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Look for the redesigned At Home in the Thursday, June 1, issue of your hometown Observer and let me know what you think. I welcome your comments and your suggestions.

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Sincerely,



Susan Rosiek  
Publisher

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### HOLIDAY CHANGE

**Trash pickup:** Residents in both the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will have trash pickup delayed a day next week because of the Memorial Day holiday. In the city, trash pickup will take place Tuesday through Friday. In the township, simply put out your trash a day later than normal. Both city and township offices will be closed for the holiday.

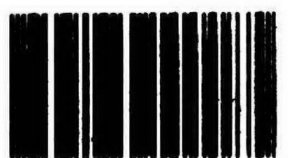
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# Judge refuses to allow challenge



**■ A Wayne County circuit judge Wednesday ruled there was no legal remedy for a Secretary of State mistake that is keeping two prospective candidates off the ballot in a potential 35th District Court race.**

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A Wayne County Circuit Court ruling has just about guaranteed that 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe will be unopposed in his bid for re-election, thus avoiding becoming the first local judge to face competition in a pri-

mary. Despite arguments from two local attorneys, William Selinsky of Northville Township and Peter Bec of Plymouth Township, that they failed to get the required number of petition signatures to be put on the August ballot because of a mistake by the Secretary of State's office, Wayne County Chief

Circuit Court Judge Michael Sapala ruled he has no jurisdiction to put the pair on the ballot.

"The legislature lays out the number of signatures to give ballot access, and only the legislature can change the law," said Sapala. "This court has no authority and the Secretary of State has no authority to change the law, either. The only petitions that could be accepted are the ones with the proper number of signatures."

"I would agree that this is an unfortunate situation ... we have a mistake by the Secretary of State," said Sapala. "However, the plaintiffs are presumed

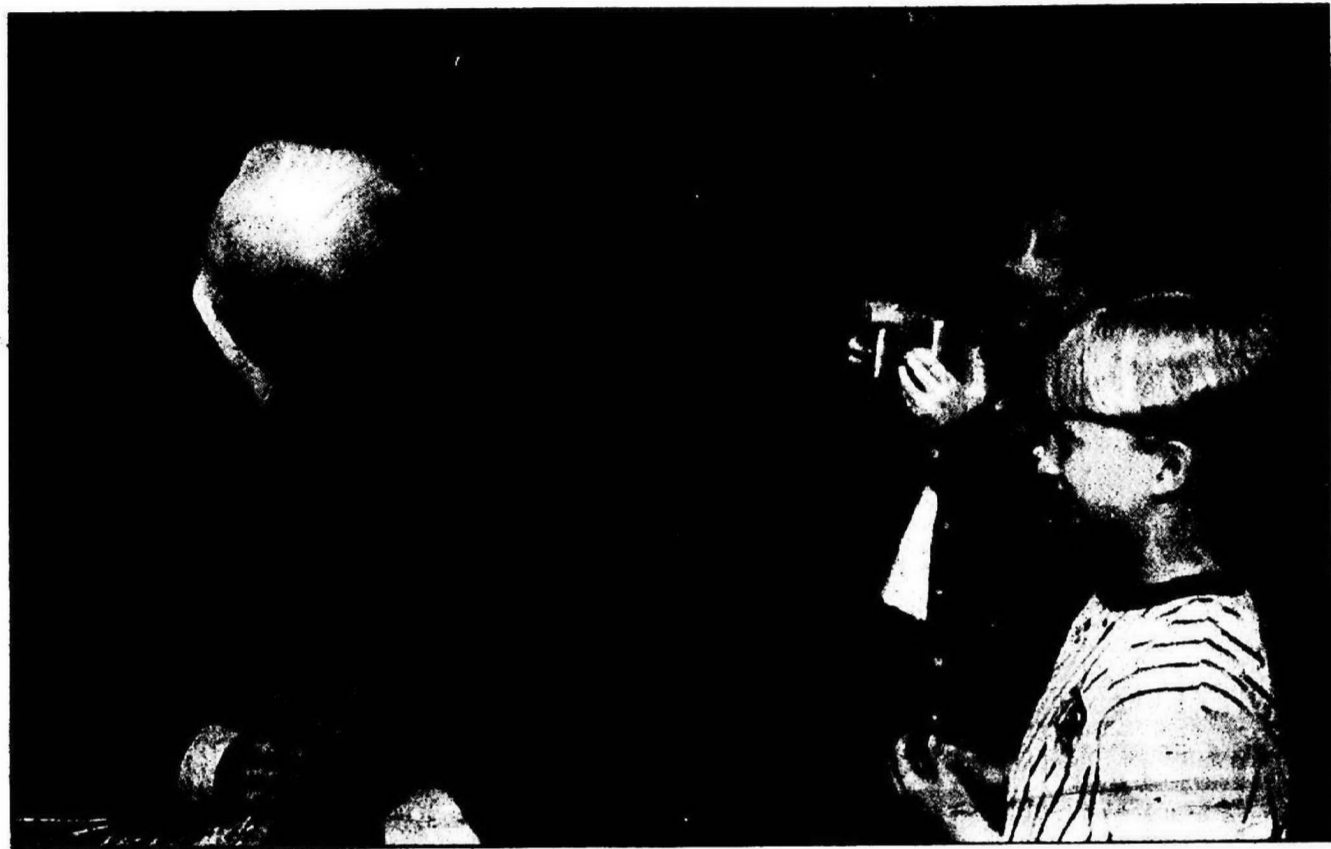
to know the law. These plaintiffs aren't lay people. They had a duty to look up the law."

Sapala chastised both Selinsky and Bec for not taking the initiative to investigate the number of signatures needed for petitions, even though both checked with the Secretary of State's office for confirmation.

The Elections Bureau discovered it failed to include the population of the three townships in the court district, previously counting only the cities of Plymouth and Northville. The

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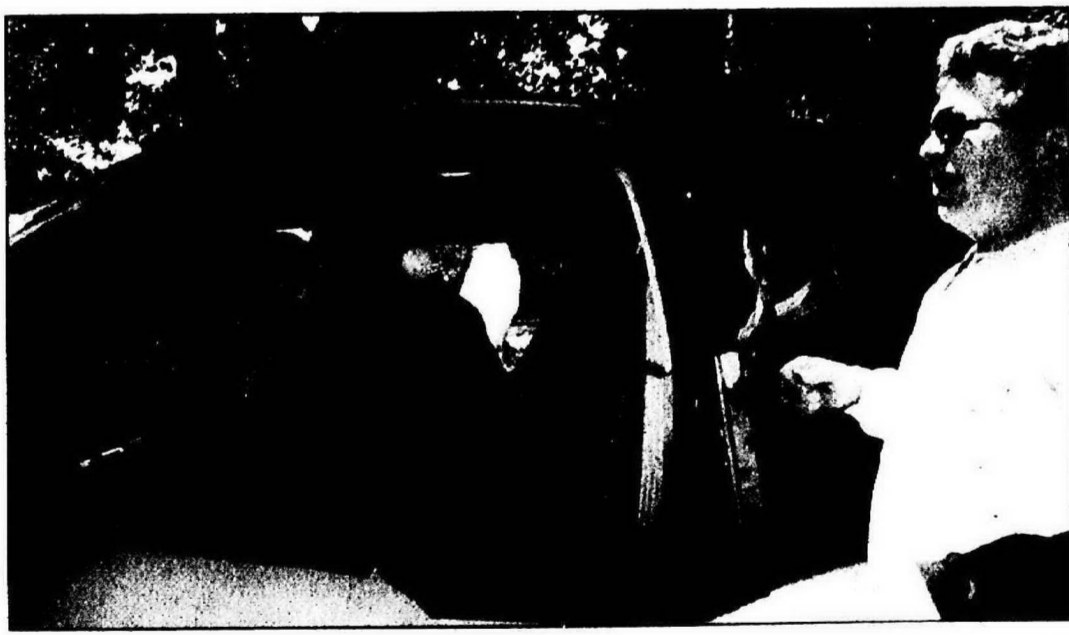
## Commercial venture



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSHMANN

**Fan-tastic:** Former Tiger Manager, Hall of Famer Sparky Anderson clowns for Michelle Malcolm's video camera while he signs the 11-year-old Plymouth resident's Tiger pennant. Jay Jasinski of Plymouth, 9, looks on. Sparky was joined by former Tigers Willie Horton, Lance Parrish, Dan Petry and Dave Bergman. Filming "Sparky Car Pool," a television commercial for the Greater Detroit Metro Ford Dealers. Film began before dawn at the Plymouth Community Library and continued throughout the day in locations throughout the city.

**Taking direction:** Sparky listens to an assistant director while Willie Horton (peeking behind Sparky, from left), Dan Petry and Dave Bergman await the start of filming. Lance Parrish was also in the van, behind Horton.



## Incumbent points to experience as school key

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## SCHOOL ELECTION

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Judy Mardigian has been on the Plymouth-Canton school board for slightly more than two years. However, Mardigian said it's her experience volunteering in many capacities since 1994 that gives her the familiarity needed to move the district forward during some very critical times.

And that's why she is seeking one of two four-year terms on the Board of Education in the June 12 election.

"I want to continue what, I think, is a record of success," said Mardigian.

"I've been working since 1994 on lowering class size for elementary grades."

"I've also been very involved in lobbying for more money from Lansing," she added. "I've helped with our local legislative meetings, and I attend quarterly meetings in Lansing to lobby directly with our legislators to dialogue with them on how to find more money for Plymouth Canton."

"And there's a lot of unfinished business for me, like our building campaigns," said Mardigian. "I was instrumental in passing the bond issues, and I feel a strong commitment to make certain those projects come in on time, on budget and on scope."

"I would also like to help our new superintendent (Kathleen Booher) whom I helped hire, become acclimated to our district and become successful."

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## Driver suspended for leaving child alone on school bus

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A Plymouth Canton school bus driver has been suspended with pay pending an investigation as to why a pre-schooler was left on her bus alone for three hours at the district's bus yard on Lilley Road Wednesday morning.

According to school officials, the girl did not get off the bus to attend the pre-school program at Tanger School with the rest of her classmates. When the bus driver returned to the school bus yard, she reportedly put an "empty" sign in the back window in keeping with transportation department procedure, and left her bus parked in the yard.

The girl was found when Plymouth Township school resource officer Dave Hayes reportedly saw

the pre-schooler get out of the bus and then get back in, closing the door behind her. There are reports the girl may have hidden under a seat to avoid being seen by the bus driver.

"We view this as a serious matter," said Judy Evola, director of community relations. "Each driver is required to check their bus before it's parked."

The mother of the girl was notified and reportedly discussed the matter with Patrick O'Donnell, assistant superintendent for instruction.

"I apologized to the mother on behalf of the district, and told her we would take corrective action," said O'Donnell. "At Tanger, where we have a special needs student, we will have an aid at the school check the bus before it leaves the school."

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### Going to the Market



**Picking and choosing:** Nicole Havenaar of Plymouth shops for plants at the Farmers Market in The Gathering last Saturday. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning through October.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURKHAUSEN

### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

**Editor's note:** Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for them by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0750.

- FICITION**
- Before I Say Goodbye, Mary Higgins Clark
  - Beach Reads, Tawndi O'Dell
  - The Wedding, Danielle Steel
  - The Street Eyes, Toni Morrison
  - The Brothers, John Grisham

- NONFICTION**
- Tuesday With Morris, Mitch Albom
  - Paul Bell, Bob Costas
  - Flags of Our Fathers, James Bradley
  - The Case Against Hillary Clinton, Peggy Noonan
  - Michelle Kimmel, Thomas J. Stanley

#### PARENT'S CHOICE: CHILDREN'S NEW EASY READER'S BOOKS

- What if The Zebra Lost Their Stripes?, John Rplitano
- Let's Count, Tara Hoban
- When Uncle Toak The Piddle Libba Gray

## Allen retains accreditation

Principal Marcia Moore of Allen Elementary School announced this week the school's North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accreditation has been extended through the 1999-2000 school year. This action was taken at the NCA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill., April 4.

"Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools request," Principal Moore explained. "The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school."

The North Central Association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of over 8,000 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States. The continuous process of accreditation and evaluation. NCA currently accredits 1,403 schools in Michigan.

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required number of petition signatures is based on the total population of the district.

Sapala said the pair should have known something was amiss when the number of required petition signatures for the 35th district, as listed by the Secretary of State's office, was comparable to smaller court districts throughout Michigan.

"The number is so out of whack with the population of the 35th District Court," added Sapala in his ruling. "These plaintiffs were put on notice something was amiss and they did no further investigation."

Despite the fact the Secretary of State's office made a mistake, the attorney representing the state said, "If you slip and fall on government property, there is no remedy because the government has immunity. While they (Selinsky and Bec) may feel injured, there is no remedy ... because statutory requirements have not been met."

Farmington Hills attorney James Brady, representing Selinsky, put the blame squarely on the Secretary of State's office.

"If we can't count on the Secretary of State to give out accurate information, what do we do?" Brady asked Sapala. "They only got what they thought they needed in order to get on the ballot."

After the hearing, both Selinsky and Bec were obviously disappointed, and unsure of their next steps.

"It seemed to me, from the beginning, he (Sapala) seemed to have his mind made up," said Selinsky in the hallway outside Sapala's courtroom. "From the questions he was asking, he seemed to want to justify the decision he came up with. If they made a mistake by checking the census figures, how would we come up with a different number?"

"We'll have to decide the practicality of moving forward," added Selinsky. "I don't know if we could get a decision soon enough from the Court of Appeals. We've already lost a lot of time to campaign."

Lansing attorney Eric Doster represented Lowe's interest, which was to make sure the law was upheld and the two attorneys were kept off the ballot.

"If you follow the law, it will enhance my client's ability to be re-elected," Doster argued to Sapala. "My client followed the rules of the Michigan Election Code. Our interest is substantial."

Lowe only had to file papers, indicating he would run for reelection, while challengers are required to submit petitions.

It was Lowe's telephone call to the Board of Elections on the last day the petitions were due which resulted in the mistake being found. Selinsky and Bec contend Lowe subverted their efforts to run against him by "finding" the mistake just hours before petitions were to be turned into the state. However, Sapala didn't see it that way.

"I can't presume Judge Lowe knew the requirements," said Sapala. "He may have just found out."

## KIDS DAY AMERICA

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## Students are merit finalists

Four students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have been chosen as National Merit Finalists. Receiving this prestigious title are Erin Konarske from Plymouth Salem and Luke C. Williams, David Harvey and Christine Chan from Plymouth Canton High School.

A total of 2,500 "National" awards are the Merit Scholarships for which every finalist is considered. These scholarships are offered on a state representative basis, in numbers proportional to the state's percent-

age of the nation's high school graduating seniors. Konarske, Williams, and Harvey did in fact qualify and win scholarships as a result of becoming a National Merit Finalist.

Each year's competition for Merit Scholarships is intense and the number of awards available is limited. From more than one million students who entered the year 2000 National Merit Program only about 16,000 were named Semifinalists, on a state representative basis.

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# AAUW recognizes local building

The Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women marked Heritage Day 2000 by decorating a local house with a plaque honoring it as a century-old building.

The house chosen this time is the Hoyt-Bailey House, located at 107 S. Main.

According to AAUW members, the house draws its name from its original owner, William Hoyt, and the current owner, Michael Bailey. The architectural style is referred to as "Eclectic Prairie," an adaptation of the classic "prairie" style which originated in Chicago.

Some of the home's features noted by AAUW members include its hipped roof with widely overhanging eaves; off-centered entrance; and its three stories, with a large first-story wrap-around porch supported by 10 sturdy pillars.

City records indicate the house was built in 1900, but ownership of the property dates back to 1825, when it was part of the original parcel owned by William Starkweather.

Hoyt bought it in 1883, and the house was built in 1900. Hoyt died in 1927 and his wife, Luella, and son Clay lived on in the house until 1943.

Bailey became owner and president of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, the house's occupants, in 1980.



Pretty as a picture: Mary Fritz takes a snapshot of the historic name plate held by AAUW member Gerry Dugan. AAUW members Luan Brownlee (center) and Ann Krinkel look on.



High honor: AAUW member Gerry Dugan presents the historic marker plate to Michael Bailey (far right). With them are Graham Laible, son of the original owner, and Mary Bailey, wife of the present tenant.

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ful," she said.

Mardigian believes hiring Booher is one of the better decisions she's made while a member of the Board of Education.

"Kathleen has done a lot of listening and soliciting of feedback from her staff," she said. "She has come up with ideas to try and make the whole enterprise of educating our children more user friendly."

Mardigian sees the current effort by Booher to reorganize the central office administration as a first step in improving education and communication in the district.

"It's long overdue, and puts a greater focus on our educational programs," said Mardigian. "Kathleen has done a wonderful job in motivating our administrators, sees them as team players and is quite a recognized leader around the state among superintendents."

Mardigian sees her role as a board member as one who sets policy, is responsible for the taxpayers money and uses creative thinking to improve the district.

"The role of the board member is to set policy first, and then make sure the policy is followed," Mardigian said. "There's less of a need to be part of day-to-day management, but instead be more focused on policy and long range planning. I consider myself a fiduciary, making sure our money is well-spent."

"I also think I have a lot of creative ideas and can bring my business skills to bear on the position," she added. "I'm interested in increasing business partnerships, not only to find money but looking to business on how we can enhance our programs. Business partnerships would also allow us to do things we can't do because of our average funding level."

Some of the biggest challenges Mardigian will face over the next four years, if re-elected, include:

■ **State funding:** "We need to be competitive with our labor market and lower class size, but our funding keeps us from doing that."

■ **Vouchers:** "I'm got in favor of vouchers. I think the money

# Hopefuls face off at forum

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The five candidates seeking the two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the June 12 election were together for the first time Thursday night, answering questions concerning Proposal A, program cuts, charter schools, merit pay and MEAP scores, among other issues facing the district.

The event was a public forum hosted by the Plymouth and Canton Observer newspapers and the League of Women Voters, which will be broadcast several times before the election by Media One.

On the ballot are challengers Carl Battishill, James Donahue and Kathleen Payne. Incumbents Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigian are seeking re-election.

Unlike last year's event, this year there was very little attacking by candidates. And, at times, candidates even agreed with each other on several issues.

Concerning charter schools, Donahue said, "We already have an outstanding base in this district with good, creative programs. We just have to focus more on the customer."

On the issue of vouchers, Payne noted, "There just isn't justification to give state dollars to private school students."

Answering a question concerning poor morale in the district, Mardigian said, "We have a new superintendent

with some fresh ideas and an enthusiasm for meeting with the staff and spending a lot of time in the buildings."

Givens said merit pay "carries a lot of emotional baggage with it ... if we can have the evaluation and accountability and not call it merit pay, it would be better off for the district."

When it comes to MEAP scores, Battishill said, "Those scores are slipping as compared to our neighbors. We should either focus our attention on that test ... or admit we aren't going to take that as a serious concern."

The forum helped some of those in attendance understand issues and, in some cases, determine who they will vote for next month.

"I was interested in what they had to say about the MEAP and how they will make sure all students will have equal opportunity to use the facilities when the new high school is built," said Carolyn Rothwell of Canton.

"I want a candidate who doesn't always do what the teachers want. I want a school board member to do what the parents want," said an unidentified woman who teaches in the district. "I am still upset about the location of the new high school, and I like merit pay for administrators."

"I came to hear how each of them spoke and handled themselves," said Annette Heindryckx of Plymouth Township. "I have a feeling the board doesn't care much about what the people think."

for them will be taken out of the state aid fund and economically we'll feel the effects."

■ **District-wide growth:** "We need to have careful planning of facilities so we can provide adequate space."

Mardigian said she sees herself as someone who can help the

public find solutions to their problems.

"I am a representative of the community," she said. "If people feel they need assistance, they can come to me and I can direct them where to go in the system for information. I can help them get answers."

removed each time the bus leaves the yard as part of the regular pre-trip procedures before departure.

■ No bus is to leave the yard and operate on the streets and roadways with an empty sign visible to the driving public.

■ Each bus parked in the yard must have an "empty" sign visible from the rear.

■ Drivers who fail to adhere to the above procedures are subject to disciplinary procedures.

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and one, one-story 16,000 square foot building.

The three parking decks are three levels each, holding 330, 400, and 440 cars each, according to the plan. These would be the first parking structures in Plymouth Township. The City of Plymouth has one.

A 100-foot green belt is added along Haggerty Road. The Archetype Inc. development concept plan will incorporate the users' need to be seen from I-275 and M-14 and the neighborhood's desire to be separated from the taller buildings, architects say.

"We have no signed leases, but a number of prospects," said Rob Aldrich, vice-president of MAV Development Company, which has offices in Bloomfield Hills and Ann Arbor. "We're excited about the plan. It's the last remaining frontage parcel of its size and can be seen from I-275, which carries 150,000 cars per day. It will be a special place."

Date of groundbreaking is unknown, but the planning process may be completed this year, Barney said. Completion of the first phase is anticipated in spring 2001, according to the developers.

Some neighbors raised issues at recent planning commission meetings about traffic, noise levels, safety, the landscape buffer, and the types of uses that would be occupying the buildings.

Both Barney and Aldrich said a traffic study will be submitted along with the site plan. "The developer will pick a professional to do the study," she said. "Haggerty Road is planned by

Wayne County to have a 120-foot right-of-way."

Residents are concerned about traffic increases in the area. About 2,500 cars are estimated to travel to the complex each day, according to Bruce Hill, a Breckenridge Lane resident and president of the Breckenridge Homeowners Association.

"That's not to mention the traffic in and out of there four times a day. Employees will make a trip into work, then out for lunch because I don't think any restaurants are planned, back to work, and then home," Hill said. "Haggerty has become congested. Anytime there is any construction, they say 'use Haggerty.'"

Provisions should be made for construction access, the access roads need to be widened and there should be completion of sidewalks on Haggerty, he said.

Debbie Muncy, a Dogwood resident, worries about cut-through traffic. "Ivywood will be a thoroughfare because there is no other access. I'm concerned for the children. There's so much commercial property in Livonia, I don't know why they want to come here," Muncy said.

The Plymouth Township board originally approved a planned unit development in December 1988. However, the applicant, American Community Mutual, never completed the process to build a new headquarters. Aldrich said. Therefore that application was closed May 4, 1993.

# No injuries in school mercury spill

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Precautions were taken following a mercury spill in a science lab at West Middle School Tuesday, with school administrators reporting no injuries and no need to close the school.

In a letter to parents, Principal Ray Fougner said a student bumped a thermometer, which broke as it hit the floor.

"The thermometer did contain mercury," said Fougner in his letter. "A teacher cleaned up the substance in an appropriate way immediately. Five students were in the immediate vicinity."

After calling Poison Control, Fougner notified the parents of the students in the vicinity and gave them the option to see a physician for an evaluation.

tion."

Fougner said he also called and consulted with the Environmental Health Division of the Wayne County Health Department, and called HealthAIR, a Plymouth-based company that handles Plymouth-Canton Community Schools environmental issues.

"We used a mercury vapor sniffer to test for mercury in the air," said Scott Staber, owner of HealthAIR. "We also tested areas where the spill occurred, such as the floor, sink, counter and a closet. We detected no mercury vapor whatsoever."

Staber said mercury is a carcinogen that can be inhaled or ingested, as well as absorbed through the skin or eyes.

"It was a very small amount from a thermometer. We were testing at the school for only an hour," said Staber.

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# Driver from page A1

At the bus yard, drivers will be required to also look under the seats before leaving the bus.

Transportation Director Mary Bartal said the driver involved is a woman who has been on the job "for over a year." When asked if he's had other problems with her job performance, he said "not at all."

Bartal met with bus drivers on Wednesday and Thursday "to review the situation and go over the procedures of what to do

after they're done with their routes."

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# Township board OKs 3 percent pay hike for employees

BY SUE BUCK  
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Plymouth Township board members unanimously approved 3 percent pay increases and a 1 percent performance increase for the township's 14 employees not represented by a union.

Among the highest paid township officials are Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, \$78,328.82; Jim Anulewicz, department of public services director, \$76,601.41; Rosemary Harvey, administrative services director, \$73,156.22; and Police Chief Larry Carey, \$72,072.

Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, who is paid \$74,520 and Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill and Treasurer Ronald Edwards met and offered their recommendations for pay increases.

The total cost of the raises is \$32,176. The increases are retroactive to January. Township officials delayed pay increases to these employees

**In the money**

Here's a look at the raises and new salaries for non-represented township employees approved Tuesday at the township board's meeting:

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	OLD SALARY	NEW SALARY
Jim Anulewicz	Dir. Public Services	\$76,601.41	\$78,911.41
Shirley Barney	Ltr. Community Development	\$49,204.98	\$50,681.12
Larry Carey	Plymouth Township Police Chief	\$69,300.00	\$71,583.00
Ron Edwards	Plymouth Township Treasurer	\$57,456.00	\$59,129.68
Larry Groth	Plymouth Township Fire Chief	\$78,328.82	\$80,779.49
Sandra Groth	Deputy Clerk	\$50,800.00	\$52,324.00
Rosemary Harvey	Dir. Administrative Services	\$73,156.22	\$75,351.91
Kathleen Keen McCarthy	Plymouth Township Supervisor	\$74,520.00	\$76,745.40
Marilyn Massengill	Plymouth Township Clerk	\$57,456.00	\$59,129.68
Charles McIlhargey	Chief Building Official	\$63,388.47	\$65,290.61

\* Indicates elected official

until clerical workers voted to join the AFSCME union. Which job descriptions would be included in the new union was discussed.

"So this will be retroactive to January, with our apologies?" Trustee Kay Arnold asked Keen McCarthy. "Yes," Keen McCarthy said.

"We have had a history as a

board to make an attempt to keep our employees within a median range of our comparable communities," said board Trustee Ron Griffith. "Is this proposal doing it for us as a principle that we've adhered to?"

"Yes, it does," Keen McCarthy said. "We have looked at communities that are comparable in dif-

ferent ways. We have looked at SEV (state equalized value) and population."

The township also looked at other communities in Wayne and Oakland counties that are not part of those chosen as comparable because communities vary according to job description, she said.

"Starting now, I want to have

a quarterly review of objectives and see where we are at, and have some communication with department heads," Trustee Chuck Curmi said to Keen McCarthy. "You and I have talked about this before. We always end up in a quandary as to what to do. If we know exactly what department heads are doing, we can properly assess performance in a discussion setting."

"Right now, I am not completely comfortable with blanket increases or bonuses. Blanket increases you can probably do, without performance base," Curmi added. "If you are going to give bonuses or kickers I want those to have at least something tied to accountability to the board. Presently it is pretty informal. There is no direct accountability. I have some concern about that long-term. We have had concerns about that for eight years but have not been able to resolve it."

able to resolve it."

## Hazardous waste day successful

BY SUE BUCK  
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Chris Haas, Plymouth Township solid waste coordinator, received a round of applause when Plymouth Township board members talked trash recently.

"I'd like to thank Chris Haas for a very successful Hazardous

Waste Day (May 20)," said Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township treasurer. "I was out there for a couple of hours. For a change, it's nice to see residents thanking us for doing something. She handled it very successfully."

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy also credited volunteers from the Plymouth

Township public works and public services departments who worked that day.

Haas said 441 cars participated. The total volume of waste collected wasn't available at press time.

The collection took place at the Department of Public Services Building, 46555 Port Street. The DPS building is in an industrial park located east of Beck Road.

## State House approves bill requiring nursing homes to do background checks

The Michigan House this week approved a bill sponsored by state Rep. Gerald H. Law requiring nursing homes to conduct background checks on employees who have contact with residents.

"We've read and seen the stories on nursing home employees who abuse the residents and then we find out they have a his-

tory of abuse," said Law, R-Plymouth. "We must prevent future abuse of these vulnerable seniors."

Law said abuse can include neglect, theft, physical and sexual assault and even murder.

Abuse at the hands of caregivers and other staff is all the more heinous considering the nature of some nursing home residents, some of whom can't even protect themselves."

House bill 4727 requires criminal background checks on employees of nursing homes, county medical facilities and homes for the aged. The checks will look for felony convictions or a conspiracy to commit a felony within the previous 15 years; or a misdemeanor that involved abuse, neglect, assault, battery, criminal sexual conduct, fraud or theft.

Current federal law requires states to maintain a registry that tracks the evaluation of nurse aides, but only for the actions occurring in a nursing

home; or for instances reported to the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services. There is no registry to other positions within a nursing home facility, such as maintenance, staff and food service.

"Even though some of these people have contact with the residents, there is no tracking of their actions or behavior," Law said. Further, a violent crime committed outside a nursing home would not appear on the federally mandated registry."

The bill allows background checks to be conducted through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), the National Crime Information Center or through fingerprint checks.

HB 4727 is part of a bipartisan package to improve long-term health care and nursing homes for all Michigan seniors.

Law's bill currently waits action from the Senate.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Move of Furniture & Equipment from Lowell Middle School to Discover Middle School**. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 1, 2000 at Lowell Middle School, 8400 Hix Road, Westland, Michigan. For further information, please phone either Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or Roche LaVictor, Lowell Middle School Principal at (734) 416-2890. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7th, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

**Bid Opening:** Wednesday, June 7th, 2000 @ 2:00 p.m.  
**Resolution Due to Board:** Thursday, June 8th, 2000 @ 12:00 p.m.  
**Board Review:** Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Publish May 21 and 28, 2000

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District-Wide HVAC Air Filters**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Brian Goby, Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, in the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 26, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

**Bid Opening:** Monday, June 5, 2000 @ 4:00 p.m.  
**Board Review:** Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Publish: May 21 and 28, 2000

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2000 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CANTON TOWNSHIP/CANTON SPORTS COMPLEX REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 002 FROM G1, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, TO LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.** Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck Roads.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published May 11 and 28, 2000

## City set for parade

Memorial Day activities on Monday begin at 7:30 a.m. with the annual parade in downtown Plymouth. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Posts 112, and 391, Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528.

The parade begins at Theodore and Main Street and continues on to Kellogg Park, where ceremonies and a guest speaker will be heard.

Other units in the parade include the P-CEP Marching Band and the Plymouth Township police color guard.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

Published May 11 and 28, 2000

**SHURGARD OF CANTON**

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on JUNE 30, 2000 at approximately 9:30 am at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 2101 Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #4238 - Mark Jackson - Leather sofa, leather loveseat  
Unit #5225 - Ron Rodriguez - Washer, dryer, wood, refrigerator

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**SHURGARD OF PLYMOUTH**

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on JUNE 30, 2000 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #211, LEROY HASKINS, 1987 DODGE PICK-UP TRUCK, STEREO, TURNTABLE, ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, DISHWASHER, MISC. BOXES.

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**OBITUARIES**

**EDITH 'ADELE' TIBOR**

Services for Edith "Adele" Tibor, 86, of Plymouth were Friday, May 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth.

Mrs. Tibor was born Sept. 25, 1913 in Marquette, Mich. and died May 22 in Plymouth. She was a seamstress in Marquette before moving to the Plymouth community in 1992. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton in 1979. Survivors include her four children, Terrence (Pat) Tibor of Long Beach, Calif., Janice Lucchetti of Plymouth, John (Deirdre) Tibor of Lapeer, George (Linda) Tibor of Sterling Heights; two sisters, Helen Wright of Manistee, Mich., Eileen (Tom) Falck of California; brother-in-law, George (Aileen) Tibor of Marquette, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

**MARION C. FRY**

Services for Marion C. Fry, 76, of Birmingham (formerly of Bloomfield Hills) will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Fry was born March 19, 1924 in Detroit and died May 20 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was a resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills since 1935. She attended Vaughn School in Bloomfield Hills and was a graduate of Michigan State University with a BS Degree in Foods and Nutrition in 1946. She was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook since 1935 and was confirmed in 1942. She was an active Girl Scout leader while her children were young. She was a volunteer for Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council & Center (BASCC) for 14 years. She was a member of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Fry was an active genealogist who traced her family back to Revolutionary War times, traveling throughout Michigan and to Salt Lake City, Utah doing research.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Clarke. Survivors include her husband, Walter L.; four children, Jan (Rod) House of Boise, Idaho, Jim (Teri) Fry of Plymouth, Nancy Webster (Bill Schaff) of Ithaca, N.Y., Bill Fry (Laure Dixon) of Rochester, Mich.; one brother, Norman E. Clarke; and seven grandchildren, Mandy, Erin,

Blythé, Ben, Will, Janey and Matthew.

Memorials may be made to Christ Church Cranbrook or the charity of your choice.

Local arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

**HEIDI NADINE REUTER**

Services for Heidi Nadine Reuter, 35, of Lexington, S.C. were May 23 at John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

She was born Oct. 3, 1964 in Wayne County and died May 20 in Gaston, S.C. She was a painter-maintenance worker.

Survivors include her parents, Dr. Edward (Ruth) Reuter of Canton; one sister, Diane Reuter; three brothers, Mark E. (Kelly) Reuter, Terrence (Rhonda) Reuter, Dr. Robert (Kathleen) Reuter; and five nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

**BLAINE ALAN WADE**

Services for Blaine Alan Wade, 42, of Canton were May 26 at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Peter Berg officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Wade was born May 25, 1957 in Garden City and died May 21. He was an employee at the GM Plant in Ypsilanti as a tool and die maker.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Wade; two daughters, Jenelle Wade and Katelyn Wade; parents, John R. and Victoria Wade; two brothers, Keith Wade and Robert Wade; three sisters, Vikki Lynch, Pam Garten, and Jill Wade.

Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, Canton.

**CONSTANCE YOUNG**

Services for Constance Young, 73, of Livonia were May 26 at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Young was born Aug. 29, 1926 in Farmington and died May 22 in Livonia. She was a homemaker who came from Detroit in 1956 and lived in the Livonia area. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church on Joy Road in Canton. She was active in the Lydia Missionary Society and sang in the church choir.

Mrs. Young received a business degree from the Detroit College of Business. Besides playing the piano, organ and singing, her hobbies took her outdoors to swimming, biking, and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles M. Survivors include her three chil-

dren, Roy (Lee Anne) Young of Canton, Fred (Cheryl) Young of Livonia, Carol (Larry) Dunn of Brighton; one brother, Kenneth Ausland of Livonia; one sister, Karen (John) Isais of Brighton; and seven grandchildren, Ryan, Kristopher, Stephen, Lauren, Erin, Keith and Michelle.

Memorials may be made to the Donna Groth Missions Fund c/o Calvary Baptist Church.

**GOLDEN G. MULLENS**

Services for Golden G. Mullens, 72, of Batavia Township, Mich. were May 26 at John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City with Martha Jones, chaplain of Oakwood Hospital officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Mullens was born Feb. 13, 1928 in Camden, W. Va. and died May 22 in Canton. He was a loader.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Mullens; three daughters, Junnie (Keith) Morrow of Canton, Linda (David) Sheaffer, Goldie Kay; one brother, Roy Mullens; one sister, Madalene; six grandchildren, Rachel, Bill, Gary, Crystal, and Christopher.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

**J.P. GILES**

Services for J.P. Giles, 80, of Canton were May 27 at the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating.

Mr. Giles was born Jan. 31, 1920 in Dyersburg, Tenn. and died May 25. He worked as a manager at a mobile home park.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha L.; and one daughter, Effie M. Wood. Survivors include his four children, Marvin (Thelma) Wood, Wilma D. Simpson, Barbara A. Giles, Veda Newton; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

**JOYCE M. BRADFIELD**

Services for Joyce M. Bradfield, 64, of Plymouth were May 26 at Ward Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial was in Prospect Lake Cemetery, Lawrence Township, Mich.

Mrs. Bradfield was born Sept. 24, 1935 in Detroit and died May 23 in Detroit. She was a floral designer and a member of the Ward Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl Raymond and Olivia Esther Ruth Oldenburg. Survivors include her two daughters, Debra (Bruce) Van Gemert, of Newport, Mich., Laura S. (Paul) Aghababian of Fenton; and three grandchildren, Bruce Jr., Chad and Christie Van Gemert.

Memorials may be made to

Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

**JERRY ALLAN HARRISON**

Services for Jerry Allan Harrison, 68, of Canton Township were May 26 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Boley officiating. Burial was in North Fulton Cemetery, Wakeshma Township.

Mr. Harrison was born Sept. 9, 1931 in Battle Creek and died May 24 in Superior Township. He was a custodian at the First Baptist Church in Plymouth and a church member. He was a 1951 graduate of Vicksburg High School. He was a member

of Future Farmers of America and a quick point expert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter E. and Bondalyn M. Harrison; and two brothers, Wendel and Jack Harrison. Survivors include his wife, Audrey S. Harrison of Canton Township; one sister, Nancy Wedel, and two sister-in-laws, Barbara Harrison and Marian Harrison.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**ROBERT C. DUGAS**

Services for Robert C. Dugas, 79, of Canton were May 20 at

Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump of First United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Dugas was born Aug. 14, 1920 in Westville, Ill. He died May 15 in Oakwood Hospital. He was retired from an automotive plant.

Mr. Dugas was preceded in death by his wife, Emma. Survivors include his two children, Maure (James) Biggs, Pamela (Ronald) Fair of Canton; one brother, Frank Dugas; and three grandchildren.

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# Bill would require burial of aborted 'preborn children'

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An "unborn child" who dies, whether it is the result of abortion or miscarriage, deserves the "status of personhood" that comes with "a proper burial," according to state Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston.

That's the logic behind his proposed House Bill 5678, introduced in April to the Michigan legislature, to require burial of each aborted or miscarried "embryo, neonate or fetus." The bill actually amends public health code regulations regarding the disposal of medical waste, providing an exception for "the products of human conception." Aborted fetuses would have to be turned over to a funeral director or a cemetery for cremation and burial, if the bill is approved by lawmakers.

**'We will oppose it because of the additional cost and trauma for parents ... That's his morality and he is trying to impose it on the rest of us.'**

Judy Krandjeff

Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan

"When I was in medical school, we would get cadavers to work on. They might have had no name, no family," DeWeese explained. "Often they came to us because they were alcoholics or homeless people, found on the streets with no identification. When we were done with them, they would get a proper burial even though they had no name, might have been chronically alcoholic, or had no money. The reason is that they deserved to have the status of personhood. People deserve to have a proper burial."

The proposal is likely to be

contested by pro-choice advocates.

"We will oppose it because of the additional cost and trauma for parents ... That's his morality and he is trying to impose it on the rest of us," said Judy Krandjeff, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan.

She said she was unsure how much burial costs might add to the price of an abortion, but DeWeese estimated it at \$70, an amount that would have to be paid for either by the patient or the insurance company.

Parents considering abortions already have difficult decisions to make, Karandjeff said. Adding burial arrangements will just make the process more traumatic for them.

But it is that "status of personhood" for an aborted fetus that raises the most troublesome questions, DeWeese admits. Strongly pro-life, DeWeese said his intention is not to use the bill as a first step down "the slippery slope" toward banning abortion, nor is it an attempt to set a precedent that would impact Roe vs. Wade. If it did, he said, it would likely be declared unconstitutional.

Karandjeff disagrees. "This is just another small step these lawmakers are trying to take to gain that personhood status for a fetus," she said.

DeWeese on the other hand said he believes that lawmakers "who support a woman's right to

choose can still support this bill." Despite the fact abortion is legal, there are already laws that give "preborn children" special status, he said. For example, in inheritance disputes attorneys have been appointed to represent the interests of an unborn child. In many states, DeWeese said, an additional sentence can be given to a criminal if an assault on a pregnant woman results in injury or death of her unborn child. Michigan added that extra penalty just last year.

"If that is just a lump of flesh, if it is nothing, what warrants the additional sanction?" DeWeese asked.

"We opposed that bill for exactly that reason," Karandjeff said. It's the same lawmakers who favored passage of the bill last year who now want to use it to support their arguments for the status of personhood, she contended.

Although DeWeese said he doesn't want the bill to enter the abortion debate, he said it "could begin to change the culture, the way the public thinks about the preborn ... Culture drives politics, not the other way around. But if someone goes to a cemetery and sees a bunch of markers, it may change the way they think about the unborn," DeWeese said.

The bill would not prohibit use of fetal tissue for medical research. Just as doctors might take eyes, skin or organs from the body of a deceased person, organs could be used from a fetus, the representative said. The only requirement is that the remainder of the fetus would have to be buried.

The bill now awaits action in the House Health Policy Committee. DeWeese said he hopes lawmakers will consider the bill in the fall.

# New judge for 52-1 District Court now appears certain

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It now appears almost certain a new judge will be added to the bench of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, according to Judge Den-

nis Powers. Exactly how and where that judgeship will be created is what's still in question.

The state House of Representatives' Committee on Family and Civil Law voted 7-0 to create the new judicial post effective in

January of 2003.

If the bill survives the scrutiny of the full House and Senate, it would be the first new judgeship created in Michigan in over a decade.

As a control on the budget, Gov. John Engler has insisted that any increases in the number of judges in district courts be accompanied by a reduction somewhere else. A commodity as rare as a new judgeship is sure to produce wrangling among lawmakers, including partisan tussling, as to who gets it. And the committee discussion produced some heated debate as a result.

### Courts overloaded

Only 52nd District Court has received recommendation from the Michigan Court Administrator's Office for the addition of a new seat on the bench, based on the fact it has the heaviest caseload per judge in the state. State Court Administrator John Ferry has stopped short of recommending 35th District Court, covering Plymouth, Canton and Northville, and 47th District Court, covering Farmington and Farmington Hills, for new judges, although he admitted to the committee those courts are overloaded as well and could use

the help.

Senate Bill 769, sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, originally proposed the elimination of one judgeship at 27th District Court, covering the area of Wyandotte and Riverview, and adding one in Plymouth's 35th District Court. Senate Bill 257, by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, would have merged 52-1 District Court with the 52nd District Court's second division in Clarkston.

Before passing the legislation on, committee members did quite a bit of rewrite. They dropped wording of the merger, replacing it with the verbiage of a Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, proposal, House Bill 4207, to simply add a judge to 52-1 District Court. The committee also dropped the additional judgeship in Canton.

They tacked on an amendment by Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, to essentially reserve the next judgeship for 47th District Court. Raczowski presented the amendment to add that seat the next time another judgeship in the state can be eliminated.

Although approved by the overall committee, the amendment received strong criticism from Democrats, who accused

Raczowski of attempting to circumvent the process the state has been using for the siting of new judges.

Powers said he hopes wording to merge the first and second divisions of the court can be revived, and he has been promised an amendment will be offered on the floor of the House to make that change.

Merging the courts would allow judges to decide where cases belong. Communities that lie between the two courthouses - Highland Township, White Lake Township and Rose Township - could be switched between the courts as populations shift and caseloads require. Decisions about the jurisdictional boundaries between the two courthouses, Powers said, could be made in a single meeting among the judges. As it stands, with the two courts separate, adjustments to the boundaries take one to two years.

### More flexibility

"It would give us the flexibility we need. As units of government get smaller, they get more expensive," Powers said after the committee hearing. "We want to achieve some economies of scale and save some money. This would allow us to make those changes as the economies of scale dictate."

Fears that, if the Clarkston

court is combined with Novi's court, the smaller northern communities would be unable to elect a judge to the bench because of the number of voters in Novi, are unjustified, Powers said.

"Novi cannot elect a judge alone," he said. "The numbers just aren't there."

The merger all depends on Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who has expressed opposition to the idea in the past. Powers said the judges of the 52-1 district court-house plan to pitch the idea to him again shortly to get him to reconsider. Powers argues the best solution, based on the courtroom space available, would be to locate the judge in Clarkston in a merged district court. The merger, as well as the new judgeship, will also have to be approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners before it can be filled by election in the fall of 2002.

Powers further said he had no objection to Raczowski's amendment. He said the wording reserving a future judgeship for Farmington is "meaningless" because the question would have to come back before the state Legislature before it could be added. And the Legislature would likely seek another recommendation from the State Court Administrator's Office.

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# Schoolcraft's McDowell draws praise, pay hike

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Schoolcraft College's board of trustees showed Wednesday night just how much it appreciates President Richard W. McDowell by increasing his salary 8 percent and extending his contract a year.

It also offered to boost his merit award by \$10,000, depending on his performance in the coming year.

All told, that could bring McDowell's compensation to more than \$160,000 by next summer.

By comparison, Richard T. Thompson, chancellor of the five-campus Oakland Community

College, is earning \$133,600 this year and gets no bonus. His salary is expected to be increased in July.

The Schoolcraft actions followed the board's annual evaluation of McDowell, who has been with the college 19 years. The evaluation was held in a closed-door session during the regular monthly board meeting in the Livonia-based college's administration building on Haggerty Road.

After the evaluation, the board emerged to praise McDowell as "an outstanding president and leader" and adjusted his current

\$120,000 annual salary by \$6,000, then increased the total by 3.25 percent.

That put his salary at \$130,095, effective July 1. He also will get a \$20,000 merit award, putting his total compensation for now at \$150,095.

In adding a year to his three-year contract, the board retained McDowell's services through June 30, 2003.

The 3.25 percent salary increase was the same the board approved for its administrative and technical staffs earlier in the meeting.

In a statement, the board com-

mended McDowell "for his excellent leadership and commitment" to the 8,000-student community college.

"Dr. McDowell continues his enthusiasm and innovation and has served the college well for 19 years," the board said.

It praised his achieving funding for the expansion and renovation of the Waterman Campus Center, stated that college's North Central accreditation study and strategic plan are "progressing extremely well" and noted Schoolcraft's finances "are well-managed."

The 35-year-old institution

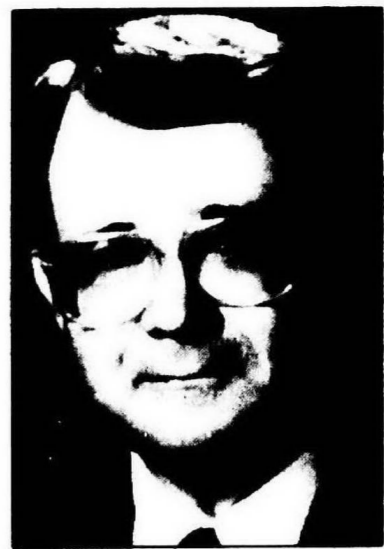
"continues to remain debt free," the board said.

The board noted that "The college is a leader in the use of technology for instruction and campus operations" and said it "provides an excellent learning climate for students of all ages."

"Dr. McDowell continues to perform his duties and responsibilities in an excellent fashion," the board statement concluded.

"He is an outstanding president and leader for Schoolcraft College."

Reporter Pat Murphy contributed to this article.



Richard McDowell

## SMART to upgrade bus fleet

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Livonia, Redford Township, Garden City and WESTland will start seeing new SMART buses on their streets within the next 18 months, if not sooner.

The board of directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation - or SMART, as it's popularly known - has authorized \$83 million to replace up to 292 heavy-duty buses over a five-year period.

Availability of federal and state funding will determine the exact number purchased, according to SMART spokeswoman Beth Gibbons.

The new 35- and 40-foot-long buses will offer easier entry and exit to both pedestrian and wheelchair passengers compared to today's fleet and they will be air-conditioned, Gibbons said.

The 35-footers hold 27 seated and two wheelchair passengers, the 40-footers 37 seated plus two in wheelchairs.

"They also will offer a much more comfortable ride" than does the present fleet, Gibbons said.

But the low-floor design will have "the biggest impact" on passengers, she stated.

"With our present buses, that first step is a doozy," Gibbons said. "But the new buses will be level with the curb, so passengers don't have to step up that high."

Wheelchair users will find the buses equipped with motorized ramps instead of the "very temperamental" hydraulic lifts which have plagued SMART and other bus companies across the country, according to Gibbons.

If a ramp motor fails, the bus driver can operate the ramp manually, so that "No wheelchair user will be denied a ride," she said.

SMART has spent millions rehabilitating its current fleet, she said, installing windows that can be opened and heavier-duty engines that can handle the demands of the air-conditioning units.

SMART's current fleet is eligible for retirement due to mileage. The buses average 57,000 miles each, compared to the national average of 32,000 miles.

The Gillig Corp. of Hayward, Calif., won the bus contract through competitive bidding.

## Irish celebrate 'Bloomsday'

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute is holding its Thirteenth Annual James Joyce Celebration at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, 5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

Bloomsday - the anniversary of the day in 1904 when Leopold Bloom, the hero of Joyce's "Ulysses," set out on a daylong journey through the streets of Dublin - is celebrated all over the world by Joyce enthusiasts and other party lovers.

For those who can't get to Dublin on Bloomsday, the local celebration offers readings from "Ulysses" and other works by Joyce, spontaneous recitations from the audience, plus traditional Irish music by Jim Perkins and Don Morse as MC.

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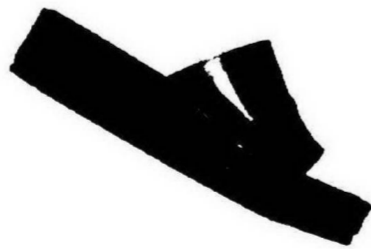


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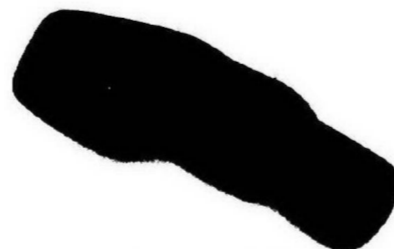
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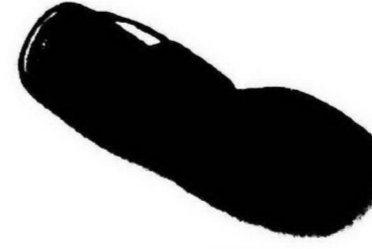
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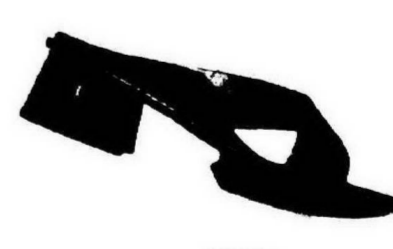
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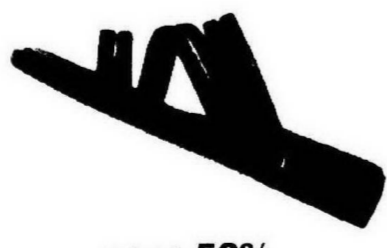
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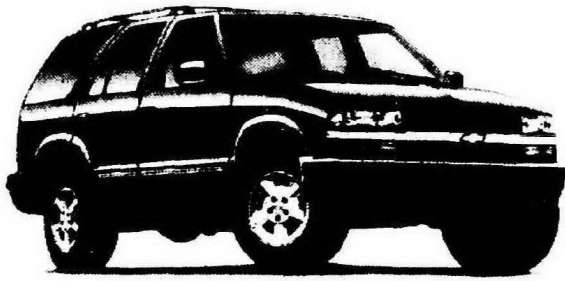
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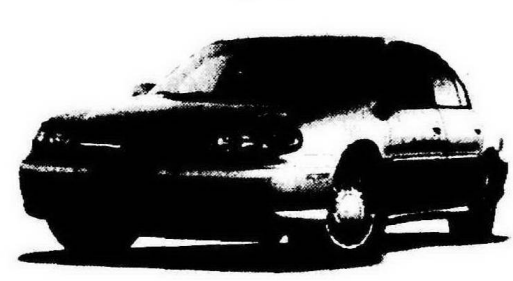
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### Mayfest champs

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Jace Bearden scored three goals and Dominic Ciantar got another in the Oaks' 4-2 victory in their first game. In the second game, Matthew Calupina and Bearden each scored goals as they finished with a 2-2 tie.

In their third game, the Red Oaks got a goal from Calupina and keepers Chuck Blommaert and Brent Zinn made it stand up in a 1-0 triumph.

Other team members are Collan Baker, Chris Cummins, Michael Gieha, Reece Moss, Kendall Persons, Zach Schuit, Josh Walters, Daniel Yates and Scott Zech. The team is coached by Bob Meyerand and Bill Joker.

### Junior golf program

A junior golf program for boys and girls 8-17 years old will be conducted by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services from June 19 through July 31 (no program July 3) at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Participants will receive six nine-hole rounds of golf, golf clinics and will compete in a nine-hole tournament. Cost is \$55; there are no residency requirements.

Participants may play unaccompanied by an adult from 6 a.m.-noon on Mondays; before 2 p.m. with an adult on weekdays; and after 3:30 p.m. with an adult on weekends.

Registration begins Tuesday at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices. Registration deadline is June 15. For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

### MSU wrestling camps

Michigan State wrestling coach Tom Minkel will supervise four wrestling camps this summer, starting with a team camp June 25-29 in East Lansing. Commuter cost is \$205; for residents, it's \$295.

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### Golf outing

The fifth annual Birdie Fore Warmth Heat Bank Open golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 at Chandler Park in Detroit. The event is co-sponsored by Gas Workers Local #80 and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon), with all proceeds benefitting MichCon's Heat Bank Program.

Cost to play is \$100 per golfer, which includes breakfast and lunch. Sponsorships are also needed and can range from cash donations to raffle gifts. Deadline for sponsorships is June 30; for golfers, it's July 14.

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### Anderson softball tourney

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# A noble fight



**Just in time:** Canton keeper Amy Dorogi pounces on a loose ball just in front of the goal line in the final 90 seconds of Canton's WLAA title match against Stevenson. Dorogi's save preserved a scoreless tie and a co-championship for the Chiefs.

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BRYAN MITCHELL

## Canton, Stevenson share title

BY C.J. RISAK  
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One of the state's best goal-scorers was there — ready, willing, able — and sitting.

Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell was being penalized for attending an Olympic Development Training Camp in March. The sentence handed down by the Michigan High School Athletic Association: three games on the sideline, watching.

The suspension prevented Morrell from participating against Livonia Stevenson in Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game played at Stevenson, and certainly played a major part in the Chiefs' failure to score a goal.

It also had something to do with how Stevenson played offensively, since the Spartans were unable to break through against their defensive-minded opponents.

### WLAA SOCCER

The result: a scoreless tie and a championship.

Stevenson will enter this week's state district tournament with a 10-3-3 mark. Canton defeated Saline Friday to improve to 15-1-2.

"No, I can't complain," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We didn't have many scoring opportunities, but we had a couple."

So: Was Morrell's absence a major factor? "Of course," Smith answered. "You know you're not going to get as much down the field. We wanted to distribute the ball to the outside more instead of up the middle, and we didn't do that."

Against a lesser team, Canton could have played over Morrell's loss. Stevenson, however, is not a lesser team.

"I didn't want to see Anne sit today," said Spartans' coach Jim Kimble. His

reasoning was two-fold: Yes, putting Morrell on the field would change the personality of Canton's team. The Chiefs would become more offensive-minded.

When the two teams met earlier this season, Morrell had Canton's only goal in a 1-1 tie.

But it also meant there would be more scoring chances for Stevenson. The Chiefs would not pack the majority of its team into the box, something Kimble thought they did in Thursday's title match.

"Give them credit," Kimble said. "They did what they had to do."

Not that the Spartans were without scoring opportunities. They had plenty of them. Problem was, they couldn't cash in.

"We're having a problem finishing right now," said Kimble. "In the games we've lost this year we've had chances, we just haven't finished them. We don't have anyone stepping up."

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## Individuals secondary to MHSAA



C.J.  
RISAK

I thought The Wall was down. It is, isn't it?

Remember The Wall? That big, ugly brick border covered with barbed wire that divided East Berlin from West Berlin?

Freedom on one side, tyranny on the other. The absolute will of the state on one side, the right of the individual on the other.

Since former President Reagan bellowed that now-famous phrase to the head of the Soviet state — "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" — people living on both sides of the barrier have realized what The Wall kept them from finding out.

That those high-and-mighties preaching the gospel of communism weren't all that devoted to state welfare above all. And those head-honchos on our side of the fence didn't always believe in putting individual freedom ahead of everything else.

My point is this: Leaders on both sides of an issue can be equally stubborn and pigheaded.

So I guess you can call what's happening to Plymouth Canton's Anne Morrell and Livonia Stevenson's Lindsay Gusick a lesson in political awareness.

Both are juniors. Both are excellent students. Both are among the state's premier soccer players. And both are being penalized for trying to take their games to the next level (that means national) and at the same time for wanting to remain somewhat provincial and play for their high-school teams.

Such an act would, to an outsider with a democratic background, seem perfectly feasible. I mean, why not? Freedom to compete. After all, our Olympic teams are filled with athletes who play for other organizations.

Now comes the headbutts (syl-

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## North batters Chiefs in league finale

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Something's better than nothing — right?

Plymouth Canton's softball team must take that viewpoint after Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game.

North Farmington doesn't have to. The Raiders got it all.

After four scoreless, hitless innings for both sides, North broke through for five runs in the fifth and cruised from there, posting a 9-0 triumph at Canton.

North takes a 24-11 record into Saturday's state district tournament, which will again be at Canton. The Chiefs are 19-11; they must play Farmington in a pre-district game Tuesday at Canton.

The conference title was the first for the Raiders in

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at least a dozen years, according to their coach, Dave Brubaker.

"After 12 years, I finally won one," he said. It was the first time in Brubaker's tenure the team had reached the WLAA title game.

"The girls showed up and played the way you'd hope they'd play in a game like this," he said.

Both teams did that for the first four innings, Canton, which reached the title match with a double-header sweep at Farmington Harrison Thursday, put Laura Stewart — who won both games against the Hawks — back on the mound for this one.

Stewart was tough for those first four frames,

striking out five of the first six batters she faced and a total of eight in that span. The fifth, however, was a different story.

Kristy Reinhardt started North's rally with the game's first hit, a lead-off single. She moved to second on a wild pitch and was sacrificed to third by Kristina Colombo.

Staci Russell then came through with a run-scoring single, giving the Raiders the only run they'd need. But they got a lot more, thanks to some errant defense by the Chiefs.

"This team is kind of up and down," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "We made a ton of mental errors."

A single, three more wild pitches, a passed ball and an error in the inning led to four more Raider runs.

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## Salem can't stop Hawk express

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At this rate, they'll have to put John Herrington in the baseball coaches hall of fame, too. And not just for longevity but merit as well.

Farmington Harrison repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association champion Friday with a 4-1 victory over host Plymouth Salem.

That makes it four league championships in the last six seasons (1995-97-99-00) for the Hawks, who were somewhat surprise winners this time based on preseason expectations.

"This one has been real gratifying," said Herrington, who is better known as the Harrison head football coach. "Basically, we had just one starter back — Brian Nelson — and he was hurt and didn't play the first five games."

"But, darn, if they don't all come together and do a great job."

The Hawks (19-3) also received help from senior Jim Kay, a transfer from Farmington High School who pitched a complete game Friday and improved his record to 8-1.

"He has done a great job, and that was something we didn't anticipate," Herrington said. "He showed a lot of

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heart today, pitching on two days rest.

"That put us at a little disadvantage. I was concerned about that, because their pitcher was a little more rested. Jimmy came through and did the job."

Kay scattered eight Salem hits, allowing no more than two per inning, while striking out four and walking one batter.

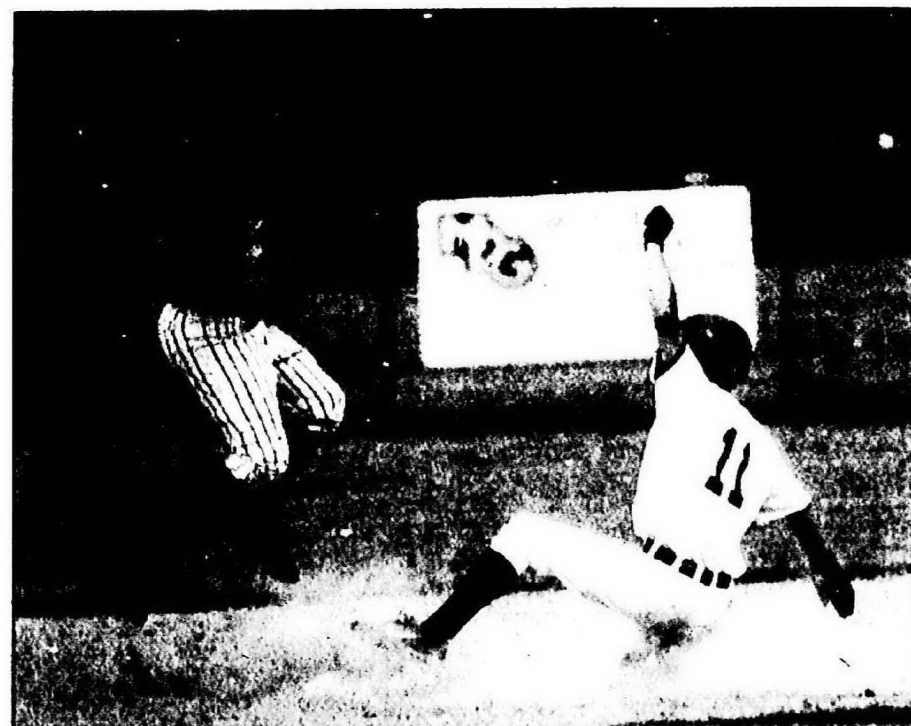
The Rocks (15-13) also had a well-pitched, complete game from Steve Gordon, who allowed seven hits but spread them around, too.

It was a clean game in that Gordon didn't walk anybody and fanned a pair. But the Rocks committed four errors (Harrison made none), including two during a three-run third inning that ended up deciding the outcome.

"We just didn't play well," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said. "This game was so uncharacteristic of the way we've played the last three weeks."

The Rocks had won 10 of their last 13 games and averaged 9 1/2 runs during that stretch, "but we didn't get it done today," Rumberger added.

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Safe at second: Salem's Chris Eicher (11) reaches second base on a sacrifice bunt in the fifth. Eicher got on base with a single, but was stranded at second.

# Rocks finish 4th

## TEXAS REGIONAL

Plymouth Salem's boys tennis team finished fourth in a field of 11 teams at the state regional tennis tournament at Ann Arbor Pioneer May 20, scoring 10 points. Pioneer was first with 25 points, followed by Saline with 19 and Ann Arbor Huron with 18. Following Salem were Livonia Churchill with six points, Belleville with five, Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton with four apiece, Novi with three and Westland John Glenn with one. Livonia Franklin did not score.

The Rocks' No. 1 doubles team of Jason Meininger and Todd Schmalhurst reached the finals by upsetting second-seeded Sean Franzblau and Patrick Wilkes-Krier of Huron, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in the semifinals. In the finals, Pioneer's David Scheltema and Andrew Lannetoni prevailed over the

Salem pair, 6-1, 6-1. Meininger and Schmalhurst, Salem's team co-captains, played two seasons together in doubles and posted a 33-9 overall match record. Salem's Ben Bartlett reached the semifinals at No. 2 singles before falling to Saline's top-seeded Ian Opalia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Andy Fenton, Salem's No. 4 singles, also reached the semifinals before losing to first-seeded Mark Reading-Smith of Pioneer, 6-1, 6-0.

Scott Peruski and Evan Roller, the Rocks' No. 3 doubles team, lost to second-seeded Peter Grace and Ryan Pirooz of Huron 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 in the semifinals.

**ALL-WLAA GIRLS SOCCER TEAM**  
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**Defenders:** Andrea Sied, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Cheryl Fox, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Christen Shull, senior, Plymouth Salem; Karén Kramer, senior, Livonia Churchill; All Edwards, senior, North Farmington; Emily Carrott, junior, Northville.  
**Midfielders:** Kristin Leszczynski, senior, Livonia Churchill; Amanda Lentz, junior, Plymouth Canton.  
**Forwards:** Megan Urbats, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Anne Morrell, junior, Plymouth Canton; Lindsay Gusick, junior, Livonia Stevenson.  
**Keeper:** Jill Dombrowski, junior, Plymouth Salem.

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**Defenders:** Suzi Towne, senior, Plymouth Salem; Danielle Treloar, senior, Walled Lake Central; Jessica Palis, senior, Plymouth Canton; Alexis Bowman, senior, Livonia Franklin;

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**Midfielders:** Deanna McGrath, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Jeannine Edwards, senior, Plymouth Salem; Abi Morrell, senior, Plymouth Canton; Dana White, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Katie Beaudoin, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Loraine DeDomencio, junior, Farmington; Kelly Hogan, junior, North Farmington; Lindsay Dunmead, sophomore, Northville; Deanna DeRoo, sophomore, Livonia Churchill.  
**Forwards:** Angel Bushor, senior, Walled Lake Western; Michelle Smith, senior, Livonia Churchill; Kellee Mullin, junior, Plymouth Canton; Danielle Strickland, junior, Farmington Harrison; Larisa Fill, sophomore, Northville; Sarah Phillips, sophomore, Livonia Churchill.  
**Keepers:** Jade Furuda, senior, Westland John Glenn; Amy Dorogi, senior, Plymouth Canton.  
**Honorable mention**  
**Salem:** Jessica Bucks, Jami Coyle, Jenny

Fitchett, Brandi Groves, Maureen Griffith.  
**Churchill:** Michelle Esparza, Jamie Zimmer, Amy Sanders, Meghan Parnell, Jennifer Gabon.  
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**North Farmington:** Lauren Hogan, Nicole Adena, Jackie Tate, Ashley Lynch.  
**Canton:** Stephanie Johnson, Beth Sandusky.  
**Farmington:** Dana Wantin, Kara Tweadey, Shanna Barkume, Molly Jud, Erica Rose.  
**John Glenn:** Lacey Catarino, Sarah Pock, Val Kurzynski.

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That was the case against Canton. True, with Jessica Palis and Abi Morrell both back on defense, it wasn't easy for Stevenson's forwards. But 80 percent of the game was played in the Chiefs' end of the field.

Perhaps the best of the Spartans' chances came in the game's final five minutes. The Spartans' Elizabeth DiPonio had only Canton keeper Amy Dorogi between her and the net, but Dorogi managed to deflect the shot. Still, Stevenson's leading scorer — Lindsay Gusick — was on the doorstep, ready to knock in the rebound.

But the Chiefs' Arielle Bryant wouldn't allow it, outbattling Gusick to punch the ball out of bounds.

Then, with 90 seconds left in the match, the ball bounced dangerously close to the Canton goal. But once again, Dorogi was able to smother it before it crossed the line.

"We didn't win," said Smith. "But they didn't either. It was a good effort. I'm proud of my girls."

The Chiefs have a difficult draw in the state tournament, playing at host Livonia Churchill Tuesday. The winner of that game goes against Plymouth

Salem Thursday; the district final is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Churchill.

Morrell will be available for all the district games. However, it appears Stevenson will be without Gusick, perhaps until the state semifinals; Gusick is playing in an Olympic Development Program tournament in Texas this weekend, one that isn't sanctioned by the MHSAA. When she returns, she must sit out a three-game suspension.

**Salem 2, Churchill 0:** Plymouth Salem got a goal in each half Wednesday and shut down Livonia Churchill's offense in a WLAA crossover match played at Salem.

The Rocks will take a 14-2-1 record into the state tournament, which begins Tuesday. Salem's first match will be against the winner of Tuesday's game between Churchill and Plymouth Canton.

Jenny Fisher's unassisted goal gave the Rocks a 1-0 lead at the half. Jami Coyle added an insurance goal in the second half, with an assist from Jeannine Edwards.

Jill Dombrowski was in goal for Salem in the first half. Jenny Fitchett took over in the second.

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That ruling came down early last week. Morrell's second missed game was Thursday's championship in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Knowing she's already scored 29 goals for Canton this season, one can surmise she would have altered the outcome — a scoreless tie.

The Chiefs picked up a match with Saline Friday, which means Morrell will be allowed to play in the state district opener Tuesday at Livonia Churchill.

"I had permission to go (to the camp)," said a disappointed Morrell after Thursday's result. "I don't think it's fair, but you can't go against it."

No, you can't. Because it's becoming increasingly apparent what's best for the individual is inconsequential when weighed against what's best for the collective.

The MHSAA likes to advertise its "Good Sports Are Winners" tenet to anyone who's listening. It purports to be this all-for-the-good-of-prep-athletics organization, a voluntary group that prides itself in working for and answering to the people.

In aspiring to such lofty ideals, however, the MHSAA has actually separated itself from us common folk. They decide what's right for prep athletics in the

state.

They remain politically correct. They'll tell you they respond to the membership, they accept requests for waivers.

But ask Gusick or Kimble about that. Having been through all this a couple of times before with other players, the Spartans' coach tried to avert problems with Gusick by talking to people associated with the MHSAA well in advance of her planned trip to Texas last weekend for the Adidas Cup under-16 tournament.

Kimble said he was assured by MHSAA assistant director Suzanne Martin that if the paperwork was done, it would be no problem.

But there is. Since the Adidas Cup is unsanctioned by the MHSAA, and since it clashes with the MHSAA's own state tournament, the ruling is Gusick will have to sit out three games once she returns from the Cup tourney.

That means Stevenson will be without its leading scorer until probably the state semifinals, should the Spartans get that far.

The decision was appealed last week. There's been no response as yet.

While the MHSAA must bear a large portion of the blame, it's not just their burden. Certainly many of the administrators on the U.S. Youth Soccer Associa-

tion and the U.S. Soccer Federation put themselves on pedestals as lofty as those the MHSAA is perched upon. They don't show much respect for those lowly state organizations.

So up on high, at some stratospheric altitude only these two feel they can ascend to, they haughtily ignore each other's outcries for "Jurisdiction!" But somewhere far below this skirmish are a couple of kids who just wanted to play soccer.

For their high school teams, sure. But for a recognized national squad, too, one that could help them develop their skills even further.

This is not an issue the MHSAA should be involved in. If a high school coach is taking his team to all-star games all over the country during the off-season, that situation needs attention. If a team plays more games than the number allotted, take action. If a kid transfers from one school to another at mid-season, address it.

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# Stevenson shuts out Canton; PCA hammers out a win

Livonia Stevenson's Brad Buckler tossed six innings of one-hit ball, which proved too tough for Plymouth Canton Friday as the Spartans rolled to a 7-0 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover baseball game at Stevenson.

The Chiefs fell to 18-8 overall. Stevenson is 14-12.

Buckler struck out eight and walked two in his six innings of work.

Mark Hanson started and took the loss for Canton, giving up

five runs (two earned) on four hits and three walks.

Canton's only hits were singles by Oliver Wolcott and Brent Vasher. Buckler went 3-for-3 for Stevenson, driving in three runs.

**PCA 16, Roper 9:** It took a pair of season-highs — for runs scored in an inning (seven) and hits (20) — for Plymouth Christian Academy to win its final

regular-season game Friday at Bloomfield Hills Roper.

The Eagles finish 8-5 overall, 3-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Lou Hadley and Nick Vitanis had base hits and scored runs in the Harrison third on Matt Lee's fielder's choice and an error. Tim Doig knocked in Lee with a groundout.

The Hawks added a run in the fourth on back-to-back singles by Nelson (3-for-3) and Kent Taylor, a sacrifice by Jake Ghannam and Marcus Mencotti's suicide squeeze that scored Nelson.

"The key to the game was our execution," Herrington said. "We were able to get the squeeze bunt down and make the first-and-third steal."

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Schultz were the offensive stars in this game. Isensee was 5-for-5 at the plate, driving in four runs. Schultz went 3-for-3 and collected five RBI.

Derric Isensee and Eric Aaron Boone added two hits

and two RBI, and Mark Erickson had two hits.

Clay Welton was the winning pitcher in relief of Erickson, who started but was tagged for seven runs in 2 2/3 innings. Welton

allowed two runs in 4 1/3 innings.

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Herrington said. Lukasiak, Winter and Kolb had two hits apiece; Nelson was the only player with more than one for the Hawks.

Herrington added he was surprised at the success of this year's team due to its relative inexperience at the start of the season.

In the final Friday, the Hawks started two freshmen — Ghannam and second baseman Nick Vitanis. Plus, Lee, the designated hitter, is a sophomore.

"Last year I figured, with a veteran team, we should win it or be right there," Herrington said. "This one is more surprising, but they play with a lot of poise."

Rumberger, meanwhile, expressed continued confidence in the Rocks.

"We're a good team; we're not going to quit," he said. "We're going to go after the district pretty hard."

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Three times Stewart struck batters out for the third out, and each time they reached base — twice on wild pitches and a third on a passed ball.

Which led to an odd statistic: Stewart, who totaled 13 strikeouts for the game, had four in that inning.

Russell produced the second run on her own, stealing third base and, when catcher Danielle Weber — subbing for starter Jonelle Brown, who left after four innings due to illness — threw the ball into left field, Russell scored.

Two strikeouts that reached on wild pitches were sandwiched around a Samantha McComb single, loading the bases for North. A passed ball and two more wild pitches scored runs, making it 5-0.

Which was more than enough of a cushion for North ace Beth Danielewicz. "I can't say enough about her," said Brubaker. "She does it for us with her pitching and her hitting. Give me one run with her on the mound, and I feel pretty good about it."

Her pitching was more than enough in this contest. Danielewicz, a freshman, surrendered just one hit — a one-out single by Jenna Perino in the sixth, who was later caught stealing at third. Danielewicz struck out five and walked one.

Stewart took the loss for Canton, going six innings and giving up seven runs (three earned) on five hits and two walks.

"We hit the ball," said Arnold. "We just didn't hit it with any authority."

After the fourth, the Raiders were hitting the ball hard, too, and with authority. They totaled seven hits in the game.

They added two runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh. Lindsey Taub's groundout scored one run and McComb's single brought hom another in the sixth; in the seventh, Reinhardt singled in Danielewicz, who started the inning with a double, and a second scored on Russell's grounder to short.

Reinhardt, Russell and McComb collected two hits apiece to pace the Raider attack.

"(Stewart) struck out 17 of us the first time," Brubaker said, referring to North's 10-inning win over Canton in the regular season. "This time, they laid off that high pitch."

"The girls put the pressure on and kept coming."

And in so doing, they secured North a league championship.

**Salem 11, W.L. Western 9:** The bats that erupted for 14 runs last Wednesday against Plymouth Canton kept on pounding Friday in a WLAA crossover game played at Walled Lake Western.

The Rocks won the slugfest, thanks in great part to Kelly Jaskot's two-run single in the second and two-run double in the third. Katie Kelly contributed two singles and an RBI, Dawn Allen had a run-scoring double in the first, and Jen Allen added an RBI triple in the fourth and a run-scoring fielder's choice in the sixth.

Jacqui Sledobnick got the pitching win, despite surrendering six earned runs on 10 hits and five walks, striking out three.

Salem will take a 24-10 record into Saturday's state district tournament at Salem.

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In the first inning, Salem had runners at first and second with one out, but Ghannam turned an inning-ending double play from third base.

The Rocks scored in the fourth on Jason Lukasiak's leadoff double and Ian Winter's RBI single.

Winter started the sixth with another hit, and Adam Kolb's ground-rule double put runners at second and third with one out again.

Kolb's drive to deep center would have scored Winter, but the ball went under the fence and the runners had to halt.

Kay stopped the threat with a strikeout and a groundout.

"He seemed to have a knack to get us out in key situations," Rumberger said of Kay.

"When he gets in those situations, he seems to be able to work his way out of it,"

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Chiefs sweep Hawks to win division

Plymouth Canton won a softball double-header Thursday from Farmington Harrison to force a tie for the division championship.

Both teams finished 7-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs won the first game in 10 innings, 3-1, and the nightcap in a regulation seven, 4-2.

By virtue of its doubleheader sweep, Canton won the tiebreaker with Harrison and advanced to the WLAA championship game Friday.

The Chiefs scored two runs on wild

SOFTBALL

pitches in the 10th inning of the opener. Kelly Taylor scored the Harrison run with two outs in the sixth as a result of two errors.

Canton pitcher Laura Stewart struck out 11 and walked five; Harrison's Lindsey Emmett fanned five and walked three.

The Chiefs had a 5-3 hits advantage. Canton's Jenna Perino had two hits and took a double away from Taylor with a diving catch in the outfield.

In the second game, Canton scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to break a 2-2 tie. The Chiefs scored on a wild pitch and an error.

Megan Coultas hit a two-out, two-run double to put Canton ahead in the second inning, 2-1.

Emmett doubled and scored for Harrison in the fourth to tie the score. Courtesy runner Vanessa Osiecki scored the first run.

Stewart threw a one-hitter, struck out 10 and walked none, and she managed to overcome six errors by the Canton defense.

Emmett allowed three hits in 5 2/3 innings before she was hurt trying to make a play at the plate. Kristin Schrock finished the game.

"We played awfully hard and, to have it be that close, was a major accomplishment," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We've stayed in a lot of games, so we showed some heart and ability to battle."

The Hawks, who played a scrimmage game Friday with Farmington, are 13-9-1 overall.

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS DIVISION I at LIVONIA FRANKLIN Tuesday, May 30: Wayne vs. Franklin, 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3: Churchill vs. Wayne...

- McKenzie, noon, Championship final, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at Allen Park Inter City Baptist vs. Southgate Aquinas district winner).

- at MONROE JEFFERSON Tuesday, May 30: Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Dearborn Dvane Child, 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3: Robichaud Dvane Child winner vs. River Rouge, 9 a.m.;

- at MONROE JEFFERSON Tuesday, May 30: Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Livonia Ladywood, 4 p.m.; River Rouge vs. Dearborn Hts. Crestwood, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3: Robichaud-Ladywood winner vs. Dearborn Dvane Child, 9 a.m.;

- at LIVONIA CHURCHILL Tuesday, May 30: Plymouth Canton at Churchill, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 1: Westland John Glenn at Novii, 6 p.m.;

TENNIS RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT May 9, 17 at Stevenson TEAM STANDINGS: 1. North Farmington, 27 points; 2. Northville, 21; 3. Farmington Hills Harrison, 12; 4. Walled Lake Central, 11; 5. Livonia Churchill, 9; 6. (tie) Farmington and Livonia Stevenson, 8 each; 8. Plymouth Salem, 7; 9. Walled Lake Western, 3; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2; 11. Westland John Glenn, 1; 12. Plymouth Canton, 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS No. 1 singles: Ryan Shade (FHH) defeated Brady Crosby (LS), 6:2, 6:1; semifinals: Shade def. Jerry Murray (LC), 6:1, 6:1; Crosby def. Chris Erickson (NF), 6:3, 7:6 (7:0).

No. 2: Jay Berman (NF) def. Mark Thomson (N), 6:1, 6:3; semifinals: Berman def. Tim Kupferer (FHH), 6:4, 6:0; Thomson def. Chris Hall (F), 6:2, 6:0.

No. 3: Dan Drake (N) def. Chris Copeland (NF), 6:3, 6:4; semifinals: Drake def. Brian Gray (WLC), 6:2, 6:1; Copeland def. Robert Simkow (LC), 6:3, 6:4.

No. 4: Kyle Dehne (N) def. Steve Jaffe (NF), 6:1, 6:4; semifinals: Dehne def. Dan Turkovich (F), 6:1, 6:4; Jaffe def. Adam Brown (WLC), 6:0, 6:4.

No. 1 doubles: Brady Dwyer-Geoff Streit (NF) def. Scott Eller-Brendan Green (N), 6:2, 7:6; semifinals: Dwyer-Streit def. Jason Meininger-Todd Schmalhurst (PS), 6:1, 5:7, 6:3; Eller-Green def. Mike Kovunen-Tom Waltis (LC), 6:2, 7:5.

No. 2: Josh Wool Andy Golaszewski (NF) def. Nathan Gudritz Kyle Wargo (N), 6:1, 6:1; semifinals: Wool-Golaszewski def. Zach Tibbles-Chris Singleton (LC), 6:0, 6:3; Gudritz Wargo def. Eric Lammers-Mike Horback (LS), 6:1, 6:0.

No. 3: Rob Frankel Greg Boothroyd (NF) def. Brian Arndt Brian Wilson (N), 7:5, 6:1; semifinals: Frankel-Boothroyd def. Rob Taylor Matt Pelletier (FHH), 6:2, 6:1; Arndt Wilson def. Siava Lashchivski Mike Caran (WLC), 3:6, 6:4, 6:3.

No. 4: Mike Lew-Dan Carlson (NF) def. Jon Neal Mark Coates (PS), 0:6, 6:3, 6:3; semifinals: Lew-Carlson def. Dave Riley-Pat Henzie (WLC), 6:4, 6:1; Neal-Coates def. Aaron Muncy Rajit Paricha (F), 6:2, 6:0.

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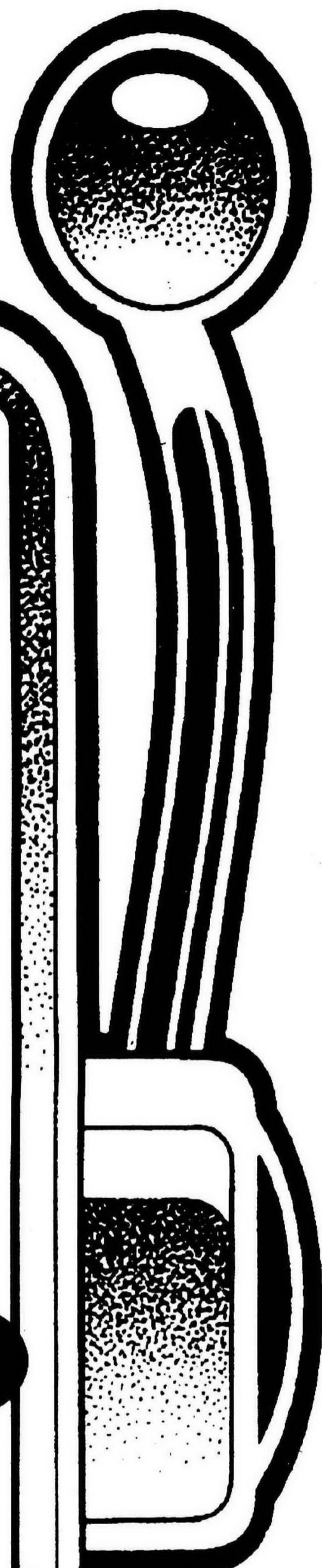
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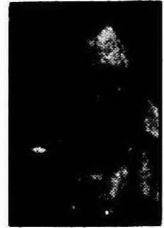
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BOWLING AND RECREATION

# All-Star leagues honor the best bowlers

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The annual banquet for the two All-Star leagues was held last Tuesday night at St. Marys Cultural Center in Livonia.

The Pepsi All-Star Classic League bowls on Tuesdays at Thunderbowl in the arena, and the Budweiser All-Star Traveling Classic at various lanes in this area.

Many of the bowlers compete in both leagues, which are considered to be the finest top level leagues in the nation.

Banquet time means much more than just a delicious feast, it means that the trophy people really had to work overtime.

This was the 65th year for the Detroit All-Stars, which was originated by the great Joe Norris in 1934.

It was the first year for female bowlers to come forth and compete along with the men, as Angela Wilt of Westland, Linda Higenall, Cyndi Black and Lisa Keough gained membership in the American Bowling Congress and became eligible.

(Note: Male bowlers may not bowl in Women's International Bowling Conference leagues.)

Larry Walker of Garden City posted high average with 233.19, and with an 817 and 805 series, took honors as "King of Bowlers" (Bowler of the Year).

In addition, he was also the captain of the Red Robin Restaurants team, which captured both half championships and rolled the team high game with 1,341 and high series of 3,625.

Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills is the sponsor of this team as well as the Ansara's Big Boy team, which won the

annual John P. Gavie Cup.

Bowlers of the Month include: Sept. - Todd Kurowski, 242.87; Oct. - Travis Franz, 243.92; Nov. - Julius Maisano, 236.40; Dec. - Andy Schnebelt, 241.11;

Jan. - Larry Walker, 242.17; Feb. - Quentin Greene, 241.13; March - Chris Mueller, 245.06; April - Larry Walker, 241.33.

Rookie of the Year was Arnie Goldman and most improved bowler was Bob Castle at plus-14.81 pins.

Ernie Segura earned high series honors with 833 and 21 bowlers rolled perfect games including Lee Snow of Farmington, Dan Ottman of Troy, Julius Maisano of Redford, along with Westlanders Terry Tesarz and Jeff Herzog.

The Budweiser All-Star Traveling Classic is comprised of many of the same bowlers and their championship was won by AMF/Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, which also took high game honors with 1,270 as well as high series at 3,651.

The happy team members include Chris Sand, Nick Wissinger, Kelly Bennett, Jason Lewis, Jay Lang and Kerry Kreff.

The league had six 300 games including one by Canton's Ken Kossick.

Travel leagues generally do not score as high as home-based leagues with a different house and lane condition every week.

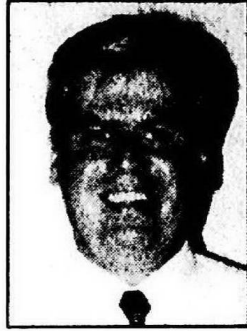
In addition to the crowning of the champions, there were several awards

with Hall-of-Famer Tony Lindemann receiving the Ray Kowalski Memorial Award. Matt Fiorito was presented the Golden Quill award for bowling journalism. (I will win that one someday, I hope.)

The Joe Paulus Sportsmanship Award went to Tom Reaume and Ansara's Big Boy team won the K&R Award for most combined victories in both leagues.

Each member of that team was presented with a K&R triple bowling bag on wheels which really came in handy to carry all of the trophies home.

It is nice to see a long standing tradition keep on going the way it has and that our own great bowlers from the Oberverland communities were so prominent in the awards banquet.



Larry Walker  
Bowler of the Year

•The Colonel has returned.

That name is applied to Irving (Hank) Kempner, who was a teammate of mine for many years, going back to the 1960s when we were league champions in one of the old Masonic Lodge leagues.

Hank is not a big guy, nor was he a power shooter. His average was modest, but he had the heart of a tiger on the lanes, and nobody tried harder or wanted to win more than the Colonel (USAF-Retired).

If the team needed a mark, he was always the one who came through. Now retired to greener pastures in Arizona, he and his wife, Mary returned to attend our daughter's wedding last week in Grand Rapids.

I am sure that some of his competitive fire was a result of having served in a famous military unit, the Flying Tigers, not as one of the early mercenaries, but with the 14th Air Force.

This man is truly one of our nation's heroes, having fought against what was then a formidable enemy in the Far

East and Pacific. He then settled down in Detroit to work in the public sector while still active in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Hank does not bowl anymore, but the visit brought back lots of fond memories.

•The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will hold its 29th annual Golf Outing at 9 a.m. Monday, June 19 at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road in White Lake.

Those interested call the association office for entry forms The entry fee is \$70 for each man including electric cart, beer or pop on the course, hot dogs & chips at the turn, a steak dinner and prizes.

The outing is limited to 144 players and to GDBA member only. You do not have to be an accomplished golfer, nor will you need an established handicap as the Hallway System will be used.

There will be approximately \$1,500 in prizes and each man will get three golf balls and will win at least one prize.

Hey! I might go myself and I don't even know which end of the club to hold. It sounds like fun.

For more information, call Greater Detroit Bowling Association at (810) 773-6350.

•Summer leagues start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6 at Wayne Bowl with the Majors Scholarship Singles for advanced Junior/Senior bowlers.

Friday Night Majors start at 7 p.m. June 9 for 10 weeks (includes T-shirts and trophies). The 10-week Tuesday Morning Bumpers and Junior/Seniors at 10 a.m. starts June 2. The Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic League mini-camp is Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 12-13.

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**PLAZA LANE (Plymouth):** Battle of the Bases: Matt Dickey, 238-217/700; Bryan Meek, 278-246-245/787; John Thorson, 285-228-278/802.

**COUNTRY LANE (Farmington Hills):** Summer Bowlers: Mark Wrozek, 256/822; Alvin Laff, 212/542; Don Craig, 231/581; Julie Daniels, 204; Dorothy Reaume, 201.

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# Different fish find different means of propelling

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

A few weeks ago I spent some time at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

I was fascinated by several fish that use their dorsal, or top, fin in an undulating motion. Their long dorsal fins looked like a sound wave drawing as it moved the length of the fish. This motion was their sole means of propulsion.

This undulation of the fin is different than the typical fish we see here in Michigan. Most fish in Michigan swing their tail from side to side to propel themselves forward.

Dorsal and ventral fins are used more for stabilization. So when I saw this unusual means of propulsion, I began to think about the movement of undulation.

I suppose even Michigan fish use undulation of their body when they fan their tail from side to side, but it's not as pronounced as the dorsal fin of those coral reef fish at the aquarium.

By maintaining an even push from right to left, an animal can keep going in a straight line.

Eels in our lakes and streams demonstrate undulation with their entire body. They push against water with a slight backward and sideways motion.

The overall effect of this backwards push, forces the eel forward and to the side just a little. A similar movement to the opposite side keeps the eel going forward.

A snake on the ground uses a similar technique as it pushes against the vegetation or the small contours of the land. Their

very muscular bodies are able to react and push at many different angles where needed.

Undulation developed because there were no appendages, such as arms or legs, to push against the water or ground.

Fish reduced their appendages in order to become streamline. Snakes developed lots of vertebrae in their spine for flexibility and musculature to compensate for the loss of limbs.

Worms also exhibit an undulation of their muscles as they burrow through the ground. Small projections from their body get forced into the soil to anchor the

worm as the rest of its body moves forward. Even scales of a snake dig into the soil for a little traction while undulating.

After thinking about the occurrence of undulating in animals, I began to see it in other instances.

Swallowing for example. Every time we swallow a mouthful of food, the muscles in our esophagus contract in a wave-like motion that pushes the food down to the stomach.

While bird watching, it's helpful to know that certain birds have a characteristic undulating flight pattern. Many birds will

flap their wings several times and then keep them closed for a brief moment. During this closure they lose some altitude, but it is not very noticeable.

Other birds, like woodpeckers and the American goldfinch show very pronounced undulations when they flap and stop flapping as they fly. Experienced birders can identify these flight patterns from quite a distance.

Nature has designed some universal techniques used by different animals which must solve the same problem.

Can you think of some other universal problem solvers?

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

FLY TYING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly tying clinics (beginning, advanced, Atlantic salmon, and fly tying round table). All clinics will be conducted at the store and will cover tying tools, tool uses, and understanding of materials. All classes are limited to six students. Call (248) 538-3474 for specific times, dates, fees, and registration information.

FLY CASTING

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 538-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman

Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

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The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payouts will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries

For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Laparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association,

a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

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Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and

shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

CANOEING

"Voyageur Canoe Day" is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Stony Creek Metropark near the Rochester/Utica area. Learn about the French fur trade and its impact on the Great Lakes. Participants must be at least six years of age. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the Mount Vernon Picnic Area. For additional information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Gala signals final curtain, ensures new act

This is it - the final curtain for the Farmington Players Barn and its members couldn't be happier. This summer the old structure will be torn down to make way for a new theater. But first, the Players will hold one last performance of *Kiss Me, Kate* during a June 3 gala to raise money to pay for the new theater. As the actors take their final bows, a few tears are sure to be shed. But the show must go.

"The Players are known for their food and parties," said Cynthia Tupper, president of the Farmington Players. "No one's going to walk away hungry. We're going to have food from Marco's in Farmington, Tom's Oyster Bar in Southfield and 15 other restaurants. There'll also be a silent auction of jewelry, golf packages and barn memorabilia plus a live auction."

The Players hope to match the \$30,000 their first event raised two years ago. In addition to that gala, which was coordinated with a performance of

*Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, the nonprofit theater group has been applying for grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The Players are three-quarters of the way toward meeting their goal of \$1.5 million, the estimated cost of the new theater.

Designed by Heins and Kwapis Architects of Rochester, the structure

#### Kiss Me, Kate

**What:** The Farmington Players present the musical comedy during a special gala to celebrate 48 years of community theater and the last show at the barn

**When:** Begins 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by *Kiss Me, Kate* at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

**Tickets:** \$100, proceeds go toward the construction of a new theater. Call (248) 553-2955

will be located on the old barn site on 12 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. It is scheduled to be completed in time for the opening of the 2001-2002 season.

"It's still going to look like a barn," said Tupper. "We wanted to keep that image. It's our history. That's who we are. The new barn is going to ensure the future of the Players. We've been around nearly 50 years. With a new theater - we could do so much more with children's theater and youth programs."

This is the second time around for Phil Hadley. A member of the Players since 1978, he remembers when the idea for a new performing arts space was proposed 15 years ago. At that time, the Players came to the conclusion that a new facility was the only solution to their tight quarters, both on and off stage. The comfort of patrons was also a concern. The present heating/cooling system left the audience freezing in winter and sweating through the warmer months.

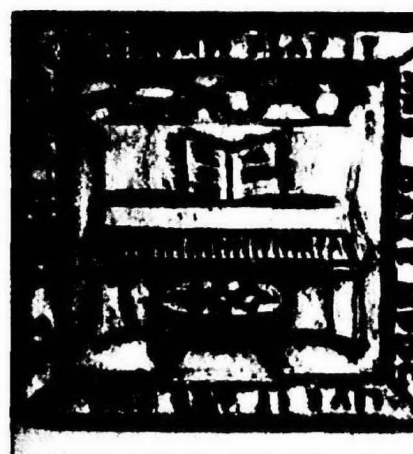
"The project's been fascinating," said Hadley, manager of the new barn. "We'd talked about improving the facility for years but realized the roof doesn't allow us to add on. With the new theater we'll be able to expand seating from 170 to 240 with reconditioned seats from the Americana West Theater in West Bloomfield. The stage will be about 15 percent larger allowing room for flexible staging and enough space offstage for actors waiting to come on. And it will be entirely barrier free which makes it flexible for anyone to use."

Flexibility is what the new theater is all about. Hadley, Tupper and the rest of the Players plan to make the new theater available to the community. In addition to presenting their 2001-2002 season of productions, they're inviting businesses and organizations to use the space for meetings, recitals or whatever. Sounds like a great reason to come out and sup-

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**Plymouth potter:** Kathy Sandberg is an old hand at throwing clay. She is one of 150 ceramists and glass artists exhibiting work in the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Show.



**Decorative tile:** Sara Frank of West Bloomfield created this six-inch stoneware, "Piano."



**Garden art:** One of Kathy Sandberg's most popular sellers is this bird bath.

### The Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show

**When:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11  
**Where:** Washington Avenue, between Fourth and Lincoln, Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 547-4000.

## Earthy delights

### Artists reflect on beauty of glass and clay

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Glass is still new to Deb Eliassen. But in the short time since the Farmington Hills artist began working with the material, she's developed a love for its ability to reach out and grab the viewer.

For Eliassen there's no greater satisfaction than having someone admire her blown glass and want to cup it in their hands. She knows exactly how they feel.

The minute Eliassen walked into a class at internationally-known glass artist Albert Young's Michigan Hot Glass Workshop 2 1/2 years ago, she knew there was no turning back from the magic of this dazzling beauty. A novice at creating art, Eliassen had been an equity analyst working in the field of finance until she took that first glass class through the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"When I turned 30, I flipped out because I wanted to create something," said Eliassen. "As soon as I stepped into the studio, I knew this was it. It's 2,200°F when it comes out of the furnace and is glowing orange. I find it so interesting that you can take this molten blob and turn it into anything."

Eliassen continues to apprentice with Young at



PHOTO BY LESLIE SPONSELLER

**Hot glass:** Deb Eliassen, a Farmington Hills artist, created this glass vessel in earth tones.

the Michigan Hot Glass Workshop, formerly located in Pontiac. She's in the process of opening Deb Eliassen Glassworks, a studio and gallery, alongside Young's Workshop in the Russell Industrial Center in Detroit. There she'll continue to blow glass into various forms. Her latest works - small,

lidded vessels created with the colors of earth - will be on display at the sixth annual Royal Oak Clay & Glass Show Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11. Eliassen is one of 150 artists exhibiting in the show sponsored by the Downtown Royal Oak Association of merchants.

"There's a little bit of mystery when you put a lid on a vessel," said Eliassen, who also exhibits at Art in the Park in Plymouth July 14-16 and Art on the Green in Franklin Sept. 4. "If I use bold color, I just let it peek out a little."

#### Spellbound

Eliassen never forgot the first time she saw glass being blown. It was 20 years ago at Greenfield Village when she was 11. Little did she know then that in 1998-99 she would work there as an assistant to a glass blower making 19th century reproductions.

"I was enthralled by it, mesmerized," said Eliassen.

Anne Kuffler thinks most people have a similar reaction to not only glass but clay as well. Kuffler is chairwoman of the Royal Oak Clay & Glass Show and owner of the Arianna Gallery in Royal Oak. This is the first year the show will be juried. Judges

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## OPERA



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT KUSSEL

**Omnipresent:** The chorus of *Peter Grimes* serves the role of the nosy neighbor who lives to gossip and judge.

### Singers take on foreboding 'Peter Grimes'

BY ALICE RHEIN  
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*Peter Grimes*, Benjamin Britten's 20th century opera, has all the ingredients that make a great opera.

The recipe includes a deeply tragic story, a remarkable musical score, love, death, sexual insinuations, more death and psychological turmoil.

Yet few opera devotees would count the English opera, which opens at the Detroit Opera House on Saturday, among their favorites.

Nor would they likely be found humming or singing - the tale of a fishing village under their breath.

Unless, of course, you're part of the chorus. Peggy O'Shaughnessey said she's been living with the score since January when rehearsals began for the 70-plus member chorus which includes members of the

**What:** Michigan Opera Theatre presents *Peter Grimes*, an opera sung in English by Benjamin Britten.  
**When:** 8 p.m. June 3, 7, 9 & 10, 2 p.m. June 4 & 11  
**Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit  
**Tickets:** \$18-\$98. Call 313-237-7464 or (248) 645-6666

Rackham Choir and several vocal exchange students from Palermo.

"The harmonies and timing were very challenging to learn," said O'Shaughnessey, a Troy resident. "I find myself singing it everywhere. It's both disturbing and wonderful."

Jay Smith, a Clarkston resident who teaches music at Harlan Elementary School in Birmingham, said he's

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been living with the *Grimes* CD in his car for months now.

"The score is so bizarre," he said. "One part of the chorus sings in one key, while another part sings in a completely different one. Then the principals sing something altogether different. The nice part is when we put it all together."

While the Michigan Opera Theatre's last production, *Tosca*, had only one scene that utilized a full chorus, in *Grimes*, the chorus performs the function of a main character.

"It is the principal role other than Peter Grimes," said Suzanne Acton, the MOT's chorus master.

"I would say it is the most difficult English opera, and the chorus is most important for its success. There is so much for them to do, so many lines for them to memorize."

Which explains why *Grimes*, which made its world premiere in 1945 in London, is not widely performed.

The MOT chorus, which has been under Acton's direction for nearly 20 years, is ready for the challenge.

### Rumors abound

The modern opera, based on George Crabbe's poem *The Borough*, tells of a coastal fisherman driven to madness by the suspicious and hypocritical villagers.

The chorus serves the role of the nosy neighbor who lives to gossip and judge. Only rarely does it look inward.

Grimes (played on alternate dates by Mark Baker and John MacMaster) is considered the anti-hero, he is neither noble nor nefarious, yet he is driven to his end by a tragic man-hunt.

"The psychological things in this score are unbelievable," said Acton.

Certainly the church scene

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where Ellen (Grimes' love interest played by Sheri Greenawald) discovers that he has abused his apprentice is riveting.

"He sings to Ellen of how he's worked so hard to get respect. 'Believe in me,' he sings while the chorus is singing 'Believe in God.' There is a clash of the spiritual and secular," said Acton.

### English lyrics

That happens quite often during the opera, where there is a juxtaposition between characters and, though they may sing the same passage, the words have two different meanings.

Though the opera is sung in English, surtitles are still present since, quite often, the chorus and soloists are not singing in unison.

The last English opera the MOT performed was *Porgy & Bess* in 1998.

Each of the opera's six scenes are introduced by orchestral pieces, which serve as character-tone poems.

Dark and stormy, these develop the turmoil in Grimes' character. And for the chorus, these interludes provide the only respite from performance.

"*Tosca* had only minor things for the chorus," said Smith. "This isn't like *Tosca*, where we played euvre backstage during the show. Either the chorus is on-stage or backstage singing."

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Herb Babcock and Susan Beiner will award a \$1,500 Best of Show and several \$750 Honorable Mentions.

### Entertainment

But it's not all glass and clay. The main stage on Washington at Lincoln will feature several of the areas hottest musicians including Stewart Franke on Saturday night and Sinatra-sound-alike Mark Randisi Sunday afternoon. And don't forget to bring the kids. On the Fifth Avenue walkway, children will be able to make projects with the help of Arts & Scraps, Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild and the Scarab Club. A silent auction of items donated by artists and local businesses will benefit Gilda's Club.

"It's a unique event - the only clay and glass feat in the U.S.," said Kuffler. "There's so many other art fairs that have mixed media. We try to approach it differently. It's a great opportunity for collectors to find a great variety from porcelain and stoneware to fused, flameworked and blown glass."

### Functional and sculptural

One element all of the artists have in common is their need to grow and experiment within their particular mediums. Kathy Sandberg began working in clay 29 years ago and hasn't stopped trying new techniques, glazes and forms ever since. From her Plymouth studio, she literally creates something for everyone. Now in her fourth year in Royal Oak, Sandberg will bring new figurative work to the show along with the tried and true vases, Japanese flower arranging pots known as ikebana, and abstract slabs that double as decorative art and serving pieces. Sandberg works primarily in white and cream with a hint of color. Her opalescent glazes are almost like a chameleon in that they pick up the color of nearby objects.

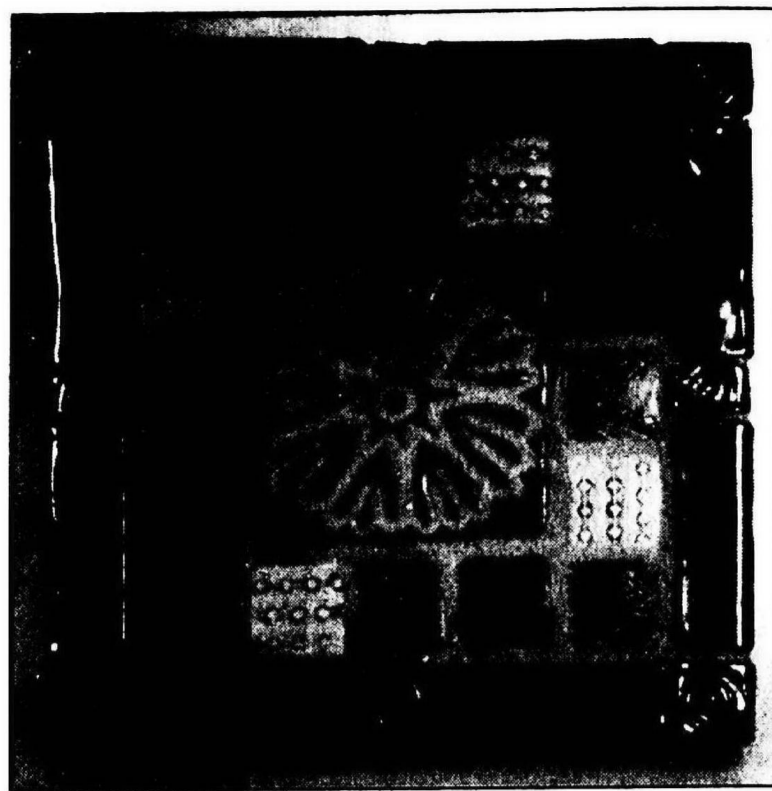
"There's a wide variety in Royal Oak," said Sandberg. "Everything imaginable done in clay is there. I'm changing direction from vessels to wall art. I'm always trying something new. Clay responds to your hands and emotions. Glass is related to clay. That's what glaze is. It's really made of the same components as glass. That's why I enjoy showing with glass artists. We work with similar materials."

In addition to experience, Sandberg's studies reflect in her work. Over the years, she's learned from the best ceramists in the area including John Murphy, a Redford potter and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She's also taken classes and seminars at Pewabic Pottery in Detroit and with John Glick at Plum Tree Pottery in Farmington. In 1999, a week-long class with Dr. Arthur Park and Mary Park exposed Sandberg to the Korean wheel thrown process. A founding member of Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, Sandberg currently teaches wheel thrown and hand-building techniques there.

"I enjoy selling my work at shows like Royal Oak," said Sandberg, who'll also exhibit at Art in the Park in Plymouth. "The majority buy for themselves, especially the larger pieces. They're looking for something different, original and handcrafted that has a piece of the artist in it."

### Tile work

The Royal Oak Clay Invitational, as it was originally known, was one of the first art shows Sara Frank exhibited in. Since then, the West Bloomfield tile artist and owner of Iguana-works studio, regularly shows her ceramic tiles and tables, mirrors and boxes accented with tile designs. In addition to Royal Oak, she'll bring tiles ranging in themes from nature to women, Judaica, dogs and cats, mythological (dragons, unicorns), nursery rhymes, and music to Art on



Durable beauty: Flowers, like the one found on this tiled tabletop, is a favorite subject of Sara Frank.

the Avenue June 3-4 in Dearborn and the Wyandotte Art Fair July 12-15. Frank's love of music stems from all the years she's played flute, including her student days at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor.

"I really enjoy Royal Oak," said Frank. "When it began it was only clay. All of the variety within the same medium makes it interesting and glass and clay are related."

Frank, who began working in

clay in 1992, took classes at Pewabic Pottery in wheel throwing, glaze formulation and tile making. She initially studied pottery at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Her special commissions include the creation of an Isaac Stern Tribute Tile for the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor in early May, and a recently-installed Mother Goose mural for the children's area of the West Bloomfield Library.

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port the Players at the gala, and have a little fun while you're doing it.

"We're looking to develop the building's use when we're not there," said Hadley. "The lobby will be a nice big open space for displays by artists. It's a perfect symbiosis. Rotating displays of art will allow us to decorate and the artists to exhibit."

By the way, the 2000-2001 season will open in September

with Neil Simon's *Fools* at Barnes & Nobles on Orchard Lake Road between 14 and 15 Mile roads in West Bloomfield. The entire season is scheduled to take place there.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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## Meet the artist



Works by Golkar: Ali Golkar, whose work is shown here, will be in attendance at a Champagne Reception from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Danielle Peleg Gallery in West Bloomfield. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery, at 4301 Orchard Lake, can be contacted at (248) 626-5810.

## DINNER THEATER

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Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays: 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

## FOR KIDS

### ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Summer at the Art Factory is a creative summer camp for kids ages 6-12 with weekly themes and projects. Morning, afternoon and full day sessions are available. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

### D & M SUMMER CAMP

The theme this year is Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness. Camp runs from June 19-August 25 for students ages 3-16. Classes are held at locations in Canton and Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

### EVOLA MUSIC

Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (ages 0-7), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677.

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Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

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### WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Oakland University Department of Theatre, Music and Dance presents a musical production of Kenneth Grahame's beloved classic at 10 a.m. May 31, June 1 and 2. Other performances are 7 p.m. June 2 and 3. Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets \$12 general, \$10 seniors/OU employees, \$6 students. For reservations call (248) 370-3300.

## GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

### A.C.T. GALLERY

Opens Friday, June 2 — *Dreaming Awake*: Brigitte Neal, Michele Schuff and Alan Watson through July 1. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, 29 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 965-4336.

### ART LEADERS GALLERY

Opens Friday, June 2 — *New Art Showcase* through June 30. 33216 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

### GALERIE BLU

Opens Friday, June 2 — *Art & Artifact* through June 24. Opening reception is 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 2, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

### HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

Opens Friday, June 2 — *The Palette and Brush Club's 65th annual spring exhibition* through June 29. 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

### HABATAT GALLERIES

Opens Friday, June 2 — *Colin Heaney and Tom Scoon* through June 30. Opening reception is 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 2, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

### SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Opens Friday, June 2 — *A House on Exhibition*: Lorella Dentice and Jonsara Ruth through June 13. Reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 2. Site visit 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday June 3 and 10. 4852 Concord, Detroit. Maps to the Detroit site available at the gallery. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

### SMALL WORLD CAFE

Opens Thursday, June 1 — *Ocean World*: paintings by Brian Taylor through July 31 at the International Institute's cafe. 111 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 871-8600.

### ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Opens Friday, June 2 — *Process: An Exhibition of Sculpture* through July 28. Opening is 8 p.m. Friday, June 2. 480 W. Hancock between Cass and Second on the campus of Wayne State University. (313) 577-2423.

### LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Opens Saturday, June 3 — *Denise Crews' hand-painted items* through June 30 in the exhibition cases. Opens Monday, June 12 — *Curied art* from the 1999 Fine Art in the village exhibition through June 30, both in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington. (734) 466-2490. Opens June 1 — *photography* by members of the Livonia Camera Club through June 30 in the Livonia City Hall Lobby. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

### MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Opens Friday, June 2 — *sculpture* by Karen Lemmert and Shelley McAneeley, painting by Randall Veilleux and an installation by Chris Hausman through June 30 at the gallery's temporary location at 19 North Saginaw, Pontiac. Opening reception is 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 2. (248) 210-7560.

### DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY

Opens Monday, June 4 — *Paintings and limited edition graphics* of Ali Golkar through June 25. Opening reception 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. 4301 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 145, Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

### REVOLUTION

Opens Saturday, June 3 — *Brenda Goodman: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper* through July 1. Artist's reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 3. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

## GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

### ANDERSON GALLERY

Through June 3 — *Sonya Clark: Walk Talk*. 135 Pierce, Birmingham. (248) 593-6892.

Through June 22 — *Eileen Aboutafia. And the Birds Still Sing*. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

### INN SEASON CAFE

Through June 12 — *Works by Alfreda Marmon and Forbes Sibley*. 500 East Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 547-7916.

### LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through June 1 — *In the Livonia Civic Center Library*, the students of Clarenceville Schools present their artwork. 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby is an exhibit by Visual Arts Association of Livonia. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

### MAJESTIC CAFE

Through June 1 — *art show featuring Martin Hirschak*. 4120 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

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Through June 3 — *Reconstructionism* featuring Jon Lockard and Willis Davis. Through June 10 — *Grosse Point Art Association exhibit*. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

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Through June 9 — *Voices*, an exhibit by the Birmingham Society of Women Painters. The Galleria is located on the second floor of the Oakland County Executive Office, Building 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac. Call (248) 858-0415.

### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through June 17 — *Eric Mesko: Mixed Media Constructions*. 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

### PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB

Through June 16 — *a juried exhibit of the club's paintings* at the BPS Corporate Conference Center. 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills. (248) 646-7033.

### PEWABIC POTTERY

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### UZELAC GALLERY

Opens Thursday, June 1 — *the Creative Side of Mark Schlusser* through July 1. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

### WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through June 3 — *The Many Moods of Wooden People* by sculptor Chris Donnelly. Through June 17 — *Howard Bond: Photographs*. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

## MUSEUMS

### CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Opens Friday, June 2 — *The Art Deco Rug: Studio Loja Saarinen and the Cranbrook Tradition* through Aug. 20. A public opening reception and Art Deco Fashion Show is 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 2. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

### CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through June 4 — *Cranbrook Institute of Science Planetarium presents Planet Alignment 2000* Saturday and Sunday 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Laser Swing is 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 7 and 9 p.m. Friday. Through Sept. 4 — *Young Stargazers Sky Journey* is 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO.

## ART & CRAFT SHOWS

### METRO BEACH SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The 13th annual spring arts and crafts show is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4 at Metro Beach in Harrison Twp. For exhibition info call (810) 658-0440.

## AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

### BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Annual \$500 grant to members of the Art Center who have studied calligraphy for at least one year. Application deadline is June 1. Submit to Janet Torno, Executive Director, Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. 48009. (248) 644-0866.

### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Accepting entries for *Celebrate Michigan Artists 2000* fine arts exhibition. The slide deadline is at 5 p.m. June 30. Curator this year is Helga Pakasaar, curator at the Art Gallery of Windsor, Canada. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to PCCA/Celebrate Michigan Artists, 407 Pine, Rochester, MI 48307. PCCA is also accepting entries for the Student, Faculty and Staff Art Show that will open on June 2. It is open to students and faculty of all ages who have taken or taught classes at PCCA from June 1999 to June 2000. For more information contact Exhibition Director John Cynar at (248) 651-4110.

## CLASSES

### CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Summer continuing and community education classes begin June 19 at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. For a schedule of classes or more information, call (313) 664-7456.

### DETROIT BALLET

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

### EISENHOWER

#### DANCE ENSEMBLE

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

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and

Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

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

### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Open registration begins May 23 for summer classes for children and adults including Art Portfolio for high school students and a Watercolor in the Park workshop for adults. 407 Pine, Rochester. For a brochure call (248) 651-4110.

### SHAAREY ZEDEK

Mozart, Mommy and Me, the individualized play-based multi-sensory approach to caregiver/child interaction for preschoolers, will continue spring programs at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Summer classes begin in Birmingham in June. Call (248) 642-7933 for information.

### THE ART GALLERY/STUDIO

Canton artist Kay Rowe will teach watercolor classes 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays June 6-27 at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford, Garden City. Portraiture classes in any medium with individualized instruction by Detroit artist Lin Baum run June 1-22. A model is provided. To register and for a suggested supply list, call (734) 261-0379 or (734) 513-4044.

### VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Rd., Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

## CONCERTS

### DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS

Nightnotes concert features Beethoven to Baker. 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 2. Hagopian World of Rugs. 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 362-9329.

### DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Presents the Boychoir of Ann Arbor in a Summer Solstice Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 650-2655.

## DANCE

### EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

Performs its *Motown in Motion* at Waterford Mott High School at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 2. (248) 623-9389.

## Silly appearances



Just 'buggy': Royal Oak goes "buggy" at its annual insect show in all downtown galleries through June. Artist Lynn Whipple finds out what's interesting about people, then turns them into a bird or insect in her paintings and drawings. "We call them 'ninnies' because as kids we were being silly and these are a little silly," Whipple said. Contact Elaine Redmond at Ariana Gallery at (248) 647-3912 or (313) 933-6777.

### ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through June 24 — *Artist Dennis Summers* will be creating a large-scale interactive multimedia installation at the gallery. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

### ARIANA GALLERY

Royal Oak Goes Buggy featuring artist Lynn Whipple through June 1. 119 South Main, Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

### BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through June 23 — *Inside the BRAC*: Tap, an exhibition of youth artwork. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866. 1516 Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

### CASS CAFE

Through June — *Paintings by Diana Alva and James Protigam*. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

### CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

Through May 29 — *John Stockwell: Contemporary Landscapes*. 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

### JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Pottery. E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

### POSA GALLERY

Through May 31 — featured artist of the month is Ratty Auerbach. Summit Place Mall, Waterford. (248) 683-8779.

### PRINT GALLERY

Through June 2 — *an exhibit of Malaysian artist Eng Tay*. 29173 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 456-5454.

### SMALL WORLD CAFE

Through May 31 — *Ocean World*: Paintings by Brian Taylor at the International Institute's cafe. 111 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 871-8600.

### SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through May 30 — *Pauline Ender: Less is More*. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

### SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art work of Southfield High School. *Achieving in the Arts*. Also through June 12, handmade quilts created by the Wednesday Night Quilting Sisters Ministry will be on display. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 945-0460.

### CRANBROOK

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Midson 4 First Fridays is Friday, June 2 with events from 6-9 p.m. Through June 4 — *Van Gogh: Face to Face* with extended hours to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 28. The exhibition will be open on Memorial Day Monday, May 29 until 6 p.m. and hours will be extended to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30 through Sunday, June 4. Through May 31 — *Glass Collection* from the DIA's Collection. Through June 4 — *Martin Lewis: Drawings and Related Prints*. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

## THEATER

### GEM THEATER

*Espanola in the Moonlight*, a comedy by Jeff Daniels, extended through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. 33 Madison, Detroit. (248) 504-3450. (313) 963-9800.

### STUDIO THEATRE

Peter Soave, Farmington resident and bandoneon and bawyan artist, is featured in an off-Broadway musical, *Eurofunk*, at Studio Theatre, 145 W. 46th in Detroit. The show runs through June 3. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC  
GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

# Aspiring dancers take 'Center Stage' in entertaining film

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**Talented cast:** The cast of *Center Stage* strikes a pose: (from left to right) Zoe Saldana (*Eva*), Ilia Kulik (*Sergei*), Sascha Radetsky (*Charlie*), Amanda Schull (*Jody*), Ethan Stiefel (*Cooper*), Shakiem Evans (*Erik*) and Susan May Pratt (*Maureen*).

*Center Stage* is the perfect movie for young, stage-struck dancers dreaming of joining the ranks of a major ballet company. In fact, after the movie ended, six young girls from the audience ran to the front of the theater and leapt and pirouetted against the backdrop of rolling credits, perfect examples of balletic spontaneous combustion.

It was a fitting encore, indeed, since body language rules in *Center Stage*. Plot and dialogue play secondary roles to dance. There's an explanation: With few exceptions, the cast is made up of non-acting, real-life dancers like Amanda Schull, the female lead. A Molly Ringwald look-alike, Schull recently was accepted by the San Francisco Ballet Company as a member of their corps de ballet.

*Center Stage*, set in New York City, comes to life backstage of the American Ballet Theater through the lives of a group of supremely gifted dance students, some of whom really want to join the company ... some of whom only think they do. The movie has its villains, including the company's director, Jonathan Reeves (Peter Gallagher of *White You Were Sleeping* fame), and a pushy mother blind to her daughter's bulimic unhappiness.

There's also a ready-made conflict between Reeves and the egotistical and dashing Cooper, lead dancer who once loved the prima ballerina now married to Reeves. (Cooper is played by real-life ATB superstar Ethan Stiefel, whose spectacular leaps redefine the term "suspended animation.")

The tension is sweet but predictable. Shortly after the movie begins, we see blonde, fresh-faced Jody (Schull) being reprimanded repeatedly for incorrect positions during a practice session.

"I can work harder," she says. "You're not turned out. You don't have great feet. And, although you're pretty, you don't have the right body," retorts Reeves.

As the story progresses, Jody journeys to self-discovery. She survives a one-night affair with Cooper and eventually comes to terms with her "wrong" body. However, for the most part, Schull's onscreen presence seems too insipid to anchor the love triangle with Cooper and the ever-

patient Charlie (played by Sascha Radetsky, also a real-life dancer with ATB) and too insipid to undergo an epiphany.

Other female characters — like the dark-eyed Maureen — like the most technically gifted of the group who dances to please her mother, or the edgy Eva, whose bad attitude belies a desire to dance heart and soul — would have been better leads. Maybe not. Maureen really does look bulimic, and Eva's been-there-done-that sultriness makes her an unlikely victim for Cooper.

Even with the movie's simple plot and at times flat dialogue (it isn't *Chorus Line!*), it's engaging and entertaining. The music ranges from Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev to Michael Jackson and Elvis Crespo, and the ballets demonstrate both technique-demanding classical and pelvis-pivoting Broadway. There's also some chili-hot nightclub salsa.

Fittingly, the most energizing scene in the movie comes during its climax, the annual ATB's workshop performance, at which the future careers of advanced students are at stake. In a new

ballet he choreographed, Cooper blazes onto the stage on a motorcycle.

During the dance, which fuses classical ballet and jazz, Cooper unravels Jody's white tutu to reveal body-hugging red (what else?). The Cooper-Jody-Charlie love triangle is enacted, with Jody's "wrong" body making all the "right" moves.

*Center Stage* has a happy ending: Jody chooses Charlie as a boyfriend and becomes principal dancer in Cooper's new ballet company. Maureen hangs up her toe shoes, and Eva is accepted into the American Ballet Company.

"I loved the movie. It was cool," said Ashlee Gilleem, 13, of Southfield, one of the young girls who danced afterward. When asked why she loved to dance, Gilleem replied, "It's just a way of expressing energy." Her friend, Rosalyn Gaskin, 15, agreed. "That's just what makes me happy."

For Gilleem and Gaskin, both aspiring ballet students, *Center Stage* was the perfect movie.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Borders Books in downtown Ann Arbor welcomes Ann Arbor's own legendary political activist John Sinclair, as he shares his new work in a special in-store performance of the spoken word. Set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at the store on E. Liberty. Call (734) 668-7652.

VISITING AUTHORS

Patricia Polacco, author of *The Butterfly*, will be signing copies of her new picture book, *The Butterfly*, June 3 at Borders Books & Music, 3527 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4 at Half Way Down the Stairs, 114 E. 4th St. Rochester; and 4:15 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Oak Park Library, 14200 Oak Park Blvd. Mary White, author of *Second Families*, will read selections from her book 8 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Shuman Drum Bookshop, 311-315 S. State Street, Ann Arbor. Thomas Lynch reads from "Bodies in Motion and at Rest," his new collection of essays, 8 p.m. Monday, June 19.

STORYTIME

The next Kindermusik story



KENN KLEIN

time is set for 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main in Plymouth. Parents and their children are invited to enjoy free 20-30 minute interactive programs of story telling, music and movement during "Story Time with Miss Karen." Instructor Karen Onkka Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola music in Canton. Call (734) 455-5220 for information. Storytimes at the Northville Barnes & Noble are accompanied by a craft or activity. Weekly children's storytimes are set for 11 a.m. Tuesdays for children ages 4 and under and 7 p.m.

Guest author: Patricia Polacco will be signing copies of her new picture book, *The Butterfly*, June 3 at Borders Books & Music in Ann Arbor.

Wednesdays for all ages. Call (248) 348-0696. WRITER FESTIVAL Third annual Detroit Worker Writer Festival, 7:10 p.m. Saturday, June 3, UAW Region 1A, 9650 S. Telegraph, Taylor. Free admission (donations accepted), books and CDs for sale. Features poetry, songs, short stories and plays by Detroit area worker writers. For more information, call (313) 926-5291. PSYCHIC TALK "An Evening with Sylvia," part of Sylvia Browne's book tour, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Cobo Arena. Call (313) 983-6611.

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**DANCING LIGHTS FOLK EXTRAVAGANZA**

Canton musician John Finan headlines the fourth annual Dancing Lights Folk Extravaganza Thursday-Sunday, June 8-11 at Amer's, 312 South State Street near Liberty, Ann Arbor.

Finan, an acoustic singer/songwriter, has performed extensively throughout Michigan. He performs on a compilation CD *Live at the Cadieux Cafe* on Nebula Records, and on his solo CD *Observations & Complaints* on B.F.E. Records.

Also on the Folk Extravaganza program are the Golden Griffon Stringtet, Nylon Country, Natu-

ral Vibe, Brian Eyberg, Jim Presley, Don Smock, and Blake Chen.

For more information, call (734) 327-2041.

**ART CLASSES**

Canton artist Kay Rowe will teach watercolor classes 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays June 6-27 at The Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, Garden City.

Portraiture classes in any medium with individualized instruction by Detroit artist Lin Baum will run June 1-22. A model is provided.

To register and for a suggested supply list, call (734) 261-0379 or (734) 513-4044.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Canton Township is looking for artists to exhibit in their 9th annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 24 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 25 in Heritage Park during Liberty Fest 2000. Artists can display their work under "the big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried and each artist is required to submit slides of their work from the approved categories of painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel, and selected fine crafts. For information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at D & M Studios (734) 453-3710.

**AWARD WINNER**

Livonia artist Brian Nelson is one of eight winners in the third annual Polk Competition. Among the other winners are Stephen Loidolt of Bloomfield Hills and Sylvia Perle of West Bloomfield.

Judges for the competition were Robert Martin, Wayne State University art professor; John Pappas, Eastern Michigan

University art professor; Maryann Wilkinson, curator of 20th century art at the Detroit Institute of Arts; and Gregory Wittkopp, Cranbrook Art Museum director.

The Polk Competition Art & Technology is a juried art contest intended to publicly recognize and reward creativity. The competition showcases pieces created by Michigan artists that demonstrate a relationship between art and technology.

**BEADMAKERS MEETING**

The Southeastern Michigan Guild of Glass Beadmakers holds its second meeting at noon Sunday, June 4 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Science Building, Room 251, on Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

The afternoon begins with a bead demonstration followed by

the meeting and another demonstration. The agenda includes organization updates, discussion of the guild name and election of officers, fund-raising, workshops, etc.

Dues for the first year are \$15. For more information, call Livonia glass beadmaker Don Miller at (313) 593-5262 or Anne Sheppard at (734) 261-2150.

**ART PROGRAMS**

The City of Farmington Hills will offer an array of new art programs for children and adults this summer. All classes will be held at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. Fees vary and advance registration is required. For information, call (248) 473-9570.

Among the offerings are "Watercolors Go Wild" with visiting artist Barb Cicchelli from Blackberry Mountain Studio (teens and adults). Children's

topics includes "Castles and Dragons," "Art From Many Lands" and "Book Making." A mom, pop and tot class will allow children to make special projects with a parent, grandparent or older sibling. A Michigan Youth Theater workshop will offer a full range of theatrical experiences from costuming and make-up to directing, theater games, improvisation, songwriting and scene writing.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**

The All American Arts & Crafts Show brings in artists from many states Thursday-Sunday, June 1-4 at Westland Shopping Center.

Artists will exhibit paintings, stained glass, wood furniture, jewelry, decorative painting, doll clothing, ceramics, toys, puzzles and more during regular mall hours.

# Plowshares Theatre deserving of applause

We often hear leaders described as people with vision. Perhaps the implication is that a certain leader is able to see well into the future and develop the resources to achieve the goals outlined in the original blueprint. Have you ever seen it work that way? Isn't life filled with too many surprises?

**BACKSTAGE PASS**



ANN DELISI

The ability to adapt usually determines our level of success - whether the goals are corporate, personal or artistic. That's one of the reasons so many in Detroit's theatrical community will be pulling for Plowshares Theatre Company, which begins a new season of productions Thursday, June 1 in another new venue - the Anderson Center Theater in the Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village complex.

Few people you will ever meet are as undaunted by change as Plowshares Artistic Director Gary Anderson. As much as he longs for a permanent home for his productions, he sees opportunity in the new Henry Ford Museum partnership, which could broaden the theater company's audience and educational mission.

Anderson boldly predicts Plowshares will have its own performance center later this decade.

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which would bring an end to the nomadic period in the 1990s that resulted in partnerships with the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Boarshead Theatre and Meadow Brook Theatre.

But, as Anderson tells BACKSTAGE PASS, the dream of African-American theater also comes with a purpose.

"I believe that there are three responsibilities of African-American theater. The first is to tell stories that keep the names of our ancestors and their achievements alive; the second is to pass along their code of behavior and conduct to a new generation; the third is to serve as a catalyst in broadening the awareness in the community of the African-American experience."

The season opener of Plowshares Theatre Company is the world premiere of Jeffrey Chesang's play *Full Circle*, a gripping examination of the emotional and psychological dynamics of a family that splinters after a tragic event.

The process of taking the script from the page to the stage

has taken several years, but the challenge of developing a new production has an advantage over the tried and true.

"It's more open. It is an opportunity for everyone involved to help flesh it out," said Anderson. "Lloyd Richards, who has developed many premiere productions, once told me that at one point the playwright knows most about the script, then the director, and finally the actors. Each plays an important role in the character's emotional journey."

The Plowshares production of *Full Circle* will be previewed on the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, from its familiar home at Detroit Public TV, Channel 56, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

A performance center for the Plowshares Theatre Company may not happen overnight. Dreams are often years in the making. In the meantime, the Plowshares Theatre Company deserves applause for its resourcefulness during an extended period of change, along with a tradition of quality theater that remains true to its mission.

## Don't miss TasteFest

PRNewswire - Get ready for the ultimate urban culinary and entertainment extravaganza when the 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest kicks off Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 4.

This fabulous Fourth of July weekend in Detroit's New Center will be sizzling with soul legend Isaac Hayes, Taj Mahal and more national acts to be announced soon.

There's a long list of stellar entertainment for adults and kids - more than 75 free shows on stages throughout the festival.

This year, Motown's hardest-core hipsters have created the new and utterly eclectic 2nd Ave Street Market, which will serve up cocktails, historic collectibles, funky furniture, food, fashion, art and music. The Detroit-focused Snug Gallery will feature the works of 24 emerging artists including the "Art of Slaw."

Forty of Michigan's great eateries will furnish the Fest tastes. The all-new Coastal Seafood Celebration features seafood from America's four coasts. Tastes are \$5 for 9 tickets, just like last year.

The Comerica Michigan TasteFest is on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway, adjacent to the historic Fisher Building. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday Monday and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Visit Comerica Michigan TasteFest online at [www.tastefest.org](http://www.tastefest.org) or call (313) 872-0188.

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# Malls & Mainstreets

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Sunday, May 28, 2000

## New shops and eateries debut in local malls



If you just can't shake that incessant sweet tooth while shopping at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia, head to Godiva Chocolatier, the mall's newest store.

The shop, a stand-alone kiosk located in the commons area, sells premium chocolates, packaged gourmet coffee, biscotti, and mini-biscotti.

Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile Road, a quarter mile east of I-275.

### More at Laurel Park

Sweet Lorraine's Cafe has opened in its fourth Detroit-area location at the Marriott Hotel in Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia.

The eatery is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers a menu that emphasizes fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Lunches range from \$6-\$12. Dinners are from \$7-\$19. Selections range from deli-style sandwiches to main courses. (743) 953-7480.

### New in Auburn Hills

Look for these three new stores at Great Lakes Crossing, located at I-75 and Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills:

■ Master Spas manufactures and sells spas, jacuzzis and patio sets.

■ Noah's Ark, a kiosk in the "district 6" section of the mall, carries Beanie Babies and accessories.

■ Sprint PCS, a kiosk in "district 7," sells a variety of wireless phones.

### New in Dearborn

Three new businesses have opened at Fairlane Town Center, located north of Michigan Avenue and west of the Southfield expressway in Dearborn:

■ Games Workshop sells war games, pieces for war game sets and miniatures. Customers can play *Warhammer* on Tuesdays, *Mordheim* and *Battlefleet Gothic* on Wednesdays and *Warhammer 40,000* on Thursdays. Gaming runs from 5-9 p.m.

■ Fusion Spa & Salon offers coloring, highlighting, hair extensions, perms, cuts and styling. Services are available on a drop-in or appointment basis.

■ Bourbon St. Grill offers New Orleans-inspired cuisine with seating for 834 patrons.

### New in Lake Orion

Fortress Games, Inc. sells historical and science fiction miniatures, games and game terrain.

It also runs open gaming from 5-7 p.m., on Wednesday nights. Participants bring up to 1,000 points of any painted *Warhammer 40K* army to battle.

The shop is located at 8 Shadbolt West in downtown Lake Orion.

### At the lake

Venture Outdoors of Plymouth has ventured north, opening a second store on the shore of Walled Lake.

The store specializes in Necky kayaks, imported from British Columbia, Canada. Shoppers can test drive any kayak in Walled Lake at anytime during store hours.

They also can join a Wednesday night class, taught by a certified American Canoe Association instructor, to increase their paddling skills.

The Plymouth store is located at 44601 Five Mile. (734) 453-1987. Call the Walled Lake store at (248) 669-2000.

### At Lakeside Mall

Catherine Wing, a Troy resident, is the new marketing director at Lakeside Mall.

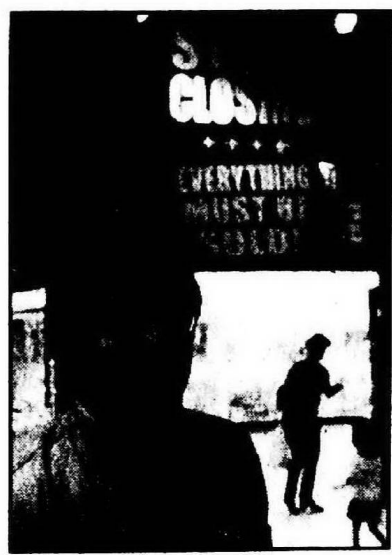
Wing, who spent five years with Michael Flora & Associates in Troy, has worked with a variety of retail clients, including Somerset Collection, Car Tunes and Alvin's Bride.

Lakeside Mall is located on M-59 and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights.

### At Somerset Collection

James Westcott of Lake Orion is the new assistant general manager at Somerset Collection.

Westcott had been general manager and marketing director since 1993 at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills.



■ 'Some local hobby stores might carry what we do, but it's not as extensive.'

Chris Niclo  
—The Great Train Store



Goodbye Thomas: Ian Larson, 2, of Clawson, plays with a Thomas wooden railway station at The Great Train Store which will close this summer.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

## Troy train store rolls out of town

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Adams has a fool-proof method for shopping with reluctant tots.

She promises her son, Erik, 4 1/2, a trip to The Great Train Store where box cars clatter along an overhead track, a wooden engine rolls on tyke-sized terrain and — best of all — hundreds of smiling Thomas the Tank Engine toys greet adoring preschoolers.

"It's the only way I can get him to come to the mall with me!" Adams



Buying: Patricia Zimolzak bags toys for Connie Tramel, while Lauren Lewis (left) and Hailey Tramel check out merchandise.

mused, carting a bag of Thomas merchandise from the store. "These guys had everything for Thomas here. The only other place I know where you can get this much is at the traveling Thomas tour, which we saw in Baltimore."

The Birmingham woman will have to find a new bargaining chip and toy source this summer when Thomas and his friends chug to the end-of-the-line at the Somerset Collection store.

The 15-year-old toy store chain, which boasts the largest inventory of Thomas toys, is closing the doors of all 48 stores, including its only Michigan store in Somerset Collection North.

Anyone with a preschool-aged child knows all about the BBC program, Thomas the Tank Engine, broadcast on PBS stations, including Channel 56 in the Detroit-area.

And they know about the railroad-theme merchandise, from tee-shirts to train cars to baby dishes, that the series has spawned.

Then there's Theodore Tugboat and his floating pals, stars of the Canadian-made PBS animated series and of their own product

line. And Brio, a high quality brand of wooden train parts for tots.

The Great Train Store stocked a better-than-average supply of all three merchandise lines, but parents of preschoolers counted on the store to carry a broad inventory of Thomas toys.

"We have the largest selection," said store manager Chris Niclo. "We have 62 characters."

The store also carried trains and related merchandise for more serious collectors and adult hobbyists.

"We wanted to appeal to the entire family with something for everyone," Niclo explained.

Niclo closed the chain's Buffalo, N.Y. store before heading to Somerset to train a new manager. A few weeks later the company ordered him to close the four-year-old Somerset store. He's not sure of the final business day, but everything in the store is for sale.

"There were a lot of crying children when we closed the Buffalo store," he noted.

He said the company began reorganizing more than a year ago to combat financial troubles, although "business was good" at the Somerset store.

"Some local hobby stores might carry what we do, but it's not as extensive. This was exclusive to our

company," he added, showing off a wall of Thomas the Tank Engine clothing.

Adams left the store with Thomas pajamas, four new Thomas train cars and doubts about finding a comparable source for her son's toy collection.

But Sandy Sygiel of Berkley isn't worried.

She suggests shopping Noodle Kidoodle stores.

"It's a wonderful program. Your kids either like it or they don't," said Sygiel, who bought several Thomas items at The Great Train Store last week.

Aaron, her 3-year old, does.

"He's got about \$1,110 worth," Sygiel said, quickly adding "mostly from his grandparents."

Andrea Guttilla of Beverly Hills bought a collectible engine from the store. She's confident other shops will carry train toys for her son, Alessandro, 3.

"I am sad it's closing. It's a nice store," she added.

Parents can find Thomas toys at:

Adventures in Toys, Birmingham; Brighter Toy Store, Canton Township; Noodle Kidoodle store; Store of Knowledge; Toys-R-Us stores (plastic cars only); The Learning Tree stores and Toys International, Auburn Hills.

## Children's book author visits Rochester store

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

Cammie Mannino remembers the first time children's author and illustrator Patricia Polacco visited her downtown Rochester book store.

"Hardly anyone knew her name. That was about 10 years ago. We've watched her crowds grow and grow as the years have gone on," Mannino says. "This is the fourth time she's come here."

This time, Mannino expects an overflow crowd for the Union City, Mi. author. She'll sign books and talk about her work on June 4 at Mannino's store, Halfway Down the Stairs.

"Meeting her is like eating a big bowl of hearty soup," Mannino says. "She's a deeply moral, thoughtful and wonderfully funny and warm person."

"She is one of the most gifted story-

tellers I've ever met in my life. She's one of those rare people with the ability to tell stories orally and translate it into print. Hearing her in person is a major treat for the audience. She'll leave you with tears in your eyes."

Polacco's latest book, *The Butterfly*, tells the story of her great-aunt, Marcel, a member of the French Resistance in Nazi-occupied France.

"Almost every book is based on someone in her family or someone she knows," Mannino explained. "With Irish Christians on one side of her family and the other side being Russian Jewish, she comes from two great storytelling traditions."

Mannino recommends *The Butterfly* for fourth and fifth graders because of the book's serious topic.

Picture books, which traditionally have appealed to first and second

graders, found a new audience in older elementary school children during the past decade.

"There are a lot of thoughtful topics you can do in picture books for older children. A lot of great writing has come out of books like this."

Polacco's presentation at Halfway Down the Stairs is appropriate for first graders through adults.

"It's not a story hour. This is her talking about her work. But she's warm and funny and children love her."

Mannino brings a handful of children's book authors and illustrators into her store every year. Many of them make Halfway Down the Stairs their only book tour stop in southeastern Michigan.

"I've been fortunate. It's a combination of knowing some very nice people

in publishing and three months after I opened I had (children's author) Eric Carl in. His publisher sold tons of books. It allowed us to establish a track record."

Polacco will talk about her work and autograph books at 12:30 p.m. at the store, located on Fourth Street, just east of Main.

The shop is one of three stops in Michigan on Polacco's book tour.



Patricia Polacco

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

#### OUT OF THIS WORLD

Space Adventure, an interactive technology display continues through June 9 at Oakland Mall in Troy. Shoppers can take an interactive walk through the International Space Station, see satellite photos of their home, explore a Star Lab Planetarium and take a gyroscope ride. Hours are 3-8 p.m., week days, noon to 8 p.m., Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m., Sundays.

#### SIDEWALK SALE

Look for bargains from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the final day of Livonia Mall's sidewalk sales. Shoppers also have a chance to win a \$250 shopping spree at the mall.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

#### MAKE-UP ADVICE

A special representative from Clarins will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Clarins Skin-care Center at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. For appointments call 248-614-3364.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

#### GIVING BACK

Hudson's at Oakland Mall will donate one percent of the profits from the sale of oriental rugs today to Boys & Girls Club of Troy. The sale continues through June 5.

#### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Check out Westland Shopping Center's *Made in America* arts and crafts show today through June 4. Artisans from across the country will demonstrate and sell their work, including paintings.

stained glass, wood furniture, jewelry, decorative painting, doll clothing, ceramics, toy puzzles and more. The center is located at 3500 Warren, Westland.

#### PHOTO DISPLAY

Third and fourth graders from six Livonia elementary school classes, will show their photography at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia through June 14. Farmington photographer Monte Nagler led workshops in photography basics in their classes and Laurel Park Place Mall gave each student a disposable camera last month. The mall will display their works along with Nagler's photos.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

#### ANIMALS ALL AROUND

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# WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

### WHAT WE FOUND

- A reader suggests buying the toy jacks and ball game at any **Cracker Barrel Restaurant**.
- A reader found **beaters for a Sunbeam mixer** two years ago at **Northside Hardware** on Wayne Road in Wayne.
- **Health Tex socks** with black with white toes are no longer available according to the manufacturer.
- **Norman Rockwell prints** can be purchased at area **Meijer** stores.
- A **Stanley Home Products** distributor can be reached at (888) 440-3603.
- For **Bentley High School yearbooks** try the Internet at [www.Bentleyalumni.com](http://www.Bentleyalumni.com) or George Calder the Bentley High liaison. His telephone number is on the Internet.
- **Always eye cream and deodorant** can be found at area **Wal-Mart** and **Meijer** stores.
- For used **typewriters** try **L&M Office Products** in Detroit (313) 861-5707.
- The following stores have **hore hound candy**: **Mary Dennings Cake Shop** 8036 N. Wayne road in Westland, (734) 261-3680; the **bulk food store** at Wayne and Wayne road in Westland; **bulk food store** in the Livonia Mall; all area **Cracker Barrel restaurants**; or through the **Vermont Country Store** catalog (800) 211-4738.

### FIND & SEARCH NOTES

— A reader has a **child's wooden outdoor swing** to donate to an organization. It has to be disassembled from her yard.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- A store that sells **Levi elastic back jeans**.
- A company that can **repair a Hammond Spinet organ** for Charlotte of Westland.
- A store that sells thin sliced **gumdrop candy in lime, lemon and orange**, like **Sanders used to sell**, for Patsy of Plymouth.
- A store that sells **individual personalized coffee mugs** for Laura.
- A **1992 Oxford High School Yearbook** for Marian.
- A **replacement cord for an electric coffee maker** for Jean.
- A store that sells a **sink dish drainer**, eight inches wide, for Jan.

- A store where a **replica of old diner clocks (neon on outside, logo inside)** can be purchased for Ann who resides in Plymouth.
- A **June 1948 Chadsey High School yearbook** for Thomas.
- **The first video of Beast Master** for Debbie of Canton.
- **Afghan crochet pattern** using a large crochet hook and knitting needles for Debbie.
- A **Medici green dining room wrought iron base** for Chris, sold at **Pier One**.
- A store that sells **individual packages for making Orange Julius** for Bob of Plymouth Township.
- A store that sells **rubber-canning jar rings**.
- A store that sells **small pearl beads** for Joyce of Redford.
- A store that sells **saccharin tablets** for Joan of Farmington Hills.
- A **white, youth-sized hockey helmet** with face cage for Sherry.
- Someone who can **sew a round, good quality tablecloth for an umbrella table with zipper or repair the zipper** in the tablecloth for Joanne who resides in Plymouth.
- A store that sells **scented lamp oil** for Courtney of West Bloomfield.
- **The game from the 60's, Across the Continent**, and women's **briefs by Carter or Lollipop** for Virginia.
- An **Amish hex sign from Zook's catalog** for Helen.
- A store that sells **red glass door knobs** for Dan.
- A **mannequin or seamstress stand** that looks like mannequins for Cindy of Livonia.
- A store that sells **clear acrylic suction cup paper towel holder and a white snap-on shower rod cover** for Karen of Plymouth.
- One or two **miniature Hallmark Christmas ornaments, Dorothy's Red Shoes**, from the **Wizard of Oz** for Jan.
- A store that sell **Tiara cake mix desserts by Duncan Hines** (that fits in a flan pan) and a **1954 Mackenzie High School yearbook** for Joan of Livonia.
- A store that sells **perfume or body milk, Calandre**, by **Paco Roban** for Lynn who resides in White Lake.
- **Replacements handle for a large roaster** with a glass lid or the whole cover for Marian.
- A store that sells the **gravy boat from the Charleston Hall Christmas pattern from J.C. Penney** for Mary of Rochester.
- A store that sells **Tile Relief cleaner** for Debbie who resides in Lake Orion.
- A store that sells **Vlasic Sweet Cauliflower** for Pat.
- A **1942 Dearborn Fordson High School yearbook** for Fran of Plymouth.
- A store that sells **servicing pieces, Silver Lady & Nick**, by **Rodgers Brothers** for Doraine of Garden City.
- A store that sells the first **Star Trek Ship Christmas edition ornament** for Renee.
- A **1999 Snowden** sold at **Target** for Doris.

- A **1989 Plymouth/Canton High School yearbook** for April who resides in Westland
- A **Rubbermaid sink divider** for over the center partition for a sink
- The 1988 game, **Oreo Cookie Factory**, and the **Christmas game** from 1980 for Darlene.
- A **newspaper or books advertising for senior citizens** who want pen pals for Remi of Livonia.
- The **girdle by Subtract** formerly sold at **Crowley's** for Florence.
- **The Michigan State University football tie pin** for Preston.
- **St. Theresa of Detroit felt pennants** for Robert of Farmington.
- A store that sells the **Detroit Lions comforter, sheets for a twin bed and curtains** and also for **University of Michigan comforter and sheets** for Renee of Westland.
- A store that sells **7-ounce Cozy Cups** by Solo fits into a plastic cup holder for June of Southfield.
- A store that sells **Paul Newman's Coffee Ice Cream** for Mrs. G. who resides in Bloomfield.
- A store that sells **Strohs or Melody Farms brands Black Walnut or Maple Nut ice cream** for Debra.
- **Instructions on how to convert old telephone lines**, red, green, yellow, for use today, for Ethel.
- A store that sells **individual 6-foot 4 1/2-foot wall shelves** for Bernice of Lathrup Village.
- A **1998 advertising brochure for a Cadillac Eldorado automobile** for Cortland who resides in Farmington Hills.
- A store that sells **Muguet de Bois (Lily of the Valley)** perfume for Mary.
- A store that sells **Wella Balsam crême rinse** for Janice who resides in Farmington Hills.
- A store that can repair a **Murano glass house statue** for Yvonne of Farmington Hills.
- A store where a **He-Man lunch box** can be purchased for Brenda.
- A store that sells **Koret solo women's pants** in size 18 extra short for Marie of Livonia.
- The children's book, **Big Ball of String**, for Margaret who resides in Plymouth.
- **Home Companion magazine** (the article on fairy gardens) for Gail of Redford.
- A store that sells **amber color Plexiglas** for Jo Ellen.
- A place that would have **old ground up tires** for a **Novi Day Care** playground for Rose.
- A store that sells **Big Red pop** for Mitchell of Livonia.

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# Stage set this summer on Chicago's Navy Pier

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Besides being known as "The Windy City," Chicago is gaining a reputation for outstanding Shakespearean Theatre.

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, founded in 1986 as Shakespeare Repertory, opened a \$24 million, seven-story theater facility on Navy Pier in October. It was an instant success with many sold-out performances.

"Chicago has embraced the theater," said Criss Henderson, executive director of the theater. "Shakespeare has become one of the hottest tickets in Chicago, and no one imagined that."

Summer is the pier's on season, but the theater's off season. Henderson believed it was a fact the theater couldn't ignore.

Summer on Stage at Navy Pier opening Wednesday, June 21, and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 20, offers a musical, comedy and introduction to Shakespeare for the whole family.

The season begins with Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

"It's a really exciting Broadway style musical," said Henderson. "It's wonderful musical theater and should be delightful presented in this intimate setting."

The Second City, a Chicago tradition, is presenting *Hamlet*

**If you go**

**What:** Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier, call (312) 595-5600 for tickets and information or visit online at [www.chicagoshakes.com](http://www.chicagoshakes.com).

**Summer season - June 21-Aug. 20**

- *Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet* - 11 a.m. Thursday-Sunday, beginning June 29. Tickets \$15 adults, children age 12 and younger \$10
- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, beginning June 21. Audiences at the Wednesday and Saturday shows are invited to enjoy the Navy Pier's evening fireworks displays from the theater's lobbies. Tickets \$38 adults, \$28 children, ages 12 and under.
- *Hamlet! The Musical* - 8 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday, beginning June 22. All seats \$20.

**2000-2001 Season**

- *Two Gentlemen of Verona* - Sept. 8-Nov. 5
- *The School for Scandal* - Nov. 21-Jan. 14
- *King Lear* - Feb. 9-April 15
- Peter Brooks' *Hamlet* - Opens in May 2001
- *The Herbal Bed* - Oct. 11-Dec. 10

Three play subscription tickets \$114 for weekend series, \$81 for weekday series, and \$59 for preview series. Single tickets \$45 for weekends, \$32 for weekdays and \$28 for previews. Tickets for *Hamlet* are \$75, and not included in the subscription series. Tickets for *The Herbal Bed*, presented in the Studio Theatre, \$28-\$32.

*the Musical*, a funny reworking of the bard's popular work that incorporates pop culture and original '60s-style tunes, Thursday-Friday beginning June 22.

Families visiting the pier during the day can learn about Shakespeare's most famous couple - Romeo and Juliet - while enjoying *Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet*.

A 15-minute discussion with

cast members follows each 11 a.m. performance presented Thursday-Sunday beginning June 29.

Navy Pier offers the best views of Lake Michigan, and that's another reason to visit.

It's not too early to begin thinking about fall and making reservations for the theater's 2000-01 subscription season.

It opens Sept. 8 with *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, a "wonder-



MICHAEL BROSELOW

**Title role:** Bernie Yuon stars in the title role of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," part of Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's "Summer on Stage at Navy Pier."

ful but seldom produced comedy," said Henderson.

*The School for Scandal*, based on the Stratford Festival of Canada's production, opens Nov. 21, followed by *King Lear* on Feb. 9. Peter Brooks will direct award-winning actor Adrian Lester in the title role of *Hamlet*

in a production scheduled to open in May 2001.

*The Herbal Bed*, written by British playwright Peter Whelan, which tells the story of Shakespeare's daughter, Susanna, who was publicly accused of adultery and later sued for slander, opens Oct. 11 in the inti-

mate 180-seat Studio Theatre.

Whether you make plans to go in the summer, fall, winter or spring, Henderson says you won't be disappointed. "It's a beautiful theater," he said. "It's very unique. You'll be blown away."

# Stratford and Shaw festivals feature works by Oscar Wilde

Oscar Wilde is the featured attraction this summer at Ontario's Stratford and Shaw festivals.

The caustic wit whose comedies and life shocked Victorian and Edwardian England has been enjoying a revival on London and New York stages in recent years. Both his controversial life and his hilarious plays will be front and center at the two theater festivals, which are now in early previews.

The Stratford Festival is holding a Wilde lovefest this summer. They will present a staging of Wilde's most popular play *The Importance of Being Earnest*, through Nov. 4 at the Avon Theatre. Wilde's life and his controversial trial for being a homosexual will be examined in Maxim Mazumdar's *Oscar Remembered* will be staged Sept. 8-29 at the Tom Patterson Theatre. In addition, there will be a series of programs on Wilde's influence and works in August.

At the Shaw Festival in Nia-

gara-on-the-Lake, Wilde is a regular attraction as a contemporary of Bernard Shaw. This year he is represented by *A Woman of No Importance*, through Sept. 24 at the Court House Theatre.

Official opening week at the Stratford Festival begins May 29.

The Festival Theatre will feature:

*Hamlet*, by William Shakespeare with Paul Gross as Hamlet, through Nov. 5.

*The Three Musketeers*, by Peter Raby from Alexandre Dumas' novel, through Nov. 4.

*Fiddler on the Roof*, book by Joseph Stein from Sholom Aleichem stories, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, through Nov. 4.

*Tartuffe*, by Moliere translated by Richard Wilbur with Brian Bedford in the title role, Aug. 1 to Nov. 3.

The Avon Theatre will feature:

*As You Like It*, by William Shakespeare, through Nov. 4.

*The Diary of Anne Frank*, by

Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman, through Nov. 5.

*The Importance of Being Earnest*, by Oscar Wilde, through Nov. 4.

*Pattience* in concert by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, July 11 to Oct. 13.

At the Tom Patterson Theatre:

*Titus Adronicus*, by William Shakespeare, June 8 to Sept. 30.

*Medea* by Euripides, adapted by Robinson Jeffers, June 6 to Oct. 1.

*Elizabeth Rex*, by Timothy Findley with Paul Thompson, with Diane D'Aquila as Elizabeth I, June 21 to Sept. 30.

*Collected Stories*, by Donald Margulies, featuring Uta Hagen, July 21 to Sept. 2.

*Oscar Remembered*, by Maxim Mazumdar, Sept. 8-29.

For ticket information, call 1-(800)567-1600. You can also reach Stratford at its Web site, [www.stratford-festival.on.ca](http://www.stratford-festival.on.ca).

## Shaw Festival

At the Festival Theatre:

*The Doctor's Dilemma*, by Bernard Shaw, through Oct. 29.

*Easy Virtue*, by Noel Coward, through July 21.

*Lord of the Flies*, by Nigel Williams from the novel by William Golding, July 5 to Oct. 29.

*The Matchmaker*, by Thornton Wilder, Aug. 12 to Nov. 11.

At the Court House Theatre:

*A Woman of No Importance*, by Oscar Wilde, through Sept. 24.

*The Apple Cart*, by Bernard Shaw, June 9 to Sept. 23.

*A Room of One's Own*, by Patrick Garland from the essay by Virginia Woolf, June 27 to Sept. 22.

*Six Characters in Search of an Author*, by Luigi Pirandello, Aug. 11 to Sept. 23.

At the Royal George Theatre:

*Time and the Conways*, by J.B. Priestly, through Oct. 28.

*She Loves Me*, book by Joe Masteroff, music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, through to Oct. 29.

*Still Life*, by Noel Coward, June 17 to Sept. 10.

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## Asparagus: A harbinger of spring

Springtime means fresh Michigan produce. Asparagus is a springtime delicacy, especially when it comes from your backyard. Unfortunately most of Michigan asparagus goes to processors so the fresh supply here is limited.

Most of the asparagus in the grocery stores comes from California, so visit your local farmers market for the "best" asparagus.

Look for bright green asparagus spears and lightly packed tips with a lavender tint. Ideally, asparagus should be eaten as soon as possible but can be stored, uncleaned, in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper. Asparagus can also be stored upright; trim the ends and place in a narrow container with 1-inch of water. Cover with plastic and store in the refrigerator for up to three days.

### Preparation

To prepare asparagus, simply cut or break off the tough stem ends and soak them in cold water to clean. Peeling asparagus is not necessary and is a matter of personal taste. Asparagus can be steamed or tied in a bundle and boiled gently. Both methods are very quick, requiring only 3 to 5 minutes for tender, bright green asparagus. Overcooking makes asparagus limp, discolored and bitter. Asparagus, whole or cut, hot or cold, can also be used in stir-frys, quiche, omelets, salads and casseroles. Swiss and cheddar cheese are especially nice with asparagus. Toss leftover asparagus with equal parts garbanzo beans and tomatoes and top with a light vinaigrette dressing to eat for lunch or as a tasty side dish.

### Seasonings

To keep your asparagus low in fat and calories, use seasoning and spices to enhance flavor rather than butter or hollandaise sauce. Citrus, chive, thyme and tarragon are just a few of the flavors that complement well. Asparagus is rich in folate and vitamin C with only 23 calories and less than half a gram of fat per serving (about 6 thin stalks).

Michigan asparagus is green and snapped above the ground. There is also white asparagus that is picked as the tip of the plant peeks through the ground. The sunlight doesn't change the color to green. It is prepared the same way as the green variety.

### Rhubarb is arriving

Rhubarb is also a welcome site in the spring. The spring stalks of rhubarb are the most tender. Pink to red and all shades in between made rhubarb flavorful. Rhubarb can be grown in a hot house. This is usually a pink color and may have a milder flavor. Rhubarb's long celery-like stalks are edible but the leaves and roots contain oxalic acid which is toxic, so do not eat them.

After picking rhubarb, refrigerate quickly or it begins to wilt. Placed in a moisture-proof container and refrigerated, they'll keep for about a week. Rhubarb is generally known as "pie plant" as it is frequently used for pies. Rhubarb can be stewed, made into jam or jelly, used in coffeecakes, pies, cobblers, salads, cookies or served as sauce for meat or poultry. Rhubarb is extremely tart so it will need a lot of sugar unless you add another sweet fruit, such as strawberries or pineapple. Stewing rhubarb with orange juice will also produce a sweet-flavored product.

Don't cook rhubarb in an aluminum or cast iron saucepan. Rhubarb will leach all the bacteria out of the cracks and crevices and change the color of your saucepan. One pound of fresh rhubarb makes about 2 1/2 cups of sauce or the one bunch you may purchase.

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■ **Choose the ground beef** - For juiciest burgers, choose 80 percent lean ground beef. Shape into patties using a light touch, otherwise burgers will be compact.

■ **Grill properly** - Turn steaks with tongs. Do not use a fork, which pierces the beef and allows flavorful juices to escape. Turn ground beef patties with a spatula. Do not flatten them; flavorful juices can escape resulting in a dry burger.

■ **Cook to the correct doneness** - Cooking times are based on beef removed directly from the refrigerator. Use the time suggested in recipes as a guide, and turn steaks and burgers occasionally. For food safety reasons, cook steaks to at least medium rare (145 degrees F). Top round steaks are most flavorful when cooked to just medium rare. Ground beef patties should be cooked to medium doneness (160 degrees F) or until the centers are no longer pink and the juices show no pink color.

Use an instant read thermometer to check the internal temperature of the steak or burger near the end of suggested cooking time. For steaks, horizontally insert the thermometer (past the indentation on the stem) into the thickest part without touching the fat; the temperature registers in seconds. For burgers, insert the thermometer horizontally and check the temperature.

Information from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

# Steaks, burgers sizzling stars

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This is the weekend to get fired up - about grilling, and the lazy days of summer ahead. Most of us will be cooking steaks and burgers on a gas grill, and the person in charge will probably be a man.

According to a survey conducted by the Barbecue Industry Association, men are twice as likely to do the grilling, 67 percent, compared to 33 percent for women. Sixty percent of grill owners have gas grills, and seven percent have natural gas grills. Charcoal grills are owned by 50 percent of all grill owners. About 19 percent of grill owners have both a charcoal and a gas grill.

Hamburgers, steaks, hot dogs and chicken are the most popular foods to grill.

When backyard chefs have a question about grilling, lots of them pick up the phone and dial 1-800-Grill-Out (1-800-474-5568). The hotline, offered 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Labor Day is staffed by home economists. This year the Weber certified experts received additional training from the National Seafood Educators to answer questions about grilling seafood and fish.

Lots of people in Michigan called the Weber Grill-Line in 1999. In fact, our state ranked seventh in a list of top 10 calling states. Weber found that men do 58 percent of the grilling, but when there's a problem or a question, women are more likely to call for help, 51 percent compared to 49 percent

men.

Taste editor, Ken Abramczyk, said "it's kind of like asking for directions."

For some suggestions on the best way to cook a steak or burger this Memorial Day weekend, we asked a couple of our experts.

Beef provides protein, iron, zinc and several B-vitamins. For the leanest cuts, choose those with "loin" or "round" in the name such as top sirloin and top loin.

When Virgie Marble, executive chef at Morton's of Chicago, steakhouse in Southfield, grills steak at home his favorite cut is a rib eye. His second favorite is a New York Strip Steak.

Marble says the secret is to start with a good piece of meat. "The simpler the better," he said about seasoning. "I use garlic powder, seasoned salt and pepper."

When he makes beef kabobs, Marble marinades the meat in olive oil, teriyaki sauce, brown sugar, ground ginger, garlic powder and lemon juice. "Marinate the meat about a half hour to an hour," he said. "Use a good virgin olive oil; it doesn't flare up."

Marble uses ground round, for burgers and mixes barbecue sauce with the meat before shaping it into patties.

He's got two grills at home - gas and charcoal - but prefers the charcoal grill. "It gives the meat more of that charcoal flavor," he said. "With a gas grill it's harder to control the temperature."

Diane Reynolds of Farmington Hills, a registered

dietitian at the Kroger Co., leaves grilling to her husband Mark.

"It's kind of a guy thing," she said. "I don't know if it's because there's fire involved, but he also likes to stir-fry."

The Reynolds grill year-round on their gas grill, even when it snows. New York Strip, trimmed of fat is their choice cut of steak, and for burgers, Reynolds recommends ground sirloin over ground chuck because it's leaner.

For those counting calories, Reynolds says - yes you can have your steak and lose weight too - but you've got to control the portion. A serving is about as big as a deck of cards or a computer mouse.

For lower fat options, consider ostrich or buffalo, which Reynolds have a beef-like texture. You can mix ground buffalo with ground sirloin for a lower fat burger.

Jerry Nelson of Canton who works in the meat department at Bob's of Canton, also has a gas and charcoal grill. But for steaks, he uses his charcoal grill.

Delmonico, he said is the most tender, flavorful steak. He'd rather have a Porterhouse instead of a New York Strip Steak.

When Nelson makes burgers he chops up onions and green peppers and mixes it in with the meat before he makes patties.

Then he gives the patties a shake of salt and pepper before grilling to perfection.

See recipes inside.

## RECIPES TO SHARE

# Souffle 'sandwich' casserole feeds a crowd

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Jean Wynn of Livonia remembers working at Hutzl Hospital in Detroit in the 1970s with her supervisor, Anna Caffrey, who also was a great cook and host.

"She had a little tip for entertaining," Wynn recalls. "She said, 'Always set the table before guests arrive.' Then they see the hosts have things under control."

Caffrey gave Wynn a recipe for a chicken souffle sandwich casserole, which Wynn describes as a special dish, that should be prepared the day before and chilled overnight. Prepare this casserole, and you can expect requests for the recipe, Wynn said.

"I would describe it as a good luncheon or buffet dish, in that it isn't a red meat dish," Wynn said. Even though it is called Mrs. Caffrey's Chicken Souffle Sandwich Casserole, it isn't really a sandwich. It features layers of bread along with chicken, eggs, mushrooms, water chestnuts, mayonnaise, cheese and cream of celery and cream of mushroom soups.

For dessert, Wynn enjoys baking a lemon cake. She thinks she has made

Maude's Lemon Cake "20 to 30 times" over the years.

"It came from an elderly lady named Maude Embury, who in turn had been making it since probably the 1950s," Wynn said. Maude was the parent of one of her friends.

"The recipe is dependable. It's a natural lemony taste and is not a fake. You can take it to a work function or a buffet gathering.

"Some things are easy to make, but not delicious. But this is both. The lemon flavor is a real zinger."

Wynn said you can dress this cake up with whipped cream.

### MRS. CAFFREY'S CHICKEN SOUFFLE SANDWICH CASSEROLE

- 9 slices white bread, crust removed
- 4 cups cooked chicken, sliced
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 5-ounce cans water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 9 slices sharp cheese
- 4 eggs, beaten

- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 2-ounce jar pimentos, drained and chopped
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups buttered bread crumbs

Line large flat buttered baking dish with bread. Top with chicken. Sauté mushrooms in butter 5 minutes and spoon over top. Sprinkle on water chestnuts. Dot with mayonnaise and top with cheese.

Beat eggs, milk and salt together. Pour over casserole. Mix soup and pimento and spoon over all. Cover with foil and store overnight in refrigerator.

Bake uncovered in 325 degree F oven for 1 1/2 hours. Sprinkle with bread crumbs on top for the last 15 minutes. Serves 10-12.

### MAUDE'S LEMON CAKE

- 1 package gold cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup oil
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 (3-ounce) package lemon Jell-O

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Beat above ingredients together four minutes. Pour into a greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake 50 minutes. Cool.

Make glaze from juice of two lemons (plus grated rind) and 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar. Poke holes all over cake with fork or thin skewer, then pour the glaze over it, until absorbed.

Note: For 1/2 recipe, bake in loaf pan about 30 minutes.

Recipes courtesy of Jean Wynn of Livonia

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to 734-591-7279, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific as possible with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

**WHAT'S COOKING**

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net*

**Vegetarian Cooking** - Lenore Yalisoive Baum, author of *Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking*, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled a session on the principles of macrobiotics, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Mondays in June. Other June classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays include: pressure cooking, June 7; Midwest favorites, June 14; cool pasta sal-

ads, June 21, and delicious vegetables, June 28. Call (248) 478-4455.  
**Classic and Contemporary Sauces** - Dress up any plate and add flavor to all your dishes with this course at Schoolcraft College offered on Wednesdays for two weeks starting May 31. From breakfast to dinner, appetizers to snacks, classic and contemporary sauces create elegant and exciting finishing touches. This course will start with very basic sauces used in all French cuisine and move on to lighter, modern versions. You will never need packaged sauces again. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.  
**Herbs and Spices** - Herbs and spices have many uses for enjoyment and good health. Peter Stark of Renaissance Acres and the M-Fit Culinary Team will show quick and easy recipes to incor-

porate herbs and spices into favorite foods 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, and Wednesday, June 7, at the demonstration kitchen of the East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, ext. 236, to register. Class fee is \$20 for individuals, \$35 for couples.  
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chase makes about 4 1/2 cups sauce. Two pounds makes a generous 8- or 9-inch pie. Rhubarb freezes well. Just cut it up and freeze in a moisture-proof freezer container or bag. You will be able to enjoy the homegrown rhubarb all year.  
**Dandelion greens**  
 Dandelion greens can also be eaten. However, make sure that the plant has not been treated with weed killer or fungicides.

The greens that you buy in the store have been cultivated for eating. Dandelion greens have a little bit of a bitter taste, something similar to chicory. If you have found some "safe" dandelion greens, pick them before the yellow flower develops. Dandelion greens do contain calcium, fiber and various other minerals so they are good for you, but you need to find those that are safe to eat.  
 Asparagus, rhubarb and dan-

delion say "spring" to everyone. Spring gives us new flavors and fresh garden produce that never taste quite as good as those first few picked.  
*Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County. For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.*

**Do your kids 'get the Blues?' They can win prizes in contest**

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**Enter your child in the 'I Want the Blues' contest, sponsored by Kraft Macaroni & Cheese. They can enter at several locations, including Busch's in Livonia from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2, or Meijer in Westland 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 10.**

and an "I'm a Blue Box Kid!" T-shirt. Children, ages 4 through 12 as of July 31, 2000, can enter through any written entry, such as a poem, jingle or story no more than 100 words, creating a drawing on a 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper or creating a video entry by performing through acting, singing, dancing or any other manner. Maximum length of the video is two minutes and entry must be submitted on a standard VHS cassette videotape. The new video category gives kids the flexibility to show off their talents for the camera and "cheese it up" in front of the camera by singing, acting, dancing or showing any other way they can to express their Kraft Macaroni & Cheese blues. To receive a copy of the contest rules, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 466022, Lawrenceville, GA 30042-6022. The contest ends July 31, 2000. The winner will be announced in February 2001. For information, visit [www.thecheesiest.com](http://www.thecheesiest.com) or call 800-288-4024. Children can enter the contest at the following locations:  
 Livonia: Busch's, 37083 Six Mile Road, 4-6:30 p.m. Friday, June 2.  
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# Cookbooks offer tips on grilling

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Along with the classic grilling cookbooks, some new titles are vying for attention as the backyard cooking season gets under way.

Each of the three reviewed briefly below features an individual approach, a different range of flavors and influences.

"Grilling: Where There's Smoke There's Flavor" (DK Publishing, \$19.95), by Eric Treuille and Birgit Erath, is a large-format tome lavished with glossy color photos, that may be better for armchair browsing than carrying out to the yard.

But it's good value, packed with information about grills, tools and techniques. Photo spreads give practical coaching on how to clean a squid, chop a lobster in half, peel a garlic clove and grate fresh ginger, among other tricky chores.

Recipes cover meat, seafood, poultry, vegetables, sauces and salads; there are helpful notes on seasonings and other ingredients and on putting menus together.

Treuille and Erath are London-based food professionals. Treuille, chef and cooking school director, learned to cook in his native France; Erath, German-born, travels the world as a spice trader.

"Red Sage: Contemporary American Cuisine" (Ten Speed Press, \$40), by Mark Miller, is named for Miller's popular Red Sage restaurant in Washington, D.C.

The book's recipes are distinguished by Miller's style, a sophisticated blend of Southwestern culinary tradition with modern techniques.

Recipes are grouped under headings that include Main Dishes from the Ranch House, and Sides from Pueblo Farms and Mission Gardens, with plenty of good color photographs.

Dishes for the backyard cook to try range from Barbecued Beef Quesadillas, and Grilled Smoky Mesquite Flank Steaks, to Chile-Glazed Grilled Squab. For dessert, try Campfire-Baked Pineapple Upside-Down Cake. Note: Recipes in the book do not deal only with outdoor grilling.

Miller, who also wrote the popular "Coyote Cafe" cookbook, alternates the recipes in "Red Sage" with chapters of Western history, on such topics as mountain men, birth of a cattle culture, and Native Americans, illustrated with period photos.

"Pacific Grilling" (Chronicle, \$18.95 paperback), by Denis Kelly, is subtitled "Recipes for the fire from Baja to the Pacific Northwest."

Kelly, food writer, co-author of "The Complete Meat Cookbook" (Houghton Mifflin) and college teacher, is based in northern California, but points out that grilling is a way of life for the whole West Coast. Out there, he says, "it seems that just about everybody grills just about anything anytime."

That introduces a wide sampling of international and regional tastes and styles, with an overall fresh and lively flavor.

Kelly's choices include Grilled Prawns or Scallops With Thai Cilantro Sauce, Ahi Skewers With Miso-Sesame Crust, and Grilled Pork Chulettes With Lime-Tequila Marinade. Plus a "traditional" California Burger With Big Bopper Tomato Topper.

The book also features basic cooking information, and short essays with vignettes of local color.



**Garlic-stuffed:** These grilled garlic-stuffed steaks are simple to prepare and special to eat. Guests will rave over these top loin steaks stuffed with garlic and green onion.

## Get grilling

### Fire up your summer with steak

See related story on Taste front.

If you're looking for a casual, yet festive meal on the grill, consider Balsamic Marinated Sirloin and Asparagus, a recipe from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Sirloin steak and fresh asparagus spears are marinated in a blend of Dijon-style mustard, garlic, balsamic vinegar and fresh basil.

Just 15 minutes is all you need to add flavor by marinating, but the steak can be marinated up to two hours if that works better for your schedule.

Add bread and dessert to complete the meal on the grill. For a special treat, grill the bread. Cut slices of French bread, brush lightly with olive oil

on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 17 to 21 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. During last 3 minutes of grilling, arrange asparagus on grid around steak. Grill 3 minutes, turning once.

Season steak and asparagus with salt and pepper. Carve steak crosswise into slices; serve with asparagus. Makes 4 servings.

*Cook's tip:* To microwave asparagus, place asparagus and 1/2 cup water in shallow microwave-safe dish; cover. Microwave on high 5 to 6 minutes or until crisp tender. Drain.

#### GRILLED GARLIC-STUFFED STEAKS

- 2 boneless beef top loin steaks, cut 2 inches thick (about 1 pound each)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup very finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In small skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat until hot. Add garlic. Cook and stir 4 to 5 minutes or until tender, but not browned. Add onions. Continue cooking and stirring 4 to 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Season with salt and pepper; cool completely.

Meanwhile, with sharp knife, cut pocket in each beef steak. Start 1/2 inch from one long side of steak and cut horizontally through center of steak to within 1/2 inch of each side. Spread half of garlic mixture inside each steak pocket. Secure openings with wooden toothpicks.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 22 to 24 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Remove wooden toothpicks. Carve steak crosswise into 1/2 inch thick slices. Makes 6 servings.

Recipes from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

#### BALSAMIC-MARINATED SIRLOIN & ASPARAGUS

- 1 boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 1-inch thick (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Balsamic Marinade:
  - 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
  - 1 clove garlic, crushed
  - 1/2 teaspoon sugar

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients. Place steak and 1/3 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag, turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes to 2 hours, turning occasionally. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.

Meanwhile in large skillet, bring 1 inch of water to a boil; add asparagus. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain. In shallow dish, combine asparagus and reserved marinade; turn to coat. Set aside.

Remove steak from marinade, discard. Place steak

### Basic sauce adds flavor to meat or chicken

Sauces and marinades can add additional and different flavors to whatever you have on the grill. Here's a recipe from www.barbque.com

#### BASIC SAUCE

- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons chile
- 1 tablespoon onion, grated
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice

- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup salad vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon celery powder
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 cups tomato sauce

Simmer until well blended, about 15 minutes. Try adding 1 teaspoon soy sauce for variation.

### Too busy? This marinade is easy

#### SIMPLE MARINADE

- One 16-ounce bottle Italian salad dressing
- About 1/4 cup dried onions (Just used to soak up the excess moisture)
- A couple of different types of pepper (black, white, cayenne or jalapeno)
- Fresh herb of your choice (rosemary or thyme)
- Mix all ingredients.
- Pour over meat and let stand for a while, at least an hour, or overnight. Grill and enjoy.

Recipe from www.barbque.com

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### Health-O-Rama

Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills, an assisted living residence at 27950 Drake Road, will host an open house and "Health-O-Rama" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Free blood pressure checks, consultations with a rehabilitation therapist, as well as vascular screenings at a \$35 cost each will be provided.

Vascular screenings include: Carotid artery screen (no turtle-necks), abdominal aorta screen (fast for six hours prior), and a lower extremity screen (no pantyhose). The screenings will be conducted by Advanced Screening. Please pre-register for vascular screening by calling 1-800-541-8110.

Door prizes will be awarded. For more information about the event, call (248) 489-9362.

### Movement disorders

The Oakwood Pediatric Neurology & Movement Disorders Program will hold an Open House 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 at the Oakwood Waterworks Building, 21031 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Caretakers for special needs children are invited to tour the facility, enjoy refreshments and hear the latest information on state-of-the-art therapy for movement disorders (tics/Tourette's, other), spasticity and cerebral palsy, as presented by Dr. Yasser Awaad, director of the program. Presentation begins 7 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 791-4323.

### Stroke prevention study

Dr. Seemant Chaturvedi, associate professor of neurology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, will participate in a global study to determine whether atorvastatin, a cholesterol-lowering drug, is effective in preventing strokes.

Atorvastatin, known commercially as Lipitor, is commonly used to treat heart disease and prevent second heart attacks. This is the first study to see if the drug is useful in preventing strokes or mini-strokes after a first occurrence. About 20 percent of strokes are caused by blockage of the blood vessels leading to the brain.

The study will recruit 4,200 patients who have LDL cholesterol between 100 and 190 and have had either a stroke or a mini-stroke within the past six months. Those who have coronary artery disease are not eligible to participate. Participants, who will be given either 80 mg of atorvastatin or a placebo, will receive all health monitoring, doctor visits and study medication free of charge.

For more information, call Flicia Mada at (313) 745-1893.

### Knee and hip pain

Tired of the pain in your hips and knees limiting your physical activity?

Botsford Hospital will offer a four-week knee-hip Feldenkrais class 4-5 p.m. on Wednesdays at TRACC, 39850 Grand River Avenue (1/8th mile west of Haggerty Road) Novi. The class is designed to improve posture, flexibility and coordination and reduce chronic pain. The cost is \$40. Preregistration required. Call (248) 473-5600.

### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the *Observer Health & Fitness* staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field) and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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# Putting Your Best Foot Forward

## Say goodbye to corns, callouses and crooked toes ...

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

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Ready to pull those socks and shoes off for a romp at the beach and in the park? For many, however, warm weather means exposing neglected feet and toenails for the whole world to see.

While pedicures and foot massages make your feet look and feel better, they should not be done to mask foot health problems, according to Johanna Youner, D.P.M., director of the Podiatric Clinic of New York University Downtown Hospital.

"Proper foot care involves more than a fresh coat of nail polish, or even a pedicure. Pay attention to the health of your feet year-round and realize that unsightly feet may be a sign of a more serious health problem."

Dr. Youner offers these tips for avoiding common foot problems:

- Wear flip-flops in showers and locker rooms.
- Wash feet daily and dry thoroughly.
- Change socks daily, or more often if necessary.
- Treat shoes regularly with antifungal powders.
- Alternate the shoes you wear, and make sure they fit correctly.
- Make sure sterilized, professional tools are used for pedicures.

Dr. Youner recommends caution when having pedicures. "Everything should be sanitized and sterilized. Cutting cuticles can lead to infection, allowing fungus to get into the nail." She also warns that frequent nail polish application and removal can damage nails.

Wearing high heels or ill-fitting shoes can also lead to poor foot health, causing heel fissures, corns and calluses, not to mention nail fungal infection, and other serious complications.

"Approximately one-half of the population has nail fungus," said Dr. W. Steven Watson of Canton Foot Specialists in Canton. Medications used to treat nail fungus include Penlac, a topical medication used in Europe for the past eight years. It's applied once a day and has no side effects, said Watson.

Lamisil (terbinafine HCl tablets) Tablets is an oral treatment taken once daily for toenail or fingernail fungus (onychomycosis). The drug kills dermatophytes, the most common organism associated with nail infections. Results are evident in 90 days, with optimum results in one year, said Watson.

However, Lamisil is not for people with liver or kidney problems. Although serious side effects are rare, your doctor most likely will do blood tests before prescribing the drug.

"We always check liver enzymes before we prescribe," said Watson. "We also get medical clearance from the patient's family doctor if they have any other serious medical problems."

### The sturdy foot

The foot is an anatomical work of art - 26 bones, 33 joints, and a network of more than 100 tendons, muscles and ligaments that work together like a finely tuned race car to get us where we want to go.

According to the American Podiatric Medical Association, the average person takes 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day, the equivalent of several miles. Multiply that by a lifetime and most of us have walked about 115,000 miles, more than four times the circumference of the globe.

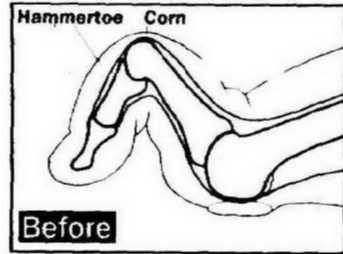
Oh, my aching feet. Oh, my tender toes.

Although some foot ailments are hereditary, many result from a lifetime of abuse and neglect. High heels - defined as any heel higher than two inches - often pinch the fifth, or little, toe, resulting in a not-too-pretty hammer toe with a corn. Ouch!

The new higher platform shoes also can do damage to your feet and back as much as high heels. In a recent issue of Botsford General Hospital's *Health News*, Dr. Marshall Solomon, chairman of Botsford's Podiatric Medicine Department, wrote: "Walking in these shoes changes a person's relation to the ground. It causes them to reorient themselves and forces them to mis-step. Many times this leads to fractures and breaks."

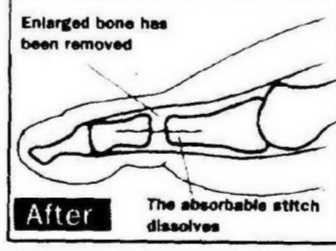
However, many foot problems - such as flat feet, which cause the leg to rotate inward, resulting in knee, hip and lower back pain, or uneven limb length - can be corrected with an orthotic, a special insert for the shoe.

### Advanced Hammer Digit Repair Procedure



Since this condition is inherited, your children may have hammertoes.

A surgical shoe is no longer necessary three to six weeks after surgery.

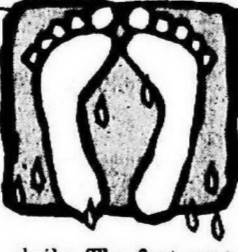


## For a great pair of feet, follow these tips

- Do not ignore foot pain. It's not normal. If pain persists, see a podiatric physician.
- Inspect your feet regularly. Pay attention to changes in color and temperature. Look for thick or discolored nails (a sign of developing fungus), and check for cracks or cuts in the skin. Peeling or scaling on the soles of feet could indicate athlete's foot. Any growth on the foot is not normal.
- Wash your feet regularly, especially between the toes. Dry them completely.
- Trim toenails straight across, but not too short. Be careful not to cut nails in corners or on the sides; it can lead to ingrown toenails. Use nail clippers; scissors can cut the skin. Persons with diabetes, poor circulation or heart problems should not treat their own feet because they are more prone to infection.

- Purchase new shoes later in the day when feet tend to be at their largest.
- Make sure the shoes fit well - front, back and sides - to distribute weight. The widest part of your foot should correspond to the widest part of the shoe.
- Select and wear the right shoe for the activity (running shoes for running).
- Alternate shoes. Don't wear the same pair every day.
- Avoid walking barefooted. At the beach or when wearing sandals, always use sunblock on your feet as on the rest of your body.
- Be cautious when using home remedies for foot ailments.
- Use a pumice stone for rough, dry skin, but don't be too aggressive. Lotions such as "Pretty

- Hands & Feet" and "Eucarin" can help remove very dry skin, said Dr. W. Steven Watson. If the problem is very severe, see a podiatrist.
  - Soaking your feet often washes away oils. Watson recommends soaking only for therapeutic reasons, such as arthritis or infection. After soaking, rub your feet with aloe vera with vitamin E or cocoa butter.
  - Do not soak your feet if you are diabetic.
  - Do not go barefoot if you are diabetic. Diabetes causes decreased sensation in the feet.
  - If you have diabetes, it is vital that you see a podiatric physician at least once a year for a check-up.
- Sources: The American Podiatric Medical Association and Dr. W. Steven Watson of Canton Foot Specialists.



### Sweaty Feet

The average pair of feet sweat almost a cup of fluid

daily. The feet contain lots of sweat glands, which secrete fluid when you walk or run. These glands also are activated when your feet get hot. Stress or anxiety also triggers perspiration in the soles, which occurs simultaneously with the sweating of the palms.

How do you handle (ugh!) sweaty feet? Let the accumulated sweat evaporate.

Wear "breathable" socks and shoes of natural material, which "wick" away moisture from the skin. For socks, cotton (warm

weather) and wool (cool weather) are superior to nylon, orlon, or other synthetics. Select shoes with an upper made of leather or canvas. Avoid man-made materials like vinyl.

Change your shoes and socks as often as possible during the day and do not wear the same pair of shoes on two consecutive days. Adding cornstarch to your shoes and socks (more absorbent than talc and less expensive) is helpful.

Antiperspirants also help prevent sweaty feet. Use conventional spray-on or roll-on products, or ask your pharmacist for a bottle of 25 percent aluminum chloride tincture, the active ingredient in most antiperspirants.

Source: [www.foothealth.com](http://www.foothealth.com)

### Stinky Feet

This condition is technically known as bromhidrosis and is caused by an accumulation of bacteria, fungus, mold and yeast. Foot odor is compounded by the rotting of materials within your shoes, which is caused by the caustic action of your perspiration.

Bromhidrosis can be caused by the ingestion of aromatic foods and spices. For some people, their foot odor clears up when they stop eating garlic.

Prevention is directed at keeping the feet both clean and dry. In his book *Dr. Zismor's Skin Care Book*, Jonathon Zismor recommends a good antideodorant soap, such as Safeguard or Palmolive

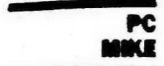
Gold. However, he cautions that these soaps may cause photosensitization of the skin and predispose you to a bad sunburn.

Washing your feet with a small amount of Betadine (povidone iodine) scrub is the most effective method of killing surface bacteria. PhisoHex is also effective but requires a doctor's prescription.

Over-the-counter insoles are generally of little value in controlling bromhidrosis. If your problem persists, see your podiatrist or dermatologist.

Source: [www.foothealth.com](http://www.foothealth.com)

# Automakers on the muscle over rival Web sites



PC MIKE MIKE WENDLAND

Detroit's automakers are warning their dealers across the country to have nothing to do with independent Web sites that are selling new cars directly to consumers. Ford, General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler have sent warning letters to their dealers. The reason: Online brokerage sites like CarsDirect.com and CarOrder.com.

The Big Three carmakers are telling their dealers that if they sell vehicles to car brokers who bypass traditional dealerships, they will be in violation of long-standing franchise agreements.

Other online car sites like Autobytel generate leads via the Internet but then refer buyers directly to dealerships.

The heavy-handed warnings reflect the tight competition in the automobile industry and the growing strength of the Internet as a marketing medium that squeezes out the middleman.

clamor for broadband to be rolled out a lot faster than it is.

### Wary over wireless

The Information technology community is warily eyeing all the hype over wireless computer networks because of warnings about overloaded bandwidth.

Wireless networks - called LAN's for Local Area Network - use radio signals instead of cables to electronically hook up computers in office buildings. But so many people are embracing wireless LAN's that available frequencies in many urbanized areas around the country are starting to get clogged.

One IT director for a Detroit-based Fortune 100-sized company told me his company just cancelled a multimillion contract for wireless because new studies showed the equipment would be obsolete in four years.

Already, the FCC is getting complaints about wireless LAN interference in some cities which could be even more disruptive than a hack attack.

ly new version of Outlook expected later this year or to switch to another e-mail program not as susceptible to viruses

### A new community gathers online

Detroit's Heidi VanArnem was disabled at the age of 16 when she was shot in the neck. But through an upbeat "I can" philosophy that has seen her mentor and inspire other disabled people to live powerfully impactful lives, VanArnem is turning to the Internet with a new Web site aimed at the one major group that has yet to find a central community online to call home.

Her new Web site called - you guessed it - Icanonline.net is a place where people affected by disabilities can take advantage of the community - building power of the Internet. A one-stop resource for information, guidance, conversation and companionship, ICan Online brings together content, community and

resources in one easy-to-navigate place. The Web site is exactly what the Internet is all about.

### PC Mike Seminar

My PC Mile "Internet 101 Seminar" is next weekend, Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by TalkRadio 1270, WXYT, the free seminar will teach you what you need to know to use the Internet successfully. It will be at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, in Birmingham. The seminar is totally free but you need to get a reservation. Call (248) 455-7343.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC television stations coast-to-coast. His "Net News Daily" Internet reports are on WWJ, NewsRadio 950 Monday-Friday at 6:26 p.m. His "PC Talk" call-in radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his website at www.pcmike.com

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Renee Skoglund. Call (734) 953-2128.

### TUES, MAY 30

**BUSINESS SEMINAR**  
The Ann Arbor IT Zone will present "Cultural Shock: Strategic Organizational Change," a human resource management program with Dr. Frank Petrock of General Systems Consulting 5 p.m. at the IT Zone Launch Pad, 30 E. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. Members, free; public, \$25; students, \$5. Call (734) 623-8286 or visit [www.annarboritzone.org](http://www.annarboritzone.org).

### WED, MAY 31

**BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL**  
Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### FRI, JUNE 2

**BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL**  
Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Fox Drive and Six Mile between I-275 and Haggerty. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### TUES, JUNE 13

**CAREER WOMEN**  
The West Suburban Chapter of National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. For more information, call Tracey Huff (248) 347-

3355.

### TUES, JUNE 13

**WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS**  
The National Association of Women Business Owners-Greater Detroit Chapter will hold their monthly breakfast meeting 8-9 a.m. Tuesday at Cleary College, 3601 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor in the Student Lounge. The speaker is Leslie Rzezniak of Whemp Web Designs. No cost. Call Jennifer Rice at (734) 424-9577.

### WED, JUNE 14

**WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS**  
The National Association of Women Business Owners will meet 7:45-9 a.m. at Border's, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham or networking and presentations by member businesses. No cost. Refreshments available for purchase. Call Gail Parker at (248) 352-7368.

### THUR, JUNE 15

**BUSINESS WORKSHOP**  
The Service Corps of Retired Executives will offer a business plan workshop 8:45 a.m. to noon at the One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. Topics include financial statements, example business plans, sources of held. \$40 per person. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to register.

### FRI, JUNE 16

**PRE-BUSINESS WORKSHOP**  
The Service Corps of Retired Executives will offer a workshop for people thinking of opening a business 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. \$40 per person. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to register.

## Schoolcraft offers international trade certificate program

Schoolcraft College will offer an international trade certificate program beginning June 6 to help area businesses become more competitive in the international market.

The program, through Schoolcraft's Business Development Center, provides real-world training and applications in courses and seminars taught by global trade experts. Sessions focus on developing entrepreneurs and translating international business strategy

into long-term goals.

Michigan's annual overseas exports have increased steadily and recently crossed the \$30 billion mark. According to statistics, nearly 97 percent of U.S. firms that export are small businesses, accounting for nearly 31 percent of total U.S. export sales.

To learn about the business potential for exporting, attend the following sessions:

- June 6 and 8. International Marketing
- June 13 and 15. International

al Finance

- June 20 and 22. International Logistics
- June 27. Cross Cultural Communications
- July 6. Foreign Government Sales
- July 11. Trade Agreements/Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade

All sessions are offered from 9 a.m. until noon. The program includes country-specific seminars for Canada/Mexico on June 29 and Poland on July 13.

Students may earn a certificate of achievement by attending all of the core seminars plus one of the country-specific electives. Registration for all core sessions plus one country-specific session is \$500. Registration for individual sessions is \$90.

For more information, call Vikram Mathur at (734) 462-4448, ext. 5572. Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

## Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community.

Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail [rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net) or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3, Novi Park Providence Medical Center-Providence Park 47601 Grand River/Beck Road entrance), Novi, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Providence Medical Center-Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia. For reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

### WED, MAY 31

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive sponsored by the Canton Hindu Temple (44955 Cherry Hill Road) from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. For information call (734) 981-8730.

### THUR, JUNE 1

**HOSPICE**  
Hospice of Washtenaw begins a five-week Grief Recovery Series 7-8:30 p.m. at the hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd. (off State Street), Ann Arbor. Call 734-327-3409.

### JUNE 3 & 7

**STOP SMOKING**  
Providence Hospital will present smoking cessation programs 10

### SUN, JUNE 4

**CANCER SURVIVOR DAY**  
Cancer survivors are invited to participate in National Cancer Survivor's Day sponsored by St. Mary Hospital of Livonia 2-4 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room. Refreshments, prize drawing and mementos. Public invited. To preregister, call 734-655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

### MON, JUNE 5

**FIBROMYALGIA**  
A Fibromyalgia conference will take place 7-9 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$10 fee cash only. Call Sharon at (248) 344-0896 or (248) 344-4063.

### JUNE 5, 12 & 26

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**  
St. Mary Hospital of Livonia will sponsor community blood pressure screenings on the following Mondays: 1-3 p.m. June 5 in the hospital's lobby at 36475 Five Mile Road; 8-10 a.m. June 12 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia; and noon to 2 p.m. June 26 at the Northville Senior Center. Call (734) 655-8940.

### TUES, JUNE 6

**DIABETES AWARENESS**  
Meijer Pharmacy (Eight Mile and Haggerty) in Northville will host a Diabetic Health Awareness Day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will showcase diabetic supplies and information about the

disease. Promotions include a free blood glucose meter with the purchase of a box of chemstrips (100 ct.). For more information, call (248) 349-2707.

### BASIC CPR

Providence Hospital & Medical Centers will offer a Heart Saver Plus/PBLA Plus Course 6-10 p.m. at the Livonia Mission Health Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Use of barrier devices and information of Automated External Defibrillator discussed. Registration required. Call (877) 345-5500.

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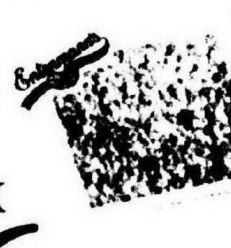


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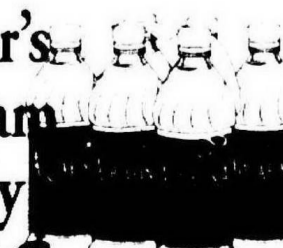
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