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Canton eyes DDA expansion



Canton officials are weighing the pros and cons of vastly expanding the current Downtown Development Authority to include everything along Ford Road from Canton Center to the Westland borderline.

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Canton officials hope to enhance the appearance of Ford Road businesses by expanding the Downtown Development Authority from Canton Center to the Westland border just east of Lots Road.

At present the DDA, created in 1984, encompasses both sides of

Ford between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, plus the Harvard Square shopping center on Sheldon.

The green streetlights, decorative walls, shrubbery and brick pavers in that 80-acre area are a result of the DDA project. They were purchased and installed with a portion of the property taxes collected from businesses within the

DDA.

Here's how a DDA works: The property tax that the township collects via its millages for general fund (1.11), police (5.1508) and fire (3.0915) is calculated using the property value at the time the DDA is established. Property taxes collected as a result of future property value increases are "captured" by the DDA fund.

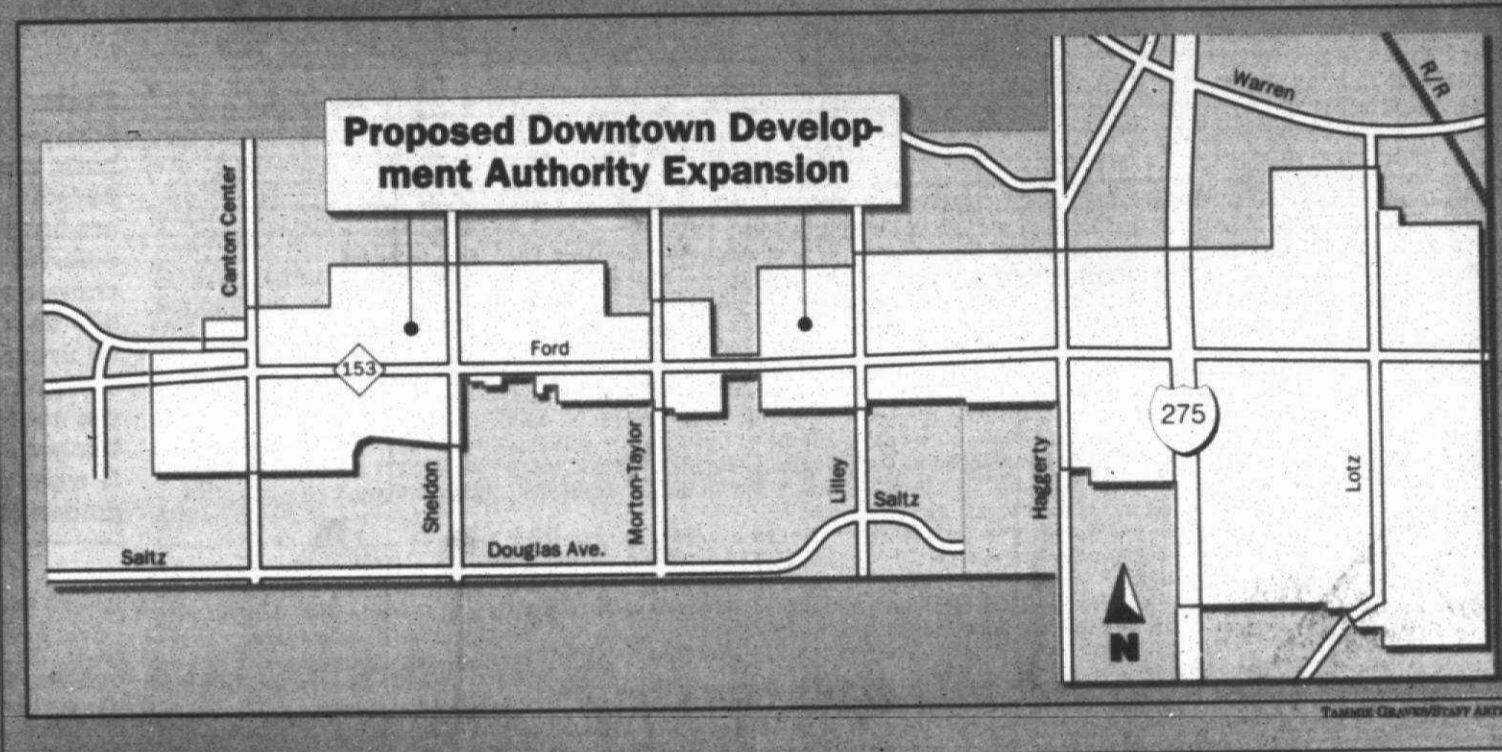
For example, the taxable value of a hypothetical property is \$100,000 in 1996 when the DDA is established. In 1997 the taxable value rises to \$105,000. The township general, police and fire funds col-

lect taxes on \$100,000, while the DDA collects taxes on \$5,000. Ten years later the property is worth \$140,000. The township general, police and fire funds collect taxes on \$100,000. The DDA collects taxes on \$40,000.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack believes that the fate of a community's "downtown" area is a barometer for the fate of the whole community.

"When the downtown starts to teeter, property values start to fall and it's only a matter of time until

See DDA, 2A



Engler launches 'Project Zero' effort

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Accompanied by more elected officials than you could shake a ballot box at, Gov. John Engler visited Canton Thursday to launch a program designed to put state welfare recipients to work.

Engler marked the beginning of phase II of "Project Zero," which aims to help recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children find work.

Canton is part of the Romulus district of the state Family Independ-

dence Agency, which is among six districts statewide chosen to pilot Project Zero.

The idea is to "examine the needs and characteristics of AFDC families without earnings so programs and services can be targeted to improve their ability to gain and retain employment," according to a press release. The goal is zero unemployment among AFDC recipients.

Michigan is already doing well in this area, relative to other states. Michigan has the highest percentage in the nation of welfare recipients who work, 30 percent. And nearly

70,000 people have dropped off the welfare rolls in the last two years.

"This is not a system about how to maintain dependency and to keep people receiving a check from the state," Engler said. "This is about taking down barriers, and that's exactly what we're going to allow the people in this district to do."

Engler noted that even Wayne Democrat Tom Kelly, a state representative, supports Project Zero. "This is the issue that needs to go across party lines, because it's in everybody's interest," he said. "There isn't a Democrat or Republi-

can way of putting somebody to work. Somebody who doesn't have a job needs a job, period."

Engler's chorus and audience Thursday consisted of five state legislators, two state department heads, three Wayne county commissioners, the top three township elected officials and numerous state department staffers.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, noted that welfare-reform legislation wasn't easy to achieve. "There were some tough votes," he said.

See ENGLER, 2A

'Silent Impressions' perform

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Kim Parker will never be able to hear the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" because she is deaf. But thanks to Suzanne Calmes and her sign-language students, the Canton resident will see it performed.

And she won't have to go any further than her daughter's school, Eriksson Elementary.



Signing: Justin Hartman (from left), Cheryl Ayotte, Jillian Peace and Sarah Cassidy practice singing and signing.

PHOTO BY BILL BISHLER

See SIGNING, 2A

Help the Hideout

Volunteers are needed to help with the spring cleanup of the Heritage Hideout playscape in Heritage Park Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21.

Cleanup includes spreading new wood chips, preserving the wood of the structure and hanging donor plaques.

Teens and adults are invited to help. Babysitting service will not be available. Refreshments will be served. The playscape will be closed for use during the cleanup.

Hours for the cleanup are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 20 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21. If it rains, cleanup will be postponed until May 4-5.

To volunteer, call Christine Donaldson, 397-4825, or Debbie Fulan, 981-9814.

CANTON CONNECTION

Canton firm honored

Modern Insurance Agency of Canton has been honored by Citizens Insurance Company of America.

After reviewing the performance of about 700 independent agencies in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio that write property and casualty policies for Citizens Insurance Company, the Michigan-based insurer selected the Canton agency for the Key Agents Club and the Outstanding Agency awards.

The Key Agents Club award recognizes agencies for exceptional production and underwriting

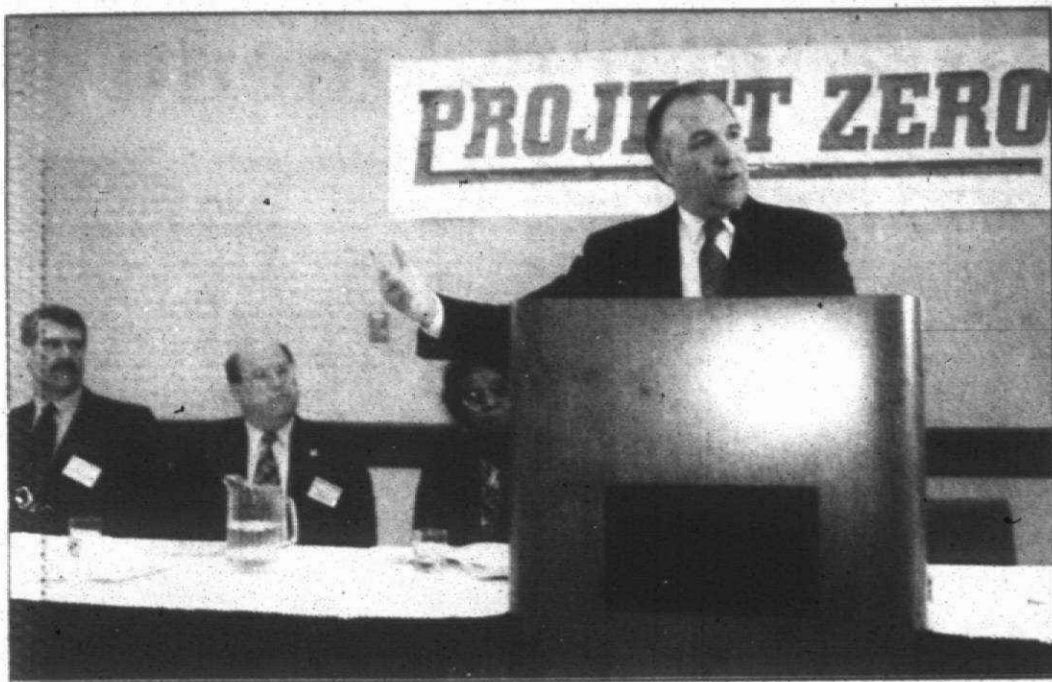
results. The Outstanding Agency award recognizes one agency in each of Citizens' marketing territories for best overall performance.

Scout builds park tables

Canton youth Andy Bennett designed and constructed 10 new picnic tables for Canton Parks and Recreation Services. The project helped him earn important community service badges necessary to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank among Boy Scouts.

The picnic tables are expected to be used near the Heritage Hideout playscape in Heritage Park.

Michelle Murch, Canton head groundskeeper, said the township provided the materials for the project.



Announcement: Gov. John Engler launches the second phase of "Project Zero" at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton Thursday afternoon.

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"Change is difficult. But the clients we represent are facing the same tough decisions. The change is difficult for them, and we need to be there to be supportive for that change."

Kelly, the only Democrat on the dais with Engler, said, "This is not a regional thing. It spreads across the entire state and it deals with people and it gives people dignity. I cannot but endorse those principals."

Engler says he's not on Dole VP list

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER

While launching a program to put welfare recipients to work, Gov. John Engler was asked what role the Michigan Department of Transportation would play in getting newly employed poor people to work.

Engler answered that MDOT provides subsidies to public transit systems, then added, "The other

work the plan, a plan that is the most comprehensive and compassionate plan in the nation. I know the plan will work because it says government does not know what's best."

State Rep. Jim Ryan, R-Redford Township, said, "In order to succeed, you must plan your work and then work your plan. We have completed our plan to strengthen Michigan families, and it's now exciting to see us

The Romulus district has a population of about 230,000 and 2,046 families on welfare as of last January. Some 1,311 of those families (64 percent) have no earned income.

things, obviously, are the roads themselves," alluding to the poor condition of Michigan roads. "But we won't get into that too much." Asked if Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole has offered him the second spot on the ticket, Engler said, "No."

When told he was allegedly on Dole's "short list" of possible running mates, Engler responded, "I don't believe that stuff. That's so much hoop."

Signing from page 1A

On Friday, April 26, Jamie Parker and 25 of her fellow students, also known by their stage name "Silent Impressions," will perform "Any Dream Will Do," from "Joseph," and "Colors of the Wind," from "Pocahontas," in sign language.

Shows are set for 2 p.m. for the student body, and 3:45 p.m. for parents. The performers have decorated a colorful coat for the show, not unlike the one used in "Joseph" on Broadway. Fifth-grader Steven T. will wear the coat as the entertainers sign the words, "I wore my coat with golden lining."

Suzanne Calmes, a Canton native and a 1980 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, began learning sign language as a girl when she babysat for some deaf youngsters.

Calmes has two daughters at Eriksson — Jessie and Amy, both of whom will be in the show.

"Each group of us is going to stand up, one by one, with signs," said Jessie, a fourth-grader who will lead her school's honors choir program in May. "It was a little hard at first, but now I get it. I think the audience will like this."

Jessie, Amy, and their friend Brittany Karasz agree it's fun to know sign language.

"It's a good experience learning about sign language," said Brittany, 10. "I really like it. It's like I'm opening up my world to see something different to do with my spare time."

Said Amy: "I think it's really good. I like it because you can learn how to talk to other people who can't hear what you are saying and stuff like that. I am the only second-grader in the show, and I know a lot of sign language."

Jessie says it's great being able to speak with her friend Jamie's mother.

Calmes, largely self-taught, puts her talents to work in many arenas. The Madonna University graduate works as an interpreter for deaf students in the Brighton school district. In the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Calmes works with autistic students as a para-professional. She

also works at the University of Michigan Hospital, interpreting for deaf patients.

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New restaurant to feature 'gamey' menu

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER

Canton residents tiring of the beef, chicken, turkey, pork routine may cleanse their pallets and sample something completely different at the Misty Duck Bistro later this year.

Farmington Hills resident David Khoury, owner of the Damon's rib restaurant on Ford Road, plans a June opening for the Misty Duck, which will specialize in "game" dishes like grilled duck strips with peanut dip, blackened BBQ buffalo burgers, sauteed breast of pheasant forestiere, sauteed quail with brandy candied plums and sauteed wild boar medallions with golden pears and rosemary cream.

Diners will find the Misty Duck next to the Total gas station on the northeast corner of Canton Center and Ford. If that spot seems familiar, it's because the Canton Big Boy that Khoury built in 1976 was there.

Khoury will rehab the old Big Boy restaurant inside and out, spending something like \$500,000 on the job. The decor will have an "upland game theme," Khoury said, "but it's not going to have a hunting lodge look to it."

There will be a small bar lounge area, a fireplace and a two-piece jazz band, but no dancing. Seating is planned for 135 customers. Once a month Khoury plans a "feature night" with various themes, such as

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Dave Khoury
—Misty Duck owner

cigar smoking or a murder/mystery enactment.

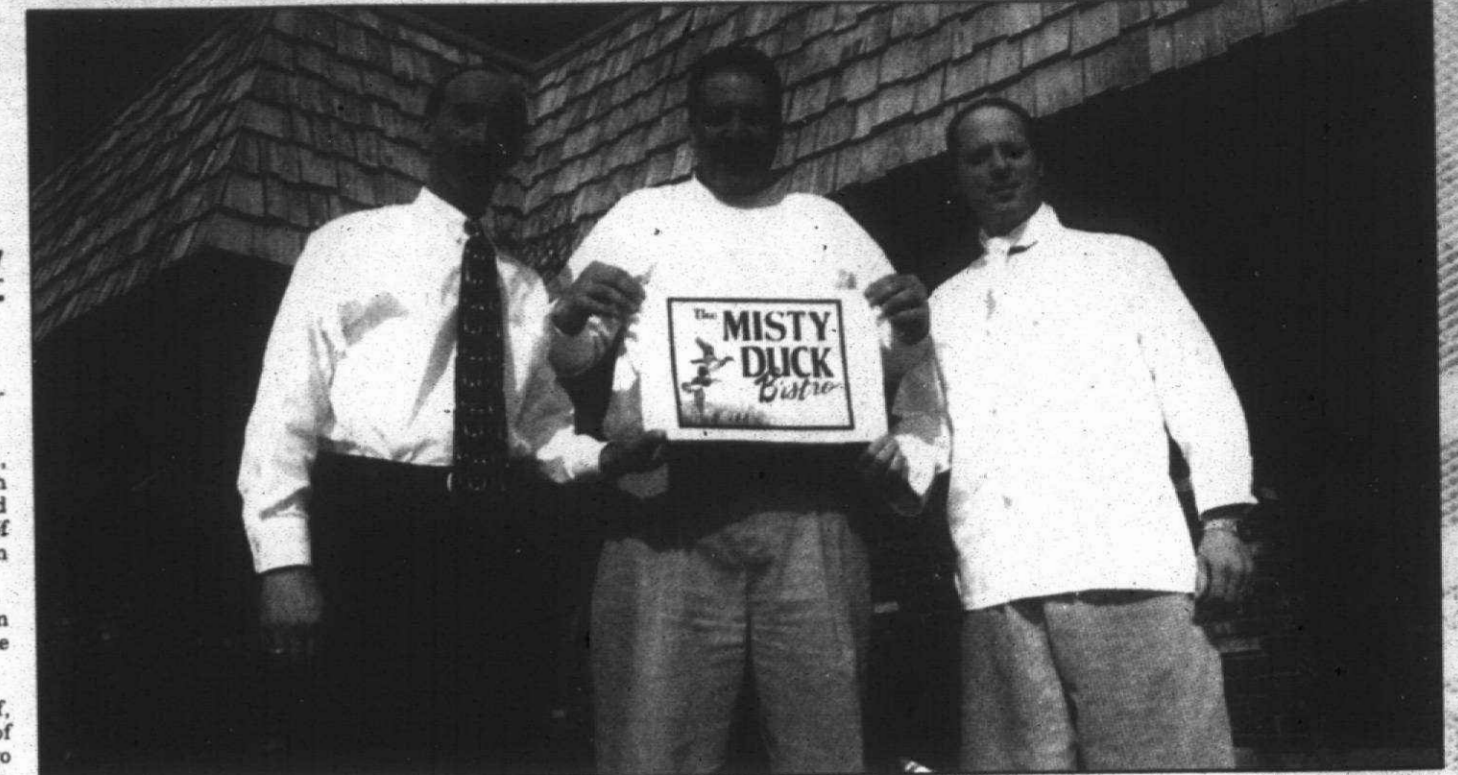
"It's going to have a warm, nice, upscale theme to it with casual theme prices," said Khoury, who is also a member of the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority.

Hiring is expected to begin in mid May, and Khoury said he will need 80 employees to start.

He has already hired a chef, Bradley Kimelman, formerly of the Sweetwater Bistro in Keego Harbor, and a general manager, Bill Khoury (no relation), who currently manages Grady's American Grill in Novi.

Kimelman said he has been a "kitchen rat" since he began cooking in a Chinese restaurant at age 11.

He is a graduate of the culinary arts program at Oakland Community College, and has worked at Machus Sly Fox in Birmingham, the Golden Mushroom of Southfield, "a whole slew



Duck personnel: Manager Bill Khoury, Dave Khoury (no relation) and chef Bradley Kimelman stand in front of the old Big Boy at Canton Center and Ford. The plan to re-open the restaurant in June as the Misty Duck.

of hotels" and finally opened his own place, the Sweetwater Bistro.

Kimelman said he wants customers to be so impressed with the appearance of his food that they hesitate before digging in, perhaps saying, "We'll take a

picture of this, then we'll think about eating it."

Although most of the entrees on the Misty Duck menu are items you sooner expect to see in hunting photographs, rather than on your plate, Kimelman assures that he won't have a

team of riflemen out in the field to put food on the table.

The animal flesh, he said, "has to come from a certified FDA approved meat packing company."

Originally, Khoury planned to

call the new restaurant the Mighty Duck Bistro.

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DDA from page 1A

that spills over into the rest of the community," he said.

Yack believes that the viability of the Canton area is directly related to the viability of the Ford Road commercial district.

The existing DDA captures about \$75,000 a year in property taxes. An expanded DDA would capture much more, particularly as the 378 undeveloped acres within it are built on.

The challenge for Canton officials is to decide if the benefits that accrue from an expanded DDA are worth giving up future revenue from the general police and fire funds.

As more businesses move into the DDA, the need for police and fire services rises, but the taxes the DDA generates for police and fire remain constant. The result is that property owners outside

the DDA subsidize police and fire protection to DDA properties to a greater degree every year.

"The taxpayers are going to have to bear the cost of the additional public safety officer coming in," said Jim Horen, the newest member of the Canton DDA advisory board.

Horen, who runs Bowden Insurance in Plymouth, used to have an office in Northville, and he is familiar with the DDA there.

To him, the benefits outweigh the drawbacks. Visitors "would come out for a specific shop, notice the nice area and stay to shop at other stores," he said. "People were impressed with downtown Northville."

DDA treasurer Ralph Shufeldt, an investment planner with Standard Federal Bank,

said a Canton DDA expanded to the extent proposed would "really set Canton apart from other communities. This is something that's entirely new, to take in the entire central business district into a DDA."

And aesthetics are just the beginning, he added. "It's not just a matter of beautifying the area. We are going to help manage that district to make sure it's run at peak efficiency."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Janet Volante, who manages the First of America Bank on Ford Road, said she favors the proposed expansion, too.

Volante said a larger DDA would give Ford Road a "downtown atmosphere" and "make things blend together like a community."

Vermeulen offers pre-arrangement counselor

Vermeulen Funeral Homes in Plymouth and Westland announce the arrival of their new prearrangement counselor manager, A. Thomas Boaz, "he

has experience in advanced funeral preplanning and marketing.

He offers seminars and workshops on various topics includ-

ing funeral preplanning, getting your affairs in order, burial and cremation options, memorial designing and many others. He is a motivational and inspirational speaker.

Boaz is also the state coordinator for choice in dying, which is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the rights of terminally ill patients and their families. He has assisted many families in obtaining and filling out their Designation of a Patient Advocate form. This form allows you to appoint someone close to you to make medical decisions for you in the event you cannot speak for yourself.

He is experienced in advanced funeral preplanning and is able to assist you in all your funeral preplanning needs.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 9. Trustees will consider the following:
Site plan and special land use for Carriage Park assisted living center.
Township and Republic Tool & Die rezoning.
Winshall rezoning. Allocating \$70,000 to pave Glen Arbor.
Authorization to purchase HP Designjet 750 A-E Color Plotter.
Purchase of water meters and metering control devices.
Dust control for local roads.
Uniform rental contract.
Approval to tile the first floor of the public safety building.
First reading: Ordinance No. 140 - Electrical licensing ordinance.
Resolution approving submission of grant application for landscaping in I-275 and Ford Road interchange.
Approval for upgrading the

current maintenance tech II position at the Summit on the Park community center to a maintenance technician II position.
Approval of interior design work for Summit on the Park banquet facility.
Award bid for purchase of six stage right portable stage units.
Fertilizer for Pheasant Run Golf Club.
Approval of fiscal year 1996 CDBG program.
Approve purchase of above ground storage tank at Pheasant Run.
Purchase of lift work station for grounds maintenance.
The consent calendar includes: liquor purchase authorization resolution for Pheasant Run Golf Course and Summit on the Park. budget amendments for the police fund, general fund-electricity department and community improvement fund.

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Canton officials look out west for newfangled government

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER

By studying community centers in Colorado, Canton officials settled on a design for the Summit on the Park community center.

And by studying a new concept in government in Colorado, they hope to make Canton government more responsive to residents' complaints and concerns.

In Westminster, Colo., a city of 85,000 near Denver, a bottom-up approach to problem-solving and communication with residents has been declared a success two years after launching.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro has been using a "community policing" program for about a year, which puts individual and social service agencies and empowers them to solve problems without involving the entire police bureaucracy.

Canton community policing teams are even conducting investigations regarding minor crimes that would otherwise be assigned to detectives.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack hopes to spread the community policing concept to the remainder of township government.

"How it all gets put together is the big issue," he said. "There are still a couple of implementation issues we don't understand."

"We need to evaluate whether it's viable within our organization," said Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter. "The concept is excellent, but whether it's do-able, we need to further explore."

Santomauro is enthusiastic. "We think it's a natural evolution of government where we can move from this reactive to proactive approach to solving problems," he said. "It's a simplistic approach to governmental services, but it makes a lot of sense."

In Westminster, Colo., the "Community Oriented Governance" program sprang from a task force formed to deal with public outrage at a

gang stabbing in a park near a school six years ago.

First to form was a policing concept similar to what Canton has now, said Westminster Police Investigator John Marx, who supervises the COG program.

Before long, Marx said, Westminster officials concluded that community policing would not reach its potential if its scope was limited to police officers.

So they began to spread it around two years ago and now have 11 neighborhood groups that meet once a month with city employees at elementary schools.

The volunteer employees, gleaned from the ranks of the city government's labor pool, include no directors, department heads, mayors or councilmen.

In many cases, Marx said, the employees live in the neighborhoods that their groups are based in.

"What the community really wants is to hear what's going on from a real person," Marx said. "We're putting a face on government."

The beneficial effect is that several layers of city government bureaucracy are short-circuited, and residents with problems can go straight to the people in the best position to fix them.

"Instead of going from the top down, we go from the bottom up," Marx said. "We try not to layer more bureaucracy on a problem than we need."

Santomauro doesn't want to copy Westminster's system, but let Canton employees decide how a Canton system will operate. "We as directors will work out the basic design," he said. "But it's important that practitioners design the day-to-day design of how it's going to work."

A committee studying the alternatives is expected to have a report ready for Yack and the township board in early May.

"I think it's going to work," Santomauro said. "I really think it's going to work."

Bar fight sparks attack on truck

A Belleville man told Canton police March 30 that a man he had a bar fight with at the Mobil Lounge on Michigan Avenue followed him into the parking lot and damaged his 1995 GMC pickup truck with a baseball bat or a club.

The Belleville man said he and his friend left the bar at 11:28 p.m. The assailant left the bar, too, and smashed the truck's windshield, bent the radio antenna and busted off the passenger-side mirror, according to the police report.

The police officer found a 10-inch hole in the truck's windshield.

Damage was estimated to be \$600 for the windshield, \$150 for the mirror and \$30 for the antenna.

The Belleville man and his friend told police they can identify the assailant.

No arrests were made. The officer filed a report for informational purposes.

COP CALLS

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papers and Libraries Book and Author Luncheon at noon April 18.

The luncheon will be at the Fox Hills Country Club in Salem Township.

Delbanco will speak about writing and his latest novel, "In the Name of Mercy," a medical thriller that explores the intricacies of euthanasia in today's medicine.

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Magic Line makes area man a risk manager

Canton resident Daniel P. Wallace has been named to a newly created position of financial risk manager with Magic Line, Inc., a Midwest regional electronic funds transfer network.

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ing Corporation in Troy, serving as a senior analyst responsible for credit administration and lease compliance.

Canton displays its finest collectibles



Collection: Donna Keough of the Plymouth Historical Museum arranges art glass from a collection owned by Gordon and Vera Noakes of Canton. Other Canton residents also are participating in the "Plymouth-Canton Collectibles" display running through October.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Canton folks' collections — from Lilliput cottages to perfume bottles — are featured in a new museum display.

And showing in conjunction with the "Plymouth-Canton Collectibles" exhibit is a "Made in Plymouth" exhibit. It features the Alter car manufactured here in the 1920s, a beer bottle from a Plymouth brewery circa 1860, and lots more at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"Made in Plymouth" also features displays on the careers of Plymouth's two U.S. congressmen, Carl Pursell and Ebenezer Penniman.

Penniman served one term, 1851-1853. Pursell served from 1876-1902, and his career is depicted in a series of photos. They include Pursell in meetings with Presidents Reagan and Bush.

The Alter car in the display is the only one known to exist, said Beth Stewart, museum director. The Ohio man who owned it brought it to town in 1975 "to see where it was made," Stewart said. "One of the men bought the car from him and gave it to the museum," Stewart said. "People in the old car circuit haven't seen one since."

Made in 1914-17, Stewart said of the Alter car, "We know they took orders for 100 cars, they didn't finish anywhere near that many."

Among other items in the exhibit are bugles, made by Old Village contractor Miller Bugle for the Army in World War I; frog spears used to collect frogs as bait; Daisy Air Rifles and bot-

tlid Plymouth Rock Mineral Springs Co. water from the 1890s.

A letterhead touting the elixir announced it was "a positive specific for kidney and other bladder troubles," Plymouth historian Sam Hudson wrote.

Also made in Plymouth were Wherry Mole Traps. Made in W.N. Wherry's shop on Dodge Street, the traps sold for 57 cents each or \$7.80 per dozen, as advertised in the Montgomery Ward catalog for the year 1903.

Collections displayed at the museum include Depression glass collected by Lisa Lepping; Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and wife Barbara's Lilliput cottages from England; and 35th District Judge Ron Lowe's collection of Uncle Sam figures.

Among other collections displayed are pre-1900 lamps and vases collected by Vera Noakes of Canton. They include a fairy lamp that held just enough candle wax to burn for about an hour. "The mothers would tell their children fairies blew out the light," Stewart said.

How were the collections solicited? "People find us, we keep lists," she said.

Other collections include glass hats collected by Florence Anderson of Plymouth; cameras used by early 1900s Plymouth photographer Romeo Woods; and baseball cards collected by Bill, Shawn and Shane Keough.

The exhibits run through Oct. 27. The museum, at 155 S. Main St., is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children ages 5-17.

Catholic grade school planned at Resurrection

Parents interested in learning more about a proposed new Catholic grade school in Canton are welcome to attend an informational meeting set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at Resurrection Catholic Church. Registrations, being made on a first-come, first-served basis through May 1, will be accepted at the meeting.

Resurrection, the site of the proposed school, is on the south side of Warren just west of Beck. If sufficient interest is shown,

the one-story building will be the first school to be built in the Archdiocese of Detroit in 30 years.

Interested parents also may register and/or pick up information packets from one of the sponsoring parishes - Resurrection, St. John Neumann, St. Thomas A'Becket and St. Kenneth, or they can contact parent coordinators Mike Mitchell at 420-2784 or Dan Bihn at 459-9704. Information also is available through Mike Gerou, school captain at St. Kenneth's, at 459-0306.

The target opening date is the fall of 1997. Initial response to the plan has been strong. More than 110 children have already been registered, said parent coordinator Kathryn Kristoff.

Yearly tuition is expected to be \$2,500 per student. As part of

the financing plan which will allow the school to be built, parents will pay a one-time education fee of \$5,000. The fee is payable in two \$2,500 installments before March 1, 1997.

The Plymouth-Canton public school district will provide bus transportation. However some members of St. Kenneth's parish live outside the school district and would not be eligible for transportation. St. Kenneth's may consider purchasing a bus to provide transportation for these students.

Plans for the new school grew out of a resurgence of interest in Catholic education, long waiting lists at all Catholic schools in adjacent areas, and the commitment of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Tentatively, in the fall of 1997 the school will offer grades kindergarten through third, with

other grades possible if there is enough interest. An additional grade will be added each year, through grade eight.

A projected \$72 million will be needed for construction. The plan represents a joint effort of the Archdiocese, parents and the four sponsoring parishes.

Building plans will be determined based on the number of children registered.

Each of the sponsoring parishes is contributing \$250,000 from parish funds. The Archdiocese will contribute \$300,000 and, if necessary, lend sponsoring parishes the amount of their contribution to be paid back with interest.

A financing plan has been developed to assure that the school will be self-sustaining and will require no subsidies from the parishes.

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Bunny gets warm welcome

Special guest: Karalyn Hewett, of Canton Township, is all smiles as the Easter Bunny hops over to say hello! Joining the 22-month-old youngster at last Friday's Great Marshmallow Drop in Hines Park are her grandparents, Richard and Carolyn Dilts of Nashville. Despite the chilly weather, hundreds of youngsters scrambled to collect marshmallows dropped from a helicopter turned them in for a prize-filled egg.

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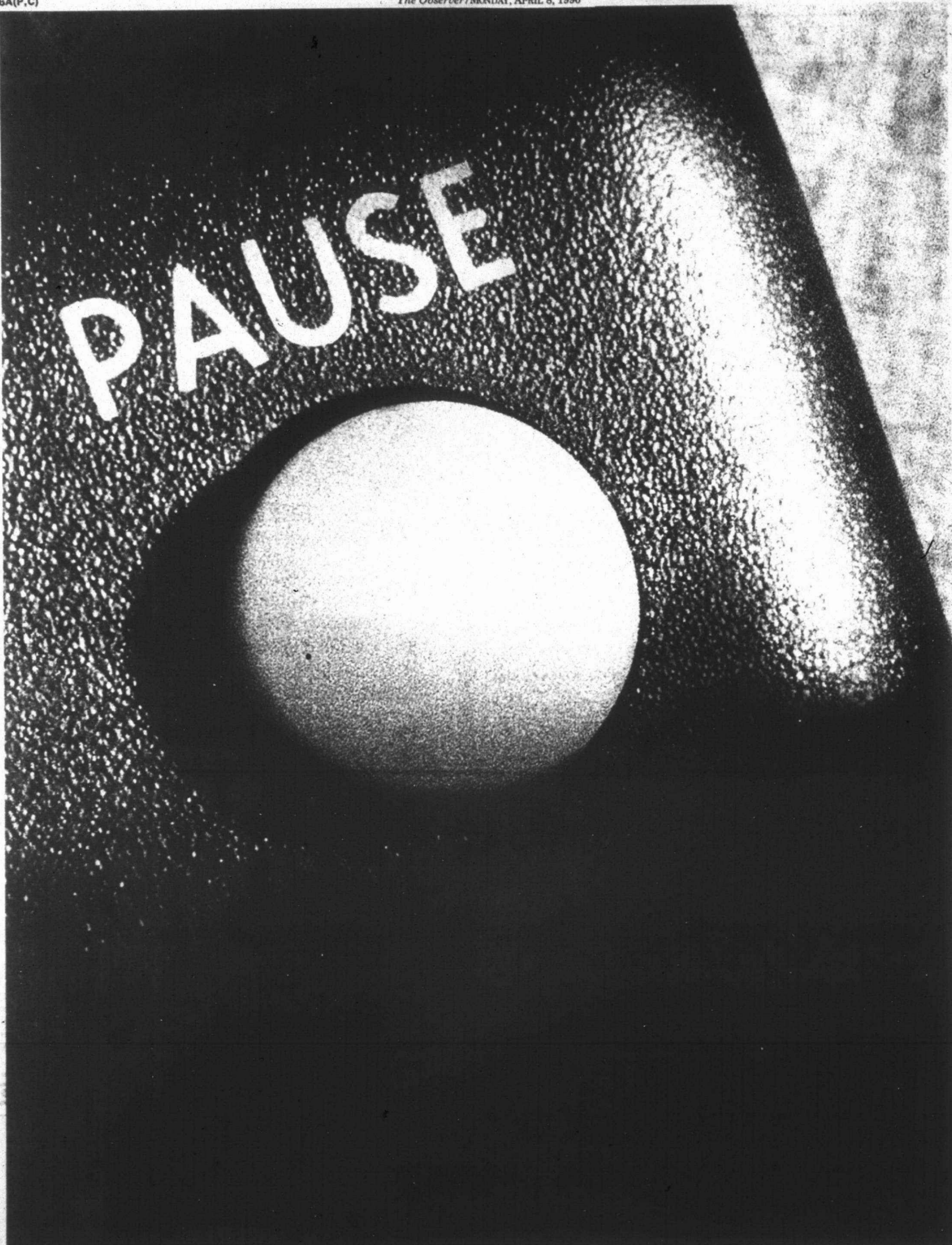
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Voters to fill key county offices in '96 election

Voters will elect people to five countywide offices and 15 to the Wayne County Commission this year.

The offices of clerk, prosecuting attorney, register of deeds, sheriff and treasurer will be decided, as well as all 15 county commission seats. County commissioners serve two-year terms. The other county officials are elected to four-year terms.

Candidates can file to be included on the primary ballot by submitting a petition signed by the required number of qualified voters or by paying a \$100 fee by 4 p.m. May 14 at the county clerk's office in the City-County Building on Jefferson in Detroit. The primary election is Aug. 6. The general election is Nov. 5.

The county clerk is the clerk of the circuit court and of boards including: the Board of Commissioners, Tax Allocation Board, Board of County Canvassers, Concealed Weapon Licensing Board, and County Plat Board. The clerk must also keep transcripts of births and deaths, issue marriage licenses, record and index all business assumed names, co-partnership certificates, notary public appointments and discharges of military personnel. The annual salary is \$88,148.

Voters will elect people to five countywide offices and 15 to the Wayne County Commission this year. Filing deadline is 4 p.m. May 14 at the county clerk's office in the City-County Building.

The register of deeds is the official recording officer for all legal papers and instruments pertaining to the transfer and encumbrances of all land and property within the county. The annual salary is \$82,272.

The prosecuting attorney has the responsibility to prosecute all violations of the state criminal laws within the county and to represent the state and county in appeals before the Michigan Court of Appeals, Michigan state Supreme Court and federal courts. The annual salary is \$105,778.

The county sheriff is the peace officer for the county. His principal duties involve the county jail, serving of processes, law enforcement in the county parks, on the waterways, Recorder's and Circuit Court, O.U.I.L. enforcement and traffic enforcement on secondary roads. The annual salary is \$88,148.

The county treasurer is the custodian of all monies, collector of county taxes, disbursing agent for certain tax funds to local

communities and school districts, investment officer of funds belonging to and under the control of the county. The annual salary is \$88,148.

Candidates who choose to file by nominating petition must have a set number of signatures. A qualifying petition for countywide offices for Democrats must have a minimum of 3,814 and a maximum of 15,254 valid signatures. Republican candidates must obtain a minimum of 2,388 and a maximum of 9,548 valid signatures.

Fifteen county commissioners will be elected this year. The Board of Commissioners is the legislative body of Wayne County. Its duties include adopting, amending, or repealing ordinances or resolutions and appropriating funds, levying taxes, fees and other charges and authorizing borrowing.

The Observer communities are represented by commissioners in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th districts.

A candidate for the 9th Dis-

trict, which includes Redford Township and a portion of Livonia, must obtain a minimum of 183 and a maximum of 731 signatures to be on the Democratic ballot, a minimum of 289 and a maximum of 1,152 signatures to be on the Republican ballot.

A candidate for the 10th District, which includes the rest of Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, needs a minimum of 190 and a maximum of 759 signatures to be on the Democratic ballot and a minimum of 287 and a maximum of 1,545 to be on the Republican ballot.

A candidate for the 11th District, which includes Canton Township, needs a minimum of

183 signatures and a maximum of 728 signatures to be on the Democratic ballot and a minimum of 243 and a maximum of 969 to make the Republican ballot.

A candidate for the 12th District, which includes Westland and Garden City, needs a minimum of 206 and a maximum of 822 to be on the Democratic ballot and a minimum of 199 and a maximum of 792 to be on the Republican ballot.

Nonpartisan candidates can file by 4 p.m. July 18 to be put on the November general election ballot.

The annual salary for county commissioners is \$47,012. The vice chair makes \$53,012 and

the chairman of the commission makes \$59,012.



S'craft offers beginning in-line skating

Schoolcraft College is offering a four-week course in beginning in-line roller skating.

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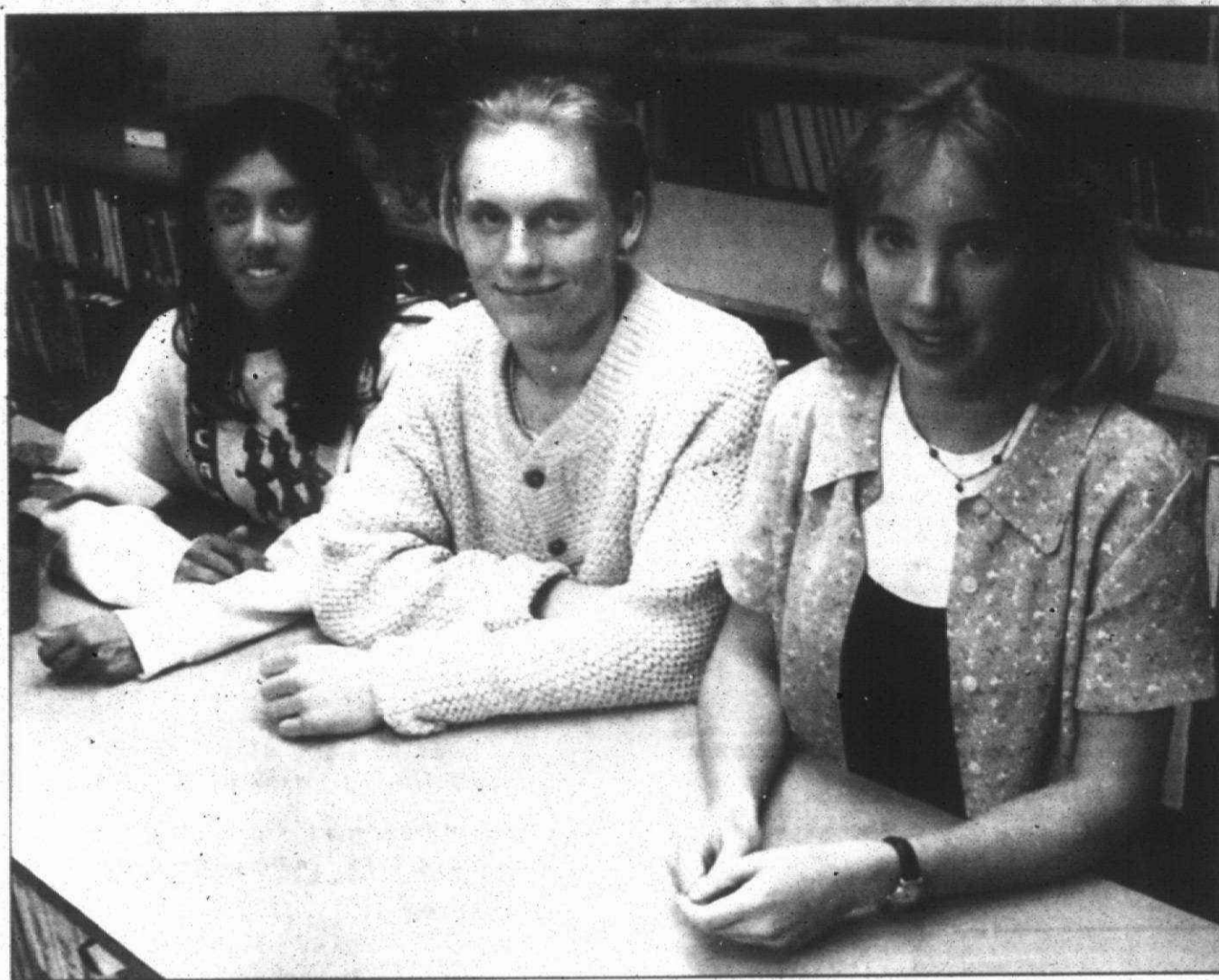
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Essay winners



Young writers: The Plymouth Canton Civitan Club recently conducted an essay contest for students in the Plymouth Canton area. The topic was social responsibility. The winners were, from left to right: Angkana Roy, second place; Dave Shull, third place; and Clair Brown, third place.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE
The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 16, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Team raising funds

The Plymouth Salem High School Women's Track Team will be raising money through April 30, to upgrade equipment. The teams offer a Grocery Coupon Certificate Book for a \$25 donation or more. The savings are estimated at \$200.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM R. HENRION
Services for William R. Henrion, 76, of Canton were Thursday, April 4, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with St. Joanne Witucki, IHM officiating.

He was born April 4, 1919, in Detroit, and died Tuesday, April 2, in Canton.

He worked as a truck driver for a beverage company.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Henrion; daughters, Dell Wytock, Linda Radican, and Sharon Huff; sons, William, Ronald and Harold Henrion; two brothers; 20 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

MARY W. VALICENTO
Services for Mary W. Valicento, 74, of Linden, formerly of Canton, were Friday, April 5, at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. George Charney officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield.

She was born Sept. 23, 1921, in Cookeville, Tenn., and died Tuesday, April 2, in Linden. She was a homemaker and former Canton resident. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Carlton of Linden, Priscilla Krenckicki of Linden, and Robert Valicento of Livonia; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers and sisters,

Robert, Juanita, Della, Thelma, Jean and Henry; mother in law, Filomena Valicento. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

Memorials may be made to McLaren Hospice Service, 237 Davis Lake Road, Lapeer, Mich. 49446.

WALTER J. KWIATKOWSKI
Services for Walter J. Kwiatkowski, 69, of Plymouth were Wednesday, April 3, at Resurrection Parish, in Canton. The Rev. Richard A. Perfetto officiated with burial in United Memorial Gardens.

He was born June 26, 1926, in Detroit, and died Monday, April 1, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Superior Township. He came to this community in 1969 from Detroit and was in the U.S. Army from 1945-1946, and was in the National Guard from 1949-1952. He worked in the control room as an engineer at Cobo Hall and retired in 1967.

He was deputy service officer at VA Hospital, in Ann Arbor; he belonged to the Polish League of American Legion Post 1, and the Plymouth Elks 1780.

He is survived by his wife, Helen T.; daughters, Cynthia Kwiatkowska of Canton; son, Walter J. Kwiatkowski of Plymouth; two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made as mass offerings.

Continental debuts new Sega Channel

Continental Cablevision customers in Canton, Northville and Plymouth can now do more than watch television via their cable. That's because the Sega Channel, one of Continental's many additions since they acquired the communities in January, premiered April 1.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 1996-97 ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 1996 CDBG PROGRAM

On April 10, 1996 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be accepted on the 1996-97 Canton Charter Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 97, 97.4, 97.8 and 989 (August 5, 1994) Proposed Rules, which replace the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The document plus the Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk, 1150 B. Canton Center Road, and the Canton Public Library, 1200 B. Canton Center Road. Comments received during the review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Plan. The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 1996.

The 1996-97 Action Plan does not deviate from the 1995-96 Consolidated Plan. The Plan maintains the housing rehabilitation program as the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township, and funds the program adequately to rehabilitate three owner-occupied single family detached homes during 1996-97. Canton Township will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate income residents and others who meet relevant federal criteria for housing need. Canton Township will not support the lease of substandard housing units in Canton. There are no initiatives in Canton Township supported by census data and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and assistance plans as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

On March 21, 1996, The Canton CDBG Advisory Council adopted the following projects and funding levels for the FY 1996 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for recommendations to the Canton Board of Trustees for approval at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 9, 1996. The FY 1996 allocation is \$432,000, subject to any revisions as provided by Congress. The funding level for each project in the event of revisions shall be reduced proportionately, with the exception of the community center and Recreation Center which shall remain as funded. In addition, 1995-96 additional funds appropriated from the FY 1996 CDBG program shall be added to FY 1996 construction contingency when made available. The increase is shown in parentheses following the approved allocation for this project, as well as after the official total FY FY 1996 CDBG program Community Center seniors center and handicapped accessible building alterations, Year Five of 5 year allocation (Total \$750,000), \$150,000; Program administration, \$86,000; First Step, \$20,500; Child and Family Service, \$400; Day Care, \$4,000; Greening Works, \$10,500; Suburban Army center day care, \$15,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Dial-side, \$1,000; Northwood Community Services, \$2,000; Recreation Building Renovation, \$70,000; Housing rehabilitation, \$21,000; Harrison Deals improvement, \$10,000; Construction contingency, \$50,500 (\$53,535). Total \$432,000. Contingency was provided in the previous Development Division of the city of Canton \$125,000-1997.

Airport limo firm's contract extended

BY BETH SUNDRIA-JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

It's Metro Cars at Metro Airport for another five years. A five-year contract extension was approved Thursday by the Wayne County Commission for Metro Cars Inc. of Detroit, which provides a luxury sedan taxi service at the airport. The contract extension was criticized as a sweetheart deal by one commissioner and defended as the normal way of doing business by others.

The \$495,000 contract was approved 9-6, with local commissioners Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, voting yes and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, and Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, voting no.

Downriver Commissioner William O'Neil challenged commissioners to reject the contract calling it the "acid test" for commissioners and a "fundamental issue of public trust."

That raised the ire of other commissioners. "We have absolutely nothing to hide," commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon said.

In response to O'Neil saying the contract shocked his conscience and that commissioners will be held accountable, McCotter said many things shock his conscience, but that this was making the best of a bad situation.

"I will be held accountable for this vote as I am for every vote," said McCotter, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "My response today is that a symbolic vote will cost the county more money."

Patterson said in a written statement that he opposed the contract because it created "the appearance of an insider arrangement and an unjustified monopoly."

"In a word, we need competition," he wrote. Beard said she opposed the contract because of its length. "I would have been willing to go with a two-year (contract)," she said.

Metro Cars, which won the contract five years ago, has the contract until Dec. 31, 2000 and has an option for renewal for another five years beyond that.

A renewal would again have to come before the commission, Airport General Counsel Robert Murphy said. He defended Metro Cars saying "By all accounts they have done a wonderful job at the airport."

In response to several commissioners saying standards need to be adopted for awarding contracts, Wilbourne A. Kelley III, assistant county executive for airports and major county construction, told them "all of our concessions are awarded by the standards established by this commission."

When the contract first went out for bids, three proposals were submitted and three companies were interviewed, Kelley said. The contract was awarded to Metro Cars and is monitored on a monthly basis, Kelley said, adding the company has made a

substantial investment at the airport and it's not unusual for the company to expect a contract extension.

Contract reviewed
O'Neil said a review conducted by the commission's audit committee in July 1995, which he chairs, found repeated violations and late payments during the five-year contract with Metro Cars, which ended Dec. 31, 1995.

None of the review's findings have been disputed, O'Neil said, but that was disputed by other commissioners and the auditor general who said the review was not an audit and only showed one side of the story. Auditor General Ramona Henderson Pearson said she didn't approve the review and said it wasn't an audit, it was more like an inquiry.

Plawecki, who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia and chairs the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, said she has been looking at the Metro Cars contract for several months. If an audit had been done it would have explained or disputed many of the findings of O'Neil's review, she said.

In doing the review no one ever talked to anyone from Metro Cars or looked at their books and that violates all governmental standards, Plawecki said.

O'Neil said he has heard from several companies that wish to bid on the contract and would be willing to pay the county more

money and be willing to make those payments in advance. In the current contract, Metro Cars agrees to pay Wayne County a \$99,000 concession fee and \$2,200 for each luxury sedan operated at the airport in excess of 46 vehicles.

Mike Wysocki, president of MPG Transport, owners of a Checker Cab Company head-quartered in Livonia, urged the commission to put the contract out for bids.

"We take hundreds of people back and forth to the airport every day," Wysocki said. "We're not asking you to be disloyal or disrespectful to Metro Cars; 10 years without a competitive bid is an extremely long period of time for any contractor to hold a monopoly," he said.

"Members of the transportation industry who opposed us either did not have the foresight to bid five years ago and take the risk that we did, or failed to outbid us," Cullian F. Meathe, president and chief executive officer of Metro Cars, said in a written statement after the vote.

"We welcome competition on any level," he wrote, adding Metro Cars serves airports nationwide and is the standard for the ground transportation industry.

Review disputed
Plawecki said she agrees with a comment made by McCotter that it's not the county's place to

attempt to bring in more money with the contract. "That cost will be passed on to the traveling public," she said.

She gave examples of ways the review O'Neil cited would have been disputed, if a true audit had been completed.

Many of the payments shown as late in the review O'Neil cited, were because Metro Cars was waiting for invoices from the county, she said. On another occasion the county's books showed a check as late, when the check had been sitting on a coun-

ty worker's desk undeposited, Plawecki said. On still another point of the review that Metro Cars tried to add cars to its fleet without paying the extra fee required in the contract with the county, Metro Cars had completed the paper work, but the information hadn't been turned over in a timely fashion from the airport to the county, she said.

"If this review demonstrated anything, it showed us the need to have more control and have auditors out there — our own auditors," she said.

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Knowledge gives small pet shops edge over others

By Linda Ann Chomin

When it comes to buying food, basted raw hide ribs, and toys for my 6-month old Irish Wolfhound puppy, I shop at pet supply stores employing knowledgeable staff. Shamrock's health is my top priority.

And even though the superstores tout lower prices, I've found them to be within a few pennies of the independents. (Lungs canned puppy food at Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth is actually 4 cents cheaper than the superstore in Canton.) Of course, comparison shopping is always advised if that's your primary concern.

In a time when independents are struggling to survive the advent of superstores, this endangered species is staying in business by serving up knowledge with the kibbles.

"We're doing what we have always done - putting the customer first. We're on a first name basis with most customers. They get to know me and my staff as family. We grieve with them when they lose their pets, and we're happy for them when they get a new puppy," said Terri Bennett, owner of Specialty Pet Supplies.

It's definitely loyalty, that keeps customers coming back. Bennett opened her store in 1979. A few years ago, she opened a second location in Farmington but found she was unable to give quality time to both stores. So she closed Farmington after a year. Now, you can find her along with her dogs, Lake, Greta and Bubbles greeting customers in Plymouth with a smile and a sniff most every day of the week. Customers like knowing that.

Last Christmas, one customer who moved to London, England, was back in town. He stopped in to load up on supplies for his pets. That's loyalty.

"We're here sharing knowledge. We're addressing the diet needs of dogs from senior to obese pets. Talk about an information highway. We're an encyclopedia of knowledge knowing what supplement or shampoo will eliminate skin problems," said Bennett, adding there are other reasons to shop the independents, like special programs they offer customers.

Specialty Pet Supplies' Very Important Pet Program (VIP) gives customers discounts while helping animals in trouble. For an annual fee of \$15, members receive 10-percent off regularly priced merchandise and 5-percent off regularly priced food. Half of the fee goes to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

Pet Association With Service (PAWS), is an organization of independent retailers formed to compete with the superstores. PAWS consists of independent pet store owners banding together for greater buying and advertising discounts. It was founded two years ago by Kelly Watkins, who owns a 45-year-old pet supply distributorship in Auburn Hills.

The only criteria for becoming a PAWS member is that you must sell Excel dog food. More than 80 dealers in Michigan and Ohio now belong to the Harrison Township-based PAWS, according to director Edie Dolinar.

"It levels the playing field. We contact the manufacturers to enable the independent to buy in bulk dry goods, toys, casters, shampoo and ferret items," Dolinar explained. "We need to buy better and advertise. Most independents can't run an ad because of the cost. As a member of PAWS they can advertise as a group in quarterly brochures for a cost under \$100. We encourage members to subscribe to the trade journals to keep informed and maintain clean, brightly-lit stores."

Gina Napier, owner of Napier's Kernel Shop in Birmingham concedes that somewhere down the road the 42-year-old business will have to join PAWS to remain competitive. She attributes her family-owned store's success to the service provided throughout more than four decades.

Chap's Feed Store has become a landmark at Five Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia after 45 years of catering to people's pets. Owner Greg Eardley attributes his success to personal customer attention and membership in PAWS.

"It's our familiarity with the customers and their animals that brings them back to us," he said. "They can get answers here. We check prices to remain competitive. People have the misconception the superstores are cheaper. But, a lot of them have less leader items. Consumers are saving only on a few advertised items."

Flexibility also plays an important role in business strategy. Once, Chap's primarily sold horse feed. And although it's still available at Chap's, merchandise for dogs, cats and birds, fills most of the shelves.

Karen Darden, owner of Tails & Seals in Rochester, agrees with Eardley, convinced that independents can remain in business against the odds. Darden puts in 72 hours a week at the shop she owns with husband Ken. Most of their staff has remained with her for years.

"It's not a corporate line or just a business," she said. "Independents are generally pet people. They open pet stores because they love animals. When people have questions, they often call me before they call the vet to see if I can add some insight."

"At first, the dawn of the pet superstores scared a lot of us independents," she continued. "But, the co-op's buying programs allow us to compete with their pricing. We must get rid of shopper's conceptions that superstores are cheaper. With PAWS, our profit margins are the same as theirs."

Back in Plymouth, Bennett says the law of nature "survival of the fittest," applies to business as well.

Jacobson's remodels Birmingham store



Here's Jacobson's plan for the future: be fresh, bright, interesting, and full of merchandise tailored to each of its Metro Detroit stores. It all begins with a renovation of the downtown Birmingham store.

By Susan Demaggio Staff Writer

Sometime in the next three weeks, Jacobson's very traditional Birmingham store begins a metamorphosis to transform into a contemporary retail emporium by August.

Explaining the changes ahead for the women's apparel store at Maple and Bates, Thomas Drummy, vice-president of the metro-stores, said the remodel will reflect "the new way customers like to shop" with wider aisles, brighter lighting, and comprehensive merchandise displays.

Several departments will be switched, showcases will be reconfigured, some interior walls will disappear, and lighting will be improved. The designs will come from Jacobson's Jackson-based store planning staff, headed by Linda Bramlage.

"We need to make it easier for our customers to find what they need and move comfortably through the store," he said. "It's a challenge because we're dealing with a building that was opened in 1950. We must work with existing structures, load-bearing walls, etc."

To coincide with the renovation, a buying triad was established at the store to insure that incoming merchandise is a perfect fit for the Birmingham market. The task force includes buyers from ready-to-wear, accessories, and home decor.

"There are nuances in each of our metro markets - Livonia, Grosse Pointe, Rochester Hills, Dearborn - that our buyers need to recognize and address," Drummy said. "For instance, Birmingham shoppers want cutting edge, the latest trend merchandise. We are interpreting and fine-tuning our merchandise purchases for each store, not just reordering quantities."

Initial plans for the "new" Birmingham store include:

- A complete "refreshing" of the lower level Che Bella shop.
- Moving Cosmetics on the first level to where the Hosiery, Lingerie and Sleepwear departments are currently.
- Revising assortments and displays in Handbags so items are more accessible and exclusive collections are given greater prominence.
- Working with Chanel to set a "stage" at the store entrance in Accessories.

- On the second level, relocating Signature Collections around the corner to "open up" the area around the escalator.
- Flip-flopping ready-to-wear and sportswear.
- Improving back wall merchandise presentations to assure that fashion stories can be told in a glance.
- Moving Petites and Missy near the beauty salon.

- Keeping Shoes and Jewelry in the same spots on the main floor, but improving merchandise presentations.
- According to Jacobson's spokeswoman Janice Hayes, the Birmingham store does big business in Chanel, Escada, and Ron Leal's bridge line so these boutiques need to be better defined.

- "We're going back to basics because that's what we've done best all these years," she announced. "Other retailers are bragging about the services they offer shoppers and at Jacobson's we think, 'Why, we've always done that! We've always provided that!' So maybe it's time to take a higher profile instead of being the strong, silent partner, the best kept secret."

- Hayes said Jacobson's sales associates come in early and stay late to suit a customer. They frequently take garments to homes, offices and organization meetings. They hand-deliver

- Last week, Dave Richards of Birmingham was hired to manage the building. Previously, he was general manager at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, for 19 years.

- A stop-and-sip coffee sample station was opened with exclusive coffees and coffee gift ideas nearby.

- "Our home decor sales are strong," said spokeswoman Janice Hayes, "especially anything made of iron!"

- Hayes said corporate discussions are under way to come up with new product lines and surprises for shoppers. For example, Jacobson's will soon carry Designers Guild paper items, inspired by Tricia Guild, a leader of the company established in London in 1970 to create fabrics and

merchandise out to a car when a rushed customer calls in an order. Gift purchases over \$50 are delivered free of charge. There is complimentary gift wrapping. There is free valet parking in Birmingham. There is a hoistery connection for customers who fax orders.

Last year the Livonia store at Laurel Park Place was remodeled. In 1990, the Grosse Pointe store got a new look.

Police-Athletic League, Race for the Cure, the Afro-American Museum of History, and soon, Jacobson's will salute the unsung heroes of the U.S. Open with a hospitality tent for all volunteers, providing foot massages, Evian water, and a place to rest.

Community organizations that benefit from Jacobson's promotions include Children's Hospital, the Salvation Army, Variety the Children's Charity, the Livonia Symphony, the

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Everything old is new again: The message in this Jacobson's ad from long ago echoes the retailer's steadfast commitment to merchandise that is "different from ordinary."

Refocus on home shops

Even though Jacobson's Store for the Home was remodeled after the company two years ago, department improvements continue at the Birmingham store.

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wall coverings. Guild is a founding force behind the new attitude in home decorating. Her design books have won devotees across the globe. This except from "Country Colors" with Nonie Niesewand, sums up the movement.

"Every so often, and evolving slowly over a decade or so, there is a change in direction in interior design so pronounced it becomes a lifestyle. This is one of those times. Modern decorating can be described as a state of mind, a cherishing of place and time, and a return to simplicity. Think Natural. Loosen Up. Pare Down. Color in. Live Well. The result is a retreat from the pressures of the outside world, a haven of calm and tranquility in which life can be enjoyed to the full."

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Remodel from page

Store in Birmingham and The Children's Shop were remodeled.

In 1994, Jacobson's marked its 125th anniversary as an upscale, specialty department store. Jacobson's is regarded as a leader in each retail community it joins. The renovation of the Birmingham store is significant as the town's business district reviews plans for its future and prepares for the August opening of Somerset North in nearby Troy.

"I think people will be pleased with what we're doing to the Birmingham store," Hayes said. "Birmingham always has, and should continue to, packaged itself as a destination. The shops have distinction. The restaurants and galleries are one-of-a-kind. Our store will compliment that mix with merchandise that is upscale, new and different."

Franny Award



Business bravo: Barbara Milinko of Lathrup Village holds an award from the International Franchise Association for the success of her Women's Health Boutique on Southfield Road, opened in 1994. She sells pre/post surgery items and apparel.

Retail realities: what sells

Apparel sales may be no-go but accessory sales are soaring. According to industry reports, 1995 sales of fine jewelry, designer handbags and other "pricey toys" were up 10-percent over 1994 to \$21.2 billion. Experts say the relatively low prices, fresh designs and materials, plus the fact that few mark-downs are taken, made these items attractive to retailers and customers alike. — JGA of Southfield

Birds the word for visiting authors

Two popular nature authors, Don and Lillian Stokes, will present a talk and slide show on "The Amazing World of Birds" and sign copies of their new book at Wild Birds Unlimited in Farmington Hills on Monday, April 22. The Stokes have written over 19 books on birds and nature with over two million copies sold. Their latest work is the recently published, "Stokes Field Guide To Birds," a photographic field guide to all birds in North America. The guide is available in eastern and western editions and is a culmination of the Stokes' life work, taking three years to research and prepare.

Wild Birds Unlimited, located at 29405 W. 12 Mile, just west of Middlebelt Road in the Rainbow Center, is part of the original and largest franchise system of backyard birdfeeding and nature specialty stores with over 200 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Huggabee Bears Benefit



Michigan cares: First Lady Michelle Engler signs a bear for JoAnn Henderson of Bloomfield at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks mall. A bear is given to each child entering the state's foster care program courtesy of each P.J. Huggabee purchased at Hudson's for \$20.

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NEW AT TWELVE OAKS Michigan's first Speedo Authentic Fitness Store is open at Twelve Oaks in Novi. Speedo apparel is noted for its quality and sophisticated patterns and colors. The new store sells warm-up, jackets, fitness gym gear for men and women, aerobic wear, family swim attire and water accessories like shoes, goggles, paddles and mitts. Speedo is the official licensee for the 1996 Olympics in Macon County.

Non-profit groups that serve county residents are invited to apply for one of the \$5,000 grants. Application deadline is April 30, 1996. The grants will be awarded at a June luncheon.

Application forms are available at the Lakeside Information Desk or by calling (810) 247-1744.

Michael Fenley, Lakeside general manager, said the grants are "a salute to the community that has supported us so warmly for 20 years." He welcomed the chance to support the organizations that "keep the county thriving."

A panel of 10 community leaders will review the grant applications, choosing 20 winners.

WARDROBE WORKSHOP Evie Horton of West Bloomfield is looking for interested persons to attend her seminar, "The Miracle Cure for an Aging Wardrobe." Classes are forming, the fee is \$15. "We'll take the confusion out of wardrobe and present ideas that put excitement and style back into life." For more details or reservations, call (810) 646-2222.

SHOE PROMOTION Sherman Shoes announces The Perfect Fit Club: Each pair of shoes purchased at Sherman's earns credit toward a new pair of your favorite brand when you join the club. "We think loyalty should be rewarded." As an introduction to the club, all purchases through April 21 earn double credit. Membership forms are at each store with locations at Twelve Oaks, Novi; downtown Birmingham; Somerset Collection, Troy; Laurel Park Place, Livonia; and Eastland Mall, Harper Woods.

GOLF SHOP OPENS "This week Hudson's debuts 'The Players Shops' in all stores. In both men's and women's clothing, special departments will carry the Payne Stewart Collections, exclusive to Hudson's, plus the Greg Norman and Jack Nicklaus lines. Hat's, shirts, pants, shorts and other necessities will be offered.

To celebrate, with each \$50 purchase of Dockers sportswear or shoes, shoppers can pick up a free, American Cancer Society Golf Directory Access Card good for perks and discounts off green fees at more than 1,400 courses in the U.S. While supplies last.

Also, contact Hudson's for a schedule of golf promotions and how-to's set for Twelve Oaks in Novi through April 14.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE VISITS Lisa Parks boutique on East Maple in downtown Birmingham attracted Victorians Magazine last week. Look for a story on the shop in the August edition, plus lots of photos of local children in Lisa's sweater collection for kids. Lisa Parks sells antiques, accessories and handknit sweaters in a very warm and charming Main Street shop.

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The Right Start, opens April 10 with durable products for infants and toddlers including toys and safety items. It's previously been known to local parents as a catalog company.

A contest for the first baby born at either Providence or Huron Valley Hospital nearest the store's opening date, wins a \$1,000 shopping spree and a limousine ride home from the hospital. For details, call 1-800-999-4859.

Guess? opened its second Michigan store at the mall joining Baby Guess? and Guess Kids? which opened in January. The stores sell classic family attire and accessories.

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Sheriff's department to keep electronic monitoring

They call it "house arrest." The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has established a new program which assists courts in handling those who straddle the line between doing time in jail and staying out in the community.

The Sheriff's Department has decided to maintain the "Electronic Monitoring Unit," which was instituted in the fall of 1995 to help relieve jail overcrowding, as a permanent approach to chronic overpopulation.

Judges have the option to sentence an individual to the Wayne

County Jail, Hamtramck Division, for any number of days, then follow up the remainder of the sentence on electronic monitoring.

"The targeted inmate population includes cases involving stalking and domestic violence and crimes such as operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor.

In addition to placing defendants on a tether, officers from the sheriff's department place a Breathalyzer into the home of the person found guilty of an O.U.I.L. offense and randomly

test that person five, six or seven times a day to make sure that the person is not drinking per the order of the court.

Another focus of the program includes cases involving stalking and domestic violence. If a judge orders a person to be placed into the domestic violence monitoring program, the victim has a monitor placed into the home, and if the person that has been ordered to stay away goes within range of the home, the system automatically dials up the local police dispatch and sheriff's department, both of which will

'The domestic violence tether program is a very effective device to deter, detect and defuse otherwise harmful, and even fatal situations.'

*Judge Daniel P. Ryan
—17th District Court*

respond to the location.

In Redford Township, the 17th District Court Judges Daniel P. Ryan and Karen Khalil have been using this program with great success.

"The domestic violence tether program is a very effective

device to deter, detect and defuse otherwise harmful, and even fatal situations," Ryan said. The domestic violence tether is useful to protect the victim from threats, intimidation and violence between the arraignment and pretrial, Ryan said.

"In drunk driving cases, the combined tether and Breathalyzer are an effective alternative to jail while ensuring compliance with the court orders and that the defendant remains free of alcohol," Ryan said.

"This program has multiple benefits. It allows the jail to keep offenders that need to be in jail, in jail.

"It saves the community money — by eliminating jail costs, such as medical and housing — and, the defendant pays to participate in the program," Sheriff Robert Ficano said.

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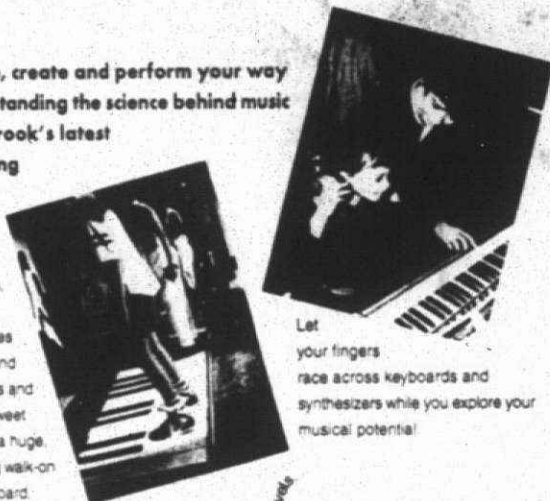
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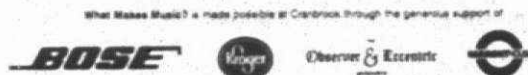


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Eggplant can be as good as it looks

Once read that when it comes to food, few subjects polarize people as readily as a discussion of the eggplant. That's true, for despite its subtle flavor, its beauty of form and startling color, no vegetable evokes such emotional reaction. There can be utter rejection on one side, and delight, even rapture on the other, but whatever side you sit on, here are some basics that will help you incorporate something new into your weekly culinary repertoire.

Only one cookbook author that I know has ever denounced the eggplant. "If only the eggplant was as good as it looks, what a gastronomic treat it would be!" says she. But once on a culinary trip to the West Coast, I found myself shopping the farmers markets with Alice of Alice's Restaurant as our guide, and I'll always remember her immortal words - "a perfectly beautiful, purple thing I buy eggplants just to look at, not just to cook."

Many supermarkets don't know how to handle these royal gifts from the earth. Unlike markets in Europe, Asia and South America, where they are proudly displayed in colorful arrangements, our produce departments stock eggplants like overgrown footballs. They are often left to spoil in tight plastic wrappings which obscure the vegetable, hindering selection.

Selection tips

Recently, I watched a produce clerk at one of those trendy up scale produce markets try to stick price labels on the glossy eggplant surface. They all fell off, and eventually, he gave up. The shine is factory applied, much like a new car finish, and I recall Alice saying "rub two together, if they squeak, buy them, they're very fresh."

The freshest eggplants have a natural sheen, almost reflective, and the shiniest exterior does nothing except make them shelf stable a little while longer. If you must purchase an eggplant from a supermarket, and plan on cooking it "au naturel," scrub the surface gently to remove the waxy coating.

Eggplants can be as petite as a plum to more than honeydew-sized, antique ivory to lightly striped violet and creamy to almost raven purple. In countries where meat is less emphasized, eggplant is a star performer, adding bulk and a fleshy texture to dishes that contain little or no animal fat. In addition, its subtle flavor and melting consistency provide a bare minimum of calories.

It is important to select eggplants that are relatively heavy for their size. Remember that the heavier the eggplant is in relation to its size, the less absorbent it will be and the lower proportion of bitter seeds it will have - thus eliminating the need to salt.

Salting

There is a notion that still persists that an eggplant must have the juice pressed from it before it is used. Old cookbooks caution "slice, salt and press to extract the bitter juice" and sometimes, this step takes an hour or more and in my personal opinion, is totally unnecessary. The purpose of salting and soaking in brine was to draw off the bitterness and food professionals now agree that good fresh eggplants simply don't need this added step and cooks certainly can utilize the time saved. To salt or not to salt? who to believe? The "Joy of Cooking" says yes, Julia Child says no; you be the judge.

Regarding peeling before cooking, as a fan of M.F.K. Fisher, in her book "The Art of Eating" (Vintage Publishers, 1976) Fisher states emphatically "All of them, whether tender or hard, thick skinned or thin, die when they are peeled...even as you and I." Needless to say, I never peel.

Eggplant - perhaps if we had adopted the litting name aubergine from the French, this compliant vegetable, so versatile for stuffing, frying, marinating, grilling and dipping would attract more favorable notice. Like a banana, once an eggplant is cut open, it must be acidulated to prevent discoloring. You can acidulate by dipping in lemon juice or simply placing a few drops of lemon juice on a dinner plate and adding water. Mix and dip, its that easy.

Anywhere you look, eggplant shows up in international cuisine but it was the Italians who placed the eggplant on a pedestal in the kitchen. I can taste it now, classic Eggplant Parmesan. It is true that no one food can legitimately claim superiority over another, but perhaps because of the prosaic company it keeps in our gardens among the cabbages, beets, squash and turnips, the eggplant has been overlooked by Americans just a bit too long.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

■ Fish and shellfish.



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Versatile salad: Tortellini Fruit Medley Salad makes a wonderful side dish or great meatless entree.

Save time with
Speed-Scratch
cooking

Getting a healthful, great-tasting meal on the table in a hurry used to be a challenge, but not anymore. Enter speed-scratch cooking, the newest way to save time without sacrificing taste or nutrition.

Speed-scratch cooking really is very simple. Convenience products pair up with "scratch" ingredients that cook quickly and are nutrition-smart.

Handy convenience products can be found in every aisle of the supermarket and at specialty food stores. In addition to familiar standbys like prepared spaghetti sauce and pizza sauce, canned beans, bottled salad dressings and frozen vegetables, there are fresh salsa, recipe-

ready canned tomatoes with Italian and Mexican flavors, combination herb and spice blends, ready-to-use salad greens and other produce items, flavored rice mixes, instant couscous and instant rice to name just a few. And, many products offer reduced fat and/or reduced sodium counterparts.

Among the scratch ingredients designed for quick cooking are boneless chicken breasts, fish fillets, ground turkey and lean tender cuts of meat such as pork tenderloin and beef sirloin.

"The secret of speed-scratch cooking is to start with simple or already prepared ingredients," said Marianne B. Manderfield of Gordon Food Service Marketplace. "Using partially cooked meats, pre-cut fruits and

vegetables allows you to produce recipes that used to take hours in a fraction of the time. Buying pre-cut produce allows you to quickly make salads and vegetable-rich entrees without cutting, chopping or dicing."

And don't overlook quick cooking methods such as microwaving, stir-frying, and broiling. Other time saving tips include: buying combination ingredients like shredded cheese for tacos and Mexican-style stewed tomatoes; using quick-cooking grains such as angle hair pasta, orzo and couscous; spraying pans with no-stick cooking spray to trim calories and shorten cleanup; and cooking enough chicken, fish or meat for a second meal.

• See recipes inside.

The Quick Cook's Pantry and Refrigerated/Frozen Assets

PANTRY

- Wheat germ (refrigerate after opening)
- Corn meal
- Oats (quick-cooking)
- Pasta
- Rice, quick-cooking
- Barley, quick-cooking
- Beans, canned (kidney, pinto, black)
- Corn, canned
- Spaghetti sauce
- Salsa
- Pizza sauce
- Tomatoes, recipe-ready
- Tomato paste
- Beef broth
- Chicken broth
- No-stick cooking spray
- Olive oil
- Red wine vinegar
- White wine vinegar
- Soy sauce
- Mustard (refrigerate after opening)
- Honey
- Salad dressing (refrigerate after opening)
- Tuna (canned in water)
- Evaporated skim milk
- Salt
- Pepper
- Basil leaves, dried
- Oregano leaves, dried
- Italian seasoning blend, dried
- Cayenne pepper

- Ground cumin
- Chili powder
- Blackened fish seasoning

FREEZER

- Boneless chicken breasts
- Lean ground beef
- Ground turkey
- Frozen vegetables (assorted)
- Frozen fruits (berries, peaches)
- Pita bread
- French or Italian bread
- Tortillas
- Italian bread shells
- Tortellini and other pasta
- Frozen yogurt

REFRIGERATOR

- Milk
- Plain yogurt
- Grated Parmesan cheese
- Mozzarella cheese
- Ricotta cheese
- Cream cheese
- Eggs and egg substitute
- Green onions
- Carrots
- Bell peppers
- Romaine lettuce
- Oranges
- Apples
- Lemons

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Be smart at the mart

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

I love grocery stores. I love the bright colors, the smells from the bakery and the authority of selecting food for my whole family. Even on vacation, I love to find the old corner grocery store in a small town to check out what's on their shelves.

But for many, grocery shopping is confusing, overwhelming and full of temptations that can blow your diet and your budget. To help you stay on track, here are my tips for nutritious, healthy, budget-minded grocery shopping.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Keep a pad and pencil tacked onto your refrigerator. Then, when you run out of a food item, jot it down to keep a running list. This is especially helpful for condiments, sauces and things you use frequently, but may forget about when you're shopping for the "center-of-the-plate" items.
- Go through your cupboards and refrigerator. Note any food items that are getting low and add these to your list.
- Check for coupons in the newspaper. Use coupons with sense. Getting a few pennies off an overpriced item isn't a bargain. Before you buy, check the store brand price.
- Think ahead about the meals you'll eat at home. Choose the main course and determine all of the accompaniments. Shop with the meal in mind.
- Think about planning meals using smaller servings of meat, poultry and fish. Rely more on the nutritious, (and economical) foods like potatoes, rice, beans and pasta to fill in the meal.
- Be sure to eat before you shop. Also, allow enough time so that you don't feel rushed or stressed. If possible, shop at "off" hours to avoid crowds.

THE SUPERMARKET SLEUTH

- When you get to the store, check the in-store circular to see if their sale items fit in your list.
- Use unit pricing when available. Remember, the largest size isn't always the best buy.
- Most grocery stores are laid out so the fresh items are around the perimeter. All the cans, boxes and dry goods take up the rows in between. You can actually zip around the outer edge and buy just about everything you need.
- Always check the dates on perishable items like eggs, cheese and milk.
- Eggs are an excellent source of inexpensive, high-quality protein. Remember, if the larger eggs are seven cents or more per dozen than the next smaller size, the smaller size is probably a better buy.
- Consider cost and quality of the finished product in deciding whether to buy convenience foods. How much you enjoy cooking and how much time you have for it will also influence your choice. For example, I would much rather make my own tuna noodle casserole than buy a mix. However, I'd rather purchase frozen burritos than make them from scratch.

NUTRITION NIBBLES

- Read food labels. The typical grocery store has over 20,000 items. By reading food labels you can be sure that you are getting the best nutritional buy. The Nutrition Facts on food labels are specially designed to allow comparisons between like foods.
- The food that we eat should look appealing and taste good, too. Be careful of substituting a fat free product that is full of chemicals and fillers and doesn't resemble the product it was designed to replace. If you want to limit your fat intake, it may be better to choose something naturally lower in fat instead of commercially fat reduced.
- Read the ingredient list. There are some foods that should never come home with you. These are the foods that are loaded with fat, sugar or salt (or all three) but have very little in the way of vitamins and minerals. Many snack foods fall into this category. Often times, the longer the ingredient list and the more highly processed the food is, the less total nutrients it contains.
- Choose snacks carefully. Look for items with whole grains, oats, figs, raisins and other wholesome ingredients.
- Remember the word "loin" when shopping for red meat. Sirloin, tenderloin and ground sirloin are usually lower in fat than other cuts.
- Whenever possible, buy fresh (in season) or frozen vegetables rather than canned. Not only are they better tasting, they are usually lower in salt. Try to limit frozen vegetables with added cream sauces and gravies - these too, add salt and fat.
- Many read-to-eat cereals contain a lot of sodium. Some granola or "natural" cereals are high in calories from fat and sugar. Compare the Nutrition Facts labels.
- Crackers can contain quite a bit of fat and salt. Some of the better choices include rice cakes, matzo, melba toast, Zwieback and graham crackers.
- Watch out for sugary products. These are usually placed at child's eye level.
- For the lowest fat cheese, select cheese with no more than three to five grams of fat per ounce.
- When shopping for frozen dinners, look for meals that supply not more than 30 percent of calories from fat.

WHEN YOU GET HOME

- Remember FIFO - first in, first out. Rotate your foods and use the older items first.
- Store dried peas, nuts, beans and flour in tightly covered containers.
- Allow unripe fruit to ripen at room temperature - then refrigerate. Except bananas which should always be stored at room temperature.
- Keep root vegetables like potatoes and onions cool and dry.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clekston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for NDS Services, a Farmington Hills based food service and hospitality management company.

Speed-scratch recipes hurry-up dinner

See related story on Taste front.

TORTELLINI FRUIT MEDLEY SALAD

1 pound cooked tri-color tortellini, thawed
 1 cup fresh pineapple, cubed
 1 cup Mandarin oranges, drained
 2 ounces seedless white grapes
 2 ounces seedless red grapes
 1 cup strawberries, sliced
 1 cup poppy seed dressing
 1/2 cup coconut to garnish

Drain tortellini in boiling water for 2-4 minutes, drain and chill. In a large bowl, combine tortellini, fruit and dressing; toss lightly and serve topped with shredded coconut. Serves 5.
 Recipe from Gordon Food Service Marketplace.

MUSTARD COATED & GRILLED FLANK STEAK WITH MIXED GREENS AND BACON DRESSING

For the steak:
 1 cup Dijon-style mustard
 1/2 cup Soy Sauce
 2 tablespoons whipping cream
 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, cracked
 2 to 1 1/2 pounds flank steak

For the salad:
 6 ounces bacon, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices. Arrange around salad and serve. Serves 6.
 Recipe from Gordon Food Service Marketplace.

Place steaks on a sheet pan and brush mixture over both sides. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 6 hours or overnight.

For the salad:
 Cut bacon into small pieces. Cook over medium heat until crisp. Drain. Pour 1/2 tablespoon of drippings into small bowl. Blend vinegar into drippings. Gradually whisk in oil in slow stream. Set aside.

Grill meat over high heat about 6 minutes each side for medium rare. Set aside and keep warm. Place greens on plate and pour dressing over all. Cut meat diagonally across the grain in 1/2 to 3/8-inch thick slices. Arrange around salad and serve. Serves 6.
 Recipe from Gordon Food Service Marketplace.

CAJUN-STYLE FISH FILLETS

1/2 cup wheat germ

1/2 cup corn meal
 2 tablespoons blackened fish seasoning
 1 egg white
 3 tablespoons water
 1/2 pounds catfish fillets
 2 medium red or green bell peppers, cut into strips
 1/2 cup thinly sliced leeks or green onions

Heat oven to 450 degrees F. Lightly spray cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Combine first three ingredients in shallow dish. In another shallow dish, beat egg white and water until frothy. Dip catfish fillets in egg white mixture, then in wheat germ mixture, coating fish thoroughly. Place on prepared pan.

Spray fish lightly with non-stick cooking spray. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until fish is lightly browned and flakes easily with fork. While fish is baking, spray

skillet with non-stick cooking spray; saute peppers and leeks over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Serve vegetable mixture over fish. Serves 6.
 Recipe from Kretschmer/Quaker Oats Company Test Kitchen.

MINI MEAT LOAVES WITH HONEY-MUSTARD SAUCE

1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef or turkey
 1/2 cup wheat germ
 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 1/2 cup water
 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 1 egg white, slightly beaten
 1/2 cup Dijon-style mustard
 3 tablespoons honey

For meat loaves, combine first seven ingredients in large bowl; mix lightly, but thoroughly. Shape meat mixture into eight 3 by 2-

inch loaves; place in 7 by 11-inch glass baking dish. Cover loosely with wax paper.

Microwave at HIGH 10 to 12 minutes or until meat is no longer pink and juices run clear, rotating dish after 6 minutes; drain. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. For sauce, combine mustard and honey; mix well. Or, for added convenience, use ready prepared honey-mustard sauce. Serve sauce over meat loaves. Serves 8.

Conventional Oven Directions: Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare recipe as directed above; place meat loaves in 7 by 11-inch glass baking dish. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until meat is no longer pink and juices run clear. Serves 8.

Recipe from Kretschmer/Quaker Oats Company Test Kitchen.

Shrimp dish Greek classic

It was a study of the long-lived peasants of the Greek island of Crete that launched interest in what health benefits Mediterranean foods offer — and led to the now-popular Mediterranean Diet. The region's lower rates of cancer and heart disease seemed to result in part from cooking with olive oil and seasoning with lemon juice, instead of using saturated fat. And Greek cuisine's abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, hearty breads, fish and yogurt provide a wealth of nutritional benefits as well.

With its central location on the Mediterranean coast, Greek cooking combines both western European and Middle Eastern influences. From the east come pasta and tomatoes; from the east, yogurt, rice and coffee. The country's own geography, however, defines many of its culinary developments.

Surrounded on three sides by oceans, the Greeks have used fish as an important food source. The rocky, mountainous areas are hospitable for sheep and goats, which produce both meat and dairy products like tangy feta cheese. Olive trees grow throughout the country and

honey is found in all parts of Greece — contributing two more essentials to the Greek culinary repertoire.

For a traditional Greek salad, toss together two thinly sliced red onions, four sliced ripe tomatoes, two thinly sliced green peppers, two peeled and thinly sliced cucumbers, and a cup of crumbled feta cheese. Add three tablespoons red wine vinegar and two tablespoons of olive oil and toss again; then add 1/2 teaspoon oregano and salt and freshly ground pepper to taste.

Yogurt is central to many dishes, such as the appetizer tzatziki, made by finely chopping one peeled cucumber, one garlic clove, three scallions, and one teaspoon fresh dill, and mixing with a teaspoon of olive oil, one-half teaspoon white vinegar and one cup plain, nonfat yogurt. Cover, chill and serve on a salad or as a dip with bread and raw vegetables.

Shrimp with Tomatoes and Feta Cheese, a recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research, is a healthy Greek classic.

SHRIMP WITH TOMATOES AND FETA CHEESE

2 teaspoons olive oil
 1 cup eggplant, diced
 1/2 cup yellow bell pepper, diced
 3 scallions, diced
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 8 small plus tomatoes, blanched, peeled, seeded and diced or (one 15-ounce can tomatoes)
 1/2 cup water
 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, minced (or 1 teaspoon dried)
 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
 1 teaspoon oregano
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 pound large shrimp, shelled, deveined
 2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

In a 12-inch non-stick skillet, heat the oil over high heat; add the eggplant and cook, stirring frequently, until browned on all sides, about 2 minutes.

Add the bell pepper, scallions, and garlic and saute until the vegetables are softened, about 1 minute; add the remaining ingredi-



Greek classic: Shrimp with Tomatoes and Feta cheese is a healthy dish that's sure to please everyone in your family.

ents except the shrimp and cheese and stir to combine. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 to 5 minutes; add the shrimp to the

skillet and saute, turning occasionally, until the shrimp turn pink, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the cheese, stir to combine, and cook until the cheese is heated

through, about 1 minute. Serve immediately.
 Each of the 2 servings contains 300 calories and 12 grams of fat.

Dip into world of flavor with eggplant appetizers

See related Taste Buds column on front.

CAPONATA

CLASSIC ITALIAN EGGPLANT APPETIZER

2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 medium eggplant, unpeeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 cup chopped fennel or celery
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
 1/2 cup tomatoes, chopped
 1/2 cup black olives, sliced

3 tablespoons capers
 2 tablespoons Balsamic or wine vinegar
 Pinch sugar
 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add eggplant in batches and saute until golden, adding more oil as needed. Drain well on paper towels and set aside. Using the same skillet, saute onion, fennel, garlic and pine nuts, tossing lightly for 4-5 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and add

olives, tomatoes, capers, vinegar and sugar. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add eggplant and simmer until eggplant is tender but fennel or celery is still a bit crunchy. Cool, then cover and chill well before serving with lavash or Italian bread. Serves 6-8 as an appetizer.

BABA GHANNOUJ (ARABIC EGGPLANT APPETIZER)

1 large eggplant, unpeeled
 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
 3 tablespoons tahini (sesame seed paste)

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 1 clove garlic
 Chopped parsley to garnish

Preheat broiler. Place whole eggplant on a baking sheet and broil, turning frequently until charred and eggplant collapses, about 15-20 minutes. Allow to cool until easy to handle. Peel and halve eggplant in a medium bowl, leaving a few bits of charred peel to enhance smoked flavor. Add lemon juice, tahini, salt and pepper and mix well. Taste and

adjust seasoning if necessary. Cover and chill. Just before serving, rub the serving bowl with garlic, discard clove. Turn dip into dish and garnish with parsley. Serve with lemon wedge and crackers. Serves 4 as an appetizer.

DITO D'ORO (ITALIAN OVEN-FRIED EGGPLANT)

1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
 1 medium eggplant, peeled and sliced into 1 by 4-inch

strips
 1/2 cup olive oil
 Freshly grated Parmesan cheese to garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Combine bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Toss eggplant strips in oil and roll in bread crumb mixture. Place on the baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes until crisp and golden. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan if needed and serve immediately. Serves 4-6 as an appetizer.

Schoolcraft College offers 8th Annual Chef's Seminar

Chef Brian Polcyn, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, and Chef Steven Allen of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, will share some of their cooking secrets at Schoolcraft College's eighth annual Chef's Seminar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, April 13 and 27.

The cost is \$90 per day, and includes samplings of foods prepared during the day, and accompanying beverages. Call (313) 462-4448 to register, or for more information. Seminars will be in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus, 18600 Haggerty Road.

On April 13, Certified Master Chef, Brian Polcyn, will show seminar participants how to make creative dishes like artichoke and oven-dried tomato terrine, potato and shrimp cake with chive oil, seared sea scallops with lime glaze and ginger-fried rice.

Participants will also learn how to prepare leg of veal on creamy wild mushroom risotto, spring vegetable stew and ganja chocolate bars with frozen hazelnut soufflé.

A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Polcyn has won three gold medals in culinary competitions, and was first runner-up for Bocuse D'Or.

In addition to Five Lakes Grill, he remains part owner has an important influence over Muskie's Urban Grill in Auburn Hills.

See related story on Taste front.

POLLO CARIBE

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 package Rice-A-Roni, reduced salt chicken flavor
 1 1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes Italian style (you may also choose Cajun or Mexican style)

2 cups water
 15 ounce can black beans, drained
 4 ounce can mushrooms, drained

Cut chicken breasts into chunks and saute in non-stick skillet with a little water until chicken is slightly browned. Remove from heat. (You need not cook chicken completely, as it will finish cooking later in the recipe.)

In a medium-size pot saute rice and vermicelli mixture from Rice-A-Roni box in olive oil until browned.

Add seasoning packet, chicken and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 15 to 20 minutes or until rice is tender. If you wish to limit sodium intake, use reduced salt products or substitute 1 1/2 cups fresh, chopped tomatoes and 1 cup dried

black beans, soak overnight and cook until tender.
 Each of the 4 servings contains: 516 calories, 39 g protein, 14.75 g fat, 1050 mg sodium, 61 g carbohydrates. Percent of calories from fat: 25.92.

Recipe from HDS Services, Farmington Hills.

Prepare for power outage

"Spring storm season often brings unplanned power outages, along with the danger of food borne illnesses from mishandled food supplies," said Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension Service.

If you have ever had to clean up the mess from a freezer full of spoiled food, then you might wish you had done some homework ahead of time to have prevented such a disaster. Planning can really help. Here are some tips:

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Jump-start your day with breakfast

Here's a recipe from the Quaker Kitchens.

PUFFED FRUIT 'N' CREAM BREAKFAST

1/2 cup nonfat or low-fat ricotta cheese

1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 tablespoon golden raisins
 1 cup puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal
 1/2 cup mixed fruit (raspberries, blueberries, sliced kiwi)

Combine first four ingredients. Pour 1/2 cup cereal into bowl, top with half of cheese mixture. Garnish with fruit. Makes 1 serving.

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MOVIES James Earl Jones opens DFT film registry tour

The Detroit Film Theatre hosts the Library of Congress National Film Registry Tour, presenting 12 fully restored cinematic treasures over four days beginning Friday, April 19.

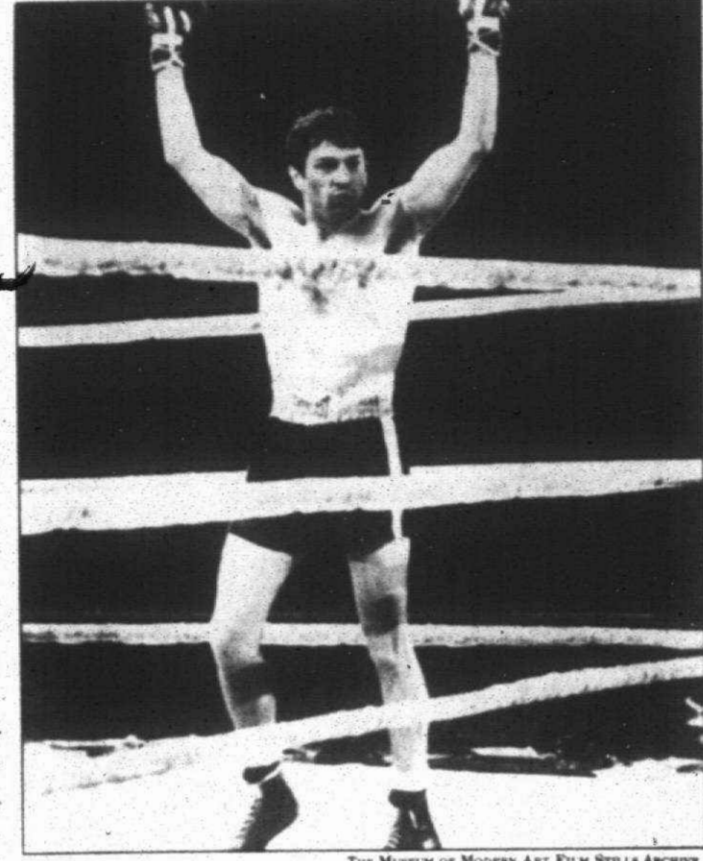
James Earl Jones kicks off the series with an introduction of a new wide screen print of "2001: A Space Odyssey" at 8 p.m. Jones is also the guest speaker at the Cinematheque Council's opening night reception beginning 6 p.m. Reception tickets are \$20/CAC members, \$30/general public and include film admission.

A special pass for this series is available for \$25 per person which guarantees admission to any or all 12 films. Individual DFT tickets are \$5.50 general admission, and \$4.50 for senior citizens, full-time students, and DIA Founders society members. Ticket office hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For reception tickets, film tickets, and information, call (313) 853-2323. To draw attention to both film preservation and the richness of American film making, the national Film Registry was created in 1988 by the Library of Congress. Each year the Registry adds 25 culturally, historically or aesthetically significant films to its collection, and the tour drawn from Registry films, give audiences a chance to enjoy great films of the past and generate grass-roots interest in film preservation. The tour began in October, 1995 and Detroit is the eighth stop, with the goal of reaching at least one city in each state.

The series closes April 22 with the director's cut of Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil." Welles also stars, along with Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Akim Tamiroff, Dennis Weaver and Marlene Dietrich.

Here's the complete schedule for the tour:

- "2001: Space Odyssey" — 8 p.m. Friday, April 19
- "Shadow of a Doubt" — 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20
- "With Our Gates" — 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20
- "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" — 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20
- "Raging Bull" — 7 p.m. Saturday, April 20
- "Out of the Past" — 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20



Film classic: Detroit Film Theatre presents "Raging Bull" April 20 during the Library of Congress' National Film Registry Tour.

WEEKEND

CONCERT
Plymouth Community choral will perform their spring concert "Expressions of Love," 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, April 27, 28, at Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, Joy Road and Canton Center Road. Tickets are \$8 at Evola Music, in Plymouth, Northville Record, Sideways, in Plymouth, 455-4080.

CASABLANCA GALA
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its Golden Anniversary with "A Night in Casablanca," a gala to be held Friday, April 26, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The event is a major highlight of the PSO's Endowment 2000 campaign, which hopes to raise \$250,000 to endow the Symphony by the year 2000. To date, over \$82,000 has been pledged by Symphony supporters. All of the proceeds from the gala will benefit Endowment 2000. Tickets are \$100 per guest. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 to help raise additional funds toward Endowment 2000. Both gala and raffle tickets can be purchased at any PSO performance or by calling the Symphony office at 451-2112.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL
"Hans Brunsen's Gold Medal Mission," a children's musical, will be presented 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, by the children of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, approximately five miles west of Plymouth, at the intersection of Godfredson and Ann Arbor Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Nursery will be provided for infants-3 years of age. 459-9550.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Women's Ministries at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton invites women to join The Weigh Down Workshop a highly successful, international Christian weight loss seminar. A 12-week workshop will be conducted Monday and Tuesday evenings beginning the week of April 22. A free no-obligation orientation will be held 7 p.m. Monday, April 15. For more information and/or a brochure call the church office at: 455-0022.

LADIES!
Ladies! Looking for stress free golf? The Thursday Morning Golf Group may be what you need. Tee off early in a small informal league at Hilltop Golf Course at Beck and Ann Arbor Trail. Play weekly as you play nine holes from April 25 to August 22. Interested, call Joan at 455-9496 or Carol at 810-348-8649. A meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 25, prior to beginning to play at Hilltop.

STARTING OVER

GRIF SUPPORT
Starting Over grief support group meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. For widowed men and women age 45 and under. Groups for children are also available at different times during the year. Arbor Hospice, 677-0500.

SUPPORT
The New Beginnings Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m. Mondays at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road. Anyone who is grieving a loss due to death or divorce is welcome to attend. There is no charge. Information, 453-7630.

ARTS COUNCIL
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering its new facility at 774 N. Sheldon Road for rent for seminars, recitals and lectures. The facility has auditorium seating for 225 people, parking lot has room for 28 cars and street parking is available. There are coffee pots, a slide projector and a piano available. Interested groups, call 416-4278.

ALUMNI INFORMATION
The Plymouth-Canton schools are putting together an alumni directory of former students to help people find old friends and plan reunions. It will include the current names and addresses of alumni. If you have a list of alumni from any class year, any updated names and addresses or you know someone who has either, call Emily Brazzi at 800-654-4548, or fax the list to Brazzi at (800) 929-4142. The mailing address for the directory project is: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Directory of Alumni, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Va. 23502-4169.

PHIL TRIP
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring a three-day trip to Philadelphia, June 21 through 23, to view the Cezanne Exhibition. Suncoast Travel, with David Groen as host, has arranged an air/hotel package including tickets to three art collections. The Cezanne exhibit of over one hundred paintings represents the artist's entire body of work. Philadelphia is the sole U.S. city showing this major exhibition. In addition, the Barnes Foundation Collection will be viewed. Information, contact Suncoast Travel at 455-5810 or the PCAC at 416-4278.

YOUTH EXCHANGE
The Plymouth Rotary Club Youth Exchange is seeking interested students ages 16-18 looking for an opportunity to spend a year abroad learning the culture and language of another country. No application fee. Travel overseas during 1996 to July 1997. Any place in 22 foreign countries. Contact Marie A.

BOOKS FOR SALE

WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM
Plymouth Salem High School Women's Track team will sell Grocery Coupon Certificate Books from April 1 through April 30, to upgrade their equipment. The cost will be a donation of \$25 or more. Information, or to get your coupon certificate book call Bob Simpson at 454-9341 or mail a check payable to Plymouth Salem High School Women's Track team to: Bob Simpson, 7799 Capri Drive, Canton, Mich. 48187.

PLUMBERS OPTIMISTS
Friends of Youth will deliver 1996 Entertainment books to your home. All proceeds go to children's charities. Up to 50 percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, Car washes and much more. Price \$40. Call Bill VonGlan at 453-8253 or Ken Fisher at 728-7619.

COMMUNITY CHORUS
The Plymouth Community Chorus Entertainment books are now available. Huge savings offered on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, cleaners, car washes, and more. Proceeds will help fund the chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. Call Stan at 459-6829.

DANCE
IRISH DANCE
Adults interested in "Ceil" dancing (Irish folk dancing) meet 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at Elizabeth in Plymouth. Interested, call 522-5787.

REUNIONS
PLYMOUTH SALEM/CANTON CLASS OF 1988
10-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 5, at Burton Manor. Information, James Dunn, (810) 401-5858. Class of 1971 Plymouth High class of 1971 25th reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, at Summit banquet hall in Canton. Information, Marilyn Miller, (810) 486-6060 (business phone).

SPORTS
RUNNERS/WALKERS
Canton Road Running Club men's and women's running club, meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays, Plymouth Canton High School track. Inviting runners of all abilities and ages. Come enjoy the fun, encouragement, and security of running with new friends, 453-7330 or 397-0912.

TINY TOTS
The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds will be 9:30-11:35 a.m. through May. For information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
There are limited openings for students in second, third, and fifth through eighth grade at New Morning School. Information, 420-3331.

CARAVAN, CHIPPEWA
Caravan and Chippewa programs for 4-year-olds through sixth-graders 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road. This is a scouting-type program where children will be involved in spiritual, mental, physical and social development activities.

NURSERY SCHOOL
Creative Day Nursery School, at the Canton Free Methodist Church, has openings. Programs are held daily, for children ages 2-4-5, and include: learning games and songs, art and musical activities, sharing

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AROUND TOWN

MULTIPLES CLUB SALE
Tri-County Mothers of Multiples Club will be holding a Spring and Summer Clothing, Equipment, and toy sale 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at St. Priscilla's Catholic Church located at 19120 Purlingbrook off 7 Mile, just west of Middlebelt in Livonia. \$1 admission. Cash only. No strollers due to limited space.

BOOK SALE
Livonia League of Women Voters Used Book sale will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Wonderland Mall near Montgomery Ward's Plymouth Road and Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Presently used books are being accepted on Tuesday afternoons at the Bentley Center, Five Mile Road and Hubbard Road between 1:30 and 3 p.m. or call 421-4420 to arrange other delivery time.

GARAGE SALE
The Plymouth Canton Civitan's will hold a garage sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Plymouth

TAX HELP

SENIORS
Free income tax help is available for seniors now through April 15, through the American Association of Retired Persons. Volunteer tax-aid counselors trained by the IRS are at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays. For an appointment, or for

BLOOD DRIVE

PLYMOUTH ELKS
2-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road-Lodge Room in Plymouth. No appointments necessary. 663-0014.

CLUBS
CANTON BPW
Canton Business and Professional Women meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Roman Forum Restaurant. The speaker will be Audrey Somers. Information, 699-1970.

NEWCOMERS
The Plymouth Newcomers Coffee will be held 7 p.m. Monday, April 22. All members are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors interested in Newcomers. Information, 416-9001.

AMERICAN LEGION
The Plymouth Township American Legion Post 112 and Auxiliary Unit 112 will hold its regular business meeting and special awards program noon, Sunday, April 14, in the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth St., in Plymouth. Information, 451-3574.

PARKINSON
The Washtenaw Parkinson Education and Support Group meets 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, for refreshments and socializing. The program

SHARE YOUR PEACHY RECIPES

The peaches are in early this year! "James and the Peach," Walt Disney Pictures' new family film, is opening Friday, April 12 at metro Detroit movie theaters.

To celebrate the movie, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is looking for "peachy" recipes to share with readers in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150 for a chance to win a "Peck O' Peach Paraphernalia," which includes a CD sound-track, t-shirt, and mini-poster from the film. To fax recipes call (313) 591-7279.

The first 25 entries received by mail or fax will win this special prize package. Some of the recipes will be published in Taste at a later date.

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PLYMOUTH—CANTON SPORTS SCENE

'80 Kicks boot foes

The 1980 Plymouth Kicks soccer team of 16-year-old boys took first place with a 7-0-1 record in the Winter Session II at Wild World Sports in Ann Arbor.

Team members included Kyle Tardif, Kevin Presley, Derek Satterley, Jim Buslepp, Joshua Brunskole, David Swatosh, Adam Thurtell, Patrick Kanai, Ley Martin, Matt Vargo, Jeffrey Brazionas, Chris McLaughlin, Matt Thomson, Warren Lin, Keith Droz plus goalies Keith Finney and Steven Durham.

The team was coached by Bill Burton and Davee Presley.

All-star basketball camp

Craig Wind, publisher of Prime Time High School Sports Report, a recruiting newsletter available to college coaches, is ready to showcase some of the athletes he writes about.

Wind is putting on a Prime Time High School Shootout scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at River Rouge High School.

Wind is hoping 80 to 100 of the top Michigan high school boys basketball players and several of the country's top college coaches will attend.

Wind said he already has invited more than 100 college coaches to the event.

The cost for players to participate is \$20. That includes at least four games of five-on-five basketball, dinner and a jersey.

Games will begin at 3:45 p.m. with all-star games scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The all-star games will be open to the public with admission costing \$3.

Players interested in signing up for the event can call Wind at (810) 338-8079. Sign-up deadline is April 12.

Doyle baseball coming

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League will be hosting the nationally-recognized Doyle Baseball/Softball School. America's no. 1 baseball/softball school will instruct baseball and softball players between the ages of 7 and 15 years in hitting, throwing and fielding during the two-day school. The school will be held from April 27 to April 28 each day at CEP (behind Plymouth Salem High School) in Plymouth.

Doyle Baseball, in its 16th year of operation, holds weeklong schools in Orlando, Fla. and Phoenix, Ariz., and Satellite Schools in hundreds of locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

More than 300,000 players have benefited from Doyle's expert instruction, allowing thousands the chance to play college baseball and softball. Numerous players have also gone on to successful professional careers and 90 Doyle Baseball graduates were drafted in the past two Major League Drafts. Walt Weiss (Rockies), Jim Poole (Orioles), Jody Reed (Brewers), Dave Martinez (Giants), Joe Oliver (Reds), Paul Kilgus (Cardinals), Robby Thompson (Giants), Gerald Alexander (Rangers), Turner Ward (Blue Jays), Derek Bell (Padres), John Shave (Rangers), Derek Lee (Expos), Steve Karsay (A's), Dan Wilson (Mariners) and Charles Johnson (Marlins) are all graduates who have reached the Major Leagues.

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Players needed

The PCJBL's Prep League for 13-year-old boys needs six players to round out its league. Players must be Plymouth or Canton residents and be 13 by July 31, 1996.

For more information, or to sign up, please call Richard L. Shook at 455-1984.

Tennis lessons

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a series of tennis lessons from kids seven-years old through adults.

Classes for all level of players will be held Monday through Thursday evenings beginning April 29 and continuing for six weeks. Cost is \$30 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents.

The instructor will be Kristen Harrison, a certified professional, and her staff. Call 397-5110 for details.

Older, wiser Canton seeks to improve

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The song that best fits Scott Dickey, Plymouth Canton's second-year baseball coach, is "Getting To Know You."

Dickey enters his second season as the head Chief still learning the talent in an area well-regarded for its baseball programs and interest in the sport.

Last year Dickey spent learning his own talent and the quality of players he would see in the next season or two.

But now his database is expanded

to the freshman level and below as he begins to set up a program that will extend Canton's rich tradition and up the ante on the friendly but serious rivalry with the neighboring Salem Rocks.

"That was the big thing," Dickey said of his inaugural season, which ended 17-13. "We didn't know anybody."

"There is a great Little League system out here. We're just hoping we can develop that. I was pretty happy with our talent."

Dickey took over at Canton after nearly a decade as an assistant in the highly regarded Dearborn

Divine Child program. It was his first year as a head coach, though.

"Last year wasn't anything new," he said. "We thought we were pretty well prepared. But basically we were learning the teams and the different league."

"We were getting to know the players. Remember, we came in cold. But we finished 17-13 and we're hoping to improve on that."

That might well be possible. The Chiefs, dominated by underclassmen last year, have a decent mix of younger and older players.

The co-captains are seniors Anthony Pastor and Kurt Richards.

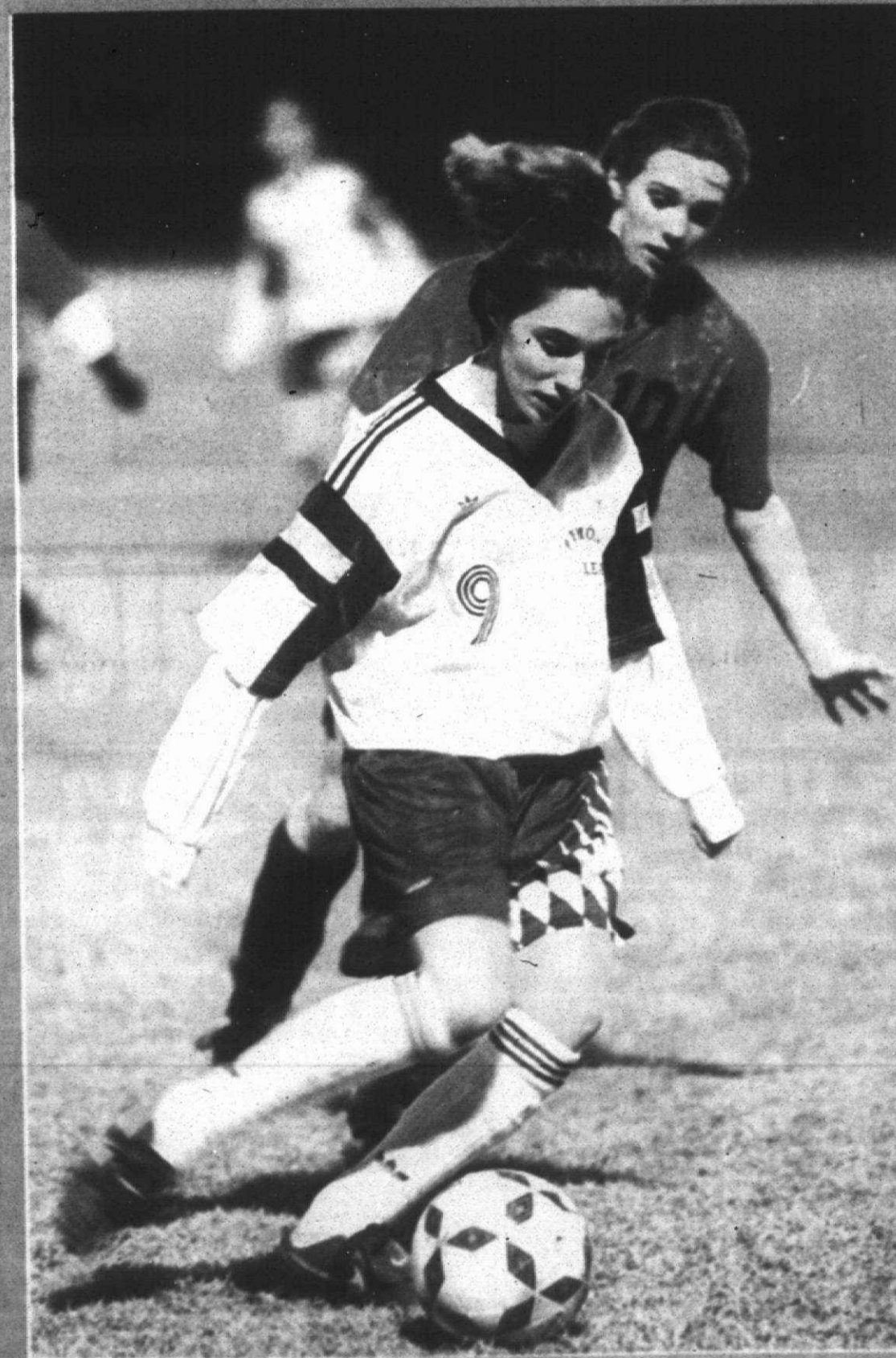
Pastor, a pitcher-outfielder, had a 6-4 record as a junior hurler and is expected to be the Chiefs' leading pitcher this season. Richards, a shortstop, batted .285 last year.

"We had a pretty young team last year," Dickey said. "We only had a few seniors. So we have quite a few coming back. We learned each game, we improved each game."

"Salem had our number. But the game that impressed us was when we upset Divine Child, 1-0. That helped our kids believe they could play at a different level."

See CHIEFS, 2C

Churchill stuns Salem



Coming up short: Salem's Andrea Sudik tries to maneuver past Churchill's Kristen Conklin, something the Rocks couldn't do as a team.

Salem's high hopes took an early-season slide, courtesy of WLAAs rival Livonia Churchill's opportunistic offense.

Sometimes there's a little sugar in that bitter cup of defeat. Livonia Churchill nipped Plymouth Salem, 2-1, Wednesday night to hand new Rocks' girls soccer coach Doug Landefeld the first loss of his first season.

It's not like Churchill is a bunch of street players, though, as the Chargers are considered a Western Lakes Activities Association power. It was Churchill's first game, though, whereas Salem is 2-1.

"It is only the third game," Landefeld observed. "We really weren't expecting to go undefeated the whole season. Churchill has a good team. They have good players."

"We played well enough to win. But they played well enough to win, too. I think Churchill outworked us. That's something we definitely need to work on."

"I don't think by any means this hurts anything. These girls had quite a run last year. But this is a different team, and a different coach, with different ideas."

The game went scoreless through the first half with goalie Julie Buczek making several sparkling saves.

But the Chargers came out and scored some 10 minutes into the second half. Churchill star Marie Spaccarotella was on the receiving end of a deflected free kick that was cleared out and wound up scoring on the play.

The Rocks, who controlled play for good stretches of the game, gave up their second goal some 10 minutes later.

The Chargers cleared a ball up the field and broke to the goal, with Lindsay Murfey scoring.

Salem countered with a goal by Mari Hoff, off a corner kick, with four minutes left but were unable to cash in on a good opportunity to tie.

"We had a chance to tie at the end, a couple of chances in the last 10 minutes," Landefeld said. "We made things exciting, but it just wasn't meant to be."

The Rocks are now idle until April 15, when they play Walled Lake Western.

"This is definitely not the end of the world," Landefeld said. "We're not losing at the wrong time."

"But to beat that quality a team, you've got to match their intensity as well as everything else. That's something we didn't do."

Chiefs dominate in opening rout of Rockets

For openers, Plymouth Canton's girls track team showed a good hand.

A few good hands, in fact, and a few good feet, as well.

"It was a good opening day meet for us," coach George Przygodski said Wednesday after his Canton track team drilled Westland John Glenn, 97-31. The Rockets are 0-2. "We were just looking to see how well we could compete and how deep we were in all the events."

Tiffany Williams captured three first places, all in relays. She anchored the 800, which clocked 1:54.1, ran the second leg of a 53.4 which took the 400 relay for the

GIRLS TRACK

Chiefs and finished up Canton's winning 1,600-meter relay team time of 4:39.6.

Amy Sonnanstine captured the 100-meter hurdles in 17.5 seconds and doubled up in the 300 hurdles, running 52.9 seconds. Sophomore Nkechi Okwumabua also won two individual events, the 100 in 13.2 seconds and the 200 in 28.1, plus a third first for anchoring the 400 relay.

"Overall it was a real good meet," Przygodski said of his team's first field test of the season. "I was

pleased with the performances of Williams and Sonnanstine.

"Those two girls have been with us for three years and haven't gotten a lot of recognition. They had the opportunity to really step up and they took advantage of it."

Przygodski also looked to shore up Canton's strength in the field events, and felt he did.

Amanda Grube led a 1-2-3 sweep of the shot put with a heave of 31-10 while Emily Moran threw the discus 97-10 to lead a 1-2-3 finish in that event.

"I think our throwers did extremely well," he said. "We swept both

throws. We really wanted to show a lot of improvement in our throwing events. We had three over 90 feet in the discus and three over 28 feet in the shot."

Brandy Bernard was second in the shot at 29-5 while Sarah Israel got it out to 28-3. Israel was runnerup in the discus at 96-2 while Bernard was third at 94-8.

Canton's 3,200-meter relay team of Becky Wolfrom, Angkana Roy, Amie Keim and Brook Larson clocked 10:44 to win. Wolfrom took the 1,600 in 5:50.2 while Roy was first in the 800 at 2:45.1.

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Ya just can't drive 55 in a Cadillac Deville

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It was on that wide-open, tempt-me-to-speed strip of I-696 between Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads that he caught me.

The royal blue Michigan State trooper's cruiser filled up the entire rearview mirror of the 1996 Cadillac Deville. I looked down at the digital speedometer. I was cruising along at 84 miles per hour.

That's it. I'm caught. Man, it sure didn't feel like I was zipping along at 84. I took my foot off the gas. Slowed it down to 80, then 75, then 70, then 65.

All the while, he's on my bumper, still filling up that rearview mirror.

Pull me over, I'm thinking. This is excruciating! I know he caught me. Just pull me over and give me the ticket I deserve.

I'm down to 60 mph now, and he's still behind me. I pull into the middle lane. He pulls along side of me. I see him lift the microphone to his lips. Here it comes...

"Take it down to 55 -- now!" he yells.

I comply. Quickly. He's still alongside. I'm



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down to 53, now. "Slew it down. I'll be back to check up on you."

And he speeds away.

I set the cruise control for 53, just for good measure. Then I thank my God I didn't get that ticket, which would've been more than \$100, I bet.

And now it feels like I'm crawling along.

The Northstar system almost got me in trouble again.

For 1996, the Deville, which is Cadillac's best-selling model, gets a 75 percent boost in horsepower over the previous

Deville power plant. Cadillac calls the 275-horse 4.6-liter 32-valve Northstar V8 "raw performance and sophisticated touring."

I guess I just quantified that statement. I truly didn't realize I was almost at 85 mph. The engine's so quiet, so refined, so smooth that I never realized how fast I was going.

Zero-to-60 time is 8 seconds. It's EPA'd at 16 mpg in the city, 25 mpg on the highway.

Rounding out the rest of the Northstar system is a transaxle that's capable of handling higher combinations of torque and speed than any other mass-produced front-wheel-drive passenger car transaxle in the world.

One real plus -- Cadillac was first with it -- is that the Northstar has a lot of features that allow it to operate 100,000 miles without a tuneup. Like 100,000-mile engine coolant, 100,000-mile transmission fluid, platinum-tipped extended life spark plugs, direct fire

electronic ignition system and a chain cam drive with 100,000-mile durability.

The Deville is also outfitted with traction control and road-sensing suspension, which provides a better ride, quicker stops and improved control all the way around.

It also has new dual wall stainless steel exhaust manifolds with a single tailpipe. And that's quiet as well.

Make no mistake, the Deville is a very large car. Not as large as the Fleetwood, but pretty close. That means there's plenty of room inside. In fact, I bet you could wear a cowboy hat in the car and never touch the headliner.

And comfortable. Sit in the cockpit and melt into the leather seats. Everything on the Deville is in sync with the driver -- which makes driving effortless. It responds to the driver in virtually any driving condition.

Other changes for 1996 include an electronic cruise

control that improves performance on steep inclines or when heavily loaded, a new entertainment system, new steering wheel controls and personalization features.

Those personalization features are available as an option and include four automatic door lock modes, battery guard (puts the battery in storage mode as soon as the ignition is turned off), memory seat selection on six-way adjustable seats, remote keyless entry (with lock, unlock, trunk open and fuel door open buttons), stereo controls mounted on the steering wheels, daytime running lamps and a new wheel design.

The Deville is a perfect car for a mom who has carpool responsibilities, a business person who carts clients around or just the average person who likes to have the comfort, safety and touring capabilities that only the Deville can provide.

Oh -- back to the state trooper. Almost 15 minutes later, still traveling at 53 mph, he's on my bumper again. He had come out of nowhere. He pulled alongside and flashed a smile. Then he sped away.

Must've been random acts of kindness day for him.

1996 Cadillac Deville
Vehicle class: Luxury sedan.
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If you'd like to see a particular model tested or if you have a car question, send Anne Fracassa a message at AVANTI 1054, Avanti's America Online mailbox... Or comment through the Internet at AVANTI1054@aol.com

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