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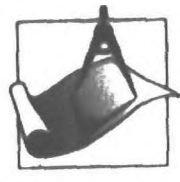
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Protests unlikely to stop church



A church campus that can hold up to 3,750 members is likely coming to Plymouth Township, as constitutional protections of freedom of religion outweigh residents' traffic and noise concerns.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Temple Baptist's mega-church is coming, and there's nothing that can stop it. That was the message from Plymouth Township officials and the township's legal counsel, stated

Thursday to about 100 neighbors of the proposed 2,500-seat church and home for Christian concerts. The church is planned for the southwest corner of North Territorial and Ridge roads. It was a sobering message for many residents. They sat hushed as offi-

cialists outlined the township's chances of winning the court case against Temple Baptist. "We don't have a prayer of winning this lawsuit," said township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. The township board is scheduled to vote on whether to settle the suit at its 7:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, July 25, at township hall. Township attorneys Tim Cronin and Carol Rosati said a federal act passed in 1988 strongly suggests the courts would side with the church —

that the township planning commission's rejection of church building plans last August would be viewed as denying Temple Baptist's right to practice freedom of religion. On top of that, a Detroit church has offered Temple Baptist \$5.2 million for the current church property in Redford. Cronin said if the township doesn't settle the case with Temple Baptist over the Plymouth property — and

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Park booster: Barbara Sabatini, with kids Michael, 8, and Kristen, 5, is seeking improvements at Jaycee Park along with other park neighbors.

Residents seek more city help for park

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The system of service clubs helping the recreation department to equip city parks could work better at one park, some residents told city commissioners on Wednesday. Barbara Sabatini of Coolidge Street told commissioners on Wednesday that Jaycee Park, at

Wing and Harding streets just southeast of downtown, needs some improvements. "The city should be more involved," she said, adding the park lacks enough picnic tables and places to sit, a pavilion, and cement basketball court to go with the hoop already there. "It's all these little things that add up to an unfinished job," Sa-

batini said. "That park is a jewel, I don't think the city has gotten it all together yet." Families during Fall Festival walk over to the park with chicken dinners, but have nowhere to sit, she said. The same goes for parents and grandparents who bring children there. Sabatini said she first raised the matter with Recreation Direc-

tor Tom Willette a year and a half ago. "He has told us the Jaycees don't have the funds to do all these things." Willette and City Commissioner Stella Greene head a committee that is reviewing parks equipment needs as part of a recreation master plan. Sabatini's husband,

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Cable representatives get commission static

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ameritech-New Media cable's presentation on improved cable service sailed past Plymouth Township trustees last week. But Plymouth city commissioners on Wednesday had a few questions

for Ameritech-New Media representatives, who detailed improved service in a presentation at the city commission meeting. Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury, noting that Ameritech-New Media was seeking a 15-year franchise — the city has tried to negotiate a shorter-

term franchise with Omnicom Cable — asked if a 15-year term was best for the city. "This is supposed to be a state-of-the-art system, but we all know that technology can change," he said. The city's cable consultant, Larry Monroe, said regardless of the

franchise term, in practice federal law allows a cable company granted a franchise "to be here forever unless there's a grievous violation they refuse to cure." In their presentations on cable ser-

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Pedaling along aimed at deterring criminals

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Police on bicycles can be scary, if you're a vandal or crook. "We're going to be able to roll up on things a scout car is not able to roll up on," said Sgt. Robert Smith, who helped put together Plymouth Township's bike patrol unit. "We've been experiencing a lot of property crimes; malicious destruction to vehicles, homes," Smith said. The vandal who will run when he spots a patrol car headlight won't as easily spot police on bikes. "They'll be able to get around a subdivision quietly at dusk and at

things," Smith said. That's why the Plymouth Township Police Department bought two mountain bikes, and trained two officers to perform bike patrols in subdivisions. The township's first bike patrol officers were introduced at the Fourth of July parade Tuesday, riding their mountain bikes. They were chosen over touring bikes, Smith said, "Because they're the most durable." "They're the most efficient to pedal and better for the officers' comfort because they're sitting in a more upright position," Smith said. "Touring



Bike patrol: Plymouth Township police officers Shawn Corbett and Steve Cheston debuted the new bike patrol unit.

See PEDALING, 4A

Mother charged in child's death

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A Canton mother accused of abusing and causing the death of her 6-year-old daughter — who was found hanging on a bunk bed Jan. 28 — will undergo psychiatric competency tests.

Linda Solomon, 47, faces one count of first-degree murder and one count of felony murder in the death of her daughter, Chelsea, at their Windsor Woods apartment. The Wayne County Coroner listed Chelsea's death as asphyxiation from strangulation.

Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court ordered a competency exam for Solomon, for whom not guilty pleas were entered at her arraignment Thursday morning.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Paul Bruno requested the competency evaluation before proceeding with a preliminary exam on the charges.

"I do that because of information that has come to our attention, the defendant has been engaged in two suicide attempts," Bruno said, adding that Solomon reportedly has not been taking required prescribed medication. "I think there is a question about her competency."

But Solomon denied the allegations. "I am very competent," Solomon said, adding that she is in therapy. "I have no wish to take my life."

Wayne County Public Defender Greg Demopoulos, who called the competency exam a delaying tactic, said Solomon attempted suicide only once — not twice as claimed by Bruno — following her daughter's death when Solomon was in mourning.

"We are fearful through this process the prosecutor will build its case where it has none," Demopoulos said. "My client has been treating with a licensed psychiatrist."

Lowe agreed to the exam, asking that the prosecutor's office ex-

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pedite the matter, which on average takes six weeks for results. "I will not allow a lengthy delay after we have the results," he said. "The attempt at suicide concerns the court," he said. "The court needs to be certain you are competent."

Bruno said that if Solomon is judged incompetent to face the charges, a preliminary exam will be postponed indefinitely. The preliminary exam is scheduled for Aug. 29 in 35th District Court.

Solomon was remanded to the Wayne County Jail, despite a plea from Demopoulos for her to be released on personal bond. "It is my client's opinion that the prosecutor has a weak case. She has shown nothing in her behavior that she would not return (to court)."

According to the police report, Solomon spent most of Jan. 28 in her apartment with Chelsea, though they spoke to each other only occasionally. Solomon told police she heard her daughter singing and playing. She said she also heard bumping and banging noises coming from Chelsea's bedroom.

Solomon reportedly told police that she later went to Chelsea's bedroom — she thought then she must have been napping or resting — to ask if she wanted some



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Charged: Defendant Linda Solomon appears in court with her attorney, Greg Demopoulos.

The preliminary exam is scheduled for Aug. 29 in 35th District Court.

pasta for dinner. The mother opened the bedroom door and found her daughter. She said she pulled off whatever was around Chelsea's neck, lifted her up and off where she was hanging and put her on the lower bunk bed mattress, according to the police report.

Solomon told police she began CPR then called 911 shortly after 7 p.m. for help while continuing to try to resuscitate her daughter. Solomon then moved Chelsea to

the living room, which would be closer to the front door when emergency personnel arrived.

The Canton Fire Department arrived at the apartment shortly after the mother moved Chelsea to the living room. Canton police removed straps and nylons off her bunk bed and from her bedroom.

Chelsea was transported to Oakwood Health Center from where she was then taken by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor.

Poet and activist featured readers

PIPELINE

Rudy Simons, a poet who works with the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights and has read on WDET public radio, and Wayne State University physician and human rights activist Dr. Eugene Perrin are featured readers from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. as the Plymouth Summer Celebration of Poetry continues.

The series is organized by Rod Reinhart and the Plymouth Poets group at the coffee house at 844 Penniman. Poets are invited to participate at an open microphone session scheduled during the event.

The series continues Thursday, July 20 with Steve Marsh and the Ann Arbor Poetry Slam Team. Admission for both readings is free.

Music extended

Plymouth city commissioners on Monday approved the return of the Plymouth Music Celebration Aug. 4-6 in Kellogg Park.

They also extended live performance times on Friday and Saturday during the celebration from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Their action followed Commissioner

Dennis Shrewsbury's comment that several residents expressed interest in having the music go later into the evening.

Grant awarded

The state Department of Transportation has awarded the city \$124,000 to help pay for street construction included in the downtown streetscape project.

The grant will help pay for work on Main Street from the Mayflower Hotel parking lot south to Wing, and from Fralick north to Church, City Manager Steve Walters said in a report to city commissioners.

The work will be bid this winter and construction will begin next spring.

Reappointed

Dr. David Janda of Plymouth, president of the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine in Ann Arbor, has been reappointed by Gov. John Engler to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

Janda's term expires April 16, 1997.

Woman surprises burglar

A Plymouth Township woman surprised an apparent burglar who entered her home Thursday, and the burglar fled without taking anything.

Township police said that at 11:50 a.m. the woman came downstairs and found a white male in his late teens standing in her kitchen.

The youth uttered a curse, and ran west from the home on Aspen toward I-275, before heading

south along a bike path.

The woman told police she had left the front door open. She said nothing was missing from the home.

Police said the burglar was described as 5 feet 8-11 inches, 150-170 pounds, with a black T-shirt with a white letter on the back, brown hair in a bowl cut, dark jeans and tennis shoes. Police are investigating.

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Congresswoman decries partisanship

By JOANNE MALINOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Partisanship is what U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers says she continues to see in Washington, despite an apparent sentiment among voters to end the gridlock.

"A lot of people have been voting to end partisanship. A lot of people have been voting to end gridlock," Rivers told the Canton Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. "We have essentially traded Democratic-led divided politics for Republican-led divided politics."

Rivers said she does not believe it is the electorate who is awaying with their votes, but rather the national politicians who are fighting on issues for the sake of fighting.

"There has been no creation of a middle ground," she said. "The

electorate is looking for people who will govern in the middle."

National legislators have been so busy fighting each other that overbearing legislation and regulations have resulted. Rivers blamed her own Democratic Party for its share of those extreme results. She pointed to issues involving the environment and federal budget where the parties have been fighting for the sake of fighting.

She gave an example of when she managed a gourmet food store. Her encounters with health department representatives were frustrating and at times ridiculous as the representatives continued to demand adherence to regulations that did not affect the safety of the food served.

"It became clear to me it was almost a game. It was a matter

of getting through the process," Rivers said. The bottom line questions of whether the food is safe or is the worker safe in his environment are shadowed.

"That's what we seem to be losing. We're ending up with books of legislation that are getting bigger and bigger."

Rivers also referred to the continuing need for lobbying reform, a gift ban, campaign finance reform and congressional expenditures. Resolving these issues has hit brick walls with partisanship backbiting.

"If I go on vacation, I'll pay for my plane trip," Rivers said. "Unfortunately it's disintegrating in partisan politics."

With the attempts to reform campaign financing, Rivers said the parties take aim at each other. "People from both parties have looked at the Achilles heel

(in each party) and drafted legislation to attack it."

She co-sponsored legislation to create a commission — similar to the military base closings commission — of Republicans and Democrats who would research the campaign finance issue. The plan would be that when recommendations are before the House and Senate, the legislation could not be amended and legislators could only vote for or against.

"The bill is not moving," Rivers added.

Party politics, she said, has mired important issues. "Somewhere along the line we lost sight of what we were trying to accomplish. We leave no flexibility at all. We focus on the process rather than the out-

come." Rivers told chamber members she wants to create a task force where people can meet with her to tell her what's important to them. She's also planning a business weekend, where small business owners and managers will have the chance to meet with representatives from the Small Business Administration, to talk about business loans, as well as the U.S. Trade Delegation to talk about export opportunities for small businesses.

Rivers also is a member of what is called the Speakers Advisory Committee for Corrections, which will look at outmoded and expensive regulations on the books that are of no use or that no longer have any bearing. "We are going to look at these things more carefully."



U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers

His travels led him to First Presbyterian Church

By JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

Over the past seven years, David Brown has lived in four countries, Scotland, Israel, Germany and now the United States.

Life in each one of those countries brought him closer to Plymouth, where he is now serving as the director of Youth Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

For many, the whirlwind pace of shuttling between such different countries may have been exhausting or overwhelming, but not for Brown, 28.

It was a time of introspection and self-analysis, he said, and added that was probably due to his perspective on traveling, one that allowed him to absorb his surroundings.

"People who work for Ford and are used to being transferred or are used to 'to and fro' can appreciate what it has been like. I love to travel, but not in the typical sense of being a tourist where you fly in for two weeks and visit the local attractions. To me traveling is moving around, settling in and getting to know the people. I have had a lot of experiences in different parts of the world and seen a lot

■ Although he's well-traveled, Brown's one-year stint in Plymouth will be his first in a small community. His hometown in Scotland is about the size of Ann Arbor.

of real life," he said.

A native of Falkirk, Scotland, Brown came to the United States two years ago to attend Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, obtaining a master's degree in theology. There he met fellow student Doug Campbell of Plymouth, who told him that the Plymouth church was looking for a youth minister.

"I always wanted to vacation in the States. I never intended to stay here and work. I really liked what I found," he said.

He worked with young people at Princeton and "will be working with middle and high school students in a class that leads towards church membership," he said.

Brown graduated from college and was working in public health in Scotland, a vocation he found "unfruitful," when he decided to travel to Israel for six months to do volunteer work with the homeless. The trip marked a turning point in his

life, and prompted him to make the church his career.

"When I went to Israel, I began making connections. I had a few profound experiences that started the process going and made me look at my own sense of humanity. My experiences in Israel affected how I treat others and how I look at the world. I think it helped me to have a very real world view," he said.

Brown returned to Scotland and received a degree in divinity from the University of Edinburgh and also traveled to Tübingen, Germany, where he studied and worked before coming to the United States.

Although he's well-traveled, Brown's one-year stint in Plymouth will be his first in a small community. His hometown in Scotland is about the size of Ann Arbor.

"I'm pretty used to living in cities, but I think I will adjust to it just fine. It's a nice town from what I've seen so far."



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New minister: David Brown of Scotland has seen a bit of the world before coming to Plymouth to serve as the new youth minister at First Presbyterian Church.

A full-service post office not a certainty in Canton

By JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township is in line for a new post office, but it isn't a done deal.

"We're going to have to keep up the pressure, keep pushing the buttons," said Bruce Patterson of Canton, who is a Wayne County commissioner.

He and others say political pressure from U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Michigan, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, and from Canton Township helped tip the scales to put the community on a waiting list for a post office.

"It's one of the most frustrating things I've ever been involved in," said Rivers. "We keep getting mixed messages from the postal service. We keep getting reassurances from them, but I won't believe it until the shovel is in the ground."

She agreed with Patterson that Canton officials will have to keep the pressure on to make it happen.

Tony Spearman-Leach, a spokesman for Abraham, said "We are ecstatic. We're pleased to see all sections of government come together and work for Canton."

If it does eventually get built, plans call for a \$3 million, 20,000-square-foot, full-service post office. A location hasn't been pinned down, but if Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has his way, it will be on Canton Center Road.

"That's where the parcels of land are available," Yack said. "Canton Center will be served by five lanes of traffic and could handle the traffic."

Yack, other Canton officials and residents have been lobbying the postal service for an office for more than 10 years. Canton's growth to a community of more than 60,000 since the early 1970s was the most-cited reason.

The post office could open as early as 1997, according to some estimates. However, Carl January Jr., acting manager of customer service and sales for the postal service's Detroit district, didn't give an exact date.

"Nothing is final, nothing has changed since a few months ago. The Canton office is on our priority list," January said.

The push to get the office built was helped along by Abraham and even Gov. John Engler, who attended some meetings with postal officials and has been pushing for the office.

An aide, Anne Merverne, said "Engler is happy that Canton is getting its own post office."

"It's been a long time coming, I'm very pleased," said Canton Trustee Robert Shefferly, a post office booster. He helped circulate petitions to get the post office and has been a strong backer of the project.

"I've worked on the issue since 1993 when Yack formed The Essential Service Committee. This move started from the grass roots," he said.

He credited others for helping with the recent post office drive, including State Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, and State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

"From what I understand we're 12th on the list, and a go for 1997," he said.

Carnival at Mettetal Airport canceled due to soggy ground

A fund-raising carnival scheduled for this past weekend at Mettetal Airport in Canton was canceled because the ground was too soggy to support the rides.

The event, to raise money for the Plymouth YMCA, was to be held Thursday through Sunday at the airport, but the ground didn't cooperate, said Mike Merlanti, chairman of the Mettetal Advisory Board.

"We knew there would be some requests from the public to use the site. This was a test

■ Merlanti said the carnival was canceled when a representative from Wade Shows inspected the site and determined that the ground was too wet from recent rains to support the weight of the rides.

case," he said, and added that "everybody worked hard to coordinate the project" and lamented that it didn't come off.

He said the carnival was canceled when a representative from Wade Shows inspected the site and determined that the

ground was too wet from recent rains to support the weight of the rides.

"It was too bad, a lot of people put in a lot of work," he said, but added that the incident won't preclude the airport from being the site of future events.

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the sale of its Redford property falls through due to the delay — Temple could sue the township for \$5.2 million in damages, plus attorney's fees and interest.

To give residents an idea of what the township is up against, Rosati detailed a recent case in Washington, D.C. There, a church came into an affluent residential area, and began serving food to homeless people who streamed into the neighborhood.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the church, as serving the homeless was part of how the church exercised faith.

Township officials suggested the courts would likewise back Temple's right to have huge services and schedule Christian concerts — as this is how they exercise their religion.

Residents' arguments that church traffic would clog nearby roads are not as compelling as arguments for freedom of religion, officials suggested.

One resident told officials he was still for fighting the church in court, and asked for a show of hands. Roughly half the people attending supported him.

Township officials stressed that getting a settlement with the church would enable officials to limit parking and building size at the site. Temple Baptist has agreed to pay for a traffic light at Ridge and North Territorial, and to build enter and exit lanes.

But to fight and lose would mean the church can build however it wants, with no landscaping — and the township could still pay millions in damages.

Patrick VanTiem, who lives in

a nearby subdivision, said he'd likely put his house up for sale. "There's going to be a lot of 'for sale' signs going up. I think we'll sell, and probably at a loss."

"I'm not opposed to the church, it's the infringement on our area, the traffic, noise, the lights, the whole aesthetics," he said.

John Paris, who also lives nearby, said, "It's like having Woodstock across the street from you, forever."

"I think it's terrible what they're going to do to us," said Beverly Zwarych, another neighbor. "I feel like my property value is really going to go downhill. I'm thinking of selling."

"It looks like they're (township officials) doing all they can, we're basically screwed," said neighbor Sandra Progar.

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bikes have thin tires and don't hold up to the rigors of use."

The two bike patrol officers are Shawn Corbett and Steve Chaston.

Smith said there's not enough staff to have bicycle patrols daily. Initially a patrol car will be fitted

with two bike racks, and officers can park, get the bikes down and patrol an area.

After their unveiling at the parade, officers were scheduled to patrol the crowds at the fireworks display at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

"Foot patrol out here is not efficient. People are more apt to stop and talk to bike patrol officers than a guy in a scout car, officers can get a better feel for what's going on in a subdivision to get a feel for those problems and solve those problems," Smith said.

Park from page 1A

Gerald Sabatini, suggested, "You don't need a master plan to get a picnic table. Write a work order and get a picnic table."

Mayor Doug Miller said officials need to work from a budget plan that prioritizes needs. "We'll get Tom (Willette) and the neighbors' inputs on what are the most critical elements," he said, add-

ing, "We want to do as much as we can this season."

"We appreciate what the Jaycees do, we just think they need a little supervision," added another nearby resident, Jan Nelson.

Plymouth-Canton Jaycees membership vice president Eric Bernhardt said the Jaycees spent more than \$10,000 in the park in

recent years, mainly to put in a playscape structure for kids last fall.

"It's a matter of getting everything together, we need the community's support to do our job better," he said, adding people in the neighborhood are welcome to join and help coordinate efforts to improve the park.

Cable from page 1A

vice to Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton — service is to start up in some sections of the city in February — Ameritech-New Media representatives said they'll offer 70-80 basic service channels.

Officials have declined to detail what channels currently unavailable would be offered, saying this

hasn't been determined.

Service technicians would arrive at homes within a two-hour appointment time, the fiber-optic cable system would eventually be interactive and hundreds of cable channels would eventually be available, company representatives said.

Shrewsbury also had questions about how much public access cable programming would be provided by the new company. Monroe said the city government and schools would be offered three cable channels, adding government could allocate whatever time they decide on a given channel to public access.

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Bike path offers smooth traveling

Summer fun: Jackie Hamp, a Livonia mom, watches over a group of young bicyclists on a mid-morning ride along Hines Parkway in Livonia. The bikers are (from left) Nick Sak, 10; Hamp; Shane Morris, 5; Brittany Morris, 6; Jayna Sak, 5 and Alex McElrath, 6½. The Wayne County Parks 1995 season is in full swing with Saturdays in the Park, now through Sept. 30. From 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., six miles of the Middle Rouge Parkway (Hines Drive) will be closed to traffic every Saturday for runners, walkers, cyclists and skaters.

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LINDA BACHRACK

You're the star behind sunglasses

There was a time when you stopped at the drugstore on the way to the beach and picked up a pair of clip-on Polaroid sunglasses or some generic little plastic frames with green-tinted lenses. They were, after all, just to keep the glare at bay while you read the latest pocket romance, stretched out in the sand under a scorching sun.

Today, thanks to the keen-eyed vision and influence of Hollywood, fashion designers and rock stars, shades have become indispensable accessories that define a sense of style. At the same time, the emphasis is on total UV protection.

Imagine Tom Cruise without his Ray-Bans or Jack Nicholson sans shades. Elton John inspired eyewear designer Oliver Peoples to name a retro-styled pair of sunglasses after him. The sales benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation. Designers such as Armani, Jil Sander, Carolina Herrera and Gianni Versace all lend their names to cutting-edge opticals.

Frames for you

We've all seen cool sunglasses that look great on movie stars or fashion models. But, how do we select the style that's best for us? How many times have you stood in front of a tiny mirror in a department store trying on dozens of frames and rejecting every last one?

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A personal eyewear consultant, Gluskin conducts free workshops at Family Eye Care, 31154 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Her hands-on workshops impart tips on choosing the perfect pair of eyeglasses, including shape, color and size. Most importantly, Gluskin stresses 100-percent UV protection.

"Your sunglasses are just as important as sunscreens," says Gluskin. "Serious eye conditions are linked to ultraviolet rays."

Gray, she says, is the most accommodating lens color. But, if you're a skier or a hunter, choose yellow lenses. If you're a fisherman, opt for polarized lenses. Those who play contact sports need polycarbonate, impact resistant glasses.

The hottest sunglasses shape of the summer is the wrap. Though traditionally a sport-specific style, the wraparound has caught on in a big way as a fashion statement. At D.O.C. Optique in the Bloomfield Plaza, Telegraph and Maple, look for Oakley's futuristic E Wires and Bannoch & Lomb's sleek Killer Loop Activ. These ultra-protection athletic styles block all ultraviolet light and curve with the shape of the head to shield eyes from weather conditions, like blowing sand. Also hip are Ray-Ban's funky Orbs.

Blasts from the past

The retro-look is still popular in small oval shapes with antique metal or vibrant-colored frames. The newest, says Nira at D.O.C., are Rev's small ovals with mirrored lenses, and the mirrors reflect more sun.

"Remember," says Gluskin, "your eyes are your most expressive feature and you want to frame them with the most flattering shape."

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Visit a shop in Plymouth with merchandise to support folk fighting addictions.
- Linda Bachrack goes shopping for clothes to wear to a summer event.
- Added Attractions lists interesting events at area shopping centers.
- Retail Details brings you on store openings and closings.

Malls consider the fun factor

Michigan retailers gathered in Dearborn recently to talk about the shopping business. Here are some of the highlights.

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
STAFF WRITER

You are first on their shopping list. You are the retail customer. They are 450 shopping center professionals who recently gathered for a two-day Michigan Idea Exchange put on by the International Council of Shop-

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Relating to retail: Gov. John Engler discusses the Michigan marketplace with Bob Thomas (center) and Bob Schostak (right).

ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Where can I find?

Eureka! We found some! Mrs. Wayne Hu of West Bloomfield wrote to Where Can I Find? seeking the classic brown-and-white cotton work socks with red heels manufactured by the Nelson Knitting Company of Rockford, Ill., since the 1940s.

Mrs. Hu said she wants to use the socks to make the stuffed monkey popularized by David Letterman during April's academy awards show. In one segment, a clip from the movie "Cabin Boy" shows Letterman selling sock monkeys on the street.

Mrs. Hu said she cannot find a phone listing for the Nelson Knitting Company in Rockford from directory assistance!

Well, our crack team of investigative journalists quickly solved the mystery after some interesting turns

A spokeswoman from the Rockford Chamber of Commerce explained that the Nelson Knitting Company went out of business years ago and sold its patents to Fox River Mills, Inc. of Osage, Iowa. All inquiries about the Redheel are directed there.

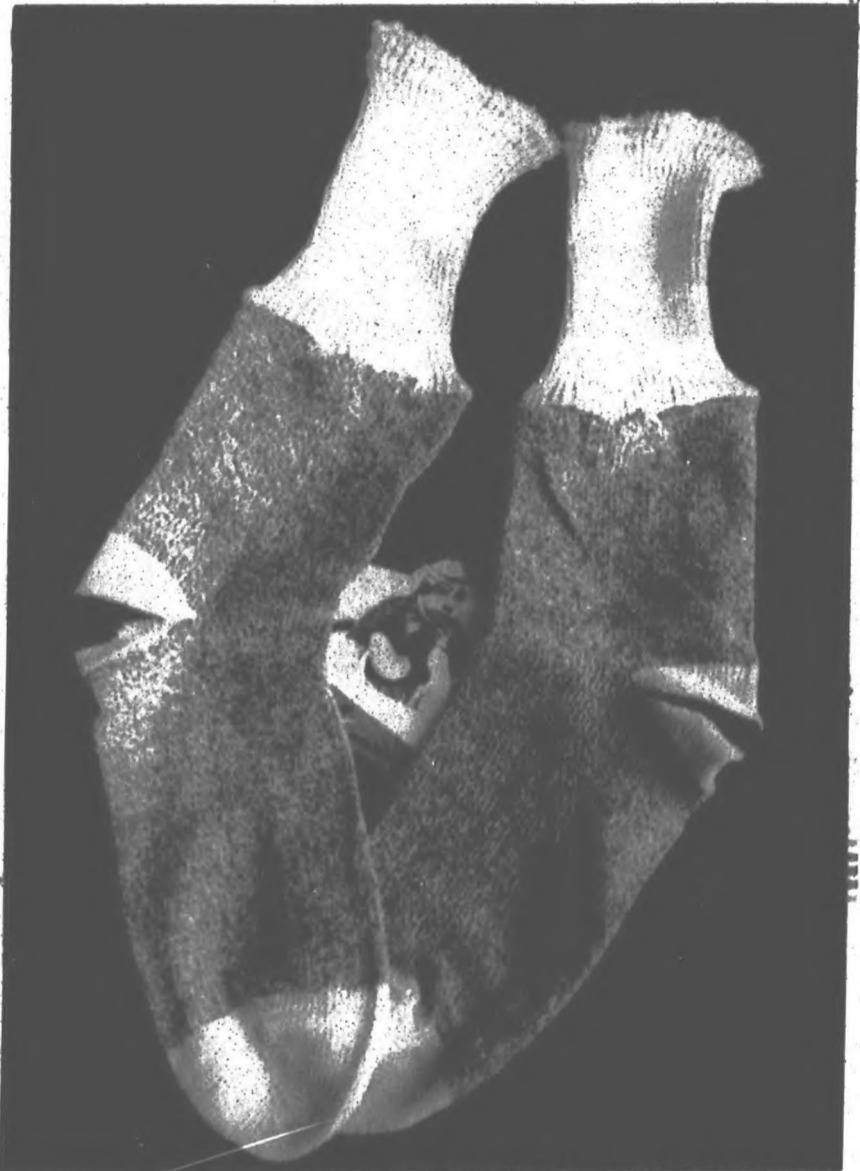
A spokeswoman for Fox River Mills in Osage, Jennifer Dow, said the company bought the rights to make the sock in 1985. "The Redheel is still made and sold by distributors to craft stores and lower-end shops for outdoorsmen," she said. "The Redheels cost about \$4 a pair. Thanks to David Letterman, we're seeing a renewed interest in this product."

Two readers offered suggestions on where they've bought the sock locally, but one source has since gone out of business — the D&C dime store in Waterford. Kathleen Chambers of Farmington, a caterer, explained that she once made dozens of the monkey socks and dressed them as astronauts for a client's Christmas tree. Her supply of socks came from the old D&C.

Connie Witt called to report that Sam's Clothing Store at 207 E. Liberty in Ann Arbor still carries the Redheel. Store manager Kirk Hosmann confirmed it. "We've got those monkey socks in the traditional brown and white, or the newer blue and white, two pairs in a package for \$5.95. We order them from the distributor in Osage." Here's the next shopping challenge:

"I've searched for several years to find sleeping bags (adult size) made of materials for warmth without weight and bulk, to use on motorcycles or while backpacking. Surely in this world of wonder, someone has put this on the market! Please help." Sincerely, Mrs. Hame of Westland.

If you know where Mrs. Hame can buy such a sleeping bag, please give Malls & Mainstreets a call at (810) 901-2567. We'll print your response! You can fax an answer to (810) 644-1314. Or write Where Can I Find, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. New shopping challenges are also welcome through these avenues. Thank you!



JERRY ZOLYHEK/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Monkey socks: The original Rockford Redheel, once standard issue in all the five and dimes, is hard to come by these days. The Nelson Knitting Co. of Rockford, Ill., went out of business years ago.

Retailers can submit announcements of upcoming events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send the facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax to: (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, JULY 10

EYE MAKEUP

Sixth Avenue cosmetic artists from Clinique offer free personal eye-makeup lessons through July 15. Reservations required. No charge, plus sample sizes for customers. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 643-9000.

PUPPET SHOWS

"The Mice of Bremen" presented daily through July at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-0461.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

MAGIC SHOW

Gordon Russ the Magician Kid performs 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Center Court, Free. Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt/Plymouth, Livonia. (313) 622-4100.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

SIDEWALK SALES

Through July 16 throughout the mall. Browse through merchandise marked down to make room for fall items. The Towers Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 552-4111.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

CHILDREN'S OPERA

"Aesop's Fables" presented 10:30 a.m. by Michigan Opera Theater. Four timeless tales put to music. J.C. Penney Court. Part of Kids Club summer series. Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. (810) 569-6272.

PONY RIDES

Choose from four gentle ponies to ride around center court 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't forget your camera. Part on mall's summer series for children each Wednesday through Aug. 16. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1166.

PARK CONCERT

Music in the Park. Noon. Bring a lunch and enjoy an outdoor concert each Wednesday through July 26. Kellogg Park, Main/Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (313) 416-4-ART.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

SIDEWALK SALES

Annual center-wide clearance. Through July 16. Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

SUMMER ANTIQUES

Dealers from across the country display and sell wares, offer repair and restoration services. Through July 16. Regular mall hours. Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. (810) 682-0125.

DOORWAY SALES

A country-western theme marks the mall's annual Doorway Sales clearance program. Throughout the mall through July 16. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1166.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

31st annual community fair through July 15. Refreshments, country line dancing, many other amusements. Flutist Alexander Zongic invites area flutists to join him on festival stage 7:30 p.m. July 13. All entertainment is free. Grand River/Farmington, Downtown Farmington. (810) 474-3440.

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Diabro General Store hosts 5th annual Barn and Porch Sale/Festival through July 16. Many historic barns open and filled with bargains. Refreshments and musical entertainment. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On July 14 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On July 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5206 Plymouth Road, 1 1/2 miles east of U.S. 23, Ann Arbor. (313) 663-5558.

PARK CONCERTS

Summer Series, 7:30 p.m. Free. Bring a blanket or lounge chairs. Shain Park, Bates/Merrill, Downtown Birmingham. (810) 644-1700.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

SAFETY PROGRAM

Inspector Gadget's Kids Event, 1-5 p.m. Center Court. Receive a free, mounted photo of your child with space showing vital statistics and fingerprints. Gadget poses for photos and hands out free gifts to guests. Sponsored by A&W Restaurants. Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt/Plymouth, Livonia. (313) 622-4100.

FARMER'S MARKET

Now through Oct. 28 in the Village Commons Shopping Center parking lot. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flowers, fruits and vegetables. Grand River/Farmington Rd., Farmington. (810) 473-7376.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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ping Centers at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

And in an effort to woo you to your malls and mainstreets, shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing directors, leasing agents and individual retailers are constantly evaluating and readjusting their whole industry.

"Everything is evolving. The biggest challenge is to be more professional and be able to see what's coming next," said Cynthia Kratchman, vice president for commercial leasing at Blenzak Associates in Farmington Hills. "If you're a step behind, you're too late."

Kratchman, the elected ICSC Michigan state director, drew a thumbnail sketch of the ever-changing retail picture to kick off the idea exchange.

"Hey big spender, where did you go?" the Bloomfield Township resident quoted from the headline of a Barron's magazine piece.

Her view is that the baby boomer segment of the population — and that unique point in history when it meshed with the time women began entering the work force — produced a unique surge in spending.

"So retailers kept expanding. We'll never have that again," she said.

Kratchman said now that expansion is no longer the issue, retailers should focus on what shoppers are looking for — value and quality for their families. And the shopping center industry is following that lead in many ways already she said, offering these examples:

■ You want to shop in a safe environment — that's why more money is being spent on security.

■ Women are firmly established in the market place — that's why store hours are expanded and merchandise is placed more conveniently.

■ Customers crave a sense of community — that's why there are now more and more community-based activities such as charitable benefits and special events.

■ People are working harder and have less time for fun as businesses reduce overhead — so entertainment has been worked into the shopping experience.

"Entertainment — we're really touting entertainment," Kratchman said. "Entertainment is the new traffic generator."

Visionary theaters, fantastical restaurants, virtual reality events and creative children's venues that are both entertaining and educational are all in the works. In states where gambling is legal, she reported that gaming in malls is on the horizon.

"And retailers themselves are becoming entertainers," Kratchman said. "Disney stores are one example. The new Speedo stores have a pool on the floor and swimmers hanging from the ceiling," she described.

One of the roundtables that shopping center conventioners could attend had to do with the role of entertainment in the retail environment. It was led by Joseph Vilsack, president of The Phoenix Partnership Ltd., Pittsburgh, a firm specializing in repositioning or refining shopping centers.

Shopping changed in 1989-90, he seconded Kratchman. Con-

sumers became victims of the time crunch and transferred their interests to family and home.

"The amusement/entertainment issue didn't belong until the consumers made their shift," he said.

Vilsack sees entertainment, not as an end in itself, but as one piece in an extension of a shopping center's services to the family. He envisions it, for example, combined with a theater, child care, a children's shoe store and toy store.

He wants you to picture this: Driving your car up to the shopping center. A "family valet" opens your trunk and takes out the stroller. Later, all your purchases are relayed to the "family valet" who loads them in your car.

Then, picture this: Child care and a restaurant reserved for adults, complete with a monitor of the child care facility.

Unfortunately Gov. John Engler, new father of triplet girls, missed this part of the convention. He was featured luncheon speaker, stressing his administration's efforts to improve doing business in Michigan. He later met with several big chain retailers including Zany Brainy, which devotes 12,000 square feet to educational children's concepts.

Other popular roundtables, so you can spot the trends, were "The Future of Big Box Tenants," led by Joan Primo of The Strategic Edge in Southfield, and "Dealing with Restaurant Tenants," led by Bradley Rosenberg of LaKritz-Weber & Co., Southfield.

RETAIL DETAILS

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■ **RECEIVES ACCREDITATION**
Edward Eickhoff, has earned professional accreditation as a Certified Leasing Specialist (CLS) from the International Council of Shopping Centers. He joined the Ramco-Gershenson Company of Southfield in 1986. Eickhoff oversees a department of five leasing agents as well as the company's shopping center



portfolio of 29 properties. He is also responsible for lease negotiations.

He is a resident of Bloomfield Hills and a graduate of Oakland University.

■ **CLARIFICATION**
In a recent Mall & Mainstreets story about the Bloomfield Plaza at Maple and Telegraph, the salon Blue was omitted from the line-up of plaza tenants according to a long-time customer. Blue is located two doors down from Kroger's and owned by Scott Fortuna.

■ **GOOD-BYE SHIFRIN-WILLENS**
Oak Park-based Shifrin-Willems Jewellers has gone out of business closing 21 Michigan stores and four in Indiana. President Bill Sherman could not be reached for comment.

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Observer employee had friendly greeting for co-workers

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

For the 350-plus workers of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, maintenance supervisor Herb Allen always had a smile and a friendly greeting for those arriving for work.

Herb Allen, a Plymouth Township resident and longtime O&E employee, died Thursday morning of a massive heart attack suffered shortly after he arrived at the Livonia plant around 7 a.m. He was 66 years old.

He is remembered by friends and colleagues as a loyal, caring, hardworking man who never turned down a request for help.

"Herb oversaw the creation of this building back in 1969," recalled Jim Jimmerson, production manager. "He did everything — the plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling, carpentry work."

Jimmerson worked with Mr. Allen since 1966.

"He taught me how to run offset presses," Jimmerson said. "He always loved the newspaper and printing."

"He always did what needed to be done to get this paper out. It was common for him to stop in on Sunday morning and check his building. His daily routine was to walk the building to see if everything was OK. He would take on any project that was asked of him. I don't think I ever saw him mad at anybody, and I never saw him without a smile."

Born in Seco, Ky., Mr. Allen moved to Wixom with his family as a young man. He married Joyce 46 years ago and settled in Plymouth Township to raise two sons and a daughter.

He began his newspaper career as a pressman at the old Plym-

outh Mail on Aug. 20, 1961. The Plymouth Mail was purchased by Philip Power in June 1966 to become part of what was then ONI (Observer Newspapers Inc.).

Allen's career was interrupted for a two-year stint in the U.S. Army, from January 1959 until his honorable discharge at rank of private first class in January 1964. At Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he studied engineering and carpentry. He was also stationed in Alaska while in the service, and received medals for National Defense Service and Good Conduct.

"His temperament was amazing," said Jimmerson. "He never liked friction. He was so special. I don't know of anyone more dedicated to his job."

"He never liked the spotlight. He was kind of shy in that respect. For him, he was just doing what needed to be done."

Steve Kalder, assistant press supervisor, and a longtime colleague, described Mr. Allen as "humble and hardworking. He took his job to heart, and he never asked for anything. The man had so much knowledge about how a building runs. He was just an encyclopedia on building maintenance. He ran his department fair and would never turn down a request for help. There were 18 workers under Herb's direct control."

"When they broke ground for this building, he was involved in the planning, design, layout, heating and cooling. He had a hand in everything," Kalder said.

Mr. Allen rarely took sick leave and was always eager to learn something new.

"He was always there for everybody else, but he was a private person," Kalder said. "He never



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told us if he was hurting. He would still show up and work hard." Another co-worker, Roger

Owens, recalled how Mr. Allen would quietly go about collecting toys for needy children every Christmas season.

"He is going to be missed by a lot of people," Owens said.

"He was one of a kind. He lived and breathed the O&E and with him a big part of our history is gone," said Richard Agnolin, president of Suburban Communications Corp., the company which owns the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Bob Juscino, who worked with Mr. Allen the past 13 years, called him "the most caring and concerned man I ever worked with. He always had time to sit down and listen. He could always find something good to say about everyone."

Outside of work, Mr. Allen and his wife enjoyed family vacations in Cascoville and pool parties with friends, neighbors and family.

They also bowled on two leagues, the Eagles and the American Legion.

Mr. Allen was a member of the American Legion Post 147 in Northville.

In addition to his wife, Joyce, he is survived by his grown children, Herbert Ray of California, Brenda (Russell) Cotto of Livonia, and Keith of Plymouth Township; brothers, Warren Allen of Florida, Wilburn Allen of Florida, Charles Allen of Florida and Paul Allen of Michigan; sisters, Arbutus Bellefeuille of Tennessee and Ruth Wells of Florida.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Schrader Funeral Home in downtown Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

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TASTE BUDDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Meringue won't weep if you cook pie filling

Bonnie Malanga of Garden City has problems with her cream pies. They become syrupy, and her meringue pies constantly "weep."

Cream pies become syrupy when the cornstarch is overcooked, or over beaten, or when there is too high a proportion of sugar in a recipe. For better success with cream pies, use only the amount of sugar called for, and dissolve cornstarch in a cold liquid called for in the recipe before adding it to the filling mixture. For best results, I recommend cooking the pie filling in a double boiler or very heavy saucepan to prevent over cooking. Liquid accumulates between meringue and a pie filling when the meringue does not reach a high enough temperature during baking to "set" the layer of meringue directly above the filling. Make sure the pie filling is very warm when the meringue is put on top, use the freshest egg whites, and a pinch of cream of tartar. Most importantly, make sure the meringue covers the pie to the crust to make a good "seal."

■ Mary Lou Fitzgerald of Westland wants a recipe for Fattoush salad. Fattoush is a Middle Eastern bread salad. Make the base in advance so that the flavors have a chance to mingle. Toss in the toasted pita bread and tomatoes just before serving.

FATTOUSH SALAD

- 1 small green pepper
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled, halved, seeded and diced
- 1 cup chopped scallions
- 3/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup mint leaves, chopped
- 1 cup arugula leaves
- 1 cup purslane, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground sumac
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 2 large pitas, split, toasted and broken into pieces

In a large salad bowl, combine the pepper, cucumber, scallions, parsley, mint, arugula and purslane. In a small bowl, combine the garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, sumac, salt and pepper. Toss with the ingredients in the salad bowl, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 3 hours.

Ten minutes before serving, add the tomatoes and the pita. Toss to coat. Season with additional salt and pepper. You can substitute romaine lettuce for arugula and purslane.

Recipe from: "The Cooking of The Eastern Mediterranean" by Paula Wolfert.

■ Speaking of arugula, when was the last time you ventured out to the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market on Saturday morning? Exotic foodies will go crazy over their assortment of organic greens including arugula, frisee, and edible blossoms.

If you can find the Amtrack train station on Plymouth Road, you're just two blocks away from the Ann Arbor market. While you're there, join the masses who profess Zingerman's to be "The Best Deli in the Midwest," and I couldn't agree more! Try the no. 13 - Sherman's Sure Choice for a corned beef sandwich you'll never forget!

■ Jim Mandelson of Troy really enjoys strawberry pie, but can't stand the sickening sweet red gunk from processed cartons. It took a lot of searching Jim, but here's a recipe from momma's files. She claims it's close to Big Boy's topping.

STRAWBERRY PIE TOPPING

- 1 small box (3 ounces) strawberry Jell-O
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup strawberry jam
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch

Dissolve strawberry gelatin into 1 cup boiling water. Stir over low heat for 1 minute. Stir in strawberry jam. In a small jar with a lid, place 1/2 cup cold water and cornstarch. Shake until dissolved. Whisk into simmering strawberry filling. Whisk until mixture is thick and clear, about 4-5 minutes. Chill.

To make into a pie: spoon 1/3 of this mixture into a prebaked and cooled pie shell. Fill shell with fresh strawberries and top with remaining topping. Chill several hours or overnight.

See more reader-requested recipes inside. Chef Larry is a free-lance writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave a voice mail message for him dial (313) 953-9047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Grilling techniques for vegetables.
- Napa Valley's Beautiful Vineyard back on the fast track.



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Gourmet products: Sam and Victoria Sommer display Victoria's Gourmet Apple Sauce and syrups, made without preservatives.

Fruity syrups in a jar

Taking the lid off sweet success

BY CHEF LARRY JANES • SPECIAL WRITER

For the past 15 years, Virginia Sommer's friends and relatives have been telling her that her chunky applesauce and apple syrup was just too good to be true. "Bottle it!" they said. Year after year Sommer, who lives in Oak Park, would "put up" a few jars, and give them away as gifts to friends and relatives.

Then in December, 1994, she and Sam, her husband of 14 years, decided that everything friends and relatives were saying about Virginia's sauce and syrups was true and they were in the gourmet food manufacturing business.

Virginia Sommer is CEO, owner, chief cook, bottle washer, label maker, purchasing agent, recipe tester, banker and spokesperson. Just to mention a few titles, of V. Victoria's, Inc. Gourmet Syrups and Apple Products.

If you want to know how it's done folks, Virginia and hubby

Sam pick the raspberries and blueberries, cook syrups, prepare bottles, fill jars, label everything, box it and then take it around town doing all their own marketing. The product is made in the spotless kitchens of Mucky Duck Mustards in Sylvan Lake under the auspices of mom and pop Sommer's starched aprons, stainless steel spoons and commercial cookware.

"We do it all because we want to make the best tasting, freshest, purest product money can buy without preservatives or anything artificial," said Sommer, who had just returned from a product demonstration at Rocky Peanut Company in the Eastern Market area of Detroit.

V. Victoria's Gourmet Syrups, available in apple, apple raspberry and apple blueberry are to commercial syrups what Ben and Jerry's is to ice cream.

I bought a three pack recently at the Merchant of Vino in Birmingham and thought they were

great on pancakes, waffles and French toast.

Then I talked with Sommer who informed me that the syrups make great glazes for pork, chicken, turkey and duck, not to mention as a topping for ice cream.

In addition to the Merchant of Vino, V. Victoria's is also available at Papa Joe's in Rochester, Nino Salvaggio's Strawberry Hill in Farmington Hills, Westborn Markets and even Frankenmuth.

Suggested retail is about \$5.50 per jar, but trust me folks, it's worth every penny. Sommer's Gourmet Chunky Applesauce is reminiscent of homemade, rich tasting applesauce, perfectly spiced. It was like eating an apple pie from a jar. And should you enjoy the chunky applesauce a natural, substituted in a muffin or quick bread recipe in place of half the recommended oil, and you'll think you've died and gone to heaven.

To date, Sommer has manufactured about 1,500 jars of her

homemade product. Total start up costs hovered around \$7,000, and although she's not seeing any profits yet, Sommer is confident that once folks try her gourmet syrups and sauces, they'll be hooked.

"Sure, the profit is a motivating factor," said Sommer, "but where else can you work along side your best friend (husband Sam) and make what you know is the best tasting product around?"

You might also find Sommer's product in some gift gourmet baskets making their way around northern Michigan, especially in the Traverse City area.

"And the syrups and apple sauce make perfect hostess and shower gifts," said Sommer, "especially when coupled with a favorite recipe and ingredients for homemade pancakes or waffles."

One thing for sure, Sommer's marketing skills are as sweet as her syrups.

See recipes inside.

SUPPER

Trip to Jamaica inspires spicy chicken

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

The only thing Lynn Fortin's home is missing is a banging screen door. She already has eight kids, a dog, two cats, two lizards, and a python named Jazz. "We had a hamster, but he recently passed on," she said.

To say the least, the Fortin household of Canton is a busy one. Especially in the summer. That's when her four youngest children, ages 10-13, play endless tag between the pool and the kitchen. That's also when her four oldest, ages 22 to 28, drop by with their own children hoping something good is cooking on the grill.

Family favorite:
Lynn Fortin, surrounded by her large family, holds a platter of Jerk Chicken, a family favorite, especially in the summer.



"Most of the time we do eat outside," said Lynn. "With the pool, lots of times the older kids will just come over for dinner, and they will bring a dish to pass. We do a lot of that."

Served outside or inside, dinner is usually casual and vocal. "It's always loud. We're a loud family," said daughter, Jenny, 13. And, as in most true-to-life large families, dinner is not always the result of community effort.

Lynn describes her husband, Gary, a millwright leader at Ford's Livonia transmission plant, as a "drive-through" guy whose culinary expertise peaks at grilled cheese. As for Jenny, Justin, Josh and Jared, their cooperation "depends on what

they have in mind for their cash flow for the weekend."

Lynn, who teaches prenatal, childbirth and newborn care classes at Garden City Hospital, is an efficient shopper, hunting down sales and limiting trips to the grocery store to no more than once a week. She plans a family meal at least five times a week, but occasionally takes shortcuts. "Once a week we usually do have pizza on one of the nights I'm working," she said.

Her Jerk Chicken recipe resulted from a dream vacation to Jamaica over Easter. "It was a trip after 29 years of never leaving the children other than a trip to go have a child," she said laughing. "We were in a very remote part of Jamaica, so the recipes we got were kind of hard to decipher. They said a pinch of this, a pinch of that. That's why I purchased a cookbook, and the cooks helped me. We were in a private villa."

Lynn has since made the spicy chicken dish three times. It has become a family favorite, especially with 10-year-old Jared. "It tastes good when it's spicy," he said. Jared also said his mom is considerate of those with more timid taste buds. "It isn't that spicy when we have nieces and nephews over."

Jenny also has made the Jerk Chicken, although she admits her results were far different than her mom's. At 11 p.m. one night a few weeks ago, she was faced with some hungry younger brothers. She had lost the pizza money. She removed some frozen chicken breasts from the freezer and covered them with tenderizer, believing that would help them thaw.

"The sauce was great, but the chicken didn't turn out too good," she said. She may try making Jerk Chicken again. Or she may just keep better track of the pizza money.

See recipes inside.

Ship out to sea with fixings for sailboat sailor's scampi

See Larry Jones Taste Buds column on Taste front
 ■ Marcy and Dave Darwin of West Bloomfield are searching for recipes that can be easily packed with "just the basics" for cooking on their sailboat.

Keep the shrimp frozen, and it will act like an ice block in the cooler. For a thicker sauce, dredge the defrosted shrimps with a little flour before sauteing.

SAILOR'S SCAMPI

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 1 pound large shrimp, shelled and cleaned
- Juice of 1 fresh lemon or 4 tablespoons juice
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley (optional)

Melt butter and oil in a skillet until hot. Add garlic and shrimps and cook until shrimps are opaque and nicely firm and pink, about 3-5 minutes. Add lemon juice and parsley, toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 2-3. Great chilled as an appetizer too!

■ If you've got basil growing in your yard, here's a recipe to use it up before it bolts and gets bitter.

BASEL PESTO

- 1 1/2 cups fresh basil leaves
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - 1/4 cup pine nuts
 - 1/4 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
- Place basil, garlic and pine nuts in a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Add Par-

■ And if you've got basil growing in your yard, here's a recipe to use it up before it bolts and gets bitter.

mesan cheese, and with machine running, slowly drizzle in olive oil until the consistency of soft butter is reached.

Pour over fresh pasta, baked potatoes or stirred into gazpacho for a great taste. Makes about 2 1/4 cups pesto.

■ Low fat pesto lovers? Why should we suffer? Try this!

NON-FAT PESTO

- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons non-fat cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons non-fat sour cream
- 1 medium clove garlic, crushed
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Makes about 1/2 cup.

■ Monica Golden of Southfield wants to take a desert Up-North that travels well, freezes and continues to taste great. Check out this recipe from "Bake and Freeze Desserts" by Elinor Klivans (1994) Morrow Publishers \$25.

MAPLE APPLE WALNUT CRUNCH PIE

- 1/2 cup (packed) light brown sugar
- 1/4 pound (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 cup oatmeal, (not quick

- cooking)
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups peeled and grated apples (about 7)
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 1 unbaked 10-12 inch pie crust
- 1 1/2 cups walnuts, coarsely chopped

Position an oven rack in the middle of the oven. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Place the brown sugar, melted butter, oatmeal, syrup, eggs, vanilla, grated apples and cream in a large bowl. Stir until well combined. Pour the filling into a frozen unbaked pie shell. Sprinkle walnuts over the top. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 degrees F. and continue baking 30-35 minutes more or until the pie looks puffy. Cool thoroughly to room temperature. Serves 8. To freeze: place plastic wrap tightly onto the cooled pie and then wrap gently with foil. Can be frozen for up to one month. Defrost the pie at room temperature. Unwrap and heat in a preheated oven set at 250 degrees F. for about 15 minutes. Pie is best if served warm. Serves 8.

■ On the other end of town, lovers of Mexican town will surely enjoy the Mercado beginning this Sunday and lasting every Sunday through Labor Day. Mexican food, crafts, dance and much more. Taco lovers alert: try the new "tacolateria" right next door to the Xochimilco gift shop on Bagley. They serve authentic tacos the way they're supposed to be served, not deep fat fried. For more information on the Mercado, and for the name of this new tacolateria, call (313) 842-0986.

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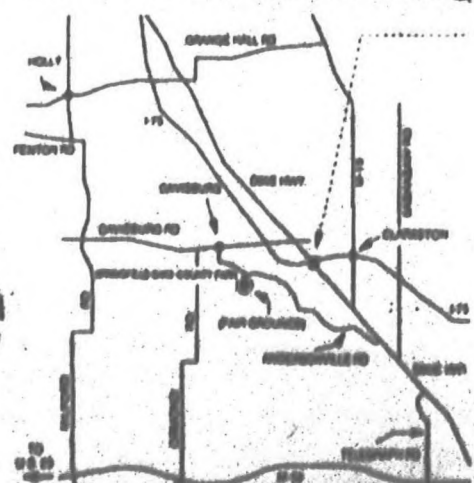
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Jerk Chicken Fortin is this family's favorite

See related story on Taste front.

LYNN FORTIN'S JERK CHICKEN

- 10 boneless chicken breast halves (5 whole)
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped hot peppers (any kind)
- 1 tablespoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 - 1 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions (green onions)
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 cup crushed, dry pimento leaves (optional)
- 1 cup water

Mix all ingredients except chicken in large plastic bowl with cover. Add chicken breasts, cover and invert several times to coat chicken

well. Refrigerate 6 to 10 hours. Remove breasts and arrange in large lasagna-type pan. Cover with marinade and bake approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours at 400 degrees, turning once.

BEANS AND RICE

- 1/2 cup uncooked regular rice
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin (optional)
- 1 can (14 ounces) kidney or pinto beans

Combine all ingredients except beans in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 20 to 25 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed.

Turn off heat and add beans. Mix carefully and cover to allow beans to absorb heat.

SUMMER GREENS WITH RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE

- Assorted greens — Boston, bib, leaf, Little Gem
- 1 small can Mandarin orange sections, drained
- Sliced almonds
- 3 tablespoons raspberry vinegar
- 9 tablespoons light olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon dried parsley (1 teaspoon fresh)
- 1/4 teaspoon dried chives (1 teaspoon fresh)
- 1 pint raspberries, pressed through a colander with a wooden spoon

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Lunch, July 10-14, ages 4-7, students will create handmade cookbooks and present a sampler for parents on the last day. Class offerings July 17-21 include Sticky Fingers, ages 3-6 — messy cooking and craft activities, Fun Foods and Crazy Crafts, ages 3-6 — homemade clay, peanut butter play dough are among the activities. The class fee is \$44. (313) 42-3331

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Boutique Garden, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 13, emphasizes dishes that use a variety

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of fresh ingredients, \$40, at the Daily Grand Four Mile, 220 Peach St., Ann Arbor. (313) 966-0781

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HEART HEALTH

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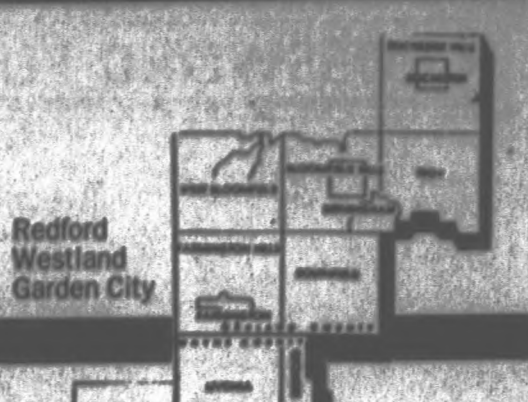
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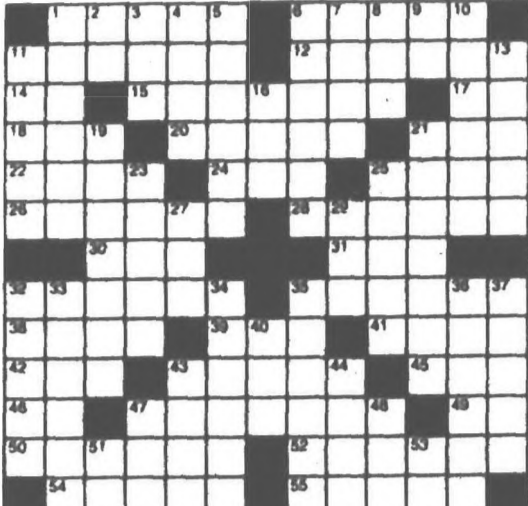
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Honda Odyssey Shines as Best Minivan Available to U.S. Buyers

When General Motors came up with the automatic sliding third door on its "dustbuster" minivans, I thought that was it. Thanks to the remote control on the door, I thought I had finally found a minivan that I, myself, would buy.

Aaagh. Wrong. Go into the corner. Hang your head. Low.

OK, now I've found the perfect minivan. Perfect. One I would buy. In a heartbeat. It's the 1995 Honda Odyssey, and it has — tah-dah! — six cupholders.

This is Honda's first try at packaging a minivan for the American consumer and it's done its homework. The made-in-Japan Odyssey scores an "A" on its first report card.

It's got four car-like doors that swing out wide so you can get your toddler out. From your side of the car, that is. No more reaching over that other seat to pull the kid out with one arm. With them screaming, "Ow! Moooooom!"

It's just so convenient. I



Road Test By Anne Fracassa

love the driver's-side passenger door.

I know, I'm gushing, and I hate test-drive columns that slobber all over the vehicle. But there's something here to gush about.

Because the door isn't all that makes this the perfect minivan for a family. It's low to the ground, so even grandma can get in without a fight, groan, moan or assist bar. It's got the lowest step-in height of any minivan on the market.

Interior packaging is superb.

Get this. There's a small glove box on the passenger side — just big enough for a couple of pairs of glasses and sunglasses and maybe a pair of gloves, of course. Under that is a larger storage box that can handle the Yellow Pages, your owner's manual, a couple of maps and two extra batteries for the obligatory car phone.

There's more.

Not only does it have side door pockets for miscellaneous juice boxes, toys and other miscellany, but also there's a fairly large storage container under the cupholder in front and another to the left of the steering column that can hold about 200 pennies. Not that you'd want 200 pennies in there. It's just that it can hold a lot, not just a couple of coins.

The front bucket seats are really comfy. My two toddlers loved the fact they could see out of the windows easily because the back buckets sit up high.

What I don't get is the third row of seats. It's impossible for anyone to get back there without a fight or a few scraped knees and elbows. And there isn't really enough cargo room in back of the seats with them up. We tried to get an infant's crib in the space and it just wouldn't fit.

But wait. A quick flick of the wrist and that back seat disappears into a well in the back, giving you ample cargo room to slip into a couple of subdivision garage sale events without a worry.

And even with the third seat in a passenger-carrying position, that well is ever-so-useful with the groceries. It's

deep enough that it holds a couple weeks' worth of groceries, but still high enough that you won't worry about breaking your back to get them out.

The car-like ride is also classy, thanks to the 4-wheel double wishbone suspension. It's got dual airbags, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, side impact beams that meet 1997 federal standards and 3-point seat belts at all outboard seating positions.

The only disappointment in this minivan is the power. It has none. The all-aluminum 2.2-liter 16-valve 4-cylinder engine produces only 140 horses. It's the same engine that's in the underpowered Accord. Step on the pedal and it takes a while to get up to speed. Although when it does get past the initial first and second gear shifts, you've got enough punch to still get you on the freeway without a worry.

I guess I've driven too many V-8s lately and I'm spoiled.

The engine is also mated to Honda's own Grade Logic Control for the second, third and fourth gears. What it does, simply, is automatically adjust the transmission shifts when you're going uphill or downhill for better mileage.

Both the LX and EX models are equipped with the same engine coupled with 4-speed automatic transmissions. The Odyssey is EPA'd at 20 in the city and 24 on the highway. Not bad. Not spectacular, either.

One more complaint. The

styling ain't the best. Functional, however.

The LX 7-passenger version sells for \$22,985. The LX 6-passenger is \$23,395. The LX's standard equipment includes effort-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering, an adjustable steering column, front and rear air conditioning, cruise control, power mirrors, power windows, power door and tailgate locks, intermittent windshield wipers, rear washer/wipers, rear defroster, AM/FM stereo cassette and a digital clock positioned high on the instrument panel.

For \$24,995, the EX version adds 16-inch alloy wheels, power sunroof, a better stereo, power seat adjustments on the driver's side, remote entry, map lights and body-colored side molding.

If anybody asks, tell them the Odyssey isn't just nice.

No, it's just about perfect.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures.

1995 Honda Odyssey

Vehicle Class	Minivan
Power	2.2-liter 16-valve in-line 4-cylinder engine
Mileage	20 city / 24 highway
Where built	Sayama, Japan
Base price	\$22,985

If you'd like to see a particular model tested or if you have a car question, send Anne Fracassa a message at AVANT-111054, Avanti's America Online mailbox. Or comment through the Internet at AVANT-111054@aol.com.

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