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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.

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 19-18 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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Yazaki preparing for new



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.

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oc.homeo

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

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

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

Please see YAZAKI, A4

Spring fling at Oakwood Park



On the bubble: Ryan Haver, 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.

Field 'trip' in students' own yard

CREEK CLEANUP

BY SCOTT DANIEL STAFF WRITER sdaniel@oe.hc

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 cre-

ate 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

Please see CLEANUP, A3



GATEWAY TO THE WO

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 NATIONAL the pushes for expansion. The LIBRARY Plymouth District Library WEEK 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: patrons may have a casual hour read-

ing 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



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.

LIBRARIES IN CYBERSPACE If you're looking for information in cyberspace,

a good place to start is: Michigan Electronic Library - www.mel.org This Internet site will also link you to libraries in your community.

Here's your library's Web site address:

 Canton Public Library
 www.metronet.lib.mi.us/canton R Farmington Public Library www.metronet.ilb.mi.us/FCL/ab

Garden City Public Library www.gardon-city.llb.ml.us

William P. Faust Public Library of Westland This Web site links you to The Library Net

work, which Westland is a member of. Click on TLN Member Libraries for information about the Westland Public Library.

Local librarians help patrons find their way on the Web

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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,

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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 special-

ized data bases from home. WORLD WIDE

"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," predicts 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 sub-

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

"But if you find an article you want for your research, you can send it to

your e-mail address at home instead of Please see WEB, A8

Police arrest driver LTU prof studies landfill in high-speed chase temperatures with grant

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

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

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

from their misconduct under a

new law authored by state Sena-

"Now that this bill officially

becomes state law, let polluters

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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 miles per hour before jumping attempted to take his keys out of on Saltz Road. He then headed the ignition.

But, reports said Christie sped off down the service drive. The officer, whose hand was on the na. Reports said he knocked on a door handle, was pulled forward "resident's door then tried to hide 10 feet from the momentum. He was uninjured.

his vehicle and gave chase. Reports said Christie followed

literally going to pay for it."

The Bennett law requires per-

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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 west on Saltz back to Lilley. Christie drove back to the condominiums and exited his Lumi-

behind a bush. Canton Police then surround-The officer then returned to ed and arrested Christie without

ronmental Protection Act to

cover any persons unlawfully

involved in the transporting,

treating, storing, disposing of, or

generating hazardous waste.

the courts.

engineering assistant pro-fessor Jim Hanson, "and Bennett pushes polluter-pay law the long-term stability of nountains of trash." The study will be done in conjunction with Hazardous waste polluters beware," Bennett said. "reckless waste offense to pay all of the Wayne State University. Hanwill now pay the costs resulting handling of toxic waste jeopar- costs associated with their viola-

dizes our health, threatens our tion. The fine is in addition to al Science Foundation grant to environment, and puts our qual- any other financial penalties or conduct the study over the next tor Loren Bennett (R-Canton ity of life at risk. Polluters are jail time that may be ordered by Sauk Trails Hills is also con-Bennett's legislation, which tributing \$50,000. The gift is passed the House and Senate more of a time donation on her unanimously last year, amends the Natural Resources and Envi-

In some respects, the

compost pile in your back-yard isn't much different

Yard waste decompose

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

A new Lawrence Tech-

nological University

study, which will be con-

ducted in part at Sauk

Trail Hills landfill in Can-

ton, hopes to discover the

role heat plays in trash

decomposition and shift-

"We're trying to asses

temperature's effect on

landfill design," LTU civil

than a landfill.

same process.

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

son received a \$172,000 Nation-

Kendall said, several columns have been placed at the bottom transfer information to Hanson. Kendall said it was a chance for Hanson said oxygen will also her company, Allied Waste Systems, to gain some valuable major role in trash decomposi-

> 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.

Tools of the trade: Jim Hanson.

LTU assistant professor of civil

she added

engineering, shows the temperature

"We don't fully understand

A new landfill "cell" at Sauk

Trails will be used in the study.

Kendall said the cell is located

near the center of the 165-acre

andfill. It will occupy 12 acres.

Columns equipped with 15

heat sensors each will be placed

throughout the cell. Thus far,

thermal properties of waste,"

sensor columns used in the study.

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

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

He has conducted similar studies on soil. But this is the first on "When soil begins to

heat up it weakens," Han-He thinks the same

thing might happen in landfills. If it does, it could cause potentially negative

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

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

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

Hanson hopes the study will allow landfill operators to accurately predict decomposition rates to avoid potential prob-

Kendall thinks it's a worthwhile study.

"We think it important to understand these things," she be looked at because it plays a 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.

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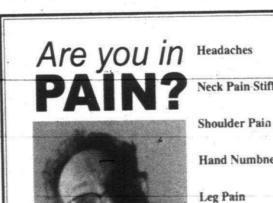
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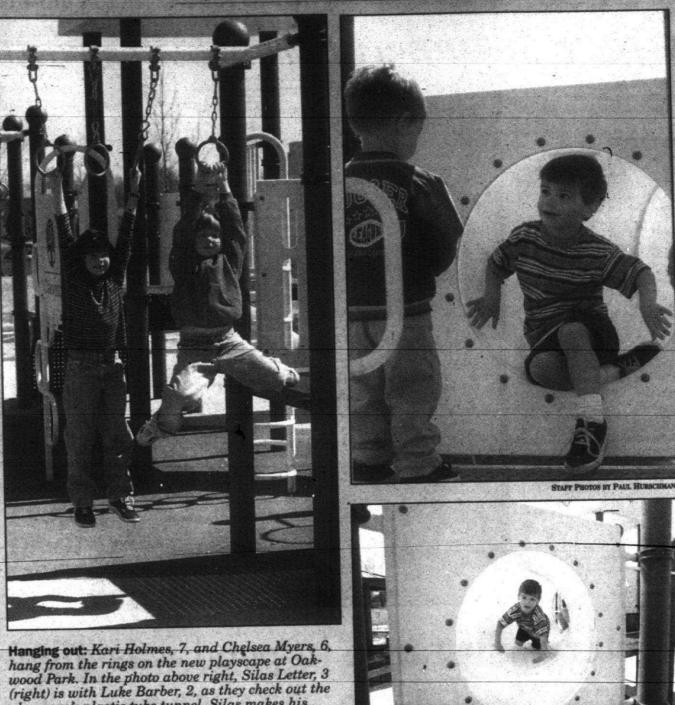
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Vandals strike twice at school

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

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 51year-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 COP CALLS

He gave chase for a short way, but 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.

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.

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

Barnett Roofing & Siding, Con-draperies, blinds and shades. ete Covering, Inc., Carpet Carvers Designer Rugs by ideas and innovations for BEcky, and Finishing Effects Canton will be five of the fea- yard/gardens, spas, remodeling tured exhibitors at the third interior design, decorative annual Home Improvement accessories, home offices, arts Show which runs through today at the Novi Expo Center.

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

Pro-Star Millennium Security, Finishing Effects will feature

Exhibitors will have advice. kitchens, baths, doors, windows, and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appli-

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

CANTON CONNECTION

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.

playscape's plastic tube tunnel. Silas makes his way through the tube in the photo below.

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

Health Systems will sponsor Friday's Health and Human Services Day for the 1999 Leadership Canton program. j

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 yearong series of seminars designed to identify exist ing 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)

Academy attendee

Canton Police Explorer Paul Tennies, 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.

Tennies 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.

in the creek

ards" of the creek.

he added

Cleanup from page A1

environment to exist, Plecha the engineer is excited about the next month and be ready for stusaid. For the second straight work Field students are doing dents when the new school year

year, students, teachers and "I think the kids are learning a starts in August. Plecha said the Canton residents will do just lot," Casari said. "They're having deck will help students study that on April 17 from 10 a.m. to a real positive effect on the envi-

"Last year we pulled out 13 bags of debris," said Plecha, "and Dumpster full of concrete chunks We also found bikes and bags of lawn clippings." Township Engineer Tom A recent check revealed that

Casari said the Truesdell bacteria levels are now well cleanup is one of several held in under federal safety guidelines. Canton each year. Most of the township's creeks

and drains, including Truesdell, feed the lower Rouge River. Casari said department of public Truesdell cleanup works laborers concentrate on clearing logs from the creeks used to buy equipment, teacher feed on the flower "It helps to improve the water and to purchase a membership control instead of chemicals," he during the winter months

flow," Casari said. Each June, the township sponthe school. sors a Rouge cleanup day, too. Casarinsaid volunteers usually focus on one or two sites. As for the Truesdell project,

Grant funds will also be used tion deck for students.

Plecha agreed.

bacterial levels.

Plecha

He sampled the water quality

of the creek before the first

cleanup. Plecha found unsafe

Construction will likely begin Diane Klupacs at 397-2365 Summit registration begins Thursday

Registration for Summit on will be from 8 to 10 a.m. Satur- p.m. Monday. April 19 After 5

the Park spring 1999 programs day. April 17 Be prepared to p.m. staff will provide assis-

for Canton residents only will show proof of residency Resi- tance Mail in registrations will

begin with general registration dents, non-residents and nonand aquatic fitness from 6 to resident pass holders on a first mation refer to the Canton Focus

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15. come, first served basic can reg-

Aquatic swim lesson registration lister beginning 8:30 a.m. to 5

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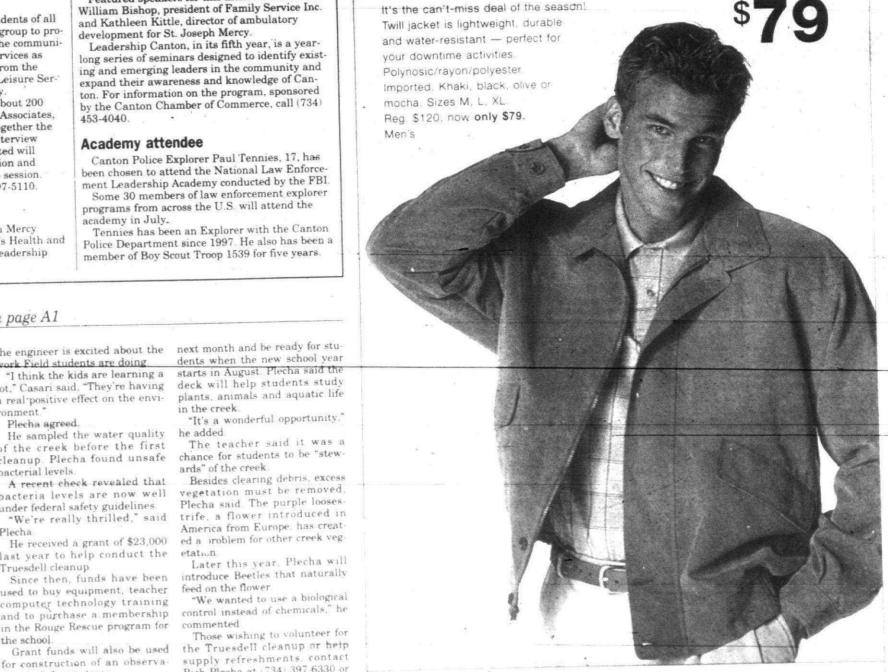
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computer technology training

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the Truesdell cleanup or hetp supply refreshments, contact Rick Plecha at (734) 397-6330 or

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Yazaki from page A1

Yazaki is one of the world's argest automotive suppliers. It works with every major car company in providing wire har-

nesses and electronics "Fifty percent of all the cars in the world least one of our parts in it," said

Besides Canton, the private company has headquar-Europe and Japan Yazaki has facilities in 26 countries

as well. Economi cally, the Tier I suppowerhouse

yachts. It is the largest non-floating boat in the world and will be used by the auto supplier for its technical power, Jones said and cooperative workplace, "It's a very unique environ-

culturally exciting Yazaki has 10 b which occupy nearly 1 million square feet, in Michigan with all er," Jones said. but one located in Canton. The

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ment," he said. "It's also very

company is organized into

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 Compa-

ny of Rhode Island, manufacturer of the America's Cup

gathering unit members togeth-

"The whole idea of this build-

area buildings.

Hilton Garden Inn

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

The new world headquarters has numerous unique features. Most Canton residents are familiar with the "ark." The ship, which measures 165

feet wide and 18 feet tall, is actually Yazaki's technical built in Rhode Island and brought Michigan eight sections. Made

mahogany wood and fiberglass, the ark or "Genesprit, as the company calls it, is the world's largest nonfloating ship, Smith said.

It was actu ally christened last summer. Jones said the ark is meant to symbolize Yazaki's journey into the

"It's taking offers its employees a friendly will make each unit more effi- all of our information and wiscient. Previously, time was lost dom into the new century," he

> Besides the ark, all of the er that may have been in several massive building's glass was imported from Europe. Its eastern face is the largest freestanding glass curtain wall in Remaining buildings will be

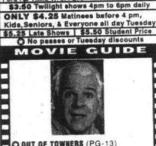


Mystery substance in pond was algae

BY SCOTT DANIEL

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

According to Canton Operations and Grounds Superintendent Kevin Mill, an algae flareup caused the unsightly mess.



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The pond's low water level and a taking her granddaughter to fish lack of circulation caused the in the pond. flare-up, he said.

there by Saturday," he added.

"It was really disgusting," she said. "It was brown and oily. Pumps were turned on Thurs-There were dead fish everyday afternoon to clear up the where. It was bad." problem, said Mill. "I'd be surprised if it was still

Algae depletes oxygen in water, Mill said. Fish are also Canton resident Dottie Butske killed by the small, shallow noticed the brown mess after pond's deep freeze each winter

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

Open spaces: A view from the

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Hamati said he and his familyuse 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

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

become school superintendents. School boards are alarmed when even a \$120,000 salary offer may fail to attract a lot of "Candidates for leadership

positions in public schools have been declining for at least a in Reason: 64 percent of outside decade," say two Oakland Uni- superintendents are discouraged versity professors in a new if they believe an in-house canreport commissioned by the didate has the inside track. Michigan Association of School

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 lure 37 percent of potential candistricts where the board and superintendent have had a history of conflict," say Drs. William G. Keane and Duane jump to a financially strapped Moore. "(A) history of such conflicts will apparently severely dent without a big pay increase. reduce the number of appli-

trict for 14 years and worked chief executive.

This celebration of Mother

Earth will feature many natural

resource-related programs and

aturday April 24.

"Conflicts are normal in human relations, but some boards work quietly to resolve

flict, had this advice:

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 with-Don't de a "high profile 'intergalactic' search only to find the perfect person down the hall. Look down the hall first," they

Pay is a big motivator. A jump of 15-20 percent is needed to didates, the authors reported.

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host its 10th annual Earth Day Elementary School in Northville Native Plant Nursery of Ann permit is required for entry to

Celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will display their classroom Arbor. The Earth Day event is the park. For more information.

A new exhibit will feature Demonstration Building.

has decided that certain literature previously studied in school The turnover rate of super-The report is entitled "The

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candidates due to two-income

The growing number of sin-

dates." The writers didn't elabo-

rate on this point except to sug-

Candidate." Keane and Moore, former Wayne-Westland superintendent, surveyed 604 local fall, getting "usable responses" from 63 percent of superintendents and about half of other high-echelon administrators well beyond the 35 percent need-

ed to draw conclusions. The superintendent's job is Keane, who headed the Oak- explaining to voters why it's selecting principals. The CEO mate where recognition of staff land Intermediate School Dis- offering big money to the new also "drives the vision building at all levels becomes a habit."

Earth Day projects to enable vis- co-sponsored by the Friends of call the park office at 248-349-

itors to learn more about the Maybury State Park. All activi- 8390. For information on state

Other reasons for the shortage about the ability of all children of superintendent candidates: to learn. Candidates want to go to a "The heavy time commitment required of the superinten-

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)."

gle-issue school board candi-Others want a district "closer to family (33 percent)," where there's no need to relocate (25 gest that "the community church percent) and where there is "better student achievement" (25

Assistant superintendents thinking of moving upward look first for "opportunities to be a Disappearing Superintendent

Superintendents and other educational leaders seek public recognition. "Comments by and intermediate districts last board members at public meetings recognizing specific contributions of the superintendent and other high officials are ener-

gizing," the authors say. "Small acts of recognition by parent groups, booster clubs important, they argue, because citizens make a difference that the board has trouble he or she has the key role in School boards can create a cli-

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expected be an even greater to fight cancer and celebrate success, with nearly 100 events held throughout the "Relay For Life' is about a community taking up the fight The event is usually in a against cancer," said Victoria school, park or civic center and Rakowski, vice president for typically lasts for 24 hours, cancer control, American Canwith team members taking cer Society, Great Lakes Diviturns walking around a track. sion. "Last year we conducted a pilot program with only four During the event a celebratory atmosphere is created by local events, and its success has prompted us to bring camping team members, who are enjoying entertainment, Relay to several new commufood, games and community nities throughout southeastcamaraderie. ern Michigan. Beginning each event is a This nationwide program victory lap made up of cancer began in 1985 when a volunsurvivors. And, as the sun teer conducted a one-man goes down, luminaries line the marathon and raised \$27,000. track in remembrance of those In 1998, "Relay" raised more touched by cancer and to than \$100 million nationwide. remind participants of the Today, thousands of Americans have passed the baton, importance of their contribu-Please see RELAY, A8

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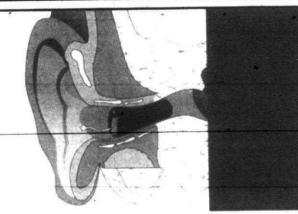
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it's low," Tabor said, "They're

information-oriented salaries

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Repeat champ

Area teen takes second gold medal at World Irish Dance Championships

Michael Belvitch of Plymouth said he felt the pressure of trying to repeat as a gold medal winner at the World Irish Danc-

ing Championships in Ennis,

In fact, the normally confident dancer, looking to defend his title against 43 dancers from around the world, became sick to his stomach before the competi-

"I really felt the pressure this year, having the weight of last year's world championships on my shoulders," said Michael. "I lidn't want to lose it."

Michael overcame the early jitters and won his second consecutive championship March 31. He returned home this past week with his friend, Paul Cusick, 18, of Plymouth, who finished second this year in his

"It's a tremendous sense of

accomplishment," said Michael. "It was a goal and dream for so him (his dad) there long, and to realize it twice is just incredible.

What even made it more special for Michael was the fact his father, George Belvitch, saw him win the competition "It was great to have him

there when I won," said Michael. "I really regret that my family didn't get to see me win it last "It was very tense and excit-

ing, all at the same time," said George Belvitch, who is principal at Tonda Elementary in "The competition was very good. Watching Michael dance and being there when he won was extra special."

The World Irish Dancing and turns professional. Championships have been going on for 30 years, and the Plymouth Salem High School junior is only the fifth American to win

For the second straight year, Michael gets a cup, belt and gold

when I won. I really regret that my family didn't get to see me win it last year.'

Michael Belvitch

medal as the top prizes. He gets to keep the medal. However, after engraving his name on the belt and cup, they will be given to the new champion next year. Michael said he has one year

before he graduates high school "I'm planning on joining 'Riverdance' after graduation next year," he said. "I'll probably tour for a year or two. I've already done some workshops and auditions for them, and

they're interested.

left of dancing competitively



Winners circle: Michael Belvitch poses with his trophy, one of them become a world medal and championship belt.

OBITUARIES

DARLENE LOIS MAAS

Services for Darlene Lois Maas, 65, of Ann Arbor (formerly of Plymouth) were April 10 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Mr. Jerr McLean officiating.

She was born Nov. 27, 1933, in Salem, Ohio. She died April 7 in

Farmington Hills. She worked for Michigan Bell as a telephone operator. She retired in 1987 after 12 years of services with AT & T She came to the Ann Plymouth. She enjoyed playing euchre, bingo, and bowling. Survivors include her three

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR April meeting Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at 8:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following: Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary

734-453-0750

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Petitions are available at the City Clerk's office at 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, for the four upcoming vacancies for the City Commission. If more than eight candidates submit petitions and qualify there will be a Primary election held on Tuesday, August 3rd. The General election will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1999. Candidates that receive high votes will qualify for three-four year terms and one-two year term. To qualify for the ballot you must be eighteen years of age and also be a registered voter in the City of Plymouth. There is a six month residency requirement to be eligible to hold elective office, (Charter Amendment 4.4 didate petitions are due May 11, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at (734) 453-

- LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE

Publish: March 14 and 25, April 11 and 22, 1999-

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY P.O. BOX 30204 LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 22, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Center Township Lower Level 3 Meeting Room, Canton, Michigan. The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons

concerning the following application for permit: Application for Permit 99-10-0094 under Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Robertson Brothers Company, 6905 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 48301 to place approximately 916 cubic yards of fill within 0.57 acres of wetland to construct fairway 15 and a cart path. Construct a total of 790 lineal feet of 10 foot wide boardwalk at two locations. A total of 5 wetland areas are to be cut and maintained at a height necessary to create shoot-over zones along

the line of play, no stumps or roots will be removed and wetland soils will not be disturbed. The purpose of the project is to construct a 9 hole golf course. This is Phase II of file 9910-39 previously noticed for the residential development. The project is rated in T2S, R8E, Section 28, Canton Township, Wayne County

The application may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, SE MI Dist. Headquarters, 38980 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48152, during normal office hours. The public hearing record will remain open for 15 days after the public hearing date. Any written mments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this applica MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LES THOMAS, Permit Consolidation Unit, Land and Water Management Division

Date: March 23, 1999 NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in any of the meetings rooted should communicate with meeting contacts, as listed, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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daughters, Nancy (James) Trestain of Ann Arbor, Maryann Frederick of Houghton Lake, Donna (James) Thayer of Garden City; two sons, Ronald Edward (Jane) Maas of Livonia one sister, Jacqueline (James) Wiser of Garden City; and 14

REGINALD LLOYD BARBER Services for Reginald Lloyd Barber, 78, of Canton were April 9 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

He was born March 5, 1921, in Brantford, Canada, He died April 6 in Superior Township. He was retired from Ford Motor Co. after 34 years of service. He came to the Canton community in 1963 from Canada. He was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge, F & A.M. He served in the Canadian Navy during World War II. He was a chie petty officer aboard the H.M.S. Nabob. He was a ham operator and belonged to several ham

Survivors include his wife, Doris Barber of Canton; two sons, Carl (Deborah) Barber of Canton, Mark Barber of Canton; one daughter, Sheri Wellman of Livonia, and seven grandchil-

champion."

Festival.

from the start."

on St. Patrick's Day.

Services for Patricia A. Schar renberg, 65, of Livonia were April 7 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livo-She was born March 7, 1934,

in Detroit. She died April 3 in Livonia. She was a registered nurse at Grace Hospital and also at private medical practices for several years. She was a graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit. She was a member of the Clarenceville High School Booster Club. She enjoyed read-

ing and doing crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William F. Scharrenberg. Survivors include her two sons, Mark Scharrenberg of Port Charlotte, Fla., William Scharrenberg of Livonia; two daughters, Marta (Terry) Laird of Farmington Hills, Gretchen (David) Girard of Canton; two sisters, Susan (Henry) Suchecki of Shelby Township, Virginia (Jay) Schafer of St. Helen; and five grandchildren, Kurk, Brett,

Simone, Mia, and Dane. Memorials may be made to Arthritis Foundation, 17117 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 950,

Southfield, MI 48075 or to the PATRICIA A. SCHARRENBERG Southfield Road, Suite 110,

CAMERON M. COOK

St. Richard's Catholic Church Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home. Garden City. He died April 1 at

was a construction laborer. Survivors include his parents Donald Cook and Cynthia (Donald) Bailey; fiancee, Hilary Waite; one sister, Gloryett Cook;

and Dolores Birch. family. **RUBY FAYE VANALSTYNE**

the Rev. William Moore officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. She was born Feb. 7, 1907, in in the banking industry. She

Vivian of the women's organization with the Elks. She loved gardening, music, playing cards and traveling. Survivors include one brother

Services for Cameron M. Cook. 24, of Ypsilanti were April 5 in

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He

and grandmothers, Mildred Cook Memorials may be made to the

> She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard B., and ne son Bernard, Survivor include her four daughters, Par Arnold) Woiciak of Canton. Marianne (George) Healy, Janis Joseph) Juresich, Lindsey Joseph) Keezer; one sons, Ken neth B. (RoseAnn): daughter-inlaw, Karolyn; three sisters. Isabel MacTavish, Janet Francis, Elizabeth Bajer; one brother, Jack Fisher; 28 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren.

memaker.

Ralph Church of Salem; and sev-

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Services for Molly Kennedy

Sobaczak, 82, of Wayne were

April 5 in St. Mary's Catholic

Memorial Cemetery, Livonia."

v the Uht Funeral Home.

Detroit. She died April 2 in

Local arrangements were made

Church. Burial was in Parkview

She was born May 12, 1916, in

Henry Ford Hospital. She was a

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MARY KENNEDY SOBACZAK

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday April 14, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall

SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Renovations 800 Junction Zoning: I-2, Heavy Industrial Applicant: Jim Jabara/Chuck Hand

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

All interested persons are invited to attend. Publish: April 11, 1999

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from S & R Michigan, L.L.C., for Approval of the Cluster Housing

Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83, as amended. The subject property is located at the northwest corner of Gottschalk and North Territorial Roads. Application No. 1570/0299.

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1570/0299.) Tax I.D. No. 042-99-0001-000.

Questions regarding the application may be directed to the Community Development Department, Department of Public Services Building, during segular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary ranks: NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide reasonable auxiliary sids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon size weak notice to the Charter Foreship of Plymouth by verining or calling the Supervisor's office, 42550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48176. Phone number: (734) 455-8840 X 201. TDD users: 1-800-845-3777. Odichigan Relay Service) American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield, MI 48075.

He was born April 20, 1974, in

Services for Ruby Faye Vanalstyne, 92, of Northville were April 7 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with

Equality, Ill. She died April 3 in Plymouth. She was an executive was a loan officer at the Bank of the Commonwealth (now Comerica) for 32 years. She came to the Salem Township community in 1989 from Redford. She was a



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids

#2 Chiller Barrel Replacement Plymouth Cultural Center & Ice Arena 515 Farmer Plymouth, MI 48170

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Admin. Services Director during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and the waive any irregularities

Admin Services Director

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE. On or before May 1, 1999, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32,050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 21.070 of the Nymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 1999, without further notice to the property



CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED USE FOR 1998 CDBG FUNDS

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing it proposed uses for 1998 CDBG funding for Old Village Improvements

PROPOSED 1998 PROJECT. Old Village Improvements \$16,000

PUBLIC HEARING: Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed project listed above. A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed use of the 1998 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for the use of said funds will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on Monday, April 19, 1999 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main St. LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AAE City Clerk

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Libraries are powered by people

Public libraries spend the biggest chunk

of their budgets on staff - people helping "The materials would not be well-used if they sat here," said Jean Tabor, director of the Canton Public Library.

"Without trained people, you can't run a decent library," said Fred Paffhausen, director of the Redford District Library. He budgets 60 percent for salaries and benefits, 28 percent for books and materi-Libraries compete with industry for good staff. And the tight job market pre-

"They're so difficult to replace," said Beverly Papai, director of the Farmington listed \$30,000 as starting Community Library. That work takes a special person, a different HELPING approach including educational learning concepts, she added. When she needs one, Papai advertises

sents challenges. Especially when it

comes to finding children's librarians.

in local newspapers, the newsletter of the better, but they're not what public library cooperative (The Library they should be." Network), and the library schools at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. We have a little over 100 people on the payroll between the two branches," said Papai, who oversees branches in Farm-

ington and Farmington Hills. Her lineup has 14 full-time librarians, including used to be a student job. Papai, four part-time librarians and 10 Support staff includes 13 full-timers, 22

The Plymouth District Library has eight full-time librarians including her-

It's much more useful to have general ists, staff with varied undergraduate backgrounds, as librarians, Thomas said. Spe-

who come in at least once a week. self said Director Pat Thomas.

part-timers and 33 pages, who shelve books. The library has 41 part-time volun-

Page is an entry position, pays \$6 an hour in Farmington. 11.5 full time "We likely will be increasing that," Papai said. Her library now sees health-18 full time ier, more active seniors, some 31 part time of whom work as pages, which

Volunteers are becoming an important part of the staffing equation. Plymouth gets many couples as volunteers, including some who took early etirements. "We're able to get people. We have to be more creative," Thomas said. There are about 30 regular volunteers

tor, Marcia Barker. "We have excellent volunteers," Tabor said. "We do use volunteers extensively ...

Canton has a paid volunteer coordina

at retail stores and libraries, Wilson noted materials on American Revolution music. structed in 1960 with an addition built in the stores don't have trained librarians to Another got materials on yachts that are 1962. Over the last five and a half years,

73 part time

52 full time*

24.5 full time

library's favor is the cost - books are ures - although that number doesn't checked out at no charge. "New books are \$24-30 for fiction. Peo

Library Network) and other libraries ngh interlibrary loans.

necessarily in the business of providing "You might have to wait six weeks for a best seller. We provide access to bodies of work," Paffhausen said, "We each have our place in the grand scheme of literacy."

We're more into information," Wilson

provide assistance in locating informa-Another obvious factor working in the

books a year," said Wilson. "Our library is really 56 libraries (belonging to The

Livonia City Librarian A. Michael Deller agreed that libraries can offer materials that can't be obtained in book stores that need quick merchandise

"We look to other libraries for materials we didn't buy or that have been damaged," Deller said. "We get 500 interlibrary loans each month in here and 500-700 go out. We keep the delivery trucks

Interlibrary loans, which take place across the country, allow patrons to get can't justify buying.

thing, then go out and buy," he said.

libraries. Matt Brooks is a manager,

Waldenbooks in Westland Center

read at your own pace (owning)."

Even computer access, which

that charge to use computers.

business types," Paffhausen said.

printing, maybe run laser copies.

buying from us," Brooks said.

library directors say.

are highly trained in their fields," said was passed. It tripled our book budget."

plan was to make the library more userfriendly and introduce automation," said Paffhausen. "Then there was a district

people who are just looking to make a con-tribution to the community." Many are recognition that they are providing a valuable service to the library and their

people who want to work here."

Tabor said.

The William P. Faust Public

Library of Westland has a

director; four classified as

Librarian II (librarian supervi-

Librarian I who are full time:

fied staff is a requirement to

providing excellent service,"

director. "We have been fortu-

nate with the staff we have

selected. We emphasize both

ability and a user-friendly atti-

Westland volunteers come primarily

retain good volunteers," said Joe Burchill,

volunteer coordinator. "Because we com-

hings that weren't in place 10 years ago.

ford's library. Paffhausen reports a simi-

lar increase. The annual circulation more

than doubled to more than 250,000 items

and the number of library cards issued

went from 10,000 to more than 22,000.

During his seven years heading Red-

said Sandra Wilson, Westland

The Canton Public Library has 22 community."

Joan Elmouchi, director, Garden City ibrarians, with 14 part time. "We're pret-Public Library, is one of two full-timers. ty lucky," Tabor said. "We have a lot of

The other, an assistant, has a teaching degree. The library has two part-time Canton's library has 49 full- and parttime support staffers, some with high librarians and two reference ai with teaching degrees. Staff totals 13, school diplomas, some with additional including support.
"Competition to get part-time people education. "For the most part, we do pretty well. We don't have a lot of turnover,

can be kind of tough," Elmouchi said.

A. Michael Deller, city librarian, Livo-She attributed this to a good nia, oversees Livonia Civic Center workplace with accommodating schedules and camaraderie.

Library, plus branches of Sandburg, Noble and Vest Pocket in the senior cen-The system has 22 full-time librarians, including Deller, and one 20-hour librarisors who are full time); two as an. Support staff, whose duties include checking materials out and in, numbers

about 30 full-time equivalents. two part-time Librarian I; four "We have volunteers who are very library associates in children's: important to us in our Vest Pocket two full-time and nine partlibrary," Deller said: "Without them, it time library assistants; 20 partwouldn't exist."

time pages; and five other full-Those volunteers shelve books, check timers in assistant or clerical them in and out and serve as a PR link. "Their role is important," Deller said. "Hiring a skilled and quali-

Volunteers include organizations that work with library on projects, including Western Wayne County Genealogical Society, Livonia Heart Fund and two Lions Clubs.

Paffhausen said the Redford library has five full-time librarians, including himself, and four part-time aides, one with a master's in library science; others are teachers (two) and an author.

from high schools and seniors and others There are two clerk-typists, two circufrom the community. Community service lation supervisors and five pages for proworkers from local district courts and othcessing and shelving. "It's always a challenge to recruit and

Volunteers include a couple of Mormons on mission work a couple days a week. Redford also gets district court assignpete with other organizations for volunments. They bring skills that sometimes teer time, we strive to provide our volun- are needed," said Paffhausen, adding that teers with challenging tasks, a pleasant he learned Lotus 123 that way

Don't look for latte at the library Even if similar collections were offered Deller. "We had someone who needed." Redford's library building was con-

ers help out.

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

The big bookstores where patrons can browse while sipping latte and munching a biscotti are the current rage - just stop by your local Borders or Barnes & Noble for a firsthand look. The popularity of the big chain book-

stores doesn't necessarily mean competi tion for the public libraries. "Myself, I don't feel there is any compe ition. There is a niche for both," said Fred Paffhausen, Redford District Library director. "It's up to us to try and work smarter and better.

As Paffhausen noted, libraries aren't copies of best sellers. Libraries provide a different service

than retail booksellers, agreed Sandra Wilson, Westland library director. "I don't feel we're competing with Barnes & Noble. We help with service.

ple can't afford to buy five or six new

specialized books that their local library

"We have people in the community who library millage campaign and the millage

\$800,000 has been invested in new carpetsailed in races." ing, air conditioning, computers and other The libraries don't see an impact from retail competition in their circulation fig-The libraries aren't adverse to looking reflect people who use research materials

or other items that aren't checked out. Before the Civic Center branch opened in 1988, the Livonia library circu-At the Westland library, the lated 300,000-400,000 items annually. Now, that figure is over SERVICE

"That's a major difference in the each month amount of use. People find the library Garden City Public Library Director easy to get to," Deller said. "It's bigger. Joan Elmouchi knows that other libraries They can use the gift shop and other

> nave amenities such as gift shops. Elmouchi, one of two full-time library

volunteer to run it. It's a whole lot of

There's no contest between libraries, business

waiting list.

bookstores.

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Canton, MI 48184

1200 S. Canton C

Jean Tabor.

rary's history:

LIBRARY MISTORY

Stor's note: Each of the libraries

in the Observer coverage area has

impse of the Canton Public

Centon got its first library when voters in 1979 voted their first

one-mill tax for services. Residents, such as Jim Gillig, since a

ongtime.library trustee and John Schwartz, carried the effort for a

opened on the third floor of the Canton Township Hall and a

By 1985, however, the library in

the seams and the need for a

iding of its own was clear.

ince opening its doors in town

ship hall, the library fast became

one of the busiest libraries in the Wayne Oakland Library Federa

on, now known as The Library

In 1986, Canton voters went to

the polis and supported a sec-

ee-standing 31,500-square-foot

library next to township hall on

increased population and accom

panying use and demands on the

library system prompted the library board to ask voters to

expand the library. On April 18,

1995, the voters opposed the

In September, 1998, the library

reased use. This time, the

board decided to expand the building within its existing open

million price tag will open July 4, 2000.

A library with an additional

board again decided that the building needed to expand to

By Oct. 20, 1980, the doors

its own unique beginnings, which here in one way or another deter-

If everyone agrees that it must be so then it must be so. Public libraries don't compete with

And as libraries have expanded

their services to include videos, com-

pact disks/tapes and computer access, they don't directly compete with stores that sell or lease those items, either. That's what people say. Why is this an issue? Because

businesses pay municipal property taxes, a portion of which could be used to fund library operations and competition against themselves. Libraries loan out books and magazines free, tapes and music at no

charge or a very low fee, usually \$1.

"At first there was a lot of com

plaints from (video) merchants," said

Fred Paffhausen, Redford District Library director. "What they found out was libraries concentrated on things they didn't have: how to tapes, non-fiction stuff, Civil War series, history.

Things you won't find in video

"A lot of things we concentrate on is classics. We don't buy new releases. I don't think we compete at all." Paffhausen said. A. Michael Deller, city librarian in

Livonia, picked up on the theme. very concerned. They have develmultiple copies of popular things. petition. Some actually buy from Kinko's does. If what a person is couple of older videos in hand at the We're not there for instant gratifica- us. tion of need."

Edwin Dabish, owner/manager of stores sometimes complement each going to copy here. They will go to a often than I go to the video store."



Two missions: Kay Marshall. who shops for music at Harmony House, intends to visit a library to research music and videos for her wedding.

around for years and doesn't consider libraries to be a business threat. "They cannot carry all the variety we have here," Dabish said "Number two, the movies they have aren't going to be top quality. Libraries are good for documentary, specialeducation tapes. We have some. I

believe they have more."

Video Premier in Redford, has been

Mike Mosier, assistant manager at Blockbuster Video in Canton. Jamie Smith, regional manager for Harmony House, said his company looks at libraries as cultural com- computers for research, typing the library.

munity resources. *People use libraries as an enter- adults for research and typing tainment/intellectual tool more so ' resumes or letters. "Complaints we've got in the past very expensive, some stores were mony House or one of our true com- is copies at a library aren't really charges \$12 per hour. "I like coming than a shopping experience at Harpetitors," Smith said. "We don't good, clean copies for a resume," to the library. It's free," she said. actually consider libraries our com- Deller said. "No, that's what Joyce Tseng of Plymouth had a

school reports or playing games.

They could care less about us.

other. "Many people will use our professional That's exactly what brought

Even bookstores, apparently, have - service preparing resumes and gone way beyond competing with envelopes. "It's better quality work," he said "They re-did the whole thing. It's

Michael Game to Kinko's in Livonia

Jill Janavikas a sales clerk at kind of an eve-catcher." "A library is more reference than - Customers shopping in other busi anything," Brooks said. "Libraries ness also sounded the no-competi are limited in quantity. Here, we tion horn.

can have upwards of 60 copies. At "They have a bigger selection the library, you have to sign up on a here," said Barbara Thornton, a Canton resident visiting Blockbuster "There's a big difference between Video in that community. "The kids people who want to own books and want all the newer types. I find borrow," Janavikas said. "I like to library movies aren't clear. It looks read them over and over. You can like they've been used a lot."

Kay Marshall of Farmington Hills "Most libraries are coming in and spoke about going to the library to PUBLIC research music and travelogues for an upcoming wedding and honeymoon while half-hour reserved blocks, isn't browsing at the Farmington a threat to businesses like Kinko's Harmony House.

"I know they have specific sections for that, more subject-based infor-"Their market is different, mostly mation," Marshall said. "When I buy something, usually I want it for a "We have more selection," added "They have on-staff people who can long period of time, to listen to it help teach them, do full service over and over again." But some people watching their

follars or as a matter of convenience Kids are most likely to use library know exactly what to expect from Pamela Hall of Wayne was sending e-mail at the Canton Library

home. She knew that Kinko's looking for is a clear, sharp, clean check out stand. "I can get them Deller said libraries and music copy to impress someone, they're not free here. I come to the library more

because she had phone problems at

at amenities to entice patrons. The Westland library had considered adding a coffee bar, but Wilson said there was no suit-

Friends of the Library run a used pookstore which gets about 3,000 books donated monthly and raises \$1,200

newer and larger than Garden City's -"If you have the money and the space it sounds nice. If you have staff limitations and not a whole lot of flexibility, you're happy to keep your head above water with traditional programs," said

"Usage is up dramatically. Our goal staff members. Elmouchi would like to start a book discussion group. "Especially if I could find a

TAXES, FEES, FINES AND FRIENDS

You're the director of a public fibrary and you need morkey to run it. So where does the money come from? The answer is: From a lot of sources. The majority of income is derived from library taxes, if voters

have approved such taxes. That's the case in the communit

FUND LIBRARY

of Plymouth, Canton, Redford and Livonia, where voters have approved separate library milliages. In Westland, where no separate voter-approved tax has been passed, the city council exercised its authority to ME THE mandate a 1.0-mill tax to support the lbrary. The communities o

Farmington/Farmington Hills and Garden

called "swing aid."

City receive money from the local government's general fund, arthough in the Farmingtons that money is appropriated at the rate of 0 R144 mills There are other sources of money. All Michigan libraries receive direct state aid in the amount of 50-cents per capita. based on the population served by the library; if the library is a member of an official library consortium (The Library Network in this area) it receives an additional 50 cents per capita in so-

and of course from overdue fines collected directly by the library. Some federal money is available and most libraries have "friends" groups who conduct fund-raisers for their own Trying to keep all this straight gets pretty confusing, but the attached chart (based on 1997 figures) gives some ballparkcomparisons for the libraries listed. In the case of Westland,

Libraries also receive money from local penal fine revenues

the expenditures shown for 1997 included money left over from the construction of that facility. LIBRARY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

FOR 1997

LIBRARIES	TAX RATE	INCOME	POPULATION	EVILEMENT I PLEETS	9
Canton	1 64	\$2 423,793	57,040	\$2,362,277	Sand.
Farmington	0.8144	2.962.108	84.784	2,944,235	No.
Garden City	None	359.865	31.846	312,009	ľ
Livonia	0.8271	3,928.108	100,850	3,777.848	
Plymouth	1 49 mm	1.685.158	33.208	1.357,197	
Redford	1.0	1.233.935	54.387	729.864	100
Westland	10	1,530,179	84 724	3,225.781	100
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having to print it out," said the best way to find it." 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 Library Paffhausen. "I think the Internet is a tool, one of many to access information using new technolo-

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

Immediacy of information is one thing the Internet has going

"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 Farmington 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 orga-nize 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 parents 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 STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.home

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,

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

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.

the Rouge River.

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

groundwater, according to Steve Hoin, project manager and project geologist with the Michigan Department of Environmental

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.

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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As I bring my new son, Jack, home from the hos-

pital, 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

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 constant-

ly bombarded with temptations from food manufac-

turers to purchase their products. Our children see TV commercials for Dunkaroos and Crunchy

M&Ms and immediately want those products. We

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

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

The average American eats 16-20 pounds of

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

Where kids are concerned, we have to influence the type of snacks they eat. This can often be diffi-

cult, since our children receive so much pressure

from advertising, peers, and tempting store dis-

for not allowing our children to have the candy bar

that beckons them from the display at the check-

Now, having said that, now I'm going to tell you

Where snacking is concerned, I simply

tell people that they should treat a snack

that it's OK to deprive your child of that candy bar,

as part of their food for the day, and use the same

and also low on the food chain. That means eating

fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and grains, lim-

stick over the chocolate-covered cookie? A few sim-

ple rules, well enforced, can help them learn to

tary School has a good idea. Children in Keith Con-

klin'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

One fourth-grade teacher at Clarkston Elemen-

Try to eat from the bottom of the food pyramid

So how do you get your child to choose the carrot

common sense that they exercise during meals.

It gets to the point that we can even feel guilty

snacks each year or roughly 40,000 calories from

o veggies

o breads

grains

what the manufacturers want us to want.

are a nation of snackers.

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-

don't feel guilty!

iting sugars, fats and oils.

make good snack choices.

some foods

snacks daily.

snack foods alone.



Make your wedding a magical day

h, 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 blue-

print 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 causal 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 con-

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.

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
- 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
- Wever Cooked Before: Ootta Cook Now!" a new cookbook by Leonard Charla of Bloomfield Township.



SUPER SNACKS

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

- · Two pretzel rods
- . Two rice cakes topped with fruit spread
- . Small whole wheat pita stuffed with sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, sprouts, and lemon juice/Dillon mustard sauce
- . Cinnamon-raisin bagel spread with apple butter
- . Flour tortilla with vegetarian refried beans and salsa . Eight ourses 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 mush-
- rooms 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





Please see SNACK, B2

You can have your cake and tuna too 👳



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 triglyc-

erides. 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

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

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
- To prepare coulis (sauce) dice about 1/3 of red peppers and set aside. In a food processor or blender, puree the

2 cans (6 ounces each) white albacore tuna water

Fresh parsley or cilantro leaves for garnish (optional)

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 onlons, chopped fine

packed, rinsed, drained and chunked

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 por tions, patting each to form a firm cake. Then coat well with bread crumbs and transfer to the wax paper-lined

Please see TUNA, B2

"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 vegeta-

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

love his 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

all getting at least one of their five-a-day fruits and vegetables during school snack times and I don't get an argument at home about what kind of snack to

kids head home, many times the

When school is over and the

battle begins. How many sweets a healthy, balanced diet. should you allow your children to eat? What about soda pop? Where do we draw the line? If we prohibit our children (or ourselves for that matter) from eating certain foods like cookies. candy and chips, will those foods become the "forbidden fruits" that entice us to succumb to their temptations? Will we be setting up our children to be tormented by the desire for these

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

look at food a little differently

Realistically, we need food to survive. We also derive a great deal of pleasure from sating.

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

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 32year-old Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in foodservice management for hospitals, longterm care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 200 management accounts throughout the United

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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

in 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

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

Make your own trail mix - without the fillers and sweetened granola you commonly find in the tore-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 verindulge in this high calorie, high protein snack.

Start with grains - grains are the foundation to a healthy diet. Grains supply carbohydrates and 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.

Tuna from page B1

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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.

erage needs.

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Schedule entertainment (don't there were to be an accident of

devices, microphone for service, out is no fun). Arranging rentals can prove to

should ask: Cancellation fees if any? Breakage and/or loss responsibilities on rentals. (Many rental companies have an insurance policy that can end up being of great importance if

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professional entities participating at the event. Are there any travel time

> expenses? What are the gratuities What are the policies on bar (mainly the over consumption of

Is there a uniform or standard appearance of staff and other hired professionals?

Settle the contract, and any ayment schedules. Consider inclement weather plans. Take time to properly

everything you dreamed it to be! Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is an instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes on next page.

plates. Cover and chill for at least or insurance certificates from all

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 parely 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 plan to insure your wedding is 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.

Cook's note: Red peppers prepared either in oil or vinegar can

be found in the Italian or kosher food section of your grocery

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 veg-

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 South-

She publishes "Eating

Younger," a quarterly newsletter

with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI Thai curries are lighter with the

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Elegant appetizers for weddings

See related 2 Unique column Slice 3/8 of an inch thick and on Taste front.

SAVORY PALMIERS Yield 30-36

1/4 cup toasted pine nuts

1 clove garlic peeled

1/2 cup fresh basil

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

for 6 to 8 minutes until puffed and golden.

CHEVRA HEART CROUTONS

1 loaf sourdough bread sliced

1 roasted red pepper, cleaned

and peeled cut into thin

strips or what ever shape

Ten fresh basil leaves chiffon

ade (small thin strips)

2 tablespoons extra virgin

3/4 cup Chevra cheese

1/4 cup cream cheese

Pinch salt & pepper

1/4 cup olive oil

you desire.

Yield 28 to 34

place on parchment lined baking

sheets

Bake in preheated 425°F oven half size). Lightly brush bread cut-outs with olive oil and sprinkle with salt & pepper

You can prep these ahead and freeze unbaked logs to be used at Toast in preheated 350°F oven for 5-7 minutes pull out of oven a future time or bake ahead let cool and store in an air tight conand let cool on sheet tray. (croutons should be toasted on outside tainer for up to three days. Toast for a few minutes before serving. but still soft inside)

Generously spread cheese mixture over heart crouton. Decorate with roasted peppe strip and a sprinkle of fresh

Cut sour dough bread with

small heart cutter (bite to bite in

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

1 teaspoon herbs of your choice

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, pep Drizzle all with extra virgin pers, olives, onions and artichoke hearts with red wine vinaigrette, olive oil and herbs and season to taste.

1/4 cup artichoke hearts, diced

1 teaspoon chives, diced fine

Wash potatoes and slice into 1/4-inch plaques. Poach potatoes in lightly salted water until tender. Drain potatbes on paper towel and top each with tuna mixture

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

1 cup jasmine or other

directions

Basil leaves

mushrooms, garlic

remove from pan.

grams of fat.

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favorite rice, cooked

according to package

In large nonstick frypan over

and pepper flakes; cook stir-

To frypan, add thicken and

cook about 3 minutes or until

fork can be inserted with ease.

Return mushroom mixture to

ring, about 3 minutes and

medium heat, place oil. Add

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

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

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 dip-

ping vegetables, and a marinated salad often tossed with pieces of meat or fish. Tropical fresh 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 sourlemon 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

in the 90s

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of intry-live are armicled with periodinal disease, which is caused by bacterial infection and inflammation in the gums and membranes surrounding the teeth. When this problem is restricted to the gums, it is called ginglivitis. When it is allowed to progress to the membranes around the teeth, it is known as periodontitis. The earliest symptom of gum disease is gums that bleed easily (when brushing, for instance). When the disease progresses to that later stages, pockets form between teeth and gums and the law bone may erode. Changes such as these lead to tooth loosening and loss. Who is most at risk for this consequence? One study of 554 people between the ages of 70 and 96

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noodles, fresh or dried; kaffir lime leaves, which are used like bay leaves and can be replaced fruits are often served as 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 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 thir

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2 teaspoons grated lime zest 3 1/2 tablespoons oyster

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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.

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1/4 cup honey

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1 teaspoon vanilla

cream cheese

1 tablespoon sugar

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3 cups rolled oats

1/2 cup flax seed

it into muffin tins, sprayed with MUFFINS non-stick cooking oil, filling each cup half full. Mix cream cheese Serves 24 and sugar. Spoon a dollup on 3 cups warm water top of dough in each muffin tin. 2 tablespoons yeast Spoon other half of muffin batter on top of cream cheese. Let the 2 cups bread flour muffins rise, (smoothly rounded 1-1/2 cups whole wheat above the tin). bread flour (such as Bob's

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

Note: you can use a breadnaker 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 filing the muffin

Nutrition information per Dissolve the yeast in the water serving: Calories 133; protein 5g; in a large bowl. Mix in whole fat 2g; sodium 202mg; carbohywheat flour (and oats, if desired) drates 25g. Percent of calories 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

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

buy, when you make your own

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 ively starter, and the time each batch of yogurt takes to set will

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 elec-

tric light, the temperature inside

may be just right for incubating

yogurt during times when you Homemade yogurt is cheaper have nothing to bake. than the commercial kind. It can be just as good as the yogurt you

Or keep the yogurt on a heating pad in a warm nook, covering t 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

Ingredients

electric blende

thermometer

a warm place

1/4 cup plain yogurt 1 cup non-fat powdered milk

One-quart glass or plastic jar -

Fill the jar with warm water

soon as the surface of the yogurt resists a light touch of your fin-3-1/2 cups water, 100-110°F ger even slightly, it is ready; but if you want a tart flavor, leave it 1/2 cup fruit preserves (varianother hour. ety to suit your taste)

Refrigerate and let cool completely before you dip into it. The first spoonful of yogurt

the warmer the place, the more

Check from time to time. As

quickly the yogurt will set.

powder and the yogurt.

the milk from foaming.

3 1/2 to 8 hours.

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; tly when mixing.

Pour 1 cup of the warm water fat 1.5g; sodium 53mg; carbohyinto the blender. Turn the drates13g. Percent of calories blender on low and add the milk

Sweetened with fruit preserve, this makes a wonderful fruit dip. The instant the mixture is YOGURT CHEESE smooth, stop blending and return it to its jar. This prevents

Makes 2 cups fat yogurt is a slim version of Set the filled jar in a warm place and leave undisturbed for The livelier the culture and

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breast, cut into strips 4 ounces goat or feta cheese,

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ment, and current arthritis medica-

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Dr. Martin Tamler, fibromyalgia

specialist, will present a lecture on

fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue 7

The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty, Farm-

ington. Margaret Silcock, L.P.N., cer-

pist, will offer alternative methods for

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Bone marrow drive

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

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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

Beautiful people wearing nice clothes having a good time are some of the not-so-subtle advertising ploys 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 refrain from using tobacco as well as alerting them to the potential health sions of the H.O.T. pregram and 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

Volunteer speaker

The curriculum uses a variety of eaching techniques from hands-on tobacco products; using cartoons - no activities to role playing and team participating manufacturer would be volunteer - a person that has surgi- Products. cally lost his or her larynx, usually "Listening to the laryngecton se vol-

tobacco and the effect it's had on their smoke," said Madonna "That's why lives leaves a lasting impression with it's important to stick with the facts the students," said Madonna. "They so kids get the message without hav have always shown the utmost ing to weed through a lot of garbage respect for the individual and have posed some very mature questions." "The person that came to our school with the laryngectomy told us that

grader from Central Middle School in

he was surprised to learn some laryn-

gectomy patients continue to smoke where "fitting in" becomes important. after the removal of their larvnx 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 stu- do smoke. They don't look like those 443-5800, Ext. 6723. smoking at a round table discussion with the Observer. The seventhgraders included Gracie Cameron.

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 settle ment negotiated Nov. 16, 1998, by 46

Lauren Gaines, Sara Greenfield, Vir-

gil Humes, Kasi Nichols, Michael

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 learning. One of the most significant able to "use or cause to be used any components of the program is the inclass appearance of a laryngectomee packaging or labeling of Tobacco

"Students have to have a number of strategies to deal with peer pressure. advertising or living in a household unteer share their experiences with where one or more people may According to Karmanos, several

studies suggest that "peer pressure to smoke and having friends who smoke is one of the single best predictors of they go around and meet people and tobacco use," and that individuals tell them not to smoke so they don't who decide to smoke "believe that end up looking like them," said Lau- most people they know smoke, and ren Gaines, a 12-year-old seventh- that they need to comply with what they feel is the norm Madonna said its these sentiments

Michael Newton, 12, of Canton said that adolescents fall prey to particularly when they reach the age group

"People I know smoke because they think it's cool," said Kasi Nichols, 12, f Plymouth. "They don't really care

Health information The H.O.T. program coordinator

onfronts those beliefs with current nformation, about smoking and relat ed 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

should be given initially at the eleabout what could happen to them in mentary 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.

All of the students agreed that

tobacco prevention programming

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"The program better educates you

about things you thought you knew

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smokers than for nonsmokers ■ Smoking causes chronic bronch is and emphysema, and is also close

smoke may also trigger asthma attacks and may produce allergic 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

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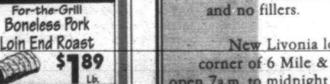
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Another look

Speech recognition technology



MIKE WENDLAND

wrote a column about my expewith 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

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 applica-

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 digi-

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 com-puter. 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

(810) 830-1615

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

Send me an e-mail on your experience.

If you want to learn more about the program, visit the Web site at VoiceXpress 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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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

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

MON, APRIL 12

expected. Call (734) 662-1000.

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.

UNDERSTANDING PARKINSON'S Seven week education program for people with Parkinson's and their care partners. Focuses on a

positive approach to coping with the disease and features noted experts discussing topics such as managing common symptoms, treatments, medications, 1 p.m. \$40 Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 477-6100.

CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE/SPEECH The Speech Pathology Depart-

ment at St. Mary Hospital is now offering a Speech Program for children titled Children's Language and Speech Services The program is designed for preschool and school-aged children with speech-language disorders who could benefit from continuous speech and language-services. Call (734) 655-2955.

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-



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Sunday, April 11, 1999

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Welcome mat out for performing arts center

om 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 Pucinni 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.

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Verdi Culture at an **Opera Theatre**

of Michigan Canton Project Arts presents *Discover Opera" featuring a live performance by the Verdi Opera by an informative 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 Canton Tickets \$10. Call (734) 397-5417.

Plymouth Chorus

The 125-voice cho rus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert of patriotic, sacred and rock sofigs. Broadway and movies tunes 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Ply mouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, Tick ets are available at Evola Music in Canton; Sideways Gift Shop, Plymouth and the Northville ing (734) 455-4080.

the Michigan Opera Theatre. Many of these performers have

Michigan Opera Theatre time opera lover, founded the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan with Valle, host of the Verdi Classical Radio program on WCAR 1090-AM Radio. ing like experi-

encing a live performance," said Zaretti. "They're some of the most favorite arias. It

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going to be doing will be entertaining and they will

be getting everything from Mozart to

In addition to showing his collection

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DREAM NEARS REALITY

Partnership for the Arts aims for 2000 date



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

artnership 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.

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 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 ason 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

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 Arnoldt 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 produc-tion of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide."

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

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

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,

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stein's "Candide"

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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

\$14, call (734) 764-0450. the Lillian Hellman 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

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 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 tick-et holders are invited to an afterglow at Ginopolis' Parthenon Restaurant in the Compuware Sports

Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

kets: \$12 adults, children grades K-12. Call (734) 451-2112.

Final concert is family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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 . 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

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 "terrifc 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 PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMAN A family affair: Russell Reed and his sons Robert (cellist) and David (violinist).

Dream, from page C1

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

"The theatrical program at the nigh school could use the facility

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 tics," said Yack. "It needs it's

at Cherry Hill and Canton Center Road, Ridge and Cherry Hill, and the Canton Township Civic during the day and schedule per- . Center Complex. Existing struc- swimming pool it detracts from formances at night, multiple tures were ruled out for a num-

lines, fire ordinances and acous- 1977 in Colorado, for ideas. own entrance. When you go to theater or symphony it starts as you approach the building. When you have to walk through a hallway past a gymnasium and the experience.

ings in Canton because there are also looked at centers such as Township board, Plymouth City so many issues relative to sight the Arvada Art Center, built in Council and Plymouth Township

board. Partnership for the Arts and steering committee meetings take place mid-April. Yack is "What they did (Arvada) was start small then focused on edu- sure all will work together cation. They now have three thewhich for him has been a longaters including an outdoor theater," said Yack. "I think that's time dream. the challenge, not to give up.

Final concert from page C1

"It's all about quality of life," Start with something that's rea- said Yack who together with grams.

1984, David now directs the

West Hills Middle School and

Andover High School orchestras.

music in violin performance from

the University of Michigan

"They told me they were buy-

rewards. The music room was

Reed chose to introduce his

"It's what you can do with

strings that you can't do with

winds when kids are small," said

Like father, like son

sons to music through strings for

friends."

a simple reason.

ing me something very special,

purposes," added Yack. "Most of ber of reasons when the task Yack points to the successful the firms say they can come up force first looked into building a Summit on the Park Community up." township treasurer Elaine Kirshgatter founded Canton Project force first looked into building a Summit on the Park Community up."

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Center in Canton as a model for Within the next month, Soe- Arts in 1995. The one area Can-"There are no existing build- building the facility. Yack has nen will meet with the Canton ton hasn't grown is arts. It's critical to a community's identity. your residents to new ideas and

> The township's official arts toward building the arts center, organization, Canton Project Arts would use the performing arts center to host its concerts. art exhibitions, and other pro-

> > "I used to get out of chores by

Reed did the same thing when

Reed continues to talk as

orchestra members take their

places and tune their instru-

ments. Is he worried about these

musicians he's become fond of?

No, he says they're in good

hands. The search committee

formed to find a conductor to

replace Reed has narrowed down

Seven were originally chosen

and guest conducted concerts or

"I do think the best days of the

Plymouth Symphony are ahead,"

said Reed, who served on the

steering committee for Canton's

new performing arts center (see

accompanying story). "Our bud-

people working toward the

future. A performing arts center

is a huge step forward. There's a

"Grand Hotel" and "Falsettos."

"We're fortunate to have some

Last spring's U-M musical was

rehearsals this season.

growing up on his family's farm.

practicing," said Robert.

strings around the time when at Eastern Michigan University

David was 6. A teacher in and soloed with the Plymouth

Bloomfield Hills Schools since Symphony in 1996.

Expressions from page C1

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

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pera 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).

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 concerts Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, he thinks we owe it to future generations to ensure the arts contin-

ue to thrive. The chorus is currently looking back on its 25 year history to present an array of song styles they've sung. Selections such as "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Amazing Grace," "Rock Around the Clock," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Yesterday," "Who Can I Turn To," and "Summer Fun" record not only chorus's history but our country's.

"If I had any impact on the initial task force for the performing arts center, I hope it's what I was pushing for; the namber of seats," said Gross, who was in on the early planning stages for the new facility. "To make that theater self-supporting and a viable Plymouth Community venue for the community they need to seat at least 1,000 peo-

Although the Plymouth Community Chorus gives its spring concert at Plymouth Salem High School as it has for many years, that has not been the case for some time due to school budget cuts. For the last few years, the chorus has been homeless. Luckily, they are able to rehearse at First United Methodist Church

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in Plymouth, but it's not always easy to fit 125 singers into the

"There's not only the need for rehearsal space," said Gross, "in our case not only because of our size but because in many instances our rehearsal time conflicts with their schedule."

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 art center being built so close, but apparently not: Arts council founder Joanne Winkleman Hulce is serving on the board of director for the new performing arts center because it doesn't threaten programming provided at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce

Center for the Arts. arts in a community, the healthi-

Among the programs the arts council funds are the Whistle Stop Players, a theater/education group for children; art classes and workshops, art exhibitions, a for-members-only concert series, scholarships for students and teachers, and the

doing ourselves an injustice.'

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"It's going to create a whole new environment for what we do here," said Stella Greene, Plymouth Community Arts Council president. "The more we can do to increase the viability of the

musical perfection."

It is a large, fluid work that travels the world as Voltaire tells his story of the naive Candide who comes under the influence of the super optimist Dr. Pangloss, who teaches that "this is the best of all possible worlds." He falls in love with the beauti- It has also been included in

At a March 31 retirement banquet, Reed spoke about the reason his four sons (David, Robert, Michael and Eric) "turned out so

performing space, but a well" was due to his wife of more than 40 years, Nancy. "The boys turned out so well He has a master's degree in more than likely because I wasn't home," joked Reed.

David agrees that Nancy was School of Music. instrumental in his choosing music as a career. "A lot of credit goes to my mom and I thought it was a new bike," who drove us to lessons in East? said David. "As much as I hated

Lansing from Grosse Pointe practicing, I enjoyed the every week," he said. Reed did make music fun my second home and all the the applicants to two or three. though. All four sons were in the music students were my Grosse Pointe Junior Symphony under Reed's direction. Michael played French Horn, and Eric

"They were dragged to a lot of concerts when they were young," said Reed. "Yes it is a fact we bought David a violin and Reed. "There are smaller ver-Michael was told he couldn't sions of string instruments, but get has doubled and there are take French horn. He had to you can't shrink a bassoon." take piano first. Rob started

Reed first became interested in the Suzuki method of teaching cello from an uncle, now teaches attending a concert."

energy. The story is about young

people. It is difficult for college

lose some of that spirit to get

"Candide" features a cast of 42

ful Cunegonde and is forced to opera repertoires.

students and an orchestra of 36

students because it is difficult to

Candide from page C1

the youthful energy that Prince fend for himself in the world. He "What's special is that it doesbrought to it in the '70s. Stu- experiences war, earthquake, n't fit any exact categories,' dents can capture that spirit and torture and shipwreck as he Wagner said. Experienced Broadway music moves about the world.

Rob, who was given his first certain ambiance that goes with

director Ben Whitely, currently In the key roles Dan Reichard of Cleveland plays Candide, Barthe conductor for "Cats" in New York, is musical director for sing. But in an opera version you rett Foa of New York City plays "Candide." This is the fourth U-Voltaire/Pangloss and Jessica M musical for the U-M graduate Murphy plays "Cunegonde." He was musical director for the Also in the cast are Leslie national touring productions of Henstock and James Luxton om Rochester Hills, Caroline

Peacock from Rochester, Julie Petrus from Farmington and one like that work with us. Natalie Ross from Livonia. Wagner said. Bernstein called his work "a another, more famous Bernstein comic operetta" though it was

work. "West Side Story." originally produced on Broadway "When they asked me, 'Do you with musical comedy performers. really want to do Bernstein two years in a row?' I said what's the relationship between the two 'Candide' doesn't have dance in it, the story of 'West Side Story' April 17 & 18, 1999 is told through dance. Perhaps that's why he called it an operetta because operetta does

> musicals do," Wagner said. "The music captures the buoy nt spirit of the book," Wagner

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It's another rehearsal week for Geoffrey Sherman. But before the curtain goes up on Meadow. Brook Theatre's season-ending play, "The Rocky Horror Show," the reviews are all but written.

Sitting in the empty theater where he expected regular audiences as diverse as the metro area population, Sherman doesn't offer any clues about the personal drama behind the curtain. Nor does he have an easy explanation why the theater on

the Oakland University campus never became quite the beacon of cultural diversity that he sought. He's much too professional to gripe about the circumstances of his departure after only four years as artistic director of the state's largest regional professional theater company.

"In the first couple of years, I didn't feel like I was being forced in any direction," said Sherman. "At the present time, I'm not so sure. And that's where I'm going For now, Sherman is doing a

fine job maintaining a stiff upper lip. He may have been away from his native England for the past two decades, but there's no mistaking the Brit-like attitude, nor his firm countenance.

Sherman's reign will end with when the curtain falls on the campy cult classic, audiences Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives will have seen the swan song of Windsor" set in the 19th-cenfrom one of the finest directing tury American southwest. talents to pass through the

Opening the gate In the last three seasons, Sherman has directed one of the finest plays produced in the metro area during the 1990s, "Arcadia." And last year, Sherman staged the highly inspired "Angels in America," a first-ever collaboration with OU's department of dance, music and the-

> Sure, there was plenty of stan- Sinking feeling 'Scotland Road.") But under Sherman, there was a sense that a means for cultural understand-

Meadow Brook's two-year col-American Plowshares Theatre based in Detroit was an attempt to integrate the suburban theater's mostly all-white audience.

"Gary Anderson (artistic directhe Berlin Wall," said Sherman. Productions of August Wilson's "I Am A Man" garbage workers strike, and the impact on the local theater

Farewell: Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre.

"Thunder Knocking on the Door," a bluesy morality tale were Sherman's attempts to open the multicultural gate. But generally, instead of plaudits, Sherman received a dose of

skepticism from the conserva-

tive-minded subscribers and OU administration. "You can't always beat the drum of social-issue plays. I tried to keep up an eclectic mix," said Sherman, who threw in a few slapstick comedies with chal-"The Rocky Horror Show." And lenging plays like Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women," and-

> Admittedly, Sherman is his own harshest critic, often focusing on what he could've done better rather than his accomplishments. But he doesn't miss a chance to take a parting shot at the lack of media attention.

> "The local press doesn't treat theater as an art form," he said. "It's appalling that one of the two major newspapers in Detroit doesn't carry a permanent theater critic.

dard fare for the masses, and a It's difficult to resist looking few stinkers. (This season's for a symbolic connection between "The Rocky Horror Show" and Sherman's departure. theater at Meadow Brook was After all, departures - especialmore than entertainment. It was ly when the departed doesn't have any set plans — are seldom simple or neat. But then, this is theater. Artistic differences are laboration with the African- as common as emotional break-

With Sherman's imminent farewell however, there's a sinking feeling about the difficulty facing professional theaters. Is it tor of Plowshares) and I have even possible to build an audilikened the Eight Mile barrier to ence for productions other than Broadway shows?

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community, said Sherman. "I can see where a commercial theater producing Broadway musicals could take the place of this establishment, and that

worries me." When he was hired, the explicit goal set by OU was for Sherman to broaden the audience. While Meadow Brook recorded a slight budget surplus last year, season subscriptions declined by nearly 15 percent (to 8,173).

Sherman figured to increase single-ticket sales with intriguing and even controversial plays. such as "What the Butler Saw. But the racy dialogue and brief nudity in that play didn't attract further ticket buyers and actually dissuaded some subscribers not to stay the course.

Cheerio, ol' chap

With a performance of the sit com friendly "The Odd Couple" opening next season, it now seems that Meadow Brook is more interested in offering familiar comfortable classics than addressing some of the broader issues brought to the fore by Sherman.

Next season's uninspired line up of plays - excluding Arthur Miller's "All My Sons" - was chosen by committee, rather than by the artistic director, as it was in past years.

A national search will be con ducted to find a new artistic director. Meanwhile, assistant artistic director Debra Wicks will assume the top post. Anyone who's been around theater knows that life on the boards is a series of transitions. Keeping a stiff upper lip is just part of the

Currently, Sherman and his family are thinking about moving to southern California, where he would pursue directing jobs in television and film

Perhaps when the lights go down the final time on "The Rocky Horror Show," Sherman will take one last bow from the Discussions about a possible Meadow Brook stage. That Pulitzer Prize-winning "The performing arts center on the would certainly be a fitting

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Twenty-one plays were chosen to be presented. They're a mix of comedy and drama. Playwrights were given the option of casting and directing their play, or letting Heartlande Theatre Company take care of it. Some plays are suitable for younger audiences. but most have adult themes.

Featured playwrights include David MacGregor of Livonia who won the \$10,000 first-prize cash award in the fifth annual screenwriting competition sponsored by the American Cinema Foundation for his original screenplay

is "committed to nurturing the MacGregor has been a member of Heartlande Theatre Compaous development of the skills ny's New Plays Initiative program since it began two years ago. His play, "The Hero's Jour ney," (Abridged) was chosen for

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at Fitzgerald High School in Warren. Kitty Dubin, a Birmingham playwright and director taught the workshop.

Two plays to be presented at the marathon - "Inner Beauty" by Sara Mirisciotti and "Dean's List" by Rob LeCureaux came out of that workshop. They were among the 22 plays written by the class, and tossed in with 70 plays submitted for consideration in "Play by Play."

for "Play by Play" were by Michi gan playwrights. Works by writers from New York and Chicago will also be presented. MacGregor writes mostly

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Umbrellas: Big doesn't mean better



sister and several of 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 Isotoner account executive for Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. Most women like their umbrellas to be not only light-

weight 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

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

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

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 Nightlighter. 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.



Rainwear

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

On-the-go coats

Rainwear for spring suits busy lifestyles

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

The traditional long and heavy trench coat sure-ly 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 Trov.

"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 xample, makes significant use of rubber-back cot-Unlike the pure cotton used in traditional trench

coats, rubber-back cotton twill is virtually waterproof, doesn't wrinkle and improves in appearance Characteristic of rainwear for the season is the

three-quarter-length coat, which Burberry sells in

rubber-back cotton twill with the company's tradi-

tional check-print lining.

Particularly popular in this category is the pon-"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

"Brighter shades in rainwear mean having an accent color. It doesn't mean that the blacks, th taupes and the navies are out," said Thompson, who explained that many women are opting to pur-

chase 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 vellow or red coat, Cooper suggested stone, off-white, creme and light gray.



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

Target updates Wonderland Mall location

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

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Remodeling at Target's Wonderland Mall location n 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

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presents Brighton footwear and accessories, Austin

One major change at the store is the addition of a full-service pharmacy - one of only three Target Lemke, Wonderland Mall's general manager. pharmacies in the metropolitan Detroit area. Cuscalling 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

speed to look like the stores we have been building 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

The reopening ceremony will include a visit from tomers will able to place their prescription orders by 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.

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 ifformally present their collection, 11 a.m. - 2p.m., Saks Fifth Avenue, Designer Bridge Sportswear, se

Jacobson's in Birmingham presents Mephisto's spring collection, 2-7 p.m., Women's Shoe Salon.
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Lisa Hunter tells stories and presents an interactive rogram for kids in celebration of Earth Day at ivonia Mall, 11 a.m., Garden Court.

Designers cater to full-figured women



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magazine's spring fashion show for larger sizes.

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"Mode" magazine fashion and style director Michele Weston has some good news for full-figured

Weston, a native of the Detroit area, presented a collection of spring apparel for sizes 14-24 at an inti-mate 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.

your size, you can dip into it and try it out." said Weston, who also passed along some FABRICS Cotton, silk, linen recently gave actress Camryn Manheim of the LENGTHS: Anything goes, but look for long skirts

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BEST OF SHOW: Salmon-pink satin actress Sharen dress & jacket, Anne Klein

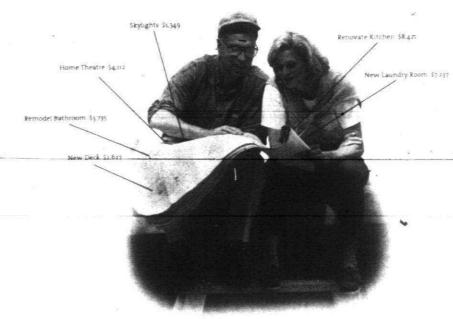
While obtaining designer apparel in larger sizes can be difficult, Weston said she and other full-figured women can expect to find more designers manufacturing clothing in larger sizes in the not-so-distant future. Weston even named a few labels. Ralph Lauren,

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 BCBG, 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 "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."

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Chef Keith Famie finds a rich culture in Vietnam

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

In a small screening room at WDIV-TV, Channel 4, Birming-ham 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 spon-sored 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

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.

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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-closeand-personal view of the Vietnamese people and their daily

"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

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.

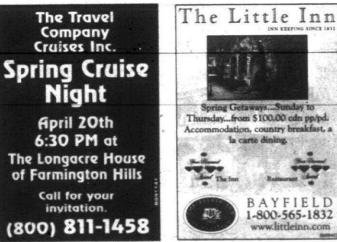
The Metropole's Chef Didier introduced Famie to some of Vietnam's more unusual culinary treats as they strolled an open air market including dragon fruit (a curious cross between kiwi and melon), snake fish, cuddle fish and thousand-year-old eggs. One culinary item that Famie will not show is dog.

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 coun-

"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.

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

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



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

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

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





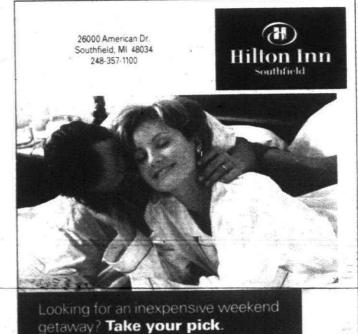
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Fast start

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 hit-ter. 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

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

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 wil 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.pcjbl.com.

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

Salem could be a contender

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cirisak@oe.hom

Last season was a bit of a turnaround for Plymouth Salem's base-

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 WLAA champ 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-

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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 firstbaseman Ben Szczepanski suffered in a game against Plymouth Canton. "Not just his playing, but he was a true

'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.

The heart of the Chiefs will be at

"With senior Jenny Fisher," he said,

"She'll be our No. 4 hitter," Arnold

"Six home runs are a school record.

"She's got an outstanding glove and

The trouble with high expectations

Our team has set some real high

SOFTBALL OUTLOOK

Chiefs stalking a big season

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

How good is good? Plenty good enough, Plymouth Canton softball

enough, Plymouth Canton soltball 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

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 opti-

Of course the history books are lit-tered 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

"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 is, 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.

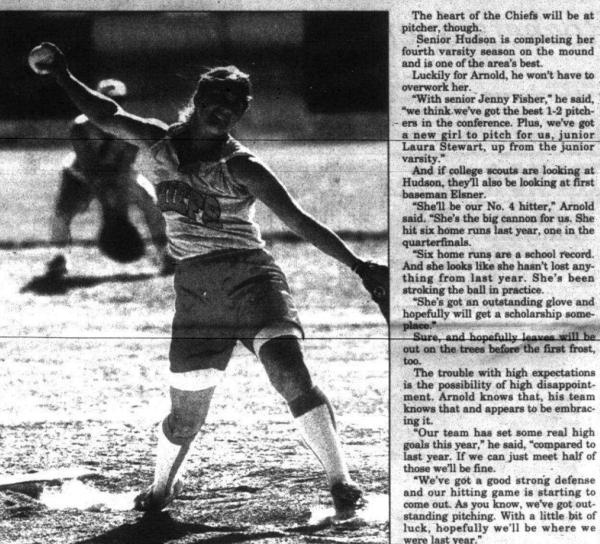
We've got a couple of good kids who are going to fill right in there," Arnold said. "I think we're going to be Our catching's come along real

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-WLAA selection, was nearly unbeatable last season, pitching the Chiefs all the way to the state semifinals.



Kettering, 3-1.

"We've set our goals for it." Arnold Please see CANTON SOFTBALL, D3

Last year that was the quarterfi-

nals, where Canton lost to Waterford

Rocks' new lineup faces a challenge

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR CITISAR CO. hom

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

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

PLYMOUTH SALEM

Southerland. "And a lot of offense."

like this can build camaraderie."

What the Salem coach did to bridge the gap, from last season's 15-15-1 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

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 "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



For the third time in four games, the Plymouth Whalers and the London Knights were forced to an extraperiod to decide things Friday night in Lon-

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 Mazzuca 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 later. The Whalers then put three goals 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

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-all.

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

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-all 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.

John Glenn at Franklin, 7-p.m.

Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

Sunday, April 11

(all double-headers)

Tuesday, April 13

Wednesday, April 14

Madonna vs. Spring Arbon

at Ladywood H.S., 4 p.m.

Friday, April 16

Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.r.

TBA.

PLAYOFFS

Tuesday, April 13

Thursday, April 15

(If necessary)

Ply. Whalers vs. London

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 4 p.

lecting two hits.

Monday, April 12

Bloomfield at Churchill, 4 p.m. Redford CC at Bishop Foley, 4 p.m. Crestwood at Luth. Westland, 4 p.r Tuesday, April 1.3 Garden City at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m Clarenceville at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

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Friday, April 16

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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. W'sid at Harper Wds., 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, 4 p.m. Friday, April 16

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LPS meet at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15 Mangan Meet (Salem vs. Canton), p.m.

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Saturday, April 17 Novi Relays, 10 a.m.

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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

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Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m TBA: To be announced Lakers club Crusaders

Madonna University knows first-hand exactly why Grand Valley State's softball team has lost just. one game this season.

to visit the Crusaders on Wednesday and waxed them twice, 15-5 in the first game and 16-4 in the

Madonna was scheduled to play a double-header Friday against Tri-State but the games were rained out. No makeup dates were announced. For three innings

Wednesday things were

looking good for Madonna.

Missy Bako (1-4) went game despite giving up 20 hits. She walked four and It trailed just 4-3 and Tanya Liske (3-4) was struck out two. The Crusaders actually

But Grand Valley threw led, 3-1, after the first up a six-spot in the fourth and added five more runs inning but the Lakers tied it in the second, doubled in the fifth to force an end their score in the third and to the issue. added 10 more over the Madonna got eight hits next three innings.

off Amber Castonguay (6-Madonna had seven hits 0). Leadoff batter Jenny off two Grand Valley pitch-Kruzel had two of them ers in the second game. and drove in two runs. First baseman Senger Courtney Senger also had drove in two runs while two hits and had one RBI. third baseman Kruzel had The Crusaders' other run the other. was driven in by Jen Walk-

Adrian outscores Madonna

Is this football? No, although the score might indicate otherwise. In an two-team offensive explosion, Adrian College erupted last, striking for nine runs in the last two innings to offset a 14-11 lead for Madonna University and post a 21-14 victory Wednesday at Madonna. Aaron Shrewsbury led a 19-hit attack with four hits

in six trips, including a

had three hits, and Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) and Bob Hamp each had two hits. two-run homer and a run-Mike Butler, the fifth of

scoring double, and collectsix Crusader pitchers, took ed five runs batted in. the loss in relief, allowing Daryl Rocho went 3-for-3 four earned runs on three with a three-run single, a hits and a walk in one sole homer and four RBI, inning. Matt Berkmeier and Nick Dedeluk had went the distance for Adrithree hits and three RBI. an to get the win, as the Dave O'Neill added a solo Bulldogs improved to 10-7. home run, Jeff Warholik Madonna fell to 12-12-1.

Rockets open season with double-header sweep of Wayne

evolve a pitching staff." didn't last as Glenn struck for two runs in the third and three

> Rattray, a catcher, contributed two doubles and three RBI. Ryan Ybarra and Czyzak each

Swafford, meanwhile, was tough when he had to be, giving up six hits and only one walk while fanning eight in five

Smoes suffering the loss.

followed by a solo homer in the The Zebras went up 4-2 in the third. Hayes also walked twice, second inning on Matt Mackincluding once with the bases iewicz's RBI single, but the lead

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

The weather was picture perfect Thursday - sunny, 70-plus

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The nice climate made it even inning mercy) a better day for Westland John Glenn's baseball team, which opened its season by sweeping a double-header from host Wayne Mike Swafford, are 2-0.

degrees, not a cloud in the sky. Memorial, 7-4 and 15-4 (five-

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The Rockets, who received complete-game performances from pitchers Dale Hayes and

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.

May 15

White Sa

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 Rattray

and Brian Reed each added two hits for the winners. Swafford had an RBI double in the third. John Judd had an RBI double

more in the fourth. Wayne also stranded nine runners on base. Ryan Czyzak, the Wayne starter, worked the first four nnings 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 and Jeremy Overton, who went Jim Chronowski, whose team He helped his own cause with 3-for-4, added a two-run single made just two errors after coman RBI double in the first inning in the first to give Wayne a 3-2 mitting 10 in the season opener

against Thurston. "But we're still in the process of trying to

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

collected two hits for Wayne.

Wayne used four different

pitchers with starter Justin

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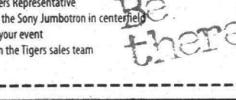
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Rocks open by losing a pair on road trip

runs scored and three RBI, with Jason

Lukasik getting two hits, two runs

scored and four RBI; Mike Hoben

adding three hits, including a two-run

triple in the first inning, three RBI and

two runs scored; and Geoff Bennett col-

Hoben worked the final 2 2/3 innings

in relief and gave up three earned runs,

including the game-winners off the bat

baseball resembled anything but perfec-

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

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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.

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

The infield is strong at the other spots. Gordon, senior Joe Rizzi and junior Adam Kolb will split time at first; Rizzi will also be Division player as a junior, batting .390 with earned run average, with 54 strikeouts and

said. "Now we'll see what hap-

have a little luck along the way.

were ranked No. 1, so that was

The plus is having so many

In the outfield the Chiefs are ing time.

quality players returning from a

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vear with.

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pens. As you know, you've got to to be an outstanding player. She

"When we beat Brighton, they speed and hits the ball with

Canton has its shortstop back, der who transferred into Canton

junior Paula McKernan, who is from Chicago, "is doing real good

some authority.

Junior Stacey Griffin will work

Brianne McNicholas, left-han-

at first base," Arnold said. "She's

a junior and will get some play-

"The coaching staff thinks this

is probably the best all-around

in the outfield and the coaches

feel she is coming on real strong.

were JV field players last season, although against him. Gordon did pitch on the varsity.

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

Nick Eicher led the attack with four

outhit Norwood 17-9 in the first game.

Third base is in the good hands of senior batted .416 with four homers and 24 RBI. "He's a very tenacious kid," said Rumberger. Ryan Cook, a junior, will back up both Hoben at third and Stiles at short.

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 lefthanders. 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-

Arnold predicts "Neu is going team. As a whole, it has a 3.7

unknown

has an outstanding glove, good five 4.0s and four 3.9s. These are

admitted Rumberger. "I'd like them to be a four homers and 26 RBI. Gordon and Kolb 29 walks. Opponents batted a meager 216

Next in line is Gordon, who was 1-1 with a 2.93 ERA in 25 1/3 innings last season. Kolb Mike Hoben, the team's MVP from last sea- and Trott both pitched on the junior varsity son and an all-Lakes Division player. Hoben - 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."

With North Farmington decimated by player losses, Salem will be in the running for the top spot in the division. Westland John Glenn and Walled Lake Central will also challenge.

We can swing the bat, and our outfield defense will be fine," the Salem coach added. If the pitching is as good as expected, and the designated hitter. He was an all-Lakes high 63 innings pitched; he posted a 2.86 a few new players come through, the Rocks should be in the league title hunt, too.

Teams such as Farmington

Western and Walled Lake Cen-

tral will be shooting at Canton in

the Western Lakes Activities

gun. And once in a while you're

return to the position she

hits, five runs scored and a run batted of Mark Sharky, who bounced a two-run

in. Chris Longpre added three hits, two single through the infield in the ninth.

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 s Bea Ferguson, who will see

Salem led Marion 5-0 in the second

game, in part thanks to Eicher's solo

homer to start the game. Eicher fin-

ished 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

plenty of action in the outfield. Perhaps the biggest returnee s junior pitcher Amanda Sutton, who had the dubious honor of tossing the best game of the '98 season for Salem - and still losng. Sutton threw a no-hitter in

state district game against ivonia Stevenson, but lost 1-0. "She's really working hard." mproved. She has some differ- that spot this season.

ent pitches." Kelly, who is "excellent defen- sure they'll do well." sively, 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 this season. Second base will be Hills Harrison, Walled Lake shared by a pair of juniors: Julie

at third last season; she'll start Maybe they'll get the Chiefs, there this season One position Southerland is Once in a while you're the top

Salem softball from D1 has been Salem's utility player freshman Jacqui Sledbodnick. "We actually have a lot of depth

Chris Trott, who surrendered six runs

"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

The Rocks open up play in the West-

ern Lakes Activities Association against

Northville at 4 p.m. Wednesday at

in 1 2/3 innings of relief, was the losing

for the past three seasons and at pitcher this year," the Salem played mostly in center field last coach said, adding that "just year, will take over that post. The team's other co-captain, (not) throwing strikes hurt us the last few years." senior Heather Sonntag, does

Geoff Bennett.

The team's lone freshman, Sledbodnick is the team's "pitcher of tomorrow" according to Southerland, "She's very versatile" - which means she'll also play somewhere else, mainly as a back-up at third base.

She's got good bloodlines. Her mother is Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger's sister and was a good softball player herself.

Two juniors new to the squad Carrie Carter and Kristen Kukhahn, will vie for playing time in the outfield. Sophomor Jennifer Warnick, who caught on the junior varsity team last seasaid Southerland. "She has son, will back-up Buchanan at

"We've got a lot of hard workers, a lot of talent, that's for Another notable returnee is sure," said Southerland. "You ophomore shortstop Katie should never rule us out. I'm Campus rival Plymouth Canton, which returns the bulk of its

Western Lakes Activities Association championship and state semifinalist team, is the odds-on from the outfield to first base favorite to repeat in the league. Livonia Franklin, Walled Lake Central and Farmington Harri-Gowan, who played there some son should also be tough, accordlast season, and newcomer ing to Southerland. And where will Salem fit in

Marnie Jones. Jessica Chapman, "This year, we're going to take it another junior, backed up Esper one game at a time," their coach

It'll be a stepladder approach optimistic about is pitcher, with to the season, hopefully always Sutton, junior Liz Dekarske and heading in an upward direction.



grade point average, including

What they need now is to not

get caught up in themselves.

Last year they were good and, as

the season wore on, became

that few others did was a plus.

increasingly aware of it. The fact

"We talked about that at a

"We had lost a lot of players

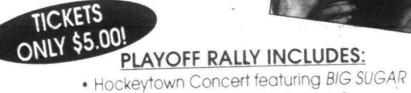
recent practice," Arnold said.

"Last year we were the

from the previous year. We came

very intelligent ballplayers."





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er; Ryan Rattray, Jr. catcher; Sam Blouse,

Jr, first baseman-outfielder; Dave Hol-

loway, Jr. outfielder; John Hunger, Jr. utili-

ty; Nick Rogiero, Jr. outfielder; Chad San-

som, Jr. outfielder; Brian Toth, Jr. pitcher.

good players, but my concern is inexperi-

but a lot of varsity teams were young. And

ence. We had a good JV team last year,

do things on a consistent basis defensive-

*Fendelet is a good player. We expect a

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRRAL

League affiliation: Catholic (Central

Titles won last year: District, regional

Nozewski (first-team All-Area pitcher, 9-1);

Head coach: John Salter, 19th season.

Last year's overall record: 30-7.

and Catholic League champions.

can win on a consistent basis.

Duffield's '99 outlook: "We have some

Promising newcomers: Mike Grant,

der; Dave Mijal, Soph. pitcher-

FISHING **TOURNAMENTS**

SALMON STAKES The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be

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Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelnead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The semi-

nar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more informa-

SPRING BREAK FOR BICYCLING Learn the basics of body mechanics, bicycle mechanics and bicycle touring during this class, which is sponsored by Working Wheelers Cycling Club and begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Eastern Mountain Sports in Farmington Hills. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Saturday

April 24. Call (248) 553-7764 for more information. **BOATING SAFETY** Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand to explain boating safety and what they look for during a boat inspection, during the regular meeting of the Metro West Steelheaders, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May , in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for

more information. WOMEN'S FLY FISHING River Bend Sports Shop in outhfield is sponsoring a

Vomen's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May, 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing ncluding lessons in casting, knot tving, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

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Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot ying, reading the water, play ing, landing and releasing fish entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, Augus 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

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and class size is limited. To regcall Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233. **FLY TYING** Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly

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r defensively, especially in the out- (4-2, 40 innings); Brian Reed, Sr. pitcher

er (co-captain, .312, 20 RBI); Dave Stan- we're not going to be facing JV pitching

Head coach: Herb Osterland, 20th sea

League affiliation: Western Lakes Activties Association (Western Division). Last year's overall record: 12-16. Notable lesses to graduation: Corey k (Alf-Division, second-team Alf-Area):

infielder-pitcher. tlant Paul Mercier, Jr. infielder-pitcher: atcher; Steve Ziolkowski, Jr. catcher: ony Robinson, Jr. infielder.

o make play. I think we'll be solid offen-"The pitching is always everybody's

and take charge in the ballgames. "We're going to take it one game at a

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Jim Karoub, ninth season League affiliation: WLAA (Western Divi-

Last year's overall record: 7-21 Notable losses to graduation: Brian Leading returnees: Tom Jones, Sr.

infielder (.365); Joe Ruggiero, Soph. shortstop-pitcher (.351); David Word, Sr. pitcher first baseman: Mike Franklin, Sr. infielder; Tony Saia, Sr. infielder-pitcher; Dave Scicluna, Sr. catcher; Brad Tibus, Sr. out-

Promising newcomers: Chris Hall, Jr. outfielder; Dan Horning, Soph. pitcher-first haseman: Ryan Tracy, Soph, outfielder. Karoub's '99 outlook: "We got a good look at ourselves the other day in a scrimmage against CC (Redford Catholic Centrai). We feel good where we're at.

Leading returnees: Dale Hayes, senior "With those two things going for us I think we'll be a much improved ballclub. pitcher (second-team All-Area, 5-3 with 2

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Harv Weingarden, first sea-

Titles won last year: Livonia City cham-

Leading returnees: Roy Rabe, Sr. third

baseman-pitcher (co-captain, hit .400 last

year); Steve Anderson, Sr. shortstop-pitch-

do, Sr. outfielder; Dan Wilson, Soph, out-

Last year's overall record: 9-16

And I think we'll ad some excitement to saves); Justin Fendelet, Sr. center fielder the game. I think we'll be stronger than Brett Wells (All-Division, second-team All-

fielder (tri-captain .386 batting average); Eric Lightle, Sr. first baseman (tri-cap tain): Justin Draughn, Sr. pitcher (5-4) Andrew Blackmore, Sr. second baseman; Andy Shoemaker, Sr. pitcher (tri-captain): Ryan Vickers, Sr. infielder; John Ross, Sr. pitcher (3.00 ERA); Jeff Winkler, Sr. catcher; Carl Prokopchak, Sr. outfielder Strain, Jr. outfielder; Brad Bescoe, Jr.

fielder (.375): Jon Ritzler, Sr. pitcher: utfielder (transfer from Southfield Chris-Kevin Yuhasz, Sr. second baseman; Joe Suchara, Sr. infielder; Brandon Gajda, Sr. catcher (co-captain); Ryan Van Belle, Sr. first baseman: Matt DiPonio, Sr. outfielder; Phil Szumlanski, Sr. outfielder. Osterland's '99 outlook: "One of the . Promising newcomers: Brad Buckler, Jr. rengths is the defense. They have ability outfielder; Pete Pinto, Soph. infielder; Tim

Lawson, Jr. second baseman; Mike lyberg, Jr. first-baseman; pitcher; Joe McCrohan, Jr. first baseman-pitcher; Jason oncerns, and one of my concerns. We're Allen, Jr. pitcher-outfielder; Brandon Ray going to see who the senior leaders are Jr. infielder

Weingarden's '99 outlook: "With hard work we believe we can be in position to time. Right now we feel we have a pretty contend for a league title this year, and Matt Firlik, Mike Haller, Mark Chapman. good ballclub. We respect everybody and we know that there are many talented try to get some momentum going in our teams in our division, particularly Ply-

"Ritzler is the hardest thrower on the

"Stando is in his third year on the varsi-

"Anderson has never been thrown out stealing base and he has a .455 slugging WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Todd Duffield, fourth sea-League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Divi-

Last year's overall record: 17-16. Titles won last year: District and regional champions.

*Our pitching is fundamentally pretty Reeves (first-team All-Area infielder); Chet were starters midway through their sophosound. And I think offensively we'll move Rees, Gordie Smith, Josh Utley, Brian more year.

Stater); Casey Rogowski, Sr. first baseman-outfielder (first-team All-Area, .419. leam. He should see more time in right 43 RBI; Dave Lusky, Sr. shortstop (firstfield with his strong arm and great accurateam All-Area, .405); Chris Woodruff, Sr.

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catcher, .402, 6 homers, 40 RBI); Antho ny Tomey, sr. pitcher (4-2, .388 ERA) Mario D'Herin, Sr. second basemar (.250); Dan Duffey, Sr. pitcher (3-1, 2.31 ty. He's a solid center fielder with a strong ERA); Nick DiBella, Sr. pitcher-third baseman; Mark Cole, Sr. outfielder-pitcher (.393, 5-1, 2.58 ERA); Brent Zak, Sr. outfielder; John Hill, Jr. catcher-outfielder-DH.

Promising newcomers: Matt Niemiec Sr. pitcher; Matt Loridas, Jr. outfielderpitcher: Bryan Williams, Jr. outfielder: Adam Kline, Jr. utility; Brent Schoenbach, Jr. pitcher-outfielder; Charlie Haeger, Soph, pitcher-third baseman; Andy Smith, Soph. pitcher.

Salter's '99 outlook: "I've never had these many seniors returing. Six started Marcum, Sr. outfielder Notable losses to graduation: Tim out on the varsity three years ago and Roy's '99 outlook; 'The numbers are

with 20 homers) and that's the highest

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Jim Chronowski, 29th sea

League affiliation: Mega Conference

Notable losses to graduation: Charlie

Leverenz (second-team All-Area); C.J.

Bievins (All-Mega White); Derrick

Leading returnees: Ryan Czyzak, Sr.

pitcher-catcher; Matt Mackiewicz, Jr. sec-

ond baseman; Scott Teasdale, Jr. center

fielder; Gary Stevens, Jr. shortstop; Joh

Sr. outfielder; Shawn McDaniel, Jr. pitch-

Promising newcomers: Justin Smoes, Jr.

Last year's overall record: 9-13.

Townsend, Joe West, Bill Danic,

(White Division).

"Our pitching could be consistent. If we er; Jeremy Overton, Sr. first baseman.

ly, and give up 21 instead of 24 outs, we first baseman-pitcher; John Ferris, Jr.

junior varsity. *But we have a lot of returners. We "You still always worry about pitching. should be pretty good. We're looking for somebody to emerge

"We're strong up the middle -- catche pitcher, short, center field. They've played I think up the middle we're very solid ur together for two years. We should be able the middle. to challenge for the title. Everybody in our league lost a lot of guys. We have a lot of eturners. If pitching holds up, I think we to graduation. Pitching is always a concan contend. we're swinging the bat

field. We lost our entire outfield last yes pern early. Top of rotation is pretty solid but we need a couple of others to give w a couple of innings here and there. Head coach: Ted Younglas, first season

The infield looks good and the outfield it jelling together. Excited about the poten-

Last year's overall record: 15-10. HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Titles won last year: Class C distric Notable losses to graduation; Chris

O'Brien (first-team All-Metro, second-team Judd. Jr. catcher-outfielder: Nick Cicotte. All-Area); Chad Janetzke, Mike Fisher, Mike Baltz. Leading returnees: Tom Habitz, Sr. shortstop-pitcher; Scott Archer, Sr. catch-

er: Gordie Engel, Sr. second baseman;

pitcher-third baseman; Jason Gibson, Jr. Charlie Hoeft, Jr. center fielder pitcher; lan outfielder: Chuck Nelson, Jr. outfielder; McKenzie, Jr. third baseman-pitcher. Brad Laws, Jr. outfielder; Todd Schaff, Sr. first baseman; Ryan Ybarra, Fr. shortstop-Promising newcomers: Josh Molden hauer, Jr. left fielder; Brad Nollar, Soph. pitcher: George Rodriguez, Fr. third baseman-pitcher-outfielder; Jason Frederick, catcher-outfielder: Brett Braun, Soph, utility: Brent Habitz, Fr. first baseman-pitcher. Younglas' '99 outlook: "I really excited

Sr. second baseman. Chronowski's '99 outlook: "We don't have a lot of speed. It's really limited to four guys — Teasdale, Nelson, Ybarra and

"We don't have a great amount of experience pitching. Right now our pitching is in the formative stage and we have a lot Leading returnees: Bob Malek, Sr. cen-

ter fielder-pitcher (.587 Dream Team All- of questions. "Our hitting will probably be average." LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

> Head coach: Rich Roy, third season League affiliation: Metro Conference. Last year's overall record: 12-14.

Notable losses to graduation: Schiffman (second-team All-Area), Chris Krolczyk, Kirk Damas, Craig Rose. Leading returnees: Dave Lemmon, Sr. second baseman; Tim Riedl, Jr. shortstop-

pitcher: Scott Carr, Jr. left fielder-pitcher John Wallace, Sr. catcher-pitcher-outfield er; Josh Fritch, Sr. first baseman; Brian Pankow, Sr. center fielder (.370); Joe Lucas, Sr. third baseman; Tony Rachoza Sr outfielder: Mike Wion, Sr. outfielder Billy Carr, Sr. catcher. Promising newcomers: Rey Guttierez

Soph, infielder-pitcher: Kevin Silve, J pitcher; Jeff Selvis, Sr. outfielder; Adar

low. We can't get anybody out. We had 3! kids' in program last year that should be

"Last year we hit well as a team (.352 there. But with kids working and people about this year. I think we're a legitima ineligible we don't have enough for a contender and in upper echelon of the

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

we'll in hunt down stretch. "We have tremendous leadership from three seniors — Habitz, Archer and Engel.

eague. Think if we get a couple breaks

Right now my real concerns are out-

"Overall very excited about our defense.

Head coach: Darrell Kleinke, first sea

League affiliation: Michigan Indeper dent Athletic Conference. Last year's overall record: below .500.

Notable losses to graduation: Jerem Leading returnees: Pat Hoepher, pitcher-center fielder; Brian Johnson,

third baseman; Jeremy Husby, Jr. shor stop: Alan Kleinke, Jr. catcher. Promising newcomers: Rene Arnal, pitcher-outfielder; Tyler Cording, Fr. right

fielder: Wade Babbitt, Fr. first baseman. Buick/Livonia **COLLISION CENTER**



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Nesting season allows birds time to find way

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son for birds like hawks and crows. has begun, but other many eggs soon.

songbirds will be building a nest and laving 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

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 next 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 the onion bag from a tree branch see those bright colors.

Canton Township man earns volunteer honor

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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 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

10-year-old daughter, Bridgett, also helps out.

Youth fly fishing

and will run from 10 a.m. to 6

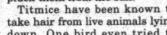
While at the class kids will learn all they need to know to get out and catch fish with a fly rod. Cost is just \$25 per person.

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.

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



Aulby, Amleto Monicelli, Brian Voss, Parker Bohn III and Pete

> The latest entry forms are just now get-ting 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

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 control for it \$75 for adults and 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 sum-

Greater Detroit Open on tap

The schedule of events for

the Greater Detroit Open: Friday, Oct. 22 – professionals 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

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

nights are here, what better way to cool off than in a nicely air conditioned family fun cen-

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 Can-ton, 16-year-old Ken Bazman, rolled his first 300 game in the 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 perfec-

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

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.

roff, 210/613; Elaine Piercey, 195.

248/625; Cynthia Greiner, 219.

227-224/626.

Advanced Youth (seniors): Gordon Grego

Loon Lake: Scott Tutas, 248; Steve Amoisch, 245/673; Mark Earles, 636.

B'Nai Brith Brotherhood Eddle Jacobs

Eric Goldberg, 288-227/714; Steve Achtmar

289/654; Barry Fishman, 237-216/647;

Mark Rappaport, 240-218/635; Ricky Reznik,

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Renee Muirhead

Country Keglers: Ron Krahn, 275/721; Jim Rennolds, 255/656; Jeff Pinke, 255/628;

Dennis Harris, 248/659; George Vann

Tuesday a.m. Ladies: Dorothy Currier

207/510; Debbie Ciaramitaro, 198.

Tuesday Mixed Trio: Mark Ullrich

279/802: Jeff Eisenberg, 278; Bob Garvin

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 McGlone, 259; Larry Mine-

hart Jr. 238-215-255/708. Burroughs Men: Jim Morrell, 253; Bill Kozlowski, 261; Mike Konsa, 268.

Powertrain Men: Pete Herman, 297/797. Waterford Men: Mike Sockow, 258; Mark Wright, 289/695; Steve Demeter, 278; Derek

Guys & Dolls: Michael Willet, 236-245-247/728; Mike Wojciechowski, 277; Mike

Milkiewicz, 279. Keglers: Jeff Cameron, 230-247-243/720: Chris Cichon, 253; John Piepszak, 257; Don

St. Colette Men: Pete Ansbro, 264; Mike Ksiazek, 257; Bill Cuellar, 265; Phil Maiden,

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 Waldrep, 209/554; Patty Jaroch, 207/525;

Single Point: Dan Kingsbury, 224; Mark

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;

fatt Linford, 180. Friday Preps: Tom Johnson, 145.

Thursday Juniors/Majors: Jason Bonkows ki, 217/567; Justin Bonkowski, 189/524; Kyle Kunec, 174.

Thursday Preps: P.J. Caram, 168.
WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Wonderland Classic: Ken Meyers, 279/793; Steve Pencola, 300/771; Ken hara 279/752: Mitch Jabozenski 268/749; Rick "General" Patton, 299/741.

Kings & Queens: Steve Pencola, 300 (2nd ne in 3 days). Thursday Nite Wonders: Mary Ann Copley. 239/577.

Westelde Senior Mens: Don Hochstadt. 279/738; Dick Kielb, 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

ning 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 Bugeja, 258/744; Mark Payhe, 258/695; Frank Hoffman, 268.

Early Birds: Judy Porter, 213/502 Easy Rollers: Carol Simons, 237/668 (170

Thursday Night Men: Mickey Sensoli, 277 Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Parrish Capel, 278/758; John McGraw, 267/721; Rob Schepis, 259/705; Brian Tiemba, 269/705 Ziemba, 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 Giacherio, 214/583. Gay 90s (Seniors): Bernie Hillebrandt, 226

Paul Brewer, 210; Norm Renaud, 216; Chuck Jensen, 223; Bob Radtke, 224. Grandale: Brett Webster, 290.

Monday Seniors: Doug Arnold, 200; George
Gundlach, 215-212/577; Jim Meloche, 212.

Readows: Kathy Daniels, 210.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia) FoMoCo Thursday Night: Larry Frank

249/701; Steve Guteskey, 256/669; Jim Santti, 664; Cal Collins, 279; Brian Chuba,

St. Aldan's Men: Bob Racey, 219 Sobania, 265, Jack Pomeroy, 219; Scott

All-Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Ewald.

277; Kathie Maser, 268/675; Connie Cleve land, 261/684; Tracey Wade, 258. MERRI BOWL (Livonia)

Early Risers: C. Truszkowski, 595; A. Michalski, 521; J. Kovsky, 500; Wanda Denardis, 502; Joan Yancheson, 500.

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Phyllis Wolnie, 234/614; Gioria 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 Phillippi, 290; Brian Grant, 260/733.

Newburg Ladles: 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-

256/659; Mei Albirte, 204-218-237/659.

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Dan Bollinger, 300/644;

231-257; Jim Barina, 237-277-213/729; John

Miller, 202-209-290/701; Curt Bzibziak, 225-

St. John Bosco: Matt Finfrock, 300/716

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Wednesday Knights: Julie Wright, 277

arry Gerstein, 267; Rich Grosman, 769; Pat

University Men's: Dennis Harris, 276;

Spares & Strikes: Kevin Landacre. 2116/554: Estelle Drabicki, 220/576

Colleen Crawford, 213/555; Sherry McMa

St. Paul's Men: Mike Emmick, 243, Kirk

EVER 7: Matt McKenzie, 277/712. Ron

Jones: 255/659: Don Coughlin

Printcraft: Phil Caldwell, 300/764.

Butch Cook, 268/736; Larry Kubert, 707

214-256/694.

Testa, 698.

Oldies But Goodles: Bill hardy, 244/614; MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Bill Morris, 233; Phil Abdo, 220/581; Ralph Wednesday Senior Mens Classic: Jim Hunt. 245; Jesse Macciocco. 257:224:247/728. Pearce, 220; Doris Craig, 195/517.

Monday Nite Men: Paul Koenig, 289; Larry Franz, 279/768; Jack Treloar, 759. John Bierkamp, 216-241-210/667; Norm Bochenek, 254-226/668; Bud Kraemer, 223-

Afternoon D Lites: Judie Burnstein, 225; Sherry Kanter, 194/511. Greenfield Mixed: Ryan Wilson, 231-226-237/694; Ron Turner, 238-226/662; Tom Frank Bollinger, 268-256-245/769; Brian Jonca, 203-368-289/760; Larry Curtis, 241-220-219-215/654; Lila Smith 216/582; Lynne Wegener, 215/529; Cary

Archer, 232-211/590.

Farmington Schools: Jacob VanMeter, 242; Matt Lash, 236/562. Country High School: Jason Rodgers. 221/622; Brad Waker, 217; Dana Ginotti

236/591: Melissa Miller 190 Country Preps: Shawn Daniel, 165: Robert Culbertson, 163: Bridget Long, 158: Amyu Lebels, 155.

Country Juniors: Jordan Gorosh, 191: Jere

on 182 Nikki Soyder 131 DRAKESHIRE LANES (Farmington) B'Nai Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeiger-Gross: Mike Diskin. 222-229/610; Greg

Larry Garfinkle, 200-209; Harold Markzo 254 214 663. David Lazarus. 265 226 652 David Shanbaum. 2328 614. Ken Gross. 257 612. Jack Geer. 211 204 606.

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PRO TIP OF THE WEEK

Meet Vernon Peterson.

Applicants must be 18 years of



Vern Peterson

al Amateur Champion, won the 1997 Mini-eliminator for \$30,000, is a three-time TEAM USA member, has won two F.I.Q. American Zone World Championship Gold-Medals, won a Silver Medal in the World Games in Finland, was named MVP in the 1997 AMF World Cup in Egypt and was named Captain of the 1996-97 G.D.B.A. All-City team.

In addition, Peterson has won many local tournaments, several of which were while in the Michigan Junior Masters Association bowling against the best

Now a member of the Lou Ansara Team in-the All-Stars, Vern has some advice for the other young guys and gals who are talented enough to go for the

res Unlimited pro shop at Taylor Lanes, he has a very thorough knowledge of bowling equipment and drilling techniques.

Vern also takes time from his busy schedule to give bowling lessons. He is certified at the Bronze level with TEAM USA . and will soon be certified at the silver coaching level.

He feels that young bowlers who are serious about their game should be sure that they have the right equipment for their needs. They should get lots of practice, no goofing around and no interruptions for at least an hour a day.

Try different lines to the pocket and go to several different houses to practice and try to adjust to conditions that are out Find places with wood lanes

and then some that have syn-

thetic lanes. Get in some leagues

where it is possible to earn some money, if that's what you want Try to get Leagues that are at your average or more. There are plenty of these good leagues around in Wayne and Oakland Counties, and if you are good enough, get in the All-Stars at

Thunderbowl. For ladies. Bowlerettes at Cloverlanes is a good one for a high level of com-

Getting good coaching is a must. Bowlers can coach themselves to a certain point, but

when you have hit that point. you need to get fine-tuned in order to reach the next level

There are lots of excellent of tified coaches in some of the pro shops. And then there are the touring pros like Aleta Sill.

"It was Aleta who coached me in my growth years and I give her a lot of credit for what I have accomplished so far," says Vern. 'In getting the proper equipment, get balls that will be conducive to your style

"You can get away with fewer bowling balls) if you are a straight shot player, but I definitely recommend a hard plastic ball for spare shooting in the conditions you find today

"If you throw more hook, you will need more equipment because of the various conditions you will find at different lanes Seek help from your pro shop to set up the arsenal of balls you will need to keep you in a position to win

"There are a lot of good tournaments out there You can win some money and get valuable experience, but the junior bowlers should stay in the Y.A.B.A. as long as they can to get the experience of youth tournaments before getting into the highly competitive money events.

The monthly M.J.M.A. youth tournaments are great to bowl in, to get a different look, a dif-

ferent shot each month, and the competition is at a high level.

"When you get into the adult evel, there are good monthly money tournaments to try, such as the Michigan Majors PBA regionals. Even with the Mid-State Masters, which is a good format, you can get lots of competition experience and win some money while you're at it.

"These are stepping stones to learn to be competitive. If you are good and have the ambition to get on the pro tour, it is worth shooting for. "The PBA and PWBA tours are

getting stronger and the new young generation is doing well. Most important is to have the right mental attitude.

"You can have the best physical game, but with the added pressure, you have to be able to make the clutch shots, and overcome the mistakes that are bound to happen without blowing up and kicking the rack.

"Attitude is the key. You have to have a good mental game and attitude Give it 110 per cent every time you go out to bowl whether in practice or in compe-

For questions or want coaching, call Vernon Peterson at (734) 947 - 1020. Wait a few days, because as you read this, Vern is in Abu Dhabi bowling for team USA all week in International competition.

The Renwick's 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

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.

Call Dale Ross at (734) 420-

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.

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 confiden-

tially 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 parttime 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.

workers will assist permanent 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

age and willing to work week-

ends and evenings. Seasonal

year and \$6.50 per hour for subequent 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-

(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.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)



Many already know of this upand-coming bowling superstar. For those who do not, let's take a brief glance at his

exploits to date.

Peterson was Skores Unlimited the 1996 Nation-

outh bowlers in Michigan and

Since he also works in the Sko-