

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TUESDAY

**Scholarships:** *The Plymouth Woman's Club hands out more than 40 scholarships at its annual banquet at Plymouth Manor. The banquet, honoring seniors from the Plymouth-Canton area, starts at 6:30 p.m.*

**No meeting:** *The Plymouth Township Board's study session, which normally would have been held at 7:30 p.m., won't be held because of the Plymouth Woman's Club event. The next meeting is set for June 13 at 7:30 p.m.*

**Soccer-mania:** *Plymouth Canton was scheduled to meet Novi in a district soccer final Saturday, and if the heavily-favored Chiefs pulled off the win, they will play in a regional opener June 6 at 7 p.m. at Novi High School.*

### SCHOOL BOARD

**Air times:** *The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Candidates' Forum, taped by MediaOne at the Plymouth District Library last week, will air three times in the next seven days. The forum airs Thursday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. and again Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m. on Channel 25 (for MediaOne subscribers). The final broadcast comes at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, on Channel 18.*

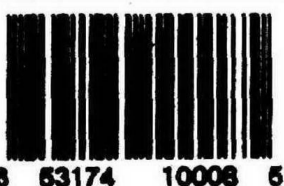
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# Students top average on MEAPs

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Plymouth-Canton fourth- and seventh-graders scored higher than the state average in the most recent round of Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing.

Results of the test were released Wednesday. The test was administered in late January and early February.

As was the case in many metro Detroit districts, Plymouth-Canton's math scores were higher than the reading scores. Bob Hayes, Plymouth-Canton's director of instruction, said students scored much higher at getting information from stories than they did from informational reading, such as science texts.

"Our math, science and social studies teachers all have to be reading teachers," Hayes said "Students need test-taking strategies and strategies for drawing out the information they need."

The informational portion of the reading test will be targeted as an area for improvement, according to Hayes.

Though math scores were higher than reading skills, the district will still look at ways to beef up those scores.

■ **'Our role is to motivate our students and to address their needs.'**

Bob Hayes  
—Director of Instruction

"We're pleased but we're not going to be resting on our laurels," Hayes said.

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### Schoolhouse rock



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

The three 'Rs': Nahlye Jong, 9, with her shoe untied (from left), Amanda Raupp, 10, Katie Hennen, 10, Katie Shull, 9, and Amanda Kiel, 10, take their turns reading from their lesson before teacher Beth Sexton, while classmate Kyle Broderick, 11, spends some time in the corner with a dunce cap during their visit to the Geer schoolhouse Thursday.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Proper posture: Linda Wroblewski of Plymouth, 10, sits up straight with her hands crossed while reading her lesson.

## Visit to one-room school gives kids history lesson

Students from Hulsing Elementary got a taste of an earlier time as they visited the Geer one-room schoolhouse at the corner of Gotfredson and Ann Arbor Roads in Salem Township Thursday.

Norman Rockwell would have felt right at home in the refurbished schoolhouse, complete with an outhouse. The fourth graders spent the entire day replicating life in a simpler time as part of a unit on Michigan's History. All of the fourth grade classes in the district spend anywhere from a day to a week in the classroom.

Thursday's session began with the singing of the National Anthem. Students then practiced spelling on their erasable slates, read lessons from their readers, undertook arithmetic problems and geography and history lessons. They even got a chance to enjoy recess, playing games of the era such as Red Rover and other socially interactive contests.

"They are amazingly well-behaved when we come here," said teacher Beth Sexton, who was often heard telling the students to sit up straight. "They really enjoy this."

—Paul Hurschmann

## Teachers defend grades in hands-on court lesson

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Plymouth-Salem government students learned a valuable lesson about standing up for their rights after two teachers gave students, including 4.0 students, "zero" grades on a class project.

The sophomore Close-Up students received zeroes on a class assignment where they were instructed to produce a 30-minute video and a skit about presenting both sides of a controversial issue. But the students were also working on a variety of other Close-Up projects and did not have time to do the video project, they argued.

So the students, led by Brandon Sammut, collected 43 petition signatures explaining their objections to Close-Up teachers Darrin Silvester and Bob Boyd.

The teachers challenged the students to stand up for their rights in the truly American way, by taking their concerns to a court of law — a

■ **'We were trying to encourage them to get the judicial process down and to be active in the judicial process.'**

Darrin Silvester  
—Close-Up teacher

mock court, to be exact.

Students played the role of prosecutors, defense counsel and the jury in a trial Thursday after school.

But the seriousness of the proceeding was compromised at times when students acting as audience members laughed or jeered at certain things the "attorneys" said.

"(The students) developed 'senioritis' two years too early," said Suraj Patel, acting as defense attorney for the teachers. "The teachers did not give the students zeroes because of the petition."

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

On trial: "Defense attorneys" (Suraj) Bob Boyd and Darrin Silvester with their clients (actually instructors) Bob Boyd and Darrin Silvester during the mock trial Thursday at Salem High School. The trial, which saw 43 students take Boyd and Silvester to "court" over a grading problem, was designed as a hands-on lesson in the judicial system for students in the Close-Up program.

## Township interest income on the rise

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The annual Plymouth Township investment report for 1999 shows the highest audited interest income in three years, according to numbers supplied by Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

"It's the highest in history," Edwards said. "By moving funds and working basically with Standard Federal Bank,

we have continued the return on investment on taxpayers' funds. The major factor that allowed us to make the money during the year was using a zero-balance checking account.

"What that means is that on a daily basis, after the checks have cleared the bank, the bank takes the money from our account to cover the checks that have cleared from the previous day," Edwards explained. "The funds stay fully invested until the check clears our account. We started this in 1998. This was the first full year that we were able to utilize this service."

About 97 percent of the funds are invested in certificates of deposit. Edwards said his practice of investing the portfolio primarily with certificates of deposit with Standard Federal Bank is due to the above-average rate the bank pays Plymouth Township.

The \$1,431,358 total reported in audited interest income for four funds — general, solid waste, improvement revolving and water/sewer — is an increase from the 1998 audited

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Ron Edwards  
—Plymouth Township Treasurer

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# 'How to be gay' course may threaten U-M funding

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"How to be gay" can be a controversial topic ... especially if it's a college course.

"That's not an appropriate use of tax dollars," said Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy. "I don't want to discriminate, and I believe they have a right to live that lifestyle if they want, but I don't think taxpayers want their money to be used to promote a lifestyle they don't think is right."

Michigan lawmakers last week nearly slashed the state's allocation to the University of Michigan by 10 percent over the course, if it is offered in the fall as currently planned. Eight representatives in the House offered an amendment to the state higher education budget to make that 10 percent "an incentive to accept an agreement not to use taxpayer dollars to violate broadly accepted social mores." The 10-percent "grant" would not be allocated to universities if course "content may be interpreted as promoting or facilitating the participation in sexual lifestyle or practices other than heterosexu-

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al monogamy" or "there is a reasonable expectation that a majority of citizens would object to the use of taxpayer dollars for the course."

Among local representatives who sponsored the amendment were Gosselin and Rep. Valde Garcia, St. Johns.

"As a legislator, I may love them," Gosselin further explained, "but not approve of what they are doing."

He contended that the amendment would not violate academic freedom or constitutional protections of the freedom of speech.

"We may not dictate what they can and cannot teach," Gosselin said. "But we are the ones who determine funding."

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, said that after she reviewed the English course, she found that it was not really a "how-to." She said the course would study "initiation rites into the gay community" but it would not conduct them.

Still, Cassis was a supporter of the amendment. She explained she felt it was a "truth in advertising" issue. She asked university officials to change the name of the course, but they would not agree to it.

The amendment would have altered the University of Michigan's \$360 million allocation for the coming fiscal year. Part of the overall higher education budget of \$1.9 billion, the amendment would have applied to all colleges in Michigan.

After lawmakers rejected the amendment in a 52-44 vote, with 14 members not voting, the House went ahead and approved the overall budget in a 104-3 vote.

U-M President Lee Bollinger has stated support for the course.

"We have courses that study many, many different parts of life. A course may include thinking about what it means to be a gang member in an inner city. It may study what it means to be part of the business community in a small town. One of the intellectual interests, especially of the past 20 years, has been to think about popular culture and the way in which people create their identity in the world. This

is a course in that tradition. We believe that this course has academic value, and we believe that the process by which this course has been created is sound," he said.

U-M professor David Halperin, who will teach the course, describes it this way: "Just because you happen to be a gay man doesn't mean that you don't have to learn how to become one. Gay men do some of that learning on their own, but often we learn how to be gay from others, either because we look to them for instruction or because they simply tell us what they think we need to know, whether we ask for their advice or not. This course will examine the general topic of the role that initiation plays in the formation of gay identity."

The American Family Association of Michigan, however, is critical of the class.

"In terms of the health risk, lawmakers who refused to stop U-M from teaching students

'how to be gay' may as well force taxpayers to pay for teaching students how to play Russian Roulette," said the association's president, Gary Glenn. "Taxpayers were already outraged that U-M officials they couldn't hold accountable planned to use our tax dollars to promote illegal, immoral and life-threatening homosexual behavior. Many will be further outraged now that their elected officials, who they can hold accountable, have voted to allow this abuse of tax dollars to proceed."

On the amendment, local lawmakers voting yes were

Reps. Bob Brown, D-DeARBorn Heights, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Voting no were Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, did not vote.

## Toy co-sponsors bill restricting nitrous oxide

State Rep. Laura Toy recently co-sponsored a two-bill package aimed at prohibiting teens from using nitrous oxide to get high.

House Bills 4996-97 were approved by the full House. The measures prohibit the sale of nitrous oxide in any amount under 8 ounces except to a licensed pharmacist, pharmacy or food establishment.

"It's a concern that young peo-

ple are using this gas as an inhalant," said Toy, R-Livonia. "There are some legitimate uses for it, but there is also room for lots of potential abuse."

"While we already have current laws preventing its use, we also must be concerned with its sale and distribution."

Michigan law enforcement officials testified earlier this month in committee that it's easy to

buy cartridges containing nitrous oxide, commonly known as laughing gas. They also testified that some severe cases of abuse lead to mental problems and death.

People experiencing a nitrous oxide high may have slurred speech, loss of balance or lapse into unconsciousness. When nitrous oxide enters the body it absorbs oxygen that is present in the body and results in a vitamin B12 deficiency. When B12 levels are reduced, the red blood cell count is lowered, anemia results and nerves degenerate.

One in five Americans has used an inhalant to get high by the time he or she reaches eighth grade, according to the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition.

Nitrous oxide is a weak anesthetic gas that has been used

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Rep Laura Toy  
R-Livonia

since the late 18th century. Most people have experienced nitrous in the context of dentistry. It also is used in the dairy industry as a mixing and foaming agent.

HB4996-7 currently await action by the Senate.

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# New floor OK'd for Radcliff Center

BY KURT KUBAN  
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The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees has awarded the contract for new flooring in the institution's Radcliff Community Room to Specialty Floors of Wixom.

The board agreed to the \$69,534 contract at its May 24 meeting for the 5,270-square-foot room, which is located at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

In addition to tearing out the old floor, Specialty Floors will install a durable, multi-purpose synthetic polyurethane sports floor.

This unusual flooring will be constructed of a double layer of plywood, which is then covered with rubber PermaCusion and a layer of seamless polyurethane.

Specialty Floors is the only company in Michigan to install this type of sports floor, which is

manufactured by Robbins Sports Surfaces of Cincinnati, Ohio.

School officials said that wasn't the only reason they went with the company.

"They are an excellent installer and have a great reputation," said Bob Wielechowski, director of Schoolcraft's physical plant staff, which oversees all building and maintenance.

Specialty Floors has installed this type of flooring at schools and athletic facilities all over Michigan, as well as the northern portions of Indiana and Ohio. The company has installed the flooring at several area high schools. One of its biggest projects was a facility at the University of Notre Dame.

"This is a very versatile flooring that has several advantages over other types of athletic flooring," said Mike Foster, owner of Specialty Floors.

"The big advantage is the

shock absorption, which can really reduce injuries. It also has an incredible longevity and only requires maintenance about every 12 years or so. Another reason I think Schoolcraft chose it is that it is multi-purpose and can handle different types of uses."

Traditionally the Community Room has been used for a number of instructional, athletic and social activities.

Because of its age, the original wood floor was covered with carpeting 14 years ago. The carpeting has worn, and the wood underneath has become badly warped.

Prior to selecting this type of sports floor, the physical plant staff toured a number of schools to determine which kind of flooring would best suit the room's needs.

In recent years, Schoolcraft has conducted a police academy

in the room, and the rubber-like floor is more conducive to the type of physical training the cadets must undergo.

"The police academy is one of the main reasons we went with this type of sports floor," said Wielechowski.

"They do a lot of physical education-type stuff, so it will be much better for them."

Wielechowski said the room will continue to be used for a wide variety of events. The floor will be marked with volleyball lines, and entertain athletic activities. The school is also going to host a number of community events in the room, including concerts and banquets.

Construction is pegged for July, because that month marks the least active time for the room.

# Chances improve for 'sim-city'

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The state of Michigan may be ready to pony up a little cash for Oakland Community College's new police and fire "sim-city" training center.

Sens. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Bill Bullard, R-Highland, convinced colleagues last week to amend the state's consumer and industry services budget to include a \$2 million grant to help build OCC's Combined Regional Emergency Services Training Center. Already under construction, CREST will give emergency service personnel a place to train and practice their response to emergencies like natural disasters, fires, hazardous materials spills, even hostage situations.

It appears more likely the grant can win approval this year. There is more money in the budget. And the governor's office hasn't said no.

When a \$100 planning grant was added to the fiscal plan last year for the CREST project, it drew an immediate negative reaction from the governor's staff. Johnson aide Brian O'Con-

nell admitted it was added late in the budget cycle, and Gov. John Engler had already said he wanted to keep the budget free of add-ons. Also, little information about the project was available to the governor and his advisors at the time.

This year, pitches for the money have already been made, he said, not only by Johnson and others in Oakland County's legislative delegation, but also by county Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Sheriff Michael Bouchard. Plans for the center have been touted directly to the governor as well as to his staff in the Department of Management and Budget.

Still, it's not a done deal. The CREST grant was not in Engler's budget recommendation, as he handed it over to lawmakers at the start of the appropriations process, according to Kelly Chesney, spokesperson for the budget office. Nor has it yet received a thumbs-up from Budget Director Mary Lannoye. The director doesn't normally review a budget allocation to give a positive or negative recommendation until both chambers of the legislature have approved it.

Chesney said. But this year both the governor and the budget director have a full rundown on the scope of the OCC project.

The center is a \$7 million, 22-acre simulated city. Construction has already begun on the project, said to be unlike anything in this part of the country. It is often compared to training facilities at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

Money for the center was approved as a part of a county-wide millage vote in 1995, but the college has been hoping the state will pitch in up to \$4 million to assist with construction.

It is expected the CREST center will train officers from throughout the Midwest.

"There is no such thing as too much training when it comes to providing emergency services," Johnson said. "Just when you think you've seen it all, a new emergency can arise that local police and fire departments haven't experienced before. It could be an underground gas leak, a toxic spill or maybe a train derailment in an urban center."

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# House gun bill threatens to derail county's lawsuit

BY KURT KUBAN  
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A bill that recently passed through the state House of Representatives has threatened the legal standing of a \$400 million lawsuit Wayne County and the city of Detroit have brought against gun dealers and manufacturers.

After a volatile debate May 24, House lawmakers approved a bill requiring gun dealers to include trigger locks with all sales.

Also tied into the bill was legislation that prohibits any party except the state attorney general's office to file lawsuits against the firearm industry.

The bill, which was promoted by House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, was approved by a vote of 71-37. It had the overwhelming support of Republicans.

Most Democrats objected to linking mandatory trigger locks,

which they support, with the limits on lawsuits.

However, fifteen Democrats, including Eileen DeHart of Westland, crossed party lines and voted for the bill's approval.

County officials have not expressed opposition to the requirement for trigger locks, but they do take exception with the limits on lawsuits.

"I am definitely for the trigger locks," said Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, D-West-

land.

"However, I am concerned that the state government is continuously trying to erode the control of local units of government. This bill is just another example of that."

In essence, the bill, if it passes in the state Senate, would negate the lawsuit the county has brought against various elements of the firearm industry. The Senate isn't expected to take action on the bill until after its

summer recess.

DeHart said she voted for the bill because she thought it would simplify the process of suing gun makers. With so many counties and cities in the state, she said it could mean "thousands and thousands" of lawsuits against gun makers.

DeHart also questioned why Wayne County and Detroit would want to force their constituencies to pay for such a lawsuit.

"I'm not sure why a local government would want to bring such an expensive lawsuit when they can have the attorney general do it with no cost to them," she said.

"The attorney general is the leading law enforcement agent in the state. That's why we elected her, so we should let her do her job," said DeHart, referring to Jennifer Granholm.

The county filed its lawsuit last year. It targets 35 defen-

dants, including gun dealers the county says have knowingly sold firearms to either minors or felons, and manufacturers that have continued to supply to those dealers. The county has accused the defendants of "willful negligence."

Mike Duggan, the county's deputy executive, who has also expressed his disdain for the legislation, said he expects the county's lawsuit to go ahead and be in court "within a year."

## County health plan wins award

BY KURT KUBAN  
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HealthChoice, Wayne County's health care alternative for people without health insurance, was recognized Wednesday as one of the most innovative health care programs in the country.

HealthChoice is the first program to receive the "Honor Roll for Coverage" award presented by the Healthcare Leadership Council, a Washington D.C.-based organization.

Begun in 1994, HealthChoice was designed for Wayne County businesses that did not traditionally offer health insurance benefits to their employees.

The HLC honored HealthChoice after reviewing dozens of national programs providing health care coverage to individuals who would otherwise not be covered.

"To have a national organization recognize our efforts to assist county businesses to keep employees through affordable health care is rewarding," said Mike Duggan, the county's deputy executive.

For a business to be eligible for HealthChoice, the county has set several criteria. Each must have at least three eligible employees, not have offered health care benefits in the past, do at least 90 percent of its business in the county, and pay at least 50 percent of employees a minimum of \$10 an hour.

There are 1,926 businesses currently enrolled. About one-third of those businesses are minority-owned, and about twenty percent are restaurants.

The program, which is growing fast, has really caught on with employees. In just the last year, the number of individuals enrolled in HealthChoice has doubled, and now stands at over 18,000 members.

To enroll, applicants must work at least 20 hours a week, expect to be employed for at least five months, and be ineligible for national health benefits.

The monthly cost for each person is \$123, which is split three ways between employee, employer, and HealthChoice.

Individuals enrolled in HealthChoice are entitled to many services, including prescription drugs and x-rays. They are also eligible for supplemental coverage for vision and dental care.

"For years, thousands of workers in smaller companies have been without coverage because they were working for businesses that couldn't afford expensive health care premiums," Duggan said.

"HealthChoice closes that gap and helps up helping not only Wayne County workers stay healthy, but helps their employers retain a good work force as well."

Livonia's Capital Communications, a telemarketing and fax broadcasting business, has been enrolled in HealthChoice since 1995 and currently has 20 of its full-time employees using the service.

"Our employees have been very happy with the program," said Lynn Ford, a spokesperson for Capital Communications.

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### CLASSES/ CLINICS

#### 3-D ARCHERY SHOOT

The Linden Sportsman's Club will conduct a 3-D Archery Shoot today. The club opens at 9 a.m. and the event registration concludes at 3 p.m. Cost for adult is \$7, with discounts for members of sporting organizations and for younger shooters. Kids 11 years of age and younger shoot for free but must be accompanied by an adult. Each time a person participates in a 3-D shoot at Linden, he or she will be entered in a raffle for hunts. The drawing will occur at the December charity shoot. The club is located off Hogan Road, just north of Silver Lake Road, in downtown Linden. Call (810) 735-5822 for more information.

#### 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

#### FLY MART FLYSHOPS OPEN HOUSE

The Flymart Flyshops store in Royal Oak (1002 North Main Street) will hold its annual open house today from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. The open house will feature manufacturers representatives related to the fly-fishing industry. There will also be demonstrations on how to tie the Michigan Mayfly, as well as many other flies used in the state and around the world. A big-top tent will also be set up next to the store, and casting demonstrations will be done on a nearby 60-foot casting pond.

#### 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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#### LIVONIA RANGE

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: 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 payoffs 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 Garden 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 Lipabito 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.

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Audiences will be dancing in the grass at Heritage

Grab a blanket and head for the car. The Stars in the Park concert series is about to begin.

Sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, the free series spotlights music sure to please everyone's tastes, 8 p.m. Thursdays in Heritage Park.

From the classical strains of the Matinee String Quartet June 15 to award winning jazz vocalist Sheila Landis and the Brazilian Love Affair July 13, audiences will be able to sit in the grass, listen to their favorites tunes and maybe even get up and dance.

Long-time crowd pleasers, the Farmington Community Band led by Paul Barber, kicks off the series June 8.

"For years past the chamber of commerce sponsored the series. This year we wanted to add some outside groups and still keep our wonderful community groups that have been the mainstay of the series," said Nancy Coumoundouros, coordinator of the Cultural Arts Division of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

"We hope people will come out because number one it's free and it's in such a beautiful setting. It's nice to bring the family out to the park and have some entertainment with your picnic dinner."

"I'm excited about all of the groups including the Matinee String Quartet

affiliated with Oakland University. It's always nice to hear popular songs played on strings. Sometimes we only think of strings as classical."

If you love Latin American music, don't miss the Brazilian Love Affair, showcasing the vocal talent of Sheila Landis. The 6-8 piece group is sure to heat up the stage with their music influenced by Santana and Stevie Wonder.

On July 20, Immunity brings reggae with a twist of Detroit to the park as they perform songs from Bob Marley to Van Morrison's *Brown Eyed Girl*. Immunity has been nominated nearly two dozen times for Detroit Music Awards. In 1999, they won "Outstanding Reggae Artist/Group."

"Reggae has never been performed at the series before," said Coumoundouros. "It's going to add a new flavor."

Rounding out the series style-wise, the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines sing songs from Broadway to Motown. Big Band to jazz Aug. 3. The Farmington Community Chorus closes the series with old favorites Aug. 10. The chorus celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

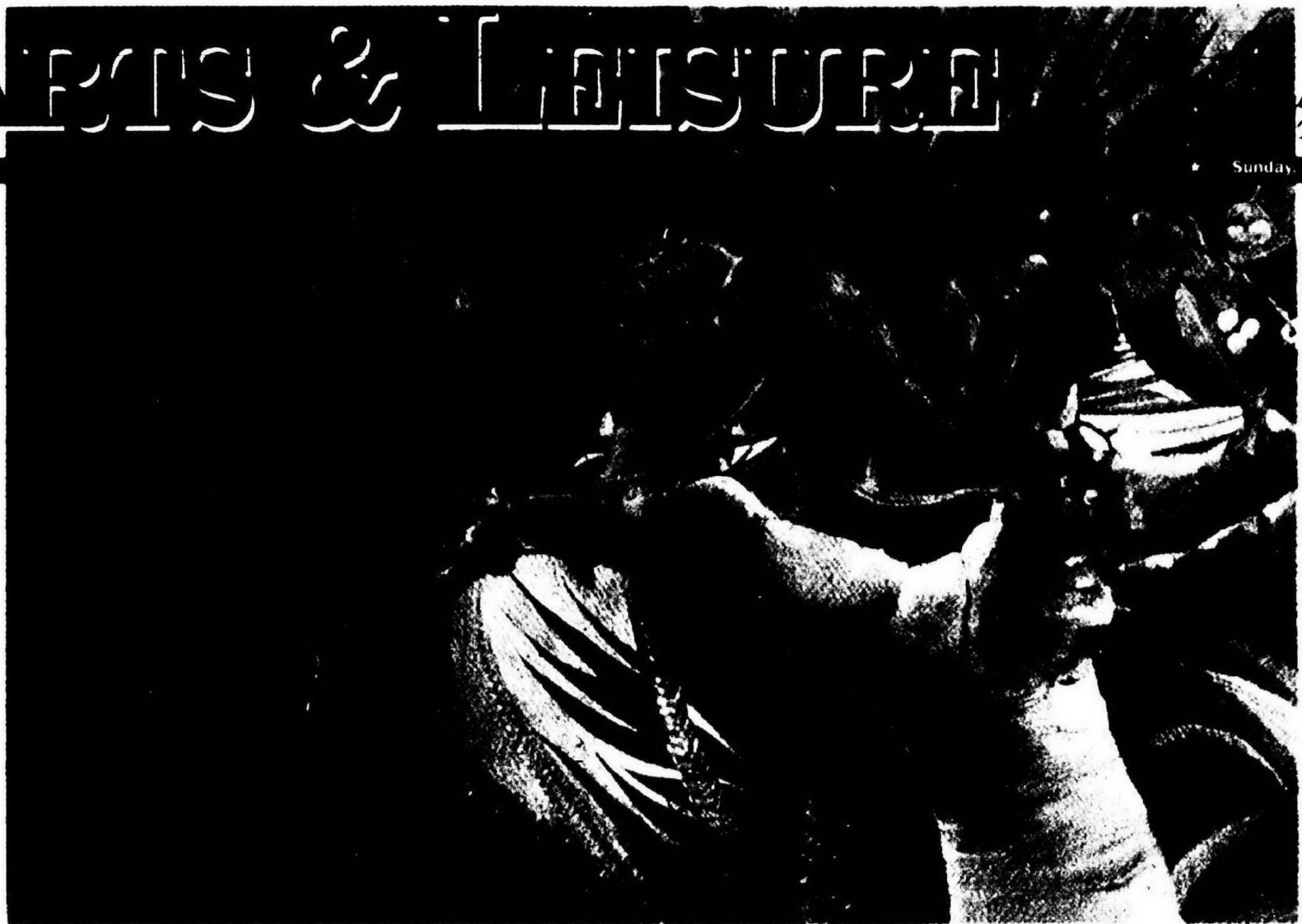
### Marching in tune

Barber and members of the Farmington Community Band can't wait to open the series June 8. A long-time Farmington resident and music coordinator for Farmington Public Schools, Barber expects the audience will once again be participating in the marches as well as enjoying the overtures and Broadway tunes from productions such as *Guys and Dolls*.

"Years ago we had our own series of summer concerts," said Barber. "It's different than a formal concert auditorium. We don't play as much serious repertoire and Heritage Park is a beautiful place to play. The community can count on music every Thursday except for during the Founders Festival (now the Farmington Area Family Festival). A lot of people get there almost an hour early to secure their spot. We're hoping in the future to get other community groups involved so we can have something for the audience to do while they're waiting."

Because of their popularity with the series' crowds, the Farmington Community Band returns for a second concert July 27. In between those two dates members of the 20-piece Com-

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Leaf Dancer: Nancy Hurd exhibits this colored pencil work in the fine arts exhibition inside the historic Greenmead buildings.

## FIN IN THE VILLAGE FINE ARTS

### Arts fest brings color to Greenmead

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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When Mary Mullison wanted to add a little color to her shade garden, she got creative. Not that she hadn't been before. Mullison, a Farmington resident, was band director at Redford Union High School for 12 years before quitting her job to raise a family.

But it was the first stepping stone Mullison created at Canterbury Stained Glass in Rochester three years ago that set her on a new path. Before long the mother of three was experimenting with designs of dogs, cats, flowers, lighthouses and ducks for her new business "Art Underfoot." She'll bring a variety of the stained glass stepping stones to the 24th annual Livonia Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

More than 200 artists will exhibit paintings, ceramics, jewelry, glass, photography, metal, wood, and fiber in the outdoor festival held in conjunction with the Fine Arts in the Village exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings. Both the arts and crafts festival and the fine arts exhibit are sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

"That's why I wanted to create that first stone," said Mullison. "I have shade gardens and wanted a splash of color. After taking the class I realized it's nice to see something take shape and be a concrete form. Each time I create a new design I choose a palette of glass, cut it then place it in a mold and fill the rest of the mold with

cement. It's an indirect mosaic technique."

Like Mullison, customers use the stepping stones in gardens or on patios and decks as a spot of color. Some customers even hang them on walls. Another had one of the stones set permanently into a foyer floor. There's no doubt, they're sturdy. Mullison's letter carrier has been walking on the stained glass stones for three years.

"Flowers are popular with customers," said Mullison, who'll also display the stones in the Liberty Fest Fine Art Show in Canton Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25. "People want to have flowers in their garden. It's a flower you never have to worry about dying."

### Nature of Kensington

Ted Nelson thinks a lot of people are longing to commune with nature whether it's in a garden or park. Judging by the response to his photographs of deer, birds and landscapes, Nelson is right. *The Nature of Kensington*, a book featuring more than 100 photographs shot at the

Metropark, has sold several thousand copies since Nelson self-published it in 1999.

Not one to ignore the marketing potential of the photographs, the Canton photographer will exhibit nine images from his book at the Livonia Arts Festival. Last year, he sold only the book at art fairs. This summer, in addition to the Livonia Arts Festival, Nelson will exhibit photographs at 10 shows including Art in the

Park in Plymouth July 14-16.

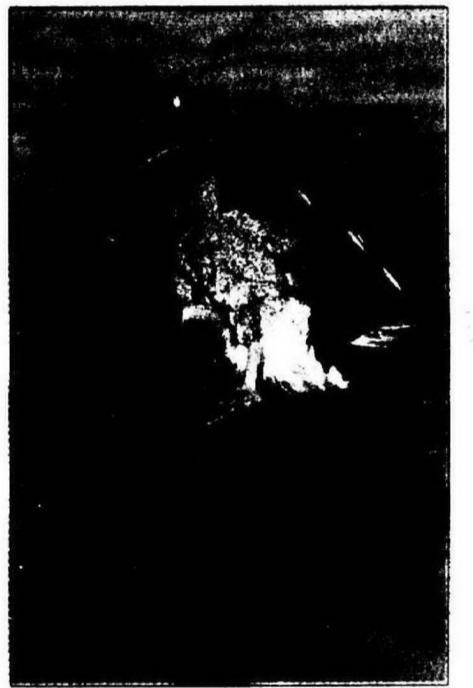
"It's nature photography," said Nelson, who retired from his position as a science teacher at West Bloomfield High School two years ago. "I think people have a need to reconnect with nature and for some people who are really busy they can't get out much. This is a connection back to whatever experience they might have in nature and also a connection to Kensington. I think I've tapped into a real interest in Kensington Metropark."

"Three million people go there annually. In the last year since my book was published, I've met a lot of people who have connections to Kensington. There's a rejuvenation of spirit that they can achieve by spending time there."

Nature wasn't Nancy Hurd's subject of choice until she visited Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Best known for her portraits and figure drawings, the Livonia artist exhibits a colored pencil drawing titled "Leaf Dancer" in the Fine Arts in the Village exhibit. The work was done from photographs taken at the botanical gardens.

Although a frequent exhibitor in juried competitions, Hurd gained entry to the fine arts exhibit for the first time this year.

Basically a self-taught artist, Hurd has taken classes in illustration and drawing at the University of Michi-



Mallard on ice: Ted Nelson displays photographs from his book, "The Nature of Kensington," at the Livonia Arts Festival.

gan and Center for Creative Studies since beginning work in colored pencil eight years ago. Hurd won third place and an honorable mention in the Farmington Artists Club spring exhibit. She'll be in the Color Pencil Society of America show at the Kidd Gallery in Birmingham later this summer.

"I'm excited about Fine Arts in the Village. I saw it last year," said Hurd, who teaches painting to senior citizens in Farmington. "Artists spend so much time alone. It's nice to see your art on display."

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## MUSIC

### Jazz lovers get together to support free festival

**Father's Day Brunch**  
What: The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds a fund-raiser featuring the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell.  
When: Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18  
Where: Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.  
Tickets: \$25, proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival (Sunday, July 16), and the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club. For tickets, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.  
On the menu: Gourmet quiche, a Belgian waffles bar, assorted salads, fresh fruit, pastries and luncheon entrees prepared by the culinary arts department at Schoolcraft College.

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Seems like Larry Nozero is always on the road. From playing one-night stands in San Francisco to La Bistecca Italian Grille in Livonia the first Monday of every month, bookings for Nozero and his jazz quartet keep him jumping. On June 11, they'll play with Emerald Sinfonietta at Carl's Chop House in Detroit, then it's on to the Frog Island Festival June 24, the first Petoskey Jazz Festival Aug. 19, and the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (formerly known as the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival) in September.

But no matter how busy he is the Novi saxophonist always makes time to play for the Father's Day Brunch to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The sixth annual festival will feature more than 170 performers including headliners such as George Benson, Bess Bonnier, and Dekoor, a young vocal jazz group from the Netherlands.

"The brunch is important because the Michigan Jazz Festival involves the local community," said Nozero, a regular at the festival since its inception. "It gives everyone in the jazz community a chance to be together like Montreux."

Joining Nozero and his quartet for the Father's Day Brunch concert will be trumpeter Johnny Trudell. Nozero and Trudell have worked together since both were musicians with Motown.

"Johnny's one of the leading forces in the Detroit scene over the years," said Nozero. "I really enjoy playing with him."

Nozero developed a love of jazz long before his days at Motown, though. Growing up in the early 1950s, Nozero listened to the likes of Kenny Burrell and Yusuf Lateef on Detroit street corners. Recordings of jazz musicians such as Art Pepper, Charlie Parker, Stan Getz and Paul Desmond soon inspired Nozero to evolve his own style. Before long he was performing touring and recording with legends Ella Fitzgerald

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Jazz benefit: Larry Nozero, and his quartet with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, are sure to raise the roof when they play a Father's Day fund raiser.







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CONCERT TODAY

Gospel singer Ernie Haase gives a concert 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road at Plymouth road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990.

Haase has been singing professionally since 1986 when he joined the gospel group "Redeemed." In 1990, he joined "The Cathedrals." As a tenor for the group, Haase has won several awards. He's also come out with a solo recording, "What a Difference a Day Makes," since the group disbanded in 1999.

ARTS MEETING

Three Cities Art Club holds its final meeting of the season 7 p.m. Monday, June 5 at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, Ann Arbor Road and Lalley. For information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

Beverly Hoisenton will talk about the history of vintage costume jewelry. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring jewelry for appraisal.

The club has also announced the winner of its spring show. First place oil/acrylic went to Sharon Dillenbeck. Nancy Walls Smith won the top award for mixed media. Best of Show and the Grumbacher Award went to

Marge Tibbets.

VOCAL COMPETITION WINNERS

John Zaretti, a Canton resident, and Anthony Sanfemio, president of the Italian American Cultural Society, recently awarded Melissa Swain first place in the sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition sponsored by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan and the cultural society in Warren.

Zaretti is president of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. More than 50 students from schools throughout the state entered the competition. Swain, a student at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, and 9 other finalists, including Laura Nanes of Wylie Grove High School, Beverly Hills, competed in a concert May 7 at the Italian American Cultural and Community Center in Warren. Judges were Elsie Inselman, a University of Windsor voice professor, and Roberto Mauro, Michigan Opera Theatre artistic administrator. Zaretti, master of ceremonies for the competition, also exhibited opera posters from his collection.

For information about the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan or next year's competition, call (734) 455-8895.

FINAL DAYS

"Spiritual Journey," an exhibit of art by Native Americans, continues through Saturday, June 10 at Woodland Indians Trading Post and Indian World, 26161 W Six Mile Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. Patricia Gardner, a Plymouth

potter and Mohawk Indian, exhibits a large sculptural vessel reminiscent of traditional Iroquois pottery, the figurative vessel "Praying Woman," and a yellow horse wall sculpture. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (313) 535-9728.

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SnapOne is looking for artists to exhibit their work in a Fine Arts Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20 at the Novi Expo Center.

This is a fine arts exhibit (photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry, glass, wearable art, etc.).

Fees are \$450. Artists have a choice of donating 10 percent of sales to Capuchins. A portion of the proceeds from admittance goes to the Capuchins soup kitchen which helps feed the homeless in the Detroit area.

Deadline for application for above rate is Tuesday, June 20. For more information, call Patricia Nouban at (810) 227-5138.

ART EXHIBIT

Watercolorist Donna Vogelheim exhibits her work through Friday, June 30 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. The exhibit coincides with the Plymouth Garden Walk hosted by Trailwood Garden Club Tuesday, June 27. The arts council serves as a refreshment stop during the garden tour.

The arts council holds a watercolor workshop to paint flowers with Vogelheim 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, June 29-30.

The cost is \$150. Materials list is provided at registration. Call (734) 416-4279.

Vogelheim, a well-known watercolorist, will show students how to paint fresh flowers by breaking them into simple parts.

CHORAL MUSIC

The Cantata Academy presents *Music of the Americas* 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

Tickets are \$15, \$12 seniors/students and available at the door. For information, call the Cantata Academy Concert Line at (248) 358-9868.

OPERA AUDITIONS

Great Lakes Lyric Opera will hold auditions for baritone and mezzo-soprano roles in the September production of *The Old Man and the Thief* and future productions Monday evening June 26.

For more information and to schedule an audition, call (248) 547-2027 or e-mail GLL06@mediamix.net

QUILTERS NEEDED

Quilt artists are needed for a Festival of Quilts 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday Oct. 27 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison, Dearborn.

More than 200 quilts will be available at the 18th annual quilt show sponsored by United Methodist women. In addition to the exhibit, there will be a silent auction, quilting demonstrations and a craft sale.

Admission is \$2. Vendor tables are available. For information, call (313) 561-1084 or (313) 963-3200.



Award winner: John Zaretti (left) and Anthony Sanfemio congratulate Melissa Swain on winning the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's annual vocal competition.



Praying Woman: Patricia Gardner's figurative vessel is one of the works on exhibit in "Spiritual Journey."

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# MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Sunday, June 4, 2000

## Slip into a hot new 'T' or tank top



**THE REAL DEAL**  
Forget the weather report. Now that Memorial Day is behind us, it's time to review your summer wardrobe. And this season, if there's one place to start, it's in your drawers. "The T-shirt is the most important part of a woman's wardrobe. It's like

peaches with cream, or cookies with milk," says Frank Caruso, of Caruso Casuso. "The ultimate compliment to your look, whatever your age."

Spring fashion is sophisticated, racy, feminine and sporty all at the same time. So it was only natural for designers to compliment the mix and put a little extra sizzle into their cotton collections.

And after hitting the dressing rooms, it's safe to say that this season's tanks and tees are the perfect answer for a fun and undeniably polished look.

Lycra, shine, embellishments, bright colors and built-in bras, are all big news in the T-shirt world. So ditch last year's basic gray long sleeve tee and update your stash with some hot ones. Cap sleeves, three-quarter sleeves or no sleeves at all, they are all hot picks.

Notable specialty shops lines to watch for include Petit Bateau, Michael Stars, Juicy Couture and Three Dots, with great fitting styles including the cap sleeve baseball tee and the Michael Stars shiny tee in orange or tie dye.

Black and white are musts, but if you have to choose just one, go for crimson, peacock blue or tangerine for a change.

For those who are willing to show some skin, don't miss out on J.Crew's built up tanks made of Lycra and cotton. They completely hold in the breasts, even without a bra — no exaggeration. (I've had two kids!)

City Lights version fits like a glove, too.

Derek Andrew, the designer who originally created the trendy sporty line Bum Equipment, is back in the cotton game.

His two new lines 'Clothes' and 'Red Line', which can be spotted at It's the Ritz, Caruso, Caruso and Frankie and Debbie's in downtown Birmingham, takes the basic tee and oomph's it up with just the perfected amount of style.

His deep V-neck T is adorned with a little bit of lace and his sexy short sleeve scoop neck has a touch of satin treatment. Each season his color palates change, but for now purple and red reign in his collections. And as a bonus, his T's fit a little fuller than other comparable cotton lines.

And for many, that's good news. After all, who doesn't want their new shirt to fit like a — T.

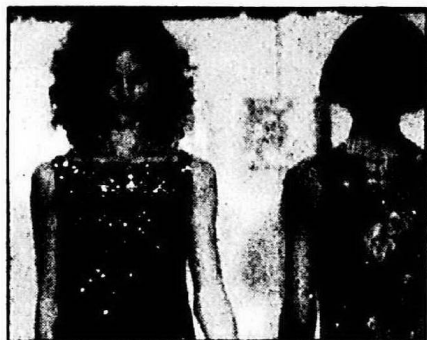
Cari Waldman of West Bloomfield is a free lance writer and stylist. Please email your style and shopping question to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com.



**Built-up tank:** Sexy and undeniably fun, it's available at Target, Frankie and Debbie's and J. Crew.



**Cool look:** V-neck tees pair with Bermuda shorts by Field Gear from Hudson's.



**Sparkle:** Paillettes add gold shimmer to a black dress.



**Traditional meets trendy:** Chanel updates a classic tweed taupe and grey suit with slits, showing off a pleated underskirt.

## Chanel attitude

### Mixing modern and traditional styling for fall

BY SHARON DARGAY  
STAFF WRITER

You expect to see textured tweeds, lady-like two-piece suits and coat dresses at a Chanel fashion show.

But ski wear?  
"The important point is that all of the fabric is technically correct for skiing. It's very light," says Tara Festa, Chanel spokeswoman.

"There's not a lot of ski wear in the collection, but these are basic trends. There's a marabou coat and these great quilted ski pieces. Quilting is a trend this year."

Before you run for ski poles and boots, consider the rest of Chanel's fall line, which mixes contemporary styling — leather piping, geometric pattern and quilting — with traditional suits and dresses.

"It's a return to classics but with a modern twist," says Cheryl Hall, special events manager for Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection, Troy.

"It looks like Chanel. It's a modern shape. It has a modern twist."

Chanel showed a little of everything, including ski wear, suits and relaxed sweater and skirt pairings, at a recent benefit for The HAVEN, held at Saks Fifth Avenue at Somerset Collection.

The fashion show of ready-to-wear apparel

raised money for programs at the shelter, which offers temporary housing for abused women and their children, counseling and violence prevention programs.

Festa identified several trends in the fall collection:

"There's a vintage trend which is bringing us back to the novelty tweeds that the house is known for. And then you have Chanel attitude, which is a lot of graffiti print, the logo tag with print, silk dresses.

"Denim is used continuously throughout the season. It's an over-dyed denim. We pair it with leather."

Leather also appears as piping and as trim on suit coats, in A-line skirts and on jackets.

Knit tops pair with sheer and quilted skirts for a look that Festa calls "casual, more relaxed." Look for plum, navy, gold gray and bordeaux colors.

"There is gray, but it's gray with texture and character. There's also a lot of color," Hall noted.

"You'll see lots of texture in the fabric, such as the tweeds that Chanel is famous for. There's more richness to the texture."

Silver, white and gray color the new ski wear line. Detachable jacket sleeves allow skiers to go from mountain to lodge without changing clothes.



**Quilted look:** Zip sweater and opaque hose sport geometric patterns in plum over a grey skirt. (left) Chanel's fall collection shows quilted accents on skirts, jackets and sweaters. The top (right) carries the motif in a pairing with grey slacks.



## Your ugly bridesmaid dress could win a prize

Maybe it's lime green polyester with a lace overlay.  
Or tropical print chiffon over pineapple yellow silk.

Whatever the nightmare fabric, color and styling, you probably wore one at least once if you've ever been a wedding attendant.

We're talking ugly bridesmaids dresses here, the kind you stash in the attic or give to the next-door neighbor kid for dress-up play.

It looks disastrous, but may be worth

a free dinner at Andiamos Italian Restaurant in downtown Rochester.

Borders Books, Music, Video & a Cafe in Rochester Hills, will award a gift certificate to the owner of the ugliest dress during its celebration of Martha Stewart's newest book, Best of Martha Stewart Living Weddings, from 1-4 p.m., Saturday.

Judges will pick the ugliest dress at 3 p.m.

Other events include:

■ Funniest wedding story contest —

Entries are due by 11 a.m., June 30. Submit your funniest wedding story in three pages or less and include a name, address and telephone number. The winner will get a \$50 gift certificate and the runner-up will take home a \$20 gift certificate.

■ Hand-painted furniture — Lisa Knoppe-Reed will demonstrate painting on old and abandoned furniture at 1 p.m. The store also will auction one of her chairs and donate the proceeds to the Oakland Literacy Council.

■ Scrapbooks and Stationery — The staff of Paradise Craft in Romeo will show the basics for making a scrapbook or for creating personal stationery at 2 p.m.

■ Silk flowers — Learn flower arranging techniques in a workshop at 3 p.m.

The store requires registration for the scrapbook and silk flower workshops. Call 248-652-0558.

It's located on Rochester Road just south of Avon in Rochester Hills.

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, JUNE 4

**LUSCIOUS LALIQUE**  
Antique perfume bottles and other pieces from the private collection of Nicholas Dawes, an expert and collector of Rene Lalique works, are on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily through June 14 at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Troy. (248) 643-3300.

**FLY FISHIN'**  
Reel in some expert advice on tying the Michigan Mayfly for brown trout, as well as other fly fishing information at Flymart Flyshops' open house from 3-7 p.m. The event includes a casting demonstration into a 60-foot pond at the store, located at 1002 North Main in Royal Oak.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

**FOCUS ON FASHION**  
Check out Tahari, Anne Klein and Halston fall fashions at Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Special representatives will be on hand to assist shoppers with Tahari and Anne Klein designs, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Informal modeling will spotlight Halston fashions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (248) 643-9000 for Tahari and (248) 614-3339 for Anne Klein and Halston.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

**VISITING JEWELER**

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Steven Lagos, an international fine jewelry designer and founder of LAGOS designs, will visit with customers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Neiman Marcus, in the Somerset Collection, Troy. Lagos will donate five percent of proceeds from the sale of his jewelry, during his visit, to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. (248) 643-3300.

### COUTURE OPEN HOUSE

Designer Diana Jellinek will open her studio doors for an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vervoux Couture, 360 E. Maple, Studio N, between Livernois and Rochester Road in Troy. The event includes refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Jellinek's designs range from the staff uniforms at Pure, a downtown Detroit nightclub to the ball gowns worn at local charity events. (248) 585-6633 for reservations.

### MAX MARA

Somerset Collection South's newest store, Max Mara, will show its fall Italian-made sportswear and coats at a trunk show from 2-5 p.m. in the store.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

#### STORIES AT WONDERLAND

The Livonia Public Library and Wonderland Mall sponsor a summer reading program at 11:30 a.m., in the shopping center's entertainment court. Today's reading selection: *Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs*. The mall is located at 29859 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

#### MEMORABILIA SHOW

Shoppers can meet former Tiger baseball player Bill Freehan and buy his autograph for \$6 from 6-8 p.m. at Livonia Mall. His appearance kicks off Hall of Fame weekend at the mall. Gordie Howe, former Red Wing, will sign his book *And Home*, on June 10. The books cost \$35 each. Proceeds go to the Livonia school district. Livonia Mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile.

#### MAKE UP ARTIST VISITS

Trish McEvoy, make up artist, will visit the cosmetics department from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jacobson's Livonia. 734-591-7696.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

#### MEDIAEVAL FESTIVAL

Step back in time at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The shopping center's medieval festival, which runs through Sunday, June 11, will include costumed actors, demonstrations, vendors and music. (248) 391-5700.

#### NEW EYEWEAR

Stop in and see the entire line of Kenneth Cole Eyewear at D.O.C. Eyeworld, 6476 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The trunk show, which includes sunglasses and the signature line, runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (248) 851-6300.

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# TRAVEL

## Couple share their 'Vision of Poland' on tour

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Ed and Jane Wojtan of Livonia have been leading tours to Poland every summer since 1993, and they never tire of it.

"We always see something new every time we go there," said Wojtan. "It's a beautiful country."

The Wojtans will share their "Vision of Poland," Aug. 21 to Sept. 4 on a cross country tour that includes stops in Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Zakopane, Wroclaw, Poznan and Gdansk.

Poland is a special place for them. "It's our heritage, and both sets of parents were born there," said Ed. Sometimes families are reunited on Ed's and Jane's tours.

"It makes the whole group happy when it happens," said Jane. "It's very exciting."

I share their enthusiasm. In 1997 while touring Poland with my church, I visited the village where my grandpa Bronislaw Kaleski was born. My aunt, overjoyed that relatives from the U.S. would stop to visit, insisted we go to church to thank God.

Visiting Poland can be an emotional experience. It's a fascinating country with a rich history. Poles have a reverence for their past, yet embrace the future.

"One thing I marvel at is that

### If you go...

**What:** Ed and Jane Wojtan of Livonia are leading a tour to Poland, Monday, Aug. 21 to Monday, Sept. 4.

**Cost:** \$2,495 per person; (single room accommodation an additional \$340) includes round trip air transportation from Detroit or Chicago, first class hotel accommodations, air conditioned motor-coach transportation, most meals, sightseeing programs, services of English-speaking guides, hotel service charges and taxes. Call (734) 425-2727 for more information.

**Travel guides:** If you're planning a trip to Poland in the future, call 1-800-TO-POLAND for more information and travel brochures, or visit [www.orbis-usa.com](http://www.orbis-usa.com)

from 1795 to 1918 Poland as a country did not exist, yet they managed to keep their language, customs and religious faith," said Ed. "You would never believe that there was a building in Warsaw that was not touched by war. The city has been rebuilt."

The Wojtans describe Poland as a unique combination of the old and the new. The old includes the Wawel Castle and Cathedral in Krakow. Krakow is home to one of Europe's largest medieval market places, and central Europe's second oldest university.

Warsaw, the capitol of the country, is a modern city that cherishes its past. Old Town, devastated during World War II, has been rebuilt and is home to many wonderful shops, restaurants and museums.

"I love the way they put their

storefronts together," said Jane. "They put a lot of imagination into it. They're very inviting. I love the architecture of the buildings too."

Poland is a modern country with all the conveniences of home, even McDonald's. There are new hotels with familiar names like Holiday Inn and Sheraton.

The Wojtans begin their tour in Warsaw. You'll visit the Old Town and Market Square, and the home and gardens of Frederick Chopin.

"A Chopin piano recital is included with the tour," said Ed. "It's at the Ostogoski Palace in Warsaw. It's an intimate audience, 100 to 150 people. Champagne is served at intermission."

From Warsaw you'll travel to Gdansk and stop at Malbork castle, the largest castle of the Teutonic Knights that was severely damaged during the war. Some of the walls are 9-feet thick. The castle has been rebuilt, and it's fun to have your picture taken with one of the knights roaming about.

The Tri Cities of Sopot, Gdynia and Gdansk are also a mixture of old and new. Gdansk is the hometown of Lech Walesa and birthplace of the Solidarity movement, which led to the liberation of Poland from communist rule.

On the way to the western cities of Poznan and Wroclaw, the tour will stop in the lovely city of Torun, birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus.

Then it's off to Zakopane, a lovely resort area nestled in the Tatra Mountains on the southern border of Poland and Slovakia. You'll take a thrilling cable car ride to the top of the mountain where you may find snow even in August.

There's a great marketplace in Zakopane where you'll find everything from cheese to hand-knit sweaters and amber jewelry. In the evening, guests will enjoy dinner with highlander entertainment.

After resting in Zakopane, your tour will continue to the cities of Czestochowa and Oswiecim. Czestochowa is the



**Marketplace:** There are surprises around every corner in Krakow's Main Market Square, including musicians who entertain shoppers and sightseers.



**Contrasts:** Poland is a contrast of old and new, from the medieval market square in Krakow to trendy boutiques like Estee Lauder in downtown Warsaw.

location of the Pauline priests, and their monastery of Jasna Gora, the most hallowed place in Poland, home of the "Black Madonna" icon, which is credited with many miracles.

On the way back to Warsaw, the tour stops at Auschwitz and Birkenau, the largest of the Nazi concentration camps. "It is worthwhile to visit this historic place to keep in mind the atrocities committed against the many people who were sent to the gas chambers and the firing squads during World War II," said Ed.

While touring the camps can be emotionally painful, they leave a lasting impression. You'll be forever mindful of the power of hate and prejudice.

Poland is a country of contrasts - old and new, happy and sad, colorful and drab. Visiting Poland is a trip of a lifetime, one that you'll never forget.

Tell us about your summer

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**War: A tour guide at Malbork Castle explains the extensive damage the castle incurred.**



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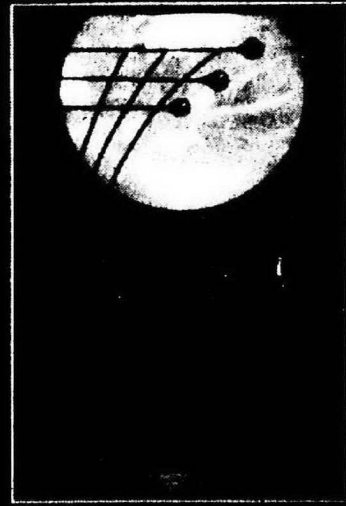
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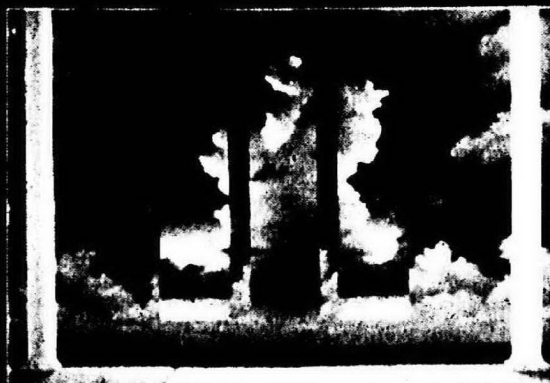
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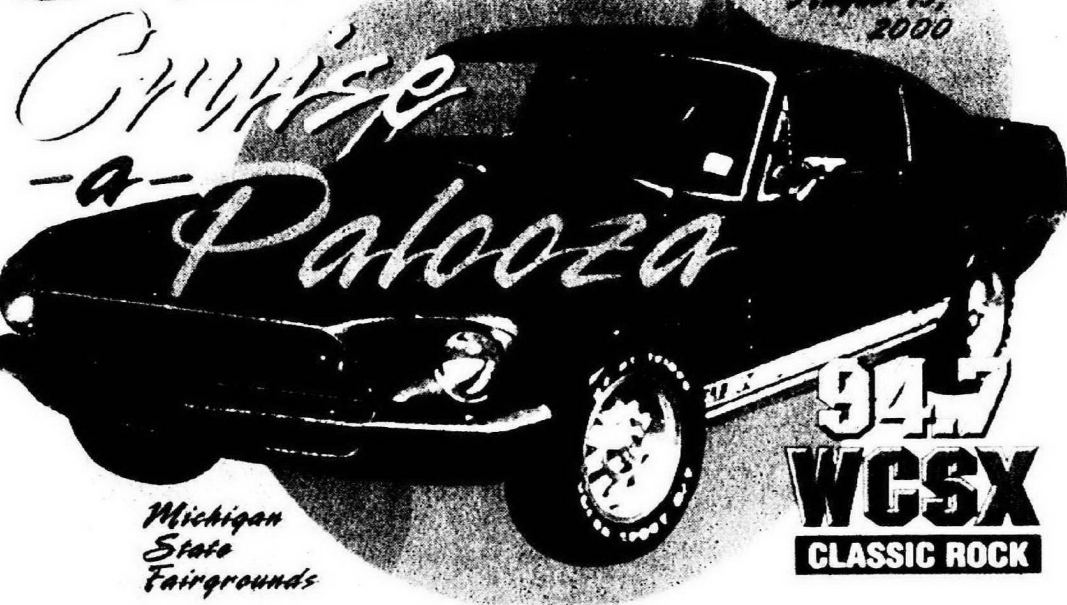
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## FOCUS ON WINE



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## Winemakers set wine styles

**W**e've been lucky! We gained a reputation as wine writers in the same time period as some of today's top California winemakers. So, you might say we've "grown up" together.

Steve Test, winemaker at Merryvale Vineyards in the Napa Valley, is on this list. We first met Test in 1980, right after he completed enology graduate work at the University of California at Davis. We're fans of his wines, first in the early years at Domaine Laurier, then at Stonestreet.

About a year and a half ago, Merryvale put its top-of-the-line red wine Profile in a blind tasting against other big hitters in the Bordeaux-style blend category, 1995 vintage.

Eleanor was one of the tasters. She found it interesting that her number one wine was the Stonestreet Legacy and number two was Merryvale Profile.

Steve Test left Stonestreet and became Merryvale winemaker in the summer of 1998. He made the 1995

Stonestreet Legacy that she liked. His predecessor made the 1995 Merryvale Profile.

And why did Eleanor rank the wines as she did?

Two words in her tasting notes tell it all. Stonestreet Legacy was elegant and the Merryvale Profile was elegant. For Bordeaux-style California reds, Eleanor prefers elegance over elegance.

### Looking for opulence

In a recent face-to-face with Steve Test, Eleanor asked him to compare his winemaking style with his predecessor's. She about fell off her chair when he said, "I'm looking for opulence, fatness, big, dark, round wines, but with supple tannins. I guess you'd have to say the

change consumers will see with my wines is from elegance to opulence. These winemaking attitudes lead wine blends in different directions."

Winemakers do set wine styles! With some 1998 Merryvale wines, all made by Steve Test, now in the market, it's a good time to learn if you, too, prefer the subtle changes.

The 1998 Merryvale white wines are brighter, fresher, and potentially longer-lived. The 1998 Sauvignon Blanc, \$19, is a departure from the former style. Varietal characters, such as ripe melon with some new-mown hay in the background are in focus. With leanings towards the style of a French Pouilly-Fumé, it's lovely.

Reserve 1998 Merryvale Sauvignon Blanc, \$24, is a step up. "For a Reserve wine, I use slightly more new oak and the best lots from the best barrels," Test said. "To me that means, those with the most distinctive, pumped-up varietal character."

Relatively unchanged in style, at the owner's decision (winemakers do answer to a higher being), is the 1998

Please see FOCUS ON WINE, D2

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Main Dish Miracle
- Turkey on the grill

# PAMPERING DAD

## FAMILIES CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY FOR TWO VERY DIFFERENT DADS



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BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
SPECIAL WRITER

**W**hat do you do on Father's Day for a man who eats "too well" most every day and a man who doesn't eat meat any day?

For two families, a barbecue is what's planned for this year's celebration.

Martin "Skip" Scully of Southfield will be treated to plain and basic food fare, compliments of his wife Linda and twins, Jennifer and Joe, age 17. There will be hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw.

"I'm happy that the meal will be just the normal 'usual stuff' that marks an American barbecue," said Skip, who is the manager of Woodruff's fine restaurant in Royal Oak.

"My job allows me to partake in gourmet meals and unique food offerings practically every night. The food is great, but I'm looking forward to simpler dishes and spending time with my family on Father's Day."

Linda and the twins are also looking forward to pampering "their man and dad" on his special day, which is June 18 this year.

"Potato salad is one of Skip's favorite foods. We're planning to make a big batch of this dish to accompany juicy grilled hamburgers — another of his favorite choices," Linda said.

While Linda and the Scully kids are cooking up this all-American meat and potato salad meal, the Perkins family is planning a less-traditional barbecue. Veggie burgers will be on the grill for their Father's Day celebration ... veggie burgers and red skin potatoes.

Both Pam and Dave Perkins are employed at Metropolitan Adventist

Junior Academy in Plymouth. Pam is the school secretary and Dave is a homeroom teacher for eighth- and ninth-grade students.

According to Pam, their family — which includes daughters, Tabitha, 17, and Brandilyn, 15 — are vegetarians due, in part, to their religious beliefs but also because of the health benefits offered by this way of eating.

"The kids and I have never tasted meat and Dave gave it up when he was 17," Pam said. "Being vegetarians works for us, and for many others who want to eat healthy and nutritious foods."

"Just because meat is excluded from our diets and we limit dairy products, this doesn't mean our food isn't tasty. Our non-vegetarian friends have said how much they enjoy the dishes we make."

Dave enjoys the vegetarian diet, especially because of the health benefits. Eating primarily fruits, vegetables, grains and nuts can lower cholesterol, and significantly reduce the chances of contracting some chronic diseases, such as diabetes, arthritis and macular degeneration.

Health benefits aside, Dave and the Perkins "girls" are all looking forward to the veggie burgers on whole wheat rolls, the grilled potatoes and a large tray of vegetables on June 18 — Father's Day.

The Scully and Perkins moms may be preparing different main meals for their husbands on the upcoming special day, but they are in agreement when it comes to dessert. Both families will end their celebrations with strawberry shortcake!

Sandra Dalka-Prysbys is a Beverly Hills resident and writes about food for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

## Fix Dad these delightful dishes

### OLD-FASHIONED POTATO SALAD

- 7 to 8 medium potatoes, cooked, peeled and cubed
- 4 hard boiled eggs, chopped
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup celery, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 hard-boiled egg, sliced, and paprika for garnish

In large bowl, combine all but egg slices and paprika. Toss lightly. Arrange egg slices on top and sprinkle with paprika. Chill at least 2 hours before serving. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe submitted by Linda Scully.

### VEGGIE BURGERS

- Olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped fine
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped fine
- 1 can (1 pound, 4 ounces) veggie burger
- 1/2 cup tomato ketchup
- 2 cups oatmeal
- 3 eggs (egg substitute is preferred)

Heat small amount of oil in skillet and saute onion and green pepper. Remove to bowl and add remaining ingredients. Mix well. Make into patties and grill on each side. (Use a little oil in a Teflon griddle on the grill.) Makes 4-6 patties, depending on size.

Recipe submitted by Pam Perkins.

### RED POTATOES

- 6-8 medium red potatoes
- Olive oil
- Onion powder
- Celery salt

Wash potatoes and leave skins on. Cook in boiling water until tender. Do not overcook. (You can do this step the day before, then drain and keep refrigerated overnight.)

Cut potatoes with skins into 1/4-inch slices. Place in a single layer in Teflon skillet with small amount of oil. Sprinkle lightly with onion powder and celery salt. Cook until brown and crispy, turn once.

Makes 4-6 servings.

Recipe submitted by Pam Perkins.

## NUTRITION

# Send power-packed lunches to camp with kids

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Getting ready to send your kids off to camp? For your younger ones attending day camp, a lunch is generally the routine. But how do you make those lunches healthy?

Let's start with the basics. Why should your child eat a power-packed lunch? Here are some of the main reasons:

- It keeps their energy up all afternoon.
- It keeps their blood sugar at a normal level so they are not cranky.
- It keeps them from feeling famished by the time they come home in the afternoon.
- It provides one quarter to one third of their daily requirements for calories, protein, vitamins and minerals.

If you can stick to basic principles, brown bag lunches can be a breeze. Stick to the following premise:

Include a grain, protein, vegetable and fruit for a well-balanced lunch.

### Sandwich ideas

Here are some ideas for a basic roll-up sandwich. Use whole wheat lavash or pita bread and fill with some of the following:

Sauces: Barbecue, pesto, honey mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, mayonnaise, Tamari, Dijon mustard, Bragg's Liquid Aminos (sold at a natural food store).

Veggie fillings: Shredded carrots, shredded broccoli, celery, sprouts, mushrooms, sliced tomatoes, green pepper, onion, pea pods, zucchini/squash, spinach or leaf lettuce.

Protein fillings: Vegetarian refried beans, humus, lowfat or soy cheese, soy meat free products (chicken, turkey and veggie slices), nutbutters (peanut, almond, walnut, cashew, soy).

Accompaniments: Fresh fruit, pudding cups, Health Valley or Hain Fruit filled treats or fruited yogurt.

Or, try leftovers like cold pizza or pasta. Contrary to popular belief with

### Look for recipes inside

sandwiches or salads, it is not the mayonnaise that spoils on a hot day, but the protein filling.

If you stick with a vegetarian protein, this can solve the spoilage problem. You can also pack an ice block with the lunch to keep foods cool. Add a juice box or soy milk box and your little one is on his way!

### Packing snacks

What about snacks? Try packing dried fruit, baked chips, whole grain pretzels or snack bars sweetened with brown rice syrup and a multi-grain base. What do you do if your youngster demands candy or sweets in her lunch? Gretchen Baron, mother of Hannah, 9, Caroline, 6, and baby Katie, feels: "If you give your kid a simple box of Nerds rather than fighting a battle, it empowers them to make a conscious choice on whether to eat the candy for lunch, save it for a snack or share it with her friends."

If you include a fun food along with their healthy lunch, you'll find that

your child is satisfied with one treat versus making the rest of the day a "junk food frenzy."

Baron also hands her kids some raw veggies to eat after school. That way, if they refuse to eat their veggies at dinner, she knows that she covered that base earlier.

"As an afternoon snack, my kids don't think that they're really eating vegetables," Baron said.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. Visit her website at [www.nutritionsecrets.com](http://www.nutritionsecrets.com) and look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Four out of five children at the age of 10 are afraid of being fat. Almost half of American elementary school students between the first and third grades want to be thinner. Call Price at (248) 539-9424 to find out how you can implement Eating Disorder Prevention/Intervention programs at your school.

# Focus on Wine from page D1

Merryvale Starmont Chardonnay, \$23.

It's lean and citrusy - a perfect chardonnay for seafood.

Merryvale whites with opulence and fabulous richness are 1998 Dutton Ranch Chardonnay, \$38, and 1998 Carneros Reserve Chardonnay, \$38. Both wines have the appeal of a white Burgundy in a riper year. Call it finesse with full-blown flavors.

For Merryvale red wines, you don't have to wait for the 1998s to notice the style difference. Test blended the winery's flagship red 1996 Merryvale Profile, \$75. And he did say blending decisions marked style. Opulence is there with some remarkable chocolate cherry lingering flavors - and we both like to find that in a Cabernet-based red wine!

### Learn wine basics

Eager to learn more about wine basics? Recently published from the Wine Spectator, *Essen-*

*tials of Wine: A Guide to the Basics* by Harvey Steiman, \$24.95, is a good read. Others have written a basics of wine book. What makes Steiman's the best is his common sense approach to the most important issues related to wine for novices and connoisseurs alike. His casual, yet informative writing style makes a pleasurable read.

Steiman must be into watching the TV Food Network's top chef personality Emeril Lagasse, because he comes at you with his "bam" in the form of pages introducing each chapter and subtitled "The Essence." They are a "spirited" distillation of key messages. Like our best buy wines, this book gets our nod as the best read in a long time.

Look for *Focus on Wine* on the first and third Sunday of the month in *Taste*. To leave a voice mail message for the *Healds*, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

# Food Network visits Novi

See live cooking demonstrations and wine seminars by your favorite Food Network TV personalities from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Novi Expo Center.

Food Network Live will be hosted by Bill Boggs, host of the show "Bill Boggs Corner Table." It will feature Food Network personalities Mario Batali, David Rosengarten, Curtis Aikens, Jill Cordes and Chez Ray.

Guests can sample dishes from restaurants, including Capers Steak by the Ounce, Carl's Chop House, Damato's, Health Masters, Innovative Food Concepts,

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# Reduce fat in baking with yogurt

**You can get great results reducing the fat in your favorite chocolate chip cookie or brownie recipes by substituting non-fat yogurt for some of the fat.**

wonderful "mouth feel" to baked desserts.

You can get great results reducing the fat in your favorite chocolate chip cookie or brownie recipes by substituting non-fat yogurt for some of the fat. Replace half of the butter or other solid shortening with half as much non-fat yogurt. (For example, replace 1 cup butter with 1/2 cup butter and 1/4 cup non-fat yogurt.) If the recipe calls for cooking oil, replace half the oil with three-fourths as much non-fat yogurt, i.e., instead of 1 cup oil, use 1/2 cup oil and 3/8 cup (3/4 of 1/2 cup) non-fat yogurt.

Plain, non-fat yogurt can be used in place of sour cream, cup

for cup, in a variety of recipes - and it gives a richer body and flavor than fat-free sour cream. Non-fat yogurt can also replace some of the eggs in certain recipes, like those for coffee cake or cake-like cookie bars.

### RAISIN CUPCAKES WITH LEMON YOGURT ICING

- Cupcakes**
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
  - 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon cloves
  - 1/4 cup low-fat yogurt
  - 2 tablespoons soft margarine or butter
  - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1 egg, beaten
- Lemon Yogurt Icing**
- 3/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
  - 1 tablespoon low-fat yogurt
  - 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
  - 1/2 tsp. lemon juice

Spray muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray or line with paper

liners.

In saucepan, cover raisins with water, bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup liquid. Let cool.

In bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, cinnamon and cloves

In separate large bowl, beat yogurt, margarine (or butter) and sugar until well mixed. Add egg and beat well. Stir in reserved cooking liquid alternatively with dry ingredients. Add cooled raisins and mix well.

Spoon into prepared muffin tins. Bake at 375 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool.

Make the icing: Combine all the ingredients in a small bowl and mix until smooth. Spread on cooled cupcakes.

**Nutritional information:** Each of the 12 cupcakes contains 218 calories and 3 grams of fat

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114). It's open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

# Salad, rollups make for healthy eating

Here are some vegetarian recipes for summer, courtesy of Beverly Price. See related column on *Taste* front.

### RAVIOLI SALAD

- 1 package (16 ounces) large cheese ravioli
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1 large tomato, chopped

- 1/4 cup basil olive oil
- 1/4 seasoned rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves, minced
- 2 teaspoon fresh oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, crushed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Prepare ravioli according to package directions. Chill in refrigerator about 1 hour. In a bowl, combine ravioli, onion, bell peppers, tomato, oil and vinegar, Parmesan cheese, basil, oregano and thyme. Toss lightly. Add salt and pepper. Yield: 6 servings.

- onion
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/3 cup Mayonaise
- 1/2-1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Crumble tofu with fork. Add vegetables. Combine Mayonaise, honey, and mustard. Mix well with tofu/vegetable mixture until evenly distributed and well moistened. Serve as a filling in a sandwich.

### ROLLED TUSCAN VEGETABLE SANDWICH

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 8 ounces tempeh
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup diced tomatoes, drained
- 1/2 cup drained oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 4 whole wheat lavash

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

Heat oil in heavy medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add tempeh, zucchini, yellow squash and saute for 3 minutes.

Add tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes and mushrooms and saute for 5 minutes more.

Place 1 cup of the mixture in a line along the center of the lavash.

Sprinkle with a small amount of the balsamic vinegar. Roll, cut in half on the diagonal and eat as a sandwich. Yield: 4 servings.

### MINT AND HONEY FRUIT CUP

- 2 cups quartered strawberries
- 1 1/2 cups sliced apricots (about 1/2 pound)
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh mint

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl, stir gently to combine. Cover and chill. Yield: 4 servings.

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# Spring prime time for artichokes

Artichoke's nutty flavor and meaty texture make it a favorite vegetable of many Americans - whether cooked or raw, hot or cold, savored alone or with other ingredients in salads or cooked dishes.

Native to the Mediterranean region, artichokes were introduced to this country by French settlers in Louisiana and by the Spanish in California. Today, virtually all commercially grown domestic artichokes are produced in California, where their cultivation was firmly established a century ago by Italian immigrants.

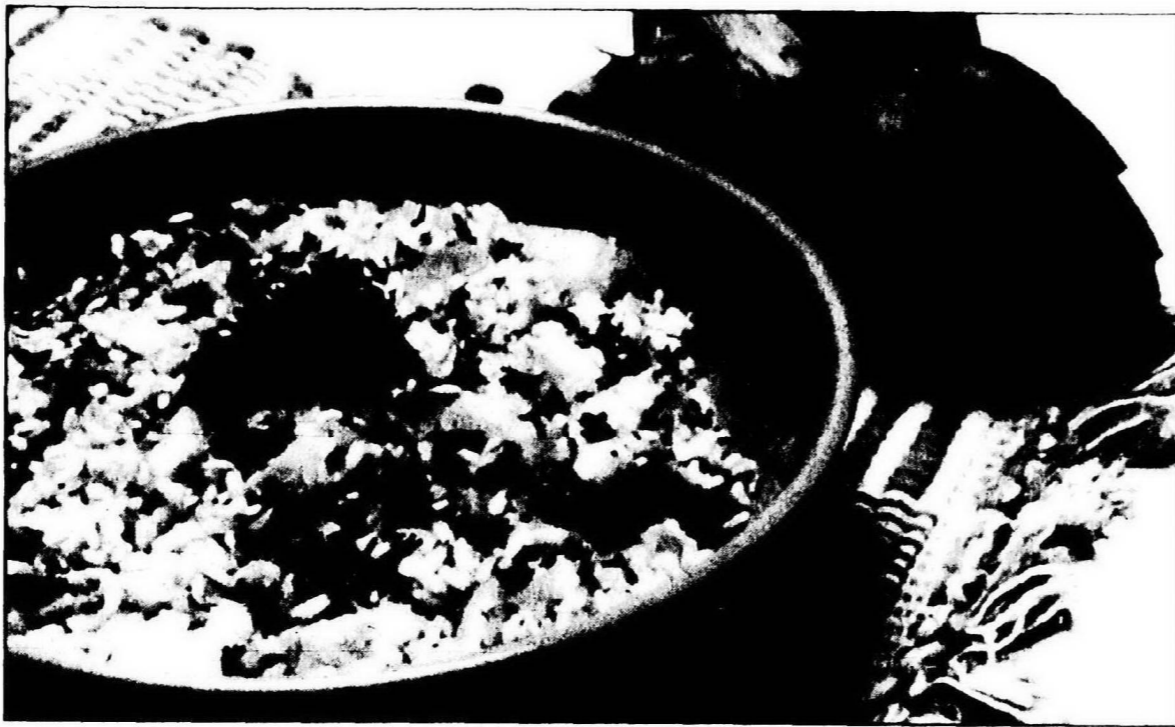
Low in calories and fat-free, artichokes are a good source of dietary fiber and nutrients including vitamin C, folate and magnesium.

When selecting artichokes, choose those with an even green color and avoid any that are wilted, moldy or dried out. Ranging in size from baby to jumbo, all artichokes are mature when picked. Small artichokes are ideal for appetizers or entrees and, when properly trimmed, every part is edible. Medium-sized artichokes are best sliced and stir-fried, or stuffed with a favorite hot or cold filling.

Large artichokes are delicious as a stuffed entrée or as an appetizer with a low-fat dip.

Don't be put off by the artichoke's thistle thorns and intimidating appearance. Just break off and discard the outer leaves. Trim away the inner, tender leaves and reserve for another use - our focus for now is the artichoke heart. Scrape up the thickest of fuzz beneath the leaf stems, called the choke, which will come out in small pieces. Beneath the choke is the prize - the meaty bottom, or heart.

Exposed to the air, cut raw artichoke turns dark, but this discoloration can be minimized if the heart is immediately dipped in a mixture of water and vinegar or lemon juice.



Side dish: Artichoke hearts work especially well in simple rice dishes such as Risotto with Artichokes.

The raw artichoke heart can be sliced paper-thin and added to a salad. But artichoke hearts work especially well in simple rice dishes, especially those made with the short-grained rice used to prepare the famous Italian risotto.

### RISSOTTO WITH ARTICHOKE

- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 cups sliced artichoke hearts
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 cups Arborio rice
- 1/3 cup dry white wine or beef broth
- 1 (14 1/2 ounce) can beef broth
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large skillet coated with non-stick cooking spray, sauté onion several minutes or until it begins to soften. Add artichokes and garlic and continue cooking until onion is tender. Add rice, stir and cook until rice is opaque, 1 to 3 minutes. Add the wine or broth and cook, stirring frequently, until liquid is completely absorbed, about 3 minutes.

Heat the beef broth in the microwave or in saucepan on the stove until hot. Add 1/2 cup of the heated broth to the rice mixture, stirring frequently, until most of the liquid is absorbed, 3 to 5 minutes. Continue adding remaining broth, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring constantly and letting liquid absorb after each addition. Cook

until rice is creamy and the kernels just slightly "chewy," about 25 minutes. If more liquid is needed, use water.

When risotto is done, season to taste with salt and pepper. Add parsley and Parmesan cheese. Stir until well blended and serve immediately.

**Nutritional information:** Makes 8 servings, each containing 258 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114, Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday). This free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>.

## 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](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net)

**Vegetarian Cooking** - Lenore Yaisove 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 teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in June. Other June classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays include: pressure cooking, June 7; Mideast favorites, June 14; cool pasta salads, June 21; and delicious vegetables, June 28. Call (248) 478-4455.

**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 incorporate herbs and spices into favorite foods 6-8 p.m. 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.

**Pastries and Desserts** - Through demonstration and hands-on experience, the student will learn how to construct pies, tarts, cakes, tortes and French pastries in this course offered on Mondays at Schoolcraft College for three weeks starting June 5. Pastries and desserts presented are designed for the person who loves to entertain at home. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

**Wines of the World** - This class offered at Schoolcraft College will introduce the student to the great variety of wines and wine regions of the world. An ever-increasing worldwide variety of wines is available today. This five-week class offered on Mondays starting June 5 will highlight these wines with tastings. You must be 21 to register for this class. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

**Food service sanitation** - Designed for owners and man-

agers of food service establishments, this course prepares students for final examinations administered by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association and by the Michigan Department of Health. The two-day course at Schoolcraft College from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. costs \$275 and will be offered Monday and Tuesday, June 12-13, and again Aug. 14-15. Call (734) 462-4448.

**Cooking Basics with Machines** - Dust off your food processor and plug in your mixer for this class at Schoolcraft College from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14. Students will learn the great potential of the equipment you have, but may be hesitant to use. Learn to make homemade pasta dough, pizza dough, mayo, sauce and pie crust without messing up your countertop. Call (734) 462-4448.

**Cook fish** - Seafood can be a challenge to any cook. Learn a

variety of cooking and flavoring methods at this class from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, and Thursday, June 29, at Schoolcraft College. Learn what to look for and smell when visiting the fish market. Call (734) 462-4448.

**World of Flavors** - Spice up your palate with marinades, dips, rubs, herbs, spices and infusions. Learn to create a wide variety of your food in this class at Schoolcraft College 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 8. Flavors will come from numerous international traditions and cuisines, applicable to meat, fish and vegetables. Call (734) 462-4448.

**Basic essentials** - This class at Schoolcraft College will introduce people to the essential staples to add flair to every meal at sessions on Wednesday, July 12, and Wednesday, July 19. You will learn what items to keep on hand, where to purchase them, and how to use them in a variety of recipes. Call (734) 462-4448.

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# Automakers boost Net action as studies question effectiveness



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**D**etroit automakers are wondering what to make of a new study that tosses cold water on the prospects of car sales over the Internet.

In fact, the study by the Intelligence Unit of the Economist newspaper says the Net's potential to revolutionize car retailing has been greatly exaggerated.

The projections were that 60 percent of car sales would be over the Internet by 2005. In reality, the report shows people using the Internet to gather information and intelligence on prices, but to conclude the deal, they are still searching for the reassurance of that traditional handshake you can't find over the Internet.

Although Internet car retailing Web sites have proliferated, most are now struggling to grow fast enough to survive. Automotive researcher J.D. Power estimates only about 4 percent of deals in the U.S. last year were done entirely over the Internet, although about 40 percent of prospective customers used on-line computers to trawl for intelligence.

Still, the automakers are a long way from giving up.

In a major Internet move sure to be copied by rival carmakers, General Motors Corp. is launching the automobile industry's biggest Internet promotion to date. It's a plan that offers major discounts on cars and trucks through targeted coupons to consumers based on the information they enter through Web sites. The discounts are substantial, as much as \$750 per vehicle.

And the coupons are in addition to national and regional programs GM already has in place.

**Expect Ford to be next on the Net discount bandwagon. They've supposedly been planning a similar promotion and insiders tell me some execs are miffed that GM beat them to the Net with this one.**

GM has been moving aggressively to embrace the Internet for a year now, and this advertising effort underscores its confidence in this new medium.

Because the coupons can be instantly adjusted to meet demand, the automaker believes it will be able to respond quicker than with traditional incentives. The Web promotion will also include prize giveaways and enticements for consumers to

take test drives at dealerships. Expect Ford to be next on the Net discount bandwagon. They've supposedly been planning a similar promotion and insiders tell me some execs are miffed that GM beat them to the Net with this one.

## Internet disappointment

While the big corporations are still optimistic about the Net, small businesses are starting to reassess their Internet spending. About 70 percent of all the small businesses in America now have Internet access and almost 38 percent have their own Web sites.

But according to the 19th annual Dun & Bradstreet Small Business survey, more than half said the Internet had "no impact" on their businesses. In fact, many small businesses say they are actually using the Net less.

The percentage of companies that sold or marketed goods online actually dropped from 29

percent in 1998 to 26 percent last year. Revenues from online sales also dropped from 12 percent of total sales to 8 percent.

There was a drop in the numbers using the Internet for both business and personal research. Some 58 percent of the respondents said they carried out business research online in 1999, down from 71 percent in 1998. The figure for personal research was 50 percent, down from 64 percent.

The one encouraging sign is the increase in business-to-business use. The percentage of small businesses purchasing online increased from 38 percent to 43 percent.

## Palm Pilot problems

If you're using a color Palm IIIc handheld, take a look at the back case. Notice any hairline cracks? I did. I called Palm tech support and they sent me out a replacement unit overnight. Palm admits receiving numerous complaints about the tiny cracks.

While they do not affect the unit's performance, the defect is being taken seriously. The company is immediately replacing the \$449 units.

There's not such an easy fix in store for the Hewlett-Packard \$500 Jornada Pocket PC handheld. It only displays 4,096 colors, instead of the 65,000-plus colors promised by HP. The reason is a manufacturing defect, says HP, which is offering customers a full refund.

Till next week everyone... 73.

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## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

### Customer satisfaction

General Motors, North Central Region, recently recognized Tennyson Chevrolet Inc. of Livonia as a "Customer Satisfaction Leadership" dealer. The recognition was based on overall customer-satisfaction survey completed by dealership customers from September 1999 through March 2000.

The survey covered the following qualifiers: Purchase and Delivery, Service Satisfaction, and All Concerns Corrected in One Visit. Thirty-six GM and Chevrolet dealerships in the Detroit metropolitan area were involved in the challenge.

Tennyson Chevrolet, founded in 1955, has served the Livonia community for 45 years. Owner Kit Tennyson is president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and an active supporter of community groups, local schools and youth activities, including the Livonia YMCA and the Livonia Senior Center.

### Excellence awards

Johnson Controls of Plymouth recently received two prestigious automotive awards:

General Motors Corporation's 1999 Supplier of the Year Award and Ford Motor Company's 1999 World Excellence Award in the gold category for its batteries.

This is the fifth consecutive year Johnson Controls has received the General Motors award. "Johnson Controls is one of our brightest and best suppliers," said Harold R. Kutner, group vice president, Worldwide Purchasing and North American Production Control & Logistics for General Motors. "It is an honor to have them working for us. Their contributions to General Motors' overall success are immeasurable."

Johnson Controls was one of only 11 suppliers around the world to receive the Ford Motor Co. award. "The suppliers who have earned the World Excellence Award are members of an exclusive world-class club," said Carlos Mazzorin, Ford group vice president of global purchasing and South America. "This award honors the best and it gives Ford Motor Co. the opportunity to recognize its suppliers for their successful results in 1999."

### New Motorola plant

Motorola, Inc. will build a new facility in the Farmington Hills Corporate Campus in Farmington Hills that will combine all its businesses currently serving automotive customers in the Detroit area. The Kojaian Companies of Bloomfield Hills will develop and manage the property. Construction will begin this summer and completed by 2001.

"When this facility is fully operational, it will improve our ability to respond to and enhance our access with original equipment manufacturers and all tiers of automotive system suppliers in the Detroit area," said Joe Guglielmi, executive vice president and president, Motorola's Integrated Electronic Systems Sector.

The three-story, 125,000 square-foot building, located on I-696 and 12 Mile Road between Halsted and Drake Roads, is expected to accommodate 500 people on a 23-acre site. The new facility, designed by Minoru Yamasaki Associates, nearly doubles the size of Motorola's existing Detroit-area locations.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### AAA honors trio

Chuck Hooper, AAA Michigan agent in Livonia, has been named to the auto club's prestigious President's Council. The honor recognizes Hooper's outstanding performance in sales.



Hooper



Jacek

Chris Jacek of AAA Michigan's Livonia branch, has been recognized as one of the company's "Top 20" agents in membership sales in 1999.

Nicolas Pallas of AAA Michigan's Canton branch also has been named one of the company's "Top 20" agents in membership sales for 1999. In

addition, he has been appointed to the company's President's Council.

### Johnson Controls

Johnson Controls in Plymouth recently promoted Rande Somma, based in Plymouth, to president of North America for the Automotive Systems Group. John Fiori, based in Burscheid, Germany, has been named president of Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific for the Automotive Systems Group.

"With these leadership appointments, we maintain and enhance our focus on customer satisfaction, world-class performance and business growth," said John Barth, president and chief operating officer for Johnson Controls.

### Compuware exec

Farmington Hills-based Compuware Corporation announced the appointment of Thomas A. Vadnais as executive vice president, professional services division. He

will manage more than 11,000 technical consultants located in more than 75 Compuware offices worldwide.

Vadnais formerly was senior vice president, Integration, PSD at Compuware. He also served as president and CEO of Data Processing Resources Corporation.

### Office Manager

Keiyania Mann of Redford has been named office manager for The Associated General Contractors of America-Greater Detroit Chapter. Mann, who has a bachelor's in business management, joined the company in 1996. "Her work ethic and positive demeanor will always be her strongest asset," said John D. Maas, executive vice president.



Mann

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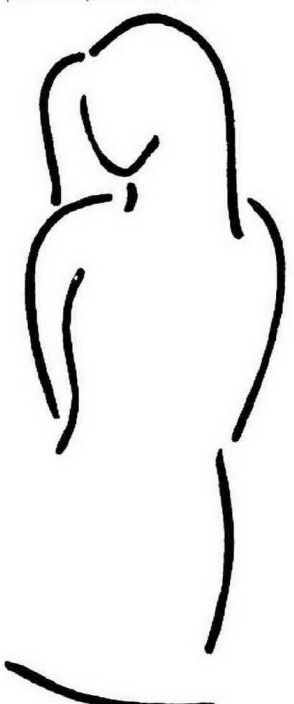
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