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Tax shift means bigger bills



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Property owners will see larger summer tax bills this month, thanks to a shift of payments from the winter billings. The change is designed to help school boards meet cash flow needs.

Some Westland taxpayers will have to dig deeper in their pockets when they begin receiving their summer tax bills in the next few days.

Westland city officials will begin collecting 100 percent of Wayne-Westland school taxes this summer,

abandoning past practices of splitting the tab between summer and winter bills.

A taxpayer with an \$85,000 house will see his or her summer tax bill increase about \$255, Westland city Finance Director Michael Gorman said.

"This also means that (taxpayers) will pay \$255 less on the winter bill," he said in a letter mailed to

Westland taxpayers.

Taxpayers who receive their bills directly, rather than those who pay their taxes as part of their monthly mortgage payment, will be primarily affected.

Westland's city administration and city council agreed to the change at the request of Wayne-Westland school officials.

"This is not a tax increase," Gorman said. "This is simply a tax shift."

He estimated that the tax shift will save the school district \$700,000 to \$900,000 a year.

Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland

assistant superintendent of business, said school officials receive virtually no state aid until Oct. 20, providing no state cash flow for the months of July, August, September and part of October.

"We have had to borrow a sizable amount of money and pay interest on it," Brand said.

The reason is simple, she said. The state's fiscal year doesn't coincide with the school district's, which begins July 1.

Brand noted that summer tax bills will remain far lower than they had

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Chamber goes 'fore' golf



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Summer fun: Larry Cross putts and makes a birdie during the Westland Chamber of Commerce's 16th annual golf outing while Danny Sarsozo watches. They are from the Kwik Site business. Cross is congratulated on the putt with a handshake from Ivan Jimenez, the Kwik Site owner. For more on the event, turn to the story and other photos on Page 3A.



Task force strives to make families stronger

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Rather than paying lip service to youth problems such as drug abuse and gang violence, a Westland task force is continuing to push new programs aimed at strengthening parent/child relationships.

A new summer program will offer middle school students and their parents free trips to Cedar Point and Tiger Stadium, and a free movie

outing at Westland Showcase Cinema.

Free golf lessons also will be offered in July, followed by a free golf outing in August.

The program will provide activities that some families, such as those in low-income areas, may never otherwise experience, said members of Westland Mayor Robert Thomas' Task Force on Substance Abuse and Violence.

"Some of these kids would never be able to experience a Tiger Day," member Sharon Scott said Wednesday morning as she and task members George Gillies and Beverly Brooks held a press conference at City Hall.

The new program follows a middle school student survey last year that found local youngsters to be concerned about — among other problems — drugs, guns, gangs and going

home in the afternoon to an empty house.

"We, as adults, are not burying our heads in the sand," Scott said. "We're not in denial."

The summer program will cost \$7,600, said Gillies, Westland deputy mayor. The money will come from the city's Youth Assistance Program, which will be largely reimbursed from grant monies.

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Holiday to be marked

The City of Westland's municipal offices and district court will be closed Thursday for the Independence Day observance.

With no rubbish collection Thursday, the pick-up will be Friday and Saturday. Not affected by the holiday will be emergency police, fire and medical services.

Money donated

Westland Figure Skating Club members and supporters raised \$1,000 from selling ice cream at last year's Westland Summer Festival.

To make sure that the community knew where the money was going, Sam Corrado announced at a recent city council meeting that the proceeds from the ice cream sales will be donated to three local organizations.

PLACES & FACES

He presented checks for \$500 to the Westland Parks and Recreation Advisory Council's scholarship fund; \$400 to the newly-formed Westland Community Foundation; and \$100 to a tree to be planted at Corrado Park, a city-owned park in the Merriman-Joy area.

Wanted: card-holders

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland won't open until early November, but the staff is already busy registering residents for library cards. Applications for the free cards are accompanied by an informational brochure list-

ing the services and programs to be available when the library opens on Nov. 7.

The library is under construction on the west side of Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

Library card applications are available at the library's temporary office on the north side of Ford, just east of Central City Parkway.

Chamber exec at Institute

Linda Shapona, new Westland Chamber of Commerce executive director, recently attended a weeklong program of study with the Institutes for Organization Management, held off the Notre Dame University campus, South Bend, Ind.

The institute, marking its 75th anniversary, is a professional development program specifically designed to meet the challenges facing chamber and association executives.

Activities offered for youths Stronger from page 1A

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A new summer program offering free activities to Westland youngsters and their parents is only the latest of many steps taken by a task force to address youth problems.

Mayor Robert Thomas' Task Force on Substance Abuse and Violence has documented its successes since being formed in April 1993.

"The task force, as far as I'm concerned, has been very successful," member Sharon Scott said.

During a press conference Wednesday morning, task force members issued a synopsis of what has been accomplished prior to the latest program, which offers free trips to Cedar Point and Tiger Stadium among other activities.

Among the earlier steps:

- Summer 1993: The task force began hosting monthly television programs on local cable to educate the community about teen violence and substance abuse. The shows

have featured attorneys, judges, doctors, counselors, business executives, students, college athletes and troubled teens.

- In 1995, the task force hosted students from public and private schools at a live television program to ask them what they wanted from adults in the community, and what the task force could do for them.

- Also in 1995, task force members went to three middle schools and interviewed students to further identify their wants and needs.

- Also last year, the group offered the first of a series of programs to middle school youth by providing a swimming program during July and August.

- Last September, after-school recreational programs were started at three middle schools, continuing through the entire 1995-96 school year. Students participated two afternoons a week 3-5 p.m., with attendance tripling during the course of the program. Some 70 to 80 students per school participated, Deputy Mayor George Gillies said.

■ In March, the task force helped stage the second annual Parents Day in the Wayne-Westland school district, with a host of activities and sessions about parenting. Hundreds of parents and children attended.

- Last October, the task force was joined by the Westland-Rotary Club in sponsoring a "Turn Off the Violence" program at the Bailey Center. The program featured games, food and a variety of activities aimed at replacing television violence for a night.

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"This is money well-spent because we're helping the kids in our community," Gillies said.

The Aug. 6 Cedar Point trip is already filled to capacity with 45 students, each of whom must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Likewise, the July 13 Tiger Day is already booked up with 20 students and their adult companions.

The task force also is providing chaperones.

Organizers are still accepting participants for free Westland Golf Course lessons (July 15, 17 and 19), a golf outing (Aug. 3) and movie night (Aug. 21), Gillies said.

Some events are already half-filled. To register or to get more information, call Gillies at 467-3200.

Participants must be Westland residents.

The mayor, who has given the task force autonomy in planning

programs, commended the work of the 14-member group.

"The people of this task force have really done an unbelievably tremendous job," Thomas said. "I'm just stunned by what they are doing sometimes."

Brooks, who heads the Wayne-Westland school district's Family Resource Center at Lincoln Elementary, said the programs can help boost communication between children and their parents.

"Programs like this can keep kids out of trouble," Brooks said. "It may turn some kids around."

She pointed to studies showing that parent/child activities and education are vital to crime prevention.

Programs that boost child/parent relations and that keep students in school are much more likely to deter crime than tough prison sentences, she said.

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been prior to voter passage of Proposal A, a school tax-slashing plan approved in 1994.

City officials sent explanatory letters to taxpayers in advance of summer tax bills that Gorman said will be sent out this week.

"The city wanted to inform residents so that those taxpayers that pay their own taxes will have time to save the additional money needed," Gorman said in the letter.

The earlier tax collection issue has been raised publicly in advance of the new tax bills and

■ 'The city wanted to inform (residents) so that those taxpayers that pay their own taxes will have time to save the additional money needed.'

Michael Gorman
—finance director

has been reported on several occasions in local newspapers.

Target donation a boon to families

The Westland Youth Assistance Program got its annual boost from the Westland Target Store.

For the fourth consecutive year, the program, which provides free counseling for people ages 7-16 as well as their parents, received a \$4,000 donation from Target manager Jim Laughran.

The money will be used mainly to pay for the cost of the parenting component of the program, including the textbooks used by each parent, said Ronaele Bowman, director of the program, which was initiated two years ago.

In a statement, Mayor Robert Thomas praised Target for its support of the program.

"It's outstanding that Target supports our Youth Assistance Program — hats off to them," he said.

Bowman said the YA program is a "results-oriented program for youths 7 to 16 who are making poor choices at home, school or in the community. Many have been charged with offenses such as curfew, shoplifting, assault and battery, smoking and truancy.

"The youth (in the program) are assisted in building the skills necessary to address problem areas in their lives to make better choices, with the ultimate goal of remaining out of the juvenile justice system."

Bowman said that 90 percent of the youths who have completed the YA program have had no further involvement with the juvenile court.



On 'Target': Ronaele Bowman, director of the Youth Assistance Program, shows off a parenting text, of which a quantity are used in the program. The texts will be bought with a \$4,000 donation by the Westland Target store, represented by manager Jim Laughran.

"Parents of youths involved in the program are required to take part in a weekly support session on effective parenting skills," Bowman said.

"The primary focus for the parent is to regain control of their child through the development of more consistent parenting behaviors, defining home rules,

and setting consequences," she added. "Parents may participate with or without their child's involvement in the program."

One goal of the program, she said, is to equip parents with alternative parenting skills and to offer support for practicing new behaviors.

She reiterated her appeal for

volunteers who are interested in mentoring youths. Volunteers must be 21 or older and be able to devote one and a half hours a week to help a youth explore the decision-making process.

Interested people may contact Bowman on any aspect of the program at 467-7904.

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Summertime concerts fill Westland with musical sounds

A series of free concerts will be held at 6 p.m., on three Sundays for each of the next two months.

The concert series will be held at area parks.

The concerts are sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society, in cooperation with the city's parks and recreation department, along with individual businesses or organizations

sponsoring specific performances.

Following is the schedule, including the location and individual sponsor:

- July 14, Pyramid Band, playing a musical variety, at Central City Park (Westland firefighters and police officers).

- July 21, Caution Band, playing music from the 1950s and '60s

(city of Westland).

- July 28, Electric Avenue, to play a musical variety, at Rotary Park, corner of Florence and Hanlon, behind Stottlemeyer School, east of Wayne Road and north of Cherry Hill (Westland Rotary Club).

- Aug. 11, Waco Country Band, country and western music, at Central City Park (Mayor Robert

Thomas).

- Aug. 18, Cosmopolitan Band, playing the big band sound, at Coburn Park (Seniors Friendship Center members and travelers).

- Aug. 25, The Cohorts, country western and variety, (City of Westland).

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Close look: Jim Elrod (right) and Richard Dittmar watch the tee shot of Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy at the chamber outing last week.



Public transit: Pam Groomes (left) and Myrna Schroen disembark from their golf cart to play the 17th hole at the Westland Chamber of Commerce's 16th annual golf outing.

Golfers take to the links for annual chamber fund-raiser



On the course: David Ramsey chips to the pin as Tim Phillips and Henry Lundquist look on.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce had some 100 golfers take part in its 16th annual fund-raiser Tuesday at the Pheasant Run golf course in Canton Township.

The event was delayed one week because of rain on the scheduled day.

Linda Shapona, chamber executive director, said the turnout was 50 percent higher than last year.

New to the outing this summer were more than \$3,000 in door prizes, a new location, a cookout dinner served at the Summit on the Park, a trip for two offered by USAir for a hole in one, a silent auction, putting contest, skins contest, and a record number of hole sponsors.

Planning the event were committee members Dennis LeMaitre and James Vermeulen, co-chairmen, and Dave Armbruster and Lynda Willis.

Volunteers helping them were Diane Davot, Jennifer Shaw, Joseph Benyo, Barbara Barrel, Nora Hardin, Kristi McLaughlin and Willis.

The first place quartet was made up of Wayne-Westland school district staffers Greg Baracy, Dan Slee, Gary Quitquit and

Bill Middel.

In second place was the Vending Professionals team of Steve Rouleu, Jeff Verhines, Scott Corrunker and G. Holdsworth.

Jim Horton won a prize for getting closest to the pin.

Recognized for having the longest drives were Jim Elrod in the men's competition and Myrna Schwen in the women's category.

For the shortest drives, "honored" were Michael Gorman, who received a gag prize of a skirt, and Pam Groomes.

Dr. Kim Shunkwiler won a custom set of clubs as the grand door prize winner.

Range sponsors for the event were First Federal of Michigan, Remerica Family-John-Toye, and state Rep. Eileen DeHart.

Club sponsors were B&R Sales and Service, Cellular One, Cintas Uniforms, Community Dental Associates, Kwik Site Co., NBD Bank, Orchard, Hilz and McCliment engineering firm, Painter and Ruthenberg Co., Plante & Moran accounting firm, The Wellness Plan, Vending Professionals, Vermeulen Funeral Homes, Westland Convales-

cent Center, and Westland Firefighters.

Hole sponsors were Belanger Tire and Auto Service, Blevins Flowers and Gift Shop, Detroit Sports and Recreation, Dick Scott Dodge, Electric Stick, Ford Career/Technical Center, Glen Eden Memorial Park, Harlow Tire and Service, Hellenic Cultural Center, Henry Ford Medical Center, Juenemann Insurance Agency, Merrill Lynch, My Lady's Florist, New Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Northfield Manufacturing, Observer Newspapers, Parkway Office Supply, Quality Movers, and Red Holman Pontiac/GMC Toyota.

Other supporters of the golf event were Knollwood Memorial Park, golf ball sponsor, North Brothers Ford and USAir, hole-in-one sponsors, District Judges Gail McKnight and C. Charles Bokos, first-place prizes; US Print, grand prize and tee and green signs prizes, and Cellular One, which provided free phone calls on the course.

Shapona expressed the chamber's appreciation to Pheasant Run and Summit Cuisine and Dave Horstman for service at the outing.

Festival offers fun for all

The Westland Summer Festival will move into high gear this week with a parade Tuesday night and four days and nights of carnival fun, food booths, games, contests and fireworks.

The parade will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ford and Wildwood and proceed west one mile to City Hall.

The fireworks will culminate the annual holiday festival at about 10 p.m. Saturday in Central City Park.

Part of this year's festival will be gifts provided by local businesses, given to "mystery" festival patrons, said Sam Corrado, who is arranging for the gifts.

He told the Observer that, with the help of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, there were several hundred free gifts given away a few years ago.

Now, it is up to 2,500, including a brand-new mattress, he said.

The festival queen was crowned Saturday night in a pageant held at Westland Center.

There will be fun this week for all ages.

At the end of the parade, marchers and units will be greeted at City Hall by the Franklin Village Concert Band. At 8 p.m., the Motor City Brass group will perform on the entertainment stage behind City Hall.

During the first few days of the festival, there will be free entertainment, bingo and Vegas games.

Starting Thursday, there will be games and contests for adults and children with free entertainment and games continuing through Saturday.

Most children's games and contests will be held Thursday and Saturday.

Joe Hatfield is chairman of the committee planning the festival, which originated in the fall of 1970 when then-Mayor Gene McKinney initiated a spring festival held over the Memorial Day weekend.

Several years later, the festival was moved to the Fourth of July weekend.

Following is the schedule:

Tuesday, July 2
Parade, 7 p.m.; entertainment following by the Franklin Village Concert Band and Motor City Brass.

Wednesday, July 3
Festival open 3-11 p.m.; precision drill team, 5 p.m.; bingo games, 5:30-10:30 p.m.; Vegas games, 5:30-10:30 p.m.; and Side Kicks entertainment group, 7-11 p.m.

Thursday, July 4
Festival open noon to 11 p.m.; bubble gum blowing contest, 11:30 a.m.; bingo games, noon to 10:30 p.m.; Vegas games, noon to 10:30 p.m.; pie eating contest, 1 p.m.; horseshoe pitching contest, 1 p.m.; Asian karate, 3 p.m.; golf chipping contest, 3 p.m.; Toarmina's pizza toss, 4 p.m. (sponsored by the Westland Jaycees); Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band, 7 p.m.

Children's games, sponsored by the Westland Civitan Club, will be held Thursday, starting at 11 a.m. with a penny pitch, followed by clothespin drop, softball throw and potato sack races, ending at 3 p.m.

Friday, July 5
Festival open 3-11 p.m.; golf chipping contest, 3 p.m.; bingo

games, 5:30-10:30 p.m.; Vegas games, 5:30-10:30 p.m.; Tracy Lynn and Hartland music group, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 6
Quality Movers' car show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; baby and toddler contest finals, 10:30 a.m. to noon; bingo games, noon to 10:30 p.m.; Vegas games, noon to 10:30 p.m.; rocket demonstration, sponsored by Hobby House, noon to 3 p.m.; horseshoe pitching contest, 1 p.m.; ice cream eating contest, 1 p.m.; women's and men's legs contest (for people age 16 and older), 2 p.m.; beer belly contest, 3 p.m.; golf chipping contest, 3 p.m.; Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band, 7-11 p.m., with the fireworks and the 50-piece Novi Community Band at 10 p.m.

Children's games will start at noon Saturday with clothespin drop and continuing with penny pitch, softball throws and potato sack races, concluding at 2:30 p.m.

Serving with Hatfield on the festival committee are: vice chairman Kenneth Mehl, treasurer Richard Honaker, secretary Sue Hatfield, directors Dennis LeMaitre, Pam Martin, Terry Martin, Erica Wager, Sue Haslacker, Charles Haslacker and Joan Dressler.

Handling specific responsibilities are Mehl, entertainment; Dick Klelamp, communications; Sue Haslacker, concessions; Jim Hatfield, electrical; Pam Martin and Wager, pageant; Dressler, arts and crafts; Michael Spisak, parade; and Gary Bulson, car show.

Local YMCA specializes in happy campers

Local youngsters can enjoy outdoor camping activities and field trips close to home this summer through the annual program offered by the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA.

There is a different theme each week in the program which runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

There is a half-day program also available for 4- and 6-year olds.

The day camp will continue through the Aug. 19-23 week.

During each week, there will be outdoor activities fitness, sports, crafts, swimming.

Fees are \$80 a week for Y members and \$90 for program

members. There is also a fee of \$35 for two days and \$49 for three days for Y members.

Brochures with information on fees and rules are available at the Y's main office, 827 S. Wayne Road, or by calling 721-7044.

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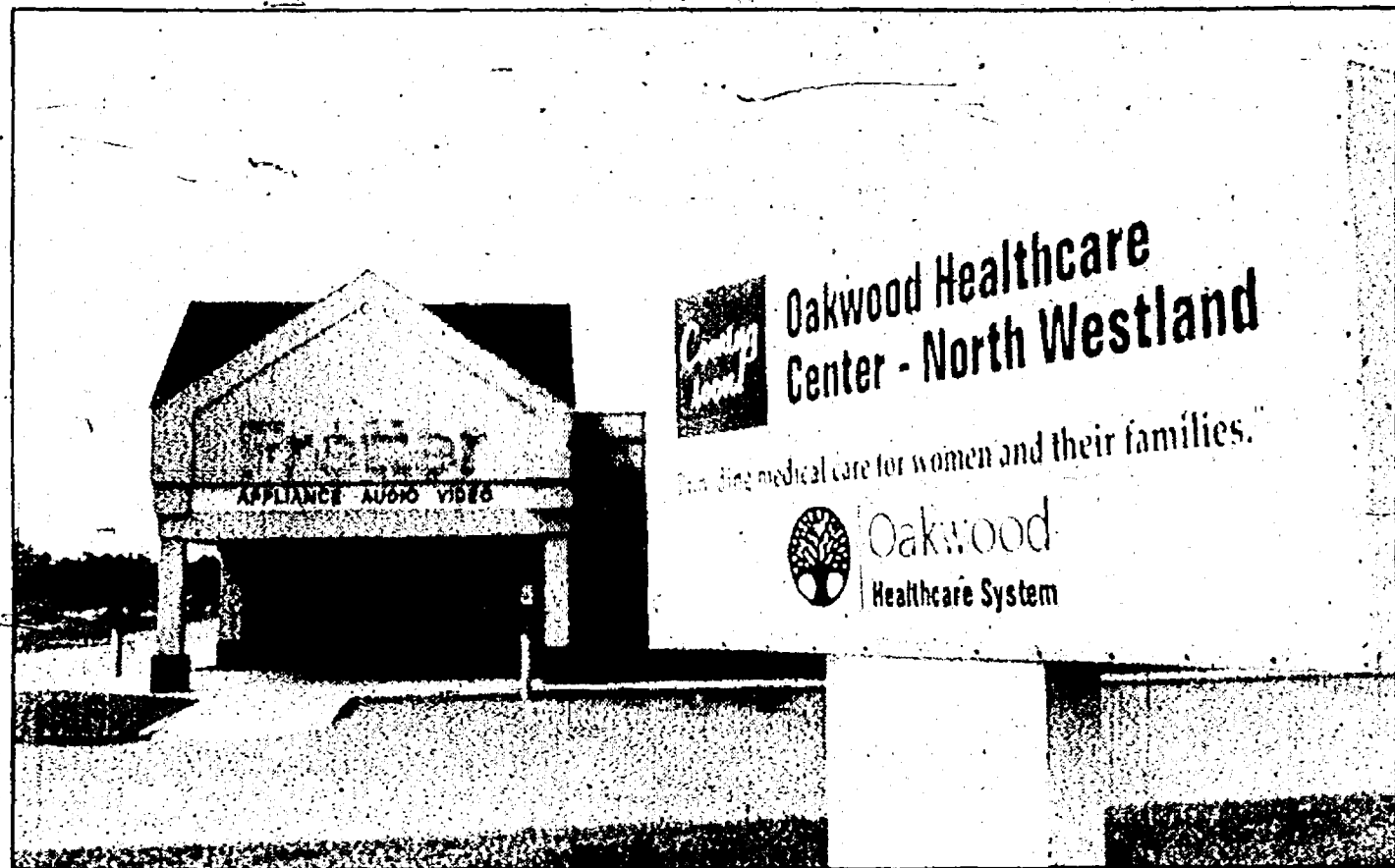
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Medical center planned: The large sign tells motorists on Warren Road at Central City Parkway that the new Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland will open late this summer in a vacant appliance store.

Oakwood to open facility in former appliance store

A vacant appliance store won't be empty for long.

Oakwood Healthcare System, which already operates clinics in Westland and Garden City, will open in August or September a new clinic focusing on women's health.

Oakwood is planning to move into the former Fretter's appliance store on Warren Road at Central City Parkway, which closed its doors a few weeks before.

An Oakwood spokeswoman said the new clinic will focus its

efforts on women's health, providing primary care medical services, diagnostic services, treatments and health education.

Specific services will include an Oakwood clinic lab, pharmacy, massage therapy, general radiology, a diagnostic tool for osteoporosis and mammography, said spokeswoman Suzanne Truskowski.

Oakwood will provide health education programs, such as parenting, prenatal and others suggested by the community.

The clinic will have two women's health services retail

operations that will complement the rest of the clinic, she said.

The new clinic, to be called Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, will have an all-female staff, said Truskowski.

Among its staff physicians will be Dr. Irene Metro, an internal medicine specialist. Also on the staff will be radiologist Dr. Zerir Rao, who has an excellent reputation for thorough breast exams and mammographies, finding lumps that the exam didn't detect, the spokeswoman said.

Hours of the new center will be announced closer to the planned opening.

The Dearborn-based health care system has clinics on Ford east of Merriman, Garden City, and on Merriman south of Palmer, Westland, as well as operating the former Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD P. SANTO

Services for Mr. Santo, 67, of Garden City were June 29 from St. Dunstan Catholic Church with burial in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Donald Demmer officiated.

Arrangements were by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mr. Santo died June 26 in Garden City Hospital. Born March 24, 1929, in Detroit, he was in the Garden City police department for 27 years, retiring in 1978 as a lieutenant.

A family spokesman said Mr. Santo joined the police force July 7, 1951, and over the years delivered a baby, save a youngster's life, and helped criminals change their lives.

Survivors include: wife, Marlene; daughters, Linda (Bill) Dedinsky, Victoria (Walter) Newsom and Tracy Santo; sons, Richard (Dorothy) Santo and Peter Santo; grandchildren, Lauren, Richard, Ryan, Amber and Courtney, and sisters, Deloris Wakefield, Eleanore LaVigne, Patricia Pletcher and Jeanette Martindale.

KENNETH K. CLISE SR.

Services for Mr. Clise, 85, of Garden City were June 28 from the R. G. and G. R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Frederick Copley officiated.

Mr. Clise died June 26 in Westland Convalescent Center after a lengthy illness. Born April 4, 1911, in Grayling, Mich., he was a 30-year Ford Motor Co. electrician. He previously lived in Westland and Wayne before moving to Garden City three years ago.

Survivors include: wife, Della; daughters, Maxine Johnson and Geraldine DeMigelia; sons, Kenneth, Jr.,

and Donald; 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

RAYMOND E. WELLS

Services for Mr. Wells, 81, of Westland were June 28 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, followed by cremation. A Masonic service was also held the previous night, June 27.

The Rev. Willet Harrington III of St. Andrew Episcopal Church officiated.

Mr. Wells died June 25 in Westland. Born July 1, 1914, in Detroit, he was an aircraft industry estimator.

Survivors include: son, Jay (Lauri) Wells; daughter, Suzanne (Harold) Leinbach of Inkster; grandchildren, James, Kimberly and Jay; four great-grandchildren, and a sister, Blanche. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fay.

Memorials may be donated to the Alzheimers' Foundation.

MARK A. NICHOLSON

Services for Mr. Nicholson, 34, of Westland were June 29 from St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church, followed by cremation.

Mr. Nicholson died June 25 in Westland. Born March 15, 1962, he was an auto dealership lot manager.

Survivors include: daughter, Shauna; parents, Edward and Norma Nicholson; brother, Christopher; sisters, Rosemary, Nancy Kendzior and Barbara, and nephews, Alexander and Edward.

Memorials may be donated to the Leader Dogs for the Blind and the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements were by the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

LINDA L. RUCHALA

Services for Mrs. Ruchala,

52, of Westland were June 26 from St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, with interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Bob Spezia officiated.

Arrangements were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Mrs. Ruchala died June 22 at home. Born June 13, 1944, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son, Alexander of Wayne; grandson, Robert; sister, Victoria LaBombard, and brother, Michael Claus.

GENEVE HELEN VAUGHN

Services for Mrs. Vaughn, 67, of Westland were June 25 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Canton Township with burial in Cadillac Memorial Cemetery West. The Rev. James Skimins of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth officiated.

Mrs. Vaughn died June 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born Jan. 31, 1929, in Detroit, she was a General Motors foreman.

Survivors include: daughters, Sandra (Gregory) Brown and Kathleen (Mark) Horvath; and grandchildren, Jason, Matthew and Katie, and brother, Charles Vaughn.

BETTY L. LEONE

Services for Mrs. Leone, 65, of Dearborn Heights were June 28 from St. Sabina Church with burial in St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements were by the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland.

Mrs. Leone died June 24 in Garden City Hospital.

Born June 24 in Garden City Hospital, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, Anthony; daughter, Laurie; son, Anthony "T.J."; and sister, Dorothy (Oscar) Peruzzi.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GARDEN CITY July 8, 1996

The City Council will conduct a hearing on Monday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. in The Council Chambers of the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, to solicit comments on the following proposed ordinance.

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for part-time and temporary employees beginning July 1, 1996:

SALARY ORDINANCE-Part-Time/Temporary Employees - Effective 7/1/96:

POSITION	RATE
Acting City Manager	\$25.00 per day
Election Supervisor	\$80.00 per day
Election Worker	\$67.00 per day
City Student Intern	\$4.25 to \$6.00 per hour
Electrical Inspector	\$12.00 to \$16.00 per hour
Heating/Cooling/Plumbing Inspector	\$15.00 to \$17.00 per hour
Building Inspector	\$13.00 to \$18.00 per hour
Seasonal Laborer	\$5.50 to \$7.00 per hour
Librarian	\$10.00 to \$13.00 per hour
Library Aide	\$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour
Library Clerk	\$5.00 to \$7.00 per hour
Library Page	\$4.25 to \$5.50 per hour

This amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law. ROSALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

Published July 1, 1996

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the installation of:

WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT AT COOPER AT WHITTIER 28550 ANN ARBOR TRAIL, WESTLAND, MICHIGAN (JOB NO. 96018)

Bids will be received until 2:30 p.m. on the 10th day of July 1996 at the office of the Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid packet (Drawings & Specifications) may be picked up at the Livonia Public Schools Maintenance Department Office starting on Thursday, June 27, 1996. TWENTY DOLLARS DEPOSIT PER COPY.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Mr. Wayne Roberts, Building and Grounds Supervisor at (313) 623-9160.

Published: June 27 and July 1, 1996

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 11, 1996 CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, July 11, 1996, at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following request(s):

All persons interested in any of the above are hereby invited to attend this Public Hearing and be heard.

Item 6-96-002

Steve Harnade 32889 Warren

Solicitation of a Special Use Permit request pursuant to Section 161.223, to be developed in accordance with standards of Section 161.072 (B), to construct a canopy, new pump island and a rear addition to an existing automobile filling station, also to convert existing auto repair facilities to a convenience store. Property located in the C-3 (General Business) District.

Property description:

Acresage Section 10 B1a1b

0002-99-0004-003

The applicant's submittal materials are available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, (313) 623-8882.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER, City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: June 28, 1996
Published: July 1, 1996

Nutrition discussion to top agenda

The Diabetes Support Group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Participants should enter near the Five Mile entrance.

Guest speaker: Marianne Simancek, R.N., wellness coordinator/health educator for St. Mary Hospital, will speak on "Where's the Fat? Nutrition Facts vs. Fiction."

There is no charge to attend the meeting and registration is not required. For more information, call the hospital at (313) 655-2922 or toll-free at 800-494-1650.

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Districts scramble to keep adult ed intact

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

This fall school districts will more than likely have programs in place for adults over 20 years of age to obtain their high school diplomas by taking equivalency and general education development (GED) tests. However, it is uncertain what will happen to job training courses.

Chances are classes will be smaller and possibly spread out among approximately 23 districts in western Wayne County, including Wayne-Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Redford Union and South Redford.

Area districts were scrambling last week to put together a consortium that they believe would salvage their adult education programs. The state has cut adult education funding by one third. This is also the first year districts will have to compete for \$20 million in grants, which will make up the remainder of its budget.

"Our chances are almost nil (of getting any grant money) without a consortium," said Karen Moran, director of Redford Union Adult Education and ShareTime program.

Schools were required to send a letter to Lansing saying they intended to apply for the grants to meet today's (July 1) deadline. They had 11 days to do so after the state Board of Education approved new rules and strict deadlines, which left school officials confused and angered.

Several districts, such as Redford Union, already sent a letter to apply individually for the grants when they learned their chances would be improved if

they were part of a consortium.

Lansing endorsed a concept in which districts form consortia with each other, private industry, community colleges and workforce development boards. School officials are calling it "corporate warfare" as they compete for state aid.

At 9 a.m. last Wednesday representatives from 10 area districts making up Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL) met and agreed to form a consortium. Wayne-Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford Union would have been a part of the group.

"It's come to the point we can't do this separately. You do it alone, you hang," William Pfeiffer, Taylor's adult education director, told those in attendance at the MAISL meeting.

But by 1 p.m. Wednesday the MAISL consortium was becoming part of a larger group composed of the Wayne-Monroe Adult Education Association, which includes 34 districts in Wayne County and five districts in Monroe County. Informal discussion was had after an informational meeting by the state association in Williamston, near Lansing.

However, the group became smaller on Friday, representing approximately 23 districts in western Wayne County. Plans are to have Wayne County's Intermediate School District (ISD) write the grant proposal, which would combine all the districts' goals into one mission statement. Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WCRESA) would act as the consortium's fiscal agent.

Although the grant consul-

ants from ISD were not available to personally commit to the plan, a back-up plan will pool the best grant writers from the 23 districts if it doesn't work out.

"I think the odds are against us, period," said Chris Babler, director of Adult and Community Education for Garden City Schools. "(Gov. John) Engler wants to give the money to business and industry. It would be almost impossible for us to get that money."

Information provided by the state was so confusing one MAISL district, Dearborn Public Schools, thought today's deadline was for the formal grant proposal and spent the last week composing what they hoped would win the district a bigger share of the grant. The grants are expected to range in amounts between \$49,500 and \$2 million based on \$2,750 per participant FTE (full-time equated student).

The deadline for the formal grant proposal is July 19, which gives the 23 districts of the western Wayne County consortium two weeks to organize their proposal. The state will notify districts of acceptance by Aug. 1.

Carol Saunders, adult education coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools, called the process "kind of like walking a tightrope blindfolded."

"We have not pink slipped any teachers, but we're working on the premise that the ax is going to be a little larger this year. There are going to be classes not running," she said.

Jay Young, director of Community Services at Livonia Public Schools, said the district is anticipating some layoffs, possibly half of the 60 adult educa-

tion teachers. Livonia's school board will consider whether to close The Bentley Center, which houses many adult education programs and costs over \$3 million to operate, Young said.

"Adult education as we know it is not going to be offered anymore. It will come in many different packages," said Jerry Dunn, executive director of MAISL.

"I think the odds are against us, period. (Gov. John) Engler wants to give the money to business and industry. It would be almost impossible for us to get that money."

Chris Babler,
—director, Adult Ed Garden City

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County Fair will showcase homegrown talent

It's not too late to get involved with the golden anniversary edition of the Wayne County Fair as a volunteer or exhibitor.

The fair will celebrate its 50th anniversary Tuesday, July 23, through Sunday, July 28, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, I-94 and Belleville Road, Belleville.

Late entries, costing \$2 for each item, can be submitted until the entry drop-off dates - July 13 for non-perishables and July 20 for perishables.

The open class includes culinary arts (breads, cookies, cakes and the like), canning, vegetables, farm crops and flowers, and home economics - clothing, crafts, dolls, needlework, holiday decorations, ceramics and art - and therapeutic hobbicraft.

Non-perishable items - clothing, crafts, dolls, needlework, holiday decorations, ceramics, arts,

photography, therapeutic hobbicraft and canning - will be accepted between 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, while perishable items will be accepted between 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20. Exhibits will be released 5-8 p.m. only Monday, July 29.

There also will be a Wayne County Homemaker Contest. Points will be awarded for gold, first-, second- and third-place ribbons won in any four of the categories of horticulture, floriculture, canned goods, needlecraft (other than sewing), baked goods, fine arts, sewing, hobbies and crafts.

Participants also earn points for volunteering at least four hours at the fair (documentation required), with extra points will be awarded for six or more hours and for answering each of eight questions on the Homemaker form.

The winner of the competition will be honored as the Homemaker of the Year at an awards ceremo-

ny at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, and will receive a certificate Wednesday, Aug. 28, as part of the Michigan State Fair's County Fair Day County Fair Homemaker competition. The winner of the state fair competition will receive a \$100 premium as well as receive a tiara, sash, plaque and additional prizes.

Applications for the homemaker contest are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Karen Slobodnik, superintendent of the open class building at the Wayne County Fair Association, P.O. Box 308, Belleville 48112. The deadline for entering is July 20.

Visitors to the building also will have a chance to vote for their favorite pie as part of the People Choice Award.

The fair hours will be 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 23-28, with the carnival opening at 1 p.m. daily

July 24, 26-28 and at 11 a.m. July 25 for Kids Day. Admission is \$6 per person, which includes parking, all entertainment and all-day carnival rides, with a special rate of \$3 per car and \$5 per bus available on July 23 only.

The entertainment will include The Van-Dels at 8 p.m. July 25, the Wagon Wheel Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. July 26, and the fair closer, USA Figure 8 Derby at 7 p.m. July 28.

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up displays, registration, building supervision and oversee games, a raffle and sale of the 1996 County-Fair Cookbook that feature 100 pages and costs \$5.

For information about entering the fair or serving as a volunteer, call Slobodnik at (313) 722-8969 or assistant superintendent Cheryl Toms at (313) 697-3963.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

Annapolis
CLASS OF 1976
A reunion is planned for Nov. 30.
(313) 278-9870 or (313) 278-1900

Ann Arbor Huron
CLASS OF 1976
July 19 at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

Ann Arbor Pioneer
CLASS OF 1976
July 20 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Ann Arbor.
(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

Belleville
CLASS OF 1991
A reunion is planned for 8 p.m. July 19.
(313) 699-1171 or (313) 697-8138

CLASS OF 1986
Sept. 28 at the Royce Hotel, Romulus.
(313) 421-7729 or (313) 449-8531

Benedictine
CLASS OF 1966
Is planning a reunion.

(810) 643-0040 (days), (810) 952-1527 (evenings), or (810) 887-1464

CLASS OF 1976
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 531-0141 (St. Scholastica Rectory in Detroit)

Berkley
JANUARY-JUNE CLASSES OF 1961
Aug. 16 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy.
(313) 886-0770

CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 17 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.
(313) 886-0770

CLASS OF 1971
Nov. 30 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.
(313) 886-0770

CLASS OF 1956
A reunion is planned for Oct. 12.
(810) 673-1557 or (810) 478-9821

CLASS OF 1986
Sept. 7 at Farina's in Berkley.
(810) 258-9753 or (810) 623-8992

Birmingham
CLASS OF 1956
Reunion weekend is planned for Oct. 26 at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.
(810) 644-8797

Birmingham Baldwin
CLASS OF 1946
Is planning a reunion.
(810) 363-3030 or (810) 642-9685

Birmingham Groves
CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 17 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.
(810) 360-7004

CLASS OF 1966
Aug. 24 at the Birmingham Athletic Club.
(810) 646-4820

CLASS OF 1986
Aug. 17 at the Oaklawn Yard in Waterford.
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Birmingham Seaholm
CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 2 at the Northfield Hilton, Troy.
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CLASS OF 1986
Nov. 29 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy.
(810) 473-7100

Bishop Gallagher
CLASS OF 1971
July 20 at the Gowanie Golf Club, Mount Clemens.
(313) 886-0770

Blessed Sacrament Academy
CLASS OF 1944
A reunion is planned for Aug. 3.
(313) 421-2563

CLASS OF 1946
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(313) 421-2563

Aug. 3 at Rudgate Manor, Sterling Heights.
(313) 421-2563 or (810) 731-8533

Bloomfield Hills Andover
CLASS OF 1971
July 27 at the Beaver Creek Golf Links.
(810) 332-3846

CLASS OF 1976
Aug. 10 at the Pine Lake Country Club.
(313) 886-0770

Bloomfield Hills Lahser
CLASS OF 1976
Is planning a reunion.
(313) 973-8297 or Drew Pear, 2890 Hawks, Ann Arbor-48108

CLASS OF 1986
Oct. 5 at Fariha's Banquet Center, Berkley. Cost is \$50 per person before July 31; \$60 Aug. 1-Sept. 15 and \$65 at the door.
(810) 852-5566, (810) 338-6502 or by fax at (810) 852-8150

Clarenceville
CLASS OF 1976
A reunion is planned for Aug. 9-10.
(810) 474-1248 after 6 p.m.

Clarkston
CLASS OF 1976
Is planning a reunion.
Rod and Debbie Hool, 5995 Dvorak, Clarkston 48346-3228, or (810) 623-0958, or by fax at (810) 625-8938, attention Mike

CLASS OF 1966
A reunion is planned for Aug. 2-3.
(810) 681-0822 or (810) 673-6542

Center Line Busch
CLASSES OF 1929-1954
Sept. 21 at the Warren Chateau Hall.
Donald Akhurst, 8165 Bernice, Center

Line 48015, or (810) 757-2107

Cherry Hill
CLASS OF 1971
7 p.m. July 13 at Burton Manor in Livonia and 10 a.m. family picnic July 14 at the Bailey Recreation Center, Westland.
(313) 326-1574 or (313) 287-3239

CLASS OF 1963
A reunion is planned for Aug. 10.
(810) 792-1971

Clawson
CLASSES OF 1956-59
A reunion is planned for July 26.
(810) 792-1971

Crestwood
CLASS OF 1976
Sept. 28 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.
(313) 729-3733

CLASS OF 1971
A reunion is planned for July 20.
(313) 386-4823

ALL YEARS
Alumni picnic at the Warrendale Pavilion, noon July 21.
(313) 386-4823

Dearborn
CLASS OF 1986
Nov. 29 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland.
(810) 360-7004

CLASS OF 1981
Aug. 3 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn.
(313) 561-0565 or by fax at (313) 562-5248 or (810) 626-5775

Dearborn Edsel Ford
CLASS OF JANUARY 1966
Aug. 3 at Grosse Ile Country Club, Grosse Ile.
(313) 591-0638, (313) 562-6500 or (313) 274-5367

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CLASS OF 1971
A reunion is planned for Aug. 3.
(313) 525-5752

Dearborn Fordson
CLASS OF 1968
Aug. 9 at the Italian-American Club, Dearborn. A pre-reunion get-together will be Nov. 8.
(313) 274-9694 or (313) 654-3958 and (313) 441-4051 for the pre-reunion get-together.

CLASS OF 1971
Aug. 3 at the Fairlane Club, Dearborn.
(313) 323-6875 (days) or (313) 278-3926 (evenings and weekends)

CLASS OF 1951
A reunion is planned for Sept. 7.
(313) 562-7524 or (313) 420-3168

CLASS OF 1946
Sept. 20 at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost is \$42 per person in advance.
(313) 283-1760

DH Roosevelt-Robichaud
CLASSES OF 1960-61
Sept. 28 at the Woodlands of Van Buren.
(313) 595-4927

DeLa Salle Collegiate
CLASS OF 1946
Aug. 2 at the Lochmoor Country Club, Grosse Pointe Woods.
(313) 884-5761

Detroit Cass Tech
CLASS OF 1977
A reunion is planned for June 1997.
Elizabeth Bell Smith, 10608 Beaconsfield, Detroit 48224 or (313) 372-6657 after 4 p.m.

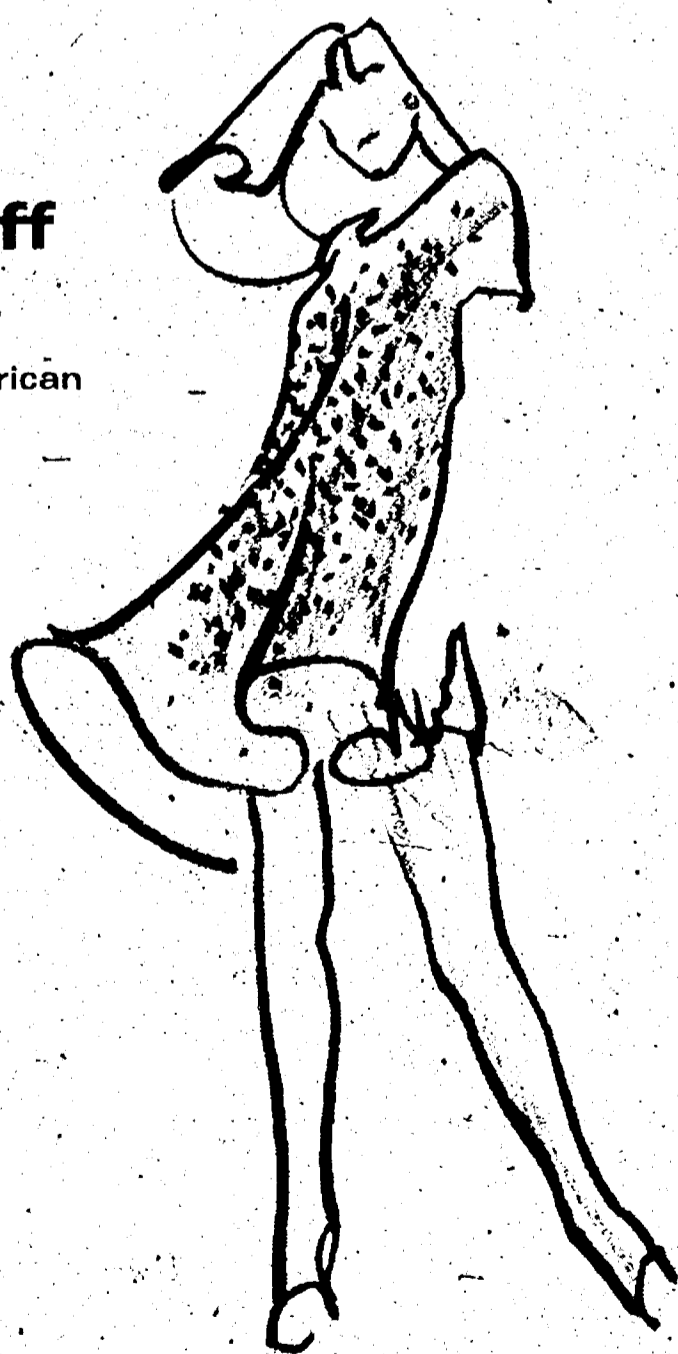
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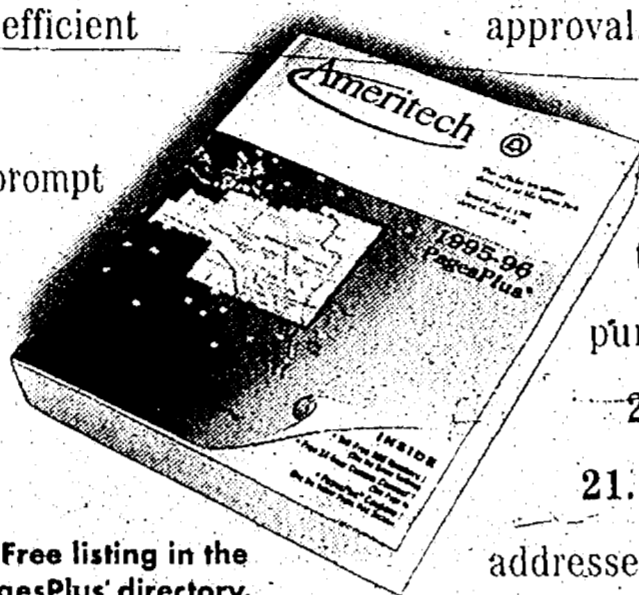
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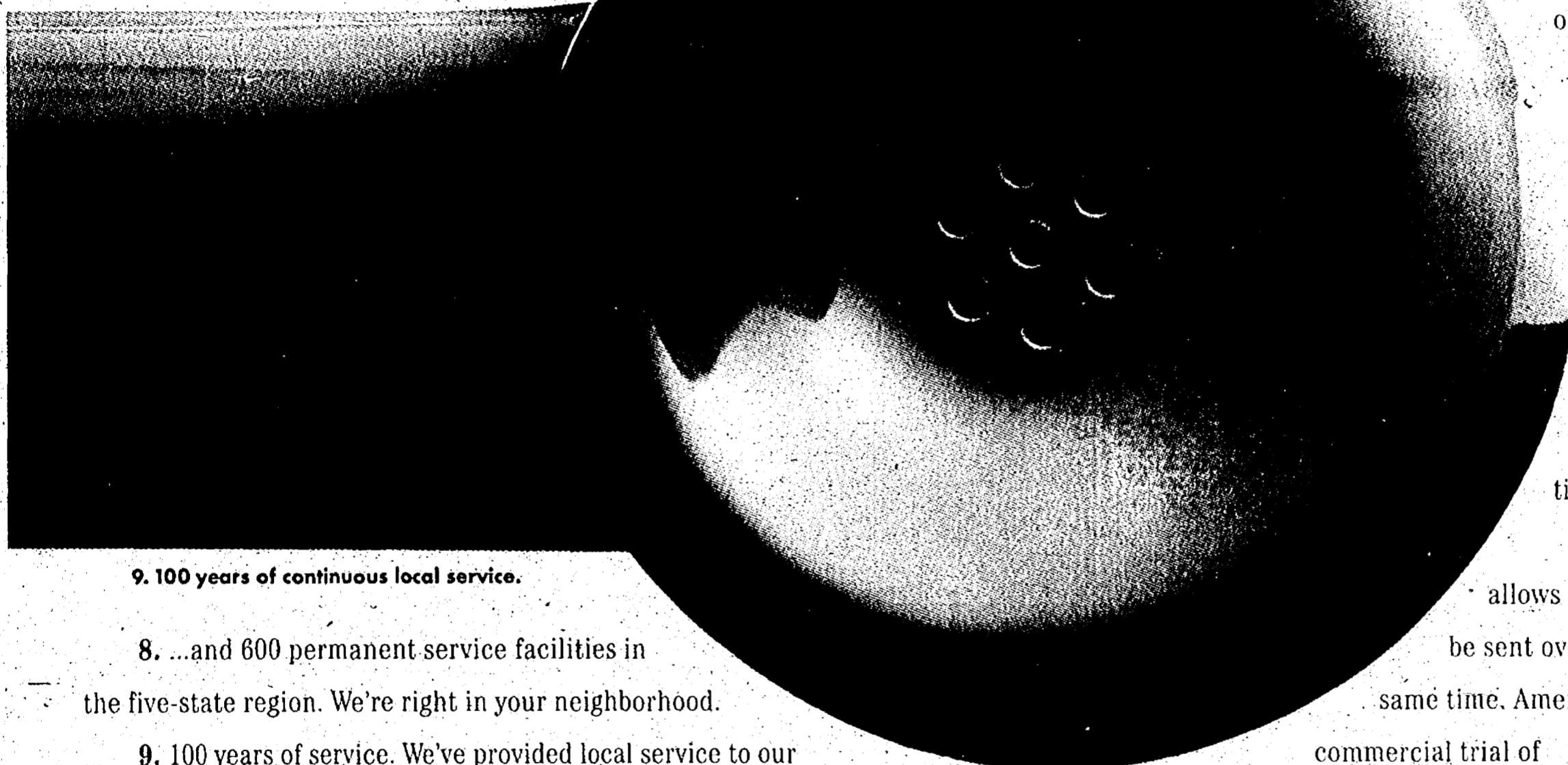
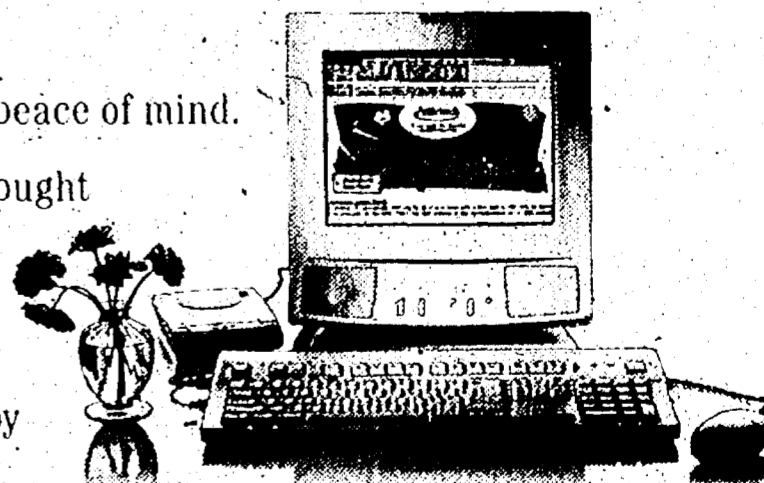
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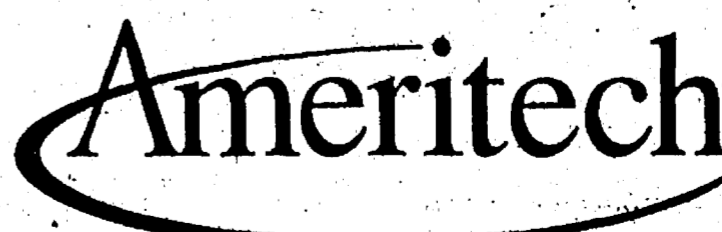
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Legislature returns Tuesday to consider trial court reform

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday is the showdown vote in Lansing on trial court reform. Republicans may have to use the entire party's strength to win adoption of a conference report that calls for the most massive change in Michigan trial courts since the 1961-2 Constitutional Convention.

"It makes the courts more user-friendly, cost-effective, accountable and equitably funded," said Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The big changes:

- The bulk of probate court's duties are transferred to the circuit court. Probate court can't be abolished, as many reform advocates would like, without a constitutional amendment approved by voters.

- A new "family court" division of circuit court is created. The Supreme Court, in a statement last week, endorsed the idea, saying the current system divides family cases between two judges and courts.

- Detroit Recorder's Court, the only citywide court in Michigan handling criminal cases, is effectively eliminated. Its 29 judges would be "grandfathered" as circuit judges and would have to run for reelection in the countywide circuit.

- A court-funding formula is put in place. Van Regenmorter said it eliminates "a subsidy currently totaling almost \$29 million per year to three of the large Wayne County courts."

- A proposed constitutional

amendment, HJR "S," will combine circuit and probate courts outstate; in Wayne County, it will combine circuit, probate and Detroit Recorder's Court. It will require a two-thirds vote in both chambers to put it on the November ballot. Democrats will be inclined to oppose it, so the Republicans have put out some bait: Detroit would have its own election district.

The plan came from what has been called the "third house" of the Legislature—a conference committee composed of three senators and three representatives. Their goal: to reach a compromise on their different versions of House Bill 5158.

To no one's surprise, Republicans signed the report—Sens. Van Regenmorter and Mike Rogers of Brighton; Reps. James Ryan of Redford and Michael Nye of Litchfield.

Withholding their signatures, and indicating that Tuesday's vote may be partisan, were Democratic Sen. Chris Dingell of Trenton and Rep. Ted Wallace of Detroit.

A Ryan aide said the panel met three times last week, finishing its work Thursday afternoon.

If past votes on the original HB 5158 are any guide, the Senate will pass the conference report 20-18 with two outstate Republicans joining 16 Democrats in opposition. The Senate will be back to full strength with the election of Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, to fill a vacancy, giving the GOP a 22-16 majority.

In the House, the GOP margin has shrunk to 55-54 with Bullard's move to the upper chamber—no breathing space, but enough votes for passage.

Tuesday's session will last a single day. It's to clean up unfinished business before adjourning for the summer and House reelection campaigns.

No amendments will be allowed in Tuesday's voting. Lawmakers may vote only yes or no.

If either chamber rejects the conference report, then leaders will appoint a second conference committee, which may be unable to report back before fall.

"We never said it would be easy to achieve, let alone in a year's time," said the seven Supreme Court justices in a joint statement.

The state's highest court, under the last two chief justices, James Brickley and Michael Cavanagh, has prodded lawmakers to simplify the trial court system. They want to see circuit and probate courts combined, but also to see Recorder's Court preserved.

Michigan has 181 judges in 57 circuits. In southern Michigan, most circuits are a single county, like Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw. In northern areas, a circuit may have four counties. Of 237,000 new cases, domestic relations (mainly divorce) were 45 percent; civil suits, 25 percent; criminal cases, 25 percent.

There are 107 probate judges in 78 courts, mostly one court to a county.

County parks to sponsor Mud Day

It's time to dig up some dirt, but not of the election variety.

On Tuesday, July 9, Wayne County Parks will hold its annual Mud Day Celebration.

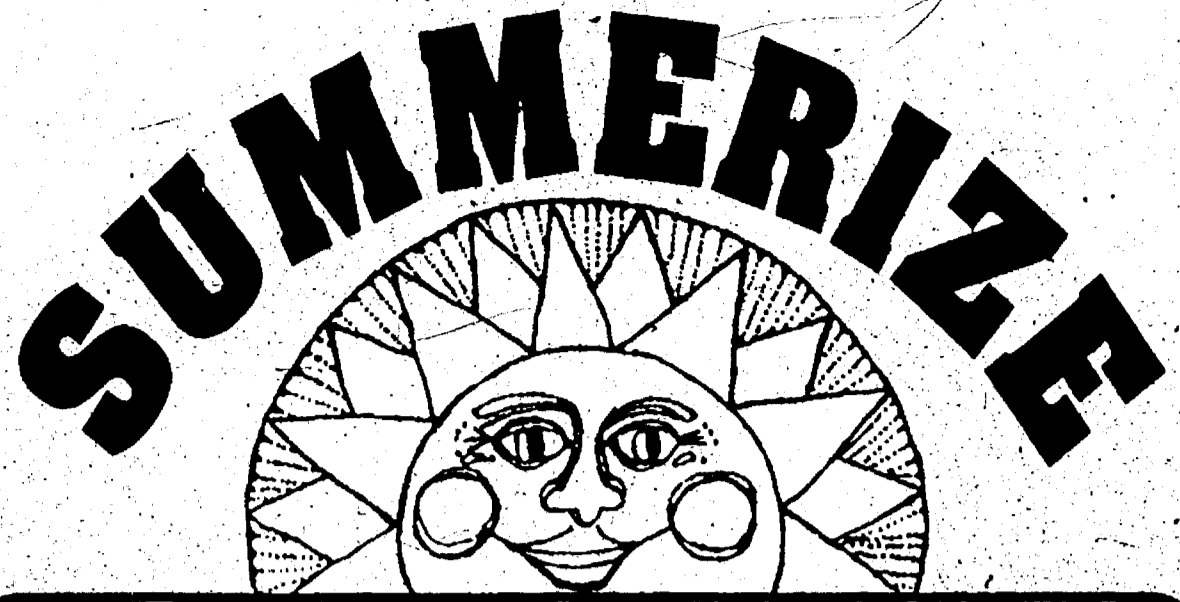
From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., kids from across Wayne County can tumble in the mud while their parents watch. The event will be held at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland.

Children will be placed into games and activities according to their age groups. Parents are asked to be sure that their kids are wearing old clothes and shoes. Parents will also want to bring along a clean change of clothes for the kids. An on-site changing area will be provided for cleanup after the event.

Since showers are not available on site, bringing a supply of towels is also recommended.

There will also be a special appearance by the Wayne County Fire Department. Parking is limited; car pooling is recommended.

Detroit Sports & Rec, a co-sponsor of the event, will be on hand to provide prizes. Kerri's Cleaners will also be on hand to provide plastic garbage bags for soiled clothes and coupons to get them clean.



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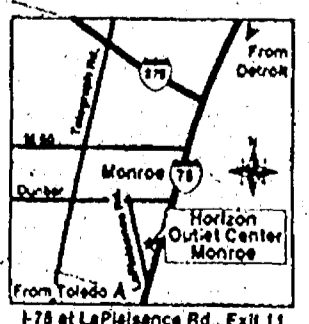
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Perfect picnic takes planning, pretty baskets

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Why not go all out this year to make picnic get-togethers four-star events?

Hudson's staffers Betty Louney, Sharon DiPaola and Ruby Dennison were full of ideas to help during recent demonstrations at Market-place in the Northland Center, Southfield.

They advise picnic preparers to start with a large, pretty basket made of willow and packed with 25 pieces including dinner plates, utensils, and salt and pepper shakers (\$60). For cold items like wines, try the insulated (soft-sided cooler) picnic tote, (\$60) with a freezer pack on top.

Make picnics fun by choosing a theme. Carry your theme through with sunflower, nautical and fish placemats matched with acrylic glasses with bright blue sea horse stems (\$3.50). Or get creative with frothy mugs sporting classic cars (\$9.99). A linen tablecloth available in an array of bright colors (\$25) adds a touch of elegance to the occasion.

For a Southwest theme, Hudson's carries glassware and pate knives with green cactus stems and handles. Stack several of the knives (\$2.49) in a rattan napkin basket (\$14) for a festive look.

Garden parties call for swizzle sticks with flower pots on top (\$9), miniature clay flower pots made into napkin holders (\$2.99), and watermelon ceramic plates and servers (\$5.99-29.99).

To break the ice and make your picnic a success, Louney suggested taking wines not in need of refrigeration. "Pack your basket with dry wines like chablis or chenin blanc because they don't need refrigeration," she advised.

One of the newest products, Crown Corning's Pyrex Portables (\$49.95), make toting foods convenient with a carrying case, glass baking dish, and utensils plus hot and cold packs to keep everything from pasta salads to baked beans, barbecue ribs, and hot hors d'oeuvres at appropriate temperatures.

"These are wonderful products for all-year-round family gatherings," she said.

DiPaola suggested making a summer buffet salad in a Pyrex Portable to keep the fixings chilled. "We eat a lot of salads at our house because they're good for you and especially refreshing in summertime," she said.

If you don't want to cook, Hudson's deli offers ready-to-go salads from their lite line of reduced fat, sandwiches, peach cobbler and pound cake; raspberry croissants, and cookies ranging from decadent macadamia with white chocolate to health conscious oatmeal, raisin and walnut as well as an array of sparkling waters and juices.

Dennison designed the following menu for the ultimate picnic: Baked pate, instead of mousse, (it does not require refrigeration) pasta salad with seafood or pesto, sliced tenderloin with a delicious mellow, slightly sweet mustard like Sweet & Spicy with chardonnay from Private Harvest (\$6.25), or the robust Sweet & Rough from The Silver Palate (\$3.39). Picnickers can mix this bold New York mustard with mayonnaise or sour cream to create a dip for colorful summer vegetables fresh from a roadside stand.

Bread dippers flavored with rosemary, garlic and basil go well with French bread, \$15.50.

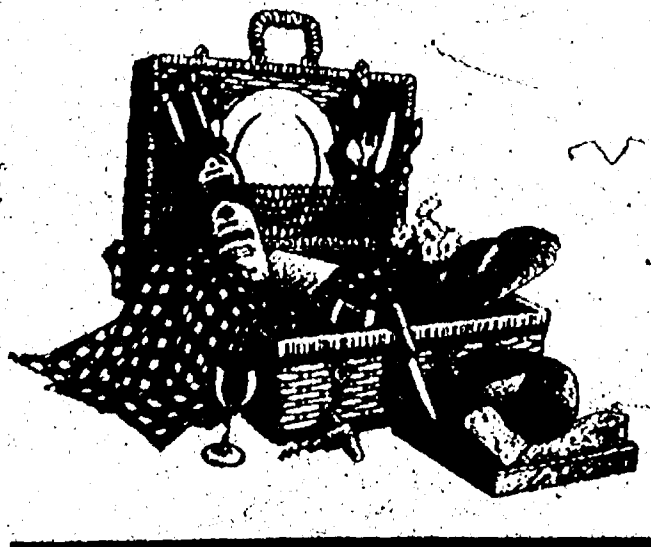
"If you're going to have pate try something light like chardonnay, white zinfandel or German Piesporter. A red wine like beaujolais would be good especially with French bread," said Dennison, former manager of a West Bloomfield wine and cheese shop.

Louney added a few final ideas. "Red Raspberry Razzle by Golden Wish makes a superb sauce for marinating meats," she advised. "Or be adventurous with a cactus salsa spiked with diced prickly pear cactus by Hudson's own Lone Star Grill (\$5.50), or the new pineapple or strawberry salsas (\$3.95 each) dipped in blue corn tortilla chips."

For after dark, Hudson's sells candles shaped like a bright green watering can or yellow tulip (\$4.99) to light up the night.

Sideways in Plymouth stocks the ultimate picnic basket (\$139.95) with dinnerware, insulated wine sleeve, four wine glasses, corkscrew, and wooden cutting board for serving cheeses, breads or pates. Citronella candles poured into clay pottery (\$5.95-10.95) create an artsy atmosphere and will help keep bugs away from your gathering.

At Williams-Sonoma at Laurel Park, Livonia and Somerset Collection, Troy a large "Excursion" basket is \$44. Crate & Barrel, Somerset, has big, bright orange, yellow, blue or green totes for \$18.95. You can also buy coordinating plates and cups from \$2.



Economist gives retailers a thumbs up

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
STAFF WRITER

Good news. It's an election year. So, don't worry too much about a recession. Comerica Bank vice president and senior economist David Littmann assured shopkeepers attending the 1996 Michigan Retailers Association annual meeting at The Marriott Dearborn Inn last week.

Littmann, a Bloomfield Hills resi-



David Littmann

dent, reported: "The typical recession hits the year after the year after the election."

"The economy slowed down, then found new strength," he said of the past few months. "And even when the next downturn comes, it won't be as severe as in the past," he predicted.

That's primarily because inflation is below 3 percent, Littmann said.

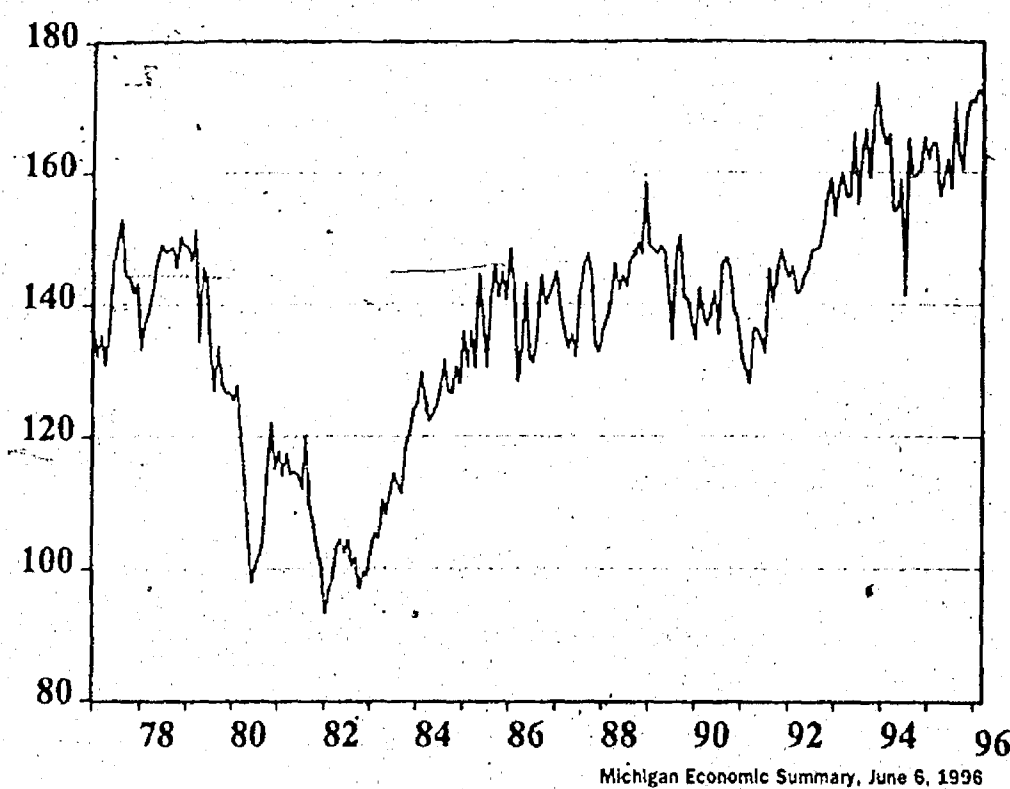
But other contributing factors are:

- Businesses have more liquidity because they carry more cash and securities.
- Employment has had slow growth because investment has been in capital and technology.
- Inventory to sales ratios are the best ever.
- Exports have risen to 13 percent, providing a buffer when the national economy is weak.
- Downsizing of businesses has kept economy and employment growing on a more even keel.

And more good news. He confirmed reports that Michigan's economy is stronger than the national average and shows good resistance to recession. Housing starts are on pace with last year's 1.3 million units. Car sales are strong. And Littmann is optimistic that the Big Three automakers and the United Auto Workers will reach contract agreements without a strike.

"They know very well that their lunches will be eaten (by Japanese car makers) if they go on strike. The economy would even be stronger, according to Littmann, if government would "clean up its act the same way the private sector has done." He believes: "The real economic problem is government spending."

Littmann's predictions of slow, steady economic growth buoyed area retailers and others in attendance. "I was delighted to hear that housing starts continue to be good," said Dale Tucker, vice president of Englander's Other Place, with furniture stores in Royal Oak and Ann Arbor.



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But Littmann's statistics didn't stave off worries over increased competition including the coming of Somerset North, the continued proliferation of big box stores and, now, the Taubman discount mall just announced for Auburn Hills. To Englander's Tucker and others: "The big question is what will happen when Nordstrom opens."

His prediction: "The weak die and the strong become creative." Gail, who heads the largest independent office supply company in Michigan, has heard that an office superstore may be moving into Birmingham.

But, "We're confident that people will tire of the big box stores and become more supportive of small business," he said.

Tracy White, director of the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, said the optimistic forecast "lets us go forward in our plans to expand and recruit."

And Jennifer Dismuke of Sideways in Plymouth said: "We're expecting a very good fall season."

'Value Mall' planned for Auburn Hills site

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Plans for a multi-faceted "value mall" off I-75 at the Baldwin exit in Auburn Hills, will take the Taubman Company known for its upscale regional malls, in a new direction.

According to spokesman Christopher Tennyson, the Bloomfield Hills-based company hopes to develop a 1.7-million square foot enclosed shopping center over 117 acres at the intersection, with 200 stores, several themed restaurants, entertainment venues, and a hotel offering shoppers "a compliment to our core upper-end business."

"Though no leases are spoken for, we hope to see retailers like Sak's Fifth Avenue, Hudson's, Nordstrom, Spiegel and Guess? use the mall to liquidate their off-season items. This way, they can still be involved with their clearance, still get their profits."

Locally, the Taubman Company owns and operates Lakeside in Sterling Heights, Twelve Oaks in Novi, Briarwood in Ann Arbor, and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. "A new thinking" has the company developing mark-down malls in key regions of the country "where the population density can support them," according to Tennyson.

"Shopping centers used to want the discounters further out from them, but a new thinking says they

can co-exist if the discounters are put under one roof and made convenient and fun for bargain hunters."

Tennyson said the mall's price tag is "\$100-million-plus" with a grand opening planned for 1998. The Taubman Realty Group is general partner in the project with the Union Bank of Switzerland a limited partner. The Taubman "value center" is smaller than a similar shopping mall proposed (and approved) for this same site in 1990 by Western Development, a Washington D.C.-based company, currently known as The Mills Corp. Financing for the Western project never came together and the company lost its options.

Auburn Hills city manager Dennis McGee said the recent Taubman announcement to go ahead with the value center at this time "came as a real surprise."

"We knew they had plans to build a shopping center out here, but we thought the concept was still a few years away," he said. "Most of the city's concerns about the project - sewers, traffic, wetland protection - were addressed when the Western center was approved in 1990. It will be a matter of bringing out those old files when Taubman finally submits a site plan. All we have now is artist renderings, but if this center is like the other mill centers we visited, it will be upper-end, a quality project. However, I have doubts that it can

be completed by 1998." Tennyson said the value mall will primarily serve the market in a 40-mile radius of the site, with routine visits from shoppers in Flint, Lansing, Toledo and Windsor. It will be styled after a sister center, Arizona Mills in Tempe, Arizona.

Perry Grueber, vice-president of investor relations for Horizon Group, developers of the Birch Run Manufacturer's Outlet center about 30 minutes north of the proposed value center, said Birch Run expects its business to be impacted by the Taubman value mall, but only at the outset.

"We've been through this before when a mill center opened 10 miles

south of our Kenosha Park outlet center in Guernsey, Illinois," he said. "You take steps to protect your center. You make sure the tenants are happy, and after the first few months, the new center raises the awareness of value outlet shopping with all its advertising dollars, and the first center is actually better off."

Grueber pointed out that value shopping may be to the '90s what "conspicuous consumption" was to the '80s. He said in 1995, six million visitors came to Birch Run spending an average of three hours per visit. A recent survey by the International Council of Shopping Centers revealed that at traditional malls, shoppers stay less than an hour.

Patty Webster and Jean Jolliat of Farmington Hills chatted about the proposed value mall over lunch at the Somerset Collection.

"We're in our '60s and we've pretty much seen everything when it comes to shopping," Webster said. "We don't shop 'til we drop anymore, besides, smart shoppers know you can get better deals when department stores have sales."

The new mall hopes to offer shoppers merchandise priced 30 to 70 percent off regular prices. Stores will include "department store and manufacturer's outlets, specialty retail outlets, big box anchors, restaurants and entertainment activities for families."

Information for this week-long calendar of shopping center events and promotions should be submitted for Monday publication by the preceding Wednesday. Send the facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Birmingham Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or a fax to Susan DeMaggio, Editor at (810) 644-1314.

Monday, July 1

PUPPET SHOWS

"Goldilocks and the Three Bears" Monday-Friday 11, 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Walton/University, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

ESTATE JEWELRY COLLECTION

Neiman Marcus' 4th annual traveling estate jewelry collection through July 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Precious Jewels Salon, first level. Collection features art/deco, art nouveau, retro, Edwardian and late Victorian one-of-a-kind pieces from \$500. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. (810) 643-3300.

Wednesday, July 3

READING PROMOTION

Each Wednesday through July 31, mall hosts

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

summer reading program in Center Court at 10 a.m. Kids can earn prizes and hear childhood classics.

Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

Thursday, the 4th of July

HOLIDAY SHOPPING HOURS

Many malls have limited hours today. Laurel Park Place in Livonia will open Noon-5 p.m.; Lakeside, Fairlane, Twelve Oaks and Briarwood will open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Somerset Collection will open Noon-5 p.m.; Wonderland Mall in Livonia 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Livonia Mall will open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES

Mark Tisdale presents "A Night on Broadway" 7:30-9 p.m. Series is set for each Thursday through Aug. 1 in Municipal Park behind city hall. Complimentary. 6th Street/Pine Downtown Rochester. (810) 656-0060.

Friday, July 5

FAMILY NIGHT

William Schulert, magician, presents "Magic in Reading." 7 p.m. Center Court. Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

Saturday, July 6

SCOTTISH MEATS

Enjoy meat pies, learn about Scotland's traditions, hear music by St. Andrews of Detroit, Celtic pipes and drums, Red Thistle and Spiral Dance. Highland Dancers from Ann Millers School of Dance. Drumming and piping demonstrations for kids 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Repeated July 7 from noon to 5 p.m. Free admission and free parking. Olde World Canterbury Village, Joslyn/I-75, Lake Orion. (810) 391-9882.

FARMER'S MARKET

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce sponsors stalls with produce, flowers, cheeses, breads, crafts from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 19. Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail/Penniman. (313) 453-1540.

Silly souvenirs of summer



Why'd I buy this? Travelers to Toronto will enjoy an offbeat exhibit by the retailer Oh Yes Toronto!, now through Sept. 9 at the Queens Quay Terminal. Visitors can select the tackiest souvenir by ballot and those who nominate the winning entry may pick up a Toronto Dream Weekend Package. More than 100 souvenirs are on display including a commemorative Pope tea towel, a hip-shaking Elvis wall clock, and those ever-popular grass-skirt swishing hula dancers for the dash board.

RETAIL DETAILS

RETAIL DETAILS features news briefs from the Malls and Mainstreets beat. To be included, send information to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax (810) 644-1314.

MEN'S SHOPPING HABITS

Men take shopping for underwear very seriously - that's according to a recent survey by American Express, Coopers and Lybrand and IBM! A shopping visit for men's underwear results in a purchase 64-percent of the time. That's compared to suit shopping which results in purchases only 45-percent of the time; shoes/socks and casual wear resulting in a purchase 58-percent of the time, and skin care and fragrances beating out dress shirt purchasing 53 to 52 percent.

ROCK POSTER GALLERY OPENS

Mark and Steven Gluskin have combined their love of rock music and art to create a new Royal Oak gallery that buys, sells and trades new, vintage, rare or recent rock concert poster art. "Because rock music is relatively new as an art form, selections are plentiful and investment potential is very appealing," said Mark. "Add to that aging baby boomers feeling nostalgic, and a new awareness of the importance of this art form historically, and it becomes clear why the timing is right for RockCity Art Gallery." The gallery is at 108 West Fourth St. It's open daily from noon. For more information call (810) 584-2266.

DAD'S WIN DRAWING

Livonia Mall announced the winners of its June Father's Day drawing. William Hunter of

Livonia won the color television. Keith Underwood of Detroit and Edward Proctor of Livonia won the second and third prizes - four box seats to a Tiger's game.

SALON CELEBRATES A DECADE

Mane Design Salon, 12 Mile and Middlebelt in the Rainbow Square, Farmington Hills marks its 10th year in business during the month of July with customer appreciation giveaways. For appointments and more details call owner Cindy Malorana at (810) 471-0140.

PHONE CARDS AT 7-ELEVEN

7-Eleven is offering prepaid long distance phone cards with Classic Major League Baseball players on each card for \$5.99 each for 15 minutes of long-distance air time. For more details check out the promotion at your local store.



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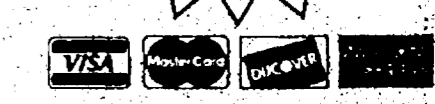


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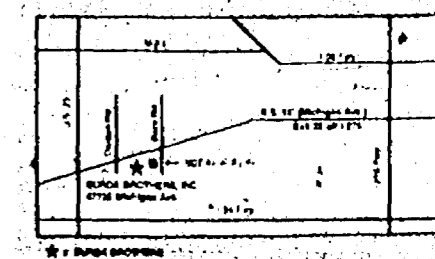
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Schoolcraft trustees OK salary increases

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees approved pay raises for members of three unions and for the college's president, Richard McDowell, Wednesday night.

"McDowell continues to be an outstanding leader" the board said in a statement about McDowell's 1995-96 evaluation.

He will receive a 2.5 percent pay increase to \$104,000 and an extension of his contract to 1999. McDowell has been president of the college for about 15 years.

"McDowell believes in meeting the needs of students, staff and the community, and he understands that physical facilities continually need to be updated and improved," the statement said.

In the other salary increases, a contract with the Schoolcraft College Association of Administrative and Professional Personnel, a union of 27 midlevel managers was ratified for July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1998. Members of that union will receive 2.5 percent pay increases for each year of the contract. Salary ranges for the union range from \$36,314 to \$75,300 with the raise.

The SCAAP contract also includes a change in health

insurance coverage. The college will pay the increase in health insurance premiums in the first year of the contract, but in the second year a cost containment measure will go into effect. Schoolcraft will pay the increase in health coverage up to 6 percent. If the increase is more than 6 percent SCAAP members will pay 100 percent of the increase up to 10 percent. If the cost increase is above 10 percent, the college and SCAAP will share the increase equally, according to Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development.

As of July 1, the executive administrators union will receive a 2.5 percent pay increase and the merit portion of their pay will be increased by .5 percent. The 12-member union is made up of the top administrators at the college including the vice presidents. Salaries in that union range from \$60,853 to \$100,807 with the raise. Executive administrators also receive a performance bonus.

The board also approved 2.5 percent pay increases for the Classified Employees union. The merit portion of the union's compensation will be increased to \$800 or \$1,200 depending on evaluations.

Salaries range from \$10.55 to \$26.99 hourly.

Metro saluted for safety by FAA

Wayne County's Detroit Metro Airport recently received recognition from the Federal Aviation Administration.

"Not only was Metro Airport found in 100 percent compliance during the last FAA inspection," Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said.

"It was recognized as a leader in innovating airfield safety."

FAA Great Lakes Region Airports Division Manager Larry Ladendorf presented the award to McNamara in a ceremony at the airport's maintenance complex.

Among the achievements noted by the FAA were:

- Construction of a new taxiway which decreases potential runway incursions on the airport's center runway.
- Appointment of an airport manager to track and correct possible safety problems.
- A university-accredited training program for operations

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Edward H. McNamara
Wayne County Executive

personnel.

- Pavement markings with beaded, reflective paint on a background for better visibility.
- Airport initiated, bimonthly airfield coordination and safety meetings which include the county, FAA, airlines, Airline Pilots Association and others, to discuss safety-related construction issues.
- Excellence in snow removal.
- Blue reflectors installed on

taxiway lights, which keep them visible in the event of a power outage.

- A numbered schematic of all airfield lights and signs for quicker identification and

repair.
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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

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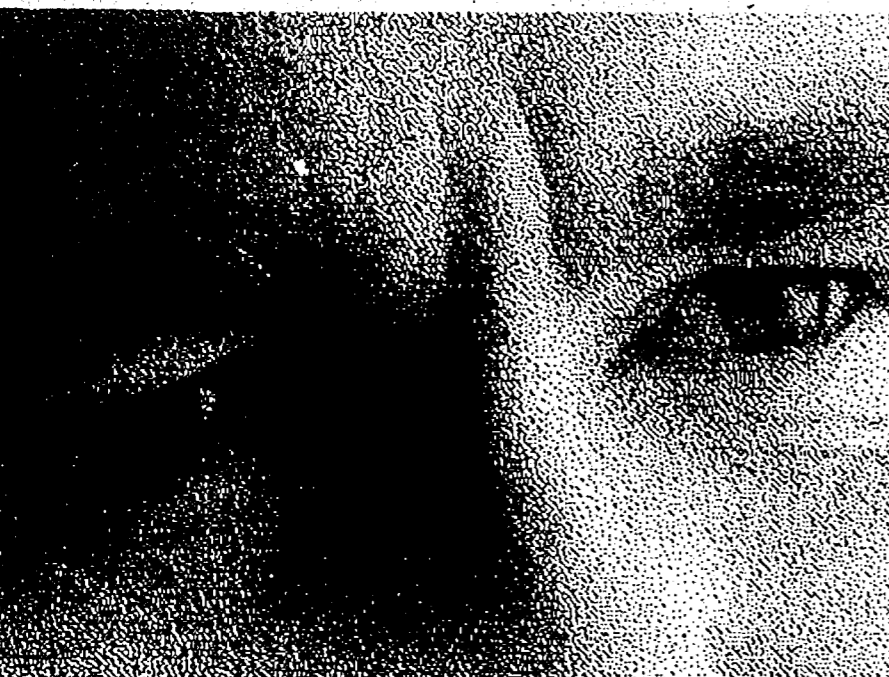
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CHEF LARRY JANES

Harvest yield crop of reader requests

Not a day goes by that I don't walk out to the garden and notice a new bud, shoot or flower developing. All this rain and temperate evenings have produced tiny buds on my tomatoes, and I've already snipped a few large-fresh basil leaves for spaghetti sauce. And if your phone calls and voice mail messages are any indication, you, too, are beginning to enjoy the harvest.

Jack Welch of Farmington called and wanted to know if blackberries and Gooseberries were the same. Well Jack, information I received from "Uncommon Fruits and Vegetables, A Common Sense Guide" by Elizabeth Schneider (copyright 1986, Harper & Row) says that they are distinctively different; however they can be used interchangeably in any recipe. The most common gooseberry found in American produce markets in the summer is a celery green summer berry. They are notoriously sour and are best well cooked in a simple syrup. Schneider offered this recipe from her book:

GOOSEBERRIES IN SIMPLE SYRUP

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 pint gooseberries

Boil water and sugar in a non aluminum saucepan. Add berries and cook over very low heat (the syrup should not bubble) until they are tender, about 4 minutes. Cool, then chill until serving time. Makes 1 pint.

We all have a little rebellious spirit in us, eh? If you happen to be looking for an eye-opening, no-holds-barred newsletter, you might be interested in subscribing to the "Nutrition Action Health Letter." Folks interested in learning about radical foods like Proctor and Gamble's Olestra (brand name Olean) will find a shocking report in the March, 1996 letter. Even more frightening is an article in the June, 1996 letter that claims Congress has introduced a bill that will dissolve all state laws on food safety and labeling in addition to repealing the Delaney Amendment which bans the use of cancer causing food additives, just to mention a few. Tell your representatives in Washington or here at home to oppose H.R. 3200. It's madness to pass laws that would lead to dirtier food, more dangerous additives and misleading labels. The Nutrition Action Newsletter can be ordered by calling (202) 332-9110 or by writing to 1875 Connecticut Ave., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20009-5728.

George Mendenson of Rochester Hills recently discovered a low fat treat called biscotti. He wondered if I had a recipe he could make because packaged biscotti at the Italian deli is a tad expensive. Well George, not only do I have a recipe, I have a master recipe from the January-February 1994 issue of "Cook's Illustrated."

CLASSIC LEMON ANISE BISCOTTI

- 2 cups unbleached all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon minced zest from 1 fresh lemon
- 1 tablespoon anise seed

Sift the first three ingredients together in a small bowl. Whisk sugar and eggs in a large bowl until they turn a light lemon color; stir in extract, zest and anise seeds. Sift dry ingredients over the egg mixture, then fold in until dough is just combined. Adjust an oven rack to the middle position and preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Halve dough and turn each portion onto an oiled cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Using floured hands, quickly stretch each portion of dough into a rough 13 X 2 inch log, placing them about 3 inches apart on the cookie sheet. Pat each dough shape to smooth it lightly. Bake, turning pan once, until loaves are golden and just beginning to crack on top, about 35 minutes. Remove loaves from oven and cool for 10 minutes, lower oven temperature to 325 degrees. Cut each loaf diagonally into a 1/2 inch slice with a serrated knife. Lay the slices about 1/2 inch apart on the cookie sheet, cut side up, and return them to the oven. Bake, turning over each cookie halfway through baking, until crisp and golden, about 15 minutes. Transfer biscotti to wire rack and cool completely. Biscotti can be stored in an airtight container for up to one month. Makes 3-4 dozen.

Chef Larry Janes is a free-lance writer. He welcomes your calls and comments. To leave a message for him, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1886. See more reader requests inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Summertime treats.

Get fired up, have fun on the 4th

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Fourth of July is on a Thursday this year, and some of us will have to work the next day. Don't let thoughts of what awaits at the office rain on your parade. Lead the charge - do something Revolutionary - plan a casual get-together with close family and friends. Declare war, order everyone to help with preparations, from cleaning off lawn furniture to cutting up fruit and vegetables. Keep your menu simple, remember this is supposed to be a day of rest and celebration.

Pack sandwiches for a picnic lunch, and escape to a nearby park. Of course, every-

one loves a backyard barbecue.

Melanie Barnard, grilling expert and cookbook author, believes that even though what is considered "the all-American meal" on the grill has evolved, it should come as no surprise that almost everyone's favorites are still hot dogs and hamburgers. Whether served plain or heaped high with tomatoes, pickles, onions and other fixin's, they are the most frequently grilled foods in America.

The most popular summertime food to accompany those burgers and dogs is potato salad. In some parts of the country, potato salad is dressed with mayonnaise, while in other regions cooks toss warm potatoes in a little wine, then dress them with vinegar and oil.

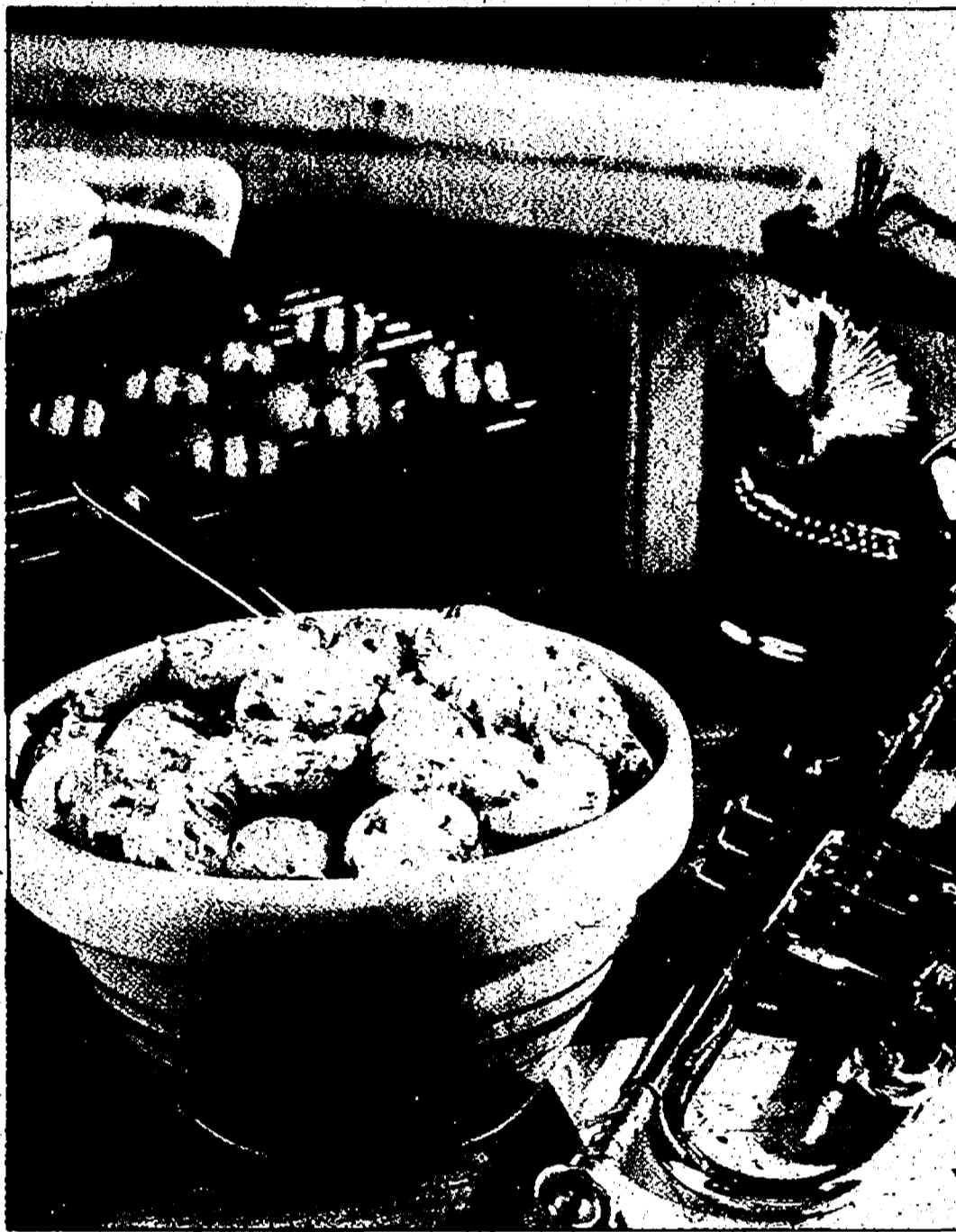
There are many possibilities for dessert. "Firecracker" brownies, a recipe from Hershey's Cocoa, are filled with semisweet chocolate chips and nuts. The brownies are easy to pack and carry. Create a star spangled dessert with pound cake you buy at the store. Add a layer of canned blueberry or strawberry pie filling, a layer of whipped topping, and place strawberry halves and fresh blueberries on the whipped topping to create a flag design.

"With great weather and holidays, picnics are in season," said Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, a home economist for the Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County. "However, it's also the season when more people become ill from food borne bacteria. Why? Bacteria grow and multiply rapidly in the danger zone between 40 degrees F. and 140 degrees (out of the refrigerator or before food begins to cook). So, food transported without an ice source or left out in the sun at a picnic won't stay safe for long. Family and friends who eat mishandled food may get what's known as the 'Summer Bug,' the flu-like symptoms caused by food-borne illness."

Here are Thieleke's safe picnic tips:

- Freeze individual cans of fruit or vegetable juice, freeze milk cartons of water (not quite full). Pack them frozen and they will help keep perishable foods cold.
- Foods to be cooked ahead should be cooked in plenty of time to thoroughly chill them in the refrigerator. Use an insulated cooler with sufficient ice or ice packs to keep the food at 40 degrees F. Pack food from the refrigerator right into the cooler.
- If you're planning on take-out foods such as fried chicken or barbecued beef, eat them within two hours of pick-up or buy-ahead of time and chill before packing foods into the cooler.
- Don't put the cooler in the trunk; carry it inside the air-conditioned car.
- Use a separate cooler for drinks so the one containing perishable food won't be constantly opened and closed.
- To be sure bacteria are destroyed, cook hamburgers and ribs to 160 degrees F. (medium)
- Be sure salads are well chilled (especially those with mayonnaise or creamy dressing).

• See recipes inside.



Wish-Bone Salad Dressing

Picnic Basket Checklist

How many times have you gone on a picnic only to leave some essential item at home? Keep this in your picnic basket to use as a checklist each time you pack a picnic.

- Hamper or tote for equipment
- Cooler or ice chest, ice
- Tablecloth
- Cups (hot and cold, plates, flatware)
- Napkins
- Can opener
- Corkscrew
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic powder, etc.)
- Grill
- Potholders
- Utensils for cooking and serving (serving spoons, a sharp knife, cooking fork)
- Matches, fire starter, charcoal or propane
- Shaker bottle for water to cool fire
- Foil, paper towels
- A wet sponge or dishcloth
- Wet washcloths

- Lois Thieleke, Home Economist, Michigan State University Extension, Oakland County

Delas is a winery in renaissance

Founded 160 years ago in the heart of France's northern Cotes du Rhone, Delas Freres is a winery with a long tradition. A quarter century ago, there was an energy infusion when the Lallier-Deutz family, owners of the smallest grands marques champagne house, Champagne Deutz, became owners. In 1988, Dominique Lallier took the reins and the renaissance ensuing is being showcased in his wines of the 1990s.

Lallier trained at his father's side and had expert guidance from some of the most talented enologists in France. His winemaking techniques give the Delas wines a Bordeaux flare. They don't taste like a Bordeaux, but one senses in each wine the creative blending, a technique that is the heritage of Bordeaux.

Delas is one of the largest landholders in the northern Rhone, with 22 acres in the Hermitage appellation where the syrah grape makes some of the world's best red wines. Other Delas wines are made from grapes grown in Croze Hermitage, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Cote Rotie, Condrieu, Cotes du Rhone and Cotes du Ventoux.

Among some Delas wines tasted recently, we found the 1993 Delas Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Les Calcerniers, \$19, rich with ripe, red plum fruit. In the Chateauneuf-du-Pape tradition, the principal grape variety is grenache, at 70 percent in this wine, with 10 percent mourvedre, 10 percent syrah and 10 percent carignan. It was aged 13 months in two to three year old French oak and shows firmness and rich concentration. The finish, though somewhat light, is generous and solid. It's well priced when compared to the big names from Chateauneuf

Wine Selections

Serve the following chardonnays with light-sauced pasta, spit-roasted chicken or seafood with citrus marinade or sauce. With chardonnay, if you want sophistication and good oak nuances, it's reflected in the price.

- 1995 CK Mondavi Chardonnay \$6
- 1995 Bel Arbor Chardonnay \$6
- 1995 Fetzer Sundial Chardonnay \$7
- 1994 Jekel Gravelstone Chardonnay \$10.50 - terrific buy!
- 1994 Charles Krug Chardonnay \$12
- 1994 Meridian Edna Valley Reserve Chardonnay \$14
- 1994 Hess Collection Chardonnay \$16.50
- 1994 Davis Bynum Chardonnay \$18
- 1994 Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay \$20

In summer, red wines are great with grilled meats such as spicy sausages topped with onions and peppers or a thick, juicy steak grilled medium-rare. Try:

- 1995 Rosemount Shiraz-Cabernet (blend of syrah and cabernet sauvignon) \$10
- 1993 J. Lohr Syrah \$13.50
- 1993 Rosemount Estate Balmoral Syrah \$28 - phenomenal!
- 1994 Chateau Souverain Zinfandel \$9.50
- 1993 Chateau Souverain Cabernet Sauvignon \$12.50
- 1993 Geysler Peak Reserve Alexandre \$27 - rich and generous



commanding \$30 and more.

The 1990 Delas Hermitage, Cuvee Marquise de la Tourette \$35 may be the benchmark Delas wine. The Hermitage appellation is one of the most renowned in the northern Rhone because its wines age well for 10 to 30 years. Only 320 acres of vines covering the region's prime south-west exposed steep slopes make up the entire appellation. Therefore, Delas' 22 acres is a major parcel. Yields are exceptionally low at 1.5 to two tons per acre. Summer sun warms these hills from dawn to dusk. During the night, granite soils radiate the day's heat back to the vines ensuring sound ripening.

The Delas Hermitage vineyard is divided into four blocks, each harvested separately at optimum maturity. Then each block is vinified sep-

arately and aged in different cooperage. The average time in one-year-old oak is 18 months. The 1990 is one of the most splendid examples of Hermitage with deep, rich, plummy fruit and anise notes. It makes a strong statement with a lengthy, chocolatey-textured finish.

From what's been represented so far, you may think that all Delas wines are pricey. Not so. The 1994 Delas Cotes du Rhone St. Esprit \$9 is a great summer red. Serve it slightly chilled with cold, poached salmon with basil or thyme mayonnaise and the wine's red fruit assortment comes alive on your palate with a perky balanced acid finish. It's made from 80 percent grenache, with the remainder mourvedre, syrah and carignan - the same grape varietals as the Chateauneuf-

du-Pape discussed earlier. So, what's the difference? Where the grapes were grown and how the wine was made.

For a greater bevy of economy drinking, Delas has dipped its fingers into southern France, principally, the Pays d'Oc (Languedoc-Roussillon), the Ardeche and the Gard regions to bring consumers some very good drinking in the value-priced \$10 range. With the price of California wines escalating, these are regions that have garnered greater attention. You can find many French wines labeled Vin de Pays and may be wondering what these are. By French wine law, Vin de Pays classification is governed by specific legislation strictly regulating the area, regional grape varieties, yields and winemaking practices.

Delas 1994 Viognier, Vin de Pays \$10 sports stylish fruit in a straightforward, unoaked style that finishes with hints of mandarin orange. Actually in most cases, we're preferring viognier unoaked. For those seeking a wine to accompany meatless preparations, the Delas Viognier is perfect with salads or any dish with eggplant.

Delas 1994 Merlot, Vin de Pays d'Oc \$7 should delight all lovers of merlot with its bright cherry fruit, plump middle and approachable finish. This wine is a tremendous value. If the day's very warm, serve it after 20 minutes chilling in the refrigerator.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Monday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Steakhouse menu inspires salad

As a grilling expert and cookbook author, Melanie Barnard spends a lot of time cooking. Because it is so lean, flank steak could be tough and stringy. But there are two secrets to successfully grilling great flank steak.

The first is to take a look at the raw steak and note the grain in the meat. Then, when the meat is cooked, be sure to slice thinly across the grain. A trick that results in really tender meat.

The second, and equally important, is the marinade. A good marinade contains lots of flavor and some acidic ingredients such as vinegar or citrus juice, which acts as a natural tenderizer to break down tough fibers in meat.

Always tempted to embellish a bit, Barnard has expanded upon

a good think in this Grilled Steakhouse Salad.

GRILLED STEAKHOUSE SALAD

- 1 1/2 teaspoons cracked or coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 pound beef flank steak, cut about 3/4-inch thick
- 3/4 cup bottled Italian dressing
- 1/4 pound portobello mushrooms (about 2 large mushrooms) wiped clean
- 4 large cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 teaspoon olive or vegetable oil
- 6 slices French bread, each about 3/4-inch thick
- 6 cups torn spinach leaves
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup shaved or coarsely grated Parmesan cheese (about 2 ounces)

Use your hands to pat the pep-

per into both sides of the steak. Place steak in a shallow dish and smear with half (about 6 tablespoons) of the Italian dressing. Marinate steak in refrigerator 3 to 24 hours.

About 15 minutes before cooking, add mushrooms, turning to coat with marinade. Set garlic in double thickness of aluminum foil. Drizzle with oil and fold up foil to enclose garlic completely.

Set foil wrapped in garlic at edge of coals and grill until garlic is very soft, about 20 minutes (or bake the garlic in a preheated 400 degree F. oven for about 40 minutes).

Grill steak over medium-hot coals (or broil 3 inches from heat) for 12 to 14 minutes for medium doneness, turning once.

Grill mushrooms, turning once

until tender, about 10 minutes. About 3 minutes before meat is done, set bread at edge of coals, turning once to toast lightly on both sides.

To serve, brush toasted bread with 1 tablespoon of the remaining Italian dressing. Unwrap garlic and stand on one side of the toast.

Toss spinach with remaining Italian d-

ressing and divide among 6 plates. Thinly slice mushrooms and meat across the grain. Arrange over spinach.

Garnish salad with cherry tomato halves, grated Parmesan and garlic croutons. Serves 6.

Recipe compliments of Wish-Bone Dressing.



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GRILLED POTATO SALAD

- 1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes, or larger potatoes, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
- 1/2 cup bottled Italian dressing
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme or 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced scallions
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley

Cook the potatoes in a large pan of boiling salted water, 10 to 12 minutes or until tender.

Drain well; cut potatoes in half, then toss them warm with 1/4 cup

of the Italian dressing. (Potatoes can be cooked ahead and set aside for up to 4 hours at room temperature, or can be grilled immediately.)

Just before grilling, whisk together in a mixing bowl the remaining 1/4 cup of Italian dressing, mayonnaise, mustard, and thyme. Thread the potatoes onto 4 long metal skewers. Grill over medium coals, turning once or twice, until tender and tinged with brown, about 5 minutes.

Place potatoes in bowl with dressing, add the scallions and parsley and toss gently to mix well. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 4.

Recipe from: Wish-Bone Dressing

FIRECRACKER BROWNIES

- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 eggs

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8-inch square pan.

In bowl, stir together butter, sugar and vanilla.

Add eggs; with spoon, beat well.

Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to egg mixture, beating until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Spread batter evenly into prepared pan. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until brownies begin to pull away from sides of pan. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Cut into bars. Makes about 16 brownies.

Nutrition facts per brownie, with

nuts: 280 cal., 15 g fat, 65 mg chol., 180 mg sodium, 25 mg calcium, 32 g carbs., 4 g pro.

Recipe from: Hershey's Cocoa
FLAG CAKE

- 10 3/4-ounce package frozen pound cake, thawed, cut into 10 slices
- 21-ounce can blueberry or strawberry pie filling
- 12-ounce tub frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 pints fresh strawberries, halved
- 1/3 cup fresh blueberries

Line bottom of a 12-by-8-inch baking dish with cake slices. Top with pie filling and whipped topping.

Place strawberry halves and fresh blueberries on whipped topping

to create a flag design. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 15 servings.

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Chef Larry answers calls for information, recipes

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Folks in the Plymouth-Canton area are hiding a well kept secret. Located on Joy Road between Lilley and Main street sits a farm market that has been there for more than 25 years. It's called Schmidt's. I recently stopped in and was surprised to see such an excellent array of fresh produce and local dairy products. I picked up some fresh spinach and peppers that were very reasonably priced — the quality was outstanding.

Dolores Redmond of Birmingham wanted to know where she might be able to find some "exotic" meats for grilling this summer. Check out Butcher Boy Food Products and Game Meats, 13869 Herbert in Warren, (810) 779-0600. Claiming to offer the best wild game in town, they are a great source for buffalo roasts and steaks, farm-raised white tail deer, rabbit, alligator, rat-

lesnake, emu, kangaroo, wild boar, antelope and pheasant, just to name a few.

Amy Gent of Wayne wanted to know about where she can go to pick fresh berries and other fruits and veggies of the season. Michigan is loaded with "U-Pick" farms and the Michigan Department of Agriculture has a publication available. You can call and request one by calling them at (517) 373-1058.

Monica of Plymouth called regarding an article I did last summer on grilling the best ribs. She remembered my secret about doing something with a brown paper bag. You're on the right track Monica; after cooking your ribs and slathering on the sauce (optional), I always place my ribs in a large brown shopping bag. I fold over the open end to seal in the heat and "steam" my ribs for about 10-15 minutes before serving. It's a trick I learned from the rib

experts. You certainly won't be disappointed!

Mark Byron of Redford called after finding a recipe that called for Chipotle chiles. He wants to know what they are, how to use them and where can they be found.

Chipotle chiles are smoked jalapeno peppers and are often sold canned in a mixture of tomato sauce, vinegar and spices called adobo.

A small amount of the distinctive smoky flavor and heat of these dark brown chiles with the adobo can add richness and depth to soups, stews, salsas and paella.

Place any unused chipoltes and adobo sauce in a glass container and store, covered, in the refrigerator where they should last for several months. You can purchase them at La Colapena Honey Bee Market, 2443 Bagley (at 17th) in Detroit.

Marge Blakley of Troy called requesting a healthy recipe that satiates, is fast, low in fat and goes great with chicken or fish.

Tall order there Marge, but I just stumbled across this treat that tastes as good as it sounds and it's incredibly low in fat to boot!

CREAMY SESAME NOODLES WITH MUSHROOMS AND SPINACH

- 12 ounces wide no-yolk noodles
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 pound mushrooms, sliced thin
- 2 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 cup thawed, frozen chopped spinach, squeezed dry

In a large pot of boiling water, cook noodles according to package directions. While noodles are cooking, heat oil in a large wok or fry pan. Add onion and cook 1 minute. Add mushrooms and cook

for 3 minutes. In a small bowl, whisk together broth, vinegar, mustard and cornstarch. Stir into wok and bring to a boil. Cook 1 minute or until sauce thickens. Add spinach and drained pasta and toss to coat. Serves 4 at 375 calories each. Percentage of calories from fat: 9.

Donald Davies of Wayne called a few weeks ago just heartbroken over the fact that he misplaced an incredibly easy, ridiculously fat laden recipe that I printed a few years ago for my momma's Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes.

This was an easy one to find Donald, I just leafed through her recipe box till I came across it. Watch out, it's a real artery hardener! (It makes for an easy recipe for a backyard barbecue and travels well too!)

CREAMY AU GRATIN POTATOES

- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons butter or mar-

- garine
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed cream of celery soup
- 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, cut into small cubes
- 4 cups frozen hash brown potatoes
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a large skillet, saute onions in butter or margarine until golden and very fragrant.

Stir in condensed soup and cream cheese cubes and cook over low heat until hot and cheese melts. Set aside. Grease a 1 quart low casserole.

In the prepared casserole, alternately layer frozen potatoes and hot cream sauce ending with a layer of sauce.

Cover and bake for 45 minutes. Sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese. Return to oven, uncovered, until cheese melts. Serves 4-5.



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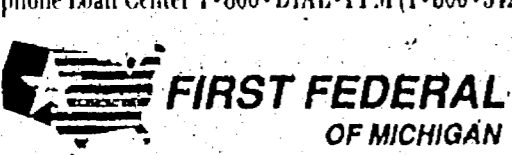


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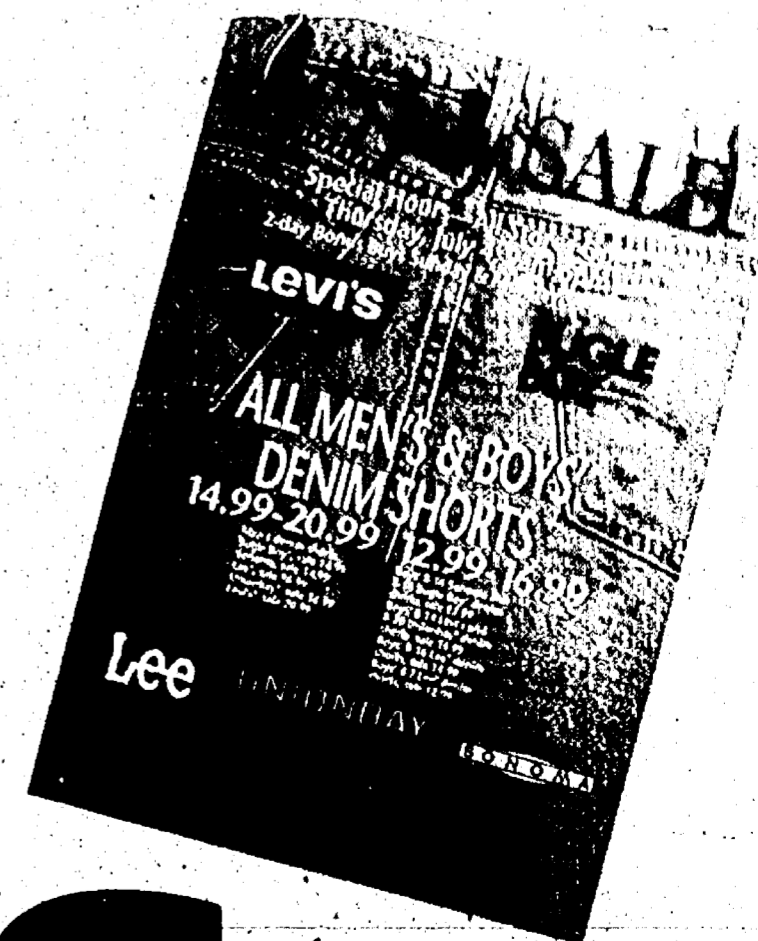
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Tompkins wins qualifier

Chris Tompkins, who will be a sophomore this fall at Westland John Glenn, shot a low-round of 78 to win the Boys 14-15 Max-Fli State Qualifier last week at the Woodlands in Van Buren Township.

Tompkins beat out 50 other competitors by six shots. He advances to the state finals July 27-28 at Milham Park in Kalamazoo.

•Redford Catholic Central's Brian Karabelski shot 74-76/150 to win the Boys 18-and-under State Junior title June 10 at Marsh Ridge (near Grayling). CC teammate Mike Pedrys shot 78-77/155, while Tompkins was 11th in the 110-player field with an 81-79/160.

•Westland's Evan Chall, carding an 83, captured the Boys 13-and-under division at the Power-Bilt Michigan Junior Tour stop (Par-Stats Classic) last week at Forest Akers in East Lansing.

Livonia Stevenson's Kelly Kristy was tied for fourth in the Girls-16 and up division with an 85. She finished 10th with a 94 in the King Cobra Junior Championship June 24 at Egypt Valley Country Club.

Collegiate notes

•The Madonna University Sports Information Department took third place in the individual sports brochure category for 1996 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) SID's Association Publications Contest.

Madonna associate A.D. and SID Bryan Rizzo and head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham will be presented with the award for volleyball brochure June 29 at the NAIA-SID annual workshop in Boston.

•Adrian College junior wide receiver Josh Reynolds (Livonia Franklin) made the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll for 1995-96.

Mainstreet Mitral Mile

Michigan's post Olympic party dash, the Mainstreet Mitral Mile, a series of races for all age groups, will start at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11 at corner of Main Street and Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor.

Registration fees (by July 31) are \$10 (one race) or \$12 (two races). Late registration (before Aug. 9) is \$12 and \$14, while race days is \$15 and \$17.

For more information, call (313) 994-1640.

Cards' triple play

The 7-8 year-old Cardinals of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Coach-Pitch League pulled off a triple play June 13 at Kingsbury Park.

The Cardinals are coached by Tom Howe, Larry Geiger and Mike Stenson.

Late Summer Classic

The 10th annual Wayne Baseball Association Late Summer Classic tournament, for teams 14 and under, will be Aug. 1-4.

The registration deadline is July 19. The entry fee is \$185 per team. The round-robin format guarantees four games.

Awards will go to the first and second-place teams (individuals and sponsors). Age cut-off is Aug. 1. The rules meeting will be Sunday, July 28 at the Wayne Baseball Building, 34630 Annapolis.

For more information, call Jeff Auer at (313) 292-4175.

ARCA standings

Westland's Craig Pace took third in the 20-lap American Racing Car Association Figure 8 feature June 22 at Flat Rock Speedway. Pace ranks 14th in the point standings.

Another Westland native, Steve Cronenwett took eighth in the 30-lap Late Model feature. He is third overall in the point standings.

In the Street Stock class, Livonia's Mike Jaynes is tied for fourth in the point standings with Rick Knowles of Willis.

On Thursday, racing resumes at Flat Rock with three divisions of racing and fireworks following. Admission is \$8.

On Saturday, the Late Models and Street Stocks will compete. Pre-race festivities include the Cross Country Band (performing the National Anthem) and prize giveaways.

Qualifying begins at 5:30 p.m. and racing at 7 p.m. both Thursday and Saturday. Race fans can save \$4 per reserved seat by purchasing tickets at Quality Clutch in Dearborn Heights or Flat Rock Speedway.

Racing for kids

The Motorsports Hall of Fame Speaker Series continues from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 with Racing for Kids at the subject, featuring representatives from the National Hot Rod Association Junior Drag Racing program, World Karting Association, and Quarter Midgots of America.

The Motorsports Museum, displaying 75 vehicles, and Hall of Fame is located inside the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 and Novi Road. It's open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The doors re-open for all evening events from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$6.

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BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

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They've done pretty well in their tenure. But they've done it without a true home, changing in-town ice surfaces season by season, and sometimes throughout a single season.

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That fostered a feeling of impermanence. "Why believe in a team that won't last?"

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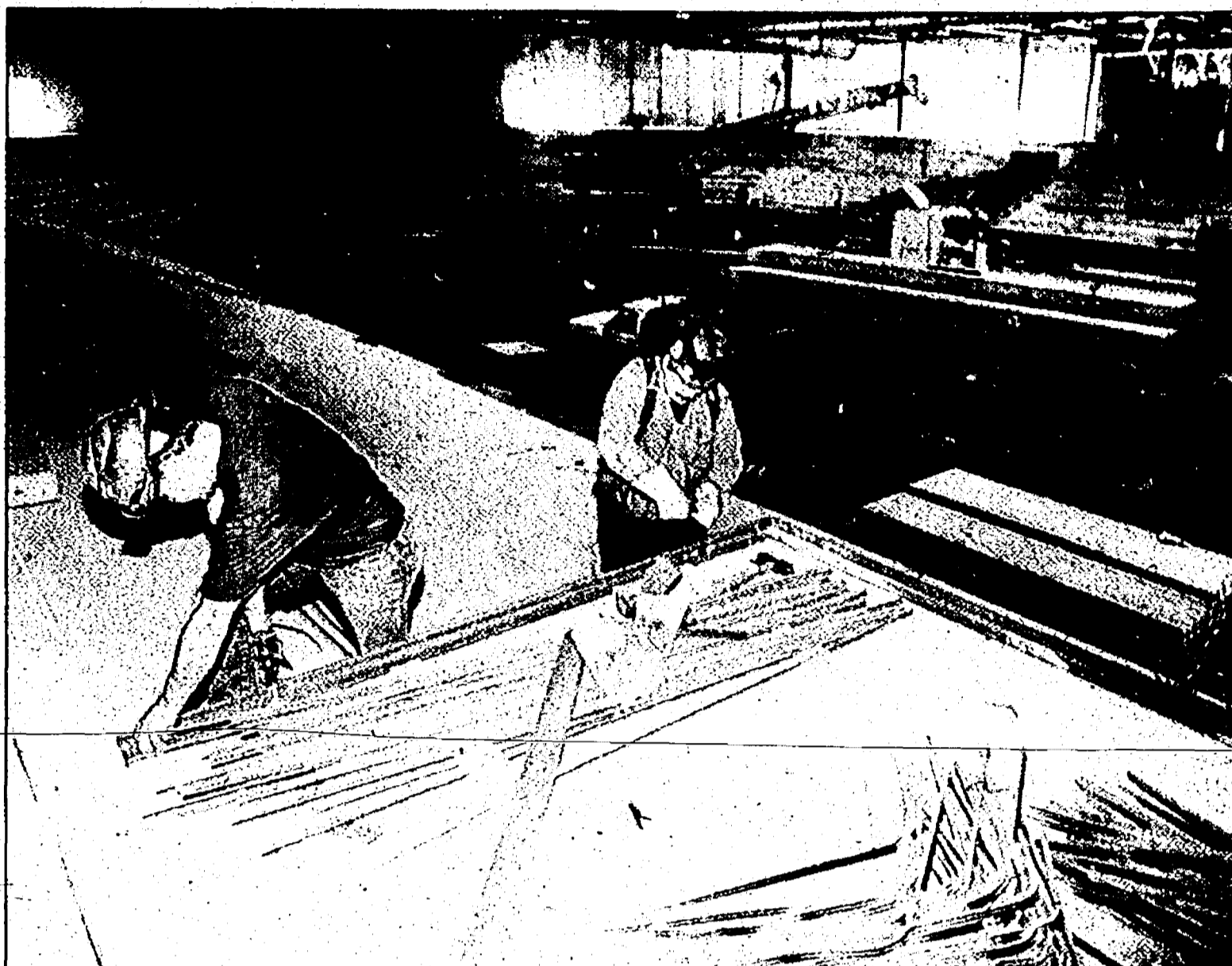
The Whalers have dedicated themselves to this area by opting to build their own home. Owned by Farmington-based Compuware Corp., there has been no pleading for local pledges of mega-dollars or begging for state funding.

Compuware is footing the entire tab - in the neighborhood of \$20 million, according to some estimates.

Doubters are prevalent, for sure.

Big deal, they say. There's an ice

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Hard at work: Construction is ahead of schedule for the new 4,300-seat Compuware ice arena in Plymouth Township which will house the Detroit Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League.

Honig's drops out, LCBL down to 3

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League appears to be literally coming apart at the seams.

The 20-and-under summer LCBL circuit, a longtime staple for sandlot fans at Ford Field, has dwindled to four teams this season (from as many as 10 in the mid-1970s). And it appears the league is down to a mere three after reports that last-place Michigan Honig's has all but dropped out due to a lack of players, according to manager Ed Hood.

Honig's, 0-15, forfeited three games in a row including a June 23 double-header with first-place Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury and Wednesday's single game with Little Caesars. Friday's scheduled game with Hines Park was also in doubt.

"We're not going to be able to field a team and obviously it's disappointing to the kids who committed to play with us this summer," Hood said. "I've talked with Gary Gray (LCBL director) and I've told him we're up against the wall and it's highly improbable that we'll likely continue."

"I've heard there is a Canadian team, somebody out of Windsor, that may fill our dates, but I'm not sure what else there is."

Hood, who is based in Ann Arbor, said there were several factors for

not coming up with enough players.

"We had some guys lined up from out-of-state that fell through," Hood said. "A lot of the good players have gone elsewhere, but there's got to be a reason to stay home. When you get to this age the attrition grows greater."

"Unless you have a college career that is thriving, you're not as likely to play in the summer. And then there are work responsibilities kids have in the summer."

Hood said his original roster would have been competitive.

"When we had those Toledo guys we could play with the other teams," he said. "That wasn't the problem because we had a good team in spite of our record."

"But then we had the three drop out, the problem was compounded. And there were some transportation problems."

Hood, however, said there was an underlying current on why the LCBL is in dire straits.

"When people found out it was a four-team league they weren't as enthused," he said. "It's nobody's fault. Everybody tried. Gary Gray tried."

There was a proposal on the table, however, that would have merged the LCBL with the four-team Metro Adray Baseball Association and four other Class A teams from Wyandotte.

A preliminary schedule had been drawn up, but an agreement could not be reached after talks fell through over proposal of additional dates and the charging of rental fees by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation at Ford Field.

"When my players were originally contacted it looked like we'd have 12 teams whereas last year it was a five-team league," Hood said. "Twelve teams obviously make it more attractive. I was told second-hand that the (new proposed) league had political problems that I never fully understood. It's really unfortunate for teams like Hines Park and DCI (Decision Consultants, Inc.) who might have looked elsewhere to play had they known this was going to happen."

Gray could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

DCI blanks Hines Park

First-place Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury bit the dust for the first time in the LCBL as pitcher Mitch Jabczynski, a lefty from Madonna University, tossed a four-hit shutout in a 5-0 victory for second-place Decision Consultants, Inc. Wednesday at Ford Field.

Jabczynski struck out three and walked four, while wiggling out of a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the top

of the seventh inning. He got out of trouble by getting Jeff Lance to

Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton/Madonna) led the winners with three hits, while Darrell Rocho added two for DCI, now 10-4-1.

DCI tallied three runs in the third inning, keyed by Greg Ryan's two-run triple, before adding two more in the fifth.

Dave Kapla (Redford Catholic Central/Michigan State) and Jim Chwalek each had two hits for Hines Park, now 15-1-1.

Steve Hornsberger, the Hines Park starter, lasted 4 1/3 innings before Brian Reynolds finished up.

"We came up pretty flat, but you can't take away anything from their kid (Jabczynski)," Hines Park coach Gary Pierce said. "He had us off-balance most of the night."

Uzarski saluted

Kevin Uzarski of Little Caesars was named LCBL Player of the Week after going seven for 12 at the plate (.583 average) with one homer, two RBI, four runs scored and four stolen bases.

The Taylor Center product, now at Central Michigan University, also made eight putouts and had three assists. He pitched in one game, going six innings (taking the loss), giving up just one earned run. Uzarski also picked off two runners.

Haeger takes reins at Madonna University

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

In his eight seasons as Madonna University's baseball coach, Mike George was able to mold something out of nothing - quite literally.

George was the first coach of the Madonna intercollegiate program. In eight years, he transformed the Fighting Crusaders into a contender for an NAIA Tournament berth.

But George is gone (he resigned last month), a victim of his own growing financial concerns. In his time at Madonna, he made a winning program out of nothing.

Now it's time to move on, hopefully to the next level. Which is what the university hopes elevating Greg Haeger, George's pitching coach the past two years, to the head position will do.

This will be Haeger's first time as a head coach. Heck, it wasn't that long ago that he was starring for University of Michigan (he's just completing his Bachelor's degree in

General Studies from U-M), both as a pitcher and first baseman.

Before that, the Livonia native was a standout at Redford Detroit Catholic Central, where he was named the state's prep player of the year in 1987. He spent three years in the Detroit Tigers' organization, too, but arm problems stopped him.

Now he's turned to coaching - a trying adjustment at times for someone who's just 27 and could still be playing. "It's hard not to compete," Haeger said. "But you just find other ways to do it."

His work as Madonna's pitching coach the past two years is a prime example. "I took a lot of pride in our pitching staff," Haeger admitted. "In the past two years, they've dropped their ERA (earned run average) two full points."

Haeger's success was no real surprise. After all, he's been successful at every level, first as a player and now coaching. Indeed, had the head position at Madonna not opened, Haeger said he wasn't sure he would have returned as an assistant coach.

"I was really kind of thinking this would be my last year (at Madonna as an assistant) anyway," he said. "I figured I would either have been

looking at a D-1 (NCAA Division I) school as an assistant or as a head coach at a D-2 or D-3, or NAIA school.

"I thought I showed I have possibilities as a head coach. I think I'm good enough to be a head coach."

Sound overconfident and perhaps even foolish? Maybe - but however it may sound, Haeger knows the route there.

"We're going to stress pitching and defense," he said. "I'm going to look for very aggressive players, players who can come in and play right away."

Hard work has always been the key to success where Haeger's been, and that figures to be the main platform in his program.

"At both CC and U of M there was a lot of discipline," he said. "That was the common bond everywhere I've been."

"I'm not too worried (about handling the players). Actually, I think the position players are more worried about me."

The reason, Haeger said, is that they witnessed how he worked the pitching staff as its coach the past two years.

Among the things Haeger will

have going for him is that almost the entire team returns, a team he is well acquainted with. So, too, does assistant coach Sean Maloney, to serve as Haeger's assistant.

Currently, Maloney and Haeger are forming the Double Diamond Baseball School.

Haeger, who remains a good friend of former Madonna coach George, does want to do something differently - recruit more local players.

"We've just got to spend the time getting local people," Haeger said. "Myself and any assistants I have are going to spend a lot of time recruiting. There's a lot of good ball players in this area."

He won't have to worry too much about that right away. Madonna went 29-26 last season, and did not have a single senior on its roster.

"I'm falling into a good position, really," Haeger said. "I'm not walking blind into a brand new program."

And the current Crusaders knew what they're getting in Haeger, or they should know. At any rate, if the past holds any key to the future, Haeger's tenure as coach will feature hard work and success.



Greg Haeger

USA Bulldogs capture Oscoda Tourney, 7-6

The 13-and-under USA Bulldogs came home with the first place trophy with a 7-6 baseball win in the championship game over the host team in the Oscoda Tournament (June 14-16).

Ryan Celeskey, who went 4-for-5, drove in Dave Moran with the game-winning run in the top of the seventh inning to break a 6-6 tie. Moran led off with a single and was sacrificed to second on a bunt by Danny Bowerson.

USA collected 15 hits, with Moran and Louie Willoughby adding three each.

Celeskey pitched the final two innings to pick up the win.

David Groth started, but had control problems early, walking

six and hitting two batters before giving way to Steve Barnes, who held off the A's until the fifth.

Meanwhile, Oscoda started 6-foot, 180-pound Mark Young, 15, who carried a 5-2 lead into the fifth when Mark Willoughby tied it at 5-5 with a bases-loaded double.

The A's forged ahead 6-5 in the bottom of the fifth, but in the top of the sixth USA leveled the count at 6-all thanks to the aggressive base running of Celeskey.

In the opener of the double-elimination tourney, the Bulldogs downed the Roscommon Royals, 18-3, as Louie Willough-

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by had three hits and five RBI. Groth added two hits and four RBI, while Bowerson contributed two hits and three RBI. Mark Willoughby and Scott Cumming also had two hits apiece.

Moran, despite control problems, worked five innings, striking out six and walking four. Barnes came on to shut the door on Roscommon with two strikeouts in the final two innings.

In Game No. 2, the faced the Oscoda A's, who were unbeaten on the year.

After trailing 5-4 after four innings, the Bulldogs rallied for a 7-5 victory, automatically putting them in the finals.

Louie Willoughby led the victors going 3-for-3 with two RBI, while Celeskey overcame some shaky control to hurl a complete game. He struck out five, while allowing just four hits. He walked four and hit a pair of batters.

Defensively, right fielder Bowerson came up with a diving clutch grab to deny Oscoda a

pair of runs.

Other members of the USA Bulldogs include Eddie Conz, Andy Danyluk, Billy Marsack, Brandon Obenour and Adam Rorabacher.

The team is coached by Butch Conz, Rick Marsack and Lou Willoughby.

Michigan Rams tie

The Michigan Lake Area Rams and DeSana Adray played to a 3-3 tie in an Adray Metro Baseball Association game played Wednesday at Wyandotte.

The Rams, who are in a third-place tie in the standings as of June 25, used both Jake Lawson on the pitching mound.

Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Oakland University) pitched the first 4 1/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits, three walks and a strikeout. Reliever Brian Berryman (Redford Union/University of Michigan) pitched the final 3 2/3 innings, allowing two runs with one strikeout and three walks.

Dan Gillay (Western Michigan), Jamie Dean (Nebraska-Omaha) and Jason Hoorn (Oakland) each went 2-3. Gillay

scored a run and drove in two.

Dave Susalla (Redford Catholic Central/University of Detroit Mercy) had an RBI with a sacrifice fly. Greg Rogers (Redford CC/Oakland) was 1-5 with a run scored, Jason Mitchell (RU/Eastern Michigan) had a double and Tom Hartley (Michigan State) a triple and a run scored.

Temple lifts Eagles

Wayne Memorial's Jeff Temple played a key role in lifting the Michigan Eagles to a two-game sweep in the Sarnia, Ontario Metal Bat Tournament (June 22-23).

Temple had a single and scored a run as the Eagles, Metro Detroit's 16-17 year-old entry in the SEMBA 18-and-under Wooden Bat League, down the Mount Clemens Baseball Club, 2-1.

In the nightcap, threw seven pitches in the eighth inning to preserve a 3-1 win and the earn the save against the Courtwright Seahawks.

WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE (all games at Ford Field)

Wednesday, July 3: Michigan Hornets vs. Little Caesars, 5:30 p.m.; Kines Park Lincoln/Mercury vs. Decision Consultants, 8 p.m.

ADRAY METRO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 2: Michigan Lake Area Rams vs. Sports Academy, 8 p.m. at Redford's Capitol Park.

Wednesday, July 3: Michigan Lake Area Rams vs. Jet Box, 8 p.m. at Redford's Capitol Park.

Friday, July 5: Michigan Lake Area Rams vs. Adray Appliance, 6:15 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College.

LITTLE CAESARS AMATEUR BASEBALL FEDERATION SCHEDULE

Monday, July 2: Livonia Hornets at Tecumseh, TBA.

Tuesday, July 2: Livonia Hornets vs. Redford at Ford Field, 8:30 p.m.

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The three-day event features new products, discounts, close-outs, tourney and league information, software, contest giveaways and celebrity autograph guest.

For those who purchase new balls at the Expo, professional drillers will be on hand to fit equipment.

The Expo, a success from the start, has proven to be well worth the drive for those who have attended this show from the start. Even with non-bowlers in the family, the Trade Center also offers some good browsing and an assort-

ment of wares.

To reach the Expo, take I-696 (east) to I-94 (north) to Exit 237. The address is 237 N. River Road.

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Tom McKay, former executive secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and past president of the American Bowling Congress, is now involved with this event. And with his input, look for bigger and better things to happen.

For entry information, call (810) 546-0070.

•Summer League scores are heating up, especially in the Thursday Trio League at Westland Bowl where Carol Ferguson is Redford Township blistered the lanes with scores of 257-255-255 for a 767 series.

Ferguson is on the Pro-Am Bowling & Trophy squad.

If you remember the story, it was Moses who led his people from Egypt.

Well, it was another Moses in this case, Tony, who led the same trio league a week earlier with a 300 game-anad a 781 series.

At Country Lanes in Farmington, the pins were flying and the scores were scorching led by Kairi Jeffries' 279. Other hot rounds were turned in by Al Stroud, Bob Duman, Jr., Ted Goldberg and Steve Fortney, all of 278s, followed by Vern Flowers with a 265.

The Seniors were also going strong as Dave Arnot shot 205 and 202 for a 590 set, while Shirley Johnson was good for a 198.

In Farmington Hills at the Drakeshree Lanes Summer

Youth Classic, a singles league, the brother and sister act of Michelle and Dave Ewald rolled 300 games on the same night. How about that for keeping it all in the family?

Needless to say, Michelle and David are top-notch youth bowlers in this area. Dave also had another 300 game in the Thursday Night Singles at Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

At Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington, some of the top scorers in the Unmixed Mixers summer league included Rob Allen, 225/642; Fred Abbott, 234; Mary Kovari, 208/534; Diane Kempe, 235; Dennis Yaros, 212/615.

There were several noteworthy performances in the Friday Summer Classic at Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield: Jay Jackson, 267; Jamal Hughes, 268; Yolanda King, 224; Kerrie Lloyd, 221.

In the Tuesday Nite Ladies, Vera Johnson set the pace with a 255 in a 683 set. Single-game highs were also recorded by Cece Bowden (256), Deborah Blalock (255) and Karen Winn (255).

In the Thursday Nite Mixers, Gregory Brown led with a 258/689, followed by Kyra Joy Hope, 226/614; Shelby King, 222; and Janice Hogan, 220.

In the Wednesday Mixers, Nora Kelly was tops with a 276/645; Mary Tibbs, 240; Clarence Arrington, 263/661; M. Howard, 253/673.

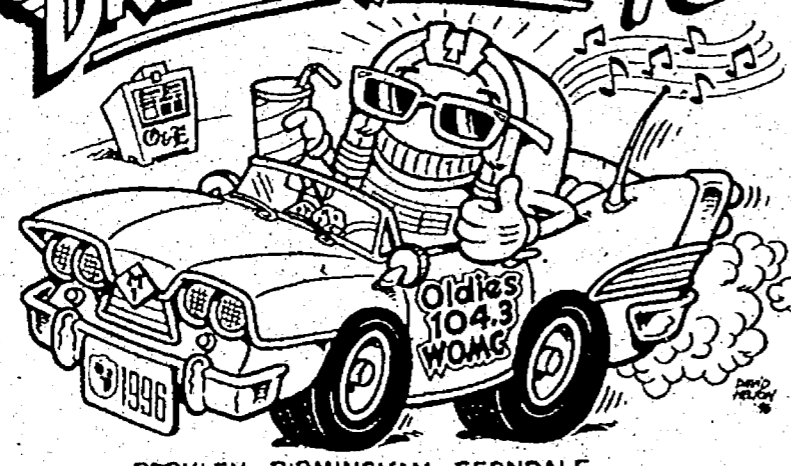
In the Bright Spotters at Plum Hollow, Abe Brownston had a 240; Fran Rushman, 224/548; Freda Stillwater, 213 (her first 200 game ever).



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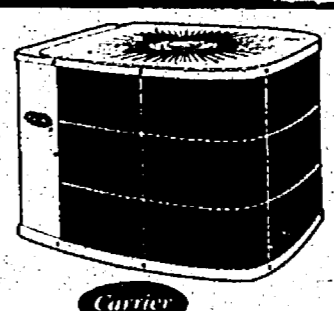
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Daly fast-pitch 1st

Daly Restaurant of Livonia, a women's fast-pitch softball team, has advanced to the Class A Nationals after defeating Legend of Tulsa, Okla. in the championship game of the qualifying tournament, June 22-23, in St. Louis, Mo.

Daly's, which has qualified 10 of the past 11 years, is headed to the nationals in August for Columbus, Ga., the site of the Olympic softball tournament. In 1994, manager Bob Thompson's team took third (in Vasalia, Calif.) and finished second last year (in St. Louis).

Marci Kelly, who just completed her softball career at Eastern Michigan University, picked up the win with relief help from former Plymouth Canton All-Stater Kelly Holmes.

The University of Michigan hurler came on in the fifth inning, allowing just one hit to pick up the save.

Daly tallied three of its four runs in the fifth on consecutive base hits by Dawn Godfrey (Walled Lake/EMU), Angie Fielder (EMU), Kelly Thayer (Walled Lake/Western Michigan), Tracy Carr (Lapeer West/Michigan) and Julie Liljeberg (WMU).

The string of five hits chased Legend's starter Jill Most (University of Oklahoma).

The only Legend run came in the fifth on three straight hits and a Daly's error.

Daly reached the final with a 3-0 victory over K.A.M. of Kalamazoo as Holmes threw a two-hitter and struck out 11 en route to the shutout. Ex-WMU standout Brittney Cannavino was the losing pitcher.

Liljeberg and Cris Wasserman (University of Detroit Mercy) each drove in runs for the victors.

Earlier in the tourney, Daly put Legend into the loser's bracket with a 2-0 eight-inning triumph.

Pam Ossenheimer started the game-winning rally in the top of the eighth with a single.

Melissa Drouillard (Grosse Pointe North/EMU) bunted her to second. Ossenheimer ended up scoring from second on the Legend misplay and Drouillard wound up on second.

Fielder then ripped a single to center, scoring Drouillard.

Holmes, the winning pitcher, allowed just five hits and one walk, while fanning 12 over eight innings.

Daly opened the tourney with a forfeit win over the St. Louis (Mo.) Angels, who could not field a full unit after a player was sent home wearing the wrong uniform.

Finesse wins NIT

Finesse, a girls under-16 U.S. Slo-pitch Softball Association team, won a National Invitational Tournament June 22-23 at the Canton Softball Center.

Finesse, comprised of players mostly from Observerland, finished their 6-1 record with a 13-2 victory over the Daredevils from Brookeville, Ohio, in the championship game. Ironically, Finesse started the tournament with a 13-2 win over the Daredevils.

Finesse has now won three tournaments and has a 13-3 record. The championship gave

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Finesse 150 points toward the national rankings, which will ultimately decide whether they make the national tournament.

Stefanie Volpe (Plymouth Salem) led Finesse with a .636 average, six home runs and 24 RBI. Kristen Zabalavicius (East Detroit) hit .542 with a homer, nine RBI and two doubles. Jennifer Trott (Salem) went 4-for-4, including two triples, with three RBI in the championship game.

Zabalavicius was 2-4 with three RBI and also the winning pitcher in the championship game.

A recent addition to the team, Christie Koester (Redford Thurston), hit .500 and was second with 18 RBI. She clubbed four homers with two triples and two doubles.

Jillian Gross (Canton High School) batted .471, while Sarah Talbot (Garden City) and Katie Foran (Westland John Glenn) contributed 13 and 12 RBI, respectively.

Filling out the Finesse roster are Melissa Bako and Tiffany Bako (Garden City), Megan Brady (Westland John Glenn), Billie Jo Cavallaro (Walled Lake Western), Elizabeth Elsnor (Canton), Wendy Hankinson (Garden City), Angela Haas (Westland John Glenn), Kristie Pawlowski (Walled Lake Central), Karen Prosyk (Salem), Raegan Tisher (Livonia Churchill), and Kristen Zabalavicius (East Detroit).

Incredible Fast-pitch

The Livonia Lasers swept a double-header Tuesday from the Northville Orioles at Franklin High School, 7-6 and 17-1 (four-inning mercy rule).

In the opener, winning pitcher Lori Jendrusik struck out 10 and allowed just one hit over five innings. She also went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Leslie Douglas also knocked in two runs.

In the nightcap, Margaret Schultz went 4-for-4 and had two RBI as the Lasers exploded for eight runs in the third inning and seven in the fourth.

Jendrusik, Jessica Sabbadin and winning pitcher Randi Wolfe also had two RBI apiece. Jenny McGregor and Kelly Young also knocked in runs.

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Compuware Arena

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arena in Livonia, and new ones in Farmington and Ann Arbor, and Redford has a pretty good one, too. So what does this new place have that the others lack?

How about seating for 4,300 spectators? And that's just surrounding the main hockey arena (200 feet-by-85 feet). There will be another ice surface, Olympic-sized (200-by-100), in the same building with seating for an additional 1,000.

As Whalers' assistant general manager Kerry Kerch described it: "This will be a major (hockey) venue on a smaller scale."

Certainly, it seems a gamble to some. After all, there is suddenly a glut of hockey teams, both big-time (the Red Wings) and not-quite-so (the Whalers and Vipers) in the area, and the Windsor Spitfires are right across the bridge.

How can anyone hope to make a financial success of an Ontario Hockey League franchise in such a flooded market? This is a league that boosts

junior players, those 16-to-20 years old.

Answer: The OHL does a great job, find the Whalers do the best in the OHL, with a season ticket base of 2,500, best in the league. Gretzky, Yzerman, Coffey, Lindros, Kirk Muller, Sean Burke, Gary Roberts - a total of 164 graduates dot National Hockey League rosters, with another 227 on minor league teams.

In fact, the OHL - which is one of three major junior leagues that make up the Canadian Hockey League - is the greatest producer of NHL talent among leagues in the world, with 30 percent of its graduates playing pro.

Still, this is Red Wing country. Teams with stars of tomorrow usually crop up in places like Kitchener or Guelph or Peterborough - not in big cities like Detroit.

"There's a strong community in Plymouth and surrounding areas, like Livonia and

Northville," said Kerch. "These are great communities, and great hockey communities."

That's exactly where the Whalers want to appeal. Their 160,000-square foot facility will be host to more than just the Whalers: "The top amateur programs, national tournaments - all out of here," said Kerch.

He added: "This will be the top hockey facility of its size in the Midwest."

Already preps from Birmingham Brother Rice and the newly-formed South Lyon team are planning to play out of Plymouth. Kerch said a state regional hockey tournament host site has been landed for next season, too, with plans in the works to bring the state finals to town in '98.

So what's the down side? There must be one, right?

It won't be money. It seems the Whalers will be affordable to most, with season-ticket prices ranging from \$149 to \$249 for 33 games (if purchased

before July 31). Single-game ticket prices will be \$5-\$12.

And the new facility will offer more than cold seats around an even colder ice rink. A 200-seat, full-service restaurant will be included in the building.

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All this is now under construction on Beck Road, just north of M-14. But the immensity of the project - the first game at the new arena is scheduled for Oct. 5. They can't possibly meet that deadline.

Okay, it's true. When pressed, Kerch admitted the timetable was off a bit. "This has gone up in a hurry," he said. "They're about five days ahead of schedule."

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Saab 9000 CSE appeals to the individual in you

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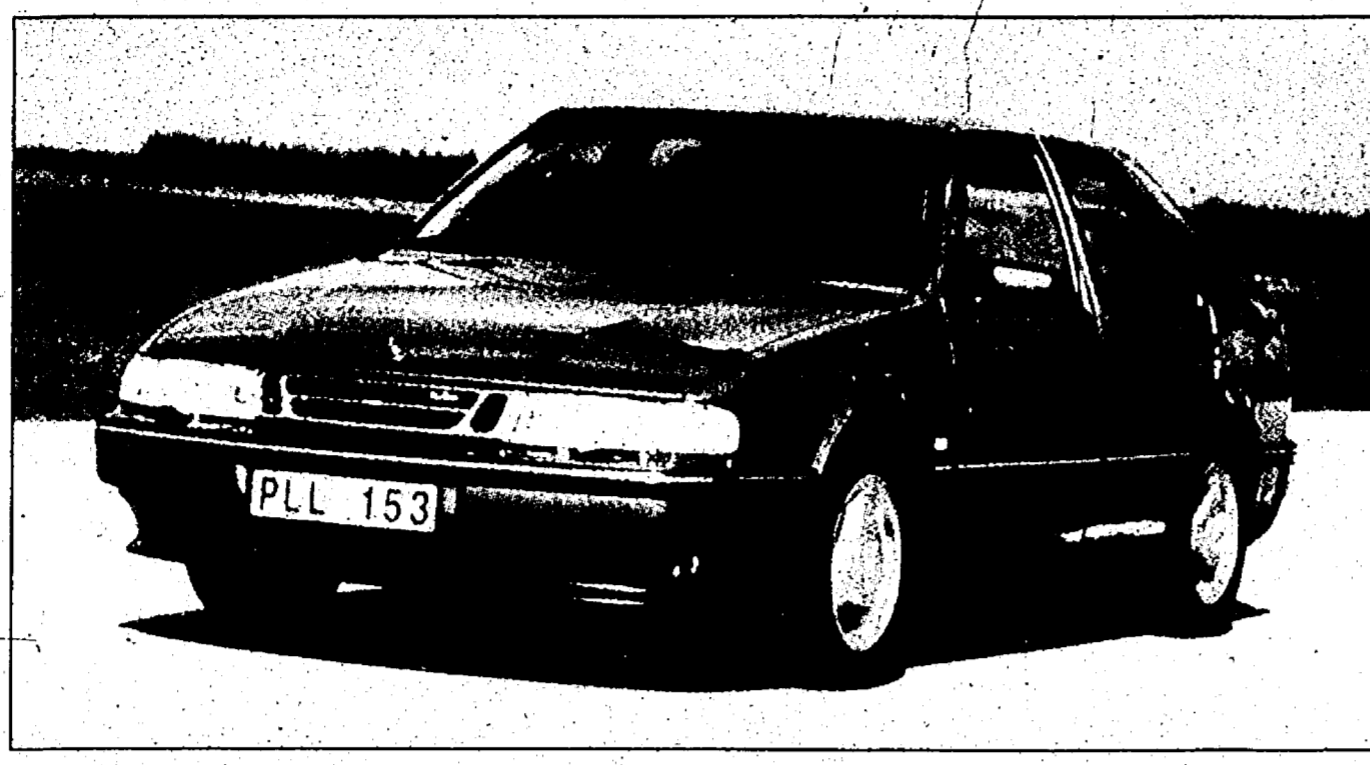
Someone who really appreciates a finely engineered, well-thought-out, comfortable, convenient and versatile vehicle.

Oh! That's you? Then the 1996 Saab 9000 CSE is your car.

The Saab 9000, first introduced to the U.S. in 1986, continues to carry on the unique design cues that are Saab's trademark. It's surprising that in the past six years Saab has been half-owned by General Motors, the trademark styling has remained.

It's got a real individualistic style, and I like it.

There aren't many changes from last year's model, and that's good, too. Saab has added two more cupholders to the fold-down armrest in the rear seat, bringing the total number to four. There are a couple more storage pockets — including one right under the passenger air bag and one under each of the front seats. Also new for 1996 is a sky blue



ROAD TEST By Anne Fracassa

metallic exterior paint option.

If you crave power, you'll get it on the 9000 CSE — no matter which powerplant you choose. There's a 2.3-liter turbocharged 4 cylinder with 200 horses if you need your power quickly and a 210-horse 3.0-liter V6 if you need power on a consistent basis.

The turbocharged engine provides high performance, low exhaust emissions and great fuel economy. The fuel economy's so good it's rated below

California's standards. And it's got the best mileage numbers in the EPA's large car classification.

You can also choose between a 5-speed manual and optional 4-speed automatic transmission on the 2.3-liter engine.

The stronger 3.0-liter V6 (which is only available with the 4-speed automatic) has four overhead cams, 24 valves and an intake manifold that provides high air intake volume at all engine speeds — which translates into better acceleration and passing ability.

Standard on the 9000 CSE outfitted with the 3.0-liter engine is electronic traction control. It's got a dashboard-mounted on/off switch that lets you deactivate the traction control in unique situations — like driving through deep snow, where you need the wheelspin.

All-season high-performance Michelin tires mounted on smart-looking three-spoke alloy wheels are also standard.

The turbo package has a fashionable

rear spoiler and functional turbo boost gauge in the instrument panel.

One thing that's catching on with other car companies is the long list of standard equipment that makes the option list almost non-existent.

Take a look: Leather upholstery, heated front seats, three-position adjustable memory on the driver's seat, electrostatic cabin air filter, automatic climate control, power tilt/sliding glass sunroof, polished walnut interior trim, remote control door locks and a remote-control alarm system.

Enough? Nope. How about air conditioning, power windows with the one-touch feature, electronic speed control, adjustable and heated rearview mirrors, interval windshield wiper/washer, head restraints for all occupants, illuminated vanity mirrors, interior light delay, a luggage compartment light and built-in tool kit, electric rear window demister, tinted glass, electric antenna, analog instrumentation, outside temperature display, quartz analog clock, overhead console with swiveling map

light and dual rear seat reading lamps. Anything else? Well, yes.

This should be music to your ears: A Harman/Kardon 15-watt AM/FM/cassette/CD player stereo system with no less than 10 speakers placed strategically around your delicate hearing system. The system also has a Weather Band channel and removable key pad. You can even enter your own security code for theft prevention.

There's plenty of room in the 9000 CSE as well. When the 9000 was first introduced so many years ago, Saab took a bunch of us auto scribes to the deep south to simulate a typical Saturday morning of errands. At one stop during the simulation in Fairhope, Ala., we were asked to put a kid with a tuba and a very tall grandfather clock in the back. And it fit.

You wouldn't really be stretching it if you called this 5-door hatchback sedan a minivan that's really low to the ground. Fold down the rear seat and the cargo room is a whopping 56.4 cubic feet. Even with it folds up, the trunk space is a respectable 23.5 cubic feet. Enough for several weeks of groceries, I'd say.

Safety has always been an issue important to Saab, and with the 9000 CSE, that's no exception.

There are dual air bags, of course. But part of the package are anti-lock brakes, front safety-belt pretensioners (that can't be a hassle at times), 5-mile-per-hour bumpers that snap back into shape if hit, side-impact protection, front and rear energy-absorbing crumple zones, collapsible steering column, daytime running lights, child-proof rear locks, headlamp wipers and washers, a rear window wiper and washer, front and rear foglights, a well-isolated fuel-tank location and a safety-cage construction.

The 9000 CSE has been named Sweden's "safest car" for six years running by that country's largest insurance company. Even the U.S.'s own Highway Loss Data Institute has rated the 9000 "substantially better than average" for injury loss when compared to other cars in its class.

Saab also stands behind its product with a comprehensive warranty — four-year/50,000-mile bumper-to-bumper coverage that includes 24-hour roadside assistance and free 5,000-mile first maintenance.

In this month's issue of Saab Soundings, the magazine mailed to owners of Saab automobiles, there are no less than five letters from owners who have taken their individual Saabs past limits they thought they would never see — the 300,000-mile mark on the odometer. That's how strong some of these Saabs are.

Hey, this is a good car. It's a performance-based sedan that measures up in the safety arena. And as wonderfully engineered as the 9000 CSE is, it's a good value as well.

1996 Saab 9000 CSE
Vehicle class: Large sedan.
Power: 2.3-liter water-cooled turbo engine.
Mileage: 17 city / 27 highway.
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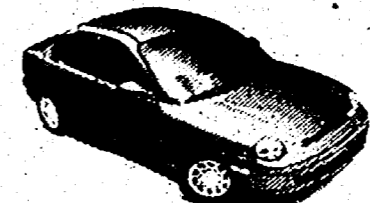
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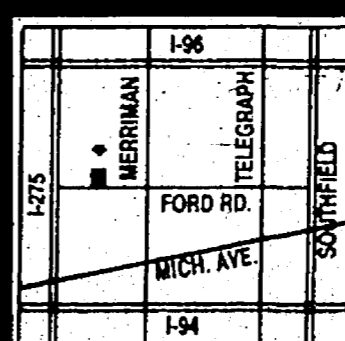
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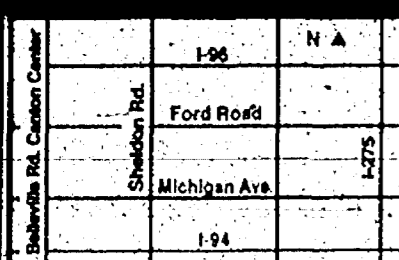
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