Redhawks 5-4 in a game played at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Tim Kastano scored the game-tying goal and assisted on two others to key the comeback for the Whalers. Mark Pietila netted the game-winner with 1:56 left in the contest.

The Redhawks actually led 4-0 in this game, after three goals in the first seven minutes of the second period.

Clarkston's Ryan Rathbun ended up with the win in goal for the Whalers, after entering the game halfway through the second period.

Falcons 6, Huskies 1: There wasn't much doubt about this one, as the Falcons burst to a 3-0 first-period lead on their way to the victory Monday night.

Varujan Arman (West Bloomfield) popped in two in the game's first four minutes to spark the Falcons. He added two more goals later in the game, along with two assists to complete his dominating performance.

Ryan Anderson (Beverly Hills) scored the other goal for the Falcons.

Lakers 10, Buckeyes 4: A four-goal outburst by Bryan Marshall (Livonia) provided the difference in this one. Of course, a goal and four assists from John Vigilante (Plymouth Whalers) didn't hurt either.

Mike Vigilante added two more

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, B4

NHL teams draft 3 from Whalers

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

Around these parts, the Colorado Avalanche still stands as Public Enemy No. 1 among most hockey fans. Yet for one area player, that team recently became one he will always have a direct connection with.

Three members of the Plymouth Whalers were selected in last weekend's NHL Entry Draft, held at the Gaylord Entertainment Centre, home of the Nashville Predators.

The first of those picks was 6-foot-2

defenseman David Liffon, who was selected by the Avs with their second round (63rd overall) pick.

Forward John Mitchell and goaltender Jeff Weber were also picked in the draft, by the Toronto Maple Leafs and Buffalo Sabres, respectively.

Liffon was the classic stay-at-home defenseman for the Whalers, and his size and strong positional play caught the eye of NHL scouts, according to Whalers general manager/coach Mike Vellucci.

"At the trade deadline, every team in the NHL is looking for that big, tough

stay-at-home defenseman, and David filled that role for us this season," Vellucci said. "He was on the ice in all our key situations and has excelled in that role for us for two years."

Liffon finished last season with five goals and 11 assists with 139 penalty minutes.

Mitchell emerged as one of the team's most talented offensive players during the 2002-03 season, showing flashes of game-breaking ability from his center ice position. He was selected in the fifth

PLEASE SEE DRAFT, B6

Bucks win 9th out of 11 with 2-1 win over Columbus

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The Mid-Michigan Bucks went into the biggest game in their history on a winning note.

Although results of last night's highly anticipated U.S. Open Cup Round 2 game weren't available at press time, the Bucks improved their record to 9-1-1 overall with a 2-1 win over the Columbus Stars Saturday night at Canton High School's soccer field. The Stars dimmed to a 2-7-0 mark with the loss.

The Bucks, who may have been guilty of looking ahead to the U.S. Cup match, fell behind early before rallying for the win in the Premier Development League contest.

Mamady Koita put the Stars up 1-0 with a goal just three minutes into the match.

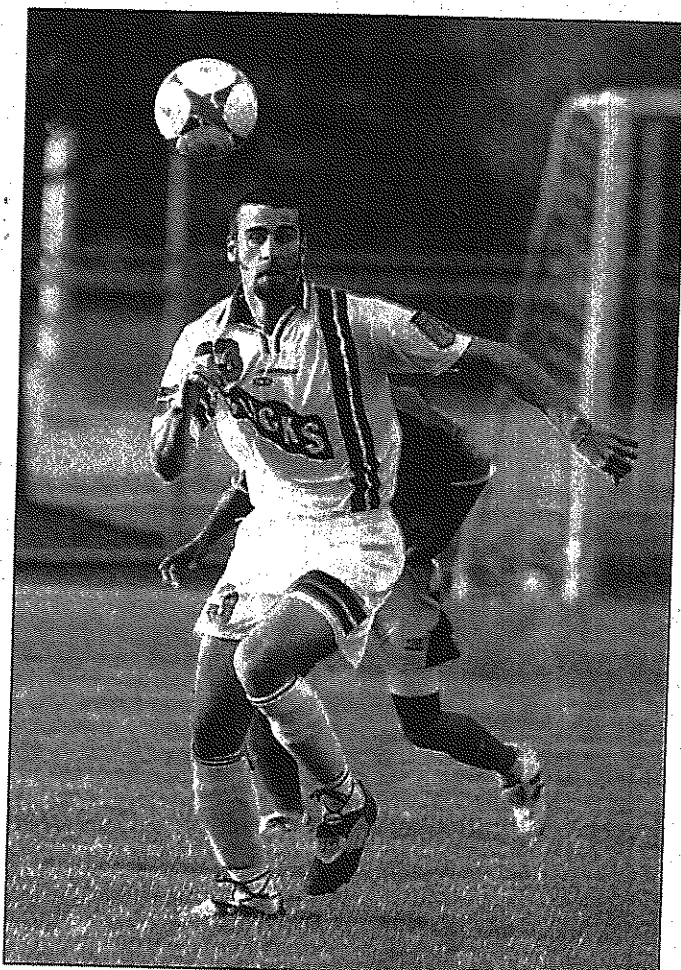
At the 21-minute mark of the first half, the Bucks knotted the game with a goal by Ryan Rzepka, thanks to an assist from Nate Norman.

Sixteen minutes later, Kevin Taylor provided the game-winning goal on a header shot off a pass from Norman.

Danny Ferrin got the win in his debut game for the Bucks, making 6 saves on 18 total shots at the goal. The Bucks managed 21 shots on goal, with Stars goalkeeper Craig Salvati making 13 stops.

Coach Don Gammell praised the play of Norman and Rochester Adams graduate Simon Omekanda, while noting his team may have taken the Stars for granted, but at least the squad got the win.

Tomorrow night, the Bucks return to Canton High School to host the Indiana Invaders in a PDL match. Play is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.



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George Kithas of the Mid-Michigan Bucks, who plays for the University of Detroit Mercy and graduated from Livonia Churchill, pushes the ball upfield in a recent victory.

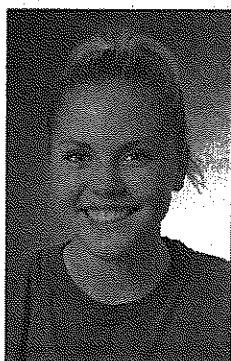
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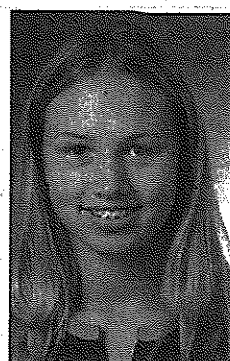
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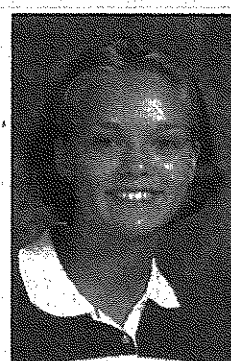
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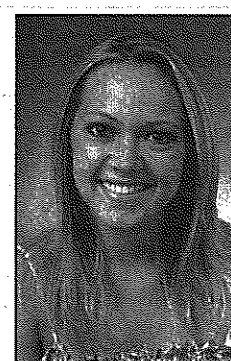
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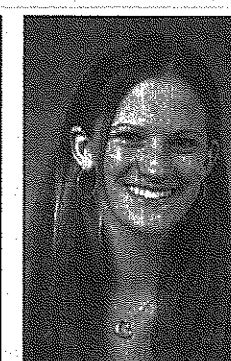
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bigger games. We had more experience at the varsity level and that made a big difference, especially the freshmen who played last year who were now sophomores.

"And we also had a large junior class who helped our seniors with leadership."

Logsdon played high school soccer at Marian, graduating from there in 1993. She played one season at the University of New Hampshire before going down with a career-ending injury. She worked at UNH's team soccer camps, continued to coach and graduated there with a degree in mathematics.

She is currently an engineer at Siemens VDO and obtained a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University in 2002.

This year's first-team All-Observer squad features three players from Ladywood, three from Canton and two each from Livonia Stevenson and Salem, and one from Livonia Franklin.

Introducing the 2003 All-Area team, as selected by the Observer sports staff with input from area coaches.

honors for the second straight year after posting seven shutouts and allowed just 19 goals in 21 games for an 0.90 per game average with save percentage of 81.

The first-team Division I and All-Central Division pick bounced back from a devastating broken leg which required a titanium rod in her tibia, along with screws in both her knee and ankle.

Szczechowski was an All-State forward at Dearborn Divine Child her freshman year before transferring to Ladywood. She is a member of the state club champion Michigan Hawks.

"Stefani is a huge role model, not only on the field in games, but also at practice," Logsdon said. "She is our most fit player, very skilled. She made important saves in big games. Her senior year she did not want to lose. It makes a big difference in your defense when you have somebody like her back there."

Briana Wolcott, GK, Canton: Postseason honors are nothing new for Canton senior goalkeeper Briana Wolcott.

The three-year starter nabbed All-WLAA and All-Region honors in 2003 and was also an honorable mention all-state selection. She recorded 13 shutouts this season, proving to be the difference maker in net for the Chiefs.

"She had a good season for not having any special goalkeeper training," said Canton coach Don Smith. "No goalie camps or stuff like that. I was a little disappointed she didn't get more state-wide recognition."

Renee Farrell, Def., Liv. Franklin: Started and played in all 18 games where she earned All-Western Lakes and first-team All-Observer honors for the second straight year.

The sophomore anchored the Patriots' defense en route to honorable mention All-State recognition. "Renee played a huge part for us in earning close results versus the top teams," Franklin coach Jenny Barker said. "Everybody has confidence in



Jill Logsdon
Ladywood-coach

her back there. She has a great head for the game and nothing fazes her."

Sue Christenson, Def., Liv. Ladywood: The junior sweeper finished with eight goals and three assists to lead the Blazers offensively.

"Sue runs the backfield for us and starts our offense," Logsdon said. "She has the ability to distribute the ball, which forces our attack. She has the ability to start our offense right away."

Christenson was named first-team All-Catholic and first-team Division II All-State.

Andrea Johnson, Def., Canton: The sweeper is typically the foundation of any team's defense. A big reason why the Chiefs were so strong defensively this season was because of sophomore sweeper Andrea Johnson.

An All-Division player, Johnson's play gave the rest of her teammates confidence on that end of the field, according to coach Don Smith.

"She was the mainstay of our defense," Smith said. "She's an outstanding young player and plays well in the air. She can clear the ball with either foot and plays very tough."

Marissa Sarkesian, MF, Salem: There wasn't much senior Marissa Sarkesian couldn't do on the field for the Rocks this season.

She wrapped up a terrific playing career with 17 goals and 17 assists to lead Salem, while being named First Team All State.

She will also be joining teammate Jordan Falcusan on the Texas A & M women's soccer team next season.

"She was the focal point of our attack, and we tried to get the ball to her to distribute," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She likes to possess the ball and she does that well."

Ashley Aja, MF, Liv. Stevenson: The senior midfielder, bound for Western Michigan University, earned All-WLAA honors and second-team All-State Division I.

She finished the year with five goals and 11 assists. "Typically throughout Ashley's career she's been a defender, but with a strong, young defense, we were able to use her as an attack midfielder," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "She was a playmaker through the first half of the season. She provided leadership. She plays with a lot of heart and

every game she's always motivated."

Lia Williamson, MF, Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore midfielder finished with 10 goals and four assists en route to All-Western Lakes and honorable mention All-State honors (Division I).

"She was voted Stevenson's team MVP. "Lia really stepped up her game," Pinta said. "She was a good freshman player, but as close to a leader as a sophomore has ever been at Stevenson. She showed a lot of maturity as a center-midfielder, allowing Ashley Aja to move even more up front."

"She distributes and finishes well. She has great ball control."

Lindsay Rowe, F, Liv. Ladywood: The sophomore forward and center-midfielder finished the season with seven goals and six assists.

Rowe made first-team All-State (Division II) and was All-Central Division in the Catholic League. "Lindsay was definitely one of our key players on offense," Logsdon said. "Her presence on the field was great. She has good ball skills and her vision is outstanding. She can make players open and give them opportunities to score goals."

Erica Ahrens, F, Canton: One of the most consistent goal scorers in the area, senior Erica Ahrens produced on the field and picked up quite a bit of hardware off the field.

Ahrens was a First Team All State selection after tallying 16 goals and 12 assists for the Chiefs. She was also an easy pick for All-WLAA honors and will play at Central Michigan University next season.

Smith said Ahrens progressed as quickly as any player did this season.

"She really came along nicely at the beginning of the season when I wasn't sure if she'd play," Smith said. "She was a lot happier player by the end of the season, and she needed it and had the potential."

Jordan Falcusan, F, Salem: One of two Rocks players headed for Texas A & M next year, senior Jordan Falcusan once again turned in a terrific season on the soccer field.

She was named team MVP after a season that saw her score 11 goals and dish out five assists. She was named Second-Team All State and was an all-WLAA selection.

"She's all over the field and keeps improving every year," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "She's the hardest worker I've ever coached."

2003 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER TEAM FIRST TEAM

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- GK-Briana Wolcott, Sr. Canton
- Def.-Renee Farrell, So., Liv. Franklin
- Def.-Sue Christenson, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
- Def.-Andrea Johnson, So., Canton
- MF-Marissa Sarkesian, Jr., Salem
- MF-Ashley Aja, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
- MF-Lia Williamson, So., Liv. Stevenson
- F-Lindsay Rowe, So., Liv. Ladywood
- F-Erica Ahrens, Sr., Canton
- F-Jordan Falcusan, Jr., Salem

SECOND TEAM

- GK-Heather Jones, Sr., Salem
- GK-Meagan Farrell, Sr., Liv. Franklin
- Def.-Andrea Dunn, Sr., Garden City
- Def.-Wendy Hoots, So., Liv. Stevenson
- Def.-Kathryn Wheatley, So., Salem
- Def.-Christina Thom, Jr., Liv. Churchill
- Def.-Janae Bucks, Sr., Salem
- Def.-Katie Esper, Jr., Canton
- MF-Lauren Hess, So., Liv. Ladywood
- MF-Jamie Radley, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
- MF-Kristal Kilgore, Sr., Westland Glenn
- F-Rachel Perry, Jr., Canton
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- F-Charity Burbridge, Sr., Liv. Churchill

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Livonia teams dominate 2003 Spree tourney winners

The host Livonia Soccer Club came away with four age-group titles last weekend in the third annual Spree Invitational Tournament 2003 last weekend at Schoolcraft College and the Dickinson Center.

entries from throughout the midwest and Canada converged on the two Livonia sites for the two-day tourney, which ended Sunday. The LSC Fire, an under-12/13 team, and the LSC United (Duggan), an under-13

Gold Division team, came away with girls titles. Meanwhile, the Livonia YMCA Meteors (Steele) captured the under-15/16 girls title. Other age-group girls champions included the Downriver

Flames of Trenton, under-11; Garden City Wolverines, under-11 Gold; Kiernan's Steakhouse of Dearborn, under-12 Gold; WAZA FC of Farmington, under-13 Silver; and the Fraser Flames, under-14.

Express, under-14; and Livonia YMCA Meteors (Calvin), under-15/16. The Livonia Soccer Club Bullets captured the under-13 boys title, while the LSC Wings (Thom) took the under-14/15 crown.

under-17; and the Farmington Fury, under-18/19. Among the boys divisional runners-up included: Westland Warriors, under-11; LSC Wings (Motta), under-12 Gold; Garden City Titans, under-12 Silver; LSC Wings (Abernethy), under-13; LSC Phantoms, under-14; Canton Rangers, under-14/15; Waterford Warriors, under-15/16; Plymouth Kicks '87, under-16; Trenton Trojans, under-17; and Westside Blue Crue of Cincinnati, Ohio, under-18/19.

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- SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION**
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.
- DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION**
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.
- METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.
- MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.
- FOUR SEASONS**
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail somefore@aol.com.
- HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.
- CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS**
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

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

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067. (To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.)

Osprey rebounding in Michigan

The feeding antics of the osprey, also known as the "Fish Hawk" is a sight to behold. With exceptionally



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keen eyesight and remarkable flying skills, osprey glide high above a lake or stream scanning the water for fish. Once a fish is sighted, these streamlined fishing machines swoop down to the water and snatch up a meal with their long, sharp, hook-like talons.

Osprey are native to Michigan and were fairly abundant in the area in the early 1900s. Early settlers likely marveled at the osprey's aerial acrobatics and their ability to catch fish.

Loss of habitat coupled with the widespread use of DDT doomed these spectacular birds in the mid-1900s. The last documented sightings in southern Michigan came from Shiawassee County in 1951.

Thanks to the effort of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Detroit Zoological Institute and the

Huron-Clinton Metroparks, osprey sightings are on the rise in southeastern Michigan. In fact, the first documented birth of an osprey chick in this corner of the state occurred on June 1, 2002 at Kensington Metropark.

An osprey introduction project began in 1999 when a hacking (rearing) box was constructed on a platform resting high above Wildwing Lake in Kensington Metropark. Since then, 22 osprey chicks have been transported from their nests in northern Michigan to the Kensington site. There, they are fed and monitored daily by dedicated volunteers.

The chicks make their homes in the hacking box for approximately four to six weeks until they are old enough to fly and feed on their own. At that time, the birds are banded for later identification, the hacking box is opened and the birds are free to fly. Each fall, they head to South and Central America where they spend the winters. In the spring of their third year, males will return to the areas they were born, or in this case hacked, to nest with their mate. Last year's chick came from a male that was hacked at Kensington in 1999.

The same pair has again returned to Kensington this year.

"We have some besting activity at Kensington right now," says

Denise Mogos, public relations and information officer for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. "We hope to get another chick this year."

Because of the success at Kensington, a second hacking box has been built, this time at Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester. Up to six chicks are expected to arrive at the park in early July. The chicks will be taken from nests on Fletcher Floodwaters, located on the Alpena/Montmorency County Line.

"We look for nests that have at least three chicks and we'll take one of them," explained DNR Wildlife Supervisor Tim Payne. "We typically like to take males, because the males are the ones that pick the nesting sites, and we want them to return."

It's been a long time since osprey made regular summer visits to southeastern Michigan. Thanks to the efforts of the DNR, the Detroit Zoological Institute and the Metroparks, those sightings aren't quite so rare and the future looks bright for the "Fish Hawk" here in southeastern Michigan.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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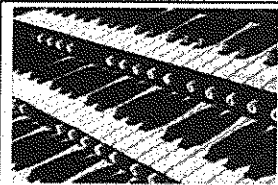
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PROEXCEL SOCCER CAMP

Plymouth-Canton Community Education and ProExcel, one of the largest providers of soccer education in the USA, will host their community soccer camp from July 14-18 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The camp is open to boys and girls from kindergarten on up and will run from 9 a.m. -noon each day.

In addition to the soccer coaching, ProExcel will also host a free coaches clinic during the week of the camp.

For more information or to register, call the Plymouth-Canton schools at (734) 416-2937 or visit the website at www.ProExcel.com.

MICRO SOCCER SHOOTOUT

The University of Michigan men's soccer team will stage its 12th annual 3-vs.-3 soccer shootout and camp Saturday, July 12, at U-M's Mitchell fields.

All proceeds will benefit the U-M men's soccer program.

The cost is \$64 per team (if registered before June 20) or \$80 per team (after June 20). Each team is guaranteed four

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games. Ages range from 7-year-old boys girls to men's and women's adult, both recreational an competitive division available for each age bracket.

Registrations can be picked up at your local soccer story or visit

www.umsoccer.com/3v3.asp. For more information, call (734) 615-5141 or email goblue@umsoccer.com. Registrations must be post-marked by Thursday, July 3.

MADONNA SOCCER CAMPS

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

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All camps are 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and cost \$139 per camper. A full-day camp at Franklin Racquet Club from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 7-11 is \$185 for club members, \$240 for non-members.

Advanced striker/goalkeeper clinics are also available at the Farmington July 14-18 camp and at the Canton July 28-August 1 camp for \$179 per camper (for serious players only).

Additional family members and teams of 10 or more receive an extra \$10 off. For more information, please call (734) GOOSE-22, or visit us online at www.goose22.com.

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goals and three assists, Sean Smith (Livonia), Ryan Hohl, and Matt Fortier (Livonia) all had a goal each.

Sean Burke (Livonia) had two goals for the Buckeyes, Nick Smyth had a goal and two assists, and Chris Powroznik (Redford) had a goal and two assists. Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) got the win for the Lakers, while Art Baker (Canton) and Josh Baker (Canton) were in goal for the Buckeyes.

Falcons 9, Bulldogs 7: Kirikor Arman (West Bloomfield) scored five goals and kicked in with an assist as the Falcons outlasted the Bulldogs. Scott Anderson had a pair of goals, Ryan Anderson and Pat Ryan (Bloomfield Hills) had one each and Mike Smith had four assists.

Jamie Milam had a hat trick for the Bulldogs, while Wes Blevins (Westland) had two, Brandon Seero had a goal with three assists and Andrew Ochalek had a goal.

Will Hamele got the start

and win for the Falcons, while Brad Smith took the loss for the Bulldogs.

Broncos 9, Wolverines 7: Four-straight goals by the Broncos proved to be just enough as they posted the win. Todd Bentley, Justin Maedel (Livonia) and Matt Eurich had two goals each for the Broncos, while Pete Mazzoni (Livonia), Jack McCoy (Farmington Hills) and Brian McClelland scored one each.

Dave Moss (Livonia), Joe Hillebrand, Nick Martens, Chris Barczuk (Livonia), Dan Rieckhoff, J.J. Swistak (West Bloomfield) and Brandon Kaleniecki (Livonia) all had a goal each for the Wolverines, with Billy Burns (Livonia) adding three assists.

Justin Bolla (Livonia) started in goal for the Broncos, while Jake Archer (Livonia) played the third period. Joe Rutherford started in net for the Wolverines, while Bernie McDonnell (Livonia) finished up.

Wildcats 6, Warriors 4: Scott Sparks and Jeremy Majszak scored third-period goals to give the Wildcats the win. Steve Kruszewski, Sam Dismuke (Westland), David

Aliff and Justin Mininni all added solo goals, with Steve Galvan (Livonia) and Jason Turri (Westland) adding two assists.

Mitch Ganzak (Redford) scored all four goals in a losing effort for the Warriors, while Chris Fairbanks had two assists.

Jason Ryan (Westland) and Matt Williams (Westland) split time in goal for the win, while Stephen Yu (Garden City) and Chris Bahash were in goal for the loss.

Spartans 7, Redhawks 2: Three third-period goals in four minutes by the Spartans proved to be the difference in this one. Jim Stephenson had two of the three goals and Todd Davis had the other.

Mike Kondratek (Canton), Alex Foster (Canton), Mike Crowley (Canton) and Jim Wheaton (Plymouth) had the other goals for the Spartans. Trevor Mallon had two goals to lead the Redhawks, while James Dragescu and Derek Patrosso scoring one each.

Beau Brandeau got the win in goal for the Spartans, while Brian Markowicz and Paul Barnett (Canton) shared the net for the Redhawks.

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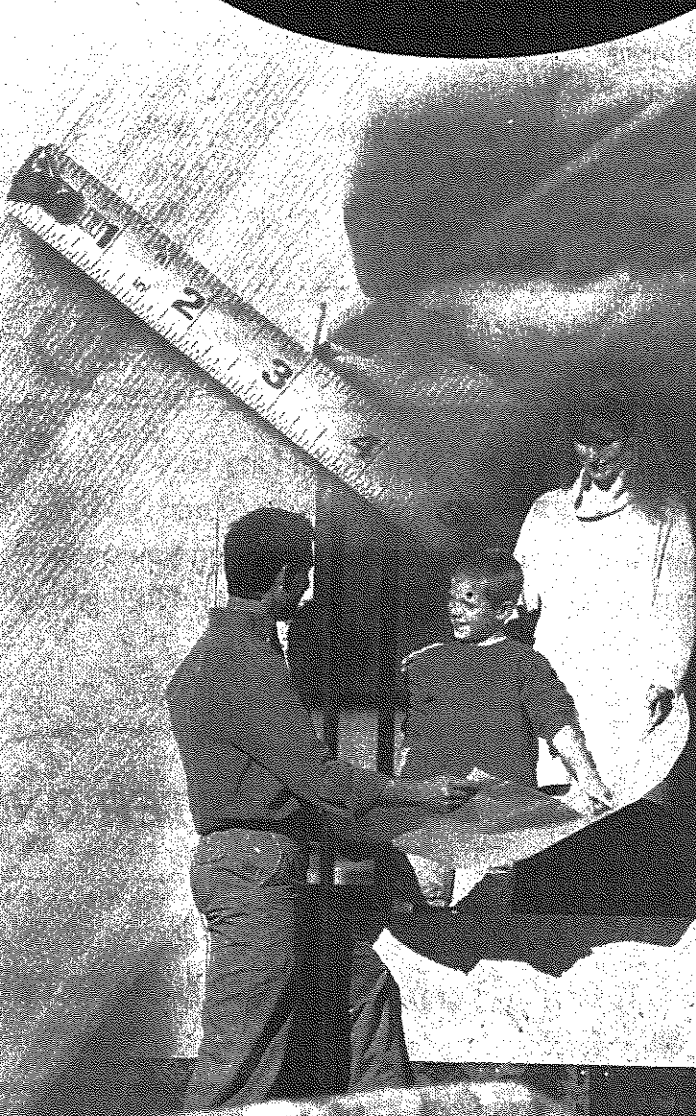
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.

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Ms. Sandy Forest
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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI. All submittals must be received by Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

Included are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Anyone interested in any of those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The City Golf Championship Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 2-3 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$85 per player and includes two days of 18 holes of golf, cart and awards.

The tournament is open to men and women from Canton, Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Romulus, Inkster and Van Buren Township. Golfers living outside these cities may sign up in the Open Division.

Registration deadline is July 27. For more information, call Wayne Parks and Recreation at (734) 721-7400.

BASEBALL SCHOOL

Plymouth Christian Academy will host the Doyle Baseball School, a nationally-recognized five-day clinic, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 14-18 at the PCA ball fields in Canton.

The school will provide instruction for baseball and soft-

ball players from 6-16 years old in hitting, throwing and fielding. Doyle Baseball, in its 22nd year of operation, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada.

More than 500,000 players have benefited from the Doyle school, thousands going on to play collegiately and some into pro baseball, including Walt Weiss, Joe Oliver, Derek Lee, Charles Johnson, Jody Reed, Turner Ward, Steve Karsay, Tino Martinez, Dave Martinez, Derek Bell, Dan Wilson and Jim Poole.

Cost is \$95 per player for payments received before July 7, \$115 for those received after that date. To register, call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until July 13. After that date, please call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513. For a free brochure on other Doyle programs, call (863) 439-1000.

5-KILOMETER RACE

The Open Door Outreach Center, which services residents of Oakland County, will stage its 10th annual 5-kilometer Julie Run & Walk 9 a.m. Saturday, June 28, at Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes Campus, located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road, west of Hospital Road in Waterford.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. The cost is \$20 (if registered by June 26) or \$25 on race day (includes shirt for early registrants while supply lasts).

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or more in pledges turned in by race day. All donations are tax deductible.

Awards will go to the top three in each age category (plus overall winners). Prize drawings, refreshments and awards to the top pledges will also be available.

For more information, call (248) 363-6128. Registration forms are available at www.opendooroutreachcenter.org

LEARN-TO-SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.

This learn-to-skate hockey program is geared toward beginning players. It emphasizes skill development with instruction by experienced USA Hockey-certified coaches.

The program runs from September through March. Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or on line at www.pchockey.org.

BUCKS TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Mid Michigan Bucks minor league soccer team are now on sale.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling (989) 781-6888, or you can visit www.mmbucks.com. Group discounts are available, and reduced-price advance tickets can also be purchased at various locations in the area.

The Bucks are a Premier Development League soccer team, featuring standout players from Michigan as well as from elite amateur players nationwide.

UPDATE MHSAA RECORDS

The Michigan High School Athletics Association is trying to update its all-time records for all of its sanctioned sports. The MHSAA is calling on reporters, newspapers, coaches, athletic directors or anyone affiliated with high school sports to pass on this information the MHSAA.

Send the MHSAA press clippings, or any other published information about all-area, all-conference, season and career statistics. You can send this information by mail (preferred option) to 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, Mi. 48823-7392. You can also reach them by fax at (517) 332-4071.

BICYCLE TOUR

Applications are available for the 33rd annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw bicycle tour, which begins either Wednesday, Aug. 27 or Thursday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Aug. 31 at the Mackinaw Bridge.

Over 1,600 riders participated in the 2002 tour. For more information, call (517) 882-3700. Applications are also available at local bike shops.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk / up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10th, 2003 for the following:

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk / up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10th, 2003 for the following:

FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE ASH TREE REMOVAL/DISPOSAL

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2003 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING SUBS

Carriage Hills Nos. 4, 5, 6; including remaining portion of 2 & 3
Canton Country Acres
Cavalier Village North, South, and West
Forest Brook 1 and 2
Pickwick Village
Willow Trail
Miscellaneous Locations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at Summit on Park Banquet Center, Chestnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 17, 2003

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo

Members Absent: Shefferly
Staff Present: Director Santomauro, Chief Rorabacher, Gerri Svec, April Mack

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 1: PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE Director Santomauro presented an informational Public Safety Update covering the following topics:

◆ **PHILOSOPHY OF OPERATION:** • Mission Statement: The Canton Department of Public Safety shall provide excellence in the delivery of police and fire services through a philosophy which promotes creativity, initiative and professionalism.

◆ **PARTNERSHIPS:** • Consolidation of Auxiliary Services T.E.A.M. (Replaces D.A.R.E. program) S.O.T. Auto Theft Narcotics Mutual Aid C.R.T. (Community Response Team) M.S.P. W.C.S.D. Community Partnerships School Partnerships Partnership with Leisure Services.

◆ **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** • Performance Standards To establish the following for all public safety positions: Qualifications - Education requirements - Training standards Employee Development System Purpose of Evaluation: - To control and guide an employee's behavior and performance - Promotions -Consideration for assignment -Provide feedback to the employee -Recognize and reward positive performance and to identify deficiency in existing performance. - Identify organizational deficiencies. Organizational Culture: This culture is based on the attitudes, beliefs, and values held by the department. •Trust •Courage •Professionalism

◆ **POLICE SERVICES UPDATE** • Accident Investigations Team • Bicycle Patrol Unit • K-9 Unit Community Relations - Crime prevention and public information Community Response Team (CRT) School Resource Officers T.E.A.M. SRC/TEAM Technology

Special Enforcement Unit Police Statistics Part One Crime Analysis - 1839 Reported Incidents: Aggravated Assault=55; Larceny=1214; Arson=21; Murder=1; Auto Theft=148; Rape=73; Burglary=308; Robbery=10 Calls for Service - 29,659 Total Calls: Part One Crime=2657; All other Crime=6453; Traffic Complaint=7477; Non-Criminal=13072 Accident Analysis - 2488 Reported Accidents: Personal Injury=86; Private Property=756; Fatal=8; Property Damage=1638; Citations Analysis - 23,373 Citations Issued

◆ **FIRE SERVICES UPDATE** • Emergency Management Advanced Life Support Fire Prevention Fire Suppression Fire Statistics Fire Department Total Runs 2000-2002: 2000=5025 / 2001=4848 / 2002=5103 Fire Suppression vs EMS Runs 2000-2002: Year 2000 - Fire 1281; EMS 3744 / Year 2001- Fire 1181; EMS 3667 / Year 2002 - Fire 1253; EMS 3851 ALS vs BLS 2002 Incidents: ALS = 1253 / BLS = 715 Other Statistics 2002: Average response time = 5.3 minutes / Fire Safety House attendance = 2411 / Public Education attendance = 2334 / Station tours = 1381

◆ **FUTURE** • National Accreditation Enhancing our technology with neighboring departments, county and state. Expanding our partnerships in the areas of development and training. Crime analysis through mapping. Traffic analysis software. Meeting the needs of a changing work force.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:42pm.

Copies of the complete text of this meeting are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to State Law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage, 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan on JULY 18th, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. Then entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY!

Unit #A19/A20 - GUY GRIFFITH II OF 44923 TRAILS CT., CANTON, MI 48187
Couch, chairs, table, TV, mattress, clothes, scanner, love seat, book shelf, furniture, boxes, household items, other misc.

Unit #713 - PATRICK KILE OF P.O. BOX 7972, MAMMOTH LAKES, CA 93546
Table/chairs, golf clubs, coolers, camping stove, couch/love seat, book case, furniture, household items, other misc.

Unit #675 - ROBERT J. MARSHALL OF 44240 REVERE, PLYMOUTH, MI
Tools, tool boxes, chainsaw, (2) grills, couch/love seat, lamps, frig., swing, end tables, table/chairs, chair, mattress, ladder, microwave, boxes, household items, other misc. items.

Unit #339 - JAMES ALTER(NWC INC.) OF P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS., MI
Brief case, fax machine, clothes, boxes, other misc. items.

Unit #A16 - GREG BARBER OF 438 YERKES, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167
(2) boat motors, fishing items, cooler, clothes, couch, vacuum, TV, pictures, table/chairs, speakers, radio, rake, lamps, mattress, boxes, household items, other misc. items.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton 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, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE REGARDING DEFERMENT OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given, under MCL 211.51, that property taxpayers may defer until February 15, 2004, without penalty or interest, the due date of their summer taxes on their homestead, if their household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$25,000 and they are: a) 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death; b) a paraplegic or quadriplegic; c) an eligible servicemember, eligible veteran, or their eligible widow or widower; d) a blind person; or e) a totally and permanently disabled person.

Summer property tax bills will be mailed to all property owners on July 1, 2003, and must be paid to the Charter Township of Canton Treasurer's Office by 5pm on September 14, 2003. Payments can be mailed or paid in person at the Canton Administration Building.

Please be advised that if a bank or escrow agent pays your taxes, make sure that they have requested a copy of your tax bill for payment.

Please contact the Charter Township of Canton Treasurer's Office with any questions:

1150 Canton Center Road
Canton, Michigan 48188
(734) 394-5137

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "2003 Sidewalk Repair Program", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2003 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

2003 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Carriage Hills Nos. 4, 5, 6; including remaining portion of 2 & 3
Canton Country Acres
Cavalier Village North, South and West
Forest Brook 1 and 2
Pickwick Village
Willow Trail
Miscellaneous Locations

Removal and replacement of 112,750 square feet of 4" concrete sidewalk and 25,900 square feet of 6" concrete sidewalk that includes drive approaches, adjustments and/or reconstruction of utility structures, restoration and related work.

Bid documents are available to be picked up starting Thursday, June 26th, 2003 at the Charter Township of Canton, Public Works Building, 4947 Sheldon Road, MI 48188. A non-refundable fee of thirty-five (\$35) dollars if picked up or forty-five (\$45.00) dollars if mailed will be charged for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order, or a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township Public Works Building, Construction Association of Michigan, McGrawhill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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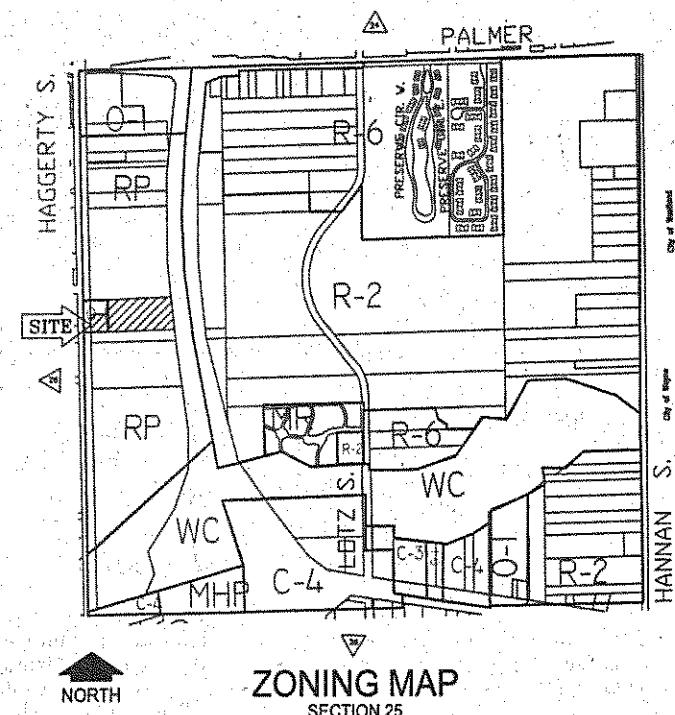
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 21 2003 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON TOWNSHIP/L.B. DONALDSON GROUP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO.098 99 0028 004 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO LI-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND A PORTION OF 098 99 0028 001 FROM RP, RESEARCH PARK, TO LI-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located south of Palmer and east of Haggerty Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 17, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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round, 158th overall by the Leafs.
 "He's got the size and skill to succeed in the NHL," Vellucci said. "He will need to be more consistent, and we're expecting him to score even more for us next year."
 Last season, Mitchell scored 18 goals and assisted on 37 others for 55 points in 68 games. Weber played primarily a backup role for the Whalers in goal this season behind starter Paul Drew. But when called upon, Weber posted excellent numbers, winning 13 of the 17 games he started with a 2.32 goals against average.
 "We got him in a trade with Sault Ste. Marie and he got better and better as the season went on," Vellucci said. "Our goaltenders see a lot of shots in our practices, and we had a pretty good defensive team. His confidence picked up from there, and he was rewarded by

being drafted."
 All three players are expected to return to Plymouth next season. The NHL and OHL have an agreement that drafted players return to their junior league teams if they are picked when they are age 19 or younger. After they turn 20, the players are free to play at whatever professional level their ability dictates.
 The Whalers also had three players selected in the 2002 Entry Draft. The team got quite a bit more exposure to pro scouts this season thanks to its long run through the playoffs. Plymouth lost to the eventual Memorial Cup champion Kitchener Rangers in seven games in the OHL Western Conference Finals.
 Vellucci said the success of the team directly relates to the possibility of the team's players getting drafted.
 "The longer you play, the better your chances are of getting drafted because the scouts remember you better," he said. "One thing we stress here is the further the team goes, the further the individuals have a chance to go."

MU VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will host a series of summer volleyball camps. Cost is \$120 (\$90 for youth camp).
 Morning sessions will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon — June 29-July 2 (Elite); July 7-10 (Setters); July 13-16 (Hitters).
 Afternoon sessions will be from 1-4 — June 29-July 2 (General Players); July 7-10 (Youth); July 13-16 (Defensive Specialty).
 For more information and registration, call MU head volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham evenings at (734) 254-0698 or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

PISTONS CAMP

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Training Camp Tour,

CAMPS

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.
 The camp will visit Canton HS from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 21-24. Cost is \$149 and space is limited to the first 150 participants.
 For more information on the Pistons' Camp Tour, or to register by phone, call the Pistons Camp Hotline at (248) 377-8653.

S'CRAFT HOOP CAMPS

The 22nd annual Championship Basketball Camps for Girls, hosted by Schoolcraft College, will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 28-31 for girls in grades seven-through-12.
 Cost for grades seven-through-12 is \$115 (full-day camp).
 The camp coordinator and lead instructor is SC women's head coach Karen Lafata. She will be assisted by her assistant coaches, Marla Christian and Michelle Jackson.
 The camp will feature competitive games and drills, contests with awards, a camp basketball (with full-day camp); a camp T-shirt; individualized instruction; and, with the full-day camp, swimming at lunch. Call the Schoolcraft College athletic department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249.

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At Home

INTERIOR DESIGN ■ DIY ■ GARDENING

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Accents

■ Clean canines

Canines can now get a taste of the wild side.

New Crazy Dog Rainforest Shampoo, a new shampoo created by Crazy Pet Co., leaves dogs smelling, as company officials describe, "as fresh as a tropical breeze after a rainfall."

"Let's face it, a dog can get pretty dirty and smelly after a backyard expedition looking for squirrels or rabbits," said Barbara Denzer, vice president of marketing at the Crazy Pet Co.

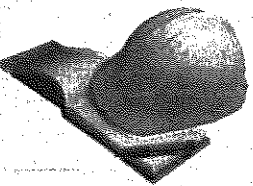
Crazy Dog Rainforest Shampoo is available in 12-ounce bottles, and has a suggested retail price of \$6.69. For more information, contact the Crazy Pet Co. at (800) 433-7387 or visit www.crazydog.com.

■ Summer project

Light up your landscape with a hanging lantern made from an unused paint can with an idea courtesy of Home Depot

The first thing you'll want to do is add a design to the can. Use a hammer and a nail to punch out a pattern.

"Stars are great for an Independence Day theme and these look great hanging from your favorite tree or



lining a walkway for a sparkling evening of illumination," said Karen Thompson, a Home Depot designer.

Insert a block of wood into the can or fill the can with water first and freeze it overnight before hammering to avoid denting the can.

Remove the can's handle and attach a piece of plumber's chain in its place. Place a large pillar or a few tea lights inside and you're ready to light up the night.

■ Add-ons add value

Additions are a great way to protect your major investment, and that is your home. With stocks performing at lower levels and housing costs rising, many people's homes are their biggest investment.

Remodeling Online's 2002 Cost vs. Value report gives a general guide to the cost of a remodeling project and how much is added to a home's price if it is sold a year later. Factors that influence the amount recouped are the home's value, value of similar neighborhood homes, how fast local property values are rising and the quality of the remodel.

In Detroit, a two-story addition that costs \$72,823 will add \$59,949 to the resale value, for an 82-percent cost recoup. Master bedroom suites can be added to the upper level of the home, conserving land and space. The old bedroom can be used for an office, media room or spare bedroom. A family room addition that costs \$53,623 will add \$40,478 to the resale value or 75 percent.

"The most important reason to remodel is that it makes a home more enjoyable to live in," said Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Co. of Southfield. "While this can't be measured in dollars and cents, it's worth considering along with the increased resale value."



A heron stands guard over a pond.

PHOTOS BY LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Imaginative yards

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER



Someone can sit in the shade here and sip lemonade.

Sharon and Fred Van Hees wanted privacy. Their property backed into a commons area and they didn't want to live in a fish bowl.

"We tried to create an oasis to get away from the commons," Fred said.

Through trial and error ("mostly error," Fred said), they planted. First it was Austrian pines, a locust and shrubs. Much of this died, so they replaced them with ornamental grasses, river birches, viburnums and perennials.

Recently they've had hostas, coneflowers and irises in bloom in the garden area, which covers about one-half acre. They've got ground covers and old-fashioned roses, too.

"There's really no written plan," Fred said. "It's whatever looks good in the mind's eye."

The garden art and accents include a frog fountain in front, birdbaths, a hippo fountain and a plastic heron guarding the pond and the goldfish in it. But the skunks, rabbits, woodchucks and, yes, real herons, often look for a quick meal, from under bushes or on the deck.

The addition of two small ponds with bubbling water fountains, plus wind chimes, adds to the serenity. The garden grows, literally, every year.

"We're slowly taking away grass every year, then place mulch on top of newspapers over the winter so you can plant in it in the spring," Fred

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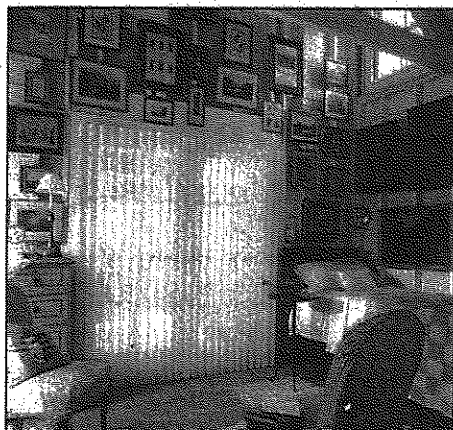


The garden of Sharon and Fred Van Hees is full of vibrant colors in an oasis created for a little privacy. The Van Hees garden will be featured in the Canton Garden Walk on Saturday.

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



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Step back in time on Log Cabin Day

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

Walking through a log cabin is like peeking into Michigan's history and getting a glimpse of a simpler life.

June 28-29, many will hop in the car for a joy ride to see a log cabin — or two or three — in celebration of the seventh annual Log Cabin Day weekend. There are more than 80 cabins to visit and several are in metro Detroit.

The office of attorney James Schuster, member of the Log Cabin Society of Michigan, is located inside one of the log cabins open to visitors at 24330 Lahser in Southfield.

"The message of Log Cabin Day is to remind us of our roots and the values our country was built on," Schuster said. "Our cabin is along the Rouge River in a wooded setting. It's a very comfortable place; a lot of people come here and feel like they are on a vacation up north. All the stress just melts away here."

Schuster's log cabin was built in 1940 by several Detroit teachers in the "weekend retreat style," and although it is not a true pioneer cabin, Schuster says it is beautifully furnished.

"I like the feeling you get being out in the country," he said. "This is a comfortable place to work and solve problems. It makes my job easier."

Log Cabin Day began in 1987 in celebration of the state's sesquicentennial. It garnered such a strong public response that the Michigan Legislature passed a bill to make Log Cabin Day the last Sunday of June each year. The Log Cabin Society of Michigan was incorporated two years later to promote and preserve log cabins throughout Michigan. Of the hundreds of log cabins which have been a part of the event since 1987, at least seven were built before 1840.

Coordinator Virginia Handy has been in charge of the event since 1987 and says the weekend aims to benefit communities while providing entertainment to visitors.

"One thing I like is the publicity this gives to the communities," she said. "But the reason for this event is so that people can have a log cabin experience. It's like stepping back in time."

Depending on the individual cabin, there will be open houses and events such as storytelling and historical reenactments.

PLEASE SEE CABINS, C4

Preparation is key in making, not taking, great photos

We all know that a champion athlete has to mentally prepare himself for the challenge of what will hopefully be a peak performance.

In photography, this same theory applies. We have to emotionally prepare ourselves, too. And a large part of this is getting into the state of mind that you are no longer going to be taking snapshots: rather, from now on you will be making photographs. Here's how you can go about



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

making this shift and developing a new attitude about your photography.

First, slow down. Don't rush into snapping your shutter. Leave your camera in its case as you begin to study your subject.

Ask yourself how best you can portray the subject. Should you move in tight or keep your distance? Is one camera angle better than another? Is early morning or late afternoon light better to enhance your image? Perhaps a different focal length lens will add greater impact.

Are you beginning to see what is happening? You are starting to go through a conscious, planned out thought process to produce a photograph that says it all about the subject.

You see, you're starting to make photographs, not take snapshots.

Let's go further. Use all the depth-of-field that is available to you. Did you know that your normal 50mm lens will give you a depth-of-field of 7 feet to infinity? So next time you're shooting scenery, take advantage of this. Rather than snap just the mountain in the distance, carefully study the scene for foreground objects such as that pile of boulders that will give a "foundation" to your composition or those tree branches that act as a perfect "frame."

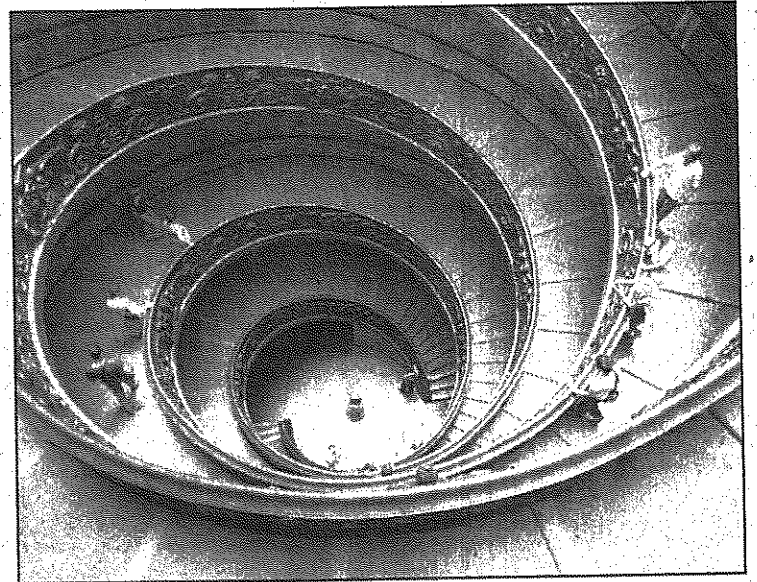
How about the stream or fence that "lead" you into the scene. These techniques will shift you into the "making photographs" mode.

You'll often want to place the subject off-center to add a dynamic dimension to your photograph. Consider the use of filters to enhance a blue sky, add some color to a dramatic sunset or add a "starburst" of excitement.

Once again, the planned out, well executed thought process is at work ... you are making photographs, not taking snapshots. See how it works?

Remember, also, that you are an artist creating a beautiful image. "See" with your feelings and emotions and keep in mind that it is you making the photographs, not the camera.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.



Monte Nagler had 'making a photograph' in mind in this image from the Vatican in Rome. Selecting an interesting subject with careful composition produced this unusual picture.

Still banks can be bought for less than \$500

This 4 3/4-inch cast iron "still" bank (see photo), manufactured by Hubley, could hold enough coins in the 1920s to buy something of value.

Today the contents might get you a candy bar. In the current market, the bank would sell for about \$65.



Test Your Antiques IQ

Terry Hamburg

Banks were designed to promote thrift in children. Introduced in the early 1870s, little animals with slots in their backs were soon perched on bedroom dressers across America. Cast iron proved to be the most popular material and garners the major collector interest today. Still banks have no moving parts. Mechanical banks perform when you put in a coin.

True or False?
A. At least 3,000 different still banks have been identified.
B. The first cast iron banks

were manufactured as commemorative items for the Spanish-American War of 1898, and featured "Remember the Maine" and Teddy Roosevelt's "Rough Riders."

C. Still banks were made before mechanical banks, although both were widely produced from the 1880s through the 1920s.

D. Contrary to their appearance, cast iron banks are brittle and can break into pieces if dropped on a hard surface.

Answers: A, C, and D are true.

In the era of cast iron banks, mechanical models were costlier and less plentiful, and the same is true, only exaggerated, in the current antiques market. Few mechanicals sell for less than \$500, while the vast majority of still banks can be purchased under that price.

There is a great variety of still bank subjects, representing a cultural and political tableau of the times. Because of their special appeal to children, certain themes dominate, such as animals, sports figures, and cartoon-like characters.

Patriotic, military, and architectural banks were also popular.

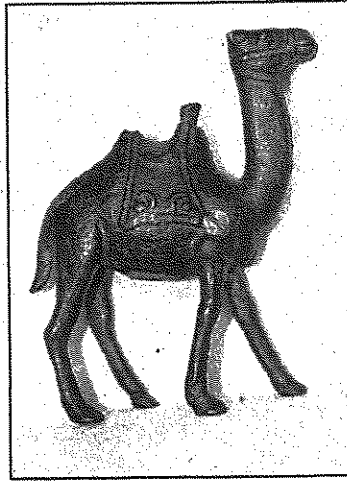
Reproductions can present a problem. Original cast iron banks, both mechanical and still, were sculptural works of art with excellent detail and casting. Copies are generally of lesser quality, although Hubley and the Grey Iron Casting Co. sold original patterns that were used to make reproductions.

A cast iron still bank was usually manufactured in two parts held together by a screw, so it could be separated to remove the coins.

Old banks are joined neatly and tightly. They have naturally worn, chipped, and faded paint—this effect is difficult to fabricate.

Be suspicious of rough, granular finishes, too much rust, and brownish hues (created when pieces are fired to achieve the look of age). Reproductions tend to be heavier and thicker than originals, and are often smaller.

Also beware of so-called "conversions": items not intended as banks, containing



an added coin slot. In cast iron, this is most commonly done with toys and parts of toys.

Condition is a very important factor in price, and condition means original.

Never be tempted to touch-up old paint or remove rust with an abrasive.

Even hot water should be used with caution. The best advice about restoring an old bank is don't.

By the 1950s, cast iron banks were regarded as old fashioned, replaced by plastic, aluminum, and pot metal models. By the 1990s, even the idea of a coin bank appeared obsolete.

Terry Hamburg is a writer and antiques dealer in the San Francisco Bay Area. He can be reached at tcham@pacbell.net.

Say goodbye to the nation's second-oldest brand

The nation's second-oldest brand name, Kelvinator, will be retired from the appliance industry within the next few months.

Kelvinator was the first signature put on the front of an electric refrigerator way back in 1914. That signature was derived from the name of Lord William Kelvin, an English mathematician who determined the exact temperature reading of

absolute zero.

The company went on to be purchased by the Nash Motor Co. in the 1930s. Nash's successor, American Motors, took them over and later sold them to White Consolidated Industries. WCI was acquired in 1982 by AB Electrolux of Sweden, the current owner of Kelvinator and many other brand names.

The only other appliance brand name older than Kelvinator is Hotpoint, a name first seen on electric irons in 1903. Frigidaire falls third in line, having first appeared in 1916, and is incidentally another of the AB Electrolux companies currently on the market.

Add on to these names White, Westinghouse and Gibson and now you can understand one of the reasons that Sweden is such a rich country.

While I was reading about this history lesson I was thinking about my grandmother's refrigerator. She passed on years ago but that Kelvinator refrigerator is still running in my uncle's home in northern Canada.

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays. You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on weekdays. You can call him on his show at (248) 356-1270.

I worked on many Kelvinator refrigerators when I first took interest in fixing appliances, and that continued well into the 1990s. I would consider them as probably the most simple of refrigerators to repair and the best at keeping food absolutely cold. I bet that many of you reading this are thinking about your old refrigerators as well.

We just celebrated the centennial anniversary of what Henry Ford did for the human race and it makes me think what a Hotpoint iron did for the appearance of those who drove a Ford. Many folks drove their Ford products of old here from across the country. So simple to repair, they were fixed right there on the highway. These old cars were made to last and many will agree that today's vehicle is not something you fix along the highway.

Neither is today's modern refrigerator compared to the old Nash-Kelvinator. You can't even throw it into the scrap yard without paying for a qualified government certified technician to tap into the sealed system and remove the refrigerant gas.

Needing service means just that today, you can't even find the defrost timer to replace, because it doesn't have one. The units have computer chips that not even qualified repair people can understand. Today's marvel of a new refrigerator can't even keep the milk absolutely cold.

I have such great thoughts about the Kelvinator. Too bad it will no longer be around.

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WHAT WE FOUND

Horlick's can be purchased at the Hiller's Market on Five Mile.

FIND AND SEARCH

A reader has a power ride exercise bike to donate to a charitable organization.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A store that sells yarn used in making pot holders (to be used on a small loom) for Mackenzi.

Margaret wants a store that has replacement cushions for a glider three for the back and three for the seat.

Carrie wants a store that sells AFTA by Mennen men's after shave product.

A store that sells Disposal fresh citrus beads to be put into a garbage disposal for

Cindy.

A store that sells Heinz tomato soup for Ella.

A store that sells fresh phyllo dough (not frozen) for Beverly.

A store that sells canned bacon from Hungary for Sue.

Kim is looking for glass lids for Guardian cookware.

Maybelline Ultra Brow brush-on color in brown for Linda.
A store that sells the Subtract girdle for Anne of Livonia.

A business that buys used 78 records for Judy of Westland.
A store that sells fluoride for nails for Anne.

A cookbook "Still Sizzling in the Kitchen" distributed by the National Council of Jewish Women for Joanne.

A store that sells a paint-by-numbers kit for Marilyn.

A store that sells Maybelline tinted instant summer self-tan for West of Westland (formerly sold at Kmart.)

A jeweler who purchased old platinum and gold rings to use in repair of other items.

A store that sells Paneez (formerly sold at Kitchen Glamour) for Phyllis.

A store that sells fresh phyllo pastry for Janice.

Someone to repair costume jewelry for Eleanore.

A store that sells canvas material to make awnings for John of Troy.

By Sandi Jarackas

Web sites can spread a lot of misinformation

People have always had great imaginations, coming up with amazing stories to explain things. They created mythic animals with great names like centaur, or Cyclops, or Pegasus.



About Animals
Dr. Brad Davis

If there were a creature that snuck into homes, spewing lies and half truths, stealing the attention of all the inhabitants, they would have called it something like Infogauskus, or The Infidon.

We call it the Internet. The Internet will go down as one of the great inventions the earth has ever seen.

The whole world is linked, and as such we can become closer than ever, as a world-wide community. (We can pretty much see how that's going!)

Also, we can shop easier than ever. With just a click of a few hundred buttons, you can purchase a shirt and have it in just a few days, when in the past you would have handed a clerk a card and taken the shirt home immediately, while helping the local economy.

Of course, the Internet is still in its very beginnings...what TV was in its Milton Berle stage. It should improve.

Just like TV did. (Uh oh!)

WATCH FOR MISINFORMATION

The problem I have with the Internet would be the serious levels of misleading, half true,

or incorrect information people stumble across.

Just about everyone who deals with the public has dealt with a person who's an expert after reading a Web site or two. I'll bet every physician hears from patients who claim they have malaria, because they have fever, and that's one of the symptoms.

Or that the drug they were given is dangerous because some guy who was taking it wrote on-line that his hair fell out. Vets deal with much the same thing. Too many times I've had a client tell me they looked online, and saw a Web site that suggested that something like feeding your dog boiled carrots is better than dog food.

Hey, if someone wrote it down, it must be so.

That concept's not true, of course. Just ask the New York Times.

Remember, there are more clowns with Web sites than with red noses. Be careful what you believe. I break down the misinformation people find on the internet into four groups: Misinformation, Misunderstanding, Anecdotal mis-information, and Hokum.

A client came into my clinic and told me I was killing his dog, because I had put his greyhound on a certain heartworm pill.

He had read on a Web site that that pill killed greyhounds. This could be an example of one of the first two types, either misinformation or misunderstanding. Turns out it was misinformation, by an owner whose dog threw up when taking the heartworm pill. This misinformation may

stop someone from getting the all-important protection of heartworm preventive, then we'll have to treat for heartworm disease, which is quite dangerous.

Food ingredients make for great misunderstandings. Trying to compare the levels of nutrients of one diet to another can make less sense to me than firing your basketball coach after two 50-win seasons. Still, lay people can look at the contents and know one food is better, often with diarrhea, vomiting or worse as a result.

Anecdotal misinformation can be related to seat belts.

How many times have you heard from someone that they don't wear their seat belt because their Uncle Fred was thrown from the car in an accident, and landed safely on a pile of hay?

The person who does better without a seat belt is the isolated incident. Seat belts save lives. A certain pain killer helps make pets feel better when they are hurting. A favorite of mine was a Web site once that said that this drug "killed my 17-year-old Labrador..." No, sir, being 17 killed your 17-year-old Labrador. Remember, if it's a story, you should take it with a grain of salt.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Feel free to write him there with questions and comments. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the web site at www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. You can send E-mail questions or comments to Questions@animaltalkradio.com.

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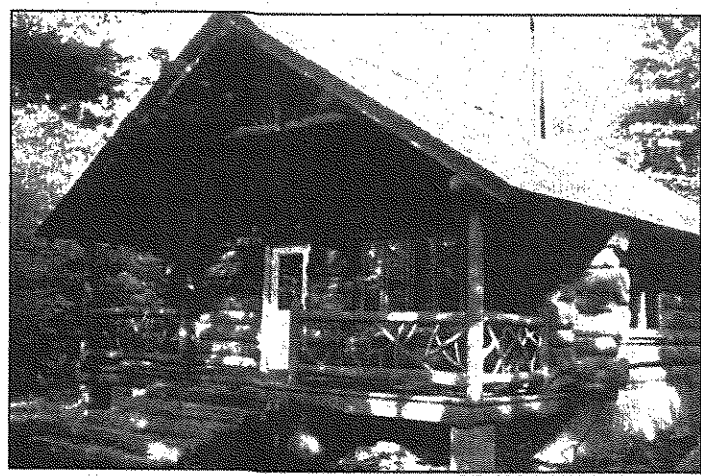
Joy Smith, president of the Waterford Historical Society, is hoping more than 2,000 people will visit Waterford Township's log cabin at 4490 Hatchery.

Built in 1930, the cabin was originally slated for demolition before being restored and moved to Hatchery Park, where it now serves as a museum.

In the past, the cabin has been used as a gas station and a sign shop.

"There is so much character in log cabins," Smith said.

"They really are ageless, and when I go in I just get this



THE LOG CABIN SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

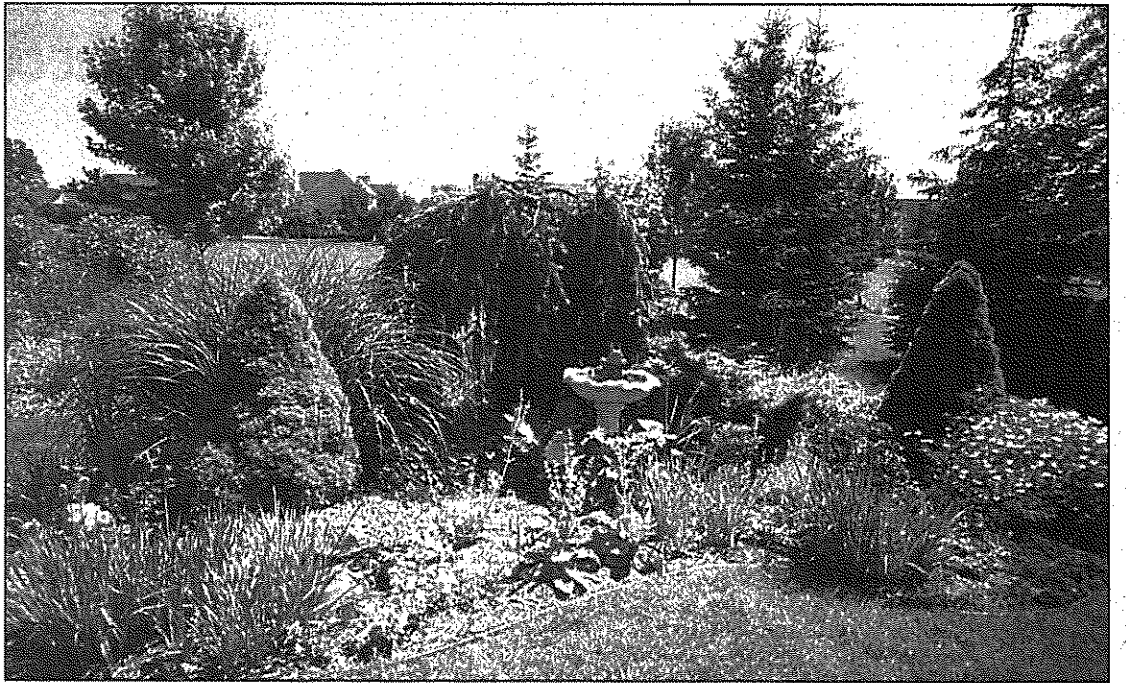
Michigan is the only state which has an annual statewide log cabin festival. The last Sunday of June of each year is considered in Michigan to be Log Cabin Day.

warm feeling. They're welcoming buildings."

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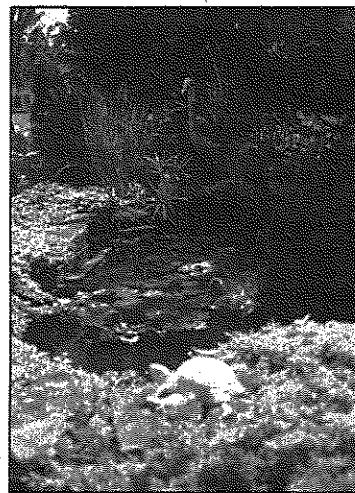
said.

The Van Hees garden gets mulch every other year. Fred likes to use liquid seaweed fertilizer. "We do not have very good soil. It's clay," he said. "We top it with compost every other year."

The Canton Garden Walk features five other stops. The home of Diane Danieli and Malcolm Wakefield presents color, not just from flowers, but from plant life in all areas. Every bush and perennial in the yard blooms at various times.

Peonies and rhododendrons are colorful in the spring, while summer roses, annuals and perennials add to the mix.

Another home's garden draws hummingbirds and butterflies to its annuals and a cedar garden shed sits out in the yard. Visitors on the garden walk will see a home with a yard full of perennials near the Lower Rouge River, including hostas, iris, coneflowers,



How about a little quiet time near the pond? Fred Van Hees has created a place of solitude.

liatrus, daylilies, brown-eyed susans, bleeding hearts, perennial carnations and geraniums, columbine, herbs, yarrow, bell-flowers and hollyhocks.

For Fred Van Hees, gardening is a wonderful pastime. "It's always been a relaxing hobby," he said. "I love to see plants grow."

He's pleased to be a part of the Canton Garden Walk, and he takes it as a real compliment. "I call it our 15 minutes

PETALS AND PATHS

What: The Canton Garden Club presents its fifth annual garden walk. Tour six gardens. **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, rain or shine

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of fame. It's nice to be recognized."

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— Kathryn Chrzanowski —

Congratulations to Kathryn Chrzanowski an Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Teacher of the Month for June.

Kathryn was nominated for this month's award by Joette Morden and Laura Sparrow of the life management and English departments, respectively at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

"Because she's a member of our smallest department and works on the second floor, Kathryn Chrzanowski is a something of a hidden treasure at Harrison, and it's time for us to share the secret with our community", wrote Morden and Sparrow in their nominating letter.

"Except for maternity leaves, Kathy has been teaching in this district (Farmington Public School District) since 1970, mostly here at Harrison. In the course of her career, she's taught not only English but also business and life management. In fact, in life management alone she's taught an impressive array of courses including Teen Issues, Family Sociology, Personal Finance, Parent and Child Development, Foods and Nutrition I and II, Housing and Interior Design and Fashion/Textiles/Technology."

"Add her Word Processing and Accounting and you see not only an enormously flexible teacher but also one whose life work has been preparing our kids to manage the practical aspects of their lives, so they can make the most of themselves - and their families."

"Nor is she taking the easy road to retirement, at this state of her career. At a time when all too many teachers sag into the easy and familiar year after year, Kathy continues to challenge herself every day. Recently she was trained in using computers for textile design, worked to implement the "Winning Futures" program for at-risk kids, established a branch of the Livingston-Oakland Credit Union at Harrison, revamped her accounting curriculum to meet the current needs of business and personally demonstrated her commitment to those fighting diseases by donating her long hair to "Lock of Love."

Harrison High School and Farmington Public Schools are grateful to have Kathryn Chrzanowski - a treasure indeed for public school students and this month's Feature Teacher for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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— Jacquelyn Laymac —

Jacquelyn Laymac a teacher at Avondale High School, is bright, enthusiastic and works with staff, community and above all her students to deliver the best in public education.

Congratulations to Jacquelyn Laymac, an Observer & Eccentric Teacher of the Month for June.

Jacquelyn was nominated for this month's award by John Pettito, assistant principal at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills.

"Her lessons are the product of much thought and create a classroom atmosphere conducive to learning. Her students are actively involved and are able to practically apply their knowledge," wrote Pettito.

Jacquelyn Laymac also is a big contributor outside the classroom.

"She developed a ninth grade team teaching program, served on curriculum committees to establish new science courses and worked with the special education staff and counselors to improve the school's work program. She currently coordinates Avondale's Career Education Program."

"She is truly a visionary who is driven by her desire to see her students succeed," wrote Pettito. "She is known throughout Oakland County and the state of Michigan as a leader in the field of career education."

In addition to her work at Avondale, Ms. Laymac is currently enrolled in the Oakland County Aspiring Administrator's Program. Coordinated through Oakland School, it serves as a training ground for educators who wish to explore the possibilities of administration.

"I think most highly of Jackie Laymac," wrote Pettito. "She and her husband, Tom, along with two young children, Zachary and Alise, live in Grand Blanc and attend many school functions."

Her involvement is most appreciated by staff and students and by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as one of our Feature Teachers for June.

Books help plan a visit, plan a garden

Garden tours are in full swing now.

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Directory: The Guide to Visiting America's Best Private Gardens, 2003 Edition, lists gardens in 22 states that will be open to the public on select weekend days through October.

Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Michigan is well represented with five local and two public gardens that will be open Sunday, July 13. Admission to each garden is \$5.

Published by Harry N. Abrams (\$25.95, plus \$4.50; \$1.50 each additional copy), the directory is available locally, or write or call The Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516, phone (888) 842-2442 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following five books are all published by Timber Press:

Succulents, Yvonne Cave (\$29.95), is the next best thing to seeing succulents growing in the wild.

The descriptions of the hundreds of species and cultivars are accompanied by outstanding photographs.

Perhaps they will entice you to try a few.

Although these plants originate in warmer climates, some are cold tolerant and even hardy.

Cave explains how to best grow these plants indoors and out and suggests those that are particularly cold hardy. I miss zone information. *Succulents* can open a new world of gardening to you.

The Genus Epimedium, Vancouveria and Other Herbaceous Berberidaceae, William T. Stearn (\$49.95), is a botanical magazine monograph.

The bulk of the book explains

the classification of organisms in an ordered system that indicates natural relationships of epimediums by species.

Stearn first wrote his monograph of this genus in 1938. This new book now covers all epimediums, many discovered only in the last decade.

Stearn shares growing information and includes the history of their horticultural introduction.

Color photos and paintings from Kew beautifully illustrate these plants.

Consider the Leaf: Foliage in Garden Design, Judy Glattstein (\$24.95), will make you look closely at your garden. It's overflowing with good advice about using foliage successfully.

Here are some suggestions: yucca/lamb's ears; blue flag iris/ferns; apple green fronds of maidenhair fern/and rounded leaves of wild ginger; host/English ivy.

Glattstein writes from personal experience about all kinds of plants. She shares the meaning of a fedge, a wire fence concealed with vines, and tells how to duplicate it. Specific ideas for the four seasons round out this book.

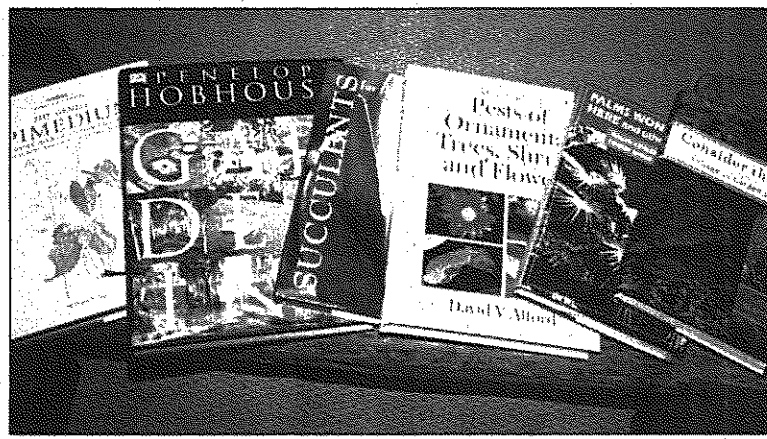
Palms Won't Grow Here and Other Myths: Warm-climate Plants for Cooler Areas, David A. Francko (\$27.95), challenges you to grow tropical plants in a cool environment.

Francko explains how plants protect themselves in winter and how gardeners can make use of microclimates and simple techniques to add two or more hardiness zones to their garden habitats.

He describes nearly 300 species and varieties of plants.

This book is full of humorous anecdotes and observations; you can enjoy it without putting a shovel into the soil. The author is chair of the department of botany at Miami University in Ohio.

A Color Atlas of Pests of Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and



MARTY FIGLEY

Great books for summer reading.

Flowers, David V. Alford (\$59.95), has been republished. It was originally published in 1995, and out of print for some time.

Both pests and plant symptoms are described in detail and carefully photographed for ease in identification. Information about how and when they appear is included.

This valuable reference work will be of importance to entomologists, horticulturists, pest control specialists, integrated pest management practitioners, growers, students and teachers.

With this amount of information, even the novice can learn how to identify pests.

BIG SUBJECT

D.K. Publishing has released *The Story of Gardening*, Penelope Hobhouse (\$40), a selection of the Garden Book Club.

Devotees of Hobhouse will be enthralled with another book by this plantswoman and prolific author.

She writes about the origins of the most influential gardening styles from Mesopotamia, Egypt and Persia, to the present time.

Because the subject is so vast, Hobhouse says, "The storyteller is a gardener and perhaps, more

importantly, a designer too, so the viewpoint is an aesthetic one.

"My primary interest is in layouts - garden styles - and how and why they came about. But as a working practical gardener I also feel a perennial satisfaction with plants, how they have been used in the past and might be used in the future.

"I believe that discovering the way in which gardening has evolved enriches every gardener's life and that seeing how successive periods have influenced each other can help each of us identify our own aims and look to the future."

A timeline includes the histories and uses of each particular plant.

The book is fascinating. Photographs and illustrations of many famous gardens are awe inspiring. This would make a welcome gift.

GOODGARDEN TIP

Gardenviews in Northville has many wonderful garden gifts. It now carries OXO brand of garden tools, made of quality steel with black "Goodgrips."

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN WALKS/TOURS

Canton

The Canton Garden Club presents its fifth annual garden walk, "Petals and Paths." Tour six lovely gardens 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, Saturday, June 28. Tickets are \$6 pre-sale and \$7 on the day of the tour. They may be bought from Keller and Stein, 42158 Michigan, (734) 397-0800; Graye's Greenhouse, 8820 Lilley, (734) 453-1220; Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford, (734) 981-2866; and Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600. No strollers, please. For information, contact Judy Bloomquist at (734) 455-8283.

Livonia

The 14th annual Garden Walk presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead (Livonia's Historical Village) will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. They may be bought from committee members, or at any of the three Livonia public libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead, and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. The Civic Center Library and Livonia City Hall are at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Greenmead is at Eight Mile and Newburgh. Seven lovely gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia will be open for viewing. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Park. Steinkopf Nursery also will sell shrubs and plants discounted for 20-25 percent off with a percentage going to Greenmead's restoration projects. Those plants will be available at the Hill House at Greenmead. Call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855 for information.

Northville

The Gardens of Northville's 10th annual Garden Walk will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9. Six gardens will be featured. At Mill Race Village, the Cady Inn will have been transformed into

an Oriental tearoom where complimentary homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served. Tranquil music will be played. Local vendors will offer a selection of plants and garden items. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village the day of the walk.

Garden walk tickets are \$10, in advance only. They are available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, and Morrison's Antiques, 105 E. Main. Tickets won't be sold the day of the walk.

The event is sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

Redford

Eight beautiful yards will be included on Redford Township's biennial Garden Walk scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 12. The self-guided walk includes both large and small yards. Tickets are \$4 in advance or \$5 the day of the tour.

A map and description of the yards will be provided at the time of the purchase. Tickets are available at the following locations: Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly; Redford Community Center (Senior Office), 12121 Hemingway; Flower Station of Redford, 25801 Plymouth Road at Beech Daly, and Seven Mile Garden Center, 26346 Seven Mile Road, west of Beech Daly.

Free bus transportation is available for senior citizens. Contact the Redford senior office at (313) 387-2784. The Garden Walk is sponsored by the Redford Township Beautification Commission. Proceeds will be used for beautification projects. Volunteer hosts and hostesses are needed for the yards. Call Beautification Commission chairwoman Janet Watson at (313) 255-5293.

Anyone with information on garden walks can forward it at least two weeks before the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.



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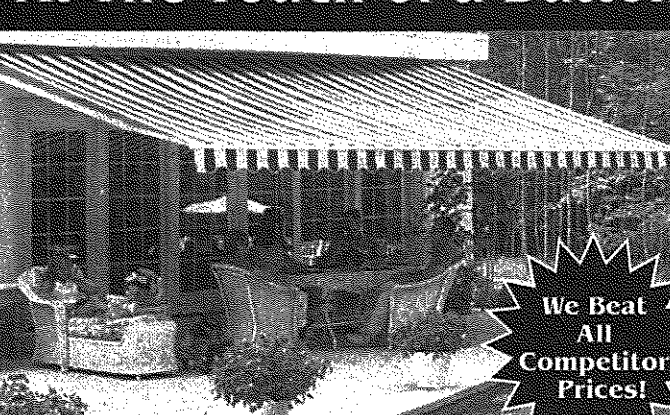
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have the time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry, and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But, we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced; however, slowing down and enjoying God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, is beneficial to our well-being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

Slow Down and Enjoy Life!

SMELL!

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JUNE

Morning Star VBS

Morning Star Church (28563 Pardo) in Garden City will host Vacation Bible School June 29-July 2 for children in grades K-5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. SCUBA (Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure) is the theme. Call (734) 367-3029.

80th Anniversary

Calling all former parishioners living in the suburbs! SS. Peter & Paul Church, 7685 Grandville, Detroit, will celebrate its 80th anniversary Sunday, June 29, beginning with 11 a.m. Mass. Reception will follow. Call Linda Williams at (313) 846-2222, Ext. 107.

Healer to speak

Saul Shaye will present "Releasing the Fat Man Within" at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, at Unity Church of Livonia. The talk will focus on the spiritual, mental and emotional dynamics of obesity. Immediately following he will offer "A Healer's Odyssey" a wellness lecture and healing workshop from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$15. He will be available for private healing sessions Monday, June 30 through July 2. Call (734) 421-1760 for information.

Protestant worship service

CPX, a new church in Livonia, leads a Protestant worship service 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 29, on Livonia Spree's main stage at Ford Field, Lyndon and Farmington roads. CPX will use their unique style of live driving music, video clips, art, relevant Bible teaching, and contemporary worship songs to lead the service. CPX meets regularly 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sundays at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile, Livonia.

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to noon through Friday, June 27, for ages 4-14 at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. The theme is "Shining God's Light." Cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

Michael J. Roads Seminar

The Australian author and speaker conducts a seminar "Walking Through the Looking Glass: Discover the Truth that will Change Your Life" Saturday-Sunday, July 12-13, free discussion 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Unity Church of Livonia. For more information about Roads, visit the Web site at www.michaelroads.com.

JULY

St. Hilary fund-raiser

St. Hilary Church (23901 Elmira) in Redford will host several fund-raising

events including a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10-13; bake sale 10 a.m. July 13; homemade (chicken) dinner noon to 5 p.m. July 13; and a cheer basket and raffle prizes will be available. Everyone welcome. Call (313) 533-1560.

Grief to hope

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring grief seminar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19 titled "From Grief to Hope." The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief support. There is no cover charge but a \$7 donation is requested to cover breakfast and lunch. The program is for all adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one. Ward Church is located in Northville at Six Mile and Haggerty Roads. Call (248) 374-5966 to register.

VBS Round Up

Rancho Round-Up Vacation Bible School will feature Bible stories, worship, crafts, skits, music and snacks. July 21-25 from 6-8:30 p.m. for ages three to adult. Baby-sitting provided for those attending Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church (9600 Laverne, East of Inkster and North of West Chicago) in Redford. Theme is based on Psalm 23. No charge.

Rancho Round-up

Grace Lutheran Church of Redford (25630 Grand River Ave.) invites children ages 3-12 to attend the Rancho Round-up Vacation Bible School ministry 9-11:45 a.m. (weekdays only) July 21-30. There will be numerous Bible-based, Christ-centered learning activities including lessons, music, craft projects and a separate parade, carnival and more. A closing worship will be held 7 p.m. July 30 at the church. Call Matthew Ripper (313) 532-2266.

Widowed Friends

Widowed Friends will meet for movie night 6:30 p.m. July 26 at the AMC in Novi (Haggerty Road between 7 and 8 Mile roads). Call for information (248) 349-9145.

SCUBA Bible School

Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia (35475 Five Mile) will hold Vacation Bible School July 27-31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (SCUBA) will be the theme. To register call (734) 464-6722.

AUGUST

Lighthouse Kids VBS

Newburgh United Methodist Church will host Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-7 titled Lighthouse Kids: Shining God's Light. Preschoolers must be entering kindergarten in 2003, 2004, 2005 and elementary children must be entering grades 1-6. All children and their friends are invited to attend. Registration is coming soon. Adult and youth volunteers are needed. Call Sandra Allen for details.

Promise Keepers

Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia is looking for any men who want to attend the event, Aug. 8-9, in Columbus, Ohio and would like to go with other men from Memorial Church. Call Tom Rich (734) 421-4782.

UPCOMING

Women's Event

Calvary Baptist Church of Canton (43065 Joy Road) will host popular Christian women's speaker Becky Tirabassi through their women's ministries program. The event titled "One Thing," will take place Oct. 25 at the Canton church. Tirabassi is the author of "Let Prayer Change Your Life," and several other books and has been heard on the radio and seen on television across the country. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and there is a morning session at 8:30 a.m. then after lunch a session beginning at 1:45 p.m. Registration fee is \$20. Call (734) 480-4528.

ONGOING

Redford Church

Detroit World Outreach a non-denominational church for all colors (23800 West Chicago) in Redford has Sunday services 9 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. They also offer Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night they offer a young adult services for people 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Jack C. Wallace is the senior pastor. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.dwo.org

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1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to: High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150. To fax call (734) 591-7279. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size. One entry per household.
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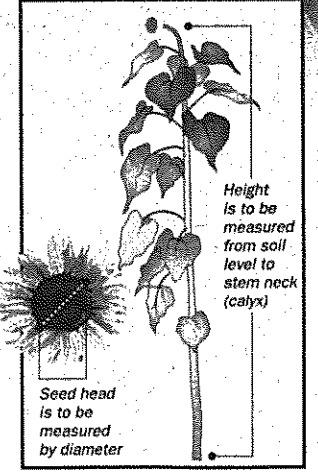
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Learn about clematis before pruning

BY LEE REICH
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Unpruned, a clematis vine grows increasingly large over the years, bearing flowers higher and higher until the only thing staring you in the face is a tangle of bare, woody stems. Avoid this by pruning - every year.

The pruning method depends on the flowering habit of the particular plant. Fortunately, all clematis can be lumped into one of three pruning groups. If you are not sure to which group a plant belongs, let it grow freely for a year or two and watch how it flowers.

Group 1: Clematis in this group flower late in the season, toward the ends of new shoots. Sweet Autumn clematis and varieties such as Comtesse de Bouchaud, Blue Boy, and Margot Koster are in this group. Merely lop all shoots

back to within a foot of the ground just before growth begins for the season.

Group 2: These vines flower early in the season, on last year's stems. Pamela Jackman, Willy, and Francis Ravis are in this group. Pruning, again, is easy. Just cut the whole plant nearly to the ground - in this case, though, prune right after the blossoms fade. The more vigorous the plant, the more severe pruning is needed.

Be a little careful because very old stems don't always resprout following severe cutting. Therefore, don't prune back into very old wood, or prune only some stems, or prune the whole plant back severely and have a young replacement plant ready in case of death.

Group 3: These clematis vines flower more or less throughout the season, first on last years stems and then later on new shoots. Many of the

large-flowered hybrids such as Elsa Spath, Nelly Moser, Haku Ookan, and Henryi are in this group.

Pruning Group 3 is a little trickier than pruning the other groups. If you cut a plant back sharply before growth begins, you miss the earliest flowers; prune severely after the first flush of blooms and you miss the later ones. One option is to cut back the whole plant every few years just before growth begins (sacrificing the earliest blossoms), with little or no pruning in the intervening years.

Or divide the plant in half, and severely prune an alternate half each year.

For the most refined approach, lightly thin out and disentangle stems before growth begins, then go over the plants again, severely shortening stems bearing an early flush of flowers right after those early flowers fade.

Movement can be caused by unstable soil

Is your house moving? It probably is and it's not as unusual as you might think.

Structural movement is one of the most common concerns of homeowners, according to a recent nationwide survey by Criterium Engineers. And, it is often the soil underneath the home that's the cause, says Charles Jones, P.E., principal of Criterium-Jones Engineers of Birmingham.

The Criterium Engineers survey was based on information gathered from 65 offices across 35 states. Each office provided a list of the most common homeowner concerns as recorded by its engineers.

Responses found that some structural movement is common to homes of all ages. Criterium Engineers collectively inspects 25,000 homes per year.

"Homeowners need to investigate thoroughly the reason for their home's movement," explained Jones.

"Temperatures and humidity changes can cause shrinkage in lumber. That shrinkage, in

turn, can crack interior finishes. But those two changes are not necessarily signs of structural movement. If there is significant cracking or movement, however, then soil conditions may be the cause."

Results of the survey revealed seven problem areas stemming from moving or unsound grounds:

1. **Unstable soil.** The soil underneath the home may consist of granular material or fine-grained clay. Considered not very stable, clay is more sensitive to changes in its moisture content. Heavy rains or drought can then cause structural movement in this type of soil.

2. **Eroded sloping sites.** While the hillside view may be great, soil erosion mixed with heavy rains can degrade the soil structure - and your home may tumble after.

2. **Earthquakes.** After an earthquake, soil movement may have caused the home to shift. Even minor tremors can affect soils in ways that may not show up until months later.

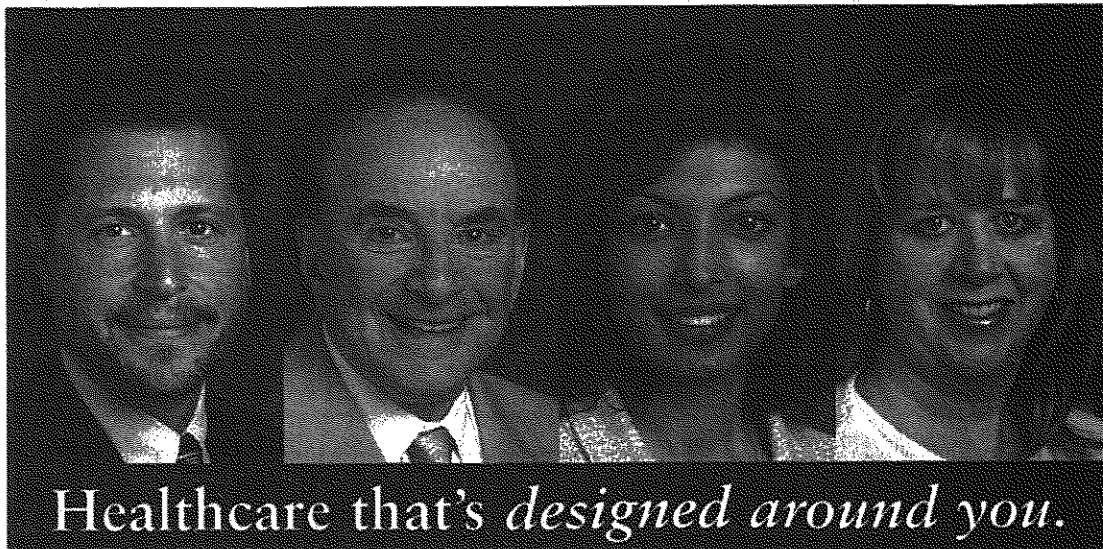
4. **Curved roads.** Vehicles repeatedly turning the curve impact the outlying soil. Homes built along the side of curved roads or in cul-de-sacs can eventually feel the effects of local traffic.

5. **Non-uniform soil.** If part of a foundation is on one type of soil while other parts are on another, shifting can occur since the varied soils perform differently.

6. **Rock ledge.** If the home is partly built on a rock ledge, the soil under the remaining portions may consolidate and cause uneven settlement.

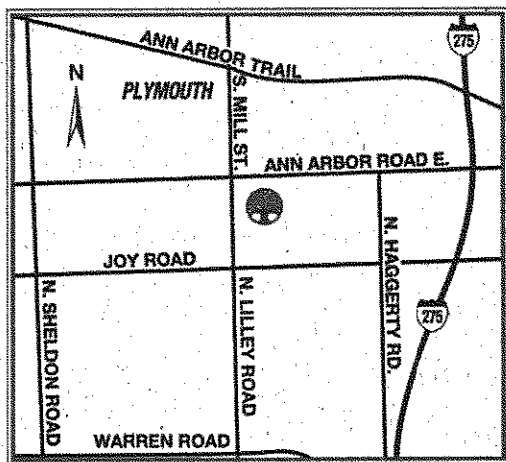
7. **Improper soil preparation during construction.** Most soils must be thoroughly compacted before construction to accept the additional weight of the new home.

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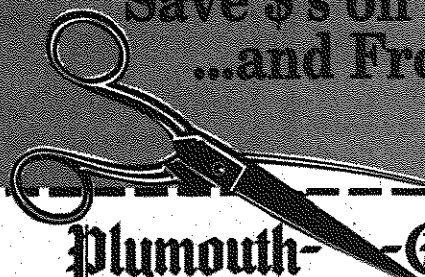
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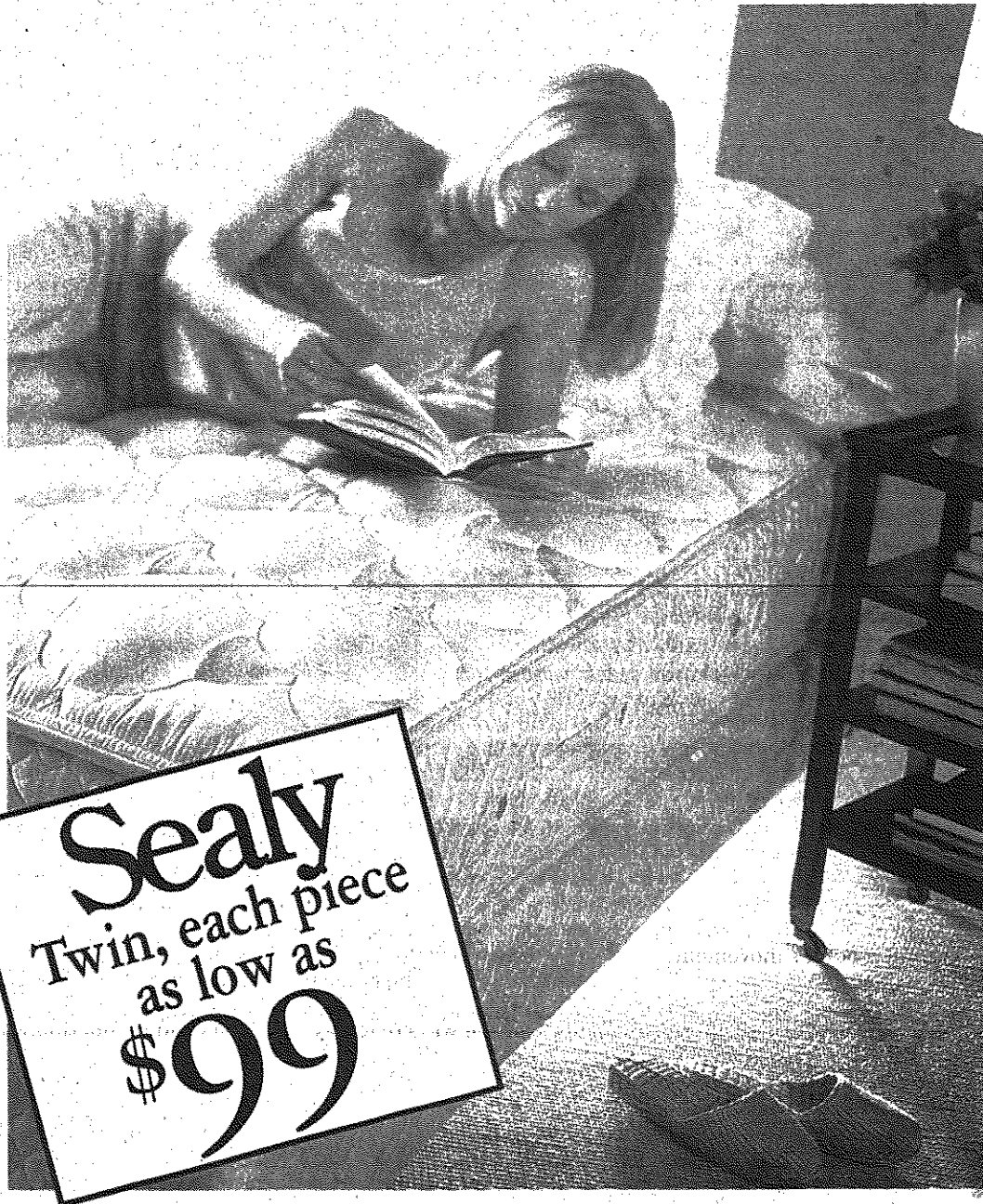
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Troy Garden Walk features variety

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

There is pleasure in the planting as well as in the viewing of the beautiful garden at the home of Dave and Rhea Bertelsen.

Along with gardening, talents like those of an artist applying a palette to a canvas, or an interior designer furnishing a room, seem to be involved in arranging a large assortment of plants attractively and to best growing advantage at the Troy residence.

And it is fun, Rhea said: "It's something I always enjoy doing. It's been a lot of fun. I meet a lot of people. To me it's pleasant work, a nice hobby."

The garden is one of six featured on the 29th annual Troy Garden Walk, Wednesday, July 9 (see related article).

VARIETY

The Bertelsens are the second owners of the house, which was built in 1986. They have lived there for seven years. Much of the landscaping had been done by the previous owner.

"I like to plant flowers, so I had some trees taken out," Rhea Bertelsen said.

There is actually more than

one "garden" at the Bertelsens'.

A curving brick walkway, which the family put in a couple of years ago, leads from the driveway to the front door.

Nestled in a shrub bed by the front door are three different groups of euonymus in combinations of white, green and yellow, two blue hostas, a dwarf mugo pine and a fernleaf Japanese maple, Full-Moon.

"It just adds a lot of interest through the whole year," Bertelsen said of the setting.

White sweet woodruff, which serves as a nice filler, three arborvitae, pink and white peonies and a blue Siberian iris are some of the other elements in the space.

Two mature dwarf Alberta spruce trees stand at the front door, providing privacy. A clipped boxwood hedge lines the split-rail fence along the walkway.

Corner beds in the front yard are framed by split-rail fencing and contain golden privet bush, myrtle and blue oat grass.

After the Bertelsens removed pine trees from the front yard, they created an island of spring bulbs and summer annuals, lining it with large, colorful stones Dave hauled from a nearby construction site. Among the flowers are red

TROY GARDEN WALK

What: The 29th annual event will feature six gardens, a boutique and a raffle.

When: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 9.

Tickets: \$10, advance purchase only. They are available at Tellys Greenhouse, A Sense of Thyme, the Troy Historical Museum, Wilkop Landscaping and Uncle Luke's Feedstore, or by calling the Troy Garden Club at (248) 879-8621. Tickets are limited and have sold out for several years in a row.

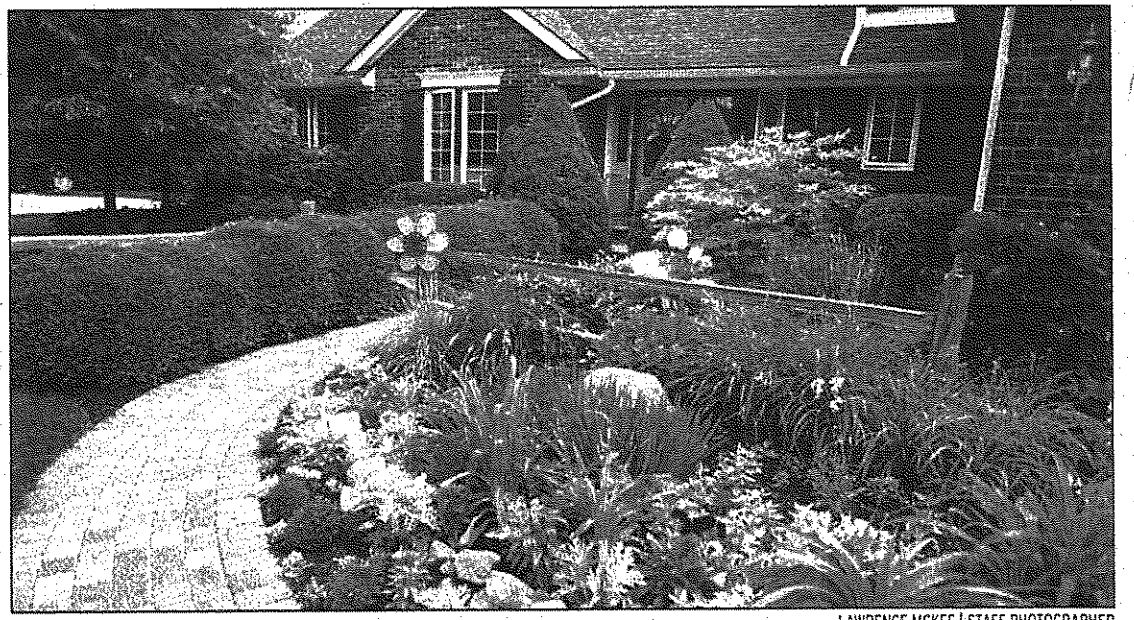
tulips, white crocus, blue glory-of-the-snow, sunflowers, penstamen, monarda, bee-balm and Shasta daisies. Leadwort is groundcover.

OTHER DELIGHTS

A variety of delights and surprises can be found throughout the grounds.

In the shade of a white flowering crab apple tree, an Oregon grape holly evergreen presents bright orange flowers in the spring and bluish berries in the fall. Barren strawberry, "Lip Stick" shows tiny rose-red flowers under a densely rooted weeping cherry tree.

Green and white euonymus "Gaiety" drapes around outdoor meters and sprinklers, forming a decorative cover over such mechanisms.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The entrance to Dave and Rhea Bertelsen's home gives an idea of the variety of beautiful plants on the grounds. The site will be featured on the 29th annual Troy Garden Walk on July 9.

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Best beers feted

Twenty-two Michigan breweries entered the Michigan Beer Guide Brewers Cup, the first competition of its kind, established to evaluate and recognize the quality of products brewed here in Michigan.

The idea for the competition was born several years ago when Rex and Mary Halfpenny had a conversation with Linda Jones of the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council. The wine industry has competitions annually and the medal winners are exhibited at the Michigan State Fair.

Copper Canyon Brewery, a brewpub in Southfield, offered to host the competition and provide its venue for the awards banquet. Blind judging was performed by members of the Beer Judge Certification Program, a nationwide organization of beer judges dedicated to beer quality and recognizing sensory analysis judging skills.

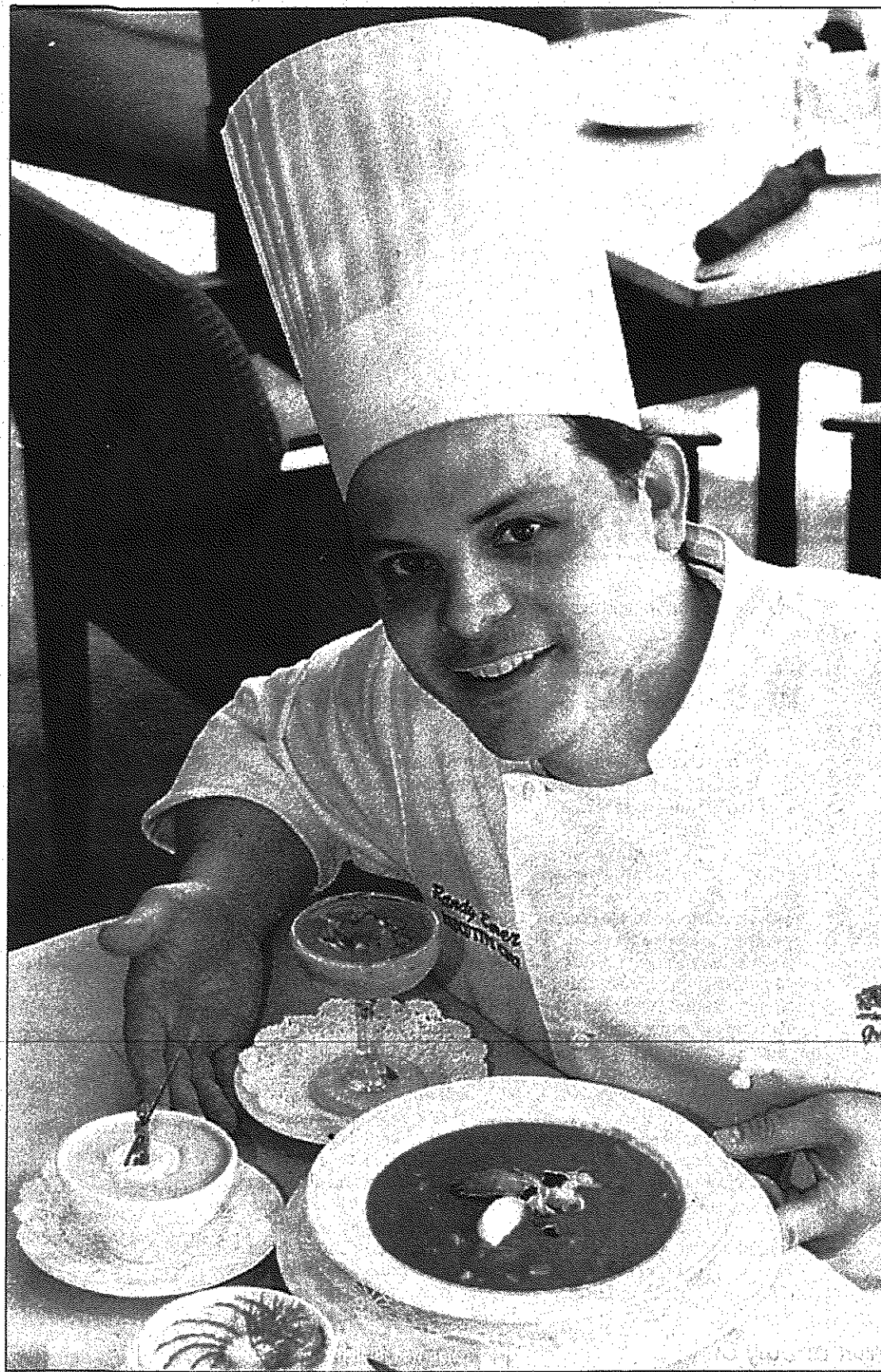
Exactly 100 beers were entered from 22 Michigan breweries.

Each beer was evaluated by four judges on a scale of 1 to 50, with 50 being a perfect beer. Beers that scored above average (30-34) were awarded bronze medals. Beers that scored excellent (35-39) were awarded silver medals and beers that scored outstanding (over 40) were awarded gold medals. The three most experienced judges judged one beer to be Best of Show because they found it best exemplified the classic style. This entry will be awarded the Michigan Brewers Cup at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The results will not be released until the Brewers Award Banquet, Saturday, June 28, at Copper Canyon Brewery. The banquet, which begins at 6 p.m., will include food, a sampling of the highest-scoring beers, and the opportunity to rub elbows with the brewers and cheer on their achievements.

Tickets are \$30 and available from Copper Canyon by calling (248) 223-1700.

A free 2003 Michigan Brewers Cup souvenir glass is included with each ticket purchase.



Randy Emert, executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, sits with some of his creations: vichyssoise (from left, then clockwise), chilled fruit soup with strawberry salsa, traditional gazpacho and chilled cucumber and dill soup.

Chill out

When the heat's on, try a cold soup

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Finally. Here comes the heat of July.

OK, so the temperatures haven't quite climbed into the 90s like we're used to in late June. But they will again, and when they do, chefs around town like Randy Emert, certified executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Hills, will be creating dishes not always considered when looking to cut the heat — chilled soups.

Emert believes chilled soups are a great way to get nutrition from fruits and vegetables, whether you use tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries or potatoes, all the while cutting the heat. The key to a delicious chilled soup is consistency.

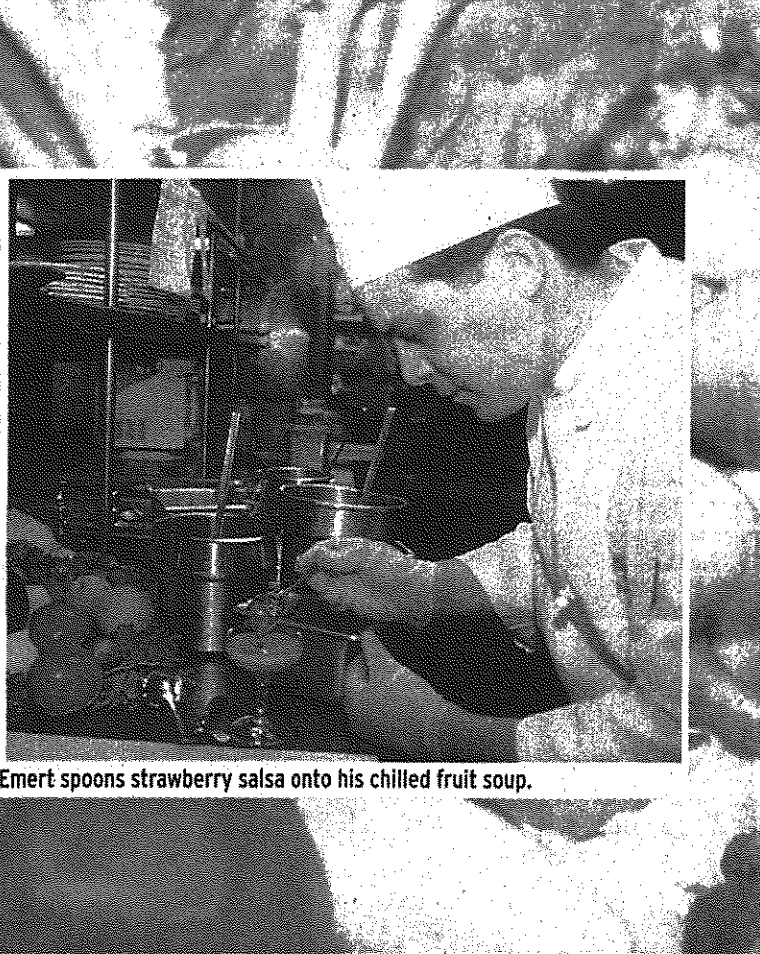
"You have to make sure you have consistency," Emert said. "You have to make sure the texture is not too rough."

In the *Culinary Arts Institute's Book of Soups* by Mary Donovan and Jennifer Armentrout, the authors write: "Cold soups can be rich, as in the case of cream soups, or bold and robust, as in the case of pureed soups."

The authors also state that cold foods often require stronger seasoning than hot foods and that you should remember to allow the soups sufficient time to develop flavors.

But Emert, a Lake Orion resident and graduate of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program, also warns that you should not overseason the soups.

"Cold soups get prepared for the next day, and the seasonings get stronger overnight," Emert said. "Always keep in mind that these are delicate items."



Emert spoons strawberry salsa onto his chilled fruit soup.

Guests will warm up to cold soups

CHILLED CUCUMBER AND DILL SOUP

3 cucumbers, peeled and medium dice
1 large shallot, peeled and medium dice
2 tablespoons dill, no stems
1 cup sour cream
Juice of 1/2 lime
Few splashes of Tabasco
Salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle cucumbers with salt and pepper, then let sit about 15 minutes to let the water come out of the cucumbers. Add all other ingredients except sour cream and blend. Fold in sour cream and adjust seasonings. Add milk to adjust consistency only if needed.

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Burgundies to know and buy

Burgundy is among the most confusing regions to wine consumers. OK, white Burgundy is made from chardonnay and red Burgundy is pinot noir. But who are the best producers and how does one go about choosing pleasing, delicious Burgundy wines?

In the early 1990s, we would not have included Bouchard Pere & Fils among the top Burgundy producers and a good place to begin a search for top Burgundies. That's changed!



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

HISTORY

Bouchard Pere & Fils was founded in 1731 by Michel Bouchard and his son. Over the centuries, nine successive generations of the Bouchard family acquired vineyards, gradually increasing estate holdings, known as the Domaine Bouchard Pere & Fils.

Today, Bouchard's holdings are concentrated in the Cote de Beaune, where the winery has parcels in 35 premiers crus vineyards, including their famous monopole Beaune-Greves Vigne de l'Enfant Jesus. Bouchard is the single largest owner in Chevalier-Montrachet, and has the exclusive distribution rights to La Romanee, the celebrated grand cru of the Chateau de Vosne Romanee. These three wines are Bouchard's flagships.

In the mid-1980s, Bouchard was one of the most reliable Burgundy producers. While many producers escaped detection, in 1989 Bouchard got caught for tweaking its wines with both sugar and acidity during the challenging 1987 vintage. After the scandal broke, Bouchard ran into financial problems and quality dropped.

UP BY THE BOOT STRAPS

In 1995, Joseph Henriot, ex-president of Veuve Clicquot Champagne, bought Bouchard and promised to restore its once proud reputation. Henriot knew all the vineyard components were in place to make great wine. He demanded lower vineyard yields and installed smaller fermentation tanks so that the vast number of

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CELLAR WORTHY: 2000 Raymond Reserve (\$40) and 2000 Robert Mondavi, Napa Valley (\$30). If you want to drink either of these now, double decant them before serving. **BEST BUYS UNDER \$12:** 2001 Rosemount (\$11) and 2000 Carmenet Cellar Selection (\$8) (tastes better than many at twice the price).

A CABERNET FOR GRILLED LAMB: 1998 Wynns Coonawarra Estate John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon (\$50). Full-bodied with silky textures. Ripe flavor spectrum with hints of black olives, tobacco, mint and smoky oak. Decidedly Coonawarra!

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Avocados bring contrast of flavor to potato salad

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Avocados suit summer menus in many ways. They're served alone, with a variety of dressings, in salads, or combined with zippy seasonings in favorite guacamole recipes.

Here's a rather different take, a recipe for a potato salad with avocados.

Combined with redskin potatoes, the chunks of avocado provide a contrast of flavor and texture. The avocados' mono-unsaturated fat is a heart-healthy benefit of this low-fat recipe; another is that a light, tangy dressing substitutes for the usual mayonnaise.

AVOCADO POTATO SALAD

- 6 medium red potatoes, unpeeled, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 2 avocados, peeled, pitted, cubed
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped

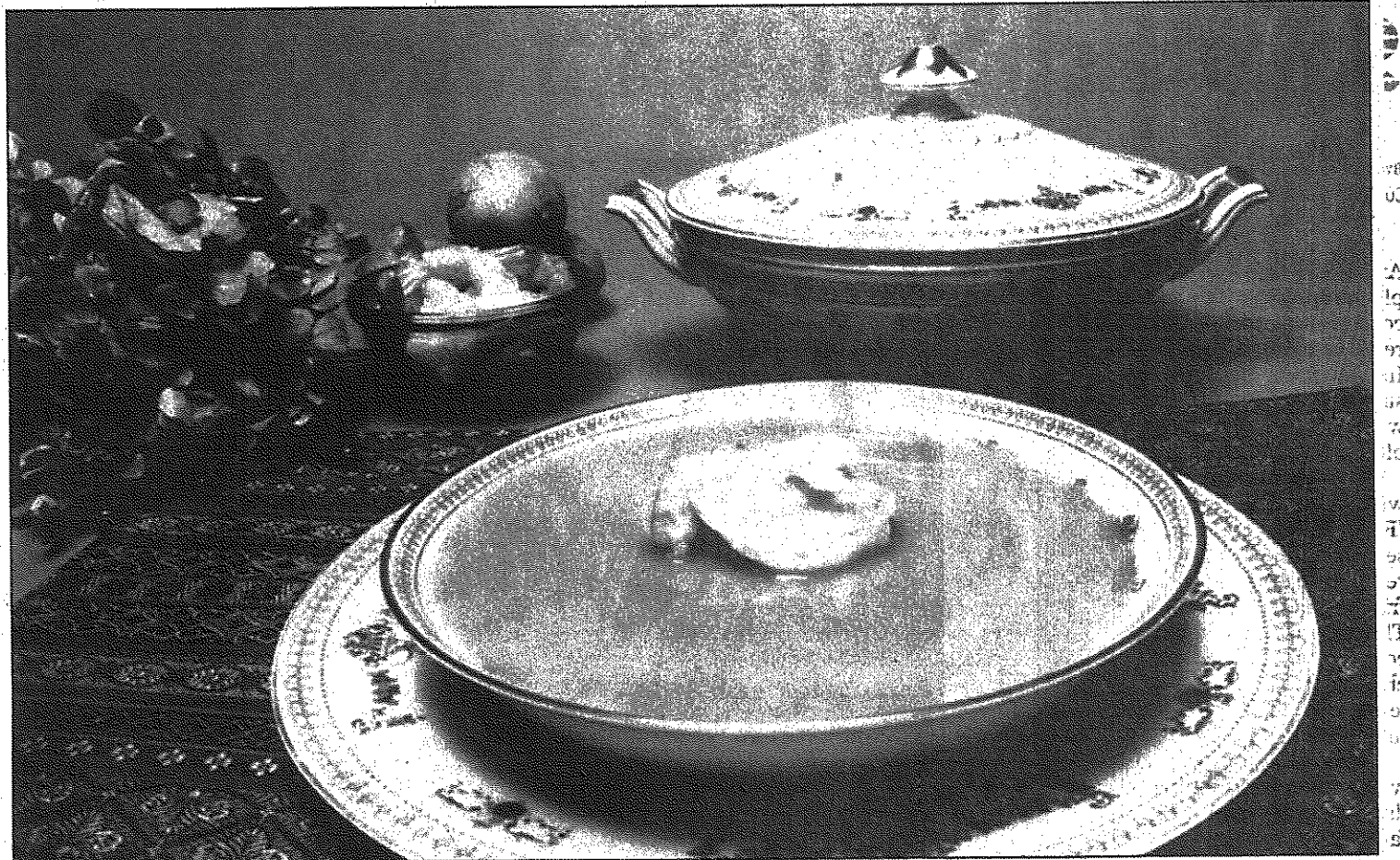
For dressing:

- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 2 tablespoons honey-mustard
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt

Boil diced potatoes in large pot until just tender. While potatoes boil, cube avocados and toss with 2 tablespoons lime juice; set aside. Drain potatoes and place in bowl of cold water. When potatoes have cooled, drain well and place in large salad bowl.

To make dressing: Whisk lime juice, garlic, mustard, sugar, salt, pepper, olive oil and yogurt in medium bowl. Taste dressing and adjust seasonings. Pour dressing over potatoes and toss. Gently fold in avocado, onion and cilantro. Serve at room temperature, or cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill until serving. (Can be prepared up to three hours in advance.)

Makes eight 1-cup servings.



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This potato and watercress soup can be refreshing when well-chilled in the summer.

Welcome watercress soup this summer

Soup has come in from the cold. It is now as common on hot summer days as it is in chillier months.

While winter soup is hearty and rich, warm-weather soups tend to be light and fresh tasting. Soups can be made creamy by using potatoes as well as cream. And with greens like spinach and watercress, this actually lets the vegetable's flavor come out more clearly than it does in cream-laden soups that tend to mask flavors.

Greens like watercress also are packed with vitamins, minerals and other health-protective substances.

Compared to light-colored lettuce, the darker leafy greens like watercress, spinach, romaine and arugula have more beta-carotene, vitamin C and folate, a B vitamin linked to lower risk of cancer and

heart disease.

Watercress and other cruciferous vegetables, which include spinach, Brussels sprouts, bok choy, cabbage and kale, contain several compounds that seem to help prevent cancer from developing. Some people don't like the occasionally sharp or bitter taste of cruciferous vegetables, so be careful not to overcook which tends to exaggerate their assertive flavors. Many of these vegetables, like watercress, spinach and bok choy, can be added raw to salads.

For optimum flavor when cooking, steam or stir-fry these vegetables briefly, and add flavorings such as a little olive oil and garlic to smooth out the taste.

The addition of a few shrimp makes this potato and watercress soup a whole meal, refreshing whether well-chilled

in the summer or served hot when the weather is cool.

WATERCRESS SOUP WITH SHRIMP

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 bunch watercress, tough lower stems removed
- 3 potatoes, about 1 pound, peeled and diced
- 1 quart fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 8 large shrimp, boiled and shelled

In a small Dutch oven, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Stir in the onion and sauté until it is translucent, about 4 to 5 minutes. Do not let it turn brown.

Add the watercress, stirring until it is wilted, about 2 minutes. Add the chicken broth and potatoes.

Bring the soup to a boil,

reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the vegetables are soft, about 20 minutes.

When the soup has cooled slightly, transfer to a blender and puree until it is creamy and smooth, about 30 seconds. (Do this in 2 batches.)

Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper. Pour it into a container and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 4 hours. Halve the shrimp lengthwise. Ladle the soup into individual bowls. Check and adjust the seasoning as needed. Arrange 4 shrimp halves on the surface of each serving of soup. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 152 calories, 3 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 7 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 609 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Various lemon desserts add taste, nutrition

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Lemon yogurt bars can beguile the taste, please those with a sweet tooth, and include a healthy dash of nutrition.

The recipe is the creation of nutritionist Elizabeth Ward, of Reading, Mass., author of "Healthy Foods, Healthy Kids" (Adams Media, 2002, \$14.95 paperback), and mother of three.

"Lemon desserts just say summer," Ward says. "It's the creaminess of the milk and yogurt combined with the tartness of the lemons that make these lemon yogurt bars a favorite of my kids."

She also points out that the calcium-rich bars are the way for the children to get a serving of dairy. To make the bars, chilled lemon-flavor yogurt is spread over baked puff pastry,

topped with homemade yogurt frosting and garnished with fresh blueberries and raspberries.

LEMON YOGURT BARS

Half of a 17-ounce package ready-to-bake sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

- For filling:
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
 - 1/2 cup cornstarch
 - 2 large egg yolks
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 - 1 cup fat-free milk
 - 2 1/2 cups lowfat or fat-free lemon yogurt
 - 1 tablespoon lemon zest

- For frosting:
- 1 1/2 cups lowfat or fat-free lemon yogurt
 - 1 cup confectioner's sugar
 - 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries and raspberries

Preheat oven to 400 F.

On floured surface, roll out puff pastry to 11 inches by 16 inches. Cut in half lengthwise and place both halves on an ungreased baking sheet. Pierce pastry with fork in several places. Bake 7 to 10 minutes or until puffed and golden. Cool on rack.

To make the filling: Blend confectioner's sugar, cornstarch, egg yolks, sugar, vanilla and 2 tablespoons of the milk in medium bowl with a whisk. Set aside. Bring remaining milk (3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons) and 2 1/2 cups yogurt to a boil in a medium saucepan, while whisking. Stir hot milk-yogurt mixture into sugar, egg yolks and cornstarch mixture, and blend thoroughly. Return to saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until thickened to pudding

consistency. Remove from heat and stir in lemon zest. Refrigerate mixture for 20 minutes.

On a clean surface or large cutting board, spread the thickened, slightly cooled filling on one piece of the pastry. Refrigerate an additional 20 minutes, or until set.

To make frosting: Combine yogurt and confectioner's sugar in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate if not used immediately. To assemble, place the plain piece of puff pastry on top of piece with filling on it. Frost. Keep chilled until ready to serve. Before serving, slice into 10 bars. Top with berries, and if desired, dust with additional confectioner's sugar. Makes 10 servings (or 10 bars).

Nutrition information: 360 cal., 11 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 45 mg chol., 140 mg sodium, 8 g pro., 58 g carbo.

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The June 19 Taste section published photos of cherry pie and cherry salsa that were inadvertently placed on the wrong recipes.

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Salads cool July 4 heat

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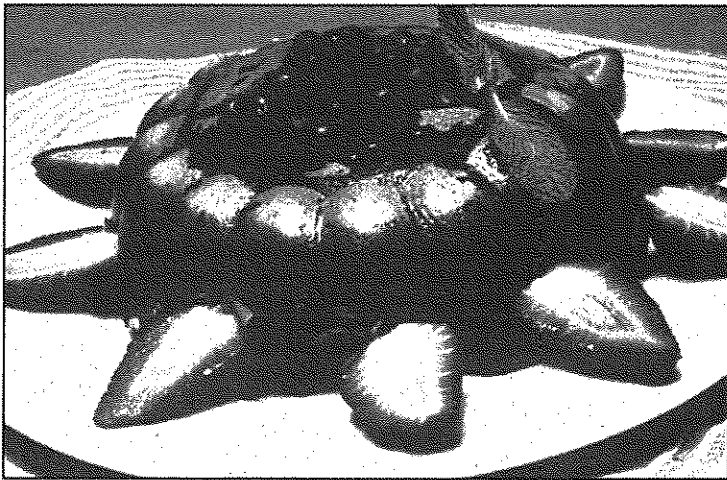
With patriotism and American values on most people's minds these days, those concerns will no doubt be reflected at the table on Independence Day. This year, I suspect the fourth of July weekend will be one long feast of American classics.

If wrangling breaks out over whether it's "French Fries" or "Freedom Fries" that are being served with the burgers, just remind everyone that French fries originated in Belgium. Then pass the ketchup, the corn on the cob, barbecued chicken, fresh-squeezed lemonade, coleslaw and watermelon.

I predict traditional dishes will reign on this summer holiday. So will the appeal of favorite family recipes, whether for potato salad, clam dip, or Grandma's way with deviled eggs. Just remember that we do not live the physically active life Grandma did, nor do we want to suffer from the health problems that plagued her generation. This means taking a good look at favorite recipes, if you haven't already, and finding ways to keep them delicious while bringing them up to date. A little update won't spoil a recipe if it is done cleverly.

Use low-fat mayo and sour cream in potato salads, for example, to cut cholesterol and calories. They provide better results than the fat-free versions because their flavor and texture is closer to the original.

But keep in mind that portion sizes are as important as the ingredients used. When using a bottled dressing, pour off about half the oil at the top of the bottle before shaking. I find this simple trick produces a better taste than fat-free dressings, and significantly cuts down the fat content of dishes like three-bean salad, or



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Use a lavish amount of fresh fruit in this Fourth of July molded salad, turning it into a patriotic red, white and blue fruit salad.

salads studded with cubed cheese. You can also reduce the sugar in recipes, from coleslaw to desserts. I do this automatically, cutting the sugar by up to one-fourth, even for baking. For this molded salad, I check labels to find the juice with the least amount of sugar, and use a lavish amount of fresh fruit, turning it into a patriotic red, white and blue fruit salad.

JULY FOURTH MOLDED SALAD

- 2 3-ounce packets strawberry gelatin dessert mix
- 1 1/2 cups cran-raspberry juice
- 1 1/2 cups cold raspberry-flavored club soda
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 pound hulled, sliced strawberries (2 cups)
- 1/2 pint blueberries
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, peeled and cored, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup mini-marshmallows (optional)

Place gelatin in a medium bowl. Heat juice to boiling and pour over the gelatin. Stir until completely dissolved, about 2 or 3 minutes. Mix in cold soda and lemon juice.

Refrigerate the mixture about 1 hour, stirring occasion-

ally, until it has the consistency of raw egg white. (Or, set the bowl of gelatin into a larger bowl of ice and water to cool it, stirring frequently, about 12 to 15 minutes.)

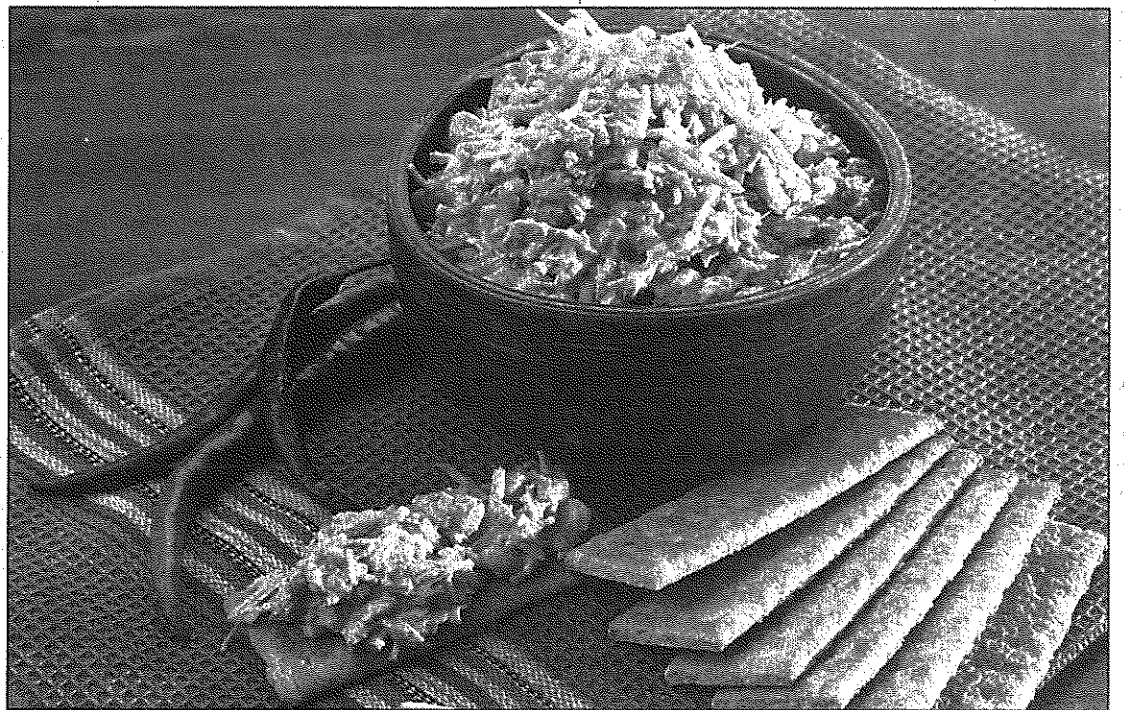
Into the thickened gelatin, mix in strawberries, half the blueberries, the apple and marshmallows (if using). Stir to distribute fruit evenly. Reserve remaining berries for garnish.

Pour fruit and gelatin mixture into a 5-cup ring mold. Chill until very firm, about 4 hours, or overnight. (This salad can be made 1 to 2 days ahead. Store it in the mold, covered with foil wrap, until ready to serve.)

To serve, dip the mold into a large bowl of very hot water for 10 seconds. Place a flat serving plate on top of the mold and, holding the plate firmly in place, invert the mold. If the salad does not drop onto the plate, repeat. Fill the center of the salad with the reserved berries. Serve chilled. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 136 calories, less than 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 33 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 70 mg. sodium.

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Mix cheddar cheese and chicken for this nacho cheese spread.

Summer is a time for quick munchies

NACHO CHICKEN-CHEESE SPREAD

- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded mild Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup shredded cooked chicken
- 1 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tablespoon packaged taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup cooked fresh or drained canned corn
- 1/4 ounce can chopped green chiles
- Keenler@Harvest Bakery® Cornbread Crackers
- Optional garnish: Additional corn, jalapenos

Mix cheese, chicken, sour cream and seasoning mix in a medium bowl. Stir in corn and green chiles. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour before serving. Garnish with corn and jalapenos, if desired. Spread on crackers. Makes: 2 1/2 cups. Prep time: 10 minutes. Chill time: 1 hour

SPICY SNACK MIX

- 6 cups popped popcorn
- 2 cups small corn chips
- 1 cup baked pretzel snack crack-

ers or mini pretzels

- 8 ounces Cheddar or Jalapeno Jack cheese, cut into cubes
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix

Place popcorn, corn chips and pretzels in a large bowl. Add cheese cubes and taco seasoning mix. Toss lightly.

Makes 11 servings. Prep time: 10 minutes

BARBECUE CHICKEN AND CHEDDAR SNACKWICHES

- 1/4 cup sundried tomato-flavored or plain mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 slices hearty Italian bread, cut into 1/2-inch slices (bread slices are approximately 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches)
- 2 left-over boneless grilled chicken breasts or 8 ounces ready-prepared grilled chicken, sliced
- 1/2 medium red onion, sliced
- 6 ounces grated sharp or extra-sharp white Cheddar cheese
- 4 cooked bacon slices
- 6 tablespoons honey-based barbecue sauce

Preheat a covered grill (e.g. George Foreman) or non-stick skillet for five minutes. Spray with non-stick cooking spray.

Combine mayonnaise and grated Parmesan in small bowl. Arrange bread slices on cutting board and spread approximately one tablespoon of Parmesan-mayo mixture on four of the bread slices. Top each with several slices of chicken, onion, 1/2 Cheddar cheese and one bacon slice. Spread remaining slices of bread with 1 1/2 tablespoons of barbecue sauce. Assemble sandwiches.

Cook sandwiches two at a time in covered grill, about six minutes or until bread is golden and cheese is melted. Remove from grill and cut into quarters. Serve with a side of additional barbecue sauce if desired.

Makes: 16 snack-sized sandwiches (or 4 large sandwiches). Prep time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 15 minutes

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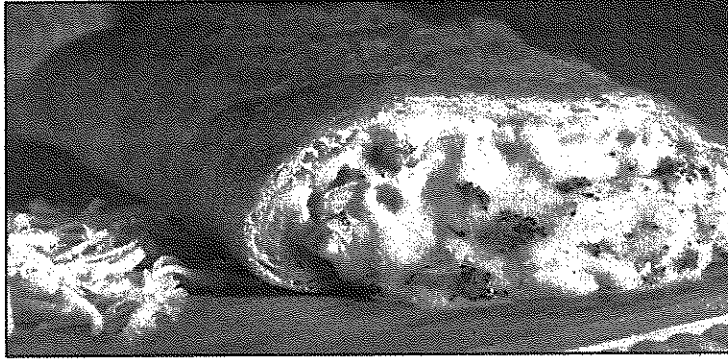
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2 cups shredded part-skim Mozzarella
3 cups cooked, chopped broccoli, drained
1 tablespoon butter, melted
Pre-heat oven to 400°F.
Grease a baking sheet.
On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to form a 9- by-14-inch rectangle, about 1/4-inch



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thick. Transfer to prepared baking sheet.

Spread pizza sauce over half of the dough. Sprinkle cheese over

entire piece of dough to within half inch of all of the edges. Layer broccoli on one half of the 14-inch side (the long side) of

the dough. Fold dough in half over the cheese and broccoli filling. Seal edges of the calzone by pressing with the tines of a fork. Prick top. Brush top with butter.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before cutting.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 325; fat, 10g; saturated fat, 4g; cholesterol, 20g; sodium, 271mg; calcium, 238mg

PLEASIN' YOGURT BREAKFAST PARFAIT

1 cup lowfat vanilla yogurt
1/2 cup crunchy lowfat cereal or granola divided

1/2 cup fresh fruit, sliced (i.e. strawberries, blueberries, pineapple)

To assemble parfait, begin with yogurt in the bottom of a bowl or tall glass. Add 2 tablespoons cereal and 1/4 cup fruit. Repeat. Top with the remaining 2 tablespoons of cereal.

Nutritional information per serving: calories, 434, fat, 4g; cholesterol, 12mg; sodium, 559mg; calcium-435mg

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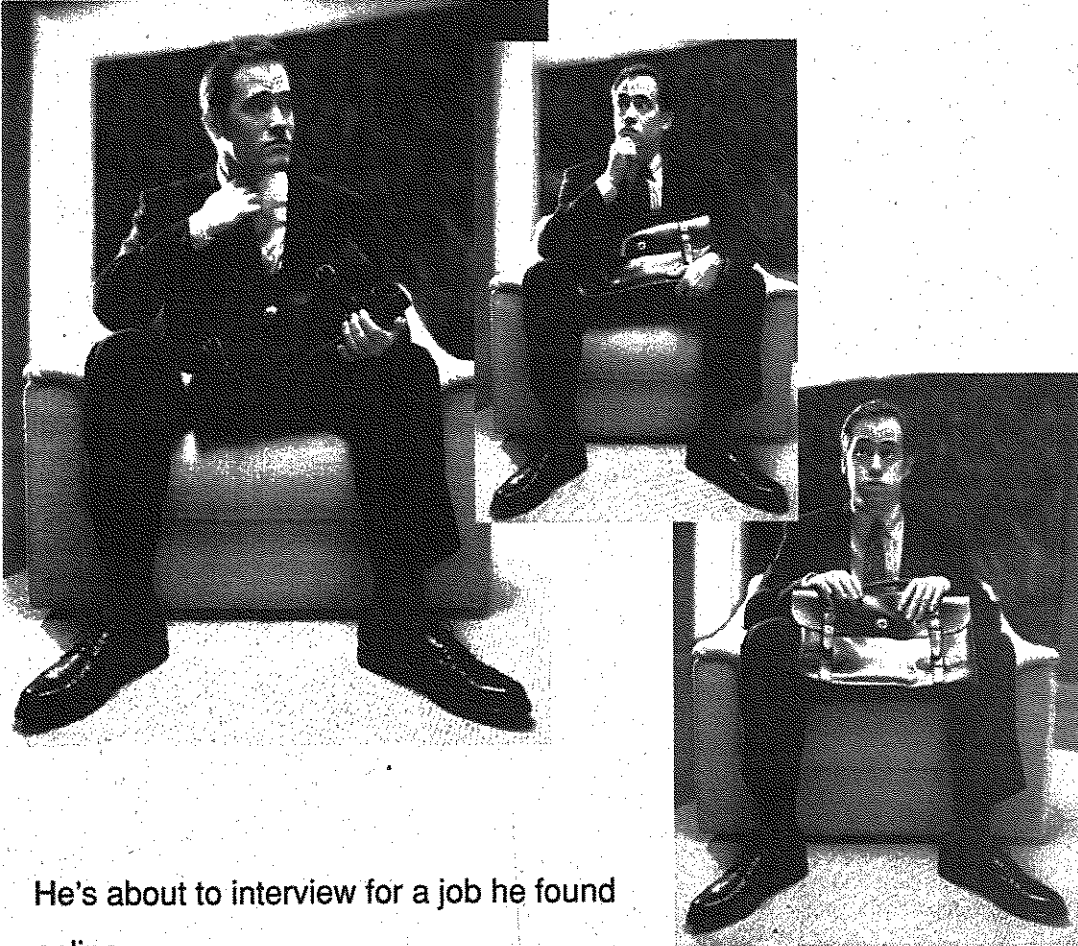
Pour 1 cup of milk into a tall glass. Add 2 tablespoons of Pistachio Instant Pudding and stir with a fork to dissolve. Stir in cookie.

Quick tip: Crush cookie by placing in a small plastic bag and crush using a rolling pin or with your hands.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 210; fat 4g, saturated fat, 2g, cholesterol, 10mg; sodium, 430mg, calcium, 300mg

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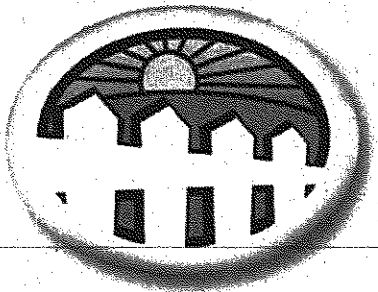


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Here's the rub, the sauce and the marinades

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, there's no better time to share some of my favorite and unusual recipes for the grill. Following are some interesting ways to surprise your family and friends at a cookout this summer. I thought I would start by sharing with you some useful tips to improve your barbecue this year.

Here are the basic definitions of barbecue, grilling and smoking:

■ Barbecuing uses an indirect heat source that produces smoke and heat to cook the meat over longer periods of time.

■ Grilling involves cooking over direct heat and turning the meat frequently. This method is better for smaller cuts of meat.

■ Smoking produces distinctively different tasting meat, as well as a different texture. Smoking is the preferred method for cooking larger pieces of meat, such as brisket, turkey, roasting chicken or pork roast.

Here are tips for preparing the grill:

Clean the grill before each use by either raising the temperature to a level where any food particles are burned off, or by scraping off any residue with a wire brush.

Begin building your fire with a base of charcoal. The charcoal may be soaked in lighter fluid to begin the burning process, but allow the charcoal to burn for a minimum of 30-40 minutes to burn off the petroleum products before you start cooking.

If your grill is large enough, stack pieces of wood on top of the charcoals. If not, combine wood chips with the charcoal instead. I prefer to add the woodchips once the coals are hot so as to capture the smoky flavors quickly.

The temperature of your grill should be about 350° to 400° F. I use the "hand/palm" method: you should be able to hold your hand one inch above the grill's surface for approximately 4-5 seconds. When you have a steady source of heat, you may begin grilling.

Before placing your meat on the grill, coat the bars with a cooking oil to prevent sticking.



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Turn the meat and baste frequently with marinade to prevent drying out.

Keep a careful watch of the meat. It's easy to move from "perfect" to "overdone" very quickly! Always serve the meat immediately; it may continue to cook after being removed from the grill and thus dry out.

The following recipes include a few rubs, marinades and basting sauces for you to try. Enjoy!

SPICY PORK RUB

2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons fresh ground black pepper
2 tablespoons paprika
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon sage
1/2 teaspoon oregano

(This rub is for use with yellow mustard.) Combine dry ingredients in a bowl. With a pastry brush, coat the pork with a light covering of yellow mustard. Coat pork with the dry rub mixture.

Cover and refrigerate for up to 15 hours.

BEEF RUB

2 tablespoons salt
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon ground bay leaf
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine all ingredients. Use as a seasoning.

PINEAPPLE MARINADE

1 cup fresh pineapple juice
1/2 cup turbinado sugar (also known as Sugar in the Raw, brown sugar can be used as

a substitute.)
1 tablespoon white vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon salt

Combine all ingredients. Marinate meat for 2-4 hours. Best on ribs or chicken.

COCONUT AND LEMON GRASS MARINADE

1 cup Thai coconut milk
1 stick lemon grass, finely chopped
1 teaspoon red chili pepper flakes
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon fresh ginger root, chopped
1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
1 sprig fresh mint, chopped
1 medium red onion, finely chopped
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients. Marinate the fish or meat for 4-6 hours. One of my favorites for fish or shrimp. It also works well for lobster, chicken or pork.

BEER BARBECUE SAUCE

1 cup warm beer
1 cup ketchup
1/2 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 teaspoon dry yellow mustard
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
Zest of one lemon

Combine all ingredients but the onion and lemon zest in a saucepan.

Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes.

Add the onion and lemon zest and simmer for 5 minutes.

Blend the mixture in a food processor or blender.

APPLE BUTTER BARBECUE SAUCE

1 quart apple butter
1 cup apple juice
1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 tablespoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon dry mustard mixed with 1 tablespoon apple juice salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan.

Simmer until well blended.

Adjust the sweet/tart balance by adding apple juice of apple cider vinegar as needed. Great on pork or chicken.

COFFEE BARBECUE SAUCE

1 cup strong coffee
1 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 cup ketchup
1/2 cup vinegar
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons chili powder
2 cups onion, chopped
6 cloves garlic, crushed
2 tablespoons salt

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Simmer for 25 minutes.

MAPLE PLUM GLAZE

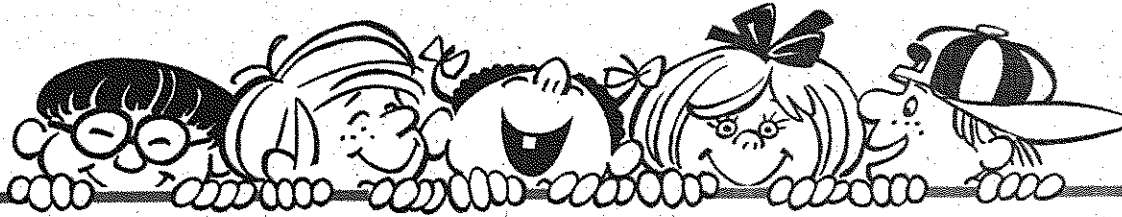
2 cups red plum jam
1 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1 tablespoon lemon zest, grated
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1/2 tablespoon fresh ground black pepper

Combine the ingredients and bring to a boil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat.

Immediately reduce heat to medium-low.

Simmer for 25 minutes, stirring often, until it becomes thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and cool completely. Chill until ready for use. Use as a serving sauce with chicken, pork or turkey.

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Exotic recipes make this ricotta really peachy in June

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June has always been a popular month for bridal showers. Since I see more baby showers these days, I checked with a few soon-to-be-brides on what is "hot" these days. Their answers were most enlightening.

Exotic ideas are popular, including ethnic themes like a Moroccan Girls Night. Light food for the evening included hummus, stuffed grape leaves and spiced chicken kababs. Since most are finger foods, plates and clean-up were kept to a minimum. Serving iced mint tea eliminated alcohol, too.

Actual cooking at the shower — a real cooking lesson — is another trend. The results, I am told, sometimes inspire

additional weddings. For their wedding shower, one couple invited many guests who had not met before to meet in the kitchen at a local cooking school. This helped everyone mix and get acquainted easily, which helped them mingle more easily on the wedding day. The cooking-lesson shower was so much fun, the couple vow to repeat the class for their first anniversary.

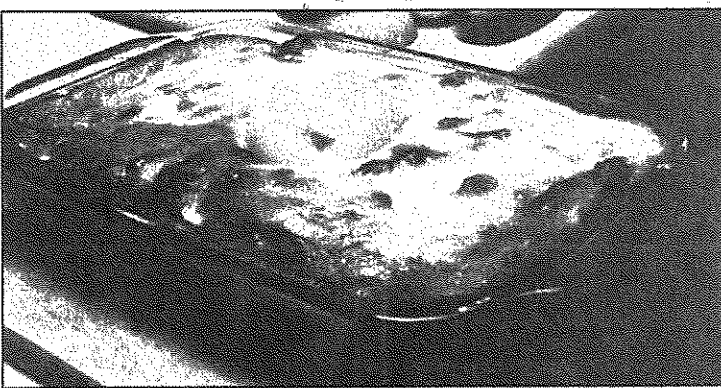
Particularly trendy is having a series of small parties for a dozen or fewer guests, each with a different group of friends — work colleagues, old school buddies and so on. Small groups like these allow the bride-to-be and guests to relax and really talk. A small shower also makes potluck planning easy. You have less risk of duplicating a dish, and can ensure a menu including

everything from crudites to the guest-of-honor's favorite foods.

The growing popularity of coed showers makes dainty dishes passé. Still, you can keep the menu light, perhaps with a buffet of green and fruit salads, plus a dessert table that includes this peach-topped, creamy cheese soufflé. A bonus feature of this dessert is that whatever is leftover can be served cold, like a crustless Italian cheesecake.

PEACHY RICOTTA SOUFFLÉ

Canola oil cooking spray
1 cup part-skim (reduced-fat) ricotta cheese
1 cup fat-free ricotta cheese
8 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
2 large eggs
3/4 cup sugar
6 tablespoons flour



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A bonus feature of this peachy ricotta soufflé is that whatever is leftover can be served cold, like a crustless Italian cheesecake.

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
3 large egg whites
2 large ripe peaches, thinly sliced, or 2 cups canned peaches, sliced, in light syrup

Preheat oven to 375° F, with

the rack in the center. Coat an 11-by-7-by-1-1/2-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

In a blender or food processor, mix ricotta cheeses, cream cheese and eggs until creamy. Add sugar, flour, salt, vanilla and lemon juice. Whirl to blend well.

Use a hand mixer or whisk to beat egg whites in a medium

bowl until soft peaks form. Pour in one-quarter of the cheese mixture. Mix gently with rubber spatula, leaving mixture streaky. Pour in remaining cheese mixture and fold it gently into the whites. Pour mixture into the prepared baking dish.

Arrange peaches in three long rows on top.

Bake 40 minutes, or until soufflé is browned and puffed, and knife inserted in the center comes out almost clean. Let soufflé sit 15 minutes before serving. Spoon onto dessert plates to serve. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 326 calories, 12 g. total fat (7 g. saturated fat), 42 g. carbohydrate, 14 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 407 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

CALENDAR

Nanny's Kitchen

Dan Halpin, owner of the New England Seafood Company, will instruct a seafood grilling cooking class 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Nanny Kitchen's, 304 East Street in Rochester. Cost is \$45. Bring a folding lawn chair, because the class will be held outside. To register, visit Nanny's or the Web site at www.nannyskitchen.com or call (248) 651-1622.

Weight Watchers

Chef Tim Cirka will conduct cooking demonstrations throughout the month of June for Weight Watchers, including the following dates and locations: 7 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at the Weight Watchers Center, Northwoods Shopping Center, 30935 North Woodward, Birmingham. Call 1-(888) 3-FLORINE for information.

Wine and Food Festival

Nearly 20 Michigan wineries showcasing more than 100 varieties of fine wine, along with cooking demonstrations, wine seminars and live entertainment take center stage at the 2003 Michigan Wine and Food Festival June 27-29 at Meadow Brook in Rochester Hills. Here is a schedule of seminars: Rick Michels, chef at Give Thanks Bakery of Rochester, discusses the preparation of blueberry cream cheese linzer tart with butter streusel topping, 5 p.m., Friday, June 27; David Creighton, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, on "How to be a Wine Taster," 6 and 8 p.m., Friday, June 27; Mario Etemad, certified executive chef, Palace Sports & Entertainment of Auburn Hills, Portuguese style grilled pork, chorizo sausage, baby clams and fresh tomatoes with Yukon gold potatoes on a bed of wilted spinach, 7 p.m., Friday, June 27; and Randy Smith, chef at Plum Hollow Country Club of Southfield and Fatt Daddy's Restaurant in Oxford, Getting Crazy with Mushrooms at 9 p.m. On Saturday, June 28, Randy Emert, certified executive chef and executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, will discuss chilled soups (see related story on Taste front) at 1 p.m., Creighton will discuss wine tasting at 2 p.m., chef Ted Teeter of P.F.Chang's China Bistro at the Somerset Collection in Troy will discuss stir-fried spicy eggplant, served with Chang's chicken in a soothing lettuce wrap at 3 p.m. Creighton returns at 4 p.m. and later at 8 p.m. to discuss great summer wines, then at 5 p.m. Chef Kipp Bourdeau of the Bistro Bourdeau in Auburn Hills will talk about filo dough, and spanakopita, wild mushroom and chicken strudel and apple strudel. John Jonna of Merchant's Fine Wine discusses how to wine taste at 6 p.m., and at 7 p.m. Keith Famie, chef and host of Keith Famie's Adventures on the Food Network, demonstrates his African Durban spiced shrimp with Kachumbari slaw. On Sunday, June 29, Sous chef Jeff Evans of Steve & Rocky's of Novi demonstrates yellow fin tuna with sesame hoisin glaze and crispy ginger and carrots at 1 p.m., then at 2 p.m. Creighton discusses how to be a wine taster. At 3 p.m. chef Frank Turner of More's - A Michigan Bistro in Bingham Farms demonstrates a confit of duck leg salad, savory morel and ramp bread pudding crouton, lavender infused grilled stone fruit, and cider cracked mustard dressing.

Healthy cooking

Valerie Wilson (Macro Val) will instruct healthy cooking classes this summer. She will appear at A Taste of Summer, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Whole Foods, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. She will host a pot luck picnic in Hines Park 2-5 p.m., Saturday, July 26. Admission is \$5 for guests who bring a dish to share or \$10 without a dish. (Guests are asked to bring foods that are sugar-free, dairy-free and meat-free.) Learn how to prepare your favorite Chinese foods at Chinese Food 2003, taught 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at 30561 Kruter, Apt.3C, Garden City, MI 48135. Class fee is \$25. All classes must be prepaid. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit macroval@cs.com for information. Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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SOUP

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It should be refreshing."

Emert has aimed at refreshment through a combinations of soups: cucumber soup with dill, vichyssoise (potato and leek), gazpacho and chilled mixed fruit soup.

Chilled soups should dance lightly on your palate, which greatly contrast with the heartiness of winter soups.

"Bean soups you expect to be salty," Emert said. "Chilled soups are served on hot days, to quench your thirst."

Vichyssoise is an exception to the technique of the soup-making. It is made potage style, but for the most part, chilled soups are macerated and pureed.

Gazpacho should be served the next day as the onion, green and red peppers and cucumbers "cook" in the tomato's acid as it chills overnight.

Emert's own preference is a vegetable soup served as a start for dinner. He likes the fruit soups for dessert.

Garnish varies depending on the soup. Emert likes an almond nougat on the mixed fruit soup along with a topping of a strawberry salsa. He enjoys



Emert sets up the garnish of a scallop, black olives, crouton and hard-boiled egg on his gazpacho.

bacon on the vichyssoise, and, of course, thinly sliced cucumbers on the chilled cucumber soup with the mellow taste of anise in a short sprig of dill.

Puree is the key. "You want to make sure you don't make them too thick," Emert said. "But you don't want it too thin that the soup is a juice, when you are making the gazpacho. "When you puree, you want

Adjust seasonings and top each bowl with scallions and croutons.

VICHYSOISE

2 cups potatoes, peeled and diced
1 cup onion, peeled and diced
1 cup leek, white and pale green only, diced and washed
1/2 cup bacon, small diced
1/4 cup all purpose flour
5 cups chicken stock
1/2 cup heavy cream
Salt and white pepper to taste
1 sachet d'epice (3 bay leaves, 2 sprigs fresh thyme, 6 parsley stems, 12 black peppercorns wrapped in cheesecloth and tied)

Render bacon until crisp in a 3 1/2 -quart saucepot. Strain and return fat to pan with leeks and onions, cook until tender, dust with flour, cook another 2-3 minutes over medium heat. Add chicken stock, sachet and potatoes. Cook until potatoes are mushy.

Remove sachet and squeeze out excess moisture from it into soup. Puree the soup, strain if necessary. Whisk in the heavy cream and season with salt and white pepper. Top each cup with reserved crisp bacon pieces.

to get the pulp as small as you can. Try to strain it with a large-holed strainer."

Emert recommends that gazpacho should be chilled first before adding other variations, such as meat (cooked chicken, turkey or shrimp).

Sugar should be adjusted in the chilled fruit soup, depending on whether berries, melon or pineapple are used. Fruit soups also can be topped with whipping cream.

Tomato varieties also can change the taste of the gazpacho and the amount of sugar needs to be changed. "The more acidic the tomato, the more sugar you add to cut the acid down," Emert said. A yellow tomato requires less sugar, while a plum tomato requires more.

Emert will discuss these soups and techniques at a seminar on chilled soups at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Michigan Wine & Food Festival at Meadow Brook on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Emert is one of several chefs conducting seminars at the festival June 27-29.

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STRAWBERRY SALSA

1/2 cup strawberries, small diced
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
1 tablespoon chopped mint

Mix all ingredients together and let marinate 1-2 hours. Top each cup of fruit soup with one tablespoon of salsa.

CHILLED MIXED FRUIT SOUP

2 cups assorted berries (a mix of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries)
2 cups assorted other fruit (melons, pineapples)
1/4 cup honey
1 cup ginger ale
1 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon grated ginger (1 teaspoon if using dried)
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
Pinch of salt
3-4 ounces mixed fruit yogurt

Procedure: Cut strawberries into quarters and macerate in orange juice, honey and ginger ale. Let set 1 hour at room temperature. Puree strawberries with juices and spices until smooth. Strain. Mix in yogurt with wire whisk. Garnish each bowl with salsa.

Recipes courtesy of Randy Emert.

TRADITIONAL GAZPACHO

2 cups tomatoes, medium dice
1 cup tomato paste
1 cup chicken stock
1/2 cup onion, peeled and medium dice
1/2 green pepper, medium dice
1/2 red pepper, medium dice
1/2 seedless cucumber, peeled and medium dice
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
2 tablespoons shallots, minced
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
4 splashes Worcestershire
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 ounces olive oil
1 tablespoon cumin, ground
1 tablespoon coriander, ground
1 tablespoon sugar
salt to taste
Pinch cayenne pepper

Garnish all small diced: 1/2 red pepper, 1/2 green pepper, 1/2 seedless cucumber, two peeled and seeded roma tomatoes, 1/2 cup onion, three green onions cut on bias, 1 cup croutons.

Puree ingredients (except chicken stock and garnish) until smooth, then strain. Adjust consistency with chicken stock. Fold in all garnish except croutons and scallions. Let set overnight.

WINE

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individual crus could be fermented separately. He increased the quantity of new oak barrels and installed a gravity feed bottling line.

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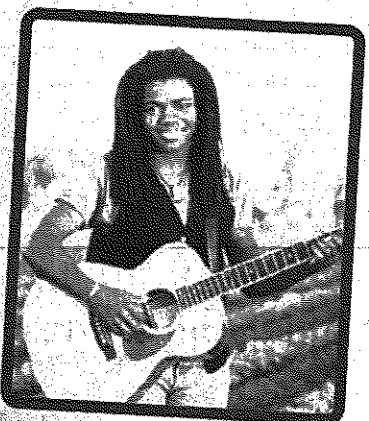
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Whistle Dixie and all your favorites with DSO

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If Yankee Doodle came to town, he'd party here.

In fact, the July 4 weekend *Salute to America* concert series at Greenfield Village is so popular with performing Detroit Symphony Orchestra members, "They all bring their extended families," said Jill Woodward, DSO spokeswoman.

"These concerts have always been about American music and American music traditions. People rave about the experience."

It's a reaction to expect when you combine a nationally known orchestra with a revamped world-class historical theme park, special musical guests, picnic basket-toting families in red, white and blue and Independence Day fireworks as the *1812 Overture* finale rocks the cobblestone.

For the first time, bell accents, a traditional part of the overture, will ring out from historical village buildings, to create a real surround-sound effect.

"I am continually struck by the number of people who come up to thank me for the DSO's Greenfield Village concerts," DSO resident conductor Thomas Wilkins said.

"It's a clear indication that these concerts represent not only an opportunity to hear great music performed by their great orchestra, but a chance also to celebrate our commitments and connection to each other as a community and as a nation."

The concerts, in their 11th season, open at 7:30 p.m. July 3-6.

They happen less than a month after the official re-opening of the village, following nine months of construction to upgrade exhibits and utilities.

Ann Arbor's Dodworth Saxhorns Band, performing in a 19th century style, opens the program. The band features the over-the-shoulder



Revamped Greenfield Village hosts the July 4 weekend 'Salute to America' concerts featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.



Red, white and blue - you'll see it everywhere at the 'Salute to America' concerts at Greenfield Village. These two girls got into the spirit by wearing fun hats.

backward-pointing saxhorn. Ken Burns featured it on his *The Civil War* documentary soundtrack.

The Motor City Brass Band follows, then the DSO, performing songs by American popular composers and big band favorites.

Featured with the DSO this year is Robert Bradley, a blind

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What: 11th-annual 'Salute to America' concerts featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

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Food: Picnic meals are available for purchase, or bring your own.
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former Detroit street singer with a raspy, booming voice.

He gained national attention after teaming with a group of young musicians to form *Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise*.

Their debut CD features a duet with Kid Rock.

A traditional Salute to America feature involves the playing of themes representing each branch of the armed services.

Veterans representing each branch are asked to stand.

Gates open at 7 p.m. Showgoers are greeted by village performers ranging from Annie Oakley to the mayor to a lightning rod salesman.

Each *Salute to America* performance opens with winners of the 18 and under National Anthem Singing Contest.

The concerts happen rain or shine, unless there is lightning.

Big Screen

'Charlie's Angels' are back; '28 Days Later' receiving praise

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Stunts and survival hit the silver screen with this weekend's movie openings.

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle, which opens Friday, is big on martial arts stunts. The movie is, of course, a sequel to the

comedic Charlie's Angels action-adventure released in 2000.

This year's release again stars Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu.

Fortunately, the film's makers like to have fun with the Charlie's Angels TV show on which the flicks are based. In the female crime fighters' latest adventure,

audiences can expect to see plenty of over-the-top martial arts, undercover work and disguise.

A Columbia Pictures release, Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle is rated PG-13.

Survival is the name of the game in 28 Days Later, a horror suspense film that also opens Friday.

Though the movie sounds a bit like a doomsday flick, it is receiving a fair share of approval from critics.

The story begins with animal activists releasing a group of infected chimps from a research facility only to be attacked.

Later, 28 days later to be exact, a bike

courier awakes from a coma in the deserted intensive care unit of a London hospital.

Mystified, he wanders the wards and corridors in search of others and then heads for the city streets. Eventually, he meets up with other survivors, but it's not clear how many have been infected worldwide.

The movie's cast includes Cillian Murphy, Naomie Harris and Christopher Eccleston.

A 20th Century Fox release, 28 Days Later, is rated R.

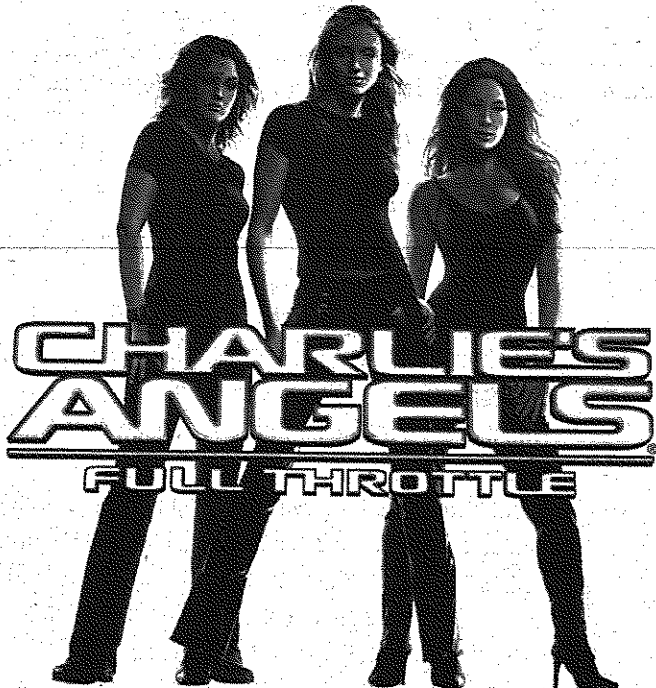
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(From left) Lucy Liu, Cameron Diaz and Drew Barrymore get down to business in 'Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle.'

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- By Lana Mini

A clever script, creative director make 'George of the Jungle' fun

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

The truth is that the smartest, cleverest films being produced today are those films that are targeted toward children. Why is that?

Well, once you fulfill certain genre obligations — some bright colors, maybe a song or two and, of course, the required number of jokes pertaining to the gastrointestinal system — the filmmakers have considerable creative latitude to throw in all kinds of things for their own amusement.

The result is often wildly inventive and entertaining films like *Toy Story*, *The Iron Giant* or *Chicken Run*.

Another film that falls in that category and is definitely worth your attention is *George of the Jungle*, which stars an extremely buff Brendan Fraser and was released in 1997.

It begins with a cartoon, which not only pays homage to the original incarnation of *George of the Jungle*, but also lets you know that this film will operate pretty much as a live-action cartoon.

Director Sam Weisman reaches deep into his cinematic bag of tricks to create a cartoon-like effect in a number of scenes, such as: George defeats a lion in battle and then spins it over his head like a high-speed propeller; Shep the Elephant runs and frisks about like a Golden Retriever puppy; and when the narrator objects that Shep the Elephant chewing on a dog-bone is "too much," the dog-bone magically blinks out of existence.

In addition, *George of the Jungle* qualifies as a card-carrying postmodern work on a number of levels.

The film is relentlessly ironic and self-aware. It never pretends that it is anything else than a movie. Characters regularly break the "fourth wall" to address the audience and at one point the bad guys stare skyward to bicker with the narrator of the film.

In his slightly-overblown-for-comic-effect-tones, the narrator assures us "Don't worry, nobody dies in this story," and when the bad guy fires a gun at George we learn that "Poor George was really shot, but can't die, because let's face it, he's the hero."



'George of the Jungle,' which stars Brendan Fraser, pays homage to the original incarnation of 'George of the Jungle,' and lets you know that this film will operate pretty much as a live-action cartoon.

Keeping in the postmodern vein, the film borrows freely from culture past and present, referencing such seemingly disparate items as *Hamlet*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and *The Lion King*.

In short, it's a fun house of a film, with a clever script by Dana Olsen and Audrey Wells, imaginative direction and fine comic performances from the entire cast, especially Brendan Fraser as George and Leslie Mann as his new love, Ursula Stanhope.

OUTTAKE

George of the Jungle was released the same year as *Titanic* and it is doubtless sheer coincidence that these two films share almost exactly the same plot. In both, an upper-class girl is being pushed into a marriage with a brutish cad by her status-conscious mother.

Both of these cads smoke, slick back their hair, have evil sidekicks and ultimately resort to physical violence.

The innocent girl then meets a man nowhere near her in social class, but he does have a raw sort of nobility and is referred to as a "king" in the course of the story.

He's an orphan, a little rough around the edges, but he has a good heart and looks to die for. With this new man the girl escapes stuffy drawing rooms to figuratively and literally feel the wind whip through her hair.

Conversely, he is also willing to enter into her world, and even dresses up quite elegantly to play the part. He teaches her

to dance, to love, and finally, to live.

Finally, a necklace features prominently in both stories and they also share a narrator who doesn't merely narrate, but is a part of the story. There are small points here and there that make *Titanic* and *George of the Jungle* stand on their

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David MacGregor of Livonia is a screenplay writer and film expert. He teaches at Wayne State University and writes about film for *The Observer* & *Eccentric Newspapers*.

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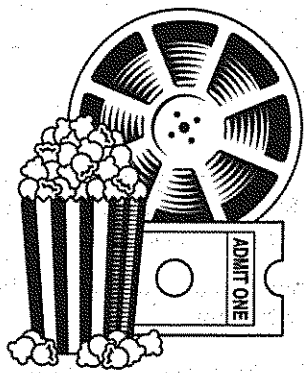
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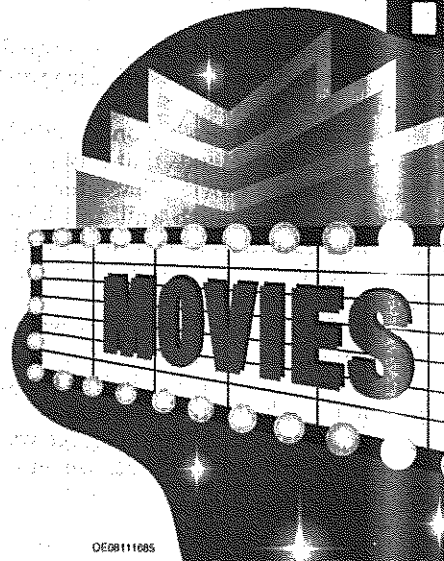
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Family Fun

Call of the wild

Live music comes to the Detroit Zoo

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The zoo isn't just for child's play. Every Wednesday, the animals stay up late - until 8 p.m. And, starting July 2, there's live musical entertainment. The concert series, *Wild Summer Nights*, is in its fourth year and thriving.

"It becomes more popular every year," said Rana Kozouz, director of public relations at Detroit Zoological Institute, which is located in Royal Oak. Concert-goers run the gamut from young people on dates to families with children, she said.

"Visitors hang out, eat dinner, watch the concert and then walk around a little bit," Kozouz said, adding the program is an ideal way for busy adults to pay a visit to the zoo and take advantage of the summer weather. The free concerts, which run 6-7:30 p.m. and take place near the zoo's entrance, feature local bands. The series runs every Wednesday through Aug. 27. This year's lineup of nine groups includes Los Gatos, Jill Jack, Gemini and Immunity. "We have a wonderful lineup," Kozouz said. "If you want to claim a good spot, get here early."

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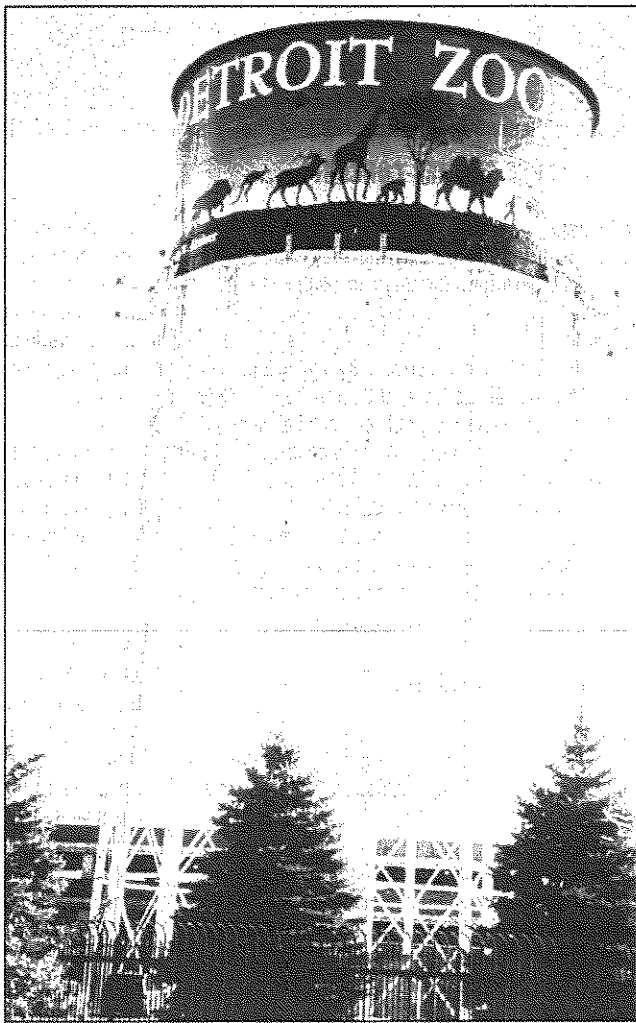


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The Detroit Zoo's 'Wild Summer Nights' outdoor concerts take place near the zoo's entrance.

LINEUP OF LOCAL BANDS

- July 2, Los Gatos.
- July 9, Lucas.
- July 16, Gemini.
- July 23, Straight Ahead.
- July 30, Jill Jack.
- Aug. 6, Rhythm Society Orchestra.
- Aug. 13, Orbitsuns.
- Aug. 20, James Coffey's Animal Groove.
- Aug. 27, Immunity.

TUNES AT THE ZOO

What: Wild Summer Nights, outdoor evening concerts featuring local talent at the Detroit Zoo.

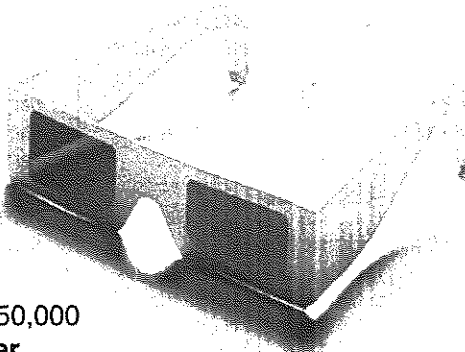
When: 6 p.m. every Wednesday, July 2 through Aug. 27; concerts end at 7:30 p.m. Zoo remains open until 8 p.m.

Where: The Detroit Zoological Institute, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak.

Tickets: Concerts free with zoo admission, \$9, adults, \$6, children age 2-12 and seniors, free, kids age 2 and under, call (248) 398-0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org on the Internet.

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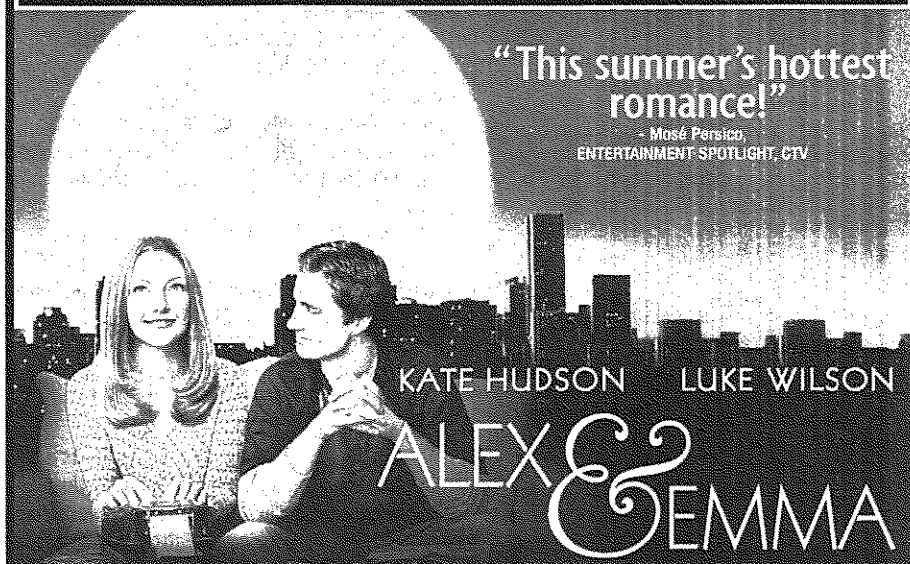
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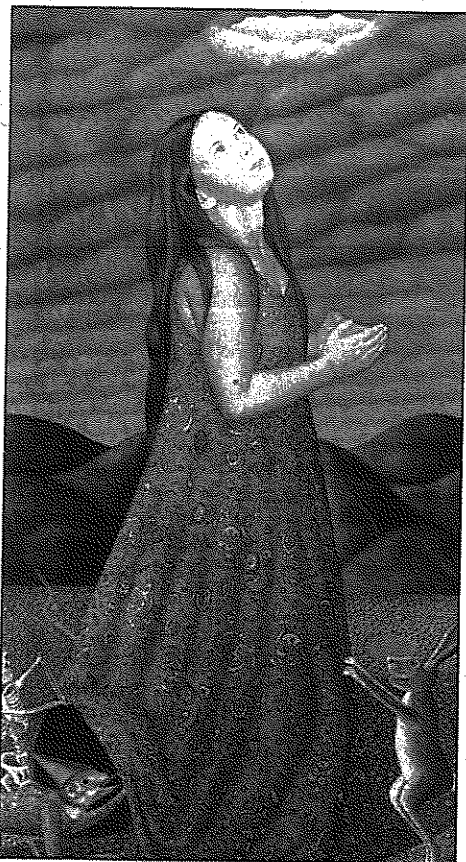
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Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival
Continues through Sunday, June 29. Concerts this week: James Tocco, Yehuda Hanani, Jung trio and



Renata Palubinskas shows her work at Meadow Brook Art Gallery as part of 'Detroit Now,' an exhibition of emerging artists in four galleries in the Detroit area - Detroit Artists Market, Detroit Contemporary, and Meadow Brook and Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. The 16 artists work in a variety of mediums. Pictured is Palubinskas' oil on canvas title 'A Slight Disturbance.' For information, call the galleries: Meadow Brook (248) 370-3005, Paint Creek Center for the Arts (248) 651-4110, Detroit Artists Market (313) 832-8540, and Detroit Contemporary (313) 898-4ART.

Aviv String Quartet at Kirk in the Hills Refectory on Friday, June 27 at 8 p.m.

Also on Friday, June 27 at 8 p.m. Ruth Laredo, Danielle Farnia, Jupiter String Quartet, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, H. Robert Reynolds at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

On Sunday June 29 at 2 p.m. is James Tocco, Yehuda Hanani, Laurence Liberson and Jung trio at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

For a complete schedule, visit www.greatlakeschambermusic.com or call (248) 559-2097 for tickets/information.

JAZZ/BLUES

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Kate Hart Band

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Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

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Alexander Zonjic & Friends, 6-10 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 28, Hotel Pontchartrain Terrace, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. Doors open 5 p.m. General admission \$10, reserved \$15, (313) 965-2575.

ART

Summer Solstice

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts a Celebration of Light 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, June 28, evening includes a live art auction with work from 16 galleries, music, dancing, and strolling gourmet supper, at the art center, 1516 South Cranbrook, Birmingham. \$85 advance, \$95 at door, \$250 patron. Proceeds benefit the art center. (248) 644-0866, ext. 104

Community Arts Gallery

The public is invited to an opening reception for Alumni Exhibition: Sandra Cardew, Mary Fortuna and Catherine Peet on Friday June 27 from 5 - 8 p.m. The exhibit will then run through July 25 from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Paintings and sculptures of three Detroit artists. Free. The Community Arts Gallery of Wayne State University at 5400 Gullen Mall on Wayne's campus.



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FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Birmingham

Glenn Miller Orchestra, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 26, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham. (248) 644-1800, Ext. 245.

Southfield

Eat to the Beat concert series, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday at the Plaza, at Central Park Boulevard, one block west of Evergreen between Civic Center Drive and the I-696 service drive. Motown and R&B on June 26. (248) 796-5130.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, Birmingham Community Band, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-8860. On July 2 is the Birmingham Community Band to celebrate the Fourth of July.

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29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. The beautiful folks gather here where the dress code is enforced on Friday and Saturday evenings. The main floor is popular dance music. DJs on the lower level are more experimental. Reservations are accepted, because lines are often long, via email: door@tonicdetroit.com. (248) 334-7411.

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THEATER

Frog and Toad

The Award Winning Wild Swan Theater hosts *Frog and Toad*, a production for children ages 3-8 based on Arnold Lobel's stories of the same name. Through storytelling, puppets and props the play explores the adventures of two friends, the frog and toad. Held at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Theater at 416 W. Huron Street in Ann Arbor on Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for kids and \$8 for adults. Reserve tickets by calling (734) 424-9591. The play is 40 minutes long. For more information call (734) 995-0530.

Dinner Theater

Motel Murders at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 27 & 28. Inclusive cost is \$45. Buy one get one half off at Genitti's Hole In The Wall at 108 E. Main in Northville. For reservations call (248) 349-0522.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

J.R. Remick with Connie Ettinger, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 27-28, 314 Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor, \$8 advance, \$10 door, (734) 996-9080 or www.aacomedy.com

Genitti's

Bob Posch 7 p.m. Friday, June 20, 108 E. Main, Northville. For reservations for dinner and show, call (248) 349-0522

Chaplin's Comedy Club

Jim Hamm Thursday-Saturday, June 26-28, Jef Brannan Thursday-Saturday, July 10-12, at the club, 34244 Groesbeck, Clinton Township. 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, \$7, 9 p.m. Friday, \$12, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, \$12, (586) 792-1902

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Auggie Smith, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26, \$10; 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, \$14; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, \$17; 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900.

Century Theatre

Comedy works brings game-style and sketch improvisation to the stage 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, to June 28, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$12.50. (313) 963-9800

SOCIAL DANCING

Contra Dancing

1:30-4:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month, Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$8. (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2262

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Rhythm 'N' Shoes

Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members. (248) 334-0299

Contra Dance

Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 7:45 p.m. beginner workshop, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 21; Friday Fling, Advanced Contra Dance, live music by Paul Winder, Bob Saddler and Debbie Jackson, 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, wear cool, casual clothes, flat, smooth-soled shoes for dancing, \$8, (734) 665-8863.

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Project Photographic Gallery

The gallery celebrates its first anniversary with a show by College for Creative Studies' and Oakland Community College students to July 26, 309 Main, suite 250 on upper level, access from alley, downtown Rochester. (248) 652-0528.

Sybaris Gallery

'Your Turn - Collecting Wood Art' and 'Material Interest - Wood Jewelry,' to July 12 at Sybaris Gallery, 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, or by appointment. Call (248) 544-3388 for information.

Detroit Now

Collaboration between the Detroit Artists Market, detroit contemporary, Meadow Brook Art Gallery and Paint Creek Center for the Arts, to June 29, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 209 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave. (810) 832-8543, detroit contemporary, 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., (313) 898-4ART

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Kerry Banish (left to right), Megan McCoy and Amanda Lefkof in a scene from the Teen Actors of Ridgedale presentation of 'Anne of Green Gables,' 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 27-28, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29. Admission \$8 adults, \$7 students, call (248) 988-7049. The playhouse is at 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Livernois and Crooks roads in Troy.

more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7, \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laahom.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

Tours of permanent collection and current exhibitions of art, architecture and design. *Bruce Springsteen: Troubadour for the Highway* to Aug. 31, *Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement* continues to Sept. 28, *Graduate Summer Exhibition* to Sept. 28, at the museum, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361

Cranbrook Institute of Science

T. rex on Trial, an exhibition featuring a crime scene complete with life-like robotic dinosaurs and hands-on detective activities continues through Monday, Sept. 1.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission \$7, \$5 ages 2-12. Call (877) 462-7262 or visit the Web site at www.cranbrook.edu. Dinosaur Days 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 12 and Aug. 9. Dig up fossils and make casts of a dinosaur bone while learning about paleontology from Cranbrook paleontologist Mark Uhen.

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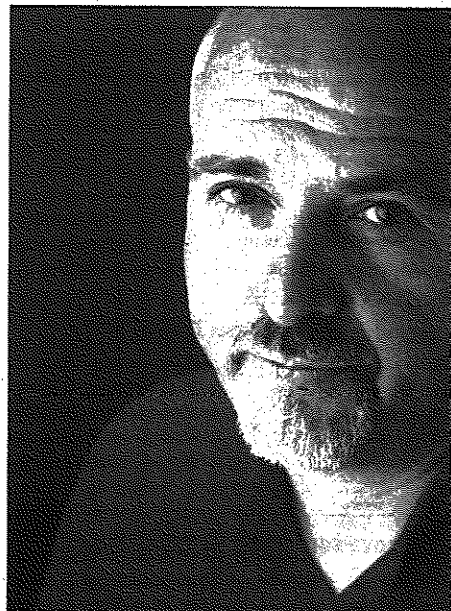
Detroit Science Center

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit continues to Sept. 7. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95, \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and planetarium

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Detroit Zoo

Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70-foot see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org.



Expect the unusual when Peter Gabriel plays DTE on Sunday, June 29.

Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile at I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717.

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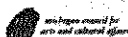
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Music

Caulfield refuses to jump on Detroit's garage rock train

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The buzz is loud in Detroit's music scene that garage rock attracts attention from major record labels. Proof is The White Stripes' success. More proof is the rocketing career of the Von Bondies warming up for Iggy & The Stooges at DTE in August.

Now prepare for garage rock bombardment by Detroit bands vying for label attention.

Record label or none, the Ferndale band Caulfield isn't one of those bands. Caulfield is a Midwest punk group. Period. And a good one too. Its members won't conform to a musical style that bores them.

"I would never play that kind of music," Caulfield lead vocalist and guitarist Noah Schusterbauer said. "I don't even listen to that kind of music."

He doesn't like categorizing Caulfield's style but he's also humble and smart enough to realize that almost all music fits into some type of category.

"We're aggressive, but melodic punk rock...with more serious tones than a lot of other punk bands," Schusterbauer said.

Caulfield has been playing around Detroit for the last few years and is currently on Storm Records label in Royal Oak — a label that's all about promoting the little guy who creates worthwhile music. Its audience tends to be, and isn't exclusive to, teen and twentysomething punk rockers. Still the music is exciting enough to reach a broader range.

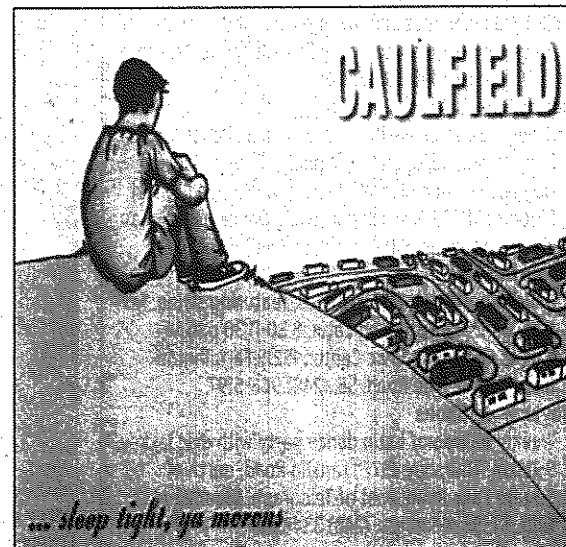
Caulfield, name inspired of course from Catcher in the Rye's disturbing teenage character Holden Caulfield, is a band that will go as far as possible...but it doesn't expect, nor really seeks, fame.

Schusterbauer said the band just wants to play bold music — which it does. If he wanted something bigger he'd switch to a garage sound, or move to Minneapolis...a state with a strong punk scene and an equally receptive audience.

"If we get someday get a midwest tour that would be really great," he said.

The music is aggressive and energetic with intelligent lyrics that sometimes border on melancholy.

Caulfield's current albums reflect the emotions of teenagers growing up in towns like Ferndale; cities that aren't in



'Sleep Tight, Ya Morons,' the CD by Caulfield, is unlike the garage rock that many Detroit bands are currently creating. This band is pure Midwest punk.

the middle of nowhere, but also aren't places where people travel to make dreams come true. Like most punk bands, the guys in Caulfield understand irony and have a sense of humor — find it in the song Girlfriendectomy. The song Aimee Went Away is more thoughtful a friend who fled Michigan in search of bigger adventure.

"That music was written when I was still trying to figure out who I was. Like a lot of young people I could really relate to Catcher in the Rye," Schusterbauer said. "Our next full length cd is more complex, more aggressive... and more negative."

Schusterbauer has loved music since childhood and even enrolled in the music program at U of M, but dropped out because it was "pretentious."

"I hated everyone in the music program. There was no creativity."

Today he's still in college and working toward a teaching degree.

Like many good punk bands, Caulfield's bandmates are friends. Schusterbauer and bass player Kevin Burns McCoy have been buddies since second grade. They found drummer Matt Collin who mixes well with the two.

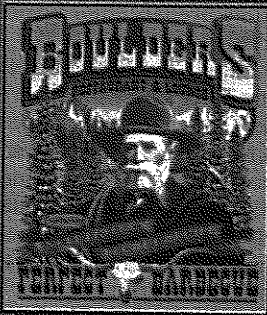
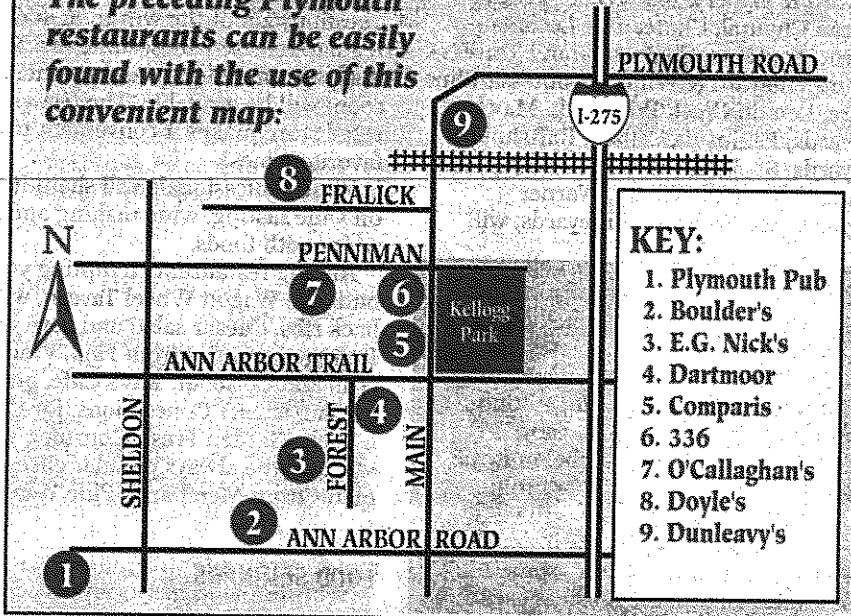
Caulfield's cds can be found throughout the area including: Border's in Birmingham; Desirable Discs in Dearborn; Rock of Ages in Garden City; Wendel's Music in Ferndale and the Detroit Artists Market in Detroit plus other locations.

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Cover story

Tastefest

Music, dessert district, 175 foods, street bazaar and BMX bike show ... need more?

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The headline acts are big at the 2003 Comerica Tastefest — Rusted Root, Wilco, Los Lobos, Floetry, Billy Preston, The Black Bottom Collective, Juan Atkins and many more. Sharing the spotlight, of course, is food.

There are 60 musical acts and 175 different tastes to sample at this year's Tastefest, July 2-6 in Detroit's New Center area. Other highlights include a children's activity lot; an outdoor market selling trendy fashions art and Detroit memorabilia; and a new dessert district.

The Krispy Kreme Dessert District features sweets from the doughnut chain plus Alinosi's Great Cakes in Detroit; Sweetendings in Orchard Lake; Sweet Potato Sensations in Detroit; and others.

"Creating a destination just for dessert lovers was something we've wanted to do for a long time," Tastefest Director Randall Fogelman said. "This year we were able to bring all the sweets under one tent and create a charming atmosphere in which to indulge some of Detroit's most delightful desserts."

Restaurant owners throughout the area want to be involved in Tastefest. It gives them big exposure to a vast clientele.

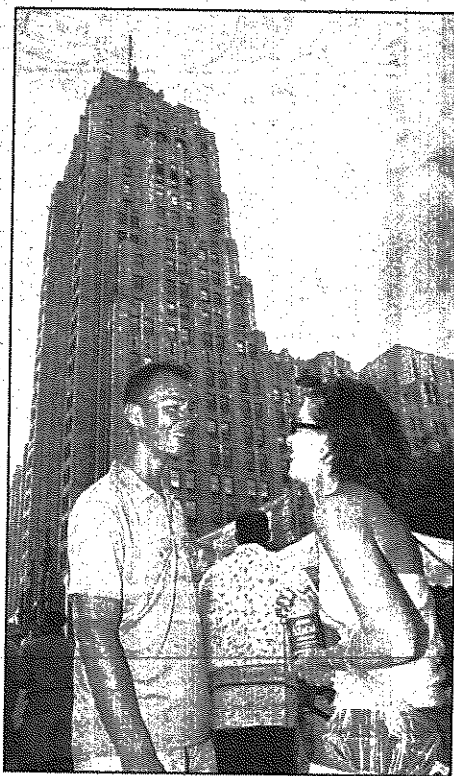
This is the first year that Big Fella's Barbecue, 6465 Atkins, Troy, will attend.

"We'll feature our most popular items, which are both barbecue beef and pork ribs, homemade potato salad and 7 Up Pound cake," said Valena Cade, who owns Big Fella's with her husband Gregory.

The lemony 7 Up Pound cake is a huge hit at Big Fella's — it's a dessert that people want to sample because of the soda, she said.

Nearby, a colorful street bazaar will include items from local specialty shops. For the kids, the highlight might be The Farmer Jack Tot Lot.

The free lot includes Arts & Scraps on July 3-6, where kids can create projects from recycled goods. Kids & Chemistry is hands-on science July 4. Miniature Motorways is a complete six-lane slot car track July 4-6; and the Detroit Public Schools Children's Museum will have games, toys, puppets and musical instruments July 2-3. Every day the Detroit Youth Foundation Youthville will feature four shows of pro skateboard, in-line and BMX acrobatics. Higher Elevation is a huge rock climbing wall where patrons can participate at \$3 per person.



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THE COMERICA TASTEFEEST

When: Wednesday-Sunday, July 2-6

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Wednesday-Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Where: New Center Area, Detroit.

About four miles north of downtown. The Festival is outdoors on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway (M-10) near the Fisher building and former GM headquarters.

Admission: Free.

Taste tickets: \$5 for nine tickets and tickets are used to purchase food and drinks at the event.

www.tastefest.com

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Table hopping

Eat, drink, be merry at Michigan Wine & Food Festival

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Grass roots enthusiasm for Michigan wine and food will come alive this weekend amid the beautiful rolling hills setting of Meadow Brook Music Festival on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester.

Ticket price includes tasting of eight wines in a souvenir wine glass (additional tasting tickets are \$1 each), unlimited specialty food sampling such as flavored dipping oils, smoked fish, cheeses, honey and jams, wine seminars, cooking demonstrations and non-stop live entertainment including the music of Brazil and Beyond and the Johnny Trudell Orchestra.

WINE AND FOOD

Michigan wineries, including Bel Lago Vineyard & Winery, Black Star Farms, Chateau Chantal, Chateau de Leelanau, Chateau Fontaine, Chateau Grand Traverse, Ciccone Vineyard & Winery, Contessa Wine Cellars, Lemon Creek Winery, L. Mawby Vineyards, Peninsula Cellars, Raftshol Vineyards, St. Julian Wine Co., Shady Lane Cellars, Tabor Hill Winery, Warner Vineyards and Zafarana Vineyards, will

THIRD ANNUAL MICHIGAN WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL

When: 4-10 p.m. Friday, June 27; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 28; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 29.

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds. (Take I-75 to Exit 79, University Drive, then follow signs to Meadow Brook).
Tickets: One-day admission \$22 per person. Designated driver and children's tickets available at reduced rates.
Parking: \$7 per car.

serve more than 100 wines, some from the highly regarded 2002 vintage. Winemakers will be on hand to answer questions about the wines. In addition to regular-release wines, some that would normally be offered only in the winery tasting room will be available. The festival's on-site retail store makes it convenient to purchase favorite wines.

Wine professionals will share information on wine tasting, wine making and pairing wines with foods.

Among restaurants tempting your taste buds are Wagon Wheel Tavern, with baby back ribs, Caesar salad and corn on the cob; Italian specialties from Papa Vino's, Toscani Grill and Corleoni; Kav's Cafe, on hand with quiche; Chan's Concessions, for Chicken on a Stick; Garden Fresh Gourmet, with its sausages; and the always popular cheese and fruit plates from Merchant's Fine Wines.

FOOD SEMINARS

Well-known area chefs will demonstrate how they prepare their favorite dishes.

Friday, June 27
5 p.m. — Chef Rick Michels, Give Thanks! Bakery, Rochester: Blueberry Cream Cheese Linzer Tort with Butter Streusel Topping.
7 p.m. — Chef Mario Etamad, CEC, Palace Sports & Entertainment, Auburn Hills: Portuguese-style Grilled Pork, Chorizo Sausage, Baby Clams and Fresh Tomatoes with Yukon Gold Potatoes on a bed of Willet Spinach.
9 p.m. — Chef Randy Smith, Plum Hollow Country Club and Fat Daddy's Restaurant, Oxford: Getting Crazy with Mushrooms.

Saturday, June 28
1 p.m. — Chef Randy Emerit, CEC, Great Oaks Country Club, Rochester: Quick and Delicious Chilled Soups, Traditional



Lucie Matthes from Chateau Fontaine on Leelanau Peninsula, pours one of the nearly 100 wines available for sampling at the Michigan Wine and Food Festival in 2002.



Sunshine and great wine were abundant at the 2002 Michigan Wine and Food Festival.

Gazpacho, Cucumber and Dill, Mixed Fruit with Strawberry Salsa, Vichyssoise with Crisp Bacon.

3 p.m. — Chef Ted Teeter, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Somerset Collection, Troy: Stir-fried Spicy Eggplant, served with Chang's Chicken in Soothing Lettuce Wrap.

5 p.m. — Chef Kipp Bourdeau, Bistro Bourdeau, Auburn Hills: Getting Creative with Fillo Dough, Spanakopita, Wild Mushrooms and Chicken Strudel and Apple Strudel.

7 p.m. — Chef Keith Farnie, Host of Keith Farnie's Adventures on The Food Network: African Durban Spiced Shrimp with

Kachumbhari Slaw

■ Sunday, June 29

1 p.m. — Sous Chef Jeff Evans, Steve & Rocky's, Novi: Grilled Yellowfin Tuna with Sesame Hoisin Glaze, garnished with Heirloom Tomato, Gorgonzola and Grilled Pineapple, Crispy Ginger and Carrots.

3 p.m. — Chef Frank Turner, Morel's — A Michigan Bistro, Bingham Farms: Confit of Duck Leg Salad, Savory Morel and Ramp Bread Pudding Crouton, Lavender Infused Grilled Stone Fruit with Cider Cracked Mustard Dressing.

Festival organizers indicated that they are delighted to add a special feature to this year's program.

The 2003 Michigan Wine Country magazine features cover art by Owosso artist R. B. Smith, who will be on hand to sign a limited number of posters featuring the magazine's cover.

The Wine and Food Seminar Stage is sponsored by Trevarrow Inc., distributors of Sub-Zero wine coolers and Wolf appliances. Other sponsors include Bertolli Olive Oil, Merchant's Fine Wines, Garden Fresh Salsa and Whole Foods Market.

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Music

1964 Beatles tribute band attracts all ages

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

America can't get enough of The Beatles. Even today when a new Beatles compilation is released it goes gold, even platinum.

The long and winding phenomenon is the reason for the 20-year-long success of the 1964 Tribute to The Beatles tour.

The show, composed of John, Paul, George and Ringo look- and sound-alikes, is coming to Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Parents, grandparents and grandchildren will bridge generation gaps for just an evening as they sing *She Loves You*, *A Hard Day's Night*, *Help!* and *Yesterday*.

You won't hear *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*. The tribute band performs only songs The Beatles performed live, between 1963-66. While the longest Beatles concert spanned just 33 minutes, the tribute band plays three times longer.

Mark Benson portrays John Lennon circa 1964. He's a co-creator of the popular Beatles Tribute band. He reads every book, listens to every CD and watches every video he can find in an attempt to portray Lennon accurately on stage.

"We all understand The Beatles' popularity, but I never knew the hype would last this long ... their success is astounding," Benson said. "When I play Lennon, I try to find something about him that I can relate to ... and I can through his humor. John was a funny, witty guy."

"The band had a sense of humor ... very few groups ever provide comic relief on their albums like, 'We all live in a yellow submarine.'"

Benson said he's continuously astounded by the band's appeal to all Americans. And, they truly are his favorite band.

"At every show I'm approached by people of all ages," he said. "I talk with



The Beatles Tribute band is performing at Freedom Hill this Saturday, June 28.

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teenagers and also to older people who actually attended real Beatles concerts. They always remember hearing their first Beatles album. No one appeals to us like these four guys ... not Mick and Keith or Steven and Joe."

The pop-musician-turned-Lennon-impersonator has found spiritual meaning in his job.

"In a way I feel like I'm carrying on Lennon's message of love and peace," he said. "The Beatles were singing incredible messages of love to the whole world. I believe all art is divinely inspired."

The Beatles, he said, provide a common ground for peace, even if only momentarily: "We can disagree on issues of politics, economics, religion ... but we can all agree on music of The Beatles."

Then again, some prefer The White Album to *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.

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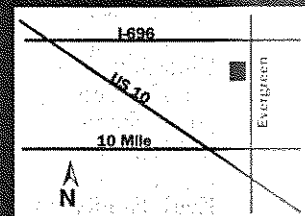


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A simpler, faster way to play croquet revives classic lawn game

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The lawn game croquet looks preppy, like a piece of lost Americana.

But a recent surge in the game's popularity probably has more to do with a new form of croquet than nostalgia, said Bob Alman, development director for the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach, Fla..

Besides, croquet was born in Great Britain in the 19th century, not America.

Nonetheless, the latest version of the game - it's called golf croquet - might be brilliant come Fourth of July weekend.

It's a simpler and faster-moving version of the classic lawn game.

And, most new croquet sets include rules for golf croquet, which can be played in the backyard. If you need rules or additional guidance, visit the United States Croquet Association's Web site (see chart).

A game takes a mere 30 minutes, which is why "golf croquet is being discovered by the corporate community," said Alman. "Croquet and cocktails" consumes far less time than a game of golf during a corporate retreat.

By the way, golf croquet and its casual backyard counterpart differ tremendously from croquet, the professional sport. However, if you're looking to partake in some no-nonsense ball-knocking and ball-stalking, you're in luck.

Members of the Detroit Croquet Club, of which many are or were professionals, meet regularly during the summer to play on a course owned by Wayne-Westland Community Recreation.

The group also offers lessons starting with golf croquet.

"That's how you get people introduced," said Wayne Fisk, the club's president and a retired Livonia Schools psychologist. "You can't start people off with all the complicated

CROQUET CONNECTIONS

■ Detroit Croquet Club, offers introductory lessons starting with golf croquet; practice and games held twice a week on Wayne-Westland Community Recreation court, membership is \$75 per year, call Wayne Fisk at (313) 274-0459.

■ Detroit Croquet League, instruction available; league always needs substitutes for Tuesday night games (American six-wicket style), 5:30 p.m. until dark, on the original Stroh Riverplace croquet court at the Omni Hotel in Detroit, call Pat Vintevoghel at (313) 259-2600.

■ Croquet party at the Omni Hotel with instruction by members of the Detroit Croquet League, for details or to arrange, call the hotel's general manager, Eugene Hilliard, at (313) 259-9500.

■ For croquet and golf croquet rules and general information, go to the United States Croquet Association Web site at www.croquetamerica.com.

rules of croquet. With golf croquet, they can have fun and demonstrate their ball-hitting ability right away."

Guidance also can be obtained from members of the Detroit Croquet League. They play every Tuesday night on the original Stroh Riverplace croquet court, now located at the Omni Hotel in Detroit.

The course was built by John Stroh of brewery fame.

The league plays the American six-wicket version of croquet and frequently needs substitute players. They also assist at Omni Hotel croquet parties.

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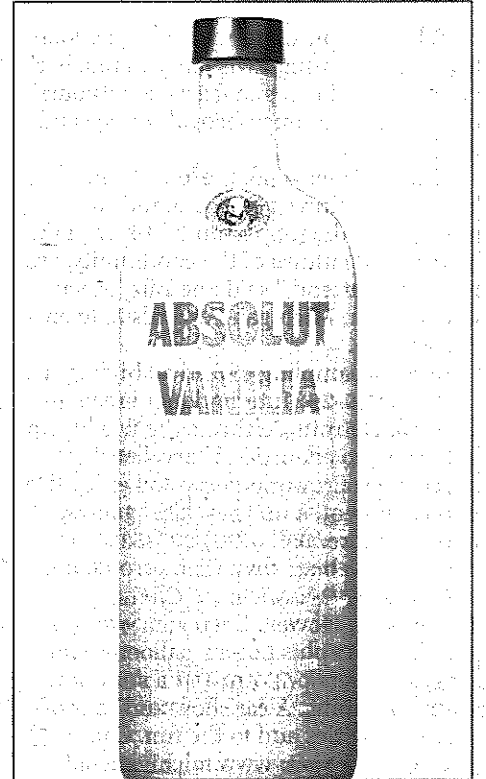
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Hot air balloons or bologna? Choices are vast at this year's summerfests

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Take your pick. From a hot air balloon fest and a gyrating Elvis party to blueberry, potato and bologna feasts, a potpourri of Michigan summer festivals entice and delight.

"The fabulous food, the 'oohs' and 'aahs' of the fireworks, the sounds of music, and, the (opportunity) to learn the history and culture of the community, are reasons to attend," said Sue Bila, executive director, Michigan Festivals & Events Association.

Here's a sampling of festival highlights:
■ June 25-29: International Freedom Festival, Detroit. Celebrate the friendship between two countries. Marvel at the spectacular fireworks show and enjoy live entertainment, a midway, kids' games, and lots more. Call (800) 225-5389 or check the web at: www.visitdetroit.com.

■ June 27-29: Michigan Challenge Balloonfest, Howell. Keep your eyes on the sky as 50-plus hot-air balloons compete, skydivers perform and a stunt kite team entertains. A car show and tons of family activities add to the fun. Call (517) 546-3920 or visit: www.michiganchallenge.com.

■ June 27-29: Soo Locks Festival,

Saulte Ste. Marie. How fast do tugboats go? Find out at the Soo when you watch the tugboat race. A tugboat parade, food/beer tents and an international bridge walk will also be featured. On June 27, for a limited time, the locks control tower will be open to visitors. For more info, call (800) MI-SAULT or check: www.saultstemarie.com.

■ July 5-12: National Cherry Festival, Traverse City. Cherries rule at this party! The mega menu of cherry-flavored foods and drinks will satisfy all appetites. Call (231) 947-4230 or check the Web at: www.cherryfestival.org.

■ July 10-13: Kalamazoo Blues Festival, Kalamazoo. Music galore, activities for kids, arts & crafts, food and more. Call (800) 530-9192 or visit: www.discoverkalamazoo.com.

■ July 10-13: Auburn Cornfest, Auburn. Sample "corny" food, watch fireworks, listen to a concert and let the youngsters participate in kids-only activities. A midway and flea market are also available. For information call (989) 662-4001 or visit: www.auburnmich.com.

■ July 11-12: Michigan ElvisFest, Ypsilanti. Pay homage to the "King," savor Memphis-style barbecue and watch movies starring Elvis. Visit www.mielvisfest.org or call (734) 480-3974.

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week. "Filtered" just for you.

Concert

So much has been written about alt-country band **Wilco** and their 2002 release "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" that it would be silly to miss them play for free at this year's Comerica TasteFest. Lead singer Jeff Tweedy and his band will try to break your heart with a smart and witty combination of folk, blues, country, rock-a-billy and other roots music. Wilco takes the MGM Grand Detroit Casino Stage at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2. The festival is located outdoors on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway. -- Stephanie Tardy



Album

The summer sun has finally hit Michigan. Celebrate the return of air conditioning with two "hot" records.

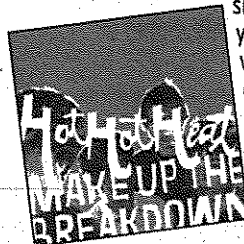
It's easy to see why Jack White picked **Whirlwind Heat** as his first band to sign to his new label, Third Man Records. The Grand Rapids group - Brad Holland on drums, Steve Damstra on bass and David Swanson on vocals and Moog synthesizer - uses feedback and a steady rhythm loop to create some of the most innovative, frantic and, OK, somewhat silly music on the horizon. For example, all the songs on the band's April full-length release, "Do Rabbits Wonder?" are named after colors. Although admittedly odd (the closest comparison I can think of is Devo) this record deserves to be played loud. The band will play with local band Blanche Saturday, July 12, at the Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. Admission is \$5.



Canada's **Hot Hot Heat** is another "hot" band, both in name and in hype, after the release of their latest album, "Make Up the Breakdown." The group combines new wave, mod rock, and punk to create a fun version of danceable retro-punk music. With lyrics like "You are my only girl/But you're not my owner, girl," on Talk to Me, Dance With Me and "I'll be pokin' a voodoo doll that you do not know I made of you -- for you. Let's see what needles do" on the single, Bandages, this isn't a band who is taking themselves too seriously.

"Make Up the Breakdown" will make you want to get up and get down or at least roll around town with the windows rolled down. A perfect summer activity.


Both albums are available at local record stores and Tower Records, 202 North Old Woodward Ave in Birmingham. -- Stephanie Tardy



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Stage

Schools aren't the only places on a break for the summer. Area theaters, for the most part, seem to have laid down for a long summer's nap. But no matter, there's still plenty of laughs to be had at the **Planet Ant Theatre** in Hamtramck each Monday night. For \$5, you can get a first-hand look at some of the area's funniest up-and-comers at 8 p.m. when the Planet Ant Improv Colony - comprised of local luminaries like Margaret Edwartowski and Joshua Funk of Second City fame - performs with a different guest comedy troupe every week. The Planet Ant Theatre is located at 2357 Caniff Avenue in downtown Hamtramck. For details, call (313) 365-4948. -- Megan Pennefather



PHOTO BY DOUG COOMBE

Local music

Fred Thomas can write a well-crafted pop song. His latest band, **Saturday Looks Good to Me**, first began playing shows around the Detroit area in 2000. Since then, the group has toured with teen favorites Saves the Day and recently signed a deal with Polyvinyl Records. Their latest release, "All Your Summer Songs," is aptly named for its airy beats and soul singing. The group is equally reminiscent of Motown, Phil Spector's lo-fi production, and 60s girl group acts as it is of the Beach Boys.

Saturday Looks Good to Me will play at the "Young Soul Rebel Records Grand Opening Party" July 4 the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward, Detroit. Admission is free. The band also will make an appearance July 14 at Leopold Brothers, 523 S. Main St. in Ann Arbor with Brown Rice and The Cyril Lords. -- Stephanie Tardy

Got an idea for Pure Picks? To submit information or ideas, e-mail Stephanie Tardy at tardys@homecomm.net.

Film

Check out the original **Father of the Bride** at the historic Redford Theatre. The 1950 MGM classic stars Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Bennett, 8 p.m. Friday, June 26, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 27, organ overture 30 minutes before show time, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, \$3, call (313) 537-2560 for details. -- Nicole Stafford

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Spend a week in Paradise right here in Michigan

BY ANDREA HUI
CORRESPONDENT

Natural wonders, crystal clear waters and abundant wildlife are just a few of the treasures Michigan's Upper Peninsula has to offer a family for an adventure of a lifetime.

The Upper Peninsula provides an amazing family camping trip. An extended weekend allows a family to experience some of the Upper Peninsula's most famous masterpieces including Pictured Rocks, Tahquamenon Falls and the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum.

Crossing the Mackinaw Bridge is one of the first adventures. The five-mile wonder is the third longest suspended bridge in the world and the longest in the Western Hemisphere. It provides spectacular views of Mackinaw Island, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and the Upper Peninsula.

After crossing the bridge and picking up some fudge in one of the many specialty shops in St. Ignace, head west to Munising and Grand Marais, home of Pictured Rocks.

Pictured Rock National Lakeshore is on the south shore of Lake Superior. The park is filled with trails, sand dunes and inland lakes. There are amazing campgrounds within the park, some on sandy bluffs overlooking Lake Superior.

But the main attractions are the mineral stained sandstone cliffs called Pictured Rocks. They have been shaped by years of harsh water, ice, sun and wind. These masterpieces continue for 42 miles along the shores of Lake Superior. One of the best ways to view the rocks is by boat. Pictured Rocks Cruises depart from Munising. The three-hour cruise covers 37 miles.

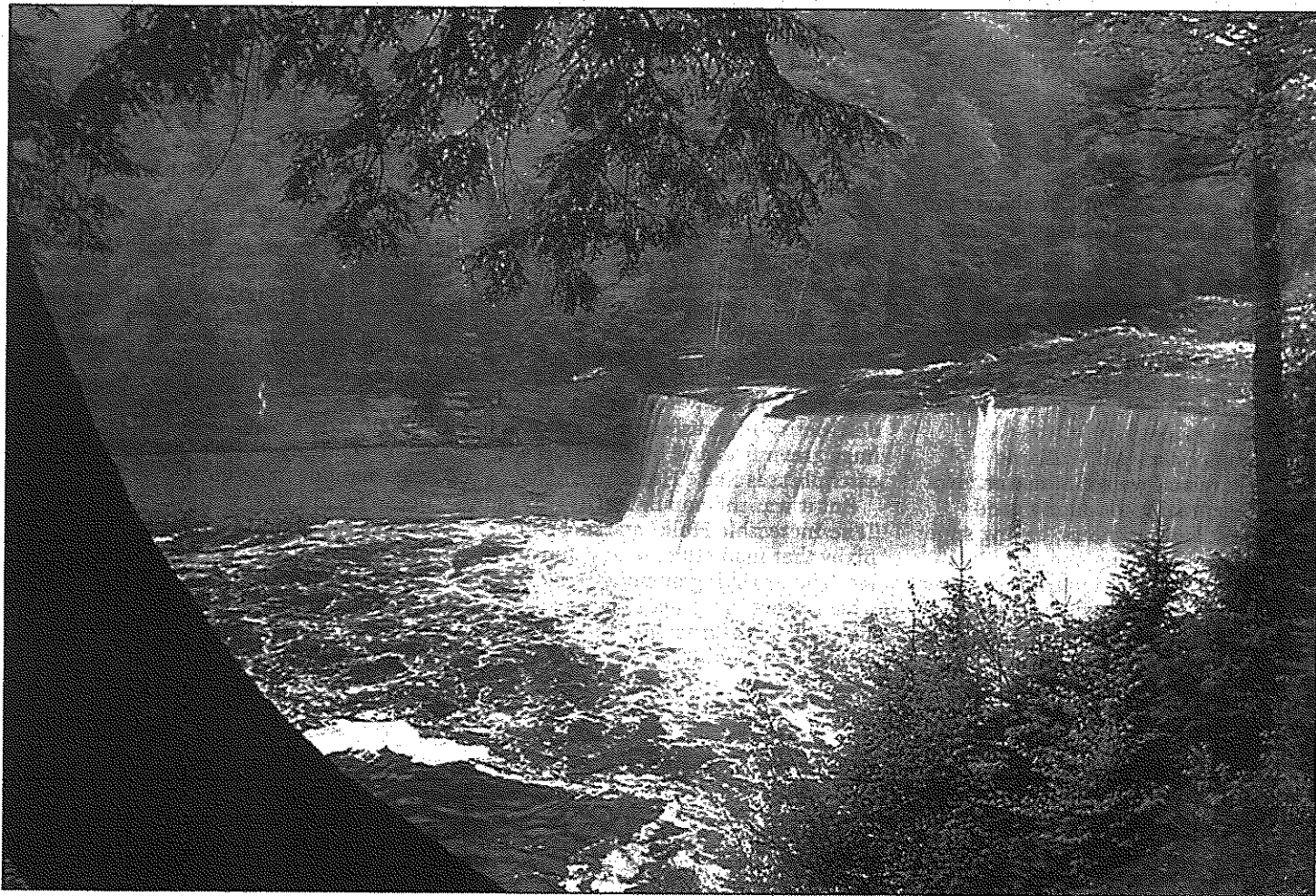
Next stop is Tahquamenon Falls State Park. This park is a wilderness 'paradise' in Paradise. The 40,000 acre park is packed with waterfalls, wild life, rivers and trails. There are four campgrounds from which to choose within the park.

There is an Upper Falls and a Lower Falls. The Upper Falls is the larger of the two and features a dramatic 50-foot drop with a breathtaking view.

The Lower Falls consists of five small falls. The best way to view these falls is by renting a rowboat and taking it to the island centered in the falls.

The color of the water is a magnificent amber. The coloring comes from the surrounding Spruce, Cedar and Hemlock. Because the water is extremely soft, an enormous amount of foam is created and adds to the beauty.

Make sure to sneak away from the hiking, canoeing and bird watching for a few



This captivating scene at Tahquamenon Falls is only hours away from metro Detroit.

hours to visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. The museum is educational, fun and a great way to see Whitefish Point.

The museum is dedicated to the many shipwrecks of the Great Lakes. Its location at Whitefish Point is known as "Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast" because of the numerous ships lost in the area.

The museum hosts artifacts from the Great Lakes shipwrecks. In addition, exhibits tell the chilling stories from sailor survivors. One of the most memorable artifacts is the bell of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Also, make sure to visit the oldest active lighthouse on Lake Superior located next to the museum. A guided tour includes the restored 1861 light keepers quarters.

Julie Laurette, of Canton, fondly remembers her last family trip to the Upper Peninsula. "The U.P. is so beautiful and is packed with family activities," she said. "We made great family memories we will treasure forever."

Andrea Hui is a Rochester Hills resident and freelance writer.

IF YOU GO

Day 1 - Drive to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore campsite. Take I-75 North to US-2 to MI-77 to MI-28 West to Munising, Michigan. Approximate driving time is seven hours. Set up camp, relax and enjoy the sights. Camp sites are available on a first-come basis. For more information, call (906) 494-2660.

Day 2 - Explore Pictured Rocks. The Pictured Rocks Cruise is a must. Cruises run from late May through early October. Tickets \$25 adults, \$10 children 6-12, no charge 5 and under, call (906) 387-2379.

Day 3 - Head to Tahquamenon Falls State Park and set up camp for a two-day stay. From Pictured Rocks, take MI-28 East to MI-123 to Paradise, Michigan. Approximate driving time is two hours. For camping reservations, call (800) 44 PARKS.

Day 4 - Take a 20-minute drive to The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. Turn left at the stoplight in Paradise and head north to Whitefish Point. The museum is open May through October, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets \$8.50 adults, \$5.50 children, and \$23 for a family (two adults and two or more children under 18). For more information call (877) SHIPWRECK.

Day 5 - Pack up camp, drive home with great memories

'Hulk' gets angry, but doesn't hit full force

** (out of four)
BY DANIEL KRAUS
CORRESPONDENT

It's been said that comic books are our most poignant modern myths, and I believe it.

The stories of Batman and Superman (and the rest of the Justice League, X-Men, Fantastic Four and Wonder Twins) are brutal, elegant and simple and are deeply mired in almost Greek-like issues of family, birthright, origin, prophecy and moral choice.

So our ancestors got William Shakespeare and we got Stan Lee. Not a bad trade, really, for as any good comic book author knows, having super abilities was like being one of Shakespeare's doomed patriarchs - great power comes at great personal cost.

No one knew this better than good old Bruce Banner, the quintessential bottled-up science geek who becomes the muscular green Hulk in moments of



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extreme rage. The Hulk was one of the most entertaining comic book heroes because he was, to a certain extent, pretty dumb. He was merely a gleefully destructive Id, crushing villains with his huge green fists and belching out witty catchphrases like, "Hulk smash!"

But it was the popular 1970's TV show "The Incredible Hulk" starring Bill Bixby that made the greatest impact on me. The terrifying opening sequence, in which Bruce visits his own grave and violently transforms into the monster, brought a visceral immediacy to an element that the comics tended to gloss over - that Bruce's transformation was

ugly, scary, unwanted and frighteningly out-of-control.

Director Ang Lee was a brave choice to bring this retro terror back in the spotlight.

A cinematic chameleon, Lee had already mastered the costume drama (SENSE & SENSIBILITY), the family ensemble (THE ICE STORM), and the action-adventure epic (CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON). Why not the comic book summer-movie extravaganza?

Well, here's why: Because Lee, once he has built up some of the most fantastic situations in recent movie memory, doesn't know how to dig himself out. What's the point of a scathingly rendered relationship between Bruce (Eric Bana) and his father (Nick Nolte) if all Lee can conjure up for the finale is a bunch of army tanks firing machine guns at a roaring monster?

In a depressing thirty minutes' time, Lee's movie drops from KING LEAR to

GODZILLA.

As super powers go, "hulking out" always kind of sucked, for as Bruce gained strength, he lost his senses of reason and restraint.

Still, Bruce can't help himself - he likes being the Hulk and describes it as "a dream of rage, power and freedom". This moral ambiguity - presenting Bruce as both our protagonist Jekyll and antagonist Hyde - is fascinating, but barely explored.

Lee's dialogue is effectively eloquent at expressing this turmoil (Bruce compares the transformation as being born: "screaming, light hitting my face") but the metamorphosis itself, while digitally impressive, is disappointingly literal: Bruce gets mad. Bruce gets big. Bruce gets green. In a way, it plunks us down right back where we started: "Hulk smash."

Lee acknowledges the Hulk's pop-culture pedigree by turning the movie frame into an unfinished comic book, flopping the picture upside down and inside out. Meanwhile, he colors in each scene as if hurrying to keep up to story. It's a nifty effect but no where near as successful as the comic book storytelling in George Romero's CREEPSHOW, which came out way back in 1982.

In the hands of a director more confident of his flair for the genre, THE HULK could have approached something revolutionary, like David Cronenberg's THE FLY.

For a while, in fact, Lee takes a cue from that film and treats Bruce's abilities like a lethal infection that, inversely, makes him feel good even as it destroys him. It's ripe metaphorical material, but it's all tossed away. For what? Why, lots of exciting tanks, of course!

Still, in a summer season crowded with impersonal storylines (THE MATRIX RELOADED) and too many heroes (X2: X-MEN UNITED), THE HULK has the benefit of a strong central character.

There's a point where you stop understanding Bruce Banner - how can we really relate to a 20-foot, avocado-colored ogre skipping over mountains like they were anthills? - but you never stop caring for him.

And that alone is something of a minor "summer movie" miracle.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, Ball of Wax, can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.



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TASTEFEST

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But the biggest attractions are music and food. A sample of Tastefest food vendors:

■ **Beans & Cornbread** in Southfield will offer breaded fried chicken wings, BBQ style wings, red beans and rice and cornbread

■ **Bangkok Bistro** in Troy will offer Pad Thai, massaman curry chicken, satay chicken and baked custard

■ **Everest Express** in Farmington Hills will offer chicken, lamb or vegetable dumplings, bamboo shoots, potatoes and black-eyed peas and chicken breast with herbs

■ **MGM Grand Detroit Casino** will offer BBQ chicken ribs, coleslaw and Key Lime pie

■ **Peacock Restaurant** in Dearborn will offer chicken tikka, lamb curry, samosa, fried eggplant and vegetarian food

■ **Under the Eagle** in Hamtramck will offer a Polish plate, meatball and potatoes, kielbasa and kraut and pierogies.

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Seeing Rusted Root live is more than a concert, it's an experience.

That's what fans will say. The band's cult audience of open-minded, multi-cultural folks is similar to the loyal followers of the Grateful Dead.

For Rusted Root's frontman, also one of its guitarists, the adored ritualistic concert experience is all about creating a sense of community.

"When you can pull people toward you with the music, it's intimate, it can get intense," singer Michael Glabicki said. "We feel the audience's energy and they feel ours ... that's why each show has a completely different atmosphere."

The band is playing at Tastefest 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 3. Rusted Root is no longer a band with countless members; today it's stripped down to six.

"With fewer members we're more focused, but there's still a bigger communal theme. For me it was always about creating that ritualistic experience. We do it now with less chaos," Glabicki said.

It still creates funky sounds with emphasis on African drumming, shakers, harmonicas, acoustic and electric guitars, female vocalists and the sensual voice of Glabicki.

Currently though, drummer Jim Donovan is layering computer rhythms with raw tem-



Rusted Root is playing at Tastefest July 3.

pos and the result is a worldly sound mixed occasionally with a bit of techno. Hear it on Rusted's 2002 release *Welcome to My Party*.

"That's why I love playing with this band. It's always about pushing boundaries and not putting ourselves in a box," Donovan said.

Produced by Bill Bottrell (Tom Petty,

Sheryl Crow and Rusted Root's album *When I Woke*), the songs on *Welcome to My Party* are the result of a single organism, Glabicki said.

"A song is an organism that has a history and has different meanings to many different people," he said.

Each track on the CD takes the listener to a different place. *Weave* is a sexy dance song. *Blue Diamonds* introduces the listener to the angel who's been with Glabicki since a childhood car accident, he said.

Glabicki created Rusted Root more than 10 years ago after a trip to South America. The band grabbed diehard fans in each city it played. But several years ago, even with the band's healthy career, *When I Woke* went platinum, Glabicki opted for alone time where he could write music.

His earthly musical style isn't an expected one from a man who grew up in Pittsburgh, but that's part of Root's intrigue.

"I never really felt like my environment, where I lived, had anything to do with the way I write," Glabicki said. "Pittsburgh is a cool town, but there's not a lot of music here and maybe that's good because there was nothing great for me to follow ... there was a void to fill."

Today Rusted Root fills a void for audiences who hope the band's energy touches the music as it's played live in a communal atmosphere. The show at the Tastefest should be no less intimate.

MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS AT THIS YEAR'S TASTEFEST

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7 p.m.
THE WAXWINGS
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8:00 p.m.
DEREK PLASLAIKO
Detroit veteran has played nearly every venue available to a techno DJ.

8:30 p.m.
CARL CRAIG
The father of techno makes his return to the Tastefest.

FRIDAY, JULY 4
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Music

Call it what you will, but the Wrenfields rock

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The music press calls it "Americana," "roots-rock" or "alternative country."

Its best-known players nationally are Wilco, the Jayhawks, Ryan Adams (not Bryan,) Lucinda Williams, and others.

Members of the metro-Detroit-based Wrenfields remember the day six years ago when the sound washed over them, while touring the Midwest in the jazz-tinged rock band The Miracleberries.

"We were playing CDs and Frank (Budd, bass) had the Jayhawks' 'Hollywood Town Hall,' he said you guys have to hear this," recalled guitarist and unofficial band publicist Matt O'Bryan.

"I think it was the song structure. It was post-grunge; it was music you weren't hearing at the time. It was genuine; there was great musicianship."

The sound inspired a new direction. Joining O'Bryan and Budd in a new band were drummer/vocalist John Pyro, former Tiger Stadium organist David Berriman, guitarist Tom Morgan, and Noreen Novrocki, who the band knew as singer with the popular cover band the Killer Flamigos.

"She had been looking for an original outlet for her ideas," O'Bryan said.

The combination clicked. Since forming The Wrenfields in January 2000, the group has released two CDs and has twice been named Outstanding Country Group at the Detroit Music Awards. In May they performed for the second time at the Downtown Hoedown.

"It's basically the biggest festival we play at; a great stage and it gives us a chance to be in a line-up with some national acts," O'Bryan said.

The group's biggest thrill came last July 4, while performing at a country festival in Taylor. When headliner Darrel Worley was delayed by a bus breakdown, the promoter asked the Wrenfields to stand in before nearly 10,000 fans.

WRENFIELDS PERFORMANCES

■ 9 p.m. June 29 at Spark in the Park in Highland.

■ 7 p.m. July 8 at Music in the Park in Chesterfield.

■ 7:30-9 p.m. July 31 at Music Under the Stars at the Wilson Barn in Livonia.

For more information: www.wrenfields.com

"We got to play about six songs before Darrel showed up, the crowd really liked us," O'Bryan said. "He got there and played, then the fireworks went off."

The Wrenfields latest CD "Seconds" was recorded by Tyler Brown, who has produced recordings for former Jayhawk Mark Olson. "Tyler lived in my house for six weeks," O'Bryan said. The Wrenfields record in O'Bryan's home studio in Dearborn.

Of "Seconds," the British Web site AltCountryLab.com wrote, "Lots of great hooks, stirring rhythms and a joyous feel is created, which immediately encourages you cue up the album for another listen, and another and another."

While all band members get in on the songwriting, Budd contributed much of the music and Pyro and Novrocki most of the lyrics on "Seconds." The song that has garnered the most attention is the 9-11-inspired "Patriot's Day," with the line, "Don't let the world in anymore/Katy bar the door."

"The European press seem to think we're being jingoistic or xenophobic, but we're not," said O'Bryan.

The band has already started writing a third CD. The band hopes to tour, and to land a national record deal. "We're putting together a legal team, they're going to begin to start soliciting labels and find us an agent," O'Bryan said. "That's always been the goal, to take it to the 'enth level."



Check out The Wrenfields' style of 'Americana' at their shows this summer. The band is playing various area festivals.

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Summer Solstice party sets mood for art center unveiling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Vincent Sansalone waves hello from the roof of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"Give me a minute and I'll be right down," he says.

The Birmingham architect/artist is in the midst of wrapping the art center in white construction tarp. The major installation sets the scene for Summer Solstice, a celebration of light and new beginnings at the art center Saturday, June 28.

The evening begins with guests enjoying a strolling gourmet supper followed by a live auction of paintings, glass, jewelry, sculpture, photography, and mixed media from 16 galleries including Habatat, Robert Kidd, Halsted, Hill, Lemberg, Susanne Hilberry, David Klein, George R. N'Namdi, Posner, Arnold Klein, Batista, Sybaris, and Yaw galleries, and Revolution, Art Space II and Au Courant Interior Design. In addition to works by artists such as Dale Chihuly, Tyree Guyton, Dirk Bakker, and Beverly Fishman, packages tempt bidders with a trip for two to London, Michigan Opera Theatre tickets, and suite for 20 for The Rockettes. Proceeds benefit the art center.

"The idea is in the layering," said Sansalone once on the ground. "It's the unwrapping of a new beginning for the art center. It's like unwrapping a gift. You have shards of paper. It's not completely covered. It's busting out. Skylights won't be covered so during the day you get a play of light and shadows. It's very theatrical."

Sansalone expects to spend three weeks laboring on the roof after planning and budgeting for the installation the last six months. Once completed, double and triple layers of tarps will unite the north and south patios into one space.

He'll then place lighting above the

SUMMER SOLSTICE

What: Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts a celebration of light and new beginnings. Evening includes live art auction, music, dancing, and strolling gourmet supper

When: 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, June 28

Where: At the Art Center, 1516 South Cranbrook, Birmingham

Tickets: \$85 advance, \$95 at door, \$250 patron, call (248) 644-0866, ext. 104



PHOTOS BY JOHN STURDY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Above and below, Vincent Sansalone ties down one of the tarps for his installation at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. The work is part of the Summer Solstice Celebration of Light.

white plastic tarps. Inside Sansalone is painting a couple of the walls lapis blue and reconfiguring the Robinson Gallery horizontally and vertically with fabric to create an atmosphere for an all-white fashion show taking place against a silent screening of *Orlando*, a movie based on a book by Virginia Woolf.

Sansalone isn't complaining about all of the labor even though he'll receive no commission.

"I really believe in this place. I believe in the arts and access to the arts for everyone," said Sansalone who moved to Birmingham four years ago to study for a master's degree in architecture at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. "I believe in community arts organizations."

"I kind of knew right off the bat what I was going to do. Janet (Torno, executive director) wants the BBAC to grow. They're having techno music by Detroit Label Transmat Records. They're trying to bring in Detroit. They want to take it up a notch."

"It's the unwrapping of a new beginning," added Torno. "We're unwrapping to appeal to a new audience."

In addition to techno music, Stingy Brim plays soft jazz during the evening. One of a kind lanterns by more than 25 artists light the art center inside and out.

"That's all part of the celebration of light," said Eileen Harned, event publicity person. "There will be table top and free standing lanterns outdoors that guests will be able to purchase. We'll have techno music and a demonstration. The music is a theatrical show in its own right."

"I hope people will come out and sup-

port us. It's great to have sponsors from the community saying culture is important. The BBAC is an undiscovered jewel. People would enjoy discovering it if they knew what it offered. We have more than 500 classes a year and reach over 60 communities. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy the BBAC. You can volunteer or take a class and try your hand at art. It's like the BBAC motto says come and 'make art every day.' It enriches your life."

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Clubs

Blue Martini lounge is swanky and diverse

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The vivid ceiling lighting casts glowing shades of cherry red on the oversized martinis among the tables of the stylish Blue Martini lounge.

The slow spinning mirrored disco ball reflects blue geometric patterns on the black ceiling. Cobalt blue lighting creates an atmosphere that Doug Schuttenberg called "swanky."

It's a word used numerous times by the trendy, upscale after-work crowd who packed the tables at the Blue Martini on Thursday — one of the club's more popular nights.

Drinking champagne, tequila, vodka and martinis while grooving to high-energy dance music mixed with mellow jazz has become a popular and fashionable way to end the work day in Birmingham since the club opened earlier this year.

"I'd come here again. The ambiance is so different from other clubs in the area," said Danielle Dickerson of Royal Oak.

"It's swanky, it's stylish," said Jennifer Cronan of Waterford.

BLUE MARTINI

WHERE: 201 Hamilton located in the lower level of City Cellar Restaurant; near the Palladium movie theater. (248) 642-2489.

WHAT: A swanky lounge that plays everything from jazz to house music.

WHEN: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

WHAT TO WEAR: People dress nicely at the Blue Martini. Business casual is acceptable as there is a big after-work crowd here, but as the hours progress the trendy crowd comes in.

WHO GOES THERE: The age is an interesting blend of mid-20s to 50s and sometimes higher. The clientele is affluent, sophisticated, stylish and friendly.

Her friend Schuttenberg, of Scottsdale Arizona, compared Blue Martini to the sophisticated clubs in his affluent city.

You'll pay \$12 for martinis such as the Sex in the City, signature Blue Martini or Tango Tini; \$10 for Courvoisier VSOP or \$125 for Louis XIII. A Cabo Wabo tequila will cost about \$15. The coolest drink is champagne with prices beginning at \$10 and going up to \$220.

Drink prices are fair said lounge patrons who agree "you get what you pay for." And what you get on a Thursday night is pure lounge ambiance mixed with an energetic crowd.

"They know how to make a drink here," said Jennifer Arvin of West Bloomfield. "And martinis are huge. It's worth it because of the atmosphere...upscale, classy...a young urban crowd."

The 007 martini might not please James Bond with its Bacardi O, splash of orange juice and 7Up but it's still a hit



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The after-work crowd relaxes on a Thursday night to the sounds of jazz, house and dance music at the Blue Martini in Birmingham.

with clientele.

The mixed age group ranges from average from 24 to 50-something which is unusual in the competitive metro Detroit nightclub world.

Typically twentysomething and fortysomething crowds hit different clubs,

here they mix happily.

Blue Martini opens at 4 p.m. and kicks off with the white collar after-work crowd who relax at intimate crescent-shaped booths and small round tables.

By 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday a line is usually formed outside the club where ultra-stylish twenty and thirtysomethings wait to see the live band play everything from Frank Sinatra to Top 40. Once inside, people might dance anywhere they can find space.

"People don't have to go downtown anymore to find the place to see and be seen," said Jen Hagler, the Blue Martini's promotion director.

At midnight a DJ takes over to spin hip-hop, house, funky jazz and other dance tunes, and the club's hip-looking waitstaff are invited to dance on the mainstage. Waitresses in tight powder blue tank tops and form fitting black pants take breaks to mingle with each other and the guests. Women patrons are invited to dance along one of the bar ledges.

"After midnight it's really fun," said Chrissy Christy, of Birmingham, who works at the lounge.

"I've just moved back to Michigan from San Diego and was lucky to get a job here. It's a nice, upscale clientele and people are really friendly."

This week a few items will be added to the food menu including caviar and white chocolate raspberry creme brulee.

It's a stylish lounge for the after-work crowd, for a fun date or a place to mingle.

The club is mimicked after the Blue Martini lounge in Florida and California.



(From left) Jennifer Arvin, Jennifer Cronan and Doug Schuttenberg soak up the ambiance at the Blue Martini.

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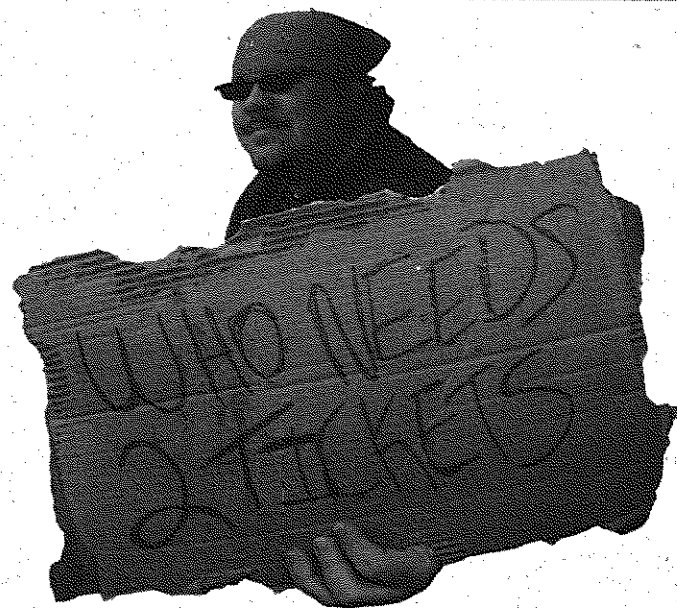
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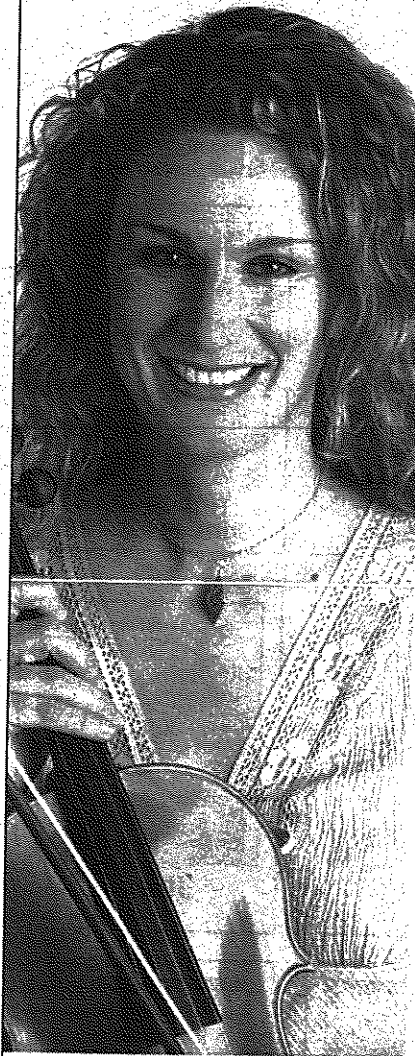
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