

Plymouth man ambushes psychiatrist office, 3 dead

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A Plymouth Township man was identified as the lone gunman who stormed a psychiatrist's office on a murderous rampage 5 p.m. Friday in the 8000 Tower of the Southfield Town Center. Two people were killed and four others wounded before Joseph Brooks, Jr. took his own life.

According to Southfield police, Brooks, 27, entered the 12th floor offices of Dr. Ramon Bar-Levav with whom he reportedly had a previous doctor-patient relationship. Police say Brooks drew a handgun and began firing, killing Bar-Levav, 72, of Detroit and Emmy Gregg, 45, of Huntington Woods.

When rescue teams entered the reception area they found Bar-Levav shot in the head. Police said after killing the psychiatrist, Brooks apparently went into a conference room and opened fire. That's where Gregg was found dead from a gunshot wound to the face.

Brooks was pronounced dead at the scene with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. His body was reportedly found in a side room with a handgun by his side.

Four other individuals suffered injuries and were transported to Providence Hospital for treatment. They included a 45-year-old West Bloomfield man with a gunshot wound to the chest, a 63-year-old Bingham Farms man with a gunshot wound to the leg, a 51-year-old Beverly Hills woman with a gunshot wound to the foot and hand, and a 51-year-old Huntington Woods man with fragments to the face and leg.

All had been released from the hospital. The Beverly Hills woman was in fair condition.

School hopeful spending big bucks



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The Plymouth-Canton school board election turned into a big money race for one candidate vying for one of two open seats. Voters will choose from a field of four candidates on Monday.

When it comes to campaign spending by the four candidates who are running in Monday's Plymouth-Canton school board election, one stands out among the rest.

Mark Slavens of Canton says he's spent nearly \$3,800 in his efforts to win one of the two four-year seats which are up for grabs.

"I'm targeting people who have traditionally voted in school board elections ... parents, staff and administration," said Slavens. "I'm just trying to get my message out on the top issues."

According to Slavens, about half the money he's spent has come from donations. Along with meeting with PTOs, teachers and administrators, Slavens has sent out brochures which give his

take on the issues.

Challenger Steve Galle of Canton has spent about \$100 in his efforts to become a member of the board. Galle said he received no money for his campaign.

"I'm just trying to get my message out on the top issues," Galle said. "I plan on being out at the polls election day handing out literature."

Incumbent Carrie Blasier, who is seeking a second stint on the Board of Education, said she's spent about \$400 to get re-elected.

"I've been mailing information to those who requested absentee ballots," Blasier said.

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Vincenti plans shrink

MAYFLOWER HOTEL

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Developer John Vincenti has down-sized his proposed development to replace the Mayflower Hotel because of economics.

However, Vincenti's plan to construct a three-story building across from the post office on Penniman Street has received approval from the Plymouth planning commission.

In all, the Novi developer is planning to spend upwards of \$11 million in downtown Plymouth.

The planning commission on Wednesday night was set to take a look at plans for a six-story structure to replace the Mayflower Hotel at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street. However, Tri-Mount Vincenti Co. architect Craig Smith told commis-

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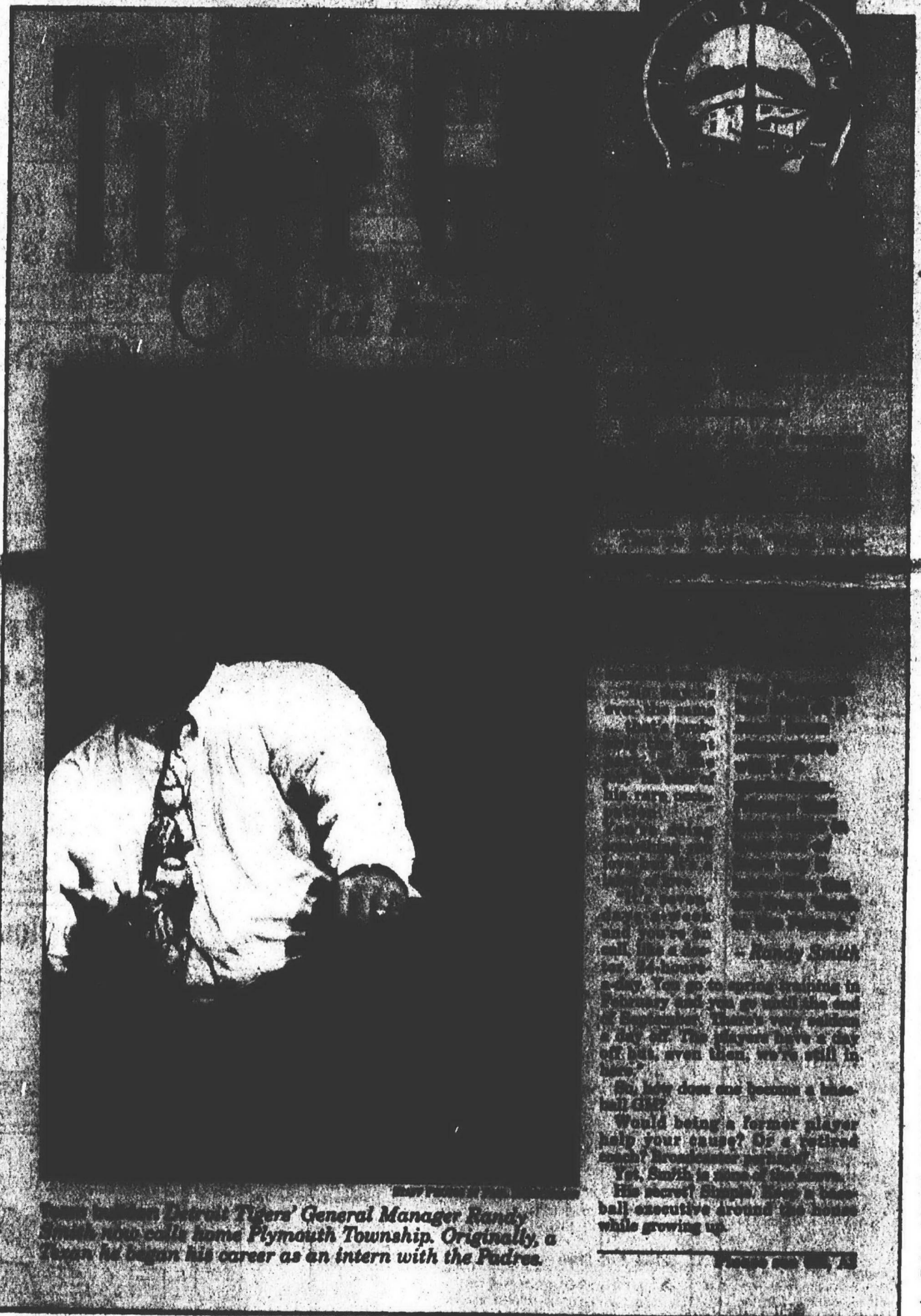
WEDNESDAY

Ficano talks: The Community Democratic Club hosts Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, northeast corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. The topic is "The Cyber-Cop Unit - A new tool for the prevention of crime against children."

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Former Detroit Tigers' General Manager Randy Smith now calls home Plymouth Township. Originally, a player, he began his career as an intern with the Padres.

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... Would being a former player help your cause? Or a retired coach? Brucato said no.

... It's Smith's story of the game. He's been a player, a coach, a ball executive around the league while growing up.

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Township caps costs on railroad underpass

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Plymouth Township board members have pledged to participate in the funding of the Sheldon Road railroad underpass, just weeks before a joint meeting is scheduled with the city of Plymouth over how to split those costs.

The township board adopted a resolution Tuesday in regards to a 50-50 split. It also capped spending at \$1 million if costs for the project increase.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keef McCarthy said the resolution will be sent to Wayne County to meet a July 1

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A Little goodbye



Farewell: Plymouth attorney John Stewart embraces departing school Superintendent Chuck Little at a Thursday farewell party. See page A3.

YMCA runs 20th annual race

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The Plymouth YMCA will be hosting its 20th Annual Run on Sunday, June 20, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in downtown Plymouth.

The event, which begins in Kellogg Park, will involve a 10-kilometer, 5-kilometer and one-mile run for adult runners and several shorter races for children.

"It's just a fun thing and we usually get 1,000-1,200 people out for it each year," said race director Dr. Thomas Morse. "It's every Father's Day and we do it to raise money for the YMCA to keep it going."

Morse said that the event attracts all ages and all levels of runners.

"We get all levels," he said.

The Plymouth YMCA 20th Annual Run on Sunday, June 20, begins at 7:30 a.m. in Kellogg Park. The event will involve a 10-kilometer, 5-kilometer and one-mile run for adult runners and several shorter races for children.

"We've had some University of Michigan cross-country runners come out and we've had a lot of seniors come out. There's actually a lot of people over 50 that are pretty good runners that take part in this race."

Runners can participate in any of the three races or all three if

they desire. Morse said that, several years ago, he felt that a 10k was a little too short for runners who want to use the race for training and decided to create "The Triple Race."

"I felt that, if a runner was in training and they came out and did the 10k, it was a little too short," he said. "That's how the Triple Race came about."

"Runners will start with the one-mile, get a break, run the 5k with another break and finish with the 10k. It's something like 10 miles total."

Costs are \$12 for either of the children's races, \$20 each for the one mile, 5k and 10k runs and \$30 for the Triple Race.

For additional information or get a registration form, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 99-7**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 99-4 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVING THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS OF EQUAL STANDING WITH THE REVENUE BONDS NOW OUTSTANDING TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; TO CONFIRM THE EXISTING RATES FOR THE SYSTEM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE SYSTEM AND BONDS."

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Sections 1(i), 3, 4 and 5 be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

(i) "Series 1999B Bonds" means the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 1999B in the principal amount of \$710,000 authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 2. **Cost: Useful Life.** The cost of the Project is estimated to be not less than Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$710,000), including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than forty (40) years.

Section 3. **Payment of Cost: Bonds Authorized.** To pay part of the cost of acquiring the Project, including payment of legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 1999B Bonds, the issuer shall borrow the sum of Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$710,000) and issue the Series 1999B Bonds therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. Said Series 1999B Bonds shall be of equal standing and priority and shall be equally secured with the Outstanding Bonds as to the Net Revenues. The remaining cost of the Project, if any, shall be defrayed from issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Section 4. **Bond Details: Issuance in Series, Registration and Execution.** The additional Bonds hereby authorized shall be designated WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1999B, shall be payable out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 7 hereof, shall consist of fully-registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 each, or integral multiples thereof not exceeding in any one year the amount maturing in that year, dated as of June 1, 1999 numbered in order of registration and shall mature on February in the years and amounts as follows:

\$85,000	2000;
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35,000	2009 through 2012;
40,000	2013 and 2014;
45,000	2015, 2016, and 2017;
50,000	2018 and 2019.

The Series 1999B Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined on public sale thereof, but in any event not exceeding 6% per annum or payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999 by check or draft mailed by the transfer agent selected by the issuer to the person or entity which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner at the registered address as shown on the registration books maintained by the transfer agent. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the issuer to conform to market practice in the future. The Series 1999B Bonds shall be sold at not less than 98% of their par value. The principal of the Series 1999B Bonds shall be payable at the bank or trust company designated by the issuer as registrar and transfer agent for this issue.

The Series 1999B Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2008, may be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the times and in the manner and with notice as set forth in the form of Bonds in Section 12 of this Ordinance.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding Bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent upon presentation of the Bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption. Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner specified in the form of the Series 1999B Bonds contained in Section 12 of this Ordinance.

The Series Bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the issuer impressed or superimposed thereon. The Series 1999B Bonds shall be delivered to the transfer agent for authentication and be delivered by the transfer agent to the purchaser thereof in accordance with instructions from the City Treasurer or any designee upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds in accordance with the bid therefor when accepted. Registered Bonds held for registration and issuance in transfers shall simultaneously and from time to time thereafter as necessary, be delivered to the transfer agent for authentication.

The Series 1999B Bonds may be issued as both-entry-only bonds through the Depository Trust Company of New York, New York.

Section 5. **General Provisions.** All conditions and all particular covenants in, on, or in connection with, or part thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, in the entire of such covenants, rejected.

Section 6. **Assignment, Release, Surrender, Redemption, and Other Matters.** The Series 1999B Bonds shall be subject to the provisions of the Uniform Code of Commercial Law and other laws of the State of Michigan and the United States of America and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 7. **Net Revenues.** The Net Revenues of the City of Plymouth shall be the source of the principal and interest on the Series 1999B Bonds and shall be used for the purposes of the Series 1999B Bonds and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

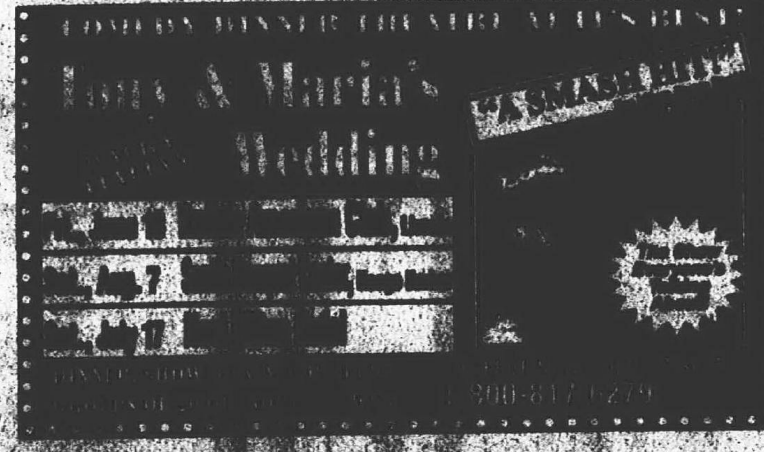
Section 8. **Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

Approved: _____
Mayor

2,000 people to vote.
Lis Adams

...in the Plymouth-Canton school district, that's only 4 percent of the electorate who make it to the polls or turn in absentee ballots. Adams said the cost of this year's election will be around \$14,000. Half of this year's election will be paid for by Schriber College, which has its election for trustees on the ballot. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. Absentee ballots can be returned to the Board of Education office at 464 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth until the polls close.



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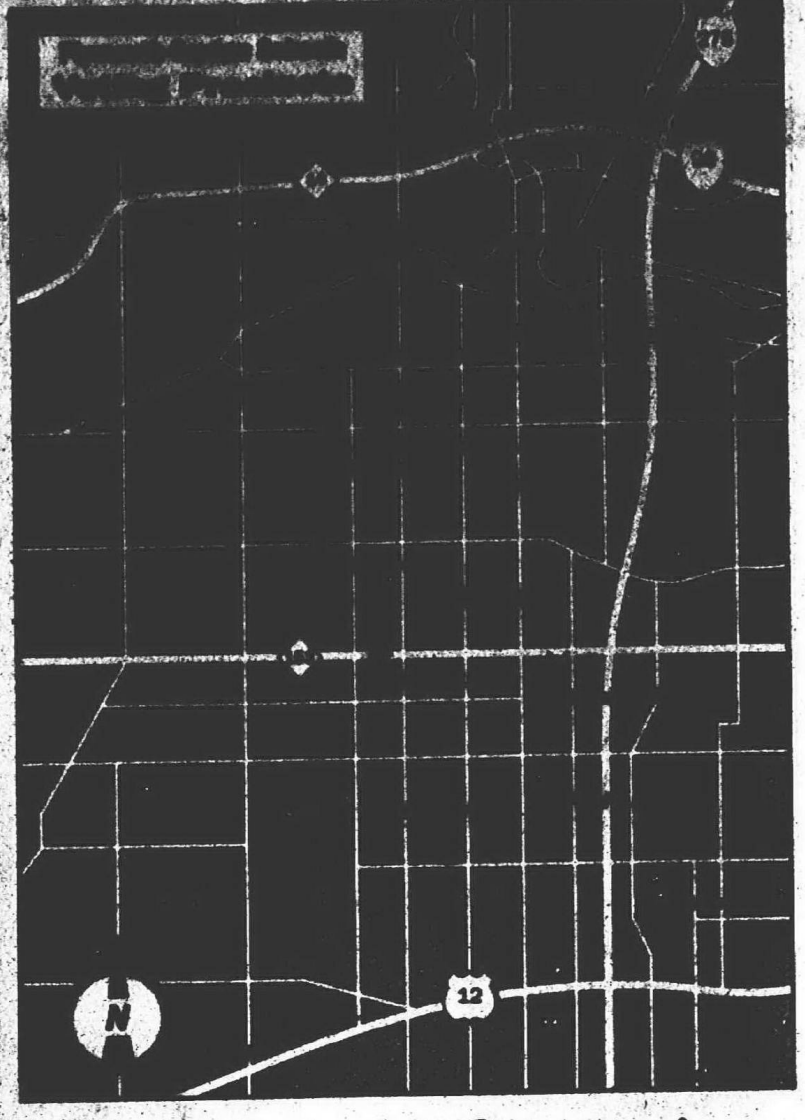
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Grant to pay for senior citizen's computer lab

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department has been notified that it has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Association of Senior Centers in the amount of \$5,484. The city of Plymouth was one of 37 applications that were received by the MASC.

According to city recreation administrator Carol Donnelly, the grant will be used to purchase computers for a computer lab that will be set up at the Plymouth Cultural Center with classes offered to seniors through the city's parks and recreation program. It is anticipated that classes will begin in the early fall of 1999.

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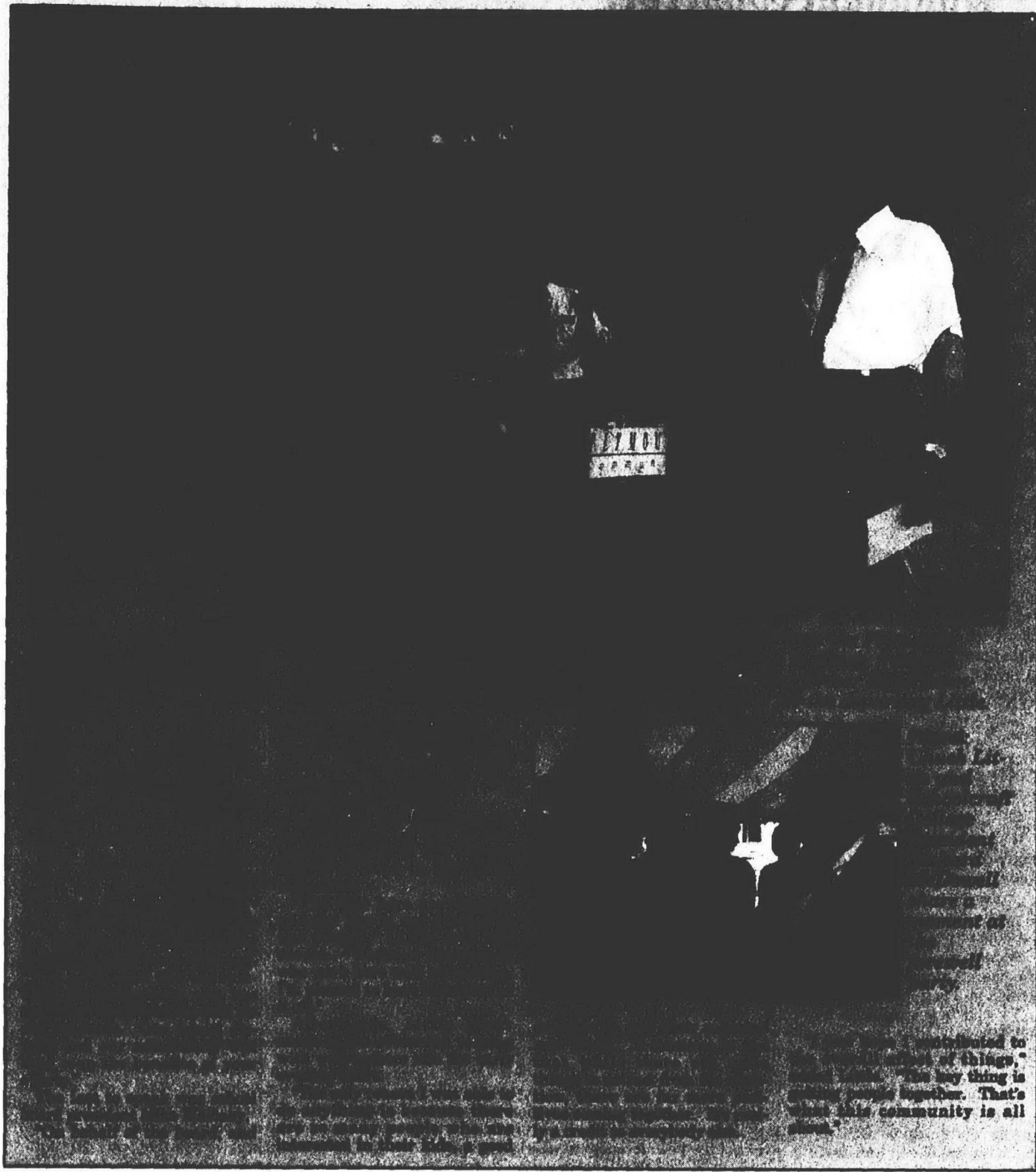
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"I grew up in baseball," he said. "My dad (Tal) has been an executive in the league for over 40 years now. I grew up around the game and know a lot of people."

Smith, an honest, straight-shooting Texan began his career in Beaumont, Texas as an intern with the Padres then double-A Texas League affiliate.

"I did everything that year, from pulling the tarp, to selling programs to selling tickets," he recalled. "It just happened to be the year that the Padres went to the post-season and they needed help in San Diego. Their general manager came through and I guess they liked my work, so they asked me to help out."

He went from late-season help to scout to eventual scouting director for the Padres. Smith was hired as assistant GM for the Colorado Rockies in 1991 before returning to San Diego.

Before coming to Detroit in 1996, he spent three seasons as the GM of the San Diego Padres. When he was named to the position in 1993 at the age of 29, he became the youngest GM in major league history, a record which still stands.

Two weeks after being appointed, he coordinated the so-called "fire sale" in San Diego when no player was safe from the trading block. He has acquired future all-stars and a league MVP and hired a National League Manager of the Year.

But Smith, 35, contends that for a GM (who is in charge of judging a person's potential), a glittering past doesn't go very far in the business.

"It's just like being a player," he said. "You get stuck living in the past and you're not going to last very long. It's a performance game and you're counted on every year to achieve some goals, whatever they may be."

Perhaps the most interesting thing about Smith's job, though, is that thousands of people, nearly all of whom have never been in a contract negotiation or scouted the Latin American leagues for prospects, feel that they can do it better.

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"I was driving to work one day and I was (surprised) stopped in construction," he recalled. "There was this guy laying cement in the freeway and I thought to myself, 'I have no idea how to tell that guy how to do his job. But I'd be willing to bet that he could tell me how to do mine.'"

Smith said the move to Michigan and, more specifically, Plymouth, a few years ago was a nice change that allowed him to find the right working environment.

"I had a choice between Detroit and two other teams," he said. "I took this because it was the right fit with the right people."

Smith got the job but what he found was much more than that.

"I've enjoyed the seasons," he said. "I've never lived anywhere where we experienced all four seasons. And Plymouth has kind of a small town atmosphere with it's quaintness. Friends that have come in from out of town say it looks like the set from 'Back to the Future.'"

"Two weeks after we moved in, I had to take our dog to the vet. We pulled up to the office and he was just getting in his car and you know what? He got out of his car, went inside, got us what we needed and told us to pay him another time. That was a nice feeling when we first got here."

Just one request from Plymouth, Randy.

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Election '99

Blamer, Slavens stand out

On Monday voters will make a decision to fill two seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. The four hopefuls are incumbents Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney, and newcomers Steve Guile and Mark Slavens. Rarely have we seen four more qualified individuals vying for school board seats.

However, two of these hopefuls stand out simply due to their dedication and their passion for making the school district a better place for children. The Observer recommends Carrie Blamer and Mark Slavens for the Board of Education.

Blamer is a realist when it comes to finances



Blamer



Slavens

and understanding her role as a policy maker. Blamer also is inquisitive and won't vote on an issue unless she has received all the answers. But most importantly, Blamer represents every parent in the school district.

Slavens has vision. From his past experience on the Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding committee, we know he won't settle for the status-quo. Slavens is in search of solutions. He will go to the nth degree to find a workable answer.

With more financial bumps expected ahead for Plymouth-Canton Schools, Slavens and Blamer would add a fresh mix.

Incumbents are best choices

Voters in the Schoolcraft College district will decide Monday who will oversee a \$43.7 million budget. Voters will choose two out of four candidates - Michael Novak, Richard Reaume, Gregory Stempien and Patricia Watson - to serve the next six years.

We believe the two incumbents - Greg Stempien and Patricia Watson - are the best choices.

Watson, a forensic and clinical psychologist at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, has served as the board chair since 1995. The Northville resident was appointed to the board in 1991, and was elected to a six-year term in 1993.



Watson



Stempien

Watson is knowledgeable about the college and educational trends. Watson is respected by her colleagues as she has retained the board chair.

Stempien, an attorney who has a law practice in Livonia and resides in Northville, was appointed last January to the board to

fill a vacancy. That seat must be filled in Tuesday's election.

Stempien brings a good legal mind to the board. He doesn't shy away from asking questions about the budget or capital expenses. When something doesn't sit right with him, he isn't afraid to suggest a solution.

We recommend voters cast their ballots in favor of the incumbents.

LETTERS

Slavens cares about schools

Mark Slavens is an excellent choice for the Plymouth-Canton school board in the Monday, June 14, election.

He is very knowledgeable on school finance issues brought about by Proposal A and he continues to take these concerns to our state legislature. Mark has demonstrated his leadership as the chairman of the 1998 Michigan Summit on School Equity, which brought key legislators and an audience of 600 to our community.

He worked as chairman of the district's building level committee to gain public support for the eventual passage of the Discovery Middle School bond.

Mark has shown a willingness to listen to all who are involved in the education of the children of the Plymouth-Canton community, including the students. He would be able to balance the special concerns of some members of the community with what would be best for the benefit of all.

Mark Slavens can be counted on to work hard and do what's best for the children of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Vote Monday, June 14.

Martha Trafford
Canton

and because of the typically low turnout, your vote is extremely important.

Some members of our community are determined to make this a single-issue election, with the single issue being merit pay for employees. Those who oppose the use of merit pay to drive our district towards continued academic excellence are actively opposing the two incumbent board members seeking re-election, Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney. These two candidates have continually demanded a focus on accountability and excellence during their four-year terms on the board and are seeking to reward our employees through the use of a merit pay system. Under this type of system, employees are compensated based on contribution to excellence rather than purely on years of service. Many of you are no doubt familiar with this system, as it has been in use in most competitive industries for many years. As public education is faced with increasing competition, it seems reasonable to begin to reward our best and brightest employees the same as other successful employers do.

As there are many complex issues involved in the oversight of a public school system of nearly 16,000 students, it is unfortunate that some have chosen to focus on one issue. However, for every issue, Mike Maloney and Carrie Blamer have demanded excellence and accountability in all areas of our schools. Please join me in casting a vote for excellence and accountability by voting for Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney for Plymouth-Canton school board on Monday, June 14.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Editor's note: Mark Horvath is a former Plymouth-Canton school board member.

Supporting Incumbents

The purpose of this letter is to call your attention to the annual school board election which takes place on Monday, June 14. For many of you it will not be a particularly special day. Since only about 5 percent of the registered voters will take the time to vote, it will pass as just another day for most of our community. However, this is the single most important event of the year for anyone who is a taxpayer, parent or citizen of our community.

This is your opportunity to directly influence our public schools. In this single election, nearly 30 percent of our school board is being elected

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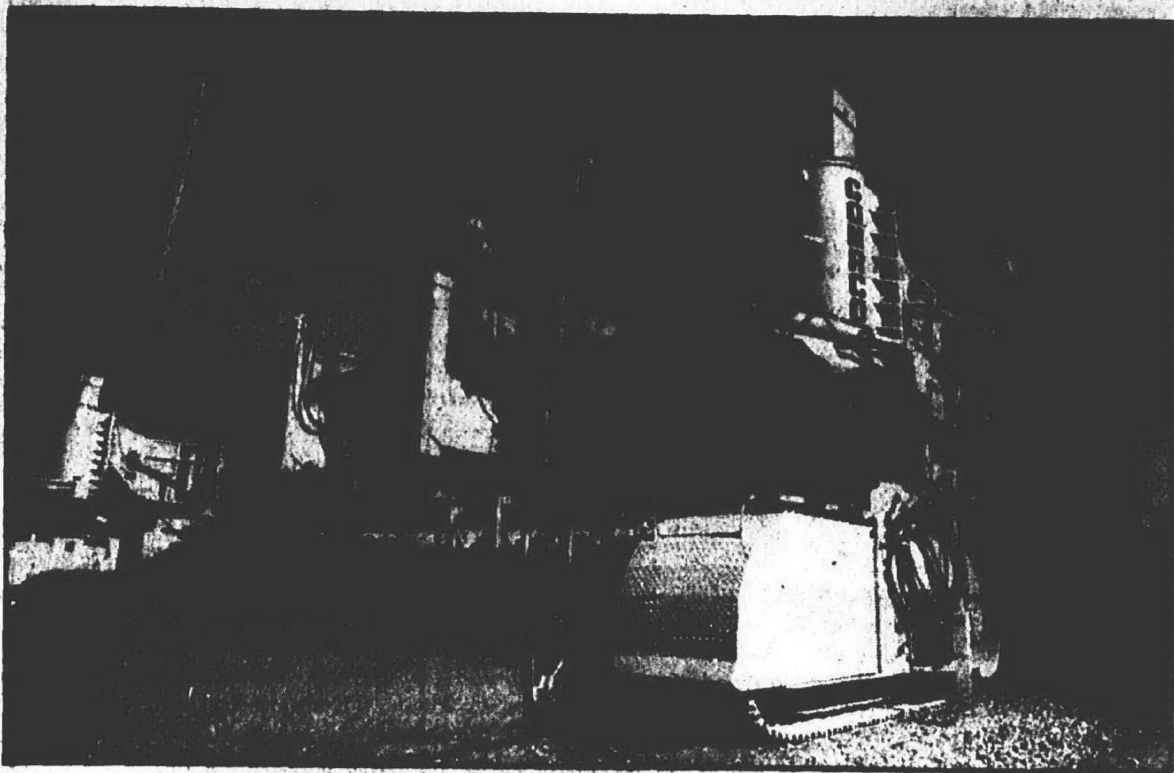
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Pouring it on

Equipment, technology help crews spread concrete faster

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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When motorists drive on the new lanes of I-275 later this year, they won't forget the inconvenience of lane reductions and crossovers associated with the construction.

What they may not realize is the freeway is using technology and highly specialized equipment incorporated by the contractor to build a better road.

John Carlo, the main contractor on the \$49 million I-275 project, have been using two spreaders that will help pour concrete that measures about 36 feet wide or about three lanes. Traditionally freeway concrete has been poured one or two lanes at a time.

"Obviously this job is the biggest 'design-build' construction in state history," said Mike Donohoe, vice president of construction for John Carlo. "It gave us a little more leeway with construction."

MDOT wanted four lanes of highway and two shoulder lanes replaced on each side. With the spreaders, "we can pour three lanes twice, instead of two lanes three times," Donohoe said. "That alone will save us about a month. If you lower your days, you can lower your price."

With that equipment in hand, John Carlo officials could bid accordingly on the project, saving in time and labor costs about \$13 million.

That equipment also will enable John Carlo to finish the project this year. Originally MDOT officials had discussed and planned the project originally as a two-year project.

Spreading it out

Work crews operated spread-

I-275 CONSTRUCTION

ers last week on test pours to ensure the equipment was timed to work properly. The spreaders pour and level the concrete, then bell-bars — installed for expansion and contraction of the concrete — will be placed by a dowel-bar inserter.

The spreaders contain software to check the grade of the slope. If the grade varies from a 2 percent slope, sensors are activated.

If laborers installed the expansion and construction bars, they

would need to pin them down and line them up, said Dennis Hanley, John Carlo's project manager.

"This new equipment allows us to unload the bell-bars and put them in their proper location, alignment and depth," Hanley said. "It's got the horses to push 12 inches of pavement."

The concrete itself is expected to allow for more expansion and contraction with bell-bar placed

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Arboretum explored Wednesday in Hines Park

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Beinnett Arboretum, the roughly 70-year-old Hines Park planting project that all but died for lack of funding, will be explored Wednesday, June 16 during the Soil Conservation and Horticultural Workshop.

The annual hands-on Wayne County Soil Conservation Dis-

trict workshop will provide a first-hand look at the variety of plants, trees and wildlife in the arboretum and also answer participants' questions about problems in their own yards and gardens.

Headed by Carl Dollhopf, a Wayne County conservation district director and pest/pesticide expert, the workshop will be staffed by specialists from federal, state and county soil conser-

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deadline. The county wanted a commitment from both communities in order to proceed with the design and engineering work.

The city and township have been at odds over how to split approximately \$1.6 million of the overall \$6.8 million cost for the underpass. The cash-strapped city claims the township should

pay more than 80 percent because its population is two-thirds larger than the city's.

A joint meeting of the city council and township board is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the Plymouth District Library. A mediator from Michigan State University will mediate the discussions on the railroad and other issues.

McCarthy said the resolution still allows ongoing negotiations with the city. The joint meeting is held two days prior to the county deadline, which doesn't

allow much time for the board to get its intention in writing for the county, she added.

However, she decided to pass the resolution before the city-township negotiations expired at least one city official.

"I'm disappointed that the township is not willing to pay their fair share" said city commissioner Dennis Shroeder. "I don't want to start a fight with (the township board) but I don't know what else to say."

(United States Congresswoman) Lynn Rivers worked her butt

off to get the township and the county to agree on this ...

A total cost of \$6.8 million is pending an agreement with the two governments. When money will pitch in \$1.5 million, and county officials are hoping for at least \$800,000 from the city.

Mayor Joe Koch said he met with McCarthy earlier this week and was satisfied the township will continue bargaining in good faith, despite the resolution already being approved.

Some Plymouth Township board members (McCarthy, Treasurer Ken Edwards and Finance Clerk Curral) want to look at other issues than just the underpass.

Edwards said he would like the city and township to negotiate combined police dispatch, the hiring of additional firefighters and the upgrade of the fire department to Advanced Life Support along with the underpass project at one time.

"We have many issues on the table right now and I would love

to get them all worked out," he said. "I'm not going to say I'm willing to do this if they're not willing to do that. I think they all need to be worked out together."

McCarthy said she has been cautious in committing to the railroad underpass because of increasing costs - costs that would be passed on to the township in the end. Purchasing right of way has yet to be figured into the overall cost, she added.

Say it with Flowers

by Steve Mansfield

GETTING STARTED

If you have never arranged flowers before and are hesitant about getting started, follow these simple tips for a fool proof arrangement: To begin with, try limiting your color palette to three colors, and make one of them white. Then, add a splash of drama with blue delphiniums and orange lilies together, or pair red and purple anemones for a bold statement. Next, broaden your perception of what a vase should look like and go with something more inventive. Look for pictures, canning jars, old milk bottles, teapots, or perfume bottles. Anything that holds water can serve as a vase. Finally, arrangements should be in the proportion of one-third container to two-thirds flowers. Follow your instincts and have fun.

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signers the concept has changed.

"We feel from a practical standpoint that what we submitted is not economically feasible," said Smith. "Part of it has to do with logistics of building a six-story concept, which would require closing off streets for a significant period of time. There are also variances that would be required."

Vincenti said it all came down to economics as he "would need variances for the height of the structure, plus parking is a major issue. It would take a couple of million dollars for parking."

Vincenti also said a three-story structure would be less disruptive on city residents.

"A six-story building would take an additional four months to build," he added. "And, the

mass of the building would require closing off streets for many months, putting a hardship on residents. With a three-story building, the hardships would be a lot less."

The project will remain basically the same, except the upper three floors of condominiums will be stricken from the plans.

Vincenti said his initial intent is to have first floor retail, possibly including Peoples State Bank, and a restaurant on the corner. The next level would have office space, plus a second floor of the bank. The third level would include from nine to 12 condos.

Those condos would range from 2,300- to 3,000-square-foot. At Vincenti's construction estimate of approximately \$200 per square foot, the condos will sell

for \$480,000 to \$600,000.

The planning commission did give approval to a three-story office building to be constructed on Penniman.

The federalist colonial style building will be constructed with both brick and stone, and have a steep-pitched roof with gables.

Vincenti said the first two floors will be office space, with the third floor to contain two condos.

Before construction can begin, Vincenti must work with neighboring business Art Jewelers, whose only second-story stairway has been on the property since 1968. Neither Vincenti, nor Art Jewelers owners Gene and Dorothy Meadows, expects the stairway to stop the project.

"We're excited that Mr. Vincenti is building two great additions to downtown," said Sally Repeck, Downtown Development Authority chairperson. "I think he's really committed to the community."

"If Mr. Vincenti can make the project work with three stories instead of six, I'm not standing in the way," said Mayor Joe Koch. "I just want to see a quality development that will be a cornerstone of Plymouth."

Vincenti said the demolition of the Mayflower will take place in late summer, with construction of the new project to begin shortly afterwards.

The Penniman Street building will get underway in about three months, and take about a year to complete.

Vincenti also had his eye on the two-acre Wilcox property across from Kellogg Park.

"We're done with Jack," said Vincenti. "We submitted an offer to him consistent to what he wanted. However, I think he's checking to see if he can do better."

Vincenti said he was looking to build retail and condos for the site.

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Faculty Forum supports two incumbents

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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With the polls opening at 7 a.m. tomorrow for the election of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, the candidates are lining up their endorsements.

Incumbents Greg Stempien and Patricia Watson received votes of confidence from the Schoolcraft College Faculty Forum, the union of 130 full-time and more than 300 part-time instructors at the college and two other bargaining units of building maintenance and secretarial staff at the college.

Richard Reaume has received backing from Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and others, while Mike Novak decided not to seek endorsements from elected officials in Livonia.

Voters will decide Monday which two candidates will serve six-year terms on the board. Polls will be open until 8 p.m. in the college district, which includes Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi



Mike Novak

school districts. Roy Nutter, president of the Faculty Forum, said Stempien and Watson have a "demonstrated record of enthusiasm for and understanding of the college."

"They consistently exhibit diligence and extraordinary attentiveness to the needs of both the college and its students," said Nutter.

Nutter remembers Watson



Richard Reaume

when she first joined the board 10 years ago. "It was obvious she was sincere then when she admitted she didn't know much about the college, and now she's an absolute walking encyclopedia," Nutter said.

"She has grown into that role, especially after she became board chair."

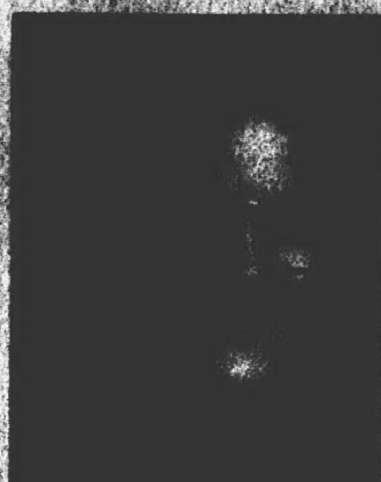
Nutter said Stempien also knows the college well and has



Greg Stempien

been appointed to the college since his wife, Jeanne, also was on the board.

But Nutter also said they were not the only two strong candidates. For a newcomer, Reaume has informed himself well about the college and may do well tomorrow with a strong support base in the Plymouth-Canton district, while Novak also may bring strong numbers from the



Patricia Watson

southern area of the district, Nutter said.

Watson also has picked up endorsements from Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Banks, Schoolcraft trustees Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and Carol Strom, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter and Livonia City

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Commissioner John Walsh, McCotter and Walsh are former trustees.

Watson said she asked for endorsements from several of the above officials. "I think they are important, especially from the people I've asked, because they are well-versed in the college," Watson said.

Watson and Stempien said the Schoolcraft faculty and staff endorsements will not affect their approach in contract negotiations with the union groups. The groups negotiated four-year contracts within the last year.

For Schoolcraft, trustees generally leave negotiations to the administration, receiving periodic updates and ask for more information if they have questions, Watson said.

Watson said she doesn't communicate directly with the forum's bargaining team during contract talks. "There would be

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Two trustees will be selected Monday from field of four

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Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow (Monday) in communities throughout the Schoolcraft College district so voters can decide who will serve on the college's board of trustees through 2005.

Mike Novak, Richard Reaume, Greg Stempien and Patricia Watson are running for two seats on the board.

Novak, 32, of Westland is a Livonia police officer and an assistant coordinator with the police academy at the Schoolcraft Radcliff Center in Garden City. As coordinator, he is responsible for a 40-hour block of

training of academy students in traffic-related and nighttime stops and felony arrests. Novak has promised to resign his instructional post if elected.

Reaume, 49, of Plymouth, owns Worldwide Express in Plymouth, an authorized reseller of Airborne Express. Reaume also worked in technical sales of mainframe and personal computer hardware and software for IBM in Southfield, sales and management for Dynatek in Livonia and sales of computer training programs at O/E Learning in Troy. His community service includes activities with the Plymouth-Canton Schools Parent Council.

Stempien, 58, of Northville,

was appointed by trustees last year to fill a vacancy on the board created when John Walsh resigned after his election to the Livonia City Council.

An attorney with his practice in Livonia, Stempien is the husband of Jeanne Stempien, a Wayne County circuit judge and a former Schoolcraft trustee.

Watson, 47, of Northville, was appointed in 1991 by trustees, then won election to a six-year term in 1995. Watson has chaired the Schoolcraft board since 1995.

A forensic and clinical psychologist with the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, Watson currently is a consultant for inpatient services there.

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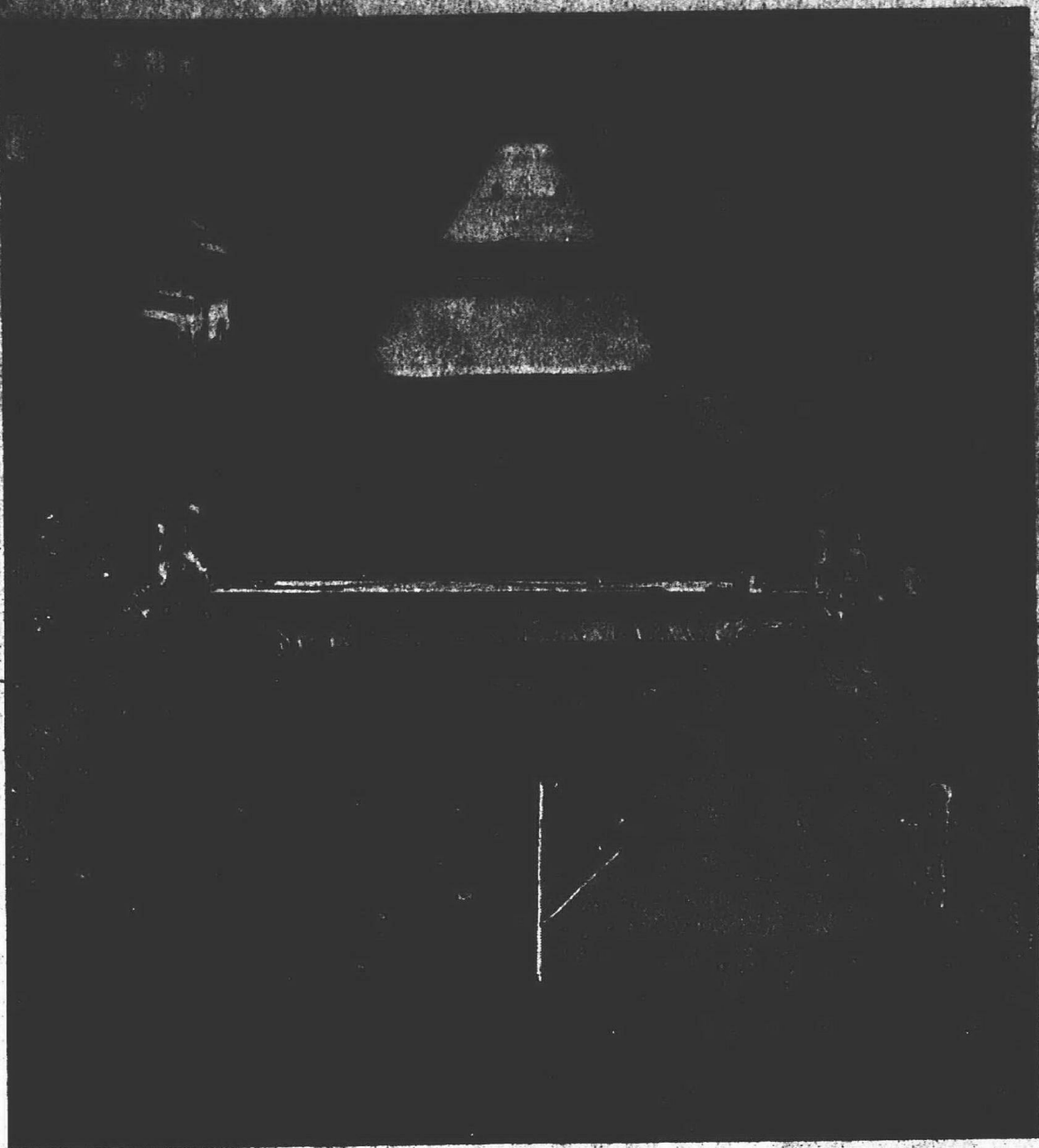
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vation, forestry and horticultural agencies.

Dollhopf, who coordinates the gypsy moth program for Wayne County, urged participants to bring plant samples or the insects themselves.

He also recommended they wear good hiking boots and proper clothing for walking through largely undeveloped sites. Bug spray for protection and field glasses for observing the plentiful wildlife also will be needed.

The tour of the 3/4-mile area will be from 5:30 p.m. to dusk, rain or shine, at \$20 per person. There will be refreshments, and proceeds will help support the conservation efforts of the district, which gets no county funding, Dollhopf said.

What distinguishes the district's workshop from many others, noted District Administrator Gail McPherson, is that "we're not trying to sell you anything."

Instead, residents get help with plant identification, soil and water conservation and information about what trees and shrubs to plant in certain areas, she said. The district also works with communities and developers on these issues.

"It makes me sick," said McPherson, "to see all these trees that have to have branches cut because they're under telephone wires. The people didn't think before planting."

According to Dollhopf, Bennett Arboretum was planned in the 1930s as the site for some 400 species of trees, shrubs and evergreens. But the county "never had any money to take care of them."

So the area, located along both sides of Northville Road between Five and Six Mile Roads, evolved into woods and fields, he said. And many of the original plantings were "choked out by vines."

However, he said, "It's still a valuable resource for study." For example, the arboretum features pine different species of oak, thus allowing for on-site comparisons plus pest control information.

Dollhopf said the arboretum is in serious need of a Rouge River-style maintenance effort.

Dollhopf will be joined by Steve Olds of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service, formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service.

Olds will discuss stream-bank stabilization along the arboretum's Rouge segment.

Also, Andy Henriksen, the state's district forester for Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties, will identify tree species and their problems. Bob Breen, Wayne County's Michigan State University horticulture agent, will discuss

Faculty Forum

...the board communicating with various groups during this stretch of negotiations," Watson said.

Stempian said the faculty forum's support or the other groups won't change his position as a trustee in any future contract negotiations with them.

"I always try to balance the needs of the staff versus the needs of the community. You want to have a content and satisfied staff, and you have to look at what is happening in society and take into account the needs of the taxpayers."

"That's one of the difficult things about this position. You're almost like a judge."

Stempian has been backed by Breen, Broderick, Strom, Watson

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...and Walsh, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, Sheriff Robert Ficano, State Rep. Laura Toy, County Commissioner Kay Beard, former Livonia Mayor Bob Bennett, Northville Township trustee Marvin Gans, Plymouth Township trustee Ron Griffith and others.

Stempian doesn't believe endorsements have much impact individually, but as a group, he says, they may.

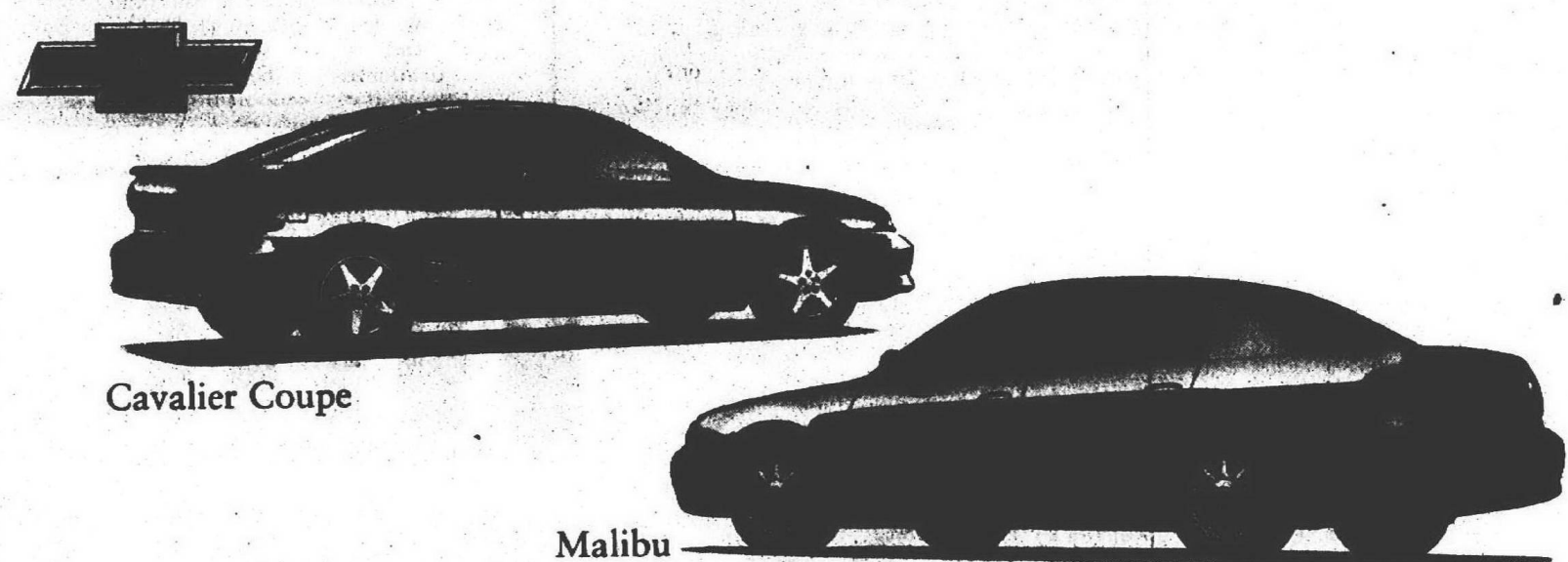
Reaume has been backed by Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Michael Gerou, past president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Richard Brown, a member of the Northville school board, and James Burt, president of the school principals association of Plymouth-Canton schools.

Reaume was uncertain how critical endorsements would be in this election. "I think it's more influential when you have them in a local school board election. I've noticed that people don't give these endorsements off the cuff."

Reaume pointed out the wide spectrum he had in endorsements. "I have one from a community supervisor, another from someone in the business community, and another from a school principal," Reaume said.

Novak believes endorsements can be beneficial, depending on the race. "I decided not to actively seek an endorsement from Livonia elected officials because I felt it may be a conflict with my current position," Novak said. Novak is a police officer for the city of Livonia.

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For a 'reel' treat try grilled fish

Summer has swept in fast, hot and furious this year. Barbecuing and grilling seem to be the preferred cooking methods. We are putting everything on the grill from pizza to whole turkeys and loving it. Many people are grilling fish, seafood and shellfish. These jewels of the sea offer a fun and scrumptious change from hot dogs, hamburgers and steaks.

Seafood consumption has risen 25 percent in the past 10 years, according to industry figures. With this increased demand for a large variety of fresh fish, aquaculture is becoming more and more prevalent. Salmon, oysters, mussels, tilapia and albacore are just a few of the species being successfully farmed.

Color and cut of fish

The color and cut of fin fish is almost always a sign of flavor intensity and texture. Most all, pearly white fish are milder tasting, flaky and tender. Darker fleshed fish such as mahimahi, bluefish, tuna, swordfish and salmon, are better suited to the grill.

Buying and storing

One of my favorite kitchen proverbs is — "In cooking, as in all the arts, simplicity is the sign of perfection ... Cuisine is when things taste like themselves." (Curnoeky).

Buying whole fish is always a good bet. The less fish is processed and handled, the better.

The surface of the fish should be shiny and sparkling, have almost a sheen, and be taut to the touch. Don't be afraid to ask the person you buy your fish from to allow you touch and smell your future dinner for freshness.

Fish should be stiff which indicates it has been recently caught.

A fresh sea or water product will have no odor, except the smell of sea or a fresh pond.

The gills should be red. Avoid any product that appears to have a white film or slime.

Check for any bruises or lacerations, which indicates mishandling.

Fillet should appear to have a tight grain, those with gaps indicate age or mishandling.

Look to see if the fish is stored or presented on ice. At home, store fish on ice in a perforated vessel, such as a colander, cover with wax paper or plastic and top with more ice.

Grilling

Darker fleshed fillets, and steaks, approximately 1- to 1 1/2-inches thick, are your best bet.

Build a hot fire or preheat gas grills 10 minutes with cover down before grilling.

Brush steaks or fillets with a little olive oil before placing on clean hot grates. Mix herbs and spices with brushing oil.

Allow 6 1/2 to 8 minutes cooking time per inch of thickness, which is the standard rule of thumb, for proper cooking of fish.

A little Dijon style mustard brushed on about 3 minutes before end of cooking time will add a little zip to salmon or trout.

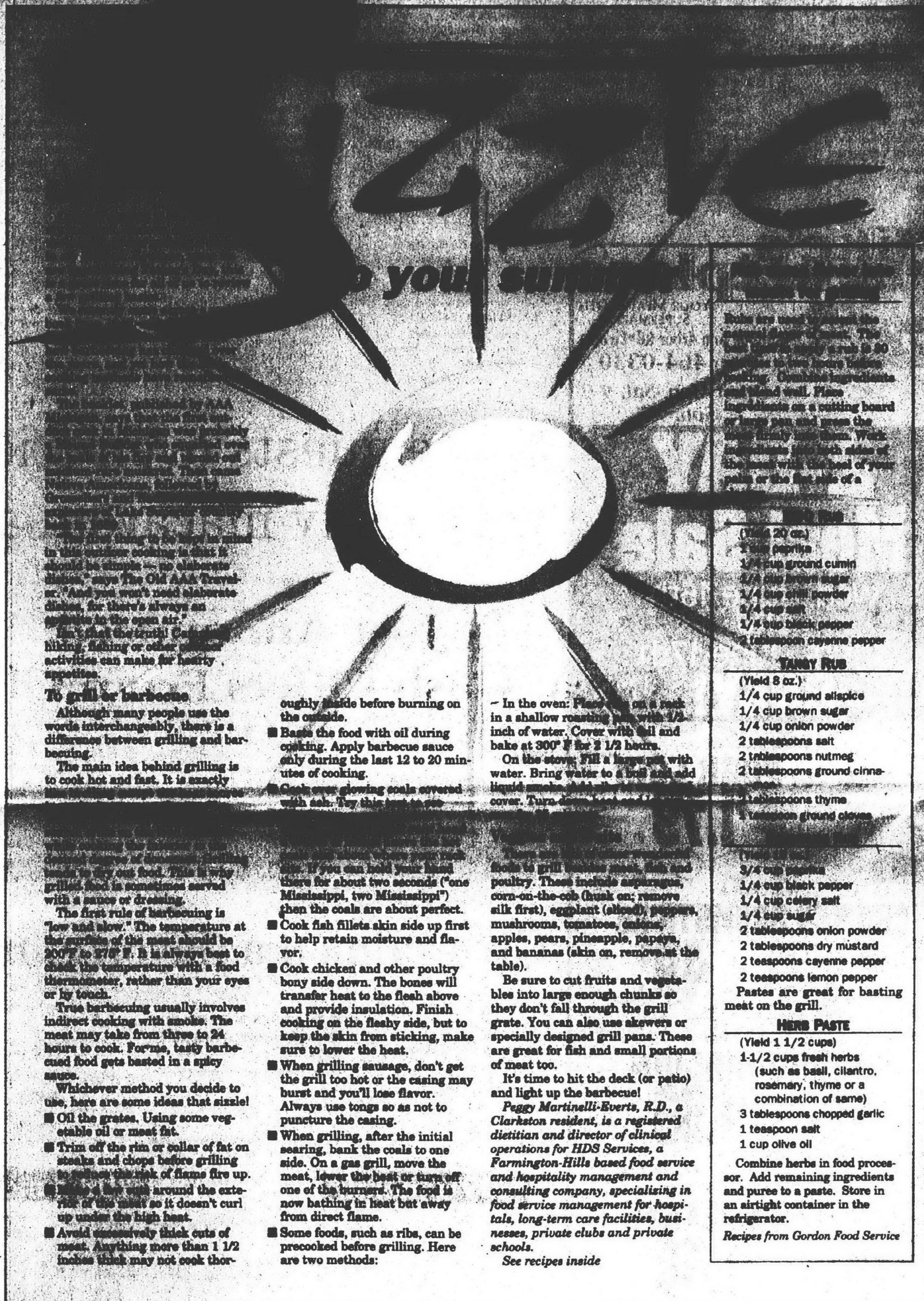
Try brushing a little hoisin or soy sauce on your next tuna or halibut steak.

A little pesto or dill rub half way through grilling time will add immense flavor.

Chef Kelli L. Lawton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.

COOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:
 ■ Think on Wine
 ■ How wine are rolling in dough



...to you summer...

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To grill or barbecue
 Although many people use the words interchangeably, there is a difference between grilling and barbecuing.

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...the first rule of barbecuing is "low and slow." The temperature at the surface of the meat should be 200°F to 275°F. It is always best to check the temperature with a food thermometer, rather than your eyes or by touch.

True barbecuing usually involves indirect cooking with smoke. The meat may take from three to 24 hours to cook. For most, tasty barbecued food gets basted in a spicy sauce.

Which ever method you decide to use, here are some ideas that sizzle!

- Oil the grates. Using some vegetable oil or meat fat.
- Trim off the rim or collar of fat on steaks and chops before grilling to reduce the risk of flare ups.
- Make a few wash around the exterior of the meat so it doesn't curl up under the high heat.
- Avoid excessively thick cuts of meat. Anything more than 1 1/2 inches thick may not cook thoroughly inside before burning on the outside.

- Baste the food with oil during cooking. Apply barbecue sauce only during the last 12 to 20 minutes of cooking.
- Cook over glowing coals covered with ash. Try this test to see...

...In the oven: Place fish on a rack in a shallow roasting pan with 1/2-inch of water. Cover with foil and bake at 300°F for 2 1/2 hours.

On the stove: Fill a large pan with water. Bring water to a boil and add liquid smoke. Add fish to the pan. Cover. Turn down heat and...

...Be sure to cut fruits and vegetables into large enough chunks so they don't fall through the grill grate. You can also use skewers or specially designed grill pans. These are great for fish and small portions of meat too.

It's time to hit the deck (or patio) and light up the barbecue!

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Toss up a main dish salad to stay cool as a cucumber

MAIN DISH MIRACLE
MURIEL WAGNER

One of the ways I cope with summertime heat is to serve satisfying main dish salads for dinner. Not only does this cut down on kitchen time, but I can prepare most of the ingredients in the morning when it's cooler. When it's time for dinner, just add dressing to the salad and toss before serving.

Today's salad recipe has masculine appeal because steak is a major ingredient. You may be able to pass along the chore of cooking the steak to the outdoor chef at your house. If this plan doesn't work, a large heavy skillet, like my friendly black iron fry pan, is ideal for top of the stove cooking. Spray the pan with non-stick spray and heat over high heat until quite hot. Sear the steak about 6 minutes on each side. Check for doneness. Remove the steak from the skillet and let it stand a few minutes to "set" the juices before you slice the meat.

The cut of meat that I use is beef eye of round — not tender cut by a long shot. But it is the lowest in fat and saturated fat of any of the steak cuts. A lemon juice marinade helps tenderize the meat and adds flavor. Thin slices cut across the grain also enhance the perception of tenderness.

You probably already know that fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in meat, fish and poultry affect your blood cholesterol. This recipe reduces saturated fat in the meat in two ways. First, the beef cut is lowest in saturated fat. Second, the portion size is small — about 2 oz., although the greens and veggies make it look much larger.

I used a "curly" cucumber because these are usually not waxed. They are available at many produce markets throughout the area. The peel is included for extra fiber and flavor. Head lettuce is mostly water and low in fiber. Try romaine, leaf lettuce, spinach or a blend instead. You might even spike the flavor with some of the more peppery greens, such as arugula, watercress or nasturtium leaves. Enhance the flavor further by using freshly grated Parmesan cheese instead of the ready-grated canned variety.

I like to serve this salad with warm slices of garlic bread. You, no doubt, have your favorite reduced-fat version.

EATING YOUNGER'S STEAK SALAD ITALIANO

- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium beef bouillon
- 2 teaspoons garlic (3-4 cloves), chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice (approximately three lemons)
- 8 oz. beef eye of round
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, washed and halved
- 1 curly cucumber, washed and sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, washed and cut into strips
- 1 small red onion, washed, peeled and sliced thinly
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 cups romaine or other salad greens, washed and dried

Combine bouillon, garlic, oil, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Refrigerate half of mixture. Pour remainder over steak in plastic bag. Marinate in refrigerator for 6 hours or overnight. Turn bag at least twice. Grill or broil steak, basting with marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Slice steak thinly. Toss vegetables with remaining (refrigerated) half of marinade. Add steak. Toss briefly to distribute steak. Serves 4.

Nutrition facts: Calories 192; fat, 5.5 g; saturated fat, 2.1 g; cholesterol, 52 mg; sodium, 165 mg.

Food exchanges: 2 lean meat, 3 vegetables.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, Mich., 48069.

Grill some fruity kabobs, or Italian vegetables

See related story on Taste page 10. This is a good time to grill kabobs, but make sure your grill is perfectly clean.

Fruity Kabobs with Ginger Sauce

- Serves 6
- 3/4 cup water
 - 1 cup white vinegar
 - 1/4 cup minced and thinly sliced fresh ginger
 - 2 bananas, slightly green
 - 1 apple

1. In a small saucepan, combine the water and vinegar. Bring to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature.

2. Cut up the fruit. Wash and slice the fruit into 1/2-inch cubes. Cut the apples, pears, or other fruit into 1/2-inch slices. Cut the pineapple and papaya into 1/2-inch chunks.

3. Arrange fruit onto skewers and brush lightly with ginger sauce. Grill over direct heat until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per side.

4. Reduce ginger sauce by simmering it over low heat until syrup consistency. (Until it coats the back of a spoon.)

5. Drizzle grilled fruit with ginger syrup. Serve warm.

Recipe from HDS Services

GRILLED ITALIAN VEGETABLES

- Serves 6
- 1 orange or yellow pepper
 - 1 medium Spanish onion, halved and scored on-cut sides
 - 1 small fennel bulb, stalks separated, bulb peeled and blanched
 - 1 small eggplant, halved lengthwise, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch slices
 - 2 small zucchini, washed, ends trimmed and halved lengthwise
 - 2 large tomatoes, halved

1. Preheat grill. Rub the vegetables with olive oil and grill over direct heat until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per side.

2. When done let cool slightly, remove peels and cut into 4 to 6 pieces. Season the fennel stalks, rub with oil, grill on each side until light brown. Season the eggplant with salt and pepper and rub olive oil again. Turn over and grill 15 to 20 minutes.

3. Grill the pepper on all sides over an open flame until the skin is black; put in a plastic bag and close tightly. Rub onion halves with olive oil and grill (cut side up) until dark brown; remove from heat, season with salt and pepper and rub with olive oil again. Turn over and grill 15 to 20 minutes.

4. Grill until golden brown and soft. Remove from heat, hold at room temperature for service. Season the zucchini and rub

Health and safety tips

The opportunity for bacteria growth is also something to be aware of as you grill, especially on hot summer days. To protect yourself, consider the following:

- Do not eat charred meat; eat away charred areas.
- To reduce contamination, use clean plates and silverware. Do not use the same plate for raw meat and cooked meat.
- Prevent bacterial growth by not leaving food out for more than two hours.
- Keep a water bottle and fire extinguisher handy in case of flare-ups.

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Serve guests oven-fried chicken with tasty macaroni and cheese

AP — Low-fat or fat-free ingredients are sometimes short on taste. But, "It's easy to compensate by adding flavorful fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices to your recipes," says Maria Walls, senior nutritionist at Weight Watchers International.

No one need feel deprived with a spread that includes Southern Oven-Fried Chicken and Macaroni and Cheese, perhaps accompanied by baked beans, green beans and watermelon.

SOUTHERN OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup fat-free buttermilk
- 2 to 3 drops hot red pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup cornflakes, crushed
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 pounds chicken parts, skinned
- 4 teaspoons canola oil

Preheat oven to 400° F. Spray a large baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. In a large shallow bowl, combine the buttermilk and pepper sauce. On a sheet of wax paper, combine the cornflake crumbs, flour, salt and pepper. Dip the chicken in the buttermilk, then dredge in the crumb mixture, coating completely. Place the chicken on the baking sheet; drizzle with the oil. Bake 30 minutes; turn the chicken over. Bake until cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes longer.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional facts per serving: 229 cal., 10 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 64 mg chol., 295

mg sodium, 11 g total carbo., 0g dietary fiber, 23 g pro.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

- 1 1/2 cups elbow macaroni
- 1 cup low-fat (1 percent) milk
- 1/2 onion, grated
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch grated nutmeg
- 1 cup extra-sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 tablespoon chopped basil

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Cook the macaroni according to package directions. Drain and keep warm.

In a large saucepan, bring the milk, onion, flour, garlic, mustard, salt, pepper and nutmeg to a boil. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the cheese in batches until it is melted and the sauce is smooth; stir in the macaroni, tomato and basil.

Transfer the mixture to a shallow 1-quart casserole. Bake until golden, 35 to 40 minutes; cool slightly before serving.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional facts per serving: 313 cal., 11 g total fat (6 g saturated fat), 52 mg chol., 503 mg sodium, 39 g total carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 15 g pro.

Recipes from: Weight Watchers International.

Give salmon a flavorful mustard rub

See 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

Michael Dean, at Superior Fish in Royal Oak offers these suggestions for buying fish: Until mid-summer — Copper River Socyene.

Alaskan halibut is good through November.

Yellow fin tuna is swimming strong and dollars are coming down — looks good through summer.

Sea bass is awesome to grill whole with garlic.

Scallops are always a treat from the grill — "sweet as candy."

Monkfish "poor man's lobster" is great grilled, sliced in medallions, and accompanied by greens.

Sea bass is awesome to grill whole with garlic.

Lobster, split and grilled in the shell on the grill is an East Coast treat.

Mako shark steaks are firm and easy to grill. Serve with a yummy citrus salsa.

Fresh squid steaks with lemon and olive oil are great cooked over coals.

Try any one of Michael Dean's suggestions or get on over to your favorite fish market and buy seafood or fish to grill

tonight for a refreshing change of pace.

HERB MUSTARD CRUSTED SALMON

- Pinch of salt and pepper
 - 4 (5-6 oz.) salmon fillets (skin on)
 - 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 1 tablespoon chopped herbs of your choice
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - Pinch of red pepper flakes
- Preheat grill 10 minutes, cool down, then turn heat down to medium. Directly on the salmon flesh, sprinkle with a pinch of salt and pepper. Combine mustard, honey, herbs, olive oil and red pepper flakes to make rub. Coat top of salmon generously

with mustard rub. Put salmon on grill skin side down.

Close top of grill for about 3 minutes. Brush more mixture on top. Close lid and grill approx. 3-4 minutes longer. Salmon should be pink in the middle and firm to the touch.

This salsa is great on most fish and shellfish.

MANGO SALSA

- 4 mangoes, cut into cubes
 - 1 red bell pepper, diced small
 - 6 scallions, minced
 - 1/2 cup pureed pineapple
 - 1/4 cup rice vinegar
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1 teaspoon cilantro
 - Pinch of cayenne pepper
 - Salt to taste
- Mix all ingredients together and serve.

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A PILL FOR GUM DISEASE

The treatment for chronic gum disease has long consisted of repeated scraping of bacteria from below the gum line. Now, there is a drug treatment in pill form that, when used to supplement the standard treatment, can help prevent gum disease from returning. Doxycycline hyclate is a low-dose antibiotic that counteracts collagenase, an enzyme that responds to gum bacteria by dissolving the bone that anchors the teeth. Study shows that those who took doxycycline hyclate preserved 50% more gum bone than those who did not take the antibiotic. While doxycycline hyclate balanced gum disease all around the mouth and took minutes to remove the bacteria, doxycycline hyclate is a long-acting drug.

Doxycycline hyclate can help maintain bone levels afterward. This column on chronic gum disease has been brought to you by LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES in the interest of better dental health. Most adults with gum disease are unaware that they have it. Periodontal disease is usually a slow, painless, progressive disease. You need not lose your teeth to gum disease. If diagnosed early, the teeth can be saved. We stress preventative dental health care for the whole family. We're located at 19171 Harrison Road, where we are currently accepting new patients. Please call 478-2110 to schedule an appointment. Smile on our business. We believe "Smile Right, Smiley without Fear."

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Start your day with breakfast, it's important

With the break of day, it's time to restore our bodies after a long night's fast. That's the idea behind breakfast, which most health experts, and probably your mother, identify as the most important meal of the day.

Breakfast, more than any other meal, reminds us how important food is to fuel our bodies for the day ahead.

A good breakfast should strike a balance among different food categories.

About 60 percent of breakfast's calories should come from complex carbohydrates, since these provide the fuel you need to get revved up and going. Oatmeal, bran muffins and buckwheat pancakes are just a few of the whole grain options that are especially fiber-rich. For something a little different, try bulgur cooked with apple juice, cinnamon and raisins, and topped with tart apple slices.

Protein is also important at breakfast, since it helps the body maintain and repair itself and adds an alertness kick we can all use in the morning.

You don't need a lot of protein, however. The milk you put on cereal is enough to get your brain in gear and it also provides part of your daily calcium and

vitamin D requirements.

To get a good start on the five or more daily servings of fruits and vegetables that the American Institute for Cancer Research recommends we eat for good health, it's smart to include a few servings at breakfast. Simply add a fruit topping to cereal, pancakes or yogurt, drink a glass of fruit or vegetable juice, or blend fruit into a breakfast beverage in your food processor.

How about a shake made with banana, peaches, buttermilk and orange juice, garnished with fresh strawberries? Or, warm wheat berry bread, spread with homemade apple-rhubarb butter with a wedge of cantaloupe on the side?

Although nearly one in four U.S. adults regularly skip breakfast, those who take time to eat in the morning are eating healthier than ever before — consuming less fat and more fruits and whole grains. Consumption of whole

milk, bacon, eggs, butter, margarine and white bread are down, while the consumption of lower-fat milk, whole-grains, and lower-fat quick breads has increased. We're eating more ready-to-eat cereals as well, with greater increases among higher

fiber cereals. The trend is toward better breakfasts — and starting the day off right is an important link to sound nutrition and good health.

WHOLE WHEAT BLUEBERRY BISCUITS

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup soft margarine
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup skim or 1 percent buttermilk or sour milk

In bowl, combine all-purpose and whole wheat flours, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Using fingers, rub in margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Stir in blueberries; add buttermilk and mix lightly. Drop by spoonfuls into 10 mounds. Bake in 425° F. oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Nutrition information: Each of the ten biscuits contains 150 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



Breakfast treat: Whole wheat blueberry biscuits are a delicious way to start your day.

Banana pancakes with compote simply delicious for brunch

AP — Treat your family to a mouthwatering and healthful homemade breakfast or brunch. Consider putting Banana Pancakes and Warm Fruit Compote on the menu.

These simple recipes are adapted from the second edition of the Culinary Institute of America's "The Professional Chef's Techniques of Healthy Cooking" (John Wiley), scheduled for publication next spring.

Like all the 375 recipes assembled for the book, the recipes that follow have been developed to suggest easy ways to cook with less fat and to include more healthy grains, fruits and vegetables in your diet.

The oat bran in the Banana Pancakes provides dietary fiber, and the baking powder and

yogurt provide calcium. If you prefer, canned pumpkin may be substituted for the banana.

The fruit in the compote is a good source of vitamins A and C. Use a variety of fresh fruits such as apricots, bananas, berries, cherries, mangoes, nectarines, papayas or pineapples. Dice large fruits.

If you can, select very ripe seasonal fruits that will naturally sweeten the compote. If necessary, adjust the sweetness with a few drops of lemon or lime juice, or honey.

Serve the pancakes with Warm Fruit Compote and low-fat breakfast sausage.

BANANA PANCAKES

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup oat bran
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (about 1 medium)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 egg whites

In a large bowl, combine flour, oat bran, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and ginger. In a separate bowl, combine water, yogurt, banana, 1 tablespoon of the oil, and vanilla.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix just until incorporated. Beat egg whites until they form soft peaks. Stir about 1/2 of the whites into the batter, then gently fold the remaining whites into the batter.

Use the remaining oil to lubricate a griddle, or use a large non-stick skillet (see note). Heat the griddle or skillet over medium heat. For each pancake, ladle 1/3 cup of the batter into the heated pan. Flip each pancake when the edges look dry. Cook until golden-brown on each side. Serve with

Warm Fruit Compote

Makes about 16 pancakes for 4 servings.

Note: Use a brush to apply a thin film of oil and then rub away any excess with a clean cloth. Nonstick griddles or pans will not require additional oil.

Nutritional facts per serving: 290 cal., 11.5 g pro., 8.5 g fat (0.8 g saturated fat), 48 g carbo., 856 mg sodium, 0.5 mg chol., 4 g fiber.

WARM FRUIT COMPOTE

- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen raspberries, strawberries, or blueberries
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons dry or sweet white wine

1/4 teaspoon Kirschwasser (optional)

1 1/4 cups mixed seasonal fruits (see note above)

1/3 cup peach or apricot nectar

2 teaspoons grated orange zest

Thaw berries if frozen. Puree berries, honey, wine and Kirschwasser in a blender. Strain puree through a fine mesh sieve. Simmer puree with remaining ingredients in a small sauce pan until thickened.

Makes about 1 cup for 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 60 cal., 0.5 g pro., 0.2 g fat, 15 g carbo., 2 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 2 g fiber.

Surprise dad with a spicy steak

AP — In search of a Father's Day treat? The family might well offer to cook this Spicy Rib-Eyes with Grilled Sweet Onions for Dad. No one will have to wait long to eat, total preparation and cooking time should be only about 20 minutes.

But the finished dish won't be short on flavor. The rib-eye steaks are seasoned with a spicy blend of garlic, herb and red pepper, grilled with slices of sweet onion and spiked with dash of fresh lime juice.

Use sweet and juicy varieties of onion such as Vidalia, Walla Walla or Imperial Sweeties. Serve the steaks with corn-on-the-cob, and follow with Dad's favorite dessert.

SPICY RIB-EYES WITH GRILLED SWEET ONIONS

- 4 beef rib-eye steaks, cut 1 inch thick, about 8 ounces each
- 2 large (14 to 16 ounces each) sweet onions, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 lime, quartered
- Seasoning:
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground red pep-

per 1/2 teaspoon salt

In small bowl, combine seasoning ingredients. Press evenly into both sides of each beef steak.

Brush onions with oil. Place onions on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes or until tender; turn once. Grill steaks 11 to 14 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness; turn once. Season onions with salt and pepper.

Squeeze lime over steaks and onions.

Makes 4 servings.
Recipe from: National Cattle-men's Beef Association.

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Sexual dysfunction

Viagra, a pill that can restore men's sex lives

BY EURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Male impotence. Traditionally, it is a subject that no one wants to talk about, especially the men who are afflicted by it. The emergence of one little pill called Viagra may be helping to change this trend, though. Since it came on the scene in recent years, Viagra has helped countless men feel more complete by reinvigorating their sexual lives. Many have even considered it a godsend.

Considering 30 million men will be affected by impotence, or erectile dysfunction, each year and the drug has been heavily advertised, it is no wonder that Viagra has been so popular. Doctors are asked about Viagra as much as any drug today, demonstrating how important a healthy sex life is to a man.

On the flip side, there are few ailments that are as frustrating to men as impotence. Even with the advent of Viagra, many men are still very reluctant to discuss their problem. There are no stereotypical candidates, either. Impotence affects men of all ages, from those in their twenties right up to the eighties and beyond. There are numerous causes for impotence. For many older men, diabetes, high blood pressure and heart problems are major causes. In younger men, drug and alcohol consumption are often to blame.

Another reason men, both old and especially young, suffer impotence is a result of psychological obstacles, with stress playing a big role.

"A lot of men have so much tension at work. Stress is huge, and not only at work," said Zvi Levran, a Livonia urologist, who often prescribes Viagra to patients. "The penis is not a machine. Erections only work via the parasympathetic system. All the messages, including sexual arousal,



are coming from the brain. Now if you have stress or tension, you won't get up."

When the experience of erectile dysfunction is added to stress, the tension and frustration only get worse, causing a downward spiral. Even though men may desire sex, they are physically incapable of doing so because the impulses from the brain are being blocked, and the penis is unable to fill with blood. Viagra combats this blockage.

It is important to note that Viagra only fights half the battle. Without being sexually excited, a man who takes the pill will not become erect. "If you are half-way sexually aroused, the Viagra gives you the other boost to perform," Levran said, believing patients can wean themselves off of Via-

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gra as they gain confidence in themselves.

"Once you know you can perform, then somehow the stress level goes down. Eventually you won't need the Viagra."

Another reason Viagra is so popular is that it is so effortless to take. There are other forms of treatment for impotence, such as injection therapy and Muse, a drug that is inserted into the penis prior to sex, but none are as easy as Viagra. You simply swallow a pill one hour before you plan to have sex, and then let nature take its course. For many, the results have been remarkable.

"I'm 65-years-old, and everything works like I was 50 again, or even younger," said a Livonia resident who insisted on remaining anonymous, not wanting friends and family to know about his problem because he felt they wouldn't think he was "manly enough."

However, time has proven Viagra isn't for everybody. Men with certain heart conditions, especially those taking nitroglycerin and other similar medication, should never take Viagra. It has caused massive heart attacks in some men who have had heart problems. It is for this reason that one should consult a doctor prior to taking the drug. Many family doctors prescribe Viagra, but it is recommended that a prospective user make an appointment with a licensed urologist, who specializes in such matters.

Levran also warned against purchasing Viagra over the Internet, which can often be done by getting around the prescription process. He was even more adamant about men staying away from the many Viagra-like pills that are advertised all over the Internet, as well as magazines and newspapers.

"Do not go for it! Don't call them! Do not order anything, because who knows what they put in there," Levran said.

Some men have been known to feel side effects after taking Viagra. While a commonly rumored side effect is long lasting, painful erections, a condition known as priapism, few men actually experience it. More common effects are stomach aches, short periods of hazy vision, and headaches.

"Most men say it is worth the headache. They say, 'I had the headache, but I had great sex, so who cares.' But if the side effects are so bad, some men will be deterred from further use," Levran said.

Despite its benefits, there are some drawbacks to the drug. Viagra is expensive to take, with each pill costing between \$10 and \$40. Also many insurance companies do not recognize it as an essential medication, and therefore do not cover its cost. However, some would say that it is a small price to pay for recapturing their sex life.

"I think Viagra is great. It works really fine. As far as usage, I might go at least once a week, or two or three times. It all depends on my wife," the anonymous Livonia man said.

Because of the psychological nature of impotence in some men, it may take several attempts with the Viagra before there is success.

"It's so important for people to understand that there is no switch that you can just turn on. Even with healthy men, it doesn't work every time. There are so many other factors," Levran said. "If it doesn't work the first or second time, try it a third and a fourth."

Car seat check

Oakwood Healthcare system's "Keep Kids Safe" team, in partnership with the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition, WNIC-FM, the Garden City Kiwanis Club and Garden Chevrolet, are teaming up to offer free car seat safety checks and a "Bouncer Sitter" from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, June 17 at Garden Chevrolet in Garden City (31850 Ford Road near Marysville). Parents will be shown how to properly install their child's car seat and will receive a 12-point inspection.

Bone marrow forum

Learn first-hand from the experts in the field, as well as BMT survivors about this procedure and its physical, emotional and psychological impact from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at the Livonia Civic Center Library (32777 Five Mile Road) at the Fourth Annual Education Forum "Bone Marrow Transplants: Ask the Experts." There is no charge for the program. Refreshments will be served. Register 24 hours a day at (800) LINK-BMT (800) 546-5288.

Sitter class

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital Livonia will offer a Safe Sitter Class for young people ages 11-13 on Wednesday, July 26 from 8:30 to 3 p.m. and Friday, July 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter is a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls aged 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The program includes basic life-saving techniques, safety precautions to prevent accidents, how and when to summon help and tips on basic child care. Cost, \$40 per student. Registration is requested call (734) 655-1100.

Lyme disease

The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square, Wayne). Next meeting Tuesday, June 15. Call Connie, (734) 326-3502 for information. All are welcome.

First aid

Learn how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Must have a current CPR card and present it in class. Book and bandage kit included in the Thursday, June 24 class. Cost, \$25. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center - 37595 Seven Mile Road at Newburgh.

Camp 9-1-1

Huron Valley Ambulance will host a free 9-1-1 Camp for children ages 10-13 in Plymouth on July 27 and 28. Activities will include touring an ambulance, learning CPR and first-aid, and taking a tour of a local ER. Interested children are asked to write a short letter explaining why they would like to attend the camp. For a registration form or more information call Julie Saksowski at (734) 482-8259.

Use the Internet wisely as medical resource

BY EURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The days when the family doctor made house calls are long gone, another amenity lost to antiquity. Instead, today, when we need to see a doctor, we're more likely to be crammed into a waiting room, surrounded by sterile walls and strange people, as we watch the clock slowly turn.

For many people, the thought of such an experience can deter them from seeking medical advice. Well, for those individuals who would rather receive their medical guidance or get their prescriptions filled while in the comfort of their own home, there is another avenue.

With the advent of the Internet, all one needs is a personal computer hooked up to the World Wide Web to gain access to one of the most powerful new tools in the medical field.

"There are a tremendous amount of medical resources available on the Internet," said Marianne Simancek, director of the Community Outreach program at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. "However, one really needs to be careful that they are accessing credible sites."

While the Internet provides everything from medical information to the access of health supplements, and even prescription drugs, it should not be trusted the same way we used to trust our doctor's little black bag. For every credible site on the web, there are at least as many that are dangerous and are simply preying off of people's ignorance.

One of the greatest advantages of using the Internet as a medical tool is the information it makes so readily available. In many cases, before seeing a doctor, a person with an ailment can get an initial diagnosis from the many existing sites that provide such advice. Other sites also put helpful information about fitness and nutrition.

When you have your question, use a search engine to find the word or phrase that best describes your ailment. For example, if you are looking for information on how to use a particular product, you will need to use the word "product" in your search. This will help you find the right information.

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"With any type of information, particularly that dealing with your health, make sure that it has come from a credible association or source," Simancek said.

Simancek personally recommends several sites, including those for the American Heart Association (www.amhart.org), the Red Cross (www.redcross.org), the National Safety Council (www.nsc.org), and the American Dietetic Association (www.eatright.org), which gives excellent nutritional advice.

Choose wisely

Using the Internet to attain prescription drugs, known as virtual pharmacy or telemedicine, is a relatively new phenomenon, though one that was inevitable, considering Internet shoppers spent around \$5 billion last year, and are estimated to spend \$95 billion in 2007.

Trying to tap into this market, many sites that market pharmaceuticals have sprung up, taking away the need for a patient to travel to a drug store to fill a prescription. Three such companies that have recently begun marketing over the Internet are the Soma Corporation, PlanetRX, and drugstore.com.

There are advantages to shopping with these companies. Each have licensed pharmacists that are

available for consultation and drugs can be purchased at any time of the day. However, there are also drawbacks. Not only are there typically high shipping costs when ordering drugs over the Internet, many insurance companies do not include most virtual pharmacies in their plans.

There are also hazards with virtual pharmacies, probably the largest of which is that physicians are consulting patients over the phone or via the Internet, and are often prescribing drugs the patients don't actually need because of misdiagnosis or simple neglect. One such site that offers "virtual consultations" is The Pill Box Pharmacy (thepillbox.com).

While the Soma Corporation, PlanetRX, and drugstore.com are considered responsible sites, there are many, particularly those run by international companies, that are selling drugs to nearly anyone who will pay for them.

Heavily advertised drugs, such as Viagra, Claritin and Propecia are all being sold in great amounts over the Internet. In many cases it is illegal to purchase these drugs, as well as dangerous. Such practices have raised some red flags among medical professionals, especially legitimate pharmacists.

"It is important to establish a physician/patient relationship. We need to examine a patient. Much more so than an on-line type of relationship. You cannot examine a patient that way. You just don't have the face-to-face relationship. How can you prescribe prescription drugs without ever having looked at a patient?" said David Ruta, a pharmacist for the Oakwood Healthcare System.

While both Ruta and Simancek warn about the dangers that lurk on the Internet, and stress that it should never be looked at as a substitute for a doctor, both believe it is a very useful medical tool. In fact, both use it themselves.

"All our pharmacists at Oakwood are hooked into the Internet. We have particular sites that we use all the time, especially the FDA's. I personally use it to check up on new products," Ruta said. He also noted that Oakwood has a site that is helpful to patients.

Although it can be argued that the Internet is not as personable as the family doctor, it does have one advantage; it still makes house calls.

Take precautions in heat

You've endured cold weather waiting for summer's warmth. But before you make plans to have fun in the sun, the Wayne County Health Department is offering tips on how to avoid heat-related illnesses associated with hot weather.

"Be alert to forecasts warning of a heat wave to prevent a condition known as hyperthermia, which is when the body is unable to perspire and dispel heat," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Medical Director.

Signs of hyperthermia include clammy skin (cold, sticky moisture), headache, dizziness, extreme fatigue and nausea. In extreme cases of a heat emergency, a person can suffer a heat stroke which can cause vision impairment, disorientation, loss of consciousness and possibly death.

To avoid hyperthermia during extremely hot weather, you should:

- limit your physical activity to cool morning or evening hours
- spend more time in air-conditioned rooms
- drink plenty of water for proper hydration

'Drink plenty of water for proper hydration.'

- wear lightweight and light-colored clothing
- wear a hat and sunglasses to shield your eyes from the sun

If you suspect a person is suffering from a heat crisis, Lawrenchuk recommends:

- achieve rapid cooling by removing unnecessary clothing
- spray person with lukewarm water and position fans to blow air on the person's body
- apply cold compresses to the wrists, ankles, groin, armpits and neck
- have the person drink cool water

People at increased risk for hyperthermia are senior citizens, overweight individuals, mental health patients, laborers and athletes. For more information on hyperthermia and heat-related illnesses, call Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7000 during regular business hours.

Participants sought for yeast infection study

Yeast infection is one of the more irritating health problems most women have faced at least once in their lifetime. The irritating itch, burning sensation and discharge inconvenience is compounded by treatment methods that users wish could be simplified.

Simply put, a yeast infection is an overgrowth of yeast that is normally found in the vagina. Yeast infections are caused by a fungus (candida albicans) and are not so much "caught" as "grown."

Yeast infections usually affect women of child-bearing age and it is estimated that three of four women will have a least one vaginal yeast infection during their lifetime. Up to half of these will have a second infection, according to the U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group.

QUEST Research Institute is seeking volunteers for an ongoing study that of a pill taken by the mouth once monthly that can treat and possibly prevent future yeast infections in women. The study, part of a national research project involving 350 people, is yearlong and will continue through this summer.

Yeast is a type of fungus which life on the skin and inside the vagina. When certain condi-

tions are present, the yeast multiplies causing: itching and burning in the vagina and surrounding skin area; swelling and redness of the skin around the vagina; a thick, white discharge; and pain during sexual intercourse.

Conditions, which cause an overgrowth of yeast, include: menstruation; pregnancy; use of steroids, oral contraceptives, and certain antibiotics; diabetes; constant moisture and irritation of the vagina.

"For the study, we are looking for women ages 18-45 who experience recurrent vaginal yeast infections," said Donna Skupien, president of QUEST Research Institute in Southfield. "These women are typically able to get temporary relief of symptoms with over-the-counter treatments but symptoms frequently reappear."

"During the warmer months, vaginal infections are more common in women," said added. "With so many over-the-counter treatments available, some women may choose to self-medicate, using one of these products. Improperly treating any vaginal infection can result in lingering infections or lead to pelvic inflammatory disease."

Women who mis-diagnose their own yeast infections can

miss other important vaginal infections that produce similar symptoms and end up with a far more serious health problem.

Treatments may require a long course of anti-fungal medications (creams or ointments), painting the vagina and vulva with a purple medication called gentian violet, or using suppositories on a nightly or weekly basis.

"QUEST is researching improved methods of treating recurrent yeast infections in women," said Skupien. "The goal is to keep women yeast-infection free."

The specific treatment QUEST is studying is a pill taken by the mouth. In a national survey, 74 percent of the women polled preferred an oral pill as treatment because of the "messiness" of other methods.

For volunteers, all evaluations, study medications, and office visits are all provided at no cost. Participants are compensated with a \$100 stipend for their contribution. Anyone interested in participating should contact one of the institute's nurses at (248) 353-3440 for more information or www.aafp.org/health/into or www.cnetwatch.com/quest.htm

MEDICAL NEWS

Items for Medical Databook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Databook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36281 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail kmortson@os.honcom.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

OBSTETRIC EDUCATION
Program provides an overview of obstetrical education, otherwise known as hours, including diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment. Presented by R. B. Kolchakian, M.D. Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

(734) 655-4340.
WED, JUNE 23
CHILD CLASS
A special night devoted to all those who will help prepare them for the arrival of the baby's new baby. Class topics include: how to hold the baby, how to bathe the baby, how to change the baby, and how to feed the baby. Call Garden City Hospital 468-3330.

TUE, JUNE 15

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease Support Group of Western Wayne County will meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square, Wayne). Call Connie, (734) 326-3502 for information. All are welcome.

PEDIATRIC/BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
Course intended for those who need a certification in infant/child basic life support, especially for day care providers and other non-clinical individuals. Participants must pass a written test and demonstrate CPR and foreign body obstruction removal skills. \$35. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

STROKE SUPPORT
For those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital for a presentation and to promote a sharing interaction free of charge. Call 458-4396.

WED, JUNE 16

BREATHER'S CLUB
A support group for persons and/or families with respiratory problems. Meets at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom #3 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building, free of charge. Call 458-3481 for information.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital. The next meeting will be from 2-3:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. Call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, JUNE 17

CHILDREN EDUCATION
A six week course beginning at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling 458-4330.

SIBLING CLASS
Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a Sibling Class from 6-8 p.m. Children are invited to attend this class and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. You can see what your new baby brother or sister will look like and learn the safe way to hold the new baby. Call (734) 655-1100.

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A six week course beginning at 7 p.m. providing information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Register early in pregnancy by calling Garden City Hospital, (468) 4330.

JUNE 17 & 24

INFANT CARE CLASS
Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class from 7-9 p.m. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. Call (734) 655-1100.

JUNE 21 & 22

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING
St. Mary Hospital has joined with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to offer 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. This course is designed to meet the specific needs of older drivers. It covers age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems and license renewal requirements. The fee for the class is \$8 and registration is required. Call

THUR, JUNE 24

FIRST AID
Learn how to care for injuries, sudden illness and other emergencies at home or on the job. Must have a current CPR card and present it in class. Book and bandage kit included; \$25. Livonia Mission Health Medical Center - 37595 Seven Mile Road at Northburgh.

GARDEN CITY
Experience a taste of summer. Learn how to make fast and healthy dishes that are low in fat, cholesterol and sodium. Recipes and samples of dishes will be provided from 6-7:30 p.m. \$5. Farmington Hills/Northwestern Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

BREASTFEEDING CLASS
St. Mary Hospital will host a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. This class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother and family. Cost of the class is \$20. Pre-registration is requested, but mothers can register at the class. Call (734) 655-1100.

WED, JUNE 30

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering a new support group for Caregivers. This on-going support group will be held the last Wednesday of every month. The first Caregiver Support Group meeting will held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The purpose of this group is to provide ongoing support and education for caregivers and older adults. The program will be moderated by various health care professionals.



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WED. JUNE 16

Investment seminar
Arnold Herman, director of Soundview Technology Group, will discuss Year 2000 and general technology issues facing the investment community from noon to 2 p.m. at the Red Run Golf Club on Rochester just north of 12 Mile in Royal Oak. To make reservations by June 11 call (888) 822-4008.

STAYING OUT MA

Learn how to make an IRA last for decades, split an IRA into multiple IRAs, name beneficiaries, etc. at 6:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Daniel A. Cesta, financial advisor for Paine Webber, Inc. and David Perry, Attorney at Law will be the seminar speakers. For information call (734) 953-5937.

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Business Network International, regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m., Laurel Park Chapter,

Michigan (BNI) Plymouth Rd., Livonia (New location). Metro Livonia, American Table, 8841 W. Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. For information call BNI at (810) 638-8807.

THUR. JUNE 17

LIVING TRUST

Learn about the benefits of a trust versus a will, how to set up a living trust, how to pass all of your assets to the next generation and what types of trusts are available and who are they appropriate for at the Living Trust and Wealth preservation seminar hosted by PaineWebber Inc. of Livonia beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Paine Webber Conference Center (19500 Victor Pkwy. Suite 325. Philip P. Bocketti, Jr./Gregory R. Wright, financial advisors for PaineWebber, Inc. and Francis G. Seyferth, Attorney at Law will be the featured seminar speak-

ers. For information call (734) 953-5937.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Business Network Int'l
Business Network International, regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m., Livonia Chapter, Senate Kasey Island, on Plymouth Road, near Stark. Call BNI for more information, (810) 638-8807.

TUE, JULY 6

WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

The WBO of Southeastern Michigan will host its fourth annual all-area women's networking night, "Celebrate Women in Business." The event takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafe on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower at State Street in Ann Arbor. The cost is \$5 advance; \$10 at the door. Call (734) 332-9300 for reservations.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Items for Business Newsmakers are from business and companies throughout the Observer area. Items should be submitted re welcome to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

E-mail is accepted at: kmorton@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

Recruiter hired

Amy Krabach of Redford was recently hired at Omnipoint Communications as its new human resources generalist. Krabach will recruit, hire and retrain employees for the Omnipoint Great Lakes region. In addition, she has also recruited, hired and trained human resources staff for newly opened metro Detroit stores of Montgomery Ward.

SHHH award

Barbara J. Douglas owner of Personalized Hearing Care, Inc. in Westland, has been selected to receive a 1999 SHHH National Professional Advisor Award. She was nominated by the Michigan SHHH Umbrella and the Western Wayne County Group of Michigan. The award will be presented at the SHHH National Awards Ceremony at the 14th International SHHH Convention in New Orleans.

Cannon named VP

Gregory L. Cannon of Livonia has been promoted to vice president — Law & Public Policy for MediaOne's Midwest Region. Cannon will manage more than 70 employees and is responsible for all legal, regulatory and public matters in the region, which comprises 779,000 customers in more than 320 communities in Michigan and Ohio.

New agent

Accident Fund Company, provider of workers compensation insurance in Michigan, recent welcomed Denise McHenry of Cambridge Underwriters, Ltd., of Livonia, to its Agent Advisory Council. She will serve a three-year term.

Executive retires

Michigan National of Farmington Hills announced that Richard Webb, head of the bank's Custom Business Financial Services department, will retire from full-time service, effective Oct. 1. Webb plans to continue working for the organization on a part-time basis. Lawrence Jones, who currently serves as Michigan National's Director of Greater Michigan Custom Business, will succeed Webb.

Webster promoted

Ross Roy Communications, Inc. a subsidiary of BBDO Worldwide, has promoted Mike Webster to Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer. Webster, of Livonia, has been with Ross Roy for 18 years. His responsibilities include managing most of Ross Roy's operations including direct marketing, merchandising, telemarketing, information services, retail training, and shows and events.

Top sales award

Brian Robinson of DMS Moving Systems in Canton (an Atlas Van Lines agency) has earned honors in the corporation's President's Club as the top COD sales person for 1998. He was one of five top winners in the categories of national accounts, Special Products Division, government relocations, and CODs.

New consultant

Tennyson Chevrolet of Livonia would like to welcome Glen Avers as the newest member to their sales team. His responsibilities include selling and leasing of new vehicles. He bring with him over 14 years of experience in the automotive industry.

Conference attendee

Karen Larson of Livonia, has qualified as a "Championship" agent by Farmers Insurance for her overall performance for customer growth and service. Recently she achieved recognition as a Farmers Premier Agent for her outstanding sales and service to customers in Livonia.

Valassis promotions

Valassis Communication Inc. of Livonia recently announced that Suzanne M. Gornowicz has been promoted to manager, investor relations and public relations. She has been with Valassis since 1986.

Lynn M. Liddle, vice president of investor relations and public relations has been appointed to the board of directors for the Promotion Marketing Association (PMA), and to the position of vice president of Councils. Liddle has over 18 years experience in couponing and public relations and is interested in creating valuable partnerships within the PMA, and in increasing membership.

Gary Yost, a resident of Plymouth, was recently promoted to vice president of marketing, from director of marketing. He joined Valassis in January 1995.

New account supervisor

Frank Guglielmi has joined DMB&B Public Relations as a vice president/account supervisor. He will be responsible for media relations and product

publicity on the Safarn account. Guglielmi is a resident of Canton.

McDonald's award

McDonald's of southeastern Michigan recently presented Janet Heints with the 1998 Outstanding Manager Award. This award was developed to recognize McDonald's restaurant managers for extraordinary performance. Heints manages the McDonald's restaurant located at Plymouth and Beech Daly Roads in Redford.

CEO to speak

David A. Brandon, newly appointed chairman and chief executive officer of Domino's Pizza Inc., will be the speaker and receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree during Lawrence Technological University's Commencement exercise.

New director

FCI Automotive of Livonia has appointed Joel R. Karczewski as director of sales — airbag and safety components. In his new position he will be charged with leading and directing FCI Automotive's global airbag and safety components business — specifically sales, marketing and strategic business planning activities and new product development.

Karczewski, his wife and three children make their home in Livonia.

Managers named

Omnipoint of Livonia, a provider of wireless telecommunications services, has named Phillip Brunell to the position of retail store manager for its Grand Rapids retail store. Michael Griffor, a Redford resident, was named as store manager of the St. Clair Shores Omnipoint retail store.

Brunell



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Griffor

New manager

Kellianna Nagy, a resident of Livonia, recently joined the Southfield office of Grant Thornton LLP as a tax manager where she will focus on state and local tax, manufacturing and distribution and real estate.

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Y2K predictions and preparations for coming months

A 42-year-old housewife from Troy has been quietly visiting the Cosco wholesale store in Madison Heights every other week, buying cases of canned goods and quarts of bottled water.

"I have a pantry filled with food and water," she told me by e-mail. "I have told no one other than our immediate family. But we're ready. By the end of the year, we'll have enough on hand to survive for six months."

A 56-year-old engineer for one of the automobile companies has a vacation home outside of Traverse City. "We have parkas, blankets and freeze-dried food packs already in storage up there. Plus, I'll spend the summer weekends cutting wood and stacking it so it's ready to heat our chalet," he told me. "We plan to drive up after Christmas and see what happens come Jan. 1. If it gets bad, we can stay there and be warm and safe."

Another man, who wouldn't tell me what he does for a living or how old he was, is buying guns. "I have several shotguns, several .22 rifles and .9mm and .357 handguns," he said. "I'm buying as much ammo as I can. I figure ammo will be as good as cash. I'll keep enough for my own security and barter the rest."

Those are just some of the e-mails I received in the past week after asking for your comments on how you're preparing for Y2K.

Sharing stories

Several wrote to tell me they thought all this Y2K worry was nonsense.

"Quit stoking people's fears," wrote an angry man from Garden City. "Irresponsible stories like yours will cause a panic."

A woman from Ferndale was a little more cordial. "I think it's important to think and study about this," she e-mailed. "But I really don't think Y2K will be that bad. I plan to have some extra batteries for my flashlight but everything I've studied leads me to believe it just won't be anything worse than what we go through after a big

... snowfall."

Maybe, I sure hope so. But I'm not sure. I told you I'd share my thoughts and what I'm doing to get ready for Y2K.

I am indeed taking precautions for my family. I don't want to give the impression that we should all go out and buy guns and farm animals start raising crops. Since January, we started buying a few extra cans of food every time we go to the grocery store. Right now, we probably have a two-week supply on hand. I plan to up that to a month and then, by the end of the summer, reassess the situation.

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Since some of the utility companies are stockpiling a six month's supply of fuel for their power plants, that tells me that maybe I need to think about having more food in my pantry than I planned. You don't need to spend thousands buying the pre-packaged stuff that many of the survivalist places are touting on the scare sites on the Internet.

Most canned food keeps easily for a year or more. Bottled water is good for 12 months. Buying a little extra every week and using those discount shopping places like Sam's Club or Cosco makes it pretty painless to stock up.

Despite assurances from my bank that they are going to be Y2K compliant, I worry about panic-driven bank runs. So does the Fed, which is planning to print billions in extra cash and make loans available to the banks.

... to be honest, I find myself going back and forth on this side. Some days, like when I read that the military are going to be hit really hard and will likely not move trains for some time in some parts of the country, I get really concerned. On other times, when I see that an segment of society like the automotive industry is well on its way to having their systems Y2K compliant, I relax a bit.

But then you get to thinking, what happens if the trains don't deliver coal to the power plants, parts to the suppliers? You see the real issue is, to quote the old cliché, our entire infrastructure is only as strong as the weakest link. Everything is so interconnected that if one part goes down, there could easily be a snowball effect that takes everything down.

The Army has already been practicing how they can handle food distribution come January and memos I've seen from the Department of Defense indicates that the military is very concerned about widespread and serious problems. So it's obvious that I'm not being paranoid here.

I think we'll start to get a sense about this when the second quarter financial statements come out in July. We'll start to really see how much Y2K remediation is cutting into the profits of our major corporations. And in the fall, when third quarter statements are released, it will then be very clear, one way or another. If those profit margins slip the way many are predicting, that could have a serious effect on the very volatile market and if the market tumbles like

many are predicting, the whole economy will be in a tailspin and everyone will suddenly be worried.

That could bring about all sorts of panic. At the end of June is the deadline for the Y2K remediation plan. Most agencies were supposed to be ready in January, then February and now June. If we see a lot of spin control and then suddenly the panicked look set again, the business community surely takes notice and we will enter a whole new stage of awareness on this issue.

The bottom line is, we don't know how bad it will be.

Maybe, nothing will happen. Maybe.

But for now, I'm taking some easy precautions. I'll let you know between now and the end of the year how my thinking changes.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and can be seen locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his Web site at <http://www.pemike.com>

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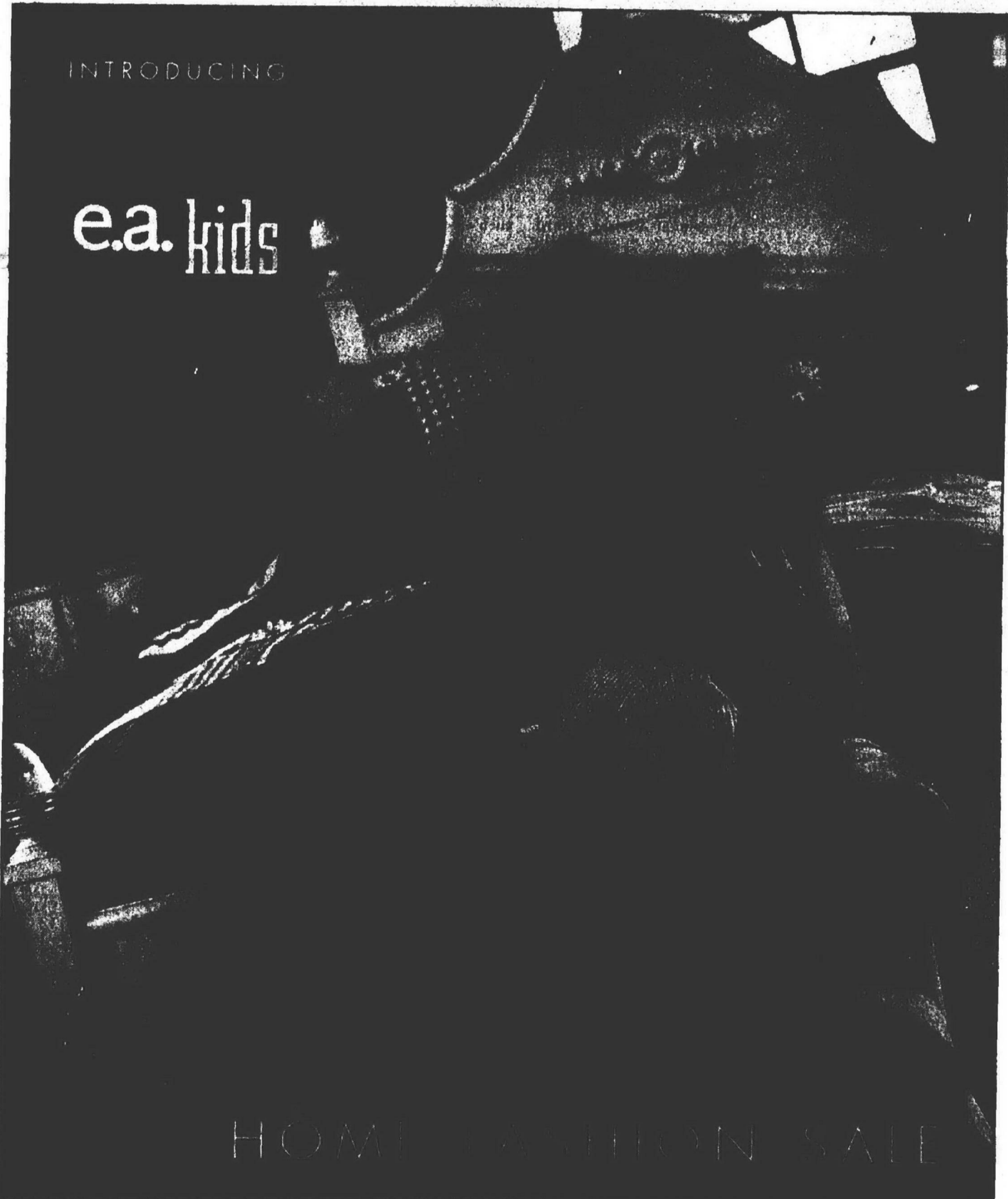
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Art opens new world for student

Jessica Mackay doesn't know it but she's a pioneer in special education at Plymouth Salem High School in Canton.

Using music, art and dance to develop her skills, the "team" assigned to Jessica at the school, is helping Jessica, a multiply impaired student, become "just one of the kids in the regular classrooms" instead of being segregated in a special education room for the school day. In so doing, they've opened up a new world for Jessica.



Paving the way: Special education student Jessica Mackay proudly displays the art work she created with the help of Graham Martin and Diane Gavala.

When I met Jessica, she was smiling, and bubbling with excitement. But only months before she would sit with her arms crossed and fall asleep in her wheelchair lost in another world.

"I have to give Jesse so much of the credit," said special education teacher, Ginny Dean. "She's come a long way since September."

Jesse, as she's lovingly called by the team, is paving the way for several wheel-chair bound students with multiple impairments who will arrive at the high school next fall. The team's job is to make the transition as smooth as possible. This year, Dean, Rose Guastella, Barbara Meteyer, Diane Gavala, Nancy Kelly, and art teacher Graham Martin did just that by introducing music, art and dance to Jesse, previously a student at West Middle School.

"Without the teamwork none of this would have worked," said Meteyer. "Due to special education laws, Jesse's entitled to the least restrictive environment. As an inclusion student, Jesse is included in the educational process at the school but not part of the curriculum."

Over and over again, members of the team mentioned their joy over the changes they've seen in Jesse.

"As we got to know Jesse we got a reaction with music and she was able to express herself," said Gavala. "We started listening to more music every day because it would make her happy. She claps her hands every time she enjoys something. We're trying to tap into every activity she could possibly enjoy."

But that hasn't been easy.

Kelly, who works in the Physically or Otherwise Impaired Program for the Wayne Westland Schools, consulted with the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency about games and other activities to expand Jesse's day. Because of Jesse's impaired motor skills, the "team" started by having the 18-year-old hit switches to turn on a radio. Now Jesse, who can stand for brief periods of time, is encouraged to dance.

"Music is the best stimulant," said Gavala. "I play piano and Jesse loves it. She's a happy expression when she hears it. She loves painting and she loves expressive when she's painting."

Check out the art and craft show which features nearly 50 exhibitors, showing a variety of media including painting, sculpture, clay, photography, jewelry, blown glass, and garden art.

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20.

Where: Heritage Park, behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

For information, call Jessa Murphy, (734) 241-1111.



EDUCATION

Art camps make learning fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Like hundreds of other music students, Jeff Myers took summers off as a child. Now, Myers, director of the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton, is working to show students that they can have fun while concentrating on the arts by offering summer camps. He's not alone.

This summer, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and D & M Studios in Canton are also treating students to fun ways to spend the summer at day camps.

Myers instituted the Jammin' in July music camp last year so students could learn to become better musicians. He's Jammin' this summer by introducing new camp sessions, which focus on the performing arts, in addition to music, so students can strengthen skills in the arts.

"The camps help keep them energized. It's fun not only to educate stu-

dents to play music but to do something they've never done before," said Myers. "For most students, the horn goes in a case in the closet and grows cobwebs. The camp forces them to push the limits, to concentrate on their music and makes the horn more enjoyable to play in general. Several of our instructors are members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra so they're learning from musicians who perform."

Jay Berckley, a saxophone instructor at the conservatory and the Jammin' in July camp, July 12-23 (\$295), recently recorded a CD with his big band, Swingin' and frequently plays at the Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor

and the Toledo Jazz Festival.

A former Plymouth Canton High School drum major, Berckley spent summers at Interlochen before pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree in performance at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor. In the Jammin' in July camps, students in grades 6-8, spend mornings working in smaller groups to prepare for playing in an ensemble in the afternoons.

"I attempt to bring students the experience of performing out in the world," said Berckley.

Dance, drama and music instructors in similar camps at the conservatory tease students with fun projects to stimulate creativity and nurture self confidence.

Sign of achievement
A display of trophies, recently won at the American Guild of Music competition by Dimas Caraballe's piano students, hint at the level to which conser-

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SRO acts on piece of history

BY KELLY WYGNIEK
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Nancy Harrower grew up listening to stories about her great grandfather, David Black Coulter, a second lieutenant in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry Division during the Civil War.

"I've always been interested in the Civil War," said Harrower, whose hands are full taking care of "A Pretty Piece of Business" for the city of Southfield Senior Arts League.

The job involves a lot of drama, but it's fun, and a bit of a farce, too, she said.

"A Pretty Piece of Business" is a one-act play written by Thomas Morton around 1860. Harrower is directing the one-hour farce, to be presented by SRO Productions June 19-20 during a Civil War reenactment of village life at the city's historic center the Burgh.

Bill Mandt, acting manager of the Southfield adult recreation center, chose "A Pretty Piece of Business" over the familiar "An American Cousin."

"I wanted a one-act because it would hold the interest of kids and be something the whole family could go to," he

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Runs June 19-20, 7-9 p.m. and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets \$5.00. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information, or to charge tickets.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACKWILL

Just a kiss: Barbie Amann as Dobson, reacts to a kiss from Captain Felix Merryweather, played by Kerry Plague, in "A Pretty Piece of Business."

said. "It's a humorous farce, and believable, too."

The cast also includes Jennifer Wilson as Charlotte, Kathy Booker as Fanny, her friend, Kerry Plague, Captain Merryweather, Charlotte's fiancé, Dennis Hubel as Dr. Shee, and Barbie Amann as Charlotte's maid, Dobeon.

Captain Merryweather is in the Navy and is coming home to the house he bought for Charlotte, his fiancée. Charlotte's friend, Fanny, a widow, is visiting. Charlotte wants to fix Fanny up with her brother, Dr. Shee. Dobson, the maid, stirs everything up in this

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Let's jam: Rob Myers and his students work on a piece of music during the Jammin' in July music camp at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton.

and he'll come up with it."
They have the great landscape of Benoit's the Bubble Gum...

and then I come on it," said Falson, who worked at the West Bloomfield police department...

Criteria

The works of Guido, Brian and Falson indicate the variety visitors will find at the show. D & M Studios owner Sharon Dillen-

beck selected exhibitors, not based on longevity, but quality and variety. Expect to find everything from wall and garden art to mosaics in the new D&M...

"There's a lot of fun art but we'll also have fine prints by Arthur Ganger (Canton City) with his Pennsylvania stone jewelry birdhouses by Jim Wicks and paintings by Jim Williams (Highland), Hugh Taylor and cancer patient Margie...

women in the show. There'll be best art for the children and Shirley Moore of Stirling Pretty Cogamies will have greenware for kids of all ages to paint. And if kids wear their D & M Studios T-shirt they have their face painted for free.

Center for Creative Studies will showcase student art by Brian Kennedy, Lisa Torres, Anneliese (Plymouth), Diane Holman, Shannon Jones and the winners in a booth sponsored by Canton developers Jonathan...

Opening up new worlds

Martin came up with the innovative ways for Jesse to make art. Although he's not a special student, he saw a need to help Jesse enjoy the art of creating. He also knew the therapeutic benefits of painting and working with clay. Using an adaptive paint brush, Jesse now creates abstract paintings in Martin's classroom. Last semester in his ceramics class, Jesse rolled clay into letters and ornaments.

"The school district policy is that every child must learn," said Martin. "We look on the challenge. What we found was happening was Jesse was using the principles of design, creating a pattern. We could tell what was happening because of the similarity of her brush strokes. When we put up a display of Jesse's work the student response was tremendous. My students could see the principals of design in her work. She now makes an attempt to say hi everyday and she expects to be coming to painting. Two or three girls in the class have taken a special interest in Jesse. They help her and encourage her to work."

Meteyer would like to see students regularly interacting with Jesse. Although Jesse was introduced to students classroom by classroom in the beginning of the school year, students and staff have been slow to interact with her. Meteyer has spoken with the president of the National Honor Society about a plan next year to reward students with credit for working with Jesse. The benefits would be endless, not only for Jesse but students

In thirty years ago, students like Jesse would have been sheltered away in institutions to spend their days staring into space. Today, Jesse eats in the cafeteria with all the "normal" students.

"The goal is to have her involved with her peers. Pretty soon they'll realize they don't need credit for this," said Meteyer. "They'll say, I want to do this and they might even find it opens up new career fields."

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"It goes back to society's perception," said Kelly. "As we have more kids, we hope to change those perceptions that there's nothing to fear."

And the rewards reaped are plenty. "All of us have grown from the time we've spent with Jesse," said Meteyer. "I've learned about myself," added Guastella. "We're all not normal. What's normal?"

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vatery instructors encourage students to achieve. Neil Donato, a graduate student at the University of Michigan School of Music, hopes to inspire his students to write music during the Performance Arts Summer Jam for students in grades 1-8, July 26 to Aug. 6. The cost of the camp is \$225. As with the music camp, individualized instruction is offered in the morning. During the afternoon, students will play their part in a production of "The Ugly Duckling," directed by Scott Mead, who earned a master's degree in theater for the young at Eastern Michigan University. He has worked extensively with the Mosaic Youth Theatre and Ann Arbor Civic Youth Theatre.

Lorraine Paffenroth, director of the Kindermusic program, is expanding the early childhood development program with dance and drama in Little Summer Jam Camps for children ages 3-7. Centered around the Kindermusic program, children

spend 2 1/2 hours experiencing not only song, but dance, drama and storytelling in week-long camps held June, July and August. The cost is \$190 per week, or \$200 two weeks.

"We're going to do creative dance becoming the birds, the rain, the puddles," said Paffenroth. "Parents and children can begin to find out where their interests lie and music at an early age will help children to be better learners."

Circus, circus

Students at D & M Studios visual art camps will feel like they've joined the circus as they paint and draw lions and tigers and manipulate clay into clowns. More than 30 week-long camps (categorized by age) will begin June 21 at the studios, the Plymouth Cultural Center, and Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. Prices range from \$65 for ages 3-6 to \$120 for ages 11-16, and includes all art

supplies and a T-shirt to work in. A children's art exhibit, following the camps, will showcase student summer creations.

"We're going to do handmade paper that's a lot of fun, and wet-set clay from Crayola that works just like sculpting clay except you set in water not a kiln," said studio owner Sharon Dillenbeck.

Under the direction of her daughter Kristen, students will create a mural with a tiger jumping through a ring of fire.

"Creating art is not a competition," said Dillenbeck, now in the eighth year of running the Summer Art Camp Mania. "We pull out the creative energy from the students. We show them how to use the materials and then let them create."

According to Dillenbeck, all children's art has merit.

"Some of the art is so funny, I'll chuckle. You know when they're not in a good mood. Their art reflects it."

On with the show

Kids in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Performing Arts Summer Workshops, June 21-25, July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13, will have the opportunity to perform in not just one, but three productions.

The Whistle Stop Players troupe of performers (ages 5-15) will sing, dance and act their way through 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. rehearsals for "The Magic Fishbone" and "Medieval Madness" Monday-Friday, concluding with an 8 p.m. performance on the last Friday of the workshop. The cost is \$75, or \$100 for non-members, which includes a \$25 fee for a year's student membership in the arts council.

"I love it; it's the most fun I have all year," said Jennifer Tobin, arts council executive director. "We let the kids experience improv and introduce them to dance, theater and music. It's multi-age groups because it challenges the younger folk."

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comedy of mixed identities, emotions and confusing asides.

"It's fun, very different. I like the plot, everyone is being fooled by everyone else," said Booker, who lives in Commerce Township. Flanagan of Canton likes the closeness of the costumes at the renovated, abandoned 1800 church in the Burgh where SRO presents its plays. The theater seats 75 people.

"We're talking to the audi-

ence; that's kind of different," said Hubel, a Plymouth resident. "It's like interactive theater. I hope it will be real entertaining. The costumes are cool, and Nancy is always good at doing research."

Amanda of Livonia took care to make sure the costumes she designed were authentic and did research at Greenfield Village. Joan Boufford, who lives next door to the park, is getting the

props and crew together.

"It's a challenge, we'll be put to the test," she said. "It will be a fun way for people to learn about that time in history. It's a comedy, and a fun way to spend an afternoon."

Harrower, a Southfield resident, researched the play, originally performed in New York City at Wallack's Theatre on 18th and Broadway.

"It was the golden age of American theater," she said. "It's a different style of acting. Feelings count more than thoughts. This piece was written to an afterpiece, something that was performed after the main drama. It's a well-made play; it has a beginning, middle and end."

War seems to bring people to the theater. In her research, Harrower discovered the Civil War had little effect on theater. "People seem to need it more," she said. "In the South, plays were presented at home. In the North there were established theaters. The South had music halls, but the shows presented were more in burlesque style, with music and some jokesters."

"A Pretty Piece of Business" is just one of the many activities that will take place during the weekend of living history. You can listen to Gen. William T. Sherman's speech on "Why the North is Right," or Sen. W.W. Boyce's speech on "Why the South is Right," walk through military encampments and talk to re-enactors, watch a skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers, and shop in a Sutler's store for Civil War authentic reproductions and goods.

The Civil War re-enactment, Burgh village life, takes place 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20. There is no charge for admission to the re-enactment.

The skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and noon, on Sunday.

There will be no parking at the Burgh. Signs on Civic Center Drive will guide visitors to parking lots. There will be a free shuttle to the Burgh.

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MUSIC IN THE PARK The Plymouth Community Arts Council kicks off its Music in the Park series noon Wednesday, June 23 with Marc Thomas and Max the Moose in Kellogg Park, Main Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman.

Concerts will be held every Wednesday following and are free thanks to the generosity of Carl Schultz of Sealant Equipment & Engineering.

In case of rain, the concert will be held in The Gathering on Penniman.

For more information about the concerts, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278. MARK YOUR CALENDARS A half million people from all over the country will take over the streets of Ann Arbor, Michigan Wednesday, July 21 through Saturday, July 24, to view and purchase art from a wide variety of artists. Art from all over the United States as well as from around the world will be on

exhibit at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Fair hours are hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Information booths will be positioned throughout the fairs offering free guides with artist listings, maps, shuttle information, and a schedule of music events and other activities.

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All Michigan residents are invited to nominate artists, educators, civic leaders, organizations and others for the 1999 Governors Awards for Arts and Culture.

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More than 90 artists featured at the eighth annual show, Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, Heritage Park, Canton Township.

LIVONIA ARTS FESTIVAL
Annual event in Livonia's historic village at Greenmead, Sunday, June 13, Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile Road. (734) 466-2540.

NORTHVILLE ART FESTIVAL
"Art in the Sun," a fine arts festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 20. Performances by the "Straw Hat Band" 2:30-4 p.m., June 19 and 12:30-2 p.m. June 20. The "Motor City Brass Band" performs 12:30-2 p.m. June 19 in downtown Northville.

WEST BLOOMFIELD ART FESTIVAL
Fifth annual event at the Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield, Sunday, June 13, 6777 W. Maple Road. (248) 828-3636.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists to participate in its Sept. 11-12 show at Central Middle High School in Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

DANCE AUDITIONS
Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August by appointment only. (248) 552-5001. Auditions for the Marygrove College 30th annual Summer School for the Performing Arts Festival of Dance, June 20-Aug. 20, begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1306.

DOCUMENTARY
The Museum of Contemporary Art, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, seeks artists to participate in an archival exhibit. Deadline is Aug. 1. (248) 334-6038.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED
St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple, Troy, is seeking exhibitors for "A Fair to Remember," Oct. 16-17. (248) 932-5636.

FOCUS: HOPE
Artists and craftspeople wanted for "100 Creative Hands" Oct. 23-24. To apply, send a self-addressed envelope stamped with 55-cent postage to "100 Creative Hands," P.O. Box 760569, Latrup Village, Mich., 48076-0569.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, Mich., 48025. (248) 851-5438.

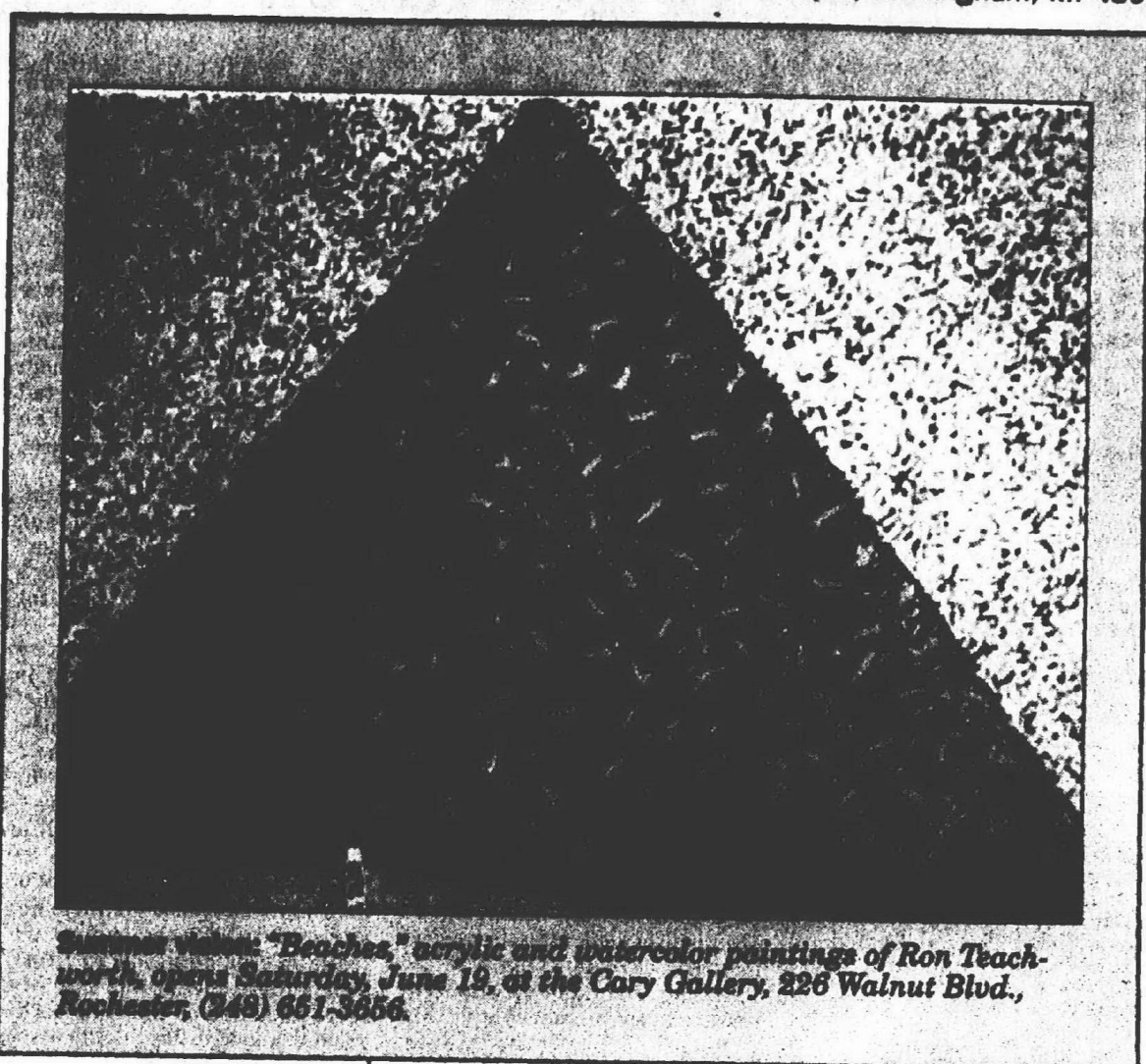
GODSPELL AUDITIONS
TinderBox Productions is holding auditions for "Godspell," 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 27, and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 28, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
General auditions for the 99-00 season, which includes Tintypes and the Odd Couple, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 14-16, at Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

"MUSIC MAN" AUDITIONS
Dinner theatre performances Oct. 29-30. Auditions noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13, Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin. Dinner theatre performances Oct. 29-30. (248) 626-6606, voice mail No. 30.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
Michigan artists invited to submit work for jurying in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," held Oct. 13-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application: The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, Mich., 48009. (248) 594-6403.



Summer exhibit "Beaches," acrylic and watercolor paintings of Ron Teachworth, opens Saturday, June 19, at the Cary Gallery, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Seeks artists to design the outdoor public billboard at the gallery, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Proposals must be received by Sept. 30. (248) 541-3444.

TRANSFORMING VISIONS
Swords into Plowshares Gallery, 33 E. Adams St., Detroit, is seeking entries for its seventh juried exhibit in the fall. (313) 965-5422.

CLASSES

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
Summer school in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and ballroom dance, July 12-Aug. 10 in Troy. (248) 828-4080.

CRANBROOK CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY
Programs are Monday-Friday, June 14-18, for adults, and Monday-Friday, June 21-25, for high school and college students, at the academy, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Entrance based on taped audition. (248) 645-3678.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Summer classes in drawing, painting, pottery, and many other media begin June 26 at the center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. Adult and children's classes available. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-4249.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET
Newly refurbished dance studio, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, opening for new enrollment. (248) 334-1300.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, at the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Installation artist Carl Demeulenaere offers a free lecture on his past work and upcoming project, The Red Schoolhouse, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 at Madonna University, Kresge Hall, Room 1316, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Learning at the Opera House '99 offers classes for adults and children, Mondays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., June 21 through August 8 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-3270.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Summer semester runs July 19-Aug. 20 at the center, 407 Pine St., Rochester. Classes for preschoolers to adults. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

DANCE

1515 BROADWAY
Kimberly Boyd's "Dancing between the Lines," a one-woman show of movement art and storytelling, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the theater, 1515 Broadway St., Detroit. (313) 835-5059.

FOR KIDS

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER
Week-long oil painting classes for children 8 and older, June 21-July 26, at a Westland home. (734) 728-0670.

CAMP BORDERS
Sir Morgan takes kids back to the time of knights and dragons, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 15; Sing-along for kids with Will Danforth, 11 a.m., Saturday, June 19 at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road. (248) 737-0110.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

"Don't Duck, Look Up!" planetarium show designed for youngsters up to second grade, Saturdays-Sundays, June 19-20 and 26-27, at the museum, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0478.

GET UP AND MOVE CAMP
A program for children 4-10 years old, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays July 6-27, at Southfield Centre for the Arts, 10-11:30 a.m. Dance, music, arts and crafts. (248) 661-6640.

JINGLE BEL, INC.
Summer camps in the performing and fine arts for children ages 3-12, at Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority, 1551 E. Auburn Road. (248) 375-9027.

MUSEUM DAY CAMPS
The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm sponsors "Summer on the Farm Day Camps" (ages 9-11) from July 12-16 and July 26-30, and "Archaeology Day Camp" (ages 12-15) from June 23-25, at the museum, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 656-4663.

ROYAL OAK GOES BUGGY
Children's insect art show and special events through the month of June, at galleries and merchants throughout downtown Royal Oak.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Actor Alliance Summer Theatre Conservatory for ages 7-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 14-25, June 28-July 9 and July 12-23. Art Academy Camp for ages 7-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 14-25, June 28-July 9. Get Up and Move Camp for ages 4-6, 10-11:30 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. July 6-29 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SUMMER ART CAMP

"Circus! Circus! Under the Big Top" is the theme for D&M studios' 33 camps in three locations in Plymouth and Canton. Five-day camps available for children 3-16. (734) 453-3710.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute at Meadow Brook, July 26-Aug. 8. (313) 576

5167. SUMMER READING PROGRAM
U-M Dearborn offers reading enrichment programs for 4 year olds to adults in several cities. Classes meet once a week for five weeks. 1-900-418-7910.

TINDERBOX ART CAMP
Performing Arts Summer Camp for children in grades 1-12, Masonic Temple, Detroit. Placement auditions Sunday, June 27, for Performing Arts Summer Camp 9 a.m. to 4 a.m. July 19-30. Latch-key available. (313) 535-8962.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3,000. For applications contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, Mich., 48034. (248) 225-4679.

BENEFIT

"CHIP IN FOR THE ARTS"
A golf benefit for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, 8:15 a.m. shotgun start, \$100 per golfer, Wednesday, June 16, at the Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 West Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 464-2741 or (734) 421-1111.

WORKSHOPS

ANTIQUITY FURNITURE RESTORATION
And chair caning Sunday, June 20, at Troy Museum & Historic Village, 60 W. Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

BOTANICAL IMAGERY
Art lecture, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

GLASS BEAD JEWELRY WORKSHOPS
Glass bead workshops through June. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF ART
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," through Friday, Aug. 13; Poetry reading with Past Tents Press, 7:30 p.m., tour of Saarinen House 8 p.m. on Friday, June 18 at Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Nature Place opens for daily activities on Monday, June 14, also "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," exhibit through Sept. 6, at the institute, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"Walker Evans Simple Secrets: Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill," through June 27, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
"Through the Looking Glass: The Current Night Sky," June 19-20 and 26-27, at the museum, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0478.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART
"Seeing it Through: Faculty Artists from the School of Art & Design," through July 3, at the museum, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ART LEADERS GALLERY
"The Romance Collection" of oils by Jeremy Jarvis, sculptures by Martin Eichinger and glasswork by Laurel Fyfe, opens Friday, June 18 with a reception 6-10 p.m., and runs through Wednesday, July 21, at the gallery, 33216 West 14 Mile Rd., West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

CARY GALLERY
"Beaches," acrylic and watercolor paintings of Ron Teachworth, opens Saturday, June 19 with a reception at 6 p.m., and runs through July 17, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

C-POP
A multi-media event of AWOL opening reception, 7:30 p.m., Saturday June 19, at the new gallery location, 4160

Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9001.

MANSALCO GALLERY
An exhibit of works by Tyree Guyton and Sam "Grandpa" Mackey, opens Saturday, June 19 with an opening reception 7-11 p.m. and runs through Sunday, August 15, at the gallery, 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
"Art & Nature" an exhibit using natural and man-made materials, opens Friday, June 18 and runs through Friday, July 23, at the gallery, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through July 24 - "Numeric Expressions," works of artists Suzanne Andersen, Jeanne Bieri, Mark Esse, Sherry Moore and Alan Watson, 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
"Glass: Its Substance & Attributes by Michigan Artists," through June 27, at University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

BEGAS GALLERY
"Artists That Teach," exhibition and sale through July 31, at the gallery, 35 Grand River Ave., E., Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The 52nd annual Watercolor Society exhibition through June 25, at the center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Solo exhibition of retrospective works by Lillian Mitchell, through June 13, at the church, 681 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-5022.

BOOKBEAT
Children's author and illustrator Wong Herbert Yee through June 30, at the store, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park. (248) 968-1190.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
"On the Verge of Abstraction" runs through July 24 at the center, 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

CREATIVE RESOURCE FINE ART GALLERY
Exhibition of Ukrainian-born artist Anatoly Overin, through June 13, at the gallery, 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

CUNNIFF STUDIO-GALLERY
Exhibition of Works by Henry James LaVerigne, continues at the gallery, 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.

FORD HALL GALLERY
Prints and drawings by Robert Thorne through June 18 at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.

GALERIE BLU
Artist Jeff Bourgeois' "Tahiti Show," through June 24, at the gallery, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Works of emerging New York artist Melissa McGill through July 17, at the gallery, 555 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Exhibition of new paintings by Peter Gooch and John Michaels and sculpture by Julius Schmidt, through June 29, at the gallery, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
"In Honor of Water," a group exhibit, through June 19, at the gallery, 32782 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Watercolor exhibit by Marge Masek in the Fine Arts Gallery through June 30; P.J. Freer presents mixed media works in the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia. (734) 466-2540.



Insightful: Installation artist Carl Demeulenaere offers a free lecture on his past work and upcoming project, The Red Schoolhouse, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, at Madonna University, Kresge Hall, Room 1316, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

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Join Bobbie Ann Mason on her fascinating journey



VICTORIA DIAZ

Maybe we can return after all. Or maybe if we can't go all the way back, maybe we can come close enough.

Critically acclaimed Kentucky author Bobbie Ann Mason ("In Country," "Spence + Lila," et al) has not only returned to her roots, she's written about the round trip with such sensitivity and high color that readers of this memoir will feel as if they've shared in person this sometimes-funny, sometimes-sad, always-fascinating journey.

For those of us who grew up in rural communities during the 40s and 50s, and longed to live in a big city that would take us away from all the rustic "charm," Mason's memoir offers a special mother lode of nostalgia.

For any and all of us who have admired her memorable fiction through the years, "Clear Springs" provides a taste of the rich background that has inspired her work and nurtured her development as an individual and as a writer.

In an indirect way, the Motor City made an early but distinct impression on the farm girl who would go on to win the coveted PEN/Hemingway Award for first fiction in 1982 with "Shiloh and Other Stories."

"In the summer of 1949, when I was nine," she writes, "my mother and I traveled to Detroit to visit ... Aunt Mary."

"I want you to see them big buildings," Mama said. "They're so tall your eyes'll pop out."

Young Bobbie Ann never saw the buildings. A bus strike thwarted the family's plans to visit downtown landmarks, and she spent most of her visit at her aunt's suburban tract house in Wayne. Nevertheless, the experience seemed to whet her appetite for a world beyond her rural beginnings, and she never forgot her stay here, often wanting to go to Detroit, where there were concrete sidewalks and tall buildings and traffic ... an intriguing place, with Yankees, who spoke another language.

After graduation from the University of Kentucky, Mason (despite her family's trepidation) headed an English professor's advice and set out not for Detroit, but for New York.

"My folks and their country culture were always present in the deepest part of my being," she tells us. "Yet I was estranged from them." She found herself, however, "a stranger ... in the North ... an exile in both places."

This account of how Bobbie Ann Mason finally came to resolve her feelings has about it an almost-cinematic quality (not surprising, maybe, when we learn of her devotion to film). The popular songs of the day serve as a kind of haunting background music to her highly visual, thickly textured story of a family that is often beset by mental and physical illness, backbreaking labor, isolation, and deep-seated, mixed feelings because they are "country."

Music "saved us all," she says, calling up memories of helping her father plant corn as strains of "Ruby" or "The Song From Moulin Rouge" wafted through her girlish daydreams, relieving the heat and the boredom.

She eventually became National President of the Hilltoppers (remember "P.S. I Love You"?). In her teens, she would spend countless hours listening to the radio and escaping her "ordi-

nary" existence via the "strange music" that was early rock-and-roll.

Maybe most important, she discovered new worlds through reading, a habit that apparently marked her as an outsider, not just at the rural school she attended, but even with some members of her own family. Often books like the Bobbie Ann Mason series, Nancy Drew mysteries, or Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" appear to have served as a perfectly adequate substitute for human companionship, as far as Bobbie Ann was concerned, though. Later, she would delve into such books as "The Search for Bridey Murphy" and "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects." (One assumes her reading lists have grown more sophisticated over the years, although this is not really examined here.)

While Mason may have felt isolated, and never quite understood by her own family, she seems never to have felt unloved. Much of the strength of "Clear Springs" lies in its depiction of the "characters" who made up her colorful family. From Mason's feisty (though sometimes mentally ill) grandmother, to her Bible-reading grandfather, to her hard-working father, to her highly energized mother — all of these (and more) appear as real as Mason herself. In fact, in a sense, this book seems to focus more on her ancestors and her surroundings than on her. Especially as she reaches middle-age, we aren't shown much of her personal life at all (she discusses next to nothing about her marriage, for example).

It's only a small frustration, though. Maybe it's a story for another day.

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

BOOK SIGNINGS

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" at the following locations:

■ 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Orchard Lake Road south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

■ 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Haggerty and Six Mile roads in Northville Township.

■ 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Little Professor on the Park, Main Street in Plymouth.

■ 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 14 Mile and John R. roads in Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

BALDWIN LIBRARY (BIRMINGHAM)

Students in middle school or high school can beat the heat this summer June 14-Aug. 20 by joining the Young Adult Summer Reading Club at the library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. Participants who read selections from eight out of the 12 reading categories will be entered in a grand prize drawing. Weekly prize drawings will also be held for those who turn in short book reviews. Interested patrons will receive a special gift when they register at the Adult Reading Department. (248) 947-4700.

BARNES AND NOBLE (TROY)

Authors Ray Charles and Eliza Arndt, and literary translator Kevin Gleason discuss "Everyone Must at Least Give Books a Chance." Discover Young Adult Summer Reading Club at the store, 300 W. Merrill, Troy, (248) 947-4700.

BORDERS (AUBURN HILLS)

Sonia Choquette reads from her book "The Wise Child," 7 p.m. Friday, June 18; British-born Galaxy Craze reads from her book "By the Shore," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15; The group 2 of a Kind performs a children's show, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at the store, 612 Liberty St. (734) 688-7652.

BORDERS (DEARBORN)

John Misfuit and Bob Vance discuss "Boyhood: Growing up Male: A Multicultural Anthology," 7 p.m. Monday, June 14; Craig Karges discusses "Ignite Your Intuition," 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. (313) 271-4441.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)

Discussion group for the "X-Files" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15; Borders Business Book Group meets, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. The featured book is "Rich Dad Poor Dad: Leave the Rat - Find Financial Security." "Evolve Yourself," book signing and discussion by local author Rich Rahn, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17; Rabbi Maria Feldman discusses "The Tribe of Dina," as part of the Roeh Hodesh Series, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)

"Amelia's Notebook," an American Girls program geared toward girls ages 7-12, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 13; "Toddler Time," 10 a.m. Mondays; Open mike night, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 15; Journal workshop with Iris Underwood, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16; Camp Borders program "Puppy Talk," and the adult program "Women Who Run With Wolves," both at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the store, 1122

ROCHESTER ROAD, ROCHESTER HILLS, (248) 652-0558.

PAPERBACKS 'N THINGS

Toni Carrington, also known as Lori and Tony Karayianni, signs copies of "License to Thrill," the first of a series, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the store, 8044 Wayne Road, in the Oak Plaza, Westland. (734) 522-8018.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Linda Grekin, a librarian at Hillside Day School in Farmington Hills, will read from her book and talk about the research and interviews she did for "I'll Never Get Lost Again: The Complete Guide to Improving Your Sense of Direction," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. After Grekin's talk, Dixie Cocagne will be the guide for a literary tour of Michigan. Members of the audience will receive maps and book lists for discovering books with Michigan settings or those written by Michigan authors. (734) 453-0750.

ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Summer Used Book Sale, 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the library, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester. (248) 650-1718.

ROYAL OAK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bruce Jenvey author of "Handy Harbor Guide: The Bays and Waterways of the Great Lakes," will sign copies of his book 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at the library, 222 E. 11 Mile Road.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Book discussion series at the library, 28000 Evergreen Road, Southfield features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required and participants will be responsible for providing their own books. Register at the Fiction Desk, or call (248) 948-0470. Discussion dates are 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 24, "Ethan Fromm"; 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, "Summer"; and 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, "The Mother's Recompense." Series is part of the Summer Humanities Program.

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Paprika, sage, butter, wine. No, I'm not referring to ingredients in a new Martha Stewart recipe, but the striking colors helping to reinvent men's polo shirts this season.

You know the style, that traditional looking men's shirt with a collar and two buttons. Richie Cunningham in "Happy Days" wore them.

Well, the preppy classic is back, but with a refined 90s kind of style especially when it comes to fabric texture.

Consider buying a lightweight knit polo, like Jacobson's washable silk pique. It's a summer wardrobe essential that will keep you cool. Men who are fashion mavens should try it in burnt orange or paprika. But if staying neutral is one of your style requirements, the same shirt is available at Jacobson's in black, nubuck and blue.

I went crazy for the shape, rich earth tones and fine gauge cotton of the knit polo shirts in the J. Crew catalog. At \$38, who could resist. Check it out at www.jcrew.com or call (800) 582-0258. You will find these knits are a clean alternative to dress shirts; they look great layered under a casual blazer with jeans or tucked in with a tailored trouser.

Younger guys, not just Dads, will be looking for polo shirts this season. For an already-worn, comfortable look, try American Eagle's pigment-dyed polos priced just under \$15. Available in surplus green, sport navy and orange, these shirts are weathered and pre-washed for extra softness. Combine with a pair of cargo or board shorts, and you have a easy summer outfit that will take you just about any place.

Golf enthusiasts will love Eddie Bauer's all-cotton, jersey polo with a tee and golf ball pattern. Bauer has even cut the shirt larger around the shoulders, chest and arms so players have more room to swing. If Dad's a golfer, this shirt might be a perfect Father's Day gift.

After scouting the town for polo shirts, I must say Old Navy wins the prize for the best deal. Their garment-washed polos with twill taping on the back of the neck for reinforcement are priced at \$12 this week for Father's Day. Given the look and feel of the polos, it's no wonder they were ranked number one for value and quality last year by Consumer Report magazine. The store carries basic colors like Navy and heather gray, year around and introduces a new color palette every couple of months. Teal, plum, coral and poolside blue are among my favorites this season.

Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari Waldman at OERealDeal@aol.com.



Fabric: Jacobson's washable, silk pique polo runs \$49.



Old Navy's polo shirt, \$12. It's not large, but it's a great value.



Memorabilia: Jacobson's keepsake Tiger Stadium ball, sells for \$20.

A day for Daddy

Strange or stylish, pick gifts that suit him

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 SPECIAL EDITOR

If there's such a category as the most baffling gift recipient, fathers surely rank at the top of the list.

In general, men seem content with the clothing, gadgets, books and other possessions they already have. If they wanted or needed something, they'd probably buy it.

Thus, why many fathers, when asked what they'd like for Father's Day, repeatedly respond that a few pairs of socks, another tie or some other uninspiring gift will do.

Daughters and sons are then left to wonder whether Dad would appreciate an unusual gift or prefer a few humdrum staples. How about a fancy nail clipper set, one might wonder, hoping a luxurious and pricey version of an essential tool will convey the appropriate affection and appreciation.

In the end, exactly what you buy is probably less important than the type and style of the item you select. While scope is always important when gift shopping, it's particularly the case with fathers.

So, ask yourself first and foremost, what kind of dad is he? Is he a style maven or the epitome of practicality? Is he a couch potato who can't watch too many sporting events or he is a sports participant?

Given the abundance of men's clothing available in stores, fashionable fathers are probably the easiest guys for whom to buy. Of course a polo shirt, tie, cotton sweater or pair of shorts will do, but consider fashion accessories, like Neiman Marcus' sterling silver accessory set by David Yurman or Hudson's Tommy Hilfinger men's fragrance set, Totally Tommy, \$51.

Practical fathers will likely scoff at cologne and other so-called trivial items, so opt for a gift that saves time and money or keeps life orderly. Consider luggage, a new briefcase or watch. Saks Fifth Avenue's stainless steel travel clock from Gucci, \$395, is practical, especially for frequent travelers, and stylish.

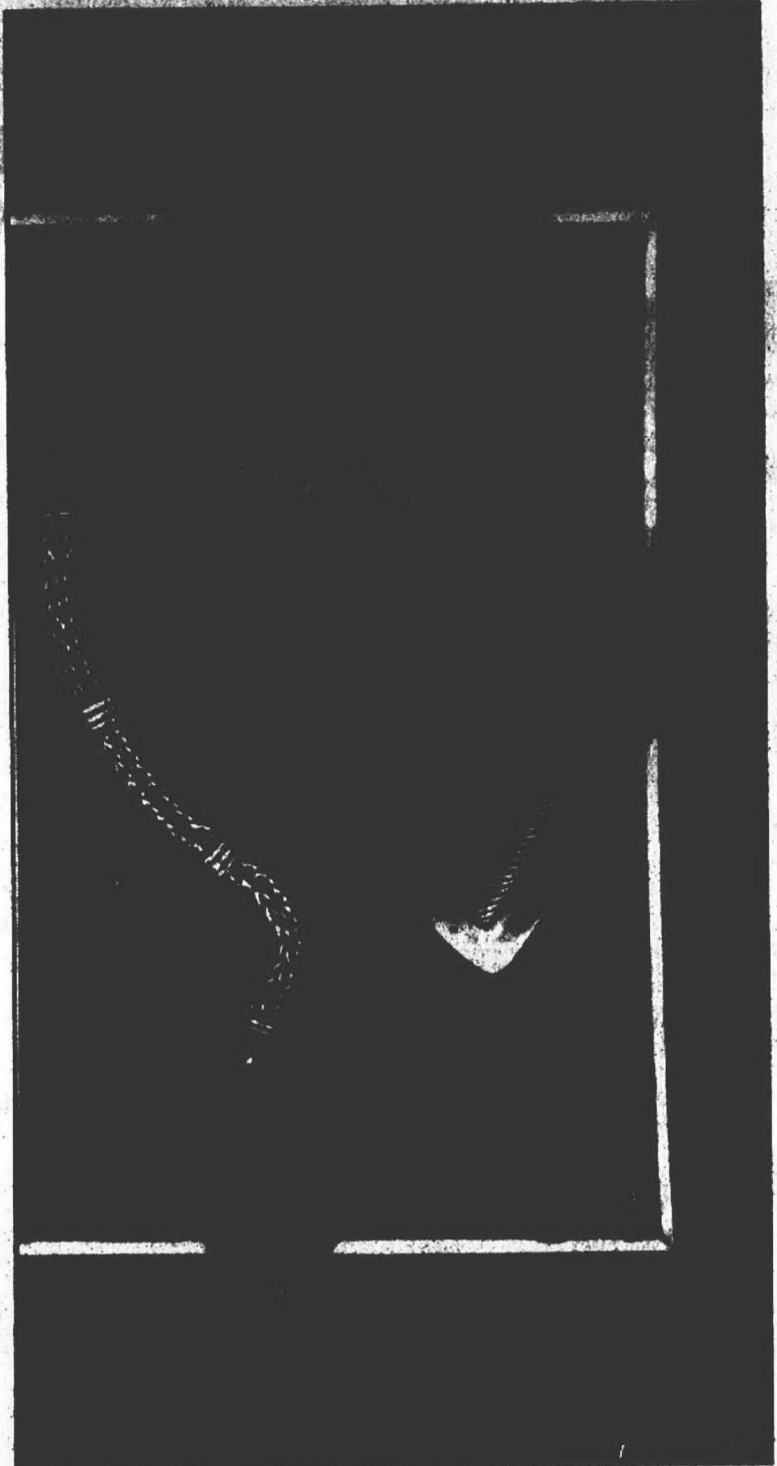
Sporting events fans always enjoy memorabilia. Package a T-shirt or hat from his favorite team in color coordinated gift wrap or jump on this year's nostalgia bandwagon and give Dad an item commemorating Tiger Stadium. Jacobson's is selling a keepsake baseball that depicts the new stadium in the Detroit Tiger's team colors for \$20.

For athletic types, consider the latest gadget designed to make sporting activities easier and more interesting, a digital golf card, for example, or Nike's Triax watch for runners, which is available at Runner's Fit in West Bloomfield for between \$64 and \$135.

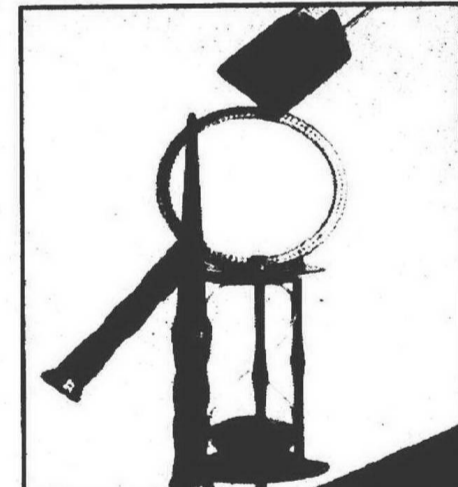


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Travel goodies: For fathers who travel, Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy suggests a black leather lawyers bag, \$850, and matching duffel, \$780, both imported from France.



Instead of clothing: For fathers who are style mavens, give fashion accessories, like these sterling silver pieces from designer David Yurman. Clockwise from left, the "Double Wheat" chain bracelet, \$540, silver cuff links, \$535, "Plaque" belt buckle, \$285 and black lizard strap, \$120 are available at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.



For studious fathers: John Hardy's collection of wood and sterling silver desk accessories, including a magnifying glass, letter opener and hourglass, \$150-\$270, Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Parisian hosts Swarovski Pin Tour

One of the most exclusive events in the jewelry industry has arrived at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

The Swarovski Pin Tour, featuring the Nature's Jewels exhibit, will be on display through June 30 at the mall's Parisian store.

The touring Swarovski archival show was developed to commemorate the introduction of a new collection of limited edition pins and in response to the growing interest in collectible jewelry and crystal.

Swarovski is considered a premier manufacturer of full-cut crystal jewelry.

The museum quality exhibit of 62 pins shows the evolution of Swarovski design from a dramatic style to use of stones in smaller and more delicate ways.

Multiple pieces are used in Swarovski jewelry to add dimension. Also, each Swarovski piece is treated much like a tiny sculpture; details are always carefully handcrafted. Consequently, many people mistake Swarovski pieces as precious jewelry.

The exhibit will be located at the mall entrance front of Parisian. For additional information, call (734) 953-7805.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 655 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 844-1514. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

MONDAY, JUNE 14
COMMONWEALTH MALL SHOW
 Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia presents the 1999 Fall/Winter collection of Corradi 1881, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., International Sales.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15
GRAND OPENING SHOW
 View Channel's Fall 1999 collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy through June 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Channel's Grand Opening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
SALE
 Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
SALE
 Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

For an appointment, call (248) 443-4823.
FRIDAY, JUNE 18

MOVEMENT MADNESS
 The Boardwalk shopping center on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield holds its annual Moonlight Madness Sale, until 11 p.m.

STELLA SHOWER EVENT
 Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a team of makeup artists from Stella and offers one-on-one consultations and makeovers, 12-6 p.m. For an appointment, call (248) 516-5100, ext. 1414.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
 Detroit Tiger and 1999 Rookie of the Year Matt Anderson's autograph photos at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, to benefit The LoveLight Foundation, 100 p.m., Men's Shop, first floor. Reservations are limited. Call (518) 574-5100.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

SUNRISE SALE
 The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's downtown merchants hold the Plymouth Sunrise Sale with savings starting at 50 percent off (sales percentages decrease 10 percent every hour thereafter), 5 a.m.-10 a.m.

MOTOWN NIGHT
 Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents another Dine & Dance event, Motown Night with D.J. John Eloff, 5-9 p.m., Food Court.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR
 The Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads hosts guest storyteller Dottie Segeian, 11 a.m.-noon, Garden Court.

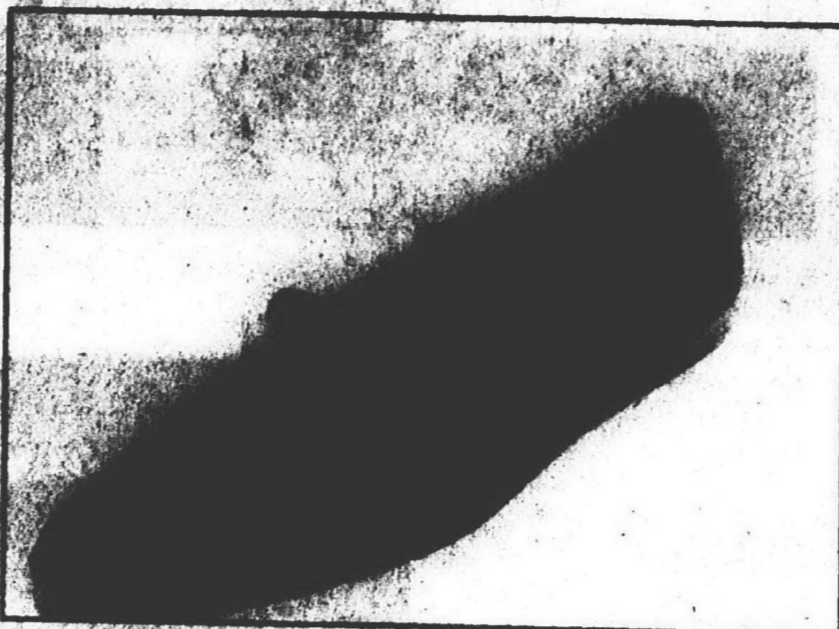
HAIR SALON REOPENING EVENT
 Wards hair salon at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield celebrates its reopening by offering free makeovers, hair styling demonstrations, gift certificate giveaways and free product samples, 2-4 p.m., South Mall Corridor.

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STUFF WE CRAVE



For those who love the color, NARS has the lipstick. Satin, sheer and... \$19. Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Essence of Audrey: In honor of what would have been Audrey Hepburn's 70th birthday, Salvatore Ferragamo has reproduced her ballerina shoe in limited edition. Five percent of every "Audrey" ballerina shoe, which will be available in black, beige, red and yellow suede, will be donated to the Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund, \$220, Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Hot but cool! Old-fashioned cotton dresses keep little girls comfortable and cool in summer's heat, by Colorado designer Three Girls, \$39-49, Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe, Clarkston.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find.

What we found:

- Oriane makeup is available at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy
- A clock with large letters sells at Radio Shack at Tel-Twelve Mall on Telegraph Road in Southfield
- We also found a metal glider, green Pyrex bowl, 1964 World's Fair souvenir book, 1952 Central High School yearbook and a 1939 Commerce High School yearbook to copy and someone who is interested in obtaining tea bag tags

What we're looking for:

- A Humpty Dumpty, oval-shaped, baby pillow pattern with flat arms and legs with an embroidered face for Barb
- A poster of three dobermans called "The Bitches of Eastwick" for Stella
- A 1947 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook for Betty
- Revlon "Color Lock" anti-feathering lip base in a lipstick tube for

Carla of Shelby Township

- A recycling center for recycling plastic bags and cereal and cake boxes for Phyllis of Rochester and Laurie who lives in Oakland County. The need has arisen for residents who used to take materials to Dammon's Hardware, which no longer does recycling
- A January, 1942 Cass Tech High School yearbook for Corrine
- Venetian glass beads for a necklace for Pamela
- A 1950 Grosse Pointe High School yearbook for Mike
- A 1936 Mercury Sable owners manual for Jim
- A 1978 recording of Kay Thompson reading "Eloise." Any tape will do.
- A place that sells 10-, 15- or 20-pound containers of pitted, unsweetened, sour cherries for Stone of Farmington
- Season's French Lilac Refresher Oil, a room deodorant, for Katherine of Livonia
- Replacement hurricane globes for a Stiffel lamp (#5246) for Kathy
- A manual for the Black Angus broiler/rotisserie (#F7RP) or the company's address for Doris

- Nautilus dessert plates in the "Eggshell" pattern
- Coty's "Plum Wine" or "Mauve Mauve" lipstick for Margaret in Livonia
- A store with a good selection of rabbits for purchase for Kayla and Emmett
- Plastic replacement pieces for a boutonniere for Ann
- A dish made by International in the "Heartland" pattern for Vicki
- A January, 1949 Cass Tech High School yearbook for Doris

-Compiled by Sandi Jarachuk

If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name, phone number and community. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Presents . . . AMERICAN SKY EXHIBITION & 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION Saturday, July 3 from 7-11PM

FIREWORKS

10 PM - Presented at Lincoln Hills Golf Course and viewed from the BBAC.

SMARTBUS SHUTTLE RIDES

6:45 - 11:15 PM - Running from Seaholm High School and Groves High School to the BBAC

ART ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

- 7-8 PM - Silk scarf painting - bring home a beautiful hand-painted scarf!
- 8-9 PM - Make Origami boxes or patriotic mobiles!
- 9-10 PM - Be creative with Fun Plastic to make key chains, necklaces, pins, or anything else!

ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

7-10 PM - Ceramics (raku and wheel throwing), printmaking (color monotype), oil painting, stained glass, sculpture, as well as an overview of Julia Cameron's best-selling book, *The Artist's Way*.

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7-8:30 PM - The Birmingham Straw Hat Band
9-11 PM - Sean Blackman Jazz Band

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7-8:30 PM - Will be serving Coney Islands, hot dogs, chicken gyros, chili, greek salad, pita bread, and chips. Lemonade, iced tea and a variety of desserts will also be served.

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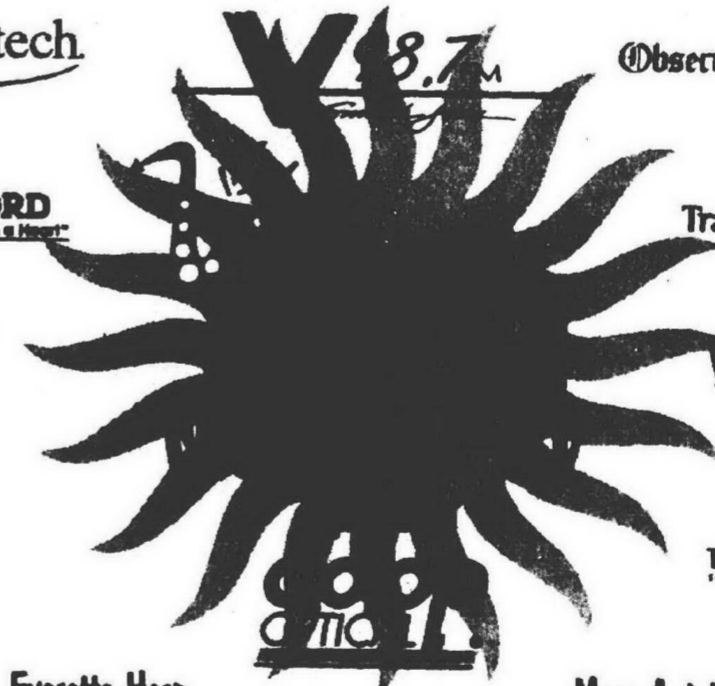
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Eagle soars for wonderful vacations

BY THERESE MICHELSEN
STAFF WRITER

From the moment you spot it, this huge complex sprawling over the landscape somehow looks out of place in quiet Mount Pleasant, Mich.

As you drive under the stone archway guarded by two giant eagles clutching gold coins and welcoming you to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, you'll expect something spectacular. You won't be disappointed as you'll pull into the main hotel entrance area and have your car parked by the free valet service and have a bellman take your bags. The hotel lobby meets your eyes as you enter, and the mammoth stone fireplace surrounded by beautiful Aztec-design carpets and comfortable sitting areas beckons.



Powerful images: This stained glass window reflects the many Native American themes at Soaring Eagle.

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was opened in 1987 by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and features the largest casino between Atlantic City and Las Vegas. This venture is sure to be a winner for the tribe, which since 1994 has pumped \$71.5 million into the Michigan Strategic Fund.

After you've checked in, just finding your room can be an experience in the huge 512-room hotel. My husband, Bob, and I have now stayed in two different styles of room and have been pleased with them both. Soaring Eagle advertises that here a "room" is not merely a "room." I'd have to agree, and I've stayed in a lot of hotels.

As a vehement non-smoker, I was immediately impressed that the first, third and fifth floors of the hotel are completely non-smoking. Indeed, I did not smell any smoke at all while in our rooms on both the third and fifth floors, or while going to and from them.

It was also impressive that, though the hotel was full on both of our visits, we did not hear noises from other guests while in our rooms. We felt we were in an oasis away from it all while in our rooms; the designs, furnishings and decor are all in the Aztec motif and are very warm and soothing.

Serious pampering is realized when you come back from dinner or your evening's entertainment to find fresh towels in the bathroom, extra large and fluffy towels laid out at your antique tub

or whirlpool, your bed turned down and fine chocolates on your pillow -- it's like being on a cruise!

All the hotel rooms here are downright luxurious, with amenities such as whirlpools, gas fireplaces, antique tubs and terrazzo marble bathrooms. First-class rooms are \$119-179, deluxe class rooms \$159-189, superior class rooms \$189-199 and premium class rooms \$259-299. Hotel prices quoted here are standard rates; Soaring Eagle does offer entertainment, golf and casino packages.

Are you ready to venture to the casino? The walk to get there takes you through a magnificent, wide room called the Grand Foyer, featuring some of the most beautiful Oriental-style carpets in a floral pattern I've ever seen. The ceiling is a hand-painted work of art all on its own, with eagles flying in a majestic sky. The colors in this room are brought together by the hand-carved wooden staircases and accents. Numerous display cases appear here and throughout the resort featuring Native American art work and memorabilia.

Before you get to the casino, you'll see Kids Quest and Cyberquest. Kids Quest is touted as the ultimate "edutainment" experience for youngsters 6 months to 12 years old. There are plenty of age-appropriate

things to keep them busy here, in a safe, supervised hourly setting. Cost is \$5 per hour per child Monday-Thursday, \$6 Friday-Sunday and holidays. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Cyberquest is unsupervised and lets those over 12 feed quarters into arcade games. Kids under 12 need a parent present.

As we enter the casino, Bob wanders off to put his name in for table poker. There are lots of folks here just standing around, so I don't feel too out of place as I try to decide what to do first. If you like casinos, it's all here; blackjack, craps, roulette, keno, poker, 95 table games and 4,000

Cool down: When you need a break from gambling, the Soaring Eagle has a large indoor pool.

slot and video poker machines. But, alas, the 24-hour bright lights and brilliant color atmosphere can't hide the fact that you'll find no non-smoking section here; what a shame!

Further down the hall is the home of the highest stakes bingo in Michigan. The bingo hall is also used for the big-name entertainment that is giving the facility a reputation. Look for Merle Haggard and Englebert Humperdink, among others, to perform in June. Ticket prices are between \$14 and \$40 and are available at all Ticket Plus outlets.

Don't forget to pack a robe and flip-flops for your visit to the spa (and budget a little extra cash

for some top-of-the-line pampering). A visit to the fabulous pool, indoor whirlpool, swim-jet pool, massage lounge or steam room is free. In addition, a myriad of body treatments, massages, hydrotherapy, facials, half or full-day bliss packages are available (priced \$40-240; appointment necessary).

But by far, the favorite part of both of these getaways was the dining and services offered at the Water Lily Restaurant and Lounge. A 47-foot-long wall welcomes you to this part of the resort. Most areas are in view of the highest, five-story fountain complex. Book a reservation for dinner in advance and get a table for the best view.

A bread basket is served with at least four varieties of homemade delights. A surprising number of great wines are available by the bottle and the glass.

Bob ordered the elk both times and was pleasantly surprised to have it cooked to his well-done liking. I ordered the mahimahi the first time and the halibut the next; both were the best fish I'd ever eaten. Expect to pay \$18-28 per entree including a starch and veggie; salads and soups are extra. As you might expect, a wonderful tray of desserts are available to pick from, as well as an array of coffees and teas. The service both times we were there was positively superb.

If you're looking for a quick, indulgent getaway, I'd recommend you consider the Soaring Eagle, just an hour north of Lansing. If you're a golfer, Mount Pleasant is somewhat of a "golf capital" for central Michigan, with more than a dozen highly rated courses close by.

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Chief award-winners

Several awards were presented at Wednesday's Plymouth Canton boys track banquet.

The team's Most Valuable Performer was Jordan Chapman, who scored in the high jump at the state meet; he finished sixth. Chapman and Jerry Gaines were also named Sophomores of the Year.

Seniors Bryan Kulczyk and David Thomas earned the coveted Coach Award, while the Most Improved Award went to junior K.J. Singh and sophomore Ugo Okwumabua.

Seniors of the Year were Steve Blossom and Jason Rutter; Juniors of the Year were Singh and Jack Tucci; and Freshmen of the Year were Aaron Schmidt and Ricky Singh.

Special awards were also presented to a pair of school record-setters: Gaines, who established a record in the 400-meters (50.9); and the 4x100 relay team of K.J. Singh, Nate Howe, Jamie Bonner and Thomas (44.0). Chapman also was presented a special academic all-state award (he has a 3.944 grade-point average), and Juan Cortes, an exchange student from Argentina, was presented a special award from the team.

The captains for team in the year 2000 will be Howe, K.J. Singh, Tucci and Asa Hensley.

Conquest sparkle

The Canton Conquest, an under-12 Little Caesars girls soccer team, won their division at both the Sidney (OH) Mayfest Soccer Tournament May 23-24 and at the Canton Invitational May 28-30. At the Mayfest Tournament, the Conquest swept through their preliminary games before meeting the Patriot Magic, a team from Ohio, in the final. The Conquest won in a penalty kick shoot-out.

At the Canton Invitational, the Conquest were unscathed upon beating the Canton Cougars in the championship match.

Team members are Erica Arndt, Kristina Armstrong, Kristen Boylan, Lisa Bury, Taylor Foley, Bailey Fagan, Colette Gilman, Amy Gizicki, Nicole Hardy, Alicia Hay, Andrea Johnson, Jennifer Little, Megan McCarthy, Katie Polera, Molly Priebe and Katie Raker. The team is coached by John Johnson and Rich Priebe; Ed McCarthy is the team trainer.

Tryouts for the upcoming team are set for June 21 at Flodin Park. Call (734) 455-9884 for information.

Football camp

The Plymouth Canton High School football coaches will sponsor a football camp for middle school-aged students, grades six-through-nine, from 9 a.m.-noon July 12-16 at the high school football field. Cost is \$50 per camper. For information, call Canton football coach Tim Baechler at 844-8850.

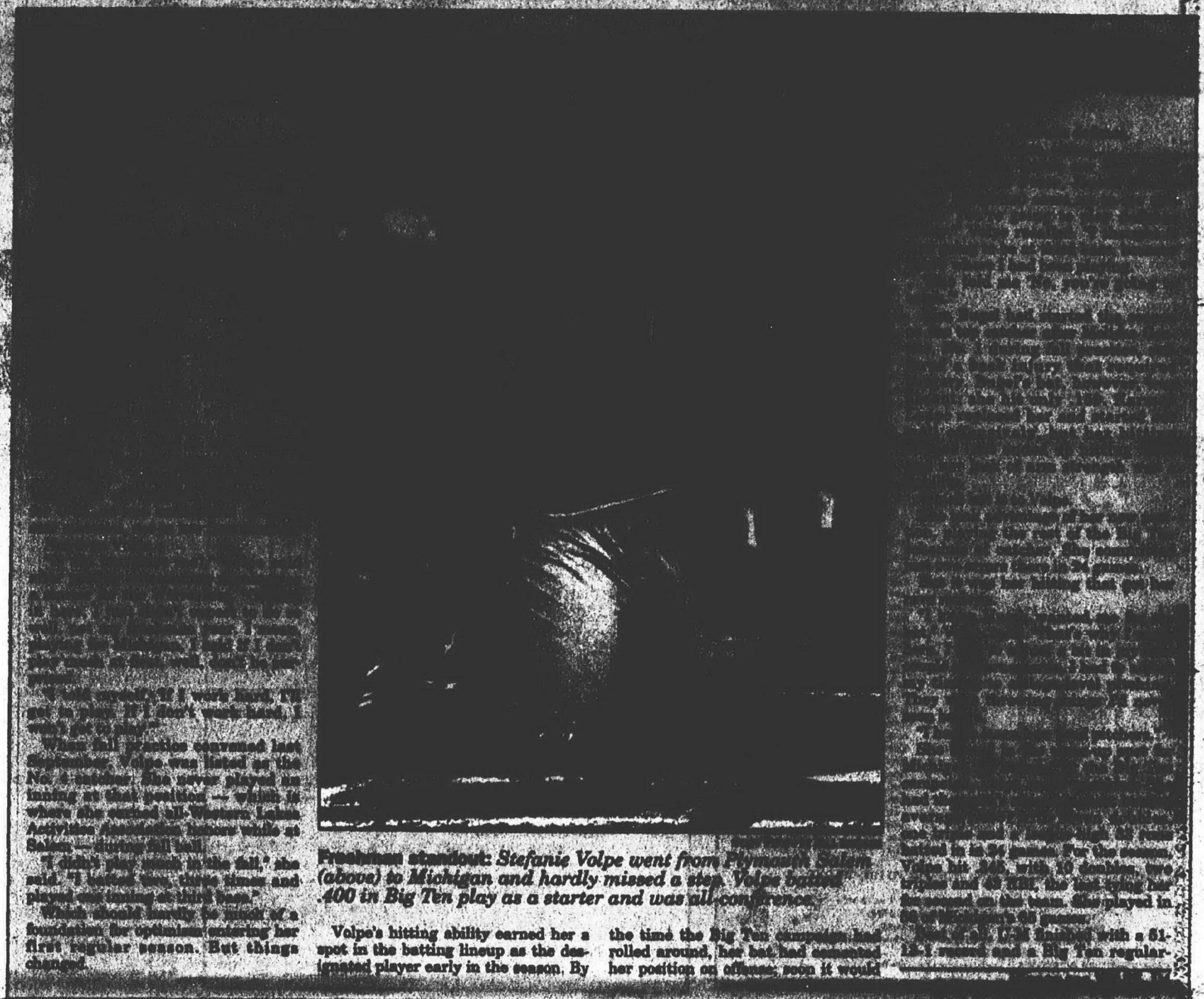
Soccer tryouts

The Plymouth Soccer Club will be having boys and girls team tryouts for all ages June 15-23 at various locations. The following is boys tryout information.

Under-10 select: 6-8 p.m. June 16 and 18 at Tanger School, call Mark McGraw at 420-3206 for information; Under-11 select: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 16 and 18 at East Middle School, call Rich Kulczyk at 397-2071; Under-12 premier: 6-8 p.m. June 15 and 16 at Heritage B, call Pete Griffin at 459-3324; Under-13 premier: 6-8 p.m. June 15 and 17 at the high school, call Mark McGraw at 420-3206; Under-13 select: 6-8 p.m. and 10 a.m.-noon June 17 and 19 at East Middle School, call Randy Leslie at 459-1071; Under-14 premier: 6-8 p.m. June 16 and 17 at Heritage A&B, call Ron Austin at 449-8865; Under-14 select: 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22 at East Middle School, call John Deblin at 459-1094; Under-15 premier 6-8 p.m. June 16 and 23 at Hines Park, call Brian LaMesse at 397-8328; Under-15 select: to be determined, call Paul Conlon at 459-4185; Under-16 premier: 6-8 p.m. June 17 at Central Middle School, call Fred Stafford at 453-7107; Under-17 premier: 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22 at Hines Park, call Glenn Kautz at 454-0712.

The following is the girls tryout information.

Under-12 select: 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 16 and 17 at West Middle School, call Peggy Bolter at 454-9913 for information; Under-13 select: to be determined, call John Stobbe at 459-1306; Under-14 select: 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22 at Heritage A, call Scott Southeyd at 459-0087; Under-15 premier: 6-8 p.m. June 15 and 17 at Hines Park, call Tim Easer at 420-3206; Under-15 select: 6-8 p.m., 1-3 p.m. June 21 and 19 at Hines Park, call Dan Schik at 459-1306.



Freshman standout Stefanie Volpe went from Plymouth Salem (above) to Michigan and hardly missed a step. Volpe batted .400 in Big Ten play as a starter and was all-conference.

When full practice resumed last September, Volpe was listed as the No. 1 pitcher. She never played an inning at that position — which is where she ended all Western Lakes Activities Association games while at Salem — during fall ball. "I didn't play much in the fall," she said. "I looked very close times and played one inning at that time."

Volpe's hitting ability earned her a spot in the batting lineup as the designated player early in the season. By the time the Big Ten conference had rolled around, her bat had earned her position on offense, even if it would

rolled in 2000 games. For the season, Volpe hit .325 with 10 doubles, two triples and 43 RBI. The last time her name was on the team, she played in 2000 games with a 51-12-1 record and a Big Ten regular-

Spartans blank Central to advance

BY BRAD EMONS
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The Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team see clearly now, especially after all the rain and lightning had disappeared last night at Jackson's Mehall Field. After two 15-minute weather delays — one in each half because of unsafe skies — the two-time defending state champion Spartans scored twice in the final 28 minutes to oust previously unbeaten Portage Central in the Division I semifinals, 2-0. Lindsay Gusick tallied the game-winner with 25:24

left on a pinpoint skip pass from Dana White. Less than five minutes later, White scored from Gusick to put the game away. The victory puts Stevenson, now 16-4-1 overall, in its sixth state girls against Rochester Adams (20-2-2), 4 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Canton. Stevenson beat Adams in last year's title matchup, 3-0. Adams, meanwhile, won the other Wednesday semifinal with a 7-1 win over Grosse Pointe South.

"We've had some bumps along the road this year, but I think that helped us in the playoffs," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "A lot of people didn't believe we could make it back again after what happened during the regular season, but there are still 28 people on this team who believed." Portage, last year's Division II runner-up to Birmingham Groves, came in with a 23-0-2 record and averaging over five goals per game. But Stevenson put the clamps on freshman sensation Lindsey Tarpley, and forwards Lisa Grubb and

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Observer stars rank with state's best

BY RICHARD SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The Observerland area was blessed this season with four of the state's stellar track performers. Listed alphabetically, they are Nick Allen, Nick Brzezinski, Ryan Kearney and Ryan Ollinger.

Plymouth Salem's Allen capped his career with his second All-Area berth. Allen had the area's best time in the 1,600-meter run (4:19.8) and the third-best in the 3,200 (9:41.1). He also turned in outstanding performances on the Salem relay teams.

Brzezinski, of Redford Catholic Central, threw the discus 167 feet, 10 inches to win that event in the state Class A meet. And it wasn't even his best throw of the season. Brzezinski's best exceeded 186 feet. He's also an excellent football player and has signed a national letter of intent to play that sport at Duke University.

Kearney, who completed a brilliant career at Livonia Churchill, was prevented by a hamstring injury of repeating a high placement in the hurdles at the state Class A track meet. No matter. He's still got his full scholarship to run track at Western Michigan, a rarity because sports outside football and basketball usually split their scholarships to attract more athletes.

Kearney is a virtual one-man track team, however, running anything coach Rich Austin asked (and probably several events he didn't request). He's a three-time All-Area performer. Kearney was on the Observerland list of

best track times in the high jump, high and low hurdles and the 200 dash; he also participated on relay teams. He had the area's best times in the 110-meter hurdles (14.2 seconds) and the 300 hurdles (39.1). Ollinger, of Lutheran High School Westland, posted the area's best long jump distance, a school record 21 feet, 8 inches. It was five inches farther than anyone else in the area. Ollinger was third in the state Class C meet in that event. He also competed in the hurdles, posting the area's fifth-best time. Six members of the All-Area boys track team area underclassmen — junior Mike Morris of Redford Catholic Central in the shot put, sophomore Jordan Chapman of Plymouth Canton in the high jump, junior Nick Hall of Farmington Harrison in the 300 hurdles, freshman Darryl Anglin of Redford Bishop Borgess in the 100 dash, junior Kevin Woods of Harrison in the 200 and sophomore Jerry Gaines of Canton in the 400.

Seniors selected to the honor team include Joe Frenco of Garden City in the pole vault, Bobby Cushman of Salem in the 800 and Dan Jess of Catholic Central in the 3,200.

Farmington Harrison's 400 relay team repeated as the area's best in that event.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY
Top man: Allen led Salem's distance runners.



Nick Brzezinski Catholic Central



Nick Allen
Plymouth Salem



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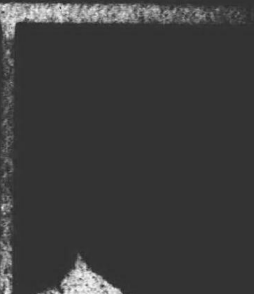
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Brian Cushman
Plymouth Salem



Ryan Kearney
Livonia Churchill

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Conference Gold Division champion and an Observeland champ. He finished third in the state meet with a personal best of 14 feet.

He has a 3.8 grade-point average and will attend Michigan State, where he plans to walk on as a pole vaulter.

"Joe is a very dedicated athlete," coach Rob Phillips said. "He is always there doing the extra things to improve. He is a leader and sets an example for our younger kids to follow. He is also a 'gamer.' He performs when the pressure is on."

Ryan Kearney, senior, Livonia Churchill (150 hurdles): Kearney never lost a dual-meet races in a hurdles event this year.

He was a four-time participant in the state meet; he won regional titles in the 110 and 300 hurdles three straight seasons; he was fifth in 300 hurdles in 1997, second in highs and fourth in intermediates in 1998. A pulled hamstring scratched him from finals at this year's meet.

Kearney, who has a full-ride scholarship to run track at Western Michigan University, also ranked second in Observeland in the high jump and 200 dash, and he anchored the 800-meter relay team.

"Ryan has been an unbelievable track and field talent over his career," coach Rick Austin said. "He has run every event we asked him to run to put us in a position to win a track meet. He is a very classy young man who comes from a terrific family."

"His competitive desire and work ethic is incredible, as evidenced by his performances in bigger meets. His best track and field years are ahead of him."

Kearney also lettered in football and basketball.

Nick Hall, junior, Farmington Harrison (300 hurdles): Hall had second-best time after Ryan Kearney in the 300 hurdles. His best in the 110 hurdles (14.3) was just a tenth of second off Kearney's best. His 40.3 placed 1.2 seconds behind Kearney in the 300.

Hall was the Oakland County and regional champion.

"It was an absolute pleasure to coach Nick this year," coach John Reed said. "No one on the Hawk team worked harder, and all this work clearly paid off for him."

"We look forward to him having a great senior season."

Darryl Anglin, freshman,

Bedford Bishop Borgese (100): Borgese coach Eugene Thomas once held the world record in the 300-meter run (33.7 seconds) so he knows a thing or two about sprinters.

Anglin is one of the best he has coached at Borgese and, though he isn't a high jumper or pole vaulter, the sky is the limit.

Anglin placed in every major invitational Borgese attended. He was seventh at the state meet in the 100 (11.13) and helped the 400 relay finish fourth (44.06) and the 800 relay take third (1:31.16).

He had a personal best time of 10.7 in the 100 preliminaries at the state meet.

"I think he could be one of the top sprinters in the state," Thomas said. "He hates to lose. He rises to the challenge that's in front of him. He enjoys running."

Anglin took third place in the 100 at the Toledo Rocket Invitational, Observeland, Catholic League and Class C regional meets.

Kevin Woods, junior, Farmington Harrison (800): His best time in the 100 equalled Anglin's but his 200 best of 22.2 stood alone.

He was second in the regional in the 200, second at the WAAA meet in the 200 and fourth in the 100.

"Kevin has been one of our top athletes all season," coach John Reed said. "He ran a lot of big races all year and was very consistent."

"Clearly, he is one of the top all-around track athletes in the area."

Jerry Salas, sophomore, Plymouth Canton (400): Salas won all but one dual meet in the 400 this season. His best time of 50.3 was the area's best and a school record. Salas was also a member of the 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams.

"Jerry ran his fastest time at the Meet of Champions," coach Bob Richardson said, "and that set a new Canton record."

He won the 400 at the WAAA meet and was second at the regional.

"Jerry has the potential to be one of the finest overall athletes in Canton history," Richardson said. "His success in track this season should help him prepare for football and basketball in his next two years, as well as in track and field."

Bobby Cushman, senior, Plymouth Salem (800 run): Cushman was injured on the eve of what should have been his greatest high school track season.

After recording the top time in Observeland in the 800 (2:01.5), Cushman figured to be a state qualifier in that event at the regional (the winning time was 2:01.7). But he injured his knee at the regional and did not compete again.

As a junior, he helped Salem set a school record in the 3,200 relay (7:49.9).

"Bobby was becoming one of the team's best 800 runners when he got hurt," coach Geoff Baker said. "He is an outstanding student and runner."

Nick Allen, senior, Plymouth Salem

(1,600 run): Allen had first-place finishes in the 1,600 at the WAAA finals (4:27.8) and the Class A regional (4:22.8). At the state finals, he finished seventh with a season-best 4:19.8.

Allen also placed second in the 800 at the WAAA finals (2:04.0) and was third at the regional in the 3,200 (9:41.1), the latter a state-qualifying time.

He helped Salem win the Observeland Invitational by running on two first-place relays. Allen shares school records in the 6,400, distance medley and 3,200 relays and the 3,200 run. He will attend Wayne State.

"Nick is one of the best runners to come out of Salem," coach Geoff Baker said. "He worked hard at it to become this. He will be tough to replace."

Dan Jess, senior, Bedford GS (8,000 run): Jess had an outstanding cross country season last fall, and he carried the momentum into the spring.

Jess was a Class A regional champion and placed seventh in the state meet (9:37.2). He was runner-up in the 3,200 at the Catholic League meet and was the Operation Friendship champion. Jess had a best time of 9:32.3 in the 3,200.

"It takes a certain mindset to be a distance runner and Dan has it," CC coach Tony Magni said. "Dan is a very talented and hard-working runner whose dedication and determination has enabled him to attain his goals."

"As I mentioned last fall, Dan was our stabilizer and never disappointed us. That certainly carried over to this year's track season."

400 relay, Farmington Harrison (Nick Hall, Ricky Bryant, Andre Davis, Kevin Woods): The Hawks were Observeland Relays and regional champions. They had the area's best time at 43.5 seconds.

"Injuries prevented this team from running often as a unit," coach John Reed said. "When they did run together, they were the fastest foursome in the area. They're a tremendous group of fine athletes who have great futures ahead of them."

800 relay, Farmington High (Andrew Buck, Javon Spinks Mark Otsch, Dustin Gress, Todd Anthony): The Falcons were



Darryl Anglin
Bedford Borgese



Nick Hall
Farmington Harrison



Kevin Woods
Farmington Harrison

with in the state (1:30.8), second in the regional (1:31.8), third in the Western Lakes (1:38.0) and fourth in Oakland County (1:31.9). Buck was a substitute for Spinks in the county meet.

"They worked superbly all season," coach Chip Bridges said. "They were dedicated to the relay and worked hard to make their times and finishes successful."

The same group also set a school record in the 400 relay with a time of 43.8.

1,600 relay, Livonia Franklin (Pat Hayes, Ryan Kracht, Nick Houstalakis, Kevin Schneider): The Patriots had the best area time at 3:27.8. They were first in the Observeland Relays and the regional, and they were second in the Western Lakes and Novi Relays. The Patriots also were unbeaten in dual meets.

"They're a solid group of runners," coach

Dele Lee said. "We were able to rely on them all year. They set their goals early to qualify for the state meet and improved all season."

"They gave us some exciting races this year and were the best 1,600 relay team we've had here in a very long time."

3,200 relay, Plymouth Salem (Gabe Coble, Matt Gill, Joe Little, Nick Allen): With Salem's top 800 runner — senior Bobby Cushman — sidelined with a knee injury, this foursome stepped up at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions to not only finish first but to do it with the best time of the season in Observeland (8:10.8).

The Rocks also won this event at the Observeland Relays and the WAAA championships. Allen and Little are graduating (so is Cushman), but Gill and Coble will get another shot at running on this relay. Gill is a sophomore, Coble a junior.

1,600-meter relay: (clockwise, upper left) Franklin's Pate Hayes, Nick Houstalakis, Kevin Schneider, Ryan Kracht.



3,200-meter relay: (clockwise, from upper left) Salem's Jon Little, Nick Allen, Gabe Coble, Manvir Gill.



800-meter relay: (clockwise, from top) Farmington's Matt Ostach, Andrew Buck, Todd Anthony, Dustin Gress.

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U-7	U-12	Jun 18, 22	6:30-8:30 PM	Dave Paoletti	734-485-8895	Canton City
U-13	U-18	Jun 17, 19	6:30-8:30 PM	Gay W	734-485-8895	Canton City
U-13	U-18	Jun 18, 17	6:30-8:30 PM	Steve Schmeider	734-485-8895	Canton City
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OUTDOORS & FISHING

Wife casts line, likes new sport

My wife Donna bought her first fishing license this year. This isn't her first year of fishing, just the first time in years — since she was a child in fact — that she's had the urge to get back into the sport.

By the time my wife turned 16, the age at which a fishing license is required, she had faded away from the sport and didn't really give it much thought until years later when she hooked up with yours truly.

I finally convinced her last year, on Free Fishing Weekend, to join me on a short outing on a local lake.

Fishing was great and when Donna landed a plump 16-inch largemouth bass her face lit up like a halogen headlight. She was enamored with the sport. By the time the trip came to an end I knew she was back on track.

"Just one more cast," she said with urgency, as I pulled up the anchor and put away the tackle. I knew at that instant she was hooked.

Hooked on fishing

Now I can't take the boat out of the yard without Donna jumping in the van.

If I speak with a buddy and he tells me about a nice bite that's



Bass catch: Westland's Sherry Harnack reeled in a 5.59-pound smallmouth in Lake Erie in the Tri State Bass Anglers tournament.

going on Donna wants to know when and where.

Two weeks ago she gave up an episode of her favorite show — Dawson's Creek — to tag along on a fishing trip with her twin brother Don and I.

I think I've created a monster. Actually, I've just recreated an angler.

That's what Free Fishing Weekend (June 12-13) is all about — to introduce or reintro-

duce someone to the exciting, yet relaxing sport of fishing.

Success report

Several O&E readers have recently experienced hunting or fishing success.

Fifteen-year-old Tim Rize, of Livonia, took his first turkey this spring while hunting in Gladwin County.

You may remember reading about Rize in this column some six years ago when he won the Junior State Turkey Calling contest at the age of nine. Rize put that calling ability to work this spring when he called in a jake and made a great shot at 32 yards.

Westland's Sherry Harnack made a big impression in her very first Tri State Bass Anglers tournament held recently on Lake Erie. Harnack earned Big Bass honors for catching a 5.59-pound smallmouth. She caught the lunker on a 1/8-ounce jig with a watermelon tube bait.

"I was so excited about the fish that I almost forced it in. As a result she went under the boat and jumped on the other side," Harnack said. "I still had a tight line and finally got her in."

Canton's Jeffrey Pusex had an enjoyable time recently while fishing out of Key West, Florida in the Gulf of Mexico.

Fishing aboard the charter-boat Southbound, Pusex earned a pair of citations from the Key West and Lower Keys Fishing Tournament. Pusex landed a 26-pound bull dolphin on 30-pound tackle, and caught and released a 40-pound, 89-inch sailfish, also on 30-pound tackle.

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



Lands dolphin: Using 30-pound tackle, Jeffrey Pusex of Canton recently reeled in a 26-pound bull dolphin near Key West, Fla. in the Gulf of Mexico.

All-City teams earn plaudits

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association (GDBA) recently named its All-City teams for the 36th year, with six bowlers appearing for the first time.

David Ewald of St. Clair Shores leads the rookie contingent as captain of the team with 85 points.

It is no mere coincidence that Steve's sister, Michelle Ewald was also named captain of the Women's Association No. 1 team this year.

Points are tabulated on performance in the GDBA Masters, GDBA Association Tournament, Michigan State Tournament, ABC National Tournament, honor scores and league averages.

The Senior All-City team is compiled from all of the above and performance in the GDBA Senior Masters.

Brian Brennan with 53.5 and Randy Gutowski with 43 points are the other rookies on the first team, rounded out by Kerry Kref (59.5) and Dan Ottman of Troy (48).

Kref, the only holdover from last year's first team, is currently second in the ABC Doubles with Billy Orlikowski at 1,502, which easily paced the GDBA contestants.

Ottman, a member of the 1998 class in the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, fared well on the ABC Tournament lanes in Syracuse, N.Y. He is second among GDBA players in the ABC Doubles with Chris Jones and tops in All-Events.

Rookies Scott Timko (41.5), Joe Krajenke (37) and Gary Schwarze (37) lead the second team, while Doug Evans (38.5) and Jay Lang (38) round it out the squad.

Timko recorded four 300 games, one 299 game and two 800 series. He booked averages of 231, 217, 215 and 212.

Krajenke captured the GDBA Masters and recorded averages of 223 and 213, while Evans bowled well in the GDBA Masters and placed seventh in the GDBA All-Events.

Evans also recorded four 300 games, one 299 game and three 800 series' in addition to averages

of 236, 235 and 231. Lang finished second among GDBA competitors in the ABC All-Events, had two 300 games, one 299 game, one 800 series and averages of 229 and 218.

Honorable mentions included Larry Derby of West Bloomfield, Bill Mueller of Novi, Nick Wisnager, Scotty Laughland and Livonian Ryan Wilson.

This was the 36th year of naming All-City teams by the GDBA. Leading the way on inaugural Senior first team with 93 points is Doug Evans of Lincoln Park, followed by Laughland of Windsor, Harley Trumbull, Ken Charrette and Dick Beattie.

Fred McClain, Lou Ivancik, Ron Byrd Jack Ferns and Harrell Scales are members of the second team.

Honorable mentions included Ed Grant of Rochester Hills, Ed Dudak of Livonia, Larry Dembek, Leo Salachta and Archie Denard.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association is the largest local association of the ABC with more than 67,000 members.

The Detroit Women's Bowling Association (DWBA) is also the nation's largest local association with 47,000 members.

The DWBA has also announced their All-City teams and the Queen of lady bowlers for the 1998-1999 season is Altramase (Mickey) Webb with a 216.6 composite average.

The Queen's court is made up of Michelle Ewald with a 215 composite average and a tie between Lisa McCarty and Sandra Winbigler with 211.5 each.

Ewald was named first team captain with 259 points, followed by Winbigler (190 points), Veronica Tubbs (163), Altramase Webb (157) and Yvonne Jones (136).

The second teams consists of Jo Ann Carter (124), Tamika Glenn of Farmington Hills (123), Erika Mickowski (119), Janel York of Southfield (115) and Novella White (112).

In the DWBA City Tournament, the team handicap champions were Equipment Services made up of captain Pamela Cunha, Tina Kaye of Troy, Carol Bogues, Maria Taleric and Stacy Sanchez.

The winning score was 2,744 (plus-772 handicap pins for a 3,516 winning total).

Teri Niester and Charlene Porzondek took Doubles with 1,319 (plus-148) totaling 1,467.

The singles winner was Kathleen Krok, 718 (plus-105) and a total of 823. Jackie Felker took All-Events honors with 1,601 (plus-588), a total of 2,189.

In the Actual Team events, RJ's

Pro shop won with 2,999 led by captain, Peggy Weller along with teammates Claudia Smith, Nancy Orndy, Muehler and Pomeroy.

In other notable, Muehler and Pomeroy won Doubles with 1,237 and Marianna Durazo took the singles with 751 and All-Events with 2,012.

The winner of the Agnes Holstrom Memorial Award was Sharon Duran with 166 pins over average.

Most improved bowler was Mary Caroran with a 201 from 188 the prior year, a jump of 13 pins.

Nancy McDonald from Troy Lanes was named Secretary of the Year, a most deserving recipient of this honor, congratulations to the men and women who were selected by both associations.

These plaudits are all based on performance, so unlike so many other functions, in bowling it does not matter who you know, but just what have you accomplished on the lanes with your own skills.

Milo Quiton passed away last week at the age of 67.

He was a rather quiet sort, so he let his bowling ball do most of his talking. This was a man who lived to bowl, and it was his determination to bowl more and more that kept him going in the face of incredible adversity.

After surviving two strokes and two heart attacks he came back to top form and even won the Wayne Westland 700 Tournament a few years ago.

Milo was not a guy who would let some physical impairments set him back. He could often be seen in the western Wayne County houses that he competed in unloading his arsenal of equipment on a hand truck.

Here was an example of true grit, for most others would have just quit and sat around.

But not Quiton, for as he said when I asked him how he survived all of his misfortunes, he simply said: "I knew that I had more bowling to do."

He said that was the reason he kept on going.

Milo averaged around the 200 mark for these later seasons and competed in the Mayflower Senior Classic on Wednesdays.

He will be remembered as a tough competitor, with a heart like a lion and a golden right arm which could deliver a powerful and accurate ball despite the fact that he could not walk in a normal manner.

Milo leaves a legacy, showing that with enough courage and determination, the human spirit is capable of almost anything.

PRO TIP OF THE WEEK

Mike Samardja is the owner of the K&S Bowling & Trophy Supply located on Eight Mile Road, west of Farmington Road in Livonia.



Mike has a great track record in tournaments and the Pro Tour. He has five Michigan Majors titles, along with two Senior Michigan Majors victories. Samardja has captured three regional PBA titles and one national title. He has won the Detroit City Masters and was on the GDBA All-City teams many times, which helped him get inducted into the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

Nowadays he and wife Jenny spend more time tending the shop than on the tournament trail.

The subject of this pro tip is an item that is often neglected, or not really given a lot of thought about, and that is bowling shoes.

A lot of bowlers just take this item for granted, but Mike Samardja has other ideas.

"The biggest difference in bowling shoes is in the approaches, especially if you travel to different houses."

"The approaches vary almost as much as the lanes. If the temperatures are high, the approaches tend to be slippery."

"When we bowl in areas where there is high humidity, they tend to be a bit sticky. That is why I have worn custom made shoes for 35 years, a necessity because I have narrow feet, and I have inserts which I can use to

change the bottom friction on the shoes.

"This is a big advantage when the approaches are somewhat different. For a very serious bowler, when you are walking up there, if you don't have good footing you lose your direction and you also lose your leverage on the shot."

"The first thing I do when I go to any competition is set up my shoes for the approach conditions."

"First, I test the runways, then I change the inserts as I see fit."

"If the approaches are sticky, I even have little teflon discs that I can place in the soles of the sliding shoe."

"The difference in most bowling shoes is that if you buy the lower priced variety, they have leather soles on the bottom of both feet, so it doesn't matter if you are right or left-handed."

"These are okay for the casual type of bowler, or someone just starting out. They can range in price from about \$30 to \$50 or so."

"When you get into the more expensive shoes, as I carry both Linds and Dexter, the difference in the sliding sole will only be on the left foot (for righties)."

"The other shoe is the traction foot and that will have a good rubber sole so you don't slip when you are walking up the approach in your delivery."

"The shoes are very important, so the better bowlers will usually pay more and get the quality shoes that are made out of better material, genuine leather uppers, and have better quality bottoms, or changeable sliding soles from Dexter to accommodate most conditions."

scuff up the bottom with a wire brush or emery cloth to keep from sliding too much."

"It is also a good idea to check, and clean the bottoms so you will pick up matter off the floor just from walking around."

"It doesn't matter what kind of shoes you have or how much you paid for them if you step in some water. The moisture will ruin your stock, so be very careful around the water rooms or in the stairways in winter weather."

"I advise putting on a pair of shoe protectors if you think they could get wet. It costs cause you to stick and fall if your soles do get wet."

"When you select your next shoes, consider that the better shoes will last longer. Synthetic shoe styles are made of synthetics and will not hold up as well as leather."

"The cost of leather shoes has gone up in recent years as the use of cattle for food has lessened, so have the hides which are needed to make the shoes."

"The leather bowling shoes are all made in the USA, the synthetics mostly come from overseas."

"Whatever your bowling needs, if you are a beginner or expert, look to your pro shop expert to fit you correctly. The pro shop will determine what you buy, but you will want to get the best value you can, keeping in mind that you may not perform as well if your shoes are not up to the performance level you need."

"The better shoes are \$70 and up mainly because of the materials. Take care of these shoes and they will last you a long time. Use shoe trees and use covers when I put them in the bag."

"When buying leather shoes, let them know if you are left-handed. A lot of the time, not all styles or colors come in a left-handed version."

Virginia rails tough to detect

Surprisingly, even though I had 25 first graders behind me on the trail, I saw a family of birds that are rarely seen — Virginia rails.

Typically a very reclusive bird in the cattail marshes they frequent, rails are seldom seen except when they are forced to fly above the vegetation for very short flights.

I was fortunate to have seen them on the side of the trail poking their heads out from the grasses.

I could tell by the downward shape of the bill, the size of the head and their running reaction to our approach, rather than flying to escape, that they were rails. All these clues together led me to the identification of Virginia rail.

Like all birds, rails have a giz-

ard that stores stones which are used to grind hard food items. Rails eat a lot of insects in their marshy habitat.

Insects, of course, have a hard outside skeleton of chitin, which is hard to digest. In fact, many birds eject the hard skeletons in the form of a pellet, reminiscent of the pellets formed by owls.

The three birds I saw on the side of the trail may have been feeding on some insects, but I suspect they were grabbing some grit for their gizzard. It's hard to find true grit in the middle of a marsh.

Three birds in a group also suggested to me that it was a family. Rails raise precocial young, that means the young hatch from their egg fully feathered and ready to leave the nest in just a matter of hours.

Young birds like rails, ducks and pheasants, are able to leave the egg shells and confining nest that could attract a predator. Then, they follow the female and learn many things, like where to hide and what to eat.

Because rails walk between the stems of densely packed cattail plants, their bodies are flattened from side to side, hence when viewed from the front they look "skinny as a rail."

This body shape and long toes allow them to walk through marsh plants very easily.

Earlier this spring I heard the "tic-tic-tic" sound of the Virginia rail in the same area where I saw the three birds. It sounds like someone tapping two golf ball size rocks together.

Seeing this family verifies that my identification of the song was correct.

If you are in a boat near some cattails, keep your eyes open along the edge of the water, you might see a Virginia rail appear briefly as it searches for food.

Consider yourself lucky if you see one, they are not easy to observe.

NATURE NOTES



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BOWLING HONOR ROLL

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)
Super Summer Trio: Jon Reid, 277; Mark Howes, 248; Erik Lyons, 257; Ron LeChevalier, 249; Butch Cook, 247; Darnell Hayes, 262; Dick Beattie, 276.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Tuesday Summer Trio: Delton Howard, 300; Ken Kubit, 300.
Summer Seniors: Ralph Starkey, 205; Paul Brewer, 252.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)
Youth Travel League Tournament
Western Wayne Youth Traveling

Classic: C.J. Blevins 289/753; Scotty Clemons, 257; Pat Barter, 246-222/653; Roy Mixson, 229/628; Steve Bates, 235/627.

Ward's Travel: Josh Berry, 258-255/704; Jeff Edwards, 225-226/641.

Sunday Youth Classic: Brandon Paris, 224-231/642; Pat Brown, 237/617.
Team standings: 1. Sunday Youth Classic, 12,156 total; 2. Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic, 12,120; 3. Ward's Youth Travel, 11,949.

WESTLAND BOWL
Thursday Nite Summer Trio: Daniel Norman, 288; Joseph Belanger, Jr., 279; Gary Duarard, 279; David Zajac, 279; Ron Le Chevalier, 279.

PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)
Battle of the Sexes: Dave Kaliszewski, 232-235-268/735; Bryan Macek, 265-277-217/759; Jeff Ellenwood, 235-216-259/710; Chuck Morris, 201-265-266/732.

PLUM HOLLOW LANES (Southfield)
Super Trio: Helene Angeline Barton, 300.

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POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad# 1190

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD

This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad# 1098

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad# 5321

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad# 2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad# 1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad# 8565

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-38. Ad# 6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD

She's an outgoing and friendly DWC mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad# 1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad# 4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...

Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad# 5454

START AS FRIENDS

Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad# 2828

SIMPLY YOURS

SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad# 9114

CONSIDER ME

Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad# 2323

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad# 4240

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad# 3138

AVAILABLE

Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'8", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-38, for quality time together. Ad# 1120

JOIN HER...

In celebrating her love for the Lord, she's a SWCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad# 7110

DISCOVER ME

Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'11", who enjoys working out, reading and traveling, would like to meet a Catholic SWPM, 30-48, who enjoys children at home. Ad# 1475

BE SURE TO SMILE

SWPF, 39, 5'8", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad# 7733

ALL THAT & MORE

SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55. Ad# 2655

GOOD LISTENER

DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys long conversations and dining. Ad# 1234

GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad# 3693

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SCF, for a LTR. Ad# 1414

HE COULD BE THE ONE

Catholic DWM, 41, 5'6", of Italian heritage, who enjoys sailing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, with-out children at home. Ad# 2015

PATIENTLY WAITING

He is a humorous Catholic SWPM, 38, 5'10", who's waiting to hear from a SWCF, 24-35. He enjoys the outdoors, working out and spending time with family activities. Ad# 7000

HOPES & DREAMS

Never-married Catholic SWM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys playing pool, traveling and quiet times at home, is searching for a Catholic SWF, under 32. Ad# 2222



Light Up Your Life With Romance

GET IN STEP

If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad# 4163

ONE OF A KIND

Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecue's, candlelight dinners, cedar point and camping, seeks LTR, with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. West Bloomfield area. Ad# 5858

AVID DOWNHILL SKIER

Handsome SWCPM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-38, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad# 1550

DESTINY

Outgoing, self-employed SWM, 38, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys hockey, working out and the outdoors, is seeking an open-minded SWF, 28-38, who is willing to try new things. Ad# 1999

OPEN ARMS

Never-married SWM, 36, 5'11", with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, weekends at his cottage and spending time at the lake, wants to meet a sweet SF, 18-43. Children welcome. Ad# 3884

AMAZING GRACE

Born-Again DW dad of two, 38, 6'1", who enjoys church activities, working on cars and more, is seeking a well-rounded SWCF, 44 or under. Ad# 1944

CONFIDENT

Very handsome and honest SWCM, 35, 6'2", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-35, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1201

SETTLE DOWN

Personable SWPM, 52, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing and more, is seeking a sweet, humorous SWF, 45-50, for a happy life together. Ad# 4567

THE MOON, STARS & YOU

Take moonlit walks with the nice, self-employed DWM, 42, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker. He is looking for a nice SWF, under 50, who also enjoys the outdoors, roller blading, camping and working out. Ad# 4212

LET'S MEET SOON

Sincere SWM, 33, 5'8", seeks an affectionate, attractive SWF, under 35., who enjoys dining out, movies and fun. Ad# 9885

HEART TO HEART

Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad# 4653

MAKE THAT CHOICE

Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad# 4545

PUTS GOD FIRST

This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 26-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad# 6667

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

THINK YOU'RE THAT LADY?

DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad# 1885

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME

Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad# 3524

NEW IN TOWN

Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DW dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad# 3841

NEVER-MARRIED

Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad# 1970

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST

Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad# 4275

THE MARRYING KIND

Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad# 2328

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad# 1951

HONESTY COUNTS

Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad# 2843

MOMS WELCOME

Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad# 2415

SOMEONE SPECIAL

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CANOE DAY
 Join REI and Mad River Canoe and test paddle a selection of Mad River Canoes on Kent Lake during Mad River You Can Canoe Day, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Kensington Metropark. This program is open to newcomers and veteran canoe enthusiasts. There will be hands-on paddling demonstrations and trained staff to assist participants. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

GREAT U.S. HIKES
 Learn the history of the Appalachian Trail, how to prepare for a long backpacking trip, trail safety, hiking tips and more during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at REI in Northville. For more information call (248) 347-2100.

FLY TYING
 Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-5440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
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CLIMBING CLASS
 An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS
 Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Saturday, June 19, with a tournament on Wixom Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information. Additional stops on the Top Bass Tournament Trail are June 27 on Belleville Lake, July 11 on Lobbell Lake, July 17 on Wixom Lake, July 31 on Sanford Lake, and Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

TRUSSA YOUTH DERBY
 Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America is hosting a Youth Fishing Derby beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston. The derby is open to anglers age 10 and under and there is a \$3 registration fee. For more information contact Jeff Harwin at (248) 373-1531 or Marvyn Aronowski at (248) 969-0000 or send a mail to...

MOTOR CITY COUNTRY
 The 12th annual Motor City...

Charity Bass Classic will be held Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair. The tournament is hosted by Lake St. Clair Bass Anglers to raise money for ARC Services of Macomb. Entry fee is \$160. For more information call Dave Hargrave at (810) 469-1600.

ST. CLAIR OPEN
 The Backlashers Bass Club will hold its 12th annual Lake St. Clair Open two-person bass tournament beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Team entry fee is \$80 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger Hayslip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Taraszkewicz at (313) 538-1203 or Jeff Mangrum at (313) 937-2190.

KENT LAKE OPEN
 Clinton Valley Bass Anglers will hold its sixth annual Kent Lake Open, a two-man team tournament, beginning at 6 a.m. Sunday, June 20, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$100 per team and only cash will be accepted at the launch. To pre-register and for more information call Kevin Dyer at (248) 873-4676.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
 Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27, on Lake St. Clair. Entry fee is \$80 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after June 23. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments July 18 on Lk. St. Clair, Aug. 8 on Orchard Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

ARCHERY

ROYAL OAK ARCHERS will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 20, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 629-8354 or (248) 599-2490 for more information.

ROYAL OAK ARCHERS will hold a two-day International Bowhunter Organization World Qualifier shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 629-8354 or (248) 599-2490 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
 The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot for free. The range is located at 466-2410 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) 832-0444 for more information.

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.

ACTIVITIES

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.

SEASON/DATES
BEAR SEASON
 Bear season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers.

FOUR SEASONS
 The Four Seasons 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.

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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) 699-6910 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. There will be a salmon fishing seminar, covering trolling, dodgers, spoons, down-riggers, Loran and GPS units at the June 1 meeting. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 479-5037 for more information.

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.

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 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays 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.

FISHING BUSINESS
 The Fishing Business Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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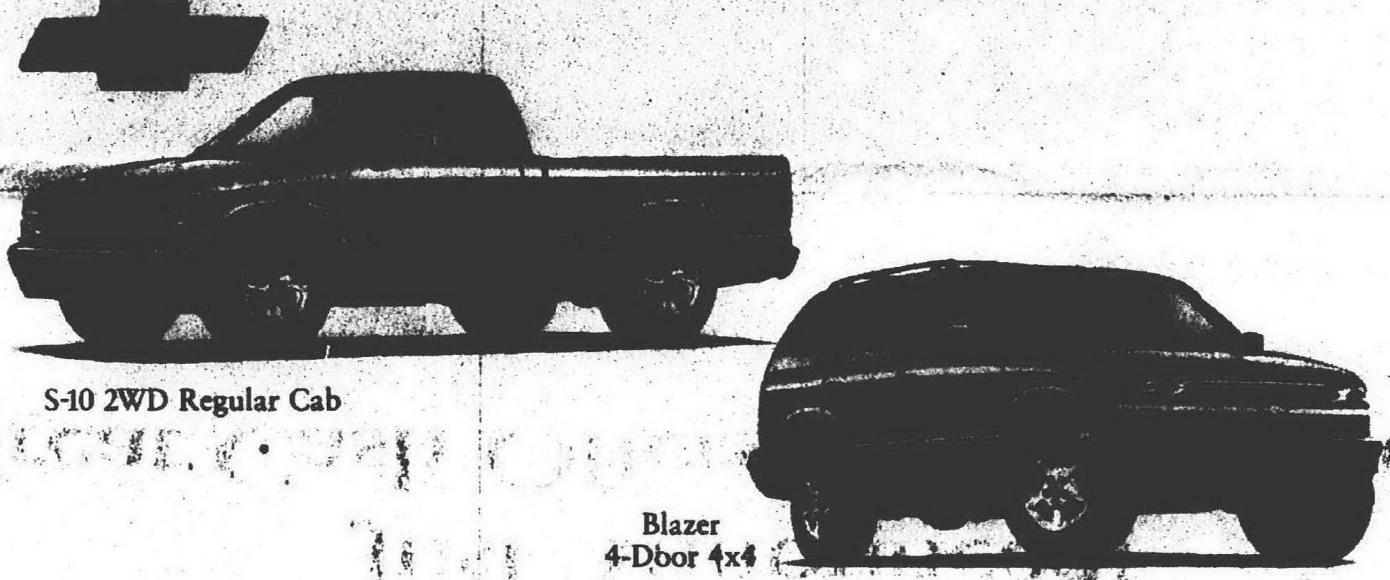
BASS ASSOCIATION
 The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2663 for more information.

SOLAR
 The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 969-6658 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
 Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (akeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle ranges hours are 8 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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