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CANTON: 2000 AND BEYOND

It's here: Today's *Observer* contains an all-about-Canton special section, "Canton: 2000 and Beyond." The 40-page tab is packed full of stories about Canton farmers, police, firefighters, development, community groups and more.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Last call: Today (Sunday) is the last day to purchase tickets for the 1999 Author Luncheon hosted by Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville Libraries. Guest speaker for the April 22 luncheon at Fox Hills Country Club is northern Michigan novelist Jack Driscoll. Tickets at \$20 each are available at the Canton Public Library. Call 397-0999 for information.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers hold their monthly meeting 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road. Guest speaker is Julie Lopez, garden and landscape specialist from the Plymouth Nursery. For information, call (734) 451-5426.

Looking for talent: The Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory holds auditions for ages 10-18 for "Jack and the Beanstalk" at 7 p.m. at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, north of Ford Road, off Maben, Canton. For information, call (734) 453-7590, Ext. 315.

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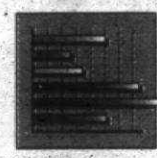
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Yazaki preparing for new digs



Yazaki North America will complete its move across Haggerty Road by May 1. The Tier I auto supplier announced plans for the \$90 million North American headquarters building just over two years ago.

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Yazaki North America, Canton's second largest employer, will consolidate its work force in its new Haggerty Road

facility by May 1. About 30 percent of the company's 1,300 Michigan employees are already in the building. Hundreds more were expected to move in this weekend. A grand opening for the 425,000-

square-foot North American headquarters will be held in early June. The building cost \$90 million to build.

According to Advanced Technology Promotion Senior Manager Jeff Jones, his company's decision to plant roots in Canton was an easy one.

"We're very community conscious," he said, adding that it made sense to create a campus-style setting at Haggerty and Warren roads. "Once we got the property, we made a commitment

to stay here." Yazaki has forged a strong relationship with the township over the past 13 years, Jones said. The company is committed to Canton in more ways than one.

"We are one of the Canton Community Foundation's biggest contributors," said Ross Smith, assistant director of administration and facilities. "We've given \$250,000 over the past five

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Spring fling at Oakwood Park



On the bubble: Ryan Hover, 3, (center) presses his nose up against a convex window on the playscape in the new Oakwood Park at the corner of Sheldon and Palmer in Canton Wednesday. With Ryan are: Landon Nickel (left) and Silas Letter, both 3, and Kari Holmes, 7, at rear. For more photos, please turn to Page A3 in today's *Observer*.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Field 'trip' in students' own yard

CREEK CLEANUP

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It used to be that elementary school students went on numerous educational trips each year.

But with costs rising, that number has dwindled recently. Students and teachers at Field Elementary in Canton are, in a sense, trying to create an educational "trip" on their own campus.

"Our ultimate goal is to create a wetlands habitat," said fourth grade teacher Rick Plecha, "near the school for students to observe and study."

Truesdell Creek runs through the Haggerty Road school's property. Students have a chance to study several different types of wetlands through the creek's environment.

But the creek needs to be cleaned up for that

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GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI • STAFF WRITER

As diverse as are the communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Westland, the Plymouths, Canton, Redford and Livonia, one thing is certain: the libraries remain perhaps the most popular and well-used institution in each community.

That's true whether the library began in old Farmington schoolhouses, a Livonia storefront, a fire hall in Redford, or as a brand new multimillion dollar building in Westland.

From their beginnings, libraries in each of our communities were faced with a common problem — once they existed, you couldn't keep people away from them.

That fact holds true today, despite increased disposable income that would allow an average patron to buy books, CDs, a computer — maybe even a copying machine.

Ask anyone on the street about libraries and they will likely tell you that a library is a gateway to all kinds of information. The challenge today — compared to the late 1800s when the Farmington library started, or the 1950s when the Livonia library began, or 1980 when Canton's took shape — is how you choose to access that information.

Today is the start of National Library Week. We chose this edition of the *Observer* to tell you about libraries and how they've changed. Where once you had to use a cumbersome card catalog to find a book or magazine, today you turn on a computer for the same — and even more — information.

But it all comes at a cost. Each day, more demands are put on libraries for materials and computer services — and for space. Take a look at some of our libraries and the pushes for expansion. The Plymouth District Library last year opened a new and larger library on the site where the former library stood. The Farmington Hills branch will be expanded and improvements made at the branch in downtown Farmington. A couple of years ago, Westland — its residents had used other communities' libraries — finally opened its own library.

Today, Livonia has three branches. In Canton, plans are under way to expand the library by another 21,000 square feet. As with any type of financing, it's never easy to understand. But we will give you some idea of just what goes into a library budget and where the money comes from. The changes

have also affected how libraries are staffed, as well as created a need for more volunteers.

Despite our computer age, books remain as popular as ever. Some libraries, such as Farmington, have increased their book budgets because patrons still demand the latest titles and still demand books that you might not readily find in a bookstore. And if you can't find it in your local library, the staff will get it for you through an interlibrary loan. The same goes for CDs, video tapes, record albums, cassettes — well, you name it.

The truth is, people love libraries and they are — if not already — increasingly becoming gathering places in a community. The library of old where children were continually hushed are now replaced with study areas where students may talk. In others, large easy chairs have replaced straight-backed chairs so patrons may have a casual hour reading a book in front of a fireplace.

And in still others, we hear rumblings that a nice coffee bar would be a tremendous stride to further making a library a place where you can relax, or start some serious research.

It's all in how you choose to use your library.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Changing times: In every library in Farmington, Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford, you will see scenes like this — the changing ways of libraries — with patrons at a keyboard tapping into information around the world.

Local librarians help patrons find their way on the Web

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Information comes in lots of different packages at your neighborhood public library. You can still check out books, but there are options too including books on tape, CDs, cassettes, and videos.

Many libraries provide access to the Internet, and some have fax machines too. Librarians can help you find the book you're looking for, and a Web site that contains up-to-the-minute information about what's happening in Kosovo.

Students working on papers no longer have to worry about getting to the library before their classmates to check out books. There's plenty of information for everyone on the Internet, and more than one copy.

Some libraries, including Canton,

Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, and Westland regularly offer classes to help you find what you're looking for on the Internet.

If you live in Canton, Farmington, or Farmington Hills, you can apply for a Metro Net Account at the library and access the Internet, and specialized data bases from home.

"Information technology is not a fad. There are more resources available digitally," said Farmington Public Library Director Beverly Papai.

Think of the Internet as a gateway — it gives you access to the World Wide Web, the part of the Internet that contains pictures, text, sound and graphics.

"More and more resources will be available through the Internet," pre-

dicts Joan Elmouchi, director of the Garden City Public Library. "Some things previously available in purchased format will be Internet based."

Garden City has two Internet stations at its library. They're gateways to a world of information, some of which isn't available on your home computer.

"The library program Access Michigan is bringing informational data bases to libraries through the Internet," she said. "They're very powerful data bases that are expensive to subscribe to."

Most libraries charge a nominal fee, usually 10 cents a page, to print copies of information you find on the Internet.

"But if you find an article you want for your research, you can send it to your e-mail address at home instead of

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Police arrest driver in high-speed chase

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A 34-year-old Milford man was arrested Tuesday after leading Canton police on a 45-minute chase.

Troy L. Christie was arrested Thursday at the township jail by video conference with 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colhurst on a charge of fleeing and eluding.

He will face a preliminary exam April 16 before Judge John MacDonald at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. A bond of \$50,000 was set for Christie.

Tuesday's incident began at about 8:15 p.m., according to police reports. A Canton officer was southbound on Lotz Road when he saw Christie go through a red light.

The officer stopped Christie, who was driving a 1991 Chevy Lumina, on a service drive near Bob Evans Restaurant off of Ford Road and east of Haggerty. A criminal check of the Milford man revealed two outstanding felony warrants. One was for breaking and entering and the other for selling marijuana, reports said.

At that point, the officer attempted to arrest Christie. He ordered him out of his car and attempted to take his keys out of the ignition.

But, reports said Christie sped off down the service drive. The officer, whose hand was on the door handle, was pulled forward 10 feet from the momentum. He was uninjured.

The officer then returned to his vehicle and gave chase.

Reports said Christie followed the service road to Haggerty and headed southbound. He then cut through a gas station parking lot at the intersection of Ford and headed west.

At Lilley Road, reports said, he sped through a second gas station lot. Christie went south on Lilley before darting into Bedford Villa Condominiums.

Reports said the Milford man then drove through a nearby subdivision at speeds of 60 to 70 miles per hour before jumping on Saltz Road. He then headed west on Saltz back to Lilley.

Christie drove back to the condominiums and exited his Lumina. Reports said he knocked on a resident's door then tried to hide behind a bush.

Canton Police then surrounded and arrested Christie without incident.

Bennett pushes polluter-pay law

Hazardous waste polluters will now pay the costs resulting from their misconduct under a new law authored by state Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

"Now that this bill officially becomes state law, let polluters beware," Bennett said. "reckless handling of toxic waste jeopardizes our health, threatens our environment, and puts our quality of life at risk. Polluters are literally going to pay for it."

The Bennett law requires persons convicted of a hazardous waste offense to pay all of the costs associated with their violation. The fine is in addition to any other financial penalties or jail time that may be ordered by the courts.

Bennett's legislation, which passed the House and Senate unanimously last year, amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to cover any persons unlawfully involved in the transporting, treating, storing, disposing of, or generating hazardous waste.

Y2K OR DEREGULATION WHICH ONE OF THESE WILL COST YOU POWER?

PLYMOUTH—A new report has just been released which reveals problems that most homeowners will experience without stand-by power.

This industry report clearly shows how traditional thinking regarding supplied power has changed in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully 98.4% of homeowners are not prepared for problems that may arise from power outages.

As this report uncovers, most homeowners are unaware of the potential problems that exist because of Y2K or the deregulation of electric companies. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a special report that contains information relative to this problem.

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LTU prof studies landfill temperatures with grant

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In some respects, the compost pile in your backyard isn't much different than a landfill.

Yard waste decomposes and the pile of leaves that once reached the top of the bin shifts and settles. Over a number of decades, landfills go through the same process.

A new Lawrence Technological University study, which will be conducted in part at Sauk Trail Hills landfill in Canton, hopes to discover the role heat plays in trash decomposition and shifting.

"We're trying to assess temperature's effect on landfill design," LTU civil engineering assistant professor Jim Hanson, "and the long-term stability of mountains of trash."

The study will be done in conjunction with Wayne State University. Hanson received a \$172,000 National Science Foundation grant to conduct the study over the next three years.

Sauk Trail Hills is also contributing \$50,000. The gift is more of a time donation on her and her staff's part than monetary, according to General Manager Laurie Kendall.

The landfill staff will help collect and review data as well as transfer information to Hanson.

Kendall said it was a chance for her company, Allied Waste Systems, to gain some valuable information.

"We don't fully understand thermal properties of waste," she added.

A new landfill "cell" at Sauk Trail Hills will be used in the study. Kendall said the cell is located near the center of the 166-acre landfill. It will occupy 12 acres.

Columns equipped with 15 heat sensors each will be placed throughout the cell. Thus far, Kendall said, several columns have been placed at the bottom of the cell.

Hanson said oxygen will also be looked at because it plays a major role in trash decomposition.

The professor hopes to expand the study to include landfills in various climatic regions within the U.S. Seattle or Atlanta, for example, would be suitable for wet climate study.

"We'll see how this installation in Canton goes," said Hanson. "and move forward from there."

It will take three years for him to gather enough data to make a valid study.

"We need at least that long to assess thermal fluctuations," Hanson said.

He has conducted similar studies on soil. But this is the first on garbage.

"When soil begins to heat up it weakens," Hanson said.

He thinks the same thing might happen in landfills. If it does, it could cause potentially negative impacts.

Many capped landfills are now used for recreational purposes or skiing. If trash shifts or settles enough, it could pose a problem.

"A slope may not be safe 15 years down the road," Hanson said.

Besides decomposition and settling, heat and water erode landfill linings. That can allow contaminated fluids from the landfill to seep into ground water.

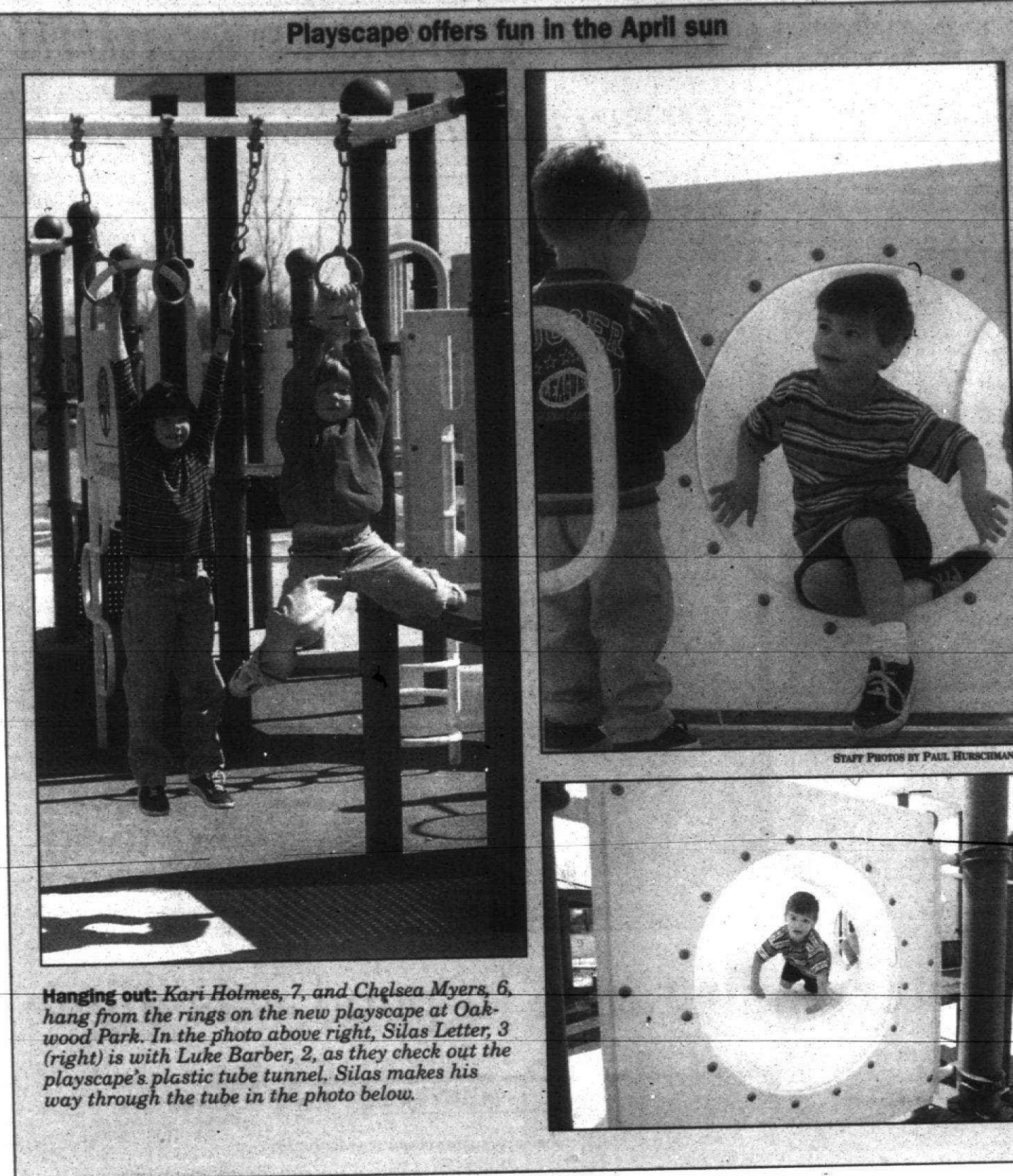
Hanson hopes the study will allow landfill operators to accurately predict decomposition rates to avoid potential problems.

Kendall thinks it's a worthwhile study.

"We think it important to understand these things," she said, adding that Sauk Trail Hills wasn't necessarily looking to boost its bottom line in helping in the study. "We're not expecting anything that dramatic. We want to know long term settlement (rates) of trash."



Tools of the trade: Jim Hanson, LTU assistant professor of civil engineering, shows the temperature sensor columns used in the study.



Hang out: Kari Holmes, 7, and Chelsea Myers, 6, hang from the rings on the new playscape at Oakwood Park. In the photo above right, Silas Letter, 3 (right) is with Luke Barber, 2, as they check out the playscape's plastic tube tunnel. Silas makes his way through the tube in the photo below.

Vandals strike twice at school

COP CALLS

Vandals struck twice at Gallimore Elementary School in Canton this week, according to township police reports.

The first incident occurred Tuesday at the Sheldon Road school. A pair of glass doors on the building's southwest side were kicked in, reports said. Damage was estimated at \$500.

On Wednesday, maintenance workers discovered graffiti on the west side of the school. Several marks were spray painted on the wall, reports said.

Police have no suspects in either incident.

Attempted break-in

About \$150 worth of damage was done to a Barr Road resident's garage door Tuesday as the result of an attempted break-in, reports said.

Shortly before 10 p.m., the 51-year-old man's dog began barking and "going crazy," said reports. He went out to his garage to investigate and saw two unknown subjects run away from the house.

He gave chase for a short way. He was unable to catch up. The man didn't find anything missing from the garage, but did notice that the garage door had been knocked off of its tracks.

Larceny

A 53-year-old Canton man had nearly \$4,000 worth of electronic equipment stolen from his car April 2. A laptop computer and electronic organizer were among the items taken.

Stats

A total of 201 calls for service were taken by Canton Police for the weekend of April 2-4.

Traffic crashes led the way with 13 calls. Two injuries were connected with those accidents.

Thirteen civil/family trouble calls were reported and 11 larcenies. The department also received 35 false alarm calls.

Local exhibitors at home show

Pro-Star Millennium Security, Barnett Roofing & Siding, Concrete Covering, Inc., Carpet Carvers, Designer Rugs by Becky, and Finishing Effects will feature draperies, blinds and shades. Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9.

Pro-Star Millennium Security will feature security systems, Barnett Roofing & Siding will display commercial roof products. Concrete Covering, Inc. will exhibit acrylic cement products for patios, steps, sidewalks, porches, balconies and driveways. Carpet Carvers Designer Rugs by Becky will show interior and exterior custom rugs and

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Wanted: volunteers

Canton officials are looking for residents of all ages willing to participate in a focus group to provide information and help evaluate the community's current recreation and leisure services as well as identify future needs. Input from the group will be used to develop a new Leisure Services Master Plan for the Community.

Township officials hope to collect about 200 names to submit to Yee-Minard and Associates, the consulting firm that is putting together the focus group. Yee-Minard will then interview potential candidates and those selected will receive a stipend for their participation and refreshments during the focus group session.

Interested residents should call 397-5110.

Leadership program

Family Service Inc. and St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems will sponsor Friday's Health and Human Services Day for the 1999 Leadership Canton program.)

Featured speakers for this month's session are William Bishop, president of Family Service Inc. and Kathleen Kittle, director of ambulatory development for St. Joseph Mercy.

Leadership Canton, in its fifth year, is a year-long series of seminars designed to identify existing and emerging leaders in the community and expand their awareness and knowledge of Canton. For information on the program, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, call (734) 453-4040.

Academy attendee

Canton Police Explorer Paul Tennes, 17, has been chosen to attend the National Law Enforcement Leadership Academy conducted by the FBI. Some 30 members of law enforcement explorer programs from across the U.S. will attend the academy in July.

Tennes has been an Explorer with the Canton Police Department since 1997. He also has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 1539 for five years, Canton program.)

Cleanup from page A1

environment to exist, Plecha said. For the second straight year, students, teachers and Canton residents will do just that on April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Last year we pulled out 13 bags of debris," said Plecha, "and a Dumpster full of concrete chunks. We also found bikes and bags of lawn clippings."

Township Engineer Tom Casari said the Truesdell cleanup is one of several held in Canton each year.

Most of the township's creeks and drains, including Truesdell, feed the lower Rouge River. Casari said department of public works laborers concentrate on clearing logs from the creeks during the winter months.

"It helps to improve the water flow," Casari said.

Each June, the township sponsors a Rouge cleanup day, too. Casari said volunteers usually focus on one or two sites.

As for the Truesdell project, the engineer is excited about the work. "The students are doing a lot," Casari said. "They're having a real positive effect on the environment."

Plecha agreed.

He sampled the water quality of the creek before the first cleanup. Plecha found unsafe bacterial levels.

A recent check revealed that bacteria levels are now well under federal safety guidelines. "We're really thrilled," said Plecha.

He received a grant of \$23,000 last year to help conduct the Truesdell cleanup.

Since then, funds have been used to buy equipment, teacher computer technology training and to purchase a membership in the Rouge Rescue program for the school.

Grant funds will also be used for construction of an observation deck for students.

Construction will likely begin next month and be ready for students when the new school year starts in August. Plecha said the deck will help students study plants, animals and aquatic life in the creek.

"It's a wonderful opportunity," he added.

The teacher said it was a chance for students to be "stewards" of the creek.

Besides clearing debris, excess vegetation must be removed, Plecha said. The purple loosestrife, a flower introduced in America from Europe, has created a problem for other creek vegetation.

Later this year, Plecha will introduce Beetles that naturally feed on the flower.

"We wanted to use a biological control instead of chemicals," he commented.

Those wishing to volunteer for the Truesdell cleanup or help supply refreshments, contact Rick Plecha at 734-397-6330 or Diane Klupacs at 397-2365.

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Yazaki from page A1

years." Yazaki is one of the world's largest automotive suppliers. It works with every major car company in providing wire harnesses and electronics.

"Fifty percent of all the cars in the world have at least one of our parts in it," said Jones.

Besides Canton, the private company has headquarters in Europe and Japan. Yazaki has facilities in 26 countries as well.

Economically, the Tier 1 supplier is a powerhouse. It recorded sales of \$10 billion world wide last year.

Despite its size and power, Jones said Yazaki offers its employees a friendly and cooperative workplace.

"It's a very unique environment," he said. "It's also very culturally exciting."

Yazaki has 10 buildings, which occupy nearly 1 million square feet, in Michigan with all but one located in Canton. The

company is organized into units.

Each unit handles a different account such as Ford, GM or Chrysler. Yazaki has five business units under its Canton roof, Jones said the consolidation

used for testing, prototyping and warehousing.

The new world headquarters has numerous unique features. Most Canton residents are familiar with the ark.

The ship, which measures 165 feet long, 48 feet wide and 18 feet tall, is actually Yazaki's technical library. It was built in Rhode Island and brought to Michigan in eight sections.

Made of mahogany wood and fiberglass, the ark or "Genesprit," as the company calls it, is the world's largest non-floating ship, Smith said.

It was actually christened last summer. Jones said the ark is meant to symbolize Yazaki's journey into the new millennium.

"It's taking all of our information and wisdom into the new century," he added.

Besides the ark, all of the massive building's glass is imported from Europe. Its east-

ern face is the largest free-standing glass curtain wall in North America, said Smith.



Open spaces: A view from the fourth floor walkway in the center of the building, looking North. An executive engineering candidate is interviewed in front of the window.

Floating library: A view of the boat, "Genesprit," seen from the cafeteria looking East toward the front of the building. The boat was built by the Eric Goertz Company of Rhode Island, manufacturer of the America's Cup yachts. It is the largest non-floating boat in the world and will be used by the auto supplier for its technical library.

will make each unit more efficient. Previously, time was lost gathering unit members together that may have been in several area buildings.

"The whole idea of this building was to get everyone together," Jones said.

Remaining buildings will be

all of our information and wisdom into the new century," he added.

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Mystery substance in pond was algae

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Residents using Heritage Park earlier this week may have wondered what the brown gunk was floating on its farthest north-eastern pond.

Algae. According to Canton Operations and Grounds Superintendent Kevin Mill, an algae flare-up caused the unsightly mess.

The pond's low water level and a lack of circulation caused the flare-up, he said.

Pumps were turned on Thursday afternoon to clear up the problem, said Mill.

"I'd be surprised if it was still there by Saturday," he added.

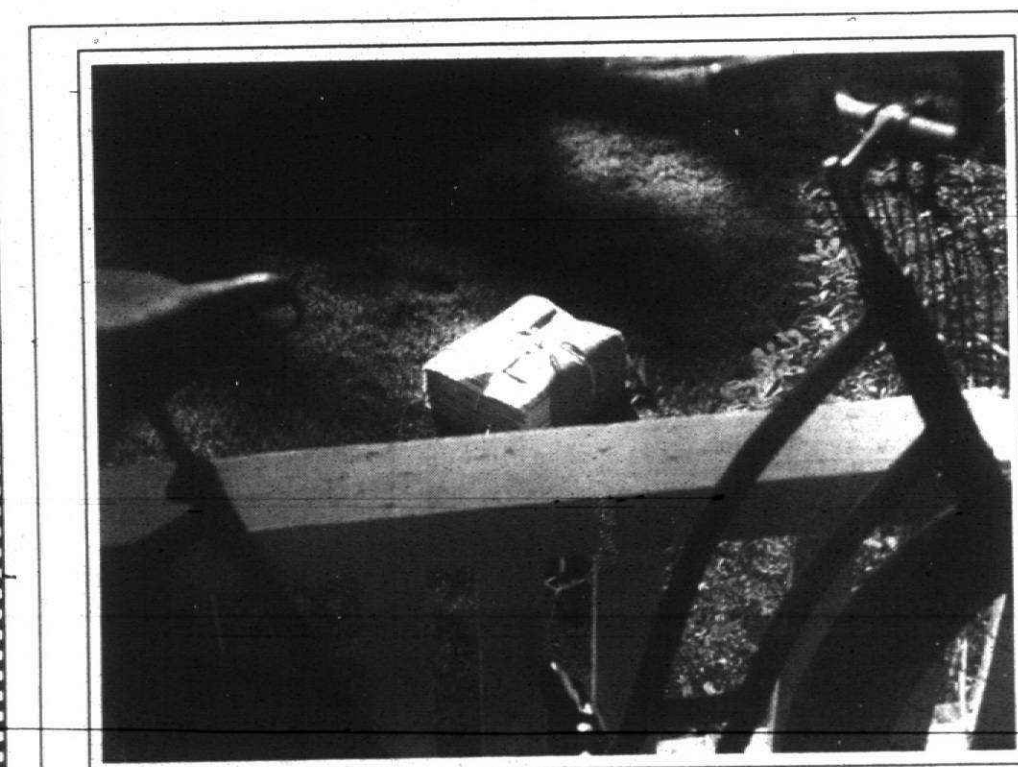
Canton resident Dottie Butske noticed the brown mess after

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he added.

Mill said the brown algae posed no health risk for township residents. He doesn't expect the problem to crop up again if sufficient rain falls.

Canton resident George Hamati said he and his family use the ponds and Heritage Park weekly during the summer. He said they had never noticed any similar problems before.



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Superintendent candidates

Study says fewer educators seek top spot

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The stories coming out of school board meetings are true: Fewer educators are applying to become school superintendents.

School boards when even a \$120,000 salary offer may fail to attract a lot of candidates.

"Candidates for leadership positions in public schools have been declining for at least a decade," say two Oakland University professors in a new report commissioned by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

School boards can deal with the problem by paying more and by dealing more professionally with inevitable conflicts.

Candidates for superintendent "do not want to seek positions in districts where the board and superintendent have had a history of conflict," says Dr. William G. Keane and Duane Moore. "(A) history of such conflicts will apparently severely reduce the number of applicants."

Keane, who headed the Oakland Intermediate School District for 14 years and worked

with many boards to resolve conflict, had this advice:

"Conflicts are normal in human relations, but some boards work quietly to resolve problems without acrimony while others become the newspapers' delight, providing reporters with a story every board meeting."

Boards can make searches easier by deciding early whether they want to promote from within. Reason: 64 percent of outside superintendents are discouraged if they believe an in-house candidate has the inside track. Don't do a "high profile" intergalactic search only to find the perfect person down the hall. Look down the hall first," they advise.

Pay is a big motivator. A jump of 15-20 percent is needed to lure 37 percent of potential candidates, the authors reported.

An assistant or director in a safe district doesn't want to jump to a financially strapped problem district as superintendent without a big pay increase. The flip side of the problem is that the board has trouble explaining to voters why it's offering big money to the new chief executive.

Other reasons for the shortage of superintendent candidates:

■ "The heavy time commitment required of the superintendent."

■ "The declining mobility of candidates due to two-income families."

■ "The growing number of single-issue school board candidates." The writers didn't elaborate on this point except to suggest that "the community church has decided that certain literature previously studied in school is objectionable."

■ "The turnover rate of superintendents."

The report is entitled "The Disappearing Superintendent Candidate." Keane and Moore, former Wayne-Westland superintendent, surveyed 604 local and intermediate districts last fall, getting "usable responses" from 63 percent of superintendents and about half of other high-echelon administrators—well beyond the 35 percent needed to draw conclusions.

The superintendent's job is important, they argue, because he or she has the key role in selecting principals. The CEO also "drives the vision building process and helps clarify belief

about the ability of all children to learn."

Candidates want to go to a district "with more support for schools from the community (62 percent), more help for the superintendent is available (60 percent), where there is labor peace (50 percent), a larger district (44 percent)."

Others want a district "closer to family (33 percent)," where there's no need to relocate (25 percent) and where there is "better student achievement" (25 percent).

Assistant superintendents thinking of moving upward look first for "opportunities to be a leader."

Superintendents and other educational leaders seek public recognition. "Comments by board members at public meetings recognizing specific contributions of the superintendent and other high officials are energizing," the authors say.

"Small acts of recognition by parent groups, booster clubs, business officials and individual citizens make a difference. School boards can create a climate where recognition of staff at all levels becomes a habit."

Maybury plans Earth Day celebration

Maybury State Park also will host its 10th annual Earth Day Celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 11.

This celebration of Mother Earth will feature many natural resource-related programs and displays. There will be nature hikes, a scavenger hunt, seed planting and earth craft activi-

ties. Students from Moraine Elementary School in Northville will display their classroom Earth Day projects to enable visitors to learn more about the planet we all share.

A new exhibit will feature landscaping with the native plants of southeast Michigan. Selected plants also will be

available for purchase from The Native Plant Nursery of Ann Arbor. The Earth Day event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Maybury State Park. All activities will begin at the Farm Demonstration Building.

Maybury State Park is on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township.

A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. For more information, call the park office at 248-349-8390. For information on state parks, visit the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us, and for camping reservations, call 800-44-PARKS.

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Cancer Society's relay event to expand here

The American Cancer Society's signature event, "Relay For Life," will expand into 23 communities including Canton, Garden City and Livonia to fight cancer and celebrate surviving it.

"Relay For Life" is about a community taking up the fight against cancer," said Victoria Rakowski, vice president for cancer control, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "Last year we conducted a pilot program with only four local events, and its success has prompted us to bring Relay to several new communities throughout southeastern Michigan."

This nationwide program began in 1985 when a volunteer conducted a one-man marathon and raised \$27,000. In 1998, "Relay" raised more than \$100 million nationwide. Today, thousands of Americans have passed the baton, with more than 2,500 commu-

nities nationwide hosting "Relay For Life" events. In 1998, Michigan residents raised more than \$3 million through 87 events, and 1999 is expected to be an even greater success, with nearly 100 events held throughout the state.

The event is usually in a school, park or civic center and typically lasts for 24 hours, with team members taking turns walking around a track. During the event a celebratory atmosphere is created by camping team members, who are enjoying entertainment, food, games and community camaraderie.

Beginning each event is a victory lap made up of cancer survivors. And, as the sun goes down, luminaries line the track in remembrance of those touched by cancer and to remind participants of the importance of their contribution.

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having to print it out," said Elmouchi.

Libraries of the future, she predicts, will offer more material via the Internet. "We have the same problems that people have at home, it's critical to have an Internet that you can depend on," she said. This means better and faster connections.

Not everyone is plugged in. The Redford Township District Library offers Internet access to staff, but not library patrons.

"The Internet is no source of authority for information," said Library Director Fred Paffhausen. "I think the Internet is a tool, one of many to access information using new technology."

At the Redford Township District Library, instead of opening up a magazine, patrons might open a CD. A variety of resources and data bases are available on CD — everything from health magazines to how to write a resume.

Over 2,500 people a month log-on to the Internet at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. In the future, more and more people will be accessing information from home, predicts Library Director Sandra Wilson.

Immediacy of information is one thing the Internet has going for it.

"Someone came in the other day and wanted to know all of the current leaders in the U.S. Senate and House," said Wilson. "A lot of them have changed, and the Internet is a good place to get timely information."

Papai agrees. "There's an ocean of information to sift through to find the one piece of information you want. There's an immediacy. People need information now. Rather than going fishing, they need to know

the best way to find it."

The Farmington Public Library was a leader in the State of Michigan in bringing Internet access to public libraries. They've been online since 1994.

"We're providing information resources that people pay for with their tax dollars," said Papai. "Not everything is online. The resources we provide are expensive. I use tax money as wisely as I can to make sure people have access to information. We have to be selective in what we make available. My voters just approved a library millage, they believe in the value of what we're doing. Our circulation has increased 13 percent during a time people predicted the death of public libraries."

Still, the Internet hasn't replaced print. Even though many magazines are available on the Internet, some people enjoy coming into the library to read the latest edition their favorite magazine.

"People for various reasons want hard copies," said Canton Library Director Jean Tabor. "The Internet has given us so much opportunity to provide information. Librarians use Web sites like they would books, but the demand is ever increasing for print. It's trying to find the right mix that's the challenge."

Librarians help people organize information. "We help them wade through a growing universe of information to get what they need," said Plymouth District Library Director Pat Thomas.

Testing technology

Remember when you had a choice between Beta and VHS, eight track or cassette? Libraries are often the first to test new technology.

"I see the library as playing a transition role for products," said Thomas. "We offer products for people to try out to see if they want to invest in them."

Papai agrees and sees this as an ancillary role for libraries. "Kids will read the same book over and over," she said. "A parent might check out a CD to see if their child likes it before they buy it."

With technology changing things faster than ever, libraries are becoming a little cautious about spending. At one time CDs were either Macintosh or IBM compatible, now you can CDs that will accommodate both Macintosh and personal computers which are no longer dominated by IBM.

"We're beginning to see books on CD," said Livonia City Librarian A. Michael Deller. Books are tape are popular with patrons at many libraries, and now that cars are coming equipped with CD players, people are starting to inquire about books on CD.

The Livonia Public Library has some books on CD, and the Canton Public Library is looking at offering them.

"Tapes break and wear out," said Tabor. "CDs are easier to store too."

A lot is going on, and Tabor sees a future of more technology that's faster with more sound and video.

"We're going to be a real value in the community," said Thomas. "I remember when I started 25 years ago. We were just getting a copy machine. All you had were the books the shelf. It took so long to get information. This is so much fun to do. You can keep searching until you get the information you want."

Hearing scheduled on plan to cover old Nankin landfill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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A hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland, on a plan to cover the old Nankin Township landfill in that community.

Located approximately 1,200 feet northeast of the intersection of Newburgh and Warren Road, the 12-acre landfill contains barium in the groundwater from landfilling activities. The site is located near the Westland Shopping Center and the Holliday Nature Preserve and is adjacent to Tonquish Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River.

Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development propose to cap the fill area with a geosynthetic fabric covered by a 1-foot thick layer of clean soil and 3 inches of topsoil.

Fill material, composed primarily of municipal rubbish with a limited volume of industrial material, was placed at the site from approximately the mid-1950s to 1960s and once considered by environmental officials as a contamination "hot spot."

In 1994, the Environmental Protection Agency removed 5,100 tons of waste material containing industrial wastes,

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organics and the barium in the groundwater, according to Steve Hoin, project manager and project geologist with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The standard for barium of 190 parts per billion is exceeded throughout the site, Hoin said.

An erosion barrier along the creek bank will require the installation of erosion controls, which may be completed by reshaping the creek bank and possibly using concrete honey-combed-shaped structures filled with soil.

The DEQ expects to discuss erosion controls before plans are approved. "More natural alternatives are being considered, such as trees," Hoin said.

including polychlorinated biphenyls, benzene and organic compounds; 800 cubic yards of asbestos-containing materials and 4,000 gallons of "associated fluids," such as water that had infiltrated the site and needed to be pumped out.

Several 55-gallon drums of undercoating, solids and sludges also were removed at that time. The EPA eliminated the site's "hot spots" of contamination of drums and industrial waste, but there are still trace levels of

A copy of the remedial action plan is available at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, and the city clerk's office, City Hall Building, 36601 Ford Road. Residents can comment at Thursday's meeting or they can submit written comments, which will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 3 by Steve Hoin, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Response Division, 38980 Seven Mile, Livonia 48152

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tion.

"The Relay lets us raise awareness of the many programs and services the American Cancer Society offers throughout southeast Michigan, and it empowers people to join in the increasingly successful fight

against cancer," said Rakowski. "We've turned the corner in our battle with cancer. People are living longer, healthier lives with survival rates for many adult and childhood cancers on the rise."

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Ah, spring! With the air turning fragrant, temperatures rising and birds chirping, it is most certain that love is in the air.

Weddings seem to have taken a turn toward the unconventional in out-of-the-ordinary settings.

While there is no standard blueprint for an outdoor or home wedding, it's important to consider your situation, tastes, fantasies and expectations. Outdoor weddings can offer a bride and groom the most personalized of settings.

One of my favorite wedding memories is of a casual summer barbecue in which the couple invited unsuspecting guests over for an afternoon of summer fun and grilling. The couple went into the house and changed into their ceremonial garb an hour after guests arrived for the barbecue. They returned to the sunny yard (to the surprise of guests), and exchanged wedding vows.

Outdoor events lend themselves to a variety of special settings. You can create an atmosphere with lights, tents, colors, and of course, the natural surroundings that nature contributes.

Selecting a menu

It is important to design a menu that will be festive, as well as sensible to meet the needs of the environment. For example, on a scorching August day, you would not

want a menu of mostly hot items. It would be better to serve an array of beautifully displayed, elegant cold foods.

Menu selection directly relates to the logistics of the site. We often will take over an entire garage, or rent a small work tent to handle on site production. There are numerous foods I would not recommend trying to execute with limited resources.

Of course, time of day will be an issue in menu planning.

Stations, such as a pasta bar, are always a favored food concept of mine as they allow us to be creative. We can cook in front of guests which adds a little unconventional flair.

Here are some summer strolling menu suggestions:

- European cheese wedges
- Assorted fruits
- Shrimp Gazpacho — served with pita chips, focaccia, savory biscotti, and gourmet crackers
- Mediterranean Chicken Satay with sun dried tomato sauce
- Roasted vegetable platter — Assorted roasted vegetables served with focaccia and other breads.
- Roasted beef tenderloin or poached salmon platter served with hearth rolls or crackers and an assortment of sauces.
- Tex-Mex Bean Dip served with tortilla chips.
- Salsa bar with house fried chips
- Shrimp, vegetable and grilled chicken quesadillas served with guacamole, salsa and sour cream
- For passed hors d'oeuvres consider cucumber rounds with smoked salmon mousse; savory endive spoons; seafood phyllo triangles; wild mushroom tarts; or cheese straws

Beverages

Instead of the usual pop, beer and mixed drinks, offer something unique. Set up a Vodka Martini Bar, serve micro beers, homemade lemonade, freshly brewed ice tea, fresh fruit

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- "Never Cooked Before: Gotta Cook Now!" a new cookbook by Leonard Charla of Bloomfield Township.

Snack Attack



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

SUPER SNACKS

Here are some snacks that have less than 1 gram of fat

- Two rice cakes topped with fruit spread
- Small whole wheat pita stuffed with sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, sprouts, and lemon juice/Dijon mustard sauce
- Cinnamon-raisin bagel spread with apple butter
- Flour tortilla with vegetarian refried beans and salsa
- Eight ounces of Bloody Mary mix with a stalk of celery (without the vodka)
- One-half cup of applesauce sprinkled with nutmeg
- A dill pickle
- One cup of pasta tossed with fresh tomatoes and basil
- An English muffin spread with tomato sauce and mushrooms and heated to make a mini cheese-less pizza
- A frozen banana
- A cup of herb tea stirred with a cinnamon stick
- Four small breadsticks
- Four ounces of fruit juice mixed with four ounces of club soda to make a fruit juice spritzer
- One frozen fruit juice bar
- Raw vegetables dipped in fat-free dressing
- One ear of corn, lightly salted
- A skewer of mushrooms grilled over the coals until lightly browned
- A steaming baked potato stuffed with hot vegetables
- Six melba rounds dotted with strawberry jam
- Three ginger snaps
- One slice of cinnamon toast
- A homemade oat bran muffin spread with raspberry jam
- A fruit kabob — assorted melon balls, pineapple and other fruit chunks on a skewer

Disarm junk food cravings with sensible snacks to nibble on

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

As I bring my new son, Jack, home from the hospital, I can't help but think that this is the only time in his life that I am able to provide him with the perfect diet. It won't be long at all before baby food will take the place of mother's milk. Once children begin to make choices, we start to offer snacks.

While Jack doesn't know about the choices of food that will be available to him in a few months, our other two children are aware of their snacking options and have formed definite preferences.

All of us — kids and adults alike — are constantly bombarded with temptations from food manufacturers to purchase their products. Our children see TV commercials for Dunkaroos and Crunchy M&Ms and immediately want those products. We are a nation of snackers.

We have grown up with the image of the Coca-Cola logo as a symbol of refreshment. It is often difficult to discriminate between what we want and what the manufacturers want us to want.

Since much of the packaged food, particularly snacks, that we find on our grocer's shelves are designed to appeal to our tastes, not our nutritional needs, they can be high in sugar and fat. It pays to read labels.

Healthy way to dine

Having said all that, I'm now going to tell you that it's OK to snack. Eating between meals is a healthy way to dine. It's also OK to eat that candy bar. Go ahead and have some chips if that's what you desire. All foods, including snacks, can fit into a diet, as long as they are balanced with whole-some foods.

The average American eats 16-20 pounds of snacks each year or roughly 40,000 calories from snack foods alone.

Snacking makes an important contribution to a healthy diet. Few children can get enough calories and nutrients from three regular meals. Children's stomachs are smaller and they need more frequent meals to meet their needs. Offer at least three snacks daily.

Where kids are concerned, we have to influence the type of snacks they eat. This can often be difficult, since our children receive so much pressure from advertising, peers, and tempting store displays.

It gets to the point that we can even feel guilty for not allowing our children to have the candy bar that beckons them from the display at the check-out isle.

Now, having said that, now I'm going to tell you that it's OK to deprive your child of that candy bar, don't feel guilty!

Where snacking is concerned, I simply tell people that they should treat a snack as part of their food for the day, and use the same common sense that they exercise during meals.

Try to eat from the bottom of the food pyramid and also low on the food chain. That means eating fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and grains, limiting sugars, fats and oils.

So how do you get your child to choose the carrot stick over the chocolate-covered cookie? A few simple rules, well enforced, can help them learn to make good snack choices.

One fourth-grade teacher at Clarkston Elementary School has a good idea. Children in Keith Conklin's class are asked to bring a snack to school each day, to eat in the afternoon when hunger pangs can disrupt learning. However, he limits the type of snack that his students can bring to simply fruits or vegetables. Even though this also limits variety, Mr. Conklin is setting the stage for healthy

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You can have your cake and tuna too

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

What is one of the biggest nutritional bargains in your pantry? Would you believe that the familiar can of tuna is one of the healthiest foods that you can eat?

Let me enumerate some of its virtues. To begin with, its first class complete protein matches that of any other meat, fish or poultry ounce for ounce. Water packed albacore tuna is rock bottom low in fat and saturated fat — even lower than a chicken breast. Despite the low fat content, tuna is high in Omega-3 fatty acids which lower cholesterol and triglycerides. Thoroughly rinsing tuna with water can lower the sodium content as much as 75 percent. This makes it acceptable for people on low sodium diets and a lot cheaper than the low sodium packaging on the grocery shelf. Of course, you know tuna is low in calories, it's probably been your favorite diet food for years.

The question then becomes if tuna is so wonderful, why doesn't everyone eat lots of it? Because most people think that tuna means tuna salad on a plate or in a sandwich and that's that.

Part of what I do as a nutritional therapist is to help my patients to enjoy what they're eating and still meet their nutritional goals. No one wants to eat tuna salad ad infinitum — no matter how healthy it is.

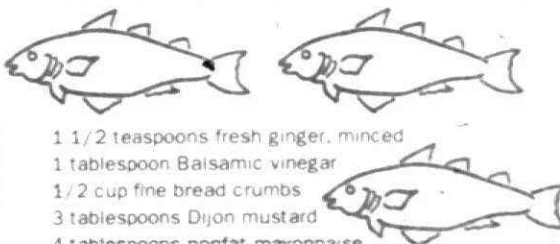
I use this recipe to convince my patients that tuna can appear in many different delicious guises. Once it's well rinsed, tuna is a tasty cousin to chicken.

This recipe also illustrates how many prepared products take a lot of the "cook" out of cooking. I'm sure that you're familiar with ready prepared minced ginger and garlic. But the ready prepared red peppers really make me a relaxed cook. Gone is the time consuming task of broiling, cooling and peeling the blackened pepper skin. Look for ready prepared red peppers in the Italian food section of your local supermarket. I've even used pickled pimiento peppers, well rinsed, of course.

Accompany these tuna cakes with steamed mini red potatoes and those harbingers of spring veggies — asparagus and sugar snap peas.

TUNA CAKES WITH GINGERED RED PEPPER COULIS

- 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, optional
- 1 cup prepared roasted red peppers
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic, minced



- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
- 1 tablespoon Balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup fine bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 4 tablespoons nonfat mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons green onions, chopped fine
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) white albacore tuna water packed, rinsed, drained and chunked
- Fresh parsley or cilantro leaves for garnish (optional)

To prepare coulis (sauce) dice about 1/3 of red peppers and set aside. In a food processor or blender, puree the remaining red peppers, vinegar, hot pepper sauce and 1 teaspoon each of the garlic and ginger until smooth. (Sauce may be prepared a day ahead and refrigerated.)

Place bread crumbs in a shallow dish and set aside. Line two plates with wax paper. In medium bowl, thoroughly combine the mustard, mayonnaise, green onions, remaining diced red pepper, ginger and garlic.

Gently fold in the tuna. Divide mixture into 4 portions, patting each to form a firm cake. Then coat well with bread crumbs and transfer to the wax paper-lined

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Snack

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snack choices.

"We try to model good nutrition," he said. "We talk about nutrition in school. Once they understand the reason for the policy, we don't get complaints."

The fourth grade teachers decided on the snack policy a few years ago when a national study found that American kids were eating too much junk food and not enough fruits and vegetables.

Apples, carrot sticks and oranges are the most popular snacks. Occasionally children bring in celery sticks or grapes, but portability is an issue that must be dealt with where school snacks are concerned.

"I love my snack rules," said Michele MacWilliams, the mother of a student in Mr. Conklin's class. "I know that my son Ryan won't see other kids in the class eating cookies or chips. They're

look at food a little differently. Realistically, we need food to survive. We also derive a great deal of pleasure from eating."

Teaching your children that there is pleasure and goodness in all foods — from the carrot to the candy bar — is one of the greatest tools you can give them in learning how to eat and enjoy a healthy, balanced diet.

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These are the questions all parents ask and depending on our own life experiences, we all

Sensible Snacks

Here are some sensible snack ideas that reinforce healthy eating choices:

Fruit as art — as a centerpiece for your kitchen table, use an artfully arranged bowl of fruit. A pretty bowl filled with washed apples, oranges, tangerines, grapes, bananas or other seasonal fruit can serve as both a snack and decoration.

"Our grandkids would never think to look in the refrigerator for a piece of fruit, but they will grab an apple or orange from the bowl on our table," said Betty Asquini of Livonia.

Nuts — even in the spring, a bowl of nuts (shells on) is nice. Since it takes some effort to crack the nuts, people don't tend to eat too many.

Dairy products are important too — low-fat frozen yogurt or the new "Gogurt" are great snacks. They're packed with calcium, but also contain a good amount of sugar. Even with yogurt, it's important to read labels. Make your own yogurt pops by freezing low-fat or non-fat yogurt into popsicle forms.

Serve snacks — instead of letting your kids grab the bag of chips, portion them yourself and serve them in a bowl. Better yet, have washed carrot sticks, red and green pepper strips and celery on hand for snacking.

Make your own trail mix — without the fillers and sweetened granola you commonly find in the store-bought version. Cashews, dry roasted peanuts, raisins, popcorn, dried cherries, other dried fruit and raw sunflower seeds, all go together. Pack in small portions so that kids (or adults) won't overindulge in this high calorie, high protein snack.

Start with grains — grains are the foundation to a healthy diet. Grains supply carbohydrates and B vitamins which are needed for active growing bodies. Ready-to-eat cereals, crackers, breadsticks, graham crackers, a bagel, pita pocket, pretzels or a small muffin can all count as a grain snack.

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smoothies and sparkling water with fresh fruit garnish.

Find a caterer or event planner that can aid or assist in most (if not all) of the following:

- Service staff — bartenders, wait staff, chefs, etc.
- Valet service — often a must in a home or outdoor venue.
- Your chosen professional can help procure or recommend beverage needs.

Consider communications devices, microphone for service, etc.

Arranging rentals can prove to be a full-time job for an event. Procure flowers, linen, additional props or equipment needed such as an arbor, dance floor, stage for the band or DJ and don't forget porta potties.

Schedule entertainment (don't forget to check available power

Tuna

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plates. Cover and chill for at least 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Transfer tuna cakes onto a large baking sheet that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Bake in the middle of oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Turn over and bake another 10 minutes until tops are barely golden brown.

Meanwhile, pour red pepper sauce into a saucepan and reheat over low heat.

When cakes are nearly ready, spoon equal portions of the sauce into the middle of 4 plates and spread it into a circle with the back of a spoon. Using a broad spatula, place tuna cakes on top of the sauce.

Garnish with parsley or cilantro. Serves 4.

Cook's note: Red peppers prepared either in oil or vinegar can be found in the Italian or kosher food section of your grocery store.

Nutritional content per serving: Calories 214; Fat 2.9g; Saturated Fat 3g; Cholesterol 32mg; Sodium 919mg.

Food exchanges per serving: 3 lean meat, 1 starch, 1 vegetable

Look for *Main Dish Miracle* on the second Sunday of the month in *Taste*. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield.

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1 clove garlic peeled
 1/2 cup fresh basil
 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1/2 cup fresh grated parmesan cheese
 1/4 cup Calamata olives (chopped)
 2 sheets puff pastry

In food processor grind garlic, add basil, pine nuts, cheese. Stream in olive oil 1 table-spoon at a time. Stir in course chopped olives. Spread mixture evenly between 2 puff pastry sheets. Looking at your pastry square lengthwise roll each long end of pastry tightly (curling up) to center of sheet. Do the same with the other pastry sheet. Store in refrigerator for an hour.

Slice 3/8 of an inch thick and place on parchment lined baking sheet.

Bake in preheated 425°F oven for 6 to 8 minutes until puffed and golden.

You can prep these ahead and freeze unbaked logs to be used at a future time or bake ahead let cool and store in an airtight container for up to three days. Toast for a few minutes before serving.

CHEVRA HEART CROUTONS

Yield 28 to 34

1 loaf sourdough bread sliced
 3/4 cup Chevra cheese
 1/4 cup cream cheese
 Pinch salt & pepper
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 roasted red pepper, cleaned and pitted cut into thin strips or what ever shape you desire.
 Ten fresh basil leaves chiffonade (small thin strips)
 2 tablespoons extra virgin

olive oil
 Cut sour dough bread with small heart cutter (bite to bite in half size).
 Lightly brush bread cut-outs with olive oil and sprinkle with salt & pepper.
 Toast in preheated 350°F oven for 5-7 minutes pull out of oven and let cool on sheet tray. (crou-tions should be toasted on outside but still soft inside)
 Generously spread cheese mixture over heart crou-tion.
 Decorate with roasted pepper strip and a sprinkle of fresh basil.
 Drizzle all with extra virgin olive oil, sprinkle a pinch of fresh cracked pepper and salt.

TUNA NICOISE ROUNDS

Yield 25-30 pieces

4 ounces tuna steaks
 10 green beans — blanched and sliced fine
 1/4 of a red pepper, roasted and diced fine
 10 Nicoise olives, pitted and

chopped
 1/2 small red onion, minced fine
 1/4 cup artichoke hearts, diced fine
 1 teaspoon chives, diced fine
 1 teaspoon herbs of your choice chopped
 Salt and pepper to taste
 3 tablespoons red wine vinaigrette
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 16 Red Skin Potatoes
 Season and pan sear tuna — cook to medium. Chill tuna and dice fine.
 Toss diced tuna, beans, peppers, olives, onions and artichoke hearts with red wine vinaigrette, olive oil and herbs and season to taste.
 Wash potatoes and slice into 1/4-inch plaques. Poach potatoes in lightly salted water until tender. Drain potatoes on paper towel and top each with tuna mixture
 Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Put together a sensational Thai meal

By MELANIE POLK SPECIAL WRITER

Within just a few years, Thai cuisine has become one of the most popular ethnic foods in this country.

People seem to like the way it uses fresh ingredients and balances opposite tastes — heat from chilies and gingerroot with coolness of cucumbers and lemon grass, the sweetness of tropical fruit and the tartness of lime and tamarind. The cuisine has similarities with both Chinese and Indian cooking. From China, it takes the technique of stir-frying and the use of rice and noodles. From India comes the use of curry and spices like cloves, cardamom and cumin, although Thai curries are lighter with the addition of fresh herbs.

In Thailand, vegetables are finely cut and quickly cooked, often by stir-frying or steaming. A typical Thai meal includes steamed rice or noodles, clear soup, a fresh chili sauce for dipping vegetables, and a marinated salad often tossed with pieces of meat or fish. Tropical fresh fruits are often served as dessert. From a nutritional point of view, this type of menu is ideal. It tends to be low in fat and high in a variety of the vegetables, fruits and grains that make up a healthy diet.

As with any cuisine, Thai food has some nutritional pitfalls, including many tempting fried dishes and the widespread use of coconut and coconut milk.

It's not hard, however, to put together a sensational Thai meal without these high-fat ingredients. Common ingredients include: lemon-grass, a long, scallion-like herb with a sour, lemon fragrance and flavor; nampla, a bottled fish sauce; cilantro; basil; ginger; a variety of chilies, such as banana chilies, dried red chilies, and bird chilies; and galangal, similar to ginger and found fresh or dried in Asian markets; jasmine rice, a long-grain aromatic variety; rice

noodles, fresh or dried; kaffir lime leaves, which are used like bay leaves and can be replaced in recipes with grated lime zest; and curry pastes, made with chiles, shallots, garlic, and a variety of herbs and spices, also available in ethnic grocery stores.

Thai cooking also features familiar foods like spinach, cucumber, bean sprouts, tomatoes, green beans, cabbage, watercress, asparagus, eggplants, mushrooms, and squash.

THAI CHICKEN WITH BASIL

1 teaspoon oil
 1 1/4 cups chopped shiitake mushrooms
 2 large garlic cloves, minced
 1/8 teaspoon hot red pepper flakes
 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut in thin strips
 2 teaspoons grated lime zest
 3 1/2 tablespoons oyster sauce

1/2 cup chopped basil
 1 cup jasmine or other favorite rice, cooked according to package directions
 Basil leaves
 In large nonstick frypan over medium heat, place oil. Add mushrooms, garlic and pepper flakes; cook stirring, about 3 minutes and remove from pan.
 To frypan, add chicken and cook about 3 minutes or until fork can be inserted with ease. Return mushroom mixture to pan, add lime zest, oyster sauce and basil and heat through, about 3 minutes more.
 Place cooked rice on serving platter, top with chicken mixture and garnish with basil leaves.
 Nutrition information per serving: 344 calories and 5 grams of fat.

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dentistry in the 90s

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GUM DISEASE AND TOOTH LOSS

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CRUSTY CREAM-FILLED MUFFINS

Serves 24
3 cups warm water
2 tablespoons yeast
2 cups bread flour
1-1/2 cups whole wheat bread flour (such as Bob's Red Mill)
3 cups rolled oats
1/2 cup flax seed
1/4 cup honey
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
8 ounce package of fat-free cream cheese
1 tablespoon sugar

Dissolve the yeast in the water in a large bowl. Mix in whole wheat flour (and oats, if desired) and beat well.

Add the remaining ingredients

and beat vigorously. Cover the batter with a towel and let the dough rise for an hour in a warm place (about 90°F-95°F).

Stir down the batter and spoon it into muffin tins, sprayed with non-stick cooking oil, filling each cup half full. Mix cream cheese and sugar. Spoon a dollop on top of dough in each muffin tin. Spoon other half of muffin batter on top of cream cheese. Let the muffins rise, (smoothly rounded above the tin).

Preheat the oven to 400°F and bake them about 25 minutes.

Note: you can use a breadmaker to cut out the work in this recipe if you cut the ingredients in half. Combine all ingredients except cream cheese and sugar in your breadmaker bowl. Process on dough setting and then proceed with filling the muffin tins.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 133; protein 5g; fat 2g; sodium 202mg; carbohydrates 25g. Percent of calories from fat 14.

Homemade yogurt is cheaper than the commercial kind. It can be just as good as the yogurt you buy, when you make your own you can control the flavor and tartness. Because your own yogurt is fresher, the culture will be more vigorous and the enzyme activity greater.

If you use commercial yogurt as your starter, be sure that it has an active culture. If the label says it's pasteurized or stabilized, the contents won't make new yogurt.

Look for "active culture" on the label and check the date for freshness. Once you get your own yogurt-making system going, you will always have a lively starter, and the time each batch of yogurt takes to set will be less.

Using powdered milk makes the process much simpler because there's no milk to heat, no pan to wash; you just use tap water at the right temperature.

If your oven has a pilot or electric light, the temperature inside may be just right for incubating

yogurt during times when you have nothing to bake.

Or keep the yogurt on a heating pad in a warm nook, covering it with towels or newspapers to keep in the warmth. The temperature must stay steady at 90°F to 120°F. Above 120°F, the culturing bacteria will die.

HOMEMADE YOGURT

Serves 8
Ingredients
1/4 cup plain yogurt
1 cup non-fat powdered milk
3-1/2 cups water, 100-110°F.
1/2 cup fruit preserves (variety to suit your taste)
1 teaspoon vanilla
Equipment
One-quart glass or plastic jar with lid
electric blender
thermometer
a warm place
Fill the jar with warm water to about 2 inches from the top.

Pour 1 cup of the warm water into the blender. Turn the blender on low and add the milk powder and the yogurt.

The instant the mixture is smooth, stop blending and return it to its jar. This prevents the milk from foaming.

Set the filled jar in a warm place and leave undisturbed for 3 1/2 to 8 hours.

The livelier the culture and the warmer the place, the more quickly the yogurt will set. Check from time to time. As soon as the surface of the yogurt resists a light touch of your finger even slightly, it is ready; but if you want a tart flavor, leave it another hour.

Refrigerate and let cool completely before you dip into it.

The first spoonful of yogurt from each jar can be set aside to be the starter for the next batch. To keep your starter fresh, plan your amounts to make yogurt at least once a week.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 77; protein 4g;

fat 1.5g; sodium 53mg; carbohydrates 13g. Percent of calories from fat 16.

Sweetened with fruit preserve, this makes a wonderful fruit dip.

YOGURT CHEESE

Makes 2 cups

Yogurt cheese made with low-fat yogurt is a slim version of sour cream or cream cheese (depending how stiff you make it).

Line a colander or strainer with a large cloth napkin. Into it turn a quart of yogurt and allow it to drain until the cheese is as stiff as you want, anywhere from 6 to 24 hours. You can hang it over a sink by tying the napkin closed and fastening it to the faucet, but outside the refrigerator the cheese will become very tart.

Another option is to suspend the yogurt over a bowl in the refrigerator.

No matter how stiff it is, when yogurt cheese is beaten hard it becomes liquid, so handle it gently when mixing.

Health & Fitness

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Sunday, April 11, 1999

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Arthritis lecture

Mission Health Medical Center in Livonia will hold a lecture on "Arthritis: Hip and Knee problems" 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh.

This program is presented by Dr. Michael Haynes, M.D., and will focus on treatment options, pain management, and current arthritis medications. Call toll-free (877) 345-5500 to register.

Fibromyalgia talk

Dr. Martin Tamler, fibromyalgia specialist, will present a lecture on fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Registration is required. Call Sharon at (248) 344-0896. Donation is \$3.

Lupus support

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty Farmington. Margaret Silcock, L.P.N., certified carnosacral muscular therapist, will offer alternative methods for relaxation and stress.

"Is Massage the Answer? How Can It Help Me?" Call Andrea Gray at (734) 261-6714 for information.

Prostate discussion

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and the second leading cause of death in men. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor is presenting a panel discussion on prostate cancer 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Education Center auditorium on the campus of SJMH.

Call Pam Coe, R.N., at (734) 712-3655 for information.

Help sought

Hospice of Washtenaw has a need for volunteers who are able to stay with patients during the daytime to give family members a needed break.

Hospice is especially interested in volunteers who are willing to occasionally travel outside the Washtenaw area. Training consists of 18 hours, beginning Monday, April 26, at the hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor.

Call Gail Marie to preregister at (734) 327-3414.

Bone marrow drive

Madonna University will be the site of a volunteer bone marrow donor recruitment drive noon to 6 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the science wing. This drive will register donors with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60, who is in good general health and not excessively overweight, can be a potential donor.

For more information about the donor process or to become a volunteer marrow donor, call (800) MARROW-2 or (248) 471-1226.

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Nonsmokers: Some of the Central Middle School students, from Plymouth and Canton, who participated in the Karmanos Hazards of Tobacco (HOT) prevention program include (left to right) Gracie Cameron, Jacob Pollack, Sara Greenfield, Kasi Nichols, Kim Peterson, Michael Newton, Virgil Humes, Lauren Gaines and Eric Swiech.

H.O.T. TOPICS

Students learn the Hazards of Tobacco during intensive six-hour program

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Beautiful people wearing nice clothes having a good time are some of the not-so-subtle advertising plays used to market tobacco products to young people. Today's youths have to be smart about the choices they make that are likely to significantly impact their long-term health status.

Thanks to an intensive six-hour educational curriculum titled Hazards of Tobacco, the entire seventh-grade student body in the Plymouth-Canton school district is benefiting from a program designed by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute (Community Outreach Division) and Wayne State University (Department of Family Medicine).

The program arms students with the skills and attitudes necessary to refrain from using tobacco as well as alerting them to the potential health risks associated with cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

"I don't tell the kids not to smoke, but I give them accurate knowledge to make healthy lifestyle choices and encourage them not to smoke," said Debbie Madonna, Plymouth resident and H.O.T. program instructor.

"I think it is so important that we keep talking to that seventh-grade, middle school age group about not starting to smoke. I don't know if it makes any difference, but I do know that not talking about it doesn't help either."

Volunteer speaker

The curriculum uses a variety of teaching techniques from hands-on activities to role playing and team learning. One of the most significant components of the program is the in-class appearance of a laryngectomy volunteer - a person that has surgically lost his or her larynx, usually due to cancer.

"Listening to the laryngectomy volunteer share their experiences with tobacco and the effect it's had on their lives leaves a lasting impression with the students," said Madonna. "They have always shown the utmost respect for the individual and have posed some very mature questions."

"The person that came to our school with the laryngectomy told us that they go around and meet people and tell them not to smoke so they don't end up looking like them," said Lauren Gaines, a 12-year-old seventh-grader from Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Michael Newton, 12, of Canton said he was surprised to learn some laryn-

gectomy patients continue to smoke after the removal of their larynx and do so through the open and healed incision in their neck.

Other elements of the curriculum include understanding the structure, function and anatomy of the human respiratory system; the physical effects of tobacco; peer pressure and resistance training; and tobacco advertising.

The students agreed that tobacco companies use advertising to manipulate them into finding smoking appealing whether it be the attractive models they use or catchy slogans and cartoon-like spokespeople.

"We want advertisers to tell the truth about smoking and its effects," said Gracie Cameron, 13, of Canton.

Views of kids

Nine Central Middle School students recently shared their impressions of the H.O.T. program and smoking at a round table discussion with the Observer. The seventh-graders included Gracie Cameron, Lauren Gaines, Sara Greenfield, Virgil Humes, Kasi Nichols, Michael Newton, Jacob Pollack, Kim Peterson and Eric Swiech.

Madonna said students will soon feel some relief from being bombarded by tobacco advertising in light of the \$200 billion proposed tobacco settlement negotiated Nov. 16, 1998, by 46 state attorneys general.

The settlement would eliminate outdoor tobacco advertising; signs and placards advertising tobacco products in arenas, stadiums, shopping malls and video arcades; transit ads for tobacco products; using cartoons - no participating manufacturer would be able to "use or cause to be used any cartoon in the advertising, promoting, packaging or labeling of Tobacco Products."

"Students have to have a number of strategies to deal with peer pressure, advertising or living in a household where one or more people may smoke," said Madonna. "That's why it's important to stick with the facts so kids get the message without having to weed through a lot of garbage."

According to Karmanos, several studies suggest that "peer pressure to smoke and having friends who smoke is one of the single best predictors of tobacco use," and that individuals who decide to smoke "believe that most people they know smoke, and that they need to comply with what they feel is the norm."

Madonna said its sentiments that adolescents fall prey to particularly when they reach the age group

where "fitting in" becomes important. "People I know smoke because they think it's cool," said Kasi Nichols, 12, of Plymouth. "They don't really care about what could happen to them in the future."

Health information

The H.O.T. program coordinator confronts those beliefs with current information, about smoking and related health risks, provided by the Cancer Information Service of Michigan on the immediate impact your first puff of tobacco has on your respiratory system (see related sidebar).

"Your lungs turn black from the tar in cigarettes and your teeth get all yellow," said seventh-grader Michael Newton. "That's why they use models because they don't really want to show you what people look like who do smoke. They don't look like those models."

All of the students agreed that tobacco prevention programming should be given initially at the elementary school level and repeated often in both middle and high school classes to support their efforts not to use tobacco products.

"It may help those kids who feel like they can't quit smoking because they're addicted," said Kasi Nichols. "The program better educates you about tobacco that you didn't know or that weren't right. Everyone should take this class."

If you would like more information about H.O.T. or are interested in having a trainer conduct the six-hour program call Julie B. Berson, Hazards of Tobacco trainer/recruiter, at (248) 443-5800. Ext. 6723.

Effects of smoking can last for a lifetime for you and loved ones

Smoking has many short- and long-term effects on your body. Changes begin with your first puff and become increasingly severe as you continue smoking. Here's what happens:

After three seconds
■ Nicotine in the tobacco makes the heart work harder and faster.
■ Carbon monoxide replaces and reduces oxygen supply.

■ Blood pressure rises and pulse rate increases five to 20 beats per minute.
■ Skin temperature drops in the fingers and toes.

After one cigarette
■ The action of the cilia, the cleaning system in the lungs, becomes impaired.

■ Hot smoke can damage the delicate tissues in the mouth, throat, breathing tubes and lungs and leaves a sticky brown coating on the lungs.
■ Blood circulation is reduced. It requires 30 minutes for body tissues to return to normal.

After many cigarettes
■ Lung cancer causes more deaths than car accidents. Ninety percent of all lung cancers occur in heavy smokers.

■ Coronary heart disease death rates are 1.1 to 2.1 times higher for smokers than for nonsmokers.
■ Smoking causes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, and is also closely

ly associated with cancer of the lip, larynx, esophagus and mouth.

■ Chronic smokers have more ill health, lose more time from work and are sick in bed more often than those who don't smoke.

Risks to others
Your family, friends and environment are all affected by your smoke.

Here are risks to those around you:
■ Cigarette smoke is filled with hundreds of chemicals and smoke from the burning end of the cigarette contains more tar and nicotine than the smoke you inhale.

■ When nonsmokers are forced to breathe cigarette-polluted air, carbon monoxide seeps into their lungs, their blood pressure rises and their heart action speeds up almost as if they were smoking themselves. The smoke may also trigger asthma attacks and may produce allergic reactions.

■ In a single year, 11 billion cigars and 580 billion cigarettes are smoked in the U.S. This represents one billion pounds of burning tobacco, a major source of air pollution.

—Source: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute

To learn how you can stop smoking or for assistance if you are trying to stop, call the Cancer Information Service of Michigan at (800) 4-CANCER.

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Another look

Speech recognition technology

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A few weeks back, I wrote a column about my experience with voice recognition software. It was not a pleasant experience. In that column I wrote about two software packages that are heavily advertised and widely used for voice recognition — Dragon's Naturally Speaking and IBM's ViaVoice. Well, the people who make a third voice recognition program called Voice Xpress noted that column and sent me their product in an attempt to convince me that voice recognition really was a viable choice for consumers.

Calling their product "the most sophisticated speech product on the market today," a public relations specialist named Jim Williams urged me to give it a try so I could see "how powerful and flexible speech enabled computing can be."

I have now spent large chunks of time over two days installing the software, "enrolling" my voice and dictating style by reading for almost an hour, and now trying to write this column by talking instead of typing. Guess what? It works! Not as fast as I'd like, to be sure, but it works.

Voice Xpress is clearly the best of all three products that I have tried. It seems to recognize my words and my dictation style much more accurately than the others.

First, the learning curve. It is steep. Two days is not enough to get it or any voice recognition program working to full potential. To be fair, I think that if I spent more time with all the different programs I've now tried ... Dragon's Naturally Speaking, IBM's ViaVoice and Voice

Xpress, I'd probably be happier. But, that said, I suspect I'm like a lot of you out there. I don't have a lot of extra time to fidget around learning new applications.

Still, from what I've seen so far, VoiceXpress is the quickest to learn. The company claims it works with virtually all Windows applications. I found it worked well with Microsoft Word. The navigation controls on Voice Xpress let me open and close programs, scroll documents, format type and generally do most everything I can do with the keyboard.

But what impressed me most was how the program is being used by people who did take the time to learn it. Among some "case studies" sent to me by Lernout & Hauspie, the company that makes Voice Xpress, are some interesting stories.

Real users

In Regina, Saskatchewan, a student named Nanci Morrison uses the program to compose reports for course work in her studies for a master's degree in Social Work. That's quite a feat since Nanci has Attention Deficit Disorder and, in part because of the disorder, she was functionally illiterate until the age of 30. She somehow managed to get through college. To compensate for her illiteracy, she did all of her work orally and dropped classes that required her to write papers.

She never thought she'd be able to do graduate studies. Then she got hold of Voice Xpress. Now, she's sailing through her studies, dictating her reports and having voice recognition technology transcribe her spoken words into written words.

In Scranton, PA, Dr. Richard O'Brien uses the program to dictate medical reports in the emergency department of Moses Tay-

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Mike Wendland
—PC Talk columnist

lor Hospital. "It's as useful to me as my prescription pad or stethoscope," says O'Brien. "You have accurate, legible documents available immediately. If you're integrated with the hospital information system you could have a paperless chart. You get information from previous records because they're all digital."

Other options

The Lernout & Hauspie people see other applications as Voice Technology takes hold. They're about to test it with "wearable computers," equipping messengers in a big city with a tiny little PC that attaches to a belt and makes wireless Internet connections. Speeding down the streets of the city, the messenger will be able to speak into a headset and send e-mail reports to his supervisor. The technology can also receive those reports and then "read" them back to the messenger in a computer-generated voice.

To get the most out of Voice Xpress and other speech recognition programs, you need a pretty powerful computer. The new Pentium III from Intel was designed specifically to handle the intense processor demands this technology puts on a computer. In fact, Intel just announced a \$30 million investment in the Brussels-based Lernout & Hauspie company that makes Voice Xpress.

But if you're going to give Voice Xpress or one of the other

programs a try, you should have at least a 400 MHz machine, with 128 Megabytes of Random Access Memory.

And one more thing: Budget some time for learning the program. I suspect, based on my experiments, that a week or so of patiently working through the ins and outs of using your voice to navigate and dictate should produce some pretty impressive results.

Send me an e-mail on your experience.

If you want to learn more about the program, visit the VoiceXpress Web site at www.lhs.com.

You can check out IBM's Web site to learn about ViaVoice at www.ibm.com.

And information on the Dragon Naturally Speaking products is available at <http://www.computernerdz.com/dragon1.htm>

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SUN, APRIL 11

HEALTH EXPO

The first annual University of Michigan Heart Care Health Assessment and Alternative Medicine Expo goes forth 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. More than 50 speakers and exhibitors are expected. Call (734) 662-1000.

MON, APRIL 12

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Next meeting on Monday, April 12. Call for location and/or additional information. Theresa, (734) 261-6814, Vicki, (313) 937-3011, or Michelle, (734) 591-7071.

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TUE, APRIL 13

AROMATHERAPY

Karen Farrell presents Part II of a four-part series on aromatherapy. Learn the fundamentals of quality aromatherapy beginning at 7:30 p.m. Healthy Solutions, 150 Mary Alexander Court, Northville. Call (248) 305-5785.

MOTHER-BABY SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group 10-11 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the South Entrance. Free, call to register (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.



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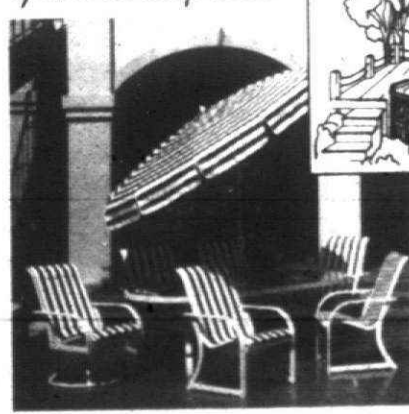
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Welcome mat out for performing arts center

From symphony concerts to theater, dance and opera, a performing arts center in Canton would be a great addition for community-based groups such as the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, Plymouth Community Arts Council, and Plymouth Community Chorus.

Verdi Opera Theatre president John Zaretti is one of the local spokesmen for arts organizations who think a performing arts center in Canton is long overdue. In fact if the center were in existence today it would be the perfect place for "Discover Opera," a concert and educational presentation sponsored by Canton Project Arts. The Sunday, April 18, program begins with an informative lecture, "Opera: What It's All About," followed by the Verdi Opera Theatre concert at Summit on the Park in Canton. From Puccini to Bizet, soprano Gina D'Alessio, mezzo soprano Dorothy Duensing, tenor Razmik Papikyan and baritone Dino Valle will sing selections from "Carmen," "Don Giovanni," "I Pagliacci," "La Traviata," and "Cavalleria Rusticana."



Discover opera: Mezzo soprano Dorothy Duensing, who did extensive operatic training in Austria and earned a master of music degree from the University of Michigan, will sing with the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan on April 18.

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

Canton Project Arts presents "Discover Opera" featuring a live performance by the Verdi Opera Theatre preceded by an informative presentation "Opera: What It's All About?" and a display of rare opera posters 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets \$10. Call (734) 397-5417.

Plymouth Community Chorus

The 125-voice chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert of patriotic, sacred and rock songs, love ballads, and Broadway and movies tunes 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets are available at Evola Music in Canton; Sideways Gift Shop, Plymouth and the Northville Record, or by calling (734) 455-4080.

Culture at an affordable price

"A performing arts center would fit in with bringing culture and opera at the community level and bringing opera at an affordable price," said Zaretti. "Tickets for our concert are only \$10 and it will whet their appetite to hear the Michigan Opera Theatre. Many of these performers have appeared with the Michigan Opera Theatre."

Zaretti, a long-time opera lover, founded the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan with Valle, host of the Verdi Classical Radio program on WCAR 1090-AM Radio.

"There's nothing like experiencing a live performance," said Zaretti. "They're going to be doing some of the most favorite arias. It will be entertaining and they will be getting everything from Mozart to Verdi."

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DREAM NEARS REALITY

Partnership for the Arts aims for 2000 date



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Partnership for the Arts: Don Soenen (left), Joan Noricks and Tom Yack recently met to discuss plans for the new performing arts center.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Partnership for the Arts could turn over the first shovel of dirt for a new performing arts center in Canton by early 2000 depending on the results of a study by a theater consulting firm.

The nonprofit organization, established to build a \$10 million-\$12 million performing space, is working toward that goal on the recommendation of Growth Design Corp. of Milwaukee.

Depending on the results of a business plan by a theater consulting firm, the nonprofit arts organization, directed by a cross section of business owners, educators and arts leaders will build a 700- to 800-seat theater with funding from foundations, private and corporate donations. The Canton Township board has already committed \$2 million to the project.

"They said this can be done if you really work at it," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack who initiated the project three years ago.

He said a proposal will go out shortly to theater consulting firms interested in assessing the need for an arts center and the size of audience it can expect to attract.

"We're looking to analyze the market, the patrons, other theater operations, users local and regional," said Yack.

Canton Community Foundation executive director Joan Noricks and Yack were co-chairs of a task force formed in April 1996 to determine the feasibility of a performing arts center. The Canton Community Foundation funded the recent six-month study by Growth Design Corp. that recommended forming Partnership for the Arts.

"I think a lot of people are excited about the center," said Noricks, who serves on the Partnership for the Arts board as well as the steering committee that remains in place as a result of the findings of the initial task force. "When people come together, anything's possible."

Partnership for the Arts president Don Soenen thinks there's a real need for a facility for community arts groups to call home. As board president for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, he knows the difficulties of scheduling a season of concerts in a specific facility.

"Right now Canton Township liaison Mike Yeager is working on the request for a proposal that will be going out this week," said Soenen, who also chairs the steering committee. "It will take 90-120 days to complete the study. In the meantime, we're continuing to build support in the community. We have to satisfy the needs for most of the

organizations, meet with the groups, determine their needs. We're experiencing tremendous population growth and certainly want the arts to keep pace with the growth, and we have an obligation to provide that."

Yack doesn't see the center drawing nationally known acts and productions like the venues in downtown Detroit or at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

"We'll be community based," said Yack. "Locally, we have two levels of users: the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, Plymouth Community Chorus, Plymouth Oratorio Society, and other groups like the Plymouth Theatre Guild. It's all about community — to go some place where you'll know someone in a production. To me that's what community is all about."

Offsetting costs

Support is crucial to not only building the facility but providing continuing funding for its operation.

"The feasibility study showed there is strong support," said Soenen. "If the study had come back negative we wouldn't be pursuing this, but it's not a slam dunk. We need to determine what it's going to take to sustain it. I think it's going to be difficult for the arts organizations to sustain it by themselves."

A 1997 study by Plante & Moran queried the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre and Center for Creative Studies to find if they might be interested in using the new facility.

"It showed while they're not interested in performing, they're interested in outreach in the form of education," said Yack. "People are so busy. It starts with the children and education. That's how you get the parents involved. What I'd like to see is an intimate theater, flexible in terms of space, with a heavy emphasis on education. That's why we sponsored the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory."

Canton Township subleased a building to the arts conservatory last summer to ensure the future of performing arts in the area after Arnold Williams Music closed. The conservatory is one of the for-profit businesses being considered to ensure the performing arts center remains financially viable once built. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools could play a role as well. Soenen made a presentation to the school board March 23 to bring them up to speed on the ongoing process. One of the locations being considered for the arts center is at Joy and Beck. Owned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the site has

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PHOTO BY DAVID SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY

Life lessons: Barrett Foa (center) as Dr. Pangloss explains the meaning of life to his students Candide (Daniel Reichard) and Cunegonde (Jessica Murphy) in a scene from the U-M production of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide."

U-M's 'Candide' is upbeat, fun

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Leonard Bernstein's musical version of Voltaire's "Candide" has gone through numerous transformations since it first opened on Broadway in 1956, where it was not a success.

The book, lyrics and even some of the music have been completely rewritten, several times. There are long versions and short versions.

Three different versions are available for production.

Brent Wagner, director of the University of Michigan's upcoming production, believes the version they're doing is probably the best.

"I think it is, the reason being

it combines the playfulness of the upbeat Chelsea version with the depth of Bernstein's score," Wagner said.

For the 1973 "Chelsea" version at the Brooklyn School of Music, director Hal Prince dropped the Lillian Hell-

man book, accused of being too heavy and too political, in favor of a lighter, funnier book by Hugh Wheeler. Poet Richard Wilbur's lyrics were augmented with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and John LaTouche. But this was a one-act version, quick, funny but missing a large portion of Bernstein's music.

In 1982, Prince expanded the book and restored the music for the "opera house" version at the New York City Opera. This is the version being used at the University of Michigan.

"If you are going to do 'Candide,' one of the reasons has to be the music," said Wagner. "What has attracted me is

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MUSIC

"A Family Affair" — The Reed Finale

What: This is conductor Russell Reed's final concert. Guest soloists are his sons Robert (cello) and David (violin).

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17. The "On Stage" series begins 7 p.m. with an informal pre-concert chat with Reed and the guest artists. After the concert, all ticket holders are invited to an afterglow at Gino's Parthenon Restaurant in the Computware Sports Arena.

Where: Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, free for children grades K-12. Call (734) 451-2112.

Final concert is family affair

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Russell Reed isn't shedding any tears over his retirement. After 12 years as conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, he is filled with fond memories of the people who have made the orchestra one of the finest in the area.

"It's been mutual fun I hope, so many fond memories," said Reed. "I'm going to miss the people and music. There's so many great folks in the symphony. I don't know how many were here 12 years ago when I started conducting and never left."

Since some of his favorite people are also Shostakovich and Brahms, Reed has put together a dream program featuring Brahms' "Double Concerto" with his sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) as guest soloists.

"I would think this is the highlight of my career to do these particular works," said Reed before rehearsing on April 5 with the orchestra and his sons. "We (he and his sons) have talked about it for years. There are not a lot of works for cello and violin and orchestra. Brahms is the only thing that comes to mind. We're also doing 'Symphony No. 10' by Shostakovich and Respighi's

'Pines of Rome.' Shostakovich's work is a huge work over 50 minutes long. It's an energetic piece with great architecture."

One of his favorite works, "Pines," was Reed's swan song at another final concert at Eastern Michigan University when he retired in 1991. Reed served as professor of music and director of the Symphonic Orchestra at Eastern for 12 years. Before that he taught in public schools for 22 years. In retirement, he will continue to adjudicate bands and orchestras, and guest conduct the Interlochen Orchestra every summer as he has for the last 15 years.

Thanks for the memories

Reed recently pulled out all of the programs he saved from the last 12 years of Plymouth Symphony concerts. He's enjoyed working with "terrific guest artists," the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company and soloists from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"I insisted on a one-year contract when I first started. I think I haven't had a contract the last two to three years, but it wasn't just me. It was the Plymouth Symphony League, the board, the musicians. It's a big team."

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURNEMANN

A family affair: Russell Reed and his sons Robert (cellist) and David (violinist).

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benefits as well as drawbacks. "The cons of building it on school property is that we have the potential of conflicting with school activities," said Soenen. "We could have problems with congestion and traffic. The pros are having a facility easily accessible to the schools. We want to have a very strong education emphasis."

"The theatrical program at the high school could use the facility during the day and schedule performances at night, multiple

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of rare opera programs on April 18, Zaretti will discuss the different voices: soprano, mezzo soprano, tenor and baritone. Each will be on the program.

"I will give a brief history of opera beginning in the 1500s in Tuscany Florence and how it then developed into oratorio and then to drama and singing," said Zaretti. "Then opera started having sets. In the beginning it was about historical figures. Now it's a slice of life, very passionate about people dying and loving."

Educational arts programming will be a strong component of the new performing arts center to be built in Canton (see accompanying story).

Plymouth Community Chorus

Plymouth Community Chorus director Michael Gross believes teaching children about the arts is important to building future audiences. While Gross is not worried about filling seats for the chorus's spring concert Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, he thinks we owe it to future generations to ensure the arts continue

purposes," added Yack. "Most of the firms say they can come up with a business plan in 90 days so by the end of summer we'll know where we stand. School construction for the new high school starts next spring. We'd have nine months to raise money."

Sites are also being considered at Cherry Hill and Canton Center Road, Ridge and Cherry Hill, and the Canton Township Civic Center Complex. Existing structures were ruled out for a number of reasons when the task force first looked into building a performing arts center.

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At a March 31 retirement banquet, Reed spoke about the reason his four sons (David, Robert, Michael and Eric) "turned out so well" was due to his wife of more than 40 years, Nancy.

"The boys turned out so well more than likely because I wasn't home," joked Reed.

David agreed that Nancy was instrumental in his choosing music as a career.

Welcome mat

Established 25 years ago, the Plymouth Community Arts Council is a staple for arts in the community. Of any of the local arts organizations, you'd think they might balk at a performing arts center being built so close, but apparently not. Arts council founder Joanne Winkelman Hulce is serving on the board of director for the new performing arts center because it doesn't threaten programming provided at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts.

sonable, promote it and not give up."

Within the next month, Soenen will meet with the Canton Township board, Plymouth City Council and Plymouth Township board. Partnership for the Arts and steering committee meetings take place mid-April. Yack is sure all will work together toward building the arts center, which for him has been a long-time dream.

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At Eastern Michigan University and soloed with the Plymouth Symphony in 1996.

"I used to get out of chores by practicing," said Robert.

Reed did the same thing when growing up on his family's farm.

Like father, like son

Rob, who was given his first cello from an uncle, now teaches strings around the time when David was 6. A teacher in Bloomfield Hills Schools since 1984, David now directs the West Hills Middle School and Andover High School orchestras. He has a master's degree in music in violin performance from the University of Michigan School of Music.

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the youthful energy that Prince brought to it in the '70s. Students can capture that spirit and energy. The story is about young people. It is difficult for college students because it is difficult to sing. But in an opera version to lose some of that spirit to get musical perfection."

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In our 4/14 Sears Days Mailer and our 4/18 insert, we have a battery charger advertised at a sale price of \$33.99. The item number, copy, and charge pictured are incorrect. The correct item is the #71210 10/2 amp manual battery charger for \$33.99 on sale thru 4/24. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

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Sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, streamline, prairie school, Greek Egyptian, Gothic Revival, Surrealism and others. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24 & 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/1 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 582-DECO.

SUGARLOAF ART FAIR
5th annual, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 16-18. Novi Expo Center, Call (800) 210-9900.

FARMINGTON FEST OF ARTS
Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the arts, April 25-May 2. William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free; (248) 473-1816.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Livonia Arts Commission seeks artists interested in exhibiting work in a juried show in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival, held June 12-13 at Greenfield Historical Park, Newburgh & 8 Mile Road. Entry fee: \$25. Call (734) 422-6400.

CANTON CALL FOR ARTISTS
Open invitation to all artists for the 1999 Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest '99, June 19-20. Deadline: April 15; (734) 453-3710.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August. Appointment only. Call (248) 552-5001.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's Juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Deadline: April 23. Call (482) 851-5438.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD
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Auditions held on April 24-25 for the following positions: associate concertmaster, associate principal second violin, section strings, principal flute, principal oboe, second oboe, assistant principal horn, third horn, bass trombone. To reserve an audition, call (517) 631-5931, ext. 1501.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS
"Friends of Polish Art" will hold its annual Youth Art Competition, held in conjunction with Orchard Lake schools. Requirements: students ages 12-18, in middle or high school and resident of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb or Washtenaw counties; no more than three works per person; entries must be delivered by 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24. For information, call Marian Owczarski, (248) 683-0345.

PAINT CREEK CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS
Two \$1,000 merit scholarships offered to graduating high school seniors in Macomb, Oakland or Wayne counties who plan to major in visual arts. Application deadline: April 17. To obtain an application, or for more information, call (248) 651-4110.

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY AUDITION
Ages 12-18, 8:30 a.m. 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Varner Hall, Room 134, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Auditions by appointment only. Call (248) 625-7057.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
LCE is accepting applications for Summer Chamber Music Camp '99, featuring the Arianna String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus. Ypsilanti, grant open to students ages 9-13; and senior camp open to students ages 12-17. Junior Camp is open to string players only, ages 9-11 who play at Suzuki Book 4 level or higher. Application deadline: May 5. Call (248) 357-1111.

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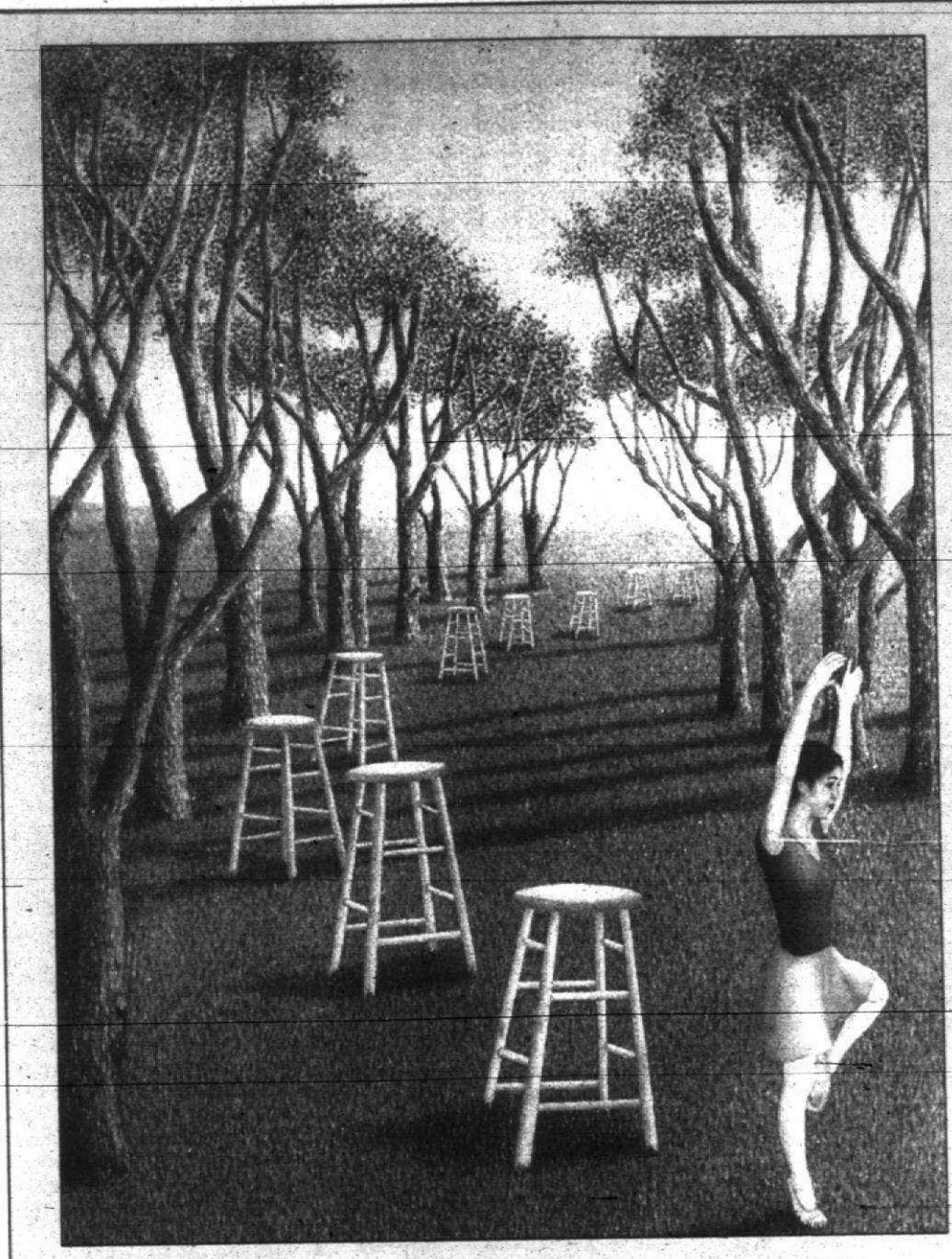
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The 1999 Young Artist Competition winner, violinist Adrienne Jacobs of Troy High School is the featured performer in the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's "Westward, Ho!" concert, conducted by Charles Grenwell, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and



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Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation. Saturdays, through May 15. Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

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A French Music Concert, featuring harpist Kerstin Atvin and Damase. 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Admission: \$15; general: \$10/students & seniors: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

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B'JAZZ VESPERS
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CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD
Violinist Heather Zimmerman, recipient of the 1998-99 Cranbrook Music Guild Betty Brewster Scholarship, in concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, northwest corner of Cranbrook s. \$25; (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the DSO, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Doc Severinsen conductor/trumpet soloist 8 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tickets: \$13-\$45; (313) 576-5111.

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"Set the Night to Music," a program of song and dance, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Varner Recital Hall; (248) 370-3013.

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PUPPETRY

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER
Presents Eugene Clark and his version of "Punch & Judy," noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 25 E. Grand River (between Woodward Ave. and Farmer) Detroit. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children. A workshop follows the performances. The workshop is \$8 per person, call (313) 961-7777.

DAY OF PUPPETRY
At the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24. The adult registration fee is \$32.50. Detroit Puppeteers Guild members \$25, teens 13-18, \$20; Children's Package, workshop and performance \$5. Call (810) 463-0480 for more information.

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LECTURE

BROWN BAG LUNCH
Barbara Krueger presents "Stained Glass: A Walk Through Time," noon, Thursday, April 15. Information Technology Auditorium, Waterford; (248) 858-0415.

ARCHITECTURE OF HAMTRAMCK
Slide presentation of the various architectural styles found in Hamtramck. Lecture conducted by Greg Kowalski, chair of the Hamtramck Historical Commission, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, Hamtramck Public Library, 2360 Hamtramck; (313) 872-0315 or (248) 901-2570.

BALDWIN LIBRARY
A lecture on Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 300 Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 647-1700.

POETRY

POETRY BASH AT OU
Open mic poetry bash, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Oakland Center, Rooms 128-130, Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-2262.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through April 17 - "Ed Fraga, In the Garden," paintings, drawings and artist's books. 538 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE GALLERY
Through April 11 - "Recycled Realities," three-dimensional assemblages and paintings. Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak; (248) 398-0900.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Paint Creek Center for the Arts is accepting reservations for a chartered bus tour of Pewabic Pottery 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 16. Tour guide Michael Farrell. Fee: \$48 for PCA members; \$54 for non-members. Call (248) 651-4110.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
"Stained Glass Lecture and Tour Series," 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

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Umbrellas: Big doesn't mean better



DONNA
MULCAHY

I was meeting my sister and several of our cousins for dinner at a trendy and hip restaurant in Royal Oak when I committed a faux pas of sorts: I brought along a big-stick umbrella.

How's it going, Mary Poppins, one relative said. Man, that thing looks like a weapon, another relative joked.

"Oh my gosh, why did you bring that," my sister asked, as the sun streamed down through a partly cloudy sky.

I explained the forecast called for a downpour right about the time our evening would be ending and I knew I'd have to park far from the restaurant and didn't want to get soaked. It was the only umbrella I could find in my rush to leave the house, I further explained.

What-ever, my sister said, rolling her eyes.

It was then I wished I was carrying a smaller - or at least prettier - umbrella.

In fact, when it comes to umbrellas, women can be rather picky, according to Susan Bennett, Totes Inc. account executive for Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. Most women like their umbrellas to be not only lightweight and compact but also pretty.

Men, on the other hand, are drawn to black umbrellas and want as big a cover as they can get, even if they have to sacrifice folding size, Bennett said.

New model
Flat umbrellas, the latest style to hit the market, fold into a flat rectangle shape for storage in a briefcase. However, the flat umbrella tends to be a little longer than most compact models.

The Sharper Image, located in the Somerset Collection in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, has a flat umbrella that folds to 11.5 inches in length and an inch in width. Called the Briefcase Auto Open/Close umbrella, the accessory retails for \$25. The store also carries a slightly smaller manual briefcase umbrella.

Totes' flat umbrella, called The Professional, folds to just over 9 inches in length and less than an inch in width. It weighs about 6.5 ounces, has a 21.6-inch cover and retails for about \$20, Bennett said.

For the sake of comparison, consider Totes' basic stick umbrella (also called a non-folding or non-telescoping umbrella). It has a 24.6-inch diameter cover.

Locally, Totes umbrellas can be found at J.C. Penney, Sears, Kohl's, Service Merchandise and Lord & Taylor.

Shorter and lighter
If you're not interested in a flat model or stick umbrella, keep in mind compact umbrellas are getting shorter and lighter.

I have an old folding umbrella, once considered compact, that weighs 8 ounces and folds to 12.75 inches in length.

Today, at the Rand McNally Map & Travel Store at Somerset, for example, you can purchase Leighton's Featherlight umbrella, which weighs 7 ounces and folds to a length of 9.5 inches, for \$20-25.

Bentley's Luggage & Gifts, also at Somerset, carries a Samsonite Mini-Manual umbrella that folds to 8 inches and sells for \$19.95.

Brookstone, at Somerset and Twelve Oaks, has a 7-inch travel umbrella priced at \$20. Shorter still, Totes' Small Wonder Light manual umbrella, about \$22, folds to 6.8 inches and weighs 6.5 ounces.

Materials matter
While the handles of traditional stick and folding umbrellas are made of chrome-coated nickel, newer compact umbrellas have lightweight aluminum handles. Golf umbrellas, which are large-stick umbrellas, have non-metal, fiberglass shafts, Bennett said.

Other special features
Umbrellas featuring reproductions of works by van Gogh, Monet and other artists are particularly popular and can be found at the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Shop at Somerset for \$40-45. Bentley's Luggage & Gifts, also at Somerset, carries Monet-print umbrellas for \$24.95-29.95.

The Sharper Image has discontinued flashlight umbrellas, but Totes makes a similar product called Night-Lighter. The umbrella is difficult to find this time of year; it's considered a gift item. However, the company plans to begin offering flashlight-umbrellas for children in the fall.



Smart lines:
Rainwear makers have tailored their pieces this season to meet the needs of busy and active lifestyles. The end product - shorter, sportier and more practical raincoats, like these hooded coats from Burberry at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

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On-the-go coats Rainwear for spring suits busy lifestyles

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

The traditional long and heavy trench coat surely becomes Sherlock Holmes and Bogart types, but the rest of us require more pragmatic and less mysterious rainwear.

"The dress-down Friday has spread to other days ... and we are less apt to play roles today," said Martin Cooper, vice president of design for Burberry USA, which is known for making quality men's and women's rainwear and has a retail store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

"Our lifestyles and our attitudes toward our lives are so much more casual. And, I think people need clothes that reflect that social change ... people want maintenance-free clothing, things that don't wrinkle, things that you can ball up and put in overhead in an airplane," said Cooper.

Accommodating today's fussy, on-the-go lifestyle, rainwear makers have shortened coat lengths and are using higher-performance fabrics.

Burberry's spring collection of rainwear, for example, makes significant use of rubber-back cotton twill, Cooper said.

Unlike the pure cotton used in traditional trench coats, rubber-back cotton twill is virtually waterproof, doesn't wrinkle and improves in appearance with wear, he said.

Characteristic of rainwear for the season is the three-quarter-length coat, which Burberry sells in rubber-back cotton twill with the company's traditional check-print lining.

Particularly popular in this category is the poncho, said Cooper.

"We're selling like 10 a day just from the New York store alone. And, you'll see the poncho in fall '99 and continuing into next spring."

Another seasonal trend and dressier alternative is the short, silk raincoat, to which Burberry adds nylon for durability.

Talbots, which has women's retail stores at the Somerset Collection and Laurel Park Place in Livonia, also carries three-quarter length coats as an alternative to the traditional trench silhouette.

Three-quarter length raincoats not only are easier to fold and transport but also have a sportier look, said Betsy Thompson, Talbots spokesperson.

"It adds a different dimension to your wardrobe. It's kind of fun but there's something kind of practical about them," Thompson said of the style.

Boosting the fun factor, Talbots and Burberry are offering their coats in brighter colors, like yellow, red and robin's egg blue instead of only darker shades.

"Brighter shades in rainwear mean having an accent color. It doesn't mean that the blacks, the taupes and the navies are out," said Thompson, who explained that many women are opting to purchase both a casual and a dressy raincoat.

For shoppers who are seeking an alternative to dark and earthy shades but are not in the market for a yellow or red coat, Cooper suggested stone, off-white, creme and light gray.

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Short and sassy: Three-quarter length raincoats are stylish yet practical.

Target updates Wonderland Mall location

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Remodeling at Target's Wonderland Mall location in Livonia has given the store that brand-new look.

"It's just bigger, brighter and newer. When you come in it's just a big 'wow,'" said Diane Duda, logistics manager at the store.

Built in 1989, the Target store has been under renovation for several months, and a grand reopening ceremony is slated for April 15.

"It's a better use of the space and an upgraded look," said Denise Workcuff, Target spokesperson. "We're just trying to bring (the older stores) up to speed to look like the stores we have been building this year."

One major change at the store is the addition of a full-service pharmacy - one of only three Target pharmacies in the metropolitan Detroit area. Customers will be able to place their prescription orders by calling or visiting the pharmacy, which will operate 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

Other improvements include wider browsing aisles, larger shopping carts, a self-serve food court and additional check-out lanes, Duda said.

"It's much like what you see in other Target stores in the metropolitan Detroit area, but it ties in well with Wonderland's neon concept and, at the same time, the whole upgrading of the mall," said Reinhard Lemke, Wonderland Mall's general manager.

The reopening ceremony will include a visit from Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and a musical presentation by the Franklin High School marching band, Lemke added. Wonderland Mall also plans to present the marching band with a check for \$1,000 to help pay for uniforms.

Target is located on the west side of Wonderland Mall and is open 8 a.m.-10 p.m. seven days a week. For information, call (734) 522-7011.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

The Livonia Civic Chorus performs at Wonderland Mall, 7-7:45 p.m., Food Court stage.
THURSDAY, APRIL 15

ANNE KLEIN EXTRAVAGANZA
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Anne Klein's spring collection in a formal showing to benefit the Beaumont Comprehensive Breast Care Center and to honor significant women in the local community, 5 p.m., reception, 6 p.m., show. For ticket information, call (248) 526-0270.

Prior to the formal show, Anne Klein designers Isaac Franco and Ken Kaufman will greet customers and informally present their collection, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saks Fifth Avenue, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor.

MEPHISTO SHOES

Jacobson's in Birmingham presents Mephisto's spring collection, 2-7 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon.
FRIDAY, APRIL 16

MICHIGAN ARTISTS
Local Michigan artists exhibit and sell original works at Tel Twelve mall in Southfield through April 24 during regular mall hours.
SATURDAY, APRIL 17

PROM FASHIONS
Shoes, hair accessories, hand bags, cosmetics and prom fashions by Rex Lester, Laundry by Shelli Segal, Kay Unger, Oleg Cassini, Victor Costa, Tahari and other designers can be viewed at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection in Troy, 1-3 p.m., Galleria, third floor.

STORY TELLING
Lisa Hunter tells stories and presents an interactive program for kids in celebration of Earth Day at Livonia Mall, 11 a.m., Garden Court.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? at (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You.

WHAT WE FOUND:

Found a darn egg, and a G.E. Mist hair setter, Almay "Serene" lipstick, the Johnny Pheiffer mascot, a Mary Hartline doll, and an LP with the song "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" on it.

Indian Earth blush can be found in the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-3008, Beauty Boutique also carries Jungle Gardenia cologne spray.

The Meijer store in Novi has T.V. plastic trays.

Tyme Soap can be purchased through the Tyme Ltd. Catalog, (800) 366-4071.

Lancaster perfume by Lancaster of Monaco in France can be bought at Bloomingdale's in Chicago. Also, Jacobson's carries a few of Lancaster brand items.

Taurig's Quilt and Pillow Shop on Woodward in Ferndale re-stuffs pillows, (248) 547-2660.

A.J. Root Tempest candles can be purchased at The Candle Shop in Traverse City, (616) 946-2280 or in Columbus, Ohio, (614) 888-1973. Both stores will ship.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Carol wants to buy, rent or borrow a film editor/viewer, made between 1960 and 1970, that takes old three-minute, Super 8 film.

Teresa wants a glass cutter

that is found in craft stores.

Paul is looking for Home Brew Hires root beer.

Carol wants a half-inch brush curling iron.

Janet is looking for canned bacon from Hungary. Kmart stores formerly sold it.

Maxine wants Physician's Formula sunshield Sport Team spray and lip care with a SPF of 15.

Carol is looking for three items: a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook, an old Lion King dish set and a Maude Humphrey plate called "Sarah."

Annette is looking for Eye-brow Shaper eyebrow pencil.

Sherrie wants Elle Max Factor Super Lash, comb-on, black mascara.

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

Jennifer wants a Raovac, three-volt, lithium battery (#BR2335).

Barbara is looking for a four-inch pair of white china "Boy and Girl Kissing Angels" with pink and blue flowers.

Kristy wants Paragon's china "White Cliffs of Dover."

Zelda wants a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

Florence is looking for a Birmingham store that carries 6-ounce bars of Dove dark chocolate.

Tim needs a left-handed violin.

Trish is looking for a wrought-iron, cigarette butt bucket.

Florence needs glass lids for Guardian cookware.

Joanne wants Estee Lauder feather-proof lipstick in "Festive Red" (#67).

Judy wants "Fletcher," a children's, hardcover book published by Parents Magazine Press.

Bob wants a black velvet painting of Elvis.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Designers cater to full-figured women

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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"Mode" magazine fashion and style director Michele Weston has some good news for full-figured women.

Weston, a native of the Detroit area, presented a collection of spring apparel for sizes 14-24 at an intimate fashion show and luncheon held Thursday at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy. Celebrating its second anniversary, "Mode" caters to full-figured women.

"We're seeing a lot more choices for sizes 14 and up," said Weston, who emphasized the importance of color for the spring and summer fashion season.

She also encouraged fuller-figured women to experiment with not only colorful apparel but also any clothing pieces currently available at stores like Saks, which has a department devoted to clothing for full-figured women.

"If it comes in your size, you can dip into it and try it out," said Weston, who also passed along some advice.

She recently gave actress Camryn Manheim of the television show "The Practice" a pair of sporty white shirt with a dressy black skirt, a la the famous Gap.

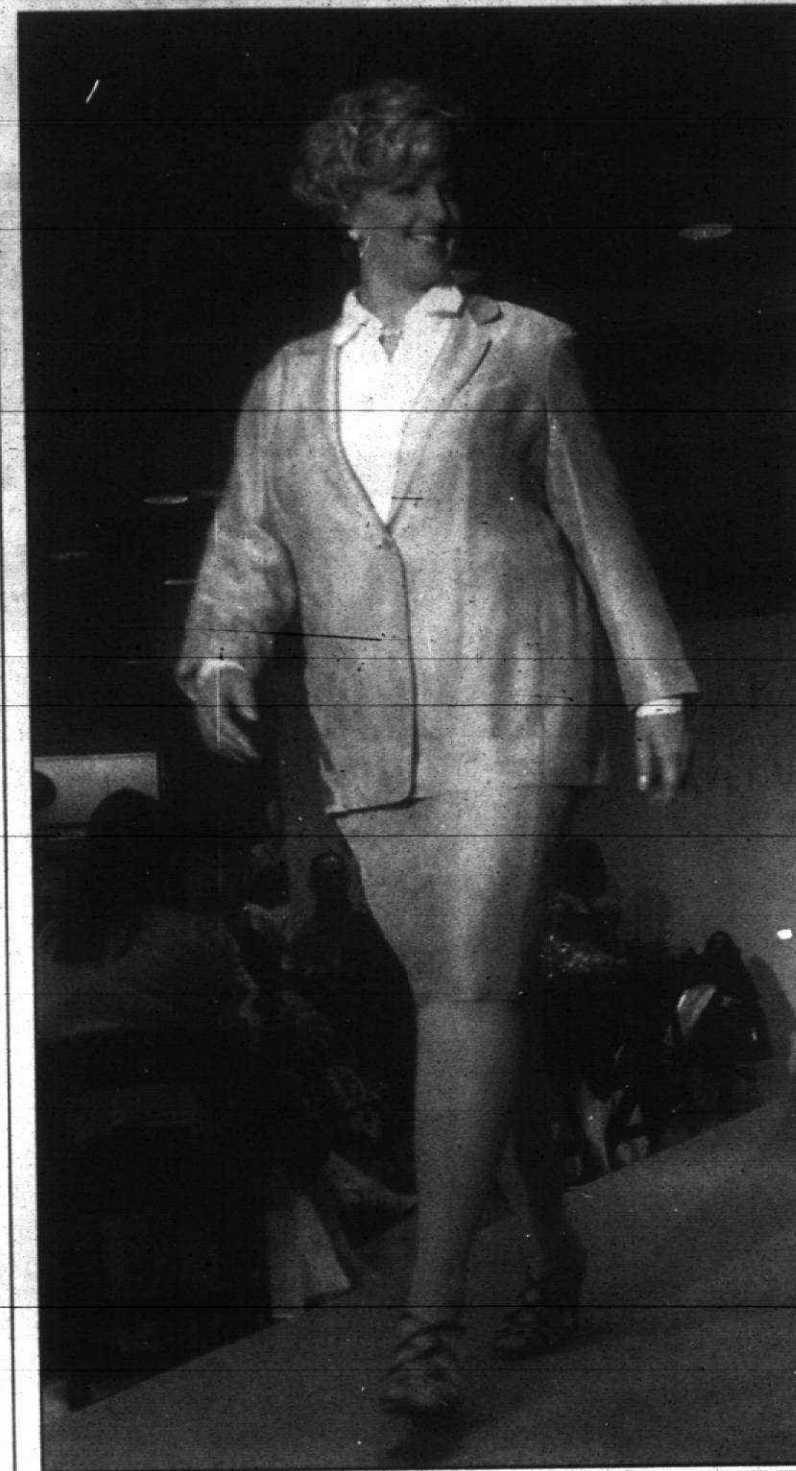
Gap inspired get-up worn several years ago by actress Sharon Stone to an Oscar ceremony.

While obtaining designer apparel in larger sizes can be difficult, Weston said she and other full-figured women can expect to find more designers manufacturing clothing in larger sizes in the not-so-distant future.

Weston even named a few labels. Ralph Lauren, she said, plans to offer a collection for larger sizes in the fall. Other designers that will soon expand their lines to include full-figured women include French Connection, Esprit and CCBG. Weston said.

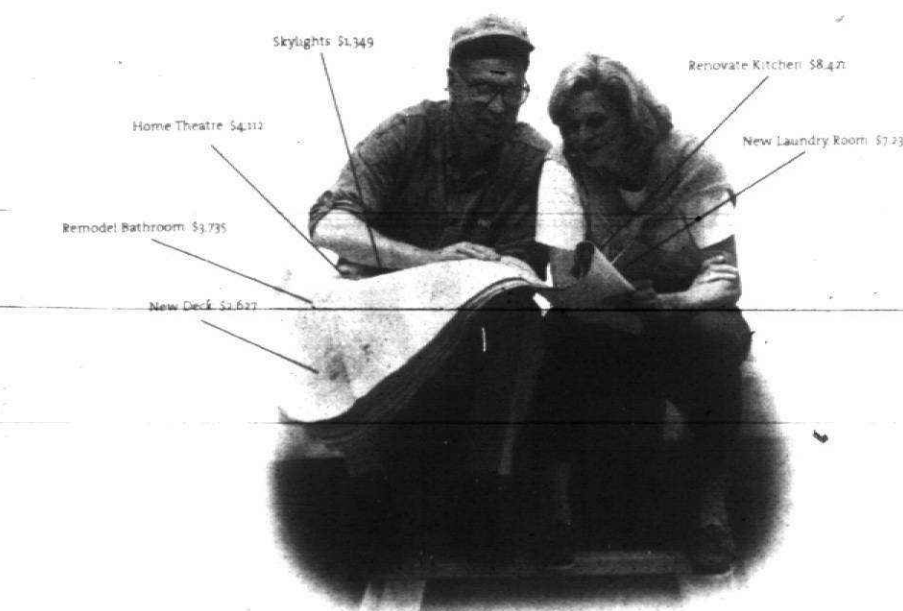
While color dominated Weston's comments about season style - with shades of pink and blue leading the race - the magazine editor also named pearls, tank shells and dresses, shirt blazers and jackets with soft shoulder lines, feminine handbags and necklaces as pieces to acquire.

"Spring is all about color," she said. "But for those of you who think you can't wear color, dip into it with a colorful tank or a lipstick."



Pale hues: Apparel in ice pink, silver-gray, celadon green and light blue were presented at Saks Fifth Avenue and Mode magazine's spring fashion show for larger sizes.

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TRAVEL

Chef Keith Famie finds a rich culture in Vietnam

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In a small screening room at WDIV-TV, Channel 4, Birmingham chef Keith Famie agonized over how he would condense 24 hours of video from Vietnam into one hourlong program and six short cooking segments.

The material was just too good, full of too many memorable moments to be pared into such small segments.

As part of Famie's Adventures in Cooking, the chef had accompanied several veterans of the Vietnam War back to the Southeast Asian country for a bicycle tour. The cooking segments are running now and the hourlong special is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30, time to be determined.

Famie had gone to numerous locations for his cooking show (shown at noon Fridays and 8 a.m. Saturdays). In January he showed a program he did in Hawaii where he took three special children from the Rainbow Connection, an organization for which he is vice president.

He's proud of that show, but Vietnam was different. In Vietnam he wanted to change perceptions about the country and its people.

"I was 8 years old when the Vietnam war was going on. You always hear about it as a war, this will change that," he said.

The Vietnam trip was sponsored by General Motors. The outfitters Cycle the World arranged the bicycle journey, moving south from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). The show is planned for prime time broadcast.

Famie bicycled about half way, riding with three war veterans, Tom Morgan of Hartland, Mich., Tom Rampton of Colorado and Dr. Peter McGuire of Maine.

"It's easy to see how soldiers at such a young age, dropped into an environment they have no concept about, can create a camaraderie," Famie said.

Sensitive to possibly offending veterans, Famie spent time before the trip at the Veterans Association in Detroit, meeting with veterans and trying to understand their point of view.

"In taking time with the vets, I didn't talk to one who didn't say they didn't want to go back. They thought it was a beautiful country. It's amazing how many go back," Famie said.

He also found that many veterans, while respecting the job they and their comrades did, have reservations about the war itself and a lasting respect for the tenacity of their opponents.

"I was a kid and have no right to say yea or nay, but they (veterans) he talked with) all say we had not right to be there. They have a respect for the Viet soldiers and it's interesting to see them together," Famie said.

Tom Morgan told Famie that he didn't want to come back to relive the war but to experience the culture, the people and food that he didn't experience while he was a soldier.

In one of the most interesting segments, sure to make the final edit, Morgan meets with a Vietnamese veteran of the war, and still a soldier. They share a strange "tea" and discuss their memories of being enemies.

"This just exceeded all my visions of what should be in this show," Famie said as he ran the footage of Morgan and his new found friend.

But in addition to healing the wounds of war, Famie and his cameraman, Kevin Hewitt of Livonia, have gotten an up-close-and-personal view of the Vietnamese people and their daily lives.

"My reason for going was simple," Famie said. "The place was culturally interesting to me in terms of food, people, history."

To get a close view of the people, Famie and Hewitt hired two cyclos driven by brothers. Cyclos are three-wheeled cycles with a front carriage seat at street level. Hewitt's footage shows Famie enjoying the view as his driver maneuvers among bicycles, scooters, pedestrians and an occasional small car.

"The cyclo is the best means of transportation in Hanoi. You're down close to the traffic. These brothers were our drivers and we shot from these seats wherever they took us," Famie said.

They took them to open air markets, artists markets, a sidewalk barbershop, the Opera House, popular bars (Apocalypse Now and Spotted Cow) and back to their room at the five-star Metropole. The brothers also took their two new friends out to dinner at the kind of restaurant enjoyed by the Vietnamese.

"If you befriend someone in a foreign country, have them take you someplace they usually go and it will be an experience," Famie said.

The Metropole's Chef Didier introduced Famie to some of Vietnam's more unusual culinary treats as they strolled an open air market including dragon fruit (a curious cross between kiwi and melon), snake fish, cudde fish and thousand-year-old eggs. One culinary item that Famie will not show is dog.

Another specialty of the country sat at Famie's feet as he showed the tapes, a large jug of snake wine with large, dead snakes curled at the bottom (said to be medicinal).

Vietnam cooking styles vary from place to place in the country.

"In the north, the food is influenced by the French. The French



Market place: Open air markets offer everything from snake fish and black eggs to fresh pineapples.



Cameraman: Kevin Hewitt, of Livonia, was able to capture many aspects of Vietnamese life, including this rice paddy, for Keith Famie's documentary.



Joining the crowd: Keith Famie rides along with a group of Vietnamese women off to market on their bicycles. Bicycles are a major mode of transportation in the country.

were here from the mid 1800s to the 1950s and you often see people with baguettes," Famie said. "They use herbs, vegetables, stocks, lake and river type seafood. In the south, the style is spicier and they rely on ocean seafood."

In the countryside, Famie and the veterans encountered a different kind of Vietnam as they pedaled 70-80 miles a day. Famie was outfitted with a

hybrid bike from Bikesport in Dearborn, which he said provided a comfortable ride.

It was here in the countryside where Morgan met the war veteran, where the group stopped to visit a holy shrine and where Famie tried his hand at planting rice with an attractive young farm girl.

In one rural town, Famie and Hewitt were greeted like celebrities at a government school, the children exchanging high-fives

and delightful giggles with the Americans, mugging for the camera and generally being happy.

Famie said he is planning to hold a benefit dinner prior to the broadcast of his special that will benefit Rainbow Connection, Vietnam veterans and help create a computer link between the school in Vietnam and a school in Detroit through ICAN (The International Children's Alliance Network).

Famie's cooking adventures have taken him to the mesas of New Mexico, scuba diving in Hawaii, barbecuing underneath Mount Rushmore and trading recipes in Shanghai, but this adventure was an emotional experience for him and his fellow riders.

"I miss being there and would go back in a minute," Famie said.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Fast start

Stephanie Volpe, who starred at catcher for Plymouth Salem, has been a major contributor for the Wolverines in her freshman season.

Volpe is the team's designated hitter. Through last Wednesday, she was batting fourth in the lineup, with a .326 batting average that included three doubles, a triple and 12 runs batted in. She's done even better in Big Ten play, hitting .389 with four RBI in five games.

Michigan was atop the conference with a 5-0 record, and was 32-5-1 overall.

Top NAHL rookies

The North American Hockey League has announced its six-member all-rookie team, and two of its players are from the first-place Compuware Ambassadors.

Craig Kowalski is the goaltender on the team. Kowalski set an NAHL record for wins in a season with 34; he also led the league in goals-against average with 2.10, and he was second in save percentage with .921. Kowalski's overall record was 34-7, with three shutouts.

The other Ambassador named to the all-rookie team was defenseman Nate Kiser. A solid blue-line player, Kiser had two goals and three assists for Compuware, and he had one game-winning goal.

Tennis lessons

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will offer tennis lessons for juniors and adults, beginning April 27.

The lessons for beginners will be Tuesdays, from 6-7 p.m. for juniors (7-15 years old) and from 7-8 p.m. for adults (16 and over), starting April 27 and continuing through June 1 at Griffin Community Park. Lessons for intermediate adults will be 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays, from April 29 through May 20. All lessons will be conducted by Kristen Harrison and her staff.

Cost is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Register at the Parks and Recreation offices, located at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Women's golf league

A 16-week women's Friday morning golf league, beginning May 7, is now taking shape for all female players. Sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, the league will play every Friday starting May 7 at Fellows Creek in Canton, with tee times starting at 9 a.m. There are no residency requirements.

Cost is a \$15 registration fee plus weekly greens fees.

Registration is now underway at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, located at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Connie Mack openings

The CCJBSA Southeast Michigan Connie Mack team has limited openings for qualified players.

The team is limited to Plymouth and Canton residents who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Interested players should call Mike Diedrich at 394-0454 or Richard Shook at 455-1984.

Play will begin at the conclusion of the varsity season and run through the last week of July.

CCJBSA registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is still accepting player registration for its summer boys and girls programs.

Registrations must be received April 20 so applicants can be assigned a tryout time. Tryouts are April 24 for leagues holding drafts. Players are accepted on an as-needed basis once teams are set.

Applications for leagues with no tryouts can be taken right up until the start of their season.

Applications can be obtained at the township offices in Plymouth, Canton and the City of Plymouth, or downloaded from the league's Website, www.ccjbsa.com.

For questions about boys leagues, call 455-1984; girls questions call 981-5170.

Salem could be a contender

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BASEBALL PREVIEW

Last season was a bit of a turnaround for Plymouth Salem's baseball team.

After somewhat of a slow start, the Rocks bounced back to finish second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with a 7-3 record. They were 18-15 overall and lost 5-3 to WLA champion North Farmington in the state district final.

"Last summer, we really made improvement," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, noting his team's 22-8 summer league record. "They pro-

gressed a lot.

"This is a good group of kids. If we can just pick it up a bit (defensively), we'll be a decent team."

The improvement last season was notable not just on the field, but in leadership. "It was an adjustment last year when we lost Ben," said Rumberger, referring to the broken hand senior first baseman Ben Szczepanski suffered in a game against Plymouth Canton. "Not just his playing, but he was a true leader."

"Last year's team had a great group of seniors. They helped this year's team learn how to lead."

Rumberger believes that will help catapult the Rocks into a contender's role. Certainly the bats are available; pitching, although a bit inexperienced, is strong enough.

The biggest holes are at shortstop, where junior Steve Stiles, up from the junior varsity, takes over for the graduated Tony Bernhardt, and at catcher, where the duo of senior Richard Stankov and junior Ian Winter replace graduated Brett Burleson.

"I am concerned with our catching,"

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Team MVP: Mike Hoben led Salem with a .416 average, with four homers and 24 RBI.

SOFTBALL OUTLOOK

Chiefs stalking a big season

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

How good is good? Plenty good enough, Plymouth Canton softball coach Jim Arnold hopes.

With Gretchen Hudson to lead the pitching, the key to any softball team, and slugging first baseman Elizabeth Elsner to pace the hitting attack, the Chiefs are two-thirds of the way to a decent team.

Add in a squad with plenty of good players returning from a team that went 30-9 and reached the state semifinals and you've got reason for optimism.

Of course the history books are littered with teams that "should have" in place of "did."

"This year we're ranked No. 4," Arnold said, "so you know darn well that the other people will be out after us."

"We talked about that, too. You just can't walk on field and think you're automatically going to win."

"If a team with a losing record sneaks up on us, well, they've made their season because they beat a ranked team."

"We've got to work as hard as we played last year and even harder."

Canton had five seniors, two of whom played pivotal roles.

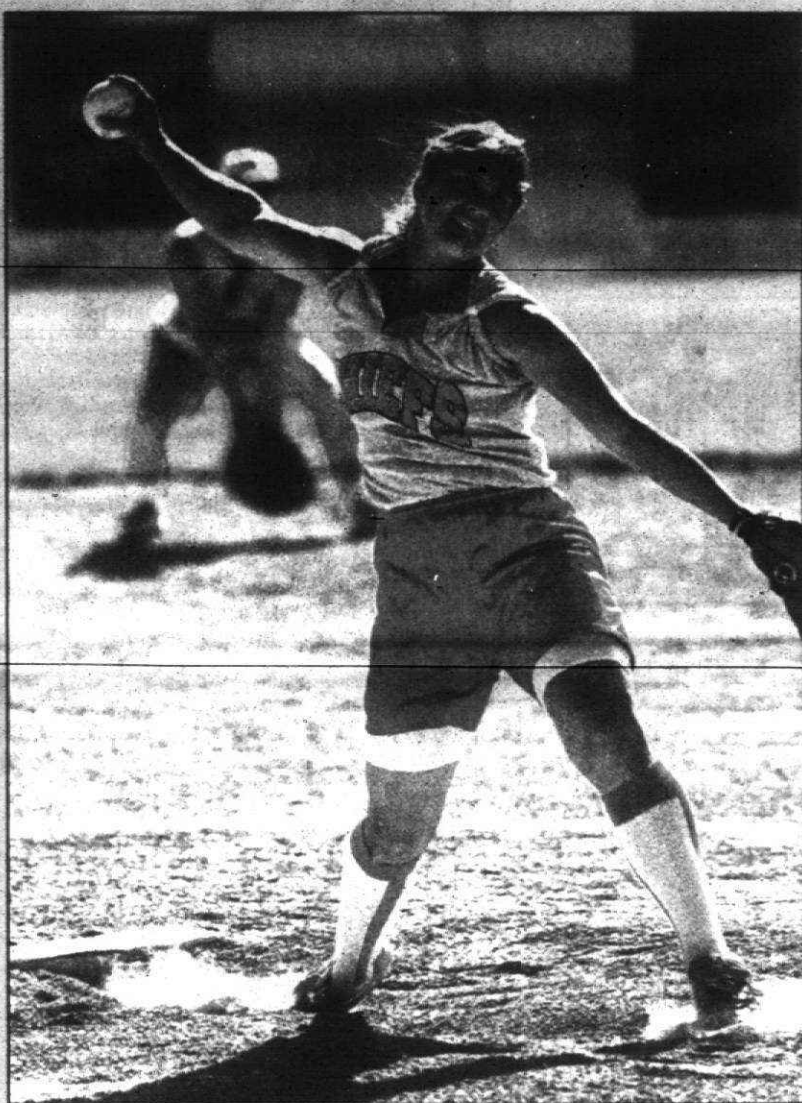
Catcher Erica Hancz must be replaced along with third baseman Sara Freels.

"We've got a couple of good kids who are going to fill right in there," Arnold said. "I think we're going to be okay."

"Our catching's come along real good. We have two seniors — Marie Pochron and Kathy Mokienko. Both of those girls will be alternating."

If Hancz was so good it takes two players to replace her, so was Freels.

Arnold is going to try the alternating trick at third, too, with junior Lisa Baker and sophomore Angie Neu.



An ace on the mound: Gretchen Hudson, an all-WLA selection, was nearly unbeatable last season, pitching the Chiefs all the way to the state semifinals.

The heart of the Chiefs will be at pitcher, though.

Senior Hudson is completing her fourth varsity season on the mound and is one of the area's best.

Luckily for Arnold, he won't have to overwork her.

"With senior Jenny Fisher," he said, "we think we've got the best 1-2 pitchers in the conference. Plus, we've got a new girl to pitch for us, junior Laura Stewart, up from the junior varsity."

And if college scouts are looking at Hudson, they'll also be looking at first baseman Elsner.

"She'll be our No. 4 hitter," Arnold said. "She's the big cannon for us. She hit six home runs last year, one in the quarterfinals."

"Six home runs are a school record. And she looks like she hasn't lost anything from last year. She's been stroking the ball in practice."

"She's got an outstanding glove and hopefully will get a scholarship someplace."

Sure, and hopefully leaves will be out on the trees before the first frost, too.

The trouble with high expectations is the possibility of high disappointment. Arnold knows that, his team knows that and appears to be embracing it.

"Our team has set some real high goals this year," he said, "compared to last year. If we can just meet half of those we'll be fine."

"We've got a good strong defense and our hitting game is starting to come out. As you know, we've got outstanding pitching. With a little bit of luck, hopefully we'll be where we were last year."

Last year that was the quarterfinals, where Canton lost to Waterford Kettering, 3-1.

"We've set our goals for it," Arnold

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Rocks' new lineup faces a challenge

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Optimism is not just eternal but a necessity for coaches who must rebuild their teams every couple of years.

Bonnie Southerland is in one of those years. Gone from her Plymouth Salem softball squad of 1998 is arguably the best player to ever don a Rocks' uniform — Stephanie Volpe, now batting clean-up in her freshman season at the University of Michigan.

Also gone are first baseman Karen Prosyk, second baseman Katie Gagleard, third baseman Becky Esper, pitcher Shannon Coultas and right-fielder Jill Schmalhurst.

"I've pretty much lost my whole infield," said

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Southerland. "And a lot of offense."

What the Salem coach did to bridge the gap, from last season's 15-15 team to this year's rebuilt squad, is go on the road. For the first time, the team took a two-week training trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

"This trip was a huge help," said Southerland. "We can actually practice here."

"We've been planning it since last year. A trip like this can build camaraderie."

That will be increasingly more important as the season goes on for the Rocks, since many will be

getting their first experience with the varsity.

"You always like to do better than the year before," said Southerland. "I think we'll be better. I think we'll be above .500."

That may seem like a modest goal, but for Salem, it's a lofty one. There are only three seniors on the team, with seven juniors, four sophomores and a freshman.

"There's not a lot of experience back, but we've got a good group," the Salem coach said. "This is probably the best start I've ever had here."

The biggest hole in the lineup is at catcher, the position Volpe nailed down for the past three seasons. Maureen Buchanan, a senior co-captain who

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Whalers' OT win evens series



don (Ont.).

But this time, it was the Whalers who prevailed.

Defenseman Nikos Tselios scored 6:05 into the first overtime on the power play, with London's Mike Mazuca in the box, to give Plymouth a 5-4 win, evening the best-of-seven series at two games apiece.

David Legwand and Harold Druken assisted on the game-winner. For Leg-

wand, it was one of his better games of the series. He scored his first goal of the series with just 1:04 left in the second period to give the Whalers a 4-2 lead.

But London, playing in front of a packed house (attendance: 5,075), stormed back in the third period. Jay Legault narrowed the gap to 4-3 with a goal at the 5:25 mark of the final period, then Tom Kostopoulos scored his second goal of the game with 9:17 left to knot it at 4-4.

The game was tied at 1-1 after the first, with Jason Ward netting a goal for Plymouth on the power play only to have the Knights' Rico Fata tie it 2-36

later. The Whalers then put three goals into the net in the second period after Kostopoulos had given London its only lead of the game early in the period.

Eric Gooldy tied it at 2-2 6:39 into the period, then Julian Smith put the Whalers ahead 3-2 30 seconds later with an unassisted goal. Legwand's marker gave Plymouth its biggest lead of the game.

Shaun Fisher had three assists for the Whalers.

For the first time in the series the Knights outshot the Whalers, 45-43. Robert Holsinger, however, was equal to the challenge; the Plymouth goalie made 41 saves. Gene Chiarello had 38 stops for London.



Point man: David Legwand had a big game for Plymouth, scoring one goal and assisting on the game-winner.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Monday, April 12 W. Bloomfield at Churchill, 4 p.m. Redford CC at Bishop Foley, 4 p.m. Crestwood at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m. Clareville at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Country Day at Redford CC, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 Northville at Salem, 4 p.m. Churchill at N. Farmington, 4 p.m. Franklin at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m. Canton at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Ypsilanti at Wayne, 4 p.m. Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m. Friday, April 16 St. Edward at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Ann Arbor at Wayne, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Crestwood, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (all double-headers) Birm. Seaholm at Salem, noon D.H. Crestwood at Canton, noon Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m. Belleville at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. InterCity at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m. Brother Rice at Redford CC, 11 a.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, April 12 Dearborn at Stevenson, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Belleville, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Crestwood, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.	Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m. Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. N. Farmington at Churchill, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Canton, 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 A.A. Pioneer at Salem, 2, 4 p.m. Dearborn at Churchill, 4 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m. Bethesda at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (all double-headers unless noted) Canton, Salem at Taylor Town, 8 a.m. Luth. Westland at InterCity, 11 a.m. Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m. Churchill at Country Day, noon. BOYS TRACK Tuesday, April 13 UPs meet at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15 Mangan Meet (Salem vs. Canton), 4 p.m. Friday, April 16 Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Franklin at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m. Harrison at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at Wyandotte, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Country Day, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17 Marshall Field Relay, 1 p.m. Elks Relay at Dearborn, 9 a.m. Novi Relay, 10 a.m. GIRLS TRACK	Tuesday, April 13 Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 Mangan Meet (Salem vs. Canton), 4 p.m. Thursday, April 15 John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m. N. Farmington at Harrison, 3:30 p.m. Stevenson at Canton, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at Country Day, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17 Salem, Canton at Lady Chief Relays, 10 a.m. Salem at W. Bloom. Invit., 9:30 a.m. Novi Relay, 10 a.m. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, April 12 John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m. South Lyon at Wayne, 5 p.m. Churchill at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m. Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 Luth. Westland at Luth. NW, 4:30 p.m. Divine Child at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Franklin at Farmington, 5:30 p.m. Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15 Luth. Westland at Kingswood, 4:30 p.m. Ladywood at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m. Troy at Churchill, 7 p.m.	John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 17 Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 12:30 p.m. Salem at Saline, 1:30 p.m. Marion at Ladywood, 1:30 p.m. HERN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers) Sunday, April 13 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 14 O.L. St. Mary's at Madonna, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15 Madonna at Tri-State, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 16 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Tuesday, April 13 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 Madonna vs. Spring Arbor at Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m. Friday, April 16 Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18 Madonna at St. Francis Turney, TBA. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS Tuesday, April 13 (if necessary) Ply. Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15 (if necessary) Ply. Whalers vs. London at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. TBA: To be announced
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Rockets open season with double-header sweep of Wayne

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The weather was picture perfect Thursday — sunny, 70-plus degrees, not a cloud in the sky.

The nice climate made it even a better day for Westland John Glenn's baseball team, which opened its season by sweeping a double-header from host Wayne Memorial, 7-4 and 15-4 (five-inning mercy).

The Rockets, who received complete-game performances from pitchers Dale Hayes and Mike Swafford, are 2-0.

Wayne falls to 0-3.

Hayes, a 6-foot-4 senior who helped Glenn reach the state Class A quarterfinals a year ago, did it with his bat and arm in the opener.

Despite a shaky start on the mound where he gave up three runs and three walks in the opening inning, the right-hander recovered to pitch all seven innings, scattering eight hits while striking out 12.

He belted his own cease with an RBI double in the first inning followed by a solo homer in the third. Hayes also walked twice, including once with the bases loaded to finish with three RBI.

Hayes, 5-3 a year ago, threw 113 pitches in his season debut.

"Dale started out slow, but he looked better as the game went along," Glenn coach Todd Duffield said. "He got stronger, especially the last two innings (when he fanned five)."

Chad Sansom, Ryan Ratray and Brian Reed each added two hits for the winners. Swafford had an RBI double in the third.

John Judd had an RBI double and Jeremy Overton, who went 3-for-4, added a two-run single in the first to give Wayne a 3-2 advantage.

The Zebras went up 4-2 in the second inning on Matt Mackiewicz's RBI single, but the lead didn't last as Glenn struck for two runs in the third and three more in the fourth.

Wayne also stranded nine runners on base.

Ryan Czyzak, the Wayne starter, worked the first four innings and took the loss. Shawn McDaniel pitched three scoreless innings in relief.

"Our fielding improved from the first game, at least we picked up the ball," said Wayne coach Jim Chronowski, whose team made just two errors after committing 10 in the season opener against Thurston. "But we're still in the process of trying to evolve a pitching staff."

Reed, a senior shortstop who had only 10 at-bats his junior year, went 3-for-3 with four RBI in the nightcap to finish five-for-seven on the day for Glenn.

Ratray, a catcher, contributed two doubles and three RBI.

Ryan Ybarra and Czyzak each collected two hits for Wayne. Swafford, meanwhile, was tough when he had to be, giving up six hits and only one walk while fanning eight in five innings.

Wayne used four different pitchers with starter Justin Smoes suffering the loss.

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Sat	Sept 11	Blue Jays	5:05	
Sun	Sept 12	Blue Jays	1:05	Stadium Pin #4
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Rocks open by losing a pair on road trip

BASEBALL

Plymouth Salem's season-opener in baseball resembled anything but perfection.

Still, it was the Rocks first real chance to get outside and play, although it wasn't pretty. Their trip to Cincinnati for two games resulted in a 20-19 loss in nine innings to Norwood (Ohio) and a 13-10 defeat to Purcell Marion (Ohio).

"Pitching-wise, we're a little behind," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "But we did a lot of things right. We'll be all right."

Two areas that weren't right were pitching — the Rocks issued 11 walks in the first game and eight more in the second — and a defense that committed eight errors. On the other hand, Salem out-hit Norwood 17-9 in the first game.

Nick Eicher led the attack with four

hits, five runs scored and a run batted in. Chris Longpre added three hits, two runs scored and three RBI, with Jason Lukasik getting two hits, two runs scored and four RBI. Mike Hoben added three hits, including a two-run triple in the first inning, three RBI and two runs scored; and Geoff Bennett collecting two hits.

Hoben worked the final 2 2/3 innings in relief and gave up three earned runs, including the game-winners off the bat

of Mark Sharky, who bounced a two-run single through the infield in the ninth.

Salem led Marion 5-0 in the second game, in part thanks to Eicher's solo homer to start the game. Eicher finished with two hits, three runs scored and three RBI; he also had a two-run double. Archie Kenny and Jason Furr added two hits, two runs scored and an RBI each.

The thing I was disappointed in was we didn't pitch better," said Rumberger, noting the four runs also allowed by starter Steve Gordon and three more by Geoff Bennett.

The Rocks open up play in the Western Lakes Activities Association against Northville at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Salem.

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admitted Rumberger. "I'd like them to be a little further along than they are."

Part of the problem was Stankov, considered a slightly better defensive catcher, was out of action until two weeks ago with a broken hand, suffered in a gym class floor hockey game. Stankov appeared in 19 games last season, batting .283. Winter was on the junior varsity squad.

four homers and 26 RBI. Gordon and Kolb were JV field players last season, although Gordon did pitch on the varsity.

Salem's strength is in the outfield, both offensively and defensively. Three seniors will start: Chris Longpre, who hit .278 last season with 17 runs batted in, in center; Geoff Bennett, who batted .289 with two homers and 12 RBI, in right; and Nick Eicher, a part-time player a year ago with blazing speed, in left.

Others who will see time are juniors Jason Furr, Archie Kenny (who will also catch some) and Steve Gordon, and sophomore Chris Trott.

Jason Lukasik, a senior who serves as the team's top pitcher, will play second base when not on the mound. He hit .306 in '98 with 12 RBI. Justin Horvath, a junior, and Corey Wacker, a senior, will fill that spot when necessary. Wacker, a valuable utility player, hit .350 in 17 games, knocking in 13 runs, a year ago.

If there is a weakness on the mound — other than experience — it's a lack of left-handers. There are none. Still, Rumberger's top four all throw in the mid-80s, according to their coach.

Lukasik was 5-4 last season with a team-high 63 innings pitched; he posted a 2.86 earned run average, with 54 strikeouts and 29 walks. Opponents batted a meager .216 against him.

Next in line is Gordon, who was 1-1 with a 2.93 ERA in 25 1/3 innings last season. Kolb and Trott both pitched on the junior varsity a year ago. Bennett will see spot action; he pitched 9 1/3 innings last season with a 3.23 ERA. So will Hoben. Brandon Bray figures to be a short-relief man, and Chris Hardy will work long relief.

"I really believe we're going to be able to pitch," said Rumberger, despite the loss of five-game winner Kurt Berlin to graduation (he's now pitching for Henry Ford CC). "I think this is the best chance since '95 for us to be a really good team."

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Arnold predicts "Neu is going to be an outstanding player. She has an outstanding glove, good speed and hits the ball with some authority."

Junior Stacey Griffin will work in the outfield and the coaches feel she is coming on real strong.

Brianne McNicholas, left-hander who transferred into Canton at first base, Arnold said. "She's a junior and will get some playing time."

"The coaching staff thinks this is probably the best all-around athletic team we've had. It's got a lot of depth, players who can step up and take over from those who graduated."

"We've got 18 players. We feel we can take nine out, put the other nine in and not lose a beat."

"We're extremely proud of the

said. "Now we'll see what happens. As you know, you've got to have a little luck along the way."

"When we beat Brighton, they were ranked No. 1, so that was big confidence builder."

The plus is having so many quality players returning from a quality team.

Canton has its shortstop back, junior Paula McKernan, who is very good.

In the outfield the Chiefs are solid, since they start out with same outfield they finished last year with.

Sophomore Kristina Kiessel patrols left field, seniors Melissa Brown is in center and senior Becky Mize has right.

The infield is solid, too, with Kerrie Kovachevich back at second base. Sophomore Jenny Perino will alternate with her.

Salem softball from D1

has been Salem's utility player for the past three seasons and played mostly in center field last year, will take over that post.

The team's other co-captain, senior Heather Sonntag, does return to the position she manned a year ago, in left field. "She's really a good outfielder," said Southerland. "She's got a strong arm."

The third senior on the squad is Bea Ferguson, who will see plenty of action in the outfield.

Perhaps the biggest returnee is junior pitcher Amanda Sutton, who had the dubious honor of tossing the best game of the '98 season for Salem — and still lost. Sutton threw a no-hitter in a state district game against Livonia Stevenson, but lost 1-0.

"She's really working hard," said Southerland. "She has improved. She has some different pitches."

Another notable returnee is sophomore shortstop Katie Kelly, who is "excellent defensively, and her hitting is coming around." Kelly is the only player returning in the infield.

Dawn Allen, a sophomore noted for her hitting, will switch from the outfield to first base this season. Second base will be shared by a pair of juniors: Julie Gowan, who played there some last season, and newcomer Marlene Jones. Jessica Chapman, another junior, backed up Esper at third last season; she'll start there this season.

One position Southerland is optimistic about is pitcher. With Sutton, junior Liz Dekarske and

"We've got a lot of hard workers, a lot of talent, that's for sure," said Southerland. "You should never rule us out. I'm sure they'll do well."

Campus rival Plymouth Canton, which returns the bulk of its Western Lakes Activities Association championship and state semifinalist team, is the odds-on favorite to repeat in the league. Livonia Franklin, Walled Lake Central and Farmington Harrison should also be tough, according to Southerland.

And where will Salem fit in? "This year, we're going to take it one game at a time," their coach said.

It'll be a step-ladder approach to the season, hopefully always heading in an upward direction.

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RECREATION & BOWLING

Nesting season allows birds time to find way

Nesting season for birds like hawks and crows has begun, but many other songbirds will be building a nest and laying eggs soon.

It takes a lot of energy to build the nest and for the female to develop her eggs.

Here are some helpful suggestions for nesting birds in your backyard.

Many nests are made of long dried grasses. Though most lawns in the city are manicured with short grass, some leave long blades from last year's growth for the birds.

They can always be removed later in the season after nest building has been completed. Concentrating these long blades of grass in a pile or container will help the birds use less energy during their search.

Large grasses and sticks are used in the foundation of the nest, but soft material is used to line the cup of the nest.

Feathers and hair are two things that are often used to finish the interior of a nest. It might be hard for most of us to get feathers for our backyard birds, however, pet hair is readily available this time of year.

Next time you comb your dog or cat, keep the hair in a ball and put it in an onion bag. Hang the onion bag from a tree branch

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and local nesting birds, like chickadees and nuthatches, will pluck them from the ball.

Titmice have been known to take hair from live animals lying down. One bird even tried to pluck some hair from a man standing in his yard.

Nest boxes or platforms can be constructed and erected in an appropriate manner. Remember, not all birds nest in a box. Robins for instance nest on a flat surface, cardinals will not use a box or a platform.

It would be a good idea to get some specifics about nest box constructions and where to erect them from books in the library.

Building a nest is an important first step in raising young, but the female must also produce eggs.

Producing eggs takes a lot of energy and calcium. Egg shells are basically calcium. Most of the calcium comes from the bones of female birds.

Putting crushed eggshells in with seed, or separate on the ground, will give the females an opportunity to replenish their calcium supply.

Don't put a lot of eggshells in one place, they could attract opportunists like raccoons and opossum.

These natural nest building materials are from recycled sources. Some people also recycle pieces of yarn or string.

There is nothing wrong with these materials, just don't use bright colored string or yarn, remember some predators can see those bright colors.

Canton Township man earns volunteer honor

Huron-Clinton Metroparks annually gives out "Volunteer of the Year" awards to individuals and families who make significant contributions to the park system.

Roland Brege, of Canton, and David and Kathy Renwick, of Walled Lake, were three of this year's recipients.

Brege has taken pictures at the Kensington Farm Center for the past eight years. His pictures have provided a pictorial history of the farm and many have been used in news releases to promote the farm.

The Renwicks have contributed more volunteer hours at the Metroparks than any other current volunteer. They started helping out in 1977 and have donated their time at both Kensington and Indian Springs. Their 10-year-old daughter, Bridgett, also helps out.

Youth fly fishing

If you have a son or daughter interested in fly fishing it's not too late to sign up for the Youth Fly Fishing Class at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.

The class, sponsored by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, and will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

While at the class kids will learn all they need to know to get out and catch fish with a fly rod. Cost is just \$25 per person.

Call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233 to register or for more information.

Rewards offered

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Michigan Bear Hunter's Association, is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the illegal shooting of a black bear last fall in Gladwin County.

The bear was shot around Oct. 11, 1998, near the Molasses River Flooding No. 3 in Grim Township. The legal bear hunting season in that area ended Sept. 24.

Rewards are also standing for two other bear poaching incidents that occurred last July. A \$2,000 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for

killing a bear near Ironwood in Gogebic County. A \$1,500 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for shooting a bear in the Deadstream Swamp in Missaukee County.

Anyone with information on either of these poaching incidents should call the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.

Summer jobs

Seasonal job openings are available this summer at the 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks as well as the state's 96 state park and recreation areas, 700 boat access sites and 13 harbors.

If you're looking for a part-time job to fill the summer months and enjoy being outdoors it may worth the price of a phone call to investigate some of the opportunities.

The Metroparks are looking for individuals young or old to fill positions such as toll attendants, life guards, grounds and maintenance workers, public service attendants, pool attendants and naturalists. The pay ranges from \$5.75 per hour to \$6.70 per hour with a 30-cent per hour bonus upon completion of the contract.

For additional information, call (800) 47-PARKS.

The Department of Natural Resources Parks Division also has openings for part-time and full-time summer jobs.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and willing to work weekends and evenings. Seasonal workers will assist permanent staff.

Job responsibilities may include handling permit sales, performing campground duties, clerical work, equipment operation, trail maintenance, mowing, landscaping and sanitary duties.

Pay is \$6 per hour for the first year and \$6.50 per hour for subsequent years.

Interested individuals should contact the state park or recreation area or the boating facility you wish to work at. For additional information, call the DNR Parks Division at (517) 373-9900.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.home.com.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

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Greater Detroit Open on tap

How would you like to bowl with Walter Ray Williams, Mike Aulby, Amleto Monicelli, Brian Voss, Parker Bohn III and Pete Weber?



AL HARRISON

The latest entry forms are just now getting out to bowling centers for Pro-Am squads at the 15th annual Greater Detroit Open PBA tournament at Taylor Lanes.

The Pro-Am dates are Friday evening, Oct. 22, and all day Saturday, Oct. 23.

The youth squad will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, with a scholarship offered in each division.

There will \$1,000 in prize money for each squad bowling in the adult events. The adult entry fee offers a choice of either one of two new Storm balls.

For \$129, the entrant will receive the Meteor Flash or for \$179 an El Nino Wraith. If the entrant wants to bowl without the premium ball, the basic entry fee is \$75 for adults and \$35 for youth bowlers.

Balls are expected to be

available around June 1, so get entries in early and have the ball to practice with all summer.

The schedule of events for the Greater Detroit Open:

Friday, Oct. 22 - professional practice and autographing session from noon to 3 p.m. Junior Pro-Am at 4 p.m. and adult pro-Am at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23 - Adult Junior and Adult Pro-Am at 9 a.m. Adult squads at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24 - Pro Qualifying from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Field is cut to 24 for eight games of match play Monday night and again Tuesday, Oct. 26. ESPN TV finals will take place at 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, with the top five professionals competing for the title.

The Greater Detroit Open always attracts the finest pro bowlers, including several from the Detroit area. If you have any questions concerning the event or cannot find entry forms, call Taylor Lanes at (734) 946-9092.

This is the time to sign up for Summer Leagues available at most bowling centers around the area.

When those hot days and nights are here, what better way to cool off than in a nicely air conditioned family fun center?

Typical choices would be mixed or Battle of the Sexes leagues on a weekday evening, youth leagues in the afternoon, ladies leagues in the morning, evening and on weekdays; senior's midweek days and competitive trio leagues on weekday evenings.

There will be a partial listing of several of the Spring/Summer leagues here next week.

Of course summertime is a good time to get in some extra practice. Rates are generally lower and the time is just right to try something new or different with your game.

Several weeks ago, a youth bowler at Super Bowl in Canton, 16-year-old Ken Bazman, rolled his first 300 game in the 9 a.m. Saturday youth league.

He totaled 725 to reach his first 700 series. Ken began bowling in a bumper league at the age of five and has bowled in Y.A.B.A. sanctioned leagues since the age of seven.

Ken's father, Darrell, has been a youth coach at Super Bowl for the past four years. Unfortunately, it was the one day he was unable to attend and see his son roll the perfect

game. When asked how he felt while he was rolling his 300 game, Ken replied, "I felt more nervous bowling my twelfth strike than I did when I took my driving road test."

In the recent Midstates Masters Tournament, which took place at Cherry Hill Lanes, Gary Bonkowski took the top honors with a 220-188 victory over Paul March of Southfield.

Other qualifiers from O & E cities were: Richard Gnida of Livonia (fourth); Jim Duff (11th); Tom Brisbey (20th) and Ken Stempien (23rd) of Redford; Gerald Phillips of Troy (21st); Jim Lademan of Livonia (36th); Fred Schimmel of Lake Orion (41st); Ken Ben-Ezra of West Bloomfield (42nd) and Bill Hand of Farmington (46th).

The Mid-States Masters is a monthly tournament which began in 1971, traveling to many different houses in Southeast Michigan.

The next event will be at Super Bowl in Canton on April 25 for the 198 division while the 212 division will bowl at Airport Lanes in Jackson.

For information, call Al Bielawski at (313) 365-8449.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Sheldon Road Men: Jack Daniels, 252; Tony Berardo, 244/690; Chris Leach, 210-278-258/746.

Plaza Men: John Grego, 265; Don Cathey, 279/734; Scott McGilroy, 259; Larry Minhart Jr., 238-215-255/708.

Burroughs Men: Jim Morrell, 253; Bill Kozlowski, 261; Mike Kansa, 268.

Powertrain Men: Pete Herman, 297/797.

Waterford Men: Mike Sockow, 258; Mark Wright, 289/695; Steve Demeter, 278; Derek Verant, 259.

Guys & Dolls: Michael Willet, 236-245-247/728; Mike Wojciechowski, 277; Mike Mikiewicz, 279.

Keglers: Jeff Cameron, 230-247-243/720; Chris Cichon, 253; John Piepszak, 257; Don Cathey, 256.

St. Colette Men: Pete Ansbro, 264; Mike Ksiazek, 257; Bill Guellar, 265; Phil Maiden, 223-277-255/755.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Suburban Proprietor Men's Traveling: Robert Custard, 269/693; Billy Gerace, 269/685; Steve Hughes, 267; Tim Magyar, 259; Bob Chuba, 256/685.

Suburban Prop. Ladies Traveling: Carol Puryear, 215; Barb Hernandez, 209/539; Viv Walderp, 209/554; Patty Jaroch, 207/525; Ev Hubble, 201/529.

Single Point: Dan Kingsbury, 224; Mark Grezak, 232.

Youth Leagues: Friday Majors: Dave Jacobs, 244/621; Dave Thomas, 213; Tim Moncrieff, 212/573; Steve Reitzel, 207; Jen Sheridan, 196.

Friday Juniors: Keith Kingsbury, 202/502; Matt Lipford, 180.

Friday Preps: Tom Johnson, 145.

Thursday Juniors/Majors: Jason Bonkowski, 217/567; Justin Bonkowski, 189/524; Kyle Kunec, 174.

Thursday Preps: P.J. Caram, 168.

Wonderland Classic: Ken Meyers, 279/793; Steve Pencola, 300/771; Ken Bashara, 279/752; Mitch Jabczynski, 268/749; Rick "General" Patton, 299/741.

Kings & Queens: Steve Pencola, 300 (2nd one in 3 days).

Thursday Nite Wonders: Mary Ann Copley, 239/577.

Westside Senior Mens: Don Hochstadt, 279/738; Dick Kleib, 654; Ken Livernois, 276/652; Bill Lemanski, 252/635.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

Local 182 retirees: Darlene Lupu, 211.

L.E.A.: Don Meadows, 226.

Ford Transmission Ladies: Donna Perry, 245; Lori Bacon, 203.

Jacks & Jills: Joe C. Monge, 254/647.

Ford Parts: Marc Mattus, 686; Ed Nichols, 256/672.

Morning Stars: Donna Herrin, 236/577.

Ford L.T.P.: Mark Schmitt, 299.

Mens Trio: Mike Travis, 277/733; Vern Flowers, 280/763; John Wodarski Jr., 278/740; John Bugaja, 258/744; Mark Payne, 258/695; Frank Hoffman, 268.

Early Birds: Judy Porter, 213/502.

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Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Parrish Capel, 278/758; John McGraw, 267/721; Rob Schepis, 259/705; Brian Ziembra, 289/703; Ken Kubit, 258/731; Craig Johnson, 278/717.

Midnight Mixed: Paul McMurray, 289/731; John Hurley, 254/658; Dave Parker, 247/698; Tim Rose, 660.

Midnighters: Chuck McGeorge, 217/567; Mark Zielinski, 248/635; Mike Zielinski, 223/531; Jim Tapinski, 234/631; Bob Giachero, 214/583.

Gay 90s (Seniors): Bernie Hiebrandt, 228; Paul Brewer, 210; Norm Renaud, 216; Chuck Jensen, 222; Bob Radtke, 224.

Grandals: Brett Webster, 290.

Monday Seniors: Doug Arnold, 200; George Gunglach, 215-212/577; Jim Melochie, 212.

Lyndon Meadows: Kathy Daniels, 210.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

ForMoCo Thursday Night: Larry Frank, 249/701; Steve Gutesky, 256/669; Jim Santti, 664; Cal Collins, 279; Brian Chuba, 253.

St. Aidan's Men: Bob Racey, 219-226/639; Dave Golen, 252/610; Conrad Sobania, 265; Jack Pomeroy, 219; Scott Underwood, 219.

All-Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Ewald, 289/721; Aleta Sil, 279/741; Stacey Hudler, 239/577.

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277; Kathie Maser, 268/675; Connie Cleveland, 261/684; Tracey Wade, 258.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)

Early Risers: C. Truskowski, 595; A. Michalski, 521; J. Kovsky, 500; Wanda Denardis, 502; Joan Yanchinson, 500.

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Phyllis Wolnie, 234/614; Gloria Carter, 220/572; Theresa Haworth, 200; Gretchen Hocking, 549; Gertha Sandell, 542.

Rite on Time: Bob Spaw, Jr., 300/781; Scott Moore, 279; Mike O'Malley, 266/714; Jerry Marshall, 277; Don Philippi, 290; Brian Grant, 260/733.

Newburg Ladies: Alice Rolarov, 231; Kathy Tetlow, 210; Sue Fischer, 203; Darlene Jablonski, 197; Nancy Brown, 195.

TOWN 'N' COUNTRY LANES (Westland)

Friday Invitational: Doug Evans, 300.

Saturday Kids: Nick Amad (age 16), 290-278/744.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Wednesday Senior Mens Classic: Jim Hunt, 245; Jesse Macciocco, 257-224-247/728; John Bierkamp, 216-241-210/667; Norm Bochenek, 254-226/668; Bud Kraemer, 223-256/659; Mel Albrite, 204-218-237/659.

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Dan Bollinger, 300/644; Frank Bollinger, 268-256-245/769; Brian Jonca, 203-368-289/760; Larry Curtis, 241-231-257; Jim Barina, 237-277-213/729; John Miller, 202-209-290/701; Curt Zbitzjak, 225-214-256/694.

St. John Bosco: Matt Finrock, 300/716.

Printerat: Phil Caldwell, 300/764.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Wednesday Knights: Julie Wright, 277; Larry Gerstein, 267; Rich Grosman, 769; Pat Testa, 698.

University Men's: Dennis Harris, 276; Butch Cook, 268/736; Larry Kubert, 707.

Spares & Strikes: Kevin Landacre, 2116/554; Estelle Drabicki, 220/576; Colleen Crawford, 213/555; Sherry McMahon, 244/540.

St. Paul's Men: Mike Emmick, 243; Kirk Reinert, 637/703.

EVER 7: Matt McKenzie, 277/712; Ron Mathison, 267/649; Angelo D'Alazio, 257; Tim Jones, 255/659; Don Coughlin, 247/702.

Advanced Youth (seniors): Gordon Gregoroff, 210/613; Elaine Piercey, 195.

Loon Lake: Scott Tutas, 248; Steve Amolsch, 245/673; Mark Earles, 636.

B'Nai Brith Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson: Eric Goldberg, 288-227/714; Steve Achtman, 289/654; Barry Fishman,