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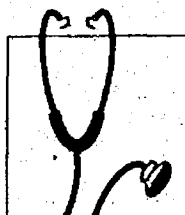
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Custody loss angers parents



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Kim and Tony McNeil's problems only began when their 3-month-old son Andrew was misdiagnosed with shaken child syndrome. The boy actually suffered a birth trauma. Following the diagnosis by a University of Michigan resident doctor

A Westland mother blames the University of Michigan Hospital because she temporarily lost custody of her two daughters. The loss came after it was wrongly suspected that her baby son had been hurt.

at Mott Children's Hospital, the Westland couple lost custody of their two daughters, ages 2 and 3 at the time, for 115 days.

"I would never hurt my children," Kim McNeil, 29, said, sitting in the kitchen of her mother's house in Belleville.

Angered by the ordeal, the McNeils filed a malpractice lawsuit that a Washtenaw County Circuit

Court judge dismissed in March, four years after the family's problems began. The McNeils are planning an appeal.

Judge Karl Fink ruled that U-M Hospital was immune from the lawsuit because doctors acted in good faith and didn't intentionally make false claims against the McNeils.

"There is no justice," Kim McNeil's mother, Vera Baldwin, said. "Justice is not only blind in America. It's dead."

Andrew McNeil died April 15, 1992, at U-M Hospital, 45 days after his mother found him not breathing in his bed at the family's former res-

idence in Wayne. He was kept alive by life support until he died at nearly four months after birth.

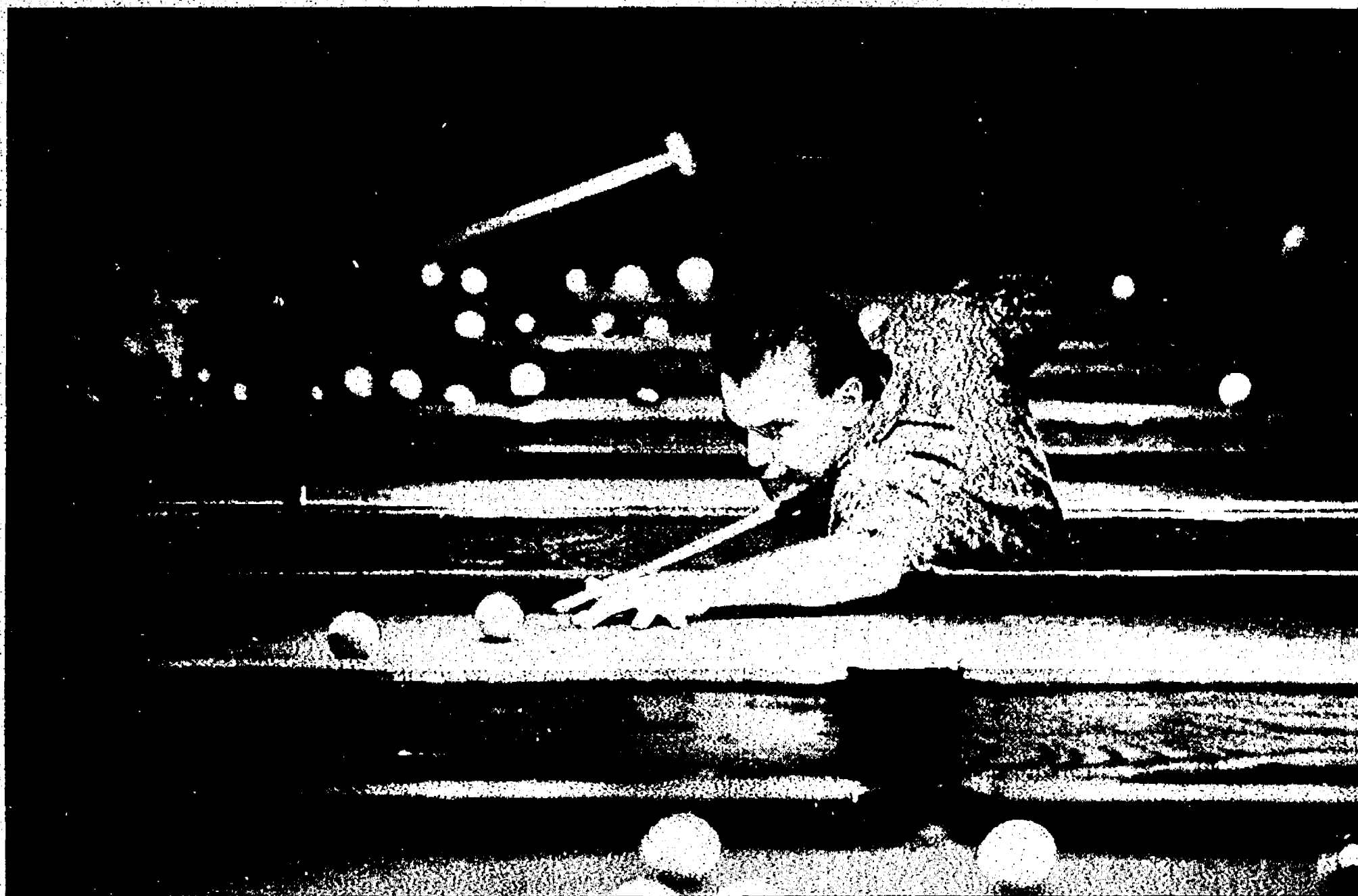
A Wayne County medical examiner's report lists the cause of death as "cranio-cerebral trauma and complications thereof."

Examiner L. J. Dragovic wrote that "the trauma was likely sustained during birth and resulted in poor healing of the bones of the cranium." He also wrote that the problem caused hemorrhages.

He concluded that Andrew, born five weeks prematurely, suffered

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Concentration



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Top player: James Stirewalt of Fayetteville, N.C., takes aim for a shot during a wheelchair pool tournament at The Electric Stick in Westland. He won top honors.

Tournament participants stick with it

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Livonia resident Bob Calderon, a Vietnam veteran who lost his legs in a 1970 landmine explosion, is pleased with a wheelchair pool tournament that he helped organize at The Electric Stick in Westland.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I've had calls from people who said they had a good time and that The Electric Stick was just beautiful."

Thirty-two pool players came from as far away as England to participate in the Memorial Weekend tournament. About a third of them were war veterans; some were paralyzed by traffic or diving accidents, or at birth.

From the U.S., participants came from such states as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Georgia, California, Wisconsin and Ohio to join the fun, said George Marvaso, owner of The Electric Stick.

Calderon and Marvaso worked together to organize the event,

'It was really heartwarming. They came up to thank me, and I had an apple in my throat.'

George Marvaso
—The Electric Stick

known as the U.S. 9-Ball Open Wheelchair Championship.

Marvaso said he was deeply moved by the appreciation shown by the tournament participants.

"It was really heartwarming," he said. "They came up to thank me, and I had an apple in my throat. I put my thumb up, because I couldn't even talk."

Organizers gave away 16 prizes, but Calderon, who placed seventh, said there were three main winners:

- James Stirewalt of Fayetteville, N.C.

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A woman's aim: Sandy Pedersen came from Illinois to become the only woman to participate in the wheelchair pool tournament.

Mall is booked

Westland Center is "booked for the future" as a Partner in Progress with the city to promoting the fall opening of the new Westland Public Library.

The mall has launched its "Family Fridays" program with free readings for parents and adults to be held at 7 p.m. each Friday through August. The story hours will be held in the mall's center court. Children will be entertained by a series of reading events, featuring the city's children's librarian, a community leader or a scheduled event with a puppeteer, magician or a clown.

The William P. Faust City of Westland Library is under construction on Central City Parkway, north of Ford. The scheduled opening and dedication ceremony will be Thursday morning, Nov. 7.

PLACES & FACES

Senator coming to town

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, will hold his periodic district office hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 7, in Westland City Hall, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Bennett, whose district includes Westland, invites residents to ask him questions about state legislative issues. Appointments aren't required.

Degree received

Rodger Prong of Westland has completed his bachelor degree requirements from Concordia College, Ann Arbor. He graduated cum laude

with a major in health care administration through the college's accelerated degree completion program.

School official moves

Terry Wood, the Wayne-Westland school district's community relations director for the past year and a district employee for some 20 years, has landed a new job.

She was hired last month by the Plymouth-Canton school district in a graphics position, the same job she held in Wayne-Westland for many years.

Wood's community relations post was one of several eliminated by the school district earlier this year because of a major cutback in state adult education funds to local schools.

Schools progressing on Internet access rules

By MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school district is halfway through its task of hammering out rules on the proper use of the Internet in the classroom.

The Livonia school board, whose district serves the northern section of Westland, got its first look Monday at rules aimed at students. A second set of regulations for staff is expected to be completed shortly.

The rules need to be in place before access to the Internet is made available on select computers in September. Right now, the only access to the Internet is a pilot program for the global education program at Stevenson High.

"We've pulled from hundreds of policies across the country to put together these procedures," said John Rennels, assistant superintendent for personnel. "Using the Internet is a privilege that can be revoked."

Each student in a class with Internet access will be given a copy of the rules. A copy of both the rules and a release form will also be sent home to parents. A student will not be allowed to access the Internet without his or her parents' signature on this form.

Administrators have admitted the district doesn't have enough staff to police students using the Internet.

"It's difficult to see what everyone has downloaded in class," Rennels said. "But we

have to have some way of monitoring. This equipment is not private."

In monitoring, the district will mostly rely on its printed rules. For students who violate them, there may be consequences.

The rules say:

- The use of the Internet at school is a privilege that may be revoked at any time.
- The district can monitor and review at any time any type of use or information used, stored, sent, received, or downloaded on its computers.
- Malicious use of the Internet through hate mail, harassment, profanity, obscenity and vulgar statements is prohibited.
- The illegal use of copyrighted software is prohibited.
- Intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of or modifying files, other data or

passwords belonging to other users are prohibited.

• Disrupting the operation of the Internet through abuse of the hardware or software is prohibited.

• Using the Internet for any commercial or for-profit purpose is prohibited.

• Using the Internet for non-educational or non-school communications is prohibited.

In signing the release form, parents agree that their child will be responsible for keeping all pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network out of the district.

Parents also agree they may be held liable for violations, including unauthorized financial obligations resulting from misuse of the Internet.

Parents also release the dis-

tract from claims of any nature arising from the use of, or inability to use, the Internet.

Students who violate the rules may face disciplinary action.

"No matter what the rules are, there will be someone who figures out a way around them," Rennels said.

"Most parents don't want their youngsters inappropriately using the equipment or damaging it."

The rules will be put into effect after Rennels makes a few minor clarifications asked for by the board.

In launching the Internet this September, the district may limit the number of computers which have it.

For example, in high school, access may be in one computer laboratory rather than all five.

On the Internet, a wide range

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John Rennels
—assistant superintendent

of information, bad and good, can be accessed. The district expects students will avoid the bad and zero in on the Internet's educational information.

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BARBARA A. WHITE, Secretary
Garden City Board of Education

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Anthony Migliore has been named the Westland Observer's carrier of the month for May. Anthony is an eighth grader at St. Damian Catholic School, Westland where he is a B+ student. The son of Gregory and Mary Migliore enjoys science, computer, piano and sports card collections. He was named the student of the month at his school as well as earning a second class Boy Scout award.



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The concert series will be held at 6 p.m. on three Sundays each in June, July and August 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 sponsor:

- June 9, West Grand Blvd., playing Motown music, at Coburn Park, directly behind the Friendship Center, on Newburgh north of Marquette (Val's Catering and Abbott Communications.)
- June 23, Waco Country Band, to play country/western music, at Central City Park, behind City Hall, south of Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh (Orchard, Hiltz and McClement, Inc.)
- June 30, Roy Cobb and the Coachmen, blue grass music (Plante and Moran).
- 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).

In case of rain, concerts will be held inside the Bailey Recreation Center, directly behind City Hall, whenever possible, with the exception of those scheduled for Coburn Park where the alternate site will be the adjacent Friendship Center.

Kyler Endresen

"I would rather miss a baseball game than Sylvan."

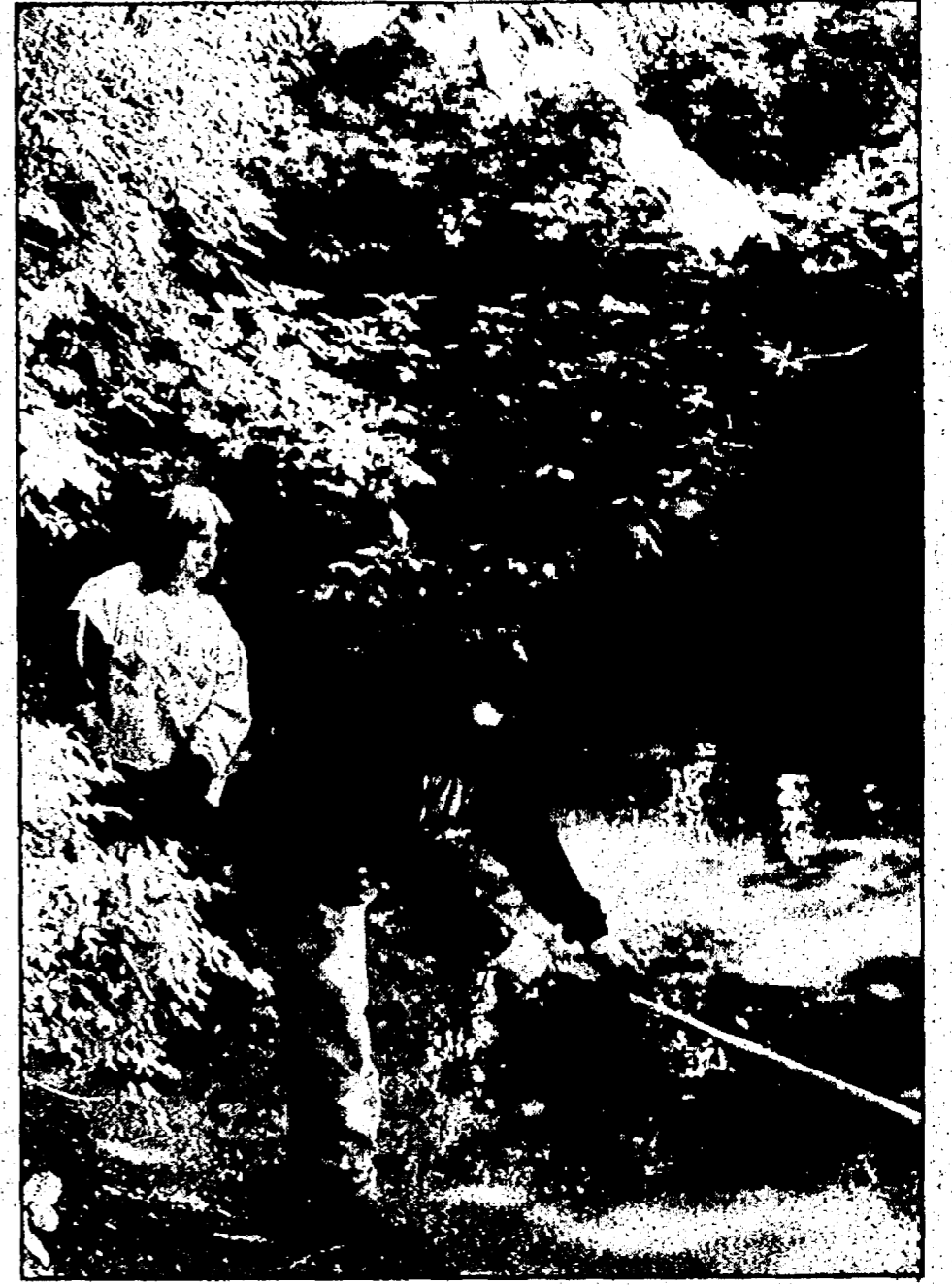
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Production line: Andrea Killen, left, gets a bucket of trash from Julie Anderson. The garbage was passed along a line and finally into a metal trash bin. The two sophomores at Westland John Glenn helped remove building debris from the Holliday Nature Preserve during Saturday's annual Rouge Rescue.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

To the rescue

Hundreds help clean up river

BY BOB NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Rouge rescuers can see the difference. As volunteers gathered across Wayne and Oakland counties Saturday for the annual cleanup of the Rouge River and its tributaries, organizers and longtime participants said the efforts are paying off. Volunteers still pulled out shopping carts, auto tires, and the odd picnic table. But an upbeat feeling ran through the workers to go along with a stunning day.

"We don't have the trash that we used to get in it. It's mostly dead-fall trees and things that get in it (now)," said Jim Penn, who has coordinated the city of Plymouth site for 11 years.

The nonprofit Friends of the Rouge group organizes the annual Rouge Rescue. Saturday featured about 20 sites — actually fewer than the past, since more work now goes on throughout the year.

A major site in Westland, the Holliday Nature Preserve, has seen most of its large logjams removed. "We still have some people working on some small logjams in the creek," organizer Bill Craig said.

Sharon Sabat and Sue Wagner ran the Livonia site, and Sabat has noticed a definite turnaround.

"It's moved away from (trash) cleanup. There doesn't seem to be as much man-made debris," she said.

Bill Wing, operating a backhoe at the Redford Township site, said that once the volunteers clear a site out, it usually stays in pretty good shape. So as more and more sites get addressed, the overall condition gets better. "It's come a long way," he said. "We've made a lot of progress here. A lot of progress."

Westland

One of the bigger sites in the area for Saturday's cleanup was in Westland, encompassing parts of the Holliday Nature Preserve and Hix Park near Hix and Warren roads. Bill Craig, president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, said this year's cleanup went in a different direction from the past. With most of the big logjams out of that part

of the Middle Rouge, his group of over 200 volunteers undertook a project to discourage the use of all-terrain vehicles in the preserve.

"We've been working on historic logjams the rest of the years. Basically, this is the last big project," he said. "We're trying to stop the ATV damage."

That involved clearing out the debris from an abandoned building, blocking off illicit ATV trails, and planting trees. Once it becomes obvious that someone cares for the land, Craig hopes, off-road riders will be discouraged from using the area.

"Hopefully, they won't come up here because they'll see we've laid claim to it," he said. "That's vital (wildlife) habitat, and we can't really have it being overrun."

Many volunteers at the Westland site were students, brought out by the promise of extra credit in science classes as well as the chance to help the Rouge River.

"I like helping. I like to make a difference," Westland John Glenn sophomore Andrea Killen said. She was clearing out building debris.

Livonia Churchill student Adam Carter, digging a hole for a tree, said, "You can do extra credit in school, but it doesn't have the impact it does out here."

Craig was full of praise for the city of Westland, which organized much of the event, and Cintas, which lent its property to much-needed overflow parking.

"Each year it gets bigger and better," he said.

Plymouth

The Plymouth community hosted two sites, on the property of the Western Wayne County Conservation Association off Napier Road, and along Tonquish Creek in the city's Lions Park. City Building Official Jim Penn, coordinator of the Lions Park site, said the two dozen volunteers found a variety of debris.

"We don't really get logjams out here. We're pulling up logs ... a few stumps; trash. Just everything that's really not supposed to be there."

With a reduction in the major problems — past years have seen shopping carts and a car hood pulled out — the Plymouth volunteers added a new approach. This year, some people stenciled storm drains to warn that anything dumped in them will end up in the creek.

"What we'd like to concentrate on in the future is to do some

things that might stabilize banks."

Plymouth Township resident Helen Range has participated in Rouge Rescue for nine of the past 11 years, and she said that the key for her will be to see more evidence of wildlife in the river itself.

"This water is surprisingly clean," she said. "There has been some improvement."

"We come out every year with high hopes ... I keep thinking one of these years I will see a little fish in the water."

Livonia

Sharon Sabat — at the Livonia site in Botsford Park, Lathers north of Seven Mile — had about 65 volunteers turn out and expected to fill two 30-foot trash bins. She also hopes to see the cleanup move into bank stabilization and similar activities.

One volunteer in Livonia, Madonna University student Angie Moloney, found the river's condition to be a pleasant surprise. The president of Madonna's Project Earth helped pull out a shopping cart, auto tires, and half a steel barrel; she had feared it might be worse, however.

"I wanted to see for myself," she listed as one of her reasons for participating. "This wasn't as bad as I expected."

Jane Currier — mother of a Riley Middle School student getting extra credit for the cleanup — participated herself, pulling an auto exhaust system and other items out of the river.

"I thought, what the heck; it's right in my back yard," she said. "It's fun. We've met some interesting people."

Redford

Walter Bates has volunteered to coordinate Redford Township's Rouge Rescue site for the past six years.

"It's made it (the river) a lot nicer," he said. "You can see turtles ... Everything's starting to slowly come back in the river."

Amy Brusca, an elementary school teacher in the South Redford School District, is also in her sixth year of taking a group of her students and former students to help with the cleanup. "They're such hard workers," she said.

The students were excited, too: Their reasons for participating included learning about teamwork, helping the river, and "I like getting dirty."

"I tell them they can't go home clean," Brusca said.



Raking the muck: Above, Jeff and Cheryl Valdaahl of Canton Township clear debris from Tonquish Creek, a Rouge River tributary, at Lions Park in the city of Plymouth. At left, Nancy Darga picks up old roofing shingles while her son Alex, 2, goes along for the ride. Darga was working at the Holliday Nature Preserve off Warren Road in Westland.



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Undoing the damage: Angie Moloney of Livonia removes a tire in Livonia's Botsford Park.



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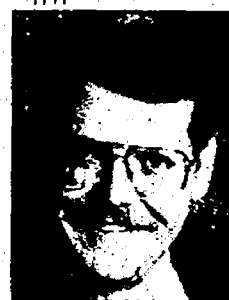
WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOL BOARD

Five candidates are competing for two Wayne-Westland school board seats that carry four-year terms. The election is June 10.

Why are you running for the school board?

What would be your top priority as a school board member?

Would you consider selling Sassafras Trails for development if a good offer is made and the district needs money?



David Cox, 38, employed at Modern Insurance Agency. Attended Monroe College, Michigan State University, Lawrence Tech. Former Westland City Council member, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Youth Gang Task Force co-chair, former Nankin Transit Authority vice chair, Tax Increment Finance Authority board, former Westland Festival chair.

"I feel that I have a lot to offer, partly because of the experiences I have had," Cox said he has budget experience as a former Westland City Council member, and he said funding will continue to be an important school issue. "I also have the ability to be a voice in Lansing because I have relationships with people there (in government)." Local districts will need a strong voice in Lansing because of continued problems with state funding for education, he said.

"Stabilize the funding issues."

"I'm not in favor of selling it, but I think the No. 1 priority is to provide a quality education for students. There isn't anything that can be protected at all costs. But the Friends of Sassafras Trails have been vocal, and they deserve to be heard."



Robin Moore, 42, accountant/controller for Penobscot and First National buildings. Now attending Henry Ford Community College, accounting and computer science. Wayne Citizens Against Crime member, Wayne Youth Connection mentor, Mental Health Association of Michigan member, Wayne Cemetery Board, St. Mary youth group parent advisor.

"I am running for the school board because I'm very much involved with children," Moore said she is involved with many extracurricular types of activities with young people. "I'm also a mentor for the city of Wayne, and I'm a member of Wayne Citizens Against Crime."

"My top priority would be to enhance the kids' quality of education by making curriculum improvements."

"I would have to look into it further. I would have to study it, I have only talked to the people who want to protect Sassafras Trails, and I haven't talked with the school board or the administration."



Jack Stange, 51, unemployed industrial/quality engineer, most recently worked for Unisys Corp. Bachelor's degree in business administration and associate degree in business administration from Detroit College of Business, associate degree in applied sciences, Wayne Community College in North Carolina. Former volunteer firefighter in Wayne County, N.C.

"I'm finding that current board members are doing some things at board meetings that, to me, should have public input. One example is when they started putting the payment of invoices on the consent agenda. The people who pay the taxes have a right to have more information. I also don't think the board should be selling property without putting it up for bids."

"I want to get more involvement from the parents. There needs to be more parent input to what's going on in the schools," Stange said board members now discourage parent involvement by putting citizens' comments near the end of the meeting agenda. "By then all the issues have been voted on."

"No, I wouldn't sell it. There are a lot of places that can be developed besides Sassafras Trails. We need more places like that around this area."



Ed Turner, 62, retired American Airlines employee. Attended Central Tech. Institute in Kansas City, Mo. Westland Cable Commission chairman, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss treasurer, Wayne Chamber of Commerce member, former Palace Theater Co. director, former Wayne-Westland Youth Music Program director, Westland Mayor's Neighborhood Watch program.

"I feel that I can contribute something to the district. I'd like to see the school district brought back to the status that it was several years ago, when I think it was the best in the state. I think I can help with that," Turner also noted that he has attended board meetings for years and, therefore, is abreast of the issues.

"My top priority is to reestablish the educational conditions of the schools to where they used to be, and to provide a safe learning environment for students."

"No, I wouldn't. Former school board members have made a promise to those people (Friends of Sassafras Trails), and I think that promise should be kept."



Marshall Wright, 48, licensed mental health social worker for Wayne Community Living Services. Bachelor of science Central Missouri State, Wayne State interdisciplinary teacher education, U-M Dearborn counseling. Former St. Gerard's school board member, Dad's Athletic Club, Catholic Youth Organization athletic coach, Big Brother, former UAW chief steward.

"I believe in quality education, and it should be affordable to everyone. Westland has a lot of potential. It continues to develop, and if you have a good school system, it will make your community a better place. People will gravitate to the community. I want to be a part of that whole process."

"I want to address the finances of the school district so that we can bring our school system into the 21st century. I want to see quality teachers, adequate materials and supplies and computerization in the classroom."

"I would favor keeping it. I would sell it only as a last resort, if there were no other opportunities or no other means of acquiring finances."

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head complications prior to and during birth. He also said the baby wasn't ready to be forced from the womb.

"There was no evidence of patterns of trauma that would have resulted from violent shaking or blows to the head," he concluded.

Kim McNeil's pregnancy had been a difficult one. Her water broke at 28 weeks, and she spent several weeks at Oakwood Hospital for medical problems such as hemolytic anemia and thrush. Her boy was born five weeks premature, below weight and jaundiced.

When Andrew was taken to U-M Hospital, doctors who suspected shaken child syndrome believed that he had blood around his brain.

"What U-M thought was blood in his brain was in fact spinal fluid," Western Wayne Child and Family Services district manager Helen Burton wrote in a June, 1992 report.

The family is incensed that U-M Hospital hasn't even apologized. The attorney who represented the hospital in the McNeil case couldn't be reached for comment.

When state social services workers decided that the McNeils should lose custody of their two daughters, now 6 and 7, the parents were devastated. Fortunately, officials allowed the children to stay with grandmother Baldwin and her husband, James.

"At least they stayed somewhere where they were loved," Kim McNeil said. "Visiting was hard, though, because the children wanted to come home."

Vera Baldwin said the experience was traumatic for the girls because it seemed they had been abandoned by their parents and left in the care of their grandparents.

The ordeal prompted the family, particularly Baldwin, to launch a crusade to educate others about a problem that they believe is more widespread than hospitals and state agencies would suggest.

Baldwin not only wrote to numerous state agencies in Michigan, but also sent letters explaining the problem to governors and attorney general offices in all 50 states. She even wrote the White House.

Baldwin received many responses.

From Wayne County Child Protective Services director Mar-

'There was no evidence of patterns of trauma that would have resulted from violent shaking or blows to the head.'

L. J. Dragovic
—medical examiner

garet Warner: "Please be assured that the department regrets the suffering you are experiencing from your loss, and extends its deepest sympathy to you and your family."

• From Attorney General Frank Kelley: "I understand that there can be no adequate compensation for the anguish you and your family have suffered. I wish I could lessen your sorrow. However, all I can do at this time is offer my heartfelt sympathy."

• State Rep. James Kosteva wrote to suggest legal action or a complaint with the state Board of Medicine, both of which the McNeils and Baldwins pursued to no avail.

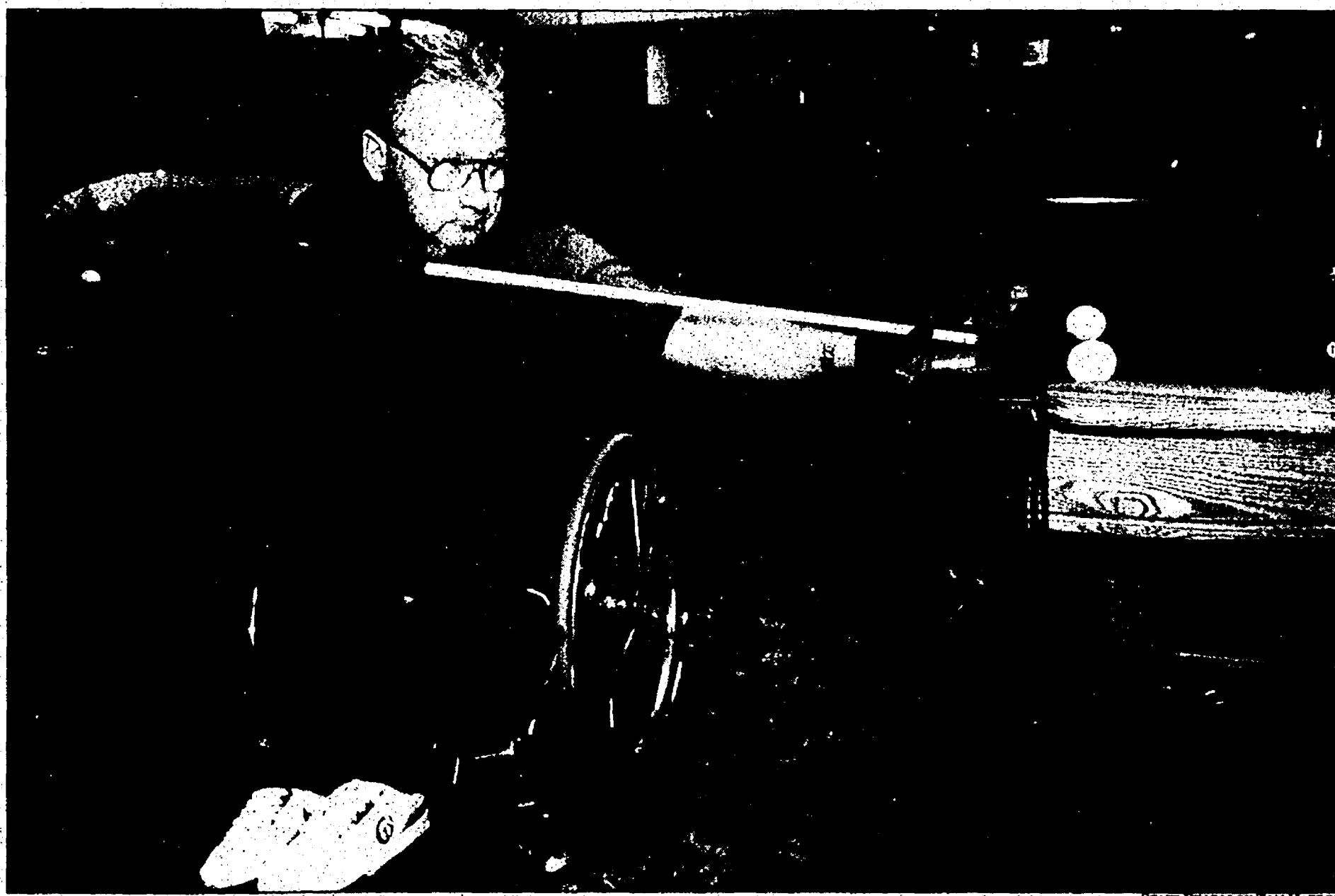
• Michele Thompson-Patton of the Michigan Alliance for the Rights of Children wrote that she admired the family's "relentless and tenacious spirit on behalf of the pursuit of justice."

Andrew McNeil's family is glad to have been cleared of any allegations of child abuse. A Wayne Police Department investigation concluded at the end of the long ordeal that the accusations were "unfounded."

Kim McNeil remembers times when she said state investigators tried to convince her to admit some responsibility for Andrew's problems. She said she was urged to seek counseling.

She said there were times when she nearly gave in because she missed her daughters so much and wanted them returned to her.

Now she is merely angry. Angry about the allegations of shaken child syndrome. Angry that U-M Hospital hasn't accepted any responsibility for what happened to her family.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Taking a shot: Pete Vanko of Cleveland, Ohio, takes a shot during the tournament. He is president of the Northern Wheelchair Billiard Association.

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teville, N.C., who won \$3,000 and a plaque.

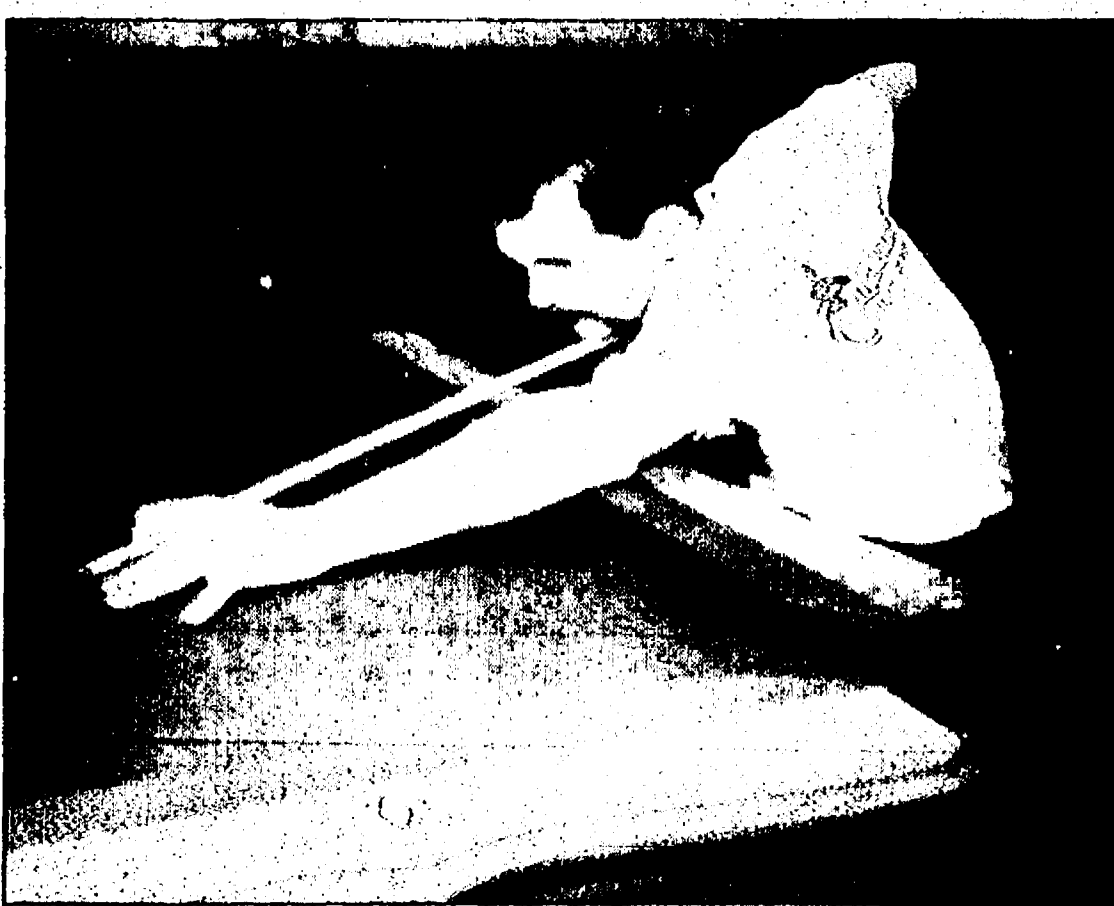
• Don Owen of Ontario, Canada, who won \$1,375 and a plaque.

• Joe Dowling of Stamford, Conn., who won \$675 and a plaque.

The Electric Stick, among a growing number of upscale businesses frequented by pool players, has gained a reputation nationwide.

Marvaso's business has captured several honors, including being named best new billiards center in the United States by "Billiards Digest."

Calderon, meanwhile, is executive secretary of the Michigan Wheelchair Sports Association, which participates in a variety of activities. Anyone who would like more information is urged to call 522-4574.



Practicing: Ron Buhl of Wayne practices before his pool match.

Michigan Hospital Performance Report	SELECTED MEDICAL INPATIENT					SELECTED SURGICAL INPATIENT				
	Number of cases	Length of stay (days)		Mortality (percentage)		Number of cases	Length of stay (days)		Mortality (percentage)	
		Observed	Expected range	Observed	Expected range		Observed	Expected range	Observed	Expected range
Botsford General	1,865	6.45	6.08-6.43	8.1	7.9-10.2	731	6.89	6.74-7.34	3.7	2.1-4.5
Garden City Osteopathic	1,763	6.43	5.75-6.09	8.4	6.9-9.1	612	6.55	6.10-6.80	3.2	1.4-4.0
Henry Ford	4,328	5.62	5.65-5.86	5.8	6.2-7.5	2,790	7.44	6.40-6.68	2.5	1.8-2.8
Oakwood-Dearborn	2,550	6.48	5.32-5.57	7.8	5.0-6.6	3,199	6.37	5.65-5.88	2.7	1.6-2.5
Oakwood-Wayne	1,677	6.04	5.54-5.87	5.5	5.5-7.7	328	6.30	5.71-6.58	3.8	1.7-5.2
Providence (Mission Health)	2,164	5.71	5.53-5.82	5.0	5.7-7.7	2,084	6.69	6.10-6.43	1.7	1.4-2.6
St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor (Mission Health)	2,104	5.07	5.48-5.76	7.2	5.5-7.4	4,355	5.61	5.76-5.95	1.5	1.1-1.8
St. Mary-Livonia	1,771	6.66	5.47-5.78	7.8	5.4-7.4	660	7.12	5.81-6.37	2.8	0.8-2.8
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	1,417	5.74	5.76-6.16	7.2	6.0-8.4	3,591	7.37	6.75-7.04	2.1	2.0-2.9
Southeast Region	68,671	5.92	5.67-5.71	6.13	6.32-6.54	50,233	6.43	6.15-6.19	2.05	1.99-2.13

Medical officials react to figures

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

In the Observer area, two hospitals - St. Mary in Livonia and Oakwood-Dearborn - showed higher-than-expected mortality rates in a statewide report for a group of medical procedures. Hospital officials say changes in strategic planning and quality control were already under way as the figures were released. The figures were from 1994. The category the the select medical procedures included: heart attack, congestive heart failure, stroke, pneumonia, chronic lung disease and gastrointestinal bleeding, and were grouped to offer a general indicator of in-patient services. Oakwood-Dearborn also

showed a higher-than-expected mortality rate for its selected surgical procedures, which included a grouping of: coronary artery bypass; blood vessel repair; repair of fracture and hip replacement; hysterectomy; and surgery of lungs, lower bowel, spine, and prostate. Both categories were listed as general indicators of medical performance in the Michigan Hospital Performance Report, a voluntary effort of 160 hospitals coordinated, analyzed and published through the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. Most Observer-area hospitals fell within MHA expected ranges in six other categories. St. Mary officials said that the hospital implemented a number of changes since 1994 which will

positively affect both 1995 and current figures. "We have put a variety of programs into place since the 1994 time period reflected in this report, which have reduced length of stay and improved procedures," said Sister Mary Modesta, president and CEO of St. Mary in a prepared statement. Some of the St. Mary changes include: a new emergency center with "prompt care" facilities; progressive care unit with better patient monitoring; a new heart monitoring system to detect critical heart rhythms; increased number of specialists in internal medicine, critical care and pulmonary; and participation in a national research study to determine the best treatment for heart attack patients.

Oakwood Hospital placed footnotes in the report charts, explaining that 1994 discharges were delayed because of unavailability of long-term beds, leading to longer length of stays. Also, that its hospital system serves "an advanced age population" and that "only six of 12 possible diagnoses" were used in reviewing the surgical cases, which hospital officials believed led to an overstating of mortality rates. Jerry Rose, Oakwood Health-care System corporate vice president for planning and business development, said he welcomes the publishing of the statistics. "We're eager to see more of this kind of exchange," he said. "I'm sure there will be more of it. It's

Report lists hospital data

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

Patients now have a way to analyze inpatient services provided by area hospitals, thanks to a report issued recently by the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. Using 1994 data offered voluntarily by 160 Michigan hospitals, the Michigan Hospital Performance Report analyzed and published a ranking in eight key areas. It offers lengths of stay for various types of hospital treatments and procedures, and the mortality rate for these procedures and offers an expected range for these services based on statewide averages.

"By and large, our hospitals are working as well, or better, than expected," said Jeanne Nicol, vice president of public relations for the Southeast Michigan Hospital Council. "And that is good news." The eight groups analyzed included information from these areas: general indicators for medical procedures and surgeries; selected obstetrical rates including Caesarean sections; cardiac indicators; and hip and knee replacements. Nicol explained that the hospitals want to take a leadership role by offering this information in the hope that others including

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Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.
SAVING TEETH WITH ESTROGEN
Women are often given estrogen to relieve symptoms of menopause and to protect them from heart disease and osteoporosis (bone thinning). Now, there is evidence that female hormone may also help postmenopausal women to keep their teeth. Research involving 42,000 postmenopausal women nationwide shows that women who had used estrogen regularly at some time were 24% less likely to lose their teeth than women who had never taken the hormone. The study, conducted at Harvard and Brigham and Women's Hospital, went on to suggest that estrogen's protection against tooth loss in postmenopausal women stemmed from the female hormone's ability to strengthen the jawbone. It also noted that, although the indications of the study are clear, there is little supporting evidence to date. The only other major study in a California retirement community found that estrogen users had a 36% decrease in the risk of tooth loss.
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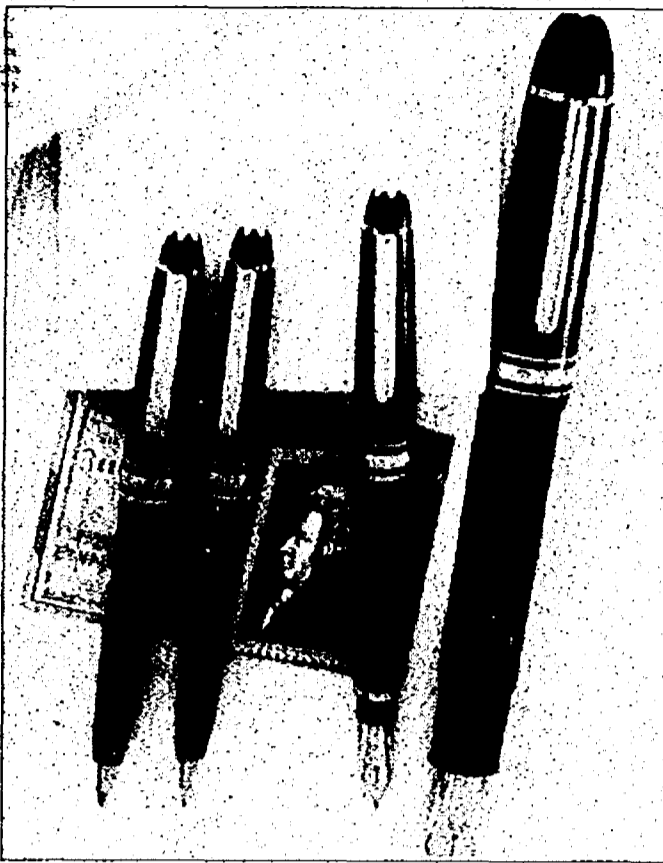
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SHOPPING CENTERED



Pens with pizzazz: Mont Blanc carries a line of writing instruments inspired by the genius of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, available at the Mont Blanc Boutique in the Somerset Collection, Troy, from \$155.

Quaint quills for dads and grads

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Max Burns remembers when Cross pens came in black, gray, chrome or gold. Today, the owner of Humidor One in Southfield said the choices are endless. From lapis lazuli to brass with lacquer or porcelain overlay, pens vary not only in finish but size, shape, weight, and in the case of fountain pens, nibs or writing tips. While the look of the exterior is important, fit and balance remains essential for performance and comfort.

If you're buying a pen as a gift for a dad or grad, Humidor One offers a wide selection of brands including Cross, Parker, Montblanc, Schaeffer, Waterman, Lamy, Montegrappa, and Aurora.

"When choosing a pen, consider how the writer will like the feel of it, the way it writes," Burns said. "You can develop an affection for a pen and there's always a story behind your favorite pen, whether it was a gift, or bought for yourself the day the boss gave you a raise."

To acquaint customers with pens, Humidor One will host a Fine Pen Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 14. Manufacturers' representatives will be on hand to answer questions about current products as well as solve any parts problems with vintage pens. There will also be display of vintage Parker pens plus drawings for five fine pens.

Notes on nibs

Here are some factors to consider when choosing a pen as a gift. Is the pen for a man or a woman? What size nib does it have? This is usually a personal preference based on the kind of writing to be done. Will the pen be used primarily for signatures? Generally, a broad nib is used for signatures, a finer point for a lot of writing. "You don't want a broad nib because it fills in the vowels," said Sean Riley a pen afficionado.

Ask whether the pen is plastic, metal, acrylic? What kind of guarantee does it hold?

"Lamy is made in Germany. It's a high tech pen that appeals to architects and people in high tech fields: The ball point (\$59) has a retractable shirt clip so you won't put it in your pocket with the writing tip exposed. The Duofold by Parker (\$325) is a reproduction of their 1920s pen and is a solid piece of bored acrylic. The Aurora (from Italy) has a 14K nib and a large band which most people are looking for in a fine writing instrument so you're not straining to grasp it. You hold it gently in your hand," said Riley. "Fountain pens are becoming more popular because they require you to take more time in your writing. The fountain pen brings more character to your writing. It makes it more personal."

Primary considerations when purchasing a fountain pen are the durability of the finish and nib quality. These determine the cost of a fountain pen. Whether the nib is stainless steel or 18 K gold, only a high quality writing pen will glide across the paper. The use of gold in a nib is preferred because the precious metal creates a tip which is flexible and responsive to an individual's writing style.

Pen prices at Humidor One range from \$60 to \$2,100 for a Limited Edition Semiramis by Montblanc. Also in stock, a wide array of inks, carrying cases starting at \$25, pen chests for the collector from \$225, and desk sets from \$69.95.

The LeGrand de Montblanc fountain pen (\$325), available at a special Montblanc Boutique in the Somerset Collection "was designed for those who have made it and need a writing instrument to reflect their incredible accomplishments." Prices of writing instruments in the Montblanc collection of Classique, Noblesse, Meisterstück Solitaire and limited editions range from \$155 to \$14,800. A special order fountain pen studded with 4,810 pave diamonds costs more than \$120,000. What sets Montblanc apart from other pens and why are they so expensive?

"We like to call Montblanc an affordable luxury when you take into account the craftsmanship, timeless design, heritage and history of the company, and the fact the instruments are highly engineered and will be usable forever," said spokeswoman Suzanne Laurita.

Stores expand to fill all retail niches

All the department stores in town say they welcome your business, but their price points are the key to where you'll eventually shop for fashion and family.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

For a very long time, Detroiters could shop at just three department stores - Jacobson's (if we had a few bucks) or Crowley's and Hudson's (where mom and grandmom had charge accounts.)

In 1977, Detroit retailing grew more interesting when Lord & Taylor entered the marketplace at several regional malls. "Shopping the anchors" then became the status quo for the next 20 years.

But times are changing. In 1994, amid much fanfare, Dallas-based Neiman Marcus opened a depart-

ment store in town, followed by other retail legends like Tiffany's and Barney's. Last year, Alabama-based Parisian opened in Livonia, and in August, west-coast retail giant Nordstrom debuts along with Bendel's and 150 other emporiums.

Now, however will we decide where to buy our socks and shoes?

Spokesmen for each retailer say their stores have the best service and value. All insist their prices are competitive - a few will not be undersold. But insiders worry that slicing up the retail pie so finely will cost some their share of whipped cream.

"That's nonsense," said Fred Marx whose Farmington Hills marketing firm specializes in retail accounts. "Competition will cause everybody to win. The older players will reinvest in the community, allocating dollars to upgrading their stores. The new players will recapture the dollars that have been going out of town to markets like

New York and Chicago. Plus, we'll bring in business from markets like Toledo, Flint, Lansing and Windsor. They come for sporting events, now they'll come for shopping."

Marx said Detroit is the 5th largest market area in the country and has been "under" retailed for years. In his view, the new department stores in town will be a "positive jolt" to a so-so retail situation.

One wonders if there could be room for the still elusive retailers like Bloomingdale's, Macy's or Robinsons-May?

"One never knows," said a leasing agent who asked to remain anonymous. "There are still a few malls in town with room for an anchor."

HOW THE PRICES COMPARE

	Man's white dress shirt	Woman's Leather Handbag	Queen size fitted sheet
Crowley's	\$38.40 - \$42.50	\$28 - \$58	\$28 - \$60
Jacobson's	\$45 to \$105	\$48 - \$750	\$50 - \$800
Nordstrom	\$39.50 - \$85	\$60 - \$400	No linen department
Hudson's	\$39.50 to \$105	\$39.99 - \$398	\$24.99 - \$84.99
Saks Fifth Ave.	\$49.50 - \$175	\$50 - \$2,295	No linen department
Neiman Marcus	\$60 - \$265	\$78 to \$4,100	No linen department
Parisian	\$35 - \$59.50	\$45 - \$515	No linen department
Lord & Taylor	\$30 - \$60	\$50 - \$415	No linen department

MAJOR RETAIL FACTSHEET

Major Labels	Target Shopper	Area Stores
Crowley's Kleins, OldKash, London Fog, Huggel, Liz Claiborne, Koert	"40-50 year-old of moderate income"	10
Jacobson's Karen Kane, Chanel, Rana Lange, Thierry Mugler, Nautica	"Dresses distinctive quality items"	5
Nordstrom House labels to European/American Designers	"Anyone who wears clothes"	1
Hudson's House labels to American Designers	"Moderate to upscale families"	10
Saks Fifth Ave. "Clavin Klein, Zegna, Hugo Boss, Donna Karan, Armani"	"Affluent, well-educated, 35-55"	2
Neiman Marcus "Donna Karan, St. John, Andrea Jovine"	"Desires designer quality style"	1
Parisian Liz Claiborne, Baby, Gault, Citron Bros, Nautica, Hiffer	"Service and family quality items"	1
Lord & Taylor House labels, Ralph Lauren, Liz Claiborne, Polo	"Likes better and bridge lines"	3

Boutique owner builds business sale at a time

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

On Woodward, just south of Royal Oak, sits Excelsior Couture, small in size but big on service and style.

Owner Patty Brock, former Latin Dance instructor and competitor, caters to the residents of Pleasant Ridge with one-of-a-kind fashions, accessories and gifts, that offer area artists an outlet for their wares.

"I try and buy simple clothing collections that serve as canvasses to dress up or down," Brock explained her motis operandi. "This way my customers get a lot of extra mileage from their clothes. I also only buy one size of each garment so shoppers know they won't see other people wearing the same dress or pantsuit. If I buy several garments from the same line, they'll be in different colors or silhouettes."

Unique clothing is one reason to shop at Excelsior. The other is for that small town feeling. Folks from the neighborhood stop in to chat and policemen wave through the windows.

"Having my own business is a dream come true," said Brock whose divorce left her with a young son to raise. "I knew I had to support someone besides myself so I was determined to make it. I got my start working for the Patty Smith boutique in Royal Oak, but the work was only part-time. I had to work three jobs to make my house payment."

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Patty Brock
Owner, Excelsior Couture

"When I decided to open my own store, it was scary. My son, Jordan and I drove by this building when AAA insurance moved out and I went after it. In the spring of 1994, we got it and immediately went to work designing the interior and doing all the work ourselves. We use the large front windows to grab Woodward motorists with big, yet simple fashion messages."

The name Excelsior means "upward and onward" according to Brock who said she used to listen to a radio jock who often yelled out the word during his broadcasts. "It just suits me," she said.

Brock sells collections from BCBG, Johnny Was, KIKO, KANXIO, Basement Clothing and Cut Loose. The look is almost vintage, a three-piece ensemble is about \$150.

Brock and other Pleasant Ridge business owners have formed a loose promotional group to focus attention on their services. "SoRo" stands for south of Royal Oak.

The shop is open daily from 11 a.m. Closed Sundays. Inquiries are welcome at (810) 547-5333.



Boutique business: Patty Brock of Excelsior Couture said the key to her success is knowing what her customers want and providing super service.

Monday, June 3

PUPPET SHOWS

"Goldilocks and the Three Bears" Monday-Friday 7 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. On June 7 and 8 a mall-wide Jaguar Show with classic and modern models. Meadow Brook Village Mall, Walton/University, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-9451.

ARTSCAPE EXHIBIT

Selection of art and sculpture for the garden and patio through June 30. Also, advice on adding art to a garden at Objects of Art. Orchard Lake/Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 639-3332.

INDY DRIVER VISITS

Michael Andretti meets and greets fans on Hudson's main floor on behalf of DK fragrance for men and Newman/Haas racing team. 1-3 p.m. He'll autograph fragrance purchases. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 597-2200.

Friday, June 7

GARDEN SHOW

5th annual Meadow Brook Hall Landscape and Garden Show through June 9. 21 picturesque gardens on display plus seminars and workshops on gardening topics. Highlight of the event is a G-scale garden railroad by German-made Lehman-Grosse-Bahn created by Lakeshore Garden Railway Club. Admission \$7 at gate. \$3 for children. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Walton/Adams, Rochester Hills. (810) 646-4992.

FAMILY NIGHT

Librarian Meaghan Battle hosts a half-hour story party, 7 p.m. Center Court, Westland, Wayne/Waren. (313) 425-5001.

Saturday, June 8

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" presented by The Children's Entertainment Company 1 and 3 p.m. on stage near Crowley's.

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1160.

MALL CONCERT

Pianist Carl Fernstrum performs 1-2:30 p.m. Free sampling of Coffee Beanery brew during concert. Also, informal modeling of fashions from The Limited, Talbot's and Northern Reflections. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburg, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

ARTISTS VISIT

Local artist Elaine Blustain demonstrates painting techniques 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Art Gallery Boutique which features work of Pontiac

Oakland Society of Artists for show and sale. Great Oaks Mall, Livernois/Walton, Rochester Hills. (810) 651-1579.

KIDS FUN

Beth Jakubowski leads participants in song and dance, 11 a.m. Borders Children's department. Also, on June 9 storyteller Celia Goodman for ages 3-10 at p.m. 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110.

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. through Oct. 19. Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail/Penniman. (313) 453-1540.

Sunday, June 9

STORYBOOK SUNDAY

Gene Maxwell from WNIC radio reads a children's classic 1 p.m. Center Court, fergus thru friendly dinosaur visits. Fairlane Town center, Michigan/Southfield Fwy, Dearborn. (313) 693-0572.

Monday, June 10

GOLFER VISITS

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RETAIL DETAILS

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MODELS WANTED

Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store in Livonia is holding open auditions for runway models over 18 years, Thursday, June 6 from 1-4 p.m. Men and women are needed. Prior experience is beneficial. For more information call the promotions office at (313) 591-7696.

CHAIN GROWS

Another Circuit City has opened in metro Detroit, this one is at West Oaks I and II, I-96 and Novi in Novi. The company was founded in 1949 by Sam Werzel to offer electronics and appliances. Circuit City has 378 stores across the U.S. with sales last year over \$7 billion. Other Michigan stores are in Taylor, Pontiac, Troy, Grand Rapids, Saginaw and Flint.

FAMILY AFFAIR

The Something Different boutique is open in the Northland Center, Southfield. The

shop, near Craftsman Jewelers, sells quality clothing for mothers and daughters - custom jean outfits with studs and sequins, floral dresses and leather suits. Specialty items include dressy attire, hats and crystal jewelry created by store owner Debra Little.

MICHIGAN RETAILERS MEET

"Making the Most of It" is the 1996 theme for the summer conference of the Michigan Retailer's Association June 24-25 at the Marriott Inn in Dearborn. Speakers include: "Success Stories" a panel discussion with Richard Damman of Damman Hardware; Dennis Callahan of Crowley, Milner & Co.; Al Singer of Mr. Alan's Shoes. "Dive Into Success" with Laura Laaman, author of "The Dolphin Dynamic" a new book on success strategies.

"Through Your Customer's Eyes" with Kenneth Guoin, president of the retail support group, a division of Jon Green-

berg & Associates. "Location, Location, Location" with Jeff Green, CEO of the Green Group and Tom Deshetler of Hallmark Marketing Group, "Customer Trust is Worth More Than 70-percent Off" with Evonne Alhaddad of Inter-Act of Lansing, "Local Economic Development" a panel discussion with Romeo Betea of Dearborn, Steve Guile of Plymouth and s W. Bruce Roger of Bartling's in Traverse City.

Registration and further details by calling 1-800-366-3699 or (517) 372-5656.

JAZZIN' IT UP

D. Dennison's at Laurel Park Place in Livonia opened a patio for listening and dining pleasure with Caribbean Latin Jazz on Monday and Wednesdays evenings from 7-10 p.m. Rain-days Tuesday and Thursday. Ya Tafari on keyboards and vocals will add a touch of summer to the seafood tavern. For concert details call (313) 464-9030.

SEARCH FOR THE IDEAL FAMILY

To promote its new advertising slogan "We Are Family," the Northland Center in Southfield is hosting a casting call to discover local talented families to use in its campaigns. So grab your adorable children and head for the Montgomery Ward court at the mall, Saturday, June 8 from 2-5 p.m.

Participants will have a brief photo session and interview. There are no age limits. Grandparents welcome. Four families will be selected; and for their time, will receive a \$1,000 mall shopping spree. The winners will be announced on June 28. For more details call the center

Manager named



Operations shake-up: Miles McFee, former manager at Lakeside and Fairlane malls, takes the helm at Twelve Oaks in Novi, replacing longtime manager Phil Morosco.

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beneficial for everyone." He said that the Oakwood group already had a number of strategic goals underway as these numbers were released including medical guidelines, or "pathways" for 13 specific areas of inpatient care for the past year and a half. The group has also implemented a Continuous Quality Improvement program over the past three to four years, in which problems are brainstormed and solved among staff from all departments and levels. "It's essentially a problem-solving approach... with a commitment to taking action and monitoring the results," he said. Garden City Hospital was one of several hospitals which fell out of expected range in hospital length of stay in the same category. Spokesman Terry Carroll noted that since 1994 the hospital has acted to improve. "We have since looked at it and corrected a lot of it," he said. "With length of stay, there were Medicare patients and the data wasn't adjusted for that. They usually stay longer because there is not a good community mechanism for moving them out to community care." Others with longer than expected lengths of stay in these general categories included: Botsford, Henry Ford, Oakwood-Wayne, Oakwood-Dearborn, St. Mary, and Providence. The Southeast Michigan average for length of stay was also outside the expected range for both of the general categories. With the exception of length of stay, Carroll said Garden City's statistics fall within the MHA range. "The study shows that if you come to Garden City Hospital, you get good service," he said. "It also shows us what we need to look at to improve and we'd already look at it."

Staff writer LeAnne Rogers

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doctors, insurance providers, employers and government, will also provide similar statistics in future years. SMHC is a trade association for hospitals and health-related entities. "We want to lead by example, and hope those who have information will join us," she said. "This should improve hospital performance, yet offer another tool and indicator for consumers." Hospital officials from the Observer area appear generally pleased with the format and availability to the public. "The first report provides a baseline for everybody," said Margo Gorchow, administrator for Hospital and Community Relations for Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. "The more people understand the business of health care... the better it is for everybody." She said that, regardless of the figures, no hospital should take them to be status quo: They

should always try to improve. Mission Health Director of Public Affairs Jim Frenza said the report "is going to be a very important management tool," adding "people need to take into account it was one snapshot year, and only one indicator." He said everyone is watching the "length of stay" figures, both for financial reasons, and to ensure that patients are getting good, quality care and back on their feet sooner. "The real issue is quality," he added. "If you don't maintain that, you'll be out of business today." Nicol cautions consumers not to view this report as total information, and encourages them to question health care providers about costs and statistics in the report. "This is one piece of a very broad pie," she said. The statistics represent only 27 percent of health care dollars expended; other costs include outpatient care, physician fees,

drugs, nursing home and other health care facilities. She also cautioned people not to overemphasize "mortality" rates. "Actual mortality rates mean absolutely nothing if you don't look at the expected range," she said. The expected range considers number of cases, the types of cases handled by that hospital and other factors individualized to that facility. She also stressed that the MHA initiative is "not a comparative report" between hospitals. Thirty eight states have some type of mandated hospital data; Michigan currently does not. Figures from 1995 are expected to be analyzed by the end of this year, and released in early 1997, Nicol said. To obtain a copy of the Hospital Performance Report, write to: The Michigan Health and Hospital Association, 6215 W. St. Joseph Hwy., Lansing 48917. On the Internet, view it at: <http://www.mha.org/performance>.

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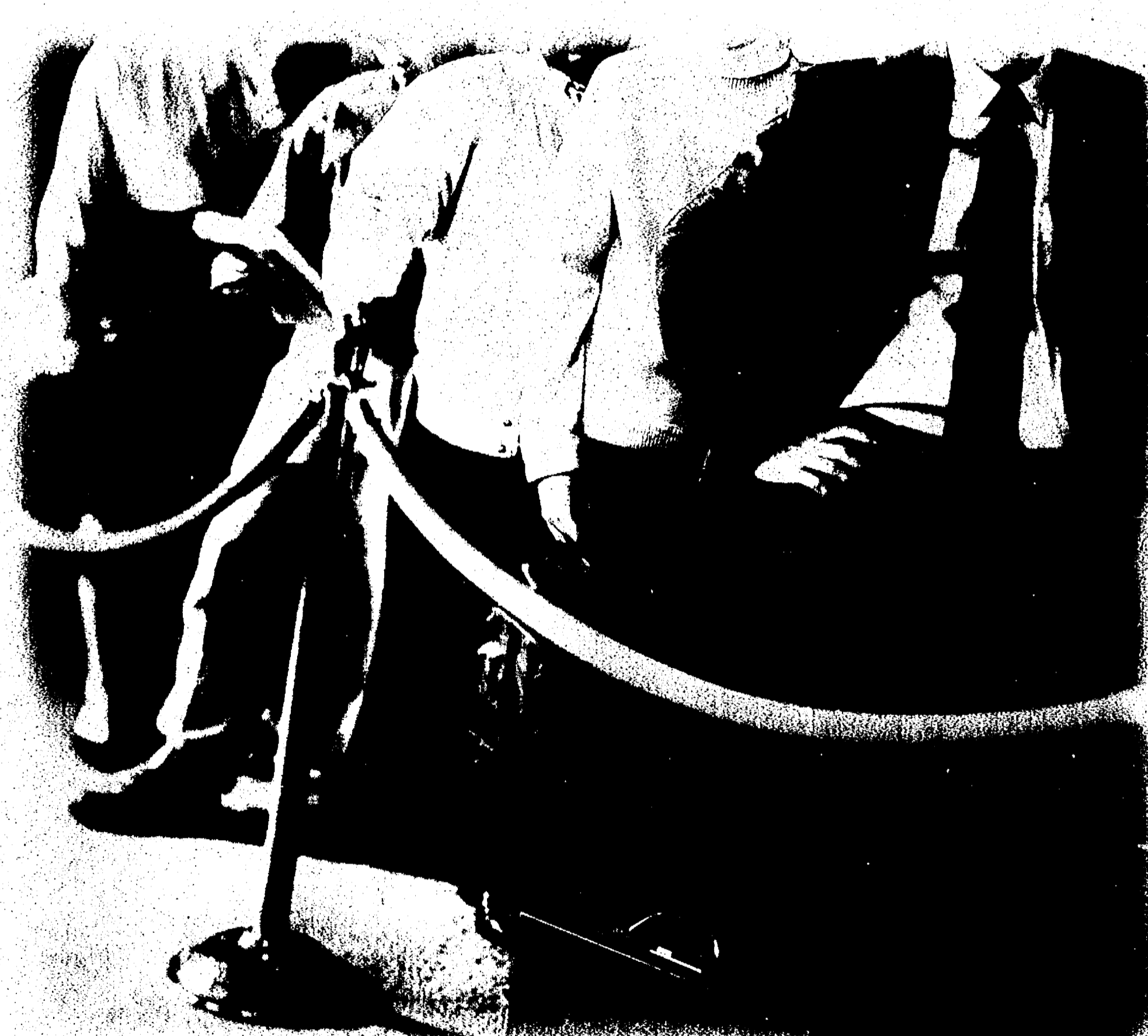
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TASTE BUDS



CHEF LARRY JANES

Summer brings beautiful berries

What can be more refreshing on a warm summer's eve than a chilled bowl of fresh berries — by themselves, dripping with juice; lightly dusted with powdered sugar or dolloped with creme fraiche.

The strawberries on your grocer's shelves are from Florida and Texas, and in a week or so, California berries should be heading our way. Because of the cold spring, local berry farmers say it's impossible to predict when Michigan strawberries will be ripe.

According to Middleton Berry Farm in Lake Orion, the strawberries are very slow in growing this year. Chris Long, at Long Family Orchard in Commerce Township, predicted the berries would be ready for picking in late June. "We need some warm days," she said.

Fresh blackberries should be rolling in soon. I noticed them last week at the Eastern Market in small amounts. Blackberry season runs from late May through late July; but in all honesty, I just can't wait for Michigan's famed blueberry crop.

With harvests beginning in mid-June and peaking around mid-July, our fingers will be blue for weeks as the Janes Gang heads west to visit friends in Muskegon and bring back 5 pound lugs of fresh blueberries. Due to the cooler start to the season, loganberries and gooseberries should be heading our way in late June or early July.

Storage tips

If memory serves me correctly, it was Uncle Earl who introduced the family to gooseberries, and since then, we have made scores of gooseberry pies. Without a doubt, if you love berries, Michigan has one of the best growing seasons, and always produces a juice squirting, flavor intense assortment.

If you are planning on using berries to cook or can, you can roughly figure on one quart to yield about 3 1/2 cups. Fresh berries are very perishable. One of the secrets to keeping them around for a few extra days is to keep them cool, and just as importantly, keep the air circulating around them. If you purchase berries in those plastic bags, immediately transfer them to a colander and refrigerate in a vegetable crisper or the lower part of the fridge until ready to use. Berry aficionados swear berries should never be washed until ready to use as the added moisture will cause them to mold faster. Of course, it only makes good sense to pick over the berries before refrigeration as one or two bad berries can easily spread a mold that will attach itself to other berries rather quickly.

Even with the proliferation of green grocers who, through the miracle of fast transport can offer us berries in the dead of winter, I personally like to freeze the freshest Michigan berries I can find to enjoy all year long.

Freezing berries

After a quick washing, the berries are patted dry and picked over and then placed on a baking sheet which then goes straight to the freezer. After about 2 hours of sub zero temperatures, the berries are easily transferred to plastic freezer bags which can be labeled and dated for future use.

Should you desire to process any berries with sugar and syrup, the best berries are the ripest ones. Fresh ripe berries don't need ascorbic acid or anti-oxidants like apples, pears or other fruits when processing. I like to place a good quality freezer bag inside an eight inch round cake pan and then ladle in the cooled berry mixture. The bag and pan are set in the freezer until the mixture is frozen at which time the bag is sealed, the pan removed. This way, you can stack about 20 cups in the space of a three pound coffee can. (Chef's secret — I do this with my homemade stock and broth — it sure saves space!)

I like to put individual serving dishes in the freezer, and wait about 15 minutes before filling them with berries. It's just enough time to give the berries a super chill.

Longing to make your dinner guests think you prepared creme fraiche? Simply allow 2 cups of a good vanilla ice cream to melt (don't heat) and then ever so lightly drizzle that over the chilled berries for an exotic taste. But whatever you do, don't try to mask the flavor of a good fresh berry with spices, alcohols or sweet dessert toppings. All good basic cookbooks feature pages of recipes for using fresh berries in everything from soups to stuffings.

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 recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- The perfect pig roast.

STAKEOUT

your options for BEEF

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Who better to ask for advice on preparing sumptuous, melt-in-your-mouth steak than guys who ought to know — men behind the scenes at two of metro Detroit's newly opened steak houses — Carvers in Farmington Hills, and Ruth's Chris Steak House in Troy.

They have a lot in common. All are married, have children, and enjoy cooking.

"Always look for the best quality meat," said Leonard Jump of Troy, general manager of Ruth's Chris Steak House. "Look for well marbled cuts." Marbling relates to quality grading — greater amounts of marbling result in higher quality. Marbling enhances palatability by increasing juiciness and flavor.

Married to Pam, and the father of four — Leonard, 18, Aaron, 14, Adam, 3, and McKenzie, 8 months, Jump recommends searing meat on a high temperature, and then lowering the heat for the rest of the cooking process.

"I'm a grill person," he said. His favorite cut — "a whole tenderloin. I marinate it in sauce (Jack Daniels, salt and pepper, rubbed into the meat), and put it on the grill."

Marinades and dry rubs infuse steaks with flavor. Tender beef steaks can be marinated briefly for flavor, 15 minutes to 2 hours. These include rib eye, rib, top loin, Porterhouse, T-bone, tenderloin, sirloin, chuck top blade and chuck eye steaks.

"Enjoy your steak, and have fun cooking it, because cooking is fun," said Russell Scharf of Troy, a manager at Carvers. One of his favorite marinades is roasted, minced garlic, mixed with olive oil, cracked black pepper and kosher salt. Scharf and his wife, Seana, take turns cooking. "I'm a third generation chef, and enjoy cooking, even on my days off," he said. "My wife loves to barbecue. When he prepares steak for his wife and daughter, Alexandra, 2, he marinates London broil in Italian dressing, grills it, slices the meat and serves it in a salad of mixed greens, and vegetables including lightly sauteed asparagus, cucumbers and Roma tomatoes."

"Make sure the grill is hot and clean," recommends Carvers Chef Ken Pipok of Redford.

His steak marinated in red wine, such as cabernet, minced garlic, shallots, and scallions gets rave reviews from his wife, Vicki, daughter, Julie, 9, and son, Bradley, 7. "When I'm through grilling the steak I sautee mushrooms and onions in the leftover marinade," he said.

For ease, convenience and great taste, nothing beats the classic American staple: the grilled beef.

MARINADES AND DRY RUBS INFUSE STEAKS WITH FLAVOR



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Award-winner: Grecian Skillet Ribeyes, Best of Beef recipe winner from the 1995 Beef Cook-Off, will win rave reviews served simply as a steak or nestled in pita bread for a Mediterranean sandwich.

MARINADES

Economical steaks from the chuck are an excellent choice for the grill. When marinated, and then grilled rare to medium, they are tender, juicy and delicious. The following tips will ensure good results when marinating chuck steaks for grilling.

- To tenderize, a marinade must include an acidic ingredient like lemon juice, vinegar, wine or salsa.
- Allow 1/3 to 1/2 cup marinade per pound of beef.
- Reserve and refrigerate a portion of the marinade for basting during grilling.
- Marinate in a closed heavy-duty plastic bag or glass dish.

- Always marinate in the refrigerator.
- Marinate top blade, chuck eye and thin strips for woven kabobs 30 minutes or up to 6 hours; other chuck steaks for 6 hours or as long as 24 hours. Marinating longer than 24 hours causes the meat fibers on the surface to break down and yield a mushy texture.
- Leftover marinade that has been in contact with raw meat must be brought to a full rolling boil before it can be used as a sauce.

Source: Meat Board Test Kitchens & Beef Industry Council

Make food and wine a journey



For the last several years, Dearborn's Ritz-Carlton has celebrated an International Cultural Festival at the hotel during the winter. Because those events which featured wine and food were the most popular, the name was changed to The International Journey of Food and Wine and it is celebrated with multiple themes several times during the year.

If you missed the French Tribute at the Ritz in May, you can journey to the Orient July 8-14, Germany Sept. 16-22 or Italy Nov. 18-24. Each journey has a number of

events, and if you're not on the mailing list, you may want to get on or obtain more information by calling (313) 441-2100.

Attending the French Tribute gave us a good idea to pass along to all of you who phone our Voice mail with questions about matching wine and food. At a seven-course, small-portion dinner, two wines, one French and one domestic were paired with the same dish. The object here was not that one wine was necessarily better than the other, but to notice how each wine changed with the dish and to identify that change.

As an example, while the 1994 Rodney Strong Sauvignon Blanc from California's Sonoma County had attractive fresh melony fruit on its own, all that fruit came

across sweet and flat when served with Vegetable-stuffed Morel Mushrooms. But its partner, 1992 Chateau de Sancerre, a lively Loire Valley wine, had just the right crispness, balanced fruit with lemon grass notes to make a better match with the more earthy morels.

Lesson: a very fruity wine isn't the best match with a vegetable dish.

In another pairing, 1994 Hess Collection, Chardonnay from Napa Valley was teamed with 1993 Domaine Druid Meursault "Limozin" (a white Burgundy). While many people were attracted to the toasty oak of the Burgundy tasted without food, the more

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Sumptuous steak shines at summertime barbecues

See related story on Taste front.

GRECIAN SKILLET RIBEYES

- 2 well-trimmed beef ribeye steaks, cut 1 inch thick (approximately 1 pound)
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
 - 1 tablespoon pitted, chopped Kalamata or ripe olives
 - Lemon slices (optional)
- Seasoning:
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder

- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil leaves, crushed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Combine seasoning ingredients; press into both sides of beef steaks. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Place steaks in skillet; cook approximately 10 to 14 minutes for medium to rare to medium doneness, turning once. Sprinkle with lemon juice.

To serve, sprinkle cheese and olives over steaks; carve into thin

slices. Makes 4 servings.

Best of Beef recipe winner from the 1995 Beef Cook-Off.

GRILLED HERB MUSTARD STEAKS

- 2 well-trimmed boneless beef top loin or rib eye steaks, cut 1 inch thick (approximately 1 pound)

- Salt
- Herb mustard:
- 2 large cloves garlic, crushed
 - 2 teaspoons water
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
 - 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper

- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

In glass measure, combine garlic and water; microwave on High 30 seconds. Stir in remaining mustard ingredients; spread onto both sides of beef steaks.

Place steaks on grid over medium ash-covered coals. Grill top loin steaks uncovered 16 to 18 minutes (rib eye steaks 12 to 14 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Season steaks with salt, as desired. Carve steaks crosswise into thick slices. Serves 4.

Recipe from: Michigan Beef

Industry Commission

TERIYAKI-MARINATED STEAK

- 1 well-trimmed beef top round steak, cut 1 1/2 inches thick (approximately 2 pounds)

- Marinade:
- 3/4 cup prepared teriyaki sauce
 - 2 tablespoons dry sherry
 - 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients; mix well. Place steak and marinade in plastic bag, turning to coat. Close bag securely

and marinate in refrigerator 6 to 8 hours or overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Cook steak over medium ash-covered coals. (To maintain consistent temperature of coals while cooking, add 8 new briquets around outer edge of ash-covered coals before cooking steak).

Place steak on grid; grill, covered, 25 to 28 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Carve steak crosswise into thin slices. Serves 8.

Recipe from: Michigan Beef Industry Commission.

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steak. But when considering the amazing versatility of beef steaks, it would be a shame to stop there.

"June is National Beef Steak Month," the perfect time to discover the many applications of beef steak.

"The most appealing attribute of beef steak is its great taste," said Kathleen Hawkins, executive director of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. "It

pairs well with a host of flavors, from Mediterranean to Oriental and can be prepared in numerous ways — mixed with pasta for an Italian flavor, in a salad for a delicious steak Caesar or stirred with vegetables. The recipe combinations are limitless."

According to National Panel Dairy Group's 10th Annual "Eating Patterns in America," steak remains among Americans' top choices for lunch and dinner

entrees.

"Beef steak is not only mouth-watering, it's versatile and easy to prepare," said Marlys Bielunski of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "Steaks from the chuck, for example, are an excellent, economical choice for the grill. When marinated and then grilled medium rare to medium, they are tender, juicy and delicious."

The most economical steaks

come from the chuck area; the most expensive from the tenderloin and short loin. For the leanest steaks, look for cuts from the round (eye round, top round, round tip steak) or the loin (top sirloin, top loin, tenderloin). To ensure tenderness, steaks from the round and chuck should be marinated before cooking.

One of the very best steaks to grill is flank steak. 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 tenderizer to break down tough fibers in meat. Pipok uses French dressing.

For best grilling results, place beef on a grid 4 to 5 inches above medium coals. Grill over an open or covered grill; steaks cook faster in a covered grill, watch them carefully. Turn steaks once halfway through cooking time.

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balanced fruit and oak of the Hess harmonized better with Crispy Halibut in a Prosciutto Potato and Thyme Crust.

Lesson: Americans like oaky

white wines, but they don't make the best food matches.

The next pairing was a toss-up and here's where individual palate preference came into play,

between the 1994 Beaulieu Vineyard Pinot Noir and 1994 Louis Jadot Pinot Noir (red Burgundy). Both wines were enhanced by and complemented the Sauteed Squab Breasts with Balsamic Natural Jus.

Lesson: the touch of balsamic vinegar in the recipe turned up the volume on the wine's fruitiness and made both wines exceptionally appealing with the game bird.

There was an obvious mismatch between the 1994 Concanon Petite Sirah and the 1992 Delas Croze Hermitage from France's Rhone Valley. The Delas wine comes from the northern Rhone where red wines are made from the syrah grape.

There is no genetic relationship between it and petite sirah, which is not even a grape variety, but rather a blend of a number of ancient grape varieties planted in vineyards during the early development of the California wine industry. The Delas wine filled the bill with the Honey Baked Boucheron over Italian Frisse.

Lesson one: if you're going to do multiple wine pairings with the same dish, the grape variety must be the same.

Lesson two: a properly constructed salad with very little dressing and some cheese (such as boucheron) pairs handsomely with red wine from the Rhone.

A 1992 Clos du Bois "Briarcrest" Cabernet Sauvignon and 1992 Chateau Clarke-Rothschild played in concert with Roasted Baby Lamb Rack, Wild Game Marinade and Poivrade Sauce.

Lesson: the best wine for rack of lamb is merlot, not cabernet sauvignon.

Buyer Beware: Wine clubs selling wine by mail are proliferating like rabbits. The latest to come to our attention is Wine Enthusiast Wine Club with slick ad layout, over-stated descriptions and all wines rated 90+ by the Wine Enthusiast Club! Prices are slashed when the cost of California wines is escalating. What's wrong with this picture?

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CLASSES

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Learn how to reduce the fat in foods, without reducing flavor at "Low Fat/High Flavor" a one-day cooking class, 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15. Cost \$64, includes recipe booklet and samples. "Understanding Spanish Wines," a five week class, begins 7 p.m. Monday, June 3, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road), Livonia. Call (313) 462-4448 for registration information.

THE LONGACRE HOUSE
These classes will be offered at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills by Judy Antishin. All classes are \$20. Wine tasting class 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4; Patio Entertainment on the Longacre Patio, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. Call (810) 477-8404 to register.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
Variety of classes offered this summer. Offerings include: "Cooking With Silvana" the Natural Way, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 19 (summer picnic), July 16 (Italian cooking), July 23 (Exquisite entrees); Fundamentals of Wine: Ordering, Serving & Pairing with Food, 7:30-9:30

p.m. Wednesday, June 19; Summer Whites, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26; Summer Porch Desserts 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19. Classes at 380 S. Bates. Class fees range from \$16 to \$19 per session. Call (810) 644-5832 for registration information.

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Chef Jeff Baldwin will share his culinary skills throughout the summer. Classes meet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., include class, luncheon, tax and gratuity. Cost is \$30 per class, seating limited to 40. The restaurant is at 30675 North River Road, Harrison Township. Call (810) 463-9660 to register. Upcoming classes: June

8, Fun cooking with fresh seafood paired with California white wines; June 22, Summer Party.

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES
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RASPBERRY-ALMOND SHORTCAKES

Almond Streusel (below)
2 1/3 cups Bisquick Original baking mix
1/2 cup milk
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
3/4 teaspoon almond extract
Sweetened whipped cream
3 cups fresh raspberries, sweetened

Prepare Almond Streusel. Heat oven to 425°. Stir remaining ingredients except whipped cream and raspberries until soft dough forms.

Gently smooth dough into ball on surface dusted with baking mix. Knead gently 8 to 10 times.

Roll dough 1/4 inch thick. Cut with 3-inch round cutter dipped in baking mix. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Top each round with

Almond Streusel.
Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown.

Do not split shortcakes. Place half of the shortcakes on dessert plates; top with half of the whipped cream and raspberries.

Top with remaining shortcakes, raspberries and whipped cream. 5 or 6 servings.

ALMOND STREUSEL

1/4 cup Bisquick Original baking mix
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 tablespoons firm margarine or butter
1/4 cup sliced almonds

Mix baking mix, sugar and margarine until crumbly; stir in almonds.

Recipe from Bisquick

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LOOKING A LOVE IN LAVONIA Pretty SWF, 40, HW proportionate, brown/hazel, seeks happiness with fun, easygoing, family-oriented man who has potential. #4607(exp/7/4)

NEW ADVENTURES SWF, 56, blond/brown, French and Irish, nice figure, stands on no dependents, enjoys travel, reading, movies, being outdoors. Seeking romantic mate to have new adventures with. #4628(exp/7/4)

PETTE-PACKAGE COMPLETE SWF, 35, 5'11", brunette, sincere, outgoing. Enjoys summer outdoor activities, spending quality time with the right person. Are you there? Attractive, blue-eyes, sincere, down-to-earth, and financially secure. SWM, at least 5'8". #4516(exp/7/4)

VERY LONELY Affectionate, passionate, DWf, 41, enjoys dancing, laughing, great sense of humor. Seeking relationship with one, honest, sincere, romantic guy. #4598(exp/7/4)

WORLD TRAVELED Pretty, petite, blonde 32, 5'4", cultured with many interests, yet outgoing and down-to-earth, with a lot of life. Her man, who is also physically, mentally, emotionally and financially strong. #4599(exp/7/4)

STILL SEARCHING DWf, 50, tall, HW proportionate, enjoys motorcycling, movies, dining, dancing, bicycling, quiet times at home. Seeking tall gentleman for one-on-one friendship/relationship. #4596(exp/7/4)

"MEOW" This kitten is a DWf, 50, full-figured, looking for the right "Tom" to share her time with. How about you, are you her? Call. #4595(exp/7/4)

SUMMER'S HERE! Let's enjoy the water, sun and start evening's fun. Seeking a fun-loving, outgoing, non-smoking female, who is also physically, mentally, emotionally and financially strong. #4599(exp/7/4)

OK GUYS, ONE MORE TIME! DWf, 54, look 44, 5'8", wish I was 24! 5'4", 115lbs, great sense of humor, can laugh at self and life. Can you? Call me! Let's make some memories. #4592(exp/7/4)

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP I'm 5'6" and looking for someone to spend time with. Let's get together and talk. Social drinker ok. #4592 (exp/7/4)

VERY FEMINE LADY Enjoys travel, intermediate golf, casual conversation, exploring new adventures, old movies, camping, hiking, reading, laughter. Sim, 5'6", 132lbs, 54, blonde/blue, very active, college educated, outgoing. Seeking similar guy. #4591(exp/7/4)

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Huggable, shapely DWf, outgoing, emotionally stable, 5'2", strawberry-blond, would like to spend quality time with a NSW, who is also looking for a high weight, who seeks LTR. #4584(exp/7/4)

... SBF, 43, seeks a tall, muscular BM, 35-45, who enjoys concerts, traveling, dining out and is also looking for a dating relationship. #4582(exp/7/4)

SEEKING NEW LOVE Nice, thin, down-to-earth, affectionate, fun DWf, 34, 5'6", mother of one, enjoys outdoors, travel, walking. Seeking kind companion for warm friendship. #4580(exp/7/4)

SOMEDAY HE'LL COME ALONG Tall WPM, warm, loving face and heart, college educated, financially secure, good self-esteem, believes in equality in relationships, a lovely, mature, tough old southern charm. Tall, slender lady awaits. #4585(exp/7/4)

LOOKING FOR LOVE Petite, classy, pretty lady, enjoys dining out, moonlighting, country dancing. Seeking SM, 47-55, under 6". #4570(exp/6/27)

OLDEST/youngest 40ish DWf, seeks NS male. Expects say this is the best match. Love mystery, collectibles, Las Vegas, open to new ideas and adventures. #4566(exp/6/27)

WANT SOMEONE DIFFERENT DWf, romantic, sincere, monogamous, healthy, happy, fun, energetic, outgoing, adventurous, intelligent, seeks honest, intelligent, classy, attractive, financially-secure SDWM, over 34, for good times. #4561(exp/6/27)

NON-TYPICAL VERSION High energy SWF, seeks upbeat, physically fit, NS, spontaneous, somewhat unconventional, humorous, adventurous, educated, spiritual, 35-45, all-American SWM! Let's enjoy fitness, travel, sports, stimulating conversation! Entrepreneurs welcome. #4559(exp/6/27)

BIRMINGHAM Wonderful, pretty lady with a great business, home and super personality would like to meet a man, 50-60, NS, social drinker, with similarities. #4553(exp/6/27)

OUTGOING 5'2", blue eyes, 48 year-old mom, would like to meet a sweet, sensitive, no game, kind of man, for good company or whatever life has to offer. #4552(exp/6/27)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL Very romantic, affectionate, quiet, goodlooking SBF, 21, 5'6", 113lbs, enjoys movies. Longs to find true love in relationship with SWM, 21-35, with similar interests. #4551(exp/6/27)

LOVING, CARING The older guy here isn't what she used to be and isn't grey at. Looking for the young buck who isn't such a young buck any more. Honest, sincere, moral values, relocatable. #4558(exp/6/27)

APPLY HERE! NEEDS TOUR GUIDE SWF, 22, recent college graduate, looking for someone who can show me around the area and show me a good time. #4549(exp/6/27)

POSITIVE ATTITUDE SBF, 30, full-figured, neat, outgoing, caring, enjoys sports, music, movies, dining out, candlelight dinners, amusement parks, travel. Seeking upbeat, caring, intelligent, down-to-earth, neat, well-dressed, educated, honest, sincere SWM, 25-50. #4546 (exp/6/27)

LOVELY WIDOW Widowed DWf, 68, petite, attractive, romantic, caring, enjoys movies, walks, seeks fun partner for love and lots of affection. Will answer at calls. #4557(exp/6/27)

FUN-LOVING, SPONTANEOUS SWF, 42, 5'7", 135lbs, wants to be treated like a lady by SDWM, 40-50, variety of interests. Seeking friendship first. Possible LTR. #4545(exp/6/27)

ONLY SERIOUS APPLY Intelligent, educated SBF, 23, 5'7", 145lbs, NS, N/D, N/Drugs, loves movies, long walks and quiet times. Seeking energetic, athletic, open-minded SDWM, 23-35. #4543(exp/6/27)

CLASSY WOMAN SWF, 40ish, beautiful, intelligent, independent, desire a very handsome and exciting WM, 30-45, 5'10"-6'1", 175-200lbs and a fun lover of life. He who qualifies will be lucky. #4544 (exp/6/27)

STRIKING & ADVENTUROUS SWF, 58", 130lbs, strawberry-blond/hazel-green, educated, professionally employed, seeks someone to share life with: SWM, 36-48, 6', Oakland County resident, with same qualities. #4539(exp/6/27)

SOMEONE SPECIAL Widowed Wf, 40, mother of two, 5'8", 150lbs, average build, enjoys watching, reading and watching old movies. Seeking financially secure SDWM, 40-55, with similar interests. For possible LTR. #4538(exp/6/27)

HONEST & FUN-LOVING Friendly, independent SBF, 23, NS, N/D, enjoys nice long walks, hugs, dancing, movies and a man who cooks! Seeking honest, employed, humorous SWM, 23-40, respectful to women. No playboys! #4526(exp/6/20)

SPECIAL LADY Attractive, spontaneous lady seeks friendship and companionship leading to LTR. Single mom loves sports, travel and sunshine. Seeking tall, fit, handsome, professional gentleman. #4522(exp/6/20)

COMMITMENT-MINDED SWf, 34, tall, attractive, athletic, creative, affectionate, romantic, communicative, honest, no dependents. Seeking a man who shares life with humor and similar interests. For LTR. #4521(exp/6/20)

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP Attractive SWF, 27, 5'5", brown/green, intelligent, outgoing, loves laugh! Open to adventure. Seeking SDWM, 29-35, 5'9", who enjoys art, movies, hiking, and is above all else, friendship. #4518(exp/6/20)

GOLF PARTNER WANTED Sweet, slender, beautiful blonde seeks counterpart in a handsome, in-shape, refined gentleman, who is cultured, educated, and enjoys golf, fine things in the world travel, country clubs. Dancing a plus. #4516(exp/6/20)

CELEBRATE LIFE WITH ME Attractive, loving, sincere, Catholic DWf, young 60s. My favorite things are nature, camping, sports, hiking, theater, traveling, reading, classical music, and traveling. Call me who shares like interests. #4515(exp/6/20)

ROMANTIC MALE DWf, 45, 5', full-figured, fun-loving, caring, giving, family-oriented, enjoys movies, theater, traveling, cuddling, quiet times at home. Seeking same in male, 45-50. #4514(exp/6/20)

TIME FOR A FRIEND SWF, 40s, 5'2", long hair, professional, caring, fun, seeks NSW, N/D male friend. Looks/money unimportant. Honestly, consideration, humor and respect are a good start. Kids are great! #4503(exp/6/20)

ALL ORIGINAL SWF, long, sleek body lines; blonde hair; low mileage; puns like a kate; Seeking a comparable model. #4501(exp/6/20)

STARTING OVER Very attractive, biracial SF, 32, 5'2", 115lbs, NS, spontaneous, affectionate, passionate, enjoys dancing, movies, cooking, traveling, cozy nights at home. Seeking attractive SWM, 35-45, for LTR/marriage. #4499(exp/6/20)

BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES SWF, 26, brown hair, 5'5", seeks SWM, 23-30, who likes romance, country music and more. Only serious men who want an LTR should reply. #4498(exp/6/20)

CUTE & CLASSIC SBF, 48, loves jogging, sporting events, movies and quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, single gentleman, over 34, with similar interests. #4476(exp/6/13)

PART-TIME GROWN UP SWF, 30, 5'3", tomboyish, feminine, lively, competitive at times, caring, spontaneous, adventurous, into massage, outdoors, sound of rain, NS, spiritual, educated, overweight and losing. Seeking complimentary SWM, 29-39. Curious? #4475 (exp/6/13)

DOWN-TO-EARTH SWF, 39, honest, outgoing, considered attractive, enjoys travel, music, sports, warm, friendly. Seeking honest, outgoing SWM, 35-42, with similar interests. #4474(exp/6/13)

GOOD-LOOKING SBF, 21, 160lbs. Looking for spontaneous, unconventional, humorous SWF, 18-25, who enjoys movies, dining out. #4473(exp/6/13)

NICE AND SASSY DWf, 35, seeks a man who knows how to laugh, debate and think! Must be able to talk about anything and be logical. Looks unimportant, attitude is! #4465(exp/6/13)

LOVELY IN CANTON Energetic, very outgoing, honest DWf, enjoys travel, dancing, theater, dining. Seeking sincere WM, 65-70, financially secure, for possible relationship. NS, N/D, N/Drugs. #4462(exp/6/13)

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY DWf, 40s, honest, caring, NS, N/D, with great sense of humor, enjoys traveling, fishing, art, fair gardening, plays, dancing, travel. Seeking clever, cultured, cuddly companion for creative capers. #4456(exp/6/13)

GIRL NEXT DOOR Petite Wf, 38, 120lbs, brown/green, no dependents, smoker/social drinker, enjoys blues, classic rock, motorcycling, concerts, intelligent, down-to-earth, neat, well-dressed, educated, honest, sincere SWM, 25-50. #4456 (exp/6/27)

ONE OF A KIND Educated DWf, young 47, mother of two, seeks finer things in life with DM, 45-50, 5'9", NS, N/Drugs, social drinker, educated, who enjoys summer camping. #4434(exp/6/13)

WAITING IN ROCHESTER HILLS Attractive, degree, spontaneous DWf, 49, 5'6", Auburn/brown, good sense of humor, enjoys golf, dancing, travel, dining out. Seeking tall, attractive, financially secure, successful, for romance, fun, LTR. #4450(exp/6/13)

VERY SURE OF HERSELF Intelligent, tender, faithful, honest, enthusiastic, romantic, affectionate, fun SWF, 6'2", long blonde/sky-blue, successful business-owner, enjoys working out. Seeking SWF for friendship. #4445(exp/6/13)

TATTOOS AND HARLEYS SWF, 20, brown/blond, very tattooed, very fun, seeks SWM, 23-30, tall, who enjoys kids, biking and good times. #4448(exp/6/13)

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP Widowed Wf, 40, 5'11", 140lbs, red/blue, employed, homemaker, easygoing, enjoys shopping, bowling, romantic dinners, horseback riding. Seeking SWM, 35-50, kind, considerate, financially stable, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker ok. #4438(exp/6/13)

BEAUTIFUL WOMAN Inside/out, SJF, 49, 5'4", not thin/not fat, redhead, sense of humor, thoughtful, enjoys golf, tennis, tennis, auctions, life in general. Seeking tall, intelligent male with similar interests. #4435(exp/6/13)

GORGEOUS GREGARIOUS media specialist, multi-degree 5'6", 130lbs, golden haired, barely 40s, childless. Into bike touring, light jogging, reading, antiques and the outdoors. Seeking outgoing, fun, NS, BA degree 40s guy. #4430 (exp/6/13)

STOP READ I'M THE I U NEED Wf, 42, 5'7", brown/hazel, NS, seeks someone who is outgoing, fun, fair, auctions, life in general. Seeking tall, intelligent male with similar interests. #4435(exp/6/13)

PRETTY VIVACIOUS LADY 50 year-old entrepreneur, successful, fun, outgoing, active, professional, free knight in shining armor. Any sincere, successful, Caucasian gentlemen, 45-70, please reply. #4427(exp/6/13)

REAL MAN Nice, educated man, 40, free-minded, Arabic, looking to meet a nice, beautiful woman to share life with. Possible long-term relationship. #4515(exp/7/4)

UNCONVENTIONAL LONG-HAIRED Aren't there any late 30s female that means that would meet an unconventional (atheist) fairly successful, very long-haired, slender, 6'1", DWf, 50, who loves airplane, who travel. #4612(exp/7/4)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL Attractive, outgoing WM, 45, with a variety of interests, loves people. Seeking same in petite Wf, for friendship, maybe more. #4511(exp/7/4)

EASY TO TALK TO DWf, 5'9", 190lbs, NS, business professional, honest, active, enjoys nature, outdoors, sports, friends, enjoys a great meal, no emotional games. HW proportionate female to share romance leading to LTR. #4610 (exp/7/4)

DEGREE PROFESSIONAL Oakland County late thirties female, 31, 5'10", 155lbs, white, brown/brown, never married, fit, attractive, adventurous, easygoing, enjoys outdoors, hiking up north, animals, camping and more. Seeking educated, NS lady. #4609(exp/7/4)

FUN LOVING & HONEST DWf, 45, financially secure, outgoing, who enjoys trip up north, hot tubs, sports, etc. #4581(exp/7/4)

MONOGAMOUS SWf, 48, 5'9", caring and sincere, enjoys movies, jazz, dining, dancing. Seeking warm-hearted angel, 35-48, for cuddling and romantic LTR. NS, N/Drugs, no man haters. #4587 (exp/7/4)

NEW TO WESTLAND Tall, affectionate, spontaneous WM, 28, 6'4", 220lbs, well-built, blue eyes, healthy, employed, enjoys cooking, camping, exercising, sports, music (dance, jazz), seeks Wf, 20-35, for long-term relationship. #4579 (exp/7/4)

LIVONIA AREA Educated, honest, caring, sincere, trim SWM, 46, 5'10", enjoys computers, crafts, antiques and more, seeks trim SWF for friendship/companionship, sharing existing interests and exploring new ones, leading to LTR. #4581(exp/7/4)

BUSINESS OWNER SM, 51, 135, NS, financially independent/secure, would like to invest in LTR, including golf, skiing, sailing, worldwide travel. #4461(exp/6/13)

FARMINGTON HILLS AREA SWf, 39, 182, NS, who's very cuddly, for relationship and excitement. #4460(exp/6/13)

OLD-FASHIONED GUY Handsome, honest, sincere, athletic, intelligent SWM, 23, NS, good moral/values, seeks slender, pretty SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities/interests. enjoys music, good conversation, outdoors, working out. Rochester area. #4604(exp/7/4)

WHERE AT THOU MY QUEEN? Average/above, white, 44, 5'10", 175lbs, seeks queen to share simple pleasures. My queen is open, caring, feminine, 30-40, HW proportionate to mind, with time available for her king. #4602(exp/7/4)

HANDSOME ROQUE Very good-looking WM, professional, mid-40s, blond/blue, desires to meet a young young lady, 25-40, who is cute, personable and fit, to spend special moments with. #4601(exp/7/4)

EVERLASTING INTERLUDE SBM, 32, 6'3", 190lbs, slim, very handsome inside/outside, enjoys sports, cooking, finer things in life. Seeking petite SBF, 30-35, attractive, NS, for sometime. Serious replies only. #4569(exp/6/27)

HANDSOME ENGINEER Young-looking DWf, 50, 5'11", 190lbs, NS, graduate degree, excellent health seeks very attractive woman, great figure, family personality. Someone special for LTR. #4568 (exp/6/27)

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME SWM, over 40, very young-looking, kind, sensitive, humorous, romantic, enjoys movies, dancing, sports. Seeking tall, very pretty, young lady, good sense of humor, great shape, with similar interests. #4567(exp/6/27)

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BLUEBERRY SOUR CREAM CAKE

1 1/2 cups flour
1 cup sugar, divided
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 egg
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 quart fresh blueberries
2 cups sour cream
2 egg yolks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Generously butter a medium spring form pan. Combine flour, 1/2 cup sugar, butter, baking powder and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix well and pour into the prepared pan. Sprinkle blueberries on top. In a separate bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup sugar with sour cream, egg yolks and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix well and pour over blueberries and prepared cake.

Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees F. or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Serves 8.
Chef's secret: This cake can be made with any type berry!

BAKED STRAWBERRY STUFFED FRENCH TOAST

1 package (8 oz.) regular or low fat cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon orange juice concentrate
1 cup thickly sliced strawberries
1 loaf (1 pound) Italian bread
4 large eggs
1/2 cup milk (regular or low fat)
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, stir cream cheese until smooth. Stir in orange juice concentrate and then fold in berries. Cut a small diagonal slice off each end of the bread and discard. Slice bread diagonally into 1 1/2 inch slices. Cut each

slice of bread almost in half, leaving one side attached, to make a pocket. Divide the filling among the pockets, pressing bread to close around the edges.

Set aside. In a shallow bowl, beat eggs, milk and vanilla. Slowly pour over bread, turning to coat completely. (Bread can be baked immediately or refrigerated for up to 24 hours, covered with plastic wrap. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Generously grease or spray a clean baking sheet (not the cushioned variety because they do not make for a browned finished product).

Place each bread pocket about 2 inches apart. Bake in the preheated oven for 8 minutes or until bottoms are golden. Turn and bake for an additional 6-9 minutes or until both sides are golden. Transfer to plates. Makes 5 servings, 2 slices each.

Recipe from: "Entertaining or the Run" by Marlene Sorosky (Copyright 1994, William Morrow Publishers, \$25).

Marmalade pudding family favorite

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Every time I prepare marmalade pudding, I think of my mother. Not only did she give me the recipe, but she also found a mold in an antique store that I could use to prepare it.

The recipe came from my grandmother's English cook, who made many memorable meals and taught my mother how to cook. The pudding is easy to prepare. Filled with butter and sugar, it is also very tasty. The secret is the two-hour steaming that brings all of the ingredients together.

For equipment, you'll need a steamer and a mold that can be closed. The mold I use is an oval that's about 8 inches long, 6 inches wide and 4 inches deep. The steamer can be made from any covered deep saucepan or pot that you use to cook pasta. If you have a steaming rack, use it.

Be sure to serve the sauce at room temperature over the warm steamed pudding. The recipe serves six.

MARMALADE PUDDING

1/2 cup flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup milk
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 cup milk
4 tablespoons butter, melted
6 tablespoons marmalade

Sauce:
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla

To make marmalade pudding: Set up the steamer and try the mold inside to make sure that steam can get around the mold. Make sure the top fits tightly.

The steamer can be made from any covered deep saucepan or pot you use to cook pasta. If you have a steaming rack, use it. If not, place a ring for a small tuna fish can with the top and bottom

removed) on the bottom of the deep saucepan. Add water up to the top of the ring but not over it. Grease the mold and set it aside.

In a bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and baking soda. Add the sugar, milk, melted butter and marmalade. Mix thoroughly and turn into the mold.

Place the mold in the steamer cover and place on the burner. Steam for two hours. Depending on your steamer, you may need to check the water level and add some during the two hours.

After the two hours, take the mold out and put it on a rack to cool. Unmold when it cools a bit and serve warm, if possible.

To make sauce: Whip the heavy cream; set aside.

In a bowl, mix the melted butter, sugar, egg and vanilla together until well blended. Add the whipped cream. Makes 6 serving.

Crispy coating makes hamburgers a delicious alternative to beef

Lamb turns a hum-drum regular burger into the star of a summer cook-out. If you haven't tried ground lamb on the grill, you've missed a taste treat. American lamb is mild and partners well with many herbs, spices and sauces and goes well with many summer side dishes.

Ground lamb should be used within 24 hours of purchase, or it should be double wrapped tightly and frozen for up to 3 months.

Use moderate heat to grill or broil hamburgers and place them 4-6 inches from the source of heat. If the heat is too high, it will overcook and dry the outside of the burger before the inside reaches the medium stage — an internal temperature of 160°F.

This lamburger recipe from the American Lamb Council, can be made ahead and frozen in patties on a flat cookie sheet. After they are frozen, double wrap and store in freezer up to 1 month. Always thaw the meat in the refrigerator or in the microwave oven.

Update your burgers by serving them on different breads and buns. Sourdough, multi-grain and rye all add a nice change. Serve with sprouts, varietal lettuces, yogurt, horseradish, guacamole and unusual salsas for a change of pace.

CRISPY CORNMEAL LAMBURGER

12 ounces lean ground American lamb
1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
2 tablespoons seasoned fine bread crumbs
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
1/4 cup cornmeal
4 rye hamburger buns, split and toasted

Optional toppings: guacamole, horseradish, mayonnaise, fresh sliced vegetables

In a bowl, combine green onion, bread crumbs, garlic salt and oregano; mix well. Add ground lamb; mix well. For mixture into 4,



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3 1/2 inch patties. Coat each patty on both sides with cornmeal. Grill over moderate coals for 4 to 5 minutes on each side to medium AMERICAN LAMB COUNCIL doneness or until no pink remains.

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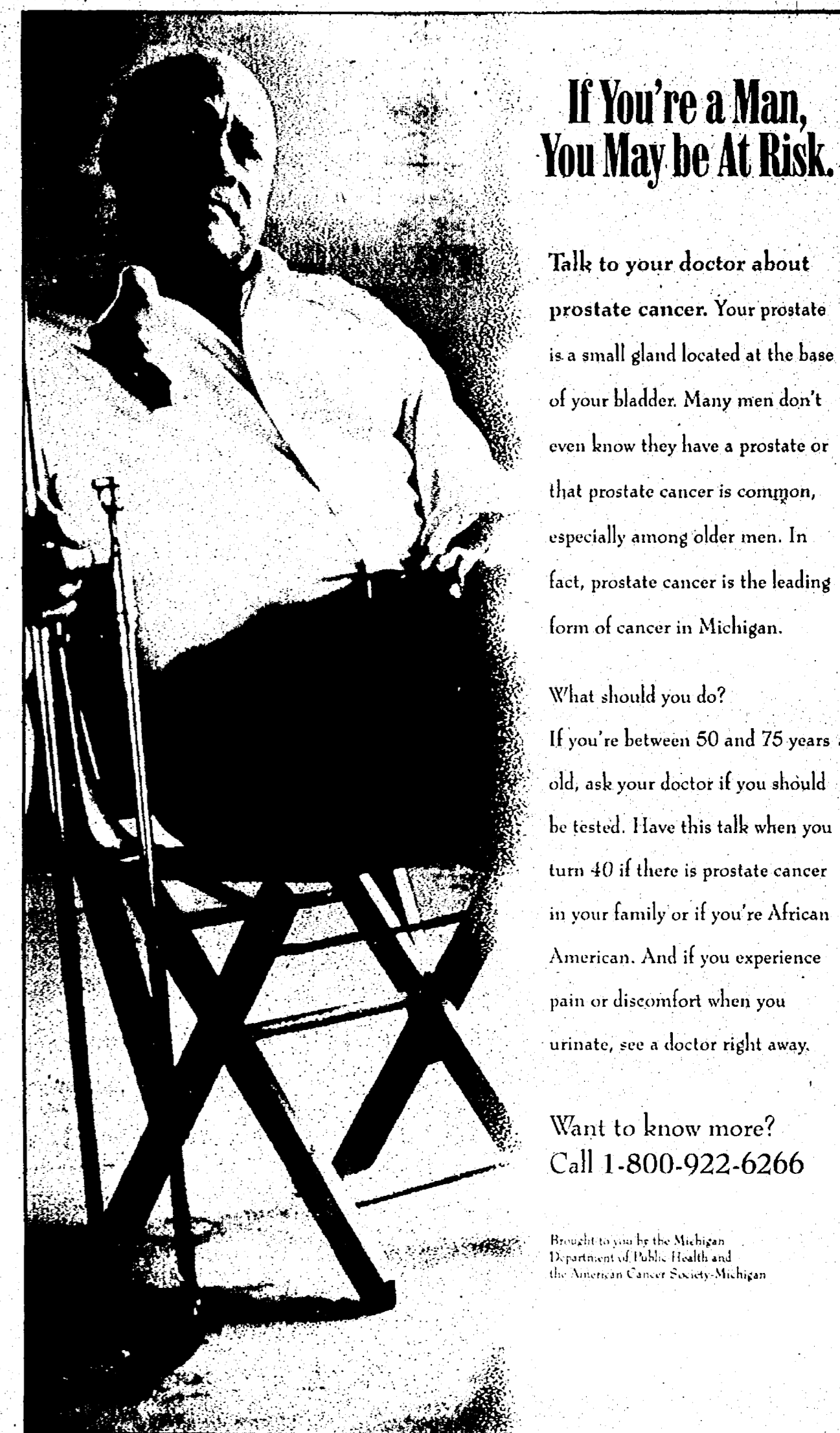
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Shamrocks whip GC, Edsel

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Catholic Central baseball players have been known to touch assistant coach Ed Hamacher's head, which is bald under that cap, like a Genie Lamp for good luck.

That's not all Hamacher is good for.

A little hitting advice from Hamacher and some extra batting practice have helped CC senior shortstop Chris Misiak almost double his average since a few weeks ago when he was hitting .225.

The Shamrocks' No. 2 hitter went 7-for-8 in leading the Shamrocks to the Class A district championship Saturday at Garden City Park.

The Shamrocks mercied Garden City, 20-10, in the semifinal before beating Dearborn Edsel Ford, 8-2, in the championship game.

"I was struggling a little earlier but coach 'Hammy' helped me out one day, told me I was hitching and I moved my hands back," Misiak said. "A little extra batting practice and confidence and I'm starting to have fun."

Misiak went 5-for-5, including three doubles, and scored four runs against Garden City in a game which for 4 1/2 innings didn't look like it would end in a mercy.

Garden City trailed 11-10 before the Shamrocks scored nine runs in the bottom of the fifth, resulting in the 10-run five inning mercy.

With both teams hitting as well as they were, there is no telling what the final score would be without the mercy rule.

CC starter James O'Connor was rocked for 12 hits and eight runs in three innings but still got credit for the victory because the Shamrocks led 11-8 when he

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departed in favor of reliever Chris Karney.

O'Connor, who surrendered a solo home run to Erik Shpakoff and two-run doubles to Kevin Finnegan, Tim Carson and Rick Barnak, improved his record to 9-2.

The Cougars weren't playing with their best hitter, sophomore standout Dan Fairchild, who missed his sixth straight game with mononucleosis.

"No one has hit O'Connor that hard this year," CC coach John Salter said. "They had a couple bloopers, but several hard shots, too."

Misiak and leadoff batter Karney, who homered twice and went 4-7 with six RBI during the afternoon, give the Shamrocks a dangerous top of the order.

"When those two are on base, we've got (Garet) Burch, (Mike) Daguanno, O'Connor and (Matt) Kaye who can drive in runs," Salter said. "Misiak has really come on offensively."

Sophomore center fielder Kevin Thomas was 4-4, including a pair of doubles, had five RBI and scored three runs. O'Connor was 2-3 and scored three times while Kaye was 3-4 with an RBI.

R.J. Casey, Devin Cole, Mike McGuire, Finnegan, Eric Rutkowski and Carson had two hits each for the Cougars.

Base running mistakes proved costly for the Cougars, however. One of the Cougars was picked off first base by O'Connor with the bases loaded and one out in the second following Shpakoff's homer over the left-center field fence.

Also Carson was thrown out at third base trying to stretch his double into a triple in the

Cougars' four-run third inning that had momentarily tied the score at 5-5.

The Cougars also had trouble with the high sky, misjudging a couple high fly balls that dropped in for hits.

"We haven't had those kind of balls hit all year," Garden City coach Bob Eisiminger said. "Those were 'five-minute hang-ers.'"

Garden City starter Bryan Krause, a sophomore, was the losing pitcher. He allowed seven runs on nine hits with no strikeouts and no walks.

Cole, another sophomore, pitched the rest of the way in relief, allowing 12 runs on 10 hits with four strikeouts.

Eisiminger suggested it would be almost impossible to ever beat the Shamrocks, citing the private school's non-residency requirements for students.

"You can't beat an all-metro team," said Eisiminger, whose starting lineup included just two seniors, "and you can print that."

Judging by the Cougars' final 15-15 record, which included five straight wins to end the regular season, they also had trouble beating public schools.

REDFORD CC 8, EDSSEL FORD 2: First baseman Mike Daguanno went 3-4 with two doubles and two RBI to lead the Shamrocks in the final but the best news came on the mound.

Thomas, a hard-throwing left-hander who has been limited mostly to center field because of arm trouble, earned the win in two innings of relief.

Thomas, the third of three CC pitchers, struck out five of the six batters he faced. Thomas has struck out 11 of the 12 batters he's faced this year and the other popped out to him.

"His durability is still a question but at least now we can use him as a closer," Salter said.

The Shamrocks jumped to a 7-0 lead in the first inning and added an insurance run in the third. Karney was 2-3 with a homer and two RBI and Misiak was 2-3, walked and had two RBI.

Hatch gem goes in vain

Livonia, Clarenceville couldn't sustain any momentum from freshman Tim Hatch's no-hitter in the Class C district baseball semifinals against Lutheran Westland.

The host Trojans won the opener, 6-1, as Hatch (1-1) struck out six and walked only two.

But in the nightcap, Southfield Christian ended Clarenceville's tourney run with a 5-0 triumph as junior Ryan Helms tossed a one-hitter.

Clarenceville bowed out at 7-14-1 overall, while Southfield Christian, now 18-2, advances to the Fenton regional.

Hatch's no-hitter was the first since Kevin Bazzi did the trick in 1991.

Offensively, Bob Wyss led Clarenceville by going 3-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Rob Ashton and Jack Stallings each added two hits.

Mat Baltz, the losing pitcher, gave up eight hits, five walks and three earned runs over seven innings.

Lutheran Westland bowed out with an 11-12 record.

Ashton was the losing pitcher in the championship final. He allowed six hits, five walks and three earned runs over 5 1/3 innings.

Lead-off man Bryan DeCaire had the lone Clarenceville hit, which opened the first inning.

Lady Rockets roll

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It hasn't been the best of softball seasons at Westland John Glenn, but the Rockets can put a 1996 Class A district trophy in their case, courtesy of a 10-4 semifinal win over Romulus followed by a 9-4 triumph over Taylor Center in the championship final Saturday at Belleville.

Glenn, now 15-19 overall, moves into the Brighton regional.

"I knew this team could do it," first-year coach Nancy Oestrike said. "We've had some injuries and we've had our troubles getting together as a cohesive team, but things are starting to come."

"They've had three different coaches in three years and it's tough always getting used to a new coach."

The first semifinal featured Taylor Center pulling a mild upset against the host Tigers, 6-2, as Amber Tackett homered and freshman hurler Jeana Turcheck held Belleville in check.

Glenn then upended Romulus, as senior catcher Jackie Bayliss clubbed a two-run homer in the first inning and senior Chrissy Harkless tossed a six-hitter over seven innings.

In the championship, the Rockets scored four runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back.

Katy Duncan and Jami Grigal each scored on passed balls, while designated hitter Kathy Suda slapped a two-run single.

Taylor Center starter Jenny Sears lasted only six batters as Turcheck came out of the bullpen.

In the third, Glenn added two more runs to take a commanding 6-0 lead as Jocelyn Fendelet and

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Suda crossed the plate.

Meanwhile, Glenn junior starter Lisah Crane cruised through the first five innings, allowing just two hits, the only run coming when Tackett cleared the short left field fence in the fourth.

Suda manufactured another run for Glenn in the fifth when she singled, advanced to second on an error, stole third and scored on a wild pitch.

The Rams cut the deficit to 7-3 in the sixth, but Glenn countered with a pair in the seventh thanks to a two-run double by Angie Haas.

For the game, Glenn had five stolen bases and took advantage of three Taylor Center errors.

"We have some kids who run well and when there's an opening, we try to keep the other team on their toes," Oestrike said.

The Rockets also played solid defense for the most part, turning a double play in the third and throwing out another Ram runner in the sixth.

The pitching of Harkless and Crane was also pivotal.

"We've been using two all season," Oestrike said. "It's been tough on them, but they're getting used to it. And they're getting better at the end."

"We play great defense. If our pitchers throw strikes, we usually make the plays."

Taylor Center bowed out with 12-15 overall record.

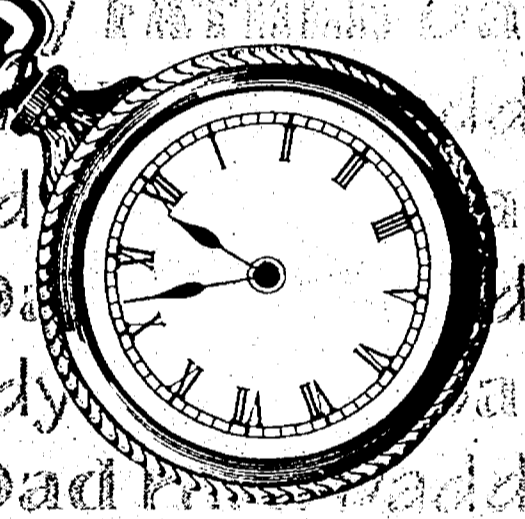
LUTHERAN NORTH 6, LUT. WESTLAND 3: On Thursday, Macomb Lutheran North (17-4, 15-0) beat host Lutheran High Westland (11-6, 10-5) on Amy Engelbert's three-hitter. The loss went to Katie Heiden (6-1). Holly Kaye had a two-run single in the third for the Warriors. Joy Trieman and Christie Snell also singled.

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The circulation department always has contests of some kind or other, but only one kid wins a prize in those.

The idea of a new format sounded good to circulation manager Larry Geiger. After coming up with the format they set it up with Cloverlanes. The kids picked the rock and roll music to play while they bowled, everyone was treated to hot dogs, fries and pop, and trophies were presented to the two highest scoring boys and girls.

Tone Davis led the way with 202, followed by Chris Koniczny at 190. The girls had a 170 from Jody Hicks and 165 from Amy Furman.

The "Grand prize" was donated by Westland manager Inga McGroff, who volunteered to do the route for one day, with Ken Ott and Rob Tercala both recipients of this unusual bonanza.

It was a fun day for all, and many parents came along to bowl with their kids including our own Chef Larry Janes who bowled with his daughter, one of the carriers.

Twenty-five very lucky participants were raffle winners of sets of four tickets to a Detroit Tigers ballgame.

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There are still some openings in various spring and summer leagues which will be starting up soon. If you don't "mothball" your bowling gear, but wish to keep active in the off-season, this is the way to go. Check with your local establishment as

times and days vary. Not only do you keep yourself in shape for the game, it's a good chance to experiment with different equipment and perhaps a change in delivery.

The Pro-Am at Taylor commences this month and there are still choice times available in most squads. This is always a fun thing to do, as you get to be a "Doubles" partner with three different pros. They can help you win some money, with \$1,000 up for grabs in each squad.

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500 Help Wanted General ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Southfield based firm is seeking a professional, anticipatory administrative support person

500 Help Wanted General AIRPORT PERSONNEL NEEDED Full & Part Time Signature Flight Support located at Detroit Metro Airport

500 Help Wanted General RESERVATIONS SALES AGENT French German or Spanish Interpreters \$9.34 PER HOUR TO START

500 Help Wanted General APARTMENT GENERAL HELPER Full time grounds work and light maintenance for Oak Park apartment complex

500 Help Wanted General APPLY TODAY WORK TODAY Bustin' all the seams with many long term, temp to perm and new job openings

500 Help Wanted General ART POSITION Full time positions available for minor artwork on photographs

500 Help Wanted General ASSISTANT WAREHOUSE MANAGER Wholesale Distributor seeks individual with strong leadership, motivational skills

AFTERNOON TO 5:30PM SHIPMENT RECEIVING TEMP TO PERM Arbor Temps 488-1168

Blockbuster Video is the nation's largest and most successful video rental chain with over 4,000 stores worldwide

AIR CARRIER NEEDS DRIVER for local pickup & delivery Must have chauffeur's license

ALL POSITIVE PEOPLE I need management now! We train, no experience necessary

Our ideal candidates will have strong communication skills, fluency in both English and French

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ASSOCIATE TRAINEE Thinking of a change? Highly selective organization seeks two career-oriented individuals

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AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING SALESPERSON Lennox dealer, leads supplied. Benefits Livonia 313-526-1930

ALL STUDENTS/OTHERS SUMMER WORK \$10.25 Summer expansion has created 37 openings. All majors apply

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Compensation Specialist Seeking experienced professionals to evaluate jobs using the Hay Evaluation Process

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AIR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SALES Growing air freight forwarder seeks experienced, motivated sales rep

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BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYST Standard Federal Bank, one of the nation's largest savings institutions, has an immediate opening for an individual possessing strong analytical abilities

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ARC WELDERS We have openings for good welders with structural fabricating experience or training

ASSISTANT MANAGER Full time dedicated person needed for food shop located in Rochester area

ATTENTION! Make \$8 per hour. Work for a leading staffing service

AREA COORDINATOR To schedule, recruit and supervise in-store promotions. Work out of your home. No sales calls. Earn \$200-\$250 weekly commission

ASSISTANT MANAGER - established property management office is searching for experienced Assistant Manager with strong leadership skills

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ARE YOU AS BRIGHT AS OUR FUTURE? Consider joining us as a Service Technician. Call 1-800-332-6762 or resume to: TERMINATE INTERNATIONAL

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? Eradic pest control is looking for full time Technicians to run existing service routes

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ARE YOU "Quality Material"? Come join the Manor Care Hotel Division Team. The Quality Inn - Plymouth, currently has positions available for the following:

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ASSOCIATE TRAINEE We are looking for ambitious, career oriented individuals who want unlimited income potential with an industry leader. Flexible hours and support available.

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INDEPENDENT Contractor Driver Must have own transportation, preferably large van, station wagon or truck. Part-time, Monday & Thursday, mornings or afternoons.

AUTO DETAILER Experienced only. Must wheel & wax weekly. Garden City, 313-525-6510

Sales Opportunities With the Nation's Largest Department Store! JCPenney, Westland and Twelve Oaks now has openings for new sales associates

500 Help Wanted General AUTO DETAILING - Rub out & waxing. Interior shampoo. Car Detailing. Full-time/part-time. \$350-\$600 per mo. 313-459-8088

500 Help Wanted General BAKERS & ASSISTANTS Experienced. No weekends or nights. Berkeley location. (810) 547-8846

500 Help Wanted General CAREER CHANGE Real Estate sales! Excellent opportunity - first year income potential in excess of \$50,000 YOU be in control of your life!

500 Help Wanted General CATALOG ORDER DESK \$325-\$425/wk. We need enthusiastic people to answer the phones & assist our customers who are calling to place orders.

500 Help Wanted General COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER CITY OF SOUTHWEST. Coordinate Public Relations Division's activities and programs.

500 Help Wanted General COPIER TECHNICIAN Are you a copier technician in your employment or looking to make a change?

500 Help Wanted General CUSTOMER SERVICE COORDINATOR Wayne, MI. Area. A rapidly expanding leader in INDUSTRIAL and OFFICE AUTOMATIC SERVICE.

500 Help Wanted General DIRECT CARE STAFF Group Home & Mental Health area of Livonia. Variety of shifts. \$6.30 per hr. Call 10am-4pm: 810-474-0283

500 Help Wanted General Distribution Supervisor Meloy Farms is looking for a Distribution Supervisor to manage and direct drivers/employees.

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CELLULAR & MORE (Canton & Brighton Locations) Seize the opportunity to join a rapidly growing locally owned company.

PPOM IS EXPANDING and the following positions are available: Data Base Administrator - 2yrs experience.

COUNTER HELP Dry cleaners needs counter help. Part time or full time. Livonia area. 313-484-0003

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE LOAN ADMINISTRATION Standard Federal Bank, one of the nation's largest savings institutions.

DIRECT CARE STAFF Wanted to work with mentally challenged male consumers in both a SIP Program in Westland (Ford & Wayne Rd.) and a Group Home.

Dock Worker Part-Time We are a nationwide propane marketing company seeking a part time dock worker for our Canton, Michigan location.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK banking TELLER Standard Federal Bank has immediate openings for hourly and salaried Teller positions in the Farmington and West Bloomfield areas.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY Livonia. Immediate opportunity for a responsible person to deliver & service established customers.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED WITH EXPERIENCE IN ELECTRICAL, ETC. Please apply in person at 8365 Neawburg near Joy Westland.

COMPUTER CONSULTANT CPA firm seeks computer consultant. Ideal applicant will have minimum 2 yrs experience.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. Full-time position available in our Westland location. Must have 2+ years experience.

DIRECT CARE STAFF Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers. Pediatric Residential Facility 2536 Farmington Road (between 10 & 11 Mile roads).

DIRECT CARE WORK COMPATIBLE with insurance benefits. High school diploma & drivers license. (313) 942-0540

DRAPER INSTALLER Experienced. Must have own equipment. Northern Oakland County area. Call Carol. (810) 853-2115

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TEMP TO PERM \$8-\$12 HOUR BENEFITS BOOKKEEPER - Trial balances, payroll experience needed. Must be computer literate and enjoy working in a busy office.

CHILD CARE Assistant position available for immediate day care. Part time only. (313) 714-9636. South Redford area, to begin 9/13/97.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER Livonia based engineering firm. Informal SOA/UNIX programmer on a SOA/UNIX project.

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CNC MILL HANDS We are looking for experienced CNC Mill Operators. Must have 2+ years experience.

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN Seeking an individual with excellent knowledge of personal computers and peripherals to assist in our busy MIS Department.

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500 Help Wanted General FINE JEWELRY STORE EXPERIENCED JEWELER...

500 Help Wanted General GENERAL HELP - Framers earn \$800-\$1000 per week...

500 Help Wanted General GREETERS - CHEERFUL employees needed to work at our office...

500 Help Wanted General HAIRSTYLISTS Licensed full or part time...

500 Help Wanted General HOTEL IMMEDIATE INTERVIEWS COMFORT INN OF LIVONIA...

500 Help Wanted General INTERIOR REPAIR PERSON Experienced Full time for large property management company...

500 Help Wanted General LEASING AGENT No experience necessary. Positions open for dependable, organized...

DRIVERS Full time drivers with a COLA and a 401K plan...

ELECTRIC PANEL WIRING 10 Openings Great Start Wages TEMP-TO-HIRE...

FLORAL DESIGNER DELIVERY/MAINTENANCE SALES/FLORAL CONSULTANT...

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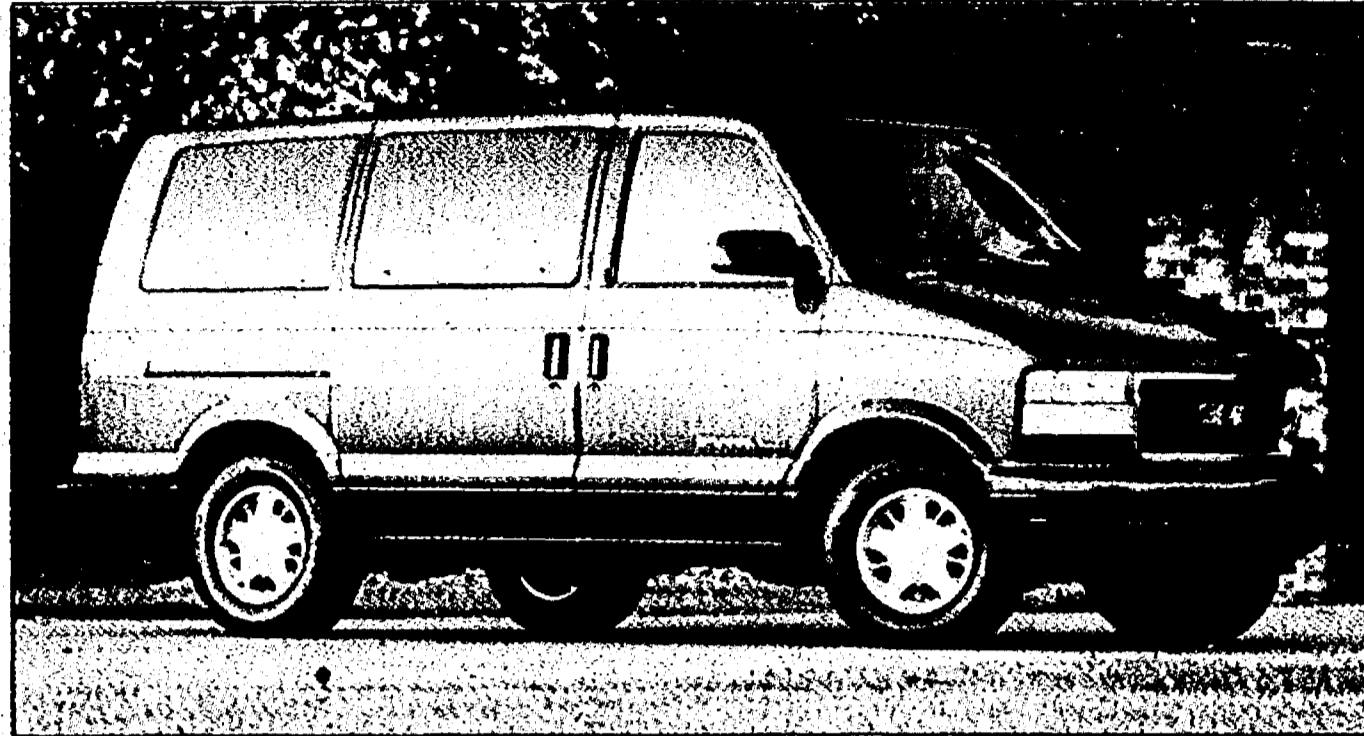
As passenger vans go, you can't get much bigger than the 1996 GMC Safari. This is truly a people hauler.

First introduced in 1985, the Safari received a major overhaul of its exterior just last year. This year, the interior has been completely redone to add more contemporary styling and convenience features.

Now this is a pretty interior. The instrument panel has softer, sculpted lines. Everything is within easy reach, which keeps you firmly in your seat with your eyes where they should be — on the road, not searching and stretching to adjust the air-conditioning temperature.

The redesign also allowed the Safari to accommodate dual air bags. Other interior refinements included a new two-cup convenience tray, a locking glove box in the center console, a right-side map pocket, dual accessory-power outlets to power your cell phone and radar detector, and a passenger-assist handle.

Heating and cooling on the Safari is controlled by big round



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knobs and switches, making adjustments easy. Passengers sitting in the back seats are treated to under-seat ducts so the heat can get to them quickly.

There are also cupholders and several storage bins in the back seats to keep the kids happy.

And here's an option anyone with children above the age of 5 will appreciate: A middle AM/FM cassette with remote controls for passengers. The passengers can

turn the power on or off, select an AM or FM band, choose a preset station, find a new station or play a tape.

This feature lets you and your spouse have a conversation while the kids listen to loud music through the headphone jacks without disturbing you. That way the yelling will have nothing to do with how loud the radio is being played.

The Safari also has five different choices on the entertainment list. Standard is a six-speaker AM/FM stereo. The high-end selection gives you eight speakers married to an AM/FM cassette CD that automatically increases the volume of the stereo as you go faster. It makes you oblivious to the increasing road noise, I guess.

The overhead console, also an option, is something you shouldn't go without. It's got two storage compartments, a garage-door-opener compartment, four read-

ing lamps, a dome lamp, an electronic compass and an outside temperature readout.

The temperature readout is a really handy feature for anyone who frequently travels much. Meteorologists would love it, but you don't have to be one to appreciate the feature. The temp readout provides you with accurate temperatures from state to state so you don't have any surprises when you open your door.

The Safari is powered by a 4.3-liter 6-cylinder engine called the Vortec 4300. At first glance you wouldn't think a V-6 would really give you enough to power a van this big.

But the power is surprising. The fuel injection system was upgraded this year to provide power when you need it. The engine has been refined to provide improved cooling, a stiffer cylinder block, a new cast-aluminum oil pan and a better con-

nection between the engine and transmission.

Notably, the Safari has 100,000-mile (or five year) long-life coolant, 100,000-mile platinum-tipped spark plugs, OBD II diagnostics and a new starter motor GMC says is more durable.

Then there's a neat option you may want to consider: The Luxury Touring edition Safari. The package gives you special aluminum wheels with five gold-painted ports and a gold metallic identification decal. Styled steel wheels are also offered painted silver or beige and also come in chrome.

The Safari's two-sided key is worth mentioning. It opens and locks all the doors and the ignition switch.

One of the nicest things on the new Safari: The rear doors. The loading doors open right-hand and left-hand and the window pops open. That makes it easy to load anything in the cargo area.

I often wonder why anyone would not wear seat belts these days, mostly because they save lives. Remember that if you're not wearing a seat belt and your vehicle has an airbag, you could be seriously injured or killed.

I think automakers should mandate seat belt use by not letting you start the vehicle until you're buckled in. Or maybe the government should. Heck, they won't let us shift from park unless our foot's on the brake.

Anyway, GMC is trying to push the use of seat belts with the Safari. The seatbelt lamp (on the instrument panel) now stays lit for 20 seconds, as opposed to the previous 8-second warning, then

flashes for an additional 55 seconds to remind you to buckle up.

There are three models available on the Safari: SLX, SLE and SLT, each providing their own distinct level of luxury. The van also comes in rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive.

The standard list is long on the base model: Air conditioning, adjustable 3-point seat belts up front, a brake/transmission interlock system, driver's- and passenger's-side airbag, AM/FM stereo with digital clock, an energy-absorbing steering column, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, an instrument cluster with tach, intermittent windshield wipers and rear-door child safety locks.

Consider the GMC Safari a good choice for anyone who needs a sensible hauler of people or cargo. The price is nice since there aren't many other vans under \$20,000 these days.

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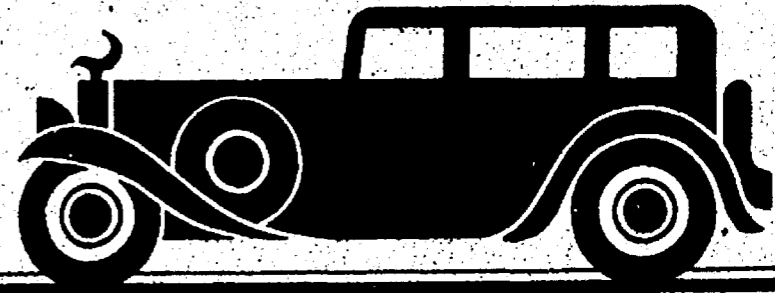
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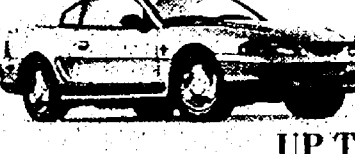
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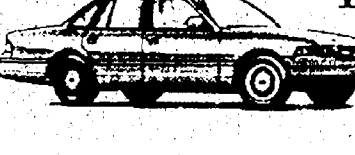
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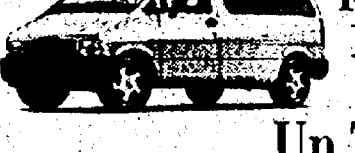
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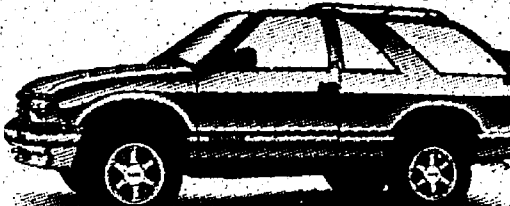
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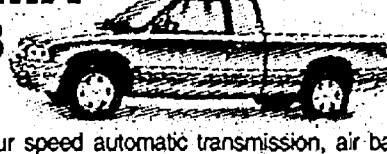
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