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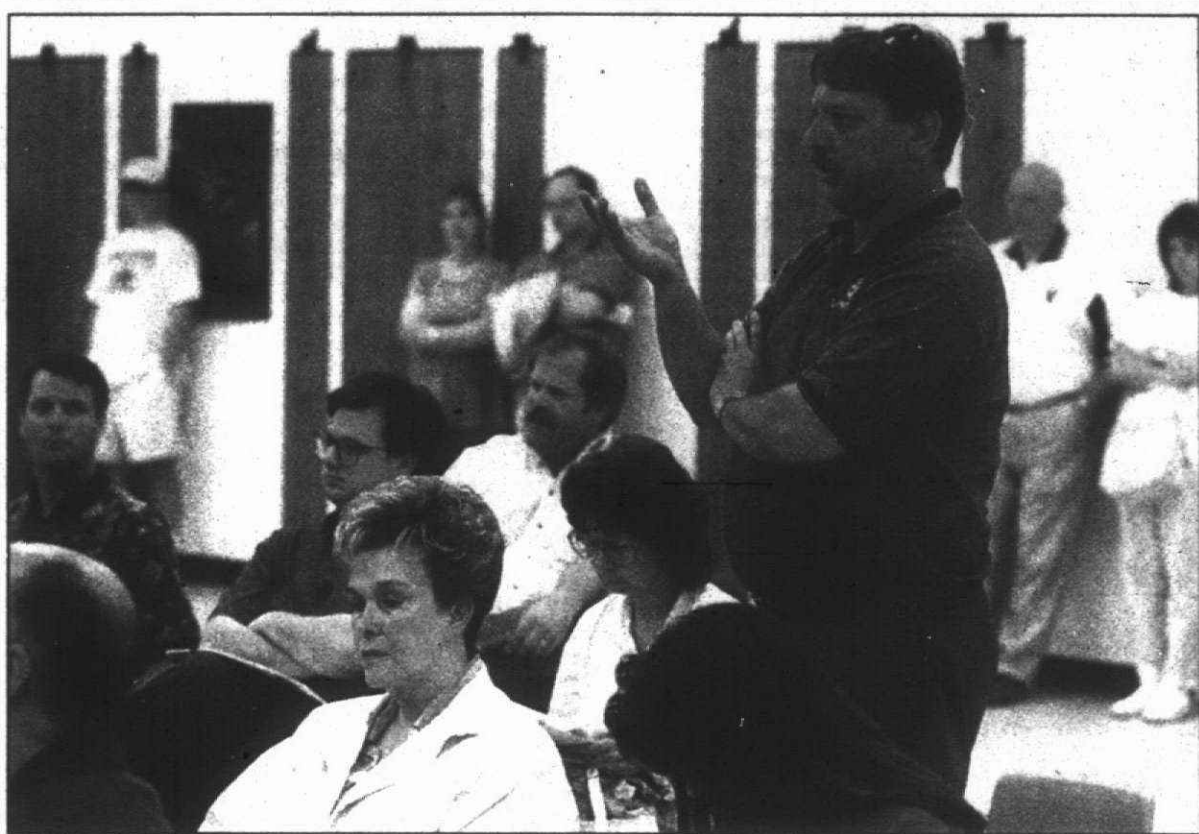
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Be sure to include your name, your mother's name, your address and telephone number. You may send a photo, however, judging will be based on your message.

We will print as many entries as possible on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. The contest is open to readers of all ages.



Crash concerns: Canton resident Paul King questions Supervisor Tom Yack about the significance of Mettetal Airport to the growing community. Public safety officials met with residents Friday regarding last week's freakish airplane crash in a Canton neighborhood.

Court plan OK'd

■ Designs have been agreed upon for the new district courthouse. The new facility will have three stories.

After months of haggling over size versus cost, the 35th District Court Authority has agreed on designs for a new, three-story courthouse to replace the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice which burned down last July.

The authority, which represents the cities of Plymouth and Northville, as well as Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships, voted 5-0 Thursday to have the architect move ahead with plans to build a 44,481-square-foot courthouse, with an estimated price tag of \$7,255,000.

"I'm satisfied," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "The number of courtrooms, the site and planning for the future all drove the design. Without those constraints, we may have been able to do something different. There are very few alternatives."

The new proposal is the second scaled-down version of the original site plan, which was a 53,173-square-foot facility at a cost of \$8.92 million.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, who still expressed cost concerns, at one point suggested a two-story structure that would allow construction of a third floor at a later date. However, she eventually voted in favor of the proposed plan.

"We need to be aware of costs and minimize them where we can," she

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THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

School board: The Plymouth-Canton school board will meet 7 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School, on Joy Road, west of Canton Center.

Township board: The board of trustees will meet 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

SATURDAY

Info Expo: Residents can learn all about services available from the township at the first Canton Community Information Expo. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. All township offices will be open and staffed with employees who will answer questions.

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Crash causes airport concerns

Emotional thank yous were given to Canton residents who sprung into action last week to help rescue two aviators from a burning Cessna 150J that crashed in the Nottingham Forest neighborhood in the Ford and Lilley area.

Canton Public Safety met with about 50 residents Friday night in the auditorium of Miller Elementary School to answer questions in regards to the

tragic crash.

The first thank yous came from family members of student pilot Malcolm Stinson and flight instructor Philip Kahler. The second came from Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

The neighborhood was strewn into panic last Saturday when the Cessna reportedly began sputtering and then, crashed onto a sidewalk on Avon Street,

just west of Woodcreek, where it burst into flames.

The seriously injured aviators were rescued by residents, police and firefighters.

Bill and Jean Stinson said their brother, 41, is currently in a coma suffering from several broken bones and burns at the Burn Center of the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Kahler is suffering from

serious burns, but has been upgraded to fair condition at U-M, according to his wife.

The questions residents posed to Santomauro, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher and township Supervisor Tom Yack were not only in regards to the police and fire department's emergency response actions that night, but also in regards

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Teacher union votes on 3-year contract

Teachers in the Plymouth-Canton school district will vote Tuesday and Wednesday on a three-year tentative contract agreement reached earlier this month.

"We finished all the details and contractual changes this week, and there weren't any snags," said Plymouth Canton Education Association chief negotiator Tom Cotner. "We even finished the calendar for the second and third year of the contract, so everything is in order. There's nothing left undone."

The 875 teachers were to have copies of the contract Friday, and a general membership meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

"We should know by Wednesday afternoon the results of the voting," said Cotner. "I expect it to pass easily."

The union leadership is recommending approval of the contract to its members.

The agreement calls for a 2-percent wage increase the first year, with 2.5-percent increases in each of the next two years. The contract also calls for a \$60,000 buyout for teachers at the top end of the wage scale who want to leave.

If the agreement is ratified by members of the teacher's union, it will then go to the board of education for approval.

Police seize guns, drugs from Canton storefront

A Canton warehouse allegedly served as a front for a drug operation.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Narcotic Enforcement Team, with the assistance of Canton police, raided the warehouse at 41735 Joy, east of Lilley.

Police confiscated 28 pounds of marijuana, 10 grams of powder cocaine, three semi-automatic pistols, two revolvers, one derringer, five shotguns and three rifles.

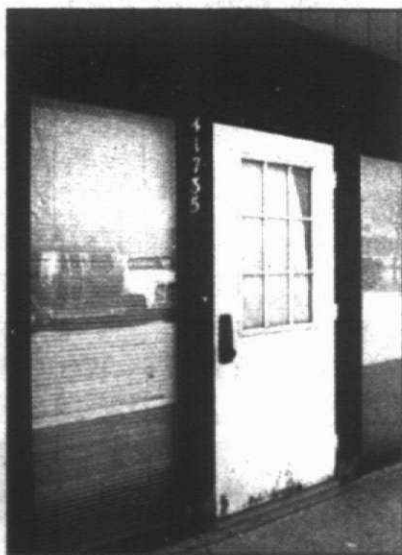
Three men were arrested in the raid. Michael Yoh of Canton pleaded not guilty Thursday at his arraignment before 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe on charges of delivery and manufacturing and possession of cocaine. Bond was set at \$10,000 cash.

A preliminary exam for Yoh is set for May 4 before Lowe.

Two other men arrested during the raid were released pending further investigation.

"We set up a surveillance and an individual led us to that location," said Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano. "We saw the actual delivery and were able to obtain a search warrant."

Ficano said the sting is part of an ongoing investigation and could result in more arrests.



Raid: A Joy Road warehouse was raided by Wayne County Sheriff's deputies and Canton police Wednesday afternoon. Police seized 14 guns and 28 pounds of marijuana.



Don't go: Substitute teacher Cindy Haas is grateful for the efforts of students Katie Robiadek and Aroti Achari.

Students rally to save 2 substitute teachers

Life isn't fair.

That may be the real lesson learned this year by some Allen Elementary and Plymouth Salem High School classmates.

Parents, teachers and students are hoping Plymouth-Canton school officials can be convinced to change their minds as they pull out all the stops to save the jobs of two substitute teachers ... one at Allen, the other at Salem.

The subs have become an integral part of the students' lives. However, since they've been employed for 150 days, the district has to either offer them contracts or let them go with a few weeks left in the school year. That's according to state law.

In both cases, despite pleading by students, parents and teachers, the substitute teachers will be let go ... leaving elementary school students to adjust for a third time this school year and forcing an entire high school psychology class to be given important college-bound grades by a teacher who won't even know

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Rally: Kathleen Sykes wants the school district to keep current substitutes working until the end of the year.



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Teachers from page A1

who they are.

A petition signed by 35 Allen Elementary teachers has been sent to school administrators and the board of education, asking that fourth-grade teacher Julie Jones be retained, despite the completion of her 150 days.

Students found out early in the year their regular teacher would be leaving because of cancer. Jones had some big shoes to fill, but apparently won over the hearts of both students and parents ... meeting both academic as well as emotional needs.

"We want the district to know how wonderful she is as an educator," said teacher Kathleen Sykes, one of the petition signers. "We're asking the district to consider the needs of the kids. They've gone through a very difficult year, and they've bonded with Julie. She's gone beyond what we typically think as a substitute's role."

The efforts haven't gone unnoticed by parents, either.

"It's emotional for these kids to lose a teacher, but Mrs. Jones

has done a fabulous job with the students," said Cathy Donaldson of Canton, whose 10-year-old son John will be affected by another change. "Now, take away a second teacher with only six weeks to go, that could have a real damaging affect."

Donaldson says she and other parents have written the administration and the board of education, but to no avail.

The fourth-grade class even sent a seven-page letter, hoping to keep their teacher.

"My daughter got a response from (Superintendent) Dr. (Charles) Little, and the class started crying when she read his response, saying Mrs. Jones would have to leave," said Debbie Buijk of Plymouth Township.

"I think it's awful, the whole class is extremely upset," said Cherri Buijk, 10. "She is the best teacher in the whole world."

"It will be so hard to say goodbye," said Amber Tunis, 10, also of Plymouth Township.

Friday is expected to be a sad one at Allen school ... Jones' last

administration doesn't plan to offer her a contract.

"I don't think they're interested in the students," said Achari.

"There's so much red tape, and obviously if there's a problem then something needs to be changed," argued Robiadek.

Lynne Boiling of Canton, whose daughter is in Haas' class, talked to administrators about the situation.

"I understand the law, but common sense says the teacher should be allowed to finish out the school year," she said. "It always seems to be the kids that suffer in a situation like this."

School superintendent Chuck Little says the district's hands are tied.

"The issue is not about the teacher, abilities, needs or wants," said Little. "The issue is one that needs to be addressed by legislators in Lansing."

"Hiring is an important process," added Little. "We choose to use that process, instead of just offering contracts, because it works ... and has given us good teachers."

The students at Allen Elementary and Plymouth Salem High School would argue that Dr. Little is missing out on two of the best.

Here are our feelings

Dear Sirs:

Our class felt that you should know about our feelings for our substitute or should I say "teacher." As you know, she might be leaving us May 1, according to law. Here are our feelings ...

"Mrs. Jones has the characteristics of an incredible teacher" **Tiffany Richards**

"She is a real good math teacher" **John Donaldson**

"Mrs. Jones is a very good teacher and we don't want another one" **Sarah**

"You can never find a better teacher than Mrs. Jones" **Angela Shammee**

"Mrs. Jones is the best geography teacher" **Kyle Kowalski**

"Mrs. Jones has been our teacher for almost the whole year, and she deserves to stay" **Juliana Sartor**

"Mrs. Jones makes things better for us" **Meghan Hill**

"There's no other teacher like her" **Amber Tunis**

"Mrs. Jones has been our teacher for a long time" **Sara Swartz**

"Mrs. Jones is incredible, she cares so much about us, she gave me courage and confidence, and I really love her. Please don't make her leave us!" **Cherri Buijk**

As you can see our feelings about Mrs. Jones are very, very strong. We indeed do, very much respect our teacher Mrs. Jones. A lady of happiness, intelligence, discipline, and care. So I ask you, Dr. Little, can you truly see the inseparable love binding Mrs. Jones and we, a class together forever?

Sincerely,
Cherri R. Buijk

Second Thoughts

Former anchor shares positive ideals

Former anchor Mort Crim said that he left his high-profile TV news job to make a more positive impact.

"I wanted to help bring some perspective to what has become a very negative media image of reality," Crim told nearly 400 who heard him speak Wednesday at Fox Hills Golf Club.

Crim was the featured speaker at an Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth Libraries and sponsored by the Observer-Hometown Newspapers.

Crim said reporters and media executives don't set out to be negative. But he said the nature of news is to focus on the unusual, which is often negative.

"The building that does not collapse is not

news," he said.

Crim said this becomes magnified in the modern technological age. He said the public becomes peppered with negative images, which help create an aura of doom and gloom and despair.

He recalled a routine by comedian Wally Cox, who claimed he'd put a newspaper away, to read it two weeks later. "That way he could say, 'Thank God that's not happening now,'" Crim said.

He said more competition in the news business forces companies to do more with less. That means emphasis on spot news - fires, police matters or disasters - that are more inexpensive to report than investigative pieces on education or other issues.

"There's not a conspiracy," Crim said, adding the news business is no different from other bottom-line watching businesses as well as Detroit.

Despite the seeming negative tone of news coverage, Crim said, "The world is not worse than it's been before. Look at the progress we're making."

The procession of seeming negative images should not overpower the viewer. "You are more in control of your world than you think," he said.

Crim directed a career change while still serving as news anchor at Channel 4. He

wrote sample two-minute radio pieces and began shopping a series titled, "Second Thoughts with Mort Crim."

"I put everything I wrote to a test. Does it inspire, does it motivate?" he said.

Some radio network executives passed on the idea. "They said it's too soft, it doesn't have an edge," Crim said. Radio executives prefer programs that get listeners mad, like Rush Limbaugh's, he said.

Finally, Kmart agreed to sponsor the syndicated show, now on 702 stations nationwide. Crim said Chrysler is now a second sponsor.

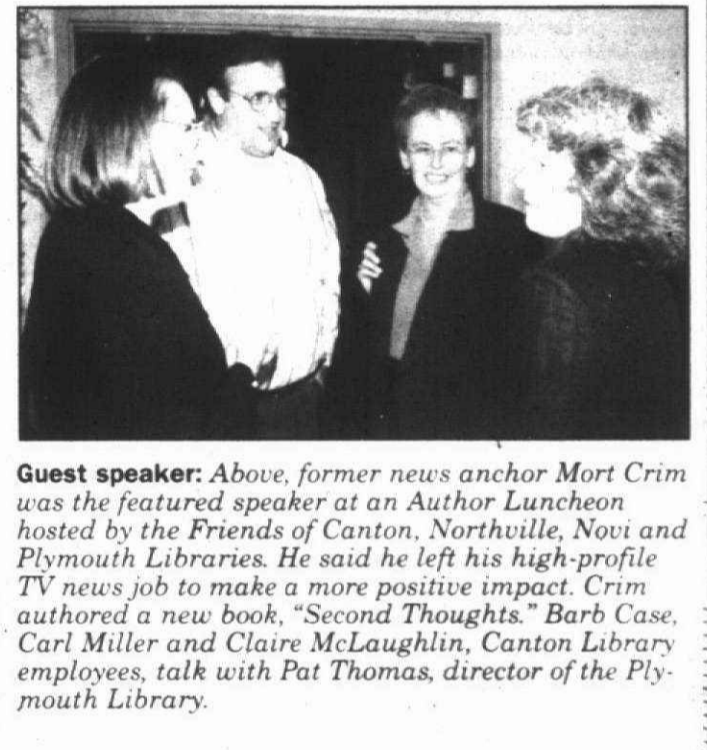
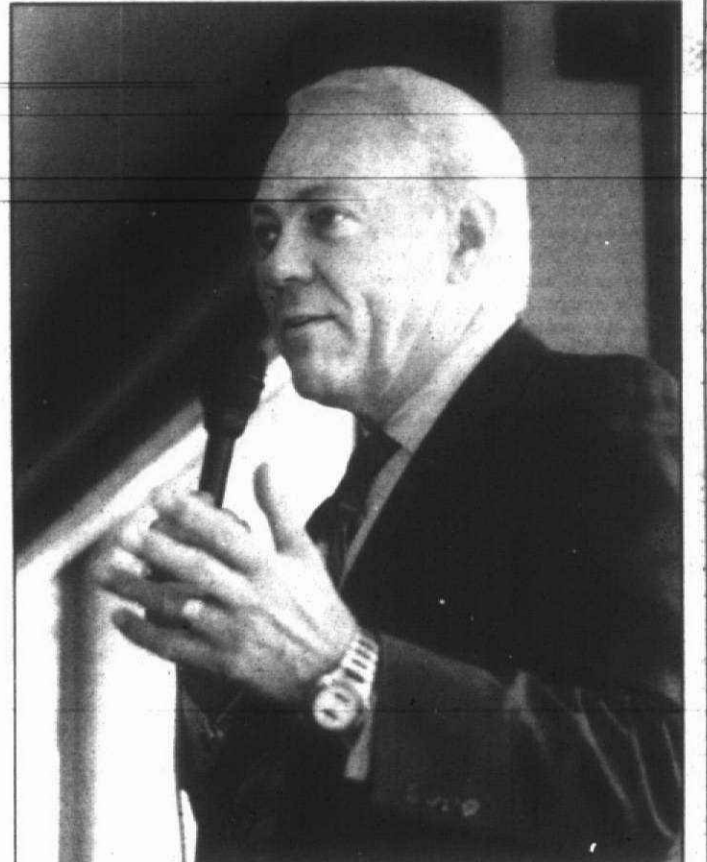
"I think this country is hungry for, as Paul Harvey would say, 'The rest of the story,'" said Crim.

He has filled in for Harvey on his syndicated radio show and has worked as a TV news anchor in Chicago and Philadelphia as well as Detroit.

Crim's talk "was moving, motivational," said Ray Van Hoek, president of the Canton Library Board of Trustees. "His voice is mesmerizing to me."

Carl Miller of Ypsilanti said, "I was quite impressed to hear somebody on the front line of news say what he said."

Crim signed copies of his book, "Second Thoughts," after the talk.



Guest speaker: Above, former news anchor Mort Crim was the featured speaker at an Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth Libraries. He said he left his high-profile TV news job to make a more positive impact. Crim authored a new book, "Second Thoughts." Barb Case, Carl Miller and Claire McLaughlin, Canton Library employees, talk with Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth Library.



Second thoughts: Above, Canton Library Board of Trustees president Ray Van Hoek listens to Mort Crim speak. At right, Evelyn Devlin of Plymouth Township has her copy of "Second Thoughts" signed by Crim.

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OBITUARIES

CONSTANCE ANN DRISTY

Services for Constance Ann Dristy, 52, of Plymouth were April 24 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Nov. 28, 1945, in Detroit. She died April 20 in Plymouth Township. She worked at Maryknoll Missionaries in Detroit for the past nine years. Previously, she worked at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. She previously did volunteer work with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

She was preceded in death by her father, Russell, and one brother, Russell Jr. Survivors include her husband, Garry of

Masons, the Northville Commandery No. 39, Northville Council No. 30; The Prince Edward College York Rite; and the Plymouth Chapter No. 115 Order of the Eastern Star.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Orbie Mynatt. Survivors include his wife, Ellen V. Mynatt of Plymouth, one son, David (Fatsy) Mynatt of Jacksonville, Ala.; one daughter, Joyce (Mike) Herter of Plymouth; two sisters, Lucille Quinlan of South Lyon, Dorothy Rowley of South Lyon; one brother, George (Marion) Mynatt of Highland, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Plymouth First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

LEROY WILLINGTON REEVES

Services for Leroy Willington Reeves, 78, of Plymouth were April 23 at the Schrader-Howell

Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Gilbert Sanders officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

He was born March 10, 1920, in Livonia. He was the owner/operator of Leroy's Appliance in Flat Rock for more than 50 years.

He came to the Plymouth community in 1984 from Flat Rock. He was a member of the Livonia Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the U.S. Power Squadron, the Euchre Club. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his son, Ronald (Susan) Reeves of the Woodlands, Texas; two daughters, Lilah (Mike) McKoven of Lansing, Linda (Terry) Owens of Ridge, N.Y.; one brother, Ralph Reeves of Riverview; friend, Beulah Jacobson of Plymouth; and seven grandchildren.

Thief enters home, steals purse while residents sleep

A home on the 42000 block of Bolden Court in the Lilley and Saltz area was burglarized between 1-8:30 a.m. April 16.

A purse was stolen from the kitchen table of the house, however, the homeowner didn't know it was missing until a neighbor found three of her credit cards outside.

Police believe the thief entered the house through the garage using a garage door opener found in an unlocked pickup truck parked outside. Nothing was reported missing from the 1989 Ford pickup.

■ A \$1,185 buffer and \$782 camcorder were stolen from a garage on the 42000 block of Saltz sometime between 4 p.m. April 15 and 3 a.m. April 16. The thief entered the garage through

an open door.

Larceny

Approximately \$250 was stolen from a business on the 3800 block of Lilley sometime between 6:30 p.m. April 17 and 10 a.m. April 20.

On April 17, a car drove through the front window of the business resulting in a board being put over the window.

When the owner returned to the business Monday morning, he discovered a cash drawer open and money missing.

■ Nine orange pylons, valued at \$140, were stolen from a driving school operating at Super-Bowl Lanes on Ford Road, east of Canton Center.

The instructor from Alcon

Drivers Testing said the pylons were set up as obstacles in the parking lot for drivers being tested. The pylons were stolen while the instructor and student were driving on main roads.

A witness did get license plate numbers of two vehicles involved in the theft.

Arson

Police are investigating a possible suspect in an arson fire on the 3900 block of Chevoit in the Cherry Hill and Lotz area. A resident told police she took garbage out to the curb about 4 p.m. April 16. Several hours later, she saw flames shooting up from the garbage. Neighbors used fire extinguishers to put out the flames. Police have a possible suspect.

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CANTON CONNECTION

Fishing derby

The fish are biting and you don't have to go far to get them.

The annual Kids Fishing Derby sponsored by Canton's parks and recreation department is set for Saturday, May 2 on the ponds at Heritage Park.

The ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout for Canton boys and girls 15 and under. Participants may select a one-hour time period between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for fishing. Each person is responsible for his own equipment and bait. Prizes will be raffled off each hour.

Admission is \$1 per child, to be paid on the day of the event.

Advance registration is required in person or by calling 397-5110. The advance registration deadline is April 30.

There will be additional open registration on the day of the event, space permitting.

Participants are advised to arrive early since check-in ends 10 minutes after each scheduled hour.

Volunteers honored

The Canton community paid tribute to 150 volunteers last Sunday with a reception at the Summit.

The honorees were people who volunteered either individually or as part of a local school, civic or church group during the past year.

Guest speaker was humor consultant Sheila Feigelson.

The reception coincided with National Volunteer Week, which is celebrated April 19 through April 25.

Grand opening

Dr. Robert E. Potter has opened the Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic at 6231 Canton Center, Suite 109.

A grand opening has been scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Saturday, with tours and a chance to meet the staff at the new facility.

Potter has been a practicing chiropractor in Canton since 1989.

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to operations at Mettetal Airport.

Resident Paul King questioned Yack about Mettetal's future in growing Canton Township. Since Mettetal is a small recreational airport and doesn't have a control tower, flight patterns are recommended, but not mandated by the FAA.

"What can we do to stop that?" one resident asked. Another wanted to know if restrictions could be placed on flight training. The answers to both questions were no.

"It really doesn't matter what you and I think, it's not going to go anywhere," Yack told the audience. "The state has spent \$7 million on it already, the acquisition alone cost \$4 million."

Yack, who was opposed to the state's purchase of the private airport in 1992, said Clerk Terry Bennett, who sits on Mettetal's citizens advisory council will take many of those questions to the board at their next meeting.

Resident Bill Brown, also a pilot, helped answer some concerns, including one resident who said the planes seemed to be flying at lower and lower altitudes. The small planes fly between 1,700 and 3,000 feet. Any higher would interfere with Detroit Metro Airport flight patterns, he said.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also is set to address concerns of toxic fuel. Rorabacher said it has been estimated that only three gallons of aviation fuel are missing from the Cessna's 26-gallon tank based on what was used by the pilots, what burned and what was recovered from the accident scene.

"I'd be more concerned about glass," Rorabacher told one woman who was concerned if her children can walk barefoot across the grass.

The first 911 call came in at 6:28 p.m. and the first police officer to arrive on Avon Street was there within one minute, Santomauro said. Officer Andy Curry helped residents pull Stinson from the burning plane.

The first fire engine arrived at 6:31 p.m. with four firefighters.

Westland firefighters were called in to help because the department is operational as Advanced Life Support (ALS), meaning their firefighters are trained paramedics. Canton's firefighters are EMTs. However, ALS training begins in Canton next week, said Rorabacher.

Bob Loveland of Avon Street told residents he was concerned with residents suffering trauma from what they saw that night.



Mettetal: Longtime resident and pilot Bill Brown explains the guidelines that pilots should follow when taking off or landing at the airport.



Issues: Director of Public Safety John Santomauro explains police and fire response to the plane crash.

As a pharmacist with Saint Joseph Mercy Health Center, Loveland said St. Joe's was willing to provide a free confidential counseling session for any resident affected by the plane crash. Interested residents can call (734) 712-4096.

As Yack pointed out during the meeting, "It's like someone who hasn't bought a new car lately, they get sticker shock."

The four planned courtrooms survived the blueprint cuts with only minor changes. The plans also retain conference rooms, a

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said. "I wanted to discuss additional options, which we did, to make sure we considered everything. I've heard the bids are coming in about 25 percent higher because of all the construction in the area."

Architect Dennis Dundon of the Southfield architectural firm of Quicquard, Dixon, Peterson and Argenta Inc. warned the authority repeatedly that today's construction market is volatile.

"It's very difficult to estimate construction costs in today's market," said Dundon. "If the figures are too conservative, it can kill a project."

Judges' concerns

The two judges who preside over the court have some reservations concerning the downsized square footage, especially in the hallways which handle much of the pre-court activities. And, neither judge likes the removal of the security elevator.

"I have security concerns because of the lack of a prisoner elevator," said Judge Ron Lowe. "Ultimately, there should never be interaction between prisoners and staff. Prisoners should be in a secured area from the basement on up."

"I have some concerns about security and the downsizing of the building," said John MacDonald, the court's chief judge. "And, based on our projections, with the shrinking of the plans we can't say this new building will meet our needs through the year 2020 as we had planned."

"We are behind schedule by a couple of months and we need to get up to speed," said MacDonald. "Hopefully the bids will come in on target."

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters is confident the bids will be on the money.

"Hopefully we'll get bids more favorable than the estimates," said Walters. "It's going to be several months before we start bidding, and if some of those other big projects come out, it could be a tight market. But I think we'll be pretty safe."

Dundon says it could be another five months before groundbreaking occurs.

Construction boom

The concern stems from the construction of new stadiums in Detroit, expansion at Metro Airport, and the expectation of casinos, all of which will drive construction bids higher. There are also worries about enough labor being available to complete projects on time.

Yack believes the problem for some of the communities resulted from the fact they would have to give up revenues they receive from the court, money which goes into their general funds.

"I think it's difficult for some to give up that money," said Yack. "Although there were times revenues were held back to pay for renovations and mechanical problems, it takes a while to get used to the fact you have to dig deeper and build something brand new. We can't build the old building, we have to upgrade."

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Federal road aid 'Fairplay' formula will benefit local communities

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Counties and cities would get a bigger chunk of federal road aid under a "Fairplay" formula proposed by House Democrats in Lansing.

"Nothing in the federal law prohibits us from doing this," said Rep. Clark Harder, D-Owosso, chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on transportation. "This is very appealing to local officials. I hope (Gov. John) Engler supports it."

Here is how "Fairplay" differs from Engler's proposal:

■ He intends to meet with southeastern Michigan public transportation officials on the conflict over routes between Detroit's DOT bus system and the suburban SMART system. "At this point, the bill is silent on penalties" against SMART proposed by Detroit, Harder said. "My concern is that we not hold a gun that jeopardizes SMART's millage renewal."

SMART is due to go on the ballot in suburban Wayne, much of Oakland and all of Macomb counties Aug. 4 to renew a fraction of a mill property tax those voters approved three years ago for public buses.

Harder acknowledged he was being pushed in one direction by Rep. Keith Stallworth, D-Detroit, and in the other by Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford.

■ He will boost public transportation grants by 10 percent, to \$156 million from the current year's \$134 million.

■ He wants to make the Jobs Commission run freeway Welcome Centers out of

general fund money rather than allow it to take \$3.9 million out of the transportation fund, which is financed by fuel taxes. Harder said the Jobs Commission agreed a year ago to use general fund money. He said the Welcome Centers are "largely tourist promotions" that shouldn't be supported by fuel taxes.

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McPhail to address Westland Dems Club

Sharon M. McPhail, candidate for the office of Wayne County executive, is scheduled to address the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

McPhail, an attorney, will discuss her qualifications and candidacy at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House (Howe Meeting House), 37025 Marquette, which is one block east of Newburgh.

Now a partner in the Detroit law firm of Feikens, Stevens, Kennedy, Hurley & Galbraith, McPhail in 1993 beat out a field of over 20 other candidates to become the first woman ever to win a Detroit mayoral primary election.

A graduate of Northeastern Law School, she is on the senior advisory council of a justice and civil rights group established by President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

She also is involved with numerous charitable, religious and civic organizations, including the National Kidney Foundation, the Greater New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, the National Bar Association and the Detroit branch of the NAACP.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 1998-99 ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 1998 CDBG PROGRAM

On April 23, 1998 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be accepted on the 1998-99 Canton Center Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91.92, 570, 574 and 906 (August 5, 1994/Proposed Rules), which replaces the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The document plus the Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Resource Development Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Comments received during the review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Plan. The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 1998. Comments received after that date but before May 23, 1998, will also be appended to the Plan. The 1998-99 Action Plan does not deviate from the 1996-97 Consolidated Plan. The Plan maintains the housing rehabilitation program as the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township, and funds the program adequately to rehabilitate three owner-occupied single family detached homes during 1998-99. Canton Township, when appropriate and after diligent review, will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate income residents and others who most relevant federal criteria for housing need. Canton Township will not support the loss of subsidized housing units in Canton. There are no homeless in Canton Township supported by census data and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and that it is in compliance with a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

On April 16, 1998 The Canton CDBG Advisory Council adopted the following projects and funding levels for the FY 1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for recommendation to the Canton Board of Trustees for approval at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 28, 1998. The FY 1998 allocation is \$423,000 as determined by Congress. FY 1998 CDBG project recommendations: Program Administration, \$29,110; First Step, \$26,850; Child and Family Service Adult Day Care, \$4,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; Salvation Army summer day camp, \$13,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$2,500; Housing rehabilitation, \$44,540; Harrison Drain improvements (multi-year project), \$260,000; ADA Doors Retrofit, Community Center Building, 46000 Summit Parkway, \$6,000; Construction contingency, \$20,000; Total: \$423,000.

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Future move creates anxiety for Lowell Middle

While there are still two full school years left for students and teachers at Lowell Middle School, anxiety is starting to build at the school, which will be vacated by the Plymouth-Canton school district in the summer of 2000.

Livonia school officials say the 1999-2000 lease will be the last, and Plymouth-Canton school administrators are quickly planning a bond proposal to construct a middle school at Canton Center and Hanford roads in Canton. Without the new school, overcrowding, split shifts or an extended school year could become a reality.

Meanwhile, at Lowell, principal Roche LaVictor is trying to keep things in perspective.

"There's concern, and we've talked about it," said LaVictor.

"We will carry on business as if we're going to be here forever. If we start being down, the students will feed off that, then we'll have some real bad problems."

And if anyone knows, it's LaVictor.

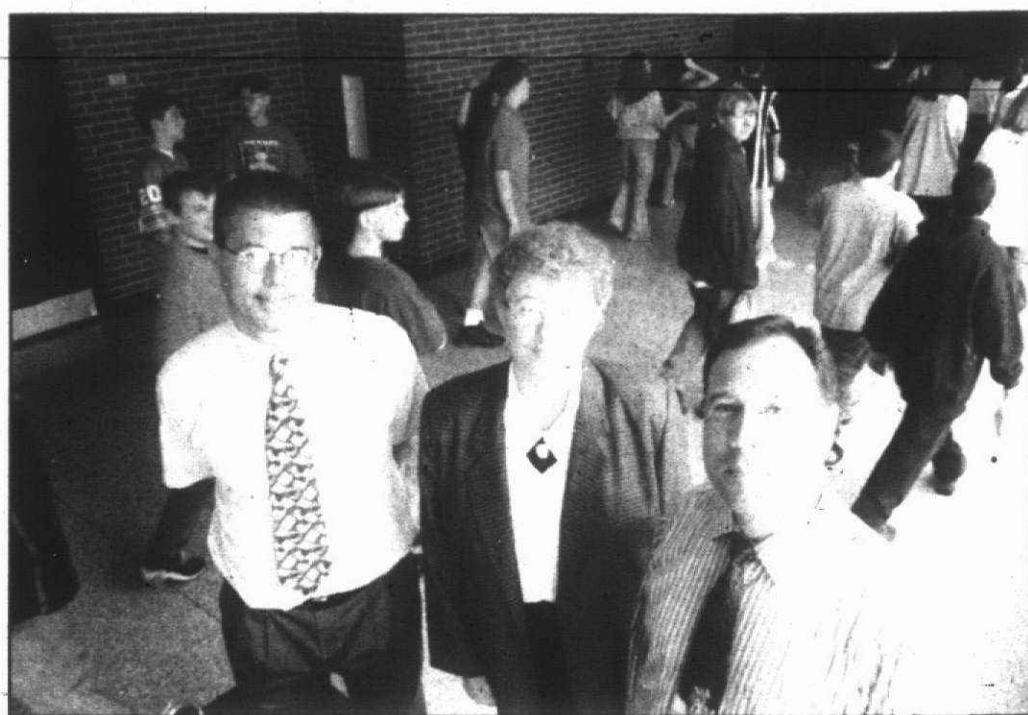
"Unfortunately, I lived where a building closed on me because the district consolidated," said LaVictor, who experienced that situation in Bay City. "So, I've lived this already."

LaVictor said many of the Lowell students are asking questions about what they read and hear concerning changes at Lowell. However, a lot of that worry ends when they find out the current pupil population won't be affected by any changes.

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the next couple of years, as we address the questions of students who will be affected by the move," said LaVictor. "But then, we'll just have to be honest with them. Kids do respond to that. They know when you're being upfront with them."

Almost a fourth of the nearly 45 teachers at Lowell have been teaching there since the Plymouth-Canton district began leasing the building in the 1980-81 school year.

Staff concerns

"I'm a bit concerned about where we'll all be," said Rosemary Verville, a science and social studies teacher who has been at Lowell for 17 years. "There is some anxiety for the teachers, but as adults we can learn to adjust. Middle school students are trying to learn who they are, make new friends, meet new teachers. It's a lot of stress on them."

Verville believes if a new middle school isn't ready and alternatives need to be put in place, the inconveniences should be felt at all the middle schools.

"The more lives that are touched and impacted, the more things get accomplished," said Verville. "There's no easy way, except to get people to agree we need another middle school."

George Przygodski, a sixth-grade math and science teacher who has also been at Lowell since 1980, is taking the closing in stride.

"Everyone is apprehensive about the future, but we know that it was going to happen eventually," said Przygodski. "We've gone further than expected."

Przygodski believes life is full of changes, and you just have to be ready for it.

"You either get bulldozed by change, or you embrace it," he said. "How did I get to Lowell in the first place? Because of change."

While Verville questions "why the district waited so long" in making plans for a new middle school, Przygodski doesn't blame the administration, saying "it's easy to take shots at people who have to make tough decisions."

LaVictor said there has been talk of trying to keep the staff together when it's time to leave Lowell.

"This staff does want to stay intact," said LaVictor. "When we found out the lease was up, one of the very first things mentioned was the hope we would remain together."

Change in store

Przygodski said, for sentimental reasons, he would like to keep the staff together, but noted change would let everyone "explore new avenues."

Verville definitely wants to remain with her fellow teachers and friends.

"We know how each other operates, and we cooperate well together," she said. "When you move to a different school, it's like being the new kid on the block."

Throughout it all, LaVictor believes the changes can go smoothly if there is communication among everyone involved.

"Right now we're OK, we've still got two years to go," said LaVictor. "I certainly don't have a crystal ball to see what's going to happen in a year from now. I'm sure there will be more anxiety as the time gets closer, especially if we don't get answers."


WSDP auction set for May 9

WSDP auction items continue to come in as the clock ticks closer and close to May 9. This year's auction will run from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. During this time WSDP will broadcast the auction on 88.1FM and simulcast on MediaOne. A few of the early donation items include: Robin's Nest; Lady Di Princess Bear Beanie Baby; Lower Town Grill; \$50 Gift Certificate; Trader

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WSDP auction volunteers will be visiting businesses through the middle of April. A few of this year's auction sponsors are: Gross Family of Plymouth; Paresch D. Patel DDS of Canton; and America Family Chiropractic Center of Canton. All donations to WSDP are tax deductible. Businesses interested in donating should contact the station at 416-7731.

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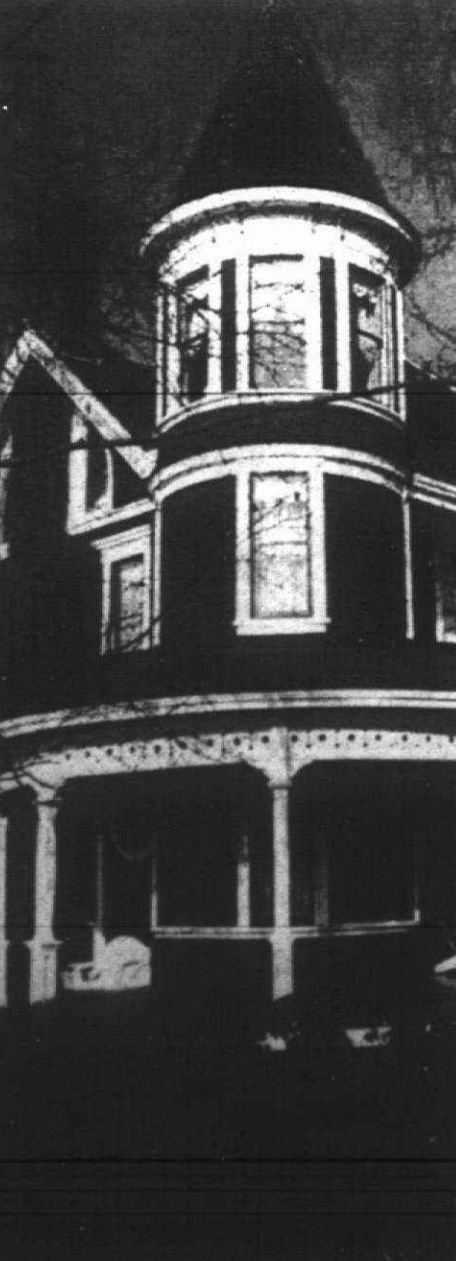
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Plymouth man meets Clintons

Personal visit contrasts sharply with TV coverage

Stuart Levenbach of Plymouth Township says meeting President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in Africa last month was "very, very cool."

But watching how American television reported their March 23 visit wasn't.

In fact, the media's spin on the "momentous day" for the people of Ghana left Levenbach, a Peace Corps volunteer there, "sickened and scared."

It definitely gave the University of Michigan graduate a better understanding of "politics and the mass media" than he ever got from a U-M course on it that he took before going to Africa 18 months ago.

In one of his letters to parents Gideon and Lynn Levenbach and friends describing his Peace Corps experiences, he said the TV news coverage brought forcefully to mind concepts like "watch-dog, lap-dog and attack-dog styles of journalism," "the pivotal role of media spin-makers and 'press feeding frenzies.'"

That contrasted very strongly with his own feelings about the event that day.

"Even now, two days later, it's difficult to process all the images and interactions which took place," he wrote in his 29th letter to family and friends.

"To have the President and First Lady standing in front of you, shaking your hand, listening to your presentation. To laugh at your joke.

"For Bill to look and look you in the eye and say, 'Where you from, son?' It's cool. It's very, very cool."

He noted some call Clinton an adulterer or panderer, but "Regardless of how he and his wife are dehumanized in our press, they're human, two humans who are so good with people. So incredibly good speak-



'Very, very cool': That was the reaction of Peace Corps volunteer Stuart Levenbach (far right) to meeting President and Mrs. Bill Clinton, shown to the left of Ghana President J.J. Rawlings, whose back is to the camera. The meeting took place during the Clintons' visit to Africa last month.

ers. "When I stood among the thousands to see the Clintons on the steps of Rackham (Hall at U-M), I felt nothing of the respect and admiration I experienced when watching them move among my friends" in Ghana.

It was heightened by speeches and a photograph of Peace Corps volunteers with the entire delegation, which included U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ghana President J.J. Rawlings.

But that night, when Levenbach watched Armed Forces

Network television at the American Club "to see how the day was covered in the United States," it all came crashing down, he wrote.

"CNN showed only the President waving at the Ghanaians" pushing to meet him "to 'GET BACK!' NBC'S hook on the event was, 'Did security fail?'"

However, he noted dryly, "The Oscar coverage" that same night "was very thorough, and I

learned quite a bit about the whitewater rafting accident in Oregon.

"To witness a newsworthy event and see how it is stripped, warped, and repackaged left me sickened and scared.

"It is a testament to the priorities of American mass media and the interests of American society."

Local man tells about Peace Corps life in Africa

Stuart Levenbach said he's happy with his Peace Corps life in the "African hinterlands," even though it is in stark contrast to his University of Michigan days.

"I went from living for three years in a fraternity house" with 40 people "to spending my days nursing tree seedlings and reading Hemingway novels," he said via e-mail in response to questions from the Observer.

Living in the small Ghanaian village of Paga, he describes his spare existence: "I awaken to the clucks of guinea fowl and the crooning of roosters. A morning run. A cold (water) bucket-bath."

In Paga, located 15 hours north of the main city of Accra, to which he travels to send and receive e-mail, he is manager of a community owned and operated tree nursery.

His objective there is "to transfer technical, book-keeping, managerial and marketing skills to the illit-

erate workers so that they may sustain the project."

Levenbach became interested in the Peace Corps as a U-M sophomore, when a fraternity brother applied for a slot. U-M "has been a consistent producer" of Peace Corps volunteers, he said, "boasting the second largest number of alumni enlisting in Peace Corps out of all American universities."

Personally, he was seeking "an opportunity post-graduation to broaden my horizons." The Peace Corps fit the bill.

What effect has his Peace Corps career had on his life? "It's difficult, while still serving in the hinterlands of Africa, to assess how my perspectives have been altered," he wrote.

"It's certainly nice to get out of Americana and the wealth of images and impulses.

"I love it. I'm sure I'll take this new-found interest in simplicity back with me in my carry-on luggage."

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CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Toast spring with salmon, Belgian beer

Since I work at a seafood restaurant I thought it was about time to share a seafood recipe. This stuffed salmon fillet can be baked in the oven, or on a covered grill with indirect heat.

Every market I have been to of late has really nice wild field greens, also called "spring mix" for sale. It's a blend of baby greens - spinach, romaine, red leaf, red oak and Frisee. These greens have a slightly wild bitter flavor that tastes great with a tangy tarragon-Dijon vinaigrette.

Serve this entree with a beer from Belgium. Some of the most interesting, awesome, complex beers come from Belgium. Saison Dupont is a Saison Style Farm House ale from French Flanders and southern Belgium. It has a dense creamy head, very crisp and refreshing with a tart, fruity, clean hop finish. It's a great beer to enjoy after working in the fields all day. It comes in a champagne size bottle that's perfect for two. Pour it very carefully down the side of a glass otherwise you will get a glass of foam that will not go away. It's a very happy beer.

Saison Dupont can be purchased locally at Wine Barrel Plus in Livonia and Merchant's Warehouse in Dearborn and Royal Oak.

TARRAGON-DIJON VINAIGRETTE

- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup tarragon vinegar, or (use white wine vinegar, and 4 more tablespoons fresh chopped tarragon)
- 2 cloves roasted garlic
- 1 small shallot, peeled
- 3 tablespoons fresh tarragon, chopped
- 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend 1 minute.

Toss vinaigrette with your favorite mix of salad greens and toppings. I like spring mix topped with roasted red peppers, mushrooms and onions.

Already roasted peppers and garlic are available at specialty food stores including the Plymouth Marketplace and Vic's Market.

Roasting peppers is easy on the grill. Rub peppers lightly with olive oil, put whole peppers on grill, turning as skin blackens. Put blackened red peppers in a paper bag or bowl covered with plastic wrap. Let peppers sweat for 15 minutes. The skin will then peel off. Remove seeds, and chop for salad or other use.

To save some for later, julienne peppers and toss with olive oil. Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

To roast garlic: Cut top off garlic bulb. Rub with olive oil. Wrap in foil, put on grill over indirect heat (off to the side). Grill for about 20 minutes. Store roasted garlic in the refrigerator in olive oil. Squeeze garlic out of bulbs. It spreads like butter.

SALMON FILLET WITH A SPINACH GOAT CHEESE STUFFING

- 2 center cut salmon fillets about 10 ounces each
- 1 (10 ounce) bag spinach, triple wash it to get rid of all the grit
- 1 1/2 mini logs of herb goat cheese
- 4 cloves roasted garlic
- 5 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 tablespoons diced roasted peppers (optional)
- Olive oil to brush salmon

Preheat oven to 350°F.

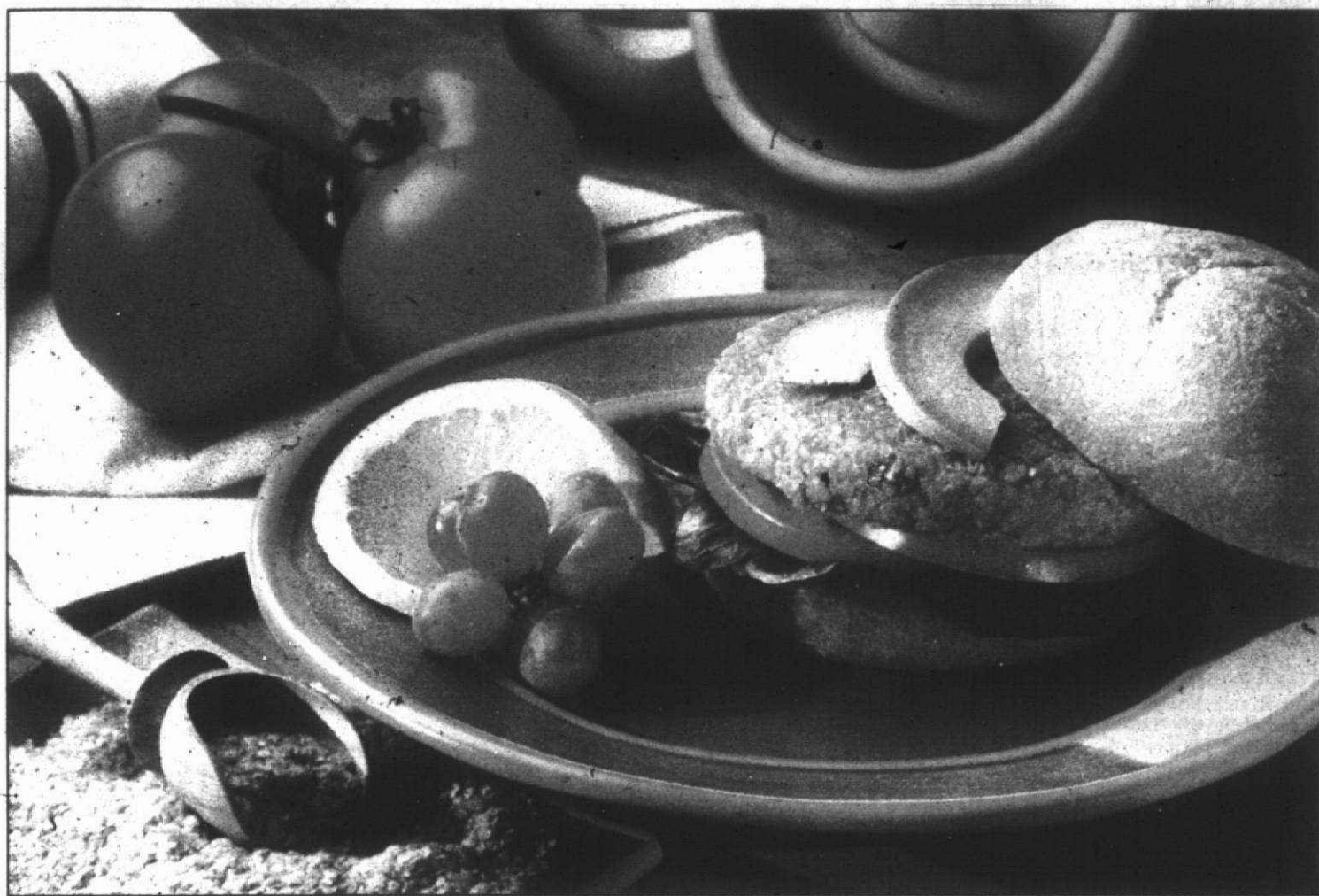
To make the stuffing: Place spinach in a microwavable bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Cook on high for 2 1/2 minutes. Add cold water to cool.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
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KRETSCHMER WHEAT GERM

Quick dinner: When you're looking for something quick and heart-healthy to serve for dinner, Sassy Salmon Burgers fit the bill. Salmon and wheat germ in the "burgers" as well as the accompanying avocado and spinach, are all good sources of vitamin E.

Salmon

Swim up stream with heart-healthy burgers

While many of us are exercising more and watching the fat in our diets, there's still work to be done. Heart disease remains the number one chronic disease in the United States, resulting in more than 1.5 million heart attacks and 600,000 fatalities each year.

The good news is that adopting a heart-healthy eating plan does not mean sacrificing flavor or variety. There is an increasing abundance of healthy food choices at the grocery store and growing acceptance of lower-fat cooking methods. Also, including research indicates that by including certain nutrients, like vitamin E and other antioxidants, in the foods we eat we can actually lower the risk of heart disease.

Some of the best sources of vitamin E are monounsaturated and unsaturated vegetable oils, nuts, seeds, oil-based dressings, certain varieties of seafood and wheat germ. Studies show that including

vitamin E-rich foods daily in moderate amounts will add a heart-healthy nutrition boost without resulting in an overdose of fat. All of these vitamin E-rich foods contain little or no saturated fat or cholesterol.

According to a report recently published in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," men who ate fish at least once a week had half the risk of sudden cardiac death as those who ate fish less than once a month. Research has not yet pinpointed whether it is the seafood that conveys the health benefits directly, or whether they are the result of the healthy habits associated with fish eaters, including eating less meat.

Recent research suggests that by eating fish we may benefit our heart in ways completely unrelated to cholesterol. Fish is high in omega-3 fatty acids, which seems to protect against blood clotting

Please see **SALMON, B2**

SASSY SALMON BURGERS

- 1 (14 3/4 ounce) can salmon, drained, skin and bones removed
- 1 cup toasted wheat germ, divided
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions
- 3 egg whites, divided
- 4 tablespoons water, divided
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 5 whole wheat hamburger buns
- 1 medium ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
- 1 medium tomato, sliced
- 1 cup spinach leaves

Nutrition information - 1/5 of recipe

- Calories: 390
- Calories from Fat: 150
- Total Fat: 17g
- Saturated Fat: 3g
- Cholesterol: 30mg
- Sodium: 930mg
- Carbohydrate: 37g
- Dietary Fiber: 7g
- Protein: 28g

Also provides 25 percent of the Recommended Daily Value of Vitamin E.

In medium bowl, combine salmon, 1/2 cup wheat germ and green onions. In small bowl, beat together 2 egg whites, 2 tablespoons water, mayonnaise, salt and hot pepper sauce; add to salmon mixture, mixing well. Shape into 5 patties about 1-inch thick.

In shallow dish, place remaining 1/2 cup wheat germ. In second shallow dish, beat remaining egg white with remaining 2 tablespoons water until frothy. Dip salmon patties one at a time into wheat germ, then into egg white mixture, then again into wheat germ.

In nonstick skillet, heat canola oil. Cook patties over medium heat 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown and heated through. Serve patties on rolls with avocado, tomato and spinach. Serves 5.

- Recipe from Kretschmer Wheat Germ

Cranbrook culinary spectacle showcases local restaurants

Peter Paisley, owner of Local Color Brewing Company in Novi is one of the newest restaurants to participate in Cranbrook Schools' Le Gala de Cuisine on Sunday, May 3. The 20th annual event to benefit Cranbrook Schools offers a taste of specialties from more than 45 local restaurants, entertainment, and silent auction in a beautiful garden setting.

Le Gala has special meaning for Paisley because both of his sisters, Marcy and Bonnie graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood. It's also a way to introduce potential customers to his restaurant and brewery, which opened on Jan. 26.

Look for Local Color's table in the appetizer section. Matt Bronski, a graduate of Oakland Community College's Culinary Arts Department, and executive chef of Local Color, will be preparing spicy crawfish shell on potato pancakes. You'll also have an opportunity to sample some of Local Color's microbrews including Smooth Talker Pilsner, Tomboy Red, and Social Climber Light Lager.

"We've got a gang of Cranbrook Kingswood grads working here," said Paisley. Keri Fox of Birmingham is one them.

"In school you always had to work the event," said Fox who went to school with Paisley's sister Marcy. "It's a great fund-raiser for the school. It will be interesting to work on the other side, as a participant." Jeff Mulholland of Birmingham, also a Cranbrook Kingswood grad, is partners with Paisley's brother Charles, the distributors of Local Color beers.

Le Gala de Cuisine

What: Old-fashioned garden party with food, flowers, music and silent auction to benefit Cranbrook Schools and the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association. Over 45 area chefs and specialty food providers will showcase their culinary and artistic talents.

When: 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 3
Where: Cranbrook Schools Quadrangle, 550 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: \$125 (friend), \$150 (patron); \$200 (benefactor). Patron and benefactor tickets include valet parking, mementos and champagne reception 2-3 p.m. Guests may take a shuttle bus from Christ Church parking lot to the Quadrangle. For ticket information call (248) 851-5036. For general information, call (248) 645-3000.

"We're real pleased to help out a Cranbrook grad," said event chairwoman Glenna Coleman of West Bloomfield.

Event proceeds benefit Horizons-Upward Bound, a long-standing program that provides low-income, academically talented metro Detroit students with a solid educational foundation; scholarships for Cranbrook, and the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association.

This year an endowment fund - "The Bob Hoffman

Faculty Sabbatical" for Cranbrook faculty development and sabbatical education - has been initiated in honor of Cranbrook Kingswood Professor Bob Hoffman who has been with the school 48 years. Hoffman is also honorary chairman of the event.

What makes this event so special is that it was the first of its kind. Restaurants donate the food they prepare at Le Gala de Cuisine. Also featured are a variety of coffees and fine wines.

In the silent auction you can bid on trips to Napa Valley and New York City, cooking lessons at the Rattlesnake Club, and more.

Saxophonist George Benson will perform, and there will be continuous entertainment by Cranbrook Kingswood music and dance ensembles. Guests will receive a one-of-a-kind cookbook with recipes from participating chefs, and poster. The poster was designed by Cranbrook Kingswood senior Leslie Stem. "We liked the design so much that we used it on our invitations and for the cookbook cover," said Coleman.

Chefs will compete in a table decor contest to be judged by Cranbrook Academy of Art Director Gerhard Knodel, Cranbrook Art Museum Director Greg Wittkopf, and the Judge David Breck.

"We have a core of restaurants that return every year," said Coleman. "Some restaurants contact us to

Please see **CRANBROOK, B2**

Local chefs offer a taste of Le Gala

See related story on Taste front.

SOUTHWESTERN WHITE BEAN AND CHICKEN SOUP

Yield 1 1/2 gallons
 2 cups onions, 1/2-inch dice
 1 cup celery, 1/2-inch dice
 1 cup bell peppers, 1/2-inch dice
 2 tablespoons minced garlic
 4 cups navy beans, cooked until tender
 1 gallon chicken stock
 3 cups cooked chicken meat, 1/2-inch dice
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 tablespoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon ground coriander
 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro
 Juice of 2 limes

1/2 chipotle pepper
 1/2 tablespoon chili powder
 Saute onions, celery, bell peppers and garlic in vegetable oil. Add chicken stock and bring to a boil. Add chili powder, cumin, coriander and chipotle pepper.

Simmer 10 minutes. Add beans, chicken, salt and pepper and simmer 10 minutes longer. Add cilantro and lime juice. Adjust seasoning to taste. Garnish with julienned fried tortillas.

Recipe compliments of Chef Tim Gizinsky, Opus One, Detroit.

EGGPLANT RELISH WITH SMOKED PORK TENDERLOIN

1 large eggplant
 1 cup olive oil
 1 medium onion, diced fine

2 cups roma tomatoes
 4 cloves garlic
 3 tablespoons sugar
 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
 1/4 cup chopped parsley
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

3/4 cup celery, diced fine
 2 teaspoons tarragon, chopped fine
 1 1/2 pounds smoked pork or smoked turkey, sliced

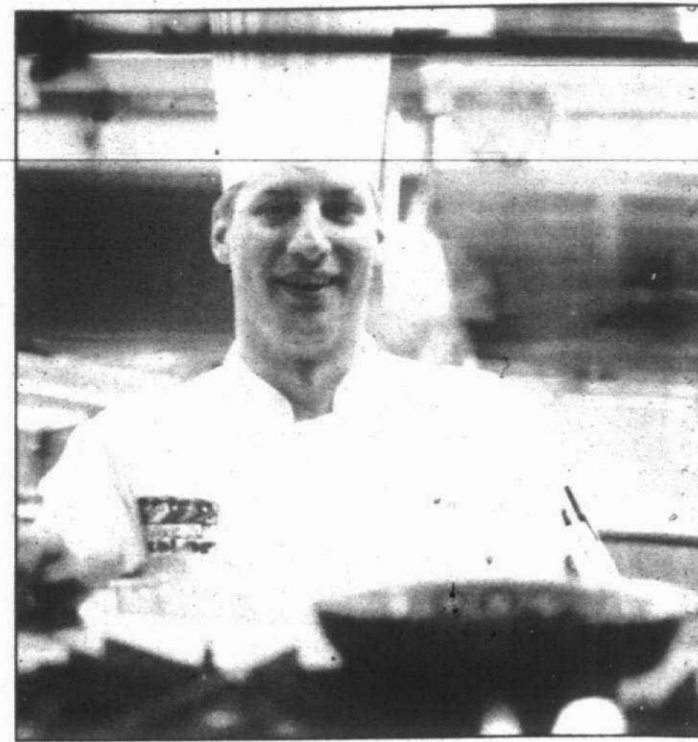
Peel eggplant and cut into 1/2-inch dice. In large bowl, toss eggplant with oil and season with salt and black pepper. Put eggplant onto a cookie sheet and bake in 375°F oven for approximately 20 minutes, or until soft and lightly brown. Toss frequently during the baking process.

Heat remaining olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and celery and saute until soft, about 5-7 minutes. Don't brown. Add garlic and tomatoes, pine nuts, sugar, vinegar and cayenne pepper. Cook slowly for 20 minutes over low heat. Season with salt. Add eggplant and cook for 10 minutes.

Add parsley and tarragon, let cool to room temperature. Can be made 3-4 days ahead.

Serve warm with sliced smoke pork tenderloin or smoked turkey as an appetizer. Serves about 6 people.

Recipe compliments of Chef Kevin Enright, Oakland Community College.



Chef at work: Executive Chef Matt Bronski creates culinary magic in the kitchen at Local Color Brewing Company.

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and possibly heart arrhythmias. Omega-3 fatty acids are being investigated for their ability to prevent or treat arthritis. According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, other studies are examining whether the substances in fish may protect against the development of some forms of cancer, including breast and colon cancer. In both cases, however, data is currently too scarce to draw any conclusions.

We should not only eat seafood regularly, but choose fish varieties that are highest in omega-3 fatty acids. Mackerel, salmon, trout and albacore tuna all fit into this category.

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participate. "If you've been wanting to try a popular metro Detroit restaurant, you won't want to miss this event."

"You can go from station to station," said Coleman. "There's a wide variety of food."

Carl Oshinsky, owner of The Pizza Gourmet in Westland, will be making his industry award-winning upscale pizza topped with black olive pesto, grave leaves, kasseri cheese, artichokes, olives and fresh tomatoes. "We squeeze lemon juice over it just before serving," said Oshinsky. He'll also be preparing black bean & barbecue chicken pizza.

"We do a lot of charitable events," said Oshinsky. "La Gala is a good event for exposure and for the school."

"Pizza Gourmet an in-house caterer, which also supplies pizza stones and other cook ware to gourmet stores. Oshinsky has done a 26-week series for PBS on pizza making. He also teaches

pizza making throughout the country. He is the author of two pizza cookbooks.

Other Le Gala participants include - the Palace Grill, Auburn Hills; Alban's Bottle and Basket, Forte, Marty's Cookies, The Big Rock, and Midtown Cafe, Birmingham; Marriott Educational Services, Encore, and 2 Unique, Bloomfield Hills; Thai Pepper, Farmington Hills; Paint Creek Cider Mill and Country Club, Lake Orion; Marvin's Bistro, Livonia; Emily's, Northville; Steve & Rocky's, Novi; Tastefully Yours, Oxford; Golden Mushroom, Morton's, and Sweet Lorraine's, Southfield; Atrium Doubletree, Capital Grille, and Charley's Crab, Troy; Michigan Star Clipper, Walled Lake; Ridgewood Cafe and Savino Sorbet, West Bloomfield.

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Place spinach in two batches in a towel and squeeze out excess water. Place in a clean bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients to spinach and mix well. Add optional diced roasted peppers.

Make a cut lengthwise halfway through the salmon. From the middle, slice to the outside as to make a pocket. Fill the pockets with the stuffing. Brush fillets with olive oil and bake 20 minutes at 350°F.

To cook salmon on covered grill, bank coals for indirect heat. Grill about 20 minutes. You will have some stuffing left, but it makes a great snack later on, or serve it with eggs the next morning.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

Readers share favorite beefy recipes

Beef is often "What's for dinner" in homes across Michigan. Vivian Ormiston and Patti O'Brien-Geipel of Livonia both shared their favorite beef recipes.

Ormiston's Beef Tips Over Noodles is often requested by her children and grandchildren. "The kids just love it," said Ormiston. "I experimented and came up with the recipe. You can make it in the evening while you're doing laundry and have it for dinner the next day."

Patti's Beef Burgundy can be prepared with or without the burgundy wine. O'Brien-Geipel and her husband, Rick own Elite Deli, 18776 Middlebelt (1/4 mile south of 7 Mile Road) in Livonia, which also offers catering.

"I do know how difficult it is to work 16 to 18 hour days and still try to provide your family with a simple, but interesting variety of dinners on a continuous basis," she said. "My husband and I share dinner preparation responsibilities, which really makes things easy for me."

Patti's Beef Burgundy, "so easy to prepare that you could relax and cook dinner all at the

same time," she said. Michigan celebrates Beef Month in May, and salutes the significant contribution Michigan's beef producers make to our state's economy.

From the Ormiston and O'Brien-Geipel houses to yours, here are their recipes.

BEef TIPS OVER NOODLES

1 pound stew beef
 1 (10 1/2 ounce) can beef broth
 1/2 cup water
 1 clove garlic, chopped
 1/4 cup chopped onion
 1/4 cup flour
 2 tablespoons oil
 1/4 cup sour cream (optional)

Cut beef into bite-size pieces. Coat beef with flour. Brown meat in oil in Dutch oven. Add garlic, onion, soup and water. Simmer 1/2 to 3 hours until beef is tender. Serve over buttered noodles. Serves 4.

Variation: 1/4 cup sour cream may be added to beef and stirred just before serving. You can also substitute 1/2 cup burgundy wine

for the water in this recipe. Recipe compliments of Vivian Ormiston of Livonia.

PATTI'S BEEF BURGUNDY

4 pounds thick cut round steak (trimmed and cut into large cubes)
 1/2 cup burgundy wine
 3-4 beef bouillon cubes
 2 pounds small fresh whole mushrooms (cleaned and ends trimmed)
 2 pounds pearl onions (peeled) or 1 dozen small onions (cut in half)
 Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste
 2 tablespoons oil
 Gravy
 1/4 cup cornstarch
 1/2 cup water

Add 2 tablespoons oil to large frying pan on medium high heat, make sure oil is hot.

Add meat to cover bottom of pan and brown in batches as too much meat at one time does not allow proper browning, you may have to add more oil to finish browning all of the meat.

Add all of the meat and drippings to a large pot. Cover meat with water. Add 3-4 beef bouillon cubes, simmer covered for 1 hour. Then add wine, onions and mushrooms, simmer covered for 1 hour.

With a wire whip slowly add 1/4 cup cornstarch dissolved in 1/2 cup water to meat mixture. Stir to thicken, adding more cornstarch if necessary.

Serve over wide egg noodles with your favorite salad. Serves 8-10 people

Recipe compliments of Patti O'Brien-Geipel.

We're all out of Recipes to Share. Send your favorite "Recipe to Share" for consideration in this feature to: Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. If your recipe is chosen, you'll receive an apron.

Look for Recipe to Share in Taste on the fourth Sunday of the month.



NATIONAL CATTLEMAN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION

Family favorite: Ground beef stars in Chuckwagon Beef & Pasta Skillet.

Skillet supper ready in a hurry

Ground beef is a staple in U.S. households. In fact, 71.2 percent of U.S. households have ground beef on hand in the refrigerator or freezer and 78 percent of working parents keep ground beef on hand.

Kids and adults alike love the taste of ground beef. Not to mention that it's convenient, easy to cook, economical, and so versatile, starting in dishes from burgers to pasta. It's the undisputed favorite for family meals.

Round-up your family for a great ground skillet dinner one night this week. Chuckwagon Beef & Pasta Skillet is ready and on the table in just 35 minutes, and the barbecue-cheesy flavors are guaranteed to please. Kids will love the wagon wheel-shaped pasta. Plus, you probably have most of the ingredients on hand already.

First, brown the ground beef with bell pepper and onion. Then add the beef broth, pasta and hickory-flavored barbecue sauce. As these ingredients simmer, the ground beef finishes cooking and the pasta has time to cook until it's tender. A sprinkling of finely shredded Cheddar cheese adds the finishing touch to the dish, and fresh fruit completes the meal.

Str in broth, pasta, barbecue sauce and water, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until pasta is almost tender. Uncover skillet; continue cooking 5 to 7 minutes or until pasta is tender and sauce is thickened, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with cheese before serving.

Total preparation and cooking time: 35 minutes. Makes 4 servings (serving size 1 1/4 cups).

CHUCKWAGON BEEF & PASTA SKILLET
 1 pound 80 percent lean ground beef
 1 small green bell pepper, chopped

1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 can (13 3/4 to 14 1/2 ounces) ready-to-serve beef broth
 1 1/2 cups uncooked wagon wheel or rotini pasta
 1 cup prepared hickory-flavored barbecue sauce
 1/4 cup water
 1/2 cup (2 ounces) finely shredded Cheddar or Colby cheese

In a large nonstick skillet, brown ground beef, bell pepper and onion over medium heat 6 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink, breaking beef up into 3/4-inch crumbles. Pour off drippings.

Stir in broth, pasta, barbecue sauce and water, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until pasta is almost tender. Uncover skillet; continue cooking 5 to 7 minutes or until pasta is tender and sauce is thickened, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with cheese before serving.

Total preparation and cooking time: 35 minutes. Makes 4 servings (serving size 1 1/4 cups).

Nutrition information per serving: 551 calories, 34g protein, 55g carbohydrate, 21g fat, 4.1mg iron, 694mg sodium, 96mg cholesterol

Recipe and information from the Beef & Veal Culinary Center, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

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Rise and shine with a nutritious breakfast

Breakfast can make a real difference in your day, so it's important to make your morning meal a good one. Research shows that children and adults who eat breakfast score higher on tests, have longer attention spans and better concentration, and exhibit better muscle coordination than those who skip breakfast. In addition, individuals who eat very lightly during the morning and afternoon tend to overeat at dinner and throughout the evening. As a result, breakfast skippers are more likely to be overweight.

What makes a good breakfast? Nutritionists recommend that you get about two-thirds of your breakfast calories from complex carbohydrates, with some protein and a limited amount of fat and simple sugars. Breads and cereals are a mainstay of traditional breakfasts, providing the necessary fuel for a busy day. Choose whole grain cereal, whole-wheat bread, buckwheat pancakes or waffles, and you'll also get a healthy supply of dietary fiber.

Fruit, fruit juice and vegetables can also supply energizing complex carbohydrates. What's more, when you top your pancakes with banana slices, add

raisins to your oatmeal, or whirl berries in a fruit smoothie, you'll be on your way to reaching the five-or-more-daily-servings-of-fruits-and-vegetables necessary for better health and lower cancer risk.

Including protein in your morning meal helps keep you alert and responsive throughout the morning. Skim or lowfat milk, nonfat yogurt, cottage cheese, a slice of lowfat cheese, peanut butter or a poached egg are all good choices. Lowfat dairy products can also make an important contribution to your day's calcium and vitamin D requirements.

If you never seem to have time for breakfast, prepare as much as you can the night before, or pack a breakfast you can eat on the way to work. If your stomach doesn't tolerate food easily in the morning, try eating breakfast as a mid-morning break. Remember, that nontraditional breakfast foods can be just as healthy as oatmeal and orange juice. There's nothing wrong with pasta or a sandwich in the morning if they help you meet your nutritional needs.

These blueberry muffins contain wholesome oats, creamy buttermilk and bright-tasting orange juice.

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup nonfat buttermilk
- 3 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 whole egg plus 2 egg whites, beaten
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 cups blueberries (fresh or frozen)

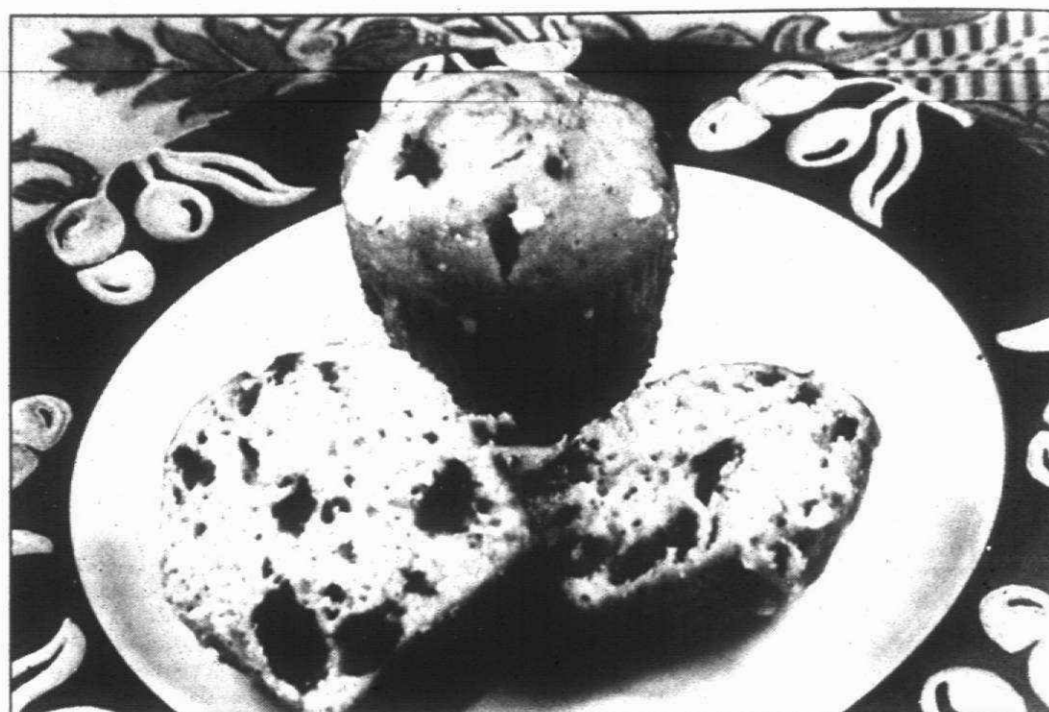
Preheat the oven to 400°F. Spray 24 muffin cups with cooking spray.

Stir together the oats, orange juice, and buttermilk in a large bowl; set aside.

In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda, and sugar.

Whisk together the oil, eggs, vanilla, and nutmeg in a small bowl; stir into the oatmeal mixture. Gradually blend in the flour mixture. Gently fold in the blueberries and mix until just blended.

Spoon the batter into the cups and bake 15 minutes.



Delicious beginning: Blueberry muffins are a perfect choice for mornings when you need a quick, satisfying breakfast.

Each of the 24 muffins contains 138 calories and 3 grams of fat. Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Maple mouthfuls light on calories

AP - "It's not hard to make excellent lowfat muffins," Terry Blonder Golson says in "1,000 Lowfat Recipes" (Macmillan, \$29.95).

It can be well worth doing, she adds, since a muffin bought at a bakery or from a fast-food chain may contain more than 400 calories and 128 grams of fat.

One trick to making excellent muffins, she says, is "to mix the batter by hand, with wide strokes, only until moist."

To avoid overbeating but to make sure that the ingredients are evenly distributed in the batter, stir the ingredients until the flour mixture is an even

color. That way, once the wet and dry ingredients are combined, only a few stirrings with a flexible rubber spatula are necessary to mix the batter. As with most quick breads, lumps are all right, but dry patches are not.

She points out that these Maple Cream Cheese-Filled Muffins offer a nice surprise inside each is a mouthful of sweet, soft cheese.

"They are excellent both warm and at room temperature."

MAPLE CREAM CHEESE-FILLED MUFFINS

- 1/4 cup reduced-fat cream cheese

- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 1/2 cups unbleached, all-purpose white flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 cup sugar

Beat the cream cheese and maple syrup together until smooth.

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Coat 10 muffin cups with nonstick spray.

Sift together the flours, salt, baking soda and baking powder. In another bowl, whisk together

the buttermilk, oil, egg whites and sugar.

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry. Gently fold together until an evenly moist batter forms.

Spoon into the muffin cups until they are one-quarter full. Drop a teaspoon of the sweetened cream cheese in the center of each muffin, then finish filling the muffin cups with batter.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the muffins are firm and golden to the touch.

Makes 10 muffins. Nutritional information per muffin: 188 cal., 5 g pro., 7 g fat, 26 g carbo., 282 mg sodium.

Fabulous orange granola fat-free

AP - Orange juice, mixed dried fruits and fresh ginger give granola a spirited new flavor.

For the fruit, use a mixture of dates, figs, tart cherries, apricots and prunes. Or use whatever dried fruit you have on hand. Old-fashioned rolled oats and the quick-cooking kind work fine in this recipe from "Fabulous Fat-Free Cooking" by Lynn Fischer (Rodale Press, \$27.95).

ORANGE GRANOLA

- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped mixed dried fruit
 - 2 tablespoons orange juice
 - 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
 - 1/2 cup maple syrup
 - 2 cups rolled oats
- Preheat oven to 325°F. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine the fruit, orange

juice, ginger and 1/4 cup of the maple syrup. Cook on high (100 percent power) for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes, or until hot.

Coat a jelly-roll pan with non-stick spray. Place the oats in the pan. Drizzle with the remaining 1/4 cup maple syrup; toss lightly to coat. Spread the oats in an even layer and bake in preheated 325-degree F oven for 20 minutes, stirring once.

Pour the fruit mixture over the oats; stir well to mix. Spread in an even layer. Bake for 20 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, or until the mixture is crisp and golden. Allow to cool, then store in an airtight container in a cool spot. Makes 4 cups.

Nutrition facts per 1/4-cup: 0.9 g fat, 0.1 g saturated fat, 113 cal., 0 mg chol., 2 mg sodium.

Caribbean meatloaf fits into a healthy eating plan

Does eating for better health mean that all your family favorites are suddenly off-limits? Not at all. The definitive new set of recommendations for cancer prevention from the American Institute for Cancer Research clearly show that most of our favorite foods can easily fit into a plan for healthier eating.

While it may take some creative attention to ingredients, cooking methods and portion sizes, there are many ways to make almost any favorite recipe healthier and more nutritious.

Whether it's an entree, side dish or dessert, there are a number of strategies you can use to improve a meal's nutritional profile. Reduce overall fat by picking pans with nonstick coating and use vegetable-oil cooking spray to coat them before cooking.

Reduce the amount of oil you use to sauté chopped vegetables by one-half to one-third. Use low heat to release the vegetables' natural moisture, or add broth to the oil. Substitute olive or canola oil for butter or margarine wherever possible.

Meat and poultry dishes require a few simple tricks of their own. Remove the skin from poultry and trim cuts of meat carefully before cooking. Steaming, braising and roasting meat and poultry will help retain moist, tender flavor without adding fat. Marinating meat can

make smaller portions more satisfying by adding more flavor and tender texture.

If lasagna is on the menu, instead of Italian sausage, use 90 percent lean ground beef or turkey. Limit the amount of meat or poultry you use to four ounces or less per serving, and drain off any fat after cooking. Boost the flavor and nutrition by mixing some finely chopped garlic, onion and carrot into your tomato sauce. Cook the lasagna noodles without any oil. If your recipe calls for eggs, use two egg whites for each whole egg listed. Choose part-skim or nonfat ricotta cheese and part-skim mozzarella cheese. Just a tablespoon or two of grated Parmesan or Romano is enough to enjoy its wonderful flavor. Finally, before assembling the lasagna, use a baking dish with a non-stick coating and spray it with vegetable spray.

Caribbean Jerk Turkey Meat Loaf transforms a traditional, but sometimes boring mealtime standby into a nutritious and more healthful treat that will perk up your taste buds with Island flavor. Use any leftovers to make scrumptious sandwiches for lunch and the next day.

CARIBBEAN JERK TURKEY MEATLOAF

- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1/3 cup couscous

- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

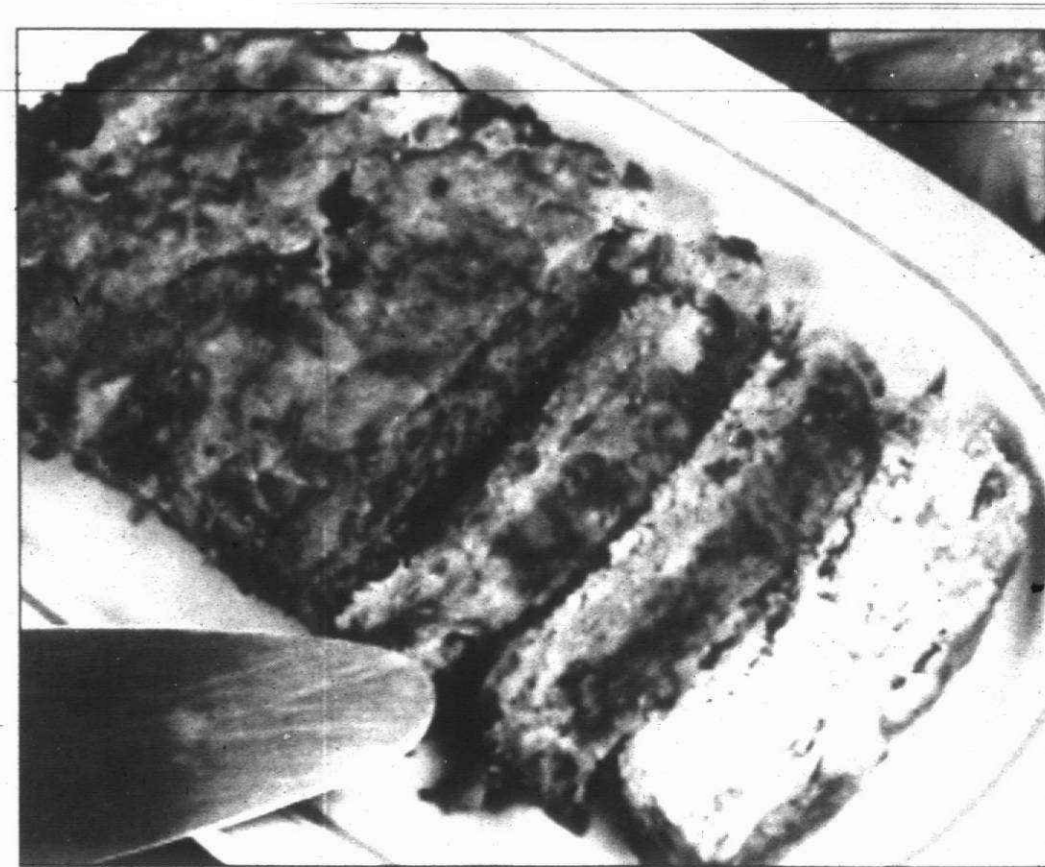
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 pound ground turkey breast
1 egg white

In a small bowl, combine the water and couscous. Cover the bowl and allow the mixture to stand 15 to 20 minutes, or until couscous has absorbed all of the water.

In a small non-stick skillet, over medium-high heat, sauté red bell pepper, thyme, curry powder, cumin, allspice, ginger, salt, black pepper, paprika and cayenne pepper in oil, 1 to 2 minutes. Let cool.

Spray a 9-inch pie plate or an 8-by-4-by-2-inch loaf pan with vegetable cooking spray. In a medium bowl, combine turkey, egg white, bell pepper mixture and couscous. Shape the mixture into a round or rectangular loaf and place it in the plate or pan.

Bake at 350°F for 35 to 45 minutes, or until the meat thermometer reads between 160 and 165°F, when inserted into the center of the meat and the juice run clear.



Marvelous meatloaf: Perk up your taste buds with Caribbean Jerk Turkey Meat Loaf.

Each of the 4 servings contains 237 calories and 5 grams of fat. Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Adult CPR course

The Livonia Fire Department, under the direction of Jim Egged, firefighter, will host an Adult Heart Saver CPR Course 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the Livonia Fire Department Headquarters, 14910 Farmington Road. The program is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 466-2444.

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M.C.S. Friends is a support group for anyone who is hypersensitive to chemical and/or environmental irritants, such as fragrances, smoke, pesticides, cleaning supplies, new construction materials, etc. Informal monthly meetings are held in various locations: 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at 1677 Stadium Court, Ann Arbor. Guest will be M.C.S. Friends lawyer Gerald D. Keller. For more information, call (248) 349-4972.

Anxiety screening

The Psychotherapy and Counseling Services P.C. (670 Griswold, Northville) will host free screenings for anxiety disorders, May 6, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main in Northville. For additional information or to register, call (248) 348-1100.

Lyme Disease month

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Tick season is upon us. Do you know how to protect you and your loved ones from tick-borne diseases? The Wayne-based Michigan Lyme Disease Association is hosting several Lyme Disease Education nights. For times and places, or to receive information, call 888-784-LYME. There will also be a fundraiser on May 21 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

Free foot exams

Garden City Hospital will provide free foot examinations for those with diabetes 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Westland MedMax store, 35600 Central City Parkway, behind Westland Center. Licensed doctors of podiatry will be conducting the free examinations and certified diabetes educators will be on hand to provide those interested with information regarding this disease. For more information, call GCH, (734) 421-3300.

Healing, spirituality

"Where is God when it hurts?" Botsford chaplain Kurt Stutz, M.Div., explores interfaith perspectives on suffering, the role of spirituality in coping with life's challenges, and the effect of personal attitude on recovery. The two-hour classes will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Botsford General Hospital's Classroom 2 East, A & B, 28050 Grand River Ave. Call to register, (248) 471-8020. \$5 fee.

Home, Sweet, Home

Having a baby at home can be the natural choice

What Jennifer Westcott remembers most about the birth of her son, Hunter, is what a wonderfully rewarding experience the occasion was. Although she admits the labor was the "hardest thing" she's ever done, the memory of the pain is bested by the sensation she felt cradling her first child just moments after he was born: the pure emotion her friends and family expressed as attendants of the birth, and just as important - the control she maintained by having a home birth.

"Having my baby at home as opposed to a hospital meant being in control... total control," said Westcott, a Livonia chiropractor who gave birth to her first child in 1995.

Westcott, 30, said as a chiropractor, her personal philosophy regarding sustaining a natural health regimen led her to begin searching for a midwife even before she became pregnant.

"I knew my midwife would be a guest in my home and that I could do what I wanted whether it meant being in the tub, eating or doing whatever," said Westcott.

"I was so determined to have a home birth because I wanted to be in a comfortable and quiet setting where the natural birthing process wouldn't be interfered. Getting pregnant and having babies is the most natural thing a woman can do. I have great respect for the human body."

Birthing practices have evolved from ancient women giving birth while standing or squatting, the invention of birth chairs during the Renaissance, the use of forceps in the 1950s to the state-of-the-art hospitals of the 21st century.

The birthing position of having women place their legs in stirrups is said to have come out of a "point in history when Louis XIV commanded that a 'viewing table' be constructed so he could better see the birth of one of his mistresses' children... the way to do among the elite and eventually made its way into the accepted norm."

At the very origin of childbearing, however, the process remains unchanged.

Home delivery
Despite modern medical advances and interventions, a growing percentage of women around the world have added having the baby at home to their list of birthing options.

"Historically, home was the place of birth until the 1930s," said Cheryl Resnick Ettinger, a childbirth counselor and educator from Southfield who gave birth to her second child at home in 1997.

As more centralized hospitals were established and the "house-call" doctor of the early 1900s starting making rounds, the birth setting was relocated from the bedroom to the delivery room out of convenience. U.S. births taking place in hospitals rose from 37 percent to 96 percent from 1935 to 1960.

Ettinger argues, however, that the transition has led to an alarming rate of Caesarean sections and higher incidents of infant deaths with an infant mortality rate (a measure of assessing birth safety) that ranks the United States 28th in the world, according to Dr. Marsden Wagner of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released statistics from 1990 that showed "direct-entry midwives had the lowest infant mortality rate - half that of medical doctors." The statistics reflected the infant mortality rates of live births in hospitals, birthing centers and at home. The Direct-Entry Midwife and Certified Nurse Midwife had overall lower incidents of infant mortality than medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy.

"This is major abdominal surgery. You can cut blood vessels by mistake or you can cut the wrong organs by mistake. There is an epidemic of unnecessary Caesarean sections in Michigan and in the Detroit area," said Marsden. "If a Caesarean is done it means a much longer stay, it costs a lot more money. Hospitals love Caesareans." (Source: videotaped television interview.)

Midwifery — a glossary of terms

Various types of midwives include:

- Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)** is a registered nurse who has completed her degree in midwifery. She usually works through a hospital or birthing center. Some certified nurse midwives have home birth practices. Physician back-up is usually required.
- Certified Midwife (CM)** is certified by her state or midwifery organization. She has generally passed both oral and written tests and has had her practice scrutinized. She may have received her training in a school or in a manner similar to the lay midwife.
- Direct-Entry Midwife** may receive specialized training at a midwifery school, which includes hands-on preceptorship. Many are apprenticed with an experienced midwife or doctor. Some states offer certification and/or licensure. There are a number of established midwifery schools in the United States. The curriculum varies in length of time and content. At least one school currently offers a degree-granting program.
- Direct-entry midwives** usually focus on home birth, and some work in birthing centers. Most direct-entry midwives practice autonomously but have friendly physician support.
- Lay Midwife** is one who has usually apprenticed with an experienced midwife. Some are self-taught. Many have attended additional workshops and classes to supplement their education. Many lay midwives are very experienced. The focus is on home birth. Some lay midwives are affiliated with a physician but are not necessarily under a physician's directive.
- Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)** is either a direct-entry midwife, a certified nurse midwife, or a "lay" midwife who has received certification by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). The CPM process involves providing documented proof of education and out-of-hospital birth experience. After having met the various application requirements, the CPM applicant must pass comprehensive written and practical exams. Several state licensing agencies are currently using the NARM CPM exam(s) as part of their licensure requirements.

— source, North American Registry of Midwives & MOMS (Mid-Oregon Midwifery Service).

- Doula** assists the woman and her partner in preparing for and carrying out their plans for the birth. Stays by the side of the laboring woman throughout the entire labor. The word "doula" comes from the Greek word for the most important female slave or servant in an ancient Greek household, the woman who probably helped the lady of the house through her childbearing. The word has come to refer to "a woman experienced in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional and informational support to the mother before, during and just after childbirth." (Klaus, Kennell and Klaus, *Mothering the Mother*.)
- A doula** provides emotional support, physical comfort measures, an objective viewpoint and assistance to the woman in getting the information she needs to make good decisions. She facilitates communication between the laboring woman, her partner and clinical care providers. She perceives her role as one who nurtures and protects the woman's memory of her birth experience. The acceptance of doulas in maternity care is growing rapidly with the recognition of their important contribution to the improved physical outcomes and emotional well-being of mothers and infants (www.childbirth.org).

Author has the answers to home birthing questions

Janet Ashford is a free-lance writer, graphic designer, illustrator, and musician. Through giving birth to her children at home she became interested in alternatives to medical childbirth and spent about 10 years writing and publishing books and other materials on home birth and midwifery. She now lives with her three children in Encinitas, California. A list of her published works including several books and pamphlets on birth choices and midwifery can be found on her Web site www.jashford.com

Were all of your children born at home?
Yes, my first child was born in 1976, second in 1980, third in 1988. I was aware of home birth because I had a friend who had attended one, and I'd seen pictures of home births in "Our Bodies, Ourselves."

Were you ever concerned about safety?
Yes, but through my research I became convinced that home birth was safer. I was worried about going to the hospital for fear it would be unsafe.

What was it about home birth

that was such an appealing option?
Being away from the control of doctors and nurses, who I viewed as negative authority figures. Being safe. Being able to go without drugs or pressure to take drugs. Being self-reliant. Having an intimate, private experience.

Most people who have a home birth don't go on to write books and pamphlets on the subject. What prompted you to take your interest in it a step further?
My home birth was so successful and so fulfilling and inspiring that I wanted all women to be able to have the same kind of experience.

Can you cite any recent research studies that support the safety issue relating to home versus hospital births?
Here are the two best books I know of: "Obstetric Myths versus Research Realities: A Guide to the Medical Literature," Henci Goer, Bergin and Garvey, 1995; "A Guide to Effective Care in Pregnancy and Childbirth," Murray Enkin, Marc Keirse, Iain Chalmers, Oxford University Press, 1989. Both of

these analyze the medical literature and demonstrate that the practices which most doctors consider to be unsafe "alternatives" are actually safer than the standard medical treatment.

Would you agree that home birth isn't for everyone. Who would you say there are some better candidates than others?
In a culture that supports home birth, then home birth would be for everyone. Anyone could do it, if they grew up feeling that this was the normal, expected thing. But in our culture, the best candidates are women who are not only low-risk medically (90% of all women probably), but who are very self-reliant, educated, and responsible.

Any suggestions for a couple considering a home birth?
Get a good midwife.
Do you think there is an alarming trend of c-sections being performed unnecessarily?
Yes.
Can you name a common myth about home birth that you would like to dispel?
That it's unsafe. People have been brainwashed by medical literature and



Mom: Cheryl Resnick Ettinger of Southfield poses with her two sons, Jordan, 3, and Jaime, 1. After an unsatisfactory experience during the hospital delivery of son Jordan, Ettinger spent nearly two years researching the option of home birth. She had Jaime at home in March of 1997 under the guidance and support of two midwives.

and related professions.

The practice of home birth receives much criticism from the medical community at large as between 95-99 percent of all births currently take place in the hospital. Janet Ashford, childbirth educator, author and mother of three home-birthed children, estimates less than 5 percent of U.S. births take place in the home. (See related story.)

"Many studies indicate that home birth is as safe or safer than hospital birth. But most doctors have

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American Red Cross standard first aid and adult CPR. Course length is 7 hours and \$33 fee

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never seen a home birth or even a normal birth, so they just don't understand. It goes against their training. Most women, unfortunately, are afraid of birth."

Ettinger said over the last few decades women have been made to feel that "birth is a potential life-threatening illness and that drugs and technology can control, and are superior to nature."

The Southfield mother who gave birth to her first son, Jordan Elan, at a local hospital birthing center, opted for a home birth for her second child after what she describes as the hospital birth as "visions... for the best day of my life turned out to be the worst."

Ettinger labored for several hours in the birthing center before it was determined that a Caesarean section was necessary. She says she requested to remain awake during the procedure with an epidural so her husband could attend, but was sedated without his presence.

"I was not allowed to see my own baby until he was 21 hours old. Even then I needed written permission," said Ettinger who left the hospital without a baby.

includes materials. April 28, 6-10 p.m. and April 30, 6-9 p.m. Call (313) 542-2787, Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

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THUR, APRIL 30

WOMEN OF WELLNESS
No matter what season of life you're in, it's never too late to improve your health. The Women of Wellness, free lectures, will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia (Lunchroom, 2nd floor) 29200 Schoolcraft. Lectures will highlight pre-menopausal and menopausal changes, cancer screening tests, hormone replacement therapy, alternative to hormone replacement. To reserve a seat call (800) 746-WISE).

"My surgical hospital birth was the most dehumanizing, depersonalizing experience of my life, and the cost for this medical nightmare was almost \$30,000."

Another option
Over the next two years, Ettinger says she joined the International Caesarean Awareness Network and met other women who shared their experiences about hospital births as well as researching extensively the option of home birth.

"I made a choice on my own to have a home birth to avoid the unnecessary interventions and drugs I was exposed to the first time," said Ettinger.

Jaime Aren was born in March 1997 at the Ettinger home. Two midwives spent more than 24 hours with the couple, according to Ettinger, who said she was supported and embraced by the midwives who were guests in her home. The Southfield woman says she went walking, watched her wedding video, ate homemade chicken soup and bagels, and rested in a pool of warm water before she and her husband embraced their son without the separation they experienced the first time.

"All newborn assessments were done with him right there on my chest. We never needed permission to see him, he belonged to us and not an institution."

The cost of Ettinger's birth was \$2,475. "Having been on both sides of birth, I can honestly say that if we were to do this again we would take the low-tech, low-cost, high care and best results road to birth. Love gets a baby in and love helps get a baby out."

Westcott said Hunter was born with the umbilical cord around his neck and he was not breathing. "The midwife succored him, stimulated his breathing and he was fine," said Westcott, who made arrangements at a nearby hospital to be transported in the event of an emergency.

Home birth is an option for low-risk women with adequate prenatal care and a qualified attendant. Women who have chosen home birth as an option

say they valued the one-on-one attention and care by the midwife and birth assistant. They sought the control to plan their birth with all the freedom and intimacy possible.

"Home birth is nothing new, it's been done for centuries and is slowly making a comeback as people become more aware they have a choice in their birthing options."

Editor's Note: Home birth may not be a choice for everyone and not all women may be eligible as health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiac problems place them in a higher-risk category for complications during delivery. All of the persons interviewed for this article suggested taking advantage of the resources available regarding home birth before making a decision. The Internet offers a wealth of information and sources for you to consult. The best parent is an educated one.

Cheryl Resnick Ettinger contributed to this article; she can be reached for information on childbirth education at (248) 647-1122.

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HEALTH NEWSMAKERS

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Certification earned
Brittini Harrington, CMA of Livonia has earned Medical Assistant Certification from the American Association of Medical Assistants.

Harrington is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Livonia Career Center in Livonia. She is employed by Dr. Michael Mahon in Farmington Hills.

The certification examination, administered by AAMA's certifying board, tests clinical and administrative knowledge needed for competent medical assisting practice.

New medical assistant
Westland resident, Rena Gizicki, CMA, has earned the prestigious Certified Medical Assistant credential by passing the American Association of Medical Assistants' certification examination.

Gizicki is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Ross Medical Education Center in Livonia and is employed by National Institute of Technology in Southfield as a Medical Assisting Instructor.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

Westland native new branch manager
Leigh Eggers, formerly of Westland, has been promoted to manager of General Employment Enterprises Inc. branch office in Naperville, Ill., a western suburb of Chicago.

A 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School, Eggers previously worked as a department supervisor for the national staffing services company specializing in placement of information technology (IT) personnel.

Eggers' mother and stepfather, Lorrie and Mike Reddy (retired Westland fire chief) currently reside in Westland and her father, Bob Eggers, lives in North Richland Hills, Texas.

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Effects of Y2K crisis being felt

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

It's started. After two years of growing hysteria, the worry over what may happen come January 1, 2000 when a lot of older computer systems won't be able to recognize the correct date, is starting to mainstream.

No longer are business and governmental leaders pooch-pooching the worry that the world is going to take a big hit with the Y2K problem.

The evidence is growing daily. I've spent the past few weeks investigating the problem for a special that will air tonight and tomorrow on the 11 p.m. news on WDIV-TV4.

And what I found is making me start to worry.

For example, I talked to a lot of hospital information systems managers last week. Most were not allowed by their public relations tenders to talk on the record. "This is most definitely NOT a good news story," said the Y2K manager for a large suburban hospital. "We're finding three out of every ten pieces of biomedical equipment failing," said another. "We're talking like defibrillation machines."

The computer technology boss at one of the largest Southeastern Michigan hospital groups told me his organization has budgeted \$25 million in fixing the Y2K problems. So far.

Every aspect of business is feeling the Y2K crunch.

General Motors Corp. is spending \$500 million on Y2K repairs. The Citibank people are estimating their cost at \$600 million. The overall cost for US firms alone is now well into the billions.

The expense of fixing the problem will adversely affect the bottom line of almost all corporations. That, predict many, will send the markets skidding. What is vulnerable? Here's a sampling of what the experts are finding:

Phillips Petroleum Co. engineers ran Year 2000 tests on an oil-and-gas production platform

in the North Sea. The result: In a simulation, an essential safety system for detecting harmful gases such as hydrogen sulfide got confused and shut down. In real life, that would have rendered the platform unusable.

The US military defense system, including its nuclear arsenal, could cease to function unless action is taken to remedy the so-called "millennium bug." Presidential adviser John Koskinen also warns that military aircraft could be grounded at the start of the millennium.

Dutch airline KLM is drawing up a list of no-fly zones around the world to identify global year 2000 black spots. Africa, South America, and parts of the US ... are believed to be areas over which airlines will refuse to fly on December 31, 1999.

Air traffic controllers at an emergency meeting of the International Federation of Airline Controllers (January 1998) simulated the year 2000 date change. Their screens went blank.

I could go on. Most of the above examples come from the Cassandra Project's Web site (<http://millennia-bcs.com/casframe.htm>). Paloma O'Riley runs the site and is one of the people featured in my television reports. A regular part of the site that is growing weekly is headlined "Y2K Occurrences."

The effects are already starting to show up," she told me. "And a lot of people are starting to get frightened."

Brian Parker is another person worried about what he's found. Brian is an attorney from Lathrup Village. He represented a Clinton Township fruit market whose state-of-the-art cash registers crashed when presented with credit cards expiring in the year 2000.

That case has led to others, and Parker has developed a pretty nifty specialty, representing businesses harmed by Y2K glitches. But, he told me last week that he's so alarmed at what he's finding that he's about to cash out his investments and liquify them.

Liquify them? "Yeah," said Parker. "Get it in cash, coins, stuff it under the proverbial mat-

tresses. If the economy totally collapses, as a lot of people say it will, a lot of people are going to lose everything."

Clarkston's Robert Mangus, a computer programmer and software developer, has formed a citizen's action group in Oakland County. Mangus is learning how to freeze dry food and store it because he really believes the economy will collapse over the issue. "I didn't think we're going to miss this bullet," he says.

Out Imlay City way, on a 68-acre compound, I visited a group called the Worldwide Minimalist Group (<http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/minimalist/index.html>). While the group didn't form strictly because of the Year 2000 problem, their emphasis on living off the land and stockpiling food and essential supplies is drawing extra interest with the Y2K crisis.

Bruce David, the group's director, says if half the predictions about Y2K come true, "life as most people are accustomed to will cease to exist. People will have to learn how to rely on their neighbors and their own skills."

I've passed along Y2K links on the web before. Here are three more worth checking out.

The year 2000 Paul Revere Community Alert (http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/roleigh_martin/) - This site details steps community organizations should take to minimize exposure.

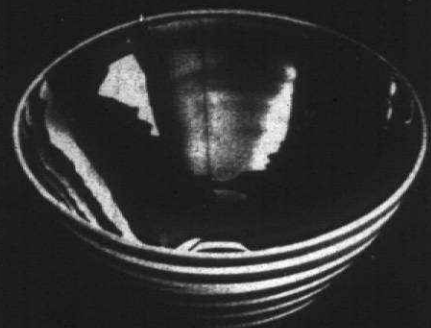
Westergaard Year 2000 (<http://www.y2ktimebomb.com/>) - Here is info aimed at analyzing current problems, with links to reliable information.

Y2K Net (<http://www.y2knet.com/>) - This site has lots of news about protecting investments and surviving the worst.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country and locally on WDIV-TV4, Detroit. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, is the owner of Awesome Pages, a web development company (248-852-1930). You can reach him online at his Web site <http://www.pcmike.com>

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Little Symphony grows up to make big impression

John Gajec spent more than 10 years playing violin and oboe with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra before organizing the Redford Civic Symphony in 1956. The Redford Township Little Symphony, as it was then known, gave its first concert on May 15 of that year with the sponsorship of the Redford Township Music Society. On May 3, the orchestra will give its annual spring concert at Thurston High School. Guest pianist is Marjorie Connell Strimpel.

"We had players retired from symphonies and school teaching and we started to have a lot of fun playing new music," said Gajec. "We've had many soloists and student soloists over the years. I wanted to give them an opportunity to play as a soloist or with the symphony."

Spring Concert

What: The Redford Civic Symphony performs a Schumann piano concerto with guest artist Marjorie Connell Strimpel.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

Where: Thurston High School cafeteria, Redford.

Cost: No charge.

The nonprofit Redford Township Music Society did fund-raising and held teas to support the orchestra. From two to three performances those first years (including a Christmas and Cabaret concert), the Redford Township Little Symphony season grew to six concerts and in 1960 changed its name to the Redford Civic Symphony. Gajec, who earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1951, founded the orchestra as a community project. Today, the hometowns of the 50-member roster goes beyond the boundaries of Redford Township to Bloomfield Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and West Bloomfield. Most have played with the orchestra for more than 10 years. And nearly all are volunteers except for 12 to 15 members who play professionally.

Musical roots

"It was organized with the idea that a lot of high school musicians put their instruments in the closet and they're not playing," said Gajec. "The orchestra was bigger years ago, 60 or 70 members, but the spirit is the same."

Dr. Annetta Kelly, who plays trumpet with the Redford Civic Symphony, joined more than 10 years ago. The Harper Woods resident also plays with the Franklin Village Band, Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble and a brass sextet.

"I enjoy playing orchestral music," said Dr. Kelly, a pathologist at Henry Ford Hospital for 38 years. "I started playing at age 14, and I enjoy music."

Program notes

Connell Strimpel, who earned a master's degree in performance from Wayne State University and studied with Boris Maximovich, will perform a piano concerto by Schumann. Also on the program are "Pique Dame" by Franz Suppe, Bugler's Holiday and Mozart Fantasia with transcription by Richard L. Weaver.

Connell Strimpel first played with the orchestra in 1989 and over the years has performed with the Allen Park Symphony, WJR Symphonic Band, South Oakland Symphony, St. Claire Shores Symphony, Wayne State University Orchestra and Mt. Clemens Symphony. She's also appeared performed as an accompanist for the Detroit Opera Theater, Rackham Choir, Avery Crew Studio, and Mischa Mischakoff.

"The Schumann concerto is a piece I've been wanting to do for years and finally got around to it," said Connell Strimpel.

The orchestra's \$3,500 a year budget includes appearances by guest artists such as Connell Strimpel. The low budget allows the orchestra to

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Music man: John Gajec conducts the Redford Civic Symphony Sunday, May 3 at Thurston High School.



Very Special festival: Birmingham music therapist Margaret Hull leads the choir of Pontiac Northern High School and Washington and Madison Middle Schools in a rehearsal for "Celebrate Arts-Ability" Friday-Saturday, May 1-2 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Very Special Arts Festival builds bridge to community

Margaret Hull believes whole heartedly in the saying "music is universal." The Birmingham music therapist uses music to expand the communication skills of her special education students in Pontiac Schools.

Hull and a 35-member choir from Pontiac Northern High School and Washington and Madison Middle Schools will showcase their growth through music therapy at the eighth annual Very Special Arts Festival May 1-2 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Produced by the Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts Michigan, the festival features 180 children and adults with physical and mental disabilities.

Hull and the choir will march onto the stage to the recorded music of "Love Train" by the O'Jays. From Eric Clapton's "Change the World" to "Reach" by Gloria Estefan, the songs chosen by Hull hone a variety of skills.

"With special needs, music is so helpful in speech development," said Hull. "Music is the motivating factor. When we sing 'We are Family' by Sister Sledge some of the words are difficult and it helps them to accomplish things with their speech. They're signing the song 'Reach' because signing is a very-important part of communication for all handicaps with

speech or hearing impairments."

In addition to the Schoolcraft Players of Redford Township, Fine Chimes, Farmington; the Kennedy Center Dancers, Pontiac; and singers, dancers and a theater group from FAR Conservatory in Birmingham will strut their stuff at the festival.

"For the first year, we're having wheelchair dancers from the Kennedy Center and Boyz II Boyz, who do good old fashioned rock n' roll," said Connie Lott, executive director of FAR Conservatory in Birmingham and a member of the Southeast Region Committee. "The theater group is doing a musical adaptation from the 'Wizard of Oz' in costume. Music helps learning math and reading skills. This translates to all of the arts. With dance they're learning to organize their movements in time and space, and learning poise. They're learning what everyone needs if they want to be successful in a job."

Very Special Arts Michigan is an affiliate of Very Special Arts, an international organization founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith, in conjunction with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, to enrich the lives of disabled people by encouraging creativity. Very Special Arts Michigan and the Southeast Region Committee support and fund programs in dance, drama, music, and visual

"Celebrate Arts-Ability"

What: The Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts Michigan showcases the singing, dancing and performing talents of children and adults with disabilities. A touring art exhibit and hands-on art activities celebrate the ability of all to make art. For more information, call FAR Conservatory, (248) 646-3347.

When: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 1; and noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

Where: Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia.

Cost: No charge.

arts for persons with disabilities. In 1997-98, the Southeast Region Committee supplied mini-grants for therapy programs to JARC in Southfield; Carr Elementary School, Lincoln Park, and Southgate Community Schools.

"Art is a way for people to express themselves and get emotions out that they might not be able to get out," said Lott. "Art is a form of communication. Our performers may not always be technically perfect, but they're communicating and they're enjoying themselves."

Once a year, the Committee hosts the festival to spotlight the achievements of students in Very Special Arts programs. The festival celebrates the power of the

arts to triumph over disabilities such as hearing, sight, mobility, and developmental and emotional impairments.

"The festival's important because it gives individuals with different abilities the opportunity to perform," said Jody Conradi-Stark, president of the Southeast Region Committee. "People have the right to be able to display their talent regardless of disabilities. It's a basic part of human nature to create. The festival gives individuals the opportunities that other normal students have. Sometimes society looks at people with disabilities as only needing education, food and shelter but creativity is a need too."

A special mini-grant will be awarded to Walled Lake pianist Amy Somerville before her performance at the festival on Saturday. Somerville will use the money to study with jazz pianist Bess Bonnier.

For the first time, the Jack Olds Scholarship Award will also be presented to Walled Lake pianist Amy Somerville before her performance at the festival on Saturday. Somerville will use the money to study with jazz pianist Bess Bonnier.

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FESTIVAL

Painter harmonizes with nature in 'dyeing' art

Festival of India

What: The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts free festival featuring art, food, classical dance, and the regional dress of India. **When:** Wednesday, April 29 to Sunday, May 3. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 30-May 1; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2; 1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

Where: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. For information, call (734) 416-4ART. **Highlights:** Meet Toofan Rafai and taste Indian hors d'oeuvres during an opening reception of his art exhibit 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. **Architecture lecture** by Hemalata Dandekar, director of the Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

Natural dyes workshops 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2 with Toofan Rafai. The cost is \$40 and includes all materials. Participants will learn at least eight shades of natural

dyes from items such as spinach, honey-suckle and chrysanthemum and paint canvas with these dyes. The format offers an exciting introduction to the theory and practice of making and using natural dyes. Preregistration required. (734) 416-4ART.

A Festival of India, presented by the Indian American Student Association, 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Plymouth-Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road at Joy, Canton. Tickets are \$4 on Friday (food and entertainment), \$2 Saturday (entertainment only). For more information, call (734) 416-2800.

Ongoing Hatha Yoga demonstrations, Mehn di lattoos, a nonpermanent, benign adornment, and regional dress of India 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

A Taste of India - food, cooking demonstrations, tastings 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, followed by dance clinic and demonstrations with Roopa Shamsundar 6-7 p.m.

Toofan Rafai knows firsthand the meaning of waste not, want not. Growing up as the son of a poor cemetery caretaker in India, Rafai lived with 16 siblings for food and clothing. Every bit of fabric and kitchen scrap was put to use.

Now he uses dried pomegranate peels, cobra saffron, soap nut, acacia catecau, indigo and marigold as dyes to paint figurative and abstract art works. Rafai excitedly talks about the dozens of harvested (or discarded) roots, flowers, plants and peels lined up in rows on the kitchen table of his son's Canton home. In the living room, several of the paint-

ings he's created with the dyes were spread out on the floor. The beautiful green color in one of the canvases came from spinach his daughter-in-law Manisha discarded.

After arriving from India Tuesday, April 21, Rafai, on Wednesday, April 22 (Earth Day) was preparing for two days of workshops at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The workshops are two of several programs taking place during a Festival of India Wednesday, April 29, to Sunday, May 3. Dance clinics and a Taste of India are among the free activities planned at the arts council, and by the Indian

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Dyeing art: Artist Toofan Rafai relays the culture, history and religions of India in his natural dye paintings on canvas.

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high school. "We identified Rozalija through Very Special Arts 10 years ago and have been nurturing her talents in watercolor, drawing and jewelry making ever since," said Millie Stachowicz, a teacher consultant at Hamtramck Schools. "She sees beauty all around her and transfers it to her art."

Music promotes memory Canton music therapist Elizabeth Sands will lead a group of 4- to 6-year-olds from Carr Elementary in Lincoln Park Schools in a round of songs focusing on occupations. Carr has received grants for prepartially impaired students for music and art therapy for the last five years. This year's program focused around occupations. While studying pilots, students used music, movements and songs about

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work such as symphonies, but generally it's semi-classics, movements from symphonies, and things that are popular. We pick music people will enjoy." Upcoming concerts The Redford City Symphony will give the first concert of the Summer Park Series sponsored by the Redford Township Parks and Recreation department 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 in Capital Park in Redford. The orchestra also plays "Opera Under the Stars" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 with the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan at Belle Creek Park as part of the Wayne County Parks Summer Series.

make the annual festival possible. Hammill Music donates a piano and Wonderland Mall, the sponsor, provides the venue. "We want to educate people about the arts for people of all populations," said Lott. "The festival is a way. We want to share the talents of performers with the community. We want the audience to move to the music and to come to the art table and make something to take home with them, and to stop by our information table to get some literature on Very Special Arts."

"Someone doesn't have to be verbal or ambulatory to enjoy the arts," continued Lott. "The arts are accessible to everyone. The arts don't have any barriers. The arts can be bridges. That's the way we look at the festival that it can be a bridge to the community."

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American Student Association at Plymouth-Canton High School. Rafai will exhibit nearly 40 of his natural dye paintings on cotton canvas along with 70 collages incorporating watercolor and recycled paper at the arts council. "These are all natural," said Rafai as he picked up a package of Indian Madder, a climbing plant. "We are encouraging the environment instead of throwing out. Onion peel gives you a beautiful pink color, Flame of Forest, an orange color and pomegranate peels a yellow color."

Rafai found during his more than 20 years of researching natural dyes that there were other benefits besides coloring agents. "All these natural dyes (aren't) just for the sake of color but hygiene," said Rafai. "The flowers and plants keep bacteria away from our bodies. Until now colors were oil, pastel, watercolor, but now I've introduced these for paintings. If you hang this in your house, it will keep bacteria away. The natural dyes are more important to our health, like keeping a doctor in the house."

For centuries natural plants, roots and flowers have been highly prized in India. In ancient days, a trellis of marigolds stood inside Indian temples to remove impurities from all who passed under it. "It was not only used as an offering to God, but as a way to cleanse themselves," said Rafai. "Another tradition was for brides on the evening of her wedding to apply a paste of turmeric and sandalwood to her body before departing for her in-laws home. It cleansed the body and added a scent, but also (was used) to never have wrinkles on skin."

It is only during the last 50 years, the use of natural dyes has resurfaced in India which celebrated 50 years of independence in 1997 after 200 years of British rule. "Before British rule, India only had natural dyes," said Savya Rafai, Toofan's son. "British brought in chemical dyes until Mahatma Gandhi inspired the reintroduction of natural dyes after India became independent."

From 5 a.m. into the evening, Rafai paints with natural dyes or creates paper collage. At age

78, he is prolific, producing 400 paintings in two months. Rafai's come a long way since his early days in India, where at the age of 5, he was sent out to beg for food for his family. Rafai turned to art at age 18 as a means of support after an accident in an Indian sawmill cost him two fingers. In his hospital, Rafai discovered his hobby of drawing and painting could provide spiritual as well as material prosperity. Rafai worked nights in the sawmill to pay his tuition to J.J. School of Art in Bombay, where he earned a master's degree of fine art. Afterward, he worked as a textile designer for the Indian government's Weavers Service Center which employs artists to create rugs and other items. In the last several years, Rafai's devoted his time to educating the world about natural dyes in workshops at the Rhode Island School of Design, Cranbrook Academy of Art and Wayne State University. From as far away as New Zealand and Germany, people come to his home in India to learn more about natural dyes. Rafai has standardized more than 150 shades of color derived from natural dyes. The more people learn about the dyes, the more popular his art becomes. Rafai has had more than 50 one-man shows in Paris, Moscow, New Jersey, Sydney, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. He even has an art gallery named after him in the Giridhar Children's Museum in his hometown of Amreli in the state of Gujarat in India.

"I'm getting energy from work," said Rafai. "My profession is to educate people about natural ingredients." Savya originally approached the Plymouth Community Arts Council about showing his father's work. "The idea grew from there," said Betsy Calhoun, the council's arts education coordinator. "We said let's make it a multi-media experience for the whole community. It will bring in people who weren't interested in the arts council and introduce people to the culture of India."

Classical dance Roopa Shyamasundara of Rochester Hills will give a dance

and demonstrate one of the six major classical dance forms of India, Bharata Natyam. At the beginning of each program, Shyamasundara, who received the prestigious government of India dance scholarship and completed the proficiency exam (equivalent to a master's degree) in dance, begins with a prayer to Ganesh, an elephant headed God who removes obstacles. "It is very graceful, very rhythmic," said Shyamasundara. "In Indian dance it is also spiritual, one of the means to reach God. Ninety percent of the composition is based on God."

Shyamasundara teaches Bharata Natyam at the Bhartiya Temple in Troy. According to the Rochester Hills dancer, "its intimate connection to the temple, as a ritualistic art, mirroring the imperceptible feelings of a devotee reflects the inwardness of Hindu culture."

"It takes our whole life to achieve one dance form," said Shyamasundara.

On a variation In conjunction with the Plymouth Community Arts Council's festivities, the Indian American Student Association presents its fifth annual Festival of India Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at the Little Theater and cafeteria at Plymouth-Canton High School. "There will be a meal prepared by students and parents of the various regions of India and then a 1-1/2 hour program of music and dance of India and a fashion show," said faculty advisor Jerry Thompson.

Formed after a University of Michigan student organization several years ago, the Indian American Student Association's goal is to spread cultural awareness and understanding of India in the community. Thompson and student members want to extend an invitation to the community to experience the culture of India. "It's a chance for a lot of the students, parents and community to see some of the incredible talent in music and dance at the school," said Thompson. "We have a diverse Asian culture in the Canton area that other communities don't have so we want them to not only learn more but the enjoy the Indian culture."

Noteworthy Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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Up, up and away: Kathy Phillips of West Bloomfield is one of 180 fine artists and craftspeople showing their wares at the 20th Ann Arbor Spring Art Fair.

Art fair offers something for everyone

The 20th Ann Arbor Spring Art Fair, presented by Audree Levy, features 180 creative fine artists and craftspeople, showcasing their most recent and exceptional work.

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Local artists include painter Thomas LeGault of Plymouth; watercolorist Kathy Phillips, West Bloomfield; wildlife photographer Carl R. Sams II and artist Helen Springer, Milford; jewelry makers Shari Cohen and Alicia Giarrusso, Farmington Hills, and fiber—Molly Baran, Bloomfield Hills and Debbie Metter, West Bloomfield. Phillips, who began painting in a weekly class to combat baby blues, turned art into a full time profession. She has spent 22 years perfecting her dramatic use of watercolor. "I paint stylized figures in a variety of outdoor sport scenes that include ice fishing, skiing, golfing, sculling, and boating," said Phillips. "The figures are not true forms of people and that way people can see themselves in the piece."

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ART FAIRS/SHOWS

POSA A juried fine art show exhibit and sale given by the Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Tel-Twelve Mall, Telegraph at 12 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 887-4844.

FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF ARTS Works by a range of fine artists and craftspeople, April 26-May 3 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 646-3707.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD Fine art from local and national artists, including boutique items, antiques, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, April 27. Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-5700.

ANTIQUE BUTTON EXHIBIT Vintage buttons from 1800s to the early 1930s at the Southfield Public Library, main level, through April 30, 26000 Evergreen Road; (248) 948-0470.

COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW Folk art festival at the Pontiac Silverdome. Admission: \$6; (248) 634-4151.

MICHIGAN MODERNISM Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, an exhibition and sale of 20th-century design, including art nouveau, art deco, arts & crafts, Gothic revival, surrealism, folk art and more. Admission: \$8. Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 547-5716.

AUDITIONS, COMPETITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

BBAC Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Calligraphy Study Grant for students, teacher or practitioners of calligraphy. Deadline: June 1. Submit proposals to Janet Torno, executive director, BBAC, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, 48009; (248) 544-0866.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE Audition for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Scholarship, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, First Baptist Church, Willis Street at Bates, Birmingham. Award: \$600. Deadline: May 9. For application, call (248) 3765-9534.

KAREN HALPERN'S CLASSES Workshops with Bloomfield Hills artist in a variety of media and subjects. Locations include Petaluma, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield and Ferndale; (248) 851-8215.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE Summer Music Camp Auditions for musicians age 9-17 years old on May 13-16 at four locations. Positions open for strings, brass, winds, percussion and piano. For more information call: (248) 357-1111.

MICHIGAN THEATRE & DANCE TROUPE Open auditions through August. Dancers 16 years old and older. Auditions by appointment on Saturdays beginning at 2 p.m.; (248) 552-5001.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two for main concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48069; (248) 879-0138.

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY Auditions for 1998-99 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Varner Hall, Room 134, Oakland University. For information, (248) 625-7057.

WORKSHOP ON SHAKESPEARE 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-28. Preview selected plays in production at Canada's 1998 Stratford Festival. Leading the workshop will be Niels Herold and Bruce Mann of Oakland University. Fee: \$250.

CHORALE

MEN OF ROSEDALE A 30-voice men's chorale featuring Paul Wittsie, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Presented by Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia; (734) 422-0494.

JACKSON CHORALE 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 a spring concert featuring Faure's "Requiem," and traditional songs "Amazing Grace," "Old Time Religion," and others. First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham; (248) 651-3085.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS 8 p.m. Friday, May 12. "The Blackboard Jungle." Tickets: \$6 adults, \$3 seniors/students, \$248-620-4807. Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Middlebelt Road; (248) 620-4807.

ZAMIR CHORALE 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. "Am Isreal Chai" A celebration of the Establishment of Israel in Song. "Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 769-2999.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER Spring classes, including watercolor, collage, weaving, bead stringing, photography and stained glass. Summer non-residents can register beginning May 8. Also available specialty day camps in art, theatre, soccer and

THE ART STUDIO Adult art classes in oils, pastels and drawing. Children's after-school classes in drawing, painting and crafts. 4417 S Commerce Road, Commerce Township; (248) 360-5772.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER Spring classes include non-objective painting, floral still life, Art Deco drawing for teens, stone sculpture, bookbinding. Formerly known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 646-0866.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER Registration for Spring Session, including creative dance, theatrical play, wood carving, wood burning, mahjong, Taijiquan, six steps to basic Judaism and basic Hebrew reading. Begins week of April 20, 6:00 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, Torreyster; (248) 477-8404.

MSU MUSIC SCHOOL FOR YOUNG "First Music" classes for children birth to age 5. Children and parents move to music, learn songs and chants, play percussion instruments. Classes meet Friday mornings through May 22. Cost: \$100. Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills; (800) 548-6157.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL Registration for spring classes, painting, creative writing, drawing, sketching. Also summer classes for children. "Natural Dyes Workshop" in conjunction with the Festival of India, April 29-May 3, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4487.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR ARTS Registration for Summer Day Camps, non-residents can register beginning May 8. Also available specialty day camps in art, theatre, soccer and

dance. "Designing for Today's Interiors," taught by designer Eileen Mills 7 p.m. Thursdays, April 16, 23; four-week class, fee: \$100. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-9603.

CLASSICAL

ARIANA STRING QUARTET The Fair Lane Music Guild presents season finale with the internationally renowned Ariana String Quartet, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, U. M. Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; (734) 593-5330.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND "On the Road with the BCB," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Trinity Lutheran Church of Utica; (248) 362-3303.

KIRK IN THE HILLS "Keyboards & Instruments," 7:30 p.m. April 26, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-2515.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, featuring the Detroit Oratorio Society and Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, in a concert of Mozart's "Requiem." Tickets: \$10-\$25. Nardin Park Methodist Church, 1111 W. Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 650-2655.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, "The Kalkstein/Lando/Robinson Trio," in a program of Beethoven, Dvorak and Schubert. Tickets: \$5-\$39. 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, recital featuring violinist Leah Loon accompanied by Rebecca Hopper, Mezzosoprano, Bloomfield Township Public Library; (248) 443-1494.

FAR CONSERVATORY 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, a benefit performance by pianist, composer Kurt Kuzlat, presented by FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts, The Community House of Birmingham, 345 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 646-3347.

PILOBOLUS DANCE THEATRE

Innovative modern dance company. Sunday, April 26, Tickets: \$25-\$45, (248) 645-6666. Music: Harp, \$50. Madison Avenue, Detroit; (313) 963-7622.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET CO. 1:30 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, "Dracula." Tickets: \$10, adults \$8, children 12 and under. South Lyon High School Auditorium, 11 Mile and Pontiac Trail, South Lyon; (734) 397-8828.

LECTURE

AVANT-GARDE VIDEO SERIES Second in a series of four on American art. "American Art of the 60s," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

PAINTED PETALS 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, a talk by Julie Dawson, Birmingham watercolorists and gardener. Southfield Public

Library, Fee: \$5. 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield; (248) 948-0460.

ART HISTORY STORYTELLER

Maureen Ester presents an overview of art from ancient to modern times. 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Park Creek Center for the Arts; (248) 651-4110.

FARMINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

9 a.m. 4 p.m. an antique appraisal with William M. Costick Activities Center, Westvoro Room, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 477-5848.

CLASSICS

ARIAS AND ART SONGS Russian soprano Elena Repnikova Berk and pianist Dan Broner in "Opera Arias and Art Songs by Puccini, Rachmaninoff, Strauss and others," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Northbrook

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

MOORE'S GALLERY Through April 27 - "Straight Ahead: Just Jazz," works by Joseph E. Giles II. Watercolors, ink drawings and activities depicting many jazz greats. 304 Hampton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS Through April 30 - Works by Birmingham resident Betina Connor, 2435 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile Road; (248) 424-9022.

WYLAND GALLERIES

Through April 30 - Lighthouse photographs by Thomas J. Atkins, 280 Merrill Street, Birmingham; (248) 723-9220.

G.R. N. NAMDI GALLERY

Through May 2 - "Richard Hunt Sculpture '84," Oakland, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY April 29 - "Exposures: Photography '98," through May 30. Opening reception 7 p.m. Friday, May 1, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

HILL GALLERY

April 30 - "West Mills Drawings," "Ken Price: Sculpture," through June 6, 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

May 1 - "Jewelry," featuring Michigan artists Sargent Eckstein, Bob Jacobson, Karen Klein, Karin Klue, Donella Vogel, through June 30, 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

ARTS LEAGUE OF MICH./CASA DE UNIDAD

May 1 - 5-7:30 p.m. "She Be Me," a mixed media exhibit of the works of female artists of African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American and Native American ancestry, 1920 S. Scattered, Detroit; (313) 843-9598.

CINCO DE MAYO/UMSIYAH FANNIYAH

May 2 - "Latino & Arab: Fifth of May Night of Art," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, Detroit Public Library, Bowen Branch Library, 3648 W. Vernor, Detroit.

CPOP GALLERY

May 2 - "ISM-SOHISM," the work of Oakland County artists Bill Brovold and Parangelli, 515 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak; (248) 398-9999.

ARIANA GALLERY

May 6 - "12th Annual Teapot Show," featuring a silent auction of a Warren Mackenzie teapot. Features over 60 artists, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

April 29 - "Festival of India," featuring works of Toofan Rafai. May 6 - 7:30 p.m. "Hanging by a Thread," fiber works by Cynthia Wylie Garfield, Chris Roberts-Ameski, and eam, Zassua. Through May 29, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSOCIATION

May 8 - "Visual Images," through May 15, American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield; (248) 855-5717.

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Oratorio Society presents concert. The Plymouth Oratorio Society presents its 12th spring concert featuring J.S. Bach's "Magnificat" and Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Sheldon. There is a suggested free will offering of \$5. For more information, call Donald J. Pratt at (248) 455-8353. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers will join the Plymouth Oratorio Society, under music director Leonard Ricinto, for the program. The choir is comprised of approximately 80 singers from 20 communities. The "Magnificat" was composed in 1793 for a Christmas Day concert in Leipzig, Germany. It ranks as one of Bach's greatest choral works and consists of 12 distinct sections. Featured soloists are soprano Karen Chaper of Plymouth, alto Carol Briner, Canton, tenor Robert Cassidy, Westland, mezzo-soprano Gayle Rose, Novi, and baritone Michael Hoag from Eastern Michigan University. "Testament of Freedom" was composed in 1943 in honor of the 200th anniversary of the

Estleman writes ghostly western

Journey of the Dead
By Loren D. Estleman
Forge, \$21.95



VICTORIA DIAZ

Though you probably won't find it classified as such at your local library or bookstore (check under "western fiction"), "Journey of the Dead" is, in fact, a ghost story. The ghost is that of legendary outlaw, Henry McCarty a.k.a. Billy the Kid. The haunted figure is Pat Garrett, legendary lawman who tracked Bonney down and shot him dead one cold night in New Mexico Territory, way back in 1881.

In much western fiction, an event like this would serve as a climactic ending to a hell-for-leather shoot-up, after which our hero would ride off into a sunset, certain in his heart that he'd done the Right Thing.

In this novel by Michigan writer Estleman ("Billy Graham"), Bonney's death is only the beginning, however, and Garrett is no triumphant, self-assured hero. An encroaching civilization tightens its hold on the one-eyed West, Garrett (who seems ruled by the instincts of the natural hunter) is beset with self-doubt, and seriously bothered by the specter of the ever-youthful Kid.

Seeking to rid himself of Bonney's ghost - which appears only through highly realistic dreams - Garrett visits an ancient Spanish alchemist who resides in the Mexican desert. The alchemist (who, apparently, tells this story,

even though we're never sure how he knows all he knows) obliges, supplying the tall lawman with a foul-smelling potion, which helps not at all. It you've been hankering to lose yourself in the Old West - particularly Texas and New Mexico Territory - you could certainly do worse than to experience this tale written by a veteran author of westerns (and crime novels). Estleman's setting is vivid as a west Texas sunset, tactile as the hide of an aged horned toad, odoriferous as an unwashed cowboy. Sometimes, the author's attention to physical detail approaches the exquisite.

Here are whores, whiskey, gila monsters, bones, stones, cheaters, chaparral, godawful weather, guns, blood, mesquite, megal, pistols, poker players, a wide variety of snakes (most of them human), and countless "things with thorns and stings." Here is a collection of unread (mustard-colored) law books in a corner of the clubroom of an old-timey Texas hotel, a well-read copy of Harper's Weekly on a nearby table, a lush Belgian carpet underneath Garrett's high-heeled boots.

Here are "horses plunged into hidden hollows with grunts of shock and pain, blowing steam that condensed on the riders' faces and frosted their eyebrows and mustaches, turning them into old men." (Much of Estleman's fresh, picturesque way with words conjures images that arrest the reader's attention and energize the reading at the same time.)

Dialogue also enhances this thought-provoking adventure, so much so that you'll feel you're listening in directly on conversa-

tions between deal-makers in barrooms, lovers in bedrooms, lawmen on the trail. Even the surrealistic, slightly comical night-mare repartee between Garrett and his nemesis, Bonney, rings true and convincing.

Though it packs a punch in many ways, some readers may find "Journey of the Dead," a little choppy or episodic for their tastes. At times, it does read a bit like a list of events in Garrett's life, as the restless legend moves from one position of job to another, and then another, and another. A fairly large cast of characters, many (most?) of them with rather blurry and similar outlines, sometimes contribute to confusion and looseness.

The main drawback is this work of fiction, however, lies at its center, with Estleman's characterization of Garrett himself. Estleman seems to have set out to make his protagonist less an icon and more a living, breathing, perspiring human being on these pages. But, in doing so, he's given Garrett perhaps too many flaws, so that readers may have to strain to admire or to care about the lawman. Even with all his troubles and vulnerabilities, for instance, it's difficult to take less than seriously Garrett's relative indifference to a devoted wife and many children over a period of many years.

Estleman will be signing his book 8 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Barnes & Noble, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

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Cranbrook welcomes writers

By Hugh Gallagher
STAFF WRITER

Last year Cranbrook's first "Treat for Writers" attracted 130 students eager to learn more about their craft from the best.

It was an experience that program director Tom Murdock calls "wonderful." This year, July 10-23, Murdock said he expects about 200 students to participate in seven-, five- and three-day programs over the two-week period.

"People come for a variety of reasons," Murdock said. "Some are just beginning in their craft and looking for pointers, others are more experienced and looking for feedback and others just want to be in a group with their peers."

This year's faculty features award-winning writers, writing

coaches and directors of writing programs.

This year's participants include poet Mark Doty, children's author Elaine Greenstein, fiction author Joshua Henkin, poet Thomas Lux, screenwriter Bill Phillips and poet Gerald Stern.

"It's easy to get published writers to come," said Murdock, who teaches high school English at Cranbrook. "I spent a lot of time going through letters and talked to other about their teaching abilities. I wanted people who were good at critical analysis and thinking independently. None of them have that edge of superiority or meanness that some workshops have."

Murdock said the Cranbrook program set out to define its own niche as a program that is supportive or writers rather than being judgmental.

The workshops cover every aspect of literary writing including poetry, short fiction, novels, playwrighting, screenwriting and literary non-fiction. All workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 11:30 on the Kingswood campus. The session is followed by a free lunch with faculty members. The afternoon is free to create new work, do revisions and meet with other writers.

Some participants stay on campus. Murdock said last year 20 students lived at the school dormitories. Most students come from metro Detroit, ranging in age from 17 to the late '60s. Tuition for a three day course is \$280 (\$535 with board); \$450 for a five-day course (\$875 with board); and \$630 for a seven-day course (\$1225 with board).

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BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTH-FIELD ROAD)

Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare festival, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 26; Nancy Washburne discusses and signs "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan's Inner Lakes," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; discussion group on Anne Brontë's "The Tenant of Wildfell Hall," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at the store 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

Rayette Marney, author of "All for Love" and "Wishing on a Star," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26; "This Planet's Petals Painted," with Julie Dawson, watercolor artist, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, \$5 registration fee; Merry Silber discusses quilt making, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, \$5 registration fee; at the library 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248)948-0460.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)

Pamela Thomas-Graham discusses and signs "A Darker Shade of Crimson," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26; Oakland County Writing Con-

test book signing, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26; philosophy discussion, "What is Morality," 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27; fencing club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; Jewish poets read, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29; Charlie Vincent and Dave Schultz sign and discuss "Broken Wings: The Inside Story of the Investigation of the Tragic Red-Wings-Limousine-Crash," 7 p.m. Monday, April 28 at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)

Mystery book club discusses Michael Connelly's "Blood Work," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the store 17111 Haggerty Road at Six Mile, Northville.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

Colleen Dolt discusses and signs "The Essential Oils Book and Natural Baby Care Book," 2 p.m. Sunday April 26; readers book group discusses Ernest J. Gaines, "A Lesson Before Dying," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at the store 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills (248)540-4209.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)

The University of Detroit Mercy's nationally syndicated radio program "Ask the Professor" tapes final show of its 45th season, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

BORDERS (ANN ARBOR)

Seamus Deane reads and signs "Reading in the Dark," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; Jon Lee Anderson signs "Che Guevara: The Revolutionary Life," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30; actor Peter Coyote signs "Sleeping Where I Fall," 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 at the store 612 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734)668-7652.

Naomi Long Madgett reads poetry, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; Sheneka Jackson signs "Blessings" noon Wednesday, April 29; Nancy Washburne signs "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan Inland Lakes," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29; Patricia Johnson signs, "I Know Who You Are," 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30; at the store 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313)271-4441.

HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS

A literary feast featuring three Newbury Authors, Karen Cushman, Suzanne Fisher Staples and Gail Carson Levine 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Tickets needed. At the store, 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester, (248)652-6008.

SHAMAN DRUM

The Rev. Richard O. Singleton reads from "The Last Words of the Resurrected Christ," 8 p.m. Monday, April 27; Donald Lopez signs "Prisoners of Shang-La: Tibetan Buddhism and the West," 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; at the store 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor 734-662-7407.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Sunday, April 26, 1998

Value is in vogue at eyewear boutique

You'll See. If you want cutting-edge fashion eye wear at half the price of most designer frames, stop in at the new See store in downtown Birmingham.

A prototype project by Richard S. Golden of D.O.C. fame, the optical shop handles German- and Italian-made eye glass frames imported from European factories with the new "See" brand label.

"We've bypassed all the middlemen to give our customers reverse sticker shock," said the Sexy Specs man. "The price on the stickers (\$139-\$199) includes the frames and lenses. There are no hidden extras. This is the first real innovation in the eyewear industry since 1979 when

manufacturer representatives who also charge fees, we can get these glasses to our customers at great prices.

"Of course, there are still those folks who must have the Armani label, and so there are plenty of high-end optical stores which carry these frames. But, now you know why they must charge the prices they do."

See opened last month and when all the "bugs" are worked out, the Golden's plan to open See boutiques in New York, Chicago, Boston, Aspen, and Palm Beach.

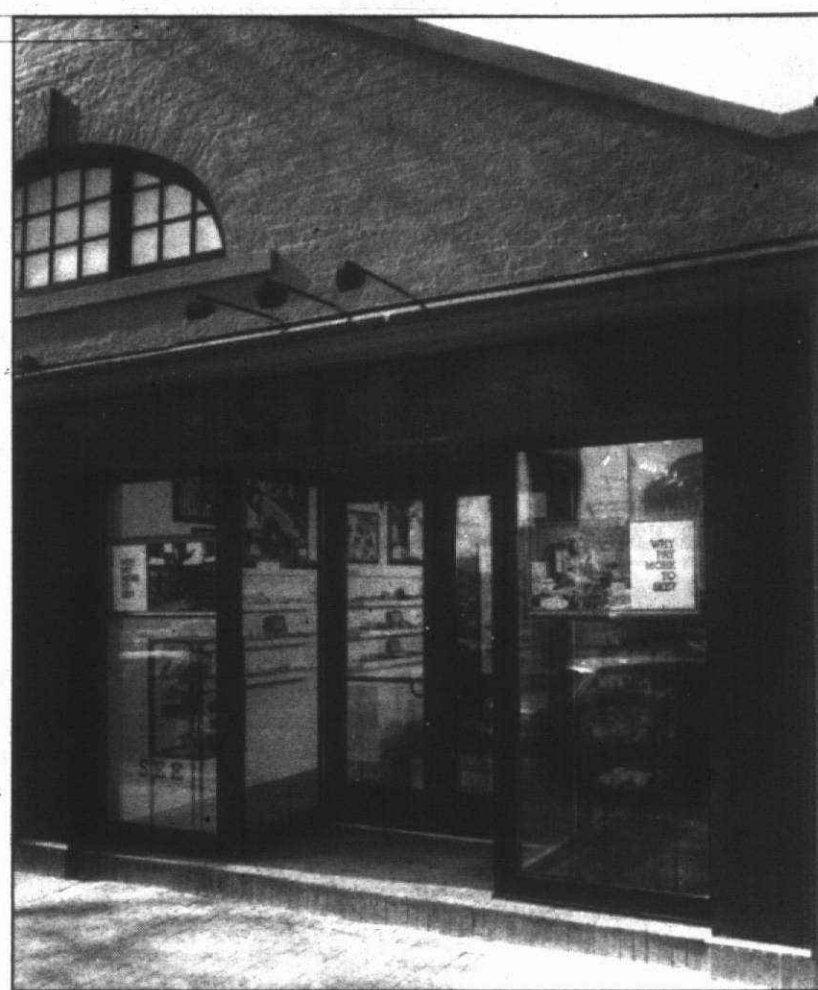
"It's all part of the Back To Basics movement," Golden said as he walked about the shop chatting with customers and even posing for a photo with a young couple who recognized him from his D.O.C. commercials. "We want our customers to feel at home, browse around and try on the merchandise. Nothing is behind locked doors. The selection is streamlined, simple. Shoppers will realize they're getting a deal here, a bargain in eye wear."

Golden said plastic or polycarbonate frames are the rage right now, as designers move away from the wire (metal) frames of past seasons. Lime green, apple red and lemon yellow colored frames line the shelves at See, as do frames of off-beat materials, tortoise shell and wire. The shop also sells custom eyeglass accessories in wood and laminate.

The frames are selected by Golden staff from collections offered by European factories. Once the frames pass the Golden's specs, they are affixed with a See label. The glasses all come with a one-year warranty.

Golden said many customers have entered his store complaining about the high price for lenses frames and optical visits. He noted that many components contribute to the price of a pair of glasses including the quality of the plastic, the hinges and metal weight used in the finished product. Add a designer label, and you've doubled that price.

See is located at 160 Old South Woodway, Birmingham. (248) 723-1900. An optometrist is available Thursdays and Saturdays.



Storefront style: The new See optical boutique welcomes shoppers inside with its clean architecture.

Discounter is opening

Costco opens its first membership warehouse club in metro Detroit on Friday, May 1, at 8 a.m.

The warehouses are at 13700 Middlebelt Road and 20000 Haggerty Road in Livonia. 2343 South Telegraph in Bloomfield, 30550 Stephenson Highway in Madison Heights and 27118 Gratiot Avenue in Roseville. Each will employ approximately 150 people.

Costco's offers name brand and private-label merchandise at substantially lower prices than can be found through conventional wholesale sources.

Costco's warehouses are primarily designed to help small- to medium-sized businesses reduce costs in purchasing for resale and for everyday business supplies. They also offer a wide range of merchandise for business and personal use.

Featured departments will include fresh meat and expanded produce, an in-house fresh bakery, gourmet deli, prescription pharmacy, optical department, tire installation center, one hour photo processing, rotisserie chicken and a food court.

"We have one mission," said CEO

Jim Sinegal, "to sell top quality merchandise to our members at the lowest possible prices."

The company is able to do this by eliminating many of the costly overhead expenses faced by traditional retailers and wholesalers, like fancy display cases, sales people, advertising, billing.

Costco (created in 1993 by the merger of Costco Wholesale, founded 1983, and the Price Club, founded 1976) is a pioneer in the \$35 billion membership warehouse club industry. After paying a nominal fee to join, Costco members can shop at low warehouse prices for national name brand merchandise such as Kodak, James River, Kraft, American Tourister, 3M, Ray Ban, Michelin, Makita, Disney, IBM, Microsoft and hundreds more.

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through May 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver / Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-3300.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Mall concert
Mercyaires perform 1 p.m. west end of mall. Group has 36-year tradition of entertaining in the area.

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile / Middlebelt.
(248) 476-1160.

Plymouth Farmer's Market
Saturdays May 2 through October 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce, flowers and plants, baked goods, seasonal items.

Across from Kellogg Park, Main / Ann Arbor Trail.
(734) 453-1540.

Beauty treatments
Salon Legato hosts Joseph of Phytologie offering complimentary hair and scalp treatments.

33318 Grand River, Farmington.
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Artist visits
James Labadie customizes handpainted scarves, noon to 4 p.m. at Kathryn Scott.

148 Pierce, Birmingham.
(248) 642-3064.

Law Fair Day
Free legal advice for families, sponsored by Oakland County Bar Association with more than 100 volunteers on hand. Booths, displays and law-related demonstrations.

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Senior dance
Great fun and exercise for senior citizens 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music, dancing and refreshments. Newcomers welcome.

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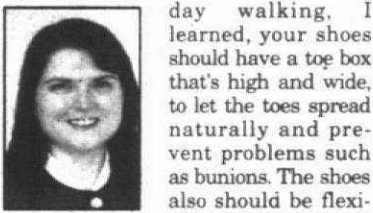
Sole treats: Mephisto led the trail to fitness footwear.

Fitness shoes keep the beat

Finding the right kind of walking shoe can be down right confusing, because there are so many different types on the market. There are shoes for fitness walkers, casual strollers, people who both run and walk, people who trek on dirt roads, and for hikers with backpacks.

To try to make sense of it all, I talked with salespeople at The Walking Company and Track 'N Trail at Somerset North in Troy, Easy Spirit Shoe Store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and at Naturalizer Shoes at Westland Mall.

For casual, everyday walking, I learned, your shoes should have a top box that's high and wide, to let the toes spread naturally and prevent problems such as bunions. The shoes also should be flexible, lightweight and have good arch and heel support.



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Better shoes have a polyurethane (PU) sole, which wears longer than an ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA) sole. For fitness walking, you should have all of the above. Plus, the shoe should have a little stiffer midsole, shock absorbent material in the heel, and a rebound system to add spring to your step.

Running shoes tend to have more cushion and less support than walking shoes. Walking shoes need the extra support because a person's foot is on the ground longer when he's walking than when he's running. However, there are combination shoes that try to meet the needs of both runners and walkers.

Casual walking and fitness walking are generally meant for paved roads and sidewalks. But the new trend is for people to head off-road, said Melissa Stiermer, manager of Track 'N Trail. For light trekking, she advised, look for a shoe that has all of the elements of a good walking shoe, plus a stiffer midsole, so that if you step on a rock, it won't bruise your foot. The shoe also should be lined with a material that wicks away moisture.

For mountain hiking, look for boots that have a steel shank, to give you added support and protection. That's especially important if you're carrying a back pack or other additional weight. A lot of hiking boots are lined with Gore-Tex, which allows moisture to permeate out, but not into, the boot.

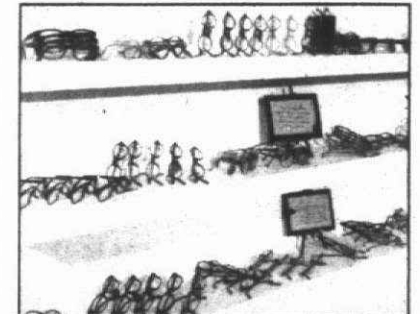
Track 'N Trail also has a store at Twelve Oaks, Novi, and specializes in casual, light trekking and hiking, boots for men and women. The price range for light trekking shoes is \$70 to \$130. Other brands carried: Vasque, Salomon, Timberland, Nike, Asolo, Technica and Timberland.

The Walking Company carries dress, casual dress and walking shoes for men and women, as well as shirts and walking accessories like wooden walking sticks. Some of the shoe brands it carries are Ecco, Ryka, Avia, Clarks and Mephisto.

Its top of the line walking shoe, made by Mephisto, contains an Air Bag System and costs about \$240, a salesperson said. The shoe has a foam latex insole that molds to the shape of the foot, but doesn't break down. Under the heel are little green balls filled with air, which help absorb shock and return energy to the step.

Easy Spirit Shoe Store, which sells only Easy Spirit shoes for women, also has stores at Somerset North, Oakland Mall and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Its new fitness collection of walking, running, and combination walking-running shoes features "anti-gravity technology." The insoles contain millions of shock-absorbent micro-bubbles, which lift pounds and pounds of pressure from your feet with every step you take. They cost about \$79 a pair.

Naturalizer carries Naturalizer dress and casual shoes and NaturalSPORT brand fitness shoes for women. The fitness shoes cost about \$49.95 to \$64.99. Naturalizer also has stores at Oakland Mall, Twelve Oaks, Northland Center, Southfield and Livonia Mall.



the One-Hour Super Store was introduced and people no longer had to wait a week for new glasses.

Golden said the idea to offer hip, high-fashion frames at almost wholesale prices, came from his wife Shelley and his brother Randy. They're targeting the young Generation X consumer by providing value-merchandise in a boutique designed to "feel like a living room." In fact, a bowl of Granny Smith apples sits on one of the table tops in the store which is furnished in the newly popular Mission-style.

Golden discussed his pricing strategy. "Because we're not paying the big name designers like Armani, Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein their high fees, and because we're not ordering from manu-

Cost is boss: At Costco Warehouse Clubs, shoppers enjoy savings in a no-frills environment. Memberships are required.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Weaving demonstration
See an array of North American Indian products, plus a Chilkat Weaving Demonstration by Joyce Tinkham, noon to 5 p.m.

Woodland Indians Garden & Gallery.
Six Mile between Inkster / Beech Daly. (313) 387-5930.

Art displays
Kingsbury School students display their artistic talents throughout the mall through May 3. Additionally, Pontiac/Oakland Society of Artists displays through May 6.

Meadowbrook Village Mall.
Adams / Walton, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-2878.

Collector toy show
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$2. Kids under 12, free. Tables with collectible and die-cast toys, model car kits, promos, action figures, sci-fi, Matchbox, Hotwheels much more. Sponsored by Winross Collectors Club of America. Toy raffle every half-hour.

K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington, Livonia.
(734) 747-7192.

Beanie baby show
Exhibit and sale 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$4. Kids 4-12 years, \$2. Dealers and collectors sell new releases and retired pieces.

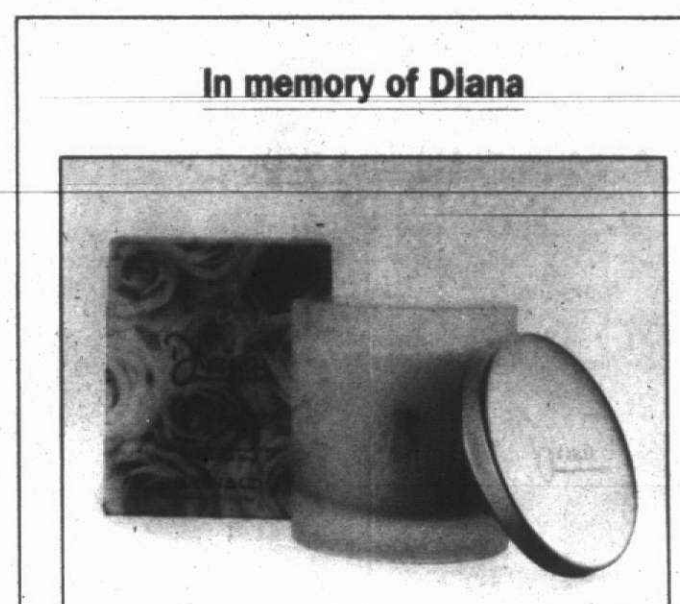
Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.
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Candle in the wind: Neiman Marcus is selling a special English Garden Rose-scented candle manufactured by Slatkin of New York in memory of Princess Diana with a portion of the proceeds going to her favorite charities. The pink candle comes in a frosted glass jar inside a box printed with pink and rose roses. Diana's sons selected the fragrance. \$25.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in next Sunday's column. Thank You!

What we found:
• A Tub Mat through Dr. Leonards Discount Health Care catalog (800) 459-0872, also Miles Kimball (920) 231-4886.
• The European-style mop can be found through Solutions (800) 342-9988.
• Miles Kimball (920) 231-4886 and Harriet Carter (800) 377-7878 carry Oval Oil Cloth.
• Found the outdoor Madonna and Child, and Michelangelo's "David."

We're still looking for:
• A child's book called My Big Red Ball and machine washable Haggard 42-long suits or separates for Gertrude.
• Color photos of the Northern Lights for Patricia.
• Lee Ann wants Terrifying Hydra (from the Hercules line of Disney toys).
• Marian wants the recipe for Chicken Chop Suey like the kind served in Chinese restaurants (does not have soy sauce).
• Don wants long ornamental glass string beads (to hang in an archway).
• John wants the lining to a Daisy ceramic crock pot 6 quart.

• Maggie is looking for a line of women's clothes by Season's Ticker, regular and plus sizes.
• Bill is looking for men's Tretorn leather tennis shoes.
• Zena jeans for Nancy.
• My Sin perfume for Lisa.
• Beth would like replacement handles for stainless steel pans.
• Yvette wants Mackie shaving balm made in Canada.
• Kris wants a shower mirror that has a connecting hose to the shower faucet and its fogless and magnifies.
• The game Park and Shop from the '60s by Milton Bradley.
• Teddy Ruxpin Teddy Bear by Playschool in good condition for Tammy.

• Jane wants headbands used during exercise by DASHA.
• Edith is looking for an old-fashioned lightweight pull-on girldie open at the bottom with four garters for the pull with nylon stockings.
• Ann is looking for gold or silver pendants, inexpensive for kids.
• Narg cosmetics for Devorra.
• Sharon of Southfield is looking for a 1992 Hallmark porcelain carousel horse.
• For Sheldon, Red Foot Powder, used to buy it at Circle Drugs in Madison Heights.
• Pat is looking for a female mannequin (no legs) can be on a stand.
• Shirley is looking for sealing wax to be used for personal correspondence and also Old Marine Trotter shoes, Crowley's used to carry them.

• Estee Lauder moisture balance translucent face powder in Champagne Beige 44.
• Anne Marie is looking for plastic mesh gas with metal handles 14x14 inches in different colors for preschoolers.
• Mary Kay eye shadow, three pallets in a package, little pink pallets in brown tones from '80s for Patty of Redford Township.
• Douglas is looking for soft swirl frozen yogurt by Colombo.
• Margaret is looking for a Maple Junior High (Dearborn) yearbook from 1943.
• Jodie wants Black Diamond Old Fort cheese in 3 or 5 lb. rounds.

Feathering the nest
Retail analysts tell us that as baby boomers buy homes and begin families, the "nesting" instinct takes over and the craving to create a comfortable living space takes precedence over other purchases.
"The same consumer who in former days might have bought expensive designer clothes now stays home a lot more than they used to," explains Kurt Barnyard, publisher of Barnard's Retail Marketing Report.
"Their priorities have changed. Proportionately, more of their income is going toward home-enhancement merchandise."
It makes sense, then, that these image-conscious homebodies would gravitate towards the same labels they associate with quality apparel.
Viva la difference!
But how do designer domestic products differ from their anonymous counterparts?
At their best, these collections aren't simply a group of practical household items intended to match the color of the bedroom carpet, but expressions of personality and mood that make a statement and reflect the individual's lifestyle.
Prints and patterns are often exclusive and mirror those found in a designer's clothing line. Distinctive details such as hem-stitching on sheets or piping on pillowcases may be employed. Fabrics are more densely woven and therefore smoother to the touch. Thread counts (the

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St. John fragrance available
Neiman Marcus has the newest fragrance by Marie and Kelly Gray of St. John knits, white camellia. Top notes include mandarin, jasmine, green leaves and sparkling aldehydic. Middle notes include Bulgarian rose, peony and geranium. Bottom notes are sandalwood, amber and musk. One ounce sells for \$250; body products range from \$30 up.

Mall hosts teen pageant
Young women interested in becoming Miss Westland 1998 can pick up an application for the festival pageant at the Customer Service Desk in East Court at the Westland Center, Wayne and Warren. The mall will host the Miss Westland Festival Pageant, Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in East Court.

Fun event for history buffs
The Ladies of the 1812 Reenactment Committee invite interested persons to a Victorian afternoon filled with refreshments, games and prizes and a vintage fashion show, Sunday, June 14 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Lake Erie Metropark's Marshlands Museum. Reservations at \$10 per person, are required and space is limited. Registered guests will decorate and take home a table decoration of Victorian style. For more information call (734) 671-0245 or (734) 289-1860. Registration deadline is June 6.

Mall hosts Mom's Day shopping spree
Shoppers can register their mom's name to win a \$250 shopping spree, May 1-10, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Three winners will be chosen on May 11. Forms are available at participating mall stores. No purchase necessary to win.

Designers crowd home decor market

Liz Claiborne, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Bill Blass, Adrienne Vittadini, Joseph Abboud, Alexander Julian, Eileen West and Guess. What do all these famous names have in common?
If you said clothing — you're only half right. More than just a list of ready-to-wear luminaries, every one of these nine companies now has home furnishings lines as well.
What drives these arbiters of taste to make the leap from the runway to room settings?
Partly, the desire to bring their signature sense of style to sheets, blankets, comforters and related accessories; and partly, pure economics.
Consumers are shifting their spending habits. It seems more Americans are filling their linen closets than their clothes closets. In 1994, apparel sales grew by only 4.8 percent while home furnishings sales climbed 7.1 percent, according to NPD, a market research firm.

number of threads per square inch) generally run higher than no-name brands, and sizing is usually generous.
Liz Claiborne's coordinated system of home design encourages customers to combine plaids, check and florals in the same manner they would mix and match their colorful sportswear separates.
The modern, tone-on-tone, textural look of Calvin Klein's new bed ensembles recall the subtle sophistication of his understated suits. Guess Home prelaunders its denim and chambray "bed clothes" so they are as worn and familiar as a favorite pair of jeans.
"Because sleeping is such a sensory experience, the fibers used for all these upscale bedding lines are invariably natural, not man-made."
"I have always loved the feel of good cotton," says Michel Benasra, president and CEO of Guess Home Collection. "There is nothing in the world like it. I like things that are soft and washed-out, so even when it is new, it is already something that you love and enjoy."

represents a significant portion of home textiles purchases," he says.
"At 27 percent of the total market, sales of all-cotton fabrications now exceed those of synthetic blends."
"All-cotton sheets are growing in popularity, too. During the first quarter of 1995, 100-percent cotton sheets accounted for 23.4 percent of total unit sales, up from 22.5 percent the year before."

Benasra points out that most of the Guess Home line has a weathered appearance, and even the product packaging is cotton, not plastic.
Linen longevity
"Unlike some indulgences, luxury linens are a smart investment because they offer years of use and great value for the money," says Peter Turner, director of Home Fabrics for Cotton Incorporated. Turner confirms that sales of cotton bedding are on the upswing.
"The bed coverings category represents a significant portion of home textiles purchases," he says.
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Prevention at an advanced age

Because many older adults experience toothbrushing, or take medications that may compromise the health of their teeth and gums, it is critical that they receive preventive oral care. For instance, professionally applied fluoride significantly prevents tooth loss, even during the senior years. In addition, artificial saliva with fluoride helps those who suffer from dry mouth and an electric toothbrush can be quite helpful for arthritic seniors who find it difficult to properly manipulate a toothbrush. Light models with rotary-driven brushes reduce the number of arm and wrist movements required to clean teeth. These and other suggestions may prove useful in improving the quality of life for seniors.

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TRAVEL

DSO embarks on exhausting 22-day European tour

BY PAUL RUSSELL
SPECIAL WRITER

Anyone who's ever taken one of those "all of Europe in a week" package tours can certainly empathize with the musicians of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Monday, the DSO embarks on a European tour that will wind its way through eight countries and 16 cities in just 22 days. The tour is being underwritten by a \$1 million grant from Guardian Industries in Auburn Hills, a leading supplier of vehicle glass and exterior trim systems.

Bruce Smith and Linda Snedden-Smith of Farmington Hills are among several married couples within the orchestra's ranks. Both are veterans of previous Euro-Tours with the DSO, during the terms of Antal Dorati, Gunther Herbig and current musical director Neemi Jarvi.

Both have witnessed the best and the worst of touring, as Bruce explains. "The most miserable part is sitting in airports, and the nicest part is when you're onstage performing. I remember one time when we were in Berlin in '89, it was seven in the morning and we went out in front of the hotel and grabbed a cab, five of us. We each gave the guy 20 bucks and said, 'We want to see Berlin.' In one hour he took us as many places as he could and we saw Berlin out of a cab window."



Bruce Smith and Linda Snedden-Smith

Business travelers can probably relate.

"My passport? Let's see ... I had it here a minute ago..."

Hopefully all papers will be in order, as the schedule calls for almost nightly performances by the orchestra. That leaves precious little time for such typically touristy pursuits as a stroll across the Charles Bridge into Mala Strana or enjoying a heaping plate of kolozsvari rakotkaposzta while overlooking the Danube. Well, OK, the musicians will get to see some of the most opulent music halls and opera houses in all of the world, but after about the third stage, 19th century architectural masterpieces all begin to look the same, give or take a few.

One thing that certainly will

DSO European Tour Schedule

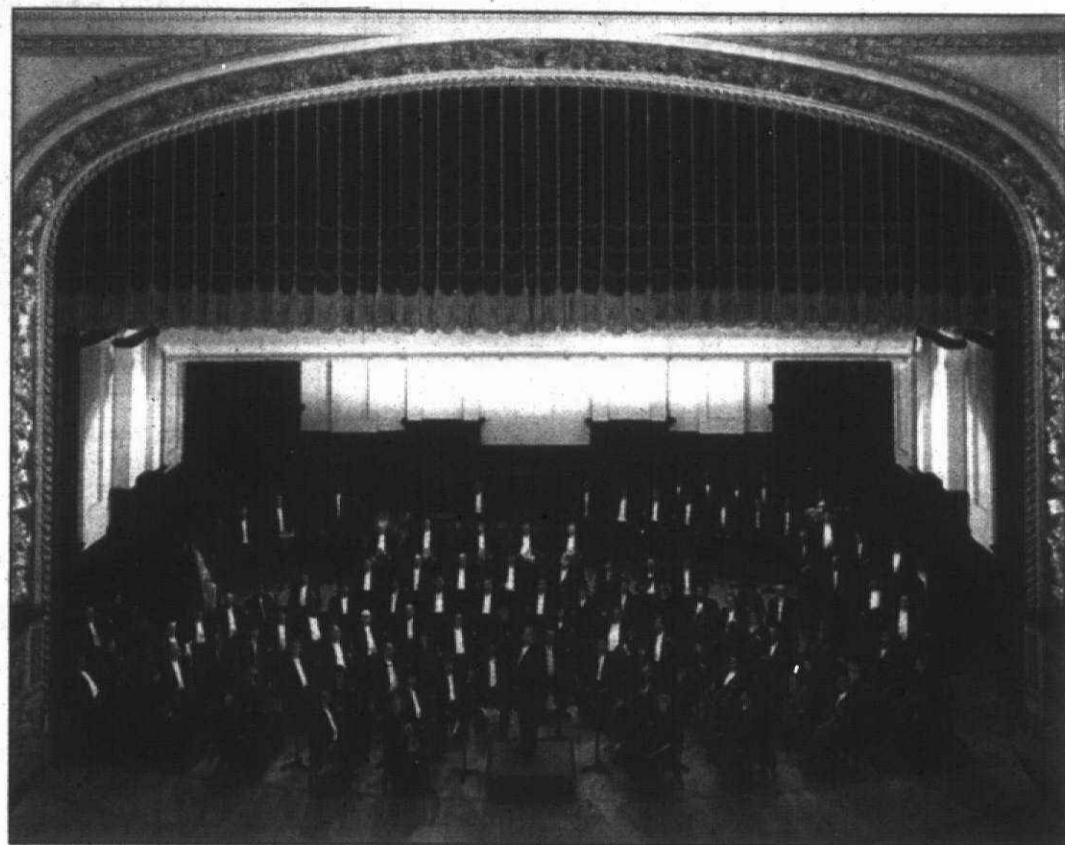
Wednesday, April 29, Manchester
Friday, May 1, Birmingham
Saturday, May 2, Brighton
Sunday, May 3, London
Monday, May 4, Madrid
Tuesday, May 5, Valencia
Thursday, May 7, Hamburg
Saturday, May 9, Luxembourg
Sunday, May 10, Frankfurt
Monday, May 11, Berlin
Wednesday, May 13, Cologne
Thursday, May 14, Stuttgart
Saturday, May 16, Vienna
Sunday, May 17, Prague
Monday, May 18, Budapest
Tuesday, May 19, Tallinn
Wednesday, May 20, Tallinn
The orchestra will be performing works by Barber, Bruch, Copland, Ellington, Kapp, Prokofiev, Ravel, Schumann, Shostakovich and Still.

change is the weather, as the orchestra covers over 20 degrees of latitude and even wider variations in degrees Celsius. How to pack for all the fluctuations? Linda Snedden-Smith isn't taking any chances. "I'm taking a light rain jacket, like a windbreaker kind of thing and a couple of sweaters and some summery-springy kinds of clothes. If we have a winter storm somewhere, I guess I'll pick up something of maybe wear all my clothes at once," she said.

Then there are the language barriers.

"I've been practicing this since Stuttgart. When the waiter comes, we say, 'Kolik stoji pul hodiny vodniho lyzovani?' That will either get us the potato dumplings or a half hour of water skiing."

Beginning Monday in Manchester, the orchestra flies (with little more than a quarter-rest for breathing) to concerts in Birmingham; Brighton; London; Madrid (where conductor Neemi Jarvi's daughter Maarika is the principal flutist with the Radio/Television Orchestra); Valencia; Hamburg; Luxembourg; Frankfurt; Berlin;



PHOTOS BY JACK LIANG

At home: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will be leaving the familiar confines of Orchestra Hall for a rapid tour of several famous European venues.

Cologne; Stuttgart; Vienna; Prague; Budapest; and, finally, Tallinn, Estonia, Jarvi's native city. What? No stop for Euro-Disney?

"OK, let's see ... it's Saturday, and we're standing on the banks of a river, so we must be in Prague. Or wait, maybe this is Vienna. No, that was yesterday. Then this is definitely Budapest. I think."

Joining the orchestra in various ports of call will be guest artists including violinist Pamela Frank and pianist Leif Ove Andsnes, both of whom have performed with the orchestra here in Detroit. European audiences will hear the DSO perform

works by a variety of American composers including Aaron Copland, Duke Ellington and William Grant Still, whose music has been championed by Jarvi and the DSO in concert and on disc. For good measure and a taste of local flavor, European classics will round out the programs.

Cellist Haden McKay of Birmingham is in his 15th season with the orchestra and is looking forward to exercising his verbal skills in a number of different languages. "The German will come in handy because we have six concerts there or in Vienna. I'm expecting to use a lot of sign language in Prague and in Spain, though." Haden won't get too many chances to test his

skills in French and Italian on this tour; maybe next time around.

"Can you help me with the exchange rate? How many Frommers are there in a Fodor?"

Following the Euro-Tour '99, the orchestra gets a few well deserved days off before returning to Orchestra Hall on Thursday, May 28. That will give the players time to soothe their aching muscles. Too much water skiing!

"Ich brauche einen Arzt!"

Paul Russell was an host on the former classical music station WQRS.

Haden McKay: Cellist from Birmingham.



GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279, or e-mail at hgallagher@oe.hometown.net

POLAND AND ITALY

Jane and Ed Wojtan of Livonia are hosting their sixth tour of Poland in July and their second tour of Italy in October.

The tour of Poland departs July 29 and includes visits to Warsaw, Cracow, Gdansk, Zakopane, Czestochowa and

Auschwitz. Cost is \$2,440 per person.

The tour of Italy departs Oct. 19 and includes visits to Venice, Bologna, Florence, Assisi, Sorrento and Rome. Cost is \$2,199 per person.

For more information, call Jane or Ed Wojtan at (734)425-2727.

SPAIN TRIP

Dr. James Nissen of Schoolcraft College is hosting a trip to Spain June 19-26.

The cost of the trip is \$1,783 per person but all tour participants must enroll in Humanities 204. The trip includes round-trip

airfare, six overnight stays in first-class hotels, continental breakfast and dinner daily, bilingual tour director, two sightseeing tours, admission to the Prado, Royal Palace and other attractions and insurance. For more information, call (734)462-4435.

QUILTERS GETAWAY

The Terrace Inn in Petoskey is sponsoring a Quilters Getaway, May 15-16 or May 17-18. The package, ranging from \$220 to \$340 per person includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two lunches and a dinner, classes by quilting instructors, spouse

golf, fishing and cycling opportunities and quilting sessions. For information, call (800)530-9898.

WHITE WATER RAFTING

The EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a White Water Rafting trip to Minden, W.Va., May 29-31. The tour is operated through ACE WhiteWater and includes all-day rafting on Saturday; two-nights camping; buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; and an after-rafting party on Saturday night. Trip is open to anyone 18 and older, full payment is due on or before May 8, 1998. Members pay \$95, non-members pay \$110. Limited

space available. For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College Student Activities Office at (734)462-4422.

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Esche signs

Robert Esche, a key figure in the Plymouth Whalers' drive to the Ontario Hockey League semifinals, has signed with the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes.

A 6-foot-2, 200-pound goalie from Whitesboro, N.Y., Esche was a sixth round draft choice of the Coyotes in 1996. He is coming off his best OHL season, one that saw him earn second team all-OHL status.

Esche posted a 29-13-4 won-lost-tied record, with a 2.88 goals-against average. He had three shutouts in 48 games.

"Robert was very instrumental to our success this season," said Whalers' associate coach Greg Stefan, a former Detroit Red Wings' goalie. "In the playoffs, he was our most valuable player."

Esche joined the Coyotes Friday in Detroit for their first-round NHL playoff series against the Red Wings. Contract terms were not disclosed.

Schoolcraft camps

Schoolcraft College will conduct its 17th-annual girls basketball camps beginning July 6, for those in grades four through nine.

The camps will be conducted by Ed Kavanaugh, who has coached at both Livonia Ladywood and SC during his 23-year career. Cost is \$100 per camper (\$95 if received by May 1).

The camp for grades 4-6 will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 6-10; the camp for grades 7-9 will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 13-17. Camp features include individualized instruction; games each day; an emphasis on fundamentals; games each day; contests on Friday, with prizes; a camp basketball; a camp T-shirt; juice and snacks available for sale during lunch; swimming at lunch (a lifeguard will be present).

For more information, contact the Schoolcraft athletic department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249.

There will be three different sessions for the Schoolcraft's summer soccer school, for beginning, intermediate and advanced players. The camp is open to boys and girls, 6-16 years old; it will be conducted by SC men's soccer coaches Van Dimitriou and Dominic Scicluna.

Camps will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. daily. The first session will be July 20-25; the second will be July 27-Aug. 1; and the third will be Aug. 3-8. Cost for beginners and intermediate players is \$95 each, with discounts available for additional family members and groups of 10 or more. Cost for advanced players is \$130 each (\$120 if registered prior to June 15).

Camp features include instruction on skills, technique, tactics, positional instruction (strikers, midfielders, marking backs, keepers), a free World Cup-design shirt; daily scrimmages; and daily swimming.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft athletic department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5249 or 5255.

Women's softball

There are a limited number of openings in the Canton Parks and Recreation women's softball league, which is conducted jointly with Plymouth Parks and Recreation. Play is Mondays and Wednesdays; deadline for registration is May 1.

Cost is \$360 per team (which includes a \$50 refundable forfeit fee), which must be paid by Friday. For more information, call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110.

Ladies golf lessons

Lessons for beginning women golfers, or for those ladies who want a refresher course, will be conducted May 18-20 at Pheasant Run Golf Course. Times will be from 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per person. The lessons will be conducted by Dave Horstman, a PGA professional, and his staff. Instruction will be in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management.

There are no residency requirements. Deadline to register is May 14. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

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Canton powers past Warriors

To earn this dual-meet triumph, Plymouth Canton's boys track team had to go the full distance. So it was a good thing the Chiefs had a strong group of distance runners.

Canton improved to 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with a 74-62 victory over Walled Lake Western Thursday at Canton. The win means the Chiefs are in the driver's seat, as far as the division title is concerned.

"A big win is right," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Going in knowing (Western) had knocked off Farmington Harrison before spring break . . . yeah, this was really big."

The Chiefs still have divisional dual meets at Livonia Franklin (Thursday), at Harrison (May 7) and at Northville (May 12). But now with both Harrison and Western — the Chiefs' chief rivals — having one loss each in the division, Canton's title chances have improved immensely.

"There are no gimmies," said Richardson. "You've got to get out and earn it."

Thursday's win over Western did not come easily. "It was speed versus distance, and distance won," said Richardson. "(Western) went one-two in the 100, they went one-two in the 200, but then they ran out of sprinters."

Canton got more than its fair share of superb performances — some of them non-winning ones.

Kevin Keil and Shaun Moore led those who did win, each claiming two individual firsts. Keil captured the discus (146-feet) and the shot put (51-6); Moore was best in the 1,600-meters (4:56.5) and the 3,200 (10:45.2).

It was the 3,200 that pushed Canton over the top. The Chiefs finished one-two-three in the event, with Brian Boyd second (10:54.3) and Jerry

Reynolds third (10:59.0).

Other individual-event winners for Canton were Larry Anderson in the 400 (53.5) and freshman Marty Kane in the 800 (2:05.9).

Jerry Gaines, Jack Tucci, Wally Stang and Anderson collected top honors in the 1,600 relay (3:50.5), and Steve Blossom, Kane, Dave Hylko and Moore were winners in the 3,200 relay (9:12.8).

Among those whose efforts did not pay off in a victory were Eric Larsen, who posted personal season-bests in four events: the high jump (6-0), the long jump (20-2 1/2), the 100 (11.4) and the 200 (23.3). Larsen was second in the high jump and long jump, and took third in the 100 and 200.

Another was Chris Kalis, who placed second in both the 110 hurdles (16.1) and 300 hurdles (43.3).

The loss left the Warriors at 1-1 in the division.

Salem 76, W.L. Central 61: Dave Hester, Ian Searcy and Mike Shull each won two individual events apiece to lead Plymouth Salem past host Walled Lake Central Thursday.

The victory made the Rocks 4-0 overall in dual meets, 2-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Salem won eight-of-13 individual events, but was held to two wins in four relays. "We did some adjusting in our lineup because we'll be missing some people (at yesterday's West Bloomfield Relays), and I wanted to run the same relays we'll run on Saturday," said Rocks' coach Geoff Baker.

Hester's victories came in the shot put (47-7) and discus (142-11 1/2). Searcy collected firsts in the high jump (6-0) and 400 (51.1). Shull was tops in the 100 (11.1) and 200 (23.2).

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Winning touch: Salem's Kelly Van Putten reaches the tape for a first in the 400 relay.

Salem rips Central

The weather may be drying things up but there was still a swamp Thursday night in Salem.

Plymouth Salem washed out visiting Walled Lake Central, 101 1/2-26 1/2 in girls track to improve to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I thought we had some really good performances," Salem girls track coach Mark Gregor said. "We took advantage of the nice weather."

Aisha Chappell was a double-winner for Salem, taking the high jump with a leap of 4-feet, 8-inches and the 300-meter hurdles in 50.9.

Bryenne DeNeen captured the long jump with an effort of 15-5, while Tiffany Grubaugh took the shot put with a heave of 34-

3 1/2. Grubaugh got the discus out 115-11 to finish second in that event.

Salem's 3,200 team of Jill Danek, Melanie Mester, Molly Martin and Lisa Jasnowski ran a nice 11:15.1 to win their event.

In the 100 dash, Salem's Rachel Jones turned in a winning effort of 12.89. Autumn Hicks captured the 200 in 27.4 seconds while Alyson Flohr won the 400 in 1:07.2.

Evelyn Rahhal captured the 800 with a time of 2:28.1 and Lisa Jasnowski took the 3,200 in 13:45.9. Ellen Stemmer won the 1,600 in 5:42.9.

The 400 relay went to Gregor's team of Cdenka Konecny, Leanhardt, Jones and Kelly VanPutten, who timed 55.3, while Hicks, Wendi Leanhardt,

DaNeen and Jones battled their way to a first in the 800 relay with a combined time of 1:49.9. In the 1,600, Salem's Flohr, Rahhal, Stemmer and Erin Kelly burned home in 4:28.8.

"One of our goals is to be competitive in every meet," Gregor said. "We did that in this meet. We want to try to improve at every opportunity and most of the kids did."

Canton 90, W.L. Western 43: Jaclyn Bernard collected three individual firsts to help Plymouth Canton run its dual-meet record to 3-0 with a lopsided victory over host Walled Lake Western Thursday.

Bernard's victories came in the discus (94-feet, 4-inches).

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3 and counting

Chiefs clip Churchill to even their Division mark

Ben Tucker struck out seven and scattered nine hits Friday as Plymouth Canton tamed Livonia Churchill 5-1 at home.

Phil Ross went 2-for-3 with two RBI for Canton and his base hit scored Oliver Wolcott in the third. Dave Kwiatkowski doubled home a pair in the fourth and scored later when Pat VanHull hit into a fielder's choice.

Kwiatkowski went 2-for-4 and also scored a run. Canton is now 5-4 overall with three wins in a row. The Chiefs are 2-2 in the Western Division.

"It was a good win for us," Canton coach Scott Dickey said. "Hopefully we can carry it over in our doubleheader against Salem."

Corey Cook went the first five innings for Churchill, 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the Western Division of the WLAA. He only gave up five hits but walked four and was touched for some big hits by Canton.

The visiting Chargers scored in the top of the first but the Chiefs tied it in the bottom of the second and took a 2-1

lead in the third. Three runs in the fourth decided it.

Salem 11, Stevenson 7: The Rocks scored early and often in beating Livonia Stevenson on the road Friday.

Salem scored in every inning except the fourth and sixth. The Rocks led 7-0 going into the bottom of the third inning then held on.

Brett Burelson led the hitting parade with three hits, including a home run, and four RBI. Ben Szczepanski, Tony Bernhardt and Jamie LaGrow each added a pair of hits.

"We were swinging the bat from the beginning," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said.

Kurt Berlin pitched into the seventh inning to pick up the win for Salem, which improved to 9-4 overall and 2-2 in the Lakes Division.

For Stevenson, Steve Anderson, Joe Suchaen, Roy Rabe and Ryan VanBelle each had two hits. Rabe started and took the loss on the mound for the

Please see **BASEBALL, D4**



Not this time: Canton's Dave Kwiatkowski is caught off first base against Walled Lake Central Wednesday. But the Chiefs stole nine bases against the Vikings and won the game in 10 innings.

Canton outshoots Salem

There are several different ways to look at Wednesday's girls golf dual meet matching Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

For Canton, the positives are four scores under 60, enabling the Chiefs to post a 230-239 victory.

And the negatives? Well, those scores — while respectable, particularly at a course like Hilltop, one of the better courses in the Western Lakes Activities Association — fall far short of the league's leaders.

But forget the negatives for now. Beating Salem is always a moment to relish.

Canton's low scorers were Julie Dziekan and Sandra Pavlo, each with a 56. Christina Slupek and Lindsey Miller were next, each at 59.

For Salem, Jessica Hedges earned meet medalist honors with a 54. Angie Jones was next best for the Rocks at 59, followed by Grace Yelonek at 61 and Michelle Anger at 65.

The Rocks fell to 0-5 overall, 0-3 in the WLAAs this year.

Which is quite a turnaround for Salem. A year ago, the Rocks had two of the best golfers in the state in Katie Murinas and Katie Collins. Now, both are gone, and coach Rick Wilson is trying to rebuild.

Which hasn't been easy. "It's been a challenge this year, that's for sure," admitted Wilson.

Hedges and Anger are both seniors, but only Hedges has any measurable varsity

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experience. "She's capable of breaking 50 on a regular basis," said Wilson. "Jones is, too." Hedges and Jones, who's a sophomore, were the Rocks' low scorers in a 202-242 loss to Walled Lake Central Monday at Hilltop. Hedges shot 51, Jones had a 55.

The other Salem scorers were Yelonek, 65, and Anger, 71.

Asked what his team must do to improve, Wilson said with a laugh. "Shoot lower scores. No, really, we have to have experience. These girls have to do a lot of work on their games. We have a lot of girls out without any experience."

Which is why Wilson's top four entrées in each meet have been the same, but his other two have varied each meet as he tries to get the younger members of the squad that necessary ingredient.

Canton's team was in a position similar to Salem's last year, but coach Dan Riggs thought the Chiefs would be much improved this season. And they are, but they don't appear quite ready enough to challenge the WLAAs' best.

That showed last Thursday, when Canton played WLAAs Western Division rival Livonia at Churchill in Idyl Wyld. The Chargers won easily, 190-219.

Again, all four Canton scorers shot better than 60, led by Dziekan's 50. Next best was

Slupek at 53, Stephanie Koppe at 57, and Pavlo at 59.

Churchill, which improved to 5-0 in the WLAAs and 6-1 overall, was paced by Lauren Boucher at 41, Megan Vollick at 45, and Ashley Johnson and Julia McLanglin at 52 each.

Both Salem and Canton play in the Ann Arbor Invitational at the University of Michigan course Monday. On Thursday, Canton goes against Farmington at Hilltop, while Salem goes against Northville Wednesday and Walled Lake Western Thursday, both away.

Brighton Invitational: On Friday, neither Salem nor Canton fared well at the 24-team Brighton Invitational.

The Chiefs placed 22nd and the Rocks were 23rd. Grosse Ile won the 18-hole tournament with a 327 total; Farmington Hills Mercy was second at 332, with Saline and Pinkney tied for third at 346.

Canton finished well back with a 439 team total. The Chiefs' four scorers: Julie Dziekan, 101; Sandra Pavlo, 105; Stephanie Koppe, 111; and Christina Slupek, 122.

Salem finished with a 447 score. The Rocks' scorers: Jessica Hedges, 98; Angie Jones, 102; Grace Yelonek, 115; and Kim Tamme, 132.

Among the other local teams, Livonia Ladywood finished 14th. Scorers for the Blazers: Gretchen Siebert, 92; Becca Anderson, 95; Katie Zimmerman, 102; and Sarah Townsend, 108.

Chiefs' youth movement is too tough for Harrison

The youth assault continued for Plymouth Canton's soccer team.

The Chiefs routed Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Farmington Harrison 8-0 Wednesday at Harrison. Of the eight Canton goals, two were scored by seniors.

And five were scored by freshmen.

Seniors first. Melissa Marzolf and Lisa Reissenweber each netted goals.

Those were the only points posted by seniors. Anne Morrell accounted for three Canton goals, and the freshman phenom added an assist. For the season, Morrell has a team-best 14 goals and six assists in eight matches.

Two other freshmen also got goals for the Chiefs — Beth Sandusky and Amanda Lentz. Kelly Connell, a junior, added another goal for Canton.

Lisa Tomasso, a junior, picked up four assists in the match. Vicki Palis (junior), Janell Cobor (junior) and Abi Morrell (sophomore) added assists.

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Kristin Lukasik (a senior) started in goal for Canton, which led 3-0 at the half. Amy Dorog replaced her before the first half was over, with Aimee Jachym also getting into the net. Dorogi and Jachym are both sophomores.

Franklin 3, N. Farmington 0: Senior Emily Kracht recorded all three Livonia Franklin's goal Wednesday as the Patriots won for only the second time this season.

Kracht scored all three of his goals in the first half — two assisted by freshman Debbie Carlin and one set up by sophomore Alexis Bowman.

Franklin (2-6 overall) also received a great all-around game from senior midfielder Kristin Dougherty.

Jamie Harb earned the shutout in the nets and made a save on a North Farmington penalty kick late in the first half which kept the momentum with the Patriots.

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PLYMOUTH CANTON 5
W.L. WESTERN 3
Thursday at Walled Lake Western (WLV) def. Richie Ikeh-Andy Oleszkowicz 6-4, 6-3.
No. 1 singles: Jon Frolich-Guy Shaham (PC) def. Scott Mincher-Chris Houdek (PC) 6-2, 6-3.
No. 2: Luciano Gonzalez (WLV) def. Vince Ikeh 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
No. 3: Jason Darow-Luke Montgomery (PC) def. Matt McKeown-Yuta Shokiji 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.
No. 4: Gary Levenbach (PC) def. Andy Con-Mark Lister-Andy Prokopy 7-6, default.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 7
STEVENS 1
Wednesday at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Shab Singh (PC) def. Kiran Karwande 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 2: Amit Patel (LS) def. Vince Ikeh 6-3, 7-5.
No. 3: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Sean Mann 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Richie Ikeh (PC) def. Matt Demgen 6-0, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Gary Levenbach-Jason Darow (PC) def. Matt Harunian-Salah Maher 6-1, 6-4.
No. 2: Scott Mincher-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Mike McGhie-Joe Turbak 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.
No. 3: Andrew Oleszkowicz-Luke Montgomery (PC) def. John Scheltinger-Pat Peterson 6-1, 7-5.
No. 4: Chris Foss-Nate Mothman (PC) def. Curt White-Brian Adams 6-4, 6-0.

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Lady Crusaders split

A late rally fell a run short Tuesday and thus Madonna University ended up splitting a softball double-header with Siena Heights.

The visiting Crusaders took the first game, 4-1, behind the five-hit pitching of Angie Vandoren.

Siena Heights (12-25) scored twice in the third and fourth innings for a 4-0 lead in the second game but Madonna got one

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back in the top of the sixth and rallied for a pair in the seventh.

But Kristin Heinze choked off the Crusaders rally to raise her record to 6-11. Shanna Price, now 6-6, only allowed four hits and a walk but three errors helped the Saints score a pair of unearned runs.

In the opener, Riopelle, Stephanie Dick and Jamie Heins had RBI for Madonna (23-19) as VanPoorn squared her record at 11-11. She didn't walk a batter and struck out five and the only run she allowed was unearned.

Daryl Rocho had his 19th double and drove in two runs for Madonna while Eric Marcotte, Mike LaPointe, Kevin Foley and Pete Quinn had RBI. Quinn's came on his ninth home run of the season.

Marcotte, Foley and Quinn had two hits apiece.

BASEBALL

Five pitchers combined on a two-hitter Wednesday to give Madonna University's baseball team a 6-1 victory over Northwood University.

The Crusaders scored two in the third to take a 2-0 lead, were ahead 3-1 after five and put the game away with three runs in the eighth to square their record at 20-20-1. Northwood is now 15-21.

Jeff Gutt pitched three hitless innings, walking two and striking out two, and Northwood nicked Nick Newman for its only run. He pitched two innings.

Winner E.J. Roman pitched two innings of hitless ball, walking one and striking out six. Matt Snyder worked an inning

Madonna mauls N'wood

plus one-third and Jason Carter got the final two outs of the game.

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Chiefs blank Churchill to tie for top spot

So much for showdowns. There's a three-way logjam for first place in the Western Division softball race in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

On Friday, Plymouth Canton knocked off host Livonia Churchill from the ranks of the divisional unbeaten with a convincing 8-0 victory.

Canton, Churchill and Farmington Hills Harrison are all 3-1 to share the division lead.

Pitchers Gretchen Hudson and Jenny Fisher combined on a four-hitter against the Chargers, who hurt their own cause by committing an uncharacteristic 10 errors.

Canton improved to 9-5 overall, while Churchill dropped to 5-4.

Hudson, slowly recovering from a sore elbow, was sharp in her four-inning stint to pick up the win.

The right-hander retired the first eight batters she faced and allowed just two hits. Hudson struck out seven and did not walk a batter.

Fisher came on and closed the door, fanning five and allowing just two singles in the bottom of the seventh.

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"We were only going to work Gretchen four innings and go with one of our other pitchers for the final three," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "In the Taylor Tournament we used her too much."

"But she said her arm felt great, but today we were going to limit her. She the corners real well."

Churchill hurler Adrienne Doyle was touched for 10 hits. She struck out eight and did not walk a Chief batter.

Canton opened the scoring with a pair of runs in the second inning.

Sarah Freels led off with a single and Erica Hancz reached base on an infield error. Two indecisive pickups off Canton bunts led to Freels and Hancz scoring.

"We knew they (Churchill) had trouble handling the bunt," Arnold said. "They just had a tough game. Since she (Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge) has been there, it's not a tradition they make that many errors."

Hancz drove home Paula McKernan with a double in the third inning to put

Canton up 3-0.

The Chiefs then broke it open with five runs on only two hits in the top of the seventh. Churchill made five errors in the inning.

McKernan, who went 3-for-5, singled home two runs during the surge. "I'm just disappointed in our defense," Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said. "I think our pitching was good enough, but not with that kind of defense against a strong team like Canton."

"We just need more games and play more together. We've had our bright moments. We're young and the important thing is we'll improve."

Jessica Schulte had two of Churchill's four hits. Raegan Tisher and Jillian Routhahn had the others.

"Hudson is one of the better pitchers in the area," Hardwidge said. "She gets ahead of the count. She moves the ball around and has good control. And their second pitcher (Fisher) is pretty good, too."

Canton, meanwhile, played strong defense with only one error. Right fielder Becky Mize made a fine running catch down the foul line in the sixth

inning.

"We're good on the right side, but we also have a good third baseman (Freels) and shortstop (McKernan) who can make the plays, too," Arnold said. "With Hudson pitching and Fisher coming on, I see this team coming together in the last week since the Taylor Tournament."

"These kids have excellent work habits. We just have to stay focused and healthy."

Salem 6, Churchill 1: This didn't turn out like many figured it would.

Plymouth Salem got a solid pitching performance from Aerada Sutton in beating Livonia Churchill Wednesday at Churchill. Sutton went all seven innings, allowing one run on eight hits and four walks, with four strikeouts.

Adrienne Doyle took the loss for Churchill; she did not allow an earned run, surrendering just five hits and two walks.

Salem scored five times in the first inning, thanks to four Charger errors. Katie Kelly finished with three of the Rocks' five hits; Maureen Buchanan and Heather Sonntag each added a single.

"I like that quick start," said Rocks' coach Bonnie Southland. "We usually don't wake up until the fourth or fifth inning."

The loss was just the second in seven WLAAs games for Churchill; the Chargers are 8-2 overall. Salem improved to 2-3 in the WLAAs, 3-4-1 overall.

W.L. Central 3, Canton 2: The Chiefs couldn't hold a 2-0 advantage, giving up a run in the fifth and two more in the sixth to visiting Walled Lake Central Wednesday.

The loss was Canton's first in the WLAAs this season.

Kami Scott got the win for the Vikings, allowing two runs on three hits and two walks, with four strikeouts.

Jenny Fisher went the distance for Canton, surrendering three unearned runs (the Chiefs committed three errors) on four hits and one walk, with seven strikeouts.

The Chiefs scored twice in the second, with Paula McKernan singling in the first run and Fisher knocking in the next with a sacrifice bunt.

Rocks rally to stop Stevenson; Ladywood splits twinbill

It appeared Livonia Stevenson was well on its way to winning its first game in the Lakes Division on Friday as the Spartans jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

But the Spartans couldn't hold their lead as host Plymouth Salem rallied for a 7-6 victory, dropping Stevenson to 0-4 in the division and 3-4 overall.

Stevenson hurt itself by committing four errors, including one in the bottom of the sixth inning to allow the winning run to score.

Katie Kelly and Becky Esper each had three hits for the Rocks

(4-4-1 overall, 2-2 in the division). Stephanie Volpe added two hits and drove in three runs, including the tying run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Senior Shannon Coultas recorded the win for Salem. She walked four and scattered eight hits.

LeAnne Schraufnagle took the loss. She walked one, struck out two and allowed 11 hits.

Teri Fox had two hits and Kim Giller added a double for the Spartans.

On Wednesday, Stevenson dropped a 12-4 game at Farmington Hills Harrison in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

The Hawks offense was in top gear, collecting 18 hits off Schraufnagle. Harrison put the game away with a five-run third inning which featured seven straight hits.

Leading the hit parade was Brittany Macey, who was 4-for-4 with three RBI and three stolen bases. Katina Vitans and Lindsey Emmett each had three hits and two RBI for Harrison (3-2 overall, 3-2 in the league).

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Holdridge's defense makes him draftable

Kevin Holdridge, always big for his age, realized how little that mattered his rookie year with the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers.

Holdridge, a junior at Redford Catholic Central, was 16 when the Whalers selected him in the third round of the OHL draft in the summer of 1996. He played a regular shift as a rookie defenseman and the experience showed as his plus/minus ratio improved significantly in his second year.

Holdridge had four goals and 14 assists and was a plus 18 during the regular season this year. He had 10 goals and three assists with a minus 1 in the playoffs.

"Compare that to his first season when he was minus 'a lot,'" he said - minus 26 to be exact for the year.

"That's the main thing I liked on this year," said Holdridge. "I was a 6-foot-3, 205 pounder from Novi who has grown away from the ice as well."

"Last year I was real quiet. I got along with the guys but didn't talk to them as much. It took time to adapt. I've had great coaches and I owe a lot of my successes and development to them and the organization - it's the best."

Holdridge turned 17 on Sept. 9, making him eligible for the NHL draft in June. Among born in 1978 or '79 or in 1980 prior to Sept. 16, is eligible.

Most scouts project him to go in the first two rounds. His teammate, center David Legwand, is expected to be one of the top picks.

Another Whalers' defenseman, Paul Mara, was taken in the first round, seventh overall by Tampa Bay last June.

"I've been thinking about the NHL off and on now, putting it in the back of my mind," Holdridge said. "I'll be nervous racking (the next two months) but it should be a fun day. David Legwand will be there (NHL) soon, Mara definitely. For the rest of us, it's just hard work."

No matter where he's selected, Holdridge will return for a third year with the Whalers and has up to two years to sign with the team that drafted him.

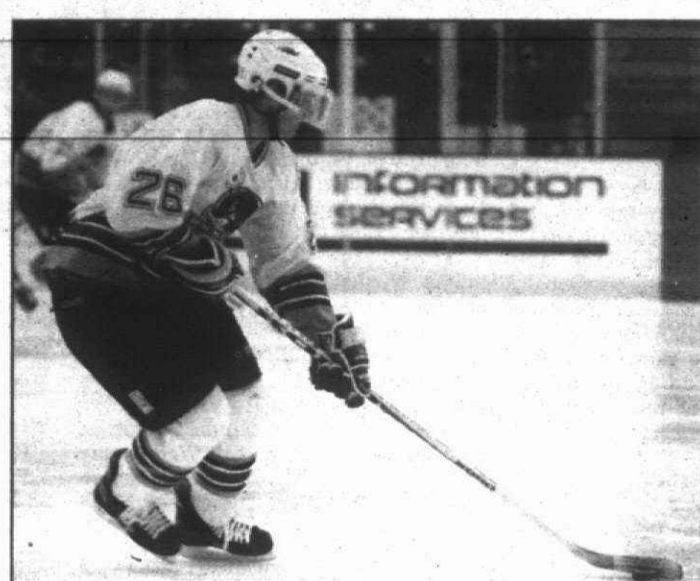
He was so young at the start of his OHL career that he'll still be considered average age in the league next year.

Holdridge didn't have his driver's license at the start of training camp as a rookie and with both parents working, getting to practice after school was a problem. The Whalers solved that, having general manager Greg Stefan pick him up and take him to practice every day.

To further understand Holdridge's youth, one of his teammates from the 96-97 season will make a major change in his life shortly.

"It's pretty wild," Holdridge said. "The captain my rookie year, Mike Maroney, is getting married this summer. He has a 3.4 grade point average at CC."

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has gotten Holdridge prepared for the next level in more ways than one. Weekend road trips, as far as 10 hours away by bus, and rowdy fans in enemy arenas have been a major adjustment.

"The first game in Windsor last year after the game Kevin said 'Dad, did you say something to someone?' All the fans were swearing, spitting on me," his father, Mike Holdridge, recalled. "All the veterans told him that's the way it is."

"People yell, come over the balcony with you," Kevin said. "Everyone with the Whalers' jersey on his back to abuse."

Kevin is the younger brother of Mark Holdridge, a 1995 CC graduate who just finished his junior year as a defenseman for Colgate University. Mark was an accomplished player but Kevin always was bigger for his age, making him a better prospect as he advanced through youth leagues.

Hockey's big in the Holdridge family. Some families have a basketball net in the driveway, the Holdridges have a hockey net.

When he was about 5, Kevin turned the head of a former Red Wing coach who was coaching Holdridge's older brother on a travel team.

"Mark was already an all-star but Kevin was skating with his mini-team - he was a foot taller than everyone else - and the coach looked at him and said 'That's going to be a player,'" his father remembers.

"Now he's impressing Whalers' coach Peter DeBoer. "He was the youngest player in the league last year and he's contributed right from the first day," DeBoer said. "It's very rare for a kid his age. His biggest asset is his character and his family deserves a lot of credit. It carries over at practice, in the weight room, all different facets of hockey. His offense is coming."

His mother, Barbara Holdridge, might not approve, but fighting also has become part of Kevin's game.

"I'm not going to go looking for a fight but if someone's going to take liberties I've got to take care of them," Holdridge said.

Playing major junior hockey

Baseball from page D1

Spartans. two-run single in the third inning.

Salem 6, Churchill 0: Good pitching and timely hitting won it every time. Jason Cox provided the solid outing on the mound as the Rocks improved to 8-4 overall and 3-3 in the Lakes Division. He pitched a complete game allowing just five hits and no walks.

"He really pitched a beauty," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said of Cox, who also struck out five. Ben Szczepanski provided the offense. He smacked a two-run homer in the third inning and finished the day with three runs batted in. Mike Hoben added a

Girls track from page D1

the 800-meters (2:40.8) and the 1,600 (5:55.8).

The Chiefs finished first in 11 of 17 events, including nine wins in 13 individual events. Other individual firsts went to Jenny Sobers in the shot put (30-11); Nkechi Okumabua in the long jump (16-9); Erin Stabb in the 100 hurdles (16.6); Crystal Alderman in the 300 hurdles (52.2); Ashley Williams in the

400 (1:03.7); and Amy Dupuis in the 3,200 (13:35.0).

Alina Boyden, Alderman, Doris Igwe and Okumabua combined for a victory in the 400 relay (54.2), and Sarah Ware, Amy Rogerson, Jena Kirkton and Terra Kubert took top honors in the 3,200 relay (11:20.0).

Western was paced by Crystal Kuzma, who won both the 100 (12.7) and 200 (26.8).

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Other individual winners for the Rocks were Jon Little in the 1,600 (4:34.5) and Nick Allen in the 3,200 (10:24.2).

Dave Clemons, Chris Mason, Kevin Conte and Mark Sheehan teamed for a victory in the 400 relay (45.9), and Andy Briggs, Allen, Bobby Cushman and Seary captured the 3,200 relay (8:16.6).

Hawks freshmen/sophomore meet: On Friday, Farmington Harrison hosted a non-scoring freshmen/sophomore meet, with approximately 14 teams competing. And several of the medal winners (the top four finishers got them) were from Plymouth Canton.

First for the Chiefs went to the team of Jordan Chapman and Ugo Okumabua in the long

jump relay (35-feet, 7-inches combined); Chris Kalis in the 110-meter hurdles (16.1); and the 400 relay team of Gary Lee, Karanjit Singh, Kalis and Nate Howe (46.7).

Canton also had five second places: Howe in the 100 (11.6); Jim Provost and Brian Szewjowski in the discus (209.8); Kalis and Jerry Gaines in the high jump (11-2); Howe, Josh Lagines, Gaines and Kalis in the 800 (1:39.6); and Jack Tuck, Lee, Singh and Jon Mikosz in the sprint medley (4:00.0).

Asa Hensley and Ben Choi combined for a third in the shot put (71-7), and Jim Koruna, Galen Elias, Dave Hytko and Marty Kane placed third in the 3,200 (9:14.1). Hytko, Gaines, Mikosz and Kane took a fourth in the distance medley (12:14.8).

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SHARE LIFE WITH ME Professional, petite DWF, 57, 5'4", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys music, dining out, the theatre and being outdoors, seeking a tall, handsome, fit SWCM, under 67. Ad# 5557

LAY IT ON THE LINE Cheerful, mature, professional SBF, 20, 5'5", enjoys bowling, golfing and shooting pool, seeks financially secure, professional SWM, 23+, with similar interests. Ad# 4577

I WANT YOUR CALL Professional SWF, 27, 5'6", 120lbs, loves sports, running, rollerblading and socializing with friends, seeks a secure, professional SWM, 24-30. Ad# 2874

FASCINATING SWF, 46, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys hockey, golf, music, movies and family life, wishes to share activities and friendship with an honest, caring SWM, 39-49. Ad# 1124

JUST BE YOURSELF Attractive, SBF, 52, 5'7", friendly, N/S, enjoys bowling, dancing, music, outdoor activities, seeks N/S, professional SWM, 35+, with similar interests. Ad# 5220

TRUE & SINCERE Catholic DWF, 44, professional, active in volunteer work, enjoys music, the theatre, enjoys discussing, learning to golf and dining out, in search of a hospitable SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 8411

READY TO SETTLE DOWN Catholic SWF, 56, 5'2", blonde hair, enjoys traveling, dining, shopping, writing poetry and drawing, is seeking a SM, 28-40, to spend time with. Ad# 8791

ROMANTIC AT HEART Loving SBF, 25, 5'4", enjoys all sports, traveling, dining, shopping, writing poetry and drawing, is seeking a SM, 28-40, to spend time with. Ad# 8791

END MY SEARCH SWF, 68, 5'4", 118lbs, seeks sweet SWM, 68-73, N/S, who likes bowling, dancing, golfing, football and traveling. Ad# 7112

BE REAL SBF, 45, 5'9", enjoys bowling, dancing, golfing, football and traveling, is seeking an honest, sincere SWM, 40-55, without children, for friendship first. Ad# 1945

LET ME KNOW SWF, 48, 5'7", enjoys long walks, copy editing, reading, looking for an active out and a variety of other activities, seeking a SWM, 44-58, N/S, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8214

LOVE ANGEL Catholic, caring, romantic, sentimental, down-to-earth, SWF, 48, 5'2", 118lbs, green-eyed blond, N/S, enjoys a variety of interests, seeks a compatible N/S, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 6258

CAREFREE SPIRIT WWF, 55, 5'5", 130lbs, fun loving, a good listener, enjoys traveling, living a good life, looking for a SWM, 55-65, with 4-5 children.

CELEBRATE LIFE

Catholic SWF, 43, 5'9", friendly, enjoys Bible study, working out, NASCAR, sports and the outdoors, looking for a Catholic SWM, 37-47, with a zest for life. Ad# 3579

EARTH ANGEL Professional, attractive SBF, 43, 5'3", full-figured, enjoys singing in the choir, church activities, family time and more, seeks a God-fearing, humble, strong SWCM, 38-49. Ad# 3621

DYNAMITE CHARACTER! Catholic SWF, 38, 5', enjoys the youth ministry, walking, swimming, biking and fun times, looking for a SWM, 32-42 without kids at home. Ad# 8211

ONE OF THE FINEST SBCF, 24, 5'5", friendly, employed, enjoys movies, reading and the theatre, seeks a tall, romantic, sensitive SWM, 28-40. Ad# 9273

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES Outgoing WWF, 61, 5'6", reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, loves children, seeking an honest, humorous SWM, 53-65, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4653

DEEP BELIEFS Attractive DWF, 46, 5'5", 115lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a professional, emotionally secure, athletic, honest and optimistic SWCM, over 44, to share good times. Ad# 4646

FOREVER TRUE SWF, 41, 5'4", shy, reserved, no children at home, enjoys movies, dining out and music, seeking a sensitive, honest SWM, 37-46, N/S. Ad# 1650

LOVES THE LORD DW mom, dining out, easygoing, N/S, non-drinker, old-fashioned morals, enjoys working out, country-western music, dining out, seeks honest, sincere, SWM, 40-50, for friendship first. Ad# 1216

HOPELESS ROMANTIC Attractive DWF, 40, 5'4", full-figured, outgoing, friendly, enjoys golf, cars, museums and movies, seeks a caring SWCM, 40-51, for possible relationship. Ad# 6783

THE GREAT OUTDOORS WWF, 51, 5'3", smoker, enjoys reading, gardening, theater, staying home, seeks SWCM, under 60, with similar interests. Ad# 1982

BEST THERE IN Professional SWF, 61, 5'3", athletic, outgoing, intelligent, world traveler, seeks an energetic SWM, N/S, 55-65, who is a good conversationalist. Ad# 3134

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN Bi-racial SBF, 30, 5'3", dark brown hair, enjoys concerts, movies, loves to browse in markets and interesting shops, in search of Born-Again SCM, under 42, for friendship first. Ad# 3722

ONE OF A KIND DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, outgoing, physically fit, enjoys cooking and the arts, seeks a SWM, 34-48. Ad# 1954

A BRIGHTER SIDE Easygoing SW mom, 23, 5'2", Catholic, enjoys meeting new people, dining out, quiet times with someone special, seeks a SM, age unimportant. Ad# 1739

WISHING UPON A STAR SWF, 32, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys traveling, long walks, music, line dancing, movies and quiet nights at home, seeks a SWCM, 28-35, to share similar interests. Ad# 2732

LOVES THE LORD Active, carefree, professional SWCF, 38, 5'11", 140lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks tall, enthusiastic SWCM, friend, to enjoy all that life has to offer. Ad# 8755

ONE OF THE FINEST Catholic SWF, 47, 5'9", sort of shy, educated, employed, looking for Catholic SWM, under 49, who is optimistic and understanding. Ad# 2250

EXTRA NICE Sociable DW mom, 26, 5'3", resides in Garden City area, participates in Bible study, seeking a SWM, 27-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2429

SPEND TIME TOGETHER Catholic SW mom, 24, 5'4", lives in Canton, enjoys volleyball, tennis, hockey, movies, playing cards, seeks SWM, 24-32, for friendship first. Ad# 8048

LIGHT UP MY LIFE Catholic DWF, 58, 5'2", 118lbs, brown-eyed brunette, lives in Livonia, seeks honest, romantic, trim SWCM, 54-62, who enjoys dancing, travel, movies, concerts, fine dining and conversation. Ad# 3536

HARDWORKING Attractive SWF, 35, 5'10", sociable, employed, enjoys spending time with her child, seeking easygoing, handsome, physically fit SWCM, N/S. Ad# 3876

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Professional DWF, 40, 5'7", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, marriage-minded, a pet lover, seeks SWM, 35-48, for a possible relationship, children okay. Ad# 3957

LONG-TERM? Fun-loving, open-minded SWCF, 19, 5'3", lives in Canton, seeks a child-less, compatible SWM, 21-29, who is never-married. Ad# 3842

COLLECTS TEDDY BEARS Friendly SWCF, 22, 5'6", enjoys biking, walks, movies, concerts, camping, writing poetry, seeks sweet, kind, caring SWCM, 23-35, with same interests. Ad# 4545

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TRY ME Shy SWCM, 25, 6'11", enjoys walking, dining out, music and movies, spending time with friends and more, looking for a SWCF, 24-26. Ad# 8585

WESTLAND, GARDEN CITY Active SWM, 58, 5'8", N/S, enjoys family activities, Christian and country music and long leisurely drives, seeks a SWCF, who desires to be treated like a lady. Ad# 1200

WIN ME OVER Handsome SWCM, 29, 5'9", blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, playing pool, biking, dancing and more, seeking a sincere SWCF, 23-35. Ad# 8962

A COMMON BOND Catholic SWM, 49, 5'11", 180lbs, black hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and music, seeking SWCF, 30-45, with good morals. Ad# 1899

HEART OF GOLD SW dad, 32, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys taking care of his son, seeks an attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 1965

CHECK THIS OUT Sincere, romantic SWM, 38, 6'1", 200lbs, enjoys tennis, golfing, outdoor activities, the theatre, movies and weekend getaways, wishes to meet a slender SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 3615

MEANINGFUL Affectionate, open-minded SWM, 43, 6', seeks a professional, trim, slim SWF, 28-45, to spend romantic, quality times together. Ad# 1212

END MY SEARCH Honest, sincere SWM, 31, 5'7", 175lbs, brown hair/eyes, sports fan, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home, seeks a SWF, under 34. Ad# 2233

STOP RIGHT HERE! Professional DW, 49, 5'10", grey hair, blue eyes, interests include jogging, soccer, movies and staying in, seeks DWF, 30-56, for long-term relationship. Ad# 5141

YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME Professional, open-minded SWCM, 36, 6'3", 185lbs, brown hair/eyes, a homeowner, enjoys NASCAR, movies and music, traveling, cars and new age unimportant, seeks a compatible SWCF, 27-38. Ad# 3968

LET'S HAVE FUN Catholic, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", outgoing, friendly, enjoys shooting pool, darts, hockey, golf, movies, the outdoors and spending time with friends, seeking a spiritual SWF, 24-34. Ad# 3146

GOOD TIMES Upbeat, employed, Catholic DW, 58, 5'8", blonde hair, enjoys, dancing, bowling and traveling, working around the house, dining out and the outdoors, looking for a compatible, Catholic SWF, 40-50. Ad# 7683

SOUND LIKE YOU? Educated, employed SWCM, 26, 5'10", 160lbs, enjoys socializing, movies, working out, running, camping, enjoys a variety of summer outdoor activities and dining out, seeks a SWCF, under 38, with similar interests. Ad# 3997

APPRECIATES HONESTY SWM, 42, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, educated, a professional, enjoys jogging, long walks, reading and good conversation, seeks a slender, educated SWF, 27-40, who is passionate about life. Ad# 5787

FASCINATING Easygoing SWM, 24, 6'2", 240lbs, dark brown hair, enjoys movies, shooting pool and socializing, wishes to meet and spend time with an attractive, petite SWF, under 28. Ad# 2322

ATRACTIVE

Athletic, attentive, sincere SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks outgoing, big-hearted SWF, who has direction in life. Ad# 1111

RESCUE MY HEART Catholic SWM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, affectionate, caring, professional, enjoys going to church, dining out and movies, seeks a Catholic SWF, 28-45. Ad# 7972

ONE OF THE FINEST SBF, 45, 6'2", enjoys concerts, movies and romantic dinner, would like to meet a loving, gentle SWF, 25-45, who cares about herself. Ad# 8889

BUILD A FOUNDATION Catholic SWM, 41, 6'1", 187lbs, independent, employed, never-married, enjoys traveling, good conversation, professional SWF, 21-42, who enjoys the great outdoors. Ad# 4444

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE Catholic DW dad, 42, 5'11", 185lbs, blue-eyed blond, professional, interests include movies, comedy clubs, jogging and sports, looking forward to meeting a SWCF, under 38. Ad# 3411

GOOD COMMUNICATOR Positive, professional SWCM, 40, 5'11", 195lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, likes traveling, good conversation, enjoys golfing, the outdoors and dining out, seeks a SWCF, 30-45, for possible relationship. Ad# 5555

FROM THE HEART Catholic SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, enjoys romantic dinners, dancing, sports and movies, seeking a SF, under 45, with similar interests. Ad# 5619

ODYSSEY OF LOVE Protestant SWM, 48, 6', 195lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, affectionate, honest, likes traveling, good conversation, time with family and dining out, seeks an attractive, educated SWF, 35-52, N/S. Ad# 4123

LET'S GET TOGETHER Sincere, professional SWM, 41, enjoys exercise, sports and the arts in search of an attractive, slender SWF, who has never been married. Ad# 8732

FOLLOW YOUR HEART Catholic DW, 60, 5'11", 170lbs, grey hair, laid-back, friendly, self-employed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys quiet evenings at home, golfing, dining out, seeking a Catholic DWF, without children at home. Ad# 2552

SINCERE AND DEVOTED Honest SW father, 49, 5'11", 212lbs, enjoys movies and sports, seeks a WWF, under 50, without children at home. Ad# 6347

CHEERFUL AND FUN Artistic SWM, 28, 5'7", 160lbs, likes sports, movies and meaningful conversations, seeks a professional DCF, over 21, without children. Ad# 3001

FANTASTICALLY FAITHFUL Catholic DW dad, 38, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, outgoing, enjoys camping, cooking, dancing, being with his kids, romantic nights, enjoys the theatre and weekend getaways, seeks Catholic DWF, 32-40, who is family oriented. Ad# 5858

ANYTHING IS COMMON? Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs, enjoys working out, outdoors, seeks a slender, professional SWF, age unimportant, 21-33 for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 1451

MATE FOR LIFE SWCM, 39, 6'1", outgoing, seeks a SWCF, who is outgoing, has a relationship and commitment-minded, for a serious relationship. Ad# 4445

WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU SWM, 23, 5'6", dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, camping, biking, seeking a SWF, 20-30, for possible long term relationship. Ad# 7594

CHARISMATIC SWM, 48, 6'1", outgoing and friendly, loves life and is very active in church, enjoys board games, seeks SWF, who is for friendship, that could grow into something special. Ad# 6847

HEAVEN SENT SBF, 18, 6', student, enjoys sporting events and movies, participates in youth ministry and Bible study, seeking a SWF, 18-25, for companionship. Ad# 1348

WARM-HEARTED Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", medium build, outgoing, friendly, likes a wide range of activities, seeks slender, romantic, spontaneous, educated SWF. Ad# 1133

MESMERIZING PERSONALITY Handsome, professional, DWCM, 29, 5'8", dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dining out and a movie with good friends, seeks a SWF, 18-25, for a traveling companion, to search for Christ. Ad# 4806

FAMILY-ORIENTED Athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks a spontaneous, romantic SF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

ATHLETICALLY INCLINED

Professional SWM, 40, enjoys dining out and dancing, music and movies, enjoys life and outdoor sports, seeks a romantic, articulate, sincere, fit SAF, age unimportant, children okay. Ad# 7972

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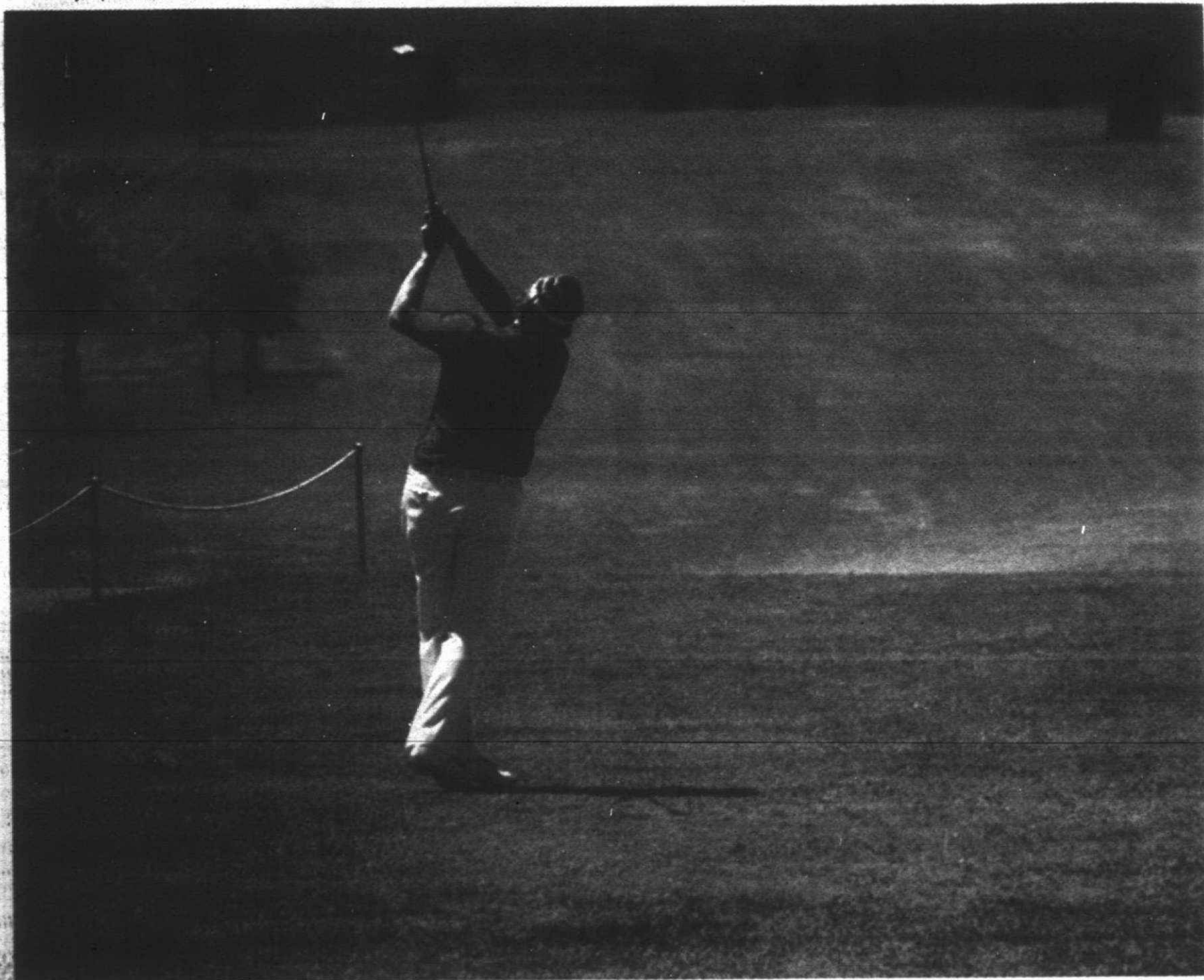
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Getting into swing of golf game

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4 Kent Wilson owns and operates convenience stores in Ogden, Utah. If there's some room on the shelves, that's where his golf invention belongs, because convenience is what his Sof-Tee is all about.

5 Sam Zeppa remembers when he received a call from a golf course threatening legal action. The course wanted answers from Zeppa, one of three authors of a reference book that rates public golf courses in southeast Michigan.

6 Jim Szilagyi grew up playing the game of golf, so it's no wonder he holds the titles he does. Szilagyi, who was raised in Plymouth and now lives in Birmingham, is in his second year as president of the Michigan Publinx Golf Association.

8 The Observer Golf section offers a comprehensive map and listing of area golf courses and facilities.

10 Qualifying rounds for the 83rd Michigan Open will be Monday and Tuesday, May 18-19, at eight sites throughout the state.

11 In her own way, Terri Anthony Ryan is as much a role model for women golfers as the best players on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour. The club pro at Beech Woods Golf Center in Southfield, Anthony Ryan was the first female in Michigan to earn a Professional Golf Association card, in 1984.

12 The Michigan Section, PGA will once again stage 13 qualifying events leading up to the Maxfli PGA Junior Championships, Aug. 19-22, in PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

13 As the weather warms up, it's time for people to get back into the swing of golf. For many, that means upgrading from last season's clubs and for some, buying a set of

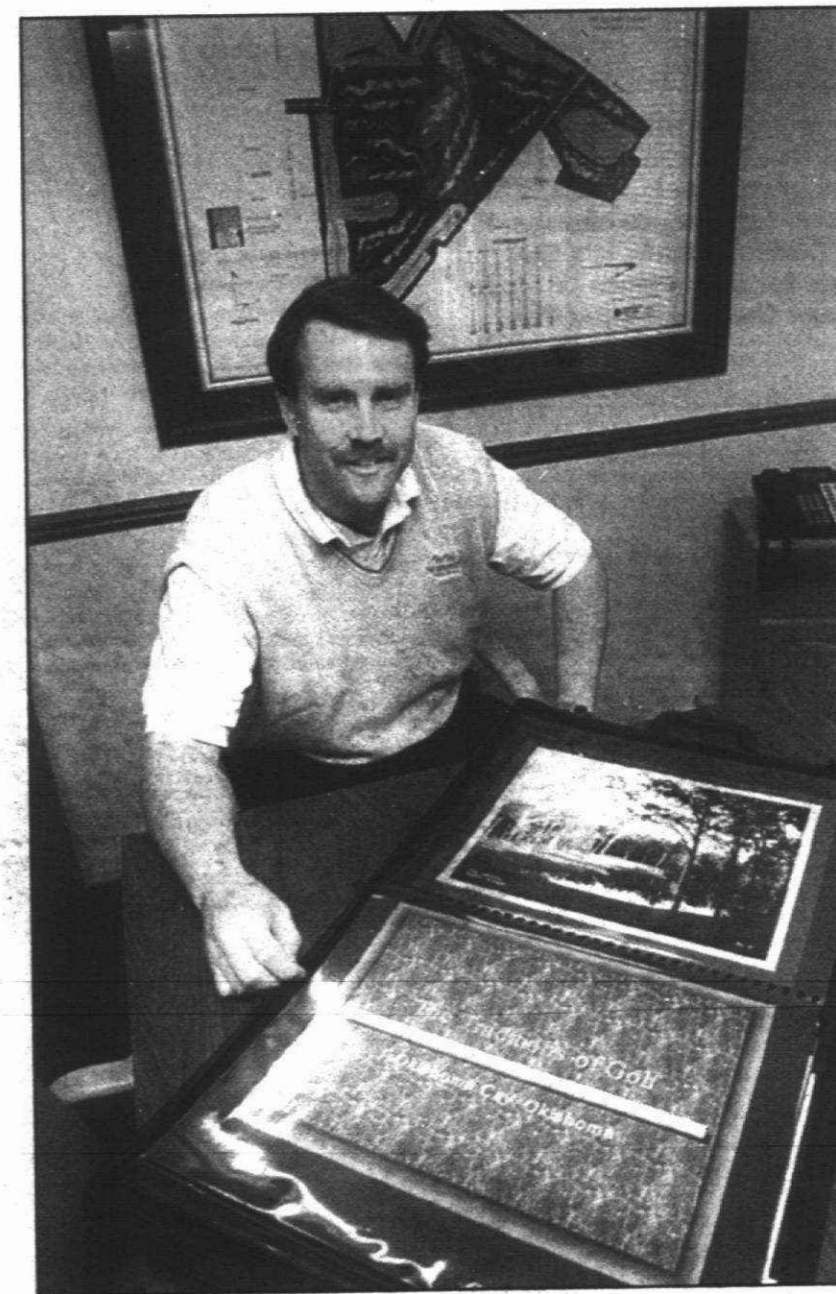
clubs for the very first time.



14 If you're planning to play the local golf course this year, you'll have to check your shoes before you do. The metal spikes on the bottom of traditional golf shoes are on the way out and disappearing faster than a slice hit into the woods.

15 In 1994, the Michigan Section, PGA, established a foundation to channel monies into various charitable and philanthropic groups including junior golf, Special Olympics, inner-city golf, Cornerstone School and member grants. The foundation has now expanded to the Michigan Section Bag Tag Program.

Dream job drives course designer



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Only 37, Hearn has already established his name in this country, and he's in the process of going international. Overall, his firm is currently working on 16 projects; four of those are now under construction.

Among his projects is the Fantasy Beach Golf Course, located outside of Cairo in Egypt. It is part of an \$880 million resort that includes three luxury hotels and 55 condominiums (each priced at \$1.5 million, and all of them already sold). He has another, his second international venture, in the planning stages for Milan, Italy, the Milan Country Club.

Of the four currently under construction, three are located within Michigan: Island Hills Golf Club in Centreville, Quail Ridge Golf Club in Ada, and the Millennium Golf Club in Ludington. The fourth is Sea Oaks Country Club, just outside of Atlantic City in New Jersey.

It makes for quite a busy schedule. "And we've turned down 15 projects in the last two years," Hearn said.

So how does one get into a business like this?

Hearn would be the first to say that he's living his dream, but it wasn't easy getting there. A Michigan State University graduate with degrees in Landscape Architecture and Turfgrass Science, he began his journey to dreamland during his freshman year at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher High School.

"I was watching golf on TV and said to my dad, 'Someone has to be designing those courses. Wouldn't that be a great job?'"

The fire was lit. A caddy at Country Club of Detroit, Hearn figured he needed guidance for such a career. The guy he decided to seek out for advice was none other than Robert Trent Jones.

Jones was, at the time, one of the top golf course architects in the world. Among Jones' achievements: Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Although awed, Hearn would not be dissuaded. This 15-year-old kid continued to call Jones at his office, every time being turned away until, on his 13th attempt, he got through thanks to a small threat: "I'll keep calling until he speaks to me," Hearn told the secretary.

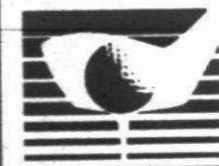
"I was persistent," he recalls now. What Hearn got was a couple of minutes of Jones' time, which he used to map out a course to his career.

Jones, calling golf course architecture a difficult profession to get into,

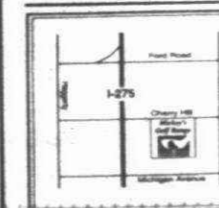
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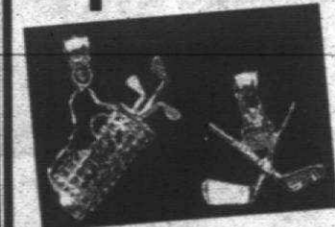
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Kent Wilson owns and operates convenience stores in Ogden, Utah.

If there's some room on the shelves, that's where his golf invention belongs, because convenience is what his Sof-Tee is all about.

Wilson, president of Golf Concepts Inc., and partner Gary Thompson have a patent for Sof-Tee, a rubber-like, all-weather, all-ground-condition tee that has a suggested retail price of 59 cents.

Golfers and golf shops and courses benefit from their invention, Wilson said, because of its many advantages.

Wilson said golfers get a consistent height every time (Sof-Tee adjusts to two heights, for wood and iron tee shots). He said Sof-Tee can be reused hundreds of times, will not mar club faces, does not poke holes in the golf bag or pants pockets and is brightly colored, easy to find to speed play.

Sof-Tee gives golf shops another modern accessory to sell, he said. More use of Sof-Tee, he said, can result in courses saving on maintenance costs and mower blade wear from broken wood tees left on the course. Fewer broken wooden tees also reduces clutter around the tee box.

'It's a niche market. Traditional golfers will use it some-time. A number carry it in a bag, use it occasionally. We also have golfers that won't use anything else. Really, on tour there is no compelling reason for them to change. Pro golfers golf under the best conditions. Usually it's the weekend golfer, the municipal golfer that's more likely to run into conditions that encourage them to try Sof-Tee.'

*Kent Wilson
Golf Concepts president*

Sof-Tee rests on top of the ground, meaning players can play on frozen and hard-ground conditions.

The most popular color is white, but it also sells in yellow, green, orange and pink colors.

Sof-Tee conforms to all United States Golf Association rules, Wilson said. It is sold in the United States and all over the world, distributed to 17 foreign countries.

Wilson doesn't think golfers will have trouble losing Sof-Tee on the tee box.

"If the tee goes farther than the ball they better quit golfing," Wilson said, laughing.

Wilson said his company won't pay golf pros to endorse their product. Golf pros aren't the market they're trying to reach anyway, he said.

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Sof-Tee is popular among older golfers who suffer from arthritis, he

added. "It has a bigger surface, so if you're arthritic, you don't have to fidget with it," Wilson said.

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Course guide makes the grades

Sam Zeppa remembers when he received a call from a golf course threatening legal action.

The course wanted answers from Zeppa, one of three authors of a reference book that rates public golf courses in southeast Michigan.

Zeppa had rated a course as a "flying divot," the lowest rating for a course.

"But the lawyer for the course then went out and saw that our description was accurate so our description was not slanderous," he said.

Zeppa, Richard Hyrb and Greg Morris are the authors of the "Bogey Golfer's Guide to Public Courses in Michigan."

The three may be marked men to some golf course owners in the state, but that's the price for being honest.

The book, now in its third edition, provides detailed evaluations of 229 courses (with par over 70) from 13 different counties. The evaluations include scorecards, course rankings, location maps and hole-by-hole commentaries.

The book, which has sold more than 15,000 copies since its inception, is available for \$17.95 from virtually any golf equipment and accessory store.

And if you're a golfer who wants

information about the area's golf courses, then this book is for you. Money-saving coupons in the back of the book also provide savings on green fees for two years.

The evolution of the guide began several years ago when the trio got together after golfing in their weekly league. The three authors discussed what reference golfers had to learn about courses.

"We lamented the fact that there were guides that provided little information and a lot of coupons," Morris said. "Michigan is blessed with hundreds of golf courses with varying degrees of quality."

"We decided to develop a reference book that featured a lot of information and some coupons. We wanted to provide information on price, if the course was well-maintained and its difficulty."

And the guide doesn't stop there. Everything from the clubhouse to the course's bathroom facilities to the greens and tees is discussed in the book.

Playing golf and writing a book about the sport may seem like a the ideal part-time job, but Morris says think again.

"It's not as much of a gravy job as you think," Morris said. "It's hard

when you have a day job, plus it's challenging writing up each course and every hole. It is fun at times, but has its difficult moments."

One of the more difficult parts of writing the book was actually finding the location of the courses. The guide has solved this problem with an expanded map section for each course.

The trio developed a rating system that considers 48 different criteria. Each course receives a rating as well as a movie review - like one golf ball, two balls, three balls, four balls, or the lowest rating - a flying divot.

"We don't try to trash courses," Morris explained. "We just want to tell golfers like ourselves who aren't professional or scratch golfers what we think. And it works. Not everyone is always happy with our rating, but most don't argue."

"Even if you rate a course high, many think they should be rated higher," Zeppa added.

Morris added that some courses have even improved many of their faults mentioned in the book after reading or hearing about the review.

"There are some courses that simply can't get any bigger, but there are many that are better maintained, take better care of their greens and things

like that," Zeppa said. Many of the highly-rated courses - as well as lower-rated courses - are predictable to those who know golf in the area. However, the guide also uncovers many "diamonds in the rough."

"There are a lot of courses around, but some of the better ones don't get enough publicity," Morris said. According to Morris, some nearby courses that lack the attention they deserve include Leslie Park in Ann Arbor and Faulkwood Shores in Howell. If you want to leave the metro Detroit area, Morris says to try Wishbone Glen, which is outside Marshall, or Brookshire in Williamston.

Zeppa recommends Twin Lakes in Oakland Township, Copper Hills in Oxford, Pheasant Run in Canton and Lakes of Taylor.

In case you're wondering, the highest rating of 103.2 went to the Orchards in Washington.

But the authors suggest you use the book to find the best course for you - what you can afford, what's near you, extra amenities, etc.

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Jim Szilagyi grew up playing the game of golf, so it's no wonder he holds the titles he does.

Szilagyi, who was raised in Plymouth and now lives in Birmingham, is in his second year as president of the Michigan Publinox Golf Association.

The MPGA is one of the oldest and biggest golf organizations in Michigan with more than 600 members, all of whom are amateurs but represent a cross section of ability.

Twenty-four members are elected to three-year terms on the MPGA governing board. From that group, a four-person executive committee is chosen each year, of whom Szilagyi is one.

"Those 24 do all the work from organizing tournaments to selecting courses to working the competitions," Szilagyi said. "All of them are volunteers. They do it for the love of the game and the organization."

Szilagyi is more than just an official

■ The MPGA conducts a number of competitions during the golf season, including five 18-hole, stroke-play tournaments for golfers in scratch, net and senior divisions. Two of the most prestigious events are the Fuller Cup and the Atlas Cup.

in the organization, however. He's also its defending champion in match play.

"I'm proud of the honor and the accomplishment," he said, "but it's just one of those things. You get lucky every now and then."

Actually, it's the second time Szilagyi has won. A scratch golfer, he was the 1991 champion, too.

The MPGA had its origins in the Metropolitan Golf Association and is based primarily in the Detroit area but is expanding outstate. The MPGA is organizing chapters in Flint and Lansing, and it will have a match-play event in Mount Pleasant this year.

MPGA members have to renew their memberships each year for a fee of \$340. Players must be bonafide public-course players and 18 years of age. They can't belong to a private club. The deadline for joining this year was April 15, however.

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Two of the most prestigious events are the Fuller Cup and the Atlas Cup. The former features competition between the top professionals and amateurs in the state, and the latter matches the top public-course players against the top private-club players.

"That's like the Ryder Cup of Michigan," said Szilagyi of the Atlas Cup.

The State Match Play Championship is one of the largest tournaments in Michigan, second only to the Michigan Amateur, with 320 golfers taking part last year.

Players qualify at two courses and are flighted on what they shoot in those rounds. No handicaps are involved. The tournament takes place over several days, starting in late July, and is open to everybody. You don't have to be a member to enter.

"Some are shooting par and some are shooting in the 90s," said Szilagyi, who qualified for the championship flight. "The typical average score in the upper flights is in the 80s. Most are under 18-handicaps. Zero-to-four usually makes the championship flight."

Szilagyi, whose father was the club pro at Salem Hills and Godwin Glen golf courses, grew up playing golf but went to Central Michigan University to play football after graduating from Salem High School in 1973.

"Ability only takes you so far; I didn't have a lot of it playing football," said Szilagyi, a former quarterback. "I'm the guy who drove (coach) Tom Moshimer to the wishbone offense. That's how bad my arm was."

"But I don't regret it. I played on a national championship team and all that (in 1974 at CMU), but I reached my zenith when I was at Plymouth High."

Szilagyi is now the national account manager for SkyLinks, a Boston-based company that makes Global Positioning Systems for golf courses.

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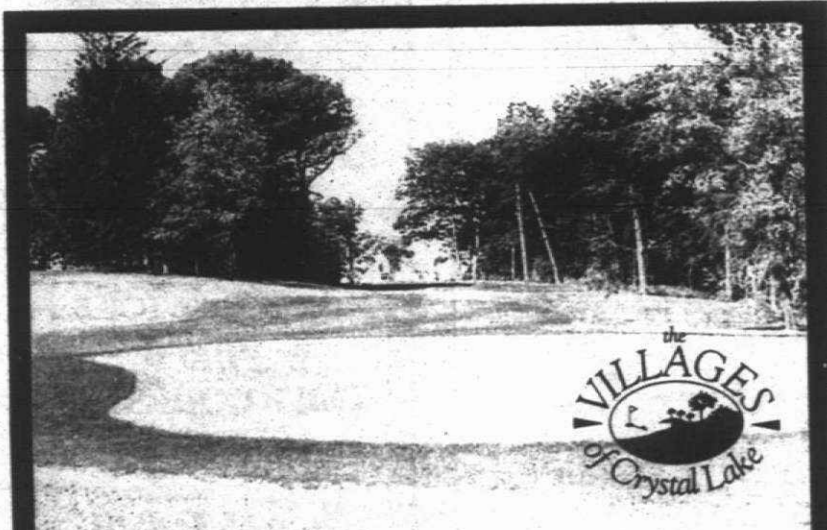
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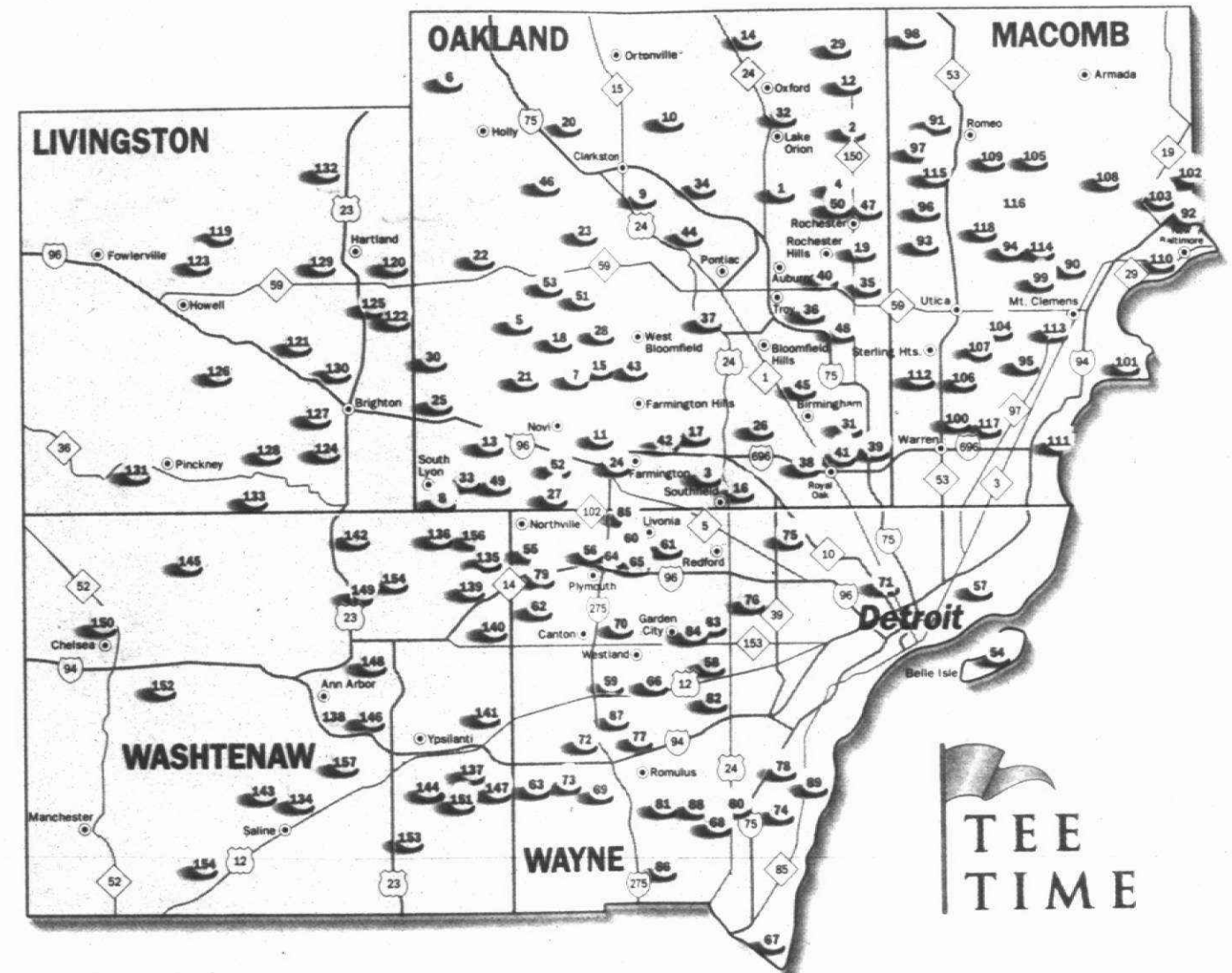
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TEE TIME

Michigan Open qualifying rounds set

Qualifying rounds for the 83rd Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open will be Monday and Tuesday, May 18-19, at eight sites throughout the state.

On May 18, qualifying will be at: The Fortress in Frankenmuth, Franklin Hills Country Club in Franklin, Glacier Club in Washington and Gull Lake Country Club in Richland.

On May 19, qualifying will be at: Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada, Katke-Cousins Golf Club in Rochester, The Legend in Bellaire and Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing.

The fields at all but one qualifying site will be limited to 104 participants with the exception of Walnut Hills, which will field a maximum of 78. Participants will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The \$200 entry fee and completed application must be received by the Michigan Section office by 5 p.m. Monday, May 4.

The 83rd Michigan Open will be Monday through Thursday, June 29-July 2, at the Grand Traverse Resort Village. The Pro-Am will be Friday and Saturday, June 26-27.

Total purse, including amateur awards, is \$110,000.

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Scott Hebert, who took home last year's James D. Standish Jr. Trophy, is the defending champion.

Among those receiving exemptions are former Michigan Open champions Steve Brady, Tom Gillis, Lynn Jansen, Thom Rosely, Jack Seltzer, David Smith and Brent Veenstra.

Among the Michigan Amateur champions include Brian Atkinson, John Lindholm and Steve Maddalena.

For more information on the Michigan Open, call the Michigan Section, PGA, at (734) 522-2323.



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MAY

11 (Monday): Michigan Section, PGA Senior-Junior Championship (Barton Hills Country Club); U.S. Open local qualifying (Glacier Club, Washington, and Mystic Creek, Milford).

18 (Monday): Michigan Open Qualifiers (Glacier Club, Franklin Hills CC, The Fortress, Gull Lake CC).

19 (Tuesday): Michigan Open Qualifiers (The Legend, Walnut Hills CC, Katke-Cousins, Egypt Valley CC).

27 (Wednesday): Michigan Amateur Sectional Qualifying (Pheasant Run, Canton).

28 (Thursday): Senior Pro-Senior Am Championship (Atlas Valley Golf & Country Club).

JUNE

9 (Tuesday): Women's State Pro-Pro (Orchard Lake CC).

11-14 (Thursday-Sunday): LPGA Oldsmobile Classic (Walnut Hills CC, East Lansing). Call (517) 372-4653 for ticket information.

16-17 (Tuesday-Wednesday): Senior PGA Championship (The Quest).

23-27 (Tuesday-Saturday): 87th Michigan Amateur Championship (Boyer Highlands-Heather).

29-30 (Monday-Tuesday): Michigan Open, first two rounds (Grand Traverse Resort); 20th Michigan Girl's Junior Amateur Championship (Verona Hills).

JULY

1-2 (Wednesday-Thursday): Michigan Open, final two rounds (Grand Traverse Resort).

9 (Thursday): Buick Open Sectional (The Fortress).

9-12 (Thursday-Sunday): Senior Players Championship (TPC of Michigan, Dearborn). For ticket information, call (313) 441-0300.

9-12 (Thursday-Sunday): Jamie Farr Kroger Classic (Highland Meadows Golf Club, Sylvania, Ohio). For ticket information, call (419) 531-3277.

13-17 (Monday-Friday): 82nd Michigan Women's Amateur Champi-

onship (Boyer Mountain-Atlas).

15-16 (Wednesday-Thursday): Maxfli PGA Junior Championship (Bedford Valley GC).

20-22 (Monday-Wednesday): Detroit Newspapers Tournament of Champions (Boyer Mountain); 77th Golf Association of Michigan Championship (Country Club of Detroit).

27-28 (Monday-Tuesday): 7th GAM Women's Championship (Hidden Valley-Loon).

27-1 (Monday-Saturday): 96th Western Amateur Championship (Point O'Woods G & CC, Benton Harbor).

30 (Thursday): LPGA du Maurier Classic (Essex GC, Windsor, Ontario). For tickets, call (313) 963-7209 or (888) 98-ESSEX.

AUGUST

1-2: LPGA du Maurier Classic (see above).

4 (Tuesday): Buick Open Qualifier (Twin Lakes GC).

6-9 (Thursday-Sunday): Buick Open (Warwick Hills, Grand Blanc). For ticket information, call (810) 239-9435.

10 (Monday): First of America Classic, Open Qualifier (GC at Thornapple Pointe).

11-12 (Tuesday-Wednesday): Michigan Seniors Open/Senior CPC Qualifying (Bedford Valley).

11-16 (Tuesday-Sunday): 98th USA Women's Amateur Championship (Barton Hills).

14-16 (Friday-Sunday): First of America Classic (Egypt Valley CC, Ada). For ticket information, call (616) 235-0943.

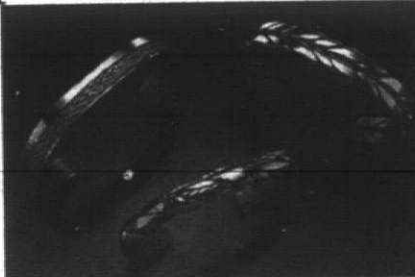
24-26 (Monday-Wednesday): Detroit Newspapers/Chelsea Community Hospital Women's Open (Travis Pointe CC).

27-28 (Thursday-Friday): 12th GAM Senior Amateur Championship (Egypt Valley).

SEPTEMBER

3-4 (Thursday-Friday): 16th GAM Mid-Amateur Championship (Treetops).

8 (Wednesday): Oldsmobile Scramble Sectionals (Gull Lake CC, Eldorado, Grosse Ile CC, The Fortress, Great Oaks CC, Prestwick Village, The Highlands, Walnut Hills CC).



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Pro golfer is role model for women

In her own way, Terri Anthony Ryan is as much a role model for women golfers as the best players on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour.

The club pro at Beech Woods Golf Center in Southfield, Anthony Ryan was the first female in Michigan to earn a Professional Golf Association card, in 1984.

She was named PGA professional of the year for Michigan in 1996. Back when she earned her PGA card, an LPGA card wasn't offered.

"I'd tell most girls today there's more credibility to have both," said Anthony Ryan, a Redford Township resident whose husband, Jim, is a Republican candidate for the state senate.

Anthony Ryan and club pros Lori Griffey of Orchard Lake Country Club and Jennifer Cully of Wabek Country Club are staging four Saturday clinics for women throughout the summer at Beech Woods.

Her contributions go beyond the sport, too, as she is instrumental in putting on an annual tournament near Saginaw called Golf For Women Like You, which last year raised \$40,000 for breast cancer treatment and research.

Ironically, her mother, Helen Anthony, may be the only woman whose progress in the sport was impeded by her advancement.

Once Terri started golfing as a youngster she joined a family foursome that included older brothers Tom and Tim and father, Tom Sr.

Helen retired.

"She gave up her fourth spot when I started," Anthony Ryan said, acknowledging that her mother was just as inspirational not playing. "My mom would always say, 'Don't care what they say. Don't let a man beat you. Don't push to be first but go for what your expectations are.' My brothers were two and 12 years older than me, but it was like 'Anything they can do I can do better.'"

Anthony Ryan wasn't always welcomed at the first tee. When greens

keepers saw the names Tim, Tom, Tom and Terri in their foursome, they found out one of them was a girl.

More than once she can remember a greens keeper refusing to let her play on "men only" days - Sundays - at Burroughs Farm Golf Course, where her family had a summer cottage just off the back nine.

One morning Terri beat her brothers and father to the first tee for a 6:30 a.m. start and wouldn't budge.

"We got a problem," said her father, who would go to bat for his daughter but usually to no avail with the greens keeper.

"By then I was shooting in the mid 80s," Anthony Ryan recalls. "I said 'I can score better than you. Why can't I play?'"

The greens keeper finally relented.

Anthony Ryan's first love was basketball, and she earned a scholarship to Saginaw Valley State University after starring at St. Agatha High School. An injury in practice caused both a cracked neck and vertebrae and near paralysis, ending her basketball career before it started at SVSU.

Now she shoots baskets with her sons Sean and Jimmy in the back yard for fun.

"Everything happens for a reason, and my determination shined through, having a 'Don't tell me I can't do it' attitude about golf," she said.

Anthony Ryan, who was the girls basketball coach at Redford Union for 10 years, still has no feeling in one of her feet.

"I was walking in the park one day and stepped on something," she said with a laugh. "There was blood all over the place, and I was the only one who didn't know it."

Anthony Ryan gives about 45 hours of golf lessons per week. Nearly 60 percent of her clients are men. She has out-of-town PGA speaking engagements during the winter, totaling about 45 travel days per year.

She's also a regular on golf hot line run by USA Today, which comes as a



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surprise still to some men. "One caller said he'd like to talk to a pro," she recalls. "I said 'I am one.' And he said, 'But you're a woman.' The question was about slicing and he said my tip was the best he ever heard." Anthony Ryan is especially looking forward to the women's clinics Beech Woods is putting on this summer. The six-hour instruction, which will cover everything from etiquette to proper swing, will cost \$200 per golfer.

If you are interested in attending the Saturday golf clinics at Beech Woods, call Anthony Ryan at (248) 354-4786 or (248) 354-5653.

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was hardly encouraging. His advice —start by developing a love, respect and understanding of the game; get degrees in turfgrass and soil science, to understand how grass grows; get first-hand experience by managing a course, and get involved in its construction; get another degree in landscape architecture; work for a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects for additional experience; and, finally, go to Scotland to discover the land where the game began.

Hearn says he has followed every suggestion given during that few minutes of conversation, right down to his annual trip to the British Isles as part of a golf course design class he teaches on location through Michigan State. In the spring of 1996, Hearn was accepted into the American Society of Golf Course Architects, an honor only a few achieve (the society has approximately 100 members). "I am very proud to be a member," he said. "It's something his career accomplishments indicate he has earned. He started his golf course architectural career in 1986 with the Lansing firm of Matthews and Associates, P.C., as an associate designer. By 1990 he had been promoted to senior designer; in that capacity, he was in charge of the design and/or construction of six projects, including Twin Lakes Golf Club in Rochester Hills, a course that was named to Golf Magazine's "Top Ten

Courses You Can Play" list in February, 1997.

Hearn's career was rolling. He opened his own firm in April of '96 in East Lansing; last year he moved to Plymouth, in large part because of the needed proximity to Metro Airport. "I've been very fortunate," he said. But there's more to it than that.

Hearn has an overall philosophy to his business, which includes complete planning for a course, from site evaluation through course construction, which his firm oversees (Hearn insists on working only with construction firms he knows or approves of). The entire process can take anywhere from 18 months to five years.

But, unlike some in his business, Hearn has no overwhelming desire to build a course so difficult that even the best golfers would cringe. The perfect course, according to Hearn, should be playable for the duffer but challenging to the pro. Not an easy task, but different tees and pin placements can make both goals achievable.

His schedule is currently jammed with jobs, all helping Hearn realize his lifelong ambition. "Yeah, I'm busy," he said. "But let's face it: I'm doing something most people would love to do."

There's at least one goal remaining, however. "My dream is to do a course in Scotland or Ireland," Hearn said. "That's the motherland."

At his current pace, it won't take too long to accomplish.

13 state events lead up to junior championships

The Michigan Section, PGA will once again stage 13 qualifying events leading up to the Maxfli PGA Junior Championships, Aug. 19-22, in PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Age divisions for boys and girls include: 16-17 and 14-15 (36 holes); 12-13 (18 holes); 11-and-under (nine holes). The format is scratch, stroke play adhered to rules and regulations established by the NCAA and National Federation of State High School Associations.

Only participants who compete in age divisions 14-15 and 16-17 will qualify for the National Championships. Any junior under the age of 14 wishing to qualify for the National Championship must compete in ages 14-15.

Juniors must compete in one of the following qualifiers to compete in the Section Championship, Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16, at Bedford Valley Golf Club, in Battle Creek:

- Qualifier No. 1 — Monday, June 15, Lincoln Golf Club (Muskegon); No. 2 — Owosso Country Club (Owosso); No. 3 — Pines Golf Club (Wyoming); No. 4 — Tuesday, June 16, Grand Ledge Country Club (Grand Ledge); No. 5 — Wednesday, June 17, Pine View Golf Club (Ypsilanti); No. 6 — Friday, June 19, Sylvan Glen (Troy); No. 7 — Monday, June 22, Mystic Creek Golf Club (Milford); No. 8 — Tuesday, June 23, Woodland Golf Club (Wayne); No. 9 — Crystal Mountain Resort (Thompsonville); No. 10 — Wednesday, June 24, Pine View Golf Club (Three Rivers); No. 11 — Friday, June 26, Binder Park Golf Club (Battle Creek); No. 12 — Rammler Golf Club (Sterling Heights); No. 13 — Monday, June 29, Cedar Chase Golf Club (Cedar Springs). Entry fees, due by Friday, June 12,

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are \$15 (11-and-under) and \$25 (ages 12-17). For more information, call Ron Burchi of the Michigan Section, PGA, at (734) 522-2323.

Power-Bilt Junior Tour

The Michigan Section, PGA will begin its third year of co-sponsoring the Power-Bilt Michigan PGA Junior Tour.

Under the direction of PGA professional Rolla Frisinger, the Power-Bilt Tour has grown from 250 juniors in 1994 to more than 1,200 in 1998.

The tournament schedule includes 22 events culminating in the tour championship, Monday, Aug. 10 at Walnut Hills Country Club.

Each member must also attend a 2 1/2-hour seminar at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Each of the four seminars will feature a segment on the rules of golf, discussion of tour policies and instruction from PGA golf professionals. Each junior must pass a written rules test to compete in tour events.

In the past four years, \$22,000 in scholarships have been granted to tour participants. This year's goal is to award \$15,000 in scholarships.

For more information, call Frisinger at (517) 278-4892.

Center helps golfers get into the swing

There may be no such thing as a "perfect" golf swing.

But at the Golden Bear Golf Center at Oasis in Livonia, players have an opportunity to get as close as possible. Featuring comprehensive practice facilities, the center gives golfers a year-around place to work on their swings.

Located at 39500 Five Mile just east of Haggerty, the Jack Nicklaus-owned facility is one of 14 nationwide.

Golden Bear Golf Centers provide practice, instruction and family fun. Each center features a driving range with target greens and a short game practice area.

The Livonia business offers year-around hitting with a dome covering the driving range in winter months. Mini-golf, batting cages and an entertainment room are also available.

Golf instruction is another key element of the Golden Bear Golf Center. A program designed by Nicklaus and renowned instructor Jim Flick teaches fundamentals to golfers of all skill levels and ages.

The instruction program is personalized and offers one-on-one guidance, utilizing some of the most advanced video technology, in a comfortable group setting. It offers a variety of instruction levels that range from beginners to accomplished players. The program is designed to analyze each student's unique physical capabilities and benefits players of all skill levels.

All program instructors are certified in golf instruction by the Nicklaus/Flick Golf School and are members of the PGA of America.

Do some coursework before buying clubs

As the weather warms up, it's time for people to get back into the swing of golf. For many, that means upgrading from last season's clubs and for some, buying a set of clubs for the very first time.

Before you pay for a new set of golf clubs, Golden Bear Golf Centers Inc. offers the following selection and buying tips.

Learn before you leap. Take some lessons first, before you buy any clubs. Knowing how to use a club will help you decide what clubs will be the most effective for your skill level.

The fit is it. Get fitted by a professional. Don't just take what the vendor has in stock; make sure you are seeing a full range of what's available from a specialist and be sure to get out on the tee to try at least four clubs before selecting.

Be dynamic! Be sure to get a dynamic fitting (while swinging) as well as the static fitting outlined by the

The clubs don't have to be the most expensive, but you don't want the least expensive either. It's better to have half a set of good clubs than a full set of bad clubs, especially if you're a starter and not sure of your commitment to the game.

manufacturers' fitting charts, which are only starting points.

Go for a test drive. Try the clubs on the tee; you must see the ball fly.

The price is right. The clubs don't have to be the most expensive, but you don't want the least expensive either. It's better to have half a set of good clubs than a full set of bad clubs, especially if you're a starter and not

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Fast, fun golf facts

POPULAR TRENDS

■ Golfing is such a hot sport that it has increased about 24 percent since 1986, to roughly 25 million people participating.

■ More than \$15 billion a year is spent on equipment, apparel, related merchandise and playing fees.

■ Aware of the business-setting perks that the golf course has to offer, more working women are taking up golf to advance their careers than for any recreational purpose.

■ Of the 15,703 golf courses in the United States, an overwhelming 477 million rounds are being played annually.

THE ROOKIES

■ Women are the fastest growing segment of the golf industry, comprising 32 percent of all beginners.

■ Approximately 2 million people "take a stab" at the game each year.

■ Among new players, 63 percent are between the ages of 18 and 39.

■ More than 2 million youngsters under the age of 16 are participating in the game.

■ Approximately 5.4 million women play golf, making up 21.5 percent of all golfers.

TRENDY GOLF ATTIRE

■ Nearly 90 percent of office workers are forgoing the typical suit and tie, driving both the popularity of golf clothes and the increased style of golf apparel.

■ This trend has increased the sale of golf clothing 43 percent in just three years.

■ Golden Bear Golf Centers reported an 18.9 increase in apparel sales in their retail centers.

■ Originally introduced to help protect the turf of a golf course, the spikeless shoe has become quite a fashion statement. Many are wearing spikeless golf shoes in places other than the golf course.

THE SENIOR CROWD

■ A whopping 3.6 million seniors are playing golf.

■ Senior golfers make up 26 percent of the golf population.

■ Senior golfers play more than twice as many rounds (an average of 35.5 per year) as all other adult golfers.



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Plastic, rubber cleats are shoe in

If you're planning to play the local golf course this year, you'll have to check your shoes before you do.

Your footwear will be of particular interest to the course operator.

The metal spikes on the bottom of traditional golf shoes are on the way out and disappearing faster than a slice hit into the woods.

The trend is toward smaller cleats made of hard rubber or plastic. The reason is obvious - to reduce the damage done to the course, especially the putting greens.

"Less maintenance has to be done, so it's a cost savings," said Paul Worley, the assistant golf pro at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia. "You'll have nicer-looking and smoother greens to putt on."

Whispering Willows made the new spikes mandatory this year, and Worley estimates 70 percent of all courses now do.

The new shoes are required at all country clubs as of this year, he added, and 60 percent of public courses have gone that route.

Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton Township will make the new footwear mandatory as of June 1. All leagues and outings already are required to have them.

"With the number of golfers we have, by the end of the day, the greens are

■ If you don't want to spend the money for new shoes but still want to appear stylish, you can have your old spikes converted to the new. Fellows Creek will make the switch for \$5 a pair.

pretty well spiked up," said Steve Mato, director of operations at Fellows Creek.

"It's going to save wear and tear on them but also bridges and carpeting. For the operators, there are a lot of ways (the new shoes) will help out.

"But the big, important thing is it's going to save on the greens. We want the course to be as nice for those who play at the end of the day as well as the beginning of the day."

If you don't want to spend the money for new shoes but still want to appear stylish, you can have your old spikes converted to the new. Fellows Creek will make the switch in its pro shop for \$5 a pair.

Jim Szilagyi, president of the Michigan Publix Golf Association, favors the change. The difference between putting on greens at a club that bans metal spikes and one that doesn't is phenom-



Shoes news: Spikeless golf shoes, which are much kinder to greens and are required at many courses, offer the added benefit of eliminating the need to change footwear from the golf course to the office. Rockport Golf offers the Men's Turfwalker ST and the Women's Turfwalker ST.

nal, he said.

"It's amazing how much smoother the greens are to play, and the putting is more true from my personal standpoint," Szilagyi said. "It's a night and day difference as far as the conditions of the greens."

And there's no difference in comfort or performance with the new spikes, he added.

"The only time I slip is when I'm swinging too hard anyways," he said. "It helps my mental performance, because I feel better putting."

Today's golfers select fashion and function

For the 25 million Americans now hitting the links every year and for millions of office workers who have gone casual, "golf style" is no longer an oxymoron. Golfers are demanding versatile, fashionable styles that go well from the golf course to the office to the city streets.

Golden Bear Golf Centers Inc., a retailer of golf apparel, confirms that consumers are selecting fashion as well as function in golfwear.

"The hottest styles in golf are less

about what's going on the links and more about what's on the runways," said Lanora Everett, Golden Bear's director of marketing. "The old golf motifs are out. Subtle tones and patterns are in. The fabrics, colors and styles allow golfers to create a casual, elegant look that's comfortable and functional for golfing but ideal for real life as well."

The changes in golf apparel don't stop at the ankles, either, as golf shoes

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Group expands bag tag program

In 1994, the Michigan Section, PGA, established a foundation to channel monies into various charitable and philanthropic groups including junior golf, Special Olympics, inner-city golf, Cornerstone School and member grants.

The foundation has now expanded to the Michigan Section Bag Tag Program.

Nearly 350 member PGA courses and clubs will offer a Stewart Kern personalized leather bag tag with a waterproof English bookbinding leather.

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Each donor will contribute \$20 for each bag tag receiver.

Checks should be made payable to: Michigan PGA Foundation, Michigan Section, PGA office, 32744 Five Mile, Livonia 48154.

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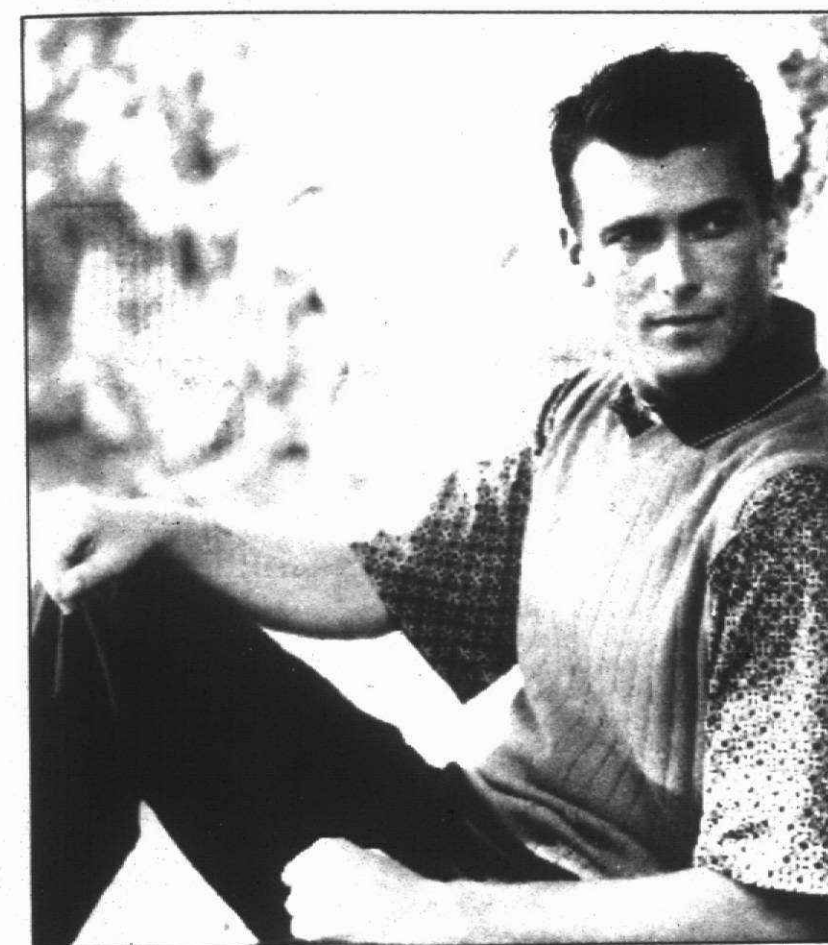
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■ **Perfect from head to shaft.** The angle of the head to shaft (known as the lie angle) is critical to performance.

■ **Forget the myths.** It's not true that men's clubs require stiff shafts or that women's do not. Pick what feels and looks right for you.

Since "test driving" clubs is important in evaluating key performance features outlined above, you should take your time and demo clubs on the tees to test ball flight before you buy them.

According to Golden Bear Golf Centers, it's not uncommon to take three months to choose clubs. The company urges golfers not to be intimidated, but to remember the bottom line - what feels and looks right probably is right.



Fashion: Nicklaus navy chain, foulard polo shirt, British khaki ribbed v-neck vest and navy microfiber twill pleated trousers.

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have undergone a transformation as well. In particular, spikeless shoes, which are much kinder to greens, are required at many courses. The added benefit of eliminating the change in footwear from the golf course to the office is increasing the appeal of spikeless shoes.

From a style standpoint, there is a distinct departure from the wing tips of the past to saddles and casual shoes that appeal more to the younger golfer.

According to Golden Bear Golf Centers, the growing trend of casual wear in the office has increased sales of fashionable golf clothes, which are ideal for the increasingly popular business casual look.

Some of the changes seen in golfwear include new microfiber fabrics that are light and don't wrinkle and are ideal for travel, as well as highly textured weaves that are both eye-catching and comfortable in any weather condition.

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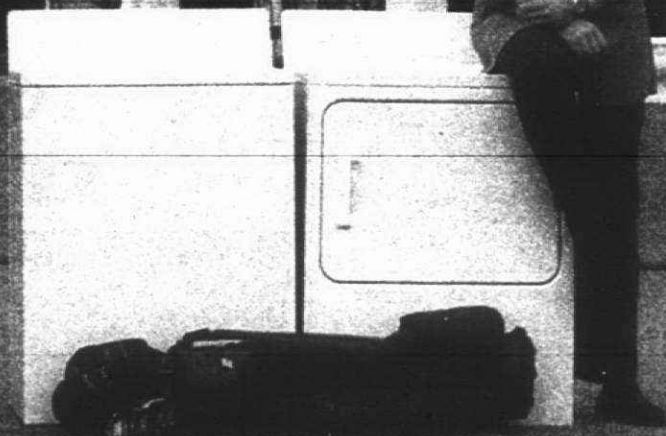
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