

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton Planning Commission holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers holds its last regular meeting until September at 7 p.m. at the Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. Call (734) 451-5426 for information.

THURSDAY

Senior play: The Canton Seniors put on their second annual play, "The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter," 2 p.m. at the Summit. Tickets are \$5 at the door and additional performances are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

SATURDAY

Fishing derby: The Canton Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Kids Fishing Derby 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the ponds at Heritage Park. Advance registration for a one-hour time slot is necessary. Call the parks and recreation department at (734) 397-5110 by Thursday.

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Jurors to decide gunman's fate



Defendant Timothy Regan Boster is expected to testify this week in Wayne County Circuit Court. Boster is charged with assault with intent to commit murder for a random shooting incident last June in Canton.

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Testimony continued Thursday in the trial of a Canton man charged with multiple firearms counts in connection with a series of shootings in June 1999. One Canton woman was injured by a grazing bullet and several Canton residents reported hearing shots and hav-

ing stray bullets enter their homes.

Timothy Regan Boster, 23, is being tried on charges including assault with intent to commit murder, three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm possession.

A second defendant, Zachary Scott Woodby, 21, pleaded no contest Thursday to the assault with intent to murder charge in exchange for dismissal of

the firearms charges.

"What happened here you can best characterize as a nightmare," Assistant Prosecutor Ken Simon said during opening arguments Wednesday.

The prosecution wrapped up its case Thursday and the defense is expected to begin presenting its witnesses, including Boster, at 9 a.m. Monday before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge George E. Crockett III.

Several Canton residents and Canton police officers took the stand Thursday and recalled the shootings, which took place at approximately 2:25 a.m. June 25, 1999, near the intersection of Sheldon and Palmer roads.

Dawn Davis, 23, was the only person injured during the shooting spree, suffering a scratch-like wound to her calf and several cuts from broken glass. She was driving home from work at the time.

But it was the emotional scars that most affected her, she testified. Crockett asked her to leave the courtroom when she began crying as she recalled the night's events. She returned after a few minutes to continue testifying.

Crockett also asked the jury to leave the courtroom.

"In any event, I don't want to appeal to the prejudices and sympathies of the

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Bozo brigade



COURTESY CANTON FIREFIGHTERS

Clowning around: The Canton Fire Department Clown Division, along with two guest firefighters from Farmington Hills, in full regalia during an appearance at the 1999 Farmington Founders Fest/Founders Festival. Below, Canton Firefighter Jim Davison sits atop the new clown division tractor outside Fire Station No. 1 Wednesday.

Firefighters add to their clown fleet

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton firefighters are hoping a little laughter can go a long way in spreading their message of fire safety.

The department's "clown" unit is set to begin its second season of entertaining and informing township residents. According to Fire Capt. Jim Davison, the idea is to get the word out every way possible.

"Our whole goal for this is to teach fire safety," he said. "With the clown team, we can get fire safety across to kids and have fun doing it."

The unit will have a fleet of vehicles at its disposal for the first time this summer. A ladder truck, miniature fire engine and motorcycle should be ready for Canton's Liberty Fest in late June, said Davison.

The clown unit began yucking it up in February of last year. Firefighters got the idea from Farmington Hills'



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

department.

"Their fire clowns had come to Oakwood's Kids Day (in Canton) and the open house for our new fire station," Davison said. "We thought those guys were having a lot of fun doing it and that we should look into it."

Four township firefighters enrolled in a clown class in February of last year. The group learned about makeup, costuming and how to perform clown gags, among other things, over eight weeks.

"We had a ball," said Davison.

The unit's first assignment came at last year's Liberty Fest. Davison

described it as a learning experience.

"We're still getting introduced to clowning in this unit," he added.

Two more firefighters have recently joined the unit.

"I think it will benefit the community and the kids," said fireman Greg Kowalski, who signed up earlier this year. "It's a good way to get the message out about fire safety."

Local businesses have done their part to help get that message out, said Davison.

Draw-Tite, for example, contributed significantly by helping design and build the unit's hook and ladder

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Rivers draws challenge

U.S. HOUSE RACE

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Former Plymouth and Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry has thrown his hat into the political ring, taking out petitions to challenge U.S. Congressman Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, for the 13th Congressional District race this fall.

The 13th District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Garden City and Ann Arbor, among other areas.

"It's a challenge, and I think there are issues that need to be brought out," said Berry, 60, who is also the 13th

—Carl Berry

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Hotel wins site plan approval

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Visitors and business people will soon have an additional choice for overnight stays in Canton.

Holiday Inn will open one of its "express" hotels within a year, according to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet. An indoor swimming pool and 84 guest rooms highlight the project, which will be located on Lotz Road south of Michigan Avenue.

"That's about the standard size for hotels these days," said Goulet. "There's something in the market saying this is the optimum size. That's why they do market surveys."

It wasn't the first time the hotel had received site plan approval. Goulet noted that it received board approval in August 1998.

Holiday Inn, he said, now appears

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Dog joggers' motto: It's the leashed they can do

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The fourth annual Plymouth Dog Jog, sponsored by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, is taking early registrations for this year's run/walk scheduled for May 13.

"We're hoping for a couple hundred dogs and their owners for this year's

event," said Denise Chapman of Canton, vice boss dog for the event. "Last year we had 120 participants, which wasn't bad considering the poor weather we had."

Last year's event raised more than \$6,000 for the Michigan Humane Society, and another \$3,400 for the local Kiwanis chapter.

The registration fee is \$20 before

May 1, and then increases to \$25 through the day of the race. For that money, owners get a T-shirt and dogs get a bandanna. Pledges collected by participants are also due the day of the race.

"All of the money collected through pledges is given to the Michigan Humane Society," said Chapman. "Any extra money from the registration fees

will be divided between the humane society and the Kiwanis club."

"This is a fun gig," said Ron Blauet, director of education for the Michigan Humane Society. "This event just gets bigger and bigger each year. It's nice to know the people of Plymouth and the surrounding area are looking out for their less fortunate friends at the

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jury," he said.

Stated Davis about the lingering emotional effects of the shooting.

"I don't feel safe no matter where I am," Davis said. She quit the night job she worked immediately after the shooting and remained unemployed for four months.

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works, were the causing the noise. She stopped her car and flagged down a motorist who drove her to the police station.

Canton resident Barbara Wiitanen, one of several residents awakened by the gunfire, said one of the bullets came dangerously close to hitting her son while he slept.

"The bullet hole was about a foot-and-a-half above his bed," Wiitanen said.

Another resident, Eileen Borg, said she saw two figures walk through her yard and saw a vehicle leave the area. She said she could not specifically identify the figures or the vehicle.

Several Canton police officers testified about Boster's and Woody's arrest, which followed a high-speed car chase on southbound Sheldon toward Michigan. Police were dispatched to the scene after several residents called to complain about the shots.

"I think the speeds got up to 80 to 100 miles per hour," Officer Timothy Wright testified, adding that Woody's driving was erratic. Both Woody and Boster reportedly had been drinking.

Several weapons were recovered from the vehicle, including three long guns and some knives, Wright added.

Officer Eric Kaledas said he was "stunned" by Woody's appearance when he was arrested.

"He had a large amount of ammunition strapped around

him and was wearing bandoliers with shotgun shells," Kaledas said.

The chase ended at Michigan and Sheldon when the defendants' vehicle struck a van while making a right turn.

Boster's defense attorney said during opening arguments there was no evidence Boster intended to commit murder.

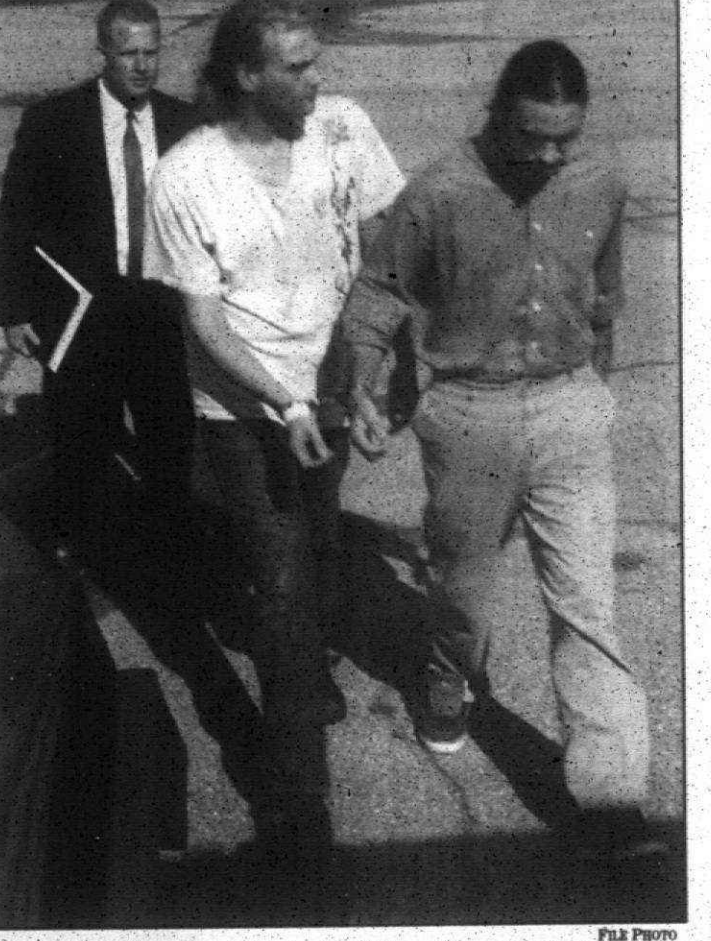
"What you should look for when we go through the evidence is the issue of intent," Gerald Conley said. Boster's friend, Zachary Scott Woody, demonstrated he had the intent to shoot at the vehicle, not Boster, he added. Boster, he said, fired into the air and then ran off.

Conley also said Boster has only one conviction — for drunken driving.

Woody's attorney, Raymond Correll, said Woody's no-contest plea means the case won't go to trial. Sentencing is planned for 9 a.m. May 11 in front of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Karen Fort Hood. He could face up to 10 years in prison on the assault with intent to murder charge.

"It's an admission," Correll said of the plea. "It's an acceptance of the charge. It's the best we could do under the circumstances."

Woody's parents, David and Harriet Woody, were present at the court proceeding but declined to comment.



Hearing: Canton police detective Steve Miller (from left) escorts defendants Zachary Woody and Timothy Boster into court last July during their preliminary examination.

Commission looks at apartment rezoning

The Canton Planning Commission is expected to decide whether to allow an apartment developer to expand a proposed development and rezoned property, expanding the allowable dwellings per acre from one to eight at its meeting Monday.

Singh Development of West Bloomfield is building luxury apartments on the east side of

Canton Center between Geddes and Palmer. The rezoning would allow for Singh to build more apartments.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 1 in the main meeting room at the administration building, located on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill. The public is welcome.

Other agenda items include:

- Public hearing for request to rezoned parcels from R-1, single family residential to R-2, single family residential. Property is located on the west side of Beck between Warren and Hanford roads.
- Consider special land use for a limousine service business in the Golden Gate Shopping Center, located on west side of Lilley, south of Joy.
- Special land use approval for High Velocity Sports to build a recreation facility on the south side of Michigan between Belleville and Beck roads.
- Consider special land use and site plan approval for Dodson Elementary School, to be located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Beck roads.

Pioneer student wins Silver Award for painting

Pioneer Middle School student Shankar Ramamurthy has won

the "Silver Award" in the painting category in the Scholastic Art Awards 2000 contest.

His painting was titled "Wine Bottle with Orange." The painting will be on display at the Cor-

coran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The opening will be June 16 and there will also be an assembly at the Washington Monarch Hotel on that same day.

Ramamurthy will receive his award during an assembly at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, June 17. Shankar Ramamurthy is in the eighth grade.

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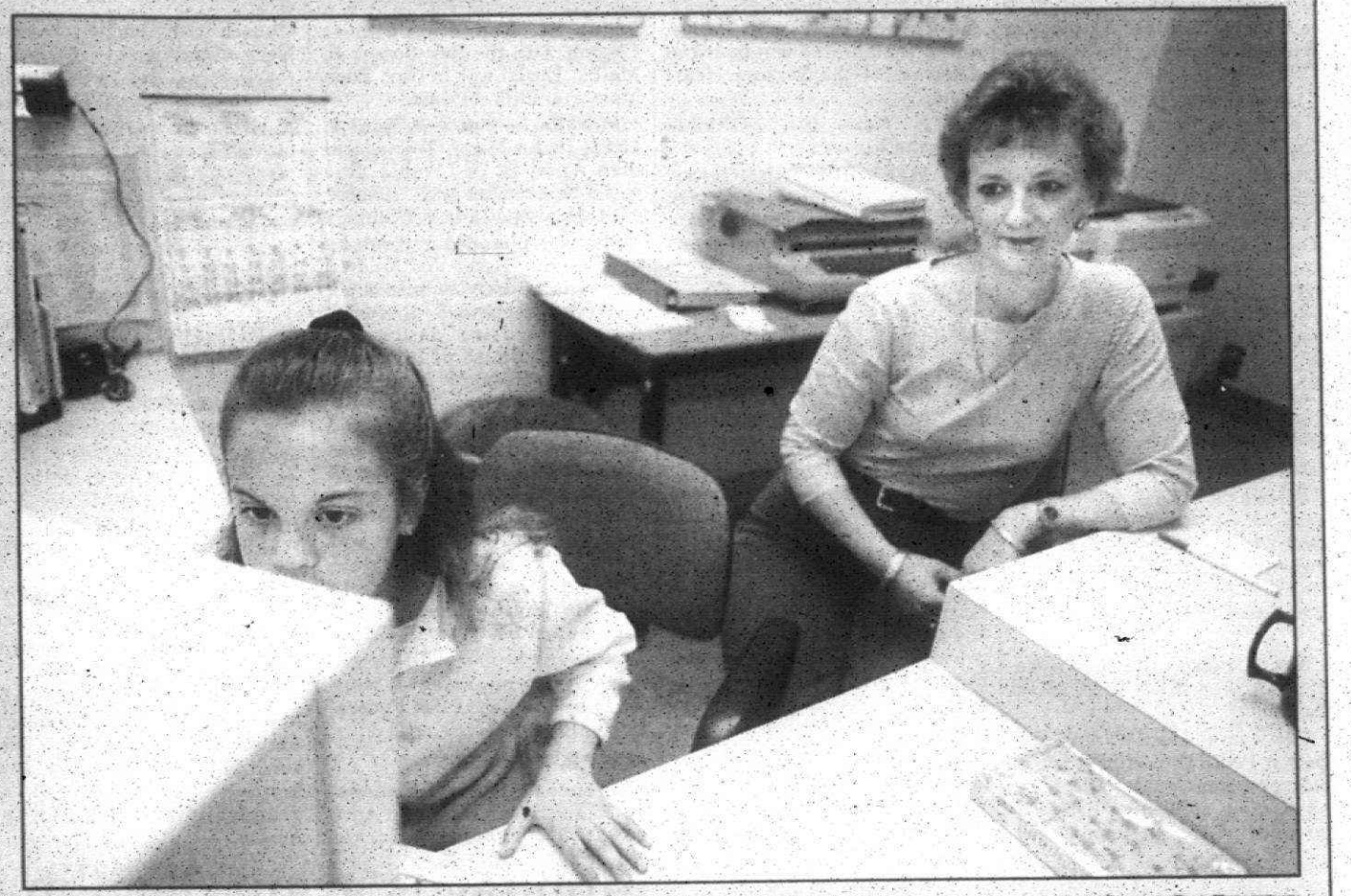
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Job sharing: Katelyn Stadler of Canton, 10, works on a computer as she joined mom Diane, the receptionist at the E.J. McClendon Office of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, for the national "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" Thursday. Although the day is technically for daughters, the school district invites both sons and daughters to participate with their parents at work. "It's an opportunity for kids to see what their parents do and how the real world works," said P-C Community Relations Director Judy Evola. "It gives them a glimpse of what responsibility is about and how everything is linked. The Board Office really works as a team, and this lets the kids see that," she added.

Baseball glove sparks assault

An argument Tuesday over a borrowed baseball glove reportedly turned violent during a refreshment break at the Canton Softball Center.

A Canton police report stated that a 31-year-old Westland man was arrested for assault and battery following an alleged altercation with an acquaintance at a refreshment stand.

The victim, a 36-year-old Canton man, told police he had questioned the Westland man about a borrowed baseball glove while watching a game. The Westland man told him he didn't have the glove.

Later, while the victim was purchasing beer, the Westland man grabbed him by his hair, throwing him off balance, reports said. He also punched the victim on his head with a closed fist.

Another man also took a swing at the man but did not hit him, reports said.

Vehicle break-ins

A series of motor vehicle break-ins was reported to Canton police during the past week. Here is a roundup of some of the cases reported on or before Thursday.

■ 40000 block of Eaton, taken was a \$300 CD player. Lock sustained \$100 damage. Entry reportedly gained by breaking door lock.

■ 40000 block of Eaton, taken was a \$2,000 scanner, \$150 AM/FM stereo, \$250 bowling shoes, ball and bag and a \$30 jacket. Entry gained by breaking door lock.

■ A seemingly unrelated car break-in was reported Wednesday at Meijer, 45001 Ford. Taken were \$700 speakers, a \$450 stereo, a \$165 equalizer, a \$100 radar detector and \$450

worth of tapes. Entry was gained by breaking a door window, causing \$100 damage, reports said.

Wallet, money taken

A wallet valued at \$50, \$370 of U.S. currency, \$500 of Japanese yen and a non-activated credit card were reportedly taken from an apartment in the 40000 block of Tamarack sometime before Wednesday. The resident told police apartment workers had been in his apartment inspecting smoke detectors during that time.

Mountain bike taken

A mountain bike valued at \$1,200 was taken from a locked attached garage sometime before Wednesday, April 26, in the 300 block of Country Club Court, according to police reports.

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District Republican chairman. "This area needs to be better represented. It's not getting all the representation we need and deserve."

"I'm a strong believer of involvement," he added. "Sitting back and complaining about the government and not getting involved and doing something is wrong."

Among the issues high on Berry's list are:

- Taxes. "The tax codes are burdensome to everyone. Being a Republican, I'm in favor of tax cuts, real tax cuts, not a pay-as-you-go system."
- Local control issues.
- Gun control.

The economy. "We need to look at how the federal government can help the local communities in being better prepared for the economic downturn. We know it's coming, we just don't know when."

Foreign policy.

Education. "Education is high on my agenda. I'm very much involved in the charter school issue. The more choices people have, the more opportunities we have to improve our educational process for our young

people."

Berry, who is well known for 35 years in law enforcement and is no stranger to controversy, believes his name recognition will help him garner the support he needs.

"I think I'm well known," Berry said with a laugh. "If it's name recognition, I think I've got it. I'm well known in Ann Arbor, too, but not to the extent as here."

In the past, Rivers has garnered much of her support from

the Ann Arbor area, which is where Berry plans to spend a lot of time campaigning.

"I think I can switch their vote," he said. "You've got to give people a plan and tell them where their tax dollars will go."

While Berry has been politically involved for years, his only stints in office were on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, being appointed twice to fill unexpired terms in 1972-73 and 1974-75.

"I've been campaigning all my life," said Berry, who noted his congressional campaign will consist mainly of walking neighborhoods. "I have an opinion on everything, and I'm not afraid to express it."

Berry said one thing he'll keep to himself is anything that appears to be an attack on Rivers.

"I'm not looking to bring out her weaknesses. I'm going to carry my message," he said. "I'll challenge her, but I won't attack her. She can carry her message, and whichever comes out in the fall will be the best message."

"Lynn Rivers has done what she believes is the right thing to do, and I just don't happen to

agree with it," he said. "Every candidate is beatable. But, when you have a strong incumbent it makes it that much harder to do. I won't say it will be an easy race."

Berry said he expects to have some challengers for the August primary, but is confident he'll be the Republican nominee to face Rivers, who has held the 13th Congressional seat since 1995.

"I'm not totally surprised he's running, considering my last challenger, Tom Hickey, was also a 13th District Republican chairman," said Rivers. "I don't know a lot about Carl, but the few times we've met he's been cordial."

Rivers expects to campaign on issues pertaining to education, the environment, protection of workers' rights and high-tech research, "as well as my record."

When asked if she would be willing to debate Berry, Rivers said, "I expect that to be part of the fall agenda."

"Absolutely, I will debate her," said Berry. "It will be interesting because she's on the inside and I'm on the outside."

Chapman notes dog owners must show proof of current vaccinations and rabies shots.

Any questions or requests for registration forms can be directed to Chapman or Eric Colthurst at (734) 459-7000

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shelter."

Chapman said there will be prizes for those who decide to run the two-mile course as a race, as well as prizes for the dog with the longest tail, best dressed dog, and the dog and owner who look the most alike. The participants with the three

highest pledges will also be awarded prizes.

Dan Morris and his Dogmatics precision drill team of dogs will provide entertainment.

Registration for the race begins at noon, with the race to begin at 1:30 p.m.

The race begins and stops at Kellogg Park, and we'll have a water stop for the dogs at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church," added Chapman. "And, we'll have a Pooch Smooch Booth where owners can take a photo with their dogs and have it put

on a button."

Chapman notes dog owners must show proof of current vaccinations and rabies shots.

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HARVEY C. SHAW

Services for Harvey C. Shaw, 79, of Plymouth were held April 27 at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Shaw was born April 8, 1921, and died April 22 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was retired from Michigan Bell. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, the Plymouth B.P.O.E., Michigan Bell Pioneers and VFW Post 6665.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his son, Jerry Bennett of Canton; two daughters, Gail Smith of Northville and Linda Johnson of White Lake; one sister, Virginia Duke of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church,

45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or to the Elks Major Project-BPOE No. 1780, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Local arrangements were made by the Casteline Funeral Home, Northville.

JOHN ALBERT COXFORD JR.

Services for John Albert Coxford Jr., 82, of Plymouth were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston.

Visitation is 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 at the funeral home.

Mr. Coxford was born April 10, 1918, in Ypsilanti and died April 23 in Plymouth. He was a sales agent with AAA who retired after 37 years of service.

Mr. Coxford was born and raised in Ypsilanti and came to the Plymouth community in 1951 from Ypsilanti. He loved

being with his family, playing golf and watching the sport on TV.

He served 4 1/2 years in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Alta May Coxford of Plymouth; three children, Michael (Peggy) Coxford of Plymouth, Janet (David) Sibbold of Plymouth and Robert Coxford of Plymouth; one sister, Margaret Platt of Ypsilanti; and six grandchildren, Lori Coxford, Kevin Coxford, Jeff Sibbold, Katie Sibbold, Shelley Sibbold and Steven Coxford.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

DIANE MARY BARAGANA

Services for Diane Mary Baragana, 55, of Canton were held April 29 at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home, Livonia Chapel, with the Rev. William Seibert. Burial was in Parkview Memorial.

Mrs. Baragana was born April 3, 1945, and died April 26 in Canton.

She was a sergeant with the Detroit Police Department and a past president of the Michigan Association of Women Police, a member of the International

Association of Women Police, and a member of the board of directors of the Livonia Heart Fund.

Mrs. Baragana attended Madonna University. Survivors include her sister, Jean; one brother, Ken Coyne; two nephews, Scott and Bryan; one niece, Heidi; and one great-niece, Abigail.

WILLIAM G. FRANKLIN

Services for William G. Franklin, 81, of Taylor were held April 1 at the Uhl Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Sheldon Cemetery, Canton.

He was born Nov. 30, 1918, and died March 30 at Oakwood Hospital Heritage. He was a hi-lo driver.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Franklin. Survivors include his wife, Alice; one daughter, Janice L. Smith; two sisters, Myrtle Medaugh and Ruth Wallace; and four grandsons, Nicholas Smith, Adam Smith, Timothy Smith and David Arrington.

CHRISTENE RACHO

Services for Christene Racho, 57, of Northville were held April

26 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Mrs. Racho was born April 6, 1943, in La Mesa, Texas, and died April 22 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hollis and Mildred Carpenter. Survivors include her husband, Ramon E. Racho of Northville; two daughters, Andrea E. Smith of Plymouth and Diana (Guy) M. Lemieux of Middletown, Del.; two sons, Craig Rachos of Northville and Matthew (Mary) B. Rachos of Canton; two grandsons, Steven Smith and Zachary P. Rachos; and two granddaughters, Madeline Lemieux and Jean Luc Lemieux.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

Mr. Hipol was born Feb. 21, 1962, in Detroit and died April 20. He worked as a salesman in real estate.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E. Hipol; two daughters, Sarah Mae and Jessie Sue; one son, Mathew Michael; four brothers; four sisters; and two grandchildren, Mikayla and Austin.

HENRY R. PLANOWSKI

Services for Henry R. Planowski, 75, of Canton were held April 25 at St. Thomas A'Becket

Church with the Rev. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mr. Planowski was born Oct. 21, 1924, in Detroit and died April 22. He worked as a shipping clerk at a bakery company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Agnes. Survivors include his son, John R. (Christine); one daughter, Mary K. Smigielski; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

Services for Michael M. Hipol, 38, of Canton were held April 24 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Ray Haselbunck of the First Baptist Church of Canton officiating.

Mr. Hipol was born Feb. 21, 1962, in Detroit and died April 20. He worked as a salesman in real estate.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E. Hipol; two daughters, Sarah Mae and Jessie Sue; one son, Mathew Michael; four brothers; four sisters; and two grandchildren, Mikayla and Austin.

Hotel

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committed to the project.

"They want to be open within 12 months," Goulet commented.

Other hotels and motels in Canton include: Canton Super 8 Motel, Fairfield Inn and the Baymont Inn & Suites.

The Holiday Inn was one of five projects approved by the Canton Board of Trustees Tuesday. A pair of religious institutions were among them.

Tri-city Christian Center received site plan approval to build a church, day care and educational facility on 10 acres. The center, which currently sits at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road, will move to Sheldon north of Goulet.

Goulet said Tri-city must still receive engineering approvals. Groundbreaking will likely be this fall, according to church officials.

"It's quite a facility," Canton

In addition to the Holiday Inn, the board approved a site plan for Tri-city Christian Center to build a church, day care and educational facility on 10 acres. The center will move to Sheldon north of Goulet.

Supervisor Tom Yack said. "It should do a lot for the community."

All Saints Catholic received the go-ahead to expand its school on Warren Road. Two extensions of more than 21,000 square feet will be added on the building's wings.

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter was pleased with the extension.

"You are to be commended for building a facility that's in keeping with the surrounding subdivision," she said.

Rams Plaza Automobile Service Station received a pair of special land use approvals. A gas station, retail center and mini-warehouse will be included in the development.

Yack cast the lone no vote on the project. He questioned the need for the warehouse/storage facility.

Goulet added that there are numerous storage businesses in that area.

"But it's not a very big warehouse," he said.

One residential development, Morgan Creek planned development district, was also approved. An amendment to the agreement will add five condominium units for a total of 88 on Cherry Hill west of Lolley.

Brigade

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truck. Davison said he and another firefighter drew out a rough sketch of the vehicle.

"They did all the work on it," said Davison. "They had seven or eight people working on it for three days."

The 23-foot long truck is driven by a pair of tractors. One was donated by the township while the other came from Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth.

As for the miniature fire truck and motorcycle, Davison purchased them out of his own pocket. The truck comes complete with flashing lights, a siren and painted ladders.

"This is a new idea," said Davison. "It's another way of teaching fire safety. We're really excited about it because we can have fun doing this."

"It's also a good way for firefighters to blow off steam," he added.

"It's a great outlet," Davison said. "We want to see it work. We want to have the best clown unit in the area."

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomaro said the clown unit has worked extremely hard.

"In my 13 years," he added, "I haven't seen a group that has put so much of their own time and energy into something. I think they are to be commended."

Planners meet

The Canton Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Besides Davison, the unit includes Ron Battani, John Hunter, Chris Stoecklein, Kowalski and Kevin Henderson. Civilians Lex Wantuck and Rhonda Violi also participate.

The clown unit is looking for donations to help purchase a

storage trailer for its vehicles. Those wishing to make a contribution are asked to contact Davison at (734) 398-5262.

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Philanthropist, TV newsmen keynote Schoolcraft graduations

Robert Thompson, philanthropic former owner of Michigan's largest road-paving firm, and television news anchorman Rich Fisher will be keynote speakers next weekend at Schoolcraft College's 35th commencement exercises.

More than 1,000 students, including 125 from the public safety program, will be graduated during the 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, ceremonies in the physical education building.

In addition, Schoolcraft will confer honorary degrees and recognize a distinguished alumnus during Saturday's main commencement.

Eugene Bossart, its artist-in-residence; John Blackwell III, president of Blackwell Ford Inc.; and Hazen J. and Margaret S. Wilson, Schoolcraft College Foundation supporters, all will receive the degrees. The Rev. George Shalhoub of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia is the distinguished alumnus.

Thompson, the Plymouth resident who gained world renown last year when he shared with employees \$128 million of the more than \$450 million he got

for his paving company, will speak Saturday.

This year, the Thompson-McCully Foundation pledged \$500,000 to the Schoolcraft College Foundation for special-needs scholarships.

Fisher, an Emmy Award-winner who since 1980 has covered every major political convention, will address the college's public safety graduation Friday.

Bossart, described as "oozing musicality," came to Schoolcraft in 1989 to teach after having created and then directed for 30 years the University of Michigan music school's accompanying and chamber music program.

A former Metropolitan Opera accompanist, Bossart still is sought worldwide by singers, pianists and musicians.

Blackwell, who has operated the family car dealership since 1983 and who won Ford Motor Co.'s highest honor for customer service in 1998, joined the Schoolcraft Foundation in 1996, serving in 1998-99 as president.

A Foundation supporter both in terms of time and corporate and personal financial contributions, Blackwell also has established an endowment to help meet the educational needs of

Blackwell Ford staffers.

The Wilsons are longtime supporters of the Foundation and the college's mission who in 1996 - after several years of contributing to Schoolcraft - established the Hazen J. and Margaret S. Wilson Endowment. Its earnings support student scholarships.

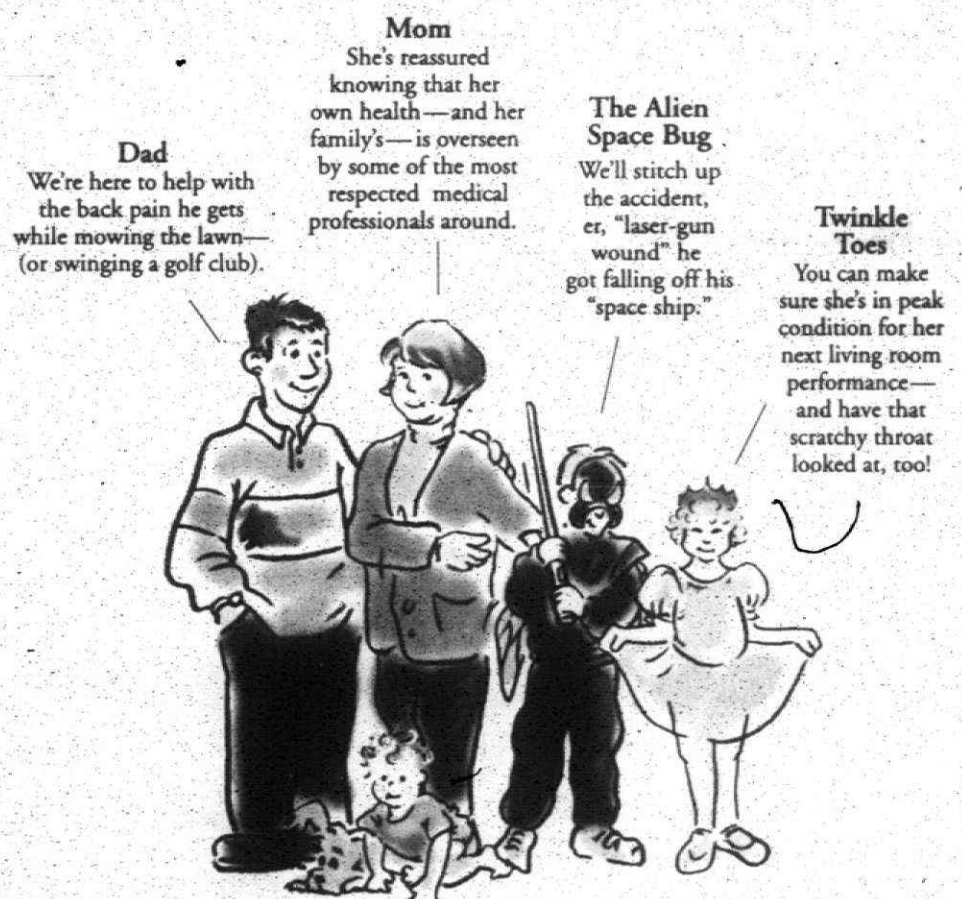
Hazen Wilson, retired as public relations director for Ameritech, remains active in community affairs and is a consistent supporter of educational institutions.

Shalhoub, a 1974 Schoolcraft graduate who holds a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame, has led St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church to prominence in metro Detroit during his 28 years as pastor. He also is heading development of its cultural center.

A Madonna University faculty member and writer of numerous articles, Shalhoub also is a spokesman for the metro area's Arabic community.

He devotes much time to personal and family counseling and also helps organize inner-city food banks. He is a member of various national, state and local anti-discrimination and counseling associations.

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Tin Can sailors gather to remember USS Indianapolis

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The nightmarish story of the USS Indianapolis, the last American warship to be sunk in the Pacific Theater during World War II, is the theme of this year's Tin Can Sailors regional Bull Session.

Among those expected to attend the Saturday, May 6, annual gathering in Livonia of crew members and officers who have served aboard destroyers - nicknamed "tin cans" for their thin hulls - is Richard P. Thelen of Lansing, who survived the sinking in shark-infested waters that night in 1945.

The Indianapolis secretly had just delivered the atomic bomb that was to be dropped on Japan when it was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Of its crew of 1,100, just 317 survived the five days in the water before rescuers arrived.

Thelen is one of 10 such survivors reportedly living in Michigan, according to Lloyd Borsveld of Westland, this year's Tin Can organizer.

The informal Bull Session at the Laurel Park Holiday Inn on Six Mile in Livonia is a gathering of ex-sailors and officers from across Michigan and surrounding states who reminisce about serving aboard the speedy, heavily-armed and highly maneuverable warships that escort troop ships and aircraft carriers. Spouses, family and friends are invited.

Starting at 11 a.m. and concluding with a 6 p.m. supper (tickets are \$30 each), this year's event again will have a ship's store selling books, artwork, Tin Can ball caps, shirts and patches relating to destroyer history.

Artwork will include paintings by a former Navy staff artist who designed the USS Indianapolis memorial being dedicated this year in Colorado.

The Bull Session will also, for the first time, have a separate hospital room.

About 80 servicemen and others from across Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois attended last year, said Borsveld, a retired school custodian who was a machinist's mate during the Korean War.

He said the Michigan Bull Session also aims to raise funds to

bring the state its first permanently docked, decommissioned destroyer.

The USS Charles F. Adams, designated for the Saginaw River at Bay City, is a guided-missile destroyer built in 1965 that would be used as a floating museum open to the public. About \$1 million is needed to prepare it and bring it in, said Borsveld.

Although such destroyer museums exist elsewhere in the country, the only modern naval ship exhibit in Michigan is a submarine docked in Muskegon.



Full speed ahead: Michigan Bull Session organizer Lloyd Borsveld pulled duty aboard the USS Renshaw and witnessed the first hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific.

Though the Indianapolis sank 55 years ago, it continues to make headlines: The commander of the Japanese submarine that sank it asked the U.S. government last year to clear the American ship's captain, who committed suicide after being court-martialed for not maneuvering his ship properly.

The sub commander said he would have sunk the Indy anyhow.

Borsveld also has a spot in

U.S. Navy history: The Detroit native, who served aboard the USS Renshaw, was among those witnessing the first hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific.

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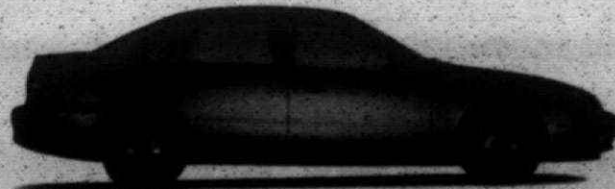
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Hotline to handle day care licensing complaints

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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As part of its "Keep the Little Kids Safe" program, Wayne County authorities are asking people to report suspected unlicensed day-care facilities by phoning a hotline.

The campaign was spurred by a case involving a Livonia woman, who is suspected of running an unlicensed day care home where an infant died accidentally last year.

State law requires private homes caring for minor children unrelated to the operator to be licensed. Failure to register with the state is a misdemeanor, carrying up to 90 days in jail and/or \$100-\$1,000 fines if convicted.

"(The Livonia case) triggered it," said George Ward, Wayne County assistant chief prosecutor. "The point is the environment we have our children spend part of the working day in has to be safe."

"We do hear reports of neighbors complaining about unusual activity at a house and suspect a business going on that shouldn't be going on without a license."

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—George Ward,

Wayne County assistant chief prosecutor

In-home operators must register with the state Children Day Care Licensing Division, which is part of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

The licensing fee is \$25, but subsequent home inspections may run up to \$200, Ward said.

Statewide, there are 900 licensed day care homes, which are allowed to handle one to six children. Some 278 group day care homes are licensed to watch seven to 12 children.

State officials believe there could be 600-1,000 unlicensed home-based day-care centers.

"That's a guesstimation," Ward said. "If they are part of the underground economy, by definition nobody knows their exact number."

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office signed a warrant for

the 42-year-old woman, charging her with a misdemeanor for operating an unlicensed day care home. The woman took care of four to five children unrelated to her in the family's home, Livonia police say.

The woman has not been formally arraigned, Livonia police said.

The Livonia woman is not being charged in the death of 6-month-old Jacob Mattison, who died of accidental suffocation while in her care Nov. 1.

"There was no intent, no suspected child abuse or anything of that nature," Livonia police Detective Keith Schoen said. "It was one of life's unfortunate tragedies."

Authorities believe the infant boy suffocated after becoming entangled in some bedding. The child had been placed on a queen-sized bed for a nap when the accident occurred.

Police investigators later found the woman received \$350-\$400 a month from two parents in exchange for caring for their two respective children. One mother said the woman had been watching her two kids for three years.

When asked why she didn't apply for a day-care license, the woman replied "I don't know," police said.

"I'm guessing she is a good soul. She loves kids," Ward said. "She needed a few bucks and didn't get a license and certainly didn't expect the baby to die in her care."

"We don't expect she's anything other than a homemaker who had a tragic occurrence in a business she shouldn't have been operating."

The hotline number is (313) 256-3814.

Day care certification

The Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services regulates and certifies family day care homes, which allows for the care of one to six children.

The process requires:

- Three signed references from people who aren't related.
- Tuberculosis tests for operator, all people living in the home and any other person helping with care.
- Statement from doctor attesting to the operator's health.
- Criminal and protective services clearances on the operator and others in the home 18 years or older.
- A non-refundable fee of \$25 paid to the state.
- Proof of an inspection and approval of home's heating system within past year.
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- Written schedule of daily activities which provide opportunities for children's physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. The schedule must include active and quiet play, indoor and outdoor play, meal and snack and rest times.
- A list of at least 20 items of indoor and outdoor play equipment for children.
- A sketch of the home's layout.
- Emergency plans for tornado, fire, accident and illness.
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Open time

•The Michigan PGA Section is accepting registration applications for the Michigan PGA Junior Championship, which will be July 12-13 at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

The winners in the boys and girls divisions at the Michigan PGA Juniors qualify with nearly 100 of their peers for the National PGA Junior Championships, played Aug. 23-26 at the PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

The 25th annual National PGA Juniors features boys and girls 17 and younger who are champions of the 41 national sections, plus winners from selected national junior tournaments, the point leaders from the PGA Junior Series, and members of the 1999 American Junior Golf Association Rolex Junior All-American first team.

Those interested in entering the Michigan PGA Junior Championship can obtain entry forms at their local PGA golf facility or by contacting the Michigan PGA Section at (734) 522-2323.

•Qualifying rounds for the 85th annual Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open are scheduled for May 22 and May 23 at eight sites throughout the state. The \$200 entry fee and completed application must be received in the Michigan Section PGA office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.

May 22 qualifying sites are Greystone Golf Club in Romeo; Forest Akers West Golf Club in East Lansing; Gull Lake Country Club in Richland; and Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

May 23 qualifying sites are Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville; Western Golf and Country Club in Redford; The Fortress in Franklenth; and The Highlands in Grand Rapids.

The field at all qualifying sites will be limited to 104 competitors, with all golfers assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Michigan Open will be Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, at Grand Traverse Resort. Contestants will vie for the James D. Standish Jr. Trophy and \$110,000 in prize money.

•The 19th Michigan Senior Open Championship will be June 13-14 at Bedford Valley Golf Club. A Pro-Am is scheduled for Monday, June 12.

The event is open to all male golfers 50 or over who have established residency in Michigan. Contestants will play 36 holes of stroke play golf; there will be two age divisions, 50-64 and 65 and over. Handicap limits for competitors is 10.0 for those in the 50-64 division and 15.0 for the 65 and older division.

The \$200 entry fee includes greens fees, range balls and automotive golf car for both rounds. The entry fee and completed application must be received in the Michigan Section PGA office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

Entry forms are available by contacting the PGA office at (734) 522-2323.

Golf outing

The WaCo Wolves USA Travel Baseball Club is sponsoring a golf outing fund-raiser at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth (located at 44115 Five Mile).

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf (shotgun start, four-person scramble), prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, beer and pop on the course, a complete steak dinner and door prizes.

All proceeds go to benefit the WaCo Wolves travel teams. Checks should be made payable to the WaCo Wolves.

For information, call John or Karen Abrahamson at (248) 473-1336.

Women's golf

•A women's Friday morning golf league will get underway May 8 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. All ability levels are welcome; individual handicaps will be established.

Tee times begin at 9 a.m. The 16-week season costs \$15 to register and weekly greens fees. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

•A women's golf league is forming at Hilltop Golf Course, starting May 4. The league will play at 8 a.m. Thursday mornings.

Those interested should call Liz at (734) 397-1212.

Williams saves Whalers!

OT winner scored with Whalers a man short

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The theme song from "Mission Impossible" blared over the Compuware Arena public-address system with just over seven minutes remaining in overtime in Friday night's game four of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference final series between Plymouth and Sault Ste. Marie.

And for good reason: The Whalers had just been whistled for a penalty, giving the visiting Greyhounds a potential game-deciding power play.

However, less than a minute later, Plymouth right-winger Justin Williams proved nothing's impossible as he took a feed at center ice from Libor Ustrnul, outtraced a Greyhound defenseman and rocketed a low, sizzling slap shot past goalie Ray Emery to give the Whalers a dramatic 2-1 victory.

Williams was mobbed by his teammates and coaches at center ice seconds after the goal, which gave the Whalers a commanding 3-1 advantage heading into Saturday night's game five at Compuware.

Prior to his game-winning heroics Friday night, Williams had never scored an overtime goal, let alone a short-handed one in the playoffs.

"It's definitely the biggest goal I've ever scored," Williams said, recounting the slapshot that just eluded Emery's outstretched glove. "When I first saw Libor get to the puck, I thought he was going to dump it in. But he got it to me somehow. We had been missing high on (Emery) all night, so I knew I was going to try to beat him low."

Whaler coach Pete DeBoer said Williams' goal salvaged a win in a game that had the Soo's number written all over it from the opening face off.

"There's no doubt they had outplayed us tonight going into the overtime," DeBoer said. "They were playing desperate hockey, like it was a do-or-die kind of game."



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Some kind of battle: The Whalers' Jamie LaLonde (14) fights for possession of the puck (above) while Greyhounds' goalie Ray Emery sprawls and keeps a close eye on the play. Friday's game was tight and physical throughout, one that kept Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer (below) on edge all the way.

"But Justin has been an opportunistic player for us all season. He didn't have a lot of jump to his step all game, but when he got the puck (on the game-winning play), he put it in a higher gear."

Whaler goalie Rob Zepp played in a higher gear the entire game, stopping 32 Greyhound shots, at least six from short range.

His biggest save came at the 5:05 mark of overtime when he went down on his knees to knock away a blistering shot from the Soo's Ryan Milanovic, who was camped just a few feet outside the crease.

Emery matched Zepp save-for-save most of the night, stopping 22 Whaler shots.

Following a scoreless first period, Plymouth drew first blood on a power play with 4:31 left in the second period when defenseman Cole Jarrett scored

on a slapshot just outside the left face-off circle. Jarrett's goal, his third of the playoffs, was assisted by a cross-ice feed from fellow defender Shaun Fisher.

Plymouth had a golden opportunity to cement the game just over a minute later when Greyhound left-winger Ryan Jardine was sent to the penalty box for roughing. Soo coach Paul Theriault protested the call vehemently and displayed his anger by waving a white towel towards the official.

Theriault's theatrics earned him a two-minute bench misconduct penalty and dismissal from the game -- and gave the Whalers a two-man advantage.

With their backs against the wall, the Greyhounds not only killed the penalties, they tied the game 16 seconds after the penalties expired when defenseman Trevor Daley controlled a

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Chiefs divide a pair at South Lyon

BY C.J. RISAK
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Due to time constraints, we will pretend these two public schools have, for the day anyway, been established as members of the Detroit Catholic League.

Disclaimers aside, Plymouth Canton's baseball double-header at South Lyon HS Thursday provided a couple of things:

- It allowed the Chiefs to stay in game shape while just about everyone else was either vacationing or glued to the TV following Elian's travails;
- It kept their attention focused on the difficulties that lie directly ahead.

Or, as Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey put it, "It should be fun."

Dickey was referring to Monday's pivotal game

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against Farmington Harrison, a game that could go a long way toward deciding the champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"We're excited for Monday," said Dickey. "Harrison's a big game. We haven't beaten them in two years."

Although Thursday's twinbill at South Lyon meant little, convincing the Chiefs of that would have been difficult -- especially after they split to run their record to 9-4. The Lions (5-7 overall) are not a great team when at full strength, and according to coach Mark Thomas they were well below that for these games.

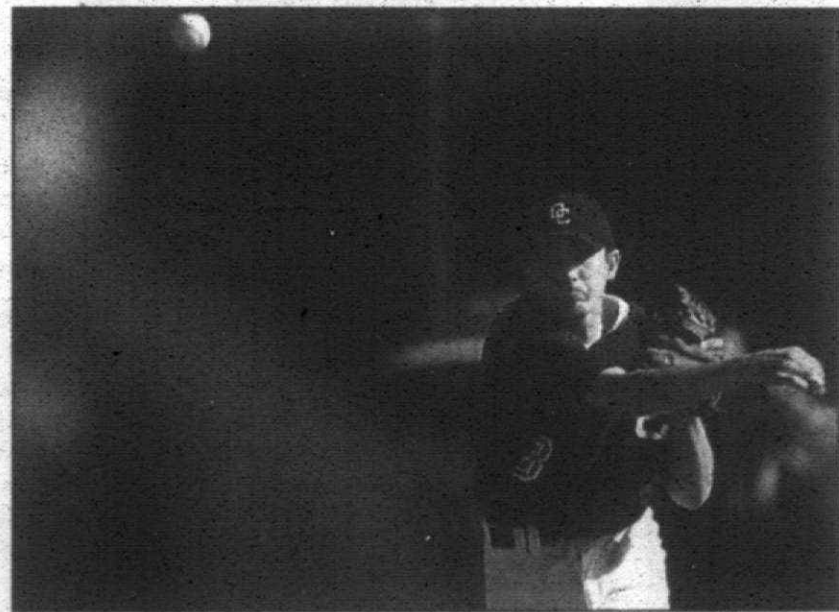
"We only had one senior here," Thomas said, noting the very reason most coaches refuse to schedule games during spring break. "But a lot of guys that don't get a lot of playing time were able to get some, so that was good."

JV players, coach? "No," Thomas answered. "But in the first game, we looked like a JV team."

Canton had no trouble in the opener, rolling to a 12-3 triumph. Jon Johnson was among the batting leaders in this waxing, slugging two doubles in three trips and driving in two runs.

Jim Wisniewski was another, collecting two hits in two official trips -- one of them a double -- to drive in two runs and score three more. Bryan Kay totaled three hits, including a double, scoring twice and driving in one, and Brad Smigielski had a dou-

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tossed out: CC's Phil Marrone, from Plymouth, fires the ball to first to get this Country Day baserunner. Mistakes would plague the Shamrocks, however, ultimately leading to a defeat.

Not a beauty Miscues ruin Shamrocks

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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To call Thursday's baseball game between Redford Catholic Central and Detroit Country Day ugly would be an insult.

At one point in the late innings the two teams had combined for more hit batters than hits.

But it was one key hit that broke the ice and gave the Yellowjackets a 6-4 comeback win over host CC.

"It wasn't the prettiest game in the world, but it was a great competitive game," said Country Day coach Frank Orlando. "We played a great game against Troy and lost 1-0 because we didn't execute. This one we did."

CC (10-3) took a 4-2 lead into the top

of the sixth, holding the Yellowjackets (7-1) to just two hits but only able to muster three of its own.

Country Day manufactured its first run in the sixth with walks to David Barkholz and Matt Collins by reliever Ryan Rogowski (2-1). Sean Gallagher advanced the runners with a sacrifice bunt. With Mike McGavin up, the runners moved up on a passed ball to cut the lead to 4-3.

Then McGavin drilled a shot to left-center field that froze CC outfielder Brian Williams. The ball took two hops and disappeared into the trees beyond the fence. Williams held up one hand, and most thought it was a ground-rule double that would have merely tied the score. But the umpires called it a home

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Rockers re-sign both Tschantret, Shanker

The Detroit Rockers will make their debut in their new home — Plymouth's Compuware Arena — this fall with two of their newer additions committed to staying for a couple of years.

Midfielder Joel Shanker and forward Lee Tschantret will be in Rockers' uniforms through the 2002-2003 season.

Tschantret came to Detroit last sea-

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son and promptly led the team with 123 points in 42 games. "Lucky" Lee finished the season on a 15-game point-scoring streak, and knocked in four game-winning goals on the year.

"I'm definitely looking forward to next

year," Tschantret said, and Rockers' head coach Drago echoed his excitement.

"We are very excited to be able to create the core of a championship team," Drago said. "These are two quality players who show the determination, talent and knowledge that is necessary to win a championship."

"Piece by piece, we want to build to the level that Milwaukee and Cleveland have achieved."

The aforementioned Shanker, who re-signed at the same time as Tschantret, provided a deft scoring touch in his limited term of action last season.

Shanker joined the Rockers via trade from Philadelphia in late December. He scored 22 points in eight games with the Rockers before suffering a stress frac-

ture in his right foot.

Overall, Shanker scored 37 points on the season, good for tenth among Rockers scorers. General manager David Woodrow was happy to keep both players in the Rockers organization.

"These two players will be part of the core of our team for years to come," Woodrow said.

Crusaders rip Tech, then get ripped

There's this timeless adage — personally, I believe it was invented by some Australian as a clever reference to his boomerang — that promises, "What goes around, comes around."

Madonna University's softball team discovered just that Thursday in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header at Indiana Tech. The Lady Crusaders routed Tech 11-3 in the first game, pounding out 12 hits and taking advantage of four errors.

But in the second, Tech got its revenge, ripping Madonna by the same 11-3 margin. This time it was the Crusaders — who were errorless in the opener — that had the faulty gloves, committing five errors.

The split left Madonna with a 29-20 overall record; they are 14-

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12 in the WHAC. Tech is 16-30 overall, 7-19 in the WHAC.

Jenny Tenyer was on the mound for the first-game victory. She surrendered three earned runs on seven hits and one walk, striking out three to improve to 12-7. The loss went to Danielle Archer.

Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) was one of Madonna's hitting heroes, collecting two hits, including a triple, with two runs batted in and two runs scored.

Meghan Quinn also had two hits and two runs scored, Devon Fletcher added two hits and a run scored, and Stacie Wilson contributed a hit and three RBI, scoring twice. Tanya Liske,

Erika Keys, Jennifer Kruzel and Pam Kowinski each had a hit and an RBI, with Kruzel scoring twice.

In the second game, Madonna managed just five hits off winning pitcher Robin Stillwell, who did not walk a batter and struck out four. Jennifer Staup started and absorbed the defeat for the Crusaders, lasting five innings; she gave up eight runs (five earned) on eight hits and two walks, falling to 12-7.

Things started well for Madonna. Keys opened the game with a single and, with one out, scored on Vicki Malkowski's triple. McDonald followed with another triple, scoring a second run, and Kruzel then doubled to deliver a third.

But that was it, as the Crusaders managed just one more hit.

Aquinas sweep makes Madonna 13-9 in WHAC

The season continues to progress well for Madonna University's baseball team.

Madonna swept a doubleheader Saturday (April 22) from visiting Aquinas College by scores of 3-2 and 2-1 to move 10 games above .500.

The Crusaders ended the twin-bill 24-14-1, including a 13-9 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Saints (25-12-2) are 11-7.

Jason Brooks singled home the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning of the first game to make a winner of Ryan Andrzejewski (4-2), who worked the final two innings.

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Dale Hayes started and pitched a two-hitter, allowing both runs in the sixth on a home run by John Pike. He struck out four and walked three.

Derrick Wolfe provided Madonna with its first run in the second inning, stroking his fourth home run of the season.

Wolfe walked with two out in the eighth, Joe Pruchnik was hit by a pitch and Brooks singled to left center.

Andrzejewski faced just six batters, striking out two. Brooks also came through in

the second game, delivering a double down the right field line in the bottom of the sixth.

Mitch Jabczynski (4-2) went the distance, allowing one run and scattering eight hits. He limited his walks to one and struck out five.

Eric Lightle doubled in the fourth-inning run for the Crusaders to negate a 1-0 lead the Saints had taken in the top of the inning.

Neil Wildfong singled leading off the sixth for Madonna and was sacrificed to second. Wolfe was hit by a pitch. Lightle forced Wildfong and Brooks then unloaded his double.

New gravel bed should aid trout habitat

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

In an effort to improve trout habitat on Paint Creek, the Clinton Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited has joined forces with the Clinton River Watershed Council and the Village of Lake Orion to create a gravel bed at the upper end of the creek.

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Trout rely heavily on gravel, as a source for insect hatches — a main source of food — as well as for spawning activity. At the urging of TU, the project received a green light and a state grant, and there is now a new gravel bed in Paint Creek.

"When we installed the bottom draw in Paint Creek (1994) it gave us cold water in the upper stretches of Paint Creek," said DNR fisheries biologist Jeff Braunschweig, of the DNR's Livonia district office. "Now we have to improve the habitat so fish can spawn, and hopefully this project will provide for that."

The price tag for the project was in the area of \$24,000. The DNR awarded a grant totalling \$10,000 to the project and TU came up with the rest.

The project began last week and was scheduled to be completed before Saturday's trout opener. A large sand bar was removed from the creek and replaced with gravel. Walls were also added to the bank of the creek, narrowing the stream, increasing its depth and increasing the velocity of the water flow, all of which should encourage natural reproduction.

"Paint Creek has a very good survival rate and some limited reproduction," Braunschweig said. "We stock it to supplement that reproduction."

The DNR annually stocks 5,600 brown trout in Paint Creek. The stocking program supports a stellar fishery that is enjoyed by hundreds of anglers each spring and summer.

"Fish should start using the area immediately," Braunschweig said. "They'll spawn in the fall and it should provide good habitat for the young fish, too."

Elk herd grows

Michigan's winter elk survey turned up 1,100 elk, up from last

winter's count of approximately 950 animals. When combined with this spring's calves, the fall herd will likely number in the area of 1,500 animals.

The state is shooting for a summer herd of some 950-1,000 animals, so speculation is running high that the state Natural Resources Commission will expand the area open to hunting, and increase the harvest goals for the 200 elk season.

The DNR made a recommendation to the NRC to expand the area open to hunting to include the counties of Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Otsego and Presque Isle. Elk have expanded their range and biologists feel there is a need to open the entire seven-county area to hunting to better manage the herd.

Hunters combined to harvest 189 elk last year between a September hunt and a December hunt.

Bear hunt applications due

State bear hunters are reminded that the application deadline to apply for a fall 2000 hunting permit is May 15.

"Bear hunters have requested an earlier registration period for

tagged 1,707 black bear.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

Unsuccessful applicants for the 2000 hunt will receive one preference point toward next year and hunters with the highest preference points will be given the first shot at receiving a tag. Points will accumulate until the hunter receives enough to qualify for the hunt.

Last year, a record 8,097 harvest tags were issued and hunters killed 1,707 bears statewide. The largest harvests were recorded in the Baraga (388 bears), Newberry (354), Bergland (285), Red Oak (196) and Gwinn (189) management units.

This year the DNR is issuing upwards of 9,400 kill tags compared to 8,094 that were issued for the 1999 hunt.

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Summer hockey

The Arctic Pond Arena in Plymouth will offer 10-week men's and women's adult summer recreational hockey leagues. The cost is \$180 (includes insurance). Leagues offered include: Lady

Rockets (over 20), Tuesday nights starting May 23; Golden Eagles/Masters (over 45), Wednesday nights starting May 24; and Rockets (over 21), Thursday nights starting May 25. For more information and registration form, visit the website: www.rpi.net; call or fax name

and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658; or e-mail information to Wilson at same web site address.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36252 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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long rebound shot off Zepp's pads and fired the puck into the back of the net to make it 1-1.

It stayed that way until Williams' tally two-thirds of the way through overtime. Plymouth killed off five two-minute penalties while the Greyhounds killed off eight of nine.

Game five was played Saturday night, beyond deadline. Results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our April 30 insert, we advertised an AirTouch Cellular promotion that included 120 digital minutes for \$14.99 per month with free regional roaming and long distance. This promotion actually includes 100 digital minutes for \$14.99 per month with free regional roaming and long distance. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.



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Canton baseball

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ble and two runs scored. The beneficiary of all these offensive fireworks was pitcher Matt Staley, who improved to 2-0. Staley went all seven innings, giving up two earned runs on eight hits and three walks, striking out six.

Oh yes -- about that disclaimer. The umpires showed up an hour before the scheduled noon start, saying they had been misinformed and they had another commitment that would force them to leave by 3:30 p.m. That left two choices for Canton and South Lyon: play one game, or stop the three-ball, two-strike format used by the Catholic League.

"I don't mind it as a coach," said Dickey of 3-2 ball. "It helps our pitchers. But I don't think our hitters like it much."

The second game was far different.

South Lyon scored first, getting a run after two were out and no one was on base in the bottom of the third. A walk to Jason Rohraff was followed by a double by Kern that delivered the run.

Canton immediately retaliated, knotting it a 1-1 in the top of the fourth on back-to-back singles by Wisniewski and Russ Caid with one out and a sacrifice fly by Jay Sofen.

But the Lions extra-base power showed up in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, Jamie Gasparella walked and Jason Zylica was hit by a pitch.

Rohraff then came through with a two-run triple to make it 3-1. Kern's single scored Rohraff to make it 4-1.

Canton's best opportunity to catch the Lions came in the sixth. Brian Rossow led off with a single and Oliver Wolcott

walked, putting two runners on with no one out. But Wisniewski's grounder to third was turned into a double play, dampening the rally.

The Chiefs did get one run on a double by Caid, making it 4-2, but that was as close as they could get.

Vasher went the distance and absorbed the loss to even his record at 1-1; he gave up four earned runs in six innings. Kern was the winner for South Lyon.

Despite the split, Dickey was pleased with what he saw. "I'm not happy to lose, but we didn't play that bad," he said. "We hit the ball hard. We've been hitting the ball well all year."

The Canton coach won't be nearly so accommodating in this week's games. After the Harrison showdown Monday, the Chiefs play at North Farmington Wednesday and at Livonia Franklin Friday. On Saturday, they return home to play a double-header against campus rival Plymouth Salem.

It may, as Dickey described it, "be fun" -- but it won't be easy.

CORRECTION IN TODAY'S MEDIA PLAY FLYER
The CD entitled *Joe/Mary* is Joe is incorrectly sale priced at \$12.99 in today's Media Play insert. The correct sale price is \$13.99. We apologize for any inconvenience.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to declare the repeated racing of a vehicle on a public street without a permit to be a public nuisance, to provide for the forfeiture or impoundment of a vehicle which is so used, and to provide procedures for enforcement of the ordinance. The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Commission Chambers, Room 400
600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 224-0903.

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, Randolph, Detroit, 48226 (313) 224-0903.

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Birds don't smell? They certainly can!



TIM NOWICK

plaine. Scientists do not have time to question each other, though when experiments suggest it, sometimes it's worth reviewing dogma.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

WIRE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING
The West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department is offering a basic Duck & Goose Calling class on Mondays, beginning May 21 and lasting through May 22. The one-hour classes will be taught at Orchard Lake Middle School from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Contact the West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department at (248) 539-2290 for registration information.

ANNUAL OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Channing Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 686-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liporato at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers

Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payouts will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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Sea birds that spend most of their time searching for fish in the ocean have large olfactory lobes of the brain.

It has been suggested recently that they may be smelling the chemical dimethyl sulfide given off by tiny plants in the ocean. Where ever the plants are found, edible fish are found, too. Experiments have shown that seabirds can smell this chemical in controlled situations.

Birds migrating north during the next couple weeks may also be using their sense of smell. Evidence has already been obtained that shows homing pigeons use their sense of smell to help them home to a known location.

Experimental birds whose nostrils were plugged took much longer to find their way back. This suggests that migrating birds may have memorized an

odor trail that they use to help them orient as they migrate in spring and fall.

The ever present starling has also been shown to have a sense of smell. When starlings add flea-bane leaves and stems to their nests, they have fewer parasites in the nest. This helps to raise more young. Experimenters feel the only way they know which plant to add is by smelling the plants.

Experiments have also shown that birds, chickens for sure, learn to avoid distasteful insects by associating both color and taste. Many distasteful insects are brightly colored.

Birds can see colors much the way you and I see color. Once the chicken had an insect in its mouth and discovered it to be noxious, they did not eat it again.

Science is always seeking the truth, sometimes we just don't have the whole story yet.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

(boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

MURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Muron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
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p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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

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run, giving the Yellowjackets a 5-4 lead.

"It was a tough call with a shorter fence," said CC coach John Salter, whose protest went for naught. "But that didn't lose the game for us. We had two walks to start the inning and we had an opportunity to score and didn't."

The lost opportunity came in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Williams led off with a

single but was out at third on a fielder's choice. Still, another fielder's choice and a walk left runners at second and third with two outs.

Matt Loidas struck out, but the ball got past Country Day catcher Joe McCarthy and Loidas got to first. And yet neither CC runner advanced on the play, despite Salter telling them to run, and Country Day wound up getting out of the inning.

"We messed that up," said Salter. "We should have had someone get in."

The scoring in the sixth was a far cry from the first half of the contest, when Barkholz and CC's Adam Kline didn't give up many hits but walks, hit batters, wild pitches and passed balls accounted for the scoring.

For example, CC opened the scoring in the first with Dave

Tovey leading off by being hit with a pitch, taking second on a fielder's choice and scoring on two passed balls.

The Shamrocks grabbed three more runs in the third on only two hits — the big one a two-run single by Kline, with John Hill adding an RBI single. They got the runners on base with an error and two walks, with a wild pitch thrown in for good measure. But CC also left the bases

loaded in the inning.

"Sometimes (Barkholz) starts out that way," said Orlando. "He just wasn't too fluid at the start. But once he got settled down, he got into it."

Country Day manufactured its first two runs. Jason Probert led off the fourth with a single for the Yellowjackets' first hit, took second when Barkholz was hit by a pitch, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a passed ball.

It was a similar situation the next inning when Brian Haveri

reached on an error, took second on a fielder's choice, got to third on another error and scored on a single by Andrew Stein.

All three pitchers — Kline, Rogowski and Barkholz — suffered from the passed ball/wild pitch syndrome, with seven in the game.

"Still, I thought (Kline) threw a good game," said Salter of his pitcher, who gave up two hits, two runs and a hit batter, with four strikeouts. "He gave us some good innings."

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the annual election of the School District will be held in the School District on Monday, June 12, 2000.

TAKE NOTICE THAT any qualified elector of the School District who is not already a registered elector of the School District may register at the following places on the days indicated:

PLACE: For those persons living within the City of Livonia:
Livonia City Hall
33001 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

For those persons living within the Township of Redford:
Redford Township Hall
15145 Beech Road
Redford Township, MI 48239

For those persons living within the City of Farmington Hills:
Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

DAYS AND HOURS:
Each day during the office hours until Monday, May 15, 2000, at the close of business. Persons planning to register should determine when the several municipal offices or Secretary of State branch offices will be open for registration.

A person may also register to vote at a branch office of the Secretary of State or by completing an application to register to vote while applying for a renewal operator's or chauffeur's license by mail under Section 307 of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION:
THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERK, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Those persons who are duly registered to vote in this School District at said Annual Election need not re-register.

TAKE NOTICE, that there will be elected two (2) members of the Board of Education for full terms of four (4) years ending June 30, 2004.

This Notice is given by Order of the Board of Education.

Dated: April 19, 2000

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Oratorio society to sing music for the masses

The sanctuary at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth is hushed as Leonard Riccinto lifts his arms to begin the next-to-the-last rehearsal for the Plymouth Oratorio Society's spring concert Saturday, May 6.

United in song, the choir of nearly 65 voices sends a chill through an audience of one - me.

What a privilege to hear and watch the choir in action as Riccinto leads them through John Rutter's *Magnificat* with soprano Rose Keehr singing the solos. Now in its 14th season, the Plymouth Oratorio Society has built a reputation for singing masterworks. In addition to *Magnificat*, the choir will perform Handel's *Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4*. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra joins them for the concert.

Joyous experience

"We want the audience to have a joyous experience with the music, to enjoy the poetry set to music," said Riccinto, now in his fifth season as

director. "I try to have a balance of styles so there's something new and refreshing, and to present the best choral literature so that we're stretching ourselves."

G.F. Handel's, *Zadok the Priest and Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened*, the first and fourth coronation anthems, were first performed in 1727 at a ceremony to crown King George II in

Spring concert: Leonard Riccinto directs the Plymouth Oratorio Society in large-scale choral works.

Westminster Abbey. The choir will perform the fourth anthem with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Sunday, May 21 at St. John Neumann Church in Canton.

"The Handel is from the Baroque period, very well known and energetic," said Riccinto. "*Magnificat* is by a living English composer. Rutter is very popular because he's so accessible. It's a very lush work and performed part in English, part in Latin but the audience will be able to understand it all because they'll be able to read along."

Accessibility

Keehr thinks Rutter's accessibility can be deceiving. She speaks from experience as the soprano reaching for the highest notes in the work.

"Rutter is deceptive for some people. Because he's so beautiful, people think it's easy," said Keehr, who's studied voice with Glenda Kirkland and Donald Hartmann at Eastern Michigan University. "But there are a lot of high notes with a quiet interlude at the end."

Choir member Donald Pratt agrees with Riccinto about the accessibility of Rutter's work though.

"The *Magnificat* is exactly like it's titled," said Pratt of Canton. "It's a beautiful piece, very approachable music. We've done Rutter's *Requiem* and *Gloria*. You can really spot the same styles at times in both of those works. The Handel is fun to do and quite grand. I'm looking forward to doing the fourth anthem with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra May 21. We've had a busy year. We performed a concert last month with the Eastern Michigan University Choir - *Te Deum* by Bruckner. Usually we perform only

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What: The Plymouth Oratorio Society performs the music of Handel and Rutter. A free-will offering will be taken (\$5 suggested donation). For information, call (734) 455-8353.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6
Where: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth



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FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS VERY SPECIAL PERFORMERS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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There was no doubt - Abbey Kratchke was there to have fun. The Farmington Hills singer had arrived early for a rehearsal with Fine Chimes, a musical group of young adults with a variety of special needs including developmental, physical and mental impairments.

The 15-member group, under director Patrice Morris-Weaver of Bloomfield Village, was preparing for a performance at the VSA Arts Festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Sponsored by the Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan, the festival features more than 150 performers from Birmingham, Pontiac, Farmington Hills, and Detroit. Founded by Jean Kennedy Smith in conjunction with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1974, VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) provides programs in dance, music, drama, and the visual arts for persons with disabilities.

"I'm excited because my mom is going to be there," said Kratchke before the rehearsal at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, "and because it's fun and I know everybody."

Having fun

According to Morris-Weaver, building socialization skills and having fun is what Fine Chimes is all about. Members increase attention spans and develop social skills such as working together as a team.

"We use the group for socialization," said Morris-Weaver, a registered music therapist with a master's degree in early childhood development.

"Everyone has needs and abilities. We're thankful for the opportunity to perform in a non-threatening atmosphere like a mall. And it can heighten the awareness of persons with special needs."

This is Fine Chimes' second concert this year. They performed at the

VSA Arts Festival

What: The celebration of arts-ability features more than 150 performers, an art exhibit, and hands-on activities in art, music and movement. Call FAR Conservatory (248) 646-3347 for more information.

When: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6.

Where: Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia.

Michigan Performing Arts Talent Show at The Community House in Birmingham the third weekend in April. At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, they'll play *Simple Gifts*, a Quaker hymn that tells us to be pure in heart and true to oneself, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Sheherazade*.

"We use chimes as opposed to bells because they're easier," said Morris-Weaver. "Each student plays one note that corresponds to the chime. Some of the members lack fine motor skills. The chimes help develop range of motion. It also helps to increase eye-hand coordination, and the strength of their grasp. And they're recognizing notes and letters."

Morris-Weaver, who works as a consultant in an early childhood program for Birmingham Public Schools, founded her first chime group 13 years ago at the Farmington Training Center which has since closed. Many of the original members, who joined Fine Chimes at its inception seven years ago, remain with the group. They live in Farmington, Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Novi, Walled Lake, Warren and Franklin, and range in age from 20 to 30.

"I learn from students," said Morris-Weaver. "They give me everything I need to help them and we all grow."

Dance and song

In addition to Fine Chimes' performance, individuals members of the group will strut their stuff. Kevin Brown will dance a solo to Backstreet Boys' *The Perfect Fan*, and Amy

Somerville will play a jazz medley arranged by Bess Bonnier. Somerville, a Walled Lake resident, studied with Bonnier after receiving a grant from the Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan.

Fine Chimes member Karen MacDonald lives to sing for an audience. The Franklin resident will perform an Italian art song by Scarlatti (*Gia il Sole dal Gange*) and the theme song from *Titanic* (*My Heart Will Go On*). She's been singing 14 years and is proud of the eight trophies sitting on the bookshelves in her bedroom. She won all of them for singing. But they're just some of MacDonald's achievements as a singer. She sang the national anthem before a Red Wings game and after was presented with a puck as a souvenir.

"At first I got nervous, but I've been performing for so long," said MacDonald. "It was fun."

Win-win

Performers like MacDonald and the rest of the Fine Chimes make all of the hours that Connie Lott spends coordinating festival musicians and dancers worth it. Lott, a member of the Southeast Region Committee and executive director of FAR Conservatory in Birmingham, doesn't mind seeing to all the details like making sure there are enough busses with wheelchair lifts for performers.

Once a year, the committee hosts the festival to spotlight the achievements of students in VSA Arts programs including those awarded mini-grants by the Southeast Region. Their annual scholarship, named after Livonia artist Jack Olds, provides money for an individual to pursue studies in the arts.

"I help to put it on for the special artists," said Lott. "They need the opportunity to shine. It's a win-win situation because the more positive feedback they get from the audience, their families and teachers, then the better they're going to do in their life. As a parent of a young woman with special needs, I've seen the self-confi-



Light and lyrical: The Fine Chimes (top left) have fun while practicing for an upcoming performance at Wonderland Mall. Karen MacDonald (directly above) sings a song from the hit film *Titanic*. Patrice Morris-Weaver (top photo) leads the Fine Chimes as they prepare for the VSA Arts Festival.

dence, poise and social skills gained from taking music and dance. They helped my daughter at work and with social situations."

Reinhard Lemke is delighted to be hosting the festival at Wonderland Mall. He's looking forward to not only seeing performers such as the FAR Conservatory Dancers and choirs from Pontiac Public Schools but viewing artworks created by children and adults in VSA programs throughout the state. There will also be hands-on art activities for children.

"The festival perfectly fits into our goal to be an active part of the community," said Lemke, general manager of Wonderland Mall. "The Very Special Arts philosophy goes with what we believe - to include all groups of a community. It opens the eyes about the talents we have in different areas."

Incorporating arts and culture into activities at the mall is something Lemke has tried to do since assuming his position at Wonderland in December 1998. Under his leadership, the mall has hosted a fund-raiser for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra as well as performances by Livonia high school bands.

"This is something we successfully did in Germany," said Lemke, who moved to the United States from his homeland of Germany in 1998. "It recreates the past for the future. It's what made people happy when they still had their townships with art fairs, art markets and activities. We focus on a family-friendly environment. It's not a contradiction to be successful in business and care for people."

Chorus concert is 'Your Ticket to Broadway'



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Ticket to Broadway: Thomas Sheets rehearses with the Oakland Community College Masterworks Choral.

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Thomas Sheets has a vision for the chorus at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. He plans to at least triple the size of the 30-member group he calls the Oakland Community College Masterworks Choral.

Of course, it won't be in time for its performance of Broadway favorites Friday, May 5, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills.

Guest soloists Valerie Yova and David Troiano, along with chorale members, are *Your Ticket to Broadway* in this concert featuring music from *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Annie*, *Camelot*, and more. Yova and chorus member Fredrick Brohn will sing a duet from *Fiddler*.

"I just love large choruses," said Sheets, who also directs the University

What: The Oakland Community College Masterworks Choral give their spring concert, *Your Ticket to Broadway*.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, May 5

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, 26165 Farmington Road at Eleven Mile Road.

Tickets: Suggested donation is \$5, \$12 for a family of 3 or more. Call (248) 522-3590.

Musical Society Choral Union in Ann Arbor. "Chorally speaking, bigger is better. I would just love to develop a 100-plus voice group."

Since taking over as director in January of 1999, Sheets has striven to expand the vocal talents of students in the sole choral program in the college's five-campus system. The chorus, which ranges in age from 18 to 60, draws students from several cities including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Livonia,

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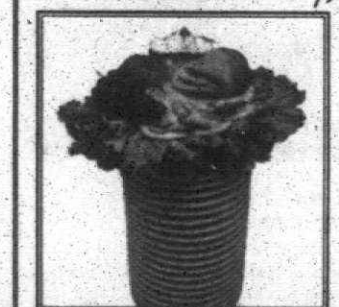
"It's a performance group but also a class with educational components," said Sheets. "With a group that size we can perform every choral genre."

Sheets would like to pattern the chorus after the 150-member University Musical Society Chorus Unit, which he's conducted the last 7 years. An un-auditioned group, the Oakland Community College Masterworks Chorus would develop musical skills that would allow it to perform as a small chamber ensemble or as a chorus capable of large works with orchestra.

Sheets, who's been involved with church music nearly 30 years, earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral music at the University of Southern California. He came to Michigan in 1993 to direct the University Musical Society Chorus Unit at the request of Society president Kenneth Fischer.

"I hope to develop a group that's large enough and skilled enough to perform choral music of every genre," said Sheets, who also teaches graduate choral studies at Wayne State University. "This semester we've already done a wide range of literature from Palestrina to Brahms, to Gilbert and Sullivan and gospel music. I like good music of every type. Our musical theater program features a lot of variety."

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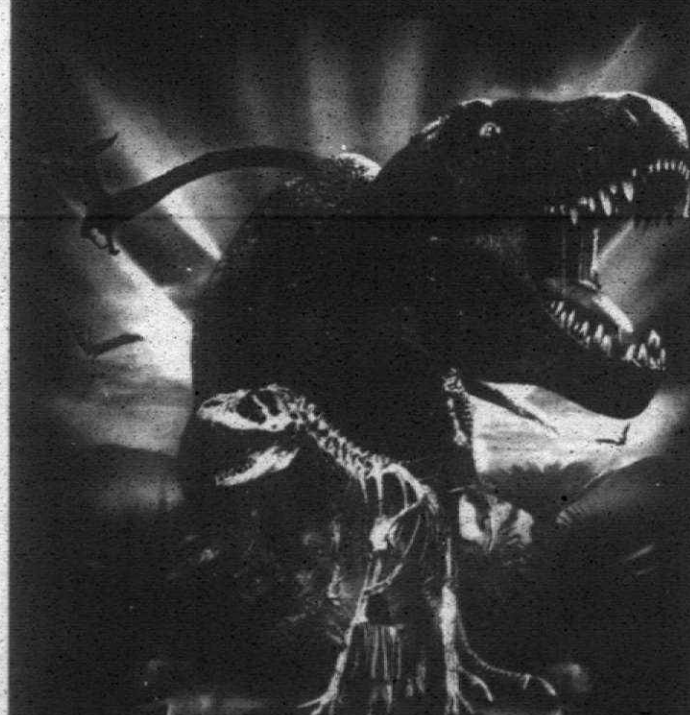
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Farmington Chorus

The Farmington Community Chorus celebrates its 20th anniversary with *It's A Grand Night for Singing*, to be presented 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, at Farmington High School on Shawwassee Road west of Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$10. Call (248) 788-5322 or visit the Web site, www.farmingtonchorus.com.

Under the direction of Steven SeGraves, the chorus will perform some of its best numbers from the past 20 years. Susan Garr will provide piano and keyboard accompaniment for the chorus of over 90 members.

The Perfect Blend, a select group of 12 people, will also perform. Solos, duets and small ensembles will complete the evening's program, but watch for some very special surprises.

Plymouth Community Chorus

The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual spring concert, *Touched by a Song*, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at First Church of The Nazarene, Haggerty at Eight Mile Road in Novi. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Sideways, 505 Forster, Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, or by calling (734) 455-4080.

A variety of songs are on the program, including *You'll Never Walk Alone*, *Impossible Dream*, *Wade in the Water*, *Love Will Find a Way*, and *The Time of Your Life*.

The chorus was founded in 1973 and its members come from 25 communities in southeastern Michigan.

Schoolcraft College Community Choir

Fifty voices strong, the Schoolcraft College Community Choir will present *A Choral Offering* with small orchestral accompaniment, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Donations will be accepted during intermission. For more information call (734) 462-4435.

The choir, ending its first year under new director Mark Perzine, will perform Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*, Ralph Manuel's *Alleluia*, several spirituals and a variety of choral compositions.

Celebrating its 35th season, the choir is a skilled ensemble dedicated to performing music of the masters. Offered through the Liberal Arts Department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, the choir presents at least two major concerts each semester. Membership includes both college students and experienced singers of all ages throughout the metro area. Auditions for the group are held at the beginning of each semester.

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Expressions

one concert a season.

Rehearsals for the Plymouth Oratorio Society began in January.

The choir meets the first four months of the year for an annual May performance. Lottie Resner likes the flexibility of that schedule. She'd always loved choral music but was too busy raising a family to sing with a group until she joined the Plymouth Oratorio Society 14 years ago.

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TRAVEL

Colorado's canyons provide ideal vacation

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Writer Kent Haruf describes Colorado's Front Range as a "faint jagged blue line low on the horizon a hundred miles farther away" in his recent best-seller, *Plainsong*.

He's talking about that first glimpse of the Rocky Mountains as you come in from the east on I-70 or I-76. The Front Range is the destination that drove Zebulon Pike and inspired *America The Beautiful*. These purple mountain majesties are what the *Rocky Mountain News* describes as Colorado's "boon and bane."

If you haven't visited the area recently, you will be amazed at the growth. The populations of about eight Livonias have moved into the Denver-Boulder area since 1980. They joke that in 20 years you will be able to walk on rooftops from Fort Collins in the north to Pueblo in the south.

Even with the population boom it's not hard to find quiet spots just moments away from the urban areas.

Take US 285 and drive to the Pine Junction turnoff, go to Deckers (it's just a single store, no gas) and turn either left or right and travel along the south fork of the Platte River. As the crowd flies, you are a few minutes from Denver. But in location and in spirit you are far away, behind the first wall of the Rockies, traveling along a dirt road, the Platte roaring beside you. You pass a ranch or two, some trout fishermen, and a handful of college kids up for a picnic. At one point the road narrows; the river runs deeper because a boulder the size of a house blocks a stream. No population boom here.

It's these places that draw you to the mountains.

If you stay in Boulder to avoid the traffic and noise of Denver, it's the jumping off point for trips up one of several canyons: Coal Creek up to Nederland; Boulder Canyon where locals inner tube, hike and cool off in the spray from easy-to-reach Boulder Falls; or up South Saint Vrain Canyon or Big Thompson Canyon to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park just

If you go

- A great source for information on Colorado is *The Colorado Guide* by Bruce Caghey and Dean Winstanley.
- Four-wheeler guides like Charles Wells' *Guide to Colorado Backroads and 4-Wheel-Drive Trails* offer useful maps and sound advice. Also Peter Massey-Jeanne Wilson's *4WD Adventures-Colorado*.
- A November 1996 issue of *National Geographic* has a detailed article on the problems and the lure of Front Range communities.
- Boulder Web sites include www.ci.boulder.co.us/comm/fyi/index.html or www.m1e.com/bic.html#Visitor
- The Royal Gorge train number is (888) Rails4U.
- The NORAD Web page offers many details if you wish to visit: www.cheyennemountain.af.mil/cmoc/cmoc.htm
- The *Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Boulder Daily Camera* and *Colorado Springs Gazette* all run very good Web sites for detailed, up-to-date information.

beyond.

Big Thompson is spectacular and famous. In 1976, 139 died and many were injured in a rain-induced flash flood. When you see the sheer rock walls and the river, you'll see how eight inches of rain produced the disaster. Now signs warn you to seek higher ground. If you look up, you'll see mountain goats, which is what you would want to be in a flood.

Boulder

Boulder often makes the "best places to live" top 10 lists. This month, *Modern Maturity* magazine called Boulder the best "clean and green" city for retirees. Home of the University of Colorado and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, as well as computer companies such as IBM, Boulder is like Ann Arbor. Two-thirds of the population holds some kind of college degree. Smaller companies such as Celestial Seasonings Tea make Boulder their home.

The city's plan for outdoor recreation should be the model for the nation. A local sales tax has allowed the city to surround itself with huge tracts of open space lands that cannot be touched by developers.

Most people living in Boulder can look out one of their windows and see the Front Range and the low Flatirons. Municipal water comes from the city-owned glacier. Downtown is easy to reach, highlighted by the tree-lined Pearl Street mall, full of shops and places to eat. Just

blocks from downtown you can hike mountain trails.

No wonder the residents have built a green enclave with open spaces, spending more than \$100 million to gain control of 30,000 acres.

North of Boulder out of Fort Collins is Cache la Poudre River, a designated Wild and Scenic River. The rocky canyon goes on for miles and miles deep into the Front Range. The Forest Service has been refurbishing the extensive string of picnic areas, turnouts, campgrounds and fishing bridges along the river. Kayakers enjoy the white water, and trout fishermen have many choice spots to cast a line.

The canyon is quiet during the week but gets busy starting Friday afternoon. Locals like the Mishiwaka Inn on the Canyon Highway at supper time, watching the river for bighorn sheep looking for fresh water.

The Poudre is the last unblocked river along the Front Range, hence the bumper stickers: "Don't Damn the Poudre." The intense force of the white water rushing along side the road for miles can best be felt if you drive slowly with the windows down.

South along the front range many people end up at Colorado Springs, drawn by Pikes Peak, the Air Force Academy and several other tourist destinations.

Some of the recent changes in this area include a new visitor center at the Garden of the Gods opened in the mid-Nineties and the end of tours at Cheyenne Mountain.



PHOTO BY DOUG JOHNSON

In the soup: Whitewater rafters tackle the Arkansas River in Colorado's Royal Gorge near Canon City.

The government used to take visitors into the mountain to see the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), made famous in the movie "War Games."

Last April the Air Force stopped the tours; you can still hear a hour-long presentation given outside the mountain in a building nearby. "Briefings" are Fridays only; call (719) 474-2238 two months in advance. There are many rules and regulations, and you will want to review them by looking at the NORAD Web site.

Garden of the Gods

The Garden of the Gods is the "neatest city park (it's owned by Colorado Springs) in America. You get a great view of Pikes Peak from the balcony of the visitors center. Another Front Range community, Canon City, is the setting for a new tourism venture launched last May. For the first time in almost 35 years, you can take a train ride into the Royal Gorge, the 1,000-foot-deep canyon of the Arkansas River.

Riding the Canon City and

Royal Gorge Railroad takes about two hours for a round-trip into the canyon, including a trip over a hanging bridge that is secured to the granite walls. The only other way to see this section of the Front Range is by raft or kayak on the churning Arkansas.

The other big draw in Canon City – besides the 13 correctional institutions – is the Royal Gorge Bridge, where you can get a view on a suspension bridge above the gorge. The bridge, aerial tram, incline railcars, restaurants and children's attractions are all part of a commercial venture, and it costs to enter the bridge area; you can walk over or go by car. The view is spectacular and perfect, but you will have to decide whether the admission charges are worth it, especially for a large family.

North of Canon City you can visit Cripple Creek, one of the towns in the mountains that offers casinos. The trip to Cripple Creek can be made several ways, including High Park Road, a normal route, or up two ominous-sounding roads: Phantom

Canyon Road, or Shelf Road. Both contain narrow sections of gravel-only surfaces. Last summer Shelf Road was closed, but it reopened this spring, according to the Canon City Chamber of Commerce office.

Check locally to see if the vehicle you are driving and your expertise behind the wheel are suitable for these roads.

That's what it is like up and down the Front Range.

Out on the plains, you'll find more people and a booming economy. A revamped Denver, with its Historic Lower Downtown Districts (LoDo) is bringing people back downtown. All Front Range cities struggle with more and more growth.

But close by – up the trails and roads and rivers and canyons – exists the other Colorado.

Doug Johnson, a Colorado native, is a retired Livonia teacher who lives with his wife in Plymouth. Their son Tom, a 1988 grad of Plymouth Salem, works as a research chemist for Amgen, a biotech firm in Boulder.

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HOME SENSE



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Table for one? Adjusting recipes for meals is easy

Eating alone? That's not unusual, many people do. Single people (young or old), men or women who work late or eat early to get to work; teenagers whose school activities keep them late at school; or young children who are too messy to eat with the rest of the family, are all reasons for eating alone.

A nice quiet meal alone may be a real pleasure for some people, but very lonely for others. Research shows that eating without the company of others may put people at risk of consuming a poor diet.

If you prepare meals for a large family, it takes planning. The same is true when cooking for one person. Plan quick, easy nutritious meals for yourself. There are many cookbooks on the market with recipes for one, two or three servings, if you do not want to adjust one of your own recipes.

Dining alone

Most recipes are planned to serve four to six people. Many recipes can be reduced to one-half to one-third to serve two people, but it is more advantageous to cut the recipe in half rather than thirds. Remember, the cooking time may need to be adjusted because of the smaller quantity.

■ Most cookbooks contain a page of equivalents, so the measurements are easy to figure.

When you divide a recipe, translate the amounts into equivalent measures. For example, one-third cup can be divided easily if you know that it equals five tablespoons plus one teaspoon or 16 teaspoons; half of this would be two tablespoons plus two teaspoons or eight teaspoons.

When you figure these equivalents, rewrite the recipe or make notes in the margins for future reference. Most cookbooks contain a page of equivalents, so the measurements are easy to figure.

Egg-str portion

One problem in division is how do you halve an egg. You can either use a very small egg or break a large egg into a cup, beat slightly, then divide in half for your recipe. Cover the remainder and store in refrigerator for another dish. Depending on the size of the egg, one egg usually yields about four tablespoons. A little more egg than called for in the recipe will not generally do harm to the dish.

Buy carefully to avoid waste, save storage space and make small-scale cooking and serving easy. As a quick-buying guide for meat and poultry with lots of bones, you should figure one pound equals two servings. One pound of fish fillets or meat with a little bone makes three servings. One pound of boneless meat will make four servings. Instead of a large beef roast, buy a thick steak, roll and tie for roasting.

Make it fresh

When you buy fresh cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussels sprouts, cut off or separate enough for one meal, cover and refrigerate the remainder to cook within a day or two. Larger size bags of frozen vegetables are excellent for one or more persons, pour out enough for one meal and return the rest to the freezer.

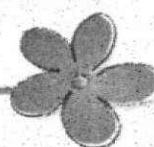
Leftovers can be a problem when cooking for one. Many recipes can be made in full amounts and leftovers reheated for several days. Freeze leftover meat and casseroles in individual containers for convenient cooking later. Stir a few tablespoons of sour cream into heated leftover gravy to give it new zest or use a dash of curry.

Please see HOME SENSE, D2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- A special Mother's Day
- Focus on Wine



IT'S SPRING ~

let's party!

By Ken Abramczyk • Staff Writer

The sun shines. The tulips are bursting with yellow and pink. People walk with a little more kick in their steps. Of course, the sun stays out longer and taking the dog out is easier because you don't need that winter overcoat.

Spring has arrived. With it, so have spring parties.

You may have just celebrated Easter or Passover, but you soon face a barrage of spring activities — Mother's Day brunches, baby or wedding showers, weddings, graduations — or just plain old get-togethers with family and friends to snuff winter out for a few months.

Good riddance, too, because spring's arrival brings an entourage of spring produce from asparagus to radishes, artichokes to peas.

"The weather has turned, people have more energy and they are ready to taste fruits and vegetables," said Gail Posner, dietitian with Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling of West Bloomfield. "Strawberries will be arriving soon, and the tomatoes start to taste better again."

Toula Patsalis, co-owner of Kitchen Glamour stores, said spring gatherings generally are more casual than the Christmas or Thanksgiving holidays.

"We want to entertain, but we want to do it healthfully," Patsalis said.

Spring gatherings not only bring the traditional baby and wedding showers or graduations, but people also entertain with children and relatives who they haven't seen in several months.

"People are more apt to have people over," said Angie Bournias, spokes-

woman for Farmer Jack supermarkets. "They want to entertain for events or even to have people over to watch a championship game on TV."

Eat your veggies

When you are preparing to entertain this spring, have a game plan. Posner recommends including healthy foods for your parties.

"Be sure to serve some fresh vegetables for people to fill up on," Posner said. "You can dress up rice and pasta by adding chopped broccoli, mushrooms or tomatoes to it."

Posner starts distributing her gazpacho recipe at this time of year because it is fat-free and made without oil.

Patsalis said party hosts who want to spend more time with guests should prepare favorite recipes that only need to be re-warmed.

"You should never do anything new," Patsalis said. "Test it first. You want to make sure if you reheat it, that the flavors still are appealing and it isn't a dried-up piece of meat."

If you are serving in chafing dishes and a buffet, it is important to keep the foods the right temperatures — canned fuels such as Sterno should remain lit under the chafing dishes, while cold salads should remain iced, Patsalis said.

Patsalis likes to prepare casserole dishes and salads for parties. For example, she prepared baklava weeks ago that she pulled out of the freezer for a recent gathering.

Hosts should not forget fruits on their menus. Soon new items will fill store shelves, including apricots, plums and nectarines — a break from the usual apples we've seen the past several months.

"Now that we've had a global economy, we have produce year-round, and

now we're just starting to see American produce instead of the imported," Posner said.

An important aspect of the parties is that consumers can buy food that is ready to serve, Bournias said. "It's something consumers love. They can buy a platter of vegetables and dips, platters of cheese and lunch meat, shrimp or chicken and ribs. It's wonderful."

Those trays can be bought at local supermarkets.

Don't go hungry

Whether you attend or throw a spring party (or, for that matter, at any other time of year), you should not attend the party hungry. "Eat a lunch," Posner advises as a pre-party instruction.

"Often appetizers have a lot of fat in them," Posner said. "You should have a low-fat option. Shrimp is good, because it is so low in calories. You should look out for high fat. Beware of the candy dishes and the nut dishes."

Also alternate between non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks, starting with the non-alcoholic beverage such as Perrier or soda before imbibing.

"Alcohol for some people acts as a trigger for people not to pay attention to what they are eating," Posner said.

For Luciano DelSignore, owner of Fonte d'Amore restaurant and Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia, springtime represents a great time of year for parties, whether it is a baby or wedding shower or graduation.

"It's just the weather at this time of year," he said. "The flowers are blooming, it's getting warmer and people want to get out."

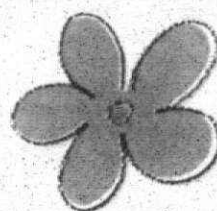
"People are happy."

See recipes inside Taste.

SPRING PARTY TIPS

- Be generous. There are rarely any leftovers, and abundance adds to that celebratory feeling.
- People eat more in cold weather and drink more in hot weather.
- For more guests, make more food, of course, but guests at larger parties generally consume fewer hors d'oeuvres per person.
- Dips and spreads are convenient, but finger food is more festive.
- Have nuts, pitted olives, and good cheese stocked in case you run low on other foods.
- Pass a platter or two yourself to circulate among your guests and encourage eating.
- Have a "quiet code" to signal vegetarian friends which hors d'oeuvres they can eat. (Garnish those platters with watercress, for instance).
- If you expect more than 10 guests, ask a friend to assist with refills.
- Gradually increase the supply of food as the party grows during the evening.
- For long parties or large buffets, offer a small sweet (try Lemon Meringue Bites or Chocolate Caramel Diamonds).
- If you tolerate smokers, provide ashtrays and matches.

Source: Epicurious.com



AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE

Following is a list of days you may wish to celebrate with suggested dishes:

National Teachers Day

May 2

Invite your children's favorite teachers to the house for a simple, but memorable, family meal. Keep things easy with an entree, dessert and side dishes that can be prepared in advance.

Cinco de Mayo

May 5

Roll out a do-it-yourself buffet featuring a taco bar, fajitas or "invent your own" wraps. Set out dishes with "all the fixin's" — namely shredded cheeses, shredded lettuce, chopped green and red peppers, fresh jalapenos, guacamole and refried beans.

Mother's Day

May 14

Pull out all the stops for Mom. An early-afternoon brunch covers up for lunch and dinner; and a lavish early evening dessert buffet makes a stunning grand finale.

Armed Forces Day

May 20

Do you know a veteran or any armed services personnel? Invite them over for a home-cooked meal to express your appreciation for their dedication.

Baby shower

Host a dessert buffet, a break from the traditional brunch or luncheon. It will leave you with time to enjoy the guests and everyone will enjoy the sweet treats.

Wedding shower

Couples showers are gaining in popularity. A few make-ahead salads and/or side dishes are the perfect accompaniment to a hearty casserole.

Graduation

Nothing feeds a crowd like a roast, whether it's a ham or popular beef roast. Serve as a centerpiece to a buffet with fresh breads, cheeses and condiments.

First Communion/Baptism

Pasta is a perfect party food. Celebrate with lasagna or pasta casserole and a savory Caesar or chopped salad.

Source: Sargento Foods Inc.



Warming up: (Top photo) Spring traditionally features many family gatherings that you can serve signature salads, such as Salad Nicoise. Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses are combined with red potatoes, green beans, hard-cooked eggs, Boston or leaf lettuce, canned white albacore tuna and nicoise olives. (Photo above) If you have a brunch scheduled for Mother's Day, you can create a Cheddar Breakfast Strata for your family or guests.

Grapes are glorious in this cookbook

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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You probably knew the United States exported the most fruit in the world. During the winter months, many American markets import from Chile. As a result, fruit fills the shelves constantly at local supermarkets. But the country that was the center of a product boycott by the United

States in the late 1980s and early 1990s for its apartheid government — South Africa — has now expanded its fruit products into American supermarkets.

Since South Africans ended apartheid, South African fruit burst onto the American marketplace just like its grapes ripening on a vine.

The nation's location in the southern hemisphere lends South African produce well to the change in seasons here. While

we await for the last frost in May before planting vegetables in our gardens and hope for rain so crops will be plentiful for local farmers, South African farmers and growers are reaping crops there.

That timing assists CAPE, the largest fruit grower in South Africa, with selling grapes, pears and apples to American supermarkets like Farmer Jack and Mer-

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in gravy for a new tasty treat. Herbs and spices offer a low-sodium way to season and make ordinary food taste extraordinary.

Preparing extra is a good way to always have food "ready to go." Rice, potato or pasta can be frozen for use later. When there is a night when you are just too tired or too rushed to cook, have some homemade dinners made from leftovers ready to microwave.

If you don't enjoy eating solo, invite a friend or neighbor over at mealtime on a regular basis. Create interest in meals by using attractive place settings or trays. Choose a pleasant spot to eat, perhaps by a window. Pay attention to how the food looks

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on the plate. Whether you are cooking for one, two or 10, food tastes better if it looks good.

Eating alone doesn't have to mean you're eating poorly. Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.



Versatile basil: The aromatic leaves of this healthy herb can be used with fresh and cooked vegetables, in salads, soups and breads, and for seasoning vinegars and oils. This Warm Italian Salad features basil and tomatoes, a natural mix for the herb and vegetable.

Basil sharpens vegetables

Hints of mint, anise and pepper come to mind with the sharp, refreshing flavor of basil, a favorite seasoning for Italian foods and many other ethnic cuisines. The aromatic leaves of this healthy herb can be used with fresh and cooked vegetables, in salads, in soups and breads, and for seasoning vinegars and oils.

Native to India, basil reached the Mediterranean region in ancient times. Basil inherits its name from the Greek word for king, and in France it is still known as "Herbe royale." The warming properties of basil were prized as a remedy for coughs, sore throats and head colds.

Perhaps best known as a basic ingredient in Italian pesto, as well as the related pesto of southern France, basil combines well with garlic and olive oil. The herb has a natural affinity with tomatoes and is sensational in pepper, zucchini and eggplant dishes, as well as recipes for pasta, potatoes, beans, rice and other grains. Basil is also a popular herb in Thai cooking and is used in curries, stir-fries, fish and chicken dishes.

Tearing rather than chopping the leaves helps bring out basil's flavor. Since the aromatic basil

oil vanishes rapidly when exposed to heat, it's best to use only a little basil during cooking, then add more at the very last minute to a dish.

WARM ITALIAN SALAD
3 medium tomatoes, cut into thin wedges
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 roasted red pepper, cut into thin strips
10 pitted black olives, sliced
1/2 cup fat-free Italian dressing
4 whole grain rolls or 8 Italian bread slices
1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella
1/4 cup shredded fresh basil

Preheat the broiler. In a medium bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, red pepper and olives. Add dressing; toss well to coat. Let stand for 20 minutes. Spoon tomato mixture evenly onto rolls. Place sandwiches on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with mozzarella. Broil, 4 inches from heat, until cheese melts and edges of rolls are golden, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle with basil and serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Grapes can be used for meals, salads

Here are recipes from "Glorious Grapes and Other Fabulous Fruit Recipes" by Barbara Burman. See related story on Taste front.

LIME AND HONEY-ROASTED CHICKEN WITH GRAPES
6 assorted chicken pieces (legs and breasts)
Grated rind and juice of one large lime
2 cloves of garlic, minced
Salt and pepper
2 cups black grapes (halved and seeded)
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon sesame seeds

Place chicken pieces in a large non-reactive bowl. Combine lime rind, juice and garlic. Pour mixture over chicken and let marinate in refrigerator for one hour, or overnight.

Arrange chicken pieces in large shallow roasting pan or dish in a single layer. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Roast, uncovered, in a 375° F oven for 45 minutes. Remove chicken from oven and pour off pan juices. Add grapes to dish.

Combine honey and soy sauce. Spoon sauce over chicken pieces and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Return to oven, basting occasionally with sauce for 15 minutes more, or until chicken is nicely glazed. Makes 6 servings.

WARM BACON-SPINACH SALAD WITH GRAPES
1 large bunch spinach, washed and stemmed (8 cups packed)
6 slices bacon
1 small red onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 cup black grapes, halved and seeded
3/4 cup aged cheddar cheese, cut into small cubes
Salt and black pepper

Place spinach in a large salad bowl and set aside. Cook bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until crisp. Place on paper towels to drain. When cool, crumble and reserve. Drain all but one tablespoon of bacon drippings from skillet.

Return skillet to heat and add onion and garlic. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until softened. Remove from heat.

Combine oil, vinegar and mustard until smooth. Add to skillet and return to heat. Cook, stirring, until almost boiling. Immediately pour over spinach and toss.

Add grapes, reserved bacon bits and cheddar cubes. Season with salt, if necessary, and generous amount of pepper to taste. Gently toss. Divide among salad plates and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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jer. "It's the only way to get freshly picked grapes in the winter," said Barbara Burman, spokeswoman for the grower.

Grapes glorified
Burman has written "Glorious Grapes and Other Fabulous Fruit Recipes" to extol the virtues of grapes.

"Dark grapes contain a host of vitamins and minerals," Burman said. Purple and black grapes contain antioxidants, which protect humans by neutralizing cell-damaging molecules known as free radicals. Free radicals, if left unchecked, are responsible for very early cell changes that lead to diseases

such as cancer and heart disease. Researchers are studying grapes for their flavonoids, namely proanthocyanidin, reported to be at least 20 times more potent an antioxidant than vitamins C or E, according to the book.

Grapes contain vitamin C, potassium and iron. Burman said she loves to cook, creating the cookbook after looking through her collection of recipes. "If they looked good and were easy to do, I put them in the book," Burman said. She enjoys her Lime and Honey-Roasted Chicken with Grapes, which she calls "absolutely stupendous." The

chicken is marinated overnight in lime rind, juice and garlic, then the chicken is baked. After 45 minutes, grapes are added with a honey and soy sauce and sesame seeds, and the dish is baked for 15 more minutes.

Others include a Warm Bacon-Spinach Salad with Grapes and a Grape-Creme Brulee. Burman likes the salad for lunch.

Readers who wish to purchase the cookbook can send a check for \$3.50 to cover postage and handling to: Fisher Capespan at CAPE Fruit, P.O. Box 1044, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-1044. See recipes inside.

Fix a dish that's special: French toast

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A family breakfast or brunch is a relaxed time to savor at weekends, a time to cook up something rather special. Honey Custard French Toast will serve 6, but can still be prepared in about 25 minutes — and will probably be eaten up in even less time. The toast is flavored with a touch of cinnamon and a sprinkling of chopped pecans.

HONEY CUSTARD FRENCH TOAST
1/2 cup honey
1 cup milk
6 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
12 slices French bread, each 3/4-inch thick
Butter
Honey and toasted pecan pieces for garnish, as desired

In a large bowl, beat together honey, milk, eggs, cinnamon and salt. Dip bread slices in egg mixture, turning to coat.

Melt a little butter in a large skillet over medium heat and brown soaked slices, turning once to brown second side. Serve with additional honey and sprinkle with pecans, as desired. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving (2 slices): 447 cal., 16 g fat, 226 mg chol., 621 mg sodium, 64 g carbs., 3 g dietary fiber, 14 g pro. Recipe from National Honey Board.

These recipes celebrate spring

See related story Taste front.

Toula Patsalis, co-owner of Kitchen Glamour stores with her husband Chris, likes appetizers, salads and casseroles for spring gatherings.

"These recipes are from 'The Joy of Greek Cooking with an American Accent'." "Salads should be prepared the day before, adding the dressing at the last minute," Patsalis said. Casseroles can be made and frozen for up to three weeks. Defrost two days before in the refrigerator and warm, if desired, in a 300° F oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

Also Gail Posner, a dietitian from Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, pitches in with a gazpacho recipe, which she says tastes "even better" the next day after it is prepared.

The following recipes can be used for spring entertaining or early summer gatherings:

THREE-PEPPER PASTA WITH GRATED FONTANELLA AND PARMESANO CHEESE

1 pound spaghetti, cooked and drained
1 green pepper, sliced thin lengthwise
1 red pepper, sliced thin lengthwise
1 yellow pepper, sliced thin lengthwise
3 leeks, washed, trimmed and sliced thin
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1/4 cup olive oil
4 tablespoons fresh chopped basil
1/4 teaspoon salt
Fresh ground pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground fennel
1 tablespoon oregano
1/4 pound imported Parmesan cheese, grated
1/4 pound imported Fontanelle cheese, grated

In a large skillet, saute leeks over gentle heat until cooked, about five minutes. Add sliced peppers and increase heat, stirring until well incorporated. Reduce heat the medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until peppers are almost soft.

Add chopped garlic, basil, salt, pepper, fennel and oregano. Stir and cook for four minutes or so. Toss pepper mixture into spaghetti in a large pasta bowl and toss until incorporated. Mix Fontanelle and Parmesan cheeses and sprinkle over top. Serve.

Recipe courtesy of Toula Patsalis.

STUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, chopped fine

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecom.net

Battling Hunger — Taste of the Nation Detroit will help raise money for nonprofit organizations to battle hunger and poverty. The event is scheduled from 6-9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. It features the area's 50 best restaurants, caterers and purveyors. Tickets are \$75. About 70 percent of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Community Food Bank. The Food Bank of Oakland County, Forgotten Harvest and Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. For information or to purchase tickets call Gleaners Community Food Bank at (313) 923-3535.

Wine-Tasting benefit — Wine aficionados can taste wine and help benefit scholarship and other groups at A Toast to Canton Wine-Tasting 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Summit on the Park. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040.

2 cups onion, chopped fine
2 pounds ground round
1 cup uncooked rice
1 1/2-ounce can crushed tomatoes
1/2 cup fresh dill
1 tablespoon salt
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1 large head cabbage
1 teaspoon salt

In a large pan, mix olive oil and vegetable oil. Add 2 cloves of garlic and 2 cups onion; saute on medium-high heat for about 5 to 10 minutes. Add 2 pounds of ground beef, crumbled in small pieces; brown well. Add 1 cup uncooked rice and stir in.

Add 1 can crushed tomatoes, 1/2 cup fresh dill, 1 tablespoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon sugar. Mix together well, then cook over medium low heat for 20 to 25 minutes.

While filling is cooking, remove the core of the cabbage so that the leaves can be removed easily. Steam cabbage in large pot of water with 1/4 teaspoon salt. After steaming for about 10 minutes, the leaves should be ready to be removed. Cover and repeat until cabbage leaves are too small to use.

Place filling in center of cabbage leaves and shape into rolls by folding side in and rolling from bottom. Place in large pot (4 quarts) in layers then top with 1 cup tomato sauce, 1/4 cup fresh dill, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon sugar. Pour this over cabbage rolls. Shake the pot so sauce flows to bottom of it. Bring cabbage rolls to boil, then turn heat down to medium low to cook for one hour until cabbage rolls are tender. Serve 8 to 10.

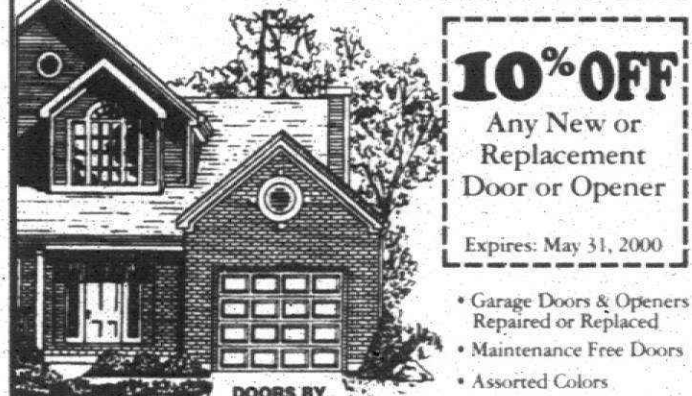
Recipe courtesy of Toula Patsalis.

GAZPACHO
6 cups tomato juice
5 beef bouillon cubes, dissolved in a little water
2 (28-ounce) cans of tomatoes, chopped with juice
3 medium cucumbers, seeds removed, then cucumbers chopped
4 medium onions, chopped
8 stalks celery, chopped
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Red pepper sauce (to taste)
Parmesan cheese (to garnish)

Combine all ingredients except garnish. Refrigerate for several hours. Serve with garnish on top. Recipe courtesy of Gail Posner.

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Salads, breakfast dish enhanced with cheese

SALAD NICOISE
4 medium potatoes
1/4 pound fresh green beans, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
1 hard-cooked egg, quartered
6 cups packed torn Boston or leaf lettuce
1 1/2 cups Sargento Salad Creations with Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses, divided
1/2 cup Italian or red wine vinaigrette salad dressing, divided
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 can (6 1/2-ounce) white albacore tuna in water, drained, broken into chunks
12 nicoise or calamata olives

Scrub potatoes, but do not dry them. Place wet potatoes in an 8-inch square baking dish or microwave-safe casserole. Cover with vented plastic wrap. Microwave on high for 3 minutes. Add green beans to potatoes in dish; cover with vented plastic wrap. Microwave at high for 4 or 5 minutes until vegetables are tender. Transfer to sink and fill with cold water. Drain water and fill again with cold water to stop cooking and cool the vegetables. Let stand while preparing salad.

In large bowl, combine lettuce and 1 cup cheese. Combine dressing and mustard. Add 1/4 cup of the dressing to lettuce mixture; toss well. Arrange on four serving plates. Top with tuna and olives. Drain vegetables. Cut potatoes into quarters; arrange around edges of salad. Arrange green beans over salads. Chop egg and sprinkle over

salad. Top with remaining 1/2 cup cheese and drizzle remaining 1/4 cup dressing over salads. Serve with freshly ground pepper, if desired.

CHEDDAR BREAKFAST STRATA
6 slices whole wheat bread
1/2 pound bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
8 ounces, fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 cup chopped broccoli florets
1 teaspoon thyme
4 eggs
2 cups milk
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 cup (4 ounces) mild cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese

Arrange bread in bottom of lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Cook bacon in skillet on medium-high heat until browned; drain on paper towel. Place evenly on bread.

In same skillet, cook mushrooms about 3 minutes on medium heat; drain. Layer mushrooms over bacon. Add broccoli and sprinkle with thyme.

In medium mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk and Worcestershire sauce. Pour evenly over vegetables. Sprinkle cheeses on top. Bake at 350° F 35 to 40 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Serves 8.

See related story and photos on Taste front. Recipes courtesy of Sargento Foods.

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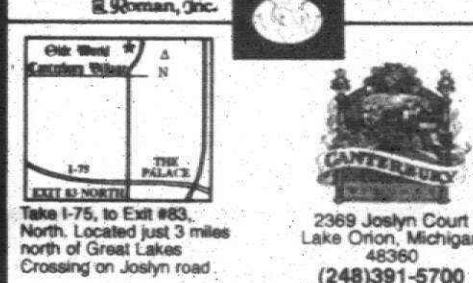


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The Restless Leg Syndrome Support Group will hold two meetings in May at Henry Ford OptiEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland. The first meeting, scheduled 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, will feature a video by California-based physician Dr. Vuchibauer. The second meeting, scheduled 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, will feature Garden City Hospital nurse Marilyn Armbrage as the featured speaker.

For more information, call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

Hot flash!

There's more to getting through menopause than battling your hormones. There's humor and there's art.

Jennifer Tobin, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council will discuss "Creating a Healthy Life Through the Arts" at St. Mary Hospital's Menopause Support Group, which meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 3 in the West Addition Conference Room B, Marion Women's Center, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The group marks the first Wednesday of the month. There is no charge. For more information, call 734-655-1100.

Prostate screening

Botsford General Hospital will host a free lecture on prostate cancer 7 p.m. Monday, May 1, in the Ziegler Center on the Botsford General Hospital campus, 28050 Grand River. Dr. Steven Roth, a staff urologist, will be the speaker. An interpreter of American Sign Language will be present.

The hospital will also sponsor free prostate screening from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 12. Registration for the lecture and the screen are required. For information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

Free MS programs and services

Local residents with multiple sclerosis can receive a wide array of free, direct support services that range from information to therapeutic equipment through the Multiple Sclerosis Association of American.

MSAA services include:

- Educational literature
- A national lending library program that exceeds 100 titles
- No-cost MRIs for people suspected of having MS
- Cool suits to help reduce symptoms
- Wheelchairs and scooters
- Support groups and programs designed to link clients together via mail, phone, or computer.

For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800 LEARN MS or access www.msaa.com

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AROMA 'THERAPY'

Olfactory study shows effects of scent on physical performance

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Attention, athletes and fitness buffs. Want to get more out of your workout or sports performance? Start with your nose!

A study sponsored by the Olfactory Research Fund, whose sponsors include several international fragrance companies—such as The Dial Corporation, Avon Products and Christian Dior Parfums—showed that scent has consistent and reliable effects on a person's mental condition during exercise.

Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, assistant professor of psychology at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W. Va., recently completed a study on the "Effects of Odors on Objective and Subjective Measures of Physical Performance." Forty male and female undergraduates from sports teams at Wheeling were the subjects.

Participants spent 15 minutes walking on a treadmill with speed and grade increasing every three minutes. The exercise was performed four times, each time under a different odor condition. The overwhelming response? Peppermint odor was associated with lower ratings of physical workload and demand.

Participants found the exercise easier and more slow-paced with peppermint, compared to no odor or unpleasant odors. The peppermint odor also produced a significant reduction in perceptions of frustration that many of us associate with exercise.

Pene Murdoch, a nationally certified massage therapist with Healing Arts Massage Therapy Center in Plymouth, uses essential oils in her practice. Peppermint oil, besides being an anti-inflammatory, is a great "pick up" scent, she said. She uses it with clients to combat headache and fatigue.

"I sell bottles of peppermint oil and tell clients to keep it in their purse."

Smell power

"As humans, we 'see' the world mostly through our eyes and ears. We give little importance to the sense of smell within the dynamics of our daily lives. Yet, smells move us in profound ways—consider fresh baked bread, a roast browning in garlic and butter, a particular perfume, or the smell of a new car—and instantly memories and emotions come calling from the past."

"Eyes have a limited range of color and taste can only identify four things—sweet, sour, salt and bitter—but scent can detect more than 10,000 odors," said Murdoch. "The sense of smell is the first one to develop in the womb. Older adults who lose their sense of smell have more problems with depression."

Simply put, smells both anchor us to the present and connect us to the past. When our nose is blocked by a cold, suddenly the

whole world becomes bland.

The National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy defines the effect of inhalation of essential oils as such:

"When inhaled, essential oil component molecules enter the nasal passages where they stimulate the olfactory nerve, sending messages directly into the limbic system of the brain. The limbic system is the seat of memory, learning and emotion. The inhalation of essential oils triggers changes within the limbic system, which in turn can stimulate physiological responses with the body via the nervous, endocrine or immune systems."

"For example, if the aroma of cinnamon is reminiscent to a particular individual of traditional hot apple pie baking in the oven, an emotional response such as comfort, warmth and security may therefore accompany the inhalation of cinnamonum zeylanicum essential oil. This emotional response, triggered by a mental association, creates a relaxed and comforted response from the body."

Even if we have no memory or association with the scent of certain essential oils, they can still produce a relaxed, stimulated or soothed state, according to the NAHA.

When Murdoch feared nodding off in class during her college years, she enlisted the help of rosemary oil. "I'd coat the tops of the pages I was working on, and it worked. I got great grades," she said.

Oils and emotions

In the September 1995 edition of "Advertising Age," author Pat Sloan wrote that Dr. Alan Hirsch, neurological director of the Smell & Taste Treatment & Research Foundation

Using essential oils

Bath—Fill your tub with warm water then add about 10-15 drops of essential oil. Soak at least 20 minutes for the therapeutic benefits. You can mix essential oils with sea salt, then add to water. For children and the elderly, add essential oils to 1/4 cup milk before adding to tub.

Inhalants—Fill a large glass bowl with boiling water. Add five drops of essential oil. Breathe gently under a large towel. Add more drops after five minutes. This benefits sinusitis, cold, lung problems, etc. Have tissues ready!

Compresses—Add five drops of the appropriate blend of oil to a bowl of water. Soak cloth and squeeze out excess. Apply to area, such as abdomen for menstrual cramps and forehead for headache.

Massage oil—Mix two ounces of vegetable oil to 15-20 drops of essential oil, depending on odor intensity. Let your nose guide you.

Source: Sandra M. Goguen, certified therapeutic myomassologist and holistic health practitioner. She is in private practice in Richmond, Mich. (910) 727-4042.



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in Chicago, discovered a link between environmental scenting and the inclination to spend money. His experiments showed that people bought more Nike shoes in a floral scented room than in an unscented room and inserted more money into scented slot machines in Las Vegas than in scent-free ones.

The Olfactory Research Fund has coined the term "aroma-chology" to refer to the collecting of systematic, scientific data under controlled conditions to establish a relationship between psychology and fragrance technology's ability to transmit through odor a variety of specific feelings—relaxation, exhilaration, sensuality, happiness and achievement.

On the other hand, the Olfactory Research Fund defines aromatherapy as a concept based on anecdotal individual case studies and folklore.

Aromatherapy prescribes the use of natural essential oils and herbs for the treatment of various mental and physical disorders. It is generally used in combination with body massage.

Murdoch uses a variety of essential oils in her massage practice. She claims that many oils, because their molecules are so small, are absorbed directly into the bloodstream through the skin.

"You can actually rub garlic on the soles of your feet and taste it a half hour later," said Murdoch.

The following are some of oils Murdoch uses for specific purposes:

■ Lavender—Anti-depressant, antibiotic. Helps heal burns and wounds. Induces sleep.

■ Peppermint—Anti-inflammatory. Good for headaches and fatigue. Improves accuracy and alertness.

■ Chamomile—Calming. Good for asthma, hay fever and nervousness. Strong scent. Murdoch mixes it with a lotion. Needs to be diluted.

■ Sandalwood—Soothes people in distress or grief. Helps people keep their emotions from over-expressing. Needs to be diluted.

■ Eucalyptus—Great for colds, coughs and sunburn. Combined with peppermint, "it will clear a head really fast," said Murdoch. Needs to be diluted.

■ Rose—Good for people going through a divorce or break-up. Evokes feelings of comfort and love. Very expensive. Best diluted.

■ Y-lang y-lang—A "high floral" scent. Associated with euphoria and considered an aphrodisiac. A little goes a long way.

■ Clove—Acts as an analgesic. Best diluted.

■ Geranium—Pain-reliever. Helps stomach aches and sore throats. May soothe discomfort of endometriosis.

■ Rosemary—Stimulant. Helps with memory loss and depression.

■ Tea tree—Medicinal, anti-fungal. Good for athletes foot, acne, toothache and sunburn.

■ Citrus (orange, tangerine, lemon and grapefruit)—Improves children's moods. Keeps adult's energy levels up.

■ Vanilla—Relaxing and calming. Men love it. "It evokes memories of love. You go into the florals, and it starts to smell like a lover. Vanilla smells like the kitchen," said Murdoch.

Used topically and properly diluted, essential oils have endless applications for health, beauty and well-being, recommends the NAHA. Keep in mind, however, that no two people are affected by the same oil in the same way. And Murdoch stresses that essential oils don't cure everything that ails us, but they assist.

Contact Pene Murdoch at Healing Arts Massage Therapy, 383 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 542-1460.

PC MIKE

There's a strong backlash brewing over the proposed deal that would have America Online buy the immense media world of Time Warner.

A growing number of consumer groups and technology

firms are registering formal objections with the Federal Communications Commission, saying the planned AOL merger would harm consumers by concentrating an unprecedented amount of media power in the hands of one voice.

If the deal goes through, AOL

would dominate not just the online world through America Online, CompuServe and Netscape, but also the Cable News Network, the magazine industry, the recording industry and the broadband Internet market.

A Time Warner spokesman says the deal will be good for consumers, bringing them more convenience.

The critics say AOL is already trying to crush competitors through ruthless marketing techniques, and the proposed merger will make it all but impossible for anyone to stand it its way. Among the consumer groups objecting to the merger are the Consumers Union, the Media Access Project, the Consumer Federation of America and the Center for Media Educa-

tion.

Marketing manners

What kind of ruthless marketing does AOL do, you ask? Consider AOL's most recent software, Version 5.0.

There's hardly a day that goes by that I don't get an e-mail or telephone call from somebody complaining about the way the upgrade takes over the network settings of Windows-based PCs.

During the installation process, one of the AOL on-screen instruction boxes asks if the user wants AOL to be the user's primary Internet connection. "No" is the default choice. Clicking "Yes," however, invites AOL to move in and re-write the settings so that the computer connects to AOL whenever the user wants to browse the Web, send or receive e-mail or do any other

At the same time, however, it disables the network configurations needed to gain access to the Internet through other service providers. Some users have told me it's all but impossible to get rid of AOL 5.0, even by uninstalling it.

For some, the only solution was to reformat, or completely erase the hard drive. A class action lawsuit has been filed over the AOL upgrade, something AOL has labeled as "with-out-notice." Meantime, my advice is...leave 5.0 alone.

Lawsuit

AOL is facing a class action lawsuit because of these and other problems. There's the mess at CompuServe, also owned by America Online.

CompuServe is also the object of a class action suit (www.access.net/~cacat/index.html) and is under investigation by officials in New York, California, and Florida for not delivering on promised \$100 to \$400 rebates promised to people who signed up for long-term CompuServe accounts when they bought new computers.

What's most amazing to me is how the Clinton Administration's Department of Justice is so seemingly indifferent to the AOL problems and the implications of the proposed merger with Time Warner.

In view of the governmental attack on Microsoft's monopoly, you'd think that Clinton's Justice Department persecutors would be all over this.

I wonder. Do you suppose one

reason why the administration has turned its back on the AOL complaints is because one of the entities AOL will soon control will be CNN? After all, there are a lot of people who think CNN stands for Clinton News Network.

Just asking. Until next week.... 73 every-body.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Ilitch Holdings

Scott Fisher of Plymouth has been promoted to vice president of Finance/Administration for Ilitch Holdings, Inc. This is a new position within the company.

Fisher began his career with the Detroit Red Wings in 1986 and moved to the Detroit Tigers as the club's chief accountant and administrator in 1992. He joined the holding company in 1997. In his new position, Fisher will oversee all aspects of finance for all the companies under Ilitch Holdings, which includes Little Caesars, the Detroit Red Wings and



Fisher

Olympia Entertainment

National City

Kimberly Goethe of Canton recently joined National City as vice president and relationship manager of treasury management. She will be responsible for managing existing customer municipal accounts in southeast Michigan.

Goethe previously held a vice president position in treasury management at Bank One, where she was employed for 20 years. Her business office is located at the National City Center in Birmingham.



Goethe

Financial rep

The financial services firm Edward Jones has hired Penny Pennington as the new investment representative for the company's Livonia branch office.

Prior to joining Edward Jones, Pennington was managing director of corporate finance with Comerica Bank. She is a member of Livonia Rotary and is a vice president of Livonia Jaycees.

Accountants Connection L. Travis Furlow has been named senior personnel consultant for Accountants Connection



Pennington

Inc., a Livonia-based staffing service that provides temporary and permanent placement of accounting and financial professionals. He can be reached at (734) 513-7800.

Grace & Wild

Chris Bickell has joined Grace & Wild Digital Studios in Farmington Hills as Avid editor. He previously worked as an associate editor at Griot Editorial. "Since joining us, Chris has handled rough cuts for several national and regional commercials and our clients have been very pleased with his work," said Paul DeMars, commercial post-production manager.

Bickell is a graduate of the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts and a former freelance photographer.

MORPACE International, Inc.

Charles Haffey has been promoted to vice president of finance at MORPACE International, Inc. in Farmington Hills. He has been with the company for three years and is a member of the Executive Committee. Formerly, he was president of T.F.S. Inc., a chain of retail stores based in Livonia.

Louise Kier Zirretta has been named the company's group vice president. She previously worked in the behavioral healthcare industry. She recently was named to the "Who's Who of International Business Professionals" and was the keynote speaker at the Chicago Health Care Disease Management Congress.

Real Estate president Henry C. Moses is the new president of Barry M. Klein

Real Estate, Inc. in Farmington Hills. A 13-year veteran of the commercial real estate brokerage and development company, Moses previously served as executive vice president.

Johnston Controls

Michael F. Johnston has been elected president of E-business for Johnston Controls, Inc. in most recently was president, North America and Asia/Pacific for the company's Automotive Systems Group. He joined the company in 1989.

"Mike has been a great contributor to the success of Johnston Controls, and we believe his experience, leadership and energy will enable Johnston controls to lead in the E-business arena as well," said James H. Keyes, chairman and CEO.

Michigan Chamber of Commerce gets wired

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has launched itself into the business world of the 21st century, announcing today that it has signed on as a charter member of a new national Internet network called ChamberBiz, the ultimate small business resource on the Internet.

"We're bringing Main Street to e-Street," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Jim Barrett. "To serve our members best, we want to stay on the cutting edge—and that means that we need to move with the rest of the business world online and do whatever we can to help keep our members on top of technology."

ChamberBiz is a small business Internet "portal" that links Chambers of Commerce from across the country.

A joint venture between the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Telcom Ventures, the Web site is designed to draw current and future small business owners with its information services, creating the ultimate resource for small business owners and giving them greater ability to network.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

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County helps you spring into fitness

Grab your blades and bikes to celebrate National Fitness Month and "Saturday in the Park" at Wayne County's Family Fun and Fitness Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area in Westland. Admission is free.

Families from across the county will have the opportunity to take part in various activities promoting physical fitness and good health, including: fitness walking; in-line skating lessons; bicycle inspections and new safety gear; exhibits featuring health, fitness and safety-related organizations; and lots of information about parks and recreation departments in Wayne County.

In addition, there will be live entertainment, inflatable rides for children, and a free T-shirt to the first 1,000 people.

"May is National Fitness Month, and this event was designed to offer an opportunity for our residents to learn more about the importance of how

physical fitness, health and recreation can positively impact their families," said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

The event is sponsored by Wayne County Parks and Recreation, The Groves 105.1-FM, Detroit Inline Skate/Rollerblade School, Westland Parks and Recreation, Livonia Parks and Recreation, Get Active Detroit, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training.

The Saturday in the Park program begins May 6 and runs through Sept. 30. The program closes six miles of Hines Drive for the public of all ages to run, walk, skate or cycle safely.

The Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off of Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding. For more information, call Wayne County Parks and Recreation at (734) 261-1990.

Valassis has plans to offer online coupon service soon

Valassis Communications, Inc. recently announced it has formed a strategic alliance with Coupons.com. Valassis will market the Coupons.com service to its packaged goods and franchise customers, offering customers another Internet marketing tool and providing Coupons.com with expanded content. In addition, Valassis has acquired a minority interest in Coupons.com, with an option to increase the investment during

the company's next round of financing. Valassis will also utilize its proprietary two-dimensional barcode (Aztec Code) with Coupons.com to create secure,

web-based, home printed coupons. Valassis plans to begin providing content for Coupons.com as of the third quarter of 2000.

MS oral drug study at Wayne State University

For people living with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, the only treatment options available today involve regular injections with a needle. The landmark Coral Study will investigate whether a new medication could change that.

The Coral Study is the first global clinical study for an oral MS therapy. It spans five continents, 18 countries and will involve 178 study sites. Researchers are seeking to recruit 1,300 participants worldwide, including 600-700 Americans.

Wayne State University, the only comprehensive research center for MS in Michigan, is one of 57 sites in the United States.

The study's purpose is to assess the efficacy, safety and tolerability of an oral formulation of COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate for injection) in people with relapsing-remitting MS.

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Study's North American Clinical Steering Committee and director of the Multiple Sclerosis Research Group at The University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center.

Locally, the study is spearheaded by Dr. Omar Khan at the Wayne State University Health Center. He emphasized the significance of an oral MS medication in drawing into treatment many more MS patients.

"There are still thousands who are not interested in treatment because of the injections. Some people have needle phobia," he said.

The Coral Study is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study. Participants will receive a daily dose of one of the following: 50 mg oral glatiramer acetate, 5 mg of oral glatiramer acetate, or a matching placebo.

The Coral Study is a Phase III clinical study. Phase III studies follow years of extensive research and are often the final step before a request is made to the Food and Drug Administration for approval to market a drug.

The study will last 56 weeks; enrollment is expected to last at least six months. Teva Marion Partners along with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., the marketers and manufacturer of COPAXONE respectively, are sponsoring the study.

People with a confirmed diagnosis of relapsing-remitting MS who are interested in participating in the Coral Study should call the Wayne State University Multiple Sclerosis Center at (313) 745-4220. They may also call toll-free 1-877-31CORAL (312-0725) for a pre-screening.

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