

Resident rips school board for law firm hiring

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Wayne resident has chastised the Wayne-Westland school board president for accepting campaign donations from an attorney who was subsequently given a larger share of school district business.

Jim Netter confronted board president Mathew McCusker during last week's board meeting, saying McCusker shouldn't have been part of a board majority that recently voted to hire the Southfield-based law firm of Collins, Blaha & Slatkin.

"You shouldn't vote on anybody that you got money from,"

Netter said.

McCusker conceded that he received a \$100 contribution from attorney Stuart Slatkin during a successful 1993 school board campaign. But McCusker, rejecting implications of a conflict of interest, noted that he received the same amount from a competing Detroit law firm that he voted against - namely Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz.

The two firms have shared district business for two years, but a divided board recently dropped Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay &

Katz and decided to give all of its business to Slatkin's firm.

The dismissed firm will be allowed to wrap up the work it has already started before Slatkin's firm takes over.

Netter questioned whether school board members should vote on a firm that has donated to school board campaigns.

Board member Patricia Brown defended her campaign statements and told Netter, "I received no contributions from any of the legal firms."

A sharply divided board voted in early August to let Slatkin's firm handle all future school district business. In

choosing Slatkin, the board rejected a recommendation from Superintendent Larry Thomas that the other firm be hired.

Slatkin's firm has handled a portion of school district business for 20 years. For the last two years, however, it had shared the work with Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz.

In hiring Slatkin's firm, McCusker was part of a board majority along with members Debra Fowlkes, Patricia Brown and Francis "Bud" Winter. Board member Laurel Raisanen opposed the majority, and members Vicki Welty and

Richard LeBlanc were absent when the vote was taken.

Raisanen charged that Slatkin's firm is "too small" and "not as expedient as it should be," and she warned her colleagues that they are "putting our entire school district at tremendous risk."

But board members who supported Slatkin's firm defended their decision. Brown noted that Slatkin's competitor issued a questionable opinion concerning the release of Thomas' job performance evaluations.

Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz issued an opinion saying that in-

dividual board member evaluations of Thomas didn't have to be publicly released. Only a summary of the documents had to be made public, the Detroit firm said.

Slatkin's firm issued a contrary opinion that was subsequently supported by an attorney general's opinion.

The debate became a moot point last week when the board adopted as its official evaluation an earlier-released summary of the individual evaluations. The vote means that the individual evaluations won't have to be released publicly.



Dentists score a hit with coloring contest

Two local dentists took a big step toward increasing children's awareness of good dental health through their first coloring contest.

Drs. Ronald Paler and David Wheeler awarded gift certificates to the Westland Toys 'R Us store to eight youngsters who finished first and second in the contest.

Four of the eight winners personally received their prizes as well as getting a tour of the dental office and a closeup of its equipment, such as getting a ride in patient's chairs.

The four winners in their age

groups were Meleah Mitchell of Howell, Brian Stelman of Farmington Hills, Ben Darga of Farmington Hills, and Katie Stelman of Farmington. Second place finishers were Hannah Dunbar of Livonia, Alecia Eisemann of Westland, Amanda Mitchell of Howell, and Patricia Albitus of Livonia.

Lisa Davis, dental assistant at the office on Ann Arbor Trail at Hubbard, said 30 entries were received.

She said that the dentists will probably make the contest an annual event.



A winner, Katie Stoman (far left) shows off her coloring contest certificate, one of eight given contest contestants last week by two local dentists while Dr. David Wheeler gives contest winner Brian Stelman a demonstration.

St. Raphael festival on go

St. Raphael Church and school will hold its annual festival Sept. 16-18, featuring free entertainment as well as a dinners, Vegas games, bingo, children's games, raffles and a doll booth.

There will also be a large garage sale, horseshoe tournament, children's rides, bake sale, craft sale, and golf games.

The festival, to be held on the church's grounds, on Merriman at Beechwood, will be held 6-11 p.m. Friday; noon-11 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. Sunday.

Launching the festival will be a children's decorated bicycle pa-

rade, to start at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the church's entrance.

Prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded to the top three bike riders with other contestants to receive gifts.

On the festival's opening night, Sept. 16, country/western disc jockey Deano Day will open the free entertainment, followed by Hot Walker, a country/western band. Chicken dinners will be served beginning at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, festival goers will enjoy the Honey Radio Classic Car Club, Sherman Arnold and the Interstate Band,

who will perform from 1-5 p.m., and the Larados from 6-11 p.m. Roast beef dinners will be served from 2 p.m. on.

On Sunday, a polka mass will be held at noon, followed by Dan Gury and the Dyna Dukes who will perform from 2-4 p.m., and the Larados from 5-9 p.m. Polish dinners will be served from 1 p.m. on.

Vegas games will be held from 6 p.m.-midnight Friday; 4 p.m.-midnight Saturday, and 4-10 p.m. Sunday.

Bingo will be available 6-10:30 p.m. Friday; 1-10:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-8 p.m. Sunday.

3 jailed in crime spree

By Todd Schneider
Staff Writer

A multi-state crime spree that began in Minnesota and took a tragic turn in Livonia, ended early Sunday in Cleveland with the arrests of three suspects, police said.

In its wake, a Livonia video store owner was fatally shot, his brother from Southfield wounded and a Livonia couple terrorized in their home early Friday.

An employee of the Plymouth Motel, Plymouth near Deering, was unharmed following a robbery there early Friday, police said.

Also killed was an employee of an adult book store in East Lake, Ohio, police said. A security guard was injured in that robbery as well.

Ghaasan Danno, 39, of Sterling Heights, died Saturday in University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Police said Danno had been shot three times at close

range during a robbery at Best Video, 27488 Grand River.

Frank Danno, 36, also shot in the 11 p.m. Thursday robbery, was reported in fair condition Sunday at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

"There was a struggle at the back of the store and they were shot," said Livonia Police detective Lt. Pete Kunst.

Benjamin H. Brooks, 27, Fredrick J. Treesh, 30, and Keisha Harth, 19, all from Indiana, were arrested shortly after midnight Sunday - in the car they stole from the Livonia couple following a police chase in Cleveland.

Harth suffered a broken leg in the crash that ended the chase.

Brooks and Treesh were named in warrants earlier this month from U.S. District Court in Minnesota following a similar crime spree.

Police and prosecutors will seek to extradite the three to Livonia

after they are charged in Ohio.

"There is evidence at each crime scene which would seem to connect the incidents," Kunst said.

The suspects carjacked a Mercedes Benz in Berrien County and drove east to Livonia early Thursday evening, police believe.

A stolen car from Minnesota was recovered in Berrien County.

About five minutes after the 1:30 a.m. motel robbery, three armed assailants burst into the Arcola Street home of Frank and Janet Bushaw, police said.

The assailants tied up the couple and ordered them to the floor while taking \$20 and the keys to the Bushaw's 1989 Pontiac Sunbird.

Janet Bushaw was pistol whipped but her husband was unharmed as was the couple's 18-month-old child, according to police.

Bushaw, 38, was treated for cuts and bruises and released Friday from St. Mary Hospital.

Auto accident claims Westland man

A Westland man was killed early Wednesday when his car slammed into the rear of a tractor trailer unloading cargo outside the Bates Hamburgers stand on Five Mile, Livonia, police reported.

The accident remained under

investigation Thursday, police said.

Walter Raymond Peyton Jr., 27, was pronounced dead at St. Mary Hospital after the crash at 4:47 a.m.

Police said Peyton was westbound on Five Mile at Farmington when his 1984

Chevrolet struck the tractor-trailer, stepped in the right, curb lane.

The driver of the truck, a 43-year-old Westland man, wasn't injured, police said.

The 1986 GMC truck and 20-foot trailer were registered to an Oak Park dairy.

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Commission okays taxing ballot proposal

BY RALPH H. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners voted 10-5 Friday to place a proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot requesting a 1-mill tax for 20 years to create an environmental cleanup program and to support county parks.

Area commissioners voting yes were Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township; Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City; and Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton Township.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township, voted no.

If approved by voters, the tax would raise about \$29 million a year and be distributed in the following manner each year:

- \$4 million off the top for environmental cleanup.
- The remaining money would be divided in half.
- One half would be returned to each city and township from



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Thaddeus McCotter
county commissioner

have necessitated parks budget cuts, and there will be more cuts in the future if voters don't approve this new tax.

"If we don't do it now, you basically can expect severe parks cuts," he said.

Duggan estimated that Observer communities would receive the following amounts of money per year for parks spending if the proposal passes: Livonia, \$1.3 million; Westland, \$527,000; Canton Township, \$520,000; Plymouth Township, \$381,000; Redford Township, \$376,000; Garden City,

\$185,000; and Plymouth, \$113,000.

McCotter spoke against the proposal Friday. "I can't vote for this," he said. "It takes 100 percent of your money and gives less than 50 percent back."

Beard said she wished the ballot proposal could be divided in two so that one might address the parks issue and the other environmental cleanup.

But Beard voted to put the proposal on the ballot because "both issues are important enough for us to learn from the people."

Amann said the commission wasn't given "nearly enough information to make an informed decision of what's involved here," but voters should be given the chance to decide for themselves. "I'd rather trust the voters than 15 elected officials," he said.

Plawecki issued a written statement on the proposal. "I supported putting the 1-mill increase on

the ballot simply because it is the fundamental right of each citizen in Wayne County to decide for themselves if such a program warrants the collection of additional tax dollars," she wrote.

Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, opposed the ballot proposal and suspected some political maneuvering in the timing of its presentation. "Why didn't this come up in May and June and get on the August ballot?" he asked. "I've got to believe there was something political involved."

Commissioner Edward Boike, D-Taylor, opposed the proposal, too. "It looks like we're trying to be Big Brother," he said, "that we know what's good for (local) parks departments. I think I'd like to handle my own funding on this."

Scholarship is offered

The Schoolcraft College Foundation is accepting applications for the Owston Memorial Scholarship, created in memory of Schoolcraft graduate and Canton Township resident Wayne Owsten by his wife, Barbara.

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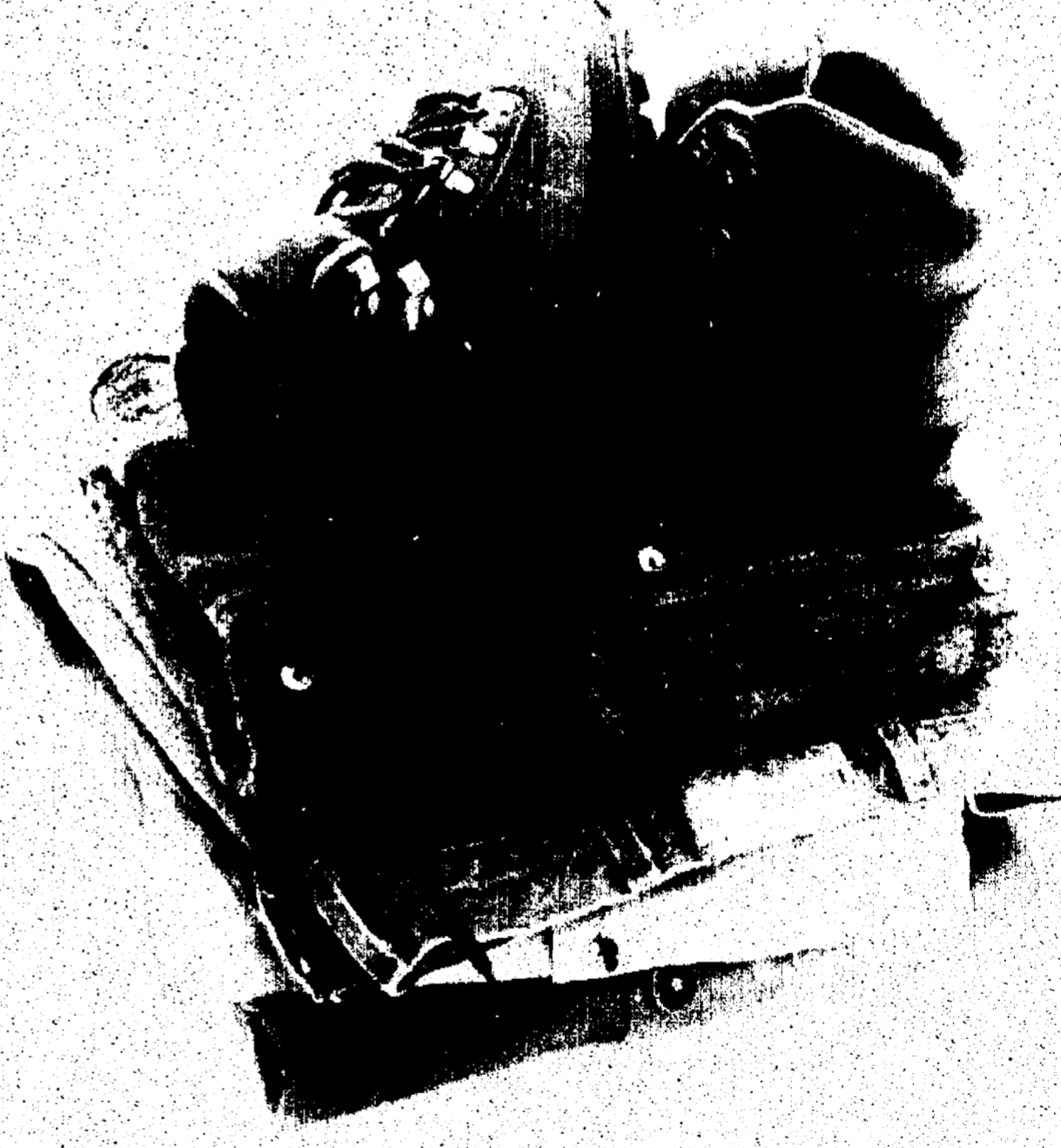
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LINDA BACHRACK

Glamour calls: get ready for fall

Have you looked at recent fashion trends and thought, "Where is the allure? What happened to glamour?" Camouflaged by combat boots, ripped jeans and nose rings at one extreme, and the plastic Barbie-doll look at the other, glamour was certainly not seen on the runways.

Finally, a compromise. Glamour is back. But you don't have to look like a starlet or a femme fatale, nor do you need to aspire to the flawless elegance of Grace Kelly or Audrey Hepburn. The glamour of the '90s is an attitude that defines a woman, allowing her the flexibility to express her femininity any way she wants.

It's stiletto heels and velvet high-tops, faux fur collars and flowing scarves, feathers and gloves and frills. At the same time, glamour is a beautiful fabric, a soft line and impeccable tailoring. It's the perfect suit or the sexiest dress. Ultimately, your take on glamour is the panache with which you combine all of these elements into your own personal style statement.

"It's about time women started dressing up more and stopped looking like men," says Karen Broker of Rochester. Karen was acting as fashion director for her friend Kristen Schank who found the ideal suit for a wedding at The Icing in the Somerset Collection, Troy. Kristen's new suit is winter white with gold braiding (\$336) and she added a touch of glamour with a metallic top (\$35) and the surprise of a gold-studded white cowboy hat (\$60).

The Icing specializes in glamorous accessories. I spotted a '40s lampshade hat with feathers (\$99) and an elegant veiled hat with soutache trim (\$36). They also display faux-leopard pillboxes (\$96), beaded and sequined collars (\$36) and ruffled gloves (\$35). The ultimate evening wrap is a translucent powder cape, its ends tied in huge bows (\$75).

Couture designers introduce glamour this fall with modern classics in luxe fabrics with rich details. At Jacobson's in Birmingham, Escada

reinterprets the riding ensemble with an equestrian look burgundy velvet jacket (\$390), a white pleated blouse with lace-trimmed collar and bowtie (\$590), a foulard print vest (\$600) and stretch gabardine riding pants (\$480). Complete the look with black leather gloves (\$220).

Chanel's raspberry chenille jacket with faux fur collar, cuffs and pockets is a head-turner (\$3,200), as is Badgley Mischka's stretch blouse gown with a cast gold collar (\$1,465). The standout dinner suit is a black wool crepe by Rena Lange. This feminine take on tuxedo styling features a pink satin collar and powder blue cuffs with tiny bows at the wrists (\$1,595).

If you dare, accent these ensembles with Karl Lagerfeld's 4-inch steel-shaft stiletto heels in black suede (\$275), or just for fun and the shock effect, enter the gala in Anne Klein's black velvet high-top sneakers (\$65) or Chanel's black rubber boots (\$275). All from Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection.

It would be impossible to write of glamour without visiting the avant-garde, ultra-glamorous West Bloomfield boutique called Patricia Miles at 6519 Orchard Lake Rd. on The Boardwalk. Hints of Tinsel Town include ceilings rimmed in neon, golden stars, pink and black netting and sparkling glitter. The clothing echoes the Holly wood feel.

"I love it. Everything's so gorgeous," says Sarah Golden of Walling Lake. Glamour was never missing here.

Check out the legendary Janet Jackson Choker, a silver Navajo design. Black jeans embellished with netting, beads and satin rosettes (\$150) take you to a black-tie bash when paired with a beaded lace bodysuit (\$150) or a hand-painted leather vest (\$290) and jeweled bustier.

Go for the gifts... and the glamour. Linda Bachrack is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her column ideas at (313) 853-2047, mail box 1899, or fax them to her at (810) 644-1314

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Linda Bachrack shops for a winter coat.
- Added Attractions lists special events at the shopping centers.

Brooks Brothers expands

Brooks Brothers gave us the button-down shirt, argyle socks and the gray-flannel suit. Now they're giving us a new store at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Brooks Brothers is bringing its "quintessential classic American style of dress" to Twelve Oaks on Sept. 8, inviting shoppers to a grand opening complete with refreshments and music. A special evening to benefit the Christ Child Society is also planned.

See OPENING, 7A



Basic blues: Four generations enjoy the classic lines of the Brooks Brothers blazer, priced at \$350 for men, \$125 for young men.

Disney debuts keep cash registers ringing

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Two new Disney Stores are coming to town, bringing Mickey Mouse, The Lion King and Aladdin merchandise closer to your front door.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia and the Oakland Mall in Troy are readying the magic kingdoms for a Sept. 3 opening in Livonia and October opening in Troy.

These stores bring the total of metro-Detroit Disney Store locations to five. The others are at the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Lakeside in Sterling Heights, and Twelve Oaks

in Novi. There are more than 290 Disney stores worldwide and expansion will continue, according to Debbie Bohnett, vice president of publicity and promotions. The first Disney Store opened in Glendale, Calif. in 1987.

"The Disney Stores combine retail and entertainment in an environment that rekindles Disney memories," Bohnett said. "Lively animation displays capture the imagination, setting the stage for sights and sounds of classic Disney movies and videos."

Nancy McFee, a mother of three and Disney devotee, said the stores

"are just plain fun."

"I like to shop at Disney Stores because although the same merchandise is cheaper at Target or Kmart, the Disney Stores have more complete selections and more unusual items — great for birthday party gifts," she said. "The challenge to shopping there is getting out without spending more than you planned, especially with the kids in tow."

Marilee Post, 6, of Farmington Hills, was buying a Lion King charm bracelet with her favorite movie characters mugging for each charm. She is a regular Disney customer, she said,

"because I always find what I want here."

"Guests" to the Disney Store are greeted upon entrance and exit by "cast members" who welcome and "thank you for stopping in." In addition to clothing, toys, stuffed animals, video and cassette tapes, cartoon cels and jewelry, "guests" can buy Disney theme park tickets, Disney Dollars and Disney Store Gift Certificates.

A Video Newsstand offers information about other units of The Walt Disney Company. Bohnett said most Disney Stores produce sales per square foot "two times the national average."



Animation Emporium: Shoppers at The Disney Stores are greeted by cast members who are prepared to answer questions and point out the latest promotions. Children love the store where their favorite movies play on a big screen in the rear, and characters like Jasmine, Aladdin, Snow White and Simba appear on T-shirts, jackets and pajamas.

Retail businesses in suburban Malls & Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming special events and promotions for Added Attractions. Send announcements to Malls & Mainstreets, 906 E. Maple Birmingham, 48009 or fax them to (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, AUG 29

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WEDDING SHOW

Now through Oct. 30 the Plymouth Historical Museum presents a century of wedding dresses: 1850-1950. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1-4 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. \$1.50 admission. 156 S. Main Street Plymouth. (313) 455-8940.

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Clothing from Hershi's informally modeled Noon to 2 p.m. Stage & Co. Restaurant. Boardwalk, Orchard Lake/Maple W. Bloomfield. (810) 855-6622

HOMEARAMA

Shop for home decorating and landscape ideas at new Brookwood Subdivision, the 17th annual Homearama sale. Through Sept. 18. \$5 admission. White Lake Township, Cooley Lake, or Bogie Lake. (810) 651-3112

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

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9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors selling homegrown fruits, vegetables and flowers. Gazebo area parking lot. Downtown Farmington, Grand River, Farmington. (313) 474-3440

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

LABOR DAY

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RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features the latest openings, closings, merchandise lines and personnel changes around the Malls & Mainstreets community.

WONDERLAND'S WONDERS

Drum roll please! Wonderland Mall in Livonia announces the June and July Employees of the Month: Beverly Evens of customer service and Tim Polanelli of the exterior maintenance crew.

NEW AT MEADOWBROOK

Lotions & Potions, a fragrance shop specializing in 250 unique scents, is open at the Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills. Headquartered in Tempe, Ariz., the 25-year-old company offers organic, biodegradable products that are "cruelty free." These include soaps, oils, shampoos and body lotions.

AIR PERMS

The California Air Perm has been added to the specialties of the house at Total Phases Salon in Rochester. Owner Dan Asam said the perm, "is the easiest and most natural way to solve permed hair problems." The salon also perms eye lashes. For more information, call (810) 656-8608.

TARGET REGISTRY

The Target Stores have a Bridal Registry program, "Club Wedd." The registry is available at all 37 Michigan Target locations. By year-end the service will be extended nationwide. To register, couples walk through the department store with a barcode scanner gun which allows them to "zap" the UPC Codes of the items they want to include in their registry. More information? Call 1-800-888-WEDD.

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up. It's at Target, Kmart, Toys R Us and specialty shops around town.

Opening from page 6A

The highlight of the opening will be a retrospective of Brooks Brothers memorabilia including Abraham Lincoln's great coat, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's legendary cape, an 1800's military uniform and portraits of famous customers.

The store will be the second in metro Detroit for the 175-year-old clothier. The Brooks Brothers store at the Somerset Collection in Troy (currently being remodeled from top to bottom) has been open since 1982. The downtown Detroit store, located in the Penobscot Building, was closed in 1987.

Last November, the company's Grosse Pointe store on Kercheval became a Brooks Brothers Outlet Shop. Here, Brooks Brothers bargain hunters can purchase over stocks and season-old merchandise at 25 to 30 percent below retail price according to sales associate Joann Moore.

Edward Turco, a Brooks Brothers executive vice-president, said the company's plans to open a Novi store is part of its strategy to locate in every major market across the country.

"We are also studying the dem-

ographics of the Ann Arbor area," Turco said. "The metro Detroit market is making a comeback and it's tied to the auto industry. Our tailored clothing sales are strong in both the men's and women's departments."

Turco said sales are picking up as well for sport coats, blazers and slacks because more and more companies are instituting casual dress days.

"The truth is, dressing down is a long-term trend," Turco said. "And at Brooks Brothers, we can teach customers how to do it right."

Historically correct

Brooks Brothers has been dressing presidents and financiers for generations, dropping names like Lincoln, Roosevelt, Kennedy, Astor, Rockefeller and Morgan when reviewing its client roster. Despite its reputation for conservatism, Brooks Brothers has also attracted the more stylish Hollywood crowd, including Clark Gable, Fred Astaire, Cary Grant, John Barrymore, Rudolph Valentino and Errol Flynn.

Spokeswoman Geri Corrigan said "tradition" describes the re-

tailer's fashion philosophy. This tradition comes across in the company's trademark, a sheep suspended by a ribbon, adopted in 1850. The label was formerly the symbol of British wool merchants, dating back to the 16th century when it was the emblem of the Knights of the Golden Fleece, founded by Phillip the Good, Duke of Burgundy. The symbol, worn over each knight's heart, expressed the sentiment that the knights were "Lamba of God."

Over the years Brooks Brothers created many firsts that became classic styles of American dress. These include the button-down shirt, (50,000 sold annually) the sack suit, madras summer jackets, silk foulard neckties, argyle-patterned socks and polo shirts.

Other Brooks Brothers creations include the Brooksweave wash-and-wear suit introduced in 1953, made from a blend of dacron and polyester; the classic pink shirt for women which premiered in 1949 became a must-have all along the east coast; and the polo coat, introduced in 1919, fashioned after British design.

The impact of the sack suit, in-

troduced in 1895, revolutionized the clothing industry. Up until then, suits were sewn at home or tailor made. Men's silhouettes were tubular with padded shoulders. The sack suit was designed to fit all body types offering soft, natural shoulders, a single breasted jacket of straight lines and full, plain front trousers. It is regarded as the first genuinely American suit.

The suits have gone from \$75 to today's price range of between \$395 to \$695 for a full suit.

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STREET SOUNDS

No Shoes, Shirt, Exceptions — The Exceptions



The Exceptions give new breadth to the term eclectic. Metal, jazz and hip-hop (to name a few) make cameo appearances throughout "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Exceptions," (Icon/Moon Records) with a bizarre ska/reggae/zydeco fusion intonation holding the album together. Arrangements are entirely non-linear, with no attempt at the cohesiveness invariably found in pop rock.

Lyrics are cleverly written and generally tongue-in-cheek. Song titles, such as "I Hate Mornings," "Coney Dog City," "I Hate You" and its sequel, "I Hate You II," are indicative of the group's sense of humor. The serious subject of bigotry is broached, albeit sardonically, with "Illiterate White Trash."

The album also contains a couple of instrumentals which showcase the band's impressive musicianship. The horn section, composed of trombonist Jim Hofer, saxophonist Gena Corwin, and trumpet player/organist Todd Bolton, displays an aptitude for smooth, melodic, "pop" style harmony with the song "Dear Diary." More often, though, they churn out complex, syncopated and sometimes dissonant riffs. Perhaps there's a Miles Davis influence amidst the myriad of styles?

The rhythm section is Chuck Bartels and Tony Barragan on bass and drums, respectively, with Ryan Reeves on guitar. Keeping up with the chaotic changes in meter and style is their primary job, and they do it admirably. Singer Johnny Williams presents a quirky vocal style with more personality than virtuosity, but entirely fitting for the band.

The Exceptions' ethnicity is as diverse as its music. Mexican, African and Native Americans — along with a few Caucasians — round out the lineup. There are, however, no females.

According to their press release The Exceptions have worked with such reggae/ska and underground luminaries as Bim Skala Bim, The Dead Milkmen and Murphy's Law. They are also endorsed by The Mighty Mighty Bosstones' mighty mighty singer, Dicky Barrett.

"No Shoes, No Shirt, No Exceptions," The Exceptions first full-length release, is a strong, tightly produced effort in the manic world of alternative rock.

(The Exceptions play the Falcon Club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck, on Sunday, Sept. 4, with the Skeletones (313) 368-6010.)

— Matthew Delezenne

G. Love and Special Sauce — G. Love and Special Sauce



The recipe for this sauce is a blend of blues, hip-hop, funk and jazz. It doesn't sound like a very appealing meal, but G. Love and Special Sauce's self-titled debut (Epic Records) makes for a tasty treat.

With his slicked back curly black locks, G. Love and his laid-back rapping over bluesy jazz riffs could replace Harry Connick Jr. as crooner de jour. In the slow groovy "Baby's Got Sauce," G. Love portrays the man that every woman dreams of: "I'll always stop by, if you like me, too. I'll do anything that you could ever want for me to do. A kiss for some of this. A smile and it's done."

He shares it with a little apprehension: "Please don't tell my friends about the situation. They think I'm on some extended vacation. I don't get out to see my boys anymore. Only time I leave the house is to go to the store for what she wants."

In the Beck-like rap "Cold Beverage" G. Love sings the praises of A&W root beer floats, lemonade, Sprite and Kool-Aid.

By far, the most revealing track is "Blues Music" where they offer a quickie lesson into the mind of G. Love and Special Sauce: "Me and my band all must agree we like to get groovy with the sounds of the old time... Going way back from where the music really started."

The music is so eclectic on this record that radio stations and MTV, unfortunately, probably won't pick up on it. Nonetheless, this is one of the best albums to be released so far this year.

— Christina Fuoco

Ain't Enough Comin' In — Otis Rush



Outside of, perhaps, Buddy Guy, there is no more revered a torchbearer of the classic Chicago blues tradition than the estimable Otis Rush. His Mercury Records debut, in addition to being the first studio album he's released stateside in 16 years, stands as near equal to his legendary Cobra and later Delmark recordings, which is to say that, at 60, he's just as impressive as he was nearly 40 years ago.

From the opening guitar lines of Albert King's "Don't Burn Down the Bridge," it's obvious that Otis Rush came here to make a few points. That legendary guitar playing prowess has only improved to the point of being unbelievably brilliant over the years. Vocally, he's kept pace.

Unlike his Chicago brethren, Rush has always been known as both one of the finest guitarists to ever strike a note and as one of the classic vocalists of all time. The fact that he sounds so sharp here comes as no surprise.

See OTIS, 10A

Bloodline: It's all in the genes

Any band whose members are children of classic rock legends is bound to get a lot of attention. But Bloodline is hoping to rest on their laurels with the release of their self-titled debut CD.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Bloodline is a marketing person's dream. Comprised of the offspring of musicians Berry Oakley, Miles Davis and Robbie

Krieger, it sounds like one of those bands created by money- and publicity-hungry producers.

But there's nothing contrived about Bloodline, said Berry Oakley Jr., the band's lead singer/bassist and son of the late Allman Brothers bass player.

He and guitarist Waylon Krieger, son of the Doors' Robbie Krieger, are childhood friends who founded Bloodline with 17-year-old guitar ace "Smokin' Joe" Bonamassa after they met at a show. Drummer Erin Davis, the 23-year-old son of jazz legend Miles Davis, was brought into the band by original Bloodline singer Aaron Hagar, whose dad Sammy is Van Halen's lead singer. The band is rounded out by keyboardist Lou Segreti, 40.

"I grew up mostly around Waylon's house," said Oakley about his long-time friendship with Krieger. "We just kind of learned to play together."

Since forming three years ago, Bloodline has been touring while working on a record deal and building a following. With the novelty of their family history behind them, Bloodline is hoping to prove that they're a genuine talent. The band's self-titled debut album was released on EMI Records last week.

"We took three years to get ready for it; we're happy with what came out," Oakley said. "All of us are really different. We're into really wacky stuff. A lot of us are into the hardcore blues... there's a lot of diversity."

Influences show

The band members' wide range of musical influences is reflected on their CD, which was produced by Joe Hardy (ZZ Top, Steve Earle, Jeff Healey). Oakley's growling, bluesy voice possesses a hint of Jim Morrison. Bonamassa — who has opened for B.B. King, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker, Danny Gatton and Robert Cray — seems to have



In the blood: Partially comprised of sons of pop and jazz legends, Bloodline includes Waylon Krieger, Erin Davis, Smokin' Joe Bonamassa, Lou Segreti and Berry Oakley Jr.

patterned his style after late guitar great Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Their music — a mix of Southern rock, funk and straight-ahead rock'n'roll — isn't what is topping the charts now but Oakley said he's still optimistic about Bloodline's success.

"It's not the type of music that's out there today. If it's not alternative or pop nobody wants to hear it," said the 21-year-old Oakley.

It's only natural that Oakley and the 20-year-old Krieger bring a bit of their fathers' legacies into Bloodline. Oakley's father was killed in a motorcycle accident before he was born. Having formerly been married to Doors drummer John Densmore, Oakley's mother and ex-Doors guitarist Robbie Krieger remained close friends.

As a consequence, Oakley and Waylon Krieger were "thrown together" by their parents from an early age. When the duo was in their teens, Robbie Krieger invited them to play in and eventually tour with his band. Oakley assumed lead vocals during Doors tunes like "Love Me Two Times." It was there that he picked up on the Jim Morrison

influence — and imitation.

"I got to fake being Jim Morrison. After two years, I had it down," he said. "Actually, one time at a club in New York City people were calling me Jim. I was really into it. It was my mistake... wearing all black."

Sometimes, he admitted, he prompted the comments — "We'd walk around and tell people that Jim is alive... weird stuff like that."

Regardless, it proved to be a "good lesson in life. I got to see a lot in that two years."

Impressive performance

One person they saw was Bonamassa; then about 15 years old, playing at a Leon Fender tribute concert. Already a seven-year veteran of the blues scene, Bonamassa impressed Waylon and Krieger.

"My father had a band. What I would do is sit in with his band and basically took it from there," Bonamassa said. "One thing lead to another."

Although a few magazines have lauded him as "the next Stevie Ray Vaughan," Bonamassa said he takes

all the attention in stride.

"I just didn't expect it," Bonamassa said about the attention. "It just came out of nowhere. I take it for what it is."

The Utica, N.Y., native doesn't regret giving up his school years for the attention.

"Hey, you got to take success when you can get it. Lucky is the person whoever gets the opportunity to be in the position where I am now. I put those things aside. This is my time."

Oakley said he realizes that a lot of people come out just to get a peek at the music legends' kids.

"It goes both ways. You get a lot of people who are just hecklers, and scream 'Play 'Whipping Post' throughout the whole set," he said. "We also get a lot of really cool people who come out because they're curious. We're a real Southern rock/blues type of band. We turn them into Bloodline fans."

Bloodline plays The Ritz, 17580 Frazho, Roseville, at 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (810) 778-6404.

Clusterfunk strong on 'Starin'

BY MATTHEW DELEZENNE
SPECIAL WRITER

The play on words from which General Clusterfunk derives its name is indicative of the spirit of the band's debut CD "Starin' Straight at the Sun." A sense of spontaneity, sadly lacking in so many bands, flows throughout the 14-song effort. Even the ballad "In My Heart," dedicated to the memory of guitar legend Stevie Ray Vaughan, sounds as if it were written on the day he died.

General Clusterfunk could be described as a Motown version of the Red Hot Chili Peppers — with fewer tattoos and more soul. In fact, Chili Pepper drummer and former Birmingham resident Chad Smith played some of the drums on the disc.

"Chad just did it out of the kindness of his heart 'cuz (guitarist Russ Epher) has known him forever," said

singer Joey Bowen of Smith, the ex-drummer for Detroit's Toby Redd.

Musically, General Clusterfunk simply has no weak points. Epher and Bowen, along with guitarist Jason Van Doorn, are backed up by drummer Mark Anderson and bassist Tom Wilber. Bowen also plays harmonica and keyboards.

Blending R&B, blues and rock into an electric funk, "Starin' Straight at the Sun" is the perfect soundtrack for a mid-summer's night bash.

The disc kicks off with "Never Goin' Back," an in-your-face rock'n'roller which decries substance abuse in no uncertain terms. Consciousness of societal decay can be found in the funky groove of "Fire in the House" while the previously mentioned "In My Heart" demonstrates a sensitivity in the band.

The overall message, however, is

clearly defined in such tunes as "Celebrate Good Lovin'," "Sweet Thing," "Live" and the title track. The music is blue-eyed-party funk at its finest.

Lyrically, General Clusterfunk isn't exactly the Leonard Cohen of rock, but, then again, one doesn't go to a party to ponder the future of democracy.

The band was formed in June 1993 when Bowen and Epher began writing songs together. They asked Wilber, a former handmate of Bowen's, to play bass on an informal 8-track recording they were doing and ended up with Chili Pepper Smith laying down the drum tracks.

"So it was like we were just writing songs," Bowen said. "We'd not even thought about the band thing."

See CLUSTERFUNK, 10A

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LENNY KRAVITZ
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RED TREE
Ortiz's Gym, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac (rock) (810) 334-8292

See IN CONCERT, 10A

Clusterfunk from page 9A

All five members of the finished group had known each other through previous projects, including such well-known area acts as DO Drive, Skeleton Crew and Bitterweet Alley. But General Clusterfunk doesn't want to be known for "what was," they're too busy working on what could be.

Bowen thinks it's just "classier" for the band to stand or fall on its own merits.

"Mark is a great drummer," Bowen said with his seemingly endless enthusiasm, "with two great guitarists and a funky bass player it just fit the bill. It's perfect!"

After completing the songwrit-

ing and recording, the daunting task of distributing and marketing the disc was turned over to band manager Chris Smith.

Getting established as a "live" act can be just as frustrating as the "radio wars." Detroit's concert club scene has been in a period of slow but steady decline for at least 10 years. Even the best, most accessible acts aren't able to draw crowds the way they used to, and clubs are going out of business faster than new ones are opening.

"Most places will put the band in there to make the cash register jingle," Smith said. "They don't

wanna build up to where there might be a following of local music. They're in the beer business, we're in the music business."

The music business has been pretty good to General Clusterfunk, all things considered. Within the first six months after its formation one of the band's songs, "In Your Mouth," was selected as "Ward Cleaver's Wuzzy Whippin' Meat Grinder Pick of the Week" on the nationally syndicated radio station Z-Rock (102.7 FM). They then won the "Michigan's Best Band" competition and spent December, 1993 opening Ted Nugent's Whiplash Bash shows in

Michigan and Ohio.

This year General Clusterfunk has been concentrating on "shopping" their CD to major labels and putting their show on the road.

And who knows what the future holds?

General Clusterfunk plays the Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 1-3. Call (810) 693-6789 for more information. They also perform Sept. 10 at The Ritz, 17680 Fraxho, Roseville, (810) 778-6404; Sept. 22-Sept. 24 at the Avon Bar, 3992 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, (810) 852-2707.

Otis from page 9A

With the rediscovery of Bonito Ritt and Buddy Guy, the blues received its biggest booster shot in many years. Certainly, that has opened the door for Rush to finally step into the spotlight that he so surely deserves. This is not an album that will do; this is the one that he's had bottled up inside for years.

His takes on Percy Mayfield's "My Jug and I," and Ray Charles' "A Fool for You" show off the best blues chops recorded in the past couple of years. His reprise of "Homework," here credited to Dave Clark and Al Perkins, but traditionally called his own, is nearly as good as the version he

cut 30 years ago. His versions of Sam Cooke's "Ain't That Good News" and "Somebody Have Mercy," rousing gospel-flavored cuts, shows a diversity that wasn't so conspicuous in his early days.

The same praise is appropriately applicable to every song, to every note on this masterpiece. Rush is one of the reasons a lot of blues fans started paying attention in the first place. The fact that he's back with such a gem after all these years is an aural lollipop that we'll savor for many years to come.

—Mark F. Gallo

In concert from page 9A

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Sunday, Sept. 4

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Michigan State Fair, 1120 State Fair at Woodward Avenue, Detroit (country) (313) 369-8250

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With The Skeletons at The Falcon Club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck (hard edged ska) (313) 368-6010

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With Little Mac Collins at Attic Bar, 11667 Jos Campau, Hamtramck (blues) (313) 365-4194

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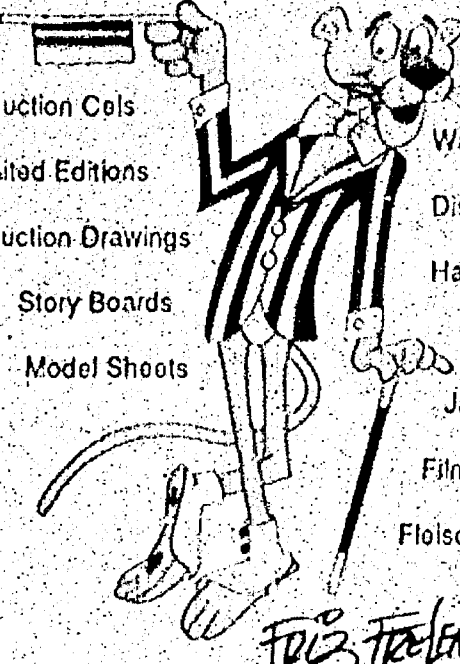
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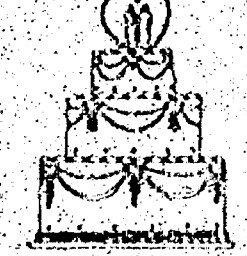
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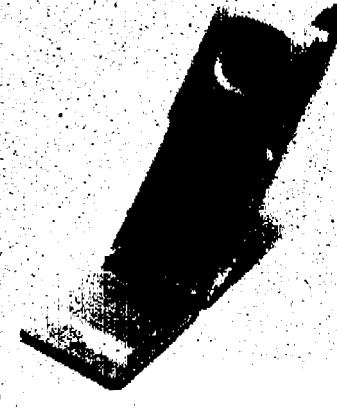
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Schoolcraft board ends independent study program

BY RALPH H. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College officials ended a program of weekend, independent study last Wednesday despite the entreaties of 26 supporters who tried in vain to sway trustees.

The Academic Options program, said board Chairman Steve Ragan, "simply was not working. By every standard we used to look at it, there were real problems with the program."

Academic Options students (27 were enrolled last winter) attended class 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday during fall and winter semesters.

Each student could take up to 12 credit hours of instruction in any discipline Schoolcraft offers. Most of the students are women in their 30s. Most of them are part-time students, averaging about 6.5 credit hours each last winter.

Since its inception in 1976, Academic Options has attracted 278 students and produced 90 graduates. Ragan cites these numbers as indicative of poor performance.

"I have a hard time considering that a success," he said.

Yet last Wednesday 26 people, mostly Academic Options students, packed the small meeting room at Schoolcraft to defend their program.

"If student enrollment is the only criteria, then we could fill up U-M stadium with bodies, turn on the TV monitors and say, 'Our numbers are terrific. Look how many people we've enrolled,'" said AO student Shirley Wold.

Rosemary Doyle, a 1978 Schoolcraft graduate, said the multidisciplinary approach, independent study nature, and emphasis on teamwork in Academic Options produce self-confident graduates capable of excelling in their chosen fields.

"What the work force seems to be demanding is the kind of people who can complete an Academic Options program," she said. "We need to look at ways to enhance this kind of learning. Schoolcraft ought to be very, very proud that they have this."

Schoolcraft English teacher Dick Gordon also spoke in support of the program. "Every so often I get a (very good) 4.0 student who can go nowhere at Schoolcraft," he said. "When I find such a student, I send them to (Academic Options) because there's no place else to go."

The Academic Options teacher, Suzanne Kaplan, who did not attend the meeting, said the Schoolcraft administrators have a "personal vendetta" against her and deliberately kept Academic Options enrollment low by not publicizing the program or adding a second instructor.

"There's kind of a Catch-22 there," she said. "First they make it small, then they say it's too small."

The board voted unanimously to end Academic Options when it approved the new labor contract for teachers.

Trustee John Walsh said administrators made a good case in a closed session of the board for the demise of Academic Options.

"It just wasn't generating enough enrollment," Walsh said. "I did not see evidence of a personal vendetta (against Kaplan) in the administration's presentation. I'm comfortable that they were acting in a professional manner."

Ragan said the students' comments were appreciated and "will have a long-term effect on what we do with independent study."

Schoolcraft College trustees unanimously approved a four-year contract with the 128-member faculty union Aug. 24.

Teachers ratified the contract earlier in the week 89-33.

"Is it a great contract? No," said Ron Rogowski, the chief negotiator for the Schoolcraft College Faculty Forum. "(But) it's one we can live with."

The teachers will get a 3.5-percent wage increase in each year of the contract. This compares to raises of 5.9 percent, 5 percent and 4.6 percent in their last contract.

In contrast, teachers at Oakland Community College got 5 percent a year for three years in their last contract, which expires next year.

The four-year length of the contract is somewhat unusual; most are for three years. "It's good that it's four years," said trustee John Walsh. "That definitely breeds stability for the college and the union."

Rogowski said a four-year contract is "a risky thing for both sides" because "You never know what the cost of living will be or what the governor will do."

Teachers made a concession on health insurance. The new contract says teachers must pay a portion of any increase in health insurance cost above 6 percent in the fourth year of the contract.

College faculty union gets 4-year contract

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CHEF LARRY JANES

Momma shares secrets for delectable biscuits

Many thanks to all of you who leave questions and comments on my voice mail. Your calls keep me on my toes, and each week I find myself digging through my cookbook collection looking for answers to your questions.

Every now and then, I get questions about "Momma." She hasn't been mentioned much this summer. For the curious, Momma's doing just fine, and has been on a bingo kick lately. As a matter of fact, she has been pretty lucky playing at an obscure hall somewhere in Flat Rock.

Last week, on one of my visits, Momma was pulling a batch of her famed bran muffins from her oven. Momma says, they're "guaranteed to start movin' your system," Momma never was much of a baker, and her claim to fame for the bran muffins comes right from the box of Nabisco All Bran cereal.

Buttermilk biscuits

Every now and then, sometimes with the help of a box of Jiffy mix, a batch of blueberry muffins would grace the breakfast table. But what we kids really remember and crave, especially with the abundance of fresh summer fruits, was her famed biscuits.

The ingredients for Momma's delicious buttermilk biscuits were not measured with measuring cups and spoons. Momma scooped the flour with her hand, and sprinkled in just the right amount of baking powder. She rolled out the dough, and cut out the biscuits with a Detroit Lions glass she got about 20 years ago at a gas station. The glass holds a revered place in the top kitchen cabinet, out of reach of the grandkids' careless arms. It is used just for cutting out rolled biscuit dough.

When I asked Momma if she had any great secrets she wished to share, she smiled, took a long swig of her microwaved coffee and thought for a few seconds.

Her first secret for delectable biscuits is that after you work the fat into the flour, you need to move quickly because too much handling makes a tough product.

Momma claims that the first pair of biscuits is "always the best," based simply on the fact that they are the first rolled, cut, and baked biscuits, and the dough hasn't been handled twice, cut twice and rolled twice. Little does Momma realize that she took those words right out of Pillsbury's mouth. In their "The Complete Book of Baking," (copyright 1993, Viking, \$25.00), the folks at Pillsbury say that baking soda and baking powder begin to interact immediately with liquids and that any product with baking soda and/or powder should be baked immediately for optimum results.

Momma then went on to say that was the only real "secret" to her best biscuits and muffins. Having made biscuits and muffins that never had the lightness and great taste of Momma's, I knew there had to be more information than what she was offering.

I asked when she was leaving for her next bingo session, and when the response was "not until tonight," I walked to the sink and found the big crockery bowl that is a staple in the kitchen of everyone over the age of 75. Then I culled the necessary ingredients from her pantry cabinet for a "hand's on" personal demonstration.

Her recipe was simple enough: flour, salt, baking powder, Crisco and milk. Momma sifted the dry ingredients with a wire mesh strainer (not unlike the battery-operated sifter I use). As mentioned earlier, she uses her fingers to mash in the shortening, similar, I assume, to that stainless pastry cutter I use.

Secret revealed

She scoffed when I mentioned using a food processor to mix the ingredients. But what was this next step? She reached into the freezer for the quart of milk. "How did that get in there?" I asked. "When you were on your hands and knees searching for the bowl, I put the milk in the freezer to get it good and chilled," she responded. Ah ha! Secret number two revealed: the colder the liquid, the better the biscuit.

She also scoffed when I asked if skin or low fat milk could be used. She scraped the sides of the bowl with a wooden spoon for 30 seconds, plucked the mixture onto the lightly floured table. Could her secret to the best biscuits be her old Formica covered table? I use a solid maple pastry board. She kneaded the dough just for a minute, then made four quick swipes with the rolling pin, reached for her Detroit Lions glass, and cut out a baker's dozen of biscuits, leaving just a tad of dough that she claimed "wasn't worth playing with."

She placed the biscuits on an ungreased cookie sheet and into the preheated 450 degree oven. About 12 minutes later, Dad grabbed the margarine and joined us. The three of us ate nine biscuits, I left two, and ate two in the car on the way home.

I don't know: I went home and did exactly what she did and mine couldn't even begin to compare. Anyone know where I can pick up a 20 year old Detroit Lions glass?

See Larry Janes' family tested recipes inside. To leave a message for Chef Larry, dial 953.2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1846.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week

- Labor Day salute to traditional family meals.
- Discover Provence and its wines.



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Making lunch: Debbie Bryening (left) watches as her twin daughters, Ashley and Trisha, pack a nutritious lunch for school.

Pack school lunches your kids will eat

Back-to-school bells will soon be ringing. It's time to get ready for the morning rush, and brown bag lunch brigade. Moms share tips for packing good, wholesome foods that won't be tossed in the garbage can.

by SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY

While many parents are elated about having their children return to school, some are worried about what they'll eat for lunch.

"I'm not always sure that my kids eat well when they buy their lunches at school, so most of the time I make them at home," said Cindy Cares, a Southfield mother of three. "Although I pack some nutritious things that the kids like, I still have no guarantee that they'll eat them."

Cares, a youth services librarian at the Southfield Public Library, has experienced school lunches from two sides. One as the mother of Steven, 16, Katherine, 13, and Jonathan, 11, and also as a former lunchroom supervisor for Birmingham Public Schools.

"As a 'lunch lady,' I learned real fast what kids eat and what they throw away. Unfortunately, most don't eat fruit and vegetables."

She added parents would be shocked at the amount of food kids throw away. "It makes no difference if lunches are brought from home or bought at school. There is a great deal of waste."

According to Cares, the waste is a result of visually unappealing or "boring" food, too little time for younger kids to eat, and too much food - especially when

it comes to home-packed lunches.

"Boring food was the excuse 13-year-old Kim Hack of Troy gave her mother, Margaret for why she didn't like lunches from home. Margaret got creative.

"When Kim first started school, I would just throw together lunches without putting much thought into them," Hack said. "Sometimes, I'd put in leftovers, but most of the time I'd make the same lunch meat sandwiches and use the same fruit, day in and day out."

She added that, over the years, and with input from her daughter, she added variety by making sandwiches on bagels or in pita bread. She also made healthier lunches by including more vegetables and her own no-fat vegetable dip. Kim, a Smith Middle School student, buys lunch at school more often now.

"It's a peer pressure thing. It's uncool to bring lunch from home," Hack said.

"When Kim first started buying lunch at school, I worried she would make poor food choices, especially with all the junk food vending machines. But she seems to do OK. Also, I am reassured because school officials are attempting to improve the quality and nutritional level of the foods served in schools. (See related story)

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Challah is crown jewel of Jewish New Year

Holiday breads: Dena Sanders of Zeman's Bakery with a tray of freshly baked challah. Besides shaping these cake-like breads in unique ways, extra honey and white raisins are often added.



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BY ANNE LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

Of all the special foods which grace the Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year) table, there is none more common yet distinctive than the traditional loaf of egg bread known as challah. Its familiarity stems from it being a year-round favorite, served weekly as part of the special Sabbath meals. It is especially unique during the High Holidays, because the traditional twisted shape gives way to rounded loaves, many of which are laced with extra honey and white raisins.

Most people view the rounded loaves as a symbol of the cyclical nature of life. But according to Rabbi Elmelech Silberberg of Sarah Tugman Bus-Chatel Torah Center in West Bloomfield, "There are many themes to Rosh Hashana. The primary theme, however, is that it is coronation day when Jewish people resolve to accept G-d as the sovereign ruler of the universe. The round shaped challahs are reminiscent of the crown of royalty."

Although the rounded challah is most commonly known and used, there are those who shape the loaves in unusual ways to recall the significance of the holiday. Some fashion their dough in the

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Debbie Bruening of Plymouth Township has observed firsthand the nutritional improvements in her district's school lunch program.

"The mother of five girls, including 8-year-old twins, Frisha and Ashley, she has been making or buying school lunches ever since her 24-year-old daughter, Dawn, was in elementary school.

"Over the years, lunches served at school seem to have improved," said Bruening. "They're healthier and more appealing, although they still have some high-fat items like pizza and tacos. I occasionally let the girls buy these popular foods at school, but at home and in the lunches I make, they have low-fat and healthy foods."

Bruening said she didn't think of the nutritional value when preparing lunches for her older girls, including Anji, 21 and Candie, 19. She just wanted them to eat.

"When I made lunches 15 years ago, I'd throw in some cookies, a candy bar, some potato chips and lunch meat sandwiches with margarine and mayonnaise."

Bruening said newly available nutritional information, and her husband's heart attack a few

years ago made her more conscious of what she feeds her family.

"Now I add more fruit and vegetables to the girls' lunches, and I have replaced bags of potato chips with pretzels, which have less fat," she said.

"To make things interesting and nutritious, she cuts sandwiches with cookie cutters, cuts oranges into wedges she labels smiles, and adds vegetable dips or salad dressing for carrot and green pepper sticks.

She often replaces sandwiches with banana nut bread (minus the nuts) and yogurt. She said her girls' Plymouth elementary school offers students a fruit break in the morning, and encourages youngsters to bring fresh, not processed fruit.

Giving their children the "proper fuel" to concentrate and achieve in school is the goal of all mothers. Another goal, Cares said, is to teach children to make good food choices.

Cares gives her kids nutritional and health information so they can make better food choices. She has taught them the importance of reading food labels.

Back-to-school treats have lunch box appeal

See related story on Taste front.

NO FAT VEGETABLE DIP

1 cup no-fat sour cream
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
1/2 teaspoon (or to taste) garlic powder
1 teaspoon Beau Monde sea-sorrel (in the spice section of your favorite grocery store). Brand name is Spico Islands)

Mix ingredients together. Refrigerate for one hour. Serve with cut vegetables.

Recipe submitted by Margaret Huck

APPLE PIE SQUARE

Crust: 1 cup shortening
2 1/2 cups flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg yolk (save egg white to brush on top of apple pie squares) add milk to egg yolk to make 2/3 cup liquid

Filling: 10 to 12 sliced and peeled apples

1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup corn flakes crumbs
To make crust: combine flour, sugar and salt. Cut in shortening. Slowly add liquid and mix until ingredients are moistened and dough almost cleans side of bowl. Gather in a ball, then roll 1/4 of dough to the size of a 10 by 15-inch cookie sheet (jelly roll pan). Place on cookie sheet and cover with filling.

To make filling: Mix apples, sugar and cinnamon together and spread on crust. Sprinkle corn flake crumbs on apples.

Roll out remaining 1/4 of dough to fit cookie sheet. Place on top of apple filling. Pinch bottom and top crusts together to seal. Beat egg white until stiff and spread on crust.

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes, then at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

To make icing: Mix 1 cup powdered sugar with 1 tablespoon milk. Drizzle on top of Apple Pie Square

while it's hot. Let pie square cool before serving.

Recipe submitted by Cindy Cares

BANANA NUT BREAD

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
3/4 cup milk
1 egg
1 cup (2-3 medium) mashed ripe bananas
1 cup finely chopped nuts

Mix ingredients together and beat for 1/2 minute on medium, scraping sides of bowl. Pour into a greased, floured loaf pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick stuck in center comes out clean.

Cooking tip: If your kids don't like nuts, leave them out or use walnut halves which can be easily picked out of bread.

Recipe submitted by Debbie Bruening

Challah makes a New Year treat

See related story on Taste front.

BASIC CHALLAH

2 packages dry yeast
2 1/2 cups warm water
1/2 cup honey
1 tablespoon salt
1/4 cup oil
4 eggs
9 cups flour
Glaze:
1 egg yolk, beaten
1 teaspoon water
Poppy seeds

Dissolve yeast in water in a large bowl. Add honey and let stand 2 minutes until yeast foams. Add salt, oil and eggs and mix well.

Gradually add flour, 2 cups at a time, mixing after each addition. As mixture gets stiff, use floured hands and begin kneading. Knead for 7 minutes, turning dough over often.

Let rise in greased bowl until doubled in size, approximately 1 hour. Punch down dough.

Divide dough into thirds, shape as desired, and place in greased pans or on baking sheet. Let rise again until doubled in size.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Brush with glaze. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until brown. Remove from pans and cool on racks. Yield 3 loaves.

Challah from page 1B

shape of a ladder or bird. The ladder expresses the understanding of what the holiday is really about, according to "Rosh Hashana Laws and Customs, An Abridged Version of The New Rosh Hashana Anthology," by Rabbi Aaron Levine. "On Rosh Hashana G-d will decide who will ascend the ladder of success and who shall descend that ladder to less success," he said.

Additionally, the bird shaped loaf illustrates the wish that our prayers, like a bird, will soar heavenward and be heard. Besides shaping these cake-like breads in unique ways, extra honey and white raisins are often added, illustrating the hope for a sweet and blessed year.

Rosh Hashana is celebrated for 10 days beginning at sunset on Monday, Sept. 5, and ending with Yom Kippur services on Thursday, Sept. 15.

"The challah produced at this time of year is special," said Dena Sanders of Zeman's Bakery. Throughout the year the kosher bake shop at 25258 Greenfield,

sells 1,000 loaves of challah per week. But before the holidays, according to Sanders, the ovens are going around the clock in order to provide the 4,000 loaves sold per day.

"For weeks ahead, people come from all over the state, and from as far away as Ohio, to buy our challahs. It's one time of year that people put their freezers to good use," she said.

Still, there are many people who especially at this time of year, choose to bake their own challah. According to Marge Burstyn of Southfield, baking challah is her way of starting off the year with a mitzvah, "a good or praiseworthy deed."

For Burstyn, the mother of five, making challah is a family activity. "Everyone takes part in some aspect of making the challah whether it's kneading, rolling or shaping the dough," she said. "But the best part is sitting at the Rosh Hashana table where we share blessings and enjoy eating what we all baked together."

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The Love To Outlast

Legislators proposing food program changes

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Parents aren't the only ones concerned about proper nutrition for school children. There are a number of others who take school food programs seriously.

Among the concerned are U.S. senators and congressmen and women, who periodically review and amend the national School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (both foundations of school lunch, breakfast and milk programs). Currently there are three proposed bills (two in the House and one in the Senate) to amend these laws.

The goals of the proposed amendments include:

- To assist schools in offering greater quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables under the school lunch program;
- To extend the school breakfast program;

- To further promote healthy eating for children;

- To reduce fat and saturated fat and to assure compliance for fat, fiber, sodium and other guidelines;

- To establish more stringent rules to minimize the sale of junk food on school campuses.

The reason for the changes, according to the Federal Register, is that the U.S. Department of Agriculture studies consistently shows that children's diets, including meals served in schools, do not conform to dietary guidelines established by the USDA and the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

"While lawmakers and the Federal government are charged with making and reviewing the Dietary Guidelines, it's up to the states to see that school districts follow the recommendations," said Susan Anderson, supervisor, Child Nu-

trition Program, Michigan Department of Education.

Anderson said that her office yearly reviews at least a quarter of the state's school districts to assure that their breakfast and lunch programs meet federal guidelines.

"In addition, we hold training sessions for staff members of all the state's schools to help them plan and prepare healthy and nutritious food programs."

How's your school district doing? Are you happy with the quality of your child's school lunch program? Let us know. After the school year begins, we'll feature schools which are doing an outstanding job serving tasty and nutritious lunches. Send school lunch menus and lunch program recommendations to Keely Wygonik: Taste Editor, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150. Or call 1-313-953-2105.

Sandwich, snacks so good kids will gobble them up

Recipes from Roxolana Karane, a dietitian with the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

CHICKEN-IN-A-POCKET SANDWICH

- 2 ounces Neufchatel cheese, cut into chunks
- 1 green pepper, seeded and diced
- 4 to 5 green onions, diced, including green tops
- 2 to 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
- 12 ounces cooked, skinless, boneless chicken breast, diced
- 2 tablespoons reduced-calorie ranch dressing
- 2 rounds of pita bread, cut in halves crosswise to form 4 pocket sandwiches
- 1 cup shredded lettuce or spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup alfalfa sprouts
- 1 to 2 carrots, finely shredded
- 1 ounce cheddar cheese, shredded

In a 1-quart microwave-safe dish, combine Neufchatel cheese, green pepper, green onions, celery and garlic powder. Microwave on low just until cheese softens, about 1 minute. If you don't have a microwave, heat in the top of a gently simmering double boiler until cheese softens.

Stir cooked chicken and ranch dressing into microwave dish or double boiler. In microwave oven, cook on low 1 more minute. In dou-

ble boiler, stir and cook until heated through, about 3 or 4 minutes. Cool.

Line each pita half with 1/4 of the shredded lettuce or spinach and sprouts. Add 1/4 of the chicken mixture to each. Sprinkle each sandwich with 1/4 of the shredded carrots and cheddar cheese. Yield 4 sandwiches.

Calories 295, fat 10 g, sodium 327 mg.

GRANOLA BARS

- Vegetable or cooking spray
- 3 1/2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup dry apricots, chopped
- 1/4 cup nuts, shelled, chopped
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 16 by 10-inch jelly roll pan with vegetable cooking spray. Place oats on jelly roll pan. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove from oven and set aside on rack to cool.

In a large bowl, combine baked oats, raisins, apricots and nuts; mix well. In a separate medium bowl, place egg whites and beat slightly. Add margarine, brown sugar, honey and vanilla. Add egg mixture to oats mixture and mix well.

Firmly press oats mixture into prepared jelly roll pan. Bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and set

aside to cool. When completely cooled, cut into bars or break into pieces. Store bars in a tightly covered container in a cool, dry place or refrigerator. Yield 30 bars.

Calories 94, fat 3 g, sodium 68 mg. Thirty percent of calories from fat.

PRALINE POPCORN

- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 1/4 cup pecan halves
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons reduced-calorie maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

In large bowl combine popcorn and pecan halves.

In 1-quart microwave-safe bowl, combine brown sugar, oil and maple syrup. Microwave on high for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until mixture comes to a boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in vanilla.

Quickly pour syrup over popcorn mixture; toss until evenly coated.

Transfer half of mixture to 12 by 8-inch (2-quart) microwave-safe dish sprayed with vegetable cooking spray. Microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes or until popcorn is evenly coated and glazed, stirring every minute. Popcorn will become crisp as it cools. Using same dish, repeat with remaining popcorn mixture. Store in tightly covered container. Yield: 11 cups.

Calories 110, fat 2 g, sodium 11 mg. percent of calories from fat 16 percent.

Healthy lunch

Dietitian offers tips to moms

Moms want to pack healthy foods. Kids want to eat junk food. But what's at stake is more than just lunch — it's a lifetime of eating patterns.

"Even though kids want candy and pop for lunch, it's important that they eat a balanced diet to help with their rapid growth and development," said Roxolana Karane, a dietitian with the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

"Good eating habits start in childhood. That's why it's important for parents to find nutritious and delicious foods that kids will eat."

One of the best ways to get kids to buy into a healthier lunch program, according to Karane, is to include them in the selection and preparation of their school lunches.

For example, offer kids several healthy food choices and allow them to make their final selection. Let them create their own sandwich by offering a choice of skinless turkey, chicken, water-packed tuna or lean roast beef. They can also decide on mustard, ketchup or low-fat mayonnaise and a variety of vegetables like to-

matoes, lettuce or alfalfa sprouts.

- Make the foods more fun and colorful. Pack a variety of colorful raw vegetables cut into fun shapes such as cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, celery with low-fat cream cheese, sliced red and green peppers or other favorite veggies. Include nonfat dressing as a dip.
- Alternate different low-fat

cheese cubes with fresh vegetables. The cheese should contain no more than 2-3 grams of fat per ounce serving.

- Include colorful napkins and plasticware to make lunches more appealing.
- Always use an insulated lunch bag or container to keep cold foods cold.

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New label makes it easy to choose healthy foods



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You don't need a magnifying glass anymore to read the label on a food package. The new "Nutrition Facts" makes it easy. The label includes information about saturated fat, cholesterol, fibers, sugars, calories from fat, and other dietary components that are important to consumers. This new label, intended for ages four and up, quickly tells you how a food item fulfills your nutrition needs.

Health claims on labels have to be based on science and approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Claims like "fat-free," "low," "reduced," or "less," fat now mean the same thing from one product to another. There are strict definitions for these words.

Fat-free means less than 0.5 grams of fat per serving. Low-fat is three grams or less per serving. Reduced or less-fat means there is at least 25 percent less fat per serving. For someone watching their fat grams, the nutrition label can be really helpful.

The new label will also help dieters counting calories. A calorie-free claim has less than five calories per serving while sugar-free is less than 0.5 grams per serving. Other frequent claims are "no added sugar," or "without added sugar." This now means that no sugar or ingredient containing sugars was added during processing or packing.

Foods making claims about increased fiber must also conform to standards. High fiber is five grams or more per serving. More or added fiber has to have at least 2.5 grams more per serving. Fiber is important to aid weight maintenance and helps make you feel full.

The new label contains a new nutritional reference tool called the percent Daily Value that tells whether a food is high or low in a nutrient like fat, sodium or cholesterol. A simple rule of thumb to follow is that if the percent Daily Value is 5 percent or less for a particular nutrient, that food is low in that nutrient. This makes it easy to compare different foods without a calculator.

The new food label is based on 2,000 calories a day, and naturally

not everyone eats this amount. A 2,000 calorie diet is about right for most moderately active women, teenage girls and sedentary men. Many older adults, children and sedentary women need fewer calories. Active men, women or teenage boys need more calories.

The nutrition information label law required that almost all foods carry the new labels after May 8, 1994. Foods that are exempt include plain coffee and tea, some spices, flavorings and foods containing no significant amounts of nutrients, ready-to-eat deli and bakery items prepared on-site, restaurant food, bulk food that is not resold, and food produced by small businesses. Foods in small packages such as Lifesavers are not required to carry the new label.

Voluntary nutrition labeling may be found on some raw meat and poultry products or this information may be on a poster nearby. The food and nutrition information for 20 of the most commonly eaten raw fruits, vegetables, and fish is also available to consumers, but you'll need to ask in some stores.

See Larry James' Taste buds column on Taste front.

MOMMA'S BISCUITS

- 1 3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon double acting baking powder
- 5 tablespoons Crisco
- 3/4 cup well chilled milk

Sift together the dry ingredients. Cut the Crisco in with your fingers until mixture is mealy, for no more than a minute.

Dump in the well chilled milk all at once, stir with a spoon for 30 seconds. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured table and knead for 8-10

seconds. Roll out with a lightly floured rolling pin to about 1/4-inch thick. Cut with a cutter and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Brush tops of biscuits with a little milk. Bake at 450 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until lightly golden. Makes about 20 biscuits.

Momma's Secret: She uses the same dough but adds a tablespoon of sugar when making biscuits for strawberry shortcake.

MOMMA'S BRAN MUFFINS

- 2 cups all bran cereal
- 1 1/4 cups milk

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup margarine (melted)
- 1 egg, beaten

Combine bran and milk. Allow to stand for 5 minutes. Combine next four ingredients; set aside. Mix margarine (melted) and egg into bran mixture. Stir in the flour mixture until just barely blended. Spoon into 12 lightly greased muffin cups and bake at 400 degrees for 18 minutes or until done.

Recipe compliments of Nabisco.

Living on a cheaper diet can lead to a healthier life

Many people believe that changing to a more healthful diet will be expensive.

But according to Brenda L. Thomas, registered dietitian and staff nutritionist for Total cereals, such a diet actually can save you money.

A study by Pennsylvania State University shows that adoptign a low-fat diet can result in cost savings — an average of \$1.10 a day. That's about \$400 per year.

For example, six vanilla wafers, an 8-ounce container of orange juice and a banana cost about 83 cents and contribute 5 grams of fat.

In contrast, a bag of chips and small candy bar cost about \$1.52 and give you 22 grams of fat.

Here are some tips for calorie and cost-cutting:

- Prepare your own tuna sandwiches using water-packed tuna

and light mayonnaise. Buy fruits and vegetables at the grocery store. For example a 22 ounce order of French fries costs about \$1 and has 10 g of fat. A 21 pound bag of carrots costs about 89 cents.

Substitute low cost beans for meat in soups and stews.

Eat lots of foods made with grains including pasta, rice, bread and cereal.

These may battle cancer

While there are no magical anti-cancer foods, a diet low in fat and rich in fiber may provide some protection. Changing one's eating habits to reduce the risk of developing some types of cancer can be fairly easy when following the recommendations of the USDA Food Guide Pyramid, according to The American Dietetic Association.

For example, eating foods that are low in fat and high in fiber,

vitamin A and vitamin C may reduce the risk of some cancers. One of the easiest ways to get enough vitamin C is to eat oranges, grapefruit and other citrus fruits and juices.

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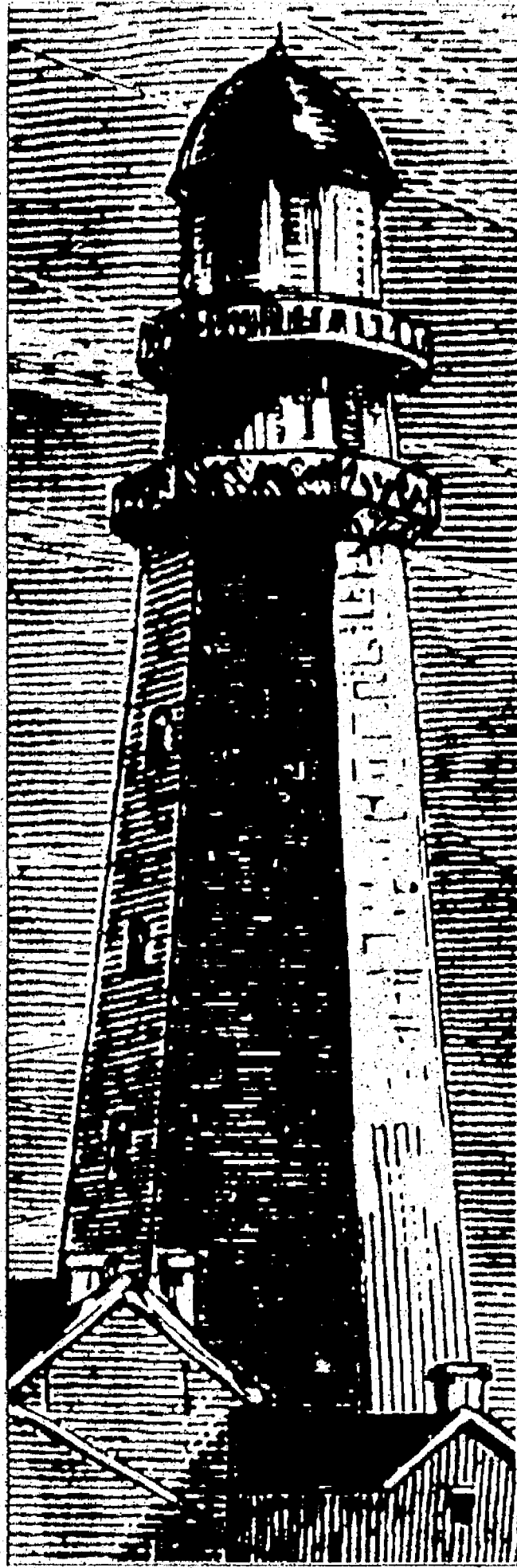
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matoes in juice
 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
 Optional toppings: Shredded lettuce, ripe olive slices, avocado slices, sour cream.
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heat.
 Spoon about ¼ cup filling down center of each tortilla; roll up and place seam side down in lightly greased 13 by 9-inch baking dish. Combine tomatoes, remaining 1 cup picante sauce and remaining ½ teaspoon cumin; mix well. Spoon over enchiladas.
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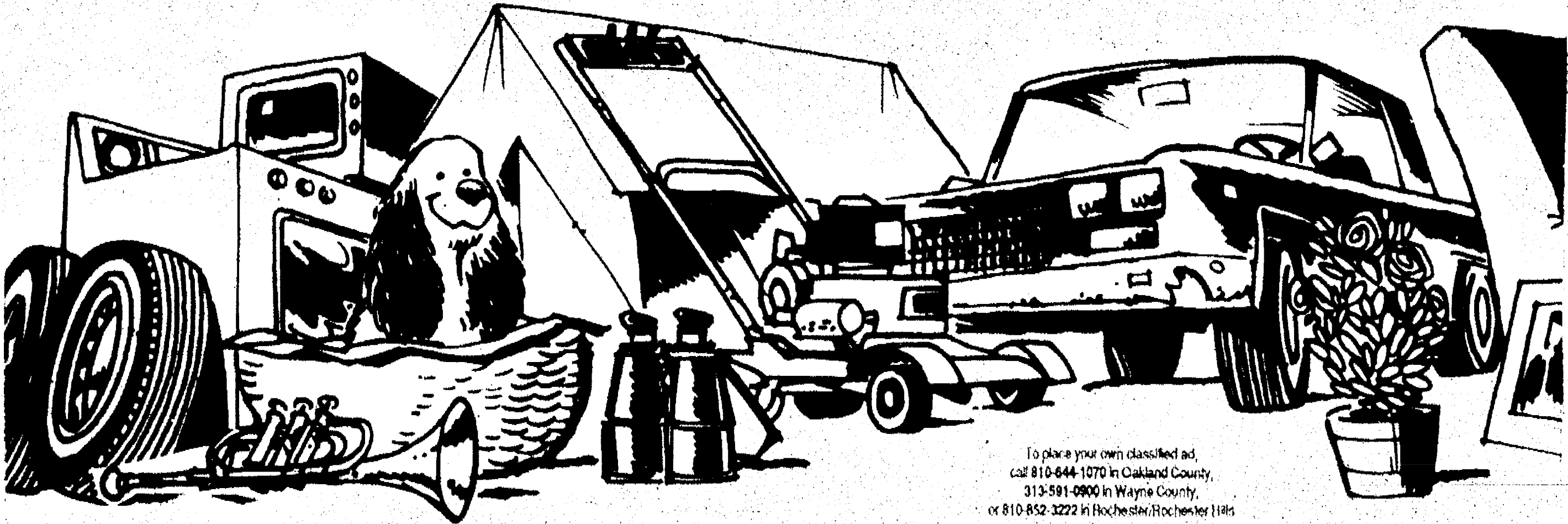
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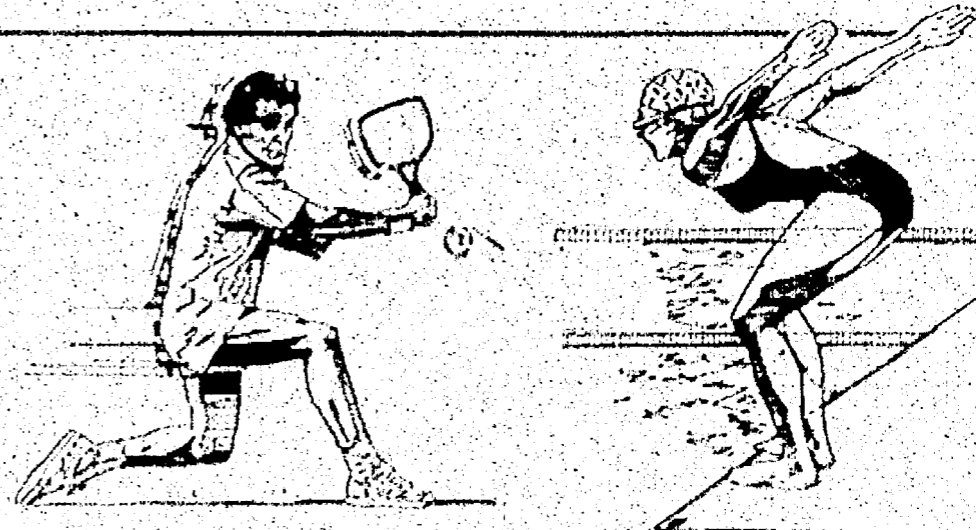
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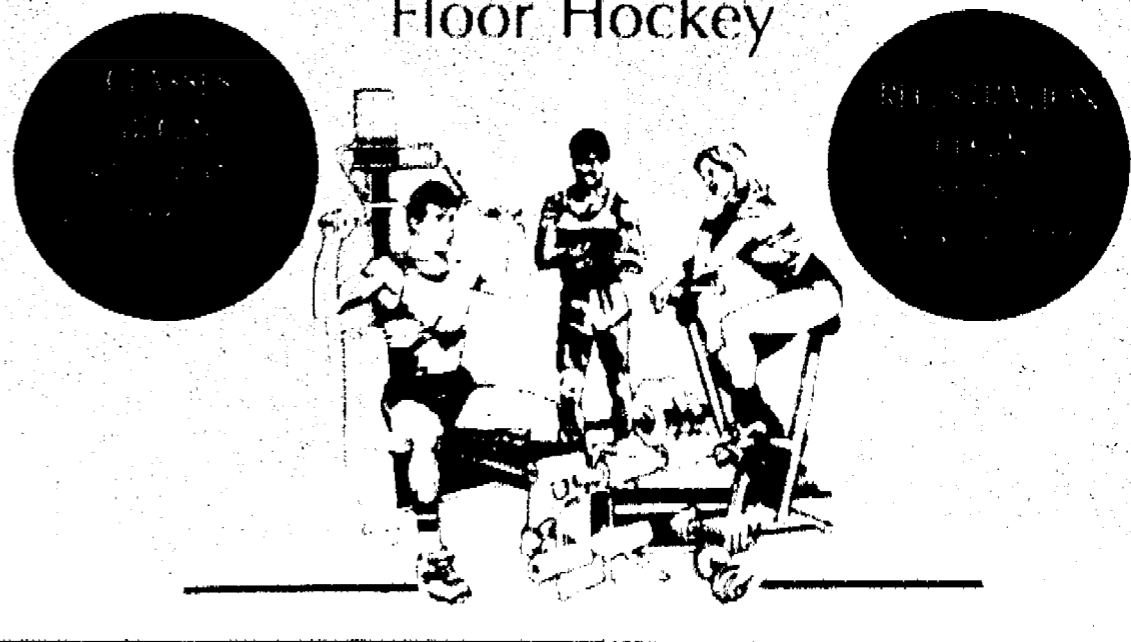
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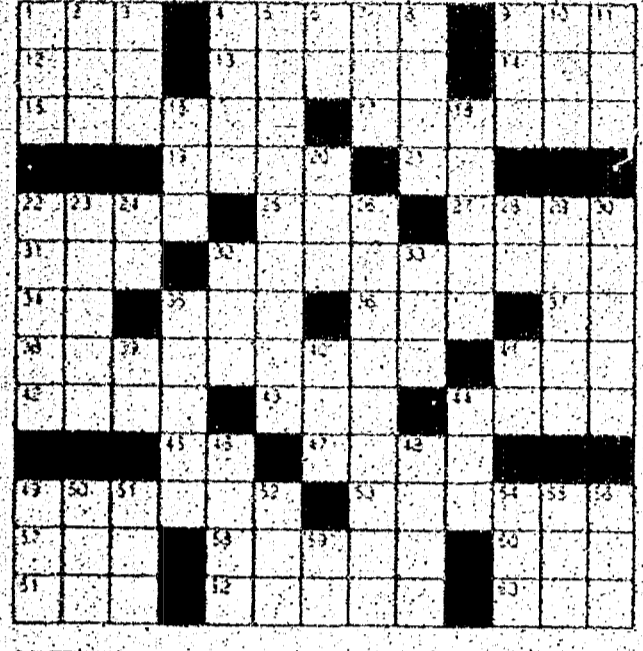
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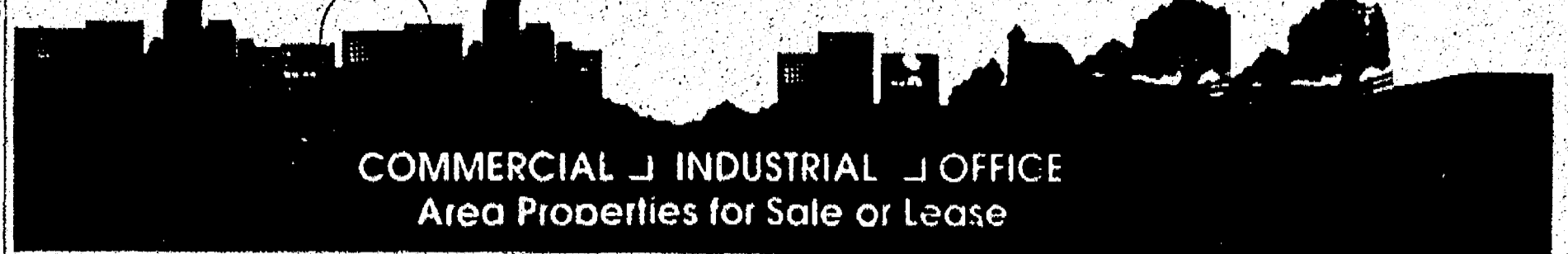
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4. Unlucky
9. Day in
12. Day type
14. Soccer drink
15. Actor
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SAGGIEVEETIDE
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- DOWN
1. Gopher
2. Pigeon
3. Bacteria
4. 1974 (2 wds)
5. Lenses
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7. Sport
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WESTLAND SPORTS SCENE

Livonia cyclist 1st

John Buffington, 41, of Livonia, won the Boston-to-Montreal-to-Boston 760-mile bicycle race (Aug. 18-20) in 57 hours, 12 minutes. Buffington, a store manager at Sports Authority in Livonia, also captured last month's Beat The Boats, a 350-mile race from Port Huron-to-Mackinac (16 hours, 25 minutes).

Crusaders top Alumni

Scott Blanchard nearly got what he wanted. The Madonna University assistant coach nearly upstaged his boss Jerry Abraham Thursday, but his alumni team fell to the Lady Crusaders in five games, 12-15, 8-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-12.

The alumni included NAIA All-Americans and all-stars like Mazie Pilut, along with Tonia Smith, Kari VanDeusen, Elena Oparka, Melissa Mars, Kristy McFadden and Jenny Sladewski.

What made it hard for Blanchard to swallow was that the alums were up 12-6 in the third game. But it was all in fun; now the season starts in earnest.

The fourth-ranked Crusaders travel this weekend to the Mesa State (Grand Junction, Colo.) Tournament.

Area golf divots

Bill Smith, 48, of Livonia, recently carded a pair of aces.

On July 12, Smith scored a hole-in-one on the 156-yard, No. 7 at Bay Pointe Golf Club.

On Aug. 23, playing in the Ford Motor Co. Golf League, Smith aced the 145-yard, No. 14.

John Rogin captured the Boys 15-16 age division, while Elizabeth Handzlik took the Girls 15-16 title, at the annual Burger King Junior Golf Tournament, Aug. 19 at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

The tourney attracted 115 competitors. Joey Schimizzi and Kristan Koleczko were runners-up in the Boys and Girls 15-16, respectively.

In the 13-14 age bracket, Brad Volas took first and Craig Piscopink second in the boys. Lindsay Yorick and Jill Shpakoff finished one-two in the girls.

Anthony Fotiu won the Boys 11-12 with David Moss taking second. Colleen Yorick and Jaida Clarridge went one-two, respectively, in the girls.

Livonia's Patricia Waldecker tied Debbie Morfimer of Bloomfield Hills for second place low gross honors at the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association tourney stop, Aug. 24 at Pine Valley in Romeo. Each shot 86, five strokes behind first-place finisher Janina Jacobs of St. Clair Shores.

Mary Frandsen of Livonia, carding an 83, won first flight low gross honors Friday at the Women's Suburban Golf Association tournament at Ironwood Golf Course.

In the second flight, Jo McVicar of Livonia won low gross with an 89. Another Livonian, Sue Beaton, took low net with a 67.

Patriots boot Groves

Junior Robert Vega scored twice Friday, leading Livonia Franklin to a season-opening 5-1 victory over Birmingham Groves in the Detroit Country Day Invitational.

Steve Finneran, Eric Bowman and Eric Kracht also scored for the Patriots, who led 2-0 at half-time.

Dave Kozegzi and Shawn MacGillias split time in the Franklin goal.

The Patriots met Country Day on Saturday.

Area soccer notes

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, outscoring their opponents 25-1 en route to five straight victories, won first place recently in the boys under-14½ division at the Waterford Tournament.

Members of the Wings include: Danny Basse, Adam Breenay, Adam Coulter, Bill Fisher, Rob O'Mell, Brian Pankow, Brian Prost, Tim Rais, Matt Schlanser, Mark Sicilia, Kevin Sierzga, Mike Slowik, Scott Smith, Joe Suchars, Jason Trost, David Tweedy and Gavin Walsh.

Mike Minghine, a senior center-midfielder, should have also been listed among Livonia Churchill's leading returnees for the 1994 boys soccer team (Thursday, Aug. 25 preseason preview edition). Minghine and the Chargers open their season Tuesday at Novi.

Competitive swim club

The Clarenceville Swim Club of Livonia, sanctioned by U.S. Swimming, offers a competitive program for 4-year-olds through high school age at Clarenceville High School.

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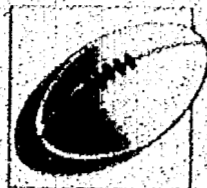
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Shamrocks rely on new faces



Redford Catholic Central opens the 1994 season Saturday against London, Ont., Catholic Central at the Pontiac Silverdome. The Shamrocks have to replace several standouts who graduated.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore left-hander Greg Call is the quarterback of the future at Redford Catholic Central.

But Gary Galvin, who will start Saturday's season opener against London, Ont., Catholic Central at the Pontiac Silverdome, plans to look over center instead of over his shoulder.

Galvin, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior, takes over for last year's starter Barry Lingelbach, who graduated. Galvin, a backup last season, likes the competition Call offers.

"I feel pretty comfortable right now, but there's still a lot of work to get done," said Galvin, who didn't throw a pass last year in about eight quarters of work. "Competition gives us a chance to keep focused week to week. Call's a great athlete and makes me not lazy."

The coaches have shown enough confidence in the speedy Call to put him at strong safety on defense.

"Both will see some time (at quarterback)," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Every job we have is up for grabs every week. Right now I'm happy with both quarterbacks. Both showed the ability to run yesterday (during a four-way scrimmage). Gary, right now in my mind, is going to start."

Quarterback isn't the only position up for grabs with the Shamrocks, who lost eight starters on offense and several more on defense to graduation.

CC, which missed the Class AA playoffs last season by percentage

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL'S 1994 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September: 3, vs. London, Ontario Catholic Central at Pontiac Silverdome (4 p.m.); 10, vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer at Livonia Clarenceville (7:30 p.m.); 17, vs. Belle River, Ontario District at Livonia Clarenceville (7:30 p.m.); 24, at Orchard Lake St. Mary (1 p.m.).

October: 1, vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Roseville Memorial Field (7:30 p.m.); 8, vs. Harper Woods Notre-Dame at Livonia Clarenceville (7:30 p.m.); 16, vs. Birmingham Brother Rice at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium (2 p.m.); 22, vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit at Livonia Clarenceville (7:30 p.m.); 30, Prep Bowl at Pontiac Silverdome (to be announced).

points despite winning the Catholic League championship and finishing 8-1 overall, won't have as much talent and isn't as big as last season.

The Shamrocks are the third-best team in the Catholic League Central Division behind favorite Warren DeLaSalle and Birmingham Brother Rice, according to most observers.

CC graduated all-state two-way linemen Nick Brzezinski and Nick Kallas, along with offensive guard Chris Pratt. Brzezinski is at Boston College while Kallas attends Michigan State University.

Also graduated is tailback Freddie Taylor, who according to Mach was the second best tailback ever at CC behind the late Aaron Roberts. Taylor, who gained 951 yards on 126 carries and scored 11 touchdowns, signed with Illinois State.

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Shamrock returnee: Junior John Spolsky linebacker/fullback is one of the few starters back from Redford CC's 8-1 team.

Defensive stance

Clarenceville offensive attack must play catchup

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The cart is definitely ahead of the horse as far as Livonia Clarenceville football team is concerned these days.

First-year coach Chuck Donaldson likes what he's seen on defense so far during the preseason, but is uncertain where his offense stands.

The Trojans, who hope to improve on last year's 4-5 overall record, could be stingy on the defensive end.

But Donaldson is looking to improve on the other side of the ball heading into Friday's season opener at home against Redford St. Agatha.

"During our scrimmage we moved the football, but once we got down to the goal line, we didn't stuff it in," Donaldson said. "Playing against St. Agatha, we expect a real hard-fought ballgame."

"Our intensity and offensive execution has got to pick up between now and Friday."

Donaldson learned more about his team after a four-way scrimmage last Thursday against Grosse Ile, Woodhaven and Hamtramck.

He has settled on 5-foot-10, 160-pound senior Jon Pauley as his starting quarterback. Freshman Craig Rose (6-0, 150) will likely be the backup.

"We look for Jon to step up and be a leader like any quarterback should do," Donaldson said. "We feel he can run and make plays on his own if he has to. But we also need great execution from all of our backs."

Seniors Steve Parks (5-10, 150), Martino Semen (5-11, 160) and Steve Spiaz (5-6, 170) will get plenty of time



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wind sprints: Clarenceville linebacker Jesse Lynn runs in preparation for Friday's opener at home against Redford St. Agatha.

in the backfield along with junior Bryan DeCaire (5-5, 140).

Parks and Semen are breakaway threats, according to Donaldson. Spiaz, meanwhile, is entering his third varsity season.

The Trojans' biggest loss to graduation was split end Mark Kalaj, who recently played in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star game.

Kalaj's replacement is junior John Rose (6-3, 175). The tight end is junior Scott Barnhard (6-0, 165).

"We want to be a ball control team with good fakes and great execution," Donaldson said. "And our passing attack could be good with a 6-foot-3 re-

ceiver (Rose). He will develop into good receiver. He maybe doesn't have the athletic ability of Kalaj, but he has the great work ethic."

Three senior starters return on the offensive line including tackle Jesse Lynn (6-3, 180), guard Kyle McSorley (5-11, 170) and center Ray Kastl (6-1, 190).

Senior Vince Villanueva (6-0, 200), who started on defense as a sophomore before moving to California during his junior year, is back in town and will start at guard. The other tackle spot belongs to junior Jim Valimont (6-1, 185).

Defensively, Donaldson will employ a 5-2 scheme

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE'S 1994 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (games 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

September: 2, Redford St. Agatha; 9, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; 17, at Grosse Pointe University-Liggett (1 p.m.); 23, Detroit Lutheran West.

October: 1, at Harper Woods (1 p.m.); 7, Lutheran High Westland; 15, at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (1 p.m.); 22, at Macomb Lutheran North (1 p.m.); 28, Harper Woods Lutheran East.

The heart-and-soul of the defense is led by Kastl and Lynn, both holdovers at linebacker.

Spiaz will play nose guard, while McSorley and Valimont open at the tackles. Junior Juan Puentes (5-7, 145) and Villanueva will play the ends.

The secondary consists of Parks and DeCaire at the corners; Pauley or Semen at strong safety; and John Rose at free safety.

"Our defense could be real tough because they're experienced and they're very aggressive," Donaldson said. "And we have a heck of a defensive coach in Mike Nettie (former All-Mid-American Conference tackle who played at Central Michigan University)."

The kicking game, meanwhile, falls on the legs of Semen (placekicking/punta) or junior Tom Kalaj (6-0, 175).

"We want to play real good competitive football," Donaldson said. "We want more wins than losses. The coaches in our league (Metro Conference) would probably pick us somewhere in the middle. Canton (Bloomfield Hills) and Lutheran North (Macomb) will both be tough."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Tough prep cage campaign lies ahead

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's time for the first official jump ball as the 1994 high school girls basketball season opens this week.

All eyes will be on two of the state's toughest leagues — the Catholic League Central Division and the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The microscope will be fixed on Livonia Ladywood, where most of the news came during the off-season.

Gone is head coach Ed Kavanaugh, who compiled a 289-61 career record along with two state crowns. He was let go after philosophical differ-

ences with the Ladywood administration.

Kavanaugh is now the athletic director and women's basketball coach at Schoolcraft College. Also gone is first-team All-Area forward Tara Overaitis, who took her 18 points and eight rebounds per game in a transfer move last January to Dearborn Divine Child.

Two others also left for greener pastures in the wake of the Kavanaugh dismissal. Sisters Kerry and Maura Duggan are now playing for Birmingham-Detroit Country Day.

PREVIEW

LISA McPhee, a former standout at Saginaw Valley State and four-year assistant coach at Harper Woods Regina, now has the reins at Ladywood.

Her goal is to remain in the upper echelon of the Central Division of the Catholic League, which features such heavyweights as Divine Child, the defending state Class B champs; along with former state champions Regina, Birmingham Marian and Farmington Hills Mercy.

And now joining the Central fray, moving up from the AA Division, is Redford Bishop Ber-

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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ness, which finished 23-4 overall and won the Class C state crown.

The Spartans return two first-team All-Area players in junior guards Maxann Reese and Adriane Bryant. Borgessa is deep and talented.

"I think we'll be competitive," McPhee said. "Borgessa and Divine Child will be the big guns, while the rest of us will be fighting for position."

"With six teams we don't have a bye anymore. There's no team in our league we play where we'll be able to take a break. We'd like to be in the top three because the first four make the (Catholic League) playoffs."

Despite the defections, Ladywood, 14-4 a year ago after disappointing season-ending losses to DC and Plymouth Canton, has a seasoned cast.

The Blazers return a potent senior guard combination in sharpshooter Melissa Campeau (second-team All-Area) and Becky Bilicki (she'll play the point).

McPhee's big project over the summer was getting 6-foot-4 senior center Anne Pogits more involved in the low post game.

Meanwhile, the Western Lakes figures to be just as competitive.

WLAAC champ Plymouth Canton will miss first-team All-Area forward Britta Anderson and first-team All-Area point-guard Alyson Nounz, but the Chiefs return junior jumping jack Sarah Warnke, a sophomore forward, along with Amicie Crayton and Kristi Fiorenzi.

Plymouth Salem, which had an off-season in '93, looks to rebound and should be vastly improved under veteran coach Fred Thomann.

Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson, 19-4 a year ago, should challenge again, even without first-team All-Observer point-guard Mo Drabicki, who is now on scholarship at Division I school Valparaiso (Ind.).

Stevenson's front-line is strong and perhaps tougher than a year ago.

The Spartans return a pair of third-team All-Area picks, junior center Stacey Nichols and senior forward Ann Marie Aquino. Another returning starter is 5-11 senior guard Jill Van Tiem.

"It will take awhile to get used to playing without Mo because she created so many things for them," said Stevenson coach Wayne Henry, whose team was ousted by Detroit King in last year's regional. "I'm hoping we can still compete with the same teams we did last year."

Northville, Farmington Harrison, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin will also be formidable this fall in the WLAAC circuit.

Franklin, 12-13 a year ago and Class A regional finalist, returns four of five starters including junior guard Tracy Rynkiewicz, 5-10 junior forward Kellie Main and 6-foot senior center Jaclyn Deane.

"Everyone was young last year like we were," Franklin coach Mary Jarvis said. "We're still in a tough league and things won't come easy for us, but some of the



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patriot guard: Tracy Rynkiewicz (right) averaged 10 points per game last year as a sophomore for Livonia Franklin.

seniors have been with us for three years."

Just getting into the eight-team WLAAC playoffs will be a struggle for teams like Livonia Churchill (3-18) and Westland John Glenn (3-14).

One area team that could make noise in another league is Lutheran High Westland (15-6).

The Warriors could challenge in the Metro Conference. They have an experienced group, led by frontliners Lauren Horton and Jenny Pruchnik.

Coach Ron Gentz is hopeful his team can sneak up on Macomb Lutheran North in the Metro. See capsule summaries.

Capsule summaries of area teams

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Dave Bakaj, second season. League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at home vs. Southfield Lathrup.

Last year's overall record: 3-18. Notable losses to graduation: Jeray Jenkins, Rachel Mohr and Melissa Sebachki.

Leading returnees: Mary Daly, 6-foot-5 senior guard; Patti Makynado, 6-8 senior guard/forward; Alka December, 5-5 junior guard; Jani Clark, 5-8 senior forward; Kesy Ashworth, 5-10 junior center; Anna Pisko, 5-4 senior guard; Sarah Blech, 5-3 senior guard; Kristin Sattler, 6-5 senior guard; Zia Vassallo, 5-8 senior forward.

Promising newcomers: Kathy Stein, 5-10 junior center/forward; Jessie Jralins, 6-9 sophomore forward; Jenny Chlow, 5-6 junior guard.

Bakaj's '94 outlook: "If my kids play the way we're capable of, we should stay with anybody rebounding wise. But we need scorers. If we don't get points off the transition game, we'll be hurting. If we can get a couple double-figure scorers, we'll be able to contend with the 14 teams. We'll have to come out and get some easy baskets."

"We had a nucleus of seniors who have played together three years. They work hard. A finish in the top eight in our league would be real good for us."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Mary Janis, third season. League affiliation: WLAAC (Western Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Livonia Clarenceville.

Last year's overall record: 12-13. Titles won last year: Class A district champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Tabetba Schulte.

Leading returnees: Jaclyn Deane, 6-1 senior center (eight points, nine rebounds per game); Sarah Camp, 5-5 senior guard; Mary Bagazinski, 5-7 senior guard/forward; Tracy Rynkiewicz, 5-5 junior guard (10 points per game); Kellie Main, 5-10 junior forward (six rebounds per game); Ann Bagazinski, 5-5 senior guard; Shari Newland, 5-8 senior forward; Amicie Crayton, 5-6 junior guard.

Promising newcomers: Jenny Atanasi, 5-6 junior forward; Kisty Hawley, 5-7 junior forward; Julie Warner, 5-1 freshman guard.

Janis' '94 outlook: "We'll try to be flexible this year with an inside and outside game. We'll run and gun, but if we need to, we'll slow it down. We're starting to be more fundamental sound."

"Sarah Camp has really worked hard. She'll be a dribbling guard. She's built up her confidence and she understands her role. Tracy Rynkiewicz also continues to improve. We hope not to be plagued by injuries like last year."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Wayne Henry, third season (second stint). League affiliation: WLAAC (Lakes Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at Southfield Lathrup.

Last year's overall record: 19-4. Titles won last year: Class A district champs and WLAAC Lakes Division.

Notable losses to graduation: Mo Drabicki (first team All-Area guard); Kim Ostrowski and Lori Arney.

Leading returnees: Stacey Nichols, 5-11 senior center (10.1 points, six rebounds per game/third team All-Area); Ann Marie Aquino, 5-9 senior (7.0 points, 6.0 rebounds per game/third team All-Area); Jill Van Tiem, 5-11 senior guard (6.5 points per game); Claire Schrader, 5-9 senior guard; Katie Crooks, 5-7 senior guard; Katie Domarowicz, 5-3 junior point guard; Jenny Daly, 5-11 junior center; Jenny Smith, 5-10 senior guard.

Promising newcomers: Julie Courtright, 5-7 junior guard.

Henry's '94 outlook: "I think our front line has picked it up. They're playing with more aggressiveness and more confidence. Ann Marie and Stacey have added a couple of moves."

"We played Detroit Martin Luther King three times this summer. I think we're more physical and not as intimidated. Each girl has been through a year of that."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Pat Bennett, 10th season.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Bob Wolf, third season. League affiliation: Metro Conference (West Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at home vs. Thomas Franklin.

Last year's overall record: 5-14. Notable losses to graduation: Rebecca VanderNigt and Kissy Rankin.

Leading returnees: Wendy Roy, 6-1 senior center; Pam Italiano, 6-0 senior forward; Sara Swanson, 5-8 senior forward; Stacy Bishop, 5-7 senior forward; Melissa Responder, 5-9 junior forward; Sarah King, 5-0 senior forward; Christina Duckworth, 6-7 sophomore forward.

Trojans' '94 outlook: The front line is looking good with the return of team MVP (Wendy) Roy, along with (Pam) Italiano, who was out during the middle of last season with an ankle injury.

Depth is a major concern because only six players have been showing up for practice on regular basis.

"We probably will not have a junior varsity team this year because of a lack of numbers. Clarenceville athletic director Leo Kinsela said.

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Ron Gentz, third season. League affiliation: Metro Conference (West Division). Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 vs. Detroit Benedictine at Royal Oak Shrine Tournament.

Last year's overall record: 15-0. Notable losses to graduation: Stephanie McGee, Erin Otero and Jenny Brewer.

Leading returnees: Lauren Horton, 5-10 senior guard/forward (9.7 points per game); Jenny Pruchnik, 5-8 senior center (8.8 points per game); Amy Gentz, 5-8 senior point guard (7.8 points per game); Emily Schroeder, 5-11 senior forward; Julie Truelovey, 5-7 senior forward; Jenny Truelovey, 5-5 sophomore point guard; Katie Otinger, 5-4 junior guard.

Promising newcomers: Sarah Drews, 6-0 senior center; Jay Tiernan, 5-9 sophomore forward; Heather Locke, 5-5 junior guard; Krista Stersak, 5-5 junior guard; Melissa Belinsky, 5-4 senior guard (transfer from Detroit Lutheran West).

Gentz's '94 outlook: "We're just not a good size team anymore. We also have more team speed, and that should be a plus."

"We were not bad in depth last year, but I think we have more this year. We're virtually the same team we were a year ago, but we should gain from experience."

"I'm still leery about the passing game. We don't move it around like I want. We get impatient in the half-court game."

"As a team, this is the most talented I've had in my eight seasons. We have six girls who could score in double figures on any given night. Lutheran North (Macomb) is the team to beat on our conference, but we should be in the top two or three. I'd be disappointed if we're not."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Chuck Henry, fourth season (second stint). League affiliation: Mega Conference (Red Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 at home vs. Ypsilanti.

Last year's overall record: 5-16. Notable losses to graduation: Tanisha Dixon, Teri Cowan and Monika Crawford.

Leading returnees: Rica Barge, 5-6 sophomore guard (top scorer); Natasha Home, 5-9 senior forward; Joy Pohl, 5-5 senior guard; Kristen Kneip, 5-4 senior guard.

Promising newcomers: Sandy Jackson, 5-5 junior guard; Dawn Sakovich, 5-9 junior center; Minkya Livingston, 6-10 junior center; Lisa McClester, 5-5 sophomore guard.

Henry's '94 outlook: "We're going to give it to Rica (Barge) and have her carry the offense. She has to play the point. She's a good three-point shooter. I think she handles the ball better. She played AAU during the off-season."

"Jackson is a quick kid, a pretty good defensive player."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Lisa McPhee, first season. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at home vs. Dearborn Fordson.

Last year's overall record: 14-4. Titles won last year: Central Division co-champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Tara Wasik and Katie McDonough. (Note: first team All-Area forward Tara Overaitis, who averaged 18 points, eight rebounds per game, transferred to Dearborn Divine Child. Kerry and Laura Duggan both transferred to Birmingham-Detroit Country Day.)

Leading returnees: Melissa Campeau, 5-8 senior guard (second team All-Area); Becky Bilicki, 5-8 senior point guard; Anne Pogits, 6-4 senior center; Kathy Darken, 5-11 junior forward; Erin Jeffrey, 5-7 senior guard.

Promising newcomers: Erin LeSage, 5-8 junior guard/forward; Walter Judd, 6-10 junior forward/center; Kara Walter, 5-8 junior forward; Katie Law, 5-6 junior guard; Melissa Poma, 5-11 sophomore center.

McPhee's '94 outlook: "We'll really stress the transition game. We'll fast break. We also want to play tough defense."

"We've worked on different offenses. Right now I'm happy with the diversity because we have some nice shooters and the big girl (Pogits)."

"(Becky) Bilicki is going to play the point. She'll be pushing the ball up the floor. She sees the floor better. Campeau is a good outside shooter."

"We're trying to toughen up Anne. We're running plays to her. She wants the ball. She's trying to get better movement around the basket. We'd like to see her get 12 to 15 points per game."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Tod Bartholomew, first season. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at Arden Park Inter-City Baptist.

Last year's overall record: 11-13. Titles won last year: Class D district champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Rachel Delaney, Amy Haines and Tom DeBitter.

Leading returnees: Rachel Wickman, 5-8 senior guard (5.6 points per game); Michelle Roth, 5-8 junior forward; Lisa Riehlinger, 5-10 junior center; Erniea Wickman, 6-4 junior guard; Amy McKeel, 5-0 sophomore guard; Melissa Gumbel, 5-8 sophomore forward.

Promising newcomers: Becky Haxstad, 5-5 junior guard.

Bartholomew's '94 outlook: "We have some talented players that are working hard."

"We're trying to instill some changes in our style of play. We're learning man to man defense, and we're picking up the individual parts well. We'd like to play man to man, but we have only seven players and we might not have the depth to do that."

"We definitely have the offensive skills, so I think we can improve on our 27 points per game. We'll be trying to run the fast break at every opportunity. We're looking to push the ball up the floor, but it's a pattern fast break. They're doing a nice job picking that up and they're starting to make good decisions. We hope to get easy baskets."

"We're smaller than most teams we play."

MSU Spartans land Overaitis in early season commitment

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Livonia's Tara Overaitis has been sold on Michigan State University for quite some time.

The 5-foot-10 forward, now at Dearborn Divine Child High (after transferring from Ladywood last January), bypassed the recruiting process by making a verbal commitment last week to play basketball for the Spartans.



Overaitis November.

"My parents left the decision

up to me," Overaitis said. "I've always wanted to go there and I'm looking forward to it."

"I really wasn't interested in any out-state schools and I've always felt State was the place to be. I've always liked State since I've been little. I really didn't want to visit anywhere else."

Overaitis' friendship with ex-Harper Woods Regina All-Stater Paula Sanders, now a sophomore at MSU, was also a factor in her decision.

"We've been good friends for awhile, her room and my mom have talked a lot," Overaitis said. "And this year's team is graduating quite a few seniors, so I'm hopeful I'll get an opportunity to play right away. I'll most likely get a chance to play the No. 2 (shooting guard) position or the

No. 3 spot (small forward)."

Overaitis was two-time All-Observer pick who averaged 18 points and eight rebounds during her junior year at Livonia Ladywood. She was a three-year varsity player for the Blazers.

But when Ladywood coach Ed Kavanaugh was fired last December after philosophical differences with school administrators, Overaitis decided to transfer to Divine Child, which captured the 1993 state Class B championship.

Overaitis, an honor student who carried a 4.0 grade-point average at Ladywood, is undecided about her college major.

"That's another reason why I chose State," she said. "They had a lot of programs, a lot to offer. Plus, they have a very good tutorial program."

Plymouth Canton cagers remain strong despite graduation losses

The two-time defending league champions must replace their top four scorers if they want to hang onto their title. And they might be able to do it.

BY C. J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Now, it's hard to argue with success, but as any pessimist would readily verify: Once you're on top, there's only one way to go — down.

There are 11 teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association that spent all last season attempting to prove that very thing. Know what? They'll do the same thing against the same team

again this year.

The objective: Derail Plymouth Canton, winner of two consecutive WLAAC girls basketball championships (with a second-place finish the year prior to that) and 60 games (with seven defeats) in the past three years.

Certainly, no other WLAAC coach will predict Canton's demise. They will insist the Chiefs are the team to beat, once again looking invincible.

Are they? Coach Bob Blohm won't say that — with good reason. Gone are four starters, who ranked one-through-four in team scoring. As for his current squad, there is one player who stands 5-foot-10: junior center Sarah Warnke. After that, there's a 5-9 sophomore Kristi Fiorenzi and 5-

8 senior Amy Santelun.

That's it for size.

"We have no big kids," admitted Blohm. "That's a concern right now. If Warnke or Fiorenzi get into foul trouble, there's no one else to come in."

But all is not gloom for the Chiefs. Not hardly.

"They're pretty solid athletes," the Canton coach said. "They can all run and jump real well. Now, they're going to have to take that athletic ability and plug it into basketball. That'll be the chal-

lenge for this team — they don't have a lot of minutes."

Only three players with starting experience return: 5-7 senior Amicie Crayton, who started all last season and averaged five points and four rebounds, and Warnke (seven points, five rebounds) and Fiorenzi (four rebounds), who were part-time starters.

Gone are starters Britta Anderson (15 points), Alyson Nounz (10 points), Erica Anderson (10 points) and Lisa Nicastrì (nine points), and key sub Robyn Va-

chow. Britta Anderson will play at Wayne State, Nounz is at South Florida and Erica Anderson will attend Henry Ford CC.

The point is, when three players with college-level ability leave, it leaves a bit of a hole in the lineup.

Blohm has juggled his around to fill in the gaps. When starting center Nicastrì was injured last season, Fiorenzi and Warnke shared her post position. Warnke will start at center this season, with Fiorenzi moving to the wing.

"She's a good passer and post-feeder," said Blohm of Fiorenzi. "She's starting to shoot better, and she sees the court real well."

Warnke is "very strong and very quick" inside. Indeed, Blohm believes she could be one of his strongest centers ever.

Still, both will have to extend themselves to fill new roles this season. So will everyone.

"We've got back a lot of young players who filled specific roles for us last year," Blohm noted,

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