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AHEAD

MONDAY

Aging Council: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging holds its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Mike Frayer from Memory Lane Antiques will be the guest speaker. Seniors may bring one or two pieces, but not jewelry. For more information, call 453-1234, Ext. 236.

School candidates: The deadline to run for the Board of Education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is at 4 p.m. Petitions with at least 20 signatures must be dropped off at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

TUESDAY

Township board: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the township administrative offices, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

School meeting: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education holds its meeting at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

THURSDAY

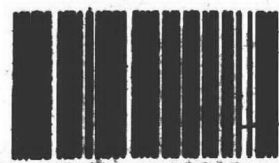
The 1940s: Join the Plymouth Historical Museum at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the Century with a special program from the 1940s, "Two Minute Memories," and special music is slated with visits from the Andrew Sisters, F.D.R. and others.

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Play escape



Tubular: Last week's warm weather brought walkers, cyclists and others to Hines Park to enjoy the unseasonable spring season. Alex Conn, 1 1/2, finds her way through a plastic tube on the new playscape Wednesday afternoon as temperatures neared a sunny 70 degrees.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Parents of abused girls facing tests

A Plymouth couple will undergo psychological exams to determine if they are competent to stand trial on charges of sexually assaulting their own daughters.

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Psychiatric exams have been ordered for a Plymouth couple charged with sexually molesting their own daughters, as well as other children. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Less said attorneys for the couple requested the psychological exams during a Friday hearing in front of Circuit Court Judge Prentice Edwards. The exams will help determine if the parents are competent to stand

trial on multiple criminal sexual conduct charges. Both remain in the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$950,000 cash bond while awaiting trial. In February, the father was charged with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, as well as two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, for assaulting his daughters. Less said the mentally impaired girls were sexually abused for 10 years. The father, 44, has also been charged with third-degree crim-

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CSX on fast track to end its lawsuit

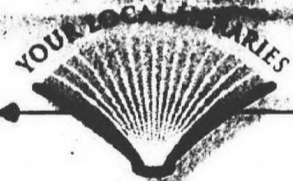
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Nearly a week after Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announced her office would file a federal motion to intervene in CSX Transportation's lawsuit against the city of Plymouth, CSX has asked the court for an immediate ruling in favor of the railroad.

"CSX is asking the court to decide the issue without further discovery or testimony," said attorney Richard Connors of Plunkett & Cooney, which is representing the city.

"While CSX believes it's a federal issue clearly governed by the law... we dispute the state statute is not pre-empted by federal law," added Connors.

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GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI • STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

But it all comes at a cost.

Each day, more demands are put on libraries for materials and computer services — and for space. Take a look

at some of our libraries and the pushes for expansion. The Plymouth District Library last year opened a new and larger library on the site where the former library stood. The Farmington Hills branch will be expanded and improvements made at the branch in downtown Farmington. A couple of years ago, Westland — its residents had used other communities' libraries — finally opened its own library. Today, Livonia has three branches. In Canton, plans are under way to expand the library by another 21,000 square feet.

As with any type of financing, it's never easy to understand. But we will give you some idea of just what shape into a library budget and where the money comes from. The changes

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

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREZLER

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

LIBRARIES IN CYBERSPACE

If you're looking for information in cyberspace, a good place to start is:

Michigan Electronic Library — www.mel.org

This Internet site will also link you to libraries in your community.

Here's your library's Web site address:

- Canton Public Library www.cantonlib.org
 - Farmington Public Library www.farmingtonlib.org
 - Garden City Public Library www.gardenlib.org
 - Livonia Public Library www.livonia.lib.mi.us
 - Plymouth District Library www.plymouthlib.org
 - Redford Township District Library www.redfordlib.org
 - William G. Faust Public Library of Westland www.westlandlib.org
- This Web site links you to The Library Network, which Westland is a member of. Click on The Network Library for information about the Westland Public Library.

Local librarians help patrons find their way on the Web

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Foundation settles in Old Village

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An office for the newly formed Plymouth Community Foundation and Plymouth Century Society is expected to be open in Old Village by early May.

The office at 638 Starkweather is owned by Harold Bergquist, who will sit on the board of directors for the foundation.

"The building is being renovated by Bill Steiner and Harold Bergquist and it should be ready by the end of this month," said Bill Joyner, former executive director and founder of the Canton Community Foundation. He is one of five directors on the Plymouth foundation's initial board.

Also planned to be housed in the building will be the Office of Volunteer Energies, the Clara Camp Plymouth Citizen of the Year Award program, the Tonquish Economic Club and offices for both the Celebration of Hometown and Make a Difference Day committees.

"The (Tonquish Economic Club) meetings have always been held at Plymouth Manor and will continue to be," said Joyner. "Now, the club will actually have an office with a desk and a phone."

"(The foundation) is simply an organization for pooling our resources, both financially and intellectually, for the betterment of the community," Joyner said.

On the board of directors will be Steiner, a Plymouth Township builder/developer, Dennis Shrewsbury, Plymouth city commissioner and attorney, Annette Stutrud, longtime Plymouth Township resident and involved mother of two, Bergquist, former president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (1990), and Joyner.

"The time has come to create a community-based foundation to bring together a group of people who have the common desire to provide support to the Plymouth community," said Steiner, one of the organizers of the new foundation. "This support may include assistance to any group, individual or organization participating in a project that will benefit the Plymouth community. Our program area will include organization, education, arts, human service needs and outreach (community development)."

The stated goal is to create an endowment-based foundation that will work to qualify for Michigan Community Foundation status. This will include filing for nonprofit corporation status, applying for an Internal Revenue Service designated 501(c)3, filing annual Form 990 (return of organization exempt from income tax), and applying for a fund-raising license from the State of Michigan Department of Attorney General, Charitable Trust division.

"Communities surrounding Plymouth, including Canton, Livonia and Northville, have all used the concept of a community foundation to help pool resources," said Shrewsbury, who will provide legal counsel for the foundation. "We anticipate doing the same. As our community grows and matures, reaching full development, there will be needs still to be addressed. This foundation is about planning for the future, the future needs of our community, and the future concerns as yet to be determined."

Within the foundation will be a separate organization called the Century Club, a 100-member group that hopes to provide immediate financial help to peo-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Opening soon: The Plymouth Community Foundation will open an office on Starkweather. Above, Bill Steiner, Foundation president, sitting, and Harold Bergquist, building owner and Foundation board member.

ple in crisis, such as families who have been burned out of their home due to a fire.

"Say you were burned out of your home and you needed \$1,500 to get back on your feet," said Joyner. "You call our new phone number, we call the Century Society, their board members discuss the issue over the phone and make a decision and you have your check in your hand the next day. That's the

kind of support we want to offer people."

The foundation has applied to the state for nonprofit status and anticipates completing other necessary paperwork over the next several weeks.

For information about the foundation or how to help volunteer, contact Joyner at (734) 455-1166.



Bill Steiner, Foundation president, is shown in a separate photo. He is a member of the Canton Community Foundation and the Plymouth Community Foundation. He is also a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of the Canton Community Foundation and the Plymouth Community Foundation. He is a past president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of the Canton Community Foundation and the Plymouth Community Foundation.

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

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

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

As this report uncovers, most homeowners are unaware of the potential problems that

exist because of Y2K or the deregulation of electric companies. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a special report that contains information relative to this problem.

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your free copy of this report call 1-734-458-0233. Report - ID# 2001. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call NOW to find out how you can get prepared!

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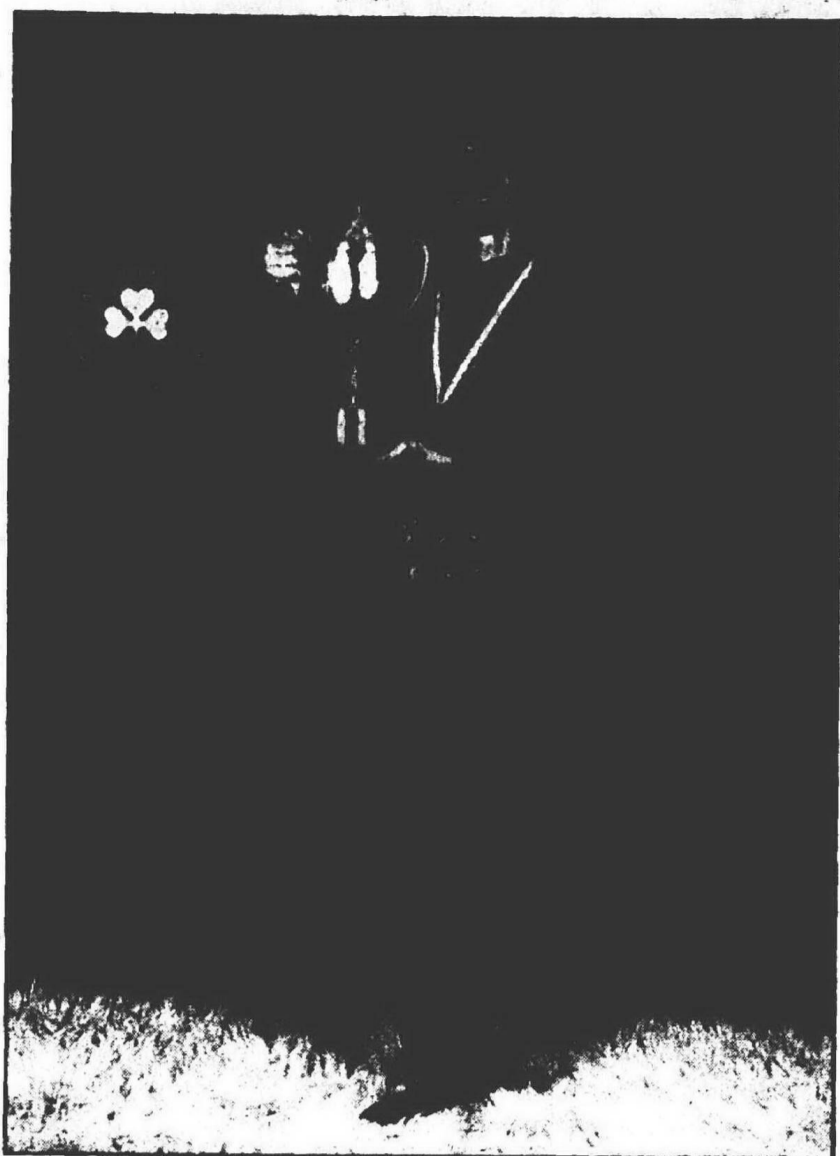
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THE Observer NEWSPAPERS

Trophy: Michael Belvitch of Plymouth returned home this week after taking top honors in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Ennis, Ireland. It's the second consecutive year Belvitch won the championship. He returned home with friend, Paul Cusick, 18, of Plymouth, who finished second this year in his age group.



Luck o' the Irish

Belvitch returns home with 2nd gold medal under his belt

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Michael Belvitch of Plymouth said he felt the pressure of trying to repeat as a gold medal winner at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Ennis, Ireland.

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

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

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

"It's a tremendous sense of accomplishment," said Michael. "It was a goal and dream for so long, and to realize it twice is just incredible."

What even made it more special for Michael was the fact his father,

George Belvitch, saw him win the competition.

"It was great to have him there when I won," said Michael. "I really regret that my family didn't get to see me win it last year."

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

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

For the second straight year, Michael gets a cup, belt and gold medal as the top prizes. He gets to keep the medal. However, after engraving his name on the belt and cup, they will be given to the new champion next year.

Michael said he has one year left of dancing competitively before he graduates high school and turns professional.

"I'm planning on joining 'River-

dance' after graduation next year," he said. "I'll probably tour for a year or two. I've already done some workshops and auditions for them, and they're interested."

Michael began dancing at age 8 when his mother enrolled him and his brother with a dancing school during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"She wanted to instill some cultural pride in us," remembers Michael. "My brother wouldn't go for it, but I loved dancing from the start."

The rest is history, with several honors to his name. That includes this year's Irish National Championship in February, and dancing at the White House on St. Patrick's Day.

Michael's long-term goal is to open a dance studio of his own and produce a world champion dancer.

"My teacher, Tim O'Hare, is a world champion and it took him 19 years to coach a world champion," said Michael. "I love teaching the little kids. And it would be great to someday see one of them become a world champion."

Plymouth man faces charges for assault on his mother

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A Plymouth man who pointed a gun at his mother and then attempted to run her over with a car is being held in the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Thomas Serbick, 29, was arraigned in 35th District Court Thursday on five felony counts for the March 26 incident.

"He pointed a gun at his mother and then pointed it at himself," said Detective Sgt. Ed Ochal of the Plymouth police department. "He then runs out and gets into her car, and when she says 'don't take my car' he tries to run her down and then takes off."

Serbick was arraigned on two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one for the gun and the other involving the car.

■ (Thomas) Serbick was arraigned on two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one for the gun and the other involving the car.

Each carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison. He is also charged with unlawfully driving away a vehicle, a four-year felony; using a gun during the commission of a felony, an automatic two years upon conviction;

and being a habitual offender.

Ochal said if Serbick is found guilty of being a habitual offender, each of maximum sentences would double.

"The only way he gets habitual is if he has felonies and spends

time in prison," said Ochal, who noted Serbick has previously been incarcerated. "He's got a drug abuse problem, but nothing to do with domestic violence before."

During his arraignment, Ochal asked for a high bond, telling Judge Ron Lowe "due to the fact this is a domestic violence case ... and he is a flight risk."

"I turned myself in, have physical therapy and have a child

here," Serbick responded to Lowe.

After a moment's thought, Lowe announced the \$25,000 cash bond.

"I have concerns about flight and being a habitual offender," said Lowe.

The judge entered a plea of not guilty for Serbick and assigned him a court appointed attorney. The preliminary exam is scheduled for April 19.

Woman's on 'Road to Riches'

Dorothy West of Plymouth received a very special gift of her own on her granddaughter's third birthday - she heard her name called as a contestant for "Road to Riches," the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show.

West's lucky streak continued when she recently appeared on the show and won the \$10,000 top prize, plus the \$250 Confetti Cash bonus in round two.

West, 75, said she plans to share part of her winnings with her six children and use the rest to make home improvements and take a trip to Las Vegas. In her free time, the homemaker enjoys baby-sitting, taking walks and playing bingo.

On "Road to Riches" where all roads lead to prize money, contestants select travel symbols from the "Boulevard of Bucks,"

"Leisure Lane," "Easy Street" and "Road to Riches" game boards.

The contestant winning the closest amount to \$1,000 without going over in the first four rounds advances to the final round - the home of the big vault. The player then chooses from four keys to find the one that opens the vault.

If successful on the first try, the player wins \$50,000. If successful on the second try, the player wins \$20,000. The third try wins a prize of \$10,000, and the fourth try, \$5,000. Other bonus prizes include instant cash bonuses and a Caribbean cruise for two.

All "Road to Riches" contestants receive full "star" treatment, including limousine service for travel around Detroit, accommodations at the Court-

yard Marriott-Detroit and a luncheon at The Whitney restaurant. Before the show, each contestant visits a television make-up artist and is photographed with the show's hosts, Chuck Gaidica and Aggie Usedly.

The weekly show stems from the Michigan Lottery's instant games. Players can enter a drawing to be a contestant on the "Road to Riches" show by sending in three non-winning tickets, one from each of three different instant games. Six entries are randomly drawn every week.

Civitan's announce school essay winners

Patricia Cauchi of Canton won first place in the 1998-99 Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Essay Contest. The topic of the essay contest was "Paths to a Healthier America." Cauchi's essay was entitled "Lifting Weights: A Girl's Journey." She attends Canton High School. First-place honors netted Cauchi a \$300 prize.

Second-place winner was Mike

Darling of Canton, who attends Salem High School. He won \$200. Third-place honors went to Matt Taylor of Plymouth, who attends Canton High School. He was awarded \$100.

Honorable mention essayists were Melanie Rafaski of Canton, Dan Pilon of Plymouth and Leslie Babich of Canton. Each won \$10 gift certificates.

COP CALLS

Counterfeit

The McDonald's restaurant, 220 W. Ann Arbor Road, was notified by National City Bank that it found a counterfeit \$100 bill in the daily deposit.

According to a report by Plymouth police, the bank notified McDonald's its deposit would be reduced by that amount, and the fake bill was turned over to the Secret Service.

Phone harassment

Plymouth police are investigating complaints by a 31-year-old resident who has been receiving annoying phone calls during the past six months.

According to police reports, the

Jenner Street resident claims he has received anonymous calls daily, most of which resulted in the caller hanging up.

The victim was able to get a phone number one time by dialing "Star 69" and called the number. The man denied making the calls. Shortly afterwards the victim received another anonymous phone call.

Plymouth police called the alleged caller "who denied any involvement in these phone calls and proceeded to tell the writer (police officer) where to go."

The matter remains under investigation.

Staff Writer Tony Bruscatto

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S
POPULAR PICKS

Editor's note: Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their lists of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 463-0750.

FICTION

- The Testament, John Grisham
- Vicious, the Vampire, Anne Rice
- River's End, Nora Roberts
- Tara Road, Maeve Binchy
- Single & Single, John le Carré

NON-FICTION

- All The Human, George Stephanopoulos
- The Greatest Generation, Tom Brokaw
- Menlo's Story, Andrew Morton
- Reaching to Heaven, James Van Praagh
- Twisting With Morris, Mitch Albom

PARENT'S CHOICE
JUVENILE PICTURE BOOKS

- Title Hunt, Pam Conrad
- The Best Thing About a Puppy, Judy Hindley
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inal sexual conduct, plus another charge of sexually abusive activity, in a separate case in which he reportedly had sex with a 14-year-old girlfriend of his daughters.

The mother, 40, is charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of sexually abusive activity in the case involving her two daughters.

At the time of the couple's Feb. 19 preliminary exam, Less said Plymouth police had tape confessions from both parents concerning the sexual activity. Less said the father abused the girls while the mother took pictures. He said authorities have at least two photos, one showing the father having intercourse with one of the daughters, with the other of the father having sex with the girlfriend.

Less said both daughters, ages 18 and 19, became pregnant by their father. The prosecution is awaiting DNA test results for positive identification.

A final Circuit Court conference has been set for May 28, at which time the parents could accept any plea bargains presented by the prosecutor's office or decide to take the case to trial. The couple faces up to life in prison if convicted of the charges.

At Friday's hearing, the father changed lawyers. He'll now be represented by Samuel Churikian of Detroit. The moth-

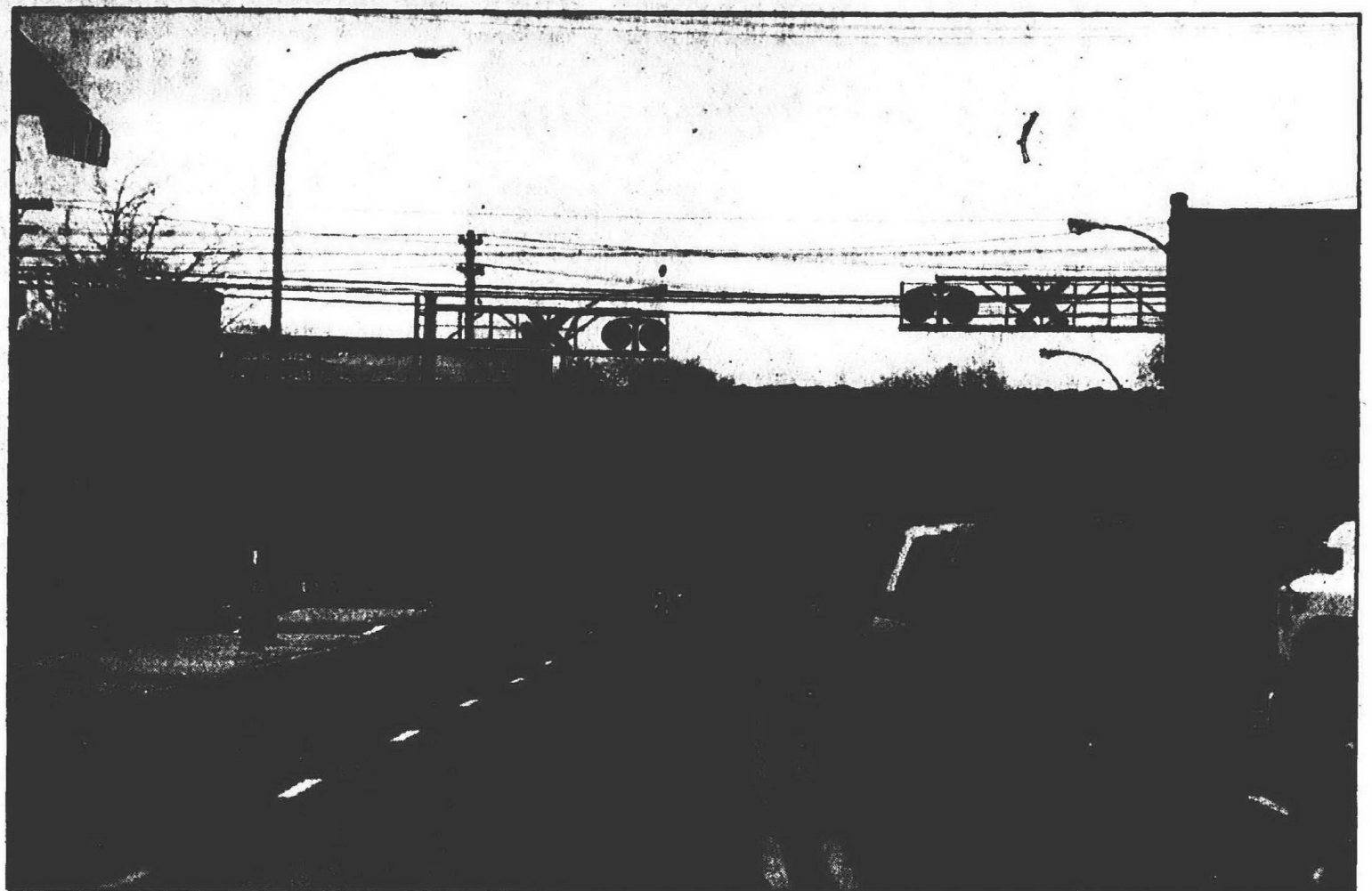


On trial: The 44-year-old father of two mentally impaired daughters faces charges for allegedly sexually abusing both girls. He also faces similar charges for the assault of a 14-year-old friend of the daughters.

er will continue to be represented by Detroit attorney Wendy Barnwell.

The case came to light when the 16-year-old son went to a high school staff member complaining of not getting enough food to eat at home. When the boy detailed the sexual activity, Plymouth police were notified.

The parents were arrested at their Main Street home Feb. 4. The children are currently being cared for by relatives.



Waiting: Traffic is backed up on Main Street while a CSX train passes through town. A lawsuit was filed in August by CSX after Plymouth police issued hundreds of tickets and fines for delaying traffic.

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At issue is whether the federal law regulating the speed and length of trains supersedes a state law which governs how long a train can block an intersection.

"The federal law doesn't address the time factor and leaves it open for local communities to control," added Connors. "The state law allows for fines for blocking a crossing for an excessive amount of time. It's a matter of safety, health and welfare of residents."

Last year, Plymouth police issued 426 tickets to CSX for delaying traffic with fines ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. CSX stopped paying fines last August, when it filed the fed-

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eral lawsuit against Plymouth. "The tickets on top of tickets are a problem," said Gary Wollenhaupt, CSX spokesman. "If the tickets could change the problem, we would have done that a long time ago."

Wollenhaupt said CSX has considered shorter trains, but then it would have to operate more trains, which he noted would not necessarily fix the problem.

"The city is in a bad spot, and there's no solution besides building overpasses. That's a long-term solution," said Wollenhaupt. "There are no easy solutions."

Connors said the city will be taking action to get a favorable ruling of its own.

"We'll be responding to the CSX motion to raise our con-

cerns so the court won't rule in their favor," said Connors.

Connors said the state could rule immediately in favor of CSX, in favor of the city, or wait until after it rules if Granholm's office can get involved.

"The city is the primary defendant. However, if the state becomes a co-defendant, the eventual ruling will affect cities across the state."

Connors said other railroad agencies and unions are attempting to get involved in the lawsuit.

"This is just like a spider web. It gets bigger every day."

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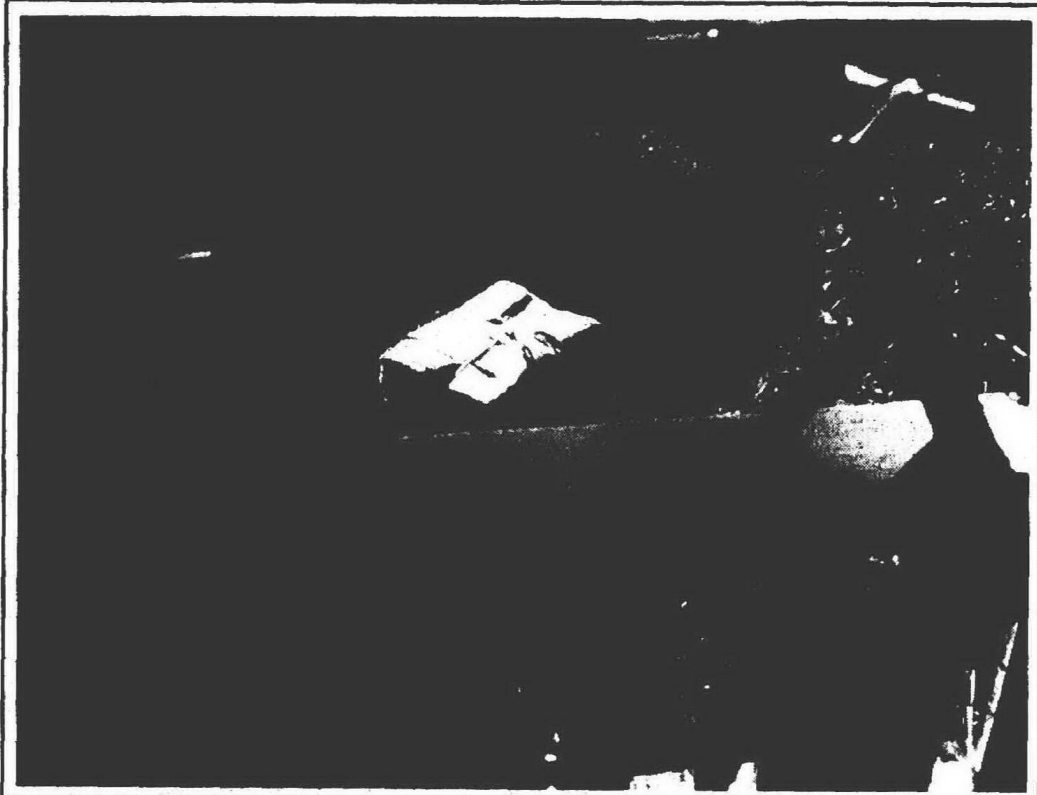
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Superintendent candidates

Study says fewer educators seek top spot

By **TIM RICHARD**
STAFF WRITER
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The stories coming out of school board meetings are true: Fewer educators are applying to become school superintendents.

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

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

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

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

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

with many boards to resolve conflict, had this advice:

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

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

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

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

Other reasons for the shortage of superintendent candidates:

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

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

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

■ "The turnover rate of superintendents."

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

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

about the ability of all children to learn."

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

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

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

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

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

Cancer Society's relay event to expand here

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Maybury plans Earth Day celebration

Maybury State Park also will host its 10th annual Earth Day Celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OBITUARIES

DARLENE LOIS MAAS

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

She was born Nov. 27, 1933, in Salem, Ohio. She died April 7 in Farmington Hills. She worked for Michigan Bell as a telephone operator. She retired in 1987 after 12 years of services with AT & T. She came to the Ann Arbor community in 1989 from Plymouth. She enjoyed playing euchre, bingo, and bowling.

Survivors include her three daughters, Nancy (James) Treatain of Ann Arbor, Maryann Frederick of Houghton Lake, Donna (James) Thayer of Garden City; two sons, Ronald (Pamela) Maas of Plymouth, Edward (Jane) Maas of Livonia; one sister, Jacqueline (James) Wisner of Garden City; and 14 grandchildren.

REGINALD LLOYD BARBER

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

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

Survivors include his wife, Doris Barber of Canton; two sons, Carl (Deborah) Barber of Canton, Mark Barber of Canton; one daughter, Shari Wellman of Livonia; and seven grandchildren.

PATRICIA A. SCHARRENBERG

Services for Patricia A. Scharrenberg, 65, of Livonia were April 7 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

She was born March 7, 1934, in Detroit. She died April 3 in Livonia. She was a registered nurse at Grace Hospital and also at private medical practices for several years. She was a graduate of Cooley High School in Detroit. She was a member of the Clarenceville High School Booster Club. She enjoyed reading and doing crossword puzzles.

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

Memorials may be made to Arthritis Foundation, 17111 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075 or to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48075.

CAMERON M. COOK

Services for Cameron M. Cook, 24, of Ypsilanti were April 8 in St. Richard's Catholic Church. Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home.

He was born April 20, 1974, in Garden City. He died April 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was a construction laborer.

Survivors include his parents, Donald Cook and Cynthia (Donald) Bailey; fiancée, Hillary Waite; one sister, Gloryett Cook; and grandmothers, Mildred Cook and Dolores Birch.

Memorials may be made to the family.

RUBY FAYE VANALSTYNE

Services for Ruby Faye Vanalstyn, 92, of Northville were April 7 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. William Moore officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Feb. 7, 1907, in Equality, Ill. She died April 3 in Plymouth. She was an executive in the banking industry. She was a loan officer at the Bank of the Commonwealth (now Comerica) for 32 years. She came to the Salem Township community in 1989 from Redford. She was a Vivian of the women's organization with the Elks. She loved gardening, music, playing cards and traveling.

Survivors include one brother, Ralph Church of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Detroit Rescue Mission, 150 Stimson, P.O. Box 312087, Detroit, MI 48131.

MARY KENNEDY SOBACZAK

Services for Molly Kennedy Sobaczak, 82, of Wayne were April 5 in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home.

She was born May 12, 1916, in Detroit. She died April 2 in Henry Ford Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard B., and one son, Bernard. Survivor include her four daughters, Pat (Arnold) Wojciak of Canton, Marianne (George) Healy, Janis (Joseph) Juresich, Lindsey (Joseph) Keizer; one son, Kenneth B. (RoseAnn); daughter-in-law, Karolyn; three sisters, Isabel MacTavish, Janet Francis, Elizabeth Bajer; one brother, Jack Fisher; 28 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren.

Pulte agrees to pave Napier as part of new home project

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE STAFF WRITER dwhite@ee.homecomm.net

After three months of negotiating, Plymouth Township has successfully negotiated a deal with Pulte Homes Inc. to help get Napier Road paved between Ann Arbor Road and Powell.

Pulte has agreed to chip in approximately \$1,000 for each home the developer is planning to build in the area ... an estimated total of \$230,000 for the paving project.

A 750-foot stretch of Napier road, near Powell, would not be paved according to the current plans, but the township and Wayne County are currently discussing options on how to split the remaining costs of the project.

Washtenaw County, which begins on the west side of Napier, is not expected to be a part of the process since Wayne County owns the entire road.

"Those are all rough figures right now but we've gotten a commitment from (Pulte)," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township's director of public services. "They said they would accept a special assessment district which would amount to about an additional \$2,600 per house."

That cost would be added to

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the new owner's bill and could be paid off in a lump sum or over a 10-year span, according to Anulewicz.

Township Trustee Kay Arnold negotiated the agreement with William Pulte, the company's owner. Arnold also sits on the planning commission.

"I told him 'You have \$300,000 to \$550,000 homes and they'll be pulling out of their driveways and driving three-fourths of a mile on a dirt road. That's not going to work,'" she said. "They're making money off of the development so (paving the road) is the way it should be."

"This was a very important item to Trustee Arnold and she was involved throughout the negotiations," added Anulewicz.

According to Canton Township Engineer Tom Casari that community has also negotiated

with developers to get many roads in the area paved as the community has grown.

"We've used several avenues in getting the roads paved," he said. "We worked with the state and the county and in a lot of cases the developers. What we've generally done is, if we have an area that is going to be developed, we get together with the developers and the county and our people and negotiate a total price for the project."

"The numbers we come up with are generally a percentage that is based on road frontage. We did one project that was 25 percent Canton, 25 percent Wayne County and 25 percent for the two developers that were involved."

Casari said that Canton has never negotiated on a per-house basis, as is the case with Plymouth Township's newest agreement.

The money contributed by Pulte will pay for about one-third the cost of the paving project on Napier, said Casari.

Trustee Ron Griffith felt that the deal was a positive one for all parties involved.

"It sounds like a winner to me," he said. "I just think it's a win-win compromise agreement for everyone."

Plymouth Christian Academy plans sixth school expansion

BY LILLY A. EVANS STAFF WRITER

This fall Plymouth Christian Academy students will be able to learn Spanish, lift more weights and have longer physical education classes after the school completes its sixth expansion.

"What drives this school's growth is our desire to provide the best opportunities possible for students," headmaster Gordon Nickel said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack joked at a recent Township Board meeting that Plymouth Christian Academy is the "church of perpetual construction" before the board unanimously granted site plan approval for additions to the

Christian school located behind Calvary Baptist Church on Joy Road.

The first phase will be an 8,100-square-foot addition. Two-thirds of it will be for the multi-purpose room and the rest will be used for classrooms. The church is planning to relocate four portable classrooms to the south, add one portable classroom, expand the field house and construct a new locker room and weight training room. When the second phase is complete the total addition will be 12,820 square feet.

Currently, the school offers French and German language classes. With the addition it will add Spanish classes.

The 830-student school offers classes from preschool to 12th grade. The expansion will help it

accommodate longer physical education classes and practices for some 30 sports teams.

In the past five or six years the school has grown 30 to 40 students a year. Eventually, school officials would like an agreement with the neighboring City of Detroit Water Department facility to use the vacant field adjacent to the school for outdoor sports. Currently, they go off campus.

The first phase of the addition will cost about \$600,000, Nickel said.

He said the money will come from fund-raising and tuition that is earmarked for building expansion.

Construction will start in fall with a proposed completion in time for the September 1999-2000 school year.

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

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Petitions are available at the City Clerk's office at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, for the four upcoming vacancies for the City Commission. If more than eight candidates submit petitions and qualify, there will be a Primary election held on Tuesday, August 3rd.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 23, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Center Township Lower Level 3 Meeting Room, Canton, Michigan.

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN. 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999. A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from S & R Michigan, L.L.C., for Approval of the Cluster Housing Option, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83, as amended.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS. Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 for the following: #2 Chiller Barrel Replacement Plymouth Cultural Center & Ice Arena 515 Farmer Plymouth, MI 48170

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Libraries are powered by people

BY JULE BROWN
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Public libraries spend the biggest chunk of their budgets on staff - people helping people.

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

"Without trained people, you can't run a decent library," said Fred Paffhausen, director of the Redford District Library. He budgets 60 percent for salaries and benefits, 28 percent for books and materials.

Libraries compete with industry for good staff. And the tight job market presents challenges. Especially when it comes to finding children's librarians.

"They're so difficult to replace," said Beverly Papai, director of the Farmington Community Library. That work takes a special person, a different approach including educational learning concepts, she added.

When she needs one, Papai advertises in local newspapers, the newsletter of the public library cooperative (The Library Network), and the library schools at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

"We have a little over 100 people on the payroll between the two branches," said Papai, who oversees branches in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Her lineup has 14 full-time librarians, including Papai, four part-time librarians and 10 substitutes.

Support staff includes 13 full-timers, 22 part-timers and 33 pages, who shelve books. The library has 41 part-time volunteers.

The Plymouth District Library has eight full-time librarians including herself, said Director Pat Thomas.

It's much more useful to have generalists, staff with varied undergraduate backgrounds, as librarians, Thomas said. Specialties include journalism and genealogy.

Support staff qualifications vary. All adults are high school grads and a few have master's degrees. The job market is tight now, with more women working outside the home.

"A lot of the women want to go back to work full time," Thomas said. That's also true for volunteer recruiting.

Support staff in Plymouth numbers 11-12 FTEs (full-time equivalents).

Librarian jobs now require a master's degree in library science, and some have done additional graduate work. Their salaries have started to improve, Thomas finds.

Her profession was dominated by women for a long time, but as society becomes more information-oriented salaries improve. A trade publication listed \$30,000 as starting salary for librarian with a master's and no experience.

"It's low for a master's degree, there's no doubt it's low," Tabor said, "They're better, but they're not what they should be."

Page is an entry position, pays \$6 an hour in Farmington. "We likely will be increasing that," Papai said.

Her library now sees healthier, more active seniors, some of whom work as pages, which used to be a student job.

Volunteers are becoming an important part of the staffing equation.

Plymouth gets many couples as volunteers, including some who took early retirements. "We're able to get people. We have to be more creative," Thomas said. There are about 30 regular volunteers who come in at least once a week.

Canton has a paid volunteer coordinator, Marcia Barker.

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

people who are just looking to make a contribution to the community." Many are retirees, younger people.

The Canton Public Library has 22 librarians, with 14 part time. "We're pretty lucky," Tabor said. "We have a lot of people who want to work here."

Canton's library has 49 full- and part-time support staffers, some with high school diplomas, some with additional education. "For the most part, we do pretty well. We don't have a lot of turnover," Tabor said.

She attributed this to a good workplace with accommodating schedules and camaraderie.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has a director; four classified as Librarian II (librarian supervisors who are full time); two as Librarian I who are full time; two part-time Librarian I; four library associates in children's; two full-time and nine part-time library assistants; 20 part-time pages; and five other full-timers in assistant or clerical roles.

"Hiring a skilled and qualified staff is a requirement to providing excellent service," said Sandra Wilson, Westland director. "We have been fortunate with the staff we have selected. We emphasize both ability and a user-friendly attitude."

Westland volunteers come primarily from high schools and seniors and others from the community. Community service workers from local district courts and others help out.

"It's always a challenge to recruit and retain good volunteers," said Joe Burchill, volunteer coordinator. "Because we compete with other organizations for volunteer time, we strive to provide our volunteers with challenging tasks, a pleasant

environment and, most importantly, recognition that they are providing a valuable service to the library and their community."

Joan Elmouchi, director, Garden City Public Library, is one of two full-timers. The other, an assistant, has a teaching degree. The library has two part-time librarians and two reference aides, both with teaching degrees. Staff totals 13, including support.

"Competition to get part-time people can be kind of tough," Elmouchi said.

A. Michael Deller, city librarian, Livonia, oversees Livonia Civic Center Library, plus branches of Sandburg, Noble and Vest Pocket in the senior center.

The system has 22 full-time librarians, including Deller, and one 20-hour librarian. Support staff, whose duties include checking materials out and in, numbers about 30 full-time equivalents.

"We have volunteers who are very important to us in our Vest Pocket library," Deller said. "Without them, it wouldn't exist."

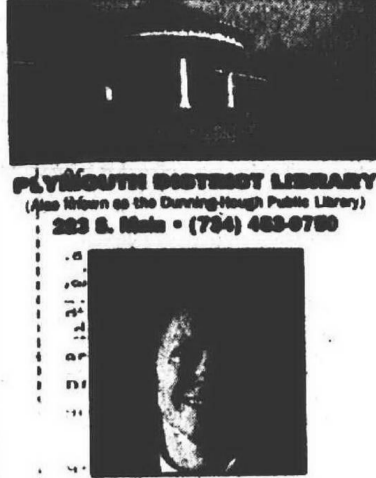
Those volunteers shelve books, check them in and out and serve as a PR link. "Their role is important," Deller said.

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

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

There are two clerk-typists, two circulation supervisors and five pages for processing and shelving.

Volunteers include a couple of Mormons on mission work a couple days a week. Redford also gets district court assignments. "They bring skills that sometimes are needed," said Paffhausen, adding that he learned Lotus 123 that way.



Pat Thomas, Library director



Don't look for latte at the library

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

The popularity of the big chain bookstores doesn't necessarily mean competition for the public libraries.

"Myself, I don't feel there is any competition. There is a niche for both," said Fred Paffhausen, Redford District Library director. "It's up to us to try and work smarter and better."

As Paffhausen noted, libraries aren't necessarily in the business of providing copies of best sellers.

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

Libraries provide a different service than retail booksellers, agreed Sandra Wilson, Westland library director.

"I don't feel we're competing with Barnes & Noble. We help with service. We're more into information," Wilson said.

Even if similar collections were offered at retail stores and libraries, Wilson noted the stores don't have trained librarians to provide assistance in locating information.

Another obvious factor working in the library's favor is the cost - books are checked out at no charge.

"New books are \$24-30 for fiction. People can't afford to buy five or six new books a year," said Wilson. "Our library is really 56 libraries (belonging to The Library Network) and other libraries through interlibrary loans."

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

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

Interlibrary loans, which take place across the country, allow patrons to get specialized books that their local library can't justify buying.

"We have people in the community who are highly trained in their fields," said

Deller. "We had someone who needed materials on American Revolution music. Another got materials on yachts that are sailed in races."

The libraries don't see an impact from retail competition in their circulation figures - although that number doesn't reflect people who use research materials or other items that aren't checked out.

Before the Civic Center branch opened in 1988, the Livonia library circulated 300,000-400,000 items annually. Now, that figure is over 700,000.

"That's a major difference in the amount of use. People find the library easy to get to," Deller said. "It's bigger. They can use the gift shop and other things that weren't in place 10 years ago."

During his seven years heading Redford's library, Paffhausen reports a similar increase. The annual circulation more than doubled to more than 250,000 items and the number of library cards issued went from 10,000 to more than 22,000.

"Usage is up dramatically. Our goal plan was to make the library more user-friendly and introduce automation," said Paffhausen. "Then there was a district library millage campaign and the millage was passed. It tripled our book budget."

Redford's library building was constructed in 1960 with an addition built in 1962. Over the last five and a half years, \$800,000 has been invested in new carpeting, air conditioning, computers and other improvements.

The libraries aren't adverse to looking at amenities to entice patrons. The Westland library had considered adding a coffee bar, but Wilson said there was no suitable area available in the building.

At the Westland library, the Friends of the Library run a used bookstore which gets about 3,000 books donated monthly and raises \$1,200 each month.

Garden City Public Library Director Joan Elmouchi knows that other libraries - newer and larger than Garden City's - have amenities such as gift shops.

"If you have the money and the space it sounds nice. If you have staff limitations and not a whole lot of flexibility, you're happy to keep your head above water with traditional programs," said Elmouchi, one of two full-time library staff members.

Elmouchi would like to start a book discussion group. "Especially if I could find a volunteer to run it. It's a whole lot of work."

There's no contest between libraries, business

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

And as libraries have expanded their services to include videos, compact disks/tapes and computer access, they don't directly compete with stores that sell or lease those items, either.

That's what people say. Why is this an issue? Because businesses pay municipal property taxes, a portion of which could be used to fund library operations and competition against themselves.

Libraries loan out books and magazines free, tapes and music at no charge or a very low fee, usually \$1.

"At first there was a lot of complaints from (video) merchants," said Fred Paffhausen, Redford District Library director.

"What they found out was libraries concentrated on things they didn't have: how-to tapes, non-fiction stuff, Civil War series, history. Things you won't find in video stores."

"A lot of things we concentrate on are classics. We don't buy new releases; I don't think we compete at all," Paffhausen said.

A. Michael Deller, city librarian in Livonia, picked up on the theme.

"When video tapes were new and very expensive, some stores were very concerned. They have developed a strength we can't afford - multiple copies of popular things. We're not there for instant gratification of need."

Edwin Dabish, owner/manager of



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEZLER

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

Video Premier in Redford, has been around for years and doesn't consider libraries to be a business threat.

"They cannot carry all the variety we have here," Dabish said. "Number two, the movies they have aren't going to be top quality. Libraries are good for documentary, special-education tapes. We have some. I believe they have more."

"We have more selection," added Mike Mosier, assistant manager at Blockbuster Video in Canton.

Jamie Smith, regional manager for Harmony House, said his company looks at libraries as cultural community resources.

"People use libraries as an entertainment/intellectual tool more so than a shopping experience at Harmony House or one of our true competitors," Smith said. "We don't actually consider libraries our competition. Some actually buy from us."

Deller said libraries and music stores sometimes complement each

other. "Many people will use our collection to see if they like something, then go out and buy," he said.

Even bookstores, apparently, have gone way beyond competing with libraries. Matt Brooks is a manager, Jill Janavikas a sales clerk at Waldenbooks in Westland Center.

"A library is more reference than anything," Brooks said. "Libraries are limited in quantity. Here, we can have upwards of 60 copies. At the library, you have to sign up on a waiting list."

"There's a big difference between people who want to own books and borrow," Janavikas said. "I like to read them over and over. You can read at your own pace (owning)."

"Most libraries are coming in and buying from us," Brooks said.

Even computer access, which most libraries offer free in half-hour reserved blocks, isn't a threat to businesses like Kinko's that charge to use computers, library directors say.

"Their market is different, mostly business types," Paffhausen said. "They have on-staff people who can help teach them, do full service printing, maybe run laser copies. They could care less about us."

Kids are most likely to use library computers for research, typing school reports or playing games, adults for research and typing resumes or letters.

"Complaints we've got in the past is copies at a library aren't really good, clean copies for a resume," Deller said. "No, that's what Kinko's does. If what a person is looking for is a clear, sharp, clean copy to impress someone, they're not going to copy here. They will go to a

professional."

That's exactly what brought Michael Game to Kinko's in Livonia - service preparing resumes and envelopes.

"It's better quality work," he said. "They re-did the whole thing. It's kind of an eye-catcher."

Customers shopping in other businesses also sounded the no-competition horn.

"They have a bigger selection here," said Barbara Thornton, a Canton resident visiting Blockbuster Video in that community. "The kids want all the newer types. I find library movies aren't clear. It looks like they've been used a lot."

Kay Marshall of Farmington Hills spoke about going to the library to research music and travel-ogues for an upcoming wedding and honeymoon while browsing at the Farmington

Harmony House.

"I know they have specific sections for that, more subject-based information," Marshall said. "When I buy something, usually I want it for a long period of time, to listen to it over and over again."

But some people watching their dollars or as a matter of convenience know exactly what to expect from the library.

Pamela Hall of Wayne was sending e-mail at the Canton Library because she had phone problems at home. She knew that Kinko's charges \$12 per hour. "I like coming to the library. It's free," she said.

Joyce Tseng of Plymouth had a couple of older videos in hand at the check out stand. "I can get them free here. I come to the library more often than I go to the video store."

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Libraries also receive money from local and state governments and of course from private donations. Some of the money is used to purchase books and materials for the library. Some of the money is used to pay for the salaries of the librarians and other staff.

Trying to keep all this straight gets pretty confusing. Let the greatest clerk (based on 1997 figures) give you the lowdown. Competitions for the library fund, in the case of Westland, the expenditures shown for 1997 include money set over from the construction of that facility.

LIBRARY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1997

LOCAL LIBRARIES	LIBRARY TAX RATE	OPERATING BUDGET	SERVICE POPULATION	OPERATING EXPENDITURES
Canton	1.64	\$2,423,793	57,040	\$2,362,277
Farmington	0.8144	2,962,108	84,784	2,944,235
Garden City	None	359,865	31,846	312,009
Livonia	0.8271	3,928,108	100,850	3,777,848
Plymouth	1.49 mills	1,685,158	33,208	1,357,197
Redford	1.0	1,233,936	54,387	729,564
Westland	1.0	1,530,179	84,724	3,225,781

Source: Michigan Library Statistical Report, 1998 edition

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having to print it out," said Elmouchi.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Testing technology

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hearing scheduled on plan to cover old Nankin landfill

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Selecting a menu

It is important to design a menu that will be festive, as well as sensible to meet the needs of the environment.

For example, on a scorching August day, you would not want a menu of mostly hot items. It would be better to serve an array of beautifully displayed, elegant cold foods.

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

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

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

Here are some summer strolling menu suggestions:

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

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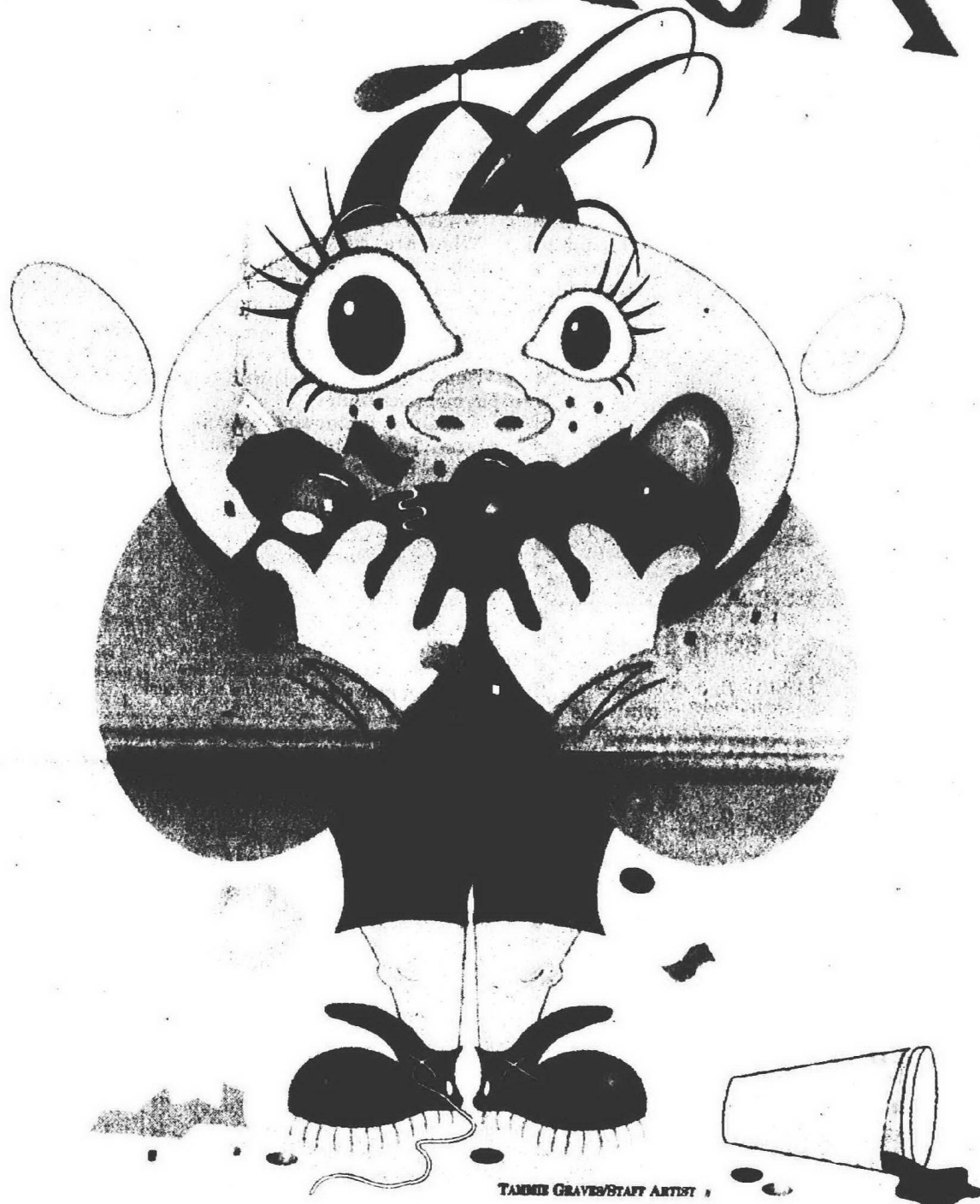
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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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

Snack Attack



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Disarm junk food cravings with sensible snacks to nibble on

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SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Healthy way to dine

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

- ☉ fruits
- ☉ veggies
- ☉ breads
- ☉ grains

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUPER SNACKS

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

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

You can have your cake and tuna too



MAIN DISH MIRACLE
MURIEL WAGNER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUNA CAKES WITH GINGERED RED PEPPER COULIS

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sweets

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

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

look at food a little differently.

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

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

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smoothies and sparkling water with fresh fruit garnish.

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

Service staff — bartenders, wait staff, chefs, etc.

Valet service — often a must in a home or outdoor venue.

Your chosen professional can help procure or recommend beverage needs.

Consider communications devices, microphone for service, etc.

Arranging rentals can prove to be a full-time job for an event.

Procure flowers, linen, additional props or equipment needed such as an arbor, dance floor, stage for the band or DJ and don't forget porta potties.

Schedule entertainment (don't forget to check available power

to your outdoor venue as a black-out is no fun).

Here are a few questions you should ask:

Cancellation fees if any?

Breakage and/or loss responsibilities on rentals. (Many rental companies have an insurance policy that can end up being of great importance if there were to be an accident of some kind with dishes, a table

Sensible Snacks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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plates. Cover and chill for at least 15 minutes.

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

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

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

Garnish with parsley or cilantro. Serves 4.

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

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

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

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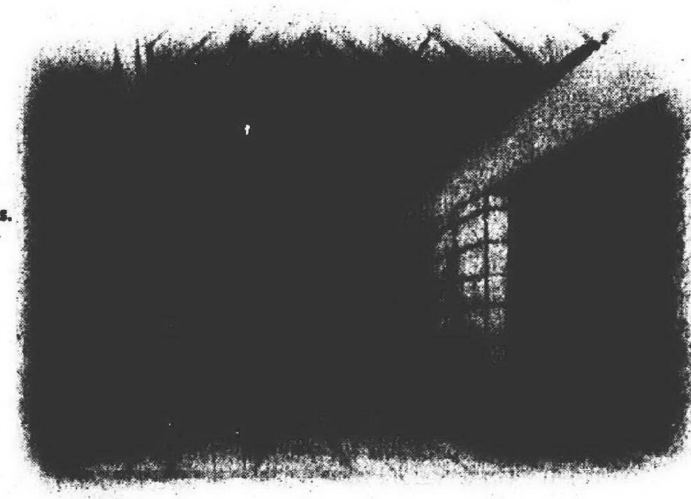
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SAVORY PALMERS

Yield 30-36
 1 clove garlic peeled
 1/2 cup fresh basil
 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1/2 cup fresh grated parmesan cheese
 1/4 cup Calamata olives (chopped)
 2 sheets puff pastry
 In food processor grind garlic, add basil, pine nuts, cheese. Stream in olive oil 1 tablespoon at a time. Stir in course chopped olives. Spread mixture evenly between 2 puff pastry sheets. Looking at your pastry square lengthwise roll each long end of pastry tightly (curling up) to center of sheet. Do the same with the other pastry sheet. Store in refrigerator for an hour.

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

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

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

CHEVRA HEART CROUTONS

Yield 28 to 34
 1 loaf sourdough bread sliced
 3/4 cup Chevra cheese
 1/4 cup cream cheese
 Pinch salt & pepper
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 roasted red pepper, cleaned and peeled cut into thin strips or what ever shape you desire.
 Ten fresh basil leaves chiffonade (small thin strips)
 2 tablespoons extra virgin

olive oil
 Cut sour dough bread with small heart cutter (bite to bite in half size).

Lightly brush bread cut-outs with olive oil and sprinkle with salt & pepper

Toast in preheated 350°F oven for 5-7 minutes pull out of oven and let cool on sheet tray. (croustons should be toasted on outside but still soft inside)

Generously spread cheese mixture over heart croustons.

Decorate with roasted pepper strip and a sprinkle of fresh basil.

Drizzle all with extra virgin olive oil sprinkle a pinch of fresh cracked pepper and salt.

TUNA NICOISE ROUNDS

Yield 25-30 pieces
 4 ounces tuna steaks
 10 green beans — blanched and sliced fine
 1/4 of a red pepper, roasted and diced fine.
 10 Nicoise olives, pitted and

chopped
 1/2 small red onion, minced fine

1/4 cup artichoke hearts, diced fine

1 teaspoon chives, diced fine
 1 teaspoon herbs of your choice chopped

Salt and pepper to taste
 3 tablespoons red wine vinaigrette

3 tablespoons olive oil
 16 Red Skin Potatoes

Season and pan sear tuna — cook to medium. Chill tuna and dice fine.

Toss diced tuna, beans, peppers, olives, onions and artichoke hearts with red wine vinaigrette, olive oil and herbs and season to taste.

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

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Put together a sensational Thai meal

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

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

In Thailand, vegetables are finely cut and quickly cooked, often by stir-frying or steaming. A typical Thai meal includes steamed rice or noodles, clear soup, a fresh chili sauce for dip-

ping vegetables, and a marinated salad often tossed with pieces of meat or fish. Tropical fresh fruits are often served as dessert. From a nutritional point of view, this type of menu is ideal. It tends to be low in fat and high in a variety of the vegetables, fruits and grains that make up a healthy diet.

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

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

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

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

THAI CHICKEN WITH BASIL

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

1/2 cup chopped basil
 1 cup jasmine or other favorite rice, cooked according to package directions

Basil leaves
 In large nonstick frypan over medium heat, place oil. Add mushrooms, garlic and pepper flakes; cook stirring, about 3 minutes and remove from pan.

To frypan, add chicken and cook about 3 minutes or until fork can be inserted with ease. Return mushroom mixture to pan; add lime zest, oyster sauce and basil and heat through, about 3 minutes more.

Place cooked rice on serving platter, top with chicken mixture and garnish with basil leaves. Nutrition information per serving: 344 calories and 5 grams of fat.

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CRUSTY CREAM-FILLED MUFFINS

- Serves 24
- 3 cups warm water
 - 2 tablespoons yeast
 - 2 cups bread flour
 - 1-1/2 cups whole wheat bread flour (such as Bob's Red Mill)
 - 3 cups rolled oats
 - 1/2 cup flax seed
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 8 ounce package of fat-free cream cheese
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
- Dissolve the yeast in the water in a large bowl. Mix in whole wheat flour (and oats, if desired) and beat well.
- Add the remaining ingredients

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

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

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

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

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 133; protein 5g; fat 2g; sodium 202mg; carbohydrates 26g. Percent of calories from fat 14.

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

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

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

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

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

yogurt during times when you have nothing to bake.

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

HOMEMADE YOGURT

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

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

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

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

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

Refrigerate and let cool completely before you dip into it.

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

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

fat 1.5g; sodium 63mg; carbohydrates 13g. Percent of calories from fat 16.

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

YOGURT CHEESE

Makes 2 cups

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

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

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

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

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AP — This hearty salad will not taste like fast food, even though its preparation time should be only about 10 minutes.

Balsamic Chicken Salad is easily assembled from cooked chicken, fresh greens, cheese and croutons. Its nicely varied seasoning includes balsamic vinegar, mustard and shallots.

- 1 teaspoon minced shallots or onion
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 8 cups mixed salad greens, washed and torn
- 10 ounces cooked chicken breast, cut into strips
- 4 ounces goat or feta cheese, crumbled

- 1 cup croutons
- Whisk together oil, mustard, vinegar, shallots, water and salt.
- Arrange salad greens, chicken, cheese and croutons on serving plates. Serve with dressing.
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Arthritis lecture

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

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

Fibromyalgia talk

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

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

Lupus support

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

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

Prostate discussion

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

Call Pam Ceo, R.N., at (734) 712-2655 for information.

Help sought

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

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

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

Bone marrow drive

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

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

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



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

H.O.T. TOPICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteer speaker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Views of kids

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

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

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

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

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

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

where "fitting in" becomes important.

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

Health information

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

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

models."

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

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

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

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

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

After three seconds

- Nicotine in the tobacco makes the heart work harder and faster.
- Carbon monoxide replaces and reduces oxygen supply.
- Blood pressure rises and pulse rate increases five to 20 beats per minute.
- Skin temperature drops in the fingers and toes.

After one cigarette

- The action of the cilia, the cleaning system in the lungs, becomes impaired.
- Hot smoke can damage the delicate tissues in the lungs, leaving a sticky brown coating on the lungs.
- Blood circulation is reduced: it requires 30 minutes for body tissues to return to normal.

After many cigarettes

- Lung cancer causes more deaths than car accidents. Ninety percent of all lung cancers occur in heavy smokers.
- Coronary heart disease death rates are 1 1/2 times higher for smokers than for nonsmokers.
- Smoking causes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, and is also closely

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

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

Risks to others

Your family, friends and environment are all affected by your smoke. Here are risks to those around you:

■ Cigarette smoke is filled with hundreds of chemicals and smoke from the burning end of the cigarette contains more tar and nicotine than the smoke you inhale.

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

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

- Source: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute

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

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Another look Speech recognition technology



MIKE WENDLAND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Real users

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

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

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

But what impressed me most was how the program is being used by people who did take the time to learn it.

Mike Wendland
—PC Talk columnist

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

Other options

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

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

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

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

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

Send me an e-mail on your experience.

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

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

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

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

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



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

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan
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The 125-voice chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert of patriotic, sacred and rock songs, love ballads, and Broadway and movie tunes 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Plymouth Salem High School, 48181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets are available at Greco Music in Canton; Stoneys Gift Shop, Plymouth and the Northville Music Co. by calling (734) 486-7800.

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

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

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

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

Depending on the results of a business plan by a theater consulting firm, the center could be completed by late 2000.

The center would be a 100,000-sq-ft facility with a 1,000-seat theater, rehearsal space, offices and a parking garage. The Canton Township board has already committed \$5 million to the project.

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

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

"We're looking to analyze the market, the patrons, other theater operations, users local and regional," said Yack. Canton Community Foundation executive director Joan Noricks and Yack were co-chairs of a task force formed in April 1996 to determine the feasibility of a performing arts center. The Canton Community Foundation funded the recent six-month study by Growth Design Corp. that recommended forming Partnership for the Arts.

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

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

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

REALITY aims for 2000 date



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three different versions are available for production.

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

"I think it is, the reason being it combines the playfulness of the upbeat Chelsea version with the depth of Bernstein's score," Wagner said.

For the 1973 "Chelsea" version at the Brooklyn School of Music, director Hal Prince dropped the Lillian Hellman book, accused of being too heavy and too political, in favor of a lighter, funnier book by Hugh Wheeler. Poet Richard Wilbur's lyrics were augmented with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and John LaTouche. But this was a one-act version, quick, funny but missing a large portion of Bernstein's music.

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

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

What: The University of Michigan production of Leonard Bernstein's "Candide"
Where: Power Center on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18
Tickets: \$18 and \$14, call (734) 764-0450.

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MUSIC

"A Family Affair — The Reed Finale"

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

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

Where: Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 48181 Joy Road, Canton.

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, free for children grades K-12. Call (734) 486-2112.

Final concert is family affair

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for the memories

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sites are also being considered at Cherry Hill and Canton Center Road, Ridge and Cherry Hill, and the Canton Township Civic Center Complex. Existing structures were ruled out for a number

of reasons when the task force first looked into building a performing arts center. "There are no existing buildings in Canton because there are so many issues relative to sight lines, fire ordinances and acoustics," said Yack. "It needs its own entrance. When you go to theater or symphony it starts as you approach the building. When you have to walk through a hallway past a gymnasium and swimming pool it detracts from the experience."

Yack points to the successful Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton as a model for building the facility. Yack has also looked at centers such as the Arvada Art Center, built in 1977 in Colorado, for ideas.

"What they did (Arvada) was start small then focused on education. They now have three theaters including an outdoor theater," said Yack. "I think that's the challenge, not to give up. Start with something that's reasonable, promote it and not give up."

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

"It's all about quality of life," said Yack who together with

township treasurer Elaine Kirshgatter founded Canton Project Arts in 1995. "The one area Canton hasn't grown is arts. It's critical to a community's identity. We're always trying to expose your residents to new ideas and the arts."

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

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

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

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

Plymouth Community Chorus

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome mat

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

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

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

"Our function is to be an incubator for the interests and abilities of people," said Greene. "If we don't work collectively, we're doing ourselves an injustice."

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

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

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

"A lot of credit goes to my mom who drove us to lessons in East Lansing from Grosse Pointe every week," he said.

Reed did make music fun though. All four sons were in the Grosse Pointe Junior Symphony under Reed's direction. Michael played French Horn, and Eric bassoon.

"They were dragged to a lot of concerts when they were young," said Reed. "Yes it is a fact we bought David a violin and Michael was told he couldn't take French horn. He had to take piano first. Rob started cello at age 9."

Reed first became interested in the Suzuki method of teaching

strings around the time when David was 8. A teacher in Bloomfield Hills Schools since 1984, David now directs the West Hills Middle School and Andover High School orchestras. He has a master's degree in music in violin performance from the University of Michigan School of Music.

"They told me they were buying me something very special, and I thought it was a new bike," said David. "As much as I hated practicing, I enjoyed the rewards. The music room was my second home and all the music students were my friends."

Reed chose to introduce his sons to music through strings for a simple reason.

"It's what you can do with strings that you can't do with winds when kids are small," said Reed. "There are smaller versions of string instruments, but you can't shrink a bassoon."

Like father, like son

Rob, who was given his first cello from an uncle, now teaches

at Eastern Michigan University and soloed with the Plymouth Symphony in 1998.

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

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

Reed continues to talk as orchestra members take their places and tune their instruments. Is he worried about these musicians he's become fond of? No, he says they're in good hands. The search committee formed to find a conductor to replace Reed has narrowed down the applicants to two or three. Seven were originally chosen and guest conducted concerts or rehearsals this season.

"I do think the best days of the Plymouth Symphony are ahead," said Reed, who served on the steering committee for Canton's new performing arts center (see accompanying story). "Our budget has doubled and there are people working toward the future. A performing arts center is a huge step forward. There's a certain ambience that goes with attending a concert."

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

"Candide" features a cast of 42 students and an orchestra of 36 members.

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find for himself in the world. He experiences war, earthquake, torture and shipwreck as he moves about the world.

In the key roles Dan Reichard of Cleveland plays Candide, Barrett Foa of New York City plays Voltaire/Pangloss and Jessica Murphy plays "Cunegonde."

Also in the cast are Leslie Henstock and James Luxton from Rochester Hills, Caroline Peacock from Rochester, Julie Petrus from Farmington and Natalie Ross from Livonia.

Bernstein called his work "a comic operetta" though it was originally produced on Broadway with musical comedy performers. It has also been included in opera repertoires.

"What's special is that it doesn't fit any exact categories," Wagner said.

Experienced Broadway music director Ben Whitley, currently the conductor for "Cats" in New York, is musical director for "Candide." This is the fourth U-M musical for the U-M graduate. He was musical director for the national touring productions of "Grand Hotel" and "Falsettos."

"We're fortunate to have someone like that work with us," Wagner said.

Last spring's U-M musical was another, more famous Bernstein work, "West Side Story."

"When they asked me, 'Do you really want to do Bernstein two years in a row?' I said what's the relationship between the two. 'Candide' doesn't have dance in it, the story of 'West Side Story' is told through dance. Perhaps that's why he called it an operetta because operetta doesn't rely on dance, American musicals do," Wagner said.

"The music captures the buoyant spirit of the book," Wagner said.

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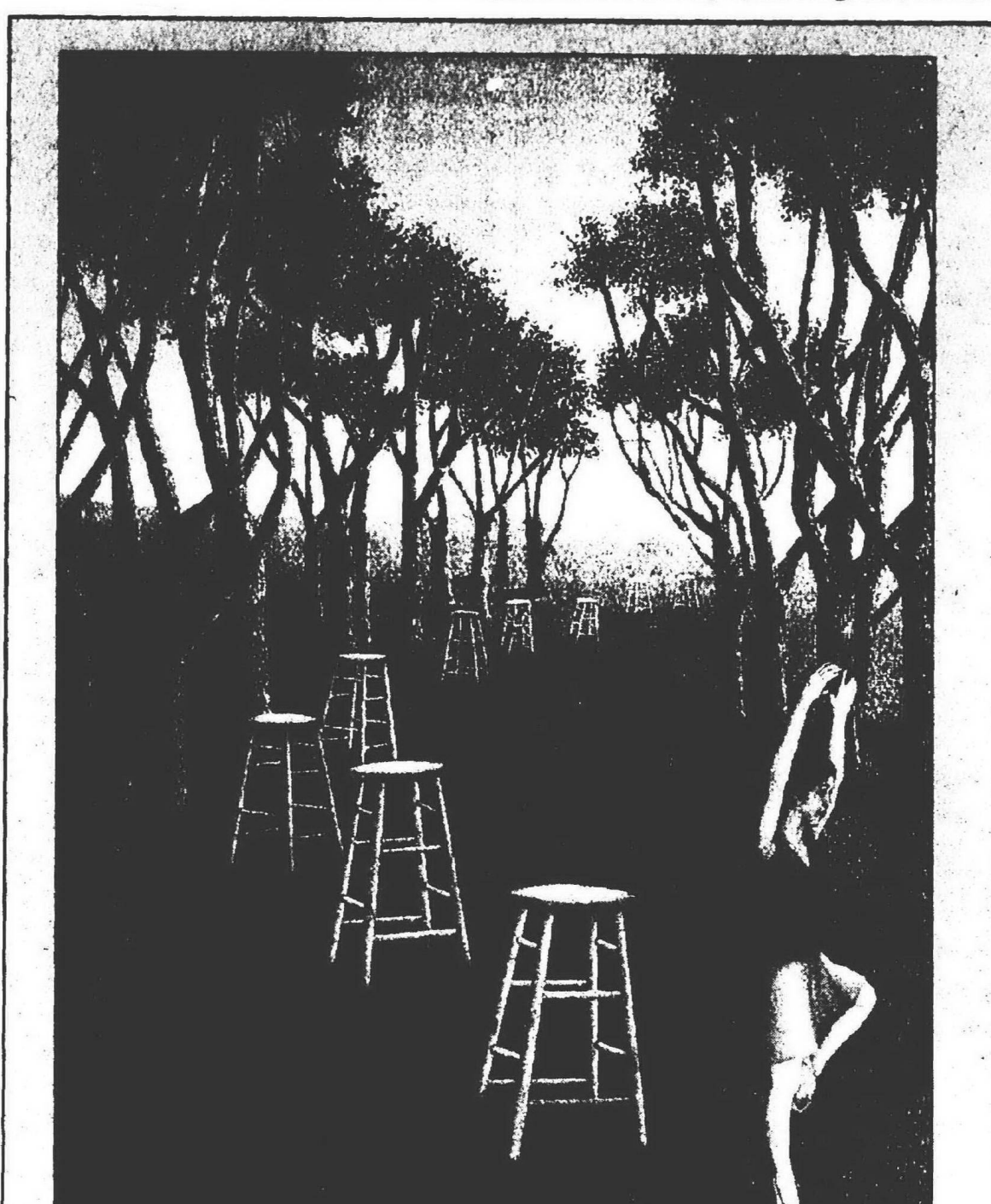
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Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, Saturdays, through May 15. Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

CONCERTS

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

Telegraph roads. Tickets: \$20/adults; \$15/students; (248) 645-2276.

B'JAZZ VESPERS

Kimmie Horne performs at First Baptist Church 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18. 300 Willits Street, Birmingham; (248) 644-0550.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

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

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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

OU DEPT. OF MUSIC

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

SCARAB CLUB

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

U OF M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Dr. Michael Udow leads the ensemble 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 at United Methodist Church of Plymouth, N. Territorial Road, south of route M14, west of Sheldon Road. Tickets: \$8; (248) 380-5940.

WATERFORD JAZZ FESTIVAL

International composer Dominic Spera performs at Second Annual Waterford Instrumental Jazz Festival, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$7/students; (248) 623-9389.

DANCE

EDE
Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's "Packed-Action," 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, Hall Road between Hayes and Garfield; (248) 852-5850.

PUPPETRY

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

DAY OF PUPPETRY

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

FUNDRAISER

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
EDE holds its annual fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 the Community House of Birmingham. Call (248) 362-9329.

LECTURE

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

ARCHITECTURE OF HAMTRACCK

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

BALDWIN LIBRARY

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

POETRY

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

TOUR

PEWABIC POTTERY

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

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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

VOLUNTEERS

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LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mccb.org, or contact MCB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through April 11 - "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free

Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse"; through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro League Baseball." 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

DJA

Through April 25 - "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks"; through June 6 - "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary," 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

April 16 - "Invention & Imitation," student and faculty exhibit. Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

April 16 - Marcia Harvey's "Birds, Sticks & Seeds," along with an exhibit of the history of Pewabic Pottery, through May 28. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

PARK WEST GALLERY

April 16-18 - Landscape paintings by Francois Ledan. 29469 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

April 17 - Paintings by Rick Stevens, through May 8. 163 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 433-3702.

REVOLUTION

April 17 - David Brody "Paintings and Drawings," and Rebecca Quaytman's new paintings, through May 22. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through April 11 - "A New Russian Realism," 119 Wilson Hall, Rochester; (248) 370-3005.

WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE GALLERY

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

LEMBERG GALLERY

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

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through April 17 - Works of James Klein, David Reid, James Makins, Steven Rolf, Annabeth Rosen, Sandy Simon and Keisuke Mizuno. 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through April 17 - "Nora Chapa Mendoza. Between Two Cultures." 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Through April 23 - Art exhibit of Livonia Public Schools students. 32777 Five Mile Road; (734) 466-2490.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through April 24 - "Reality Studded With Thorns," metal constructions by Harriete Estel Berman, and works by Dublas Haring. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

GALLERY XVII

Through April 28 - Works of Paul Sherman, Jan Hubert, Karyn Leland, Gail Leone, Bill Poeta and Athir Shayota. 18 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 745-8875.

C-POP GALLERY

Through April 29 - "New York Exposed," 1553 Woodward, Ste 313, Detroit; (313) 964-0911.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through April 29 - New works by Ricky Bernstein and Sidney Hutter. Jewish Community Center, 6800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through April 29 - "Clay from the Soul," the works for three potters. Reception Saturday, April 10. 6 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Livonia City Hall Lobby Through April 29 - Palette Guild of Livonia exhibit. 33000 Civic Center Drive; (734) 466-2540.

Umbrellas: Big doesn't mean better

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

tional check-print lining.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Target updates Wonderland Mall location

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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

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

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

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

speed to look like the stores we have been building this year."

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

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

"It's much like what you see in other Target stores

in the metropolitan Detroit area, but it ties in well with Wonderland's neon concept and, at the same time, the whole upgrading of the mall," said Reinhard Lemke, Wonderland Mall's general manager.

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

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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

ANNE KLEIN EXTRAVAGANZA
Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Anne Klein's spring collection in a formal showing to benefit the Beaumont Comprehensive Breast Care Center and to honor significant women in the local community, 5 p.m., reception, 6 p.m., show. For ticket information, call (248) 528-0270. Prior to the formal show, Anne Klein designers Isaac Franco and Ken Kaufman will greet customers and informally present their collection, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saks Fifth Avenue, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor.

MEPHISTO SHOES

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

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

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

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

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW
The Plymouth Collectible Toy and Model Kit show runs 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. For information, please call (734) 455-2110.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
TRUNK SHOW
The Peppertree, at 302 Walnut Blvd. in Rochester, presents Brighton footwear and accessories, Austin Reed and Screaming Women in a trunk show, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. For information, call (248) 652-1235.

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Where can I find?

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WHAT WE FOUND:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

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

Teresa wants a glass cutter

that is found in craft stores.

Paul is looking for Home Brew Hires root beer.

Carol wants a half-inch brush curling iron.

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

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

Carol is looking for three items: a 1969 Commerce High School yearbook, an old Lion King dish set and a Maude Humphrey plate called "Sarah."

Annette is looking for Eyebrow Shapes eyebrow pencil.

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

Anne wants a 1953 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook.

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

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

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

Zelda wants a 1951 Central High School yearbook.

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

Tim needs a left-handed violin.

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

Florence needs glass lids for Guardian cookware.

Joanne wants Estee Lauder feather-proof lipstick in "Festive Red" (#6).

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

Bob wants a black velvet painting of Elvis.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Designers cater to full-figured women

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL REPORTER

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

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

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

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

"If it comes in your size, you can dip into it and try it out," said Weston, who also passed along some advice she recently gave actress Camryn Manheim of the television show "The Practice": pair a sporty white shirt with a dressy black skirt, a la the famous Gap-inspired get-up worn several years ago by actress Sharon Stone to an Oscar ceremony.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA RECLAUBER

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

TRENDS OF SHOW

COLORS: Shades of pink and blue, silver-gray, pale green

FABRICS: Cotton, silk, linen

LENGTHS: Anything goes, but look for long skirts

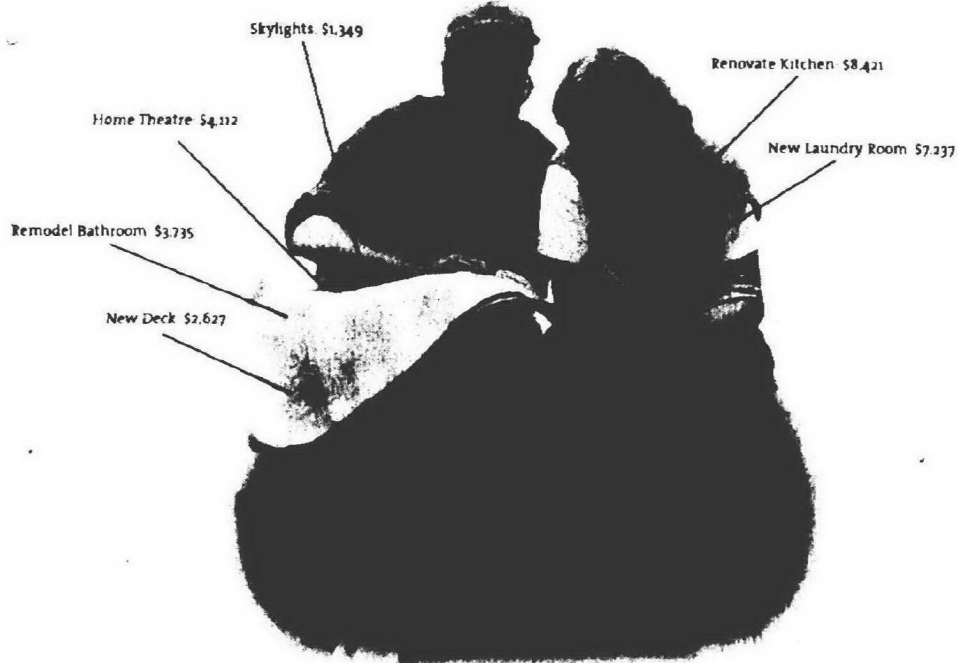
LINES: Flowing, lean, soft

ESSENTIALS: Something colorful; the shirt jacket

EXTENS: Pearls; necklaces; beaded and clutch purses

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

Does it seem like the cost of an addition is multiplying?



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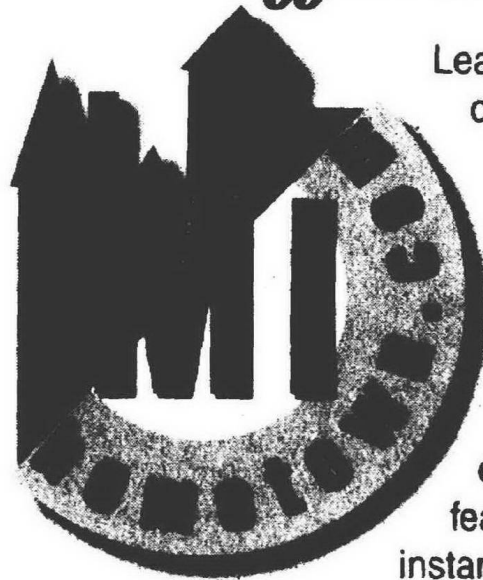
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Chef Keith Famie finds a rich culture in Vietnam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fast start

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

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

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

Top NAHL rookies

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

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

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

Tennis lessons

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

The lessons for beginners will be Tuesdays, from 6-7 p.m. for juniors (7-15 years old) and from 7-8 p.m. for adults (16 and over), starting April 27 and continuing through June 1 at Griffin Community Park. Lessons for intermediate adults will be 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, from April 29 through May 20. All lessons will be conducted by Kristen Harrison and her staff.

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

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

Women's golf league

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

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

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

Connie Mack openings

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

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

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

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

CCJBSA registration

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

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

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

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

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

Salem could be a contender

BY C.J. RIBAK
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Last season was a bit of a turnaround for Plymouth Salem's baseball team.

After somewhat of a slow start, the Rocks bounced back to finish second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division with a 7-3 record. They were 18-16 overall and lost 6-3 to WLAA champ North Farmington in the state district final.

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

gressed a lot.

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

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

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

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

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

"I am concerned with our catching," Rumberger said.

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

Chiefs stalking a big season

BY KATHY MOKISKO
Sports Editor

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

With Gretchen Hudson to lead the pitching staff and any softball team, and starting first baseman Marie Pochron to pace the hitting attack, the Chiefs are two-thirds of the way to a second team.

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

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

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

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

smacks up on it, well, they've made their season because they beat a ranked team."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"She's got an outstanding glove and hopefully will get a scholarship some-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rocks' new lineup faces a challenge

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

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

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

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

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Southerland. "And a lot of offense."

What the Salem coach did to bridge the gap, from last season's 15-15-1 team to this year's rebuilt squad, is go on the road. For the first time, the team took a two-week training trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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

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

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

getting their first experience with the varsity.

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

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

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

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

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Whalers' OT win evens series



For the third time in four games, the Plymouth Whalers and the London Knights were forced to decide things Friday night in London (Ont.).

But this time, it was the Whalers who prevailed.

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

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

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

But London, playing in front of a packed house (attendance: 5,075), stormed back in the third period. Jay Legault narrowed the gap to 4-3 with a goal at the 5:26 mark of the final period, then Tom Kostopoulos scored his second goal of the game with 9:17 left to knot it at 4-4.

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

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

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

Shaun Fisher had three assists for the Whalers.

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



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

Rocks open by losing a pair on road trip

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

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

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

right."

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

Nick Eicher led the attack with four

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

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

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

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

Chris Trott, who surrendered six runs in 1 2/3 innings of relief, was the losing pitcher.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The infield is strong at the other spots. Gordon, senior Joe Rizzi and junior Adam Kolb will split time at first; Rizzi will also be the designated hitter. He was an all-Lakes Division player as a junior, batting .390 with

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

Third base is in the good hands of senior Mike Hoben, the team's MVP from last season and an all-Lakes Division player. Hoben batted .416 with four homers and 24 RBI. "He's a very tenacious kid," said Rumberger. Ryan Cook, a junior, will back up both Hoben at third and Stiles at short.

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

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

Lukasik was 5-4 last season with a team-high 63 innings pitched; he posted a 2.86 earned run average, with 54 strikeouts and

29 walks. Opponents batted a meager .216 against him.

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

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

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

"We can swing the bat, and our outfield defense will be fine," the Salem coach added. If the pitching is as good as expected, and a few new players come through, the Rocks should be in the league title hunt, too.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

freshman Jacqui Sledbodnick. "We actually have a lot of depth at pitcher this year," the Salem coach said, adding that "just (not) throwing strikes hurt us the last few years."

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

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

Two juniors new to the squad, Carrie Carter and Kristen Kukhahn, will vie for playing time in the outfield. Sophomore Jennifer Warnick, who caught on the junior varsity team last season, will back-up Buchanan at that spot this season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

team. As a whole, it has a 3.7 grade point average, including five 4.0s and four 3.9s. These are very intelligent ballplayers."

What they need now is to not get caught up in themselves. Last year they were good and, as the season wore on, became increasingly aware of it. The fact that few others did was a plus.

"We talked about that at a recent practice," Arnold said. "Last year we were the unknown."

"We had lost a lot of players from the previous year. We came in, kept chipping away, winning ball game after ball game."

"When we beat Brighton, we got a lot of recognition. The secret was out."

It's no secret any more. Now the Canton softball team is the target.

Teams such as Farmington Hills Harrison, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central will be shooting at Canton in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES
The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide.

ball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck Muer restaurants.

by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3737.

STEELHEAD FISHING

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

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

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

FLY TYING

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

MORE FLY TYING

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

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

As of April 1, anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be June 12-13.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

FLIES-ONLY TROUT

A special catch-and-release, flies-only trout season runs through Friday, April 23, on a special section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Center. Call (810) 885-2187 for details.

WALLEYE
Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER
Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY
Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower peninsula.

PIKE
Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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) 666-8910 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 Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. 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. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat

Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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 Coloky Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

ARCHERY

YOUTH SHOOT
Detroit Archers will host a youth shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at its clubhouse and grounds in West Bloomfield. Every participant age 17 and under will receive a trophy. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

JUNIOR 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.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

METROPARKS

SPRING CLEANUP
Spring cleanup days are scheduled at several Metroparks in the upcoming weeks. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance. Cleanup days will be held Saturday, April 17, at Stony Creek (1-810-781-4242) and Metro Beach (1-800-477-3172); and Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie (1-800-477-3189) and Kensington (1-800-477-3178).

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LIVONIA GOLFERS

Head coach: Herb Osterland, 20th season.
 League affiliation: Western Lakes Athletic Association (Western Division).
 Last year's overall record: 12-18.
 Notable losses to graduation: Corey Cash (All-Division, second-team All-Area); Brett Wells (All-Division, second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Dave Weal, Sr. outfielder (tri-captain .308 batting average); Eric Lightie, Sr. first baseman (tri-captain); Justin Draughn, Sr. pitcher (5-4); Andrew Blackmore, Sr. second baseman; Andy Shoemaker, Sr. pitcher (tri-captain); Ryan Vickers, Sr. infielder; John Ross, Sr. pitcher (3.00 ERA); Jeff Winkler, Sr. pitcher; Carl Prokopchak, Sr. outfielder; Tim Greenleaf, Jr. catcher-infielder; Rick Strain, Jr. outfielder; Brad Bescoe, Jr. infielder-pitcher.

Promising newcomers: Josh Odum, Jr. outfielder (transfer from Southfield Christian); Paul Mercier, Jr. infielder-pitcher; John Bennett, Jr. pitcher; Kevin Knox, Jr. catcher; Steve Ziolkowski, Jr. catcher; Tony Robinson, Jr. infielder.

Osterland's '99 outlook: "One of the strengths is the defense. They have ability to make play. I think we'll be solid offensively."
 "The pitching is always everybody's concern, and one of my concerns. We're going to see who the senior leaders are and take charge in the ballgames."
 "We're going to take it one game at a time. Right now we feel we have a pretty good ballclub. We respect everybody and try to get some momentum going in our direction."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Jim Karoub, ninth season.
 League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 7-21.
 Notable losses to graduation: Brian Waldo (hit .384).

Leading returnees: Tom Jones, Sr. infielder (.365); Joe Ruggiero, Soph. shortstop-pitcher (.351); David Word, Sr. pitcher-first baseman; Mike Franklin, Sr. infielder; Tony Sals, Sr. infielder-pitcher; Dave Scieluna, Sr. catcher; Brad Tibus, Sr. outfielder.

Promising newcomers: Chris Hall, Jr. outfielder; Dan Horning, Soph. pitcher-first baseman; Ryan Tracy, Soph. outfielder.
 Karoub's '99 outlook: "We got a good look at ourselves the other day in a scrimmage against CC (Redford Catholic Central). We feel good where we're at."
 "Our pitching is fundamentally pretty sound. And I think offensively we'll move

the ball much better."
 "With these new things going for us I think we'll be a much improved ballclub. And I think we'll see some excitement to the game. I think we'll be stronger than last year defensively, especially in the out-field."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Mark Weingarden, first season.
 League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 9-16.
 Titles won last year: Livonia City champion.

Notable losses to graduation: Brent Wojtylak.

Leading returnees: Roy Rabe, Sr. third baseman-pitcher (co-captain, hit .400 last year); Steve Anderson, Sr. shortstop-pitcher (co-captain, .312, 20 RBI); Dave Stando, Sr. outfielder; Dan Wilson, Soph. outfielder (.375); Jon Ritzler, Sr. pitcher; Kevin Yuhasz, Sr. second baseman; Joe Suchara, Sr. infielder; Brandon Gajda, Sr. catcher (co-captain); Ryan Van Belle, Sr. first baseman; Matt DiPonio, Sr. outfielder; Phil Szumanski, Sr. outfielder.

Promising newcomers: Brad Buckley, Jr. outfielder; Pete Pinto, Soph. infielder; Tim Lawson, Jr. second baseman; Mike Byberg, Jr. first baseman; pitcher; Joe McCrohan, Jr. first baseman-pitcher; Jason Allen, Jr. pitcher-outfielder; Brandon Ray, Jr. infielder.

Weingarden's '99 outlook: "With hard work we believe we can be in position to contend for a league title this year, and we know that there are many talented teams in our division, particularly Plymouth Salem."
 "Ritzler is the hardest thrower on the team. He should see more time in right field with his strong arm and great accuracy."

"Wilson started as a freshman and has tremendous speed."
 "Stando is in his third year on the varsity. He's a solid center fielder with a strong arm."
 "Anderson has never been thrown out stealing base and he has a .455 slugging percentage."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Todd Duffield, fourth season.
 League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).

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

Notable losses to graduation: Tim Reeves (first-team All-Area infielder); Chet Rees, Gordie Smith, Josh Utley, Brian

Miller, Greg McCallum.
 Leading returnees: Dale Hayes, senior pitcher (second-team All-Area, 8-3 with 2 saves); Justin Fendolat, Sr. center fielder (.370); Mike Swafford, Sr. pitcher-utility (4-2, 40 innings); Brian Reed, Sr. pitcher-utility; Dan Feduchak, Jr. first baseman-third baseman.

Promising newcomers: Mike Grant, Soph. infielder; Dave Mijal, Soph. pitcher-outfielder; Jeff Mitchell, Jr. pitcher-infielder; Ryan Rattray, Jr. catcher; Sam Blouse, Jr. first baseman-outfielder; Dave Holloway, Jr. outfielder; John Hanger, Jr. utility; Nick Rogiero, Jr. outfielder; Chad Sansom, Jr. outfielder; Brian Toth, Jr. pitcher.

Duffield's '99 outlook: "We have some good players, but my concern is inexperience. We had a good JV team last year, but a lot of varsity teams were young. And we're not going to be facing JV pitching now."
 "Our pitching could be consistent. If we do things on a consistent basis defensively, and give up 21 instead of 24 outs, we can win on a consistent basis."
 "Fendolat is a good player. We expect a lot out of him."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: John Salter, 19th season.
 League affiliation: Catholic (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 30-7.
 Titles won last year: District, regional and Catholic League champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Tony Nowowski (first-team All-Area pitcher, 9-1); Matt Firlik, Mike Haller, Mark Chapman.

Leading returnees: Bob Malek, Sr. center fielder-pitcher (.587 Dream Team All-Stater); Casey Rogowski, Sr. first baseman-outfielder (first-team All-Area, .419, 43 RBI); Dave Lusky, Sr. shortstop (first-team All-Area, .405); Chris Woodruff, Sr. catcher, .402, 6 homers, 40 RBI); Anthony Tomez, Sr. pitcher (4-2, .388 ERA); Mario D'Herin, Sr. second baseman (.250); Dan Duffey, Sr. pitcher (3-1, 2.31 ERA); Nick DiBella, Sr. pitcher-third baseman; Mark Cole, Sr. outfielder-pitcher (.393, 5-1, 2.58 ERA); Brent Zak, Sr. outfielder; John Hill, Jr. catcher-outfielder-DH.

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

Salter's '99 outlook: "I've never had these many seniors returning. Six started out on the varsity three years ago and were starters midway through their sophomore year."

"Last year we hit well as a team (.382 with 20 homers) and that's the highest I've ever remembered."
 "You still always worry about pitching. We're looking for somebody to emerge in the second and third spots behind Tony."
WAYNE BERSORRA

Head coach: Jim Chronowski, 20th season.
 League affiliation: Mega Conference (White Division).

Last year's overall record: 9-13.
 Notable losses to graduation: Charlie Laverenz (second-team All-Area); C.J. Stevins (All-Mega White); Derrick Townsend, Joe West, Bill Danis.

Leading returnees: Ryan Czyzak, Sr. pitcher-catcher; Matt Macklewicz, Jr. second baseman; Scott Teasdale, Jr. center fielder; Gary Stevens, Jr. shortstop; John Judd, Jr. catcher-outfielder; Nick Clotte, Sr. outfielder; Shawn McDaniell, Jr. pitcher; Jeremy Overton, Sr. first baseman.

Promising newcomers: Justin Smoes, Jr. first baseman-pitcher; John Ferris, Jr. pitcher-third baseman; Jason Gibson, Jr. outfielder; Chuck Nelson, Jr. outfielder; Brad Laws, Jr. outfielder; Todd Schaff, Sr. first baseman; Ryan Ybarra, Fr. shortstop-pitcher; George Rodriguez, Fr. third baseman-pitcher-outfielder; Jason Frederick, Sr. second baseman.

Chronowski's '99 outlook: "We don't have a lot of speed. It's really limited to four guys — Teasdale, Nelson, Ybarra and Rodriguez."
 "We don't have a great amount of experience pitching. Right now our pitching is in the formative stage and we have a lot of questions."
 "Our hitting will probably be average."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Rich Roy, third season.
 League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 12-14.
 Notable losses to graduation: John Schiffman (second-team All-Area); Chris Krolczyk, Kirk Damas, Craig Rose.

Leading returnees: Dave Lemmon, Sr. second baseman; Tim Riedl, Jr. shortstop-pitcher; Scott Carr, Jr. left fielder-pitcher; John Wallace, Sr. catcher-pitcher-outfielder; Josh Fritch, Sr. first baseman; Brian Pankow, Sr. center fielder (.370); Joe Lucas, Sr. third baseman; Tony Rachoza, Sr. outfielder; Mike Wion, Sr. outfielder; Billy Carr, Sr. catcher.

Promising newcomers: Roy Gutierrez, Soph. infielder-pitcher; Kevin Silye, Jr. pitcher; Jeff Selvis, Sr. outfielder; Adam Marcum, Sr. outfielder.

Roy's '99 outlook: "The numbers are low. We can't get anybody out. We had 35 kids in program last year that should be

there. But with kids working and people ineligible we don't have enough for a junior varsity."
 "But we have a lot of returners. We should be pretty good."
 "We're strong up the middle — catcher, pitcher, short, center field. They've played together for two years. We should be able to challenge for the title. Everybody in our league lost a lot of guys. We have a lot of returners. If pitching holds up, I think we can contend. We're swinging the bat well."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Ted Youngles, first season.
 League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 15-10.
 Titles won last year: Class C district champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Chris D'Brien (first-team All-Metro, second-team All-Area); Chad Janetzke, Mike Fisher, Mike Beltz.

Leading returnees: Tom Habitz, Sr. shortstop-pitcher; Scott Archer, Sr. catcher; Gordie Engel, Sr. second baseman; Charlie Hoelt, Jr. center fielder-pitcher; Ian McKenzie, Jr. third baseman-pitcher.

Promising newcomers: Josh Moldenhauer, Jr. left fielder; Brad Nollar, Soph. catcher-outfielder; Brett Braun, Soph. utility; Brent Habitz, Fr. first baseman-pitcher.

Youngles' '99 outlook: "I really excited

about this year. I think we're a legitimate contender and in upper echelon of the league. Think if we get a couple breaks we'll be hurt down stretch."
 "We have tremendous leadership from three seniors — Habitz, Archer and Engel. I think up the middle we're very solid up the middle."
 "Right now my real concerns are out-field. We lost our entire outfield last year to graduation. Pitching is always a concern early. Top of rotation is pretty solid, but we need a couple of others to give us a couple of innings here and there."
 "Overall very excited about our defense. The infield looks good and the outfield is jelling together. Excited about the potential this team has."

MURRON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Darrell Kleinke, first season.
 League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's overall record: below .500.
 Notable losses to graduation: Jeremy Zahn, Tom Husby, Nick Wisnitske.

Leading returnees: Pat Hoepner, Sr. pitcher-center fielder; Brian Johnson, Sr. third baseman; Jeremy Husby, Jr. shortstop; Alan Kleinke, Jr. catcher.

Promising newcomers: Rene Arnel, Jr. pitcher-outfielder; Tyler Cording, Fr. right fielder; Wade Babbitt, Fr. first baseman.

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Nesting season allows birds time to find way

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



TIM NOWICKI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is nothing wrong with these materials, just don't use bright colored string or yarn, remember some predators can see those bright colors.

Canton Township man earns volunteer honor

Huron-Clinton Metroparks annually gives out "Volunteer of the Year" awards to individuals and families who make significant contributions to the park system.



AL HARRISON

Roland Brege, of Canton, and David and Kathy Renwick, of Walled Lake, were three of this year's recipients.

Brege has taken pictures at the Kensington Farm Center for the past eight years. His pictures have provided a pictorial history of the farm and many have been used in news releases to promote the farm.

The Renwicks have contributed more volunteer hours at the Metroparks than any other current volunteer. They started helping out in 1977 and have donated their time at both Kensington and Indian Springs. Their 10-year-old daughter, Bridgett, also helps out.

Youth fly fishing

If you have a son or daughter interested in fly fishing it's not too late to sign up for the Youth Fly Fishing Class at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The class, sponsored by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, and will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233 to register or for more information.

Rewards offered

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Michigan Bear Hunter's Association, is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the illegal shooting of a black bear last fall in Gladwin County.

The bear was shot around Oct. 11, 1998, near the Molasses River Flooding No. 3 in Grim Township. The legal bear hunting season in that area ended Sept. 24.

Rewards are also standing for two other bear poaching incidents that occurred last July. A \$5,000 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for

killing a bear near Ironwood in Gogebic County. A \$1,600 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for shooting a bear in the Deadstream Swamp in Missaukee County.

Anyone with information on either of these poaching incidents should call the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.

Summer jobs

Seasonal job openings are available this summer at the 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks as well as the state's 96 state park and recreation areas, 700 boat access sites and 13 harbors.

If you're looking for a part-time job to fill the summer months and enjoy being outdoors it may worth the price of a phone call to investigate some of the opportunities.

The Metroparks are looking for individuals young or old to fill positions such as toll attendants, life guards, grounds and maintenance workers, public service attendants, pool attendants and naturalists. The pay ranges from \$5.75 per hour to \$6.70 per hour with a 30-cent per hour bonus upon completion of the contract.

For additional information, call (800) 47-PARKS.

The Department of Natural Resources Parks Division also has openings for part-time and full-time summer jobs.

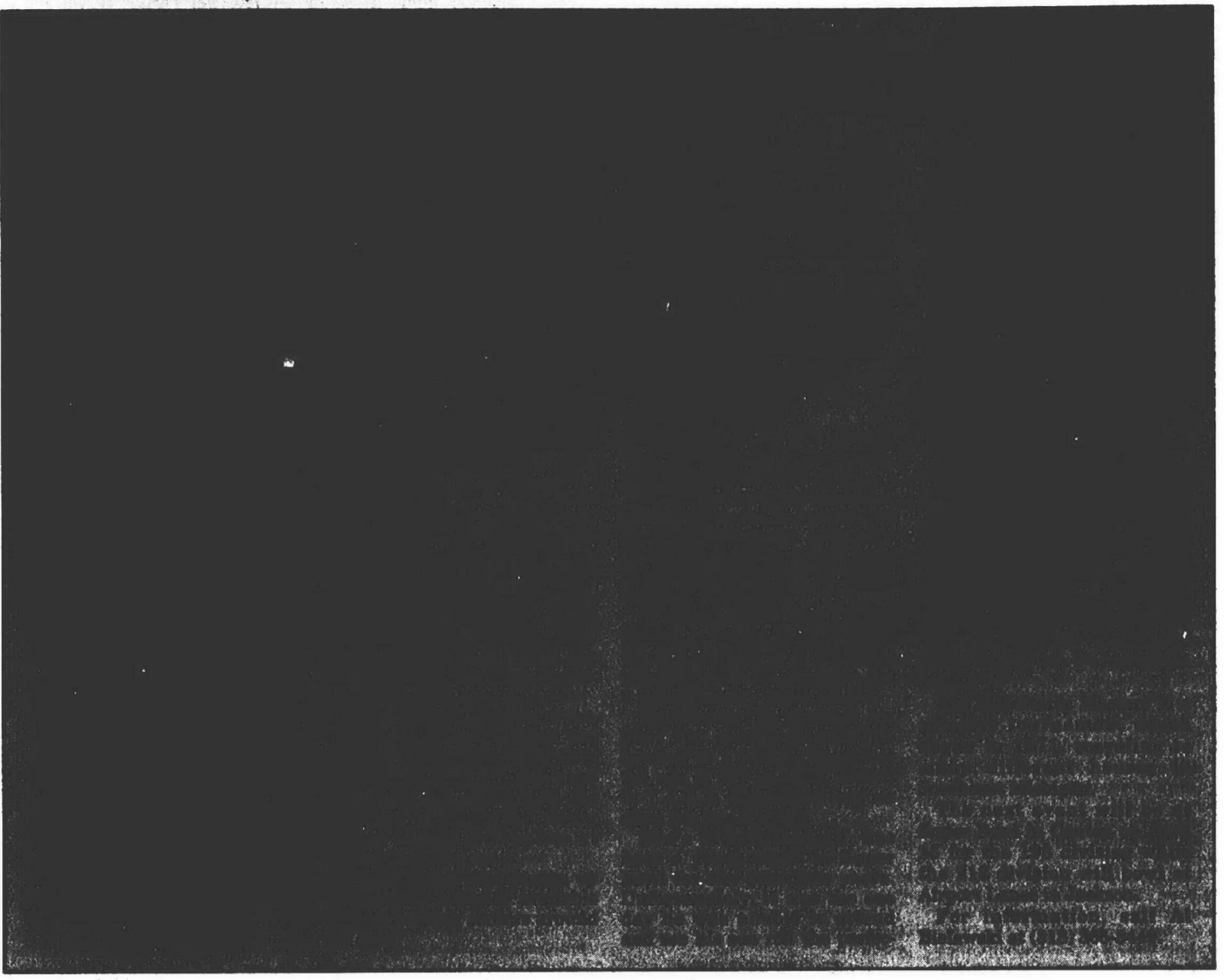
Applicants must be 18 years of age and willing to work weekends and evenings. Seasonal workers will assist permanent staff.

Job responsibilities may include handling permit sales, performing campground duties, clerical work, equipment operation, trail maintenance, mowing, landscaping and sanitary duties.

Pay is \$6 per hour for the first year and \$6.50 per hour for subsequent years.

Interested individuals should contact the state park or recreation area or the boating facility you wish to work at. For additional information, call the DNR Parks Division at (517) 373-9900.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bpark@os.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)



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 St. Coletta Men: Pete Anbro, 264; Mike Ksiasek, 257; Bill Cuelier, 265; Phil Malden, 223-277-255/755.
- SUPER BOWL (Canton)**
 Suburban Proprietor Men's Traveling: Robert Custard, 269/693; Billy Gerace, 269/685; Steve Hughes, 267; Tim Magyar, 259; Bob Chuba, 256/685.
 Suburban Prop. Ladies Traveling: Carol Puryear, 215; Barb Hernandez, 209/539; Viv Waldrop, 209/554; Patty Jaroch, 207/525; Ev Hubble, 201/529.
 Single Point: Dan Kingsbury, 224; Mark Grzak, 232.
 Youth Leagues: Friday Majors: Dave Jacobs, 244/621; Dave Thomas, 213; Tim Moncreiff, 212/573; Steve Reitzel, 207; Jen Sheridan, 196.
 Friday Juniors: Keith Kingsbury, 202/502; Matt Lipford, 180.
 Friday Pros: Tom Johnson, 145.
 Thursday Juniors/Majors: Jason Bonkowski, 217/567; Justin Bonkowski, 189/524; Kyle Kunc, 174.
 Thursday Pros: P.J. Caram, 168.
- WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)**
 Wonderland Classic: Ken Meyers, 279/793; Steve Pencola, 300/771; Ken Bashara, 279/752; Mitch Jabczynski, 268/749; Rick "General" Patton, 299/741.
 Kings & Queens: Steve Pencola, 300 (2nd one in 3 days).
- Thursday Nite Wonders:** Mary Ann Copley, 239/577.
 Westside Senior Mens: Don Hochstadt, 279/738; Dick Kielb, 654; Ken Livernois, 276/652; Bill Lemanski, 252/635.
WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
 Local 182 retirees: Darlene Lupu, 211.
 L.E.A.: Don Meadows, 226.
 Ford Transmission Ladies: Donna Perry, 245; Lori Bacon, 203.
 Jacks & Jills: Joe C. Monge, 254/647.
 Ford Parts: Marc Mattus, 686; Ed Nichols, 256/672.
 Morning Stars: Donna Herrin, 236/577.
 Ford L.T.P.: Mark Schmitt, 299.
 Mens Trio: Mike Travis, 277/733; Vern Flowers, 280/763; John Wodarski Jr., 278/740; John Bugeja, 258/744; Mark Payne, 258/695; Frank Hoffman, 268.
 Early Birds: Judy Porter, 213/502.
 Amy Rollers: Carol Simons, 237/668 (170 pins o/a).
 Thursday Night Men: Mickey Sensoli, 277.
 Senior House (Premium Bowling Products): Parrish Capel, 278/758; John McGraw, 267/721; Rob Schepis, 259/705; Brian Ziemba, 289/703; Ken Kubit, 258/731; Craig Johnson, 278/717.
 Midnight Mixed: Paul McMurray, 289/731; John Hurley, 254/658; Dave Parker, 247/698; Tim Ross, 660.
 Midnights: Chuck McGeorge, 217/567; Mark Zielinski, 248/635; Mike Zielinski, 223/531; Jim Lepinski, 234/631; Bob Giachero, 214/583.
 Gay 90s (Seniors): Bernie Hillebrandt, 226; Paul Brewer, 210; Norm Renaud, 216; Chuck Jensen, 223; Bob Radtke, 224.
 Grandals: Brett Webster, 290.
 Monday Seniors: Doug Arnold, 200; George Gundlach, 215-212/577; Jim Meloch, 212.
 Lyndon Closures: Kathy Daniels, 210.
- CLOVERLANES (Livonia)**
 FoMoCo Thursday Night: Larry Frank, 249/701; Steve Gutesky, 256/669; Jim Santti, 664; Cal Collins, 279; Brian Chuba, 253.
 St. Aidan's Men: Bob Racey, 219-226/639; Dave Golen, 252/610; Conrad Sobania, 265; Jack Pomeroy, 219; Scott Underwood, 219.
 All-Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Ewald, 289/721; Aleta Sill, 279/741; Stacey Hudler, 277; Kathie Maser, 268/675; Connie Cleveland, 261/684; Tracey Wade, 258.
- MERRI BOWL (Livonia)**
 Early Risers: C. Truszkwoski, 595; A. Michalski, 521; J. Kovsky, 500; Wanda Denardis, 502; Joan Yancheson, 500.
 Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Phyllis Wolnie, 234/614; Gloria Carter, 220/572; Theresa Hawthorth, 200; Gretchen Hocking, 549; Gertha Sandell, 542.
 Rite on Time: Bob Spaw, Jr., 300/781; Scott Moore, 279; Mike O'Malley, 266/714; Jerry Marshall, 277; Don Phillippi, 290; Brian Grant, 260/733.
 Bowling Ladies: Alice Kolarov, 231; Kathy Tellow, 210; Sue Fischer, 203; Darlene Jablonski, 197; Nancy Brown, 195.
TOWN 'n COUNTRY LANES (Westland)
 Friday Invitational: Doug Evans, 300.
 Saturday Kids: Nick Amad (age 16), 290-278/744.
- MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)**
 Wednesday Senior Mens Classic: Jim Hunt, 245; Jesse Macciocco, 257-224-247/728; John Bierkamp, 216-241-210/667; Norm Bochenek, 254-226/668; Bud Kraemer, 223-256/659; Mel Albitre, 204-218-237/659.
GARDEN LANES (Garden City)
 St. Linus Classic: Dan Bollinger, 300/644; Frank Bollinger, 268-256-245/769; Brian Jonca, 203-368-289/760; Larry Curtis, 241-231-257; Jim Barina, 237-277-213/729; John Miller, 202-209-290/701; Curt Bzbiak, 225-214-256/694.
 St. John Bosco: Matt Finrock, 300/716.
 Printer's: Phil Caldwell, 300/764.
COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)
 Wednesday Knights: Julie Wright, 277; Larry Gerstein, 267; Rich Grosman, 769; Pat Tests, 698.
 University Men's: Dennis Harris, 276; Butch Cook, 268/736; Larry Kubert, 707.
 Spares & Strikes: Kevin Landacre, 2116/554; Estelle Drabicki, 220/576; Colleen Crawford, 213/555; Sherry McMahon, 244/540.
 St. Paul's Men: Mike Emmck, 243; Kirk Reinert, 637/703.
EVER 7: Matt McKenzie, 277/712; Ron Mathison, 267/649; Angelo D'Orazio, 257; Tim Jones, 255/659; Don Coughlin, 247/702.
- Advanced Youth (seniors):** Gordon Gregoroff, 210/613; Elaine Piercey, 195.
Leon Lake: Scott Tutas, 248; Steve Amolsch, 245/673; Mark Earles, 636.
B'Nal Brith Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson: Eric Goldberg, 268-227/714; Steve Achtman, 289/654; Barry Fishman, 237-216/647; Mark Rappoport, 240-218/635; Ricky Reznik, 227-224/626.
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Renee Muirhead, 248/625; Cynthia Greiner, 219.
Country Kaglers: Ron Krahn, 275/721; Jim Rennolds, 255/656; Jeff Pinke, 255/628; Dennis Harris, 248/659; George Vann, 234/629.
Tuesday a.m. Ladies: Dorothy Currier, 207/510; Debbie Claramitaro, 196.
Tuesday Mixed Trio: Mark Ullrich, 279/802; Jeff Eisenberg, 278; Boo Garvin, 714.
Oldies But Goodies: Bill Hardy, 244/614; Bill Morris, 233; Phil Abdo, 220/581; Ralph Pearce, 220; Doris Craig, 195/517.
Monday Nite Men: Paul Koenig, 289; Larry Franz, 279/768; Jack Treloar, 759.
Afternoon D Ladies: Judie Burnstein, 225; Sherry Kanter, 194/511.
Greenfield Mixed: Ryan Wilson, 231-226-237/694; Ron Turner, 238-226/662; Tom Gow, 220-219-215/654; Lila Smith, 216/582; Lynne Wegener, 215/529; Cary Archer, 232-211/590.
Farmington Schools: Jacob VanMeter, 242; Matt Lash, 236/562.
Country High School: Jason Rodgers, 226/622; Brad Waker, 217; Dana Ginotti, 216/591; Melissa Miller, 190.
Country Pros: Shawn Daniel, 165; Amyu Culbertson, 163; Bridget Long, 158; Amyu Lebeis, 155.
Country Juniors: Jordan Gorosh, 191; Jeremy Johnson, 182; Nikki Snyder, 131.
DRAKELANES (Farmington)
B'Nal Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zelger-Gross: Mike Diskin, 222-229/610; Greg Sobol, 222-224/601; Jerry Broida, 202-223; Larry Garfinkle, 200-209; Harold Markzon, 235.
B'Nal Brith Downtown Fox: Kevin Elbinger, 254-214/663; David Lazarus, 265-226/652; David Shanbaum, 2328/614; Ken Gross, 257/612; Jack Geer, 211-204/606.

PRO TIP OF THE WEEK

Meet Vernon Peterson.



Vern Peterson Stores Unlimited

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

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

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

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

knowledge of bowling equipment and drilling techniques.

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

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

Try different lines to the pocket and go to several different houses to practice and try to adjust to conditions that are out there.

Find places with wood lanes and then some that have synthetic lanes. Get in some leagues where it is possible to earn some money, if that's what you want.

Try to get Leagues that are at your average or more. There are plenty of these good leagues around in Wayne and Oakland Counties, and if you are good enough, get in the All-Stars at Thunderbowl.

For ladies, All-Star Bowlerettes at Cloverlanes is a good one for a high level of competition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The PBA and PWBA tours are getting stronger and the new young generation is doing well. Most important is to have the right mental attitude.

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

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

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