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Nature site feud unresolved



BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

The Sassafras Trail controversy isn't over yet.

It will simmer for at least another few weeks after the Wayne-Westland school board Thursday night failed to sell the 64-acre nature preserve.

With the board splitting 3-3 with

The school board is divided between making money and maintaining a nature preserve. A decision may be made next month when two new members take office.

one trustee absent, the dispute will continue until at least July 8 when two new school board members will take office.

The three trustees supporting the sale stressed that the \$1 million or more to be gained from the potential sale could be used to replace outdated textbooks and buy new computer equipment for students.

The tie vote Thursday came after

10 residents appealed to the board to accept the state Department of Natural Resources' \$520,000 for the property to keep it from being developed. Their comments were applauded by an estimated 150 persons at the standing-room-only crowd.

The Friends of Sassafras, formed about two years to preserve the area on the northeast corner of Palmer and Wildwood, wants the board to retain ownership and use the land for educational and environmental purposes.

But several board members felt that the potential \$1 million it could

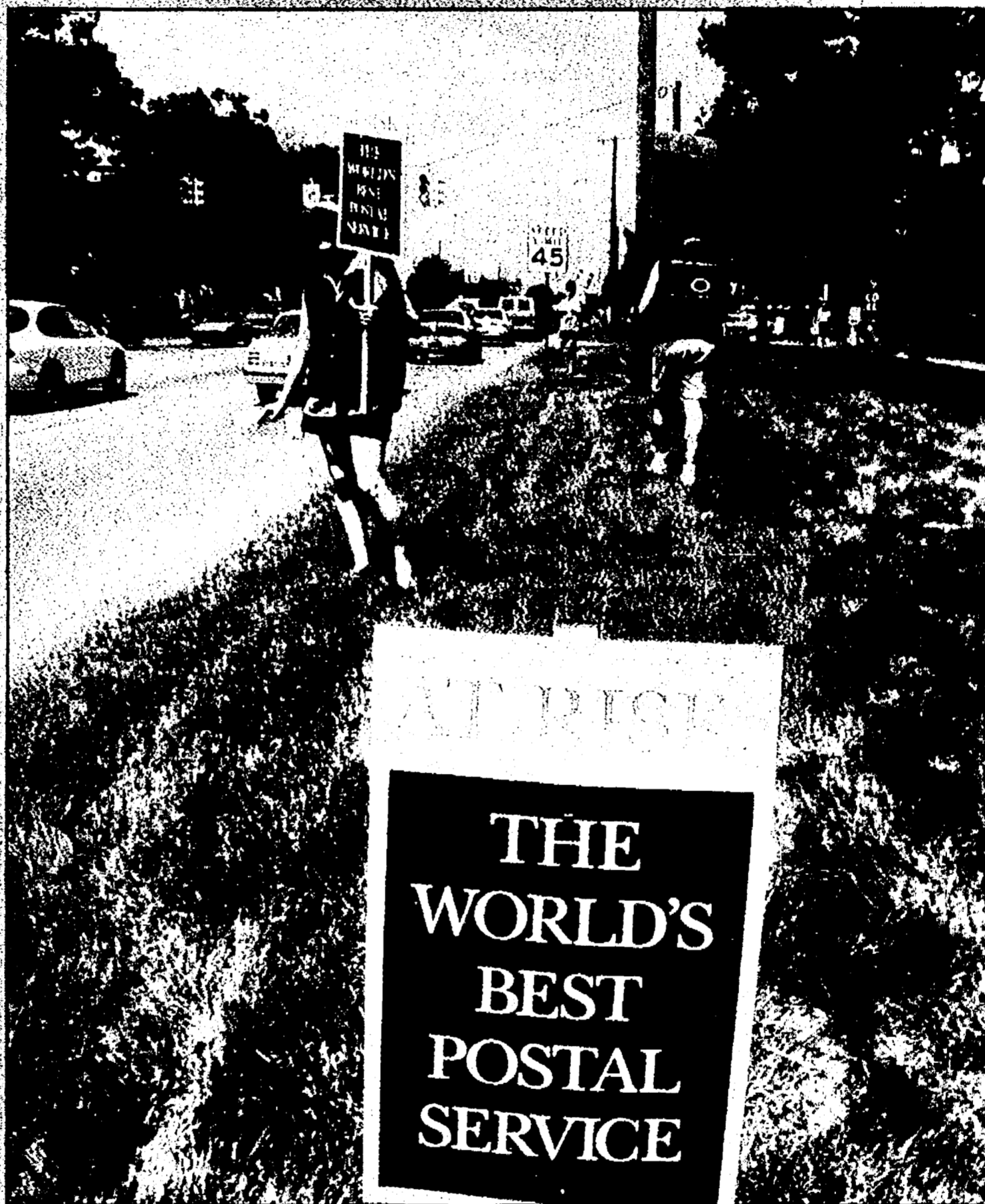
gain from the sale for residential development would benefit the district through additional funds as well as more state aid for the new students.

Voting for the sale were board members Francis (Bud) Winter, Debra Fowlkes and David James. Opposed were Ed Turner, Mathew McCusker and Martha Pitsenbarger. Absent was trustee Patricia Brown who was out of the area because of a death and illness in her family.

Barring a special meeting before June 30, the issue will probably be

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Postal employees carry new message



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGOFF

On the line: Letter carriers held informational picketing Wednesday outside the Westland post office to protest problems with automated mail handling equipment. For more on the issue, turn to Page 3A.

Killer headed to prison

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Detroit judge Wednesday sentenced former gang member Shawn Earl Nepsey to prison for 18 to 40 years for killing a 30-year-old man during a Westland neighborhood dispute.

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Vera Massey Jones announced her sentence two months after she convicted Nepsey of second-degree murder for the Aug. 2, 1995, shooting death of Kirk Taylor.

Nepsey, a former Insane Gangster Mafia member, gunned down Taylor during a dispute in the 31400 block of Alcona Court, near Merriman and Glenwood.

Taylor, a Wayne resident who was not a gang member, had hoped to start an auto body repair business, said his mother, Linda Comiskey of Wayne.

"He was my only son," she said. "He had a great personality. He could make you laugh. Everybody liked him."

"I not only lost my son, but my daughter lost her brother. And he had four daughters who lost their father."

Comiskey commended Jones for being critical of Nepsey's gang affiliation.

"She's a good judge," Comiskey said. "You're never satisfied with the verdict, but you have to go along with the judicial system. The judge had sentencing guidelines that she had to follow."

Nepsey would have faced life in prison without the possibility of parole if Jones had found him guilty of an original charge of first-degree murder.

Jones' decision to convict Nepsey of second-degree murder gave her more discretion in handing down her

See KILLER, 4A

Curtain could fall on school drama program

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

John Glenn High School drama students are angry that their program will be gutted this fall because of teacher reassignments.

Students have launched a "Save Our Stage Crusade" because they are losing a drama teacher whose successor plans to discontinue after-school productions.

Their teacher, Sheri Smith, lost

her John Glenn position after only one year because a colleague with more seniority bumped into her job following layoffs.

Smith, in turn, bumped Wayne Memorial High School's drama teacher, who was among 20 Wayne-Westland teachers placed on layoff.

Unlike Smith, who is single, her John Glenn successor is a teacher who has more personal after-school commitments because he has a family.

But students are upset.

"To lose the valued tradition of school plays would cheat us students," the group calling itself the SOS (Save Our Stage) Crusade said in a written statement given to school officials.

"Without plays, we lose an important part of our frustrations. We also lose a very productive and satisfying extracurricular activity," the group

said. "Most importantly, you are cheating those of us planning a career in theatrical arts."

After-school plays are optional for high school drama teachers; therefore Smith's successor can't be forced to sponsor them.

The problem could possibly be resolved — and Smith could keep her John Glenn job — if only two teachers were to be recalled from layoff.

See DRAMA, 4A

Computers coming

The under-construction City of Westland William Faust Public Library will have just over \$79,000 in new computers when it opens in early November.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, announced the federal grant, designed to improve technology and literary programs. The grant will enable the library to set up five computer workstations for the young adult/adult technology center and the children's technology center.

The grant comes from the federal Library Services and Construction Act, which flows through the state library. The City of Wayne, which opened a new library last month and is open to Westland patrons, received \$12,872 in computer equipment grants, Bennett said.

PLACES & FACES

Elf 'writes' owner

Mary Rozell of Westland has an interesting tale to share about her missing elf lawn decoration. She sent the Observer a copy of a letter from the elf. The woman has no idea who took the elf and wrote the letter in the elf's name.

The elf "wrote" her: "I am writing to let you know that I am safe and unharmed. I was picked up by a loving lady who needed company. She has decided to keep me for most of the summer, but do not worry, I

will write you often.

"Please do not let my absence ruin your summer. Go out and have a good time with your friends and do not fret about me. I think I needed this little vacation. Sitting and staring at the same things from your front lawn is not my idea of a good time. I will return to you as soon as I have had time to think about what I want to do with my life."

Wins scholarship

Erin Troike of Westland has been awarded a scholarship to Albion College. She is the daughter of NoraPost and a new graduate of Franklin High School.

Friends group seeks to keep preserve

Nature from page 1A

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

The Wayne-Westland school board should keep its promise to preserve the Sassafras Trail nature area.

That was a key message Friends of Sassafras gave the board Thursday, which split on a 3-3 tie vote on selling the 64-acre nature preserve on the northeast corner of Wildwood and Palmer. (See related story above.)

The group, formed two years ago to fight for the nature area's preservation, organized a demonstration for the board meeting, which had supporters of all ages displaying posters and signs urging the board to keep the nature preserve.

Some of the posters said: "No broken promises/no broken trees" and "Sassafras: a land of opportunity."

Some 150 people filled most of the board seats and stood along the rear wall to hear what the board members and Friends of Sassafras said.

Kevin Headrick, president of the support

group, said after the meeting he was disappointed that two of the board members, Francis (Bud) Winter and Debra Fowlkes, changed their positions to support the sale.

He also praised board members Ed Turner and Mathew McCusker for maintaining their position of preserving the nature area.

The one emotional point of the night came during the board members' discussion on the issue.

Pam Bauer, a Sassafras supporter who was upset that several board members were willing to sell the property, said: "Watch \$30,000 walk away," as she abruptly left the board with one of her six children.

The \$30,000 was a reference to the state aid revenues the district would lose if she withdraws her children from the school district as threatened.

Earlier, Bauer said the nature preserve would serve as a draw to the public school district for local students who now attend parochial schools.

During the Friends of Sassafras presentation, some 10 residents urged the board to

preserve the nature area and not sell the property.

Jim Netter of Wayne also suggested a referendum on the issue, urging the board to "look at all possibilities, not just making Realtors happy."

He added that the sale of the property would divide the community.

A high school student, Amanda Gosline, 16, told the board that she lives near the preserve and enjoys the fall color change.

Jack Smiley, representing the Southeast Michigan Conservancy, a private, non-profit environmental organization, told the board that the preserve now is home to several endangered species of wildlife which are regulated by federal and state agencies.

He pointed out that nearly half of the preserve is classified as wetlands, suggesting that it may be difficult for the property to be developed.

There is also an interest shown in the property by Hurley Coleman, Wayne County Parks director, he said.

Pedestrian's death city's sixth '96 traffic fatality

A Westland woman died of injuries Monday, June 17, - her 67th birthday - when she was struck by a car while crossing

Inkster, north of Standish.

The victim was Anna Platukas, who was walking home in a mobile home park on

the west side of Inkster Road.

Westland police Officer James Dexter said witnesses reported that Platukas was waiting on the double yellow line in the middle of Inkster Road, crossing to the west side of the road, when one driver stopped and signaled her to continue crossing the road.

She continued and was in the curb lane when another southbound car struck her. The driver of the auto was traveling about 25 to 30 miles per hour, well under the speed limit of 40, Dexter said.

Alcohol wasn't involved in the

accident, the sixth traffic fatality of the year in the city and the second involving a pedestrian, he said.

The officer said the traffic department is still seeking the male driver of a gray passenger car who was the one who signaled the woman to cross the road.

The department was notified of the woman's death about 10 p.m. Monday, some eight hours after the accident.

A memorial service was held Friday, June 21, at St. Mel Catholic Church, a few blocks from the accident scene.

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YMCA offers summer camp

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

Starting this week, there is a different theme each week in the program which runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. There is a half-day program also available for 4- and 5-year olds.

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

The themes are:
• June 24-28: Above and Beyond (focusing on outer

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• July 1-5: Healthy Kids Week.
• July 8-12: Earth Core Week.
• July 15-19: Around the World.

• July 22-26: Where We Live (focusing on community activities).

• July 29-Aug. 2: Our Senses.
• Aug. 5-9: Wet-n-Wild.
• Aug. 12-16: Mystery (with surprise activities).

• Aug. 19-23: Go for the Gold.

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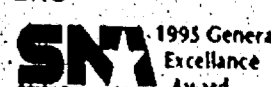
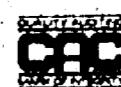
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Staff angered by automation at post office

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Westland letter carriers are protesting newly installed automated equipment which they feel would result in late mail deliveries. The problem is with the malfunctions of the equipment, they said.

A Detroit district Postal Service administrator disagreed, saying that the new equipment represents change and "changes makes people uncomfortable."

Terry Fedea, acting post office operations manager for the district, said in a telephone interview that letter carriers "are doing a great job and our service is improving as we move into the new technology."

Fedea said some of the new equipment, similar to the UPC scanners in nearly all supermarkets, is in place with more continuing to be placed into operation.

The new equipment reduces the need for letter carriers to stand at their station in the post office and sort mail, he said.

With the new equipment, all mail is bar-coded and sorted by route, he said.

In a public show of opposition, the local branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO, Branch 2184, had many of its members staging an informational picket for nearly eight hours Wednesday at the post office on Wayne Road near Hunter.

Joe Golonka, administrative vice president of the local branch, and other letter carriers distributed letters from the national union to postal patrons that day outlining their view of the problem.

They said they want the public to know that new Postal Service management policies will affect the "efficient and timely delivery" of mail.

The union claimed that the management is running into

some quality and quantity problems with the new scanning equipment which reads bar codes on letters.

Management's answer to the problem is to make the public wait an extra 30 to 60 minutes for their mail.

The management, the union said, is changing the starting times of carriers which will also affect delivery times.

Fedea said that the Postal Service requires a 98 percent mark reached with the new equipment before it is released to the letter carriers for delivery.

"There are continuous problems with the remaining mail" which the Postal Service is working on.

"Alternative solutions exist instead of making you wait," the union said.

The national union is continuing discussing ways with the administration to convince it that efficient and timely mail delivery shouldn't be sacrificed to the new automation program.

In comparing the new equipment to the UPC scanners in supermarkets, the union said that if their scanners malfunction, "would the grocery store make you wait another 30 minutes to an hour or more for you to check out?"

In a companion letter given to post office patrons Wednesday, letter carriers said the short-sighted management team that focuses only on the bottom line has implemented policies and programs that threaten the quality of mail service.

"Autocratic management too often harasses and intimidates letter carriers and other postal employees and is implementing a much-needed automation system that in ways could soon cause serious disruption of mail service."

That could lead to later deliveries, misdeliveries and untimely deliveries, the union said.

School gets seedlings, flowers



Beautification: Madison School students had plenty of help recently in beautifying the property in the last weeks of school. With help from principal Mary Goedert (third from left) and City Council member Richard LeBlanc (second from left), students planted 50 seedlings, obtained from the annual "adopt-a-tree" program held every spring by the Friends of the Westland Helen C. Brown Museum. Involved in the plantings were the third graders of teacher Patricia Kempner (left). LeBlanc also arranged for two flats of flowers to be planted near the school's entrance.

Schools open doors to some non-residents

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

The Wayne-Westland school district doors will be opened next fall to non-residents.

But local students shouldn't expect that the newly enacted schools of choice program will represent a two-way door.

That's because some districts are already refusing to accept non-residents and more are expected to follow this week.

The Garden City district has already acted to block non-residents from enrolling while Livonia and others in western Wayne County are scheduled to act this week. The Wayne-Westland school board took the "opt in" position Thursday night under

the new state law which has a July 1 deadline.

Under the new law, the district will accept non-resident pupils in Wayne County in schools which have available space.

But the problem in reciprocal treatment with other districts is basically financial, said the school board and administration.

That's because if a Wayne-Westland student, worth \$5,700 a year in state aid to the district, moves to a district with a higher per pupil aid, the lower figure would prevail.

Since Wayne-Westland's per pupil allotment is 28th in the county with 34 districts, few neighboring districts will be will-

ing to accept local students.

Under the new legislation, part of the state aid package adopted the previous week, the schools of choice section gave districts the option of allowing non-residents in their district or refusing to accept them.

Under the new law, students who switch districts have to provide their own transportation.

Superintendent Duane Moore, in outlining the administrative steps in the new program, admitted that he earlier lobbied against the provision while it was being considered by legislators.

He feels the program "is discriminatory and will separate the 'haves' and the 'have nots.'"

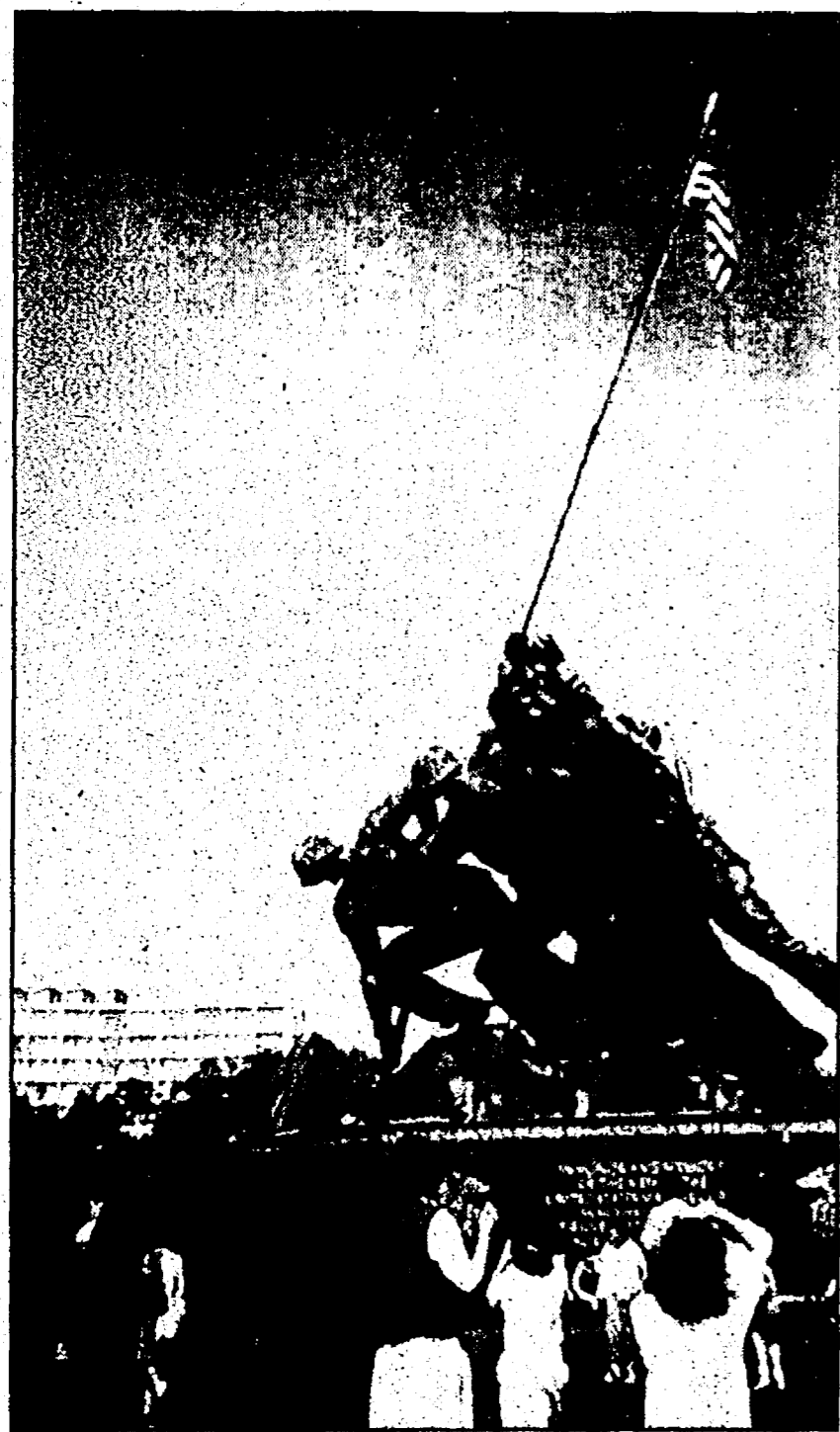
Moore said with a student enrollment decline of 300 to 400 by next fall, there will be room at all elementary schools, Adams and Franklin Middle Schools and Wayne Memorial High School.

The superintendent said if other Wayne County districts open their doors to non-residents, then Wayne-Westland may lose even more students.

A related financial problem is that under the contract with the teachers' union, the board can not lay off any faculty members next fall.

There will be no space for non-resident students at John Glenn High and Marshall and Stevenson Middle Schools, Moore said.

Students enjoy capital trip



Site-seeing: Fourth-grade students of Jefferson-Barns School teachers Vicki Sororsen and Shelby Szukaitis returned home recently from a one-day educational trip to Washington, D.C., where they snapped photos of the Iwo Jima Memorial Monument (above) and other capital sights. The students were treated to a pizza party recently by Mayor Robert Thomas who had planned to accompany them on the trip but had to change his plans when he discovered a scheduling conflict.

Howes will sign book

Detroit Red Wings' hockey legend Gordie Howe and his wife, Colleen, will help raise money for the newly formed Westland Community Foundation's upcoming fund-raiser.

They will appear at the Thursday, July 18, event to autograph their newly published autobiography, "And Howe," donated by Westland auto dealer Red Holman.

The foundation's fund-raising committee is gearing up to raise at least \$75,000 for the second annual "Christmas in July" fund-raiser.

Last year's event netted more than \$43,000, of which \$27,000 was contributed by businesses.

Committee members include state Sen. Loren Bennett; Wayne-Westland school board member-elect David Cox; Lauren Jacobi, manager of NBD-Ford/Wayne; Dennis LeMaitre, owner of U.S. Print; Tony Marocco, owner of Westland Car Care & Towing; Fire Chief Mike Reddy; Harold Rosin, owner of Dearborn Real Estate; Lou Toarmina, owner of Toarmina Pizza; Mayor Robert Thomas; Scott Veldhuis, city economic development director; and Glenn Shaw Jr., owner of Fantastic Sam's of Westland.

"Christmas in July," scheduled for Thursday, July 18, at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland, will offer a variety of entertainment from a visit from Santa Claus to a Neil Diamond Special featuring David James.

The Howes will be personalizing autographed books for \$32.95 each plus tax. All proceeds will go toward the "Christmas in July" event. Only books purchased through the fund-raiser will be signed.

The foundation has received commitments from the Westland Meadows mobile home development, Van Born and Merriman, for \$5,000. Fantastic Sam's of Westland has pledged \$2,500.

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LILA VIOLA TROMBLEY

Services for Mrs. Trombley, 86, of Garden City were June 17 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial the next day in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

ETHEL MAY FORD

Services for Mrs. Ford, 81, of Wayne were June 17 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

Mrs. Trombley died June 14 in Garden City Hospital. Born April 14, 1910, in Phoenix, Mich., she was a chief operator in the auto communications field.

Survivors include: son, Guy (Dorothy) of Garden City; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Irene Stevens and Mildred Waisenen, and brother, William Woara. She was preceded in death by her husband, William.

Memorials may be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute or the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Ford died June 16 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born March 15, 1915, she was a homemaker. Survivors include: daughter, Bonnie Howell; sons, Thomas, Ronald (Mary), Timothy (Jacqueline) and Ricky, and five grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, William.

HUGH R. MCGAHAN

Services for Mr. McGahan, 66, of Westland were June 19 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, followed by cremation. Deacon Michael Markulike of St. Dunstan Catholic Church officiated.

Mr. McGahan died June 17 in Westland. Born July 16, 1929, he was a automatic screw machine operator for a machine shop.

Survivors include: wife, Madonna; daughters, Sandra and Colleen; son, Steven; grandchildren, Courtney, Kelly, Kara, Justin Colton and Carly. Memorials may be donated to the Michigan Humane Society or the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

HOPE C. KNOLL

Services for Mrs. Knoll, 67, of Westland were June 18 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, followed by cremation. The Rev. William Mock of St. John Lutheran Church, Redford, officiated.

Mrs. Knoll died June 15 in Garden City Hospital. Born Aug. 7, 1928, she was a homemaker. Survivors include: daughter, Sherry (Stanley) Schlieff; sons,

Karl (Laura) and Dwane (Dawn); four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four brothers and three sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl.

VICTORIA DELORES THOMAS

Services for Mrs. Thomas, 44, of Wayne were June 18 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. The Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiated.

Mrs. Thomas died June 14 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. She was born Sept. 9.

Survivors include: companion, William Maynard, Jr.; sons, William and William John; daughters, Melanie (Shane) Harris and Priscilla; granddaughter, Dorothy Josephine Harris, and brothers, Patrick Thomas and Jeff McCollum.

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said Dan Slee, assistant superintendent for employee services.

"There's not a strong possibility" at this point, Slee said.

School officials are limited in addressing the situation because of contractual obligations that guide the filling of positions.

Drama students say they don't get the same consideration as athletes.

"Drama is just as important as athletics, but it never seems to get the same response. This is unfair," the SOS Crusade statement said. "If John Glenn's Rockets were in danger, you would have sit-ins on the 50-yard line and public burnings of the pictures of those who were threatening the team."

"We don't get this response," the students said. "We, the drama community, are as committed to our sport as any athlete ever was, is, or will be. We deserve the same recognition as any Rocket team. That's what we are, a team."

Students are also upset that they aren't included in the fine arts department. Rather, they are still a part of the English department.

That, in part, has caused Smith's layoff because the

English department had to be cut by one teacher. Smith was bumped by a senior colleague who has a major in theater, although he hadn't been teaching it.

John Glenn has had a strong drama program for more than three decades.

"This has been a 31-year tradition at John Glenn, and that's why the students are concerned," Smith said.

Many students eagerly await their senior year in high school so that they can star in plays, she said.

Smith isn't upset with her successor, who is simply bumping into the only position available to him.

Like her students, however, she remains hopeful that some solution can be found before the fall.

During a recent school board meeting, Slee told a group of students that officials will try to maintain the drama program, but he couldn't make any promises.

"We are extremely mindful of the situation," he said.

Summertime concerts on tap in Westland

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

The concert series will be held at area parks.

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

mances.

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

•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).

Concert-goers are advised to bring their own law chairs or blankets.

Killer from page 1A

18-to-40-years sentence. She also ordered Nepsey imprisoned for two years for a felony firearms conviction.

At the conclusion of Nepsey's trial in April, Jones denied a motion by defense attorney Jeffrey Schwartz to dismiss charges.

Witnesses testified during Nepsey's trial that they saw him shoot Taylor during a dispute that initially involved threats with baseball bats. Taylor was visiting best friend Danny Holcomb on Alcona Court when he was killed at 4:25 p.m. Aug. 2.

Witnesses said Nepsey fired four shots - two of which hit Taylor. The bullets pierced his right torso and his right hip area.

The dispute started after Nepsey and several teens, armed with baseball bats, arrived at a duplex where their friend Jennifer Nimens lived.

Nimens lived across the street

from Taylor's friend Holcomb. Holcomb testified that Taylor became upset because reputed gang members at Nimens' house had been waving baseball bats and yelling across the street.

Witnesses said Taylor walked onto Alcona Court carrying a baseball bat in each hand to confront one of Nimens' friends, Michael Polgar.

Polgar, who also had a baseball bat, admitted in court that he threw a bat at Taylor and tried to hit him in the face.

Taylor ducked to avoid being hit, and then Polgar fell to the ground. Seconds later, Nepsey fired four shots, according to testimony.

Witnesses gave conflicting statements on whether Taylor was continuing to advance toward Polgar when Nepsey fired the revolver. But Jones, in convicting Nepsey, rejected claims that Nepsey fired to protect Polgar.

Duo charged in assault

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

A Westland man was one of two white men charged with aggravated assault and ethnic intimidation in an attack on a black man in Livonia early Sunday morning.

Witnesses told police the men punched the victim, James Earl Eady of Detroit, then kicked him as he lay in the parking lot of My Granny's restaurant on Plymouth Road. One used a racial slur and the other told Eady: "You don't belong here. You can't eat here," witnesses said.

Eady, 45, suffered bruising and swelling around his left eye and a lacerated right knee. He also appeared dazed from the attack and smelled of alcohol, a Livonia Police Department report said. An ambulance was called, but Eady refused medical treatment.

Gary Thomas Fischer, 23, of Utica and Scott Joseph McErlane, 21, of Westland were arraigned Monday before 16th District Court Magistrate Dennis Epler. They entered not guilty pleas.

Epler set bond at \$10,000 each. Fischer was being held in the Wayne County Jail Tuesday. McErlane was released after posting 10 percent, or \$1,000. They are due back in district court Tuesday for a preliminary hearing before Judge Robert Brzezinski.

At the time of his arrest, Fischer told police he had beat up Eady in a fight Eady provoked after a traffic altercation.

According to police reports, officers were called to My Granny's just before 2:30 a.m. Sunday on a report of a fight in progress. Two officers detained two men they saw running from the scene, and another drove into the lot, where Eady, lying on the pavement, was being helped by several witnesses.

One of the men detained, later identified as McErlane, had punched Eady and kicked him while he was on the ground, two witnesses said.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1996. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day of registration for the GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION is MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996.

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County ready to pay back portion of real estate tax

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

If you sold some real estate in Wayne County between Jan. 11, 1990, and May 10, 1996, you could be due some refund money.

Under a court decision issued earlier this year by Circuit Judge John Kirwan Wayne County must now pay back part of the money it collected in real estate transfer taxes.

The money was raised when in 1980 the state gave Wayne County, alone among the 83 counties, power to raise the real estate transfer tax to 75 cents from 55 cents per \$500 of property value. But, a Michigan Supreme Court decision last year said the tax could only be recovered from 1990 when it was first challenged by a homeowner.

Now the county has been ordered to refund 20 cents per \$500 in property value plus 2 percent interest. The average refund is expected to be around \$40 on a \$100,000 house.

On Thursday the Wayne County Commission approved spending \$200,000 to KPMG Peat Marwick to act as project manager in making the refunds.

"This was a long, very hard-fought battle," Peter Macuga, attorney for taxpayers in the class-action suit that resulted

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"There has to be proofs on both sides," he said. Many ways to refund the money were looked at, but this was the only way to protect against someone claiming someone else's refund, he said.

The county has no idea how many people are going to seek the refund, according to Carla Sledge, chief deputy financial officer in the county's office of Management and Budget.

Temporary staff of about 20 workers will be hired by Peat Marwick to staff the refund office. The county's Register of Deeds office doesn't have enough personnel to staff the office itself, according to county officials.

The potential amount the county will end up refunding is between \$2.5 million and \$5 million, according to Sledge. But Macuga, says the amount is closer to \$6.5 million.

Here's how to obtain a refund:

- A seller must apply for a refund in person with a Michigan driver's license or other picture identification. A seller can send a representative if the seller is not within the state, is handicapped or in the military, or is entitled to a refund as a member of a corporate legal trust.

- A tax refund claim center has been set up in the basement of the Neudeck Building, 415 Clifford, Detroit.

- The seller will be asked to fill out a form. The form has been kept simple, according to Macuga.

- If the seller has a copy of the deed he or she should bring it. If the seller doesn't have a copy of the deed, Wayne County will do a title search for free. The search will be done immediately. If the county has so many applicants that the applicant can't have a search completed at the time of application, the applicant must have a response within 60 days, Macuga said.

- Checks will be drawn on Wayne County funds.

- The refund office will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday July 1, 1996 to Oct. 31, 1996.

- Those who have questions can call Macuga's office at (313) 965-0065.

Kids' fire academy teaches safety

Children will learn about fire safety and what it's like to be a firefighter in the Schoolcraft College class "Fire Academy for Kids."

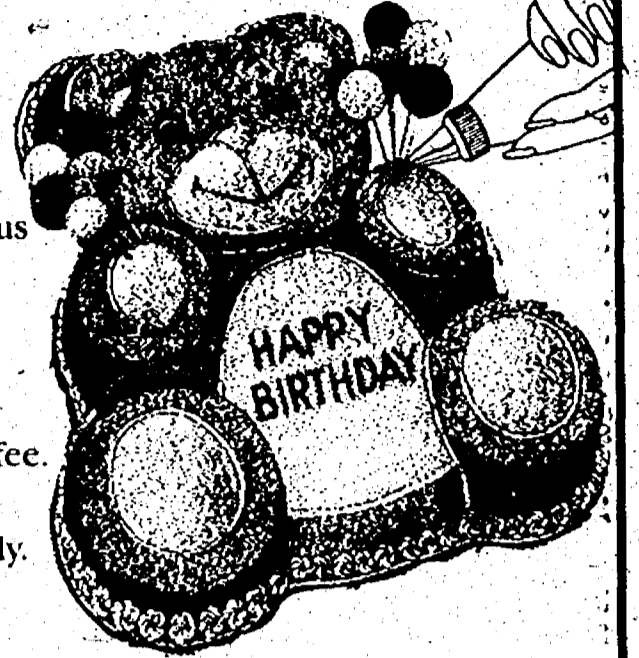
The two-week class is designed for children ages 8-14. Participants in the fire academy will learn to recognize fire hazards, develop a fire escape plan for their home, become familiar with fire fighting equipment, perform

a practice rescue drill and visit a local fire station. The class for 8- to 11-year-olds meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; the class for ages 12 to 14 meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. All classes begin Monday, July 15, and meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, call (313) 462-4448.

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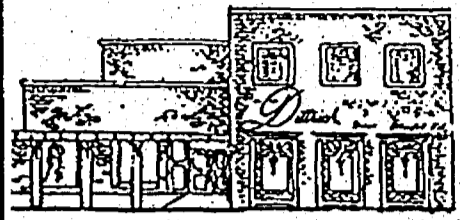
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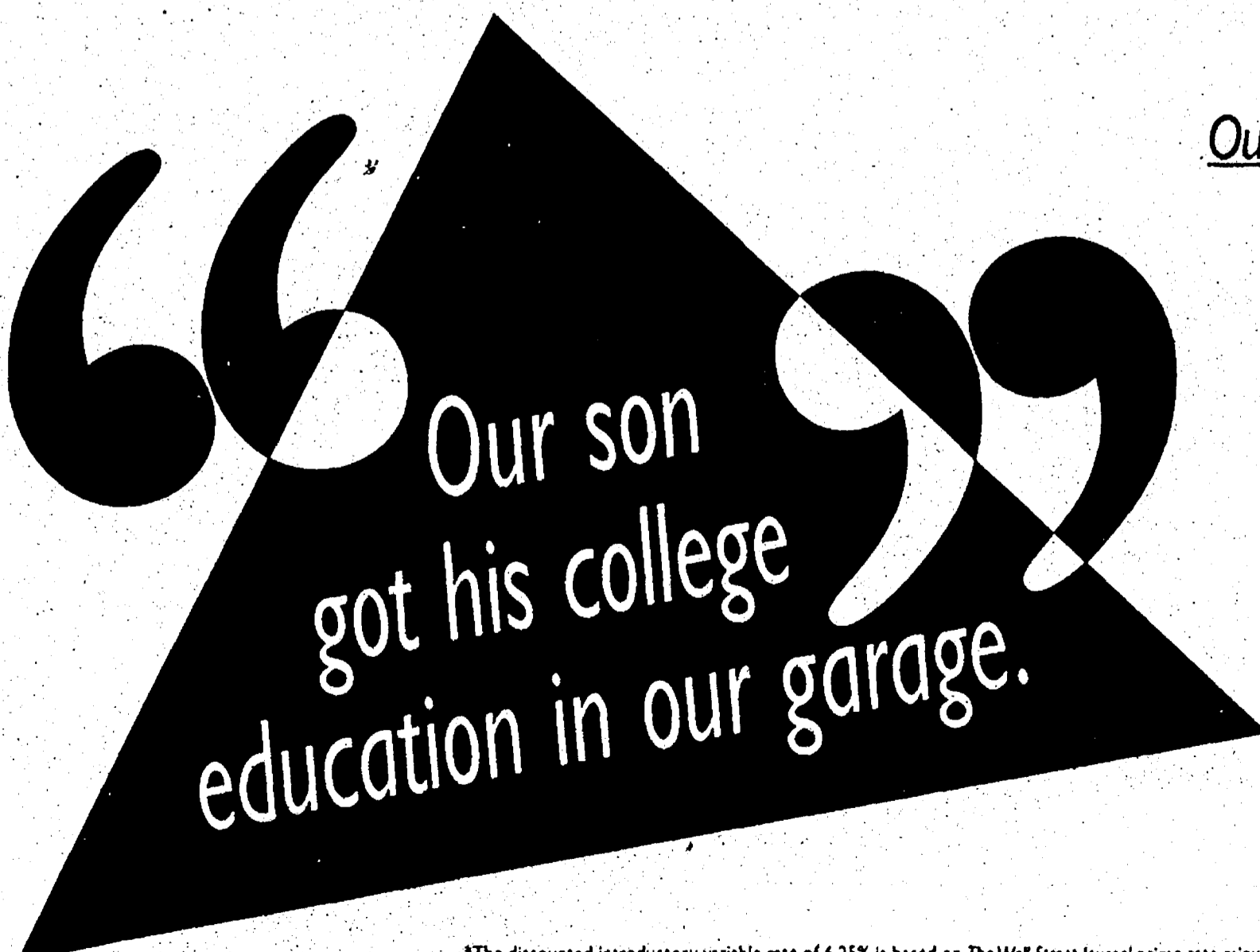
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State approves new rules for adult ed funding

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Local school districts will be able to compete for \$20 million in state grants for teaching adults under new rules approved by the State Board of Education.

Local schools will be told to develop consortia with other districts, county intermediate districts, community colleges, work force development boards and private industry.

"Basic purpose," said Arthur Ellis, superintendent of public instruction, "is to enable eligible adults to enroll in a program to obtain basic skills, learn English as a second language, prepare for the general educational development (GED) test, acquire job or employment-related skills, or complete requirements for a high school diploma."

The board voted 7-0 June 19 to approve rules under the new state aid act signed the same day by Gov. John Engler.

But board member Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, saw a flaw in requiring the development of group proposals in such a short time. "To require they (other agencies) be players adds

to the complexity. You have to wonder: Is this deliberately planned to fail?"

Districts have until July 1 to make their applications. The Department of Education must notify successful applicants by Aug. 1. Top officials doubt every will meet the deadlines.

"What would happen if we missed the deadline?" asked board member Gary Wolfram, R-Hillsdale. "In Treasury (where he worked before returning to Hillsdale College), we missed deadlines all of the time. They never hauled me off to jail."

"No, they (Engler) sent you here," quipped board president Clark Durant, R-Grosse Pointe. That ended all humor in the discussion.

The deadlines are "legislative time frames. The administration will do everything to help the school districts," said Dr. Ron Gillum, a deputy in charge of adult ed, hinting the department will wink at the dates.

At Engler's urging, the Republican Legislature, on almost party-line votes, cut adult education from \$185 million to a total of \$102 million, providing

that \$20 million must be awarded by competitive bids rather than mailed directly to K-12 districts.

Local school officials and lawmakers in both parties have criticized the cuts bitterly. Democrats withheld their votes because of the adult ed cuts.

"I've attended adult ed graduations," said board member Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit. "They are very impressive. Such a cross-section of people - young, old, native-born, immigrant. I just hate to see it cut so dramatically."

"It doesn't make sense to do something so dramatic in such a short time," Straus said, referring to legislative passage in the post-midnight hours of June 7. "We should have said more about adult ed. We said nothing."

Added board member Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing: "I'm concerned about the cuts. Many (districts) didn't fund their programs. I'd like to know how many will no longer offer adult ed, cut staff, cut curriculum offerings? We can also find the impact on the economy." Even board vice president

Marilyn Lundy, R-Detroit, who usually lines up solidly with Engler and Durant, recalled, "In Detroit, this was one of the hot issues." She referred to a June 17 hearing by the department to get public input on the state of the schools.

Another hearing is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, in the Oakland Intermediate School District kiva on Telegraph Road in Pontiac. Others will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in the Independence Building, Freedom Hill, Sterling Heights.

Karen Katz, executive director of the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Educators, also criticized the July 1 deadline. "We suddenly must make a formal grant proposal in one week, no matter what we've been doing in the past."

Engler, signing the school aid bill that morning, hailed the "reform" of adult education, praising the need for "input from local workforce development boards and the Michigan Jobs Commission among others.

"I look forward to working with the Legislature to meet their goal of 50 percent competi-

tive grants next year," the governor said.

Four categories of grants will be made under the rules:

• Persons with a high school diploma or GED under age 20 on Sept. 1 and enrolled in the Michigan Career and Technical Institute.

• The same group not attending college and enrolled in a job-related program under referral by an employer.

• Persons studying English as a second language for a maximum of one year.

• Others at least 20 on Sept. 1 lacking a diploma or GED.

"Grant amounts will range between \$49,500 and \$2 million, based on \$2,750 per participant FTE (full-time equated student) of 450 hours," say the rules.

"Last year's \$4,000 was cut to \$2,750 per FTE," said Gillum. "This limits the number of hours to 900 for a high-school diploma and \$450 for a GED. Anything after that, you pay tuition. Local school districts set the tuition."

Engler's action was scorched by Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, a former school superintendent who a few years ago was a finalist for the state superintendent's job.

"It was short-sighted and cruel," Agee said. "Just a couple of years ago, adult education was funded at \$385 million. The governor slashed that in the last budget to \$185 million. This completes the dismantling of a worthwhile program."

Roads also made milestones in history

With Detroit being the birthplace of the automobile, who better than Wayne County to give birth to the modern road?

"Most people are not aware that the modern era of road construction began right here in Wayne County," Nancy Darga, Wayne County design engineer and history buff, said. "In fact, much of the road-related technology we take for granted today was invented by the Wayne County Road Commission.

"So as America celebrates the 100th anniversary of the automobile this month, people should also take note that the roads they drive their cars on have their beginning right here," Darga said.

Some firsts:

• The first mile of concrete road was constructed in 1909. When the Wayne County Road Commission paved Woodward Avenue from McNichols to Seven Mile, it was the first time a road was paved with concrete. While not as durable as the bricks that had been used, concrete was easy to lay and considerably less expensive. Nearly 90 years later, concrete remains the industry standard.

• The first modern road maintenance facility and testing lab, 1910. The county's Wayne Yard on Michigan Avenue was the

first road maintenance facility and included a testing lab for the concrete road building industry it created. The old complex will be demolished this year to make way for a new, \$4 million state of the art engineering facility.

• The first center line painter, 1911. In its first incarnation, this innovation was little more than a paint brush strapped to an arm on the back of a truck. Later versions were refined, such as one that rolled along, marking the line as the truck slowly moved along.

• The first snow plow, 1912. Like the centerline painter, this innovation seemed less than impressive at first - a board fastened to the front bumper of a truck. The idea, however, was refined and the world's first snow plow was born.

• The first traffic signal, 1920. Invented by a Detroit police officer, the traffic signal got its first use in Wayne County. Today, there are more than 1,500 inter-

sections with traffic signals on Wayne County-operated roads.

• The first superhighway, 1942. The Davison is America's first limited access, below-grade superhighway built as part of the war effort. The freeway entwined German engineers to view

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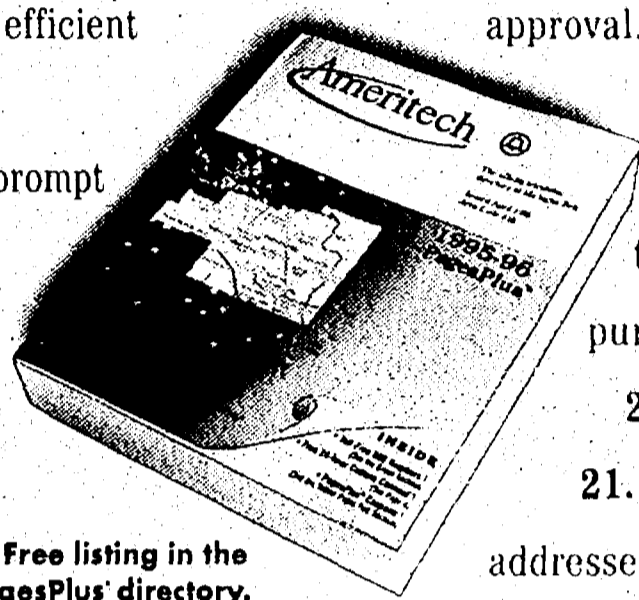
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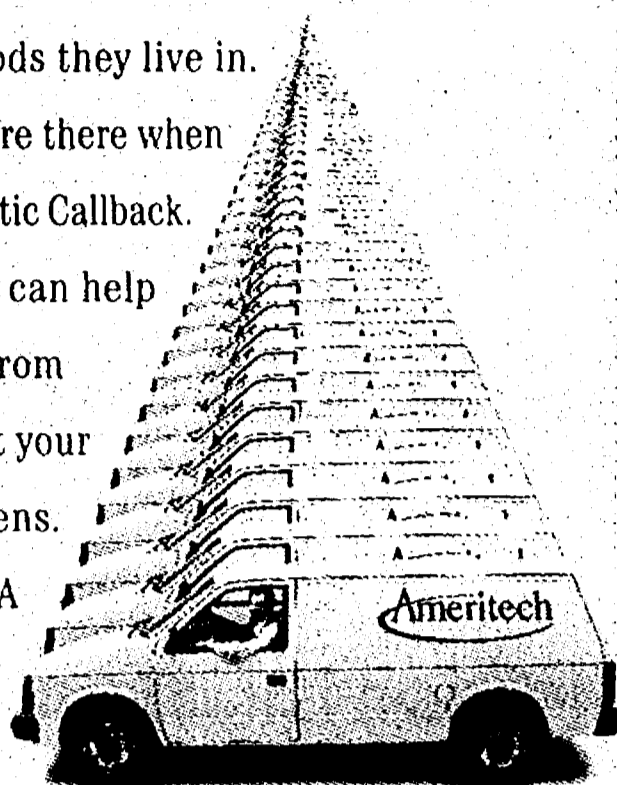
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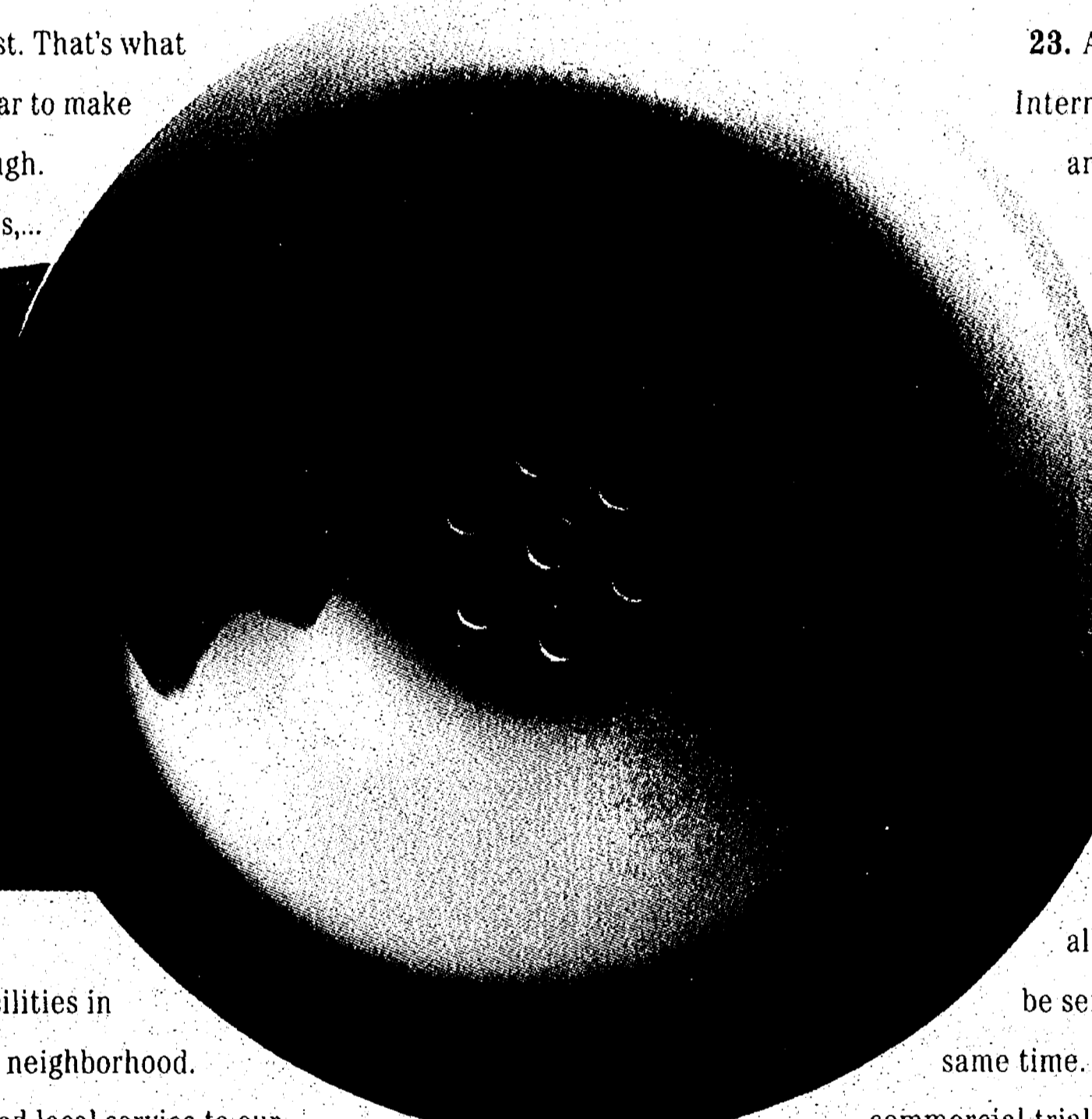
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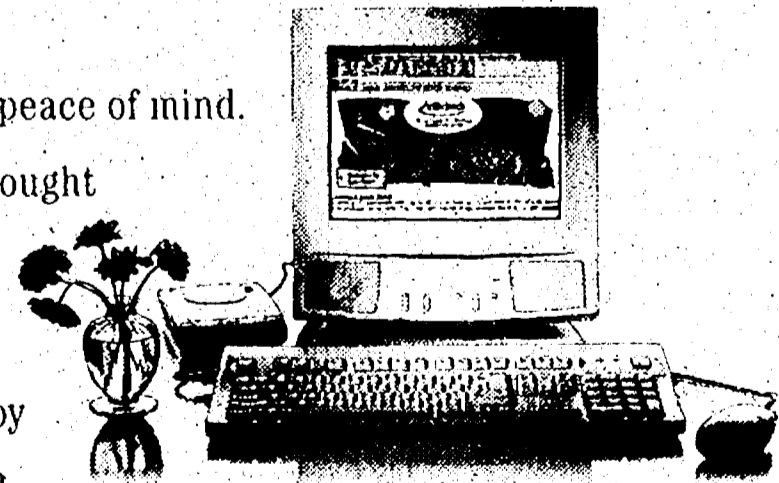
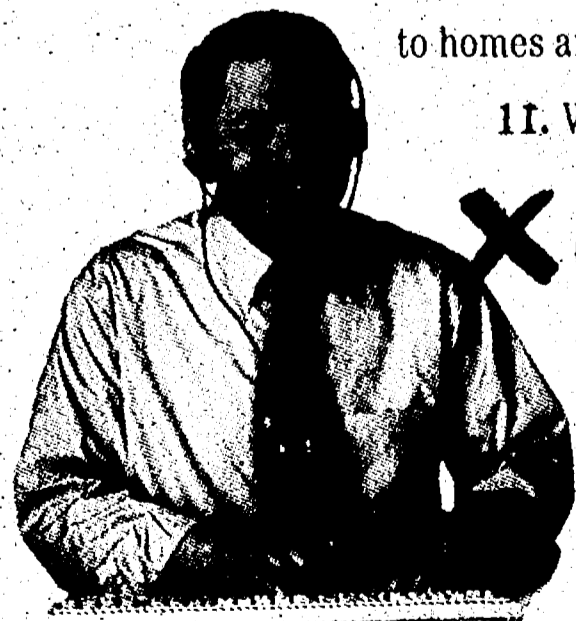
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Fruity summer salads are low in fat, not flavor

BY FERRIS ROBINSON
AP SPECIAL FEATURES

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — The following salad recipes are low in fat, but tops in taste.

The recipe for blueberry salad contains 2 grams of fat per serving.

Each serving of the chicken

Waldorf salad contains 3 fat grams.

BLUEBERRY SALAD

- 1 cup fusilli pasta
- 2-3rds cup plain fat-free yogurt
- 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon apple-cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons dried dill
- Salt and pepper to taste

2 cups frozen French-cut green beans, thawed and drained

- 1 cup blueberries
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and cut up

Cook and drain pasta.

In a large bowl, mix yogurt, mayonnaise, vinegar and spices.

Add pasta and remaining ingredients. Chill. Serves 10.

CHICKEN WALDORF SALAD

- 2 large red apples
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1-3rd cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1-3rd cup plain fat-free yogurt
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and cut

- up
- 4 large stalks celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- Greek seasoning, to taste
- 1 tablespoon chopped pecans, toasted

Chop apples, leaving peel on; sprinkle with lemon juice. Mix mayonnaise and yogurt with sugar.

In a large bowl, combine apple and mayonnaise mixtures with chicken, celery and raisins. Season to taste.

Spoon salad on 8 plates. Sprinkle each serving lightly with the chopped pecans. Serves 8.

Ferris Robinson is editor of "The Gorgeless Gourmet."



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FIREWORKS DATE SET

Hudson's 1996 International Freedom Festival Fireworks will be presented on Wednesday, June 26 over the Detroit River at 10 p.m., rain date on Thursday, June 27.

This year's presentation salutes the 100th anniversary of the automobile with more than 10,000 pyrotechnic effects choreographed to auto-themed music from the 1950s-90s like "Drive My Car" by the Beatles, and "Cruising Together" by Smokey Robinson.

The half-hour free event will be broadcast on WDIV TV-4 and radio simulcasts can be heard on WJR 760-AM and STAR 97-FM.

LOOKING FOR MISS WESTLAND

The Westland Shopping Center hosts the 1996 Miss Westland Festival Pageant, Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. in the East Court. Applications are now available at the Customer Service Center, located in East Court.

AMAZING SAVINGS OPENS STORE

A second location for the low discount priced Amazing Savings store opened last week in the Sherwood Square, Greenfield-north of 10 Mile in Southfield. Owner Asher Gottesman opened his first metro-Detroit store on Orchard Lake and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills a few years ago.

STATE CHAIRMAN NAMED

Edward Eickhoff, vice president of leasing for Ramco-Gershenson Inc., of Southfield, has been appointed state chairman for the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

Ramco-Gershenson is a retail shopping center development and management company, and

the ICSC is a non-profit trade association for the mall industry.

Eickhoff will be responsible for scheduling several educational programs, planning the annual Michigan Idea Exchange, and serving as a spokesman for the industry on matters at the state level. He has been with Ramco-Gershenson since 1986.

KIDS RESALE SHOP OPENS

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VERY SPECIAL GREETINGS

Annette's Unique Boutique on Rochester Road in Troy has received a line of greeting cards offering words of encouragement to women battling breast cancer. The Hareline Collection by ART beCAUSE, centers around delightful drawings of hugging hares with human characteristics.

The cards are a collaboration between Emily Harris, an illustrator who lost her 49-year-old sister to breast cancer and whose mother is a survivor, and Susan Zimmerman, a survivor and artist/writer, founder of Art beCAUSE. A percentage of the cost of each \$2.25 card will be donated to support research and organizations committed to the eradication of breast cancer.

For more information call (810) 680-1600.

THE LIMITED SEEKS EMPLOYEES

The Limited is hiring management, sales, cashier and stock positions for the Somerset Collection, North store in Troy.

A special interview event will take place on June 27 and July 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Limited store in the Oakland Mall, 14 Mile and John R.

For more details call (810) 588-6970.

WANTED: ORIGINAL TUNES

Border's Bookstore is looking for original music from local musicians that could be performed in an acoustic format. Drop off demo tapes at the Farmington Hills store, for a Cafe Unplugged Series set for Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. Label with your name, address, phone and music category. For more details call (810) 737-0110.

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STORE MANAGER NAMED

Jeffrey Byron, manager of Henri Bendel in Columbus, Ohio has been named manager of the new Troy store at the Somerset Collection North. Byron has been director of the Boston Bendel's and previously spent 12-years at Saks Fifth Avenue.

GALLERY OPENS IN BIRMINGHAM

David Papa opened Gallerie Blue in the former Xochipille space on gallery row, North Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

SALON CELEBRATES A DECADE

Mane Design Salon, 12 Mile and Middlebelt in the Rainbow Square, Farmington Hills marks its 10th year in business during the month of July with customer appreciation giveaways.

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CHEF LARRY JANES

Cooking pros share tips for great cakes

I took a little heat a few weeks ago when I wrote a column about making your own wedding cake. Over two dozen readers called. Many said they would never attempt a wedding cake because they never really mastered baking a cake from scratch.

Momma is known for her German Chocolate Cake, and to this day, I request it every Aug. 26 when my birthday rolls around. Aunt Ange was known for her Sour Cream Coffee Cake, and even though she has never come out and admitted it, I know there's a hint of bourbon in it. The Janes Gang is wild about my cheesecakes. I'll never forget Chef Stec and his wonderful basic Genoise, which sat on your tongue like an angel's gossamer wings, and slowly dissipated. But does anyone bake a cake from scratch anymore? It's not as hard as it sounds, especially with some tips from pros.

Nick Malgieri, noted cooking teacher and author of "How To Bake," (copyright, 1995, Harper Collins Publishers, \$35) claims that one of the easiest cakes to master is a classic Genoise, otherwise known as an all purpose sponge cake. Malgieri likes this cake because "it can be used as a layer cake, as a rolled cake, a plain cake with a simple frosting and in conjunction with a cheesecake instead of a pastry dough base."

Tips for success

In his book, Malgieri explains it is critical that the oven be accurate. Also, when baking, the racks should be set in the middle of the oven. As a secret hint to success, he also suggests that all the ingredients be at room temperature for ease of mixing.

Cold ingredients may cause the batter to separate while mixing and this will cause the cake to have a rough, irregular texture instead of a smooth, tender one.

Where Malgieri's book deals with baking as a whole, including the preparation of pies, tortes, breads, pizzas and muffins, when I find myself stumped, I always turn to Rose Levy Beranbaum and "The Cake Bible," (copyright 1988, Morrow Books, \$40). This is a grand encyclopedic collection of cakes and everything related to them. If you bake cakes, this book not only shows you how but can also detail the preparation of butter creams, marzipan, spun sugar, chocolate ribbons and enough piped flowers to fill a florist shop. Beranbaum claims that "perfect cakes can be achieved by anyone willing to follow good recipe directions. Cake making is an exact process; the ingredients and their relation to each other are balanced like a chemical formula."

In addition, Beranbaum agrees with Malgieri about having all the ingredients premeasured and at room temperature but offers a few additional pointers. She likes to use only cake flour which does not contain any leavening (don't use self-rising flour). She also recommends the use of superfine sugar for the best texture, unsalted butter for the best taste, fresh baking powder for the best rise and finally, the use of Magic Cake Strips for even layers and maximum height. Magic Cake Strips are ribbons of aluminum fabric with Velcro type fasteners that can be soaked in water and wrapped around the sides of the cake pans during baking. These special strips slow down the baking of the sides while promoting rapid and even penetration at the bottom of the pan. They sell for under \$10 at most cake-decorating shops.

Low-fat options

My final source for knowing how to bake the best cakes comes from Susan G. Purdy, author of "Have Your Cake and Eat It Too," (copyright 1993, Morrow Books, \$25). This book contains more than 200 luscious, low-fat cakes, pies, cookies and other desserts you thought you'd never be able to eat again.

Knowing that it's the fat in the cake that not only makes it look good but taste as good, Purdy has examined and suggested many alternatives for reducing the fat in your favorite cake recipes.

Purdy writes "when you cut back or cut out the fat, you need to readjust a whole range of elements in a carefully balanced formula." You can remove one quarter to one third of the fat in a recipe, claims Purdy. The resulting texture is only "slightly denser," especially with the use of purees, eggs or egg whites, citrus zests and occasionally, sugar. But one thing for sure, everyone agrees on the importance of accurately weighing and measuring all the ingredients.

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:

■ Focus on Wine.



QUAKER OATS

Elegant cake: Moist and tender Lemon Poppy Seed Oat Cake uses basic ingredients and is simple to mix and bake. By adding a lemon glaze and fresh flowers, it becomes elegant enough for the fanciest occasion.

PERFECT CAKES

Ingredients

■ Margarine, butter and vegetable shortening are used most often for cakes other than angel food, chiffon and sponge cake. The fat affects both flavor and texture. A cake made with shortening generally has a softer crumb and finer texture. A cake made with butter has a richer flavor. Both butter and margarine need to stand at room temperature until they soften enough to blend easily with other ingredients. Shortening is ready to use unless it has been stored in the refrigerator.

■ Sugar sweetens and contributes to a cake's tenderness. Granulated or brown sugar is most often used in cakes. Powdered or confectioners' sugar usually is used in frostings and glazes. Granulated, brown and powdered sugars are not interchangeable.

■ Eggs contribute to a cake's structure and add color and richness. Use large eggs unless the recipe specifies otherwise.

■ Most recipes today call for all-purpose flour. All-purpose flour can be either bleached or unbleached. While they can be used interchangeably, bleached flour provides a cake with a finer texture. Because all-purpose flour is presifted, it does not need to be sifted before measuring. Some cake recipes call for cake flour. Cake flour is a finely milled soft wheat flour which produces a finer textured cake. Cake flour is not presifted and should be sifted before measuring. To measure flour, spoon lightly into a dry measuring cup and level top with a metal spatula or the straight edge of a knife.

■ Oats. Unless a recipe specifies otherwise, either quick or old-fashioned oats may be used. The old-fashioned oats result in a cake with denser texture.

■ Leavening. Most cake recipes call for baking powder, baking soda or a combination of the two. These ingredients along with the air incorporated into a cake batter during mixing

are responsible for a cake's volume (height) and density.

Preparing Pans

■ Shiny metal cake pans will result in cakes with the highest volume and most even browning. Be sure to use the pan size specified in the recipe.

■ For most single and double layer cake, the cake pans are greased with vegetable shortening and lightly coated with a thin layer of flour. Cakes which will be cut and served from the pan may instead be sprayed with vegetable oil cooking spray. The pan does not need to be floured.

Filling Pans and Baking

■ Preheat oven at least 15 minutes before baking.

■ Pour or spoon batter into greased and floured cake pan(s) using the back of the spoon or rubber spatula push batter evenly into corners and against sides of pan. Cut through batter with knife to remove large air bubbles.

■ Begin testing for doneness after the minimum baking time specified in the recipe. Insert a wooden pick in the center of the cake. If it comes out clean with just a few moist crumbs clinging to it, the cake is done.

Cooling

■ Except for cakes which will be cut and served from the pan, cakes are removed from the pan to cool completely.

■ Allow cake to sit in pan on cooling rack for the length of time specified in the recipe, usually 10 minutes. Carefully run a thin bladed metal spatula between the cake and sides of the pan to loosen. Place another cooling rack on top and invert pan; cake should drop to cooling rack. Turn upright by placing another cooling rack on top of cake layer and inverting. Cool completely before frosting.

Starting from scratch Piece of cake

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Birthdays, weddings and anniversaries — some of the most memorable days of our lives are celebrated with cake.

"Cake holds the distinction of comeback food of the year," said Gale Gand, owner of Chicago's acclaimed Brasserie T restaurant at the recent International Association of Culinary Professionals Conference. On an emotional level, Gand credits baby boomers' affinity for "comfort food" with cake's resurgence on the dessert menu.

"I think baby boomers remember the good things from childhood," Gand said. "Cake certainly qualifies as one of those things that made them happy as kids. Well, now that the baby boomers are grown up and loaded with mid-life responsibilities, there's a desire to latch onto childhood pleasures."

A cake you make "from scratch" is not much more difficult than one that uses a mix, and offers endless possibilities for dressing up when the occasion calls for it.

A three-step mixing process results in a cake that is tender and flavorful, and has a good volume (heights).

■ **Step one:** Beating the butter, margarine or vegetable shortening with the sugar and any flavorings until light and creamy incorporates air into the batter which contributes to a cake's volume.

■ **Step two:** Beating in the eggs, one at a time, incorporates additional air into the batter.

■ **Step three:** Adding the combined dry ingredients alternately with the milk (or other liquid) is the fastest way to complete the mixing process without overmixing. Overmixing can toughen a cake.

Depending on the occasion, a basic cake can be served plain or embellished in many different ways. One-layer cakes that will be served from the pan might be frosted, glazed, covered with a broiled topping or sprinkled with powdered sugar.

Serve the cake plain with a scoop of ice cream or a spoonful of whipped cream and fresh fruit.

Cakes that are baked in a tube pan or fluted tube pan frequently are drizzled with a glaze. A lemony glaze, fresh mint leaves and lemon slices are all the dressing up Lemon Poppy Seed Oat Cake, pictured above, needs. When used in baking, oats add texture and improve the keeping quality because they attract moisture. As an alternative to the lemon glaze, powdered sugar can be lightly sifted over the top of the cake just before serving.

Cake recipes are often passed down generation-to-generation, or shared between friends. Barbara Couillard of Westland, and Mary Serva of Bloomfield Hills, entered their favorite recipes in Michigan's Best Cake Contest sponsored by Zehnder's of Frankenmuth and "Michigan Living" magazine. Both were among the 18 finalists.

Couillard said her entry — Grandma's Yellow Angel Food Cake — is more like a sponge cake than an angel food cake. "It was my grandmother's recipe," she said. "I remember her making it. Mine is good, but it still doesn't taste as good as hers." Couillard said the egg whites used in the recipe should be room temperature. "It adds more volume she said."

Serva's contest entry is appropriately named — "Can I Have That Recipe" Chocolate Cake. It's a recipe everyone asks for. "One thing that makes this cake different is the frosting. It's a lot like fudge," she said. "This cake is really good for people who really love chocolate."

Although she doesn't have a lot of time to bake, Serva said she has always enjoyed it. "I was one of those kids who had an Easy Bake Oven," she said. "The chocolate cake recipe was my girlfriend's. We made it when we were kids and everyone loved it. I changed the frosting recipe so it's not so sugary. I made it richer by using sweet (condensed) milk."

• See recipes inside

Ruby Red Strawberries Michigan's Jewels

BY CHRISTINE VENEMIA
SPECIAL WRITER

Michigan strawberries are in season, and if you don't feel like picking them yourself, baskets of these red jewels are available at grocery stores and markets.

Legend has it that the ancestors of the strawberry come from both North and South America. However, it took several centuries and a side trip to Europe to produce the strawberry we know today.

In the early 18th century, French explorers discovered a plump, red berry being cultivated by the Indians of Chile. Several plants were brought back to the homeland where in 1714 the Chilean berry was crossed with a wild meadow strawberry discovered a few years earlier in the North American colony of Virginia. The resulting cross is the ancestor to today's strawberry.

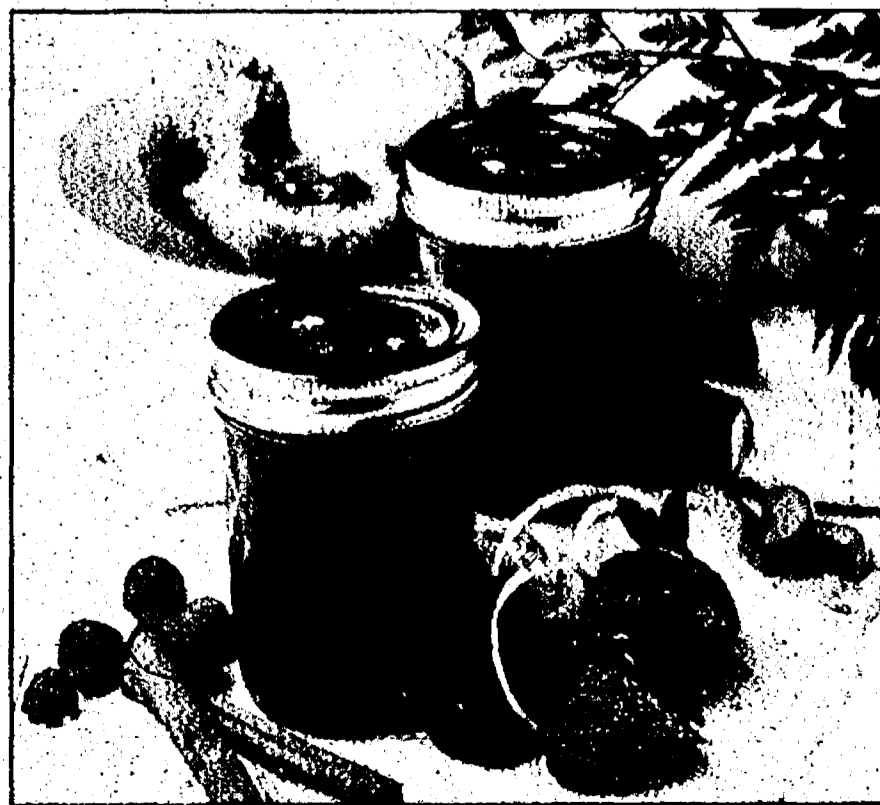
Selecting & Storing

Shop for fully ripened, bright red strawberries as they do not ripen after picking. Choose berries that are plump and well rounded with a natural shine, rich red color and bright green, fresh looking caps.

Strawberries are best used as soon after purchasing or picking as possible to insure the most delectable flavor, appearance and highest nutritional value. Never wash strawberries or remove caps until just before using. Washing removes the natural protective outer layers. The caps protect the strawberries and help preserve flavor, texture, and nutrients.

Handling tips

Since strawberries are delicate, they



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Berry good: Now is a great time to start jammin! Michigan strawberry season is about to begin. Nothing tastes better on muffins than homemade jam.

See STRAWBERRIES, 2B

Elegant scratch cakes perfect for any event

See related story on Taste front.

- LEMON POPPY SEED OAT CAKE**
 Cake:
 1 cup sugar
 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
 3 eggs
 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
 3 tablespoons poppy seeds

- 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
 1 1/2 cups milk
Glaze
 1 cup powdered sugar
 4 to 5 teaspoons lemon juice
 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 12-cup Bundt or 10-

inch tube pan. For cake, in large bowl, beat sugar and margarine on medium speed of electric mixer until fluffy.

Add lemon peel. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Combine flour, oats, poppy seeds, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add 1/3 of combined dry ingredients to margarine mixture; mix until blended. Add half of milk; mix until blended. Continue adding remaining dry ingredients and milk alternately blending after each addition. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

For glaze, mix all ingredients until smooth; drizzle over cooled cake. Store tightly covered at room temperature. Serves 16.

Recipe from The Quaker Oats Company.

- GRANDMA'S YELLOW ANGEL FOOD CAKE**
 1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 5 eggs separated
 1/2 cup cold water
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon color, adding water and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in sugar. Fold in dry ingredients. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar. Fold into egg yolks batter. Add vanilla.

Bake in 10-inch ungreased tube pan in solve oven at 325°F for about 1 hour.

Serve plain or with whipped

cream and strawberries.

Recipe from Barbara Couillard of Westland

"CAN I HAVE THAT RECIPE?"

- CHOCOLATE CAKE**
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup margarine or butter
 1 cup water
 4 tablespoons cocoa
 1/2 cup buttermilk or (1 tablespoon vinegar mixed in milk)
 1 tablespoon baking soda (dissolved in buttermilk)
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a large bowl sift 2 cups of flour and 2 cups of sugar. In a sauce pan, mix 1 cup of margarine or butter, 1 cup of water and 4 tablespoons cocoa. Bring to a rapid boil and pour over flour and sugar mixture. Stir.

Mix in the 1/2 cup of butter-

milk (you can substitute 1 tablespoon vinegar mixed in milk for the buttermilk) with the 1 tablespoon baking soda dissolved in it. Add 2 eggs and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix all ingredients well and pour into a 13 by 9-inch metal pan. Bake at 400°F for 35-40 minutes.

THE ICING ON THE CAKE

- 1 stick butter or margarine
 4 tablespoons cocoa
 6 tablespoons sweet (condensed) milk
 1 box confectioners' sugar
 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 1 cup chopped nuts

Mix all of the ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and slowly add one box of confectioners' sugar, 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract and 1 cup of chopped nuts. Beat well.

Recipe from Mary Serva of Bloomfield Hills

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require the gentlest of handling. To wash, place berries in a colander or large strainer then rinse with a gentle spray of cool water. Never remove caps before washing strawberries. Caps prevent water from soaking into the strawberries, diluting the flavor and changing the texture.

After washing, remove caps, trying not to remove any of the berry. Give the cap a gentle twist or use the point of a sharp paring knife. Pat strawberries dry with paper towels before serving. One cup of strawberries supplies an entire day's need for Vitamin C.

freezer space. There are three ways to pack strawberries for freezing: unsweetened, sugar pack and syrup pack.

■ Unsweetened whole berries may be placed on a cookie sheet and put in the freezer until they are semi-frozen (about one hour). Then remove from the cookie sheet and pack in containers or freezer bags. Seal and label for freezing.

■ For the sugar pack: Add 3/4 cup sugar to 1 quart of strawberries and mix thoroughly. Pack

into airtight freezer containers leaving 1/2-inch head space. Seal. Label and freeze.

■ For a syrup pack: Cover berries with cold 50 percent syrup (4 3/4 cup sugar to 4 cups water), leaving 1/2-inch head space. Pack into airtight freezer containers. Seal. Label and freeze.

Christine Venema of Westland is a home economist for the Michigan State University Extension, Wayne County.

Freezing

To prepare strawberries for freezing, remove the caps, crush partially or slice berries. Whole strawberries will require more

Tips for the berry best summer desserts

Here are some tips from the Kretschmer wheat germ test kitchens.

When making the biscuits for


shortcake or a fruit cobbler, don't over mix or the biscuits will be tough instead of light and tender. After adding liquid, stir just

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Recipes from pros can help you learn 'How to Bake'

See related Taste Buds story on Taste front.
I've included a favorite "beginners" recipe from each of the pros with hopes that you will find the time to bake something from scratch and share it with family and friends.

CHOCOLATE GENOISE

- 1/3 cup cake flour
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- Pinch baking soda
- 3 large eggs plus 3 large egg yolks
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Pinch salt

Set the rack in the middle of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the cake flour with the cornstarch, cocoa powder and baking soda. Sift once and set aside. Whisk the eggs and the yolks in a bowl and whisk in the sugar in a stream. Mix in the salt. Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water and gently whisk

until the egg mixture is lukewarm. Whip by machine on high speed until the egg mixture is cold and increased in volume. Remove the bowl from the mixer and sift the cake flour mixture over the egg mixture.

In 3 or 4 additions, fold in the dry ingredients using a rubber spatula. Pour the batter in a 9-inch round cake pan that was lightly buttered and lined with parchment paper. Smooth the top evenly with a spatula. Bake the layer for 25 minutes or until firm to the touch. Loosen the layer from the sides of the pan and invert to a rack; immediately re-invert so that the cake layer cools on the paper. Makes one 9-inch layer.

Recipe from: "How To Bake by Nick Malgieri," (Copyright, 1995, Harper Collins Books. \$35).

ALL OCCASION DOWNY YELLOW BUTTER CAKE

- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 cup milk
- 2 1/4 teaspoons vanilla

- 3 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter (softened)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium bowl lightly combine the egg yolks, 1/4 cup of milk, and the vanilla. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine the dry ingredients and mix on the low speed of a mixer for 30 seconds to blend.

Add the butter and remaining 3/4 cup milk. Mix on low speed and beat for 1 and 1/2 minutes to aerate and develop the cakes structure. Scrape down the sides. Gradually add the egg mixture in 3 batches, beating for 20 seconds after each addition to strengthen the structure. Scrape down the sides.

Scrape the batter into 2 prepared 9 inch cake pans (lightly greased, lined with parchment paper and then lightly greased and floured again). Smooth the surface

with a spatula. The pans will be about 1/2 full. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean and the cake springs back when lightly pressed in the center. The cakes should start to shrink from the sides of the pan only after removal from the oven. Let the cakes cool in the pans on racks for 10 minutes. Loosen the sides with a spatula and invert onto a lightly greased wire rack.

To prevent splitting, reinvert so that the tops are up and cool completely before wrapping airtight. Serves 12. Makes 2 9-inch layers.

Recipe from: "The Cake Bible" by Rose Levy Beranbaum, (copyright 1988, Morrow Books).

COCOA BUNDT CAKE

- Butter flavored non-stick cooking spray
- 1 1/3 cups unsifted cake flour
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa, divided
- 1/2 cup dark or light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons warm water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 large egg whites
- Pinch cream of tartar

Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9-inch bundt cake pan with cooking spray. Dust the pan with sifted cocoa and tap out the excess. Set aside.

Sift the flour, cornstarch, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cocoa into a large bowl. Make a well in the center and add 1 cup sugar, the corn syrup, water and vanilla but do NOT blend together. Set aside. In another large bowl, with an electric mixer, whip the egg whites with cream of tartar until foamy. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar and whip the whites until stiff but not dry.

Remove the bowl of whites from the stand, shake off the beaters and return them without washing, to the mixer. With the mixer on low speed, beat the cocoa and corn syrup mixture until well blended. Stir about 1 cup of the beat whites into the cocoa batter to lighten. Gently fold in remaining whites. Turn the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for about 45 minutes or until the top is springy to the touch and a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool the cake in the pan on a rack for 5 minutes. Top with another rack and invert. Cool.

Cake can be dusted with confectioner's sugar before serving.

Yields one 9 inch bundt cake, about 14 servings. Each serving is only 150 calories with 1 gram of fat (less than 5 percent of its total calories from fat). This cake is also cholesterol and LACTOSE free.

Recipe from: "Have Your Cake and Eat It Too" by Susan Purdy, (copyright, 1993, Morrow Books \$25).

Start jammin' to savor farm-fresh Michigan strawberries

See related story on Taste front.

Creating freezer jam is quick and easy because boiling water processing is not required. After the jam sets for approximately 24 hours, it is stored in the freezer until it's thawed and enjoyed.

FREEZER STRAWBERRY JAM

- 2 cups crushed, stemmed, firm-ripe strawberries (approximately 1 quart, whole)

- 3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 3/4-ounce packet fruit pectin

In a large bowl, combine crushed strawberries and sugar. Mix well. Let stand for 10 minutes. In a small saucepan, combine water and pectin. Mix well. Heat to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 1 minute. Pour hot pectin mixture into strawberry mixture and stir vigorously for 3 minutes.

(There will be a few remaining sugar crystals).

Immediately fill hot, sterilized half-pint jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Wipe jar tops and threads clean. Place lids on jars and apply screw bands. Let stand at room temperature for 24 hours or until set. Store jam in refrigerator up to 3 weeks or in freezer up to 3 months. Yield 6 half pints.

Recipe from: Kerr Brand, Con-

sumer Products.

TWICE BERRIED JAM

- 1 quart strawberries, washed and stemmed
- 1 1/2 pints raspberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 package no sugar needed pectin

Prepare home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions.

Crush strawberries and measure 2 cups; set aside. Measure 1 cup whole raspberries; set aside. Crush remaining raspberries and measure 1 cup. Combine berries, lemon juice and lemon peel in a large saucepan. Gradually add pectin to fruit mixture, stirring constantly to dissolve pectin. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes.

Bring mixture to a full boil over high heat, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Skim foam, if

necessary. Carefully ladle hot jam into hot jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Wipe jar rim clean. Place lid on jar with sealing compound next to glass. Screw band down evenly and firmly. Do not use excessive force.

Process 10 minutes in a boiling-water canner. Yield about 4 half-pints.

Note: Follow pectin package directions for adding sugar or non-sugar sweeteners to this or other soft spreads.

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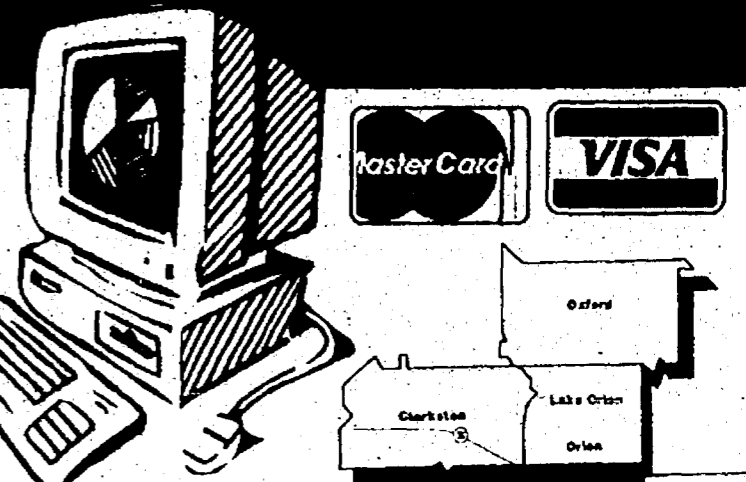
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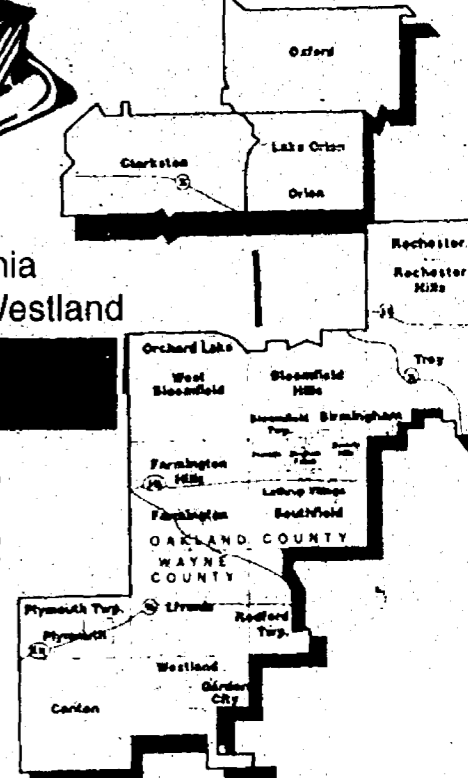
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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE #300-389. WE MOVE HOMES Call Classified 313-591-0900 810-644-1070. HAMBURG OPEN SUN. 3-5PM 8703 RUSHSIDE. Access all sports lake, sports 3 bedroom, 2 bath, huge garage, beautifully landscaped, hardwood floors in spacious kitchen, 8 minutes W. of US-23, \$149,850. DINA SABUDA The Michigan Group Realtors 810-227-4600 ext 251. S. LYON OPEN SUN 12-3PM Clearing Cross. Fabulous location. Shows better than new. 2500 sq. ft., soaking 2 story great room with oak walls, fully landscaped, full walk-out to secluded rear yard, first floor master, \$249,900. DINA SABUDA The Michigan Group Realtors (810) 227-4600 ext 251.

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield. BIRMINGHAM - By owner, Hard to find 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath in desirable Pembroke Subdivision. Updated throughout. Priced to sell! \$179,900. 810-649-7243. BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Next to academy, 3 bedroom custom built Tudor (10 yrs) on 1 acre wooded lot. 1st floor master suite, great room, wrap-around deck, large lot, close to schools, w/replace, formal dining room, oak paneled library, vaulted ceilings, central air, sunroom & sauna, 2 1/2 car attached garage, sprinklers & more. \$285,000. (810) 597-4435. BLOOMFIELD TWP - Westchester Village. 3 bedroom ranch, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry, marble trim gas fireplace, doorways to large deck, large lot. By owner, \$169,000. Call for appointment. 810-642-0346. BY OWNER - brick ranch, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement, Birmingham Schools, \$128,000. (810) 541-0417, or (810) 541-5299. BUY IT! Sell it! Find it! Classified Works For You! Call For More Info! 313-591-0900.

"NEW" LISTINGS From REAL ESTATE ONE. AU NATURE! Nestled among a 30 acre preserve, this cozy Ranch is nicely situated on nearly 1/2 acre. Check out the sparkling remodeled kitchen and bath. \$107,000. DON'T MISS OUT. R35120. A bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Canton home that has it all! Newer windows, roof & siding. You won't find more sq. ft. or quality in this area for the price. \$162,900. W7219. GORGEOUS 1995 COLONIAL. Too many updates to mention in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 Colonial. Island in kitchen, master bedroom has walk-in closet and double shower in master bath. Oak floors and skylights. \$229,900. E7017. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS LIVONIA QUAD Two family rooms! One is on the main level. Four bedrooms, and over 2300 sq. ft. of living space. If you have children, they can walk to school! \$184,900. R14504. THE GOOD NEWS is we have a 3 bedroom brick Ranch with new furnace, roof and windows, finished basement and formal dining room. \$84,900. M11711. For more information please call... (313) 261-0700. Rent Listate (nu.)

325 Livonia

BRICK RANCH-3 bedroom, 2 baths, family room, 2 car garage, central air, oversized lot. Open House! 313-522-7413

BY OWNER - in beautiful Ridgewood Hills, 48583 sq. ft. of land. Stop by for a flyer. For app. call 313-453-2761

CASTLE GARDENS - 3 bedroom brick ranch. Attached 2 car garage. 1 1/2 baths. Basement. Completely updated. Maintenance. Call 313-591-0094

COLONIAL - 4 bedroom w/attached garage. 36083 Jamison Rd. Mile. E of Levan. Completely updated. Many extras. Outside is maintained. Also view. Call 313-591-0094

CUTE & COZY - Sparkling 3 bedroom brick ranch on beautiful lot. 2 1/2 baths. 2 car garage. New carpet. Call 313-514-9000

LIVONIA - Fantastic 3 bedroom! Updated windows & carpet. Huge lot. 3rd bedroom turned into utility room. Call 313-591-0094

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334 Plymouth

BY OWNER - great starter. 2 bedroom brick ranch, large lot, lot lot, New kitchen, hot water heater. Call 313-420-2531

READY FOR YOUR FAMILY! This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, updated bathrooms (one with jetted tub), large kitchen, neutral carpet, finished basement, walk-out to detached garage. DONT MISS THIS ONE! Call 313-591-0094

WALK TO downtown Plymouth from car garage. 2 bedroom, 2 bath on line lined at 1 bedroom, many updates by owner. \$259,000. Call 313-522-6199

REDFORD - 15924 Lexington (5 Miles from Redford). 3 bedroom brick on gravel space. oversized garage. Call 313-522-6199

SOUTH REDFORD - Clean 3 bedroom brick bungalow. New kitchen, finished basement, central air, vinyl floors. Call 313-522-6199

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345 Westland/Wayne

WHY RENT? You could own this 3 bedroom ranch with a spacious eat-in kitchen, ceramic bath, large yard, newer driveway ready for a garage. Call 313-522-6199

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OAKLAND TWP. - Contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 3 1/2 acres. Call 313-522-6199

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374 Manufactured Homes

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GRAND TRAVELER Bay near Elk Rapids 200 ft frontage. Call 313-522-6199

LAKE ERIE COTTAGE in Canada, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage. Call 313-522-6199

Northern Property - HIGGINS LAKE - Nearly new ranch. Call 313-522-6199

HILLMAN - Newly remodeled 14x65 mobile home on wooded lot with private access to Lake Avon. Call 313-522-6199

KALKASKA 3 bedroom Lakeland cottage on 2 acres. Call 313-522-6199

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BUCKINGHAM MANOR - 2 Bedroom Apts. Call 810-649-6909

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Charming 1.5 story home in Northville's Historic District. Nice front porch, hardwood floors, custom blinds, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, basement, big kitchen, garage, shed. Call 313-591-0900

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WESTLAND WAYNE/FORD RD. SPECIAL \$200 SECURITY DEPOSIT

401 Apartments/Furnished
ROYAL OAK DOWNTOWN Fully furnished studio apartment in quiet secure complex.

404 Flats
PLYMOUTH - 2 bedroom upper garage, appliances, lease no pets \$575/month.

405 Homes
CANTON - Executive home at golf course, 45421 Augusta Dr. 4 bed rooms, 2 1/2 baths.

405 Homes
HUNTINGTON WOODS - Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial.

405 Homes
ROYAL OAK - 14 Crooks - 3 bedroom brick ranch, updated kitchen/bathroom.

406 Lake/Waterfront Home Rentals
CASEVILLE - Private Lakefront Homes, 2 1/2 bedrooms. Good selection of Summer weeks available.

411 Vacation Resort Rentals
HOMESTEAD RESORT - 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage, fantastic view of Lake Michigan.

412 Living Quarters to Share
SOUTHFIELD clean/quiet/parish furnished, private room & phone.

WESTLAND WAYNE/FORD AREA SPECIAL \$200 SECURITY DEPOSIT

402 Condos/Townhouses
AUBURN HILLS, SOUTHFIELD, FARMINGTON HILLS OPEN WEEKENDS

405 Homes
CANTON - Plymouth/Canton Schools, 3 bedroom family room, living room, kitchen, 2 car garage.

405 Homes
LAPEERE, LAKE NEPESING - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, sun porch, fenced, seawall, garage.

405 Homes
ROYAL OAK - Cute 2 bedroom home, 4 bks from downtown, newly renovated.

409 Southern Rentals
DISNEY ORLANDO CONDO 2 bedroom 2 bath Pool spa golf course.

OLYMPIKS 96
Hotel rental available in Forsyth GA 7-28 to 8-6. Also a Closing Ceremony.

THINK SUMMER
Deluxe cottages, taxata area, Sand Lake 517-459-3553

414 Rooms
CANTON - Furnished room all utilities, kitchen privileges, pool, close to 1-275.

WOODLAND VILLA LIVONIA SCHOOLS
2 bedrooms, super closets, breakfast bar, appliances, pool, laundry facilities.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 1 bedroom, remodeled, new appliances, marble tile, clubhouse, pool.

405 Homes
CANTON - 3 bedroom townhouse, 1 1/2 baths, air, basement, \$850/month.

405 Homes
DEARBORN - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, appliances, fenced yard, finished basement.

405 Homes
LIVONIA - 2 bedroom, 2 story, no basement, no garage, carpet, appliances.

405 Homes
LIVONIA - NE area, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, remodeled kitchen, new carpeting.

411 Vacation Resort Rentals
BEACHFRONT CONDO on Lake Michigan, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, air, whirlpool.

TRAVELER CITY - Silver Lake 3 bedrooms, fully furnished, very modern, sleeps up to 8.

LIVONIA ROOM for rent washing facilities included, free cable, kitchen, house privileges.

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2 and 3 bedroom townhouses, Ranging from \$399 to \$500. Includes all utilities.

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DEARBORN - Sharp 3 bedroom townhouse, large kitchen, covered porch, fireplace, 2 car garage.

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LIVONIA - NE small 2 bedroom, no basement, no garage, carpeted, appliances, porch.

405 Homes
LIVONIA - W Chicago & Middlebelt 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch, central air, finished basement.

405 Homes
WAYNE - 2 bedroom ranch, appliances, family room, newly remodeled, Pets OK.

411 Vacation Resort Rentals
BRIGHTON AREA - Island Lake Resort, 1, 2 & 3 bedroom cottages.

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Vertical Blinds, Air Carpet, clubhouse, pool, deck, net.

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Perfect studio - 2 bedroom loft, 2 baths, 800 sq ft, heat/water included.

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403 Duplexes
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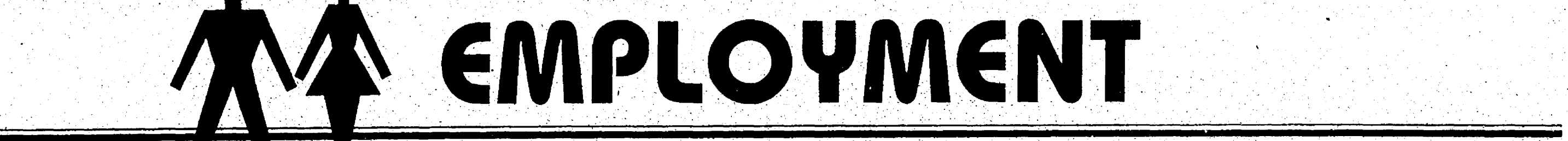
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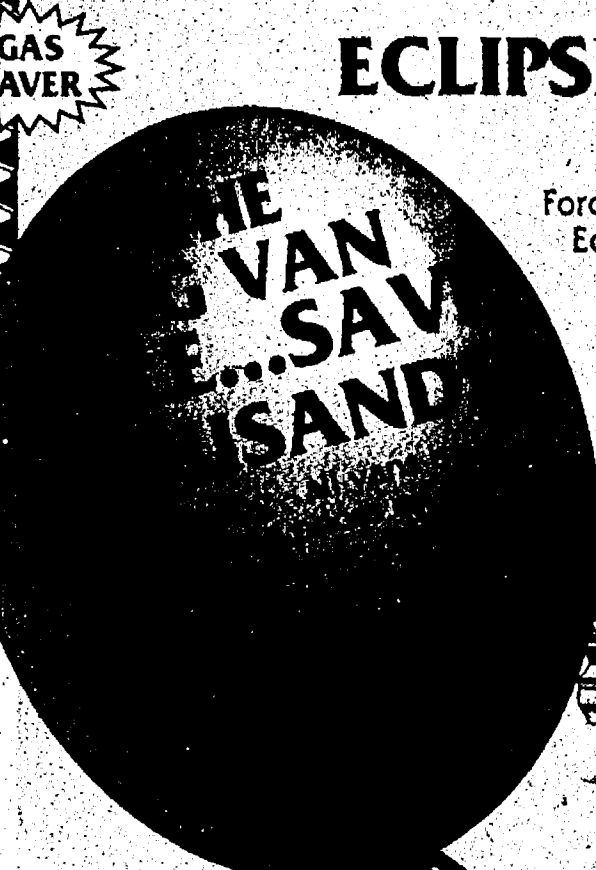
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1996 F150 EDDIE BAUER
Air, power windows/locks, cruise, tilt, cab steps, chrome step bumper. Stock #64221
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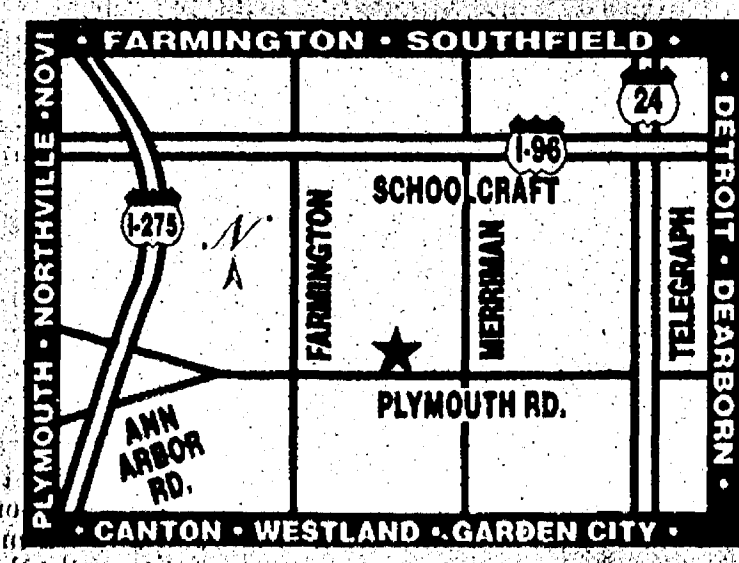
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Michigan Amateur results

Livonian Brian Mills was the last area survivor, reaching second-round match play in the 85th Michigan Amateur Championship held last week at Michaywe Hills Golf Club in Gaylord.

On Thursday, Mills was defeated on the 19th hole by John Tighe, Jr. of Okemos in the afternoon round after beating John Lindholm of Flint in the first-round of medal play, 4 and 3.

Meanwhile, two Westland residents went down in the opening round.

Kent Coon of Stanton downed Claud Johnston, 1 up, while Franklin's Peter Green edged Matt Wiley, 2 and 1.

Wiley was the 21st qualifier out of 64 as he shot 79 and 69. Johnston was 24th with a 75 and 74.

Mills, who shot 80 and 75, was one of 13 players tied at 155, but was among five players who qualified for match play. Redford's Ron Borean, who did not reach the medal round, shot 81 and 74 for a 155.

Other area first- and second-round scorers included Plymouth's Gabriel Garcia (78-81/155); Westland's Fred Backiel (81-83/164); Livonia's Michael Moco (87-78/165).

Spring hockey champs

The Squirt Panthers of Livonia recently finished first with a 13-1-1 record in the A Division of the Farmington Hills Spring Hockey League.

Members of the Panthers, coached by Gary King, include Chris Attard, Matt Dunatchik, Matt Hartzel, Andrew Hinkle, Shawn Janik, Andrew Kisic, Derrick, Lasecki, Chris Miller, Justin Stadler, Scott Stevens, Mike Tokarsky, Tim Wilson, Nick Wood and Mike King (goalie).

Assistant coaches include Jim Hinkle and Dave Wood.

Women's hoop tryouts

High school seniors and junior college players are invited to try out for the 1996-97 Madonna University women's basketball team, 7-9 p.m. Sunday, June 30 at the Activities Center.

Soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth Lightning, an under-14 girls premier league team, will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 28 at Pioneer Middle School. For more information, call Dan Schilk at (313) 459-8826.

Tryouts for the Plymouth under-10 boys select B team will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 at West Middle School. For more information, call Rodger or Peggy Brunner at (313) 981-6033.

Tryouts for the Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-17 boys team in the Ilich Division (born Aug. 1, 1979-July 31, 1980) will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 24 and Wednesday, June 26 at the Dickinson Center. For more information, call (313) 464-3616.

The Plymouth '93 Kicks, a boys under-14 Premier League soccer team, will hold its final try-out 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at Pioneer Middle School. For more information, call Danny Urian at (313) 271-1570.

Cheer coach needed

Westland John Glenn High School is seeking a combined varsity and JV cheerleading coach for the 1996-97 season. Applicants must have either past coaching or cheerleading experience.

For more information, call principal Neil Thomas at (313) 595-2323.

Cage coach wanted

Walled Lake Western has an immediate opening for a varsity boys basketball coach.

For more information, call David Yarbrough, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, at (810) 960-8373.

Canton Lions outing

The Canton Lions Football Club is sponsoring a golf outing Saturday, July 20 at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

The \$80 cost includes a chance to win a car (courtesy of Century Dodge), lunch at the turn, steak or chicken dinner, dancing and open bar. Also included or door prizes and gifts. Dinner only is \$25.

To reserve a tee time, call Dee Pyle at (313) 981-0062.

Catch the Stars

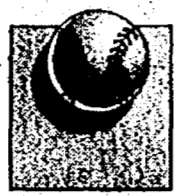
A preview party for Sparky Anderson's ninth annual Motor City Golf Classic, to benefit CATCH (Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals) will be Sunday, July 14 at the Dearborn Inn.

Among the celebrities scheduled to attend include Anderson, the longtime Tiger manager; Edsel B. Ford II, Mitch Albom, Vinnie Johnson, Ron Kramer, Bill Freehan, Bo Schembechler and Mickey Lolich.

A live and silent auction will also be staged with trip packages to the Caribbean, Las Vegas and Florida; and sports memorabilia signed by Steve Yzerman, Alan Trammell, Joe Dumars, Grant Hill, Chris Osgood, the Russian Five, Barry Sanders, Pete Rose, Katarina Witt, Greg Norman, Anderson and others.

Tickets, \$100 per person, are available by calling the CATCH office at (313) 876-9399.

All-Area squad deep in talent



Veteran Redford Thurston coach Emil Majeski was honored as Observerland Coach of the Year after his Eagles finished 18-10 and reached the state Class B quarterfinals.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Thurston baseball coach Emil Majeski knew he'd achieve his 400th career victory this season, but nothing was certain beyond that.

Majeski, who began his 31st season at Thurston with 398 career wins, ended up celebrating Class B district and regional championships before bowing out of the state tournament with a 5-0 quarterfinal loss to Harper Woods Notre Dame.

The Eagles, who started only three seniors (twins Art and John Hoffmeyer and Chad Putnam), reeled off 11 straight wins before their season-ending loss and finished with an 18-10 overall record.

For this, Majeski is Observerland's Coach of the Year as selected by the Observer sports staff.

"The kids practiced right and started jelling and playing well at the end," Majeski said. "It was great because we had only three starters back. They really came through. It was a real team effort."

Majeski, whose Thurston team won the 1984 Class B state championship, has a 416-272 career record. His teams have won four districts and two regionals to go with 11 league or division titles.

Majeski is a native of Port Austin, near the Thumb, and a graduate of North Huron High School. A three-sport letterman there, he was a defensive back on the football team

at Eastern Michigan University between 1959-61.

After spending a year as a student teacher in the Willow Run school district, Majeski accepted a teaching and coaching position at Thurston.

He has coached several all-staters and players who have gone on to play collegiately. Among them were Jeff Lance (still playing, most recently at Henry Ford Community College), Art George (Evansville), Bob Kusseau, Tim DeMarco (members of the state champion team), Dennis Kuschel (an all-stater in the 1970s), John Roy (Western Michigan) and Bob Holmes (Eastern Michigan).

Coaching the Eagles this season was like taking a sip out of the Fountain of Youth for Majeski, a social studies and business teacher who hasn't set a retirement date.

"After a season like this, you feel like you can go forever," said Majeski, a 23-year resident of Livonia with his wife, Nancy, and children, Emily and Matt. "The kids worked

so well together. As long as I feel good and feel I can contribute, it's gratifying to see kids succeed."

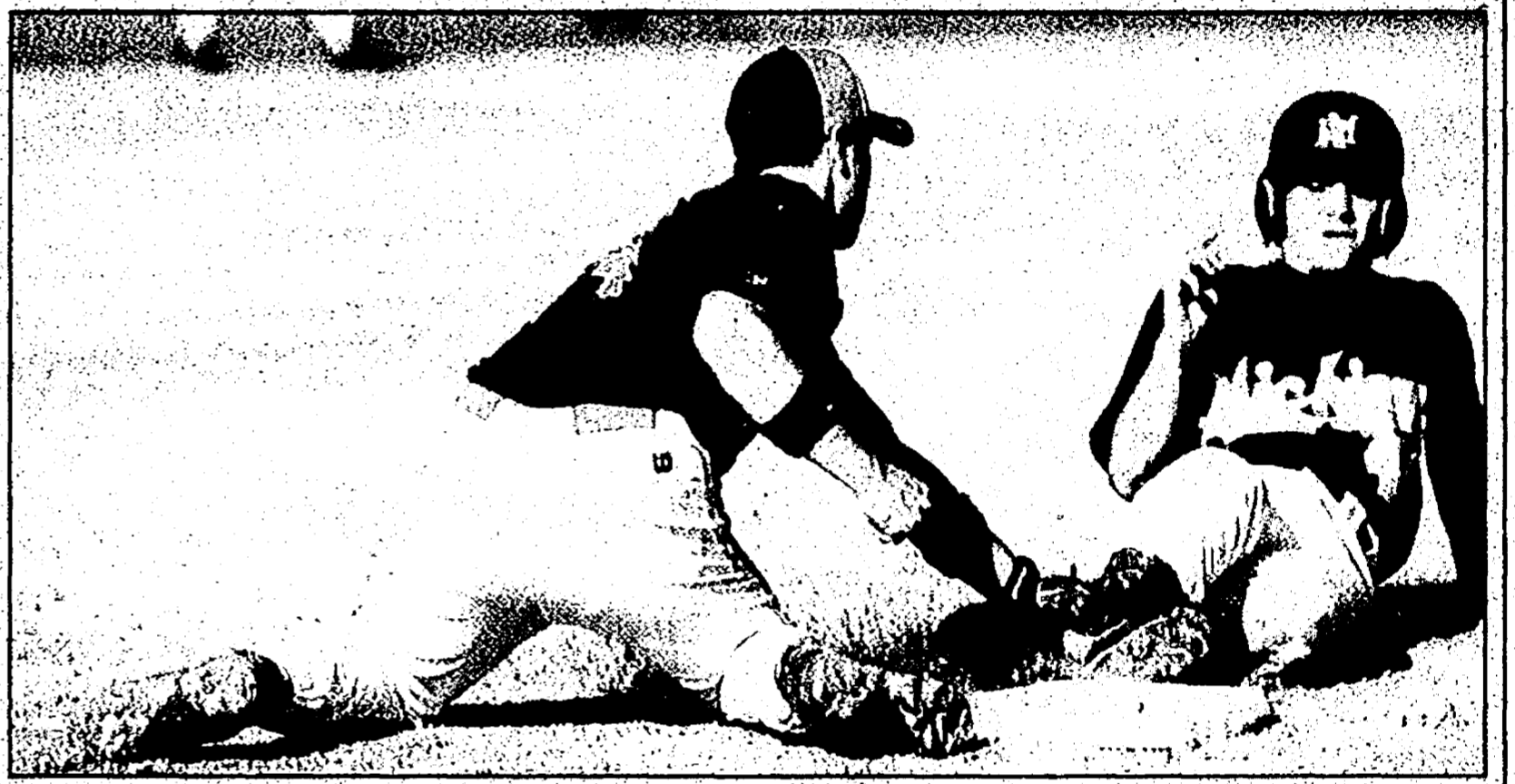
Thurston was the only regional winner in Observerland. Westland John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington and Redford Catholic Central won Class A districts, and Redford St. Agatha won a Class D district.

Following are profiles of each player on the All-Observer first team as chosen by the sports staff:

ALL-AREA TEAM
Art Hoffmeyer, pitcher, Thurston: No one in the area had more confidence in his curve ball than Hoffmeyer, who was known to throw the pitch on 3-and-1 counts. The senior left-hander also had command of his

See ALL-AREA, 2C

Snagged at third base



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACFIELD
He's out of there: Trying for an extra base is Mario Garza of Michigan Honig's during the second inning of Wednesday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game. Putting the tag on him is Little Caesars' third baseman, Aaron Racey. Caesars went on to be Honig's, 12-3, unloading for a 15-hit attack. See sandlot baseball roundup on page 3C.

Summer cooler: Metro icers ready

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Now this is the way hockey is supposed to be.

Traditional. Eight teams. No expansion. Everyone in the playoffs. May the best squad win.

That's been the format for the Metro Summer Hockey League since its inception more than a decade ago. There haven't been any major upheavals, no switching venues, no changing for change's sake.

All the games are played at the Plymouth Ice Arena, with one exception: A league semifinal, which by necessity must be at Canfield Arena in Dearborn.

The biggest thing that happened in this league was a switch in directors, when the MSHL's founder, A.J. Baker, took a job as an assistant coach at Alabama-Huntsville and left town; He turned the league over to Keith Pietila to operate.

Pietila began his third year as director when the league opened

HOCKEY

Sunday with three games. Regular-season play will continue through the remainder of June and nearly all of July.

The first round of the playoffs will be July 29-31. The conference finals will be Aug. 1, with the title game scheduled for Aug. 4.

The names of the conferences - Eagle and Bakes - are the same. The names of the eight teams - Wolverines, Broncos, Spartans and Bulldogs in the Eagle Conference, and the Huskies, Wildcats, Falcons and Lakers in the Bakes Conference - also remain intact.

"We may be a little more competitive," Pietila answered to describe what changes have been made in the MSHL. "I think we have more college-level players this year."

"It seems to be (gaining in popularity). Players are looking for ice time, I guess. And this is competitive hockey."

There will be some slight differences. For starters, the top three scorers from last year - Kris Cantu, Dave Weaver and Jason Weber - aren't returning.

But don't worry. The scoring still figures to soar, as it usually does in the MSHL.

Then there's the summer league version of the Russian Five. Eugene Afanasiev, Konstantin Kalmikov, Poleg Ponasenko, Anotoli Buliga and Fedor Fedorov will all play with the Wildcats, courtesy of team coach Bob Nagy, whom they play for during the winter months.

And, yes, they are indeed Russian.

There are some familiar names in the league, too. Like Brad Dicks, Kevin Bernard, Edward Kruschka, Thomas Taylor and Dominic Cantanzarite, who played at Livonia Franklin; Mike Schmidt, Jordan McCormack, Brian Calka and Kyle McNeilance, from Livonia Stevenson; and Rickey Marnon, Jason and Jesse Hubenschmidt, from Redford Catholic Central.

Some other familiar names? How

about Pietila? The league director will have three other relatives playing with him on the Lakers: Paul, Ron and Jim. Also, Dave and Aaron Daavetila, two other members of the Lakers, are cousins.

There should be plenty of talent, once again. Each team will be limited to 17 players (15 forwards and defensemen, two goalies).

"There's enough talent that every team has enough talent," Pietila said.

And once again, the league will offer a coup de grace: The champion will travel to Houghton to play that summer league's champion Aug. 10-11.

One other thing: Pietila said the league's top five scorers and top three goalies will receive jackets commemorating their accomplishments.

So there are a few new wrinkles. But not enough to change what makes the MSHL so attractive to hockey players - the chance to play against some very good competition.

Newman to lead Stevenson cagers

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The worst kept secret was made official Thursday as longtime assistant Tim Newman was elevated to the varsity boys head basketball coach at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Newman, 38, becomes the third boys cage coach in school history. He succeeds Jim McIntyre, who retired this spring after going 117-122 in 11 seasons.

He is the second new Livonia varsity high school boys basketball to be named this season. Dan Robinson replaced Larry Jackson at Franklin, while Churchill is looking to replace Tom Lang.

Newman's hiring came as no surprise.

"Tim has really been involved with Stevenson High School over the years and he's had a good mentor in 'Mac,'" Stevenson athletic director Roger Frayer said. "We're tickled pink to have him. He knows our conference (Western Lakes) and he knows what it takes to win in our

BASKETBALL

league." McIntyre and Newman have been nearly inseparable since the late 1970s when the two met in a grade-school Catholic Youth Organization game.

McIntyre's son, John, who later went on to play at the University of Missouri and is now a professional in Israel, was a member of the St. Bernadine's team, while Newman was coaching at St. Damian's.

Newman replaced McIntyre as eighth-grade boys coach at Ford Junior High and later became his assistant at Livonia Franklin before moving to Stevenson with McIntyre in 1985. Newman has been Stevenson boys JV coach for the past nine years. He also served as varsity girls coach at Franklin (four years) and Churchill (one season).

"I've basically been with him 20 years and we've had a lot of fun," Newman said of his relationship with McIntyre. "He's been been giv-

ing me sound advice for 20 years and we've had real good communication. We always said our piece with each other and then went on and tried to do what's best for the kids."

"I'm really looking forward to this. When you're only the third guy in the school to have this job after people like George Van Wagoner and Jim McIntyre, those are really big shoes to fill."

"And I really respect Roger Frayer and our principal Dale Collier. They make my job a whole lot easier."

Newman, a 1975 graduate of Franklin, was a guard on the last Livonia Public Schools' team to reach the Class A state quarterfinals (1974).

A recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Newman majored in special education with a minor in physical education. He was hired as a Stevenson faculty member in February where he teaches special education. His wife Nancy, an assistant girls track coach at Franklin, is also employed in the district as special education instruc-

tor at the Ford Skills Center.

"We'll have a good team next year," Newman said of his Stevenson club. "We're not going to be as big because we lose some size, but they'll work extremely hard."

"I'll go with the same philosophy that I've had with 'Mac' since we were at Franklin. I'll change some things only from the standpoint that I've got to have my imprint on things. But the other things will stay the same. We want our kids to be good citizens, be academically proficient and be good players."

Newman said his coaching staff will include Amy Rozman, who will take over the freshman team. Frayer and Newman are also in the process of naming a new JV coach.

"I hope our staff will be as cohesive as it has been in the past and I hope I can help the younger coaches develop and move on to the next level," Newman said. "I don't want them to be around with me for 20 years because hopefully they'll get jobs and become head coaches elsewhere."

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fastball, as evidenced by his 125 strike-outs and only 21 walks in 79 innings.

Hoffmeyer pitched as a starter or reliever in all of Thurston's important games, finishing with an 11-3 record with four saves. He had a 1.33 earned run average.

Thurston's most valuable player was a center fielder when not pitching.

"Art led by example and that was nice," Majeski said. "He has excellent control. He could get his curve over any time he wanted. You couldn't sit on his fastball. He had a sneaky fastball."

Nick Latra, pitcher, Farmington: The senior right-hander earned a baseball scholarship to Central Michigan after a fine four-year varsity career with the Falcons.

Latra was 7-2 this year with a 1.40 earned run average. He had 65 strikeouts and only 16 walks in 50 innings. He holds school records for career victories (18), strikeouts and innings pitched.

Michigan State, Illinois, Ohio State and Saginaw Valley State also tried to recruit Latra.

"Nick helped us right away as a freshman," Farmington coach Kevin Kamsman said. "He improved his pitching, his strength and speed, every year. Nick was always a gamer. He always took the mound to win."

James O'Connor, pitcher, Catholic Central: O'Connor became the CC ace after seeing limited action as a junior.

He had a 9-2 record and one save with a 2.45 ERA, striking out 70 and walking 35 in 68 2/3 innings. O'Connor



Art Hoffmeyer
Redford Thurston

also contributed at the plate with a .353 average and 16 RBI.

The left-hander was the pitcher of record in a 4-2 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice, which was then undefeated and the state's No. 1-ranked team.

As a junior, O'Connor had a 3-1 record in 25 innings pitched. He will attend either Adrian College or Madonna University.

"He really came on as our No. 1 after not having much experience last year," Salter said. "He'd get ahead of hitters and make them hit his pitch. He was pretty good at hitting spots, not just throwing down the middle."

Ryan Rumberger, catcher, Salem: Rumberger's ability was defined by his persistence. He led Salem in eight offen-

sive categories, which may have made his defensive abilities seem pale by comparison.

That's not right. Rumberger, a junior, threw out 69 percent of the baserunners trying to steal on him and had a .982 fielding average.

He hit .488, slugging 12 doubles and five home runs, and driving in 30 runs.

"I'd say he did a pretty good job this year," said his father and coach, Dale Rumberger. "I was really surprised people tried to pitch to (Ryan) as much as they did. I think Ryan will be one of the best ever to come from Salem."

Aaron Lawson, catcher, Harrison: The junior backstop has been the starting catcher for three years and could be a potential pro prospect next year.

Lawson led the Hawks in hitting with a .487 average, tied a single-season school record with 12 doubles and was the team most valuable player.

His 38 hits included one triple and one home run. Lawson struck out just twice in 78 chances, scored 23 runs and knocked in 16.

Harrison coach John Herrington cited Lawson for his leadership, knowledge and dedication to the game.

"He probably works harder than any player," Herrington said. "He should be one of the best catchers in the state next year."

Mike Daguanno, infielder, Catholic Central: The only repeat selection on the first team, Daguanno led the Shamrocks in average (.443), RBI (36), home runs (three) and walks (24). He tied teammate Garett Burch for the lead in doubles with seven.

The senior cleanup hitter and first baseman struck out only 11 times in 79 official at-bats and was selected to play in the Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Tiger Stadium today. He has signed with the University of Detroit-Mercy.

"A lot of teams pitched Mike tougher this year, but he showed discipline and didn't chase bad pitches," CC coach John Salter said. "He had a good combination of a high average and hitting with power."

Chris Karney, infielder, Catholic Central: Karney committed only three errors as the starting second baseman, and his numbers at the plate were just as impressive.

The senior leadoff batter led the team in at bats (106), hits (45), triples (five) and fewest strikeouts among starters (nine). He batted .425, drove in 22 runs and scored 25. He also showed some power with two homers.

It was a remarkable turnaround from a year ago when he hit only .219.

"He made a huge improvement," Salter said. "As a junior, he'd swing at bad pitches, take strikes. This year he was the opposite. He was a good leader and hustled all the time whether we were winning or losing."

Karney also pitched, posting a 1-3 record with a 3.61 ERA. He struck out 40 batters and walked 15 in 31 innings. He has signed with U.D.

"He runs well, can play second, shortstop or third and he might play in the

outfield with the talent he has," U-D coach Bob Miller said. "I've had a number of kids who can run well that I made outfielders and they signed pro contracts."

Robert Septer, infielder, Redford Union: The three-year varsity starter had a dream senior season, breaking school records in seven categories: average (.505), hits (47), number of times on base (77), walks (30), stolen bases (27), doubles (11) and triples (seven).

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound offensive catalyst also led the Panthers with 39 runs scored and contributed 23 RBI. He was steady in the field and struck out only 16 times in 93 official plate appearances.

"Robert meant a whole lot because he was our inspirational leader along with his good play this year," RU coach Rick Beryman said. "He's not only a good hitter, but he bunts, steals and hits for power."

Septer was an All-Mega White Division selection.

Eric Pierce, infielder, N. Farmington: The senior first baseman had an outstanding finale to a four-year varsity career. He finished the season with a .560 batting average and 36 hits, which included five doubles and one triple.

Pierce, who will be a walk-on player at Michigan State next season, had an on-base percentage of .647 (48-of-74) and 17 RBI. He also scored 14 runs and made the All-Western Lakes team.

North Farmington coach Irv Horwitz said Pierce is the best player at his position in the 12 years Horwitz has coached the Raiders.

"Eric is probably the best player we've had in the last four years," Horwitz said. "With his great dedication and leadership, he was a real asset. The kids really looked up to him. He's an amazing fielder and had an outstanding year with the bat."

C.J. Ghannam, infielder, Harrison: The junior shortstop was a threat on the bases, setting school records with 51 stolen bases in 52 attempts and 37 runs scored.

Ghannam, another three-year starter and All-Western Lakes selection, batted .416 with 35 total hits, four doubles, a triple, two homers and 12 RBI. From the leadoff position, he also walked 14 times.

"His greatest attribute is his on-base percentage and his ability to steal second and third just about any time," Herrington said. "He has quick feet and is an excellent baserunner, and he can hit the ball."

Eric Bowman, outfielder, Franklin: One Western Lakes coach described Bowman "as the toughest out in our league."

Nobody could argue as the senior, who played outfield and infield, batted .482 (41-for-85) with 11 doubles, six triples and two homers. He knocked in 19 runs and scored 24. He was All-WLAA, too.

"Eric is a pure hitter with great hands and eyes," Franklin coach Jim Karoub said. "Once he learns a few more things, he's going to be a good college hitter. He's a tough-nut kid, who will knock the ball down, and has a strong arm."

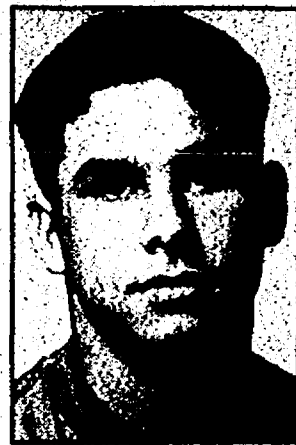
Bowman, who carries a 4.0-plus grade-point average, will attend Wayne State University on a Presidential Scholarship and play baseball.

He was also a first-team All-Observer pick in soccer who led the Patriots to a 15-7 record and their first Class A district title.

Mark Dietrich, outfielder, Stevenson: The junior helped the Spartans to their first Class A district crown since 1985. He finished the year batting .476 (40-for-84) with three doubles, one triple, 20 RBI and 31 runs scored. He was also 14-for-14 on stolen base attempts.

As a right fielder, Dietrich had 33 putouts and seven assists. He made four errors for a .909 fielding percentage.

"Mark was our team MVP, our best player this year," Stevenson coach Mike Keller said. "He sprays the ball to all fields. He also has good speed and uses his speed well where he beat out some hits."



Nick Latra
Farmington High



James O'Connor
Catholic Central



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Infielders: Mike Daguanno, senior, Catholic Central; Eric Pierce, senior, North Farmington; Robert Septer, senior, Redford Union; C.J. Ghannam, junior, Farmington Harrison; Chris Karney, senior, Catholic Central.
Outfielders: Eric Bowman, senior, Livonia Franklin; Mark Dietrich, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Robert Roth, senior, North Farmington.
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COLLEGIATE BASEBALL REPORT

Caesars salad

Cagnon leads 15-hit assault in 12-3 win

Little Caesars went crazy Wednesday, not with its bread, but with a 15-hit attack in a 12-3 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory Wednesday over Michigan Honig's at Ford Field.

Catcher Aaron Cagnon went 3-for-3 and knocked in three runs as Caesars improved to 5-8 in the LCBL.

Aaron Racey (Hillsdale College) added two hits, including a triple and three RBI. Aaron Babicz (Hillsdale) contributed two hits, two RBI and scored three runs.

Other hitting heroes for Caesars include Kevin Uzarski, two hits and an RBI; Adrian Williams, two hits including a

triple; Scott Carden, RBI double; and Phill Hannon, RBI single.

Winning pitcher Alex Orsette, who worked all seven innings, scattered seven hits.

Jon Marshall, who lasted 2 2/3 for winless Honig's (0-11), suffered the loss.

Honig's scored twice in the second on a double by Ryan Meredith and a homer by Robert Steinbrecher. In the third, John Miele doubled in Chris Kirian.

HINES PARK 7, DECISION 0: Steve Hornsberger turned in his second strong outing Wednesday as first-place Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury (12-0-1) blanked second-place Decision Consultants, Inc. (6-4-1).

Hornsberger, a Brighton native and

lefty from Central Michigan University, tossed a four-hitter over seven innings to notch his second straight win.

In his first LCBL start, Hornsberger carried a no-hitter into the seventh before Caesars broke up the bid with a one-out single. Against Decision, Hornsberger walked five and struck out five.

First baseman Stacy McCollum, a left-handed hitter from St. Andrew's University (N.C.), broke open a close game with a grand slam over the right field fence in the third inning off Steve Williams, the DCI starter.

Darrell Rocho had two of Decision's four hits.

RAMS 2, WINDSOR STARS 0: The Michigan Rams crossed the Detroit River on Wednesday night and defeated the Windsor Stars, a Class A team, in an

Adray Metro Baseball Association game.

Mike Hribinik (Birmingham Sea-holm/University of Michigan) pitched a one-hit shutout with four strikeouts, three walks and one hit batter.

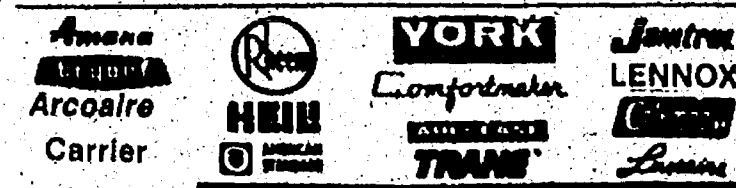
The Rams scored on RBI singles by Mark Lantzy (Lake Orion/Saginaw Valley) and Deandre Cooper (Allen Park Cabrini/South Colorado). Greg Rogers (Redford Catholic Central/Oakland University), who singled and stole a base, and Jason Horn (South Lyon), who doubled, scored the runs.

Schuyler Doaks (Detroit DePorges/Jackson State) went 2-4 to lead the Rams.

The win improved the Rams to 4-3 in the AMBA.

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SANDLOT ROUNDUP

Livonia Mantle topples Waterford with late comeback

Ryan Van Belle (Livonia Stevenson) knocked in the tying run with a bases loaded single and David Stando (Stevenson) forced the go-ahead run home with a walk in the seventh inning as the Livonia Baseball Club earned a 7-5 victory last week over Waterford in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation game.

The win improved LBC, a Mickey Mantle-age team (15-16 year-olds) to 4-2 in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation (Closed Division).

John Marlin (Stevenson) picked up the win in relief of Stando, who worked the first four innings. LBC trailed 5-2 after five innings before rallying for two in the sixth and three in the seventh (capped by Marlin's steal of home).

Indians romp

The Michigan Indians, a Koufax-age (13-year-olds) team improved their league record to 8-0 with a 2-1 win Wednesday over South Farmington in a Caesars Closed Division game at the Canton Softball Complex.

The Indians were now 24-3 overall and have outscored their opponents, 249-75.

Earlier in the week, the Indians traveled to Ohio and came away with a pair of double-header sweeps against the host 13-year-old Columbus and Dublin 13-year-old squads by a cumulative score of 44-14.

Members of the Indians include Greg Lenhoff, Phil Marrone, Jay Sofen and Oliver Wolcott, all of Plymouth; Jon Johnson, Bryan Kay and Jon Loos, Canton; Jason Allen, Danny Childs, Justin Ockerman, Garden City; Jon Judd, Wayne; Brandon Brock, Lathrup Village; Jason Rohraff, Northville; Andy Smith, Southfield; Blair Weiss, Farmington Hills.

The team is coached by Greg Lenhoff, Nick Marrone and Matt Smith.

Concealed starts 3-0

Redford Concealed Security's 9-10 year old Willie Mays Division baseball team remained in the winner's bracket of the

Mayor's Cup Tournament in Battle Creek by winning its first three games.

Concealed won two games on Thursday, 11-0 over Q Design of Illinois and 15-2 over Novi.

Shawn Murray (Redford) was the winning pitcher against Q Design, throwing a one-hitter with two strikeouts and four walks in four innings.

Dan Kapla (Royal Oak) pitched one inning in relief, striking out all three batters he faced. Chris Rigley (Redford) went 2-for-3, including a home run, with three RBI. Greg Hocking (Farmington Hills) and Mike Monterey (Farmington Hills) each went 1-3 with two RBI.

Anthony Volpe (Farmington Hills) scattered six hits, struck out four and walked one to earn the win against Novi. Monterey went 3-3 with a homer and triple. Kyle Miller (Redford) went 2-4 with an RBI and Kapla was 2-3 with an RBI. Volpe knocked in three runs and Murray drove in two while collecting one hit each.

In Friday's 15-6 win over the Wayne Bandits, Livonia's Phil Mabey threw a four-hitter with one strikeout for the decision on the pitcher's mound.

Miller had two doubles in three official at-bats and three RBI. Monterey was 2-4 with two RBI and Brian Dutton was 2-3 with one RBI. Andrew Soley and Volpe each contributed a triple for Concealed, which improved to 13-5 heading into a late afternoon game Friday.

Hornets stay undefeated

The Livonia Hornets improved their record to 4-0 in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation Connie Mack League with an 8-4 win on Wednesday over the Livonia Spitfires and an 8-3 victory on Thursday over Canton.

Justin Kerr leads the Hornets with a .714 average (10-for-14). The Hornets have a .393 team average.

The Hornets are playing Thursday night during the Livonia Spree at Ford Field Diamond No. 1.

Finesse takes 2nd in slo-pitch girls tournament in Tennessee

The Bryant Express Blazers of Little Rock (Ark.) proved to be a thorn in the side of Finesse in the 14-team U.S. Slo-pitch Softball Association National Invitational girls 16-and-under tournament held in June 14-16 in Smyrna, Tenn.

Finesse finished 4-2 overall with both defeats coming against the champion Blazers, 14-1 and 13-6.

Four Finesse errors in the championship game led to six unearned runs for the Blazers.

Finesse, managed by Bill Martin, scored wins over host Dobra's of Smyrna (16-1); the Lexington (Ky.) Wildcats (18-3); the Louisville (Ky.) Hit-N-Misses (12-5); and the Shepherdsville

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(Ky.) B.J. Bears (10-4).

Four Finesse players were named to the All-Tournament team including Stefanie Volpe (Plymouth Salem), who hit .625 (10 for 16) with five homers and 12 RBI; Christie Koester (Redford Thurston), who batted .462 (six for 13); Kristie Pawlowski (Walled Lake Central), who hit .538 (seven for 13); and Sarah Talbot (Garden City), who was named Most Valuable Defensive Player.

Pitchers Melissa Bako (Garden City) and Kristen Zabalavicius (East Detroit) each finished with 2-1 records.

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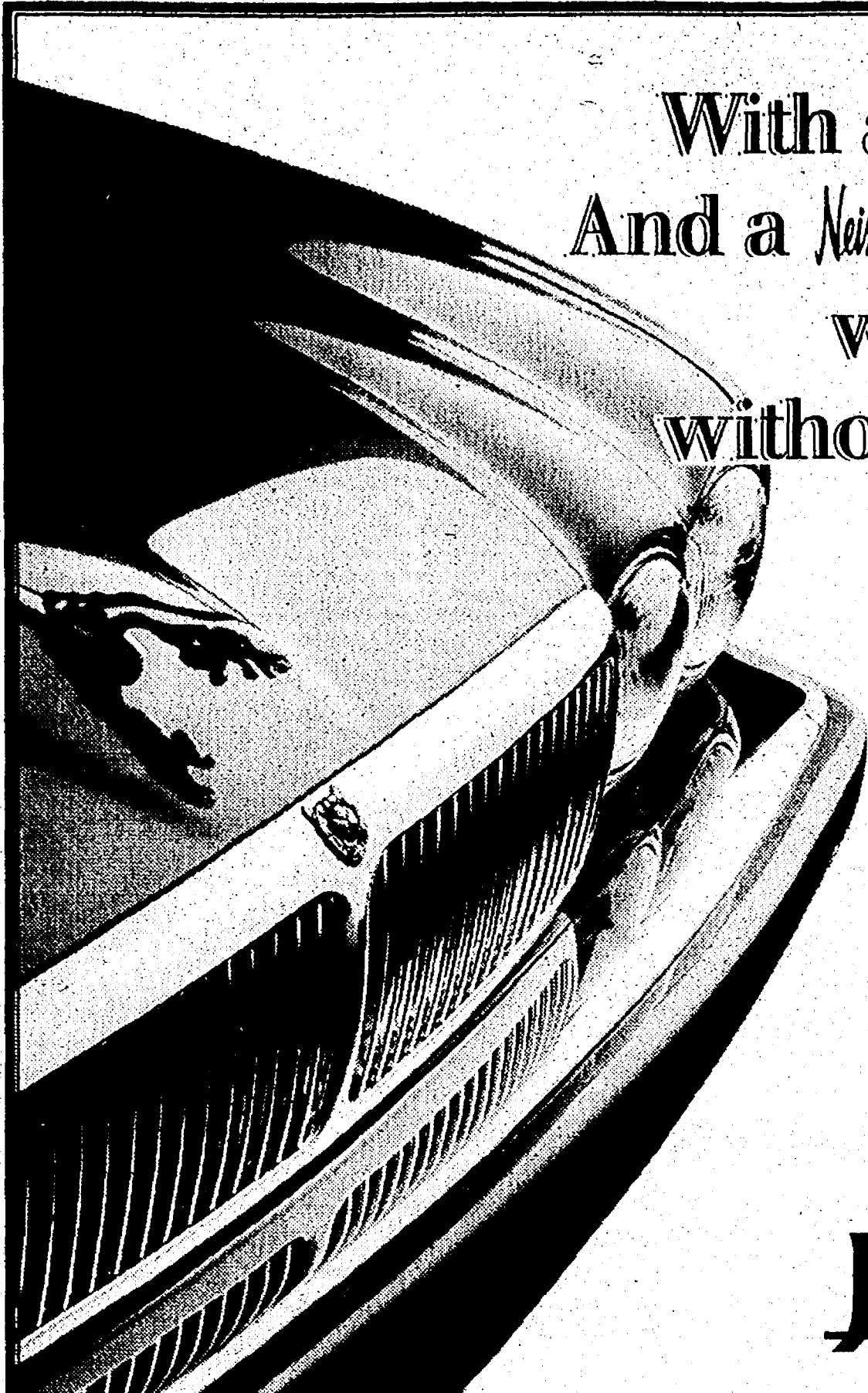
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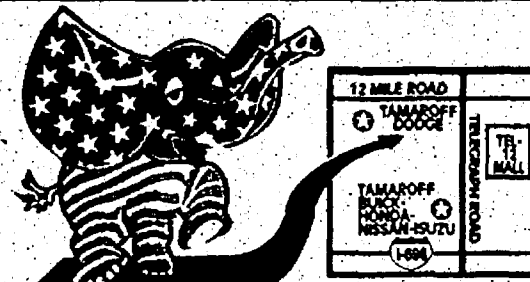
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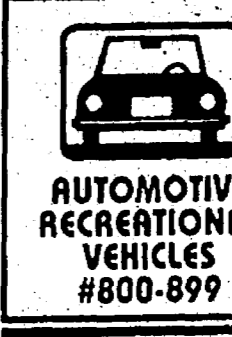
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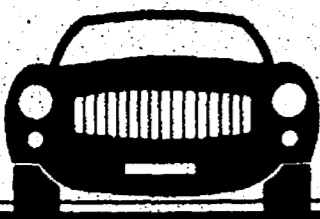
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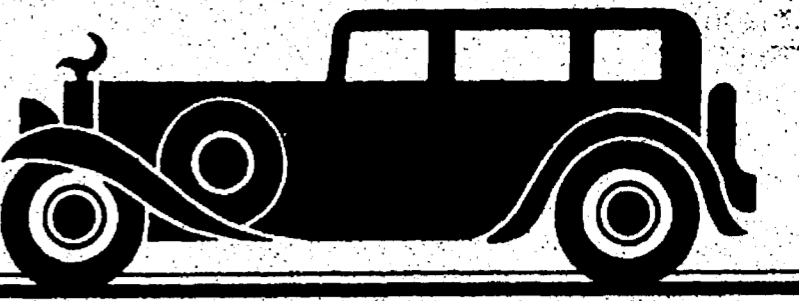
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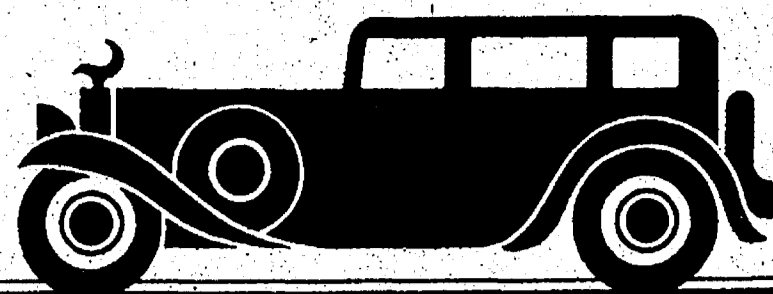
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CAR Report

Isuzu Rodeo is fun, yet practical

By Anne Fracassa
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You like sporty? You like fun-to-drive? You like sport utes with power?

Then you like the 1996 Isuzu Rodeo.

The quality of the build on the Rodeo, including the fit and finish, is outstanding. Those folks down in Lafayette, Ind., where the Rodeo is built, should be very proud.

Driven was the 4-wheel-drive model outfitted with the new 3.2-liter single overhead cam V6 engine that delivered 190 horsepower. That was adequate for a vehicle of this size and class.

The 3.2-liter is outfitted with fully sequential multi-point fuel injection. It gives you around 10 percent more horsepower over last year's models. The standard engine is a 2.6-liter 4-cylinder, but most people want the V6. It just makes sense for a vehicle like this.

Also standard is a manual transmission, but the V6 I drove had an automatic, which is a better choice anyway. The 4-speed automatic performed nicely during normal city driving, and entrance onto freeways was fine. There was enough power there to get you up to 55 or more to merge safely.

Standard this year on the 4-wheel-



ROAD TEST By Anne Fracassa

drive Rodeo is shift-on-the-fly, which means you can engage the 4-wheel-drive mode by pressing a button on the instrument panel — so long as you're traveling under 62 mph. It's something that all 4-wheel-drive vehicles will eventually have. Glad Isuzu got with the program.

With the 4-wheel-drive models, you'll get increased protection with skid plates mounted under the radiator, transmission transfer case and fuel

tank.

The ride is very, very nice — lots better than last year's model. Isuzu engineers increased the wheel track and changed the ratings on the shock absorbers and springs to achieve what amounts to a less-harsh ride than before.

The Rodeo also has front independent double-wishbone suspension and torsion bar springs with a stabilizer bar. Both front and rear, there are double-acting gas-assisted shock absorbers to provide a little more comfort to the driver and passengers.

Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are optional on all models. On the V6, however, you'll get 4-wheel disc brakes with rear-wheel anti-lock brakes as standard equipment. ABS is something everyone should have on their next new vehicle. The extra measure of safety ABS provides is worth the bucks.

Other safety features you'll find in the Rodeo — standard — are dual airbags, progressive body, frame and

engine absorption, side impact guard beams and a collapsible steering column.

On the exterior, you'll find smart styling and an aggressive front stance. The Rodeo sits on new 16-inch aluminum wheels this year that are really neat.

One of the features on the Rodeo I really liked was the swing-away rear tire carrier and how easy it was to get into the rear hatch. The door opens wide and cargo is easily accessed at your level.

The cargo capacity with the rear seat folded down is a whopping 74.9 cubic feet. About what you'll need for a weekend camping trip. With the rear seat up, you'll find about 35 cubic feet of cargo room.

And speaking of camping, the 3.2-liter engine, when outfitted with trailer brakes, allows the Rodeo to tow up to 4,500 pounds. With the 2.6-liter engine, you can only tow around 2,000 pounds.

Looks can be deceiving with the

Rodeo. Although it's only 13 inches off the ground, you feel like you're high up — much like a full-sized truck — when you sit behind the wheel. It wasn't much of an effort to get in and out of the Rodeo, as well.

Some of the nicer options available include air conditioning, a sunroof, limited slip differential, a six-speaker stereo system and leather seating.

Consider the Isuzu Rodeo is a practical sport utility that's perfect for anyone who wants a fun-to-drive vehicle.

1996 Isuzu Rodeo

Vehicle class: Sport-utility vehicle.

Power: 2.6-liter 4-cylinder engine. V6 is available an option.

Mileage: 15 city/22 highway is the range, depending on how the vehicle is equipped.

Where assembled: Lafayette, Ind.

Base price: \$17,340.

Choosing Gasolines

Does higher octane premium gas mean more detergents to keep your engine healthy? Not necessarily, says the Car Care Council. In most cars premium gas adds up to wasted money and resources.

For people who believe they're doing their cars a disservice by using less-expensive "regular" gas, the Council states that all grades contain engine-cleaning detergents, and most cars seldom need more than a good quality of regular, 87-octane fuel.

Exceptions to the rule:

- An older engine that has accumulated carbon in the combustion chamber, causing knocking or pinging under load. Higher octane can help, but sooner or later a more radical procedure may be necessary to remove carbon.

- Mechanical problems, sometimes due to a vacuum leak, overheating or emissions control system malfunction. Remedy: diagnose and correct the trouble.

- The engine needs attention. Remedy: have the engine diagnosed and serviced as required.

- The vehicle is designed for higher octane fuel. Remedy: use recommended grade of fuel.

Besides the cost factor, high-octane gas requires more crude oil per gallon to produce. It also creates more toxic hydrocarbons, something the ozone could do without.

So the next time you're debating at the pump and decide to give your car a treat with some expensive, higher octane gas, remember that a better investment of your money may be in routine preventive maintenance services.

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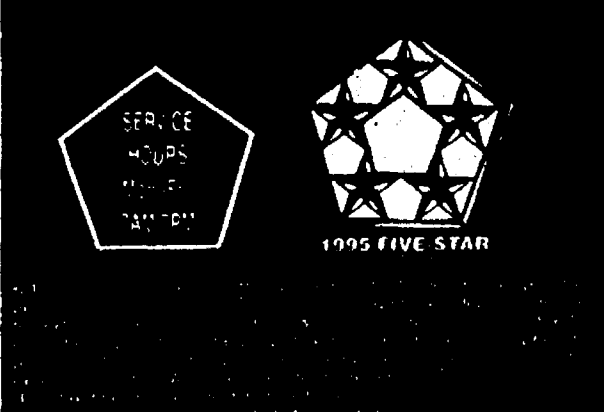
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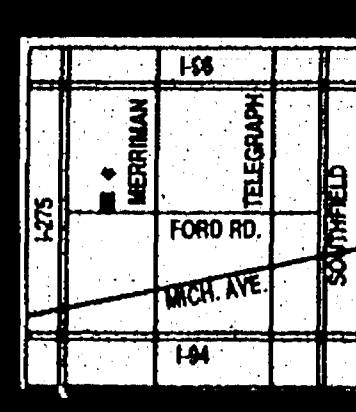
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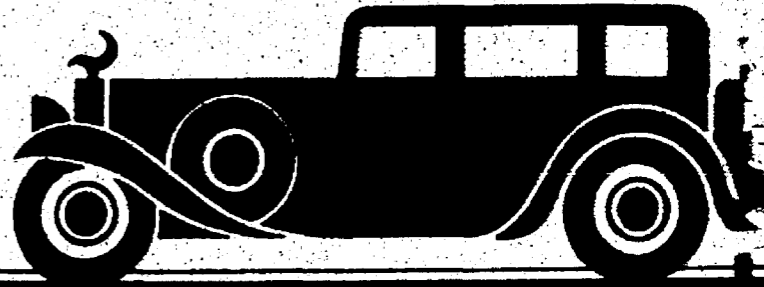
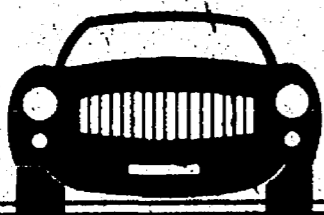
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