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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.

THE WEEK

AHEAD

Come one, come all: The grand opening of the Plymouth District Library begins at 1 p.m. There's fun for kids and adults, as well as plenty of time to take a peek of the new facility on Main Street, right next to Plymouth City Hall.

MONDAY

Special: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. to talk about the proposed budget at the board office, 454 S. Harvey.

TUESDAY

Again: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School on Joy Road. Trustees will consider joining a lawsuit on special education funding.

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Shocked: Lou Alosso of Plymouth is one of some 2,400 workers at Ladbroke DRC who will be affected by the planned closing in November. Alosso times horses in practice runs among other jobs. He says he will send out resumes because there is no similar work available at other thoroughbred tracks. Many workers and horse owners are equally frustrated.



All bets are off for DRC staff, horse owners

The closing of Ladbroke-DRC at season's end means big changes for Plymouth thoroughbred owners and track workers.

The March 6 announcement that the Livonia track would close after this racing season "was a shock," said Plymouth Township thoroughbred owner Vince Engerer.

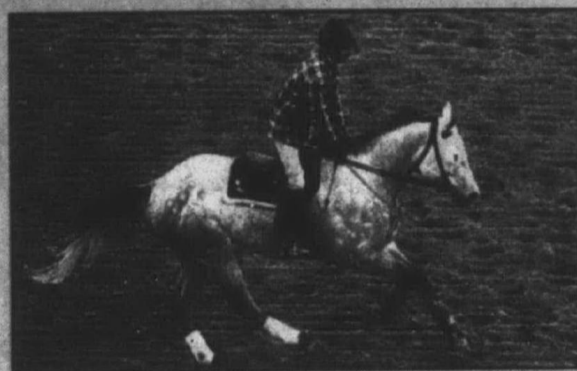
"I think it's a shame. I feel sorry for the people who own (horse) farms. They'll either lose their farm or find some other type of business," he said.

Five years ago, Engerer wasn't into horse racing when a friend asked if he wanted to be a partner in owning a racehorse.

"I got into it and got to know the people in it," he said, adding he became enthusiastic about the sport.

"The betting end of it I don't care for, as an owner it's the excitement of seeing a horse run," Engerer said. "Also the horses are beautiful ani-

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Smaller court is latest verdict

■ The court authority voted to downsize the planned new courthouse with a \$7.2 million price tag.



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

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City projects cuts without township tax

If township voters reject a recreation tax question, there will be serious recreation program cuts for city residents.

"If this doesn't pass, Johnny is not going to be able to play soccer and Mary is not going to be able to take ballet skating," said Plymouth City Commissioner Dave McDonald.

McDonald and other city commissioners, along with City Manager Steve Walters and Recreation Director Tom Willette, reviewed potential program cuts should that township tax vote fail, at a Thursday budget review session.

City Commissioners are reviewing a proposed 1998-99 city budget to take effect July 1. The city administration

presented figures detailing scenarios

what can be done if township residents reject a recreation tax proposal for recreation on the August ballot.

For starters, three full-time recreation department employees would be laid off Aug. 31, according to the budget projection.

Should township voters reject the recreation tax, T-ball and softball won't be offered in the fall or next spring. Other cuts would include eliminating the ice show in May and most senior programs.

With soccer registration happening through July, the fall program would

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There's no substitute for these 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 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

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



Reaching: Paul Cusick of Plymouth is used to winning. But nothing could be better than winning the title of world champ in the latest Irish dance competitions.

A dream come true

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ever since Paul Cusick of Plymouth was 5, he dreamed of being the world champion of Irish dance.

Now at 17, his dream has come true.

"It's so great to achieve a dream. I'm thankful to God and the talent he gave me and my family and all

the support they've given me," Cusick said. "I've had the greatest feeling in the last couple of weeks."

The Catholic Central junior exactly one week ago stepped off a plane at Metro Airport arriving home after earning his place among the world champions of Irish dance during competition in

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continue. But the city's subsidy of the program would end in December, unless the Plymouth Soccer Club found a way to continue.

McDonald suggested putting together a "scare list" so the public will know what will happen if township voters reject the tax for recreation.

Walters said some information on program cuts should also be presented to city residents, so they'll know what to expect if township voters turn down the tax increase for recreation.

"I think we owe that to our voters. I think a lot of our citizens are going to wonder," he said.

At City Commissioner Joe Koch's suggestion, city commissioners scheduled a special meeting for Monday, Aug. 10, to plan the future of city recreation should the Aug. 4 tax question fail or pass.

It was the city govern-

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ment's insistence that it couldn't continue to pay for a community-wide recreation program without township help that has led to ongoing joint recreation talks between the city and Plymouth Township.

City officials pledge to contribute a half-mill from the general city fund, \$152,956, if the township matches the contribution with a half-mill levy. If the township's proposed recreation millage is rejected, that amount could be cut for 1998-99, city officials say.

To continue soccer without township participation, the city would have to spend nearly \$40,000 a year. Par-

ticipants likely would not pay higher fees - at least tripled - to support the program, Willette said. Soccer supporters could find cheaper fees in other communities.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy has asked the township attorney to prepare ballot language for four millage issues, including recreation, to be presented to township residents Aug. 4.

The county elections office must approve the ballot language by a May 26 deadline for the issues to appear on the August ballot.

Joint city-township recreation subcommittees are charged with examining how a joint program would be administered, program offerings and facilities, should the recreation tax pass.

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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 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 Coquillard, Dundon, 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."

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."

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 security area in the basement for prisoners and a security garage for judges and court personnel.

Meanwhile, four conference rooms, a law library, and a prisoner elevator were the major eliminations in order to save on the total project cost.

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 play catch-up," 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.

Court officials are hoping for a smooth process because leases for the current trailers which house the court, and the property they sit on, are up in October 1999. Lowe said that could mean finding other temporary facilities while the new courthouse is being completed.



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PCEA to vote on tentative 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.

District court grants ticket amnesty

If you have a civil infraction ticket, you may have until late next month to pay it. The 35th District Court has announced an amnesty program through May 22.

People who had problems

locating the court in the weeks after the July 2 fire are being given a chance to pay citations outstanding from that time at the original amount of the citation plus the \$25 clearance fee assessed by the Secretary of State, said Kerry Erdman, court

administrator.

"The court will waive any remaining default and late fees that have since been added," Erdman said. The court is at 660 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Those seeking the ticket

amnesty should call the court at 734-459-4740.

Saying the court has duplicate computer records not harmed in the fire, Erdman said, "The court plans an aggressive collection program after May 22."

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Former TV anchor makes career detour

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.

'The building that does not collapse is not news.'

Mort Crim

—Motivational author and speaker

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 new 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 in the '90s.

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."

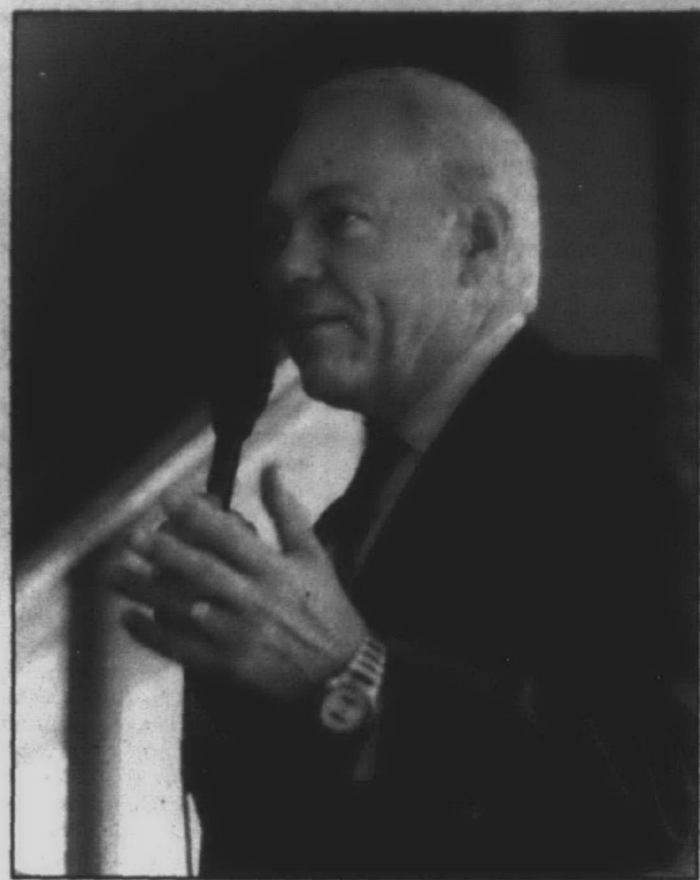
"I put everything I wrote to a test. Does it inspire, does it motivate?" he said.

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



Speaking: Former TV anchor Mort Crim talked about sensationalized news at a luncheon sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and local friends of the libraries groups.

Chicago and Philadelphia as well as Detroit.

Crim's talk "was moving, motivational," said Ray Van Hoeck, 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.



Gathering: Barb Case, Carl Miller and Claire McLaughlin, Canton Library employees, talk with Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth Library, at the annual author luncheon.

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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 Cheri Buijk, 10. "She is the best teacher in the whole world."

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

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

Psychology students at Plymouth Salem High School are also finding out the hard way that life isn't fair.

They've had their substitute, Cindy Haas, almost since the beginning of the school year. However, her 150 days is due to be up Wednesday, April 29, leaving students unhappy with the fact a strange teacher will be grading their semester-long projects.

"Our final project is a presentation, and Mrs. Haas knows how long and hard we've worked, and what it should look like," said 17-year-old Katie Robiadek of Canton, who is Salem's junior class president. "A new person will be coming in and giving us our final grade, and they won't even know us. The administration just doesn't get it."

Arohi Achari, 16, went to the April 7 school board meeting, pleading with school officials to work out a way to keep Haas on the payroll until the end of the year.

"This is our semester grade," Achari, of Canton, told the school board. "This is the last grade of our junior year, and it will be on our transcript. It's the grade the colleges will be looking at."

Both teens say parents and students have written letters on behalf of Haas, however the 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 Boling 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.

To: Dr. Little and Mr. Goldman
From: Cheri Buijk and the students of Mrs. Goshorn/Jones class

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"
Thomas J. Downey

"She's an awesome math teacher"
David Gieck

"Mrs. Jones is an incredible teacher and she should never leave us"
Max Allen

"I want her here!"
Billy Leddy

"Mrs. Jones is the greatest teacher in the world! Don't let her leave!"
Jill Spangle

"She is a great teacher and if you're smart you'll let her stay"
Becki Avadisian

"Mrs. Jones is a great teacher and she should stay for the rest of the year. We absolutely love her!"
Britni Glover

"Mrs. Jones is a very unique teacher and we do not want her to leave us!"
Lindsay Burke

"She is the best substitute teacher and if you replace her, still, she shall always be the best."
Katie Hughes

"Mrs. Jones is the best sub

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 Shommer

"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 Teunis

"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!"
Cheri Buijk

As you can see sirs 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,
Cheri R. Buijk



Farmer's Market opens May 2

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is happy to again present Plymouth's Farmer's Market.

The Market hours are 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday beginning May 2 through October 24, with the exception of Sept. 11- Fall Festival Weekend.

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herbs, dried flowers and other seasonal items. Hot coffee and cold lemonade are available.

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MARGARET IRENE SCHROEDER

Services for Margaret Irene Schroeder, 69, of Plymouth were April 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating.

She was born Sept. 14, 1928, in Canada. She died April 20 in Plymouth. She retired 10 years ago as a medical assistant. She worked for Dr. Barry Alford and then volunteered at the McAuley Health Center for the past 10 years. She came to the Plymouth community in the mid-1930s. She was a volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Society. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1946. She loved to play bridge and bicycling.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn H. of Plymouth; one daughter, Cathryn (Louis) Jakowatz of Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland; two sons, Mark (Donna) Schroeder of Spring Lake, Mich., David (Carol) Schroeder of Midland, Mich.; five grandchildren, Corinne Schroeder, Julia Schroeder, Jack Schroeder, Noel Schroeder, Glenn Schroeder; and one brother, Richard (Joyce) Jackson of Astoria, Ore.

Memorials may be made to Plymouth Historical Society.

LEXIE CLARA WALLACE

Services for Lexie Clara Wallace, 86, of Ypsilanti were April 22 at the Assembly of God Church in Samburg, Tenn. Burial was at Terrace Hill Cemetery, Troy, Tenn. Visitation and local

arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 20, 1912, in Obion County, Tenn. She died April 18 in Ypsilanti. She was a homemaker most of her life. She also worked part time as a cook at Kresge's in Plymouth and at Mike's Grill in Livonia on Plymouth Road.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1953 from Samburg, Tenn. She was a member of the Spring Street Church of God in Old Village in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzie Wallace; two daughters, Margaret McBride, Sylvia Clark; and one son, Edward Wallace. Survivors include her three daughters, Lorraine Williams of Ypsilanti, Marriette (George) Cronkhite of Plymouth, Bernice Cruce of Union City, Tenn.; two sons, James (Pat) Wallace of Lima, Ohio, Daniel (Ola) Wallace of Hornbeak, Tenn.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

CAROL SOCALL

Services for Carol Socal, 46, of Canton were April 21 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Matthew Ellis of St. Jude Catholic Church officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born Nov. 19, 1951, in Dearborn. She died April 17 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

She was a travel agent for the last 13 years. She started with Plymouth Travel, then three years at Uni Travel and for the last four years was a manager at Your Travel Planner Inc., Garden City. She loved to travel and do crafts (wedding arrangements, and silk flower arrangements). She was an active supporter of her children and a devoted family person.

Survivors include her husband, David E. Socal of Canton; two daughters, Dana (Jerry) Salame, Andrea Socal; her father, Omer Ammons; one brother, Robert Sowa; and one sister, Christine Robertson.

Memorials may be made to the Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

LYLE SHELLEY SWEET

Services for Lyle Shelley Sweet, 81, of Old Mission, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, were April 14 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Travers City. Private burial at a later date will be in Ogdensburg Cemetery on Old Mission Peninsula.

He was born June 11, 1916, in Grand Rapids. He died April 11 at his home. He was a retired supervisor with the Fisher Body Division of General Motors in Livonia.

A pilot with a field artillery division of the U.S. Army, he served in Europe during World War II. He was also a helicopter pilot in the National Guard for many years and attained the

rank of major. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association. He was a member of the Marquetry Society and showed his work in marquetry and wood-working at various art shows throughout Michigan. He was also a member of Northwestern Michigan Artists and Craftsmen.

He was preceded in death by two sisters. Survivors include his wife of nearly 55 years, Alberta Jane Sweet of Old Mission; two daughters, Beverly Milligan of West Bloomfield, Barbara (Harry) Greanya of Plymouth; one sister, Faye Gerber of Vero Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren, Darrell Stokes of Chicago, Ill., Deborah (Jeff) Hardman of Clarkston, Jason Greanya of East Lansing, Benjamin Greanya of Ann Arbor, Katie Milligan of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Danna Milligan of West Bloomfield; and one great-granddaughter, Samatha Hardman.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, the National Kidney Foundation or to the Crohns and Colitis Foundation of Michigan.

FANNY L. WYATT

Services for Fanny L. Wyatt, 92, of Garden City were April 22 at the Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, Va., with the evangelist Bob Smith officiating. Burial was at Rose Lawn Memorial Park, Princeton, W.Va. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home, Plymouth.

She was born Feb. 13, 1906, in War, W.Va. She died April 18 in Westland. She worked at the D & C Dime Store in Plymouth and at Minerva's-Dunning's Clothing Store as a sales clerk.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1953 from Tazewell, Va. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and a former member of the Methodist Church in North Tazewell, Va. She was a member of the 60-Plus Club and the Senior Group at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She enjoyed handwork. She also collected old jewelry and created pictures with it.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jess R. Wyatt; and one son, Jess Jr. Survivors include her two sons, Earl E. (Sue) Wyatt of Garden City, James (Jean) Wyatt of Tazewell, Va.; one daughter, Thelma (Robert) Christian of Huntington, W. Va.; daughter-in-law, Dottie Wyatt of New Carlisle, Ohio; one sister, Nora Tiller of Elizabeth City, N.C.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE PROODIAN

Services for Josephine Proodian, 77, of Canton were April 18 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charney officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Visitation and local arrangements were made by Neely-Turoski Funeral Home, Canton.

She was born June 14, 1920, in Detroit. She died on April 14 at St. Mary Hospital. She was a member of St. John Neumann Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Proodian. Survivors include her three sons, Ronald Proodian, Larry Proodian, Robert Proodian; five grand-

children; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. John Neumann Church.

MILDRED ELLIS

Services for Mildred Ellis, 61, of Plymouth were April 21 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

She was born Dec. 4, 1936, in Detroit. She died April 17 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Bell. Survivors include her husband, Everett C. Ellis of Plymouth; her mother, Marie Bell of Westland; one son, Jeffery G. Ellis of Las Vegas, Nev.; three brothers, Walter (Barbara) Bell of Santa Cruz, Calif., Richard Bell of Keego Harbor, Robert (Kathleen) Bell of Plymouth; and one sister, Frances Bell of Westland.

Memorials may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit 48201.

BETTY OPLE EUICK

Services for Betty Ople Euick, 69, of Canton will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel. Visitation will be held noon to 5 p.m.

She died April 24 in Canton. She was a graduate of Cooley High School, Detroit. She was a member of the VFW of Warren and the Eagles Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald M. Euick. Survivors include three daughters, Donna (Joe) Beahon of Canton, Sandy (Nick) Marinkovich of Canton, Denise (Stan) Gill of Shelby Township; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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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 968 (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 meet 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.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Resource Development Division at the above address of (313) 397-5392.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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:

The federal ISTEA budget bill will bring Michigan \$290 million more than last year. ISTEA stands for Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.

Engler has wanted to keep most federal aid for the Michigan Department of Transportation - \$230 million - with \$60 million going to counties and municipalities (cities and villages). Engler argues that state roads bear the heaviest traffic burden.

"Fairplay's" formula would give the state \$197.5 million and the locals \$92.5 million, better than 50 percent more, Harder said.

The result probably will be somewhere between the two figures. The Republican-run Senate is likely to come up with a figure closer to Engler's. Harder's panel was scheduled to approve the Democratic figures.

The chambers will pass different bills. So a compromise will occur when a joint House-Senate conference committee deals with the bill, probably in June.

Altogether the state transportation budget is about \$2.78 billion, with \$822 coming from the federal government, Harder said. His "Fairplay" money comes from the \$290 million increase in federal aid.

Basically, Public Act 51 of 1951 allocates 39.1 percent of transportation money to MDOT, 39.1 percent to counties and 21.8 percent to municipalities. Lawmakers for decades have talked of revising the formula with no result.

Other comments by Harder on budget changes:

■ 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 free-way 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.

■ He's taking 31 auditors' jobs out of MDOT and putting them under the legislative Auditor General. Harder said he suspects, but can't prove, misuse of expenses by MDOT that its own auditors can cover up. He believes the auditor general will be more independent.

■ He's adding \$800,000 for critical bridges, though "that's still a drop in the bucket."

■ He's revising the transportation economic development fund, which was designed to finance roads in Oakland County's industrial growth areas, to deal with "urban congestion" in Detroit and Grand Rapids. Under his plan, the state will put up a \$2 million match for auto insurance company grants to improve traffic flow and reduce crashes.

Here, according to House Democrats, is the amount of increased federal aid local units would get under their "Fairplay" formula:

- Wayne County: \$4.2 million.
- Detroit \$3.7 million.
- Garden City \$99,000.
- Livonia \$338,000.
- Northville \$19,400.
- Plymouth \$29,000.
- Westland \$253,000.

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 (Rowe 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.

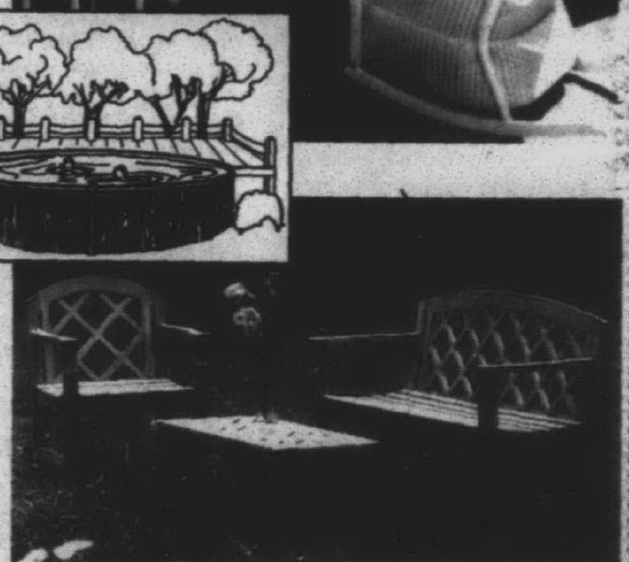
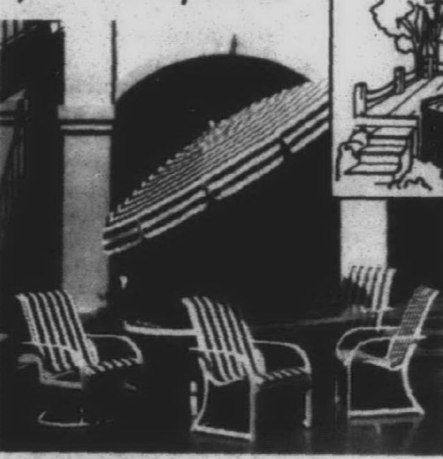
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males, they have different quirks. You get attached like you would to a dog."

Engerer now owns five horses, Private Expressions, Pony Express, Sandy Man, Matching Circles and Private Pierre. The horses are stabled at a farm in Mohroe.

"Pony Express got out of the stable one night and stayed on the grass by the door, they found him there at 5 o'clock in the morning," he recalled.

What happened?

Engerer said that while he doesn't make a living from owning horses, the track's demise is still disturbing.

"I think it's underhanded," he said, adding none of the horsemen knew the track would close. "I don't even know if it's finalized," he said.

"Livonia was probably anxious to get rid of it, if somebody came in there and developed that property. The governor and racing commissioner should have stepped in somewhere along the line," Engerer said.

He concedes that lack of interest in horse racing with the younger generation and a failure to publicize the track contributed to its demise.

"Even on opening day there was not an article in the newspaper on that opening, it was very bad marketing. I guess the DRC didn't think it was necessary," he said.

Asked what he intends to do with his horses, Engerer said, "I don't know. I'll probably give them away to a good home."

Engerer said he may keep Private Expressions, who three years ago as a 2-year-old won the Sires Stake at DRC.

Might some horses go to

'Even if you don't gamble you can get a lot of pleasure watching a race ... there's the general crowd excitement.'

Rick Porter
—Track cameraman

slaughter? "I hope not, I think a lot of people will try to sell them," he said.

Affected employees

Track cameraman Rick Porter of Plymouth was visiting a friend at the Daily Racing Form offices in Hot Springs, Ark., when he learned of the track closing.

He's worked at the track six years. "I grew up in little towns up North where they had harness racing and small tracks. Even if you don't gamble you can get a lot of pleasure watching a race, a thoroughbred is quite a handsome animal, and there's the general crowd excitement," he said.

A college graduate with some computer skills, Porter said he's not worried about finding a job.

For Lou Alosso of Plymouth, who times horses in practice runs among other jobs, the closing of the track means he'll be a year short in vesting his pension. He says there is no such work available at other thoroughbred tracks. "Of course, I'll be sending out resumes," Alosso said.

"The main thing that started the downfall of racing across America has been due to the fact there are state-run lotteries," he said. "And then betting is becoming much easier on football and other sports, there's more competition for the gambling dollar

when you can walk into grocery store and buy a lottery ticket.

"You don't need to pay for parking, you don't need a program. All you have to do is just guess. Plus you can go to a casino slot machine — it's a no-brainer," Alosso said.

While government seeks to establish casinos, "they're not doing a thing for horse racing," he said.

"As bad as horse racing may sound to some people, casinos would sound worse. They should support something that's already there instead of supporting casinos."

Frustrated

"I hear a lot of frustration in what they're saying, we're equally frustrated," said Deputy Racing Commissioner Jim Bowes.

He said the racing commission was given no warning of the March 6 announcement that Ladbroke Land Company and another developer would seek to turn the track, which employs about 2,400, into an industrial park. The track is scheduled to close Nov. 8.

"The office of racing commissioner has not been offered the opportunity to see the purchase agreement," Bowes said, adding the office of racing commissioner has fined Ladbroke \$75,000 for failing to show for a scheduled meeting to present the purchase agreement.

Bowes said the racing commission would like to explore the potential to continue racing at Ladbroke DRC next year, if the plan to develop the property would allow it. The company hasn't responded.

"We're trying to find a place for thoroughbred racing," Bowes said.



Cache

Confiscated: Plymouth Township police display a gun, marijuana and cash confiscated in two separate operations this month. Twenty pounds of marijuana and a 9 millimeter handgun were confiscated at the scene of an apparent drug overdose April 3 at a room in the Quality Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Road. Police are awaiting a toxicology report on the death of a Livonia man, 38. Police also confiscated more than \$7,000 in the traffic stop April 10 of a Northville man, who also had illegal drugs in his car. Police said they will seek forfeiture proceedings on the money and car in civil court, as they maintain they came from drug profits.

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Ennis, Ireland.

Cusick took the title in the 17-19 age category. A fellow dancer, Mike Belvitch, 16, also of Plymouth, took the world champ title in his age category.

Cusick and Belvitch are putting Plymouth on the map. Before them, just six Americans have won the title of world champ since the competition began in 1973.

Winning is becoming part of Cusick's resume. Last year he took second place in the world championships, and he was the first American to win the All Ireland National Championship. In his dancing career, he has taken home five national championships, five Mid-American championships, the All Ireland title, the second-place world championship and the Junior Cup. And by the way ... he still plans to compete this year for the senior belt, a competition of all dancers in North America.

But there's even more excitement in Cusick's future and a big choice to make. He has been offered a chance to dance in both

"Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance." "I'll have to choose," he said, adding he plans to dance professionally in the summer of 1999 and take the year off after his graduation.

It's not that his friends were not ever impressed with dancing in the past, but with the popularity of "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," "they are amazed I would do something that is worldwide," Cusick said.

And he says he's not the least bit intimidated by the prospect of dancing professionally. "I have friends in both shows. And everyone who is in the shows loves them. To be able to get to be paid to do something you love is great."

For his world championship competition, Cusick, like the other competitors, danced three rounds — a soft shoe (reel), hornpipe and plaxpy drury. Unlike past competitions, he didn't wear his traditional kilt and velvet jacket, rather danced in pants. "I'm probably never going back to a kilt," he said, referring to his latest win. "The kilt is heavy

and so is the velvet jacket."

Cusick practices about 1 1/2 hours each day and takes one day off each week. "It is strenuous and your legs get to a point where you have to take a break." But, after 12 years of dancing, he's accustomed to knowing when to take that break.

As a freshman and sophomore, Cusick was a member of the cross country and track team. "But it got to the point where I didn't have enough time to do dancing and running."

With his senior year of high school on the horizon, Cusick is already making plans. Of course, he'll take the year off to dance with "Riverdance" or "Lord of the Dance." With good grades, Cusick plans to enter a prestigious college, major in political science, law school and then enter a career in politics.

But dancing will always be in his heart. It's a part of his heritage. "My parents wanted me to get involved in my Irish heritage. My older sisters danced before me. Well, within a couple of years, I got really good at it."

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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 squint 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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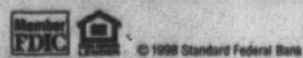
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Toast spring with salmon, Belgian beer

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

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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, ongoing 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

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

Please see SAMON, B2

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 hash 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 Gerhardt 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

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 can 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 2 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 CATTLEMEN'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.

- 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.

CHUCKWAGON BEEF & PASTA SKILLET

- 1 pound 80 percent lean ground beef
- 1 small green bell pepper, chopped

Buddha's Delight, lentil burgers, lost and found

Mary of West Bloomfield was looking for a recipe called Buddha's Delight.

Kathy of Canton e-mailed the missing recipe to us.

Buddha's Delight

- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 - 3 dried red chili peppers
 - 1/2 cup sliced scallions
 - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
 - 2 peeled carrots, thinly sliced into coins
 - 2 cups small broccoli florets
 - 1 sweet red pepper, cut into thin strips
 - 2 cups shredded Napa cabbage
 - 1 cup baby corn
 - 1 (8 ounce) drained can sliced water chestnuts
- Sauce:
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
 - 3 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons rice wine or sake
 - 1 tablespoons sugar

- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Combine the sauce ingredients and blend well.

Heat a wok, electric skillet or large frying pan. Add the sesame oil, heat until very hot. Add chilies, stir-fry until darkened. Add green onions and garlic, stir-fry 1 minute. Add carrots, stir-fry 20 minutes or less depending on thickness of carrots.

Add broccoli and red pepper, stir-fry 1 minute. Add shredded cabbage, stir-fry 1 minute. Add baby corn and water chestnuts, stir-fry, 30 seconds. Add sauce to vegetables, mix well, cook until vegetables are crisp-tender. Tastes great served over hot rice. Serves eight.

Kim of Westland was looking for a Lentil Burger Recipe.

LENTIL-WALNUT BURGERS

- Yield: 6 servings
- 3/4 cup Dry lentils
- 1 1/2 cups Water

- 2 teaspoons Cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Butter
- 1 cup Onion; finely minced
- 2 Garlic cloves; crushed
- 10 large Mushrooms; minced
- 1/2 cup Walnuts; finely minced
- 1 small Celery stalk; finely minced
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon Dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon Dry sherry
- 1/2 cup Raw wheat germ

This takes about 40 minutes to prepare: you can do "part 1" while "part 2" is cooking, plus about 1 hour to chill, then 15 minutes to cook. Makes between 4 to 6 servings, depending on the size of patties you make and the hunger of participants. Part 1: Bring lentils and water to a boil in saucepan. Lower the heat, and simmer, partly-covered, 30 minutes, or until lentils are soft, and liquid is gone. Place in large-ish bowl. Add

vinegar, and mash. Part 2: Sauté remaining ingredients, except for wheat germ, together over medium-low heat 10 to 15 minutes, or until all is tender. Add to the mashed lentils, and mix well. Add wheat germ and mix again. Chill for about 1 hour.

The Burgers: Make 4-inch patties from chilled burger-mixture. For freezing, make patties, place wax paper between each patty and stack; wrap well and freeze (or wrap individually). Fry burgers in butter until brown, or broil about 8 minutes on each side. Try putting sesame seeds in pan to keep burgers from sticking to pan, if it is a problem.

Serve either as patties, or as burgers in a whole-wheat bun. Good with cheese melted on top, basil sprinkled on each burger is tasty also.

Recipe from Julie. "I think I got this one out of the Moosewood Cookbook a few years back," she wrote.

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If you're fighting cancer, chances are you're also fighting fatigue—and you may continue to fight it even after treatment has ended. Exhaustion, listlessness and an overwhelming need to sleep are common symptoms. The causes are not fully understood, but there are ways to help you stay focused, stay alert and stay awake. Get all the eye-opening facts at a FREE Cancer AnswerNight. Our panel of experts will teach you how you can fight fatigue and boost your get-up-and-go-power using:

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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.



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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 dry 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

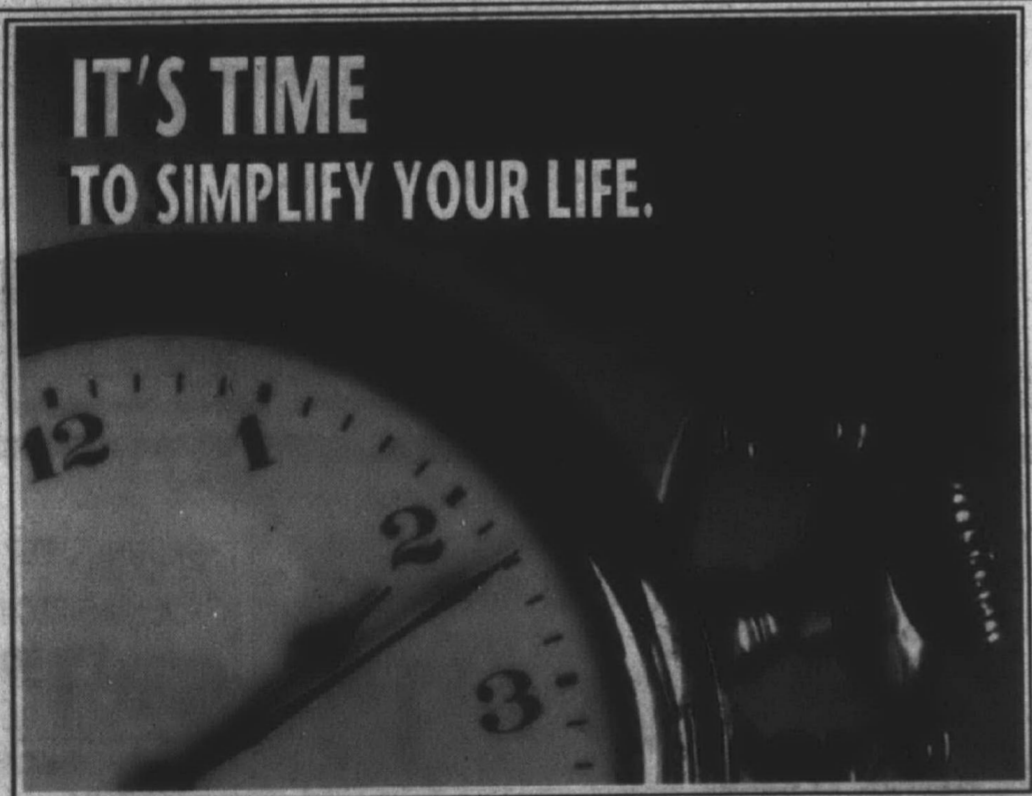
1 1/2 cups finely chopped mixed dried fruit
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1/2 cup maple syrup
2 cups rolled oats
Preheat oven to 325° F.
In a medium microwave-safe bowl, combine the fruit, orange

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 nonstick 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.



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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 whenever 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.



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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.

Pair refreshing salad with grilled chicken or fish

AP - This salad's combination of sweet-tart flavors, varied textures and healthful ingredients make it a refreshing component of a springtime menu.

Dressed with its citrus vinaigrette, it pairs well with grilled chicken or fish. Add good, crusty bread for a complete meal.

ALMOND CITRUS SALAD

- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 grapefruits, peeled and segmented
- 2 navel oranges, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion

- 6 cups lightly packed spinach leaves, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted

To make dressing: in container of blender combine juice, vinegar, oil, honey, ginger, salt and pepper flakes. Blend to mix thoroughly.

In bowl combine fruit, onion and dressing. Set aside at least 10 minutes or up to 1 hour.

To serve, line four individual plates with spinach. Spoon fruit mixture with dressing over spinach, dividing equally. Sprinkle almonds over salads.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 247 cal., 13 g fat, 216 mg sodium, 30 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 6 g pro.

Recipe from Almond Board of California.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
7:00 P.M.
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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 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.

"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 suctioned 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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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.

Certification earned

Britini 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

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



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK
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/cassandra.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 liquefy them.

Liquefy 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 Inlay 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.

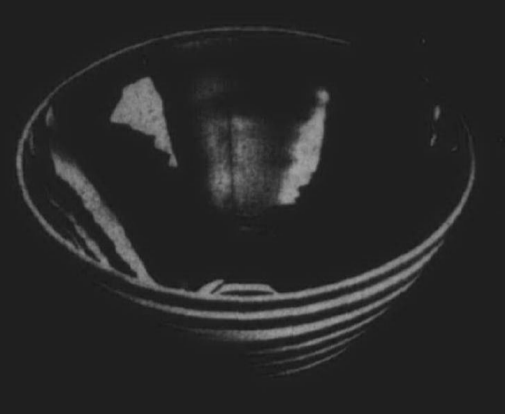
The year 2000 Paul Revere Community Alert (http://ourworld.comuserve.com/homepages/roleigh_martin/) - This site details steps community organizations should take to minimize exposure.

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.

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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 of music 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 Maximozich, will perform a piano concerto by Schumann. Also on the program are "Pique Dame" by Franz Suppe, Bugler's Holiday and Mozart Fantasie 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 Rozalija Ilievski, a senior at Hamtramck High School. Olds, a Livonia resident, is a longtime supporter of the arts and volunteered for many years with Very Special Arts Michigan and the Southeast Region Committee. Ilievski will use the scholarship to continue her jewelry making after

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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 hora 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, Mehndi tattoos (a nonpermanent henna 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/art demonstrations with Roopa Shamsunder 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 vied 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, accasia catechu, 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 Stachowski, a teacher consultant for 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 preprimary 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

pilots, airplanes, helicopters, flying and travel to increase listening, memory and vocabulary skills as well as to stimulate social interactions and the ability to relate to others in groups. "We're really grateful for the grants," said Sands. "And the students love performing at the festival, they get excited. It's great for their self-esteem and they get to show off a little bit." Sands loves her occupation and relays her passion for music on to the children.

"I really enjoy it," said Sands. "I find music just reaches places no other medium can. I see so much progress and music therapy helps us work on their motor skills and vocalization." The festival has grown from 125 performers last year to 180 this year. Volunteers and business members of the community

make the annual festival possible. Hammell Music donates a piano and Wonderland Mall, the space. "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 the 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 Girdharal 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."

Savva originally approached the Plymouth Community Arts Council about showing his father's work.

"The idea grew from there," said Betsey 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 Shyamasundra, of Rochester Hills will give a dance

clinic and demonstrate one of the six major classical dance forms of India, Bharata Natyam. At the beginning of each program, Shyamasundra, 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 Shyamasundra. "In Indian dance it is also spiritual, one of the means to reach God. Ninety percent of the composition is based on God."

Shyamasundra 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 Shyamasundra.

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 to enjoy the Indian culture."

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give their performances for free. "We have our own library that's quite extensive, built up over the years, so there's no admission charge," said Gajec. "A lot of people think if its free it's not worth it, but we're trying to get the community to be culturally minded. It's very important to give the audience a taste of something they haven't heard. Occasionally we play heavy

works, 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 Civic 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.

"The park concert is very popular," said Gajec. "People bring in their chairs and enjoy the music."

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Estleman writes ghostly western

Journey of the Dead By Loren D. Estleman (Forge, \$21.95) Though you probably won't find it classified as such at your local library or bookstore...

In much western fiction, an event like this would serve as a climactic ending to a hell-for-leather shoot-em-up, after which our hero would ride off into a sunset...

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...

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

Cranbrook welcomes writers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER Last year Cranbrook's first "Retreat for Writers" attracted 130 students eager to learn more about their craft from the best.

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.

The workshops cover every aspect of literary writing including poetry, short fiction, novels, playwriting, screenwriting and literary non-fiction. All workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 11:30 on the Kingswood campus.

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.

"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 talking inspirationally."

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.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

- Book Happenings features various book signings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150...

- BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD) Happy Birthday, William Shakespeare festival, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 26; Nancy Washburne discusses and signs "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan's Inner Lakes..."

- Naomi Long Madgett reads poetry, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; Sheneska Jackson signs "Blessings" noon Wednesday, April 29; Nancy Washburne signs "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan Inland Lakes..."

General Cinema, Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, United Artists, etc. Listings for movies like Grease, Major League 3, Tarzan, and The Object of My Affection with showtimes and prices.

Vertical sidebar with numbers 1-30 and movie titles like 'The Object of My Affection', 'Major League 3', 'Tarzan', etc.



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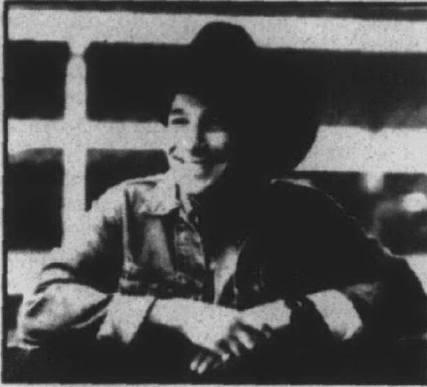
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JULY

- 3 **LEANN RIMES** w/Bryan White
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- 24 **THE MAVERICKS** w/BRS-49
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- 30 **STEVE MILLER BAND** w/Little Feat
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AUGUST

- 9 **THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND**
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 - 12 **CULTURE CLUB/HOWARD JONES/HUMAN LEAGUE**
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 - 18 **MATCHBOX 20**
\$29.50 Pavilion/\$20 Lawn
 - 22 **NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL**
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 - 23 **KENNY ROGERS**
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 - 29 **TED NUGENT**
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JUNE

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- 19 **TEEN IDOLS**
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- 24 **HEART** Featuring Ann Wilson w/The Tubes
- 28 **PETER DINKlage**

JULY

- 2 **PAT BENATAR**
- 4 **CHUMBAWAMBA**
- 9 **KENNY LOGGINS**
- 15 **FOREIGNER**
- 16 **AIR SUPPLY**
- 18 **KANSAS** w/Symphony Orchestra
- 20 **HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS**
- 23 **ART GARFUNKEL**
- 24 **POINTER SISTERS**
- 25 **THE TEMPTATIONS/THE FOUR TOPS**
- 28 **LOVERBOY/NIGHT RANGER**

AUGUST

- 4 **REO SPEEDWAGON**
- 5 **CHEAP TRICK/CANDLEBOX**
- 11 **BLUE OYSTER CULT/NAZARETH/APRIL WINE**
- 15 **DEEP PURPLE/EMERSON, LAKE & PALMER**
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- 15 **RICHARD JENI**
- 16 **SMOKEY ROBINSON**
- 17 **ROCK NEVER STOPS**
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- 21 **JOAN RIVERS/DON RICKLES**
- 25 **RICHARD MARX**

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **WAYNE NEWTON**
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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:

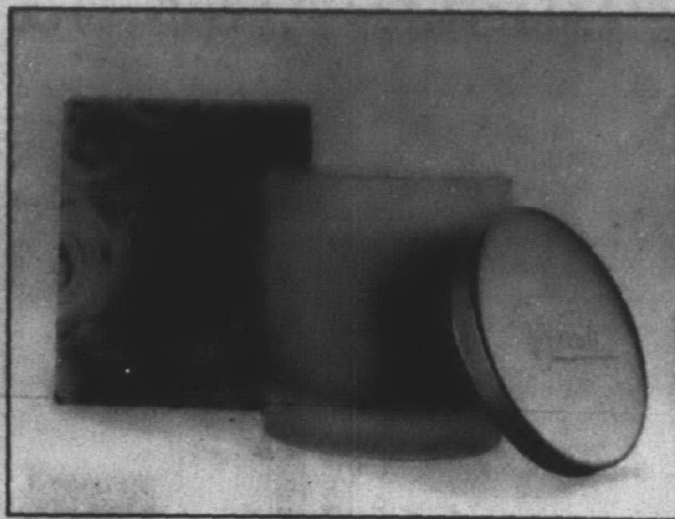
- A Tub Mat through Dr. Leonards Discount Health Care catalog (800) 459-0872, also Miles Kimball (920) 231-4886.
- The European-style mop can be found through Solutions (800) 342-9988.
- Miles Kimball (920) 231-4886 and Harriet Carter (800) 377-7878 carry Oval Oil Cloths.
- Found the outdoor Madonna 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 Ticket, 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 girdle open at the bottom with four garters for the use with nylon stockings.
- Ann is looking for gold or silver pendants, inexpensive for kids.
- Nars 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 #4.
- 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.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

In memory of Diana



Candle in the wind: Neiman Marcus is selling a special English Garden Rose-fragranced 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.

RETAIL DETAILS

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St. John fragrance available

Neiman Marcus has the newest fragrance by Marie and Kelly Gray of St. John knits, *white camellias*. 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.

Mail 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.

Mail 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.

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

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 her 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."

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.

"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."

in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

PREVENTION AT AN ADVANCED AGE

Because many older adults experience disease, depression, or difficulty using toothbrushes, 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 decay — 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

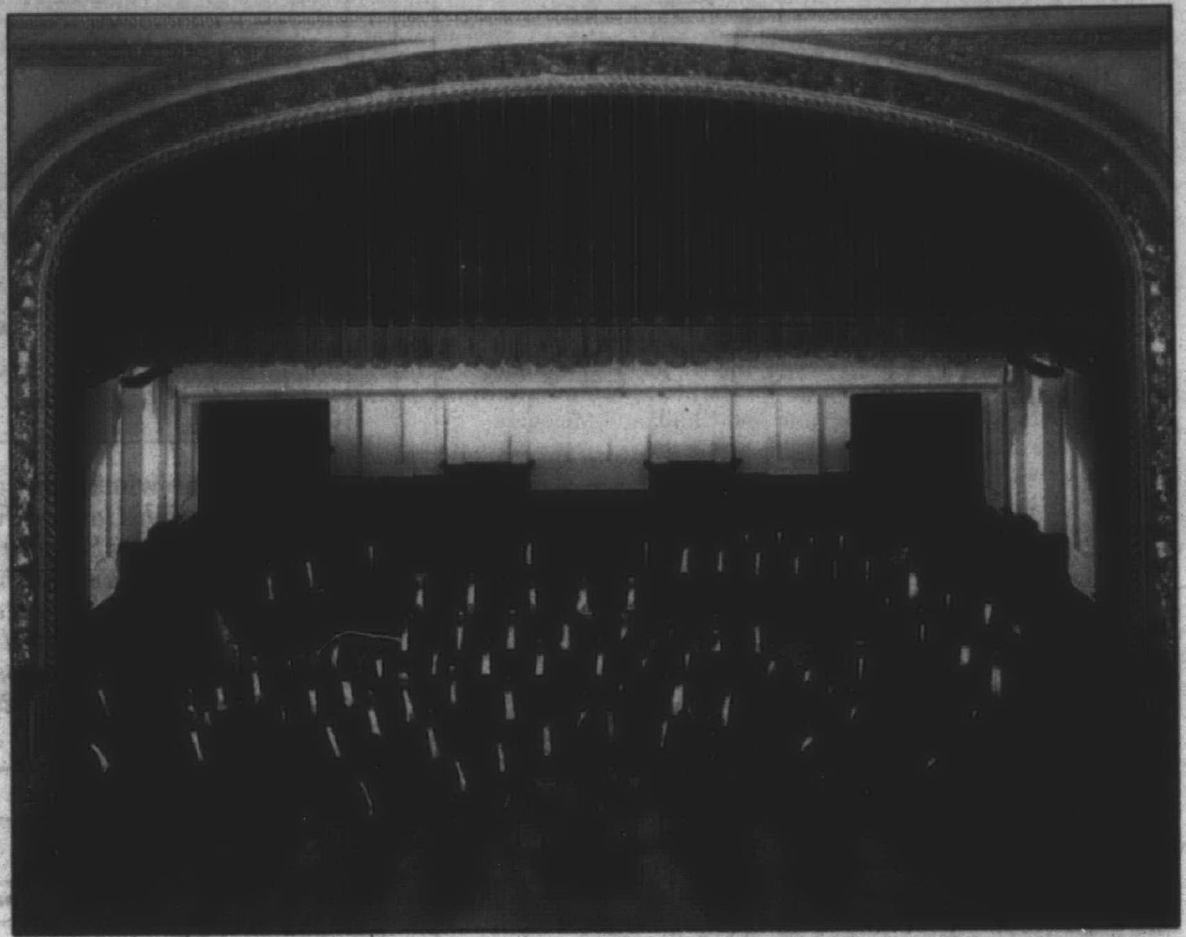
The orchestra will be performing works by Barber, Bruch, Copland, Ellington, Kapp, Prokofiev, Ravel, Schumann, Shostakovich and Still.

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 wind-breaker kind of thing and a couple of sweaters and some summer-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, whose music, 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

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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 sight-seeing tours, admission to the Prado, Royal Palace and other attractions and insurance. For more information, call (734)462-4435.

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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.

HOSTELING RESOURCE BOOK

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

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 gimmicks," 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 WLA'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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Freshman winner: Canton's Marty Kane turned in a winning performance in the 800-meter run, posting a personal best time of 2:05.9.



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.

Brynn 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 WLA. 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 WLAA with the loss.

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 entrees 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 WLAA's best.

That showed last Thursday, when Canton played WLAA Western Division rival Livonia Churchill at 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 WLAA 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 Dorogi 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 of 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.

TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 5 W.L. WESTERN 3
Thursday at Walled Lake Western
No. 1 singles: Jon Cohen (WLW) Shab Singh (PC) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.
No. 2: Luciano Gonzalez (WLW) def. Vinne Ikeh 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
No. 3: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Chris King 6-2, 7-5.
No. 4: Gary Levenbach (PC) def. Andy Conroy 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Jon Frohlich-Guy Shaham (WLW) def. Richie Ikeh-Andy Oleszkowicz 6-4, 6-3.
No. 2: Scott Mincher-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Andy Stone-Ryan Sobaleski 6-0, 6-1.
No. 3: Jason Darow-Luke Montgomery (PC) def. Matt McKeown-Yuta Shokinji 6-1, 6-2.
No. 4: John Herald-Pat O'Flaherty (PC) def. Mark Lister-Andy Prokopy 7-6, default.

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Wednesday at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Shab Singh (PC) def. Kiran Karwande 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 2: Amit Patel (LS) def. Vinne 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 Hartunian-Salah Maher 6-1, 6-4.
No. 2: Scott Mincher-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Mike McGhie-Joel Turbiak 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.
No. 3: Andrew Oleszkowicz-Luke Montgomery (PC) def. John Schietinger-Pat Peterson 6-1, 7-5.
No. 4: Chris Foss-Nate Moothart (PC) def. Curt White-Brian Adams 6-4, 6-0.

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 VanDoorn.

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.

Shawna Greene had three hits and an RBI for Madonna. Christy Riopelle and Courtney Senger had the other RBI in the second game.

In the opener, Riopelle, Stephanie Dick and Jamie Heins had RBI for Madonna (23-19-1) as VanDoorn squared her record at 11-11. She didn't walk a batter and struck out five and the only run she allowed was unearned.

Madonna mauls N'wood

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.

BASEBALL

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

plus one-third and Jason Carter got the final two outs of the game.

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.

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Getting into swing of golf game

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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



What Ray Hearn does for a living is, in basic terms, design dreams. And by doing so, he fulfills his own.

Ray Hearn is one of the nation's up-and-coming golf course architects. He owns his own company — Raymond Hearn Golf Designs Inc. — located on Main near downtown Plymouth.

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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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

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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 gray 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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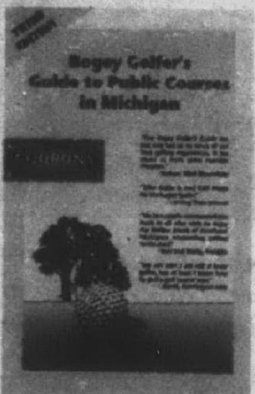


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Jim Szilagyi grew up playing the game of golf, so it's no wonder he holds the titles he does.

Szilagy, who was raised in Plymouth and now lives in Birmingham, is in his second year as president of the Michigan Public 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."

Szilagy 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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"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."

Szilagy, 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 droye (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."

Szilagy is now the national account manager for SkyLinks, a Boston-based company that makes Global Positioning Systems for golf courses.

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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 Janson, Thom Rosely, Jack Seltzer, David Smith and Brent Veenstra.

Among the Michigan Amateur champions include Brian Atkinson, John Lindholm and Steve Maddalena.

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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 Championship (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 Thorapple Pointe).

11-12 (Tuesday-Wednesday): Michigan Seniors Open/Senior CPC Qualifying (Bedford Valley).

11-16 (Tuesday-Sunday): 98th USGA 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 starting 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



Love of golf: Terri 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.

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.

"So many women are getting started in golf because they don't want to be 'left in the office,'" said Anthony Ryan, who counts retired Western Golf & Country Club Pro Ray Bolo and Whispering Willows Club Pro Gary Whitener as tutors.

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.

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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, 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.

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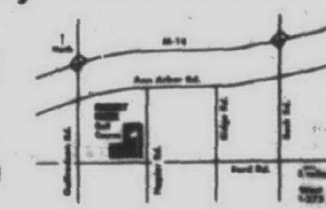
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Plastic, rubber cleats are shoe in

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 Public 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.

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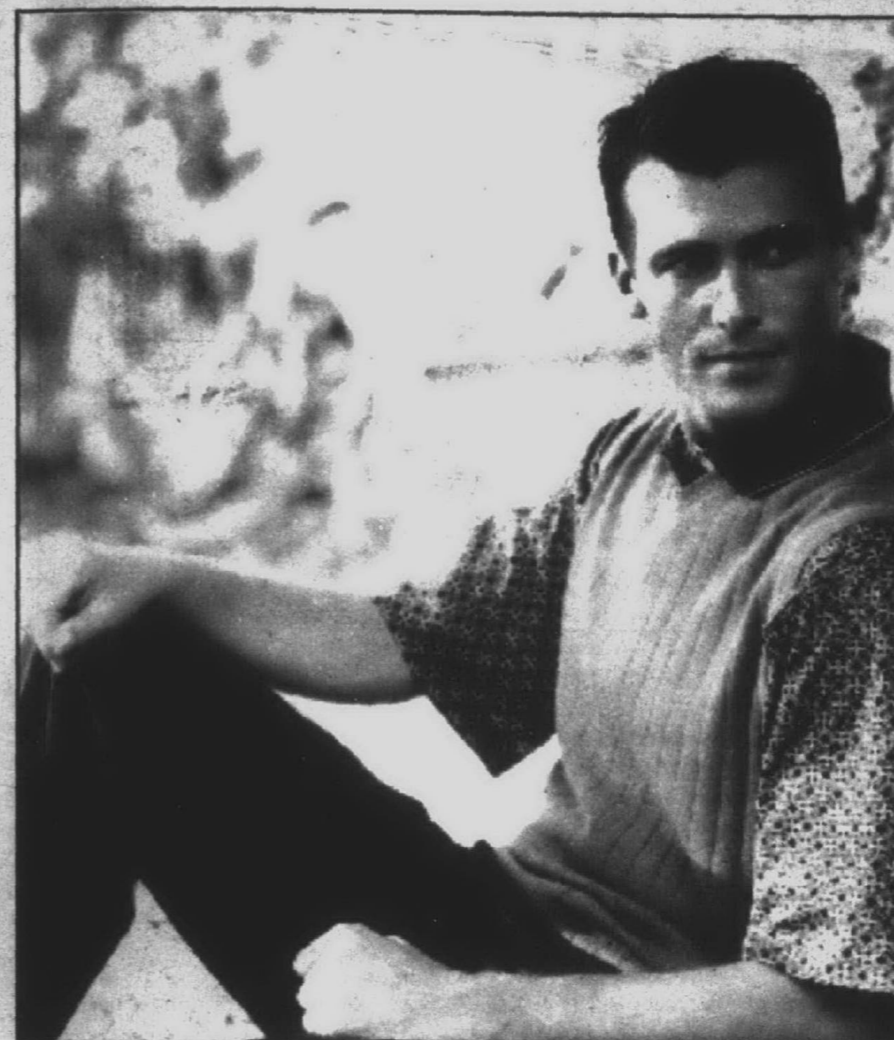
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Since "test driving" clubs is important in evaluating key performance features outlined above, you should take your time and demo clubs on the tees to test ball flight before you buy them.

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.

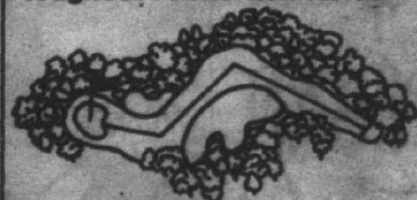
From a style standpoint, there is a distinct departure from the wing tips of the past to saddles and casual shoes that appeal more to the younger golfer.

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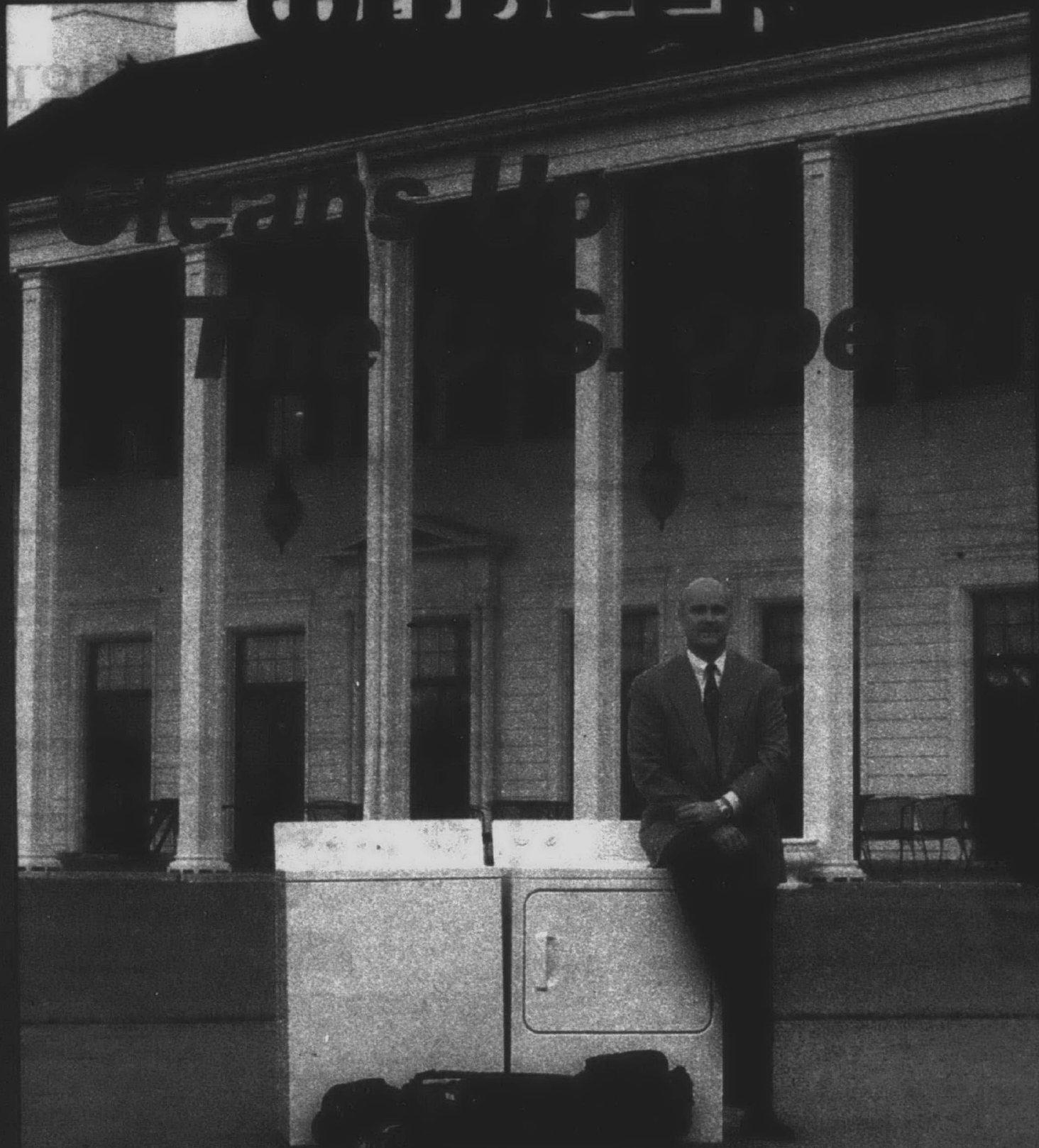
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