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School tax hike backers predict win

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

Supporters of a millage increase for the Wayne-Westland schools are predicting that a renewed campaign will succeed in the June 10 election, despite three failed tax-hike attempts in 16 months in the embattled district.

Millage proponents are hoping that recent developments — such as a pro-millage rally staged by hundreds of John Glenn students and Mayor Robert Thomas' appointment of a panel to study school needs — will help sway voters.

Though Thomas has cautioned panel members to avoid making the committee meetings a battleground for the millage issue, some members nonetheless hope the panel's work will boost support for a 7.75-mill tax increase proposal.

"I'm hoping that the mayor's blue-ribbon committee will have an effect on that millage," said panel member Margaret Harlow, who also serves as co-chair of the pro-millage Save Our Schools citizens group.

"I'm hoping that we can get across the importance of the millage — the timely importance of passing it before September," she said. If the millage fails to pass before then, she said, "the kids are going to lose an entire (fall) semester of programs that will be cut."

School officials have ordered deep budget cuts, such as eliminating busing, sports and other extra-curricular activities, unless voters pass the millage that would be levied over a two-year period and pump an additional \$23 million into district coffers.

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2nd Canton subdivision wants to secede from Wayne-Westland

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A second Canton Township neighborhood has decided to try to secede from the Wayne-Westland school district, despite county school officials' decision last week to deny a similar request.

Residents of River Park subdivision, near Palmer and Sheldon, have asked county school officials to let them switch to the Plymouth Canton district.

The request will be heard May 30 by the Wayne County Regional Edu-

cational Service Agency Board of Education, which last week rejected a similar attempt by residents of Canton's Greenbrook Village subdivision.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Dennis O'Neill vowed that the district will oppose the latest secession attempt, just as it fought the move by Greenbrook residents to switch districts.

O'Neill appeared optimistic that last week's decision has set a precedent for other neighborhoods trying to pull out of the beleaguered Wayne-Westland district.

Karol Williams, a River Park resident, said the latest secession attempt emerged for reasons similar to those given by the Greenbrook neighborhood. Both groups live in Canton, receive the township's police and fire services, and want their children to attend school in their hometown community.

HOWEVER, O'NEILL has accused the residents of trying to bail out of the Wayne-Westland district amid a severe financial crunch

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places and faces

TUTORS ARE sought to help non-readers become literate.

The Wayne-Westland school district is seeking the volunteers for a series of training sessions to start Tuesday, May 14.

The volunteers are wanted for the Literacy Tutor Training Program.

Training will be from 6-10 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays, May 14, 21 and 28 at John Glenn High School, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

For registration, call Cindy Wisniewski at 595-2314.

USED BOOKS are needed to help raise money for the restoration of the historic Perrinsville School, on Warren Road west of Merriman.

A used book sale will be Saturday, May 18, at the school. Donations of used books are sought with the books to be dropped off at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, between 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

The Perrinsville School, built in 1856, is being restored to its 1890s-style condition by volunteers.

Call Jo Johnson at 522-3918 or Marge Gartz at 427-6848.

ON THE TOPIC of money, the Westland City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 20, on the proposed city millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

The proposed millage rate is \$7.40 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, nearly 1 mill more than the current year's rate of \$6.52.

State law requires local governmental units to hold a public hearing if they expect to receive more property tax revenues through an increase in the state equalized valuation of the community.

The council is also expected to adopt an operating budget for the fiscal year May 20. The fiscal year is for the 12 months starting July 1.

ANOTHER MONEY activity is planned for that week.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is planning its annual community garage sale on Saturday, May 18, in the Civic Center parking lot, on Ford east of Newburgh.

Rentals are \$15 per space or \$20 for a premium space. Spaces are scheduled only by reservations, the chamber said. Call the chamber at 326-7222 for information.

THE FRIENDS of Nankin Mills has a new set of executive board of directors.

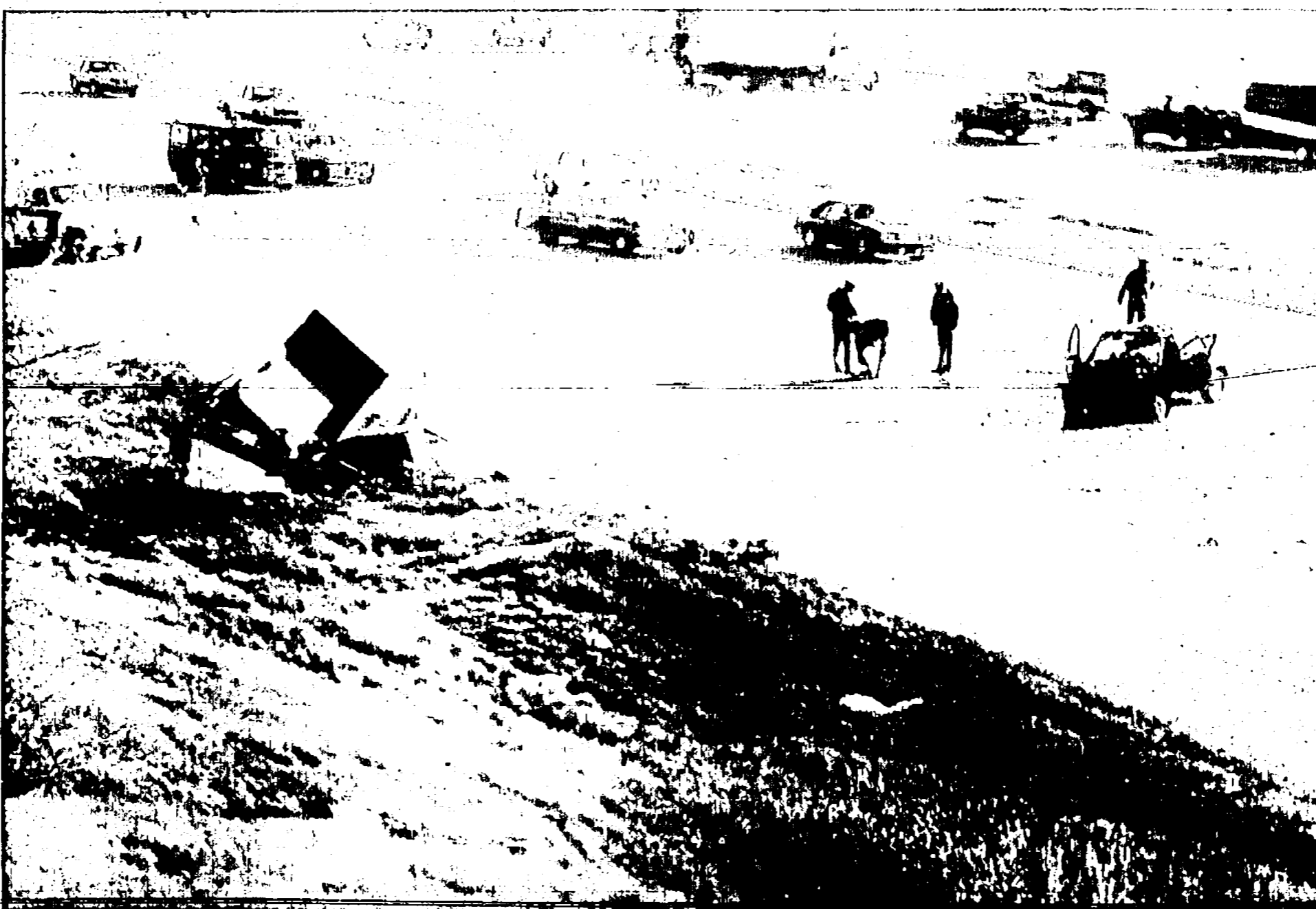
The new officers are Beverly Melasi, president; Denise Mebelich, internal vice president; Otto Stout, external vice president; Kathy Myers, secretary; Michael Gorman, treasurer, and directors Margaret Harlow, Brian James, Greg Degorsky, and Gary Stone. Thomas Brown is designated the group's resident agent.

The group was formed several years ago to raise money for the restoration of the 140-year-old mill on Ann Arbor Trail at Farmington Road.

COUNTY Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, will hold her annual champagne birthday brunch Sunday, June 9, to help pay off the debt incurred from last year's Democratic primary.

The fund-raiser will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in New Hawthorne Valley banquet hall, on Merriman north of Warren Road.

Beard's district includes Westland and Garden City.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Michigan State Police officers investigate the scene of Friday's fatal accident on I-275. The Canton woman driving the car (center lane) and the pickup truck (near shoulder) driver were killed in the crash.

Charges against city man planned

Resident involved in fatal I-275 crash

A Canton Township woman and a Shepherd, Mich., man were killed Friday morning in a rush-hour crash on I-275 in Livonia.

Police said Friday they plan to issue warrants charging a 22-year-old Westland man with two counts of manslaughter.

THE CHAIN-REACTION collision at 7 a.m. backed up traffic on three of four southbound lanes of the freeway near Six Mile for more than two hours.

Killed in the head-on collision were Mrija Kalaj, 47, of Canton and Karl Jay Beebe, 34, of Shepherd.

Both victims were pronounced dead at the scene from multiple injuries, said Sgt. Larry Richardson of the Michigan State Police. Both

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JIM JAGOF/ELDO/staff photographer

Up and over

A Redford Catholic Central polo vaulter clears the bar in the late afternoon sun during Saturday's 21st annual Observerland Boys Track Relays. For more details on the meet, turn to Page 1C.

Motorcyclist dies 5 days after wreck

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A 37-year-old motorcyclist, struck broadside by a carload of school prom-bound teenagers, died Wednesday after his condition worsened following the accident at Warren Road and Merriman in Westland.

Timothy Jay Donlon, a Plymouth resident who had been staying with friends in Livonia since his house recently burned, died after he suffered

two heart attacks at the University of Michigan Hospital, said Westland police officer Steven Frazer.

Donlon, whose injuries had included a nearly severed right leg, appeared to be recovering until he died about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday — five days after his motorcycle was struck by a car driven by a 17-year-old South Lyon male on his way to a Livonia prom with three friends.

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Toxic fumes released in fire; workers treated

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A Westland industrial fire released toxic fumes, including cyanide, that sent 13 people Tuesday to Annapolis Hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation and other related complaints.

The blaze at Van Dresser Corp., 1515 S. Newburgh, erupted in an indoor dumpster shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday and sent heavy acidic smoke through the air, said fire chief Larry Lane.

"There were some toxic fumes," he said. "One of the fumes was cyanide."

Eleven workers were treated and released from Annapolis, and two others remained overnight for further observation.

An estimated 125 people were in the auto-parts supply plant when the blaze erupted, Lane said.

The Westland Fire Department received an emergency 9-1-1 call reporting the fire at 4:58 p.m. Tuesday and responded with equipment from two stations. The department was backed up by two more rescue vehicles.

THE OCCUPANTS had escaped

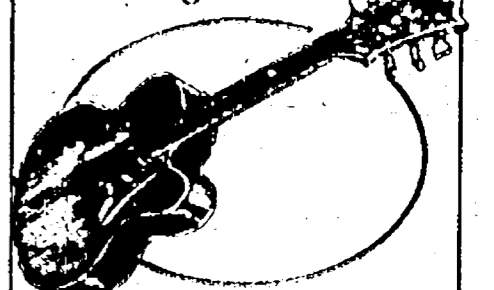
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Trial set in fatal accident

By Darrell Clom
staff writer

Case stems from deaths of 2 teens

A Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Friday denied an attorney's motion that could have resulted in a dismissal of charges against Alita Bell, the Romulus woman accused of killing two teenagers in a head-on collision in Westland.

Judge Thomas Jackson denied attorney David Blake's motion to quash information about Bell's case — a move that could have prompted Jackson to dismiss a charge against Bell or reduce it.

Blake said Friday he had hoped his motion would at least prompt Jackson to reduce the charge against Bell from vehicular man-

slaughter, punishable by up to 15 years in prison, to negligent homicide, which carries a two-year term.

After denying the motion, Jackson set a July 17 trial date for Bell, a 21-year-old, pregnant Romulus woman accused of driving the car that slammed into a vehicle carrying Amy Lynn Alexander, 18, of Westland, and Frances Carol Roehl, 19, of Waterford.

Both teenagers died in the 2:20 a.m. Aug. 8 collision on Hines Drive, near Merriman.

Bell, who remains free on a \$5,000 personal bond, has pleaded

not guilty to the negligent homicide charge.

PROSECUTORS ALLEGED in District Court that Bell had drunk beer and had been driving at 79 mph in the 40-mph zone when she crossed the center line and slammed into the other car.

However, Blake has contended it has not been proven that Bell was driving the 1983 Pontiac Firebird that belonged to 23-year-old Stephen Delossantos of Livonia, whom prosecutors have said was a passenger when the accident occurred.

Blake has indicated that Delossantos possibly drove the car,

though witnesses who testified during an earlier hearing in Westland's 18th District Court said they saw Bell take the car keys from Delossantos and get behind the wheel.

Witnesses also testified that Bell had drunk beer before she drove the car.

On Friday, Blake said key issues in the trial will focus on whether Bell actually drank beer and whether she drove the car.

The case has drawn attention from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, which has sent a representative to accompany the victims' family at court proceedings. The mothers of both teens also have repeatedly carried photographs of their daughters into the courtroom.

Fumes released; workers treated

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the building by the time firefighters arrived on the scene, Lane said in a prepared statement.

Firefighters brought the fire under control in about 20 minutes, he said.

Fire officials continued to investigate the cause of the fire on Friday, though Lane said it appears the fire was accidental.

The fire was contained to the indoor dumpster area in a manufacturing section of the building.

"There was no structural damage to the building at all," Lane said.

In bringing the blaze under control quickly, firefighters averted what could have been a major fire.

"It's a good-sized plant," Lane said.

The building, a former General Motors Corp. parts warehouse before it was bought by Van Dresser several years ago, houses several industries, including the Van Dresser Corp. and a movie video warehouse, Lane said.

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Biker dies 5 days after wreck

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Preliminary medical reports indicated that Donlon's condition deteriorated after blood clots caused two heart attacks, Frazer said.

Donlon, headed westbound on Warren, had been making a left turn onto southbound Merriman about 6:11 p.m. April 26 when his motorcycle was slammed by the 1989 Pontiac traveling eastbound Warren, Frazer said.

DONLON, WHO appeared alert and conscious immediately following the collision, had asked police to tell the teenagers to go to their prom and enjoy it, Frazer said. "He was just a really nice guy."

Police continued to investigate the accident late last week, and Frazer said charges may be filed against the teenager this week. Eyewitnesses had indicated the teen's vehicle may have ignored a traffic light, he said.

The teenagers, who had been wearing seatbelts, were not injured during the accident.

Immediately following the crash, Donlon was taken to Garden City Hospital and then flown by a rescue

helicopter to the U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor, Frazer said.

Donlon's death marked the fourth traffic fatality — and the first on a motorcycle — in Westland in 1991.

Meanwhile, Westland police are urging all drivers to remain especially alert to motorcyclists during the warmer seasons, when more cyclists are on the roads.

Sgt. Peter Brokas also warned motorcyclists to avoid riding between

two lanes of traffic and to be sure to use traffic signals to alert other motorists to their turns.

Brokas also urged motorcyclists to make sure all oncoming traffic has stopped before they attempt to make turns.

In Donlon's case, he apparently could have done little to prevent the accident, Frazer said. "But if he had been in a car, he would still be alive today."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CENTRAL WAYNE COUNTY SANITATION AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority will hold a Public Hearing on June 6, 1991 at 9:00 a.m. in the Authority's office at 4901 S. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, for the purpose of reviewing the Proposed 1991-92 Budget for the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority.

A copy of said proposed budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Authority.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR THE BIENNIAL ELECTION OF SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, BOTH TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1991

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The last day for receiving registrations for the annual and biennial election will be Monday, May 13, 1991. Persons residing in said School District registering after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 1991, will not be eligible to vote at the annual and biennial election. Persons planning to register must determine when the city offices or Secretary of State drivers license bureau offices will be open for registration.

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This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the School of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan.

CHESTER A. MOSS,
Secretary, Board of Education
School District of the City of Garden City
County of Wayne, Michigan

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2 killed in crash

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were wearing seat belts, Richardson said.

The accident began on the freeway's northbound lanes when the Westland man, driving a Toyota Celica, clipped the left rear of Kalaj's Ford Tempo while changing lanes, Richardson said.

"He was in a hurry to get where he was going and he was dodging back and forth through traffic," said Richardson.

Richardson, using the driver's statement, estimated the Celica was traveling 60-65 miles per hour.

KALAJ LOST control of her car and crossed the 52-foot-wide grass median, police said.

Her car struck the rear of a Pontiac LeMans before hitting the Ford pickup truck driven by Beebe, police said.

"It's unusual for someone to cross over like that on that freeway, but not unique when you consider the volume of traffic every day," Richardson said.

Richardson said there was a "moderate" traffic flow at the time of the accident and noted that the LeMans had crossed over two lanes in trying to avoid Kalaj's out-of-control car.

Neither the driver of the LeMans nor the Westland man were seriously injured, police said.

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Romney challenges SC grads to get involved



Kenneth Wutka of Livonia figured that tying a balloon to the back of his cap and gown would make him more visible to friends and family. Even if it didn't work, it made him unique among the 300 graduates at Saturday's commencement.

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

It was a time for smiles and speeches, hugs and videotape at Schoolcraft College commencement activities Saturday.

Nearly 300 of this year's 840 Schoolcraft graduates crowded into the college gymnasium to receive congratulations from Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell as well as a challenge from former Michigan Gov. George Romney.

"Each of you is special," said McDowell, welcoming students and their families to the gym.

Commencement speaker Romney challenged students to become more involved in their community.

"I've concluded we're all going to have to pitch in if America's going to continue to be great," said Romney, sounding themes similar to those expressed by President George Bush earlier that day in a commencement address at the University of Michigan.

The Bloomfield Hills resident, Michigan governor from 1963-69, has long been involved in volunteer causes and is a founding director of the president's volunteerism-oriented Points of Light Foundation.

ROMNEY CHALLENGED students to no longer think merely of Schoolcraft or its surrounding communities, but to think of the Detroit area as a whole.

"You can't solve the problems of this area under the present fragmentation (of competing suburban and urban communities) any more than the U.S. could survive under the Articles of Confederation," Romney said.

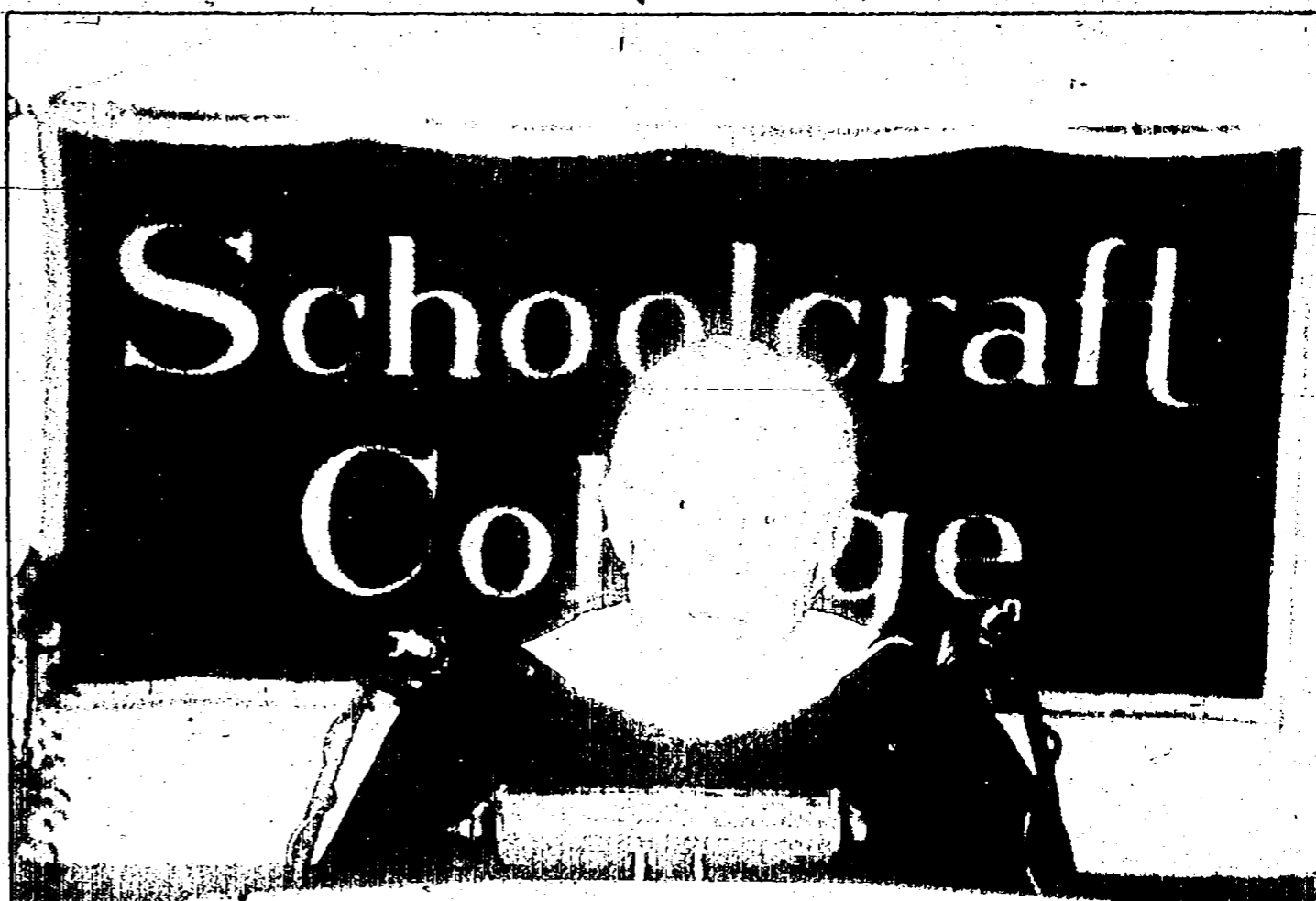
Earlier, a special patriotic musical tribute was offered by the college wind ensemble on behalf of those Schoolcraft students who volunteered for military duty in the Persian Gulf.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Betty Jean Awrey, vice president of Awrey Bakeries, Livonia; former county Commissioner Mary Dumas of Livonia; Charlotte Adams of Westland, a member of the college's Women's Resource Center Advisory Board; and Fred Kerr of Northville, a member of Schoolcraft's lifelong learning program since 1978.

Geraldine Kiessel, principal of Garden City High School and a Garden City resident, received the college's Distinguished Alumni Award.



Distinguished Alumna Geraldine Kiessel, principal of Garden City High School, told students to make their dreams come true.



Commencement speaker George Romney challenged graduates to become more involved in their community and to extend that community beyond the bounds of Schoolcraft and their home suburbs.

Kiessel, a member of the initial Schoolcraft graduating class in 1966, said the best advice she could give this year's graduates were the words she received nearly 30 years ago from Schoolcraft dean Lois Waterman.

"I heard a speaker say that you can be anything you want to be and our new community college was going to be the place where that could happen," said Kiessel, recalling how she returned to school as a 31-year-old mother of two.


McDowell said he hopes that all of the 1991 graduates are as successful in their fields as Kiessel has been in hers. "I hope to see each of you up here someday (as a distinguished graduate)," he said.

Staff photos by Paul Hurschmann



Ruth Ann Apostal, left, and Fadia Ansara, both of Westland, check for their names in the Schoolcraft commencement program.

Debra Baldet of Canton, left, receives greetings from college President Richard McDowell and board of trustees chairwoman Mary Ereen after receiving her associate's degree in applied science.

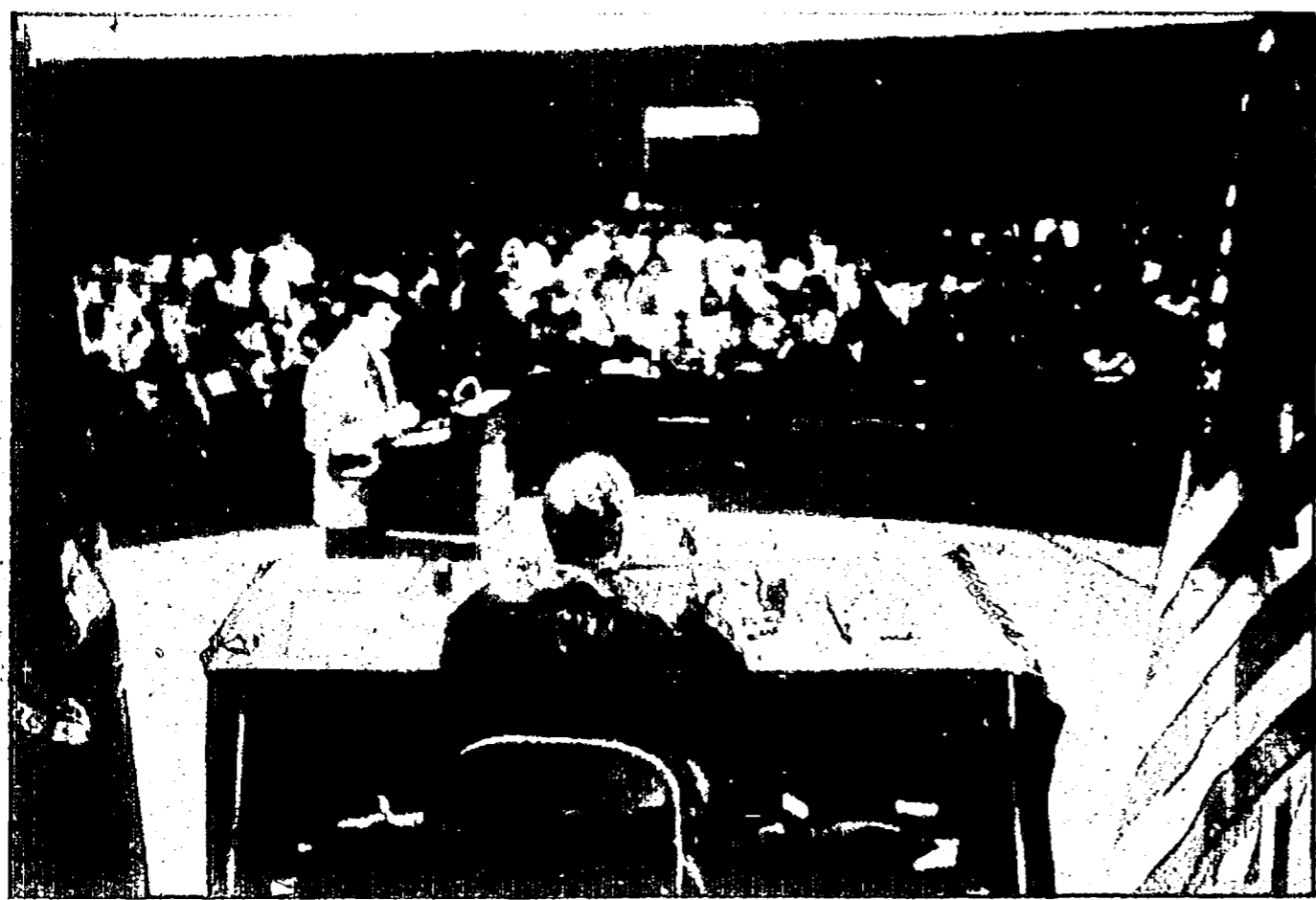
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District Judge Thomas Smith (back to camera) holds court in the John Glenn High School auditorium to let students learn more about court proceedings. It was all part of the court's annual Law Day program.

Learning about law

Students get firsthand look at court

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

John Glenn High School students learned Wednesday that a bottle of beer consumed in Hines Park could cost them \$50.

The lesson had nothing to do with the brand of beer or rising liquor taxes. It had everything to do with ignoring the law.

Students attending the school-based "Law Day," sponsored by Westland's 18th District Court, watched Wednesday as Judge Thomas Smith fined a 20-year-old male \$50 for drinking alcohol in Hines Park.

Smith later warned that the offender, had he been younger, would have been forced to attend an alcohol-awareness program.

Smith and District Judge Gail McKnight brought their caseloads to John Glenn's auditorium for the annual "Law Day" program aimed at giving students a firsthand look at the judicial system.

"I don't think many of them had ever been to court before this," Smith said.

Smith heard the morning cases, and McKnight sat on the bench in the afternoon as hundreds of John Glenn students observed justice in motion.

Though many of the cases were routine, "Law Day" appeared to capture the attention of most students.

"I THINK it was good for the students to see how the court actually works," said junior Ryan Long, 16. "A lot of people don't visit the court unless they are charged with something."

Students observed cases ranging from alcohol offenses to shoplifting to driver's license suspensions.

"There were some benefits" to bringing the court to the school, Long said.

The court has been sponsoring "Law Day" since the late '60s, Smith said, though some of the earlier programs included mock trials.

More recently, real cases have been brought before the students to make the experience more real for them, the judge said.

Prior to "Law Day," the court sent packets of information to the students to help them learn in advance about the district court and its operations.

The packet explained the difference between criminal and civil cases, and it contained information explaining the entire Michigan court system.

Students also learned that Westland District Court has a \$1.1 million budget and hears some 23,000 cases a year.

"By bringing the court to the students," Smith said, "they learn about how the judicial system works and what they might expect if they find themselves in court."

2nd Canton subdivision wants to secede from Wayne-Westland

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and three failed attempts to pass a school millage increase.

Another millage proposal — this one for 7.75-mills for a two-year period — has been placed on the June 10 ballot, and O'Neill has called on the Canton residents to support the plan.

Though the Greenbrook subdivision's secession attempt would have affected 113 students, the River Park move for now would affect only 14 students, O'Neill said.

However, Williams said there are "a lot of very, very young children" in River Park who will be approaching school age in coming years.

Some 75 River Park residents have signed petitions requesting to switch to the Plymouth Canton district. The larger, adjacent Green-

brook subdivision collected 247 signatures.

In denying Greenbrook's request last week, county school officials cited concerns about the \$500,000 in state aid that the Wayne-Westland district would lose because of the secession.

Moreover, county officials noted that Plymouth Canton schools are overcrowded and that Greenbrook parents had failed to prove that their children would receive a better education because of the switch.

Greenbrook parents have indicated they will appeal the county decision to the Michigan Board of Education.

UNDER THE latest attempt, Wayne-Westland schools would lose \$60,000 to \$70,000 in state aid — far less than the amount the district

would have lost if Greenbrook students had switched districts.

Nevertheless, Wayne-Westland officials will oppose the secession, O'Neill said.

In trying to win county school officials' approval, River Park residents may try a different approach than did the Greenbrook group, Williams said.

River Park residents may try to prove the academic benefits of switching to the Plymouth Canton district — a focus the Greenbrook parents didn't push, Williams said.

Rumors have emerged that even more neighborhoods may try to secede from the embattled Wayne-Westland district, though O'Neill said Friday that he is only aware of the attempts by Greenbrook and River Park.

Tax hike backers predict win

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HARLOW SAID she does not intend to try to make the mayor's panel a forum for the millage issue. The mayor has said he wants the committee to study school district's needs and make recommendations to the school board.

However, Harlow did say she hopes information will surface during the panel's discussions that convinces some millage critics that the district desperately needs more money to halt a budget crisis.

"I'm not really trying to switch anybody's opinion," Harlow said. "I'm just trying to bring forth some facts to clear up some misunderstandings. Sometimes I feel like I'm in the middle of the Hatfields and the McCoys."

Meanwhile, millage supporters and critics said their strategies in

the June 10 election are not expected to change dramatically from those used prior to the March 13 election, when a 7.75-mill proposal was defeated by a mere 3 percent. Two millage proposals also failed — by much larger margins — in February and June of last year.

Some differences, however, will be noticed in this election. Wayne-Westland Superintendent Dennis O'Neill said the pro-millage camp will not renew its telephone push to win support for the tax hike. Instead, the Save Our Schools committee will use the newly collected 5,835 petitions of support it obtained as a campaign tool.

O'NEILL SAID he hopes a 13-hour rally held April 16 at John Glenn will help sway some voters. Students who participated in that "lock-in," which caught the attention of televi-

sion stations and newspapers, pleaded with voters to support a tax increase.

Meanwhile, members of the anti-millage Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee also said their campaign efforts will be renewed, but not altered. The panel is expected to send out more fliers opposing the tax increase plan.

Anti-millage forces have blamed the district's money problems on what they call an inept school administration and school board. Some critics have indicated they will try to recall board members and push for a new administration.

Thomas has said he hopes his blue-ribbon panel will bring the two opposing sides together to seek solutions for the school district's problems. However, most of those recommendations are not expected to emerge prior to the election.

YMCA to honor outstanding volunteers

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will honor two outstanding community volunteers at its annual Invest in Youth fund-raising dinner Thursday night.

To be honored with the Y's outstanding youth service awards will be Gail McKnight, former YMCA board chair and one of Westland's two district judges, and Tony Rosati, who has headed the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss/Outstanding Young

Woman scholarship program for 24 years.

Also to be recognized at the dinner will be Kathleen Turnquist, a local teacher who was named the Michigan Teacher of the Year, and Jan Brown and Tim Cornick, the school district's top educators.

Sharon Arthur, YMCA board chair, said Rosati is being honored for his many years of dedicated services to the Junior Miss program and the Westland Jaycees, a former

sponsor of the program. McKnight is being cited for her more than 20 years of service to the Y and a volunteer for the First Step organization, which provides a shelter and various services for abused women.

The dinner will start with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in Hawthorne Valley banquet hall, on Merriman north of Warren Road. Buy tickets for \$20 at the Y office, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland, or call the Y office at 721-7044 during business hours.



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SC offers summer TV classes

By Darroll Pressley
staff writer

Who said there isn't anything educational on television?

Students at Schoolcraft College are learning lessons from the tube by taking telecourses at Schoolcraft this summer.

For students who have a difficult time commuting to college, telecourses allow them to earn credit toward their degree at home.

The courses are geared toward students who are working full-time and have other responsibilities, said Jeanne Bonner, assistant dean for learning resources.

Classes are presented on Channel 56 and on local cable stations throughout the week in the mornings and again on the weekends.

Students watch the programs, read the course textbooks and use a study guide to the important parts of the text. Students have to be self-motivated to be successful with telecourses, Bonner said.

"The students who are independent workers who can study well on their own, those are the people who do the best in these courses," Bonner said.

A Schoolcraft instructor is available for students and conducts several on-campus meetings for a review

of the material. Exams are scheduled for an entire week and on the weekends for the students' convenience.

Telecourses have been a part of Schoolcraft's program since the 1980s. About 12 courses are offered during regular school term, Bonner said. This is the first time, however, that telecourses have been offered during the summer session.

The dean said 150 students have signed up for the five telecourses this summer, which is expected to be enough to fill each class.

The telecourses are nationally produced programs with actors who are used as the instructors. Colleges across the country use these tapes, Bonner said.

"It's a growing trend," she said. Telecourses offer a valid and valuable outreach to a population that may not be able to receive a college education otherwise, said Jim Walling, the instructor for the sociology telecourse.

An advantage is that through technology, there is more of an opportunity to provide information in these programs than an instructor can in a lecture, Walling said.

"They (the courses) can go way beyond what an instructor can do in the classroom."

With only a few on-campus meet-

ings between instructor and students, Walling said, newsletters and telephone calls keep the lines of communication open.

Students not only get a chance to learn at their own pace, but they also get the personal instruction, "which makes learning for them that much better," Walling said.

What might be considered a disadvantage for teachers is that they may have to invest more time coordinating and preparing for the classes. And students need more self-discipline for the courses, Walling said.

"You have to remind yourself much more responsibility is placed in the hands of the students."

Working at your own pace and not having to go to the campus every day is definitely an advantage, said Joyce Tellitocci, a second-year student majoring in accounting.

"It was so nice not having to come on campus two or three times a week," Tellitocci said, who added it is also nice not to have as much homework and tests to take.

In the future, telecourses will play a big role in providing education for younger students and for adults who want to continue their education.

"It fills the vacuum for them to gain an education."

For more information, call the college's Learning Resources office at 462-4485.

Senior Power Day set May 14

May has been designated as Older Americans Month. National Nursing Home Week is May 13-17. This is a good time to honor those older adults living in our communities and also those living in long-term care facilities. It is also an excellent time to acknowledge the truly loving individuals who care for our older frail citizens on a daily basis.

Family caregivers, who give their time and energies to help elderly family members, volunteers and the variety of professionals who work in nursing homes deserve to be recognized and commended for the fine work they do. It isn't easy. These giving people help to make other people's lives more comfortable, healthier and happier. They are invaluable members of our society giving older people their caring concern and expertise.

While many of us are aware of the remarkable activities family caregivers perform, most people do not know much about life in nursing homes where care teams, including professionals in nursing, medicine, nutrition, social, spiritual and personal care, help residents to live



on aging
Renee Mahler

with ease, comfort, security and dignity.

The 17th annual Senior Power Day will be held Tuesday, May 14, in the Lansing Civic Arena. This exciting and informative day gives older adults and all interested parties an opportunity to speak out, meet legislators and learn of issues pertinent to seniors of our state. The keynote speaker is the United States Commissioner on Aging, Dr. Joyce Berry. Dr. Berry will speak on elder care.

A public hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. giving people the opportunity to speak out on issues of concern to Michigan's senior citizens.

The main program begins at 10:15 a.m. Lunch, on a donation basis, will be served at 12:15 p.m. Following lunch there will be a march to the Capitol with closing ceremonies pre-

sented on the Capitol steps. For those who do not wish to join the march there will be a Medicare Update Workshop in Pruden Hall. A Consumer Fair will also be held in the lower level of the Civic Arena from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets to Senior Power Day are available at your local Area Agency on Aging and at some senior centers and organizations. In some cases, transportation is also provided. For more information call your local Area Agency on Aging. The telephone number is located in your phone book. Tickets to Senior Power Day are free.

Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and the Director of Communications and Admissions at a Rochester Hills nursing facility.

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points of view

Pollution law has unintended consequence

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The "Polluter Pay" law couldn't be backfiring on us. The purest, noblest, most courageous defenders of the babies of the 21st century fought long and hard against the filthy lucre of Corporate Michigan for that law.

The "Polluter Pay" bill was debated to death once in the state Senate in 1990. But "Polluter Pay" was an idea whose time had come, and bags of corporate gold couldn't sink it.

And some folks say it's backfiring? Horrors!

THE FLAW, it seems, is that when you require the new owner to pay for cleaning up the mess left by a long-gone owner, you make it worth while for the new owner to move on to virgin territory.

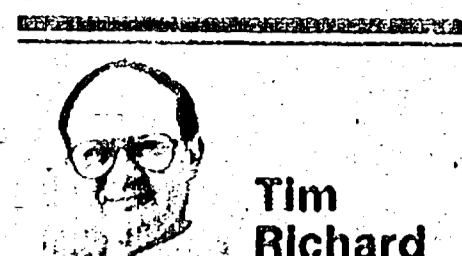
It's known as "urban sprawl." You eat up farm land, meadows and forests for new development for a shifting, but not growing, population. You gobble tax money for new roads, bridges, sewers and water lines and abandon old facilities in older cities.

"Urban sprawl" is an environmental no-no, too.

WAYNE STATE University president David Adamany last week touched on the subject before a Senate appropriations subcommittee on higher education.

Adamany was explaining why the WSU campus in Detroit has such high costs. Obviously, its medical and engineering programs cost bigger bucks than courses like history where you read books.

But WSU is landlocked, penned in, and land costs are high, Adamany said.



Tim Richard

"We are built over an old city neighborhood," he said. Utilities reserve the right to dig, and the university pays the cost. They run into old foundations. In one case, a medical school parking lot, the diggers ran into a bunch of old tanks from a dry cleaning establishment.

That's potential pollution, brothers and sisters. The owner pays to clean it up before the land can be given a new use.

A CONFERENCE on regional

redevelopment, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, heard the message another way, from attorney David Bruegel of the Detroit-based firm of Dickinson Wright. That was in February.

The law's criminal sanctions — including jail terms and fines — are "a potential disincentive to the business person to be creative and find a new use for land," Bruegel told the shocked assemblage. Thus, investors will opt for undeveloped land — urban sprawl — rather than communities where the infrastructure is in place.

The third speaker, at a SEMCOG conference last month, was one of the regional planning agency's own graduates — Gary Krause, now a vice president of Stroth Properties. Stroth is redeveloping some Detroit riverfront land once occupied by a

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pharmaceutical firm. It seems a garden that once beautified this industrial site was watered with stuff from the Detroit River. The state Department of Natural Resources feared the water table had been contaminated by pol-

lutants from the river. Gary Krause, one of the world's nicest nice guys, put-up with a lot of hassle from DNR in his effort to do good.

I HAVE omitted one key fact. The "Polluters Pay" law doesn't take effect until this July 1. These situations occurred under existing statutes, which, environmentalists tell us, are weak and cumbersome.

The moral of the story is that environmentalists aren't all Robert Redford in white hats, and corporations aren't all Lee Van Cleef in black hats. In politics, most hats are gray. Laws can have unintended consequences.

It would be good for all sides to be cautious and humble. Especially your side.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional news.

Diapers, child-care don't mix with men

ON A RECENT trip to northern Michigan, I made a quick stop at a rest area and noticed a weird contraption in the mens' room.

It's not exactly that I spend a lot of time in public rest areas.

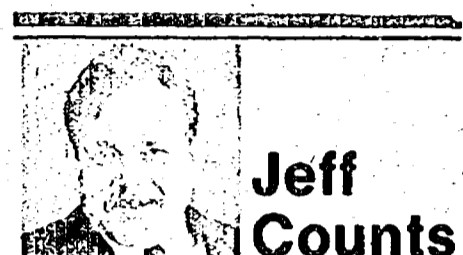
But still, I wasn't so hurried that I didn't notice the contraption that looked like an old-fashioned built-in ironing board.

In the car I explained the device to my wife, and she told me it was a changing table. It made me envision some trucker changing his clothes in the mens' room. But then she went on to explain it was a baby changing table, as in changing diapers.

I WAS astounded. It made me wonder what politician voted to pay money to put such a thing in a mens' restroom. Let's face it, women probably change most diapers in this country, and putting such tables in mens' rest rooms is a waste of taxpayers' money.

For a short time I thought about writing a letter to my state representative, refusing to pay my portion of state taxes that are spent on diaper-changing stations in mens' rest rooms. I didn't figure if I refused to pay taxes for things the state does that I don't like, I'd probably only be paying about \$2 a week.

Anyway, my wife just raised her eyebrows upon my discovery of the changing table. She seemed to know that it was just one of those things I



Jeff Counts

would never notice because despite having two sons, I had rarely, if ever changed a diaper.

I don't even remember changing one on a camping trip to the Upper Peninsula during which my wife had a broken arm. I can still see her changing the kid's diaper on a picnic table with one arm.

One of my prime excuses was that I couldn't manage to get the pin closed. However, my wife gently pointed out a tremendous contradiction: "How the hell can you manage to tie those stupid flies on your fishing line and not be able to put a pin on a diaper?"

IGNORANCE IS NOT only bliss when it comes to diapers, it's a lot cleaner. It's also one of the best tactics to avoid child-care.

These days folks confuse the rudger of changing diapers and watching kids to make sure they don't kill themselves with a thing they call bonding. I always thought bonding had something to do with the way whiskey was made. It hadn't been invented when my kids were

little, so I didn't have to do it.

Bonding is really a scam word to entice men to take care of children. If it sounds sensitive, every dope in the world wants to do it.

When I see men changing diapers and pushing baby carriages, I can't help but wonder why they're doing it. I guess the two buzz words are sensitivity and bonding.

But I've got another word, pride. Men want to appear to know what they're talking about when it comes to taking care of kids, even though most of them really don't know the correct side of a diaper to use, if there is one.

And because pride gets in the way, they don't know how to pretend they can't perform the required child rearing task. They don't know how to screw it up so that they won't be asked to do it again.

Here's a list of ways to screw things up or ways to generally avoid taking care of kids:

- I'm afraid to hold the baby, I may drop him on his head and he'll grow up to be an idiot. That one can come back to haunt you when the kid gets to be a teenager. Your wife will accuse you of holding the kid.

- I've got to cut the lawn, I don't have time to babysit.

- Lose the kid in a store, and then come back and tell you wife how horrible it was. The kid was lost for hours and you thought that the next

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time you'd see him was on a milk carton.

- Take him to a bar to watch a game on television. The kid will come back smelling of stale beer and smoke.

- The chemicals I'm spraying in the yard, if inhaled will cause the kid to be retarded. This one only works if you haven't dropped him on his head.

- Let the kid do something stupid on a play ground so that he gets cut and dirty and is crying when he comes home. Make sure it's not a serious injury or else you'll end up wasting your afternoon in an emergency room.

The list is endless, once you get the hang of it. And the rewards are great. You'll have had plenty of rest by the time the kid gets to be about six or seven and you'll be ready to teach the kid how to fish.

from our readers

MADD proud of its work

To the editor: As a former president of the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (1989-90), I must share a different perspective regarding this organization's growth than that presented by Helen Molnar ("Ex-MADD president questions changes," April 18, 1991).

This chapter has become, in my opinion, one of the outstanding ones in Michigan and indeed in this country. Its growth during these past years has been steady and positive. Wayne County MADD is seen in this area as the front line leader in the fight against drunk driving. Its record is outstanding.

Our services to the community — victim support group, Project Graduation, Project LifeRide, red ribbon campaign, public speakers bureau, victim impact panels, court monitoring, etc. have been achieved through the work of many volunteers and a dedicated professional staff.

I reject Helen Molnar's assertion that too much funds are used for staff and victims are not being served. Our work could not be achieved without the three paid staff employed by our chapter (administrator, victim advocate and secretary). Volunteers are our backbone but our growth has required a paid staff to coordinate our increasing activities. Their expertise is an asset and has been recognized as such by other groups with whom they work toward common goals.

Our primary purpose is to reduce the crime of drunk driving and to support the surviving victims. Statistics show that we are winning in our first goal. Our victim members receive ongoing help as they grieve and negotiate the court process when the drunk driver is brought to justice.

Wayne County MADD remains a group of individuals — victims and nonvictims, volunteers and staff, men and women — solidly dedicated toward reducing the terrible toll caused by the drunk driver. I am proud of its work.

Stanley Goldberg, Livonia

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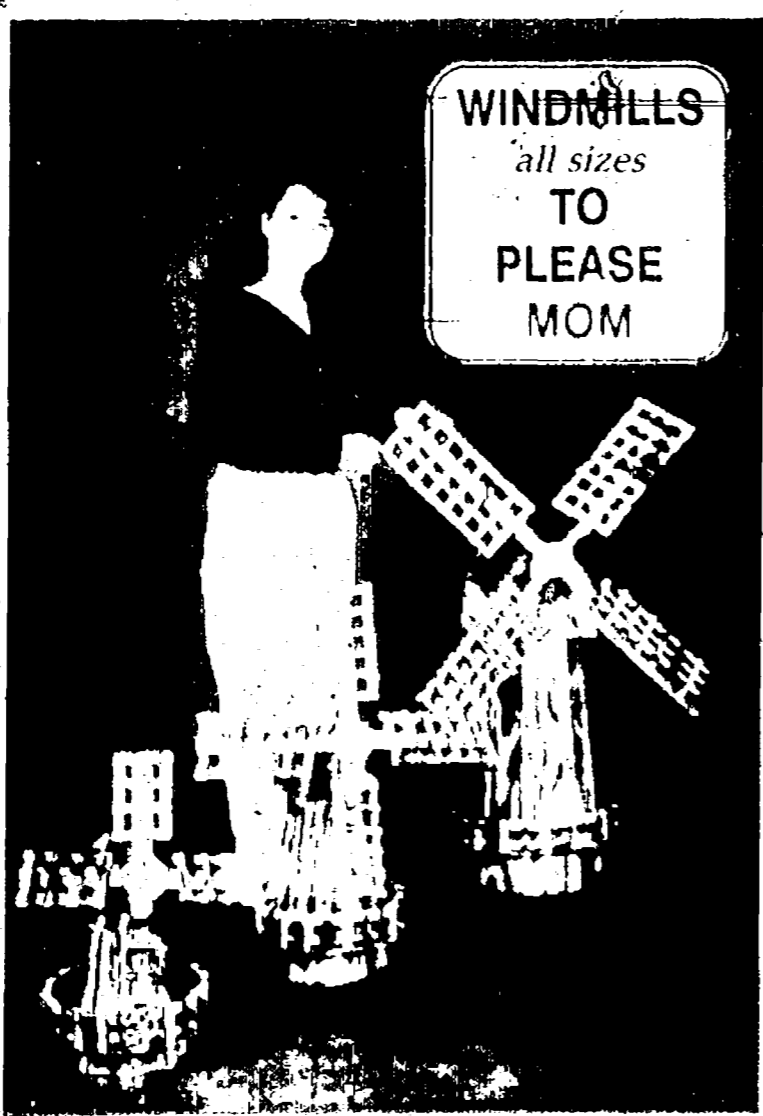
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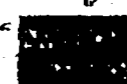
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Bill will tighten controls on private schools

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Students at private vocational schools, a burgeoning industry during the 1980s, would be protected from sleazy advertising and shabby refund practices under a bill before a state House committee.

"Long-standing schools are not a problem. The problems are the ones started in the last 10 years," said Ron Root, who regulates private vocational schools for the state Department of Education.

"The current law is 1 1/2 pages. This bill is 40 pages," Root told the House Colleges and Universities Committee Wednesday as he testified for passage of House Bill 4623.

Spirit run set May 18

The Association for Retarded Citizens is holding a "spirit run" Saturday, May 18, at Hines Park.

The event is a fund-raiser on behalf of ARC, which provides programs and services for mentally retarded people living in Michigan.

Volunteers are sought for a 10-kilometer fun run and five-kilometer walk. Both events are open to people of all ages, as well as those in wheelchairs.

Participants are being asked to collect donations from as many sponsors as possible. The person collecting the most donations will receive a grand prize.

Additional information is available by calling ARC representative Shirley Mooradian, 832-0143.

Exec awards scholarships

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara has awarded \$30,000 in scholarship money to 26 minority students.

McNamara announced the scholarships recently. The money was raised through the county executive's annual charity golf outing.

Scholarships were awarded to students attending Wayne State University, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, the University of Detroit-Mercy, Madonna University, Marygrove College and Schoolcraft, Henry Ford and Wayne County community colleges.

More than \$80,000 in scholarship money has been raised through the annual golf event.

The 1991 golf outing is scheduled for Friday, June 21, at Warren Valley Golf Course, Dearborn Heights.

Variety marks SC schedule

From business to the Middle East, a variety of classes are being offered at Schoolcraft College this spring.

Business classes include: Effective Business Writing, Negotiating Techniques, Managing Dimensional Variation and Statistical Process Control I.

Financial classes include: Personal Money Management Techniques and Wills and Estates. Science and nature classes include: Bird Study, Current Environmental Issues and Spring Wildflower Walks.

Other classes include: Current Events in the Middle East, Passport to France and A Beginner's Guide to Herpetology.

Additional information is available by calling 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Language classes offered

A number of intermediate foreign language classes will be available at Schoolcraft College, beginning the week of May 13.

Intermediate conversational classes in French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish are available. Classes feature a discussion of culture and history as well as grammar.

Additional information is available by calling 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Schoolcraft reunion planned

Schoolcraft College is planning a reunion dinner for members of its first graduating class.

The college alumni association seeks 1966 Schoolcraft graduates interested in attending the dinner.

Those who graduated from Schoolcraft in 1966, or who know someone who did, are encouraged to call Jean Marie Panyard, 462-4400, Ext. 5046.

Example: The bill would prohibit placing student recruitment ads in the "help wanted" classifieds. "They advertise as if they're offering a job," Root said.

PANEL CHAIR James Kosteva, D-Canton, is conducting a week-long study before scheduling a vote on the first extensive revision of private vocational schools in decades.

Besides protecting students, the bill is designed to raise \$400,000 in revenue and support a DOE staff of eight. Currently, Root's staff is three. License fees would be \$1,000 for the first year, then \$500 plus \$5 a student in later years.

"Will the fees cover costs?" asked Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia.

Root said yes: "I'm not interested in building a bureaucracy in our department. We just want to be sure we have enough staff to implement the bill."

Change of location fee would be \$200; change of curriculum, \$200; investigation fees for complaints, \$500.

PROPRIETY SCHOOLS also would be required to:

- Report the pass rate of graduates.

- Report the job placement rate of graduates.
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THE BILL'S contents got an "80 to 90 percent" endorsement from Dennis Stockemer, president of Dorsey Business Schools in Madison Heights.

Because of time constraints, Stockemer didn't list what he disagreed with. Kosteva's panel will meet again this week to hear more testimony from private vocational school operators. Meeting time is 3:30 p.m., or after House session, on Wednesday's on the fourth floor of the Capitol.

Stockemer said a survey answered by 4,700 students at 42 schools showed 91.5 percent thought they were "satisfactorily progressing."

One in four had tried a community college earlier, but 73 percent did not complete their objectives for one reason or another.

THE "AVERAGE" student in a private career school is a 27-year-old, never-married mother whose children average eight years of age, he said.

Some 34 percent had been on public assistance, and 70 percent work while attending school.

Some 75 percent are women. Whites are 57.5 percent of the student body; blacks, 38 percent; Hispanics, 2.3 percent.

"Student loan default rates have become a barometer to judging schools," Stockemer said. "But they (default rates) are more a barometer of the economy. In a poor general economy, the default rate is greater."

"Private schools help those who have fallen through the cracks of public education."

Writing workshops set

Writing tips from published authors will be offered during a series of Schoolcraft College workshops beginning May 14.

The college Author/Author workshops meet 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, through June 11. The series fee is \$75. Individual workshops are \$18.

The lineup includes:

- May 14 — Short Stories, presented by Gay Rubin, University of Michigan instructor, editor and writer of short stories. She is past president of Detroit Women Writers.

- May 21 — Fiction, presented by Charles Baxter, instructor at Wayne State University and author of the best sellers, "Harmony of the World" and "The Safety Net."

- May 28 — Illustrated Story Books, presented by Valerie Scho Carey, author of numerous children's books and 1987 winner of Golden Kite Award from the Society of Childrens Book Writers. Carey has also received the Parent's Choice Award from the International Reading Association.

- June 4 — American Mystery, presented by Loren D. Estleman, recipient of the Golden Spur Award from the Western Writers of America and the Shamus Award from the Private Eye Writers of America.

- June 11 — How-to Books, presented by Carolyn Vosburg, an artist and writer who has written numerous books, as well as more than 500 newspaper articles.

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taste buds

chef Larry Janes



Michigan berries on way

If there was just one reason to herald spring, it would be saying farewell to the tasteless, fibrous and exorbitantly priced imported or hothouse strawberry. Better yet, it's probably chopping into that first fresh Michigan berry bursting with juice, sweetness and flavor.

I love strawberries! I can eat them like popcorn. Why not? They are great sources of fiber, iron, potassium and Vitamin C—a natural health food.

Dip them in chocolate and I feel seductive. Swirl into a malted and I feel like a kid again.

Whether they're sitting on a sundae or a waffle, surrounded by whipped cream or encased in Jell-O, I seldom turn down anything made with fresh Michigan strawberries.

As you read this, 95 percent of the strawberries available over the counter this week are hailing from California. As a matter of fact, more than 80 percent of the entire United States crop hails from La La Land. Have patience, dear readers, for in a matter of 30 days or less, Michigan berries will be flowing abundantly.

RECENT DROUGHT conditions on the West Coast might push strawberries to nearly \$2.75 per quart. In the middle of January, I paid pretty near \$4 per quart for berries that tasted like leftover Christmas ornaments. Let's face it, air freight is expensive.

The freshest Michigan berries, barring any more adverse weather conditions, should maintain their pricing levels from last year and hover around \$1 per quart, especially at your local farmer's market.

There is little questioning the excellent taste of fresh strawberry shortcake or even a frosty frozen strawberry daquiri, but today's trendy cook is always looking for new ways to use basic take-them-for-granted strawberries. Yours truly has experimented with strawberry vinegar, strawberry brandy and the classic strawberry jam or jelly. The freezer always gets a workout, keeping a constant supply for my cheesecake, French toast, sundaes and beverages.

Unfortunately, strawberries aren't all they are cracked up to be. Anything this good has to have a catch. Anyone who has purchased strawberries only to get them home and find a heaping basket of moldy fuzz will sooner forget them than praise them. I can attest to this, especially during hot summer months when a three-hour visit to the farmer's market ended up with a red-stained paper bag and a mess all over my car seat.

For optimum results, fresh strawberries should be kept in the refrigerator. Purists say to remove them from their store containers and place them in a colander in the crisper section of your refrigerator. Never wash them until ready to use and then simply rinse them under a gentle stream of cool water. After washing, the stems and caps can be removed and, if necessary, the berry can be patted dry. Washed berries should be used within 24 hours.

IF YOU ARE interested in freezing the little red jewels, there are two techniques you can follow. Freezing with the IQF (individually quick frozen) method can be accomplished by washing, prepping, patting dry and placing the berries on a cookie or baking sheet in the freezer for six hours. Pour the frozen berries into a freezer bag for optimum storage.

Alternatively, the berries can be sliced, mashed or purced and mixed with sugar (processors use an 80 percent berry to 20 percent sugar ratio) and then frozen in covered containers. For best taste, use within six months.

So if you are looking for fresh ways to spruce up a plate of cottage cheese or bowl of cereal, now is the time to enjoy the taste of fresh "made in the USA" strawberries.

Happy Mother's Day



COOKING FOR MOM

By Larry Janes
special writer

IT HAS COME to our attention that there might be a few spouses, sons, or daughters who want to cook something for Mom on her special day and who can't tell the difference between a caper and a colander.

You do not need two years at a major culinary institution or, for that matter, be a graduate of Miss Cindy's Chocolate Chip Home Economics School to make a decent Mother's Day brunch. Granted, we will assume that you are not the offspring of Julia Child or Madeline Kamman, but we do realize that some moms can be critical, especially when recipes don't turn out just right.

We also know you want everything to be as perfect as it can be. Most importantly, you want to come out of the kitchen smelling like a rose.

Knowing this, I have compiled literally foolproof recipes, along with shopping needs, equipment lists, presentation suggestions and even ways to get the kids involved without major complications.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN to clip these tried and true recipes and lists, we must begin with "your mind." If you are, indeed, one of those people with five thumbs, this is being printed six days in advance so that you can make daily affirmations about your upcoming success. Don't wait until after watching "The Golden Girls" on television Saturday night to read the shopping and equipment list. Practice in advance.

Imagine yourself wearing a crown of cilantro and James Beard's flowing apron, twirling wooden spoons like a parade majorette. (Remember those good culinary feelings as you stand in the kitchen trying feverishly to recall which knob to turn for the oven temperature (the knob with numbers ranging from 150-500.)

With this information in hand, along with a clean dish towel, you can make a Mother's Day brunch that will be remembered, if not for eternity, at least till Mother's Day next year.

A MOTHER'S DAY MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup with Cream Cheese Sauce

Savory Biscuits with Honey Butter

Casserola Frittata

Fresh-Squeezed Orange Juice

THE EQUIPMENT LIST

The menu was carefully selected so the equipment list would be readi-

ly available in almost any kitchen. Rest assured that hiding in the bowels of the cupboards are the following culinary tools needed to complete the task. It might take getting down on your hands and knees, but trust me, it's there, somewhere.

- 3 bowls (bigger than a soup bowl, smaller than a pot)
- 1 paring knife
- 1 cutting board
- 2 forks
- 1 cookie sheet
- 1 plastic cup
- 1 set measuring spoons/cups
- 1 cake pan, preferably glass, about 11-by-13 inches
- 1 juicer
- 1 roll paper towel
- Coffeepot/teapot (optional)

THE SHOPPING LIST

There is a remote possibility that some of these items will already be in your cupboard or refrigerator, especially the herbs, spices and some dairy products.

- An assortment of fresh fruit (such as 1 banana, 1 small bunch seedless grapes, 1 basket strawberries, 1 apple, 1 cantaloupe)
- Honey
- Flour
- Baking powder
- Salt
- Sugar
- Butter
- Shortening (such as Crisco)
- Baking soda
- Buttermilk
- Dried dill weed
- Chives (fresh or dried)
- Eggs (at least 8)
- 1 loaf whole grain bread
- Ham, bacon or sausage (make it Mom's favorite, not yours)
- 1 pound cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 small package cream cheese
- Powdered sugar
- Vanilla
- 1 dozen seedless oranges
- Coffee/tea (if desired)

THE GAME PLAN

- Check for all ingredients and shop the day before.
- Depending on your choice of breakfast, brunch or lunch, choose appropriate starting time. Notice: allow two hours (not including set-up and clean-up) for cooking.
- Make coffee/tea/juice. Keep coffee/tea hot, juice cold.
- 4. Using cutting board and paring knife, prepare fresh fruit and sauce. Wash all fruit. Place on towel to dry. Make cream cheese sauce.
- Prepare Casserola-Frittata. Precook bacon, ham or sausage. Drain all fat.
- Prepare savory biscuits.
- Prepare honey butter.
- Enjoy food with Mom.
- Clean up. More than any recipe, this means more to Mom than you will ever know. Leave kitchen looking as it did before you entered.

Store herbs for winter

By Marty Figley
special writer

I am expecting a good harvest from the herb garden so I can make many herbal concoctions to use when winds howl and the garden is asleep for the winter.

Like a squirrel storing nuts, we herbarists must store our bounty when it is at its peak in the herb garden.

Tarragon, thyme, basil, chives, lavender (for an exotic flavor) savory and mints are other herbs that can be made into vinegar.

For a different flavor I will spear a clove of garlic with a toothpick and put it in the bottle along with the basil as it steeps.

VINEGAR IS very easy to make, for use in salads and marinades. After picking the herbs I will wash them well and twirl them in a salad spinner to dry, fill a glass container at least two-thirds full, twisting the stems and leaves to release the oils.

Then the container will be filled with a five-percent-acidity vinegar (white if I'm going to add an herb for decoration or if I'm making coal or chive blossom vinegar and regular elder vinegar for the others), cover with a non-metal lid and set in the sun for about a week.

Then the vinegar solution will go to a cool dark place for four to six weeks to cure (the garlic comes out now, so the flavor won't be too strong). Strained and bottled the vinegar will be ready for use. Wine vinegars are especially nice.

Many culinary herbs dry well when they are spread out on a screen or laid in a basket lined with a paper towel. I will put many of them in bunches, secured with a rubber band, arrange a brown paper bag around them to keep the dust off, and hang them to dry in a warm, dark area with good air circulation.

Sage and other woody-stemmed herbs, such as

rosemary, tarragon, thyme and mints, are particularly successfully dried this way. As soon as they are dry, I will lightly roll the bag so the leaves fall to the bottom of the bag. By this time they will be corn-flake crisp and won't mold when put into jars for further use.

WHEN I HAVE a small quantity, I put the leaves on a paper towel on a flat dish and set it uncovered in the refrigerator. They are dehydrated in a few days, and the color is good.

Fifty-percent power is recommended, and a glass of water in the corner will protect the element.

Do not dry them to the very crisp stage because of the threat of fire and loss of oils. I will finish the drying in a basket set in a warm place.

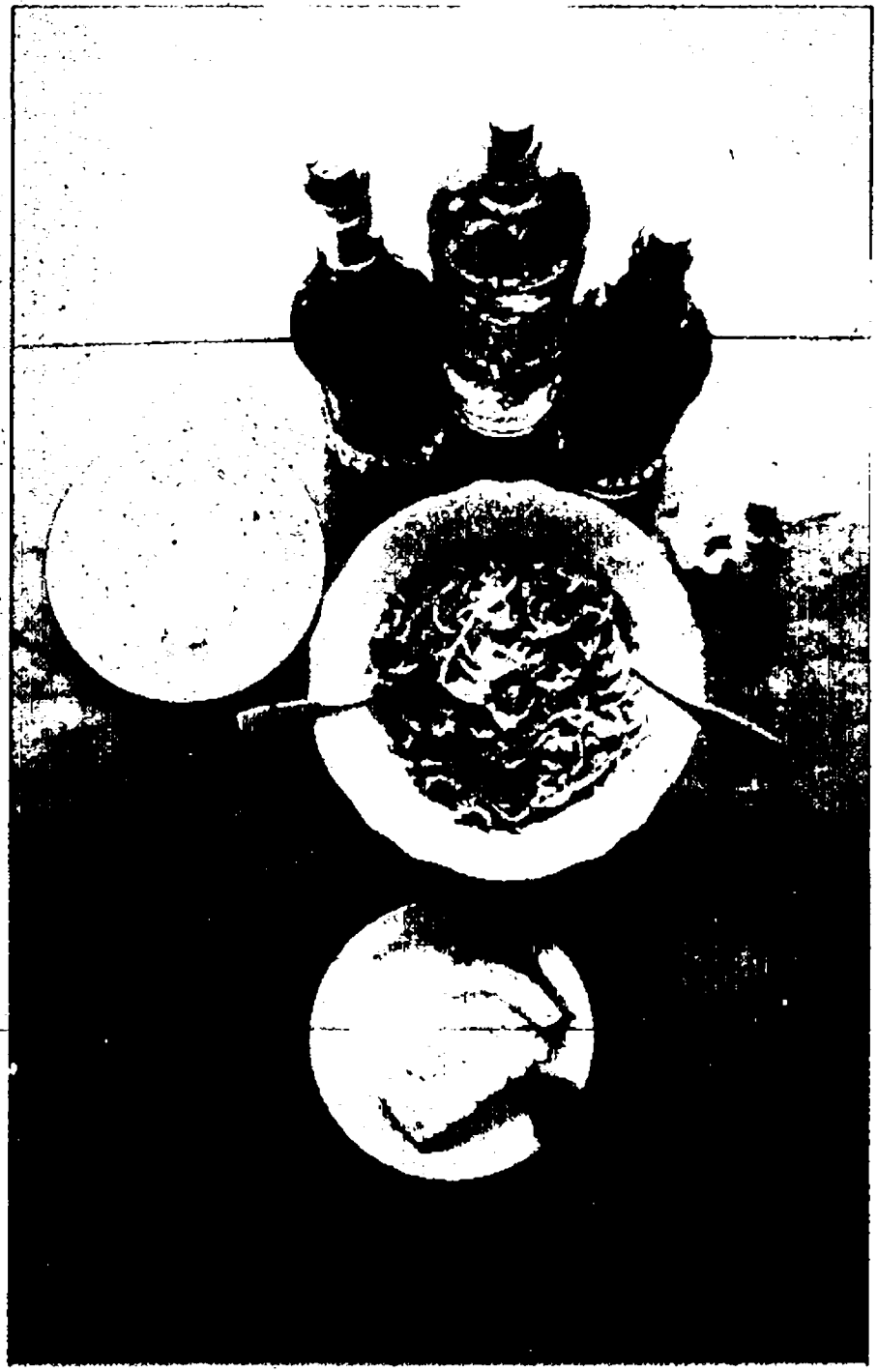
Oven drying is a pretty quick method with the pilot light only, or set the temperature in an electric oven very low (180 degrees). If I can smell the herbs, it means the oils are evaporating and the oven is too hot.

Sometimes I freeze the leaves on a tray and package them in small containers, or blend about one and one-half cups of water to a cup of loosely packed leaves, whirl them in a blender for two minutes, then freeze in ice cube trays.

A MIXTURE of eight ounces of soft margarine and about one-half cup of a preferred herb, one-half teaspoon lemon juice to bring out the flavor, frozen in the original container enables me to scoop just the right amount to use in many dishes: stews, vegetables, casseroles and on bread.

I use either one herb or a mixture such as summer savory and chives or tarragon; salad burnet, thyme and parsley; oregano and garlic granules; dill and garlic; or chives, chervil and parsley.

I will remember to label everything I preserve as I store it away. Chopped, frozen and dried herbs look surprisingly alike.



Making vinegar and drying and freezing are all ways to use herbs

STEPHEN GARDNER
staff photographer

First you take a strawberry

See Larry James' column Taste Buds on Page 1B.

STRAWBERRY VINEGAR
2 cups washed strawberries, stemmed and patted dry
1 quart white vinegar

Sterilize a 2-quart glass jar with boiling hot water. Fill with sliced berries. Add enough white vinegar to fill. Cover and store in a dark, cool cupboard for at least 1 month.

STRAWBERRY SALAD DRESSING
3 ounces cream cheese
1 tablespoon strawberry vinegar
2 tablespoons strawberry jam or jelly
3/4 cup cream

Mash cream cheese with a fork until smooth. Slowly add remaining ingredients, mixing well after each

addition. Chill 1 hour before serving. For a different taste, stir in 1/4 teaspoon curry powder.

STRAWBERRIES ROMANOFF
2 quarts strawberries, hulled, washed, patted dry
1 pint vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt
1 cup whipped cream or plain yogurt
6 tablespoons Cointreau (or any orange-flavored liqueur)

Prepare strawberries. Lightly sprinkle with sugar, or if desired artificial sweetener, and place in the refrigerator to chill. Meanwhile, whip ice cream slightly to soften. Fold in whipped cream and orange-flavored liqueur. Blend in strawberries, stirring with a fork until well blended. Serve immediately in fluted glasses.

No-fail breakfast for Mom

See related story, Page 1B.

FRESH FRUIT CUPS WITH CREAM CHEESE SAUCE
1 banana, peeled and sliced
1 seedless-orange, peeled and segmented
1 small bunch seedless grapes
1 cantaloupe, split, seeds removed and cut into chunks
1 apple, cored, cut into chunks
1 cup strawberries, sliced

Combine all fruit in a bowl. Toss gently. Divide fruit evenly into wine glasses or serving bowls. Top with 1/4 cup sauce. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Chef's note: Depending on age, kids can do this part.

Cream Cheese Sauce
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon buttermilk

Combine ingredients in bowl. Using a fork or low speed on electric mixer, beat until smooth. Pour 1/4 cup over fresh fruit cups. Cover and chill remaining sauce.

HONEY BUTTER
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, room temperature
2 tablespoons honey

Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Using a fork, mix well to combine flavors. Note: butter will harden if placed in refrigerator. Another great job for the kids!

SAVORY BUTTERMILK BISCUITS
2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon sugar
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) cold butter
1/4 cup vegetable shortening (such as Crisco)
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons cold buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed and chopped chives

Mix flour, baking powder, salt and sugar in a bowl. Using a fork, cut in butter and shortening until mixture resembles crumbs. Combine baking soda with buttermilk. Pour into crumb mixture. Stir until soft dough forms. Place this mixture on a lightly floured, clean cutting board and add dill and chives. Knead gently for a count of 15 to form a ball. Do not overhandle. Pat 1/2-inch thick. Using a plastic cup, cut into circles and place on a cookie sheet lightly greased with butter. Bake for 12 minutes in a 450-degree oven. Makes about 12 biscuits.

CASSEROLA FRITTATA
8 slices whole grain bread, torn into chunks
1 cup cooked breakfast meat (such as bacon, sausage or ham)
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
8 eggs
1 cup buttermilk
Dash pepper and/or Tabasco Butter

Lightly grease a cake pan with butter, making sure to get the cor-

Place precooked breakfast meat, cut into small chunks, on top of bread mixture. Top with shredded cheese.

ners and top well greased. Tear bread into chunks and place in bottom of pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place precooked breakfast meat, cut into small chunks, on top of bread mixture. Top with shredded cheese. Combine eggs with buttermilk and pepper. Beat with a fork to scramble eggs. Pour egg mixture into cake pan. Place in preheated oven for 30-40 minutes or until eggs are cooked throughout.

FRESH-SQUEEZED ORANGE JUICE

Seedless oranges
Juicer (hand operated or electric)

Cut orange in half, not from the stem end but from around the middle. Hold plastic juicer over bowl

and press each orange half down over juicer, turning to extract juice.

TIPS ON MAKING THE PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE

- Start with a clean coffee maker.
- Use fresh coffee and fresh cold water.
- Serve immediately after brewing.
- Allow 2 level tablespoons for each 1/2 cup water.

TIPS ON MAKING PERFECT TEA

- Whether you use loose tea or bags, the preparation is the same.
- Start with a clean teapot made of glass, china or earthenware.
- Add boiling water. Allow to stand for a few minutes.
- Heat cold water to a boil.
- Pour hot water out of teapot. Do not rinse or dry. Add tea or teabags. Pour boiling hot water over tea.
- Use 1/4 cup boiling water for each bag or 1 teaspoon loose tea.
- Allow tea to stand for 5 minutes. Stir. Strain tea or remove teabags. Serve with lemon or milk.

clarification

The recipe for Lemon Bars, by Chef Eric Bunge of After the Hunt Pastry Shop, in Bloomfield Hills, which appeared in the May 1 issue of Taste, called for an ingredient (for

the filling) of lemon zest "from 5 each". Actually, this means the zest from 5 lemons. The recipe indicates that 1 tablespoon of the zest is reserved for the mousse topping.

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The seasons of life are as full of change and transition as are the seasons of the year. All these seasons bring their own personality with them that entails certain adjustments to be made.

Take, for example, the case of this week's Winner Dinner Winners, Chris Lamarche and Cathie Pollock, both of Bloomfield Hills. Both have spent many years at home raising their children. Now, one by one their children have gone off on their own, leaving these women "home alone" with their husbands for the first time in years.

Clearly, life has entered a new phase for them and they both agree that one of the areas where they have had to make the most adjustment is in the kitchen. With more time now to develop their own interests, hearty home cooking has been put on the back burner as they prefer to prepare meals that are heart-healthy and require little time to make.

Both are acknowledged good cooks by their friends and families. The two women put their heads together and recently submitted a menu that tastes great and fits in well with this stage of their lives. Featuring recipes for chicken breasts with garlic and balsamic vinegar, baked herbed tomatoes, freezer slaw and baked apples, this is a flavorful menu that is extremely low in fat and calories and is easy to make.

MARRIED AND the mother of three grown children, Chris Lamarche grew up in Bloomfield Hills. She works part-time for Professional Travel in Madison Heights, a job she is well-suited for as she loves to travel. She finds great happiness outdoors, loves to play bridge and cites being with her friends as her favorite hobby.

Important and special to her, she enjoys inviting friends for dinner and isn't afraid to try new recipes. With her children for the most part off of their own, Lamarche appreciates the increased flexibility and time she now has to pursue and develop her own interests.

Cathie Pollock is married and the

family-tested winner dinner



Chris Lamarche (left) and Cathie Pollock, both of Bloomfield Hills, together came up with this week's Winner Dinner.

mother of two grown children. Originally from East Lansing, Pollock has lived in Bloomfield Hills for more than 22 years. The chicken recipe she submitted is a family favorite, so much so that her daughter recently entered it in a food service contest held among the dormitories at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. The recipe was selected as the big winner and was prepared in all the dorms for a special dinner for all the students, in April.

Pollock co-chaired the Preview Party for the Community House An-

tique Show a few weeks ago and is active in the Altar Guild at Christ Church Cranbrook and at the Village Club in Bloomfield Hills. Gardening, reading and golf are her hobbies and she, too, enjoys entertaining friends at home.

Submit your recipes, to be considered for publication in this column or elsewhere, to: Winner Dinner, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham 48012. All submissions become the property of the publisher. Each week's winner receives an apron with the words Winner Dinner Winner on it.

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Recipes

CHICKEN BREASTS WITH GARLIC AND BALSAMIC VINEGAR

Low in fat and calories, this chicken recipe is quick and easy to make and loaded with flavor. It can be made in advance and then reheated just prior to serving.

Balsamic vinegar, the ingredient that gives the sauce its particular flavor, is made from Trebbiano grape juice and gets its dark color and pungent, sherry-like taste from years of aging in barrels of various woods and graduated sizes. This recipe serves 4.

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, halved, about 1 1/4 pounds in all
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 pound small-to-medium-sized mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves or more of crushed garlic, depending on your taste
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup fresh or canned chicken broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh thyme or 1/4 teaspoon dried

If the chicken breasts are connected, separate the fillets and cut away any membranes of fat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Rinse the mushrooms, drain and pat dry. Season the flour with salt and pepper and dredge the chicken breasts in the mixture. Shake off the excess. Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat and cook the chicken breasts until nicely browned on 1 side, about 3 min-

utes. Add the garlic cloves. Turn the chicken pieces and scatter the mushrooms over them. Continue cooking, shaking the skillet and redistributing the mushrooms so that they cook evenly. Cook about 3 minutes and add the vinegar, broth, bay leaf and thyme. Cover lightly and cook over medium-low heat for 10 minutes. Turn the pieces occasionally as they cook. Transfer the chicken to a warm serving platter and cover with foil. Cook the sauce with the mushrooms, uncovered, over medium-high heat for about 7 minutes. Swirl in the butter. Discard the bay leaf. Pour the mushrooms and sauce over the chicken and serve with noodles.

If you wish to make more sauce, double the recipe, using only 1/2 cup of balsamic vinegar rather than 1/4 cup.

BAKED HERBED TOMATOES

- 3 medium tomatoes, halved crosswise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon dried whole oregano
- 3 tablespoons fine, dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 tablespoons reduced-calorie margarine, melted

Place tomatoes, cut side up, in an 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking dish. Spread cut sides of tomatoes with mustard; sprinkle with oregano. Combine bread crumbs and parsley; sprinkle evenly over tomatoes. Drizzle with margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until tomatoes are thoroughly heated. Serves 6. 40 calories per serving.

FREEZER SLAW

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seeds
- 3 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 1/2 cup shredded Chinese cabbage
- 1/4 cup shredded carrot

Combine the first 5 ingredients in a small sauce pan; bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Boil 1 minute. Cool to room temperature.

Combine cabbages and carrot. Add vinegar mixture; toss well. Spoon into two 1-pint freezer containers, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Cover and freeze up to 1 month. Makes 4 cups of slaw. 39 calories per 1/2 cup serving.

BAKED APPLES

- 4 medium apples, cored
- 1/4 cup sugar or brown sugar
- Butter or margarine

Slice a thin circle of peel from the top of each apple. Arrange apples in a 9-by-2-inch round dish. Spoon 1 tablespoon of sugar into each apple cavity. Place a small piece of butter on each apple, if desired. Cover with plastic wrap.

Cook in a microwave oven, covered, on full power for 3 to 4 minutes, or until the apples are tender. Let the apples stand for a few minutes before serving. Apples may be filled with mince-meat, whole-cranberry-sauce, red hot candies or raisins or nuts, if desired. Increase cooking time by 1 to 2 minutes.

If a conventional oven is used, cook the apples at 375 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes or until the apples are tender but not mushy.

Serve Avocado Phyllo as appetizer or main course

AP - Avocado Phyllo is phyllo with a Southwestern accent - caramelized with honey and Chimayo chili powder and layered with a mixture of avocado, bell peppers, cilantro, tomato and yogurt.

The recipe was created by chef Vincent Guerthault, owner-chef of the Vincent on Camelback restaurant in Phoenix, for the California Avocado Commission. This dish can be served as an appetizer or as a main course.

- 1 tablespoon roasted red bell pepper, diced
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 teaspoons tomato, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime or lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

- 2 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed according to package directions
- 1 teaspoon avocado or olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Chimayo chili powder or paprika
- 2 teaspoons honey
- Fresh cilantro leaves (garnish)
- 1 teaspoon tomato, peeled and diced

The day before: Line a small strainer with a coffee filter and place in a bowl. Spoon in yogurt; refrigerate and let drain overnight.

To prepare: In a small bowl, mix avocado, yogurt, bell peppers, cilantro, 2 teaspoons tomato, lime or lemon juice, salt and pepper; set aside.

Brush phyllo dough with oil and fold to make a double layer. Cut each leaf into three 4-by-4-inch squares. Place on a baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with Chimayo chili powder and honey. Bake in preheated 400-degree oven for 8 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

To assemble: Place 1 tablespoon avocado mixture in the center of each of two plates. Top with one phyllo square. Continue layering phyllo squares and avocado mixture to assemble 2 entree servings, using 3 squares per serving.

To garnish: Lightly spritz Chimayo chili powder over the plate. Garnish with cilantro leaves and remaining 1 teaspoon diced tomato. Cut entree servings in half for appetizer servings. Makes 4 appetizer or 2 entree servings.

(Recipe from: The California Avocado Commission)

- ### AVOCADO PHYLLO
- 2 tablespoons low-fat yogurt
 - 1 medium ripe avocado, seeded, peeled and diced
 - 1 tablespoon roasted yellow bell pepper, diced

Place on a baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with Chimayo chili powder and honey.

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1 lemon
5 garlic cloves, split
1 bay leaf
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½ cup dry red wine
1 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
Freshly ground black pepper

Line a shallow glass baking dish or a wooden trough with some onion slices. Squeeze lemon juice over the

onion, toss in the lemon rinds. Add garlic, spices, salt and pepper. Pour in vinegar, wine and oil. Lay the steak in the marinade and spread the rest of the onion slices on the steak. Marinate for 3 hours, basting frequently. Serve the marinated onions raw with the cooked steak.

SORREL SOUP

Serves 4
4 tablespoons butter
½ cup chopped onion
2 cups finely shredded sorrel
2 large potatoes
2 cups chicken stock
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon chopped chervil or dill
Croutons

Heat butter in a large saucepan. Add chopped onion and cook until it

wilts. Set aside a small handful of sorrel and add the rest to the pan. Add potatoes and stock, bring to a boil and cook until potatoes are tender. Pour mixture into blender container and blend at high speed until pureed. Return to saucepan and stir in milk, chervil or dill. Reheat slowly to serve hot, or refrigerate to serve cold. Top each soup bowl with reserved sorrel and croutons.

PESTO BASE

Makes about 2 cups
4 packed cups basil leaves
4 small cloves garlic
¾ cup olive oil

Put basil and garlic in blender, pour oil over and blend, scraping basil down from sides of jar, until mixture is smooth. Or use a food processor. Freeze.

To serve pesto with pasta for 4 people:

1 cup pesto base
½ to 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Olive oil
Pine nuts or walnuts (optional)
Salt and pepper (optional)
1 pound pasta

Thaw pesto base, still covered, in a bowl of warm water, to room temperature. Stir pesto into cheese, add enough oil to thin to desired consistency. Add nuts (chopped) about 4 tablespoons, and stir them into the pesto. Season, if needed, with salt and pepper. Parmesan is salty.

Cook pasta to desired tenderness, drain and quickly toss with a little olive oil, then the pesto. Serve immediately. Pass extra Parmesan.

clarification

Nestle Foods Corp. wants to correct a statement that appeared in an article on chocolate chip cookies in the March 11 issue of the Taste section. The writer, Geri Rinschler, said that Nestle had lost its exclusive rights to the TOLL HOUSE trademark in 1983 and that the term is now a generic or descriptive term for cookies.

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One of the leaders in this viticultural revolution is Robert Pepi Winery in Napa Valley. Pepi is a specialist in sauvignon blanc production. He attributes the success of his wine to what he has learned in the vineyard.

"Herbaceous, grassy sauvignon blanc is a result of uncontrolled vegetative vigor," Pepi explains. "Excessive vine growth prevents direct sun exposure on the fruit and reduces air flow through the vine that helps balance the fruit."

SAUVIGNON BLANC grapes that are shaded from the sun do not ripen completely, giving a vegetable rather than fruit character to the wine.

To improve sun exposure and air flow, Pepi has developed a new vine-trellising system that he calls the 'Two-Heart Canopy.'

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Pepi has divided the canopy by separating the trunk of the vine into two major branches that are trained upward in a wishbone design, as if each vine is split in two. This method opens the canopy and exposes the fruit to direct sunlight.

"The wide trellis is the single most important factor to us viticulturally," Pepi says. "It's not only giving us better quality fruit, but it is enabling us to directly style the wine in the vineyard."

"Allowing more filtered sunlight



focus on wine

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to have direct contact with the fruit without the development of the floral, perfumed, citrusy aroma and flavor elements of sauvignon blanc with the elimination of one-dimensional herbaceousness so common in the variety."

THE WIDE TRELLIS system can be described as a stake with a four-foot cross arm at the top. Consider the head of the vine as a "Y" that is split in two, then every vine has two heads and four canes.

"We're trying to achieve as much complexity in aroma and flavor as possible without any markedly assertive character dominating," Pepi explains. "Essentially, we're striving for a style that showcases the best qualities of a white Bordeaux and, therefore, blend with just under 20 percent semillon, an amount that

adds complexity, viscosity and body without being obvious or dominating.

"We don't want a lot of oak in our sauvignon blanc. In addition to flavors developed through our training and trellising system, we age sauvignon blanc in large, five-year-old oak casks. This helps us achieve oak subtlety as well as providing a place for the flavors to marry."

Although Pepi considers optimum consumption time three to five years after harvest, he qualifies this by saying, "A lot depends on personal preferences for the way sauvignon blanc changes in the bottle."

Pepi recommends grilled swordfish, sole, and white meat fish to accompany the Pepi style of sauvignon blanc. He also likes it with spicy Cajun dishes because of the wine's clean, refreshing acidity.

WINE SELECTIONS OF THE WEEK

1989 Robert Pepi "Two-Heart Canopy" Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley (\$13) features aromas and flavors of fresh pineapple and honeydew melon with just a touch of varietal grassiness to let you know it's sauvignon blanc. The wine's crisp, clean lines make it a perfect accompaniment for grilled tuna or swordfish garnished with a fresh pepper and tomato salsa.

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• Wines of the Loire Valley may be sampled 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Royal Oak's Les Auteurs restaurant. Cost of \$25, or \$30 at the door, covers the tasting and a buffet of foods complementing the wines. Reservations, 544-2887.

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Many use the excuse that there just isn't enough time in the morning to fix breakfast or that they're trying to cut calories and will just skip the morning meal. But skipping breakfast often leads to tripping up throughout the day.

Bypassing breakfast may actually be one of the worst moves to make when you're trying to lose a few pounds. Most people don't even make it to lunch-time if they miss breakfast. They simply give in to hunger and grab a mid-morning snack. The problem is, the snacks chosen are often higher in fat and calories than a home-prepared breakfast.

IF YOU DO make it to the lunch hour on an empty stomach, you may tend to overeat because by then you are famished. Give your body the fuel it needs first thing in the morning and you will be less likely to crave something before lunch or later in the day.

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Live up your morning with a Strawberry Omelet. Enjoy your orange juice in a wine glass, garnished with sprigs of fresh mint, along with Cream Cheese-Apple Toast for a new twist. If time is of the essence, try a blender breakfast such as Creamy Mango Breakfast Shake or grab a Maple Fruit Bar (easy to prepare ahead of time) on your way out the door.

Don't be surprised if becoming a regular breakfast-eater adds energy and vitality to your morning routine.

STRAWBERRY OMELET

Makes 4 Servings

- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon sour cream
- 2 teaspoons confectioners sugar
- 1 cup egg substitute
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie tub margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries

In medium bowl, combine ricotta, sour cream and sugar until blended; set aside. In medium bowl, whisk egg substitute and eggs until combined. In medium nonstick skillet, melt margarine. Pour in egg mixture, swirling to cover bottom of pan. Cook until eggs begin to set, about 2 minutes, gently lifting edges away from the side of the pan, letting uncooked portion flow underneath.

When omelet is almost set, remove pan from heat. Spoon ricotta mixture over one half; layer 3/4 cup strawberries on top ricotta mixture. With spatula, carefully lift unfilled side of omelet and fold over filling; slide onto heated platter. Garnish with remaining strawberries.

Each serving provides: 1/2 Fat, 2 1/2 Protein, 1/2 fruit, 20 Optional Calories.

SOURCE: Weight Watchers Good'n Quick Menu Collection, 1991.

CREAM CHEESE-APPLE TOAST

Makes 4 Servings

- 1/2 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 ounce chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon apple butter
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tablespoons whipped cream cheese
- 4 slices reduced-calorie whole-wheat bread

In small bowl, combine ricotta, walnuts, apple butter and cinnamon; set aside. Spread cream cheese evenly over the bread; top each with 1/4 of the ricotta mixture. Place in toaster oven and toast until heated through.

Each serving provides: 1/4 Fat, 1/4 Protein, 1/2 Bread, 20 Optional Calories.

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MANGO BREAKFAST SHAKE

Makes 2 Servings

- 1/2 small mango, pared and pitted
- 1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

A breakfast that includes low-fat versions of dairy products, breads, muffins and whole grain cereals, as well as fresh fruits, is healthiest for you.

2 tablespoons nondairy whipped topping
1 teaspoon unsweetened wheat germ

In blender, combine mango, yogurt, lime juice and vanilla; blend until smooth. Add whipped topping, blend just until combined. Divide shake evenly between 2 chilled glasses; sprinkle each with 1/2 teaspoon wheat germ.

Each serving provides: 1/2 Milk, 1/4 Fruit, 20 Optional Calories.

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MAPLE FRUIT BARS

Makes 12 Servings

- 12 dried apricot halves
- 6 pitted dates
- 6 pitted medium prunes
- 1 cup minus 1 tablespoon whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 cup dark raisins
- 1/2 ounce pecans, chopped
- 1 1/2 ounces wheat germ
- 1 1/2 ounces quick oats
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup reduced-calorie pancake syrup
- 1/4 cup reduced-calorie tub margarine melted
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 teaspoons shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 11-by-7-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In food processor, coarsely chop apricots, dates, prunes. Transfer to large bowl. Add flour, raisins, pecans, wheat germ, and oats; blend well. In food processor, combine applesauce, syrup, margarine, and almond extract; process until smooth. With rubber spatula, fold applesauce mixture into fruit mixture until blended. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan; sprinkle with coconut.

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Bake 25-30 minutes, until coconut is golden and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool and cut into 12 bars; store in airtight container.

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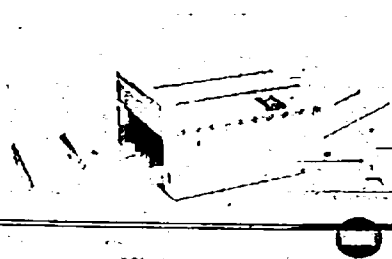
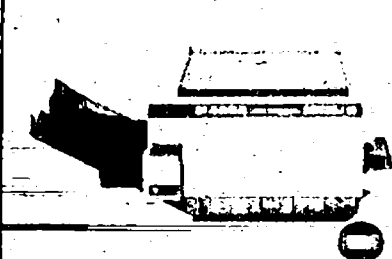

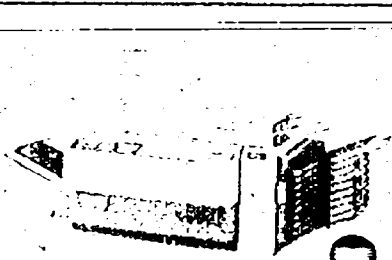
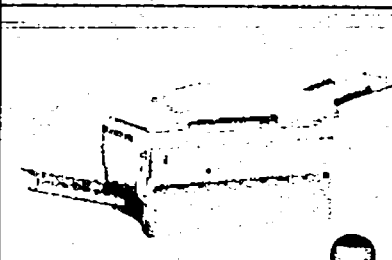

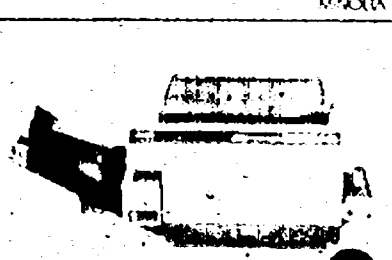
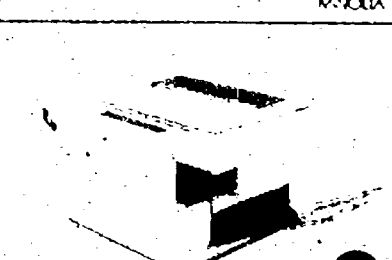

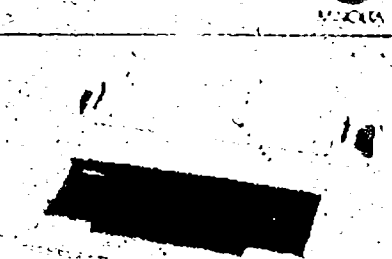

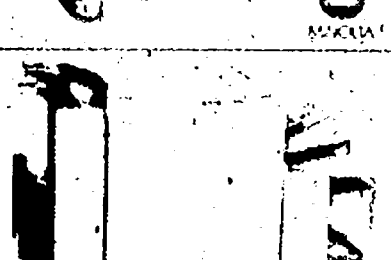
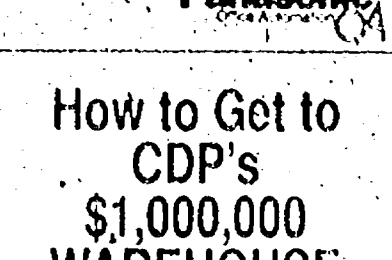

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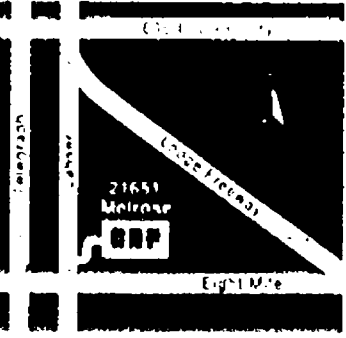
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Rocks, Glenn 1-2 at Observerland

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Salem had the best of both worlds in boys track and field last week.

After putting all of their energy into beating Westland John Glenn in a key dual meet Thursday, the Rocks had enough left to come back two days later and win the Observerland Relays.

And their main competition again was defending champion Glenn. Salem scored 83 points to win its second title in five years Saturday at Livonia Churchill, and the Rockets finished second with 70.

"We felt if we could beat John Glenn in the dual we would be in the driver's seat coming into this meet," Salem coach Gary Balconi said.

"We came in believing we were the best team. Their record demonstrates it. They've had three good weekends (winning three straight relay meets), and they've won their duals.

"THESE KIDS love track and field. At the Elks meet, when the weather was so bad, Jim Ramsay said: 'As long as we're here, we might as well win it,' and we've adopted that as our motto."

The Rocks won five events and scored in all but three of the 16. Salem's last victory came in the 1,600-meter relay, and the Rocks needed a good showing to hold off Glenn.

The Rockets trailed Salem by only five points (73-68) entering that final event. Salem's Joe Pawluszka, Jake Baker, Mike Patterson and Andy Rzeski fought off a challenge from Northville to win it, while Glenn was fifth.

"We had four seniors in there," Balconi said. "We talked ahead of time, and I said 'This is it, guys. This is the greatest event in track; go get it.'"

The Rocks started with two victories in the field events, winning the discus and the long jump, and they were tied for third in the shot put and fourth in the high jump. Salem never competes in pole vault.

Rob Casler, Steve Balog and Brian Schumacher won the discus while Leon Hister, Jim Ramsay and Don Johnson captured first in the long jump.

"We knew we had to get off to a running start and we did," Balconi said.

"IT GOES back to being a balanced team. Where we don't have anybody outstanding, we have three good kids in every event. If you have one good one, you might beat us. But if you don't, all three of ours are going to beat you."

Salem started the running finals by winning the 6,400 relay with the team of Steve Boudreau, Derek Cudini, Jason McDonald and John Thomas.

Ramsay got third place in the open high hurdles, and the Rocks were fourth in the distance medley and 800 relays before winning the 3,200 relay with the team of McDonald, Cudini, Thomas and Patterson.

"The base of our team is the distance kids and we work from there," Balconi said. "We wanted to be in the hunt in every event, and there wasn't an event we didn't think we could score in."

Salem also was third in the sprint

medley, and it was sixth in the 100 dash with Matt Perron and the 400-relay. The 1,600 run and shuttle hurdle relay were the only track events in which Salem didn't score.

"It's been a real pleasure to coach this team," Balconi said. "Any time you score 83 points in a meet as tough as this one, all of them contributed."

GLENN'S LONE victory was in the high jump with Chris Vanderburgh, Terry Hewer and Bill Griffiths, but the Rockets had four seconds and scored 30 points in the last five events to narrow the gap between themselves and Salem.

"We were a little spent at the end," Glenn coach Jess Shough said. "We moved on them but not enough. They had us by 18 at one point."

"The difference in the meet is that Salem has real depth. But our guys still did what they could. They gave it all they had, and I'm real proud of them."

Wayne Memorial was third and had five first places, including a meet record of 14.6 by James Grady in the high hurdles. Paul Bialowicz (Redford Bishop Borgess), Mike White (Salem) and Jason Belaire (Churchill) shared the old record at 14.7.

The Zebras, who won the title in 1988, also were first in the 800, sprint medley and 400 relays, and Alan Buford anchored all three of those teams and won the 100 dash in 11 seconds.

"For having only 14 people, it was an excellent performance," Wayne assistant coach Ken Szmansky said. "Buford and Grady are excellent leaders on and off the track. They work hard and it shows. Buford is just a workhorse, and Grady doesn't slack off either."

Redford Catholic Central was fifth and did best in the pole vault and three distance relays, with second place in all four events.

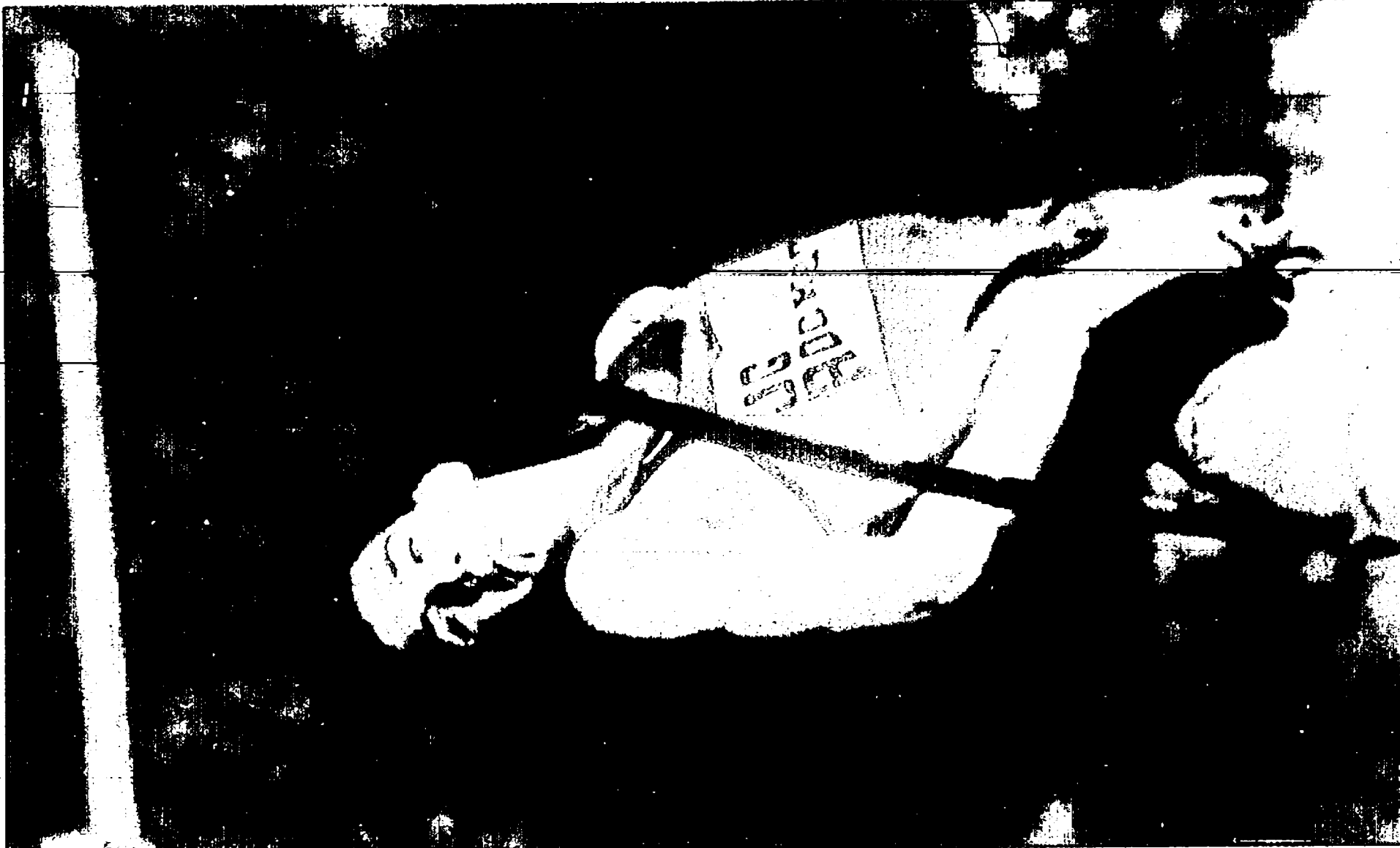
"WE HAD some young kids who ran really well (in the distance events), but we got no points in the sprints," CC coach Tony Magni said. "We scored in the pole vault, and it's not even an event for us (in the Catholic League)."

Farmington was sixth and scored 46 points without all-state distance runner Ben Goba. The Falcons, who were in second place halfway through the meet, won the shuttle hurdle relay and the pole vault, and Jason Tucker had the best individual high jump at 6-4.

"We did real well in the field events," Farmington coach Jerry Young said, "and our vaulters were probably the biggest surprise. (Chris) Marting is a good vaulter but he hasn't done much this year, and we switched one of our distance kids (Ryan Adams) over to vaulting this year. We put him there a couple weeks ago because we needed somebody and it worked out well."

"We thought we would do well (in the hurdles). Joe Miller ran well all day. He anchored that event, ran the open highs (second) and was on the 400 and 800 relays."

Farmington Hills Harrison won the shot put for the third consecutive year with the trio of Tony Shaeb, Blazo Sarcevic and Leon Jefferson. Canton won the distance medley, and Livonia Stevenson's Rodney Westlake won the open 1,600 run.



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Westland John Glenn's Bill Griffiths clears 6 feet 2 inches during the afternoon session of the field events at the 21st annual Observerland Relays, held at Livonia Churchill.

Glenn won the high jump relay and finished second overall in the team standings.



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Salem's Steve Boudreau (far right) leads Redford Catholic Central's Jon Borke during the first leg of the 6,400-meter relay.

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Salem, 83 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 70; 3. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Northville, 53 each; 5. Redford Catholic Central, 49; 6. Farmington, 46; 7. Plymouth Canton, 20; 8. Livonia Churchill, 28; 9. Southfield-Lathrup, 16; 10. Farmington Harrison, 16; 11. Livonia Stevenson, 14; 12. (tie) Livonia Franklin and North Farmington, 10 each; 14. Redford Union, 8; 15. Redford Bishop Borgess, 6; 16. Garden City, 3. (Scoring: 10-8-6-4-2-1.)

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

Discus: 1. Salem (Steve Balog, Brian Schumacher and Rob Casler), 403 feet, 7 inches; 2. Northville, 382-10; 3. North Farmington, 382-7; 4. Harrison, 381-2; 5. John Glenn, 378-2; 6. Redford CC, 364-1.

Shot put: 1. Harrison (Leon Jefferson, Blazo Sarcevic and Tony Shaeb), 137-2; 2. Northville, 130-4; 3. Salem, 125-8; 4. N. Farmington, 123-9; 5. John Glenn, 118-10; 6. Canton, 116-0.

Long jump: 1. Salem (Don Johnson, Jim Ramsay and Leon Hister), 61-2 1/4; 2. John Glenn, 58-9 1/2; 3. Lathrup, 57-8; 4. Northville, 57-3 1/2; 5. Farmington, 56-7 1/2; 6. Franklin, 55-10 1/2.

High jump: 1. John Glenn (Chris Vanderburgh, Terry Hewer and Bill Griffiths), 17-0; 2. Farmington, 17-6; 3. (tie) Northville and Salem, 17-2 each; 5. Canton, 17-0; 6. (tie) Franklin and Lathrup, 16-8 each.

Pole vault: 1. Farmington (Ryan Adams, B.J. Richardson and Chris Marting), 32-6 (fewer misses); 2. Redford CC, 32-6; 3. John Glenn, 29-6; 4. Churchill, 27-0; 5. Franklin, 26-6; 6. Northville, 25-0.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Salem (Steve Boudreau, Derek Cudini, Jason McDonald and John Thomas), 18:40.0; 2. Redford CC, 18:44.5; 3. Canton, 19:51.0; 4. Stevenson, 20:04.6; 5. Churchill, 20:12.7; 6. John Glenn, 20:13.0.

Individual 110 hurdles: 1. James Grady (Wayne), 14.6 (meet record); 2. Joe Miller (Farmington), 15.0; 3. Jim Ramsay (Salem), 15.1; 4. Nathan Looze (Churchill), 15.3; 5. Mike DeJarnett (Canton), 15.7; 6. Brett Butts (Northville), 15.9.

Distance medley: 1. Canton (Craig Miller, Dave Washenko, Chris Nelson and Mike Ream), 11:03.4; 2. Redford CC, 11:12.7; 3. Farmington, 11:19.0; 4. Salem, 11:47.0; 5. John Glenn, 11:36.9; 6. Wayne, 11:50.0.

800 relay: 1. Wayne (Shawn Ma'Azza, James Grady, Joe Dumont and Allen Buford), 1:31.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:33.8; 3. Northville, 1:33.9; 4. Salem, 1:33.9; 5. Garden City, 1:35.3; 6. (tie) Franklin and Canton, 1:36.0 each.

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Jason McDonald, Derek Cudini, John Thomas and Mike Patterson), 8:23.1; 2. Redford CC, 8:24.9; 3. Churchill, 8:28.9; 4. Canton, 8:45.4; 5. Farmington, 8:52.4; 6. John Glenn, 8:52.9.

Individual 100 dash: 1. Allen Buford (Wayne), 11.0; 2. Randy Seach (John Glenn), 11.3; 3. Eric McKeon (Redford CC), 11.4; 4. Anthony Hood (Borgess), 11.5; 5. Brian Baker (Lathrup), 11.5; 6. Matt Perron (Salem), 11.5.

Sprint medley: 1. Wayne (Joe Dumont, Shawn Ma'Azza, Kenny Craig and Allen Buford), 2:30.8; 2. John Glenn, 2:31.1; 3. Salem, 2:31.6; 4. Northville, 2:31.7; 5. Canton, 2:34.8; 6. Garden City, 2:35.3.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Farmington (Joe Miller, Todd Wight, Pat Greeley and Dan Marinovsky), 1:04.6; 2. Churchill, 1:05.0; 3. John Glenn, 1:06.1; 4. Lathrup, 1:06.5; 5. Wayne, 1:06.7; 6. Canton, 1:06.9.

Individual 1,600 run: 1. Rodney Westlake (Stevenson), 4:30.7; 2. Ken Podra (RU), 4:33.2; 3. Eric Currow (Franklin), 4:36.4; 4. Curt Kuzza (Redford CC), 4:42.7; 5. Jason Zdzyski (Harrison), 4:44.0; 6. Dave Yack (Canton), 4:50.0.

400 relay: 1. Wayne (Shawn Ma'Azza, Kenny Craig, Steve Caldwell and Allen Buford), 4:52.2; 2. Northville, 4:54.3; 3. John Glenn, 4:55.4; 4. Lathrup, 4:56.5; 5. Bishop Borgess, 4:58.6; 6. Salem, 4:58.1.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Joe Pawluszka, Jake Baker, Mike Patterson and Andy Rzeski), 3:30.6; 2. Northville, 3:33.7; 3. Redford CC, 3:33.9; 4. Churchill, 3:34.0; 5. John Glenn, 3:36.1; 6. Canton, 3:37.0.

Glenn suffers 1st setback in dual

Plymouth Salem made a statement Thursday in a Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division) girls track meet.

The Rocks handed visiting Westland John Glenn its first dual-meet defeat in seven encounters, 79-49.

Unbeaten Salem (3-0) captured all four relay events and eight of 12 individual events.

Double winners for Salem included Theresa Glacherlo in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in 16.6 and 51.1, respectively; Andrea Kinnely in the 100- and 200 dashes, 13.3 and 28.4; and Emily Farrell in the 1,600- and 3,200 runs in 5:52.5 and 13:08.5.

Glenn winners included: Dana Nowicki, 800 run, 2:31.59; Lisa Rankey, shot put, 29-7 1/2; Amy Finley, high jump, 4-8; and Lynette Conner, long jump, 16-2 1/4.

LIVONIA STEVENSON also remained unbeaten in the Lakes Division of the WIAA with a convincing 108-20 victory Thursday over host North Farmington.

The Spartans, now 6-0, won 13 of 16 events, led by Debbie Walsh, who figured in four first-place finishes.

Walsh captured the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 13.6 and 29.26, respectively. She also teamed up with Kim Nelson, Cathy Bacile and Michelle Slawski to win the 400 relay (55.0). The foursome of Walsh, Nelson, Slawski and Julie Martin

girls track

combined for a first in the 800 relay (1:58.3).

Other Stevenson first place finishers included Teresa Sarno, shot put, 33-8; Debbie Wroblewski, discus, 118-6; Gail Grewe, high jump, 4-6; Jen Turbiak, long jump, 15-0; Stacy Prals, 300 hurdles, 52.5; Martin, 400 dash, 1:05.6; and Jennifer Pfander, 800 run, 2:32.2.

Prals, Nelson, Jenny Mella and Wroblewski captured the 1,600 relay in 4:39.8. The Spartans also won the 3,200 relay in 10:35.4.

Emily Shively paced winless North with firsts in the 1,600 run (5:47.2) and 3,200 run (12:14.4).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN held off Walled Lake Western in a WIAA-Western Division meet on Thursday, 65-63.

The Patriots are now 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Kelly Gustafson was the standout for visiting Franklin, capturing the long jump (14-8 1/2), 400-meter run (1:04.0) and 800 run (2:57.0). She also teamed up with Debbie Brzys, Sue Bona and Jenni Hovatter to win the 1,600 relay, the meet's final and decisive event, in 4:29.0.

Other Franklin first-place finishers in-

cluded Danielle Simon in the shot put (31-8) and discus (98-11); and Kristi Cieski in the high jump (4-8).

Franklin's other first occurred in the 800 relay as Bona, Jessica Studt, Erin Fisher and Hovatter were clocked in 2:00.0.

Western had a trio of double winners: Lisa Chisim in the 100 hurdles (16.7) and 300 hurdles (50.9); Stacey Duff in the 100 dash (12.76) and 200 dash (27.2); and Jennifer Hay in the 1,600 run (5:52.0) and 3,200 run (12:36.0).

LIVONIA CHURCHILL was no match Thursday for host Farmington Harrison in a WIAA-Western Division encounter, 82-46.

The winless Chargers garnered four firsts, two by Stacey Rokicsak who captured the high jump (4-8) and long jump (15-1 1/4).

The only other individual winner was Amanda Burdeno in the discus (85-8) and the 800 relay team of Hue Diep, Burdeno, Deanna McMullen and Jenny Cross (1:58.4).

Jill Murany and Heather Conley each captured two individual events for the Hawks, now 2-1 in the Western Division.

Murany swept the 1,600- and 3,200 runs in 6:08.0 and 13:26.6, respectively. She also anchored the victorious 3,200 relay squad (11:05.6).

Conley won the 100- and 200 dashes in 13.7 and 29.5, respectively. She was also a member of the first-place 400 relay team (54.7).

Rockets defused in Lakes Division

Westland John Glenn's unbeaten streak in boys track came to a grinding halt Thursday, as visiting Plymouth Salem took control of the Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 80-57 win.

"We ran each other strong, we went out with everything we had," said Glenn coach Jess Shough, whose team fell to 5-1 overall.

The Rockets, despite winning three of four relay events, couldn't overcome Salem's domination in the field events, hurdles and distance races.

Rob Casler paced unbeaten Salem (3-0) in the field events with firsts in the shot put (49 feet, 10 1/4 inches) and discus (150-0).

Glenn's only first was recorded by Tony Donnelly in the pole vault (11-6).

Despite the loss, Glenn's Randy Seach captured the 100- and 400-meter dashes in 11.28 and 51.91, respectively. He also teamed up with Jim Woloskie, Juan Peters and Lamar Ellison to win the 800 relay (1:37.44).

Seach also anchored the winning 1,600 relay squad (3:38.52). The quartet also included Scott Henson, Donnelly and Jason Nowicki.

Ellison, who captured the 200 in 24.45, was a member of the winning 400 relay team (45.73) along with Brandon Buck, Brian Schultz and Ed Jeannin.

LIVONIA STEVENSON, meanwhile ran its overall record to 5-0 with an 86 1/2-50 1/2 WIAA-Lakes Division win Thursday over visiting North Farmington.

Rodney Westlake and Matt Rowe paced the victorious Spartans.

Westlake figured in four firsts, capturing the 200- and 400-meter dashes in 23.56 and 51.9, respectively. He also combined with Dave Jenvey, Frank Euphrat and Rob Schultheis to win the 1,600 relay in 3:43.26.

The foursome of Westlake, Jenvey, Rowe and Nick Boone added a win in the 3,200 relay (8:59.55). Rowe captured the 1,600- and 3,200 runs in 4:55.98 and 11:01.44, respectively.

Other Stevenson winners included Paul Rockwood, high

jump, 5-8; Schultheis, long jump, 18-7; Kevin Szczembara, pole vault, 9-0; and Jenvey, 800 run, 2:09.06.

Stevenson's 800 relay team of Don White, Cliff Michelson, Tim Marske and Rockwood won in 1:38.22.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL swept all four relay events and seven individual events in an 81 1/2-55 1/2 victory Thursday over visiting Farmington Harrison.

The Chargers are now 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the WIAA's Western Division.

Nathan Looze paced the Churchill contingent with firsts in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in 15.6 and 45.0, respectively.

Other individual first place finishers for Churchill: Randy Calcaterra, high jump, 5-6; Jim Kramer, long jump, 18-1; Derek Badrak, 100 dash, 11.8; Eric Henderson, 40 run, 54.9; Tim Priebe, 800 run, 2:12.0; and Jeff Martus, 1,600 run, 4:48.5.

Martus, Brian D. Johnson, Scott Sepanski and Jon Curry captured the 3,200 relay in 9:13.8, while the foursome of Brian S. Johnson, Jim Bleakly, Phuoc Diep and anchor Matt Gerlach took the 1,600 relay in 3:55.2.

Diep, Henderson, Kramer and Matt Jeska combined for a first in the 800 relay (1:38.8), while Diep, Badrak, Ryan Kukla and Jeska won the 400 relay in 47.3.

Harrison's Tony Shaeb made an impressive showing, winning the shot put (51-1) and discus (155-7).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN won a cliffhanger Thursday against visiting Walled Lake Western in a WIAA-Western Division meet, 69-68.

The Patriots are now 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the division. Steve Clemmons figured in four firsts to lead the victorious Patriots.

The senior sprinter captured the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.6 and 23.9, respectively.

He also teamed up with Ron Clair, Vic Rodopoulos and Ron Trola to win the 400 relay in 47.4, while the quartet of Clemmons, Jeff Ellinski, Russ Keberly and Rodopoulos took the 800 relay in 1:37.0.

Other Franklin first place finishers: Matt Thom, shot put, 40-1 1/2; Paul White, high jump, 6-0; Joe Phillipson, pole vault, 9-6; and Pat Curtiss, 400 dash, 55.6.

Crusaders' tourney run is brief

By C.J. Rieck
staff writer

There was no way Madonna University could lose.

After all, the Lady Crusaders softball team had reached a pipe dream goal. This was their first season of existence — what could be expected of them? Then came a hatful of problems, with four key players — including the team's top two pitchers — sidelined by a variety of academic woes.

It did not bode well. With a limited roster (13 players), any injury would be devastating. Even if the Crusaders were fortunate enough to avoid injuries (and they were), success seemed remote. After all, they were a first-year team anchored by the third-string pitcher.

That pitcher, Joann Donehay, proved more than good enough. She was instrumental in getting Madonna to the NAIA District 23 playoffs with a 7-5 district record and a fourth-place finish.

OK, so the Crusaders didn't get any further. They lost their first two district playoff games to regular-season champion Siena Heights, 6-0,

Madonna sports

and to Aquinas, 5-2, last Thursday in Spring Arbor.

EVEN THOUGH their stay in the double-elimination tourney was short, coach Dave Racer wasn't displeased. "It was kind of hard," he said. "The girls thought we could stay in the game with Siena Heights and we did. It was scoreless for three innings."

One miscue and a few bad breaks beat Madonna. The miscue was Donehay's; after giving up a single in the third inning, the next batter grounded back to Donehay. It was an easy play, but she threw errantly to first. Instead of two out and one on, there were runners at second and third with one out.

Three singles from the next four batters resulted in three runs for the Saints. "We could have easily been out of the inning having given up just

one run," said Racer.

The Crusaders missed some scoring chances of their own against Siena Heights' all-district hurler, Shelly Lizyness. In the first inning, Megan Armstrong singled and was sacrificed to second. Jenny Marquette followed with a hard liner, but it was snared and converted into a double play.

MUCH THE SAME happened in the seventh. Trailing 6-0, Madonna loaded the bases for Mandy Armstrong with one out. She, too, hit it hard, but again it was caught and turned into a double play.

Siena Heights' fortunes were quite the opposite. With two runners on and two out in the fifth, Tanya Dickerson blooped a single that fell just out of reach of Madonna's infielders, allowing two more runs to score to make it 5-0. "That kind of broke our back," admitted Racer.

Megan Armstrong got on base four times for Madonna, collecting three of their four hits. Kim Rector and Chris Strehl had two hits apiece for Siena Heights, with Rector scoring twice.

The difference, however, was Liz-

yness. She struck out four and walked three in guiding Siena Heights to its 30th win in 42 games. Madonna's Donehay allowed eight hits and three walks, fanning three.

THE CRUSADERS' hitting troubles continued in the game against Aquinas. Again, they were limited to just four hits, this time by Aquinas' Jodi Borowicz, who did not walk a batter while striking out five. Donehay took the loss, surrendering nine hits and two walks, fanning two.

Madonna scored in the top of the first on Jill Burt's two-out double, scoring Megan Armstrong. But Aquinas struck for two runs in the first, one in the fourth and two more in the fifth before a Burt single and a Stacey Girard double got the Crusaders their second run in the seventh.

Aquinas' Karrie Manhart was hard to stop — she hammered Madonna with two doubles and a single, driving in one run.

The Crusaders finished their first season with 22 victories in 38 games and a lot of promise for the future — not the least of which is a pair of all-district players in Megan and Mandy Armstrong.

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MCINTYRE TO WBL

Ex-Redford Catholic Central All-Stater John McIntyre recently signed a one-year guaranteed contract with the Nashville Stars of the World Basketball League (for players 6 feet, 5 inches and under).

The 6-foot-4 1/2 guard, who played collegiately at the University of Missouri, averaged 10 points per game (averaging 18 minutes) this past season for the Columbus Horizon of the Continental Basketball Association.

He was signed last fall as a free agent by the Detroit Pistons before being released.

HABITZ ALL-ACADEMIC

Chris Habitz, a 6-foot-5 point-guard from Lutheran High Westland, was recently named to the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State team for all classes (A-B-C-D).

Habitz carries a 3.82 grade-point average in the classroom.

He averaged 18 points, seven rebounds and 2.5 assists per game this year as a senior. Habitz shot 37

percent from three-point range and 73 percent from the free throw line.

Habitz, who has committed to Schoolcraft College, made third-team All-Observer, first-team All-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and honorable mention All-State (Detroit Free Press).

LEOPARDS TAKE 1ST

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Leopards — (boys 12 and under), coached by Gene Parker, recently finished first in the Midwest Division at the Warren Youth Soccer Tournament (April 27-28).

Forwards Steve Werner, Victor Hakim and Brady West each scored goals in a 3-2 opening-round win over the Warren Lasers.

The Leopards also beat Mason G-Force in a shootout, 2-1. Matt Van Buren had the only goal during regulation, while West, Werner, Hakim and Eddie Parker scored in the shootout.

Parker, Dave Kerby, Scott Cashmore, Mike Voutsinas and Werner each tallied goals in a 5-1 win over SUSA Storm.

The Leopards advanced to the overall championship game by beating the Livonia Hot Tamales, 1-0, on Kerby's goals, followed by another 2-1 shootout score as Werner scored in regulation and also in the shootout along with Hakim, Parker and Werner.

Madonna bounces back, sweeps Calvin

The five-day road trip Madonna University's baseball team embarked on last week reversed course Friday when the Fighting Crusaders rebounded after three straight losses to sweep Calvin College, 2-0 and 4-3.

The opener provided coach Mike George with a pleasant surprise. Jeremy Krol, a Garden City HS graduate who had been playing shortstop this season when he wasn't hurt, got his first pitching start of the season and made the most of it. Krol blanked Calvin, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association leader, with a two-hitter.

The second game wasn't easy. Ma-

donna trailed 3-2 going into the seventh but rebounded to tie it, then won with a run in the eighth.

On Thursday, the Crusaders played a nine-inning game at Saginaw Valley State and lost, 5-4. They trailed 4-0 after five innings but battled back to knot it with three runs in the sixth — on Ernie Bowling's 15th home run of the season, a three-run shot that gave him 49 runs batted in for the season — and one in the eighth.

THE RUN in the eighth resulted from a walk to Krol and a single by Bowling, followed by Mike

Wozniak's sacrifice bunt that put runners on second and third. Sean Maloney's ground out, drove in the tying run.

But Saginaw Valley, which had scored its four earlier runs on a pair of Brian Miller homers, a three-run blast in the first and a solo shot in the fifth, pushed across the game-winner in the seventh on singles by Mitch Willis and Miller and a sacrifice fly by Tim Madden.

Chris Kloc started for Madonna, allowing three runs in three innings. Mike Hocking followed, he surrendered one run in his three-inning stint. Rich Roy absorbed the loss,

giving up one run on three hits and three walks in 2 2/3 innings.

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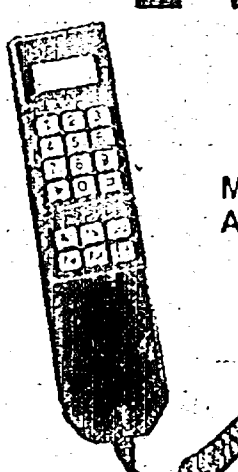
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Patriots sweep Canton



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Jenny Mayle pitched her sixth and seventh consecutive shut-outs Thursday in Livonia Franklin's 1-0 and 2-0 double-header sweep of Plymouth Canton.

Something had to give when Observerland softball powers Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton collided Thursday in a crucial double-header. Pitchers Jenny Mayle (Franklin) and Kelly Holmes (Canton) did not give up much, but it was the host Patriots who came away with the double-header sweep, 1-0 and 2-0.

"It was a big win for us in our division (Western of the Western Lakes Activities Association)," Franklin coach Joe Epstein said. "Defensively we played our best ball of the season. We made only one error all day. Dawn Warner was outstanding defensively at second base."

Franklin is now 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the Western Division of the WLAA. Canton slips to 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the division.

Mayle, who as a junior, hurled the Patriots into last year's state Class A championship game against Jenison, was razor-sharp again.

She struck out 10, walked three and allowed only one hit in a 1-0 victory in the opener.

Holmes, a sophomore, was also impressive, allowing only three hits and two walks, while fanning 10 over seven innings.

Franklin's Brenda Pierson tallied the game-winning run in third inning when she scored from third on a wild pitch.

In the second game, Mayle hurled her seventh straight shutout, a three-hitter. The senior right-hander struck out eight and walked only two.

Holmes yielded just two hits and three walks over six innings. She struck out six.

Franklin struck for a run in the third when Kris McComb scored on a sacrifice bunt by Wendy Rynkiewicz.

The Patriots added an insurance run in the sixth when Emily Skura doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Beth Hare's groundout.

JOHN GLENN 20-9, SALEM 8-7: It was bombs-away Thursday as Westland John Glenn

softball

outslugged host Plymouth Salem in a WLAA-Lakes Division twinbill.

Five different Glenn players collected two hits apiece in a 20-9 win in the opener: Jenny Massey, Carrie Rachwal, Karyn Koester (both triples), Nikki Wojcik and Kerry Byberg.

Stephanie Beech went 3-for-3 and knocked in a pair of runs for the Rocks. Teammate Missy Holmes added two hits and one RBI.

Cathy Mruk, the winning pitcher, scattered nine hits, eight walks and struck out five over six innings. Salem starter Andrea Welling, who struck out four and walked 10, suffered the loss.

In the second game, Glenn catcher Karen Olack went 3-for-5, while Nagel and Bridget Mussin added two hits apiece in a 9-7 win.

Jenny Walaszek, the winning pitcher, scattered seven walks and four hits in going the distance.

Salem's Jenny Garvey suffered the loss. Beech was the Rocks' leading hitter, belting a pair of triples in four trips to the plate.

Glenn is 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the Lakes. Salem fell to 0-6 in the Lakes and 3-10 overall.

CLARENCEVILLE 16, HAMTRAMCK 0: This Metro Conference encounter lasted only five innings Friday (mercy rule) as Livonia Clarenceville (8-1, 6-1) repped past the host Cosmos.

Winning pitcher Rhonda Saunders tossed a five-hitter.

The senior struck out seven and walked two. Sophomore center fielder Mary Gould had two hits and three RBI, including a two-run triple.

Leandra Hoffman added four RBI, including a three-run triple.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 18, COUNTRY DAY 8: On Friday, host Lutheran Westland (8-4) pounded out 14 hits in a six-inning mercy rule win over Birmingham Country Day (3-5).

The Warriors scored 10 runs in the opening inning and never looked back.

Winning pitcher Christy Pydyn (4-3) helped her own cause with three hits and three RBI, including a two-run homer in the fifth.

Tracy Lapun and Leslie Turgeon added two hits and two RBI each. Sarah Love also collected two hits, while Michele Sellers delivered a pinch-hit, three-run double to end the game, pinning the loss on Country Day hurler Sue Feldman, who walked six.

Pydyn, who struck out five and allowed three hits, overcame 13 walks to gain the win. On Thursday, visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (9-5) rocked the Warriors, 18-3.

Losing pitcher Kristen Strang was roughed up for 11 hits and eight runs over five innings.

Sarah Love collected two hits in a losing cause. Winning pitcher Jenny Bridges scattered five hits and walked 12.

HURON VALLEY 21-37, GREENHILLS 10-18: No, these aren't football scores or basketball scores.

Unbeaten Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (10-0 overall and 5-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) swept a double-header Thursday from Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Despite 11 walks, pitcher Jenny Prieskorn (3-0) won the opener.

The Hawks benefitting from 18 walks, were led offensively by Sandi Dengel (2-for-3 with three RBI) and Dawn Hartley (2-for-4).

In the nightcap, Dengel (4-0) gained the winning despite 13 walks (the game lasted only three innings).

Nancy List paced a 15-hit Huron Valley attack, going 4-for-4, including a grand slam, two triples and a double. She collected eight RBI.

Beth Gerwolls contributed four hits in four at-bats, including a double, triple and five RBI. Prieskorn added two hits, including a double and two-run homer.

Canton ties Stevenson; Chargers rip Franklin

Playing a strong second half, Plymouth Canton nearly upset the No. 1-ranked girls soccer team in the state Wednesday.

Eventually, the Chiefs settled for a still-impressive 2-2 tie against defending Class A champion Livonia Stevenson at Centennial Educational Park.

"We didn't back down; we played a good game," Canton coach Don Smith said, adding the Chiefs had several opportunities late in the game to win after Stevenson had tied the score.

Canton outshot the Spartans 10-4 in the second half and took a 2-1 lead on Christina Stansell's goal in the 64th minute. Michelle Brach got the tying goal from Ragen Coyne three minutes later, however.

soccer

Coyne scored the only goal of the first half from Maureen Drabicki, but Britta Anderson tied it for Canton when she converted a pass from Kathy Bahr one minute into the second half.

Despite the tie, Stevenson coach Mary Kay Hussey praised the play of Lisa Thomas, Patty Diamond and Lori Godlewski.

Smith praised the play of Canton defenders Danielle Meyka, Bahr, Laurie McNamara and Denise Koontz as well as midfielder Ayana Nash.

The Chiefs are 6-3-1 overall.

On Friday, Stevenson (8-0-1) bounced back to beat host North Farmington, 10-0, as Coyne, Godlewski and Emmy Heiby scored two goals apiece for the winners.

Jean Barnas and Lori Amey contributed one goal and two assists apiece for the Spartans. Other Stevenson goal scorers included Shannon Wilkinson and Allison Pinta.

Goalkeepers Karen Groulx (first half) and Alicia Smith (second half) combined on the shutout.

CHURCHILL 4, FRANKLIN 1: On Friday, Livonia Churchill (6-2-1) scored three times in the opening 20 minutes of play to beat host Livonia Franklin (2-5-2).

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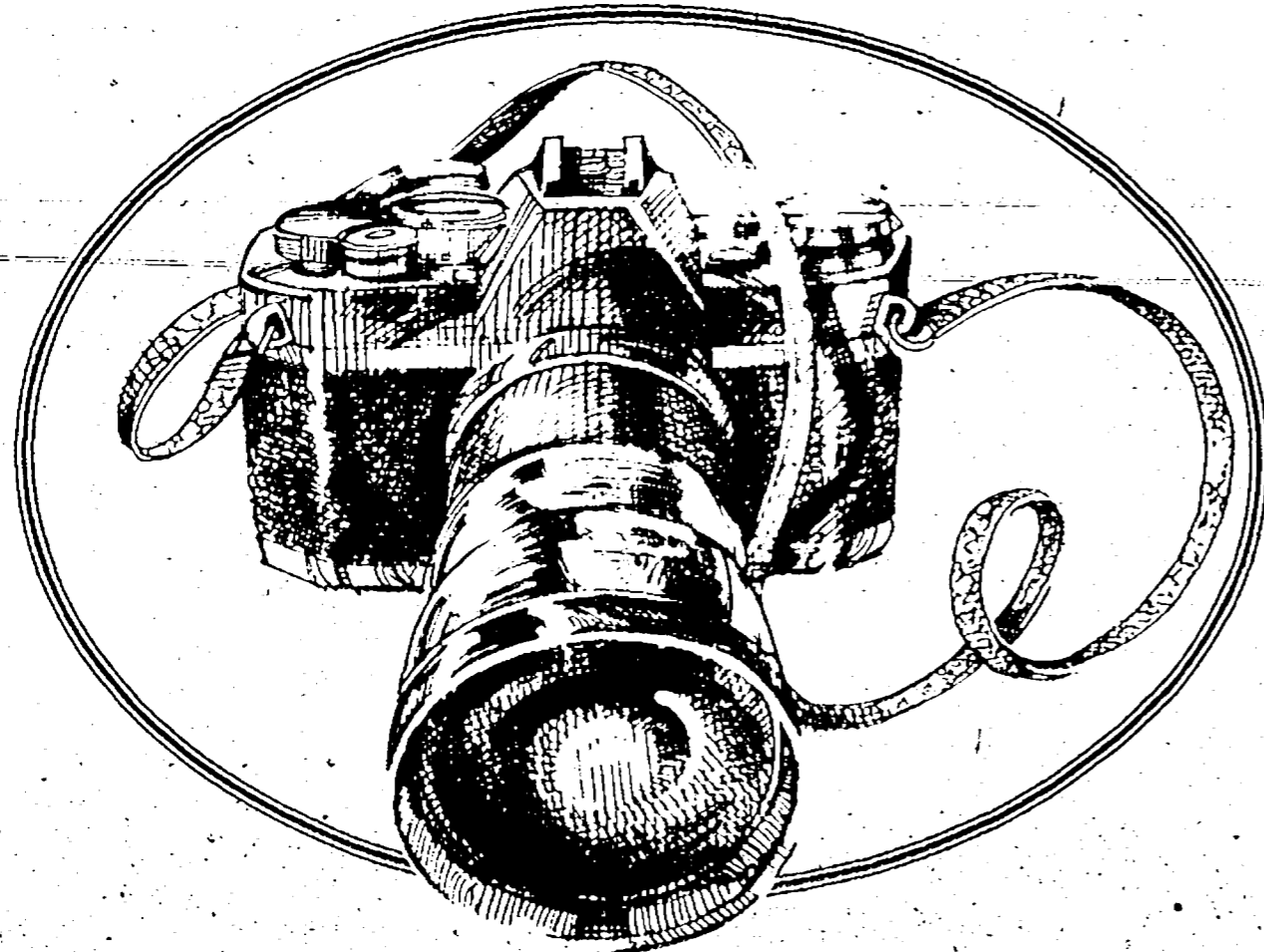
LIVONIA STEVENSON 4, FARMINGTON HARRISON 3: Thursday at Stevenson
 No. 1 singles: George Gauchey (Stevenson) def. Jason Barringer, 7-5, 6-2.
 No. 2: Joel Ervich (Stevenson) def. Mike Jacobs, 6-2, 7-5.
 No. 3: Greg Walters (Harrison) def. Matt Gorlach, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.
 No. 4: Dennis Sayles (Harrison) def. Scott Sool, 6-7, 6-4, 6-0.
 No. 1 doubles: David Amey/Kel Mastroberto (Stevenson) def. Kevin Leckowski/Matt Schrove, 6-4, 6-1.
 No. 2: J.B. Deiderlan-Bob Lafontaine (Stevenson) def. Steve Butler-Jeff Gorman, 6-3, 7-5.
 No. 3: Todd Farabee-Aaron Hobbey (Harrison) def. Justin Lopez-Mike Mor, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
 Western Lakes Activities Association records: Stevenson, 6-1; Harrison, 2-5.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0: Wednesday at Franklin
 No. 1 singles: Nathan Marushak (Churchill) defeated Mike McCormick, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.
 No. 2: Martin Knecht (Churchill) def. Mol LeMagna, 6-2, 6-1.
 No. 3: Bill Sayed (Churchill) def. Steve Tash, 6-2, 6-4.
 No. 4: Hade Khan (Churchill) def. Pat McCormick, 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 1 doubles: Dan Chamberlain-Dave Winebrenner (Churchill) def. Steve Venable-Bob Wegber, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
 No. 2: Todd Estes-Chris Madriak (Churchill) def. Steve Mifard-Justin Osman, 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 3: Mark Graban-Bob Gaba (Churchill) def. Kevin Muckahy-Todd Freeman, 6-3, 6-0.
 Churchill's dual meet record: 4-3 overall.
NORTH FARMINGTON 4, LIVONIA STEVENSON 3: Wednesday at North
 No. 1 singles: Seth Hoffman (N. Farmington) def. George Gauchey, 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 2: Adam Corbin (N. Farmington) def. Joel Ervich, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.
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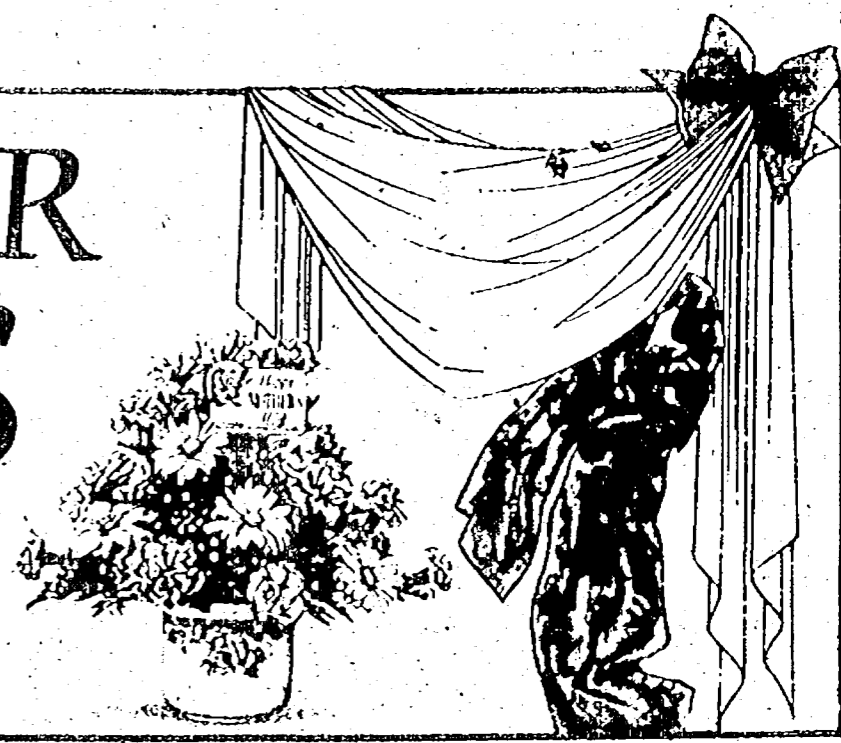
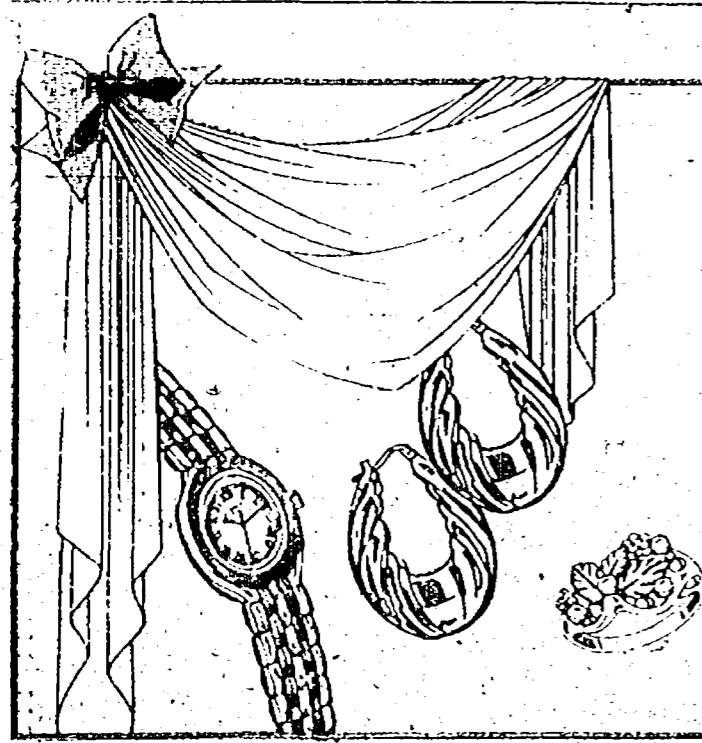
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By Betsy Taylor
special writer

When we invited Lori and Roger Spry from Birmingham and Joan and Dale Stevens from Orchard Lake to join us on a recent trip to Scotland, both couples had the same provision. We must spend one night in a castle!

We found several possibilities, but they were either booked or closed for the season. An alternative solution was to settle for Shieldhill Hotel in Lanarkshire. Located in the Clyde Valley, this Norman keep (translation: small castle) was built in 1199 and remained in the Chancellor family until 1959.

The succession of innkeepers who followed did little to enhance the building and, according to Jack Greenwald, who purchased the hotel in 1987 with partner Christine Dunstan, the building was a disaster. The new owners closed the hotel for a year and devoted their energy and talent to a miraculous facelift.

When we arrived late in the day at Shieldhill, we were miserably wet and cold. It had rained for days and the rivers, now swollen, had overflowed, causing some local roads to be closed. To top it off, we found the road signs from the village of Biggar

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to Shieldhill to be slightly off the mark and we took several wrong turns. And, to compound our woes, the hotel had lost its electricity!

Our congenial innkeeper, Jack Greenwald, lifted our spirits with a candlelight tour of this marvelous nine-bedroom facility, telling tales of historic note, and giving a detailed explanation of the hotel's renovation. We were sorry his partner, who looks lovely in photographs, was in America tending to the couple's other enterprise, the Cheshire Cat, a bed & breakfast created from two adjoining Victorian houses in Santa Barbara, Calif.

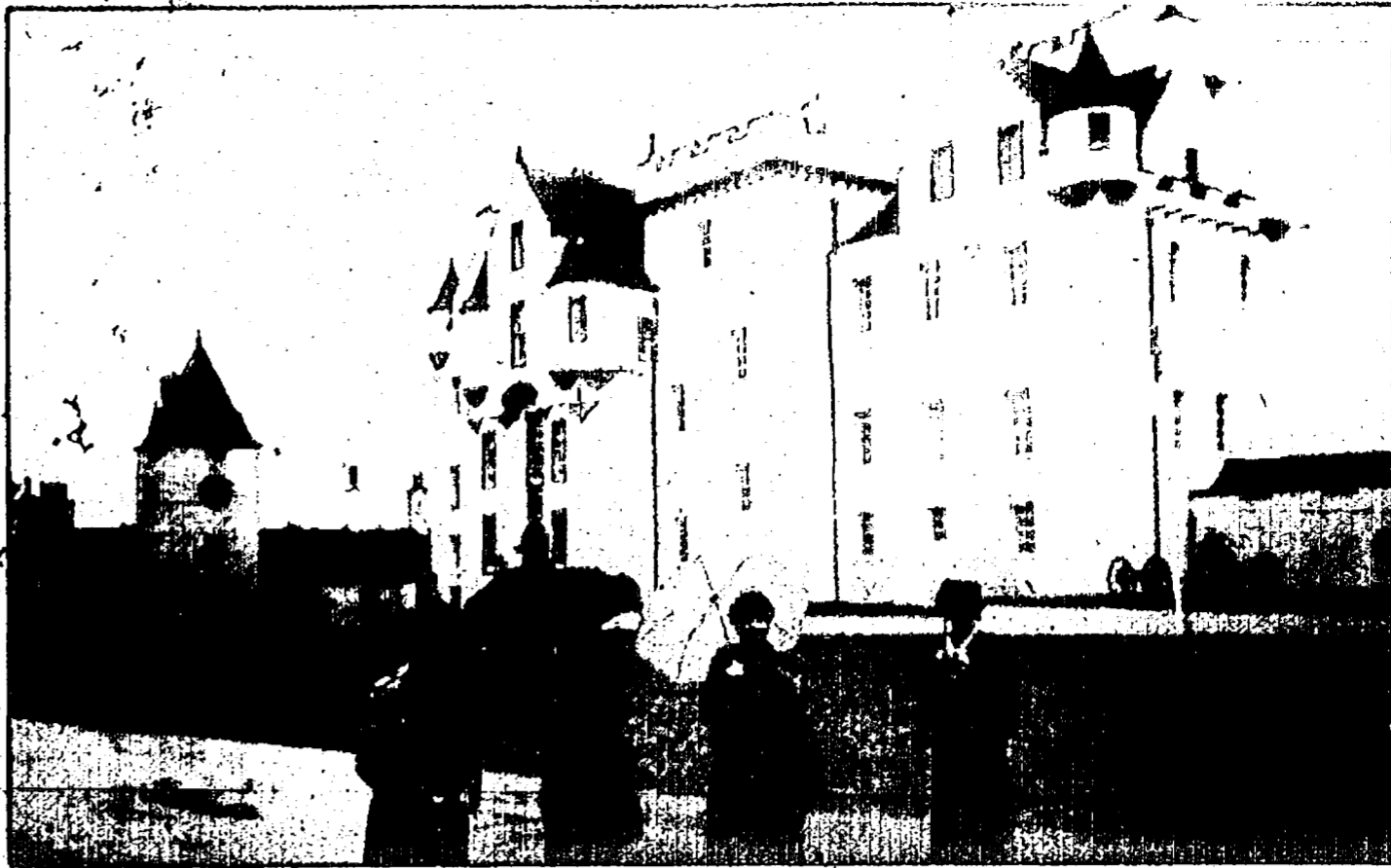
The couple's creativity is seen in Shieldhill as well. Each bedroom is beautifully appointed and decorated in coordinating Laura Ashley fabrics. The room names are taken from famous Scottish battles like Culloden, Glencoe and Bannockburn. Our room was cosy with a pair of

window seats overlooking the gardens. In the falling light we could just make out the expensive lawns and the woodlands beyond.

The owners had spared no expense in the overhaul, spending close to 400,000 pounds on the project. The result is stunning! Wide hallways and stairs are covered with carpet made for the hotel with the Chancellor family crest. The halls lead to a mahogany-paneled lounge with a huge fireplace, a cosy bar and a spacious dining room.

After tea and time to rest, we joined the other guests in the lounge for cocktails. The only Americans present, we were joined by several Europeans as well as a May-December couple from nearby Edinburgh. Dinner reservations were made automatically for us, and due to the remote location, it was easy to see why everyone stays in for dinner.

The dining room serves from 7 to



From left, Roger Spry, Betsy Taylor, Lori Spry (all of Birmingham) and Joan Stevens of Orchard Lake stand outside Blair Castle in Scotland.

9:30 p.m. and was set this particular evening with pale pink linens and beautifully fresh flowers. The prices were reasonable, the menu varied and prepared by a world-class chef. Local girls with shining faces and Laura Ashley country-style dresses gave us excellent service as we ate a memorable meal. Our spirits rose even higher with the return of electricity while we drank our coffee.

The next morning we rose re-

freshed and ready for our early departure for Glasgow, 31 miles from Shieldhill. Even the Sprys, who had slept in the bedroom of the Lady in Grey, had no complaints.

Every castle must have a ghost and Shieldhill is no exception. Locals report the lady walks the property, looking for the grave of her infant child, but maybe she, too, was glad to be in out of the rain!

We were sorry to forego break-

fast, but Jack gave us coffee, fruit, and scones before our fast getaway for the airport. But we'll be back. The Shieldhill Hotel is a place to savor, to enjoy and to repeat.

For reservations, write Shieldhill Hotel, Quothquan, Biggar, Lanarkshire ML 12 6NA Scotland or telephone (011) 44 899 20035.

Betsy Taylor is a resident of Birmingham.

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Alma celebrates Scottish spring with Highland Festival & Games

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"I have a Scottish name, but as far as I knew, my ancestors were lowlanders and therefore not entitled to wear tartan," I said. Dinwoody's quick research showed me that the Snodgrass family does have the right to wear a tartan, two of them, in fact. They can wear the tartan of the Snodgrass clan and that of the Irvines, a clan that allied itself with the Snodgrass family in war.

McDonald's of Alma probably won't serve Scottish food in the near future, especially not the traditional haggis. "But I think haggis is very good," Dinwoody said. Haggis will be served at the Ceilidh, a traditional party to be staged Saturday, May 25, at the festival.

There are always two questions concerning Scottish customs, according to Dinwoody. One asks, "What does a Scotsman wear under his kilt?" That's a military secret. Next question? "What is haggis?"

"It's cooked in a sheep's pluck," Dinwoody says. That's the stomach, and if you're still with us, it contains oatmeal, onions, ground mutton and leeks. It's first boiled, then baked.

Both Dinwoody and I found the idea of eating something cooked in a sheep's stomach less revolting than eating something cooked in a pig's guts, sausage. Take that, you Germans and Poles, and especially you English with your tasteless bangers.

The Scots are fond of ceremony, and the haggis is "piped in" to the skirl of bagpipes. The ceremony includes a reading of a Bobbie Burns' poem, "The Piping of the Haggis." The party continues with traditional entertainment like fiddle playing, country dancing and

piping. Often the entertainment is spontaneous.

Also held Saturday night is the Pub and Dance. This fetches an even bigger crowd than the Ceilidh, 600-700 last year. It will be at Shifter's Restaurant, featuring contemporary music with a disc jockey.

Crowd favorites at the festival are the massed kilte bands, a spectacular sight as they perform at 1 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday. Another favorite is the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance. Just as interesting to me are the border collies, super-intelligent dogs that keep their masters' sheep in line.

Food concessions feature international dishes, including American food and Scottish meat pies. Authentic Celtic clothing and crafts will be on sale.

The Scots need a lot of help from their friends to put on a festival like the one at Alma. When the brawny lads in their kilts take the field for the caber toss, flipping a 12-to-19-foot pole end over end, you may note names that look more Polish or Greek than Scot.

Even this year's festival president has a name that's suspect. Bruce Moegeberg, an administrator at Alma High School. The name "Bruce" works fine for a Scotsman, but the last name doesn't ring Gaelic.

Other Scottish athletic games will be the Weight Throw for distance; it weighs 28 pounds. The hammer in the Hammer Throw weighs 22 pounds. In the Weight Toss for height a 56-pound weight is swung between the knees and tossed backward over a bar using one hand. (A hernia on the first try disqualifies a contestant for a second try.) Finally there's a Sheaf Toss, in which a stack of hay is tossed by pitchfork over a bar.

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Cedar Point on a 'Mean Streak' with new coaster

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TRAVEL



IRIS SANDERSON JONES

Making friends on a flight to Atlanta

It was an early morning flight, and I had missed breakfast, so I was glad to see the flight attendant with her early morning snack and her coffee pot. Especially her coffee pot.

We were on a Delta Air Lines flight to Atlanta, on a plane with two seats on each side and three seats in the middle. Flight attendants were serving from aisles on both sides of the middle section where I was seated.

I had that desperate look that caffeine addicts get when they haven't had their morning coffee, so I was given one cup from the serving cart next to my seat and a second cup from the cart in the opposite aisle.

It was passed to me by an understanding coffee drinker in the next seat. I reciprocated by passing her my little paper cup of cantaloupe chunks.

"There are only three things in the world that I can't eat, and one of them is cantaloupe," I said.

"I'll never be able to ask you to the melon festival," she said. "I live in Howell and we have a melon festival every year."

Strangers don't stay strangers long when sharing breakfast on a plane, so Jackie Rogers and I were soon swapping stories about hometowns and travel. Jackie was born in Nashville, Mich. Her husband Russ, presently buried under earphones, was born and raised in Charlotte. They still have family in the Charlotte and Vermontville area, which should have given me a clue.

Russ works seven days a week May through September at Rogers Asphalt in Howell. Jackie is an accountant, so she can't leave town before the tax season ends. The Rogers were flying to Atlanta to visit their daughter, Margene, who graduated from Howell High School and Eastern Michigan University and now lives with her husband in Marietta, Ga.

We talked about travel patterns; no two travelers ever have the same script. Russ loves to fish in Lake St. Helen, north of West Branch, and the far northern wilderness of Ontario at Chimo Bay, and to hunt deer in Michigan and caribou in the Colorado mountains.

Jackie hunts too... she shot her first caribou in Colorado last December... but her real love is bowling. She bowls in Howell, and once a year she goes to national bowling competitions.

About this time I remembered that my secretary's husband, Jess Bahs, came from Nashville. One of the women Jackie has been bowling with since high school days is Jess' grandmother, Louise Bahs, who still lives in Nashville.

"Once a year, four of us longtime women friends go to Las Vegas," Jackie said, and then we started swapping casino stories.

The plane landed in Atlanta. We left by different aisles.

"Call me sometime."
"I will. You too."

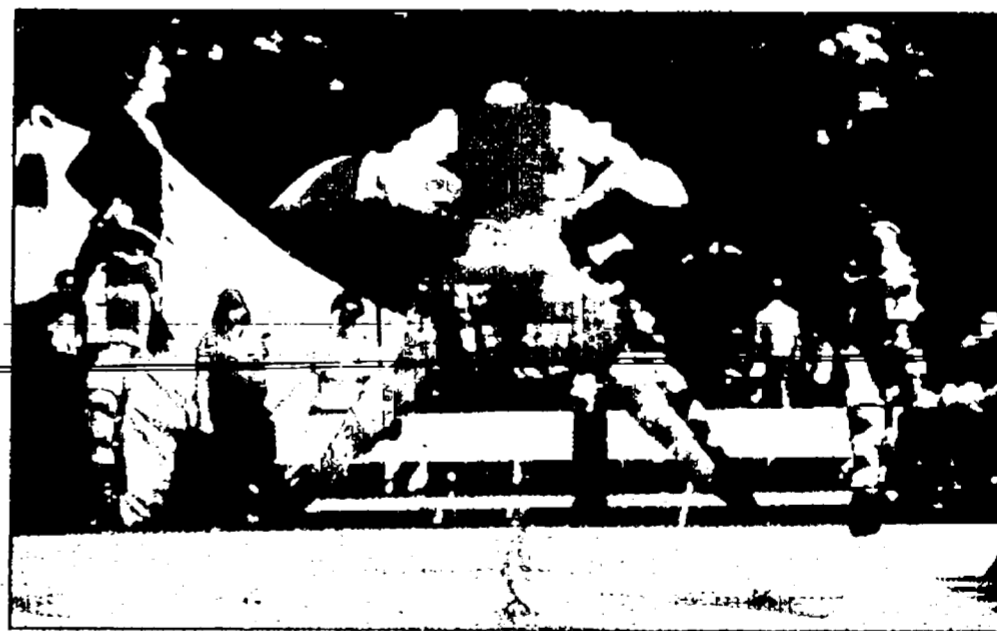
Maybe we will. She seems like the kind of person I would like to know better. But even if we don't, we know a lot about one another after our two hours aboard the plane. I will think of her whenever I pass the Vermontville exit of the expressway or when I find myself within striking distance of a bowling alley.



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Thousands are expected to crowd Alma on Saturday, May 25, for the Highland Festival & Games. Here the bagpipe brigade marches by in the Parade of Tartans.

The log toss is one of your more popular events at Alma's Highland Festival & Games, coming up May 25.



Dancers like these can be seen at the Alma Highland Festival & Games May 25.

Celebrating a Scottish Spring

The sights and sounds of Scotland come to Alma

By Earl Snodgrass
special writer

Alma, Mich. proudly calls itself "Scotland USA." Never more so than on May 24, 25 and 26 when it hosts the 24th annual Alma Highland Festival & Games. These are bonnie days when everyone's a Scot.

For the festival, the town, and especially Alma College, take on the color and panache of auld Scotland the Brave. A record number of clan societies and organizations will participate, including several Detroit-area Shriners bands and the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Birmingham.

Everything commences with a parade down Main Street at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25. Thousands are expected to crowd the parade route to watch three dozen clans from around the U.S. and Canada participate in the Parade of Tartans.

You would never guess that Alma is Scotland USA if you didn't visit at festival time. The only Scottish name I saw as I drove into the city was McDonald's. After lunch at a Mexican restaurant on the main street, I stopped in at the Chamber of Commerce, where I was greeted by executive director M.A. Ferguson. He was wearing a kilt.

Now, thought this Scotsman, that's more like it. Ferguson told me the Chamber of Commerce is exploring ways to make the chamber building reflect the city's nickname. One idea is to make better use of the city's official tartan. It's the MacNeill of Barra, colored navy blue, yellow, green and black. It's a dignified tartan similar to that of the famous Black Watch.

Bryan Dinwoody, director of the Alma Public Library, and a wearer of the tartan, says the Scotland USA theme comes from Alma College. The college was founded by the Presbyterian Church, which in the old country is called the Church of Scotland. Alma College athletic teams are called The Scots.

Dinwoody is a former Detroitter whose grandfather migrated to Nova Scotia from Great Britain. Dinwoody was not up on Scottish lore when he arrived here, but now he is an enthusiast. He bought a kilt with his clan's tartan and is persuading his wife to do the same.

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Cedar Point on a 'Mean Streak' with new coaster

By Doris Scharfenberg
special writer

Notice to persons who love to be slam-dunked through walls of negative gravity: Another stomach-defying gratification is cranked up and ready for your screams.

The world's highest wooden roller coaster will be launched Saturday, May 11, at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. The Mean Streak, a \$15-million basket-weave of cross beams and buttressed pil-

lars, containing 1.5 million board feet of Southern yellow pine, has been checked and rechecked for the big day.

Three 28-passenger trains have had their wheels, bolts and seat belts inspected. Passengers sit in steel-framed vehicles with wooden slides, I-shaped lap bars, seat belts, padded seat dividers and high-backed seats.

The cars will take a 160-foot drop from the top of a 160-foot tower to a 52-degree drop, reaching speeds of 85 miles per

hour when the track levels out five feet above ground. The coaster's mile-long track traces an oblong path three times while navigating 12 hills and valleys.

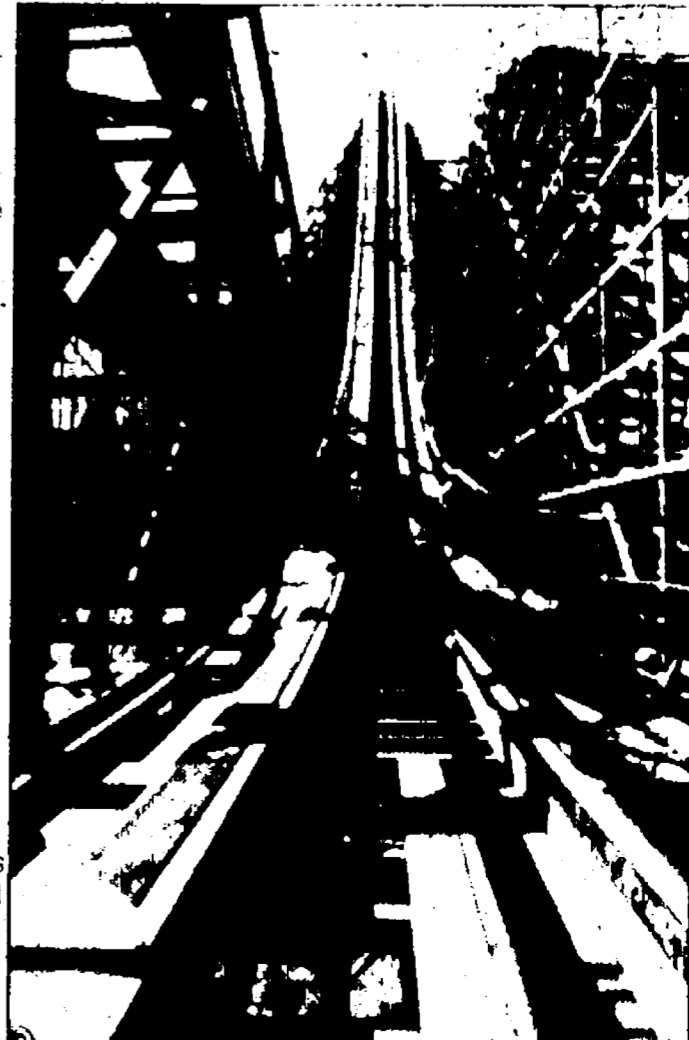
Why wood? Timber was used in the Mean Streak because a more pliable wooden structure gives riders an out-of-control feeling that can't be duplicated on steel coasters.

In 1990, fans took more than 14.3 million rides on Cedar Point's scream machines, which the Guinness Book of Records describes as the largest collection of its kind in the world. One classic, the Corkscrew flips riders upside down three times, sometimes directly above the midway.

Sending you downhill wet is the specialty of Soak City, an adjacent but separate Cedar Point attraction. There are 10 slithery water slides plus a splashy section for the tadpole set where kids slide through chutes and ladders, a training ground for the big stuff.

If riding the hills is not your cup of coffee, Cedar Point has other lures: Bengal tigers in circus acts, live stage shows, a Ferris wheel, jungle safari, roving musicians, dolphin and sea lion stunts, storybook characters and a 67-by-88-foot movie screen showing a film about transportation.

The history of Cedar Point as a playground goes back more than 100 years, with one of the original old hotels still on duty. The Breakers, built in 1905, has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Its Tiffany glass touches and five-sto-



The Mean Streak is the world's highest wooden roller coaster, complementing a plethora of similar contraptions at Cedar Point, a Sandusky, Ohio amusement park.

Cedar Point's newest roller coaster, the Mean Streak, goes into operation Saturday as the park opens for the new season.



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STREET SCENE

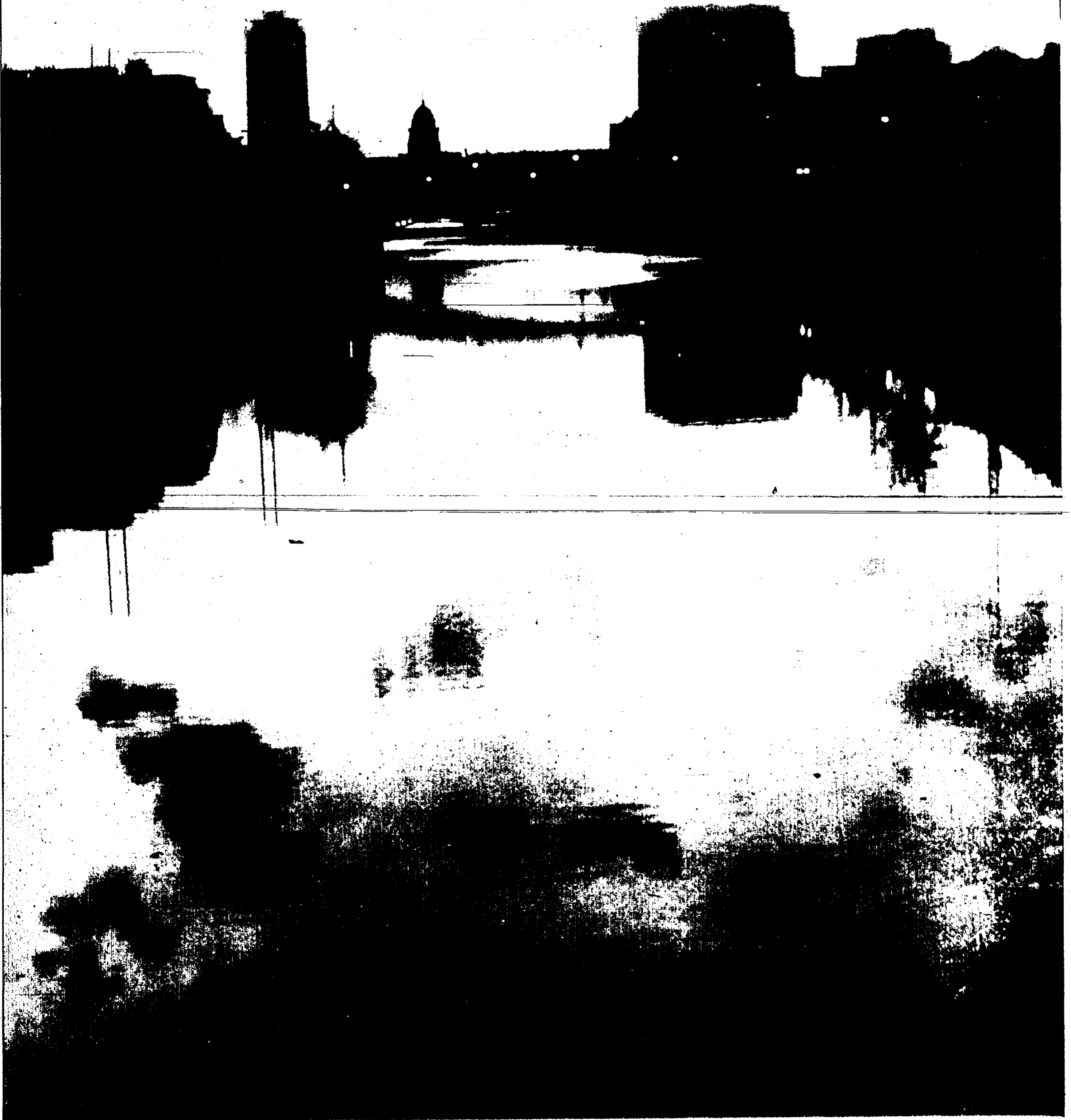
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After dark

Dublin at night is gorgeous. City lights reflect off the river Liffey as young couples cross over the O'Connell Bridge to infiltrate Grafton Street. All daily rigors of work and school are put to rest when Dublin becomes one mass fraternity party. But there's more to this city on page 6D.



MOVING PICTURES

'Cop:' A good movie

With several new twists in its look at New York's tough street scene "One Good Cop" (A-, R, 100 minutes) demonstrates that it's always possible to tell a basic story with a fresh and exciting approach.

Top performances highlight this tense police action-adventure appropriately mixed with romance and family life. Even though the fight scenes tend to strain one's credulity, in much the same way as western heroes firing their six-guns 92 times without reloading might do, the film portrays the city's components realistically.

Artie Lewis (Michael Keaton) and Stevie Diroma (Anthony LaPaglia) are longtime detective-partners on the narcotic squad. Artie's wife Rita (Rene Russo) desperately wants children but they've been unsuccessful and are resigned to a childless life. Stevie's wife has died leaving him with three young daughters.

Perhaps there's an overly obvious irony there, but the scripting, editing, directing and acting are sufficiently well-done to make it work. "One Good Cop" effectively focuses on the strain detectives regularly face and the ways in which they deal with that stress.

When Stevie is killed attempting to rescue a family from their drug-crazed father, Artie is faced with a dilemma — should he care for Stevie's daughters and give Rita the children she desires but that he can't afford — or should he allow the foster parent system to care for the girls?

ALONG THE way, Artie has to deal with the local drug lord, Benjamin (Tony Plana), who, Artie believes, ultimately was responsible for Stevie's death.

All these elements are artfully interwoven and things never get sappy with the three little girls as Artie solves problems in a unusual way. While one might question the film's final, cynical resolution and the level of violence may bother some, "One Good Cop" is well-done, tense and exciting.

One sign that African-Americans are taking their proper place in the mainstream of American culture is



Danny Glover, Forest Whitaker, Robin Givens and Gregory Hines star in the action adventure/romantic comedy, "A Rage in Harlem."



the movies

Dan Greenberg

to the extent of their presence in motion pictures, an excellent barometer of public reaction and cultural values. Nobody on the outside gets to produce multi-million dollar media.

But as Hollywood has proven conclusively, it takes more than money and position in the mainstream to make good movies. "A Rage in Harlem" (C+, R, 110 minutes) starts out with a bang but ends with a fizzle as the film mixes in more ingredients than necessary and has trouble being an action adventure/romantic comedy.

It's a big, sprawling story that starts down south in the '50s with a black gang led by Slim (Badja Djola) stealing a lot of gold ore from a white gang. There's a big shoot-out and the black gang's moll, Imabelle (Robin Givens), gets away with the trunk full of gold and makes her way to Harlem.

THERE SHE finds a place to stay with a devout young man, Jackson (Forest Whitaker), whose half-brother, Goldy (Gregory Hines), is a street-smart grifter.

Then, there's Harlem's top mobster, Easy Money (Danny Glover),

and Goldy's transvestite friend, Big Kathy (Zakes Mokae), the local madam who runs quite a house. In addition, a couple of cartoon cops plus the staff and management of the funeral parlor where Jackson works fill the screen.

Naturally, Jackson falls in love with Imabelle and everyone in town is hot on the trail of the gold.

Slim and his gang somehow escape from the shoot-out with the white gang in the South and turn up later on in Harlem looking for the gold.

While the story concept contains the basic elements of a good action film — it's based on Chester Himes' novel — the intermixture of romance between devout young man and gang moll, Goldy's redemption, some street comedy and everybody's greed interlaced with excessive violence is more than one film can handle.

"Rich Girl" (C, R) seems to be another teenage romance in the face of poppa's disapproval. In this case, poppa is Mr. Wells, the town's richest man and his sweet little daughter, Courtney, angers him by falling in love with Rick, a rock musician from the wrong side of the tracks. Ah well.

STILL PLAYING:

"Awakenings" (B, PG-13, 121 minutes).

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ALTERNATIVE MOVIE

'Ju Dou' revives 'Postman'

By John Monaghan
special writer

"Ju Dou" has been hailed as a Chinese turn on "The Postman Always Rings Twice" and rightly so. But more interesting than another "erotic tale of forbidden passion," as the ads proclaim, the film is rooted squarely in Chinese culture.

The new film by director Zhang Yi-Mou is enjoying an extended run at the Maple Theatre, due in part to the controversy surrounding its release. "Ju Dou" was the Chinese entry for this year's foreign film Oscar, but was almost pulled by the Chinese government because its con-

tent proved too racy.

The American distributor of "Ju Dou," Miramax, has been playing this up big. Many viewers will be surprised at how tame the film is, offering symbolism and suggestion over explicitness.

Tianqing works in his uncle's dye factory, a maze of wooden wheels, dying pools and reams of colorful fabric hung on towering posts to dry. Actually, Tianqing is the adopted nephew of the wealthy factory owner who has raised him as an indentured servant.

SO WHEN the worker falls in love with his "aunt" Ju Dou, the thought

of killing the old man is a complex one. Ju Dou's idea of simply running away is equally impossible with so much pride at stake.

Oriental films are never short on symbolism, and we have plenty in the scene where Tianqing and Ju Dou first consummate their passion. During their ecstasy, a careless bump of the controls sends wheels spinning and a long sheet of fabric cascading endlessly into a blood red dye vat.

Nor does the film spare us any melodramatic twists of fate. The lovers have a son, which the old man

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SCREEN SCENE

DETROIT FILM SOCIETY, 5201 Woodward, Detroit. Call 833-4048 for information. (\$4 admission; \$25 series membership)

Double feature — "Lifeboat" (USA — 1944) and "The Big Store" (USA — 1941), beginning at 7 p.m. May 10-11. "Lifeboat" is Alfred Hitchcock's wartime classic about survivors of a torpedoed ship who float for days in the title vessel. Among the passengers: Tallulah Bankhead, William Bendix, Hume Cronyn and Walter Slezak. "The Big Store" is a later, lesser Marx Bros. vehicle with Groucho investigating dirty dealings at a big city department store.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call 832-2730 for information.

"Miracle in Harlem" (USA — 1943), 1 p.m. May 9-12. An ambitious man tries to turn his aunt's kitchen candy business into a major enterprise while fighting off some murderous competition. As part of a tribute to African American Independent Cinema.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY, 13671 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Call 943-2330 for information. (free)

"Someone to Remember" (USA — 1943) 7 p.m. May 6. An elderly woman whose son disappeared years before, becomes a foster mother to a hotel full of college boys.

LIVONIA MALL, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information. (free)

"Love Me or Leave Me" (USA — 1955), 10 a.m. May 7. The musical biography of Ruth Etting features Doris Day as the tortured singer, with James Cagney as "The Gimp," her domineering racketeer husband. Shown in CinemaScope. As part of a month-long tribute to Cagney.

MAPLE THEATRE, 4135 W. Maple, Birmingham. Call 855-9090 for information. (\$6, \$7.50 twilight; call for show times)

"La Femme Nikita" (France — 1990). This stylish but empty spy film, a major hit in Europe last year, finds a female hellion transformed into a French super agent. A wild opening and a few good action sequences live up this warped turn on "Pygmalion."

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VIDEO VIEWING

Still playing catch-up on April video releases, in particular for laser disc owners. On April 24, "Rocky V" (1990, color, PG-13, 105 minutes) hit the racks on laser disc, 8mm and video cassette. Hopefully, this indeed will be Rocky's final filmic bout.

The next day, Landmark Laservision, a subdivision of Republic Pictures, released four classic silent films on laser disc, testifying to continued growth in that segment of the home viewing market.

The famous German (and later Hollywood) director, Fritz Lang, best known for "Metropolis" and "M" directed a two-part, black-and-white spectacular in 1924 based on the ancient Teutonic legend of Siegfried.

"Siegfried" (110 minutes), features a dragon 70 feet in length, controlled by 17 technicians, an incredible accomplishment by any standards, particularly for the '20s.

The story traces Siegfried's exploits as he makes a name for himself in ancient legend. The second part, "Kriemhilde's Revenge" (95 minutes), continues the saga as Kriemhilde seeks to avenge Siegfried's death.

Two of the outstanding filmic achievements of the '20s, the German Expressionist "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" (1919) and the Russian "Battleship Potemkin" (1925) — both black and white and just over an hour in length — are the other

releases.

ON THE documentary shelf, interesting video cassette releases in April include "Hearts and Minds" (1974, black-and-white and color, R, 115 minutes).

Billed as "a historic visual chronicle," "Hearts and Minds" was originally released at the end of the Vietnam War. It's startling and frightful images, including footage shot in Vietnamese villages, graphically presents the brutality of that war. It won the 1974 Oscar for best documentary feature.

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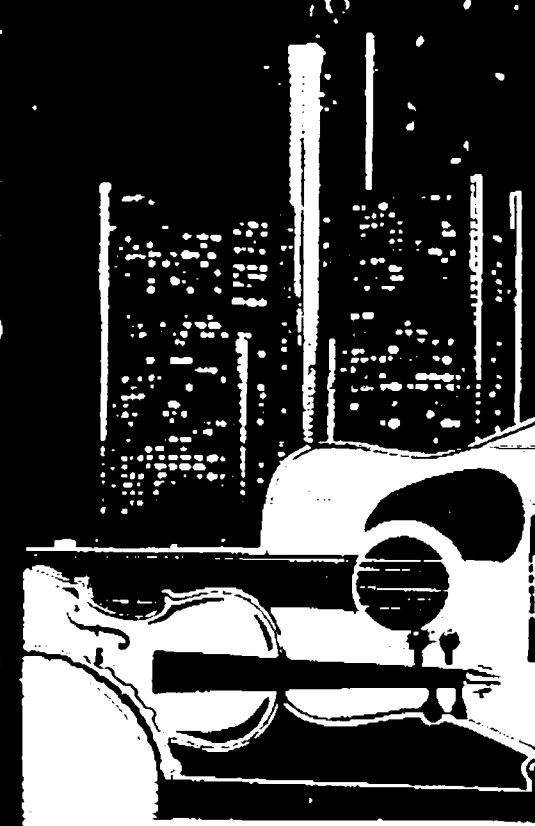
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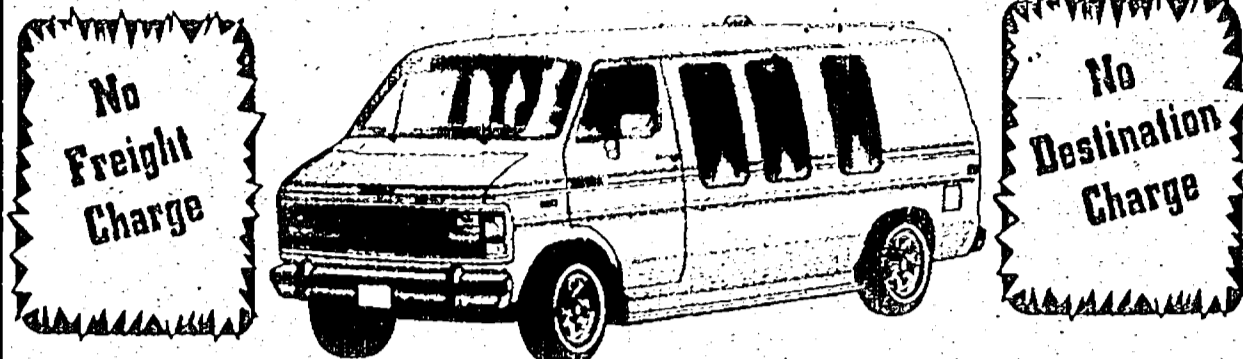
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