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Candidates to appear at public forums

The Plymouth Observer and the League of Women Voters are teaming up to bring township and state-wide candidates to the voters.

The Observer and the League are sponsoring candidates' forums on consecutive Wednesdays that will feature candidates for township trustee, supervisor, clerk and treasurer, as well as those running for the 20th District state House seat.

All forums begin at 7 p.m., and will be held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Here's the schedule:

■ July 12 — Plymouth Township Trustees. At press time, eight of the nine candidates had accepted: incumbents Chuck Curmi, Kay Arnold and Ron Griffith and challengers James Karell, Abe Munnfakh, Jerry Trumpka, John Morrison and Clayton "Pete" Stacey. Also invited: newcomer Charlene Helen Berry.

■ July 19 — Supervisor, treasurer and clerk forums will be divided into three times:

Supervisor, 7 p.m. Incumbent Kathleen Keen McCarthy and challenger Steve Mann have accepted.

Clerk, 7:35 p.m. Incumbent Marilyn Massengill and challenger Maurice Breen have accepted.

Treasurer, 8:10 p.m. Incumbent Ron Edwards and challenger Richard Reaume have accepted. Also invited: challenger Gerald Law.

■ July 26, 20th District state house. Challengers John Stewart, Dave McDonald and Matt Cowles have accepted. Teresa Polino and ... can be reached at the Observer, (734) 459-2700.

City hikes water rates 8.8 percent

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It's going to cost more to take a shower or water your lawn in the city of Plymouth.

City commissioners, at their Wednesday meeting in Kellogg Park, voted to increase water rates 8.8 percent for the average city water customer. That equates to an increase of \$7.92 per quarter, or \$31.68 a year.

The city administration reports the average customer is one who uses 18,000 gallons per quarter, which means the average quarterly bill is expected to jump from \$101.92 to \$109.84.

The basic ready-to-serve charge of \$11.56 per quarter does not change.

"The biggest portion of the increase relates to the purchase of water from the City of Detroit and the charge for sewage from Wayne County," said Acting City Manager Paul Sincock. "The

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rest is to pay off the bonds for our infrastructure repairs. This does not look at any major infrastructure programs for the near term."

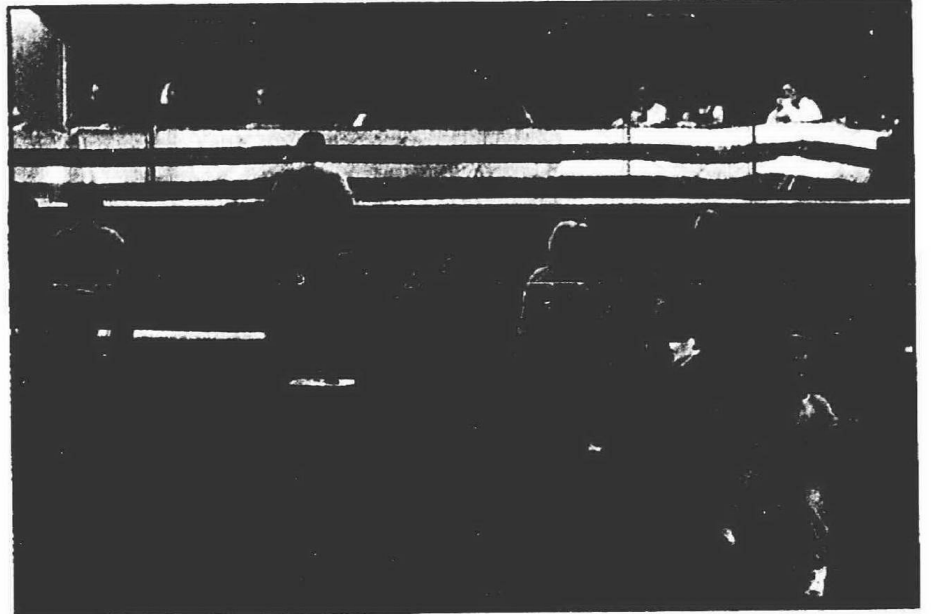
This year's increase is small compared to the 42 percent increase passed by commissioners last year as part of a plan to eliminate a \$900,000 water and sewer fund deficit.

In conjunction with the rate increase, commissioners passed a series of bond issues totaling \$1.7 million to erase the fund shortage and pay for sewer improvements.

The deficit was mainly the result of a 10-year span in which the city failed to increase water and sewer rates, despite receiving increases from Detroit and Wayne County.

"To have a rate increase every year isn't abnormal," said Commissioner

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Outdoor meeting: Andrew Kapanowski cruises on his trike as the Plymouth City Commission meets in Kellogg Park Wednesday.

Military tribute



Final salute: A member of the Navy Honor Guard salutes Julia Sanderson, sister of Jack Wilcox, following a final ceremony and the playing of Taps for the lifelong Plymouth resident at Riverside Cemetery Thursday.

Final farewell

Friends say goodbye to Jack Wilcox

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Eyebrows went up during funeral services Thursday morning for Plymouth icon Jack Wilcox when Wilcox himself spoke to the gathering of nearly 150 mourners at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

"I have had an enjoyable and rich life," said Wilcox. "Everyone ... starts out as a potential friend. I hope I have always done my part."

Heads turned as Wilcox spoke for about 10 minutes in a prepared speech recorded before he died.

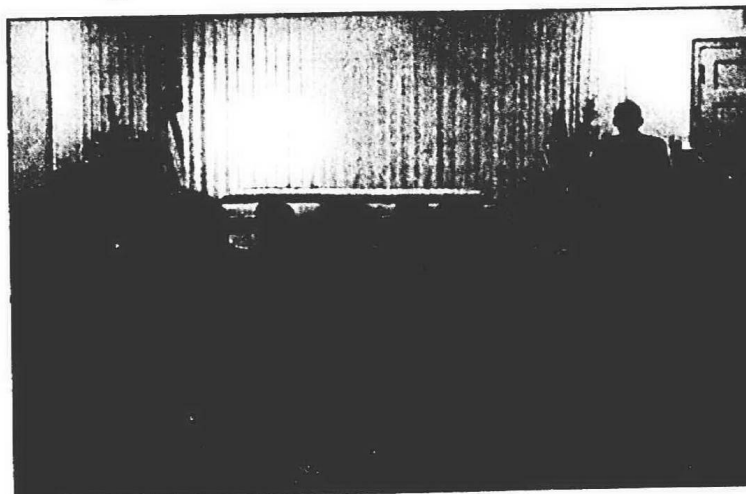
"I tried to live as a good citizen in my world, country, state and community," added Wilcox. "I hope my life has been an influence for good."

The chapel was crowded as many of his friends joined family members for the hour-long service.

"Jack was a very remarkable man. His light shined in so many ways in our city," said Sanford Burr in his eulogy.

Burr said Wilcox wanted people to remember

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Words of remembrance: Sanford Burr delivers the eulogy for Jack Wilcox at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth Thursday. Friends, family members and city commissioners paid their respects to the lifelong Plymouth resident and booster.

Booher gets high marks on evaluation

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Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Booher has been the district's chief executive for only five months, but she gets two thumbs up from the board of education and a raise for her accomplishments to date.

Trustees have released their evaluation of Booher's performance, matched against the superintendent's objectives that were established by the trustees in February for the duration of the school year.

"I just feel like we're in a whole lot better shape, and the morale among the staff is in better shape," said board member Mark Slavens. "I think Dr. Booher has done a great job, and I think our evaluation reflects that."

For her efforts, Booher was given a 4.1 percent pay hike. Her annual salary jumps from a negotiated \$125,000 when she was hired earlier this year to \$130,163.

Booher was graded on seven objectives, which were not intended to be fully realized during her first five months as superintendent. The written evaluation included the following remarks in each of the seven areas:

■ Board, staff and community relations: "The Board of Education believes that Dr. Booher has taken great strides to get to know the supporting customers and communities of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. Her strength is in communication skills. She has put a great deal of time and energy into the effort to meet, at least one time, with numerous internal and external groups."

■ Support the long-range planning process: "During this process, two primary goals were accomplished, a new mission and vision statement were written for the school district and new vision priorities were developed."

■ Instructional leadership and technology: "The Board of Education is very excited about the restructuring

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Mark Slavens
—Board member

—Board member

Canton, builder are ironing out final charter details

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It took longer than expected, but all the pieces appear to be in place for a deal that will allow National Heritage Academies to build a charter school in Canton.

The Grand Rapids-based company will put a single-story school near the northeast corner of Ridge and Ford roads.

As part of the deal, Canton

will buy 90 adjacent acres from Singh Development. The township has 40 acres of its own under option at Ford/Ridge and plans to combine the lots for Canton's seventh community park.

In return, Singh, a West Bloomfield firm, gets the right to build a senior living facility adjacent to the charter school.

A tentative deal was agreed to in late May. All three parties have been negotiating since to work out final details.

Each initially believed it would be completed by mid-June.

"We're extremely pleased," said National Heritage Academies' Director of Marketing Jeff Poole. "It's a win for everyone, including parents, the township and students."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack agreed.

"For us," he said, "it's a good trade-off. It's a win-win for everybody."

Singh attorney Bryan Amann was unavailable for comment Friday.

National Heritage sued Canton April 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court over the right to build. The lawsuit was filed after township trustees rejected plans for a charter school at Warren and Ridge roads in mid-March.

It was the second such rejection National Heritage received from Canton. A site at Beck and Hanford roads

was denied last year. In both cases, trustees said the lot was too small and they cited potential road impacts.

When the two sides appeared to be at an impasse, Amann and Singh entered the picture. The Canton attorney, who deals with the township extensively in development projects, pitched the idea of a three-way agreement.

While National Heritage,

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THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Art extravaganza: Art in the Park celebrates its 20th anniversary with 450 artists and 50 volunteers who will turn Plymouth's downtown streets into a festival of the visual arts July 14-16.

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what he accomplished during his lifetime: five years working as a guide at Greenfield Village; 10 years with the Lincoln-Mercury division of Ford Motor Company; retiring as a Navy captain in 1973; his service to the city of Plymouth as a commissioner and a member of several boards and commissions; being inducted into the Plymouth Hall of Fame as well as named the city's first Citizen of the Year, with the award being named after him.

"We would be here all day if we listed all the things he had done," said Burr.

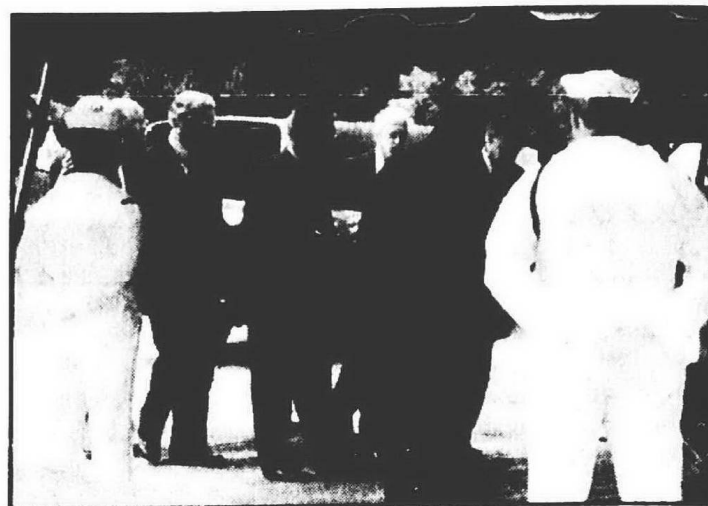
"Jack treasured friends and friendship above anything else," added Scott Dodge. "Jack lived a frugal lifestyle ... he scrimped and saved and put away everything for

somebody else."
Dodge mentioned, but did not give details of, a contract Wilcox signed shortly before his death, for plans concerning the Wilcox House on Penniman Avenue.

"Jack had a plan put in place in 1980. Everything Jack acquired, except for what goes to his family, will be put into a trust for the Plymouth community," Dodge told the gathering. "Jack wants to shine long after he is gone."

Wilcox, 83, died June 30 from congenital heart failure.

He was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth in his Navy uniform, with military honors by a Navy honor guard.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

To rest: Pallbearers carry the casket of Jack Wilcox to a gathering place near the flag at Riverside Cemetery for a final ceremony and the folding of the flag draped over the coffin.

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plan for the Department of Instruction. The plan has very clear and well-defined supervision and responsibility guidelines and should lead to a better instructional support system in the district.

Business and Operations: "The Board of Education is very pleased with the restructuring plan separating these two district functions. We believe that a solid foundation has been created in both these departments

which will serve the district well in the future."

Employee relations and personnel: "The Board of Education believes that progress made towards this objective is in its early stages. We have a great deal of confidence in the superintendent's ability to connect with people, and fully expect this objective to have more impact in the future."

Building and site projects: "The Board of Education likes

the monthly update on the building projects, they are articulate and succinct."

High school strategic planning: "The Board of Education fully expects major work on this objective in the fall of 2000."

In addition to Booher's pay hike, the board of education has given the district's two top administrators the same 4.1 percent pay increase.

Pat O'Donnell, the assistant superintendent for instruction,

will see his salary jump from \$109,062 to \$119,192, becoming the second-highest paid employee in the district. Among his increase is \$5,400 for becoming the district's deputy superintendent in a restructuring of the organizational chart.

Errol Goldman, the assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, will receive an increase from \$109,062 to \$113,516.

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the township and Singh were all excited about the proposal, Yack said it took a lot of bargaining to complete the deal. Singh, in particular, wanted concessions the township wasn't willing to grant, he commented.

"They threw everything at us," said Yack. "But we held tight."

In the end, only minor changes were made.

National Heritage, for example, was forced to move the school further west along Ford. That eliminated the township from receiving a small parcel of land, approximately five acres, for its park.

"It was so small," Yack said, "it was really insignificant."

Several things must happen before the deal becomes official.

First, Canton's Board of Trustees must sign off. The board will likely consider the deal at a July 18 special meeting.

Once approval is granted, Poole said it would go in front of a Wayne County Circuit Court judge. His firm's lawsuit is still pend-

ing against Canton, meaning a judge must issue a "consent agreement."

Once legal issues are settled, National Heritage will be under the gun to open a facility for the coming school year.

It currently holds a charter from Central Michigan University to create a school. But Poole said National Heritage could lose that charter if a building isn't in operation by this fall.

It will not be possible to open a permanent facility in that timeframe, he added. The company plans to use "portable" classrooms on its 10-acre site until a school is built.

"They are actually quite nice," Poole said.

A meeting will be held with Canton and area residents Tuesday by National Heritage to help determine the number of portables needed to start the year.

"We had huge demand last year for a school," Poole commented.

He was unsure how long the portable units would be used. Poole said the school would begin as a K-5 facility and eventually

go up to grade eight.

He's just glad National Heritage will finally be coming to Canton.

"I credit the township," Poole said. "They've been excellent to work with."

As for Canton, it will pay for a majority of the 140 acres for a park. About 40 percent of the money will come from a state Department of Natural Resources grant, while the township picks up the other 60 percent, said Yack.

Canton will pay Singh \$31,000 to \$33,000 per acre for its land.

The firm, which currently has one senior facility in operation and another under construction, gets the right to build a third. Yack said it will likely be some time before the assisted living care development is built.

As part of the deal, Singh will also have an easier time developing a large single family housing project at Warren and Hanford roads, Yack said.

Volunteers needed

MEPPS, the prescription drug program for qualified seniors that gives three months of free prescription drugs, urgently needs a few volunteers to assist with filling out forms.

Volunteers would work for two to three hours, three to four times monthly.

For more information, call or leave a message at (734) 455-7526.

Stamp club meets

Detroit historian Ellen Howell gives her annual program when the West Suburban Stamp Club meets July 21 at 8 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Park-

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way in Canton.
The club meets the first and third Fridays each month at 8 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Annual dues are \$6 for adults, \$1.50 for juniors.
For more information about the club, check out its website, www.oonline.com/~pnj/wssc.html.

Arts Council hosts exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council

sponsors an art exhibit, "The Way I See Things," by Northville artist Lee Bartlett, through Aug. 2 at the PCAC Main Gallery.

After graduating Cass Tech High School, Bartlett entered Meinzing Art School. After two-and-a-half years of commercial art training, he got an apprenticeship at New Center Art Studio in the Fisher Building.

The PCAC exhibit features more than 30 watercolors, gouache and acrylics ranging in price from \$125 to \$675.

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Bill Graham. "We probably should expect future increases to be between 4 and 8 percent, depending on the rate increase from Detroit and Wayne County.

"We're probably going to see increases whether they are pass-along rate increases, or to pay for debt increases or capital improvements."

In the report to commissioners, Finance Director Mark Christiansen indicates "the proposed rates contain no estimate for any capital improvements ... Although we have cured our cash

deficits from a year ago December, we have barely enough cash to cover receivable balances and will not generate any additional cash reserves with the proposed rate increase ... Any (bond) issue exceeding \$1 million will require the issuance of a bond rating, and the failure to show substantial cash reserves will have a negative effect on that rating."

Graham, and other commissioners, want to see a plan for future water and sewer improvements before building cash reserves through rate increases.

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THE RACE FOR PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Incumbent Edwards asking voters for shot at 2nd term

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Though Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards believes in getting a good return for taxpayers, he is proudest of persuading fellow board members to approve advanced life support for Plymouth Community Firefighters.

Edwards, who seeks his second term in this year's election, jump started the discussion last fall.

"The fire chief was held back," said Edwards. "I ran with it and took the heat for doing it. If we didn't ask for it in quick fashion the standards were going up and the cost was going up."

Edwards circulated an impromptu petition at his counter where residents signed and indicated their support. Many expressed surprise firefighters weren't trained paramedics.

Closer to his profession, Edwards said he changed the treasurer's office significantly in his first term.

"First thing going in I made sure that the money was deposited in the bank on a daily basis and everything was accounted for," he said. "They weren't balancing correctly prior to me taking office. They used to take money out of petty cash. That's not the correct way to balance. I stopped that right away."

He made sure money was in higher rate interest accounts than one percent. "When I took office \$8 million was in 2 percent or less accounts," he said. "When you can make that type of earnings, you have that responsibility."

His campaign slogan in 1996 was, "It's easy to make a dollar, it's difficult to make a difference." He defeated incumbent Mary Brooks by 159 votes.

During his term, Edwards asked people make out checks to the "township" rather than the "treasurer" for internal control purposes. He put in automatic water billing to allow people to pay bills automatically without penalty.

"Over the past 3 1/2 years my efforts have resulted in lower



Term seeker:
Incumbent Ron Edwards is trying to hold off a challenge and hang on to his treasurer's seat. He is being challenged by State Rep. Gerald Law and political newcomer Richard Reaume.

solid waste fees and township taxes, elimination of \$50 and \$100 building bonds and park bonds, and an increase in yearly township interest of over \$600,000."

Edwards wants to see soccer fields at M-14 and Haggerty and a public swimming pool. "We talked about an ice rink at township park and a wading pool close to pavilions where you could do things," he said.

Edwards organized the township's fourth annual picnic July 4 at Plymouth Township Recreational Park. He's founder of Plymouth's Make A Difference Day, held the fourth Saturday in October. The group collected funds for the Salvation Army and tried to fix soccer fields at Farrand and Allen School.

He recognized complaints about Sunshine Honda's expansion on Ann Arbor Road and a planned unit development at Five Mile and Haggerty. "In both cases we learned after the fact that the people were upset," Edwards said. "For myself I hadn't heard about it. Nobody had contacted me about it. I had no idea it was going on. If people who elect us want us to work for them, they have to let us know what is going on."

Residents have complained vociferously about traffic on residential streets off Ann Arbor

Road. "In a 10-minute period I saw two cars come out of Sunshine Honda and speed right by their houses on Northern. That's ridiculous. If Sunshine Honda wanted to do the right thing, he would tell people not to go down that street."

The Five Mile and Haggerty planned unit development should have been handled differently, he said. Sometimes all people want is a meeting to better understand what is going in, he said.

"Somebody missed the boat in township hall by not notifying Lakepointe Homeowners Association to make them involved," said Edwards, who lives on Schoolcraft. "I'm against widening Haggerty Road. It will only bring more traffic down Haggerty near Lakepointe."

Edwards is a 1977 graduate of Eastern Michigan who received his certified public accountant's license in 1981. He became a partner in a CPA firm at age 27 and also ran a water and waste treatment chemical company in Detroit for three years that is now out of business.

Edwards is knocking on doors talking to constituents. He plans to spend more than \$1,000 on his campaign.

Edwards and wife, Mary, have lived in the township since 1982. They have four children.

State Rep. Law seeks return to board with township challenge

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State Rep. Gerald Law wants to bring back the standards he supported when he held local office in Plymouth Township.

Law, 56, is being term-limited, and has set his sights on the Plymouth Township treasurer's office, currently occupied by Ron Edwards. He previously served four years on the township board, including 18 months as supervisor.

"There's a real leadership problem in the office of treasurer," Law said. "It's no secret that the (clerical) employees forming a union, which we never had, was due to the conduct of Mr. Edwards and things of this nature."

Law prefers to look at the treasurer's position from a business aspect. He has B.S. and M.B.A. degrees in business and finance from the University of Detroit and a law degree from Wayne State's law school. He has done financial analysis for Ford Motor Co.

When Law was a Plymouth Township official, there was a personnel evaluation program that promoted people fairly, he said. "There were a lot of people who spent a lot of years developing that employment system that has fallen apart. You have to be able to deal with these issues."

Edwards isn't a team player, Law said. "That came out early when he wanted to run the treasurer's department independently of the finance department that was set up under Rosemary Harvey, who was the finance director for many years," he said. Harvey is now director of administrative services.

"He could not justify giving her the proper bank statements and to reconcile stuff. The supervisor doesn't have the backbone to handle it. We don't have a finance director in Plymouth Township. Most of the major townships have two finance directors, not just one."



Coming back: State Rep. Gerald Law is challenging Ron Edwards for the treasurer's spot.

There is no checks-and-balance system now, he continued. "We did reconciliation month to month, literally weekly. It has not been handled properly in the township because they cannot handle Mr. Edwards and his personality," Law said. "The problem now is that only he knows how much money there is."

The township has accumulated the largest fund surplus in the history of the township, 40-50 percent. "The Michigan Townships Association only recommends that you have a 10-20 percent fund balance," Law pointed out.

"Mr. Edwards will tell you he's making record interest," Law said. "That's right. He's got my money. They have hoarded a ton of money, yet they all approved going out for three mills in 1998, which would have doubled the tax rate in Plymouth Township. Now some of them are saying, 'We didn't know how much money we had.'"

Law thinks the township's recreation program needs improvement. The township

could work out agreements with adjoining communities on what recreation programs could be shared, he said.

"We used to have arts and crafts in the park that drew 250 kids," Law said. "We don't have that anymore. I think that it cost us \$10,000. You don't have to spend a lot of money to do these things."

He suggested that the township provide some money for the sidewalk repair program, advocates dual water meters, and televising board meetings.

"Board members ran eight years ago on televising it. They don't have to be live. I don't see the problem with taping it and showing it a few times. I sit at home and watch the city all the time. Everybody loves to watch TV and they are all surfing like me."

Law plans to go door-to-door and spend \$5,000-\$10,000 on his campaign. "I am not ready to retire," he said.

Law is married to Christina, a special education teacher in Dearborn. The couple have two daughters, Jennifer and Katherine.

Newcomer Reaume hopes to use his involvement as springboard

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Richard Reaume, candidate for Plymouth Township Treasurer, stresses his involvement in the community, team building, money management and a master plan.

He says he wants to bring honesty integrity, and experience to the job.

Reaume is juggling being a father to three adopted girls who are siblings, being a local businessman, and a Schoolcraft College trustee.

"If elected I will resign my position at Schoolcraft College," said Reaume, 50.

He's involved in the Plymouth-Canton school system, participates in the PTO, and sits on a school nutrition committee that checks on meals. Kids like pizza and nachos, best, by the way, according to the candidate.

He recently received a parent volunteer award from Central Middle School.

Carving his day to include volunteer activities, he also cleans up a stretch of Beck Road.

"From my heart, I have always been involved in my community," Reaume said. "We need to move the township forward with cooperation and progress. I will be a steward for the township and will get citizen input. We need family recreation and senior programs. We need to implement technology. We have unsettled labor contracts."

The treasurer position is the best fit for him, Reaume said. He also took out nominating petitions for supervisor and then withdrew them.

"In a campaign you are trying to get your message to the public," Reaume said. "This is a grassroots effort run by me basically from my dining room table with my own checkbook." He expects to spend more than \$1,000 on advertisements, mail-



New to the scene: Challenger Richard Reaume seeks his first elective office.

ings, lawn signs, and personal appearances.

"My main thing will be team-building and cooperation and efficient money management," he said. "I will cooperate with citizens, local government and the school district to develop joint community programs and improved gateways."

He pointed to Canton Township's creativity. He likes to have citizen groups help make decisions.

Here's a look at some of his views:

■ The WTUA agreement is a good agreement because the township needs capacity. "It is still a good idea to be self-sufficient and not rely on the outdated Detroit system," he said.

■ On development projects like the Sunshine Honda rezoning on Ann Arbor Road and the Five Mile and Haggerty planned unit development: "We don't always like the message. Everybody is a taxpayer there. It was handled according to the letter of the law.

The PUD is the best alternative because it allows the township greater control.

"A community exists when there is a mix of residences, commercial and retail," Reaume said. "You can't just put houses everywhere. Industrial provides higher revenue per land use."

■ Citizens want more information. "Let's use technology to deliver it to them. Trustee Ron Griffith has pushed for a Web site," he said. "Computers can deliver information instantaneously and simultaneously."

■ Increase joint services. "The community should pool what we want. Let's cooperate with our own government. Let's improve our employee relations. If those people are angry are they going to do the job?" he asked.

■ He wants community improvements, including a new township hall. "How much is spent on maintaining the present old buildings?" Reaume asked. "Ann Arbor Trail and Canton Center is the township center, perhaps a township hall should go there. What about the Massey land at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty? That's a gateway to the community. If the present municipal complex is vacated, then a new fire station could be built there."

■ Televising board meetings

■ "Why do we know now that we have three extra million dollars in the sewer fund? Why at election time do we lower our water bill for three months during summer months only?"

Reaume holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas and a bachelor of science in finance from Wayne State University. He owns World Wide Express, an authorized reseller of Airborne Express services.

He's worked for IBM Corporation, Southfield, O/E Learning Inc., Troy, and Dynatek, Inc., Livonia.

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OBITUARIES

PAMELA NUTTALL

Services for Pamela Nuttall, 47, of Plymouth were held July 8 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Sligmins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.



Pamela Nuttall

Mrs. Nuttall was born Sept. 30, 1952, in Detroit and died July 4 in Plymouth. She was an infection control specialist at Oakwood Hospital for five years. She was a medical technologist and supervisor of bacteriology at St. Mary Hospital for 20 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1976 from Farmington Hills. She was clerk of session at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She was active in the Plymouth schools and was president of the P.F.O. at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth. She loved to travel and entertain friends and family. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, aunt, and friend. She had the ability to make and keep friends all over the world.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Nuttall of Plymouth; two sons, Timothy J. and Kevin T. Nuttall of Plymouth; parents, Travers and Laura Allen of Plymouth; one sister, Cynthia McBurney of Plymouth; two nephews, Christopher and Steven McBurney; her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Nuttall of Novi; and friends, Kay (Howard) Kane of Plymouth, Kay Scobel of Livonia and Rosalind (Dennis) Peters of Trenton.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JEANETTE G. THOMAS

Services for Jeanette G. Thomas, 89, of Daytona Beach, Fla., were held July 3 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mrs. Thomas was born June 14, 1911, in Kalamazoo and died on June 28 in Daytona Beach, Fla. She lived in Plymouth for over 40 years. She retired from Domestic Service in Plymouth where she worked from 1947-81.

She was also a press operator for Daisy Air Rifle Co. for several years in Plymouth. She was a member of the ladies auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post No. 6695 where she served for many years as chaplain. She enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Goodrow of Knoxville, Tenn., and Rita Wentz of Deleon Springs, Fla.; three brothers, Jimmy Amos and Ted Amos of Kalamazoo, and Chuck Amos of California; three sisters, Iris Bailey, Beverly Carlson and Donna Snow of Kalamazoo; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Plymouth; one son, Michael (Doris) Cavin of Canton; two sisters, Alberta (Frank) Thomason of Mt. Morris, Mich., and Loretta Alfaro of Westland; and three grandchildren, Tracey, Sarah and Shaun Cavin of Canton.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JOE ANDERSON BARTON

Services for Joe Anderson Barton, 74, of Canton took place July 7 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Washtenaw Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Mr. Barton was born May 5, 1926, in Memphis, Tenn., and died on July 3 in Wayne. He was a machine operator for Evans Products in Plymouth. He came to the Canton community in 1944 from Kentucky. He and his late wife, Hazel, were married for 55 years. He enjoyed family reunions and driving in the country. His hobbies were fishing, gardening and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel, in 1999. Survivors include his son, Joe

Anderson Barton Jr. of Ypsilanti; one brother, Charles Barton of Missouri; two grandsons, Joe Anderson (Colleen) Barton III, and Adam Barton of Howell; and several nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JASON J. PESANT

Services for Jason J. Pesant, 25, of Canton were held July 3 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth of the First Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Pesant was born Sept. 7, 1974, in Wayne. He died on June 30. He was a manufacturers technician for the automotive industry.

Survivors include his parents, Jay and Deborah; two brothers, Justin and Nick, and his grandparents, Lillian Pesant, Joe and Daisy Sargent.

Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

DUNCAN ALAN GRAHAM

Services for Duncan (Dunc) Alan Graham, 50, of Harrow, Ontario, formerly of Plymouth, were held July 1 at the Gerald A. Smith Funeral Home in Harrow with Rev. Michael Kudlas officiating. Cremation was at the Windsor Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Graham was born April 22, 1950, in Strathroy, Ontario. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Elinor (Ellie) Graham.

Survivors include his daughters, Leigh Ann Graham, Shelley Graham and Valerie Graham,

all of British Columbia; one brother Don (Andrea) Graham of Northville; two sisters, Janet (Michael) Kudlas of Portage and Martha (Larry) Lepine of Traverse City; one grandson, Elijah Duncan Graham of Lesperance; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements were made by Gerald A. Smith Funeral Home.

MAE A. COREY

Services for Mae A. Corey, 91, of Plymouth were held July 7 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Cremation and burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., alongside her late husband.

She was born May 4, 1909, in Lansing and died July 4 in Farmington Hills. She came to the Plymouth community three years ago from Washington, D.C. She lived in Washington, D.C., for 65 years. She was a buyer for the Hecht Co. in Washington, D.C. The Hecht Co. was owned by the May Co. She retired from the May Co. after 40 years of service. She attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth and was a member of several women's retail business associations.

Survivors include her sister Ida Abraham of Plymouth and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church pipe organ fund.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. C-2000-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE C-2000-05; PROVIDING FOR ASSUMPTION BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE (PUBLIC ACT 230 OF 1972, AS AMENDED) WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BEING DESIGNATED AS THE ENFORCING AGENCY TO DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH UNDER THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, AS CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MAY ISSUE COMPLAINTS AND WARRANTS AND PROSECUTE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE WITH THE SAME POWER AND AUTHORITY AS FOR PROSECUTING LOCAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO SERVE NOTICES OF VIOLATION, APPEARANCE TICKETS AND UNIFORM LAW CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVING OF ANY PENDING LITIGATION OR CAUSES OF ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

- SECTION 1. Repeal of Ordinance C-2000-05. This Section provides for the repeal of Ordinance C-2000-05. SECTION 2. Name: State Construction Code. This Ordinance shall be known as the Plymouth Township State Construction Code Administration and Enforcement Ordinance. SECTION 3. Administration and Enforcement: State Construction Code. This Section provides that the Charter Township of Plymouth shall administer and enforce the State Construction Code in Plymouth Township. SECTION 4. Enforcing Agency Designation: State Construction Code. This Section provides that the Building Official is the enforcing agency. SECTION 5. Township Attorney: State Construction Code. This Section provides that the Township attorney can prosecute for State Construction Code violations. SECTION 6. Code Enforcement Officer: State Construction Code. This Section provides that the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to write tickets for State Construction Code violations. SECTION 7. Retention of Fines: State Construction Code. This section provides for the retention of fines imposed for violation(s) of this Ordinance and/or the State Construction Code. SECTION 8. Violation and Penalty. This Section provides for penalties for violations of the Ordinance. SECTION 9. Repeal. This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict. SECTION 10. Severability. This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance. SECTION 11. Savings Clause. This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance. SECTION 12. Publication. This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. SECTION 13. Effective Date. This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2000-06 considered for first reading at the June 27, 2000, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2000. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone # (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for District-Wide Trash Disposal and Recycling. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Goby, Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, in the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Publish: July 2 and 9, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE 1954 PA PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements on Burger and Micol Drives and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The project consists of approximately 1650 feet of existing gravel road along Micol Drive from Haggerty to the end of the existing right-of-way and along Burger Drive from Micol to Ann Arbor Trail to be paved with bituminous concrete. The proposed improvements shall consist of two-lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Micol and Burger Drives consists of Lots 2 through 13 both inclusive, and Lots 22 through 34, both inclusive of Burger Estates, Liber 75, Page 56, as well as parcels within Applecrest Subdivision, Liber 68, Page 66, with the following parcel numbers: 064-01-001-002, 064-01-0002-002, 064-01-0002-003, and 064-01-0003-002, located in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36 of T. 1S., R. 8E., of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42850 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Twp., Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$125,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

MARILYN MASSENGILL Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 (313) 453-3840

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Discovery Middle School Furniture. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions should be directed to Brian Goby, Procurement & Project Analysis Coordinator, in the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. For additional information, please contact Roche LaVictor, Principal of Lowell/Discovery Middle School at (734) 416-2890. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR July meeting Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0750 X217

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Wayne County Clerk's Office Elections Division is accepting nominating petitions for candidates for Trustees for the Plymouth District Library Board.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and residents of the City or Township of Plymouth. Four nonpartisan seats will be up for election on November 7, 2000. Not less than seventy-four signatures of registered voters from the City and Township are required to place a candidate on the ballot. The deadline for filing petitions is 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2000 at the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Elections Division. Current Trustees whose terms are ending are Joe Gilmore, Steve Harper, Hugh Harsha, and Deborah Taracuk.

All four seats will be for terms beginning on January 1, 2000. One will be for a two-year term ending December 31, 2002. The remaining three will be for four-year terms ending December 31, 2004. Candidates will be asked to designate which term they are running for.

The seven-member Plymouth District Library Board provides public library services to all residents of the Plymouth Community at the Dunning-Hough Library in downtown Plymouth. The Library is funded by a 1.665 mill property tax levied district-wide and has annual operating and debt retirement budgets totaling \$3,100,000 in 2000.

For further information on the Library and activities of the Board, contact Pat Thomas at 734-453-0750, ext. 281. Blank petition forms can be obtained from either the City of Plymouth Clerk or Plymouth Township Clerk. Petitions must be filed at the office of the Wayne County Clerk. For additional filing information contact Wayne County Clerk, Elections Division at 313-224-5525.

June 29, July 2 and 9, 2000

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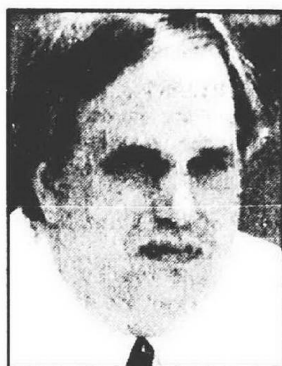
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OPINIONS

Ron Edwards has earned re-election

When we began looking for reasons to endorse incumbent Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, we found one of the best in remarks from an unlikely source: challenger Gerald Law.



Ron Edwards

During an interview with this newspaper, Law, the term-limited state representative who is attempting to continue his public career, said, in essence: "Of course Ron Edwards can point to higher interest earnings. When he took over, there was practically none. There was nowhere to go but up."

And that's the point, isn't it? The township needed a better investment strategy, one that got their investments rolling, and Edwards, who unseated Mary Brooks in the 1996 election, found a way. In 1995, the township's interest income was around \$800,000. Last year, it had risen to an all-time high of more than \$1.4 million.

Those look like pretty good numbers to us. There are other changes Edwards has instituted that have streamlined the treasurer's operation. He has made the treasurer's office more customer-friendly in terms of service and accessibility. Customers wishing to pay their bills actually get to see the treasurer's face now; that hasn't always been the case.

The township is in good financial shape now, and the treasurer gets the credit for that. If the financial situation were poor, he'd certainly be getting the blame. It's how politics works at the township level.

There are other reasons to like Edwards. He championed advanced life support training for Plymouth Township firefighters, a cause this newspaper supports. He led the more recent effort to cut the sewer rate, a move opponents say is politically driven in an election season.

But as Law himself said, incumbents frequently have some advantages. The reasons behind Edwards' effort are less important than the fact that residents will see a direct savings.

He's one of the driving forces behind what we feel is one of the township's best events, the annual Old Fashion Picnic. Although he gets plenty of help, including the volunteer efforts of township board members and citizens alike, Edwards is the linchpin.

Now take a look at his challengers. Richard Reaume is a relative newcomer, although he serves as a Schoolcraft College trustee. He points to 30 years' experience with technical, sales and management positions which include budgeting, long-range planning and profit-loss responsibility.

But nothing in his resume indicates he might be ready to step in and handle a township budget. But we applaud Reaume's enthusiasm.

And then there's Law. On the outside, there's a lot to like. He's a former board member, he spent 1 1/2 years as the supervisor and he's certainly acquired a vast working knowledge of the political arena. However, his political background, in our belief, works as his biggest disadvantage.

Plymouth Township doesn't need a career politician who is seeking to feed at yet another public trough. Law has, in our opinion, abused his mailing privileges, inundating Plymouth Township residents with an unprecedented number of mailings, skirting the law by not actively campaigning but making sure his photo is on every piece a number of times.

At last report, some residents had gotten eight mailings from Law in the last four weeks alone; some legislators don't do eight mailings in a year.

There are questions about whether Law will hang around long, he could run for his House seat again in two years. It's not worth the risk to township voters.

There are concerns about Edwards. His personality can, at times, be bombastic. He and the other township board members have never really explained any plan for the millions of dollars they have in the fund balance at the moment, and those issues need to be addressed.

The question to ask is this: Is Plymouth Township better off financially than it was four years ago? Yes. Did Ron Edwards have anything to do with that? Again, we believe the answer is yes, and we endorse Ron Edwards for township treasurer.

Commission scores big with outdoor meeting



BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth City Commissioner Colleen Pobur thought she had a good idea when she suggested recently the commission conduct one of its meetings in Kellogg Park.

After the commission did just that Wednesday,

Pobur looked like a genius.

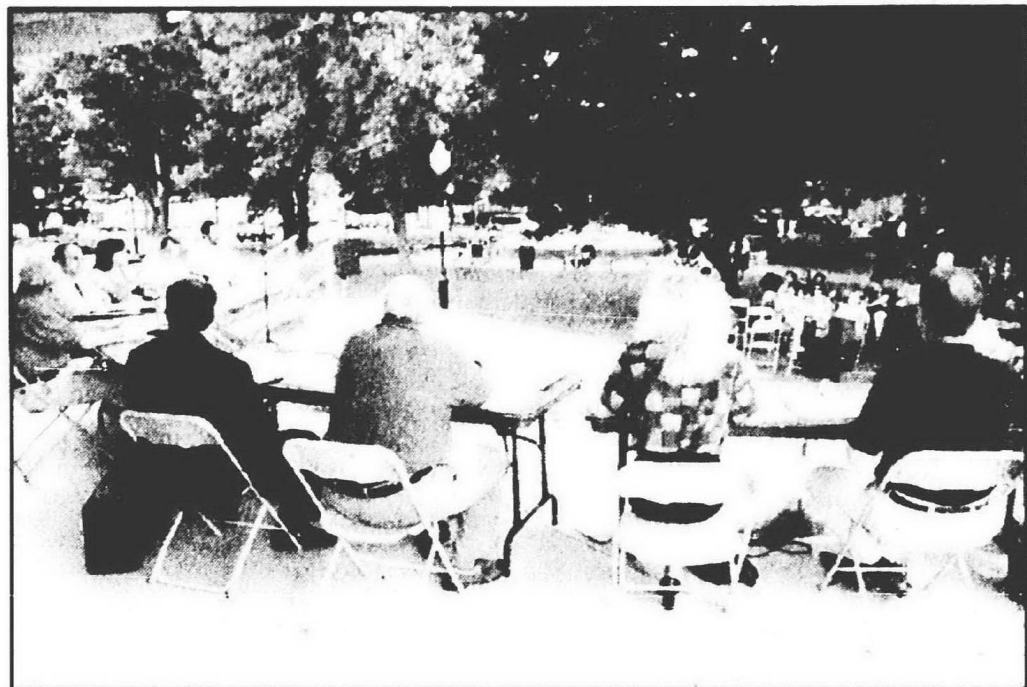
The setting couldn't have been more natural: a stage set up in the city's most beautiful and popular resource. There were people in the park, the weather was perfect, city workers did a great job setting up the sound equipment, and a crowd actually sat down to watch.

The only thing chirping louder than the birds was the commission itself. In a 90-minute swirl of activity, commissioners dispatched city business, including an 8.8 percent hike in the water rates, in a friendly fashion with smiles and congeniality all around.

Maybe it was the outdoor setting. "This is a place that is so emblematic of our community," Pobur said. "It's a source of pride."

Before the city business got started, commissioners took time for some personal comments. Pobur used the occasion to recognize the city employees — 65 full-timers and 45 part-timers — for their efforts. She pointed out, and rightly so, how different circumstances are in the city these days.

A year ago, for instance, the commission had to up water rates 42 percent to cover a huge debt in the water/sewer fund. That fund is now stable, and the city, historically awash in red ink, carries a \$300,000 fund balance.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSBERMAN

Outdoor meeting: The Plymouth City Commission conducts its business alfresco at its Wednesday meeting.

Commissioner Sean FitzGerald and Mayor Dave McDonald shared memories of the late Jack Wilcox, who died last week. McDonald, a retired Army officer, recalled sharing war stories with Wilcox, a captain in the Navy.

A couple of dozen people showed up, easily one of the biggest audiences to watch the commission in recent memory. Many of them came to hear discussion of the water rate hike or the city's recreation master plan, which they adopted. But some of them just happened to be in the park that night,

and found it interesting to see the commission in action.

They picked a good night for it. The commission Wednesday night was everything local government should be. They made decisions with dispatch and obvious preparation. They were amiable and jocular, good-natured and quick-witted. They got bogged down just once, but even that actually turned humorous.

Score one for Pobur and her good idea. But score an even bigger one for the commission as a whole.

LETTER

Great picnic

Applause, applause to the founders, the many working volunteers, the businesses and organizations that participated for a fabulous Fourth of July picnic celebration.

Very organized waiting lines for hot dogs, pop, munchies, ice cream and such all with "smiling" faces. Babies, small children, parents, teens, grandparents all enjoying the atmosphere and all this with no complaints, just patience and understanding.

What a delight to see this happening in the beautiful park setting. Games for all, young and old, the prizes, gifts and freebies for the participants and spectators. How fortunate I am to be able to be an individual who was able to witness this fete.

Thank you once again, Plymouth Township folk, for inviting me to a most pleasant and memorable afternoon at your party.

Donald Funke
Plymouth Township

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If you own a home — or you have assets worth at least \$100,000 — you owe it to yourself — and your family — to get the facts on living trusts. If you think you're protected with a simple Will — think again. A Will *cannot* that your estate will go through probate, which means that your family may not be able to take possession of your estate for many months, or even years!

Plus, if your estate is over \$675,000, your family may owe estate taxes which could amount to \$7,550.

This means that your family may have to sell some assets just to pay the estate taxes!

A living trust avoids all this by avoiding probate and minimizing estate taxes. Plus a living trust will protect your estate if you become incapacitated during your lifetime by avoiding a conservatorship. This means that your estate will be managed as you see fit, not as a court-appointed guardian sees fit.

To find out more about the benefits of living trusts, attend one of these free seminars.

FREE SEMINARS					
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Prosecutor rules Thomas didn't violate election laws

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Beard

Thomas

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas didn't violate election laws when he mailed campaign postal cards asking voters to support him in his race against incumbent Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, a prosecutor has ruled.

Thomas, accused by Beard of implying he is the incumbent, was cleared of criminal wrongdoing in a June 28 decision by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Frank Bernacki.

"I would hope that this puts an end to this matter and that we will not see future claims of misconduct that are unsubstantiated," Thomas said.

Bernacki issued his ruling six

days after Beard, commission vice chair, asked county prosecutors and state elections officials to investigate her claims of campaign improprieties.

Beard accused Thomas of implying he is the Democratic

incumbent on mailings that read, in part: "Cast your vote for Robert J. Thomas, Wayne County Commissioner, District 12, serving Garden City, Inkster and Westland."

Beard said the word for should've been placed between Thomas' name and the office he seeks.

"Indeed," Bernacki wrote, "it would be clearer if the word for were inserted after his name and before Wayne County Commissioner, but the lack of this word does not give the impression that he is claiming to hold that position at this time."

Bernacki ruled that the mailing "does not amount to a criminal violation," and he wrote that he consulted with a state elections official who shared his

interpretation.

In a statement, Thomas said, "As I stated before, there was never any intent to claim to be the incumbent commissioner on my literature. If Kay really believed that was my intent, then I again apologize."

Thomas pledged to Beard that he will use the word for on all other literature.

"I would hope that she would return the courtesy by focusing on the issues of this campaign instead of trying to find any small, perceived infraction of rules," he said. "There are more

important things that our residents are concerned about, such as transportation, health care, prescription discounts, roads and county services."

Beard issued a statement saying she was "pleased that the prosecutor agreed that the wording of the postcard was misleading and could be better stated."

"Many, many people in District 12 called after receiving (Thomas') cards because they believed he was trying to present himself as the incumbent," Beard said. "I pursued this matter with the appropriate officials,

and I am reassured that state election officials do look out for such violations."

Thomas had dismissed Beard's complaint as "petty," but Beard fired back that "like me, state election officials believe it is never petty to keep the election process free of false impressions."

Beard said she is "pleased that Mr. Thomas has corrected his subsequent pieces. I'm also pleased for his sake that his first mailing did not violate the letter of the law."

Registration opens for triathlon

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Registration forms will be available this week for the first annual Newburgh Lake Wayne County Triathlon, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 20, at the lake and in adjacent Hines Park.

Forms will be distributed at the Nankin Mills park area and various other sites, said Barb Farrah on Friday.

The spokeswoman for the Wayne County Department of Environment said forms also would be available online at several Internet sites this week.

The Web site www.signmeup.sports.com is the only one for signing up online and also paying the registration fee with a credit card, she said.

Applications also will be at www.waynecountyparks.com

and at www.rougeriver.com, Farrah said. However, "you can only print off a copy of the application" at those sites and must mail it with the entry fee, she said.

The triathlon is co-sponsored by the environment and parks departments in co-operation with the Friends of the Wayne County Parks.

The triathlon - a half-mile swim, 3.1-mile foot-race and 14-mile bicycle race - has generated a lot of interest. It is the first event involving swimming in the lake since Newburgh was dredged two years ago to remove contaminants.

Sheila Taormina of Livonia, 1996 gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic relay swim team member, will participate, Farrah said.

The county health department has given the go-ahead for the

swimming competition, though heavy rains just beforehand may abort that portion, Farrah said. Public swimming still is not allowed.

The entry fee for the USA Triathlon-sanctioned event is \$40 for USAT members, \$45 for non-members. The minimum age is 15 years.

Relay teams - men's, women's, mixed and family, including company teams - also are welcome, Farrah said.

The team entry fee is \$55. Awards will be presented for best overall performance and to the top three finishers in each of the 14 age groups.

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Legislators knocked for 'pork barrel' bill

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A "supplemental budget," applying \$393 million in state money to projects not originally called for in the budget, has won the approval of Michigan lawmakers.

The proposal got plenty of criticism for being a "pork barrel bill" and a "Christmas tree" bill. But in the end, lawmakers adopted it 29-9 in the Senate and 102-4 in the House.

The bill provides funding for a number of southeast Michigan projects. Among the largest expenditures is \$10 million the Detroit Zoo. The money will pay for an "Arctic Ring of Life" exhibit, a conservation center for amphibians and an animal health complex.

The budget also includes \$50,000 for a Regional Communications Emergency Operations Mobile Command Post for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. The funds will improve the county's command post by providing computer tracking for on-scene operations, a microwave video system and a radio communications system to coordinate the efforts of emergency personnel.

It also includes \$255,000 for local Boys and Girls Clubs. The funds will help pay programs dealing with substance abuse, counseling, reading readiness, health and smoking prevention. Boys and Girls Clubs included are those for Southeast Michigan, Orion/Oxford, North Oakland County, South Oakland County, Huron Valley and Troy.

The budget includes \$2 million for the construction of the Combined Regional Emergency Services Training center, already under construction at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus. The project, already under construction, is a \$7 million simulated city for the training of police and fire personnel.

ber of projects that set off controversy and charges of pork barreling. Included were:

- \$5 million for the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.
- \$500,000 for upgrades at the Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee.
- \$5 million for the demolition of abandoned buildings in Detroit and other cities.
- \$3 million to upgrade the St. Aubin Marina in Detroit.
- \$9.6 million for arts and culture grants in several cities, including Lansing.

Senators argued the bill gave just enough to a variety of lawmakers to assure its passage.

"There is simply too much in here for too many people for this not to pass," Sen. Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said. "I would argue that is precisely why it should not."

Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, defended the budget from charges of pork barreling.

"Every project in there is important to the district it is in, and to the state," she said. "If we are going to build a building, it has to go somewhere. It can't levitate."

The supplemental budget adds \$393 million in state money, but also allocated other funds, such as federal grant money, for a total appropriation of \$614 million.

Voting yes in the house were Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, did not vote.

Voting yes in the Senate were Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, voted yes.

Voting no were Sens. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

Famous ad man takes swipe at Metro

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Metro Airport and Northwest Airlines, both heavily criticized over the last several years, again have come under the national spotlight's glare.

This past week, both were targeted by a nationally known New York advertising executive Jerry Della Femina, who vented his anger at the airport and the airline via an opinion column in the Wall Street Journal.

In a bitingly humorous July 5 harangue, which lambasted airports and airlines in general and Metro and an unnamed airline in particular, Della Femina said Detroit "has the world's second most unpleasant airport - it was nosed out by Calcutta's, which is infested with snakes."

He wrote of arriving at a Metro departure gate 12 minutes before his flight was to leave, but "The harriidan behind the desk declared that I'd missed my plane because they had closed the doors. And she certainly wouldn't be opening them again for a passenger who arrived three minutes past the airline's

(fake) deadline. The plane then squatted in the bay for the next 35 minutes, not moving an inch. God knows when it took off, but in that airline's log the plane had doubtless left 'on time."

In a telephone interview with the Observer, Della Femina, whose Della Femina Rothschild Jeary Advertising had \$192 million in billings last year, acknowledged Northwest was the carrier. However, the incident he described was but one of two, he said.

"I had flown Northwest before" and had had few problems, he said. But after the visit to Metro, "I felt I knew what Hades is really like."

Daughter's game

He had gone there after addressing the Adcrafters Club that November day, planning to fly home and join his wife in watching his 14-year-old daughter and her basketball team play for the league championship, he said.

"I got treated so nicely by people at the ad club, but then I get to the airport and it sours," he said. "There are very few signs and directions (at Metro). You

just race and run" to get to the departure gate. "All I know is, I was a long way away" from it.

When he reached the gate, he pleaded with the Northwest agent to open it, but she was "just real nasty," he said.

"She just packed up her stuff and walked away," he said.

"But there was another incident that was even worse," he said.

After making apologetic phone calls home and changing planes, he had walked halfway to the gate when a nagging thought made him turn around and return to the ticket counter. When he asked the clerk if that gate had the New York flight, she started laughing at him "because she thinks it's funny I'm about to get onto a flight for Minneapolis."

Was 'furious'

It seems the gates had been switched and he wasn't told, he said: He had already missed his daughter's game and "I was furious."

"That's when I decided Metro had just been nosed out by" the Indian airport with the snakes, he said.

The service and conditions at airports today is "a serious problem," said Della Femina. "No airport is any good these days."

But his Detroit visit left an indelible impression, he said. After speaking in Toledo earlier this year and then being driven to Metro to catch his flight, his host suggested they get some coffee.

"No, no, we can't," he replied. "Look, we have an hour and a half" before departure, said his host.

"Not at this airport," cracked Della Femina. "They'll take the plane away."

Northwest spokesman Matt Friedman responded, "We're sorry that Mr. Della Femina had less than a perfect experience on our airline. We agree with him that Detroit needs a new airport facility."

"That's why we're building a new midfield terminal, and when it opens next year it will be among the world's best airport facilities."

"And we hope that we have the opportunity to serve him better the next time he flies on Northwest," Friedman said.

Clarification

Ned Apigian of Dearborn Heights was incorrectly identified as Fred Apigian in a graphic about Democratic Party candidates in the Aug. 8 primary election for the 9th District Wayne County Commission seat in last Thursday's editions.

Fund-raiser

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will be the guest speaker at a Metro-Wayne Democratic Club campaign fund-raiser 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Fire Academy Brewery & Grill, Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland.

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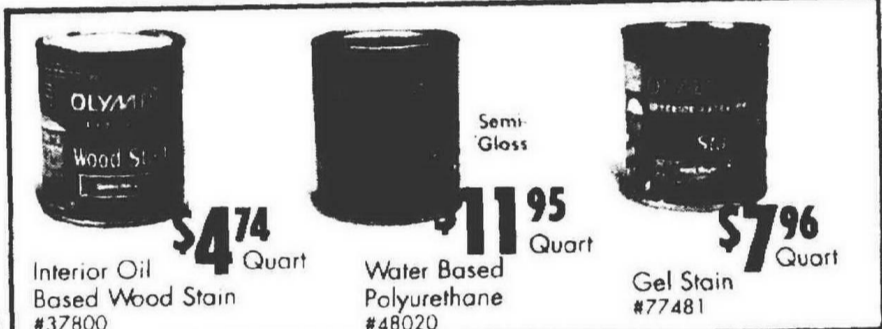
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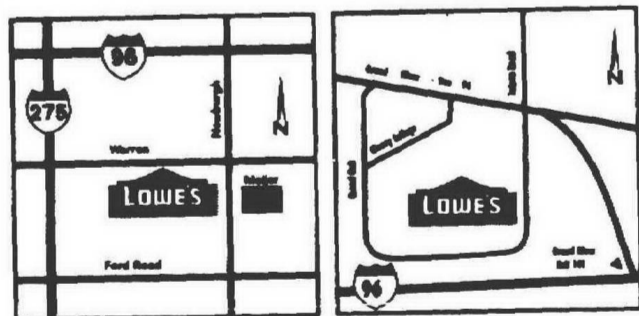


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Thunderbirds soar

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds, a 12-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, won five-straight games to collect the championship trophy at the Riverview Summerfest Tournament June 23-25.

Lindsey Seageren's double scored Whitney Gould with the game-winning run in the championship game against host Riverview. Crystal Rohn had three hits in the game, one a triple, and Season Barnes added two hits and got the pitching win, striking out 15.

Other team members are Lindsay Boudreau, Brittny Cates, Chrystal Rohn, Lindsey Bennett, Stephanie Brown, Lauren Delapaz, Madison Dresser, Kaitlyn Huddas, Laura McKendry, Claire Ostrowski and Brittany Scero. The team is coached by Jim Brown, Cos Delapaz, Tony Gould, Rich Rohn and Bob Huddas. Ray Barnes is the team manager.

The win gives the Thunderbirds a berth in the upcoming USSSA World Series at the Canton Softball Center.

The T-Birds were also winners of the 12-and-under home run derby. That team consisted of Boudreau, Cates and Rohn.

Ambassador picked

Lucas Krajicek, a defenseman for the Compuware Ambassadors, was chosen third overall by the Peterborough Petes in the annual Canadian Hockey League's import draft.

Krajicek, who totaled five goals and 22 assists for the Ambassadors, was one of 30 Czech players selected.

"Lukas is right at the top of the list of the most skilled players I've had the privilege of coaching," said Compuware coach/general manager Mike Vellucci.

The Petes are members of the Ontario Hockey League's East Division.

WSSL division champs

The Plymouth Wildcats 13-14 year-old boys soccer team completed a perfect season with a 3-1 triumph over the second-place Livonia team in the Western Suburban Soccer League.

The win allowed the Wildcats to finish 8-0, earning them their second-consecutive championship with an unbeaten record. They scored 73 goals while allowing just 12.

Justin Bailey, Casey Johnson, Bryan Bolger and Steve Hogg, all forwards, combined to score 26 goals while midfielders Nick Rowe, Jason Volstromer, Robert Ball and Mike Shea dominated in the midfield and were nearly as productive offensively.

Jason Burke, Mike Jahn Marcus Jones and Eric Niemiec rotated to fill several key spots in the lineup, with Nick Nazradi, Alex Grutter and Mark Pikulski anchored the defense, together with keeper Steve Pappas. George Shea coaches the 'Cats.

Canton boosters meet

The Plymouth Canton HS Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Lower Level Room 1 of the Canton Municipal Building. All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend these meetings.

For further information, call Angela Koerner at (734) 416-9120, or visit the club's web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/football.

Gus Macker tourney

The Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 19-20 at Heritage Park in Taylor.

Gus Macker Tournaments are held to benefit local non-profit agencies. Money raised from this tournament will benefit Community Care Services (CCS), a community mental health and substance abuse agency located in Lincoln Park, Belleville and Taylor.

Volunteers are needed to work as scorekeepers, "Gus Busters" (referees and court managers), as well as setup and cleanup.

Activities for the non-playing family members, such as a swimming pool, petting zoo, fishing pond and playground, are available for the families of those who come to participate.

Players must register by July 28. Brochures can be picked up at the Taylor Recreation Department or Sheridan Center. Teams can also register online at www.macker.com

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Lakers wreck Spartans' hopes, 8-4



The Metro Summer Hockey League is in full swing, and the Spartans had an ideal chance to stay near the top of the standings. Unfortunately, the Lakers had other ideas about that.

A win Wednesday over the Lakers would have kept the Spartans within striking distance of the first-place Huskies.

But three goals by Scott Curtin (from Redford) and two more by Brad Wolfe (Canton) propelled the Lakers to an 8-4 victory in a Metro Summer Hockey League game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For the Lakers, it was their first win of the season; they are 1-2-2. The Spartans suffered their first defeat, falling to 3-1-1.

The Huskies lead the MSHL with a 6-0-0 record and 12 points; the Spartans' seven points puts them second, just ahead of the Wildcats, who are 3-3-0 (six points).

The Lakers opened up a 3-0 lead over the Spartans on goals by Wolfe, Brian

Jardine and Curtin. Twice the Spartans managed to trim the deficit to two goals, but they could get no closer. Curtin's two third-period scores pushed the Laker lead to 7-3 and clinched the victory.

Other Laker goals came from Brian Sommariva and Chris Libett (West Bloomfield). The Spartans got goals from Josh Thompson (Waterford), Jason Weber (Livonia), Tony Keshishian (Plymouth) and Matt Krupa.

Bulldogs 11, Wildcats 2: The Bulldogs improved to 2-1-1 by opening up a 7-1 lead through two periods and coasting to a win over the Wildcats Thursday at the Cultural Center.

Brian Grant (Livonia) scored three goals and Eric Bratcher added two more for the 'Dogs. Tory Milam, Mike Schmidt (Livonia), Ryan Lukiewski (Livonia), Brent Wishart (Canton), Matt Grant (Livonia) and Ian Smith (Rochester) each added single goals.

Phil Osier (Plymouth) was in goal for the Bulldogs; Will Hamele was in the net for the Wildcats, who got goals from Brent Bessey (Canton) and Timothy McMillin.

Wolverines 8, Broncos 5: The Wolverines scored four-straight goals to turn a 2-1 deficit to a 5-2 lead, then they held

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Fond farewell Salem's Robinson heading to Dexter

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He remembers one of his first days on the job as athletic coordinator at Plymouth Salem vividly: watching a Rocks' boys basketball game and thinking, "Wow! I'm in charge of all this."

At the same time, John Robinson was trying to figure out exactly what he was in charge of, and where the heck it was. "I really didn't know where anything was," he recalled.

"Russ Maxwell took me by the hand and led me around, showing me everything," Robinson said.

Those kinds of relationships are among Robinson's fondest memories in his 4 1/2-year tenure at Salem. Robinson has accepted the position as Dexter HS athletic director. His official approval by the Dexter board of education will come July 17; he'll start his new job July 24.

Maxwell wasn't a top administrative official. Indeed, the retired Maxwell — who still helps run soccer matches at Canton and Salem — was just a part-timer. But there were a lot of people like him who left a deep impression on Robinson.

"I feel I made a lot of friends," he said. "I'll miss a lot of people."

His reason for leaving is a practical one. "It's a move up, definitely," Robinson said. "It's financially better."

"But I really wanted to be closer to my family. My son, Matt, will be in ninth grade this fall and he'll be playing football, and my daughter, Erin, will be in middle school. She's interested in softball."

Seeing them play was a major part of Robinson's decision. His family lives in Chelsea, just six miles from Dexter; currently, he drives 35 miles each way to Salem.

"The time goes by so fast," he said.

Robinson took over in January of 1996 when Gary Balconi left prior to the start of school in the fall of 1995. No successor was immediately hired to succeed Balconi; instead, his duties were temporarily absorbed by district athletic director Brian Wolcott and his assistant, Sue Heinzmann, who also serves as director of athletics at Canton HS.

That scenario could be repeated this year, although it's not certain. Robinson won't turn in his resignation until his hiring at Dexter is official.

Robinson replaces Lori Hyman at

Dexter. Hyman was hired as the new Livonia Stevenson AD, replacing the retiring Roger Frayer.

For Robinson, the Salem position was his first of this sort in athletic administration. Prior to taking over at Salem, he had served as the coordinator of the athletic training service at TRACC, which is affiliated with Botsford Hospital in Farmington.

Before that, he was a teacher and a coach (football and baseball) for seven

years. There were a lot of good candidates who interviewed for that job, including Ed McCarthy."

Robinson considered both carefully before deciding to put Landefeld in the girls position and McCarthy in the boys. Landefeld, whose wife was a doctor in the U.S. Air Force, was forced to resign after the 1999 season when his wife was transferred to a base outside Kansas City.

Robinson hired Joe Nora as the



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Movin' along: Salem athletic coordinator John Robinson didn't coach the teams that excelled, but he hired a few of the coaches that guided those teams — like Ed McCarthy, Joe Nora, Doug Landefeld and Tom Teeters.

years. Little did Robinson know that the sport that would thrive the most during his time at Salem was one he knew little about: soccer.

"I didn't know anything about soccer until I came into this neighborhood," Robinson said.

He got a quick lesson. The Rocks' boys team twice advanced to the state championship game in his four seasons.

Robinson had to hire three new soccer coaches in the past four years, with the retirement of longtime coach Ken Johnson, and he's come up with some solid choices.

"I felt good about that," said Robinson. "My first hire was Doug (Landefeld)."

Rocks' girls soccer coach and this past season, Nora guided Salem to a 14-3-1 record and a ranking in the state's top six.

Another notable coaching hire: Tom Teeters in volleyball, who has taken Salem to the state quarterfinals in each of the past two seasons. Also: Greg Wochuk has been elevated to the varsity wrestling coach's position.

Wochuk was in fact the head coach last season, with Ron Krueger retiring the previous year. But Krueger agreed to oversee the operation another year and help coach, essentially grooming Wochuk for the job.

Other longtime coaches, like Bob

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New AD knows the area

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Lorraine Hyman enjoyed her first experience as a student at Livonia Stevenson High School so much that she wanted to come back and do it again.

This time, however, Hyman will become the school's new athletic director. She is replacing Roger Frayer, who recently retired after 23 years.

Hyman, who spent the last five years as athletics and aquatics director at Dexter, officially starts her new duties Aug. 1, but has already been laying the groundwork for the 2000-01 school year.

"There was one, and only one place I'd leave Dexter for, and that was



Lori Hyman
new Stevenson AD

That appealed to me. And the thing I love about the community are that people are down to earth, but yet have diverse philosophies."

Hyman is currently in temporary

quarters — the Stevenson training room — until her office is repainted. She moves into her position along with new Stevenson principal Steve Archibald, who takes over for Dr. Dale Collier.

"I look forward to working with Steve because I feel his leadership skills are perfect for Stevenson," Hyman said. "My biggest challenge is going to be the transition. July is the time to get things nailed down. I'm trying to organize and hopefully my style fits in with what has already been established."

Hyman will inherit some of Frayer's duties with the 12-school Western Lakes Activities Association where he served as the league's historian. Frayer was in charge of ordering all WLAA

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Golf rules everyone will love

There are rules to just about everything.

Parliamentary procedure follows Robert's Rules of Order. Card games are according to Hoyle. Boxing allegedly adheres to the Marquis of Queensbury rules.



PAUL BEAUDRY

The only game without rules is TEGWAR, a card game immortalized in the movie "Bang the Drum Slowly" designed to fleece pigeons from their money (The Exciting Game Without Any Rules).

Golf is no exception. For the most part, players follow those established by the United States Golf Association or the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

However, there are exceptions. Just about every golfer occasionally fudges a stroke. But there are those people who go above and beyond the call. Way above and beyond.

Why? I don't know. Maybe they're too embarrassed to post their real score. Maybe they want to win all the time. Maybe they think we're stupid.

It doesn't matter if you're golfing at Western Golf and Country Club or Idyl Wyld, at Fellows Creek or Westland Municipal, at Glen Oaks or Glenhurst.

We all know people who play by their own rules and think other golfers are too stupid to notice.

After careful research, I've figured out pretty much what these rules are. If you know any of these golfers, you don't have to confront them. Just tell them you've read their rules and you understand.

When they question you, just quote the rule number. When they ask what rules, you can respond: "YAGGWRR — Your Abominable Golf Game Without Real Rules."

1. I must make sure to break 90 or come close to it.
2. I must play with people who aren't going to challenge my score.
3. What water?
4. Two duffed shots count as one full stroke.
5. Seriously, what water?

6. No matter where I hit the ball into a lateral red-staked hazard, I am allowed to drop at the end closest to the hole with a lie better than placing the ball on a tee.

7. Oh, that water. It's standing water. Free drop.

8. White stakes are almost always sometimes out-of-bounds.

9. Rolling the ball in the fairway is not permissible.

10. Rolling the ball in the rough is.

11. It's just standing water. Those people aren't fishing, they're working on the drainage system.

12. No matter what I've scored on a hole, my score is based on what I think I should have had.

13. If a putt is conceded by my

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Now's the time to think about fall permits



OUTDOOR INSIGHTS
BILL PARKER

It probably seems a little early to start thinking about fall hunting licenses. Heck, walleye and salmon are biting on the Great Lakes and panfish and bass are keeping anglers busy on our inland waters. But if you don't consider your options now, you may just get left behind.

Fall turkey and antlerless deer applications went on sale July 1 and the deadline to apply for a fall elk hunting permit is July 15. The antlerless permit application period lasts July 1 through Aug. 1, and there are several major changes in store for hunters this year.

For starters, the Department of Natural Resources has decided to move away from the unlimited antlerless licenses that have been available in recent

years. There will still be an unlimited number of permits available in Deer Management Unit 452 (the tuberculosis zone), but hunters will be limited to three antlerless permits in the rest of the state.

In addition, the price of an antlerless permit has been increased to \$6. Over-the-counter sales are currently taking place at the 1,700 license dealers across the state.

Turkey talk

Changes are also in store for fall wild turkey hunters. With a healthy, growing flock approaching some 140,000 birds the DNR has decided to issue a record number of fall turkey permits for the 2000 season.

"The continuing growth and expansion of the turkey population allows for a continued increase in turkey hunting recreation," said Al Stewart, upland game bird specialist with the DNR. "A total of 37,233 licenses are available

through a lottery for the fall turkey hunting season. This represents an 11 percent increase from last year in the number of licenses available."

In addition to the record number of permits being issued, hunters in areas J, W, WA, M, N, and O will be able to take two turkeys this fall. Hunters who apply for a license in one of these areas and purchase their first license by Sept. 18 will have their second tag mailed directly to them. The second tag is free of charge and only available to hunters who purchase their first license by September 18.

Last fall, nearly 33,000 tags were available and hunters harvested 6,451 birds.

The 2000 fall season runs Oct. 2 through Nov. 9 and successful applicants will be notified by Sept. 8. Hunters may apply for a turkey hunting license at any of the 1,700 authorized license dealers and at many DNR offices throughout the state.

The application fee is \$4 and does not include the cost of the license. You now may also apply by telephone, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., by calling 1-800-898-6367. Visa or MasterCard will be accepted, and a \$3.50 service fee will be added to each transaction.

Drawing results also will be available on the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us. Left-over permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis only to unsuccessful applicants in the lottery beginning at 10 a.m. September 21.

Last call

Elk hunters are reminded that the application period for a Michigan elk permit is running out. This year, the elk season will be split into two sessions, with the possibility of a third, "agricultural control" hunt.

The first season is split into two hunt periods. Hunts will be held Aug. 26-31 and Sept. 16-20. The second season will

be held Dec. 5-12. A special third agricultural control hunt may be held Jan. 20-26, 2001, depending on the number and location of elk found within Elk Management Unit X, which consists of portions of Alpena, Montmorency, Presque Isle, Emmet, Charlevoix and Otsego counties.

"The population of elk this past winter was estimated to be approximately 1,100 animals. The winter herd objective is 800 to 900 elk," said John Urbain, big game specialist with the DNR's Wildlife Division.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

Duhl helps Wolves reach finals

The under-18 Michigan Wolves came up one victory short of going to the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Championships.

Scott-Gallagher of St. Louis, Mo. shaved the Wolves, 1-0, in the Region II championship final Wednesday held in Lawrence, Ind.

Guided by Livonia Stevenson High varsity boys coach Lars Richters, the Wolves advanced to the finals with a 4-1 semifinal win over Windy City (Ill.) Premier as Plymouth Salem's Scott Duhl (Western Michigan University) scored twice.

The Wolves also beat the

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Kansas City Athletics (3-1), the Cleveland (Ohio) Internationals (3-1) and the Nebraska Ajax (3-1).

Stevenson's Tom Eller led the Wolves with six goals in the tournament.

Other team members include: Mike White (University of Michigan), Joe Zawacki (U-M) and Jeff Budd (Madonna University), all from Stevenson; Brett Stinar (Kalamazoo College), Salem; Mike Bennett, Canton; Pat Griffin (MU), Plymouth/Redford Catholic Central; Tim Haffey,

South Lyon; Erik Blaess, Saline; Ryan Rzepka and Frank Raburn, Novi; Doug Rice and Charles Nicholas, Brighton; Jared Cummings, Hartland; Matt Connor, East Lansing; and Brian Williams, Fraser.

Rzepka, Raburn, Rice, Connor and Williams are all headed to Oakland University. Cummings, who resides in Fenton, is going to West Virginia Wesleyan. Haffey has committed to Houghton (N.Y.) College.

Under-14 Wolves 1st

The Michigan Wolves capped a year-long quest by capturing the Region II under-14 boys tournament with a 3-0 win over Mis-

souri, June 26 at the Lawrence, Ind. Soccer Complex.

The Wolves reached the finals with a 1-0 semifinal triumph over Illinois. In the preliminary round, the Wolves defeated Indiana (2-0) and Iowa (2-1), while tying Kentucky (3-3).

In the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup, the Wolves posted wins over TKO of Kalamazoo, Vardar and the Carpathia Kickers to advance to the Region tourney.

Members of the under-14 Wolves, include Chris Austin, Mike Budd, Pat Kolodziejczak, Jeff Kusch and Jeff Wilson, all of Livonia; Kasey Lopata, Farmington Hills; John Show, Plymouth; Corey Arrington and Brad Simpson, Novi; Ryan Belanger, Royal Oak; Ryan Gochneaur, Rochester Hills; Matt Milia, West Bloomfield; Jacob Peterson, Kalamazoo; Kevin Sanker, Northville; Jason Smith and Kenzo Webster, Monroe; Billy Weaver, Lake Orion.

GOLF NEWS

Women's Amateur opens

Kim Benedict of Rochester Hills, a freshman at the University of Michigan where she had low-scoring average, is poised to defend her title in the 8th Women's Michigan State Amateur Golf Championship, Monday through Thursday at Metamora Golf and Country Club.

20.3 is the highest to make this year's field. Sixty-one have an index of 10.00 or lower.

Past champions Joan Garey (1982, 1987) and Stacy Slobodnik (1996, 1998) are also entered, along with 2000 girls state high school champion Amanda Pettit of Clinton Township.

The tournament format is one day of qualifying (18 holes) and four days of flighted match play.

Among the area contingent includes Kellianne Nagy (5.7 index) and Megan Johnson (8.3), both of Livonia; Nancy Coyne (7.2) and Lisa Chalmers (11.3), both of Farmington Hills; Katie Murinas (10.3), Plymouth; Deborah Comstock (11.7), Redford.

On June 29-30, Aittama shot a two-round total of 136 and had to go to a playoff hole to earn second place honors for Girls 15-17 in the Oakland County Junior Golf Tournament held at Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks.

On June 10, Aittama, a two-time first-team All-Observer selection, placed third in a Powerbilt Junior Tourney (ages 16-17) held at Duck Lake Country Club.

Livonia golfer 1st

Livonia Churchill High School incoming junior Heidi Aittama had pair of eagles (on holes Nos. 2 and 5) en route to a low round 72 to win the Kensington Junior Championship for Girls 16-17 held June 27 at Kensington Metropark.

WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF ASSOCIATION
July 7 at Reddeman Farms
FIRST FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Terry Deister (Wayne), 81; low net: 1. Lillian Vandebroek (Dearborn Heights), 68.

SECOND FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Mary Allen (Wayne), 88; low net: 1. (tie) Mary Jean Stefanac (Dearborn), Dolly Vettese (Northville), Lori Wilson (Livonia), 67 each.

THIRD FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights), 97; low net: 1. (tie) Helen Demstuk (Dearborn Heights), Dorothy Cortes (Livonia), 74 each.

WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION RESULTS
July 5 at Brae Burn
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Jeong Sook Yoo (Bloomfield Hills), 40-39/79; 2. Kathy Arrowsmith (Highland), 40-42/82; low net: 1. Judy Figs (West Bloomfield), 70.

FIRST FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Shirley Estabrooks (Commerce Township), 47-45/92; 2. Sandy Gudzinski (Warren), 48-45/93; low net: 1. Doris Rudd (Clinton Township), 76.

SECOND FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Pat Meyers (Birmingham), 48-50/98; 2. Phyllis Gromacki (Rochester Hills), 48-52/100; low net: 1. Mary Kranich (Harrison Township), 76.

THIRD FLIGHT
Low gross: 1. Avis Makuch (Grand Blanc), 49-47/96; 2. Bev Suddeth (West Bloomfield), 50-50/100; low net: 1. Pauline Cody (Detroit), 72.

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on to stop the Broncos Wednesday at the Cultural Center.
For the Wolverines, it was their first win of the season, giving them a 1-4 record. The Broncos remain winless at 0-5.

Two goals by Chris Powroznik (Redford) — he finished with three — and single scores from

Jason Lawmaster (Westland) and Joe Rustra elevated the Wolves to the lead in the second period, one they never relinquished. Lawmaster and Rustra each had two goals in the game; Frank Bourbonais also scored.

The Broncos got two markers from Jason Assadorian (Canton)

and single scores from Jeremy Majszak (Canton), Matt VanHeest and Varujan Arman (West Bloomfield).

Mark Lavender (Farmington Hills) and Rick Marnon (Canton) shared time in goal for the Wolves; Brenden McMahon and Brandon Hothem (Troy) were in the net for the Broncos.

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medals and trophies and also served the past 10 years as league chairman.

"Roger has done a wonderful job and I know those are big shoes to fill," Hyman said. "I look to add and move forward from where Roger has left off."

"It would be foolish to make major changes. Of course you're a little nervous and apprehensive, but the transition has been easier than I thought. Roger has been very helpful. And once I get my office set up and people get to know me, I think feel things will work out."

Hyman, a 1975 Stevenson graduate, excelled as an All-State and All-League basketball player. She also participated in swimming, ran track and played volleyball for the Spartans.

From there she couldn't shake the Spartan tag.

She went on to play basketball at Michigan State University under recently retired coach Karen Langeland. During the 1978-79 season Hyman earned team MVP honors. She was also

named MSU's Women's Athlete of the Year in 1979.

"That was a very exciting time to be at Michigan State with Magic (Johnson) and Kirk Gibson being there," Hyman said.

Hyman graduated from MSU with a B.S. degree in Physical Education and Health. She coached JV basketball at East Lansing High School (1978-80) and served as an assistant at Ferris State (1980-81).

From 1981-86, Hyman became head women's basketball coach at Northwood University where she also was assistant athletic director and physical education coordinator-teacher.

She left Northwood to become an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Illinois (1986-89) and then took the reins as head women's basketball coach at Ferris State (1989-95).

Hyman left the coaching ranks to take an administrative job with the Dexter School District.

"Seventeen years of coaching was enough — I gave as much as

I could give," she said. "I was sick of the recruiting and the travel. I wanted a job where I could go home at night and I felt I could touch more lives at the scholastic level."

At Dexter, Hyman established a booster support group and season ticket fundraising plan. As Southeastern Conference secretary, she also managed schedule and team travel arrangements for 30 middle and high school athletic programs. Hyman also served on a steering committee for the development of a new high school and athletic complex.

At Stevenson, Hyman and Archibald have already hired a new boys varsity basketball coach (Bill Dyer) and boys hockey coach (Ed Shepler).

"Part of me is coaching coaches," Hyman said. "And from what I have heard we have some very dedicated and knowledgeable coaches at Stevenson who have some special talents. We have stable coaching situation and I don't have to hire a lot of new coaches."

Robinson from page B1

Brodie (boys basketball), Fred Thomann (girls basketball), Chuck Olson (boys and girls swimming), Mark Gregor (girls track) and Geoff Baker (boys track/cross country) made things easy for Robinson by winning league championships and making long state tournament runs.

Which created one of those problems an AD doesn't truly mind dealing with. Salem has a dozen trophy cases, and all of them are overflowing; Robinson's outer office is filled with plaques,

awards and other hardware.

It wasn't all pleasant, to be sure. There were tragedies, like the death of Salem basketball player Mark Bolger during half-time of a game last January. "That's never easy to take," Robinson said.

Certainly Robinson felt the positives of working at Salem outweighed the negatives. "I don't want people to think there were problems here," he insisted.

And yet, the chance to become the head man at Dexter, a Class

B school, combined with a location much closer to home, was too much to pass up for Robinson.

"The opportunity to become a head AD — it's going to be a step up," he said. "Now the buck stops here, which I guess has its pros and cons."

He laughed, glancing at all those trophies and wondering if there was any hope of finding a place to put all of it before his departure.

Beaudry from page B1

playing partners, it doesn't count on the scorecard.
14. If a putt isn't conceded by my playing partners, I still won't count it.

15. Sand, see Rule No. 4.
16. Out of bounds on 1, 2, 8, 13 and 18 can be played from the point of entry without penalty. Ah shoot, any OB can be played from point of entry without penalty.

17. Any tee shot that doesn't make it past the ladies tee is for funnies.

18. Any shot off a house on 2, 9, 13 and 14 and, in theory out of bounds, is still in play without penalty if I use a foot wedge.

19. Two shots in the water off the tee mean I am allowed to hit my next shot in the fairway past the water hitting "one."

20. Two fluffed chip shots count the same as one good one.

21. Red-staked hazard is another term for "free drop."

22. My putt is good, yours isn't bad.

23. The best defense is a good offense.

24. No matter what I shoot on a hole, my worst-possible score will always be one greater than the single-highest score of my playing partners.

25. A snowman is something I help my kids build in winter, not something I put on my scorecard.

26. Any ball I hit into a free-standing clump of brush, trees or weeds that is not staked, allows me to drop — without penalty of stroke or distance —

on the other side of the green, where I thought the ball should have come out, had it actually gone through.


27. On a par four, two shots to the green plus two shots to get onto the green plus two putts equals five shots.

28. If I'm lending to anyone with a higher legitimate handicap, the above rules may be amended in order to post a lower score.

29. No one but me is allowed to amend these rules.

30. My opponent must always declare his score first. You know, in case they cheat.


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Family affair

Father and daughter make quite a 'menacing' team

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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When families try to plan activities, they usually strive for things like picnics, vacations, or trips to a museum.

It's a little different for the Macy family of Garden City.

Their usual family activity is racing powerboats. And today's family get-together is on the Detroit River for the Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest.

"Some people go on vacation, this is our vacation," said Danielle Macy. "We've always done it as a family."

The bulk of the racing right now comes from Dennis, a retired Garden City police captain, and daughter Danielle, a 1992 Garden City High School graduate. The two will compete in the Jersey Skiff class in today's heats and finals as part of the annual event on the river.

But before Danielle rode and drove with her dad, sister Dana held down the post. And wife/mother Donna tries to go to several races each year.

Dennis is the racing junkie. He's owned and/or driven boats from Unlimited Lights, 5- and 7-litre and his Jersey Skiff — "The Menace."

He won the American Powerboat Association's 5-liter title in 1989 and the 7-liter title in 1997. This year, "The Menace" sits in second place in the Jersey Skiff standings with 916 points, heading into this weekend's events.

"I started doing it in 1989," said Dennis, 54. "The girls had played travel softball and about the time they quit playing, I told

them, 'You don't play softball any more — this is what we're going to do.'"

Since then, the family has logged thousands of miles going to races all around North America.

Dennis came close to quitting once, following a 1994 accident that left him with a limp and wound up killing another 7-litre racer.

"The other boat hit me and I landed down on a third boat and the driver was killed," said Dennis. "I almost quit and my wife still wishes I would have. The other racers visited me in the hospital and kept telling me that it wasn't my fault and not to quit. They told me I could quit if I want to, but not because it was my fault."

He's still going strong, not only driving his boat, but others in the 5- and 7-litre classes for other owners. He also owns his own 7-litre, "but it's broken and I'm not running it now."

The 5- and 7-litre boats look like smaller versions of the full unlimited hydroplanes. The Jersey Skiff is a two-person, 16-foot wood and fiberglass flat-bottom boat, powered by a 305 cubic-inch engine and capable of reaching 85 mph.

After driving the boat for a few years, Dennis bought the boat last year from Justin Schaller of Mt. Clemens. He figures he's put about \$30,000 into the boat — including its purchase — and each weekend's racing costs about \$500.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Menacing: Danielle and Dennis Macy of Garden City head out to the Detroit River in their Jersey Skiff, "The Menace," Thursday for a practice run. The father-daughter team will compete Sunday as part of the annual ThunderFest hydroplane races downtown.

Danielle, a representative for Guess Jeans, is her dad's crew in the skiff. In the boat as a rider, her job is to watch the gauges, spot the course and help make sure the boat is going in the direction it's supposed to. Away from the boat, she helps wash it, but is "mainly the truck driver — to and from the races. It's a matter of doing just about everything."

"I've wanted to do this since I can remember," said Danielle, who's ridden full-time for the past two years. "My sister did it, my mom got involved and I enjoy

running with my dad. I like being a part of it. He has a long line of people who'd love to ride in the boat with him."

Dennis doesn't quite remember that the same way.

"It was kind of hard talking Danielle into this," said Dennis. "One weekend, Dana was riding and he hadn't come into town yet and I told Danielle that if (Dana) didn't make it, she'd have to ride. She loves it now, but was worried getting into it. I tried talking her into driving the (unlimited light) boat, but that's

a lot of boat for a beginner — like 800 horsepower."

Both are looking forward to the weekend's races on the Detroit River. Today's heats are at 10:10 and 10:30 a.m. with the final at 12:50 p.m.

"The two biggest races of the year are here and last weekend in Valleyfield, Quebec," said Dennis. "In Valleyfield, they'll draw 100,000 people with no unlimited boats. Here, it's a big crowd because of the big boats and it's the home crowd. We're going to have a ball."

HOCKEY NEWS

Girls camp

The Michigan Capitals Girls' Hockey Association will host a mini-hockey camp with Olympic Gold Medalist Shelley Looney Monday through Friday, July 31-Aug. 4 at the Ice Box Sports Center in Brownstown Township.

The camp has two 1 1/2-hour sessions. Session one will run from 9:30-10:50 a.m. for ages 9-12. Session two, for ages 13 and over, will run from 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

All sessions will be at the Ice Box Sports Center, located at 21902 Telegraph Road in Brownstown Township.

Class size is limited to 30 players per session on a first come, first serve basis. Participants must have prior playing experience. Cost is \$120 per player.

Looney, who was on the U.S. women's ice hockey team and won a gold medal in Nagano, Japan, is a native of the Trenton area. She was on one of the first Michigan Capitals teams when the association formed in 1986.

In addition to on-ice instruction, there will be a photo and autograph session as well as a short lecture and question/answer session for registered participants of the camp.

For the 2000-01 season, the Capitals will have two girls teams for each of the following divisions: 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 15-and-under, and 19-and-under.

For more information on the mini-camp or the 2000-01 season, contact president Dave Boik at (313) 386-1730 or general manager Debbie Rees at (734) 722-5675.



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Shorelines blooming with flowers

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

People who go fishing are aware of the beauty found along the shore this time of year. Several aquatic wildflowers are in bloom and are best seen from the water.

One of the most obvious of aquatic wildflowers blooming is the water lily. Their large platter-like leaves are common along shorelines. Fishermen like to fish near the edge of the water lily leaves and the open water. That is because fish often hide under the large leaves.

Smell good, too

Water lily flowers are not only beautiful, but very fragrant. Sunlight reflecting off the tapering petals reveals a white that seems brighter than white.

Maybe it's the contrast between the green leaves or the dark water beneath them. For whatever reason, they are gorgeous.

Like land plants, aquatic plants grow in designated areas, too. Water lily plants can grow in deeper water than cattail, but not water that is too deep.

In the shallows near the shore another white flower can be seen — arrowhead.

Arrowhead gets its name from the shape of the leaves. Two long, tapered, pointed lobes point toward the water from the base of the leaf.

Upward from the base the leaf tapers to a point. Though its flowers are not as showy as those of the water lily, take some time to see the three petals of each flower as it radiates in groups of three from the main stem.

Pickercelweed

While enjoying the shapes and color of the arrowhead, you will probably encounter the blue flowers of pickercelweed.

Rich blue flowers bloom from tall spikes that erupt along the shoreline. Leaves of pickercelweed look like the end of a garden shovel, spade shaped, not arrowhead shaped.

Flower color is the most obvious difference between the two.

Both arrowhead and pickercelweed need to be in shallow water. Cattail is another plant found in the shallows.

Young cattail plants are just about finished blooming. The swollen part that is dark brown most of the year is just starting to turn dark. Pollen from the spike above the swollen female part of the plant is starting to dry and wither away. Soon it will have the characteristic cattail appearance.

Michigan natives

All four of the above aquatic plants, as well as the yellow bullhead lily, are native to Michigan.

Animals and other plants have lived with these plants for thousands of years. They have become adapted to their flower structure, their blooming season, the taste of their leaves, roots, or stems, the density of the plants, all the factors that allow both plants and animals to survive.

Alien plants that invade terrestrial habitats or aquatic habitats often do not serve as food for native animals because they have not adapted to them as food, like they have done with native plants.

Maintaining native populations of plants is important for that purpose.

No support

Though purple loosestrife may be beautiful, it does not support native wildlife. Eurasian milfoil, an alien aquatic plant, can take over if introduced into a lake.

Take some time to view these native plants from the water, they look even better from this perspective.

Fly fishing: As simple or complex as you want it

GUEST COLUMNIST



JEFF MCGOWAN

I was introduced to fly fishing a few years ago by a friend of mine who, until that time, was a dedicated bass fisherman. He had dozens of rods and reels and about 400 pounds of tackle boxes.

One day when I was at his house for a barbecue, my friend announced that he had sold all of it. He decided to simplify his life by taking up fly fishing.

"Remember when I used to have all those tackle boxes? Now all I have to carry around is this," he said as he pulled a fly box from his shirt pocket.

Years later, I now carry so much fly tackle that I routinely run out of room in the back of the Suburban. The point is, fly fishing can be as simple or as complicated as you want to make it. All you really need are a rod, reel, a pair of fingernail clippers (to cut the leader), a set of forceps (to remove hooks), and a box of flies tied to mimic various baitfish or aquatic insects.

You don't even need a pair of waders if the water is warm enough.

Part of the appeal of fly fishing comes from being able to fool a fish with some feathers wrapped around a hook — especially if you tied that fly yourself.

Another part of the attraction is because, as writer Robert Traver wrote, "I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful."

But don't limit your fly fishing to just trout.

There are many opportunities within minutes of home to fly fish for bass or bluegill. Contrary to what you might think from watching the movie "A River Runs Through It" or a plethora of SUV advertisements, you don't have to go out west or up north to fish.

Another draw is the graceful, almost hypnotic, way the fly line rolls through the air. The main difference between fly casting and spin casting is how the line works.

When making a traditional cast with spin- or bait-casting gear, the weight of the lure or sinker pulls the

line out.

In fly fishing, the fly has very little weight, so a heavy plastic line pulls the fly through the air. The rod also plays an important part in the cast. First it acts as a lever to pick up the line; then it is used to throw the line into the air and behind the caster.

On the backcast, the rod "loads," or bends, to provide the energy needed for the forward cast.

If you are interested in learning how to fly fish, talk to someone at a local flyshop. Get several opinions about what kind of equipment is best for the type of fishing you plan to do. Rods and reels come in a wide range of prices. You don't need the most expensive rod on the rack, but remember that quality doesn't come cheap. Ask if you can cast the rod in

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the shop's parking lot before you buy.

Another good way to learn is to join a fishing club. The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month, September through May, at Clarenceville Middle School in Livonia. Summer meetings are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, and Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. Call membership chairman Al Bullock at (734) 722-2794 for more information.

Remember, fly fishing is not a religion — even though many fly fishers have muttered oaths at lost fish. It's just a great way to have fun in the outdoors. Hope to see you out there this summer.

Jeff McGowan, a commercial fly tier and licensed guide, is a member of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club.

Get ready for new bowling season

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Here it is, the middle of July and just the time to start thinking about the next bowling season.

The official kick-off is always the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament on Monday, Aug. 21, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

This is the 64th annual event in a tournament that really traces the roots and history of how Metro Detroit became the "Bowling Capitol of the World."

Prior to that date, the Greater Detroit Bowling Association will conduct its league officers schools at various locales beginning Monday, July 24, at Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield.

It is in the best interest of all league officers to attend one of these seminars. If you are a newly elected officer, it is vital that you get this information so your job will be easier.

The yearbooks and copies of the rulebooks will also be issued at this time.

The rest of the GDBA schedule: Tuesday, July 25, at Bronco Lanes in Warren and Skore Lanes in Taylor; Wednesday, July 26, at Bonanza Lanes in Warren; Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights; Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia; Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights and Pampa Lanes in Warren; Saturday, Aug. 5, at Country Lanes in Farmington; Monday, Aug. 7, at Oxford Lanes in Dearborn Heights; Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Cherry Hill North in Clarkston; Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Airway Lanes and Century Bowl in Waterford; Thursday, Aug. 10, at Milford Lanes and Thunderbird Lanes in Troy; Friday, Aug. 11, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia; Saturday, Aug. 12, at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights; Sunday, Aug. 13, at Bowl One Lanes in Troy; Thursday, Aug. 17, at Taylor Lanes and Thunderbowl in Allen Park; Saturday, Aug. 19, at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

The schools are conducted by the volunteers who serve as directors of the association on your behalf, representing you and your league in all matters pertaining to the operation of a sanctioned bowling league. They are there to help you, and if you have any questions, this is the time to bring them up.

A word to the wise: Don't wait until the last minute or the first week of the new season to see if your team is

If you have not bowled during the summer recess, how is your arm? A little bit of exercise will do wonders when the leagues start up again.

still intact.

If you have been out of touch with your team members, just a simple phone call to verify that they plan to bowl with you will save you from making last-minute substitutions when the starting bell rings. As the Boy Scouts always say, "Be prepared."

It is also a good time to check your equipment. Do the balls fit your hand properly? If not, this is the ideal time to visit the pro shop.

What condition are your shoes in? Even if it's not time for a new pair, a visit to the corner cobbler shop could save you from further shoe expenses down the road.

If you have not bowled during the summer recess, how is your arm? A little bit of exercise will do wonders when the leagues start up again. You can usually find a local bowling center with reasonable summer rates to get a little practice. Mainly it's to keep your timing where you would want it once the games begin.

Most houses that are open during the summer are air conditioned and provide a relaxed atmosphere to get out and throw a few lines. If you wish to improve on that average from last year, see a competent instructor and take a couple lessons.

Maybe you have a bad habit that can be corrected now before the season begins, in most cases, a bit of good coaching can go a long way toward making anyone a better bowler.

Bowling honor roll

Observance (Livonia)

Friday Bonanza: Tony Rye, 217/588; Hal Mahoney, 220/803; Ralph Pearce, 204/849; Ken McDaniel, 222-218-212/852; Jerry Page, 227-205-212/844; Norm Kovels, 245-201/841; Reggie Budzik, 228-203/598; Joe Newton, 213-203/888; Mel Adirin, 225/888; Hank Zajac, 214/570; Larry Slavin, 214/527; Otto Sash, 304/843; George Bowman, 215/888.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

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ACTIVITIES

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudaj at (734) 591-0843 for information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

PARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

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KAYAKING, BACKPACKING

A workshop to teach women how to kayak, backpack and camp occurs Saturday, Aug. 5, at Kensington Metropark Farm center near Milford/Brighton. Women 18 and older are eligible to attend. The \$25 fee includes instruction in all sessions, program materials, use of demonstration equipment, dinner and a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, July 28. Call (800) 477-2757.

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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WAYNE COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

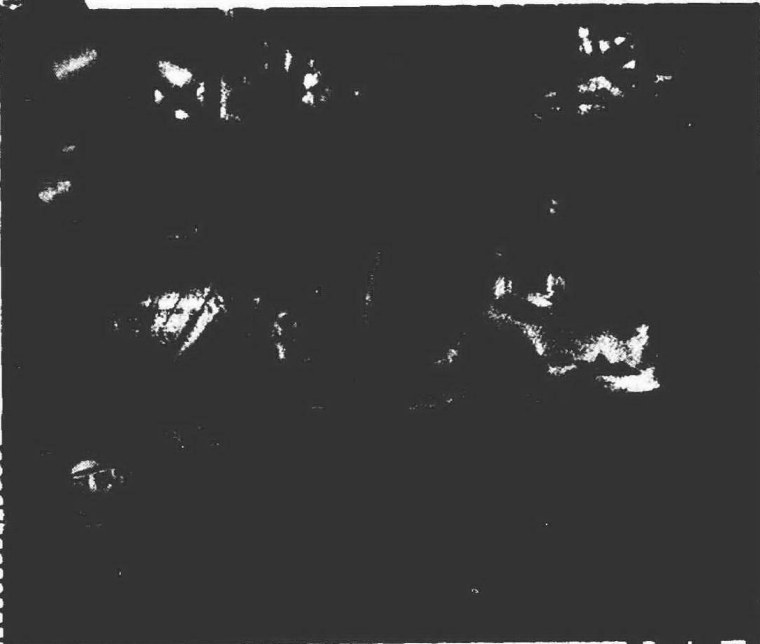
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists' works add color to life

If you're thinking about adding a little color to those bare walls in the living room or the kitchen, purchasing an original painting or photograph by a local artist could be the way to go. Many willingly tailor palettes and subject matter to customers' tastes.

■ Paintings by Kaye Rowe, presented by the Livonia Arts Commission through Saturday, July 29 at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, (734) 486-2540
 ■ Watercolor, monotype and collage by Audrey Harkins, Marge Masek and Yvette Goldberg continues to Friday, July 14 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, (248) 347-0400
 ■ Photography by Joellen Kalyon, paintings by Lee Bartlett continue to Wednesday, Aug. 2 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon St. Sheldon at 418-4278

And the prices are usually reasonable, too. So how can you go wrong? Here's a list of the art on exhibit in the area. You can spend time browsing at your leisure, then contact the artist and work out the details.

Soothing watercolors

Kaye Rowe, a Canton painter, captures the beauty of nature in many of the 39 transparent watercolors on exhibit in the fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. "Micro-scapes" offer closeup views frequently from an unusual vantage point.



Back to nature: This is one of Kaye Rowe's most recent watercolors.

Not to be missed is the cooling *Banyan Tree*. Rowe uses nearly every shade of green in this work to beat the heat of summer.

Back to Nature plays on Rowe's love of music by focusing on abstract flowers laid over musical scores. A clarinetist who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music education at the University of Michigan, Rowe painted two of the works especially for her daughters.

"The paintings of the violin and cello are for Laura, a violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Alicia freelances with local orchestras like the Ann Arbor Symphony," said Rowe, owner of the Village Artists Studio in Plymouth where she teaches watercolor classes twice a week. "I hope they communicate a mood or emotion and share an appreciation for beauty. I love to travel for inspiration but I'm also convinced you don't have to go any further than your backyard. The Jack in the Pulpits are from an area across the street from my Canton home."

Media medley

Variety could have been the name of the exhibit by Audrey Harkins, Marge Masek and Yvette Goldberg. The three Livonia artists display 48 watercolors, monotypes and collage abstracts, still life, florals and landscapes in the lobby at the Novi Civic

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Artistic tradition celebrates 20 years of fun by expanding to 3 days

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dianne Quinn can't think of a better way to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Art in the Park than by expanding the extravaganza to three days.

Of course, she's frantic right now trying to coordinate the 450 artists and 50 volunteers who will turn Plymouth's downtown streets into a festival of the visual arts Friday-Sunday, July 14-16.

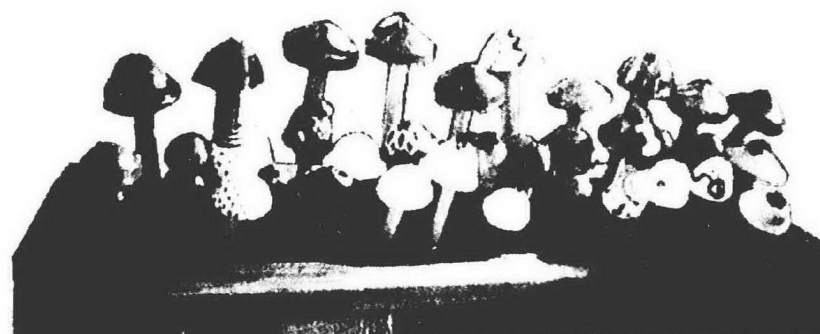
"This is our 20th year and it brings a tear to my eyes just to think about how we started with 33 artists," said Quinn. "My daughter Rachel used to sleep under my mother's quilting table."

Rachel is now Quinn's right-hand when it comes to producing Art in the Park. This year, in addition to viewing a wide array of paintings, ceramics, wood block prints, sculpture, wood, jewelry and glass, visitors can enjoy entertainment or rest and relax at a food court in the Delta Diamond lot. E.G. Nicks on Forrester will serve breakfast from 7-10 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, and the Plymouth Canton High School Marching Band will be selling ice cream to raise funds for a trip to perform at Disney World.

Kids will have fun painting their part of the 17-foot long mural "Fly-

ing Things." After the unicorns, ~~unicorns and dragons~~ completed the mural will be installed in the Hands-On Museum in Ann Arbor.

"We spend over a year planning this event and in the blink of an eye it's over," said Quinn, founder of Art in the Park. "The response has been fabulous to adding another day. The artists are excited about it. It's going to bring more people into town, and we (Quinn and Rachel) need more time to shop. We have quite a few artists who do beautiful paintings and photography. There's almost something for everybody - pottery, jewelry. It gets better every year."



Fungusamungus: Debbie Liberman creates garden mushrooms from clay.

Fun stuff

And there's no shortage of fun, especially when it comes to the art. Betty Jo Woodworth, a Livonia crafter who creates whimsical soft sculpture, will display everything from fat fairies to elephants in tutus, bears climbing trees, moose, and gardening angel giraffes.

Mary Taros brings animals (dogs, cows and lions) and life-size papier mache figures painted with acrylics to Art in the Park. A Bloomfield Hills artist, Taros has been creating these fun sculptures for 20 years.

"They're characters, very interesting and unusual, large life-size ladies that can sit anywhere," said Taros, who had been a business major at Wayne State University

before turning her talent to fun stuff. "One bachelor bought one to sit on his

post-table

Another lady bought one to sit at her 12-place dining room table. I also do professions - doctors and dentists."

Debbie Liberman, a Southfield ceramist and member of the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth, offers her colorful "Fungusamungus." She started making the clay mushrooms for gardens after her brother and sister brought a couple back from California. Like any ceramic art they shouldn't be left outside during Michigan winters.

"They're fun," said Liberman who is one of 16 guild members exhibiting clay art ranging from functional to sculptural, hand-built to wheel-thrown. "With the expansion to three days, my hope is we're

New medium: Diana Masters transfers her watercolor skills to acrylic painted furniture.

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 When: Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, July 14; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 16
 Where: Kellogg Park and the streets of downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 454-1314

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SPECIAL EVENT

Festival attracts lovers of all jazz styles



Sax Master: George Benson plays tunes from his latest CD titled "Sax Master."

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Bess Bonnier and George Benson have been friends since the two were up and coming musicians on a young Detroit jazz scene in the 1950s. In fact, the veteran saxophonist appears on Bonnier's latest CD *Suite William*. So it's not surprising that even though each lead their own quartets and are established artists in their own right, they'll play together at the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. But then that's what the day-long event is all about - members of the jazz community gathering to share the music. Benson and his quartet play at 6 p.m. on the Lear Stage. Bonnier's quartet - with Benson on saxophone, Dan Pliskow (bass) and Tom Brown (drums) - follows at 7:30 p.m.

"It's a true celebration of jazz," said Bonnier. "I feel truly joined with the audience and (I'm) having serious fun."

Midge Ellis might as well be one of the musicians because she's having as much fun helping to put on the festival, which is in its second year at Schoolcraft College. The festival spent its first four years in tighter quarters at the Botsford Inn in Farmington.

New information booths in the parking lots will direct jazz lovers to the four stages featuring 24 groups and four big bands playing continuous music. And it's all free thanks to festival committee members like Ellis, who hold brunches and concerts throughout the year to raise the \$30,000 needed for the one-day musical celebration of styles ranging from Dixieland to Latin jazz. The U.S. Recording Companies pay for half of the musicians' fees through the Musicians Performance Trust Funds as arranged by the American Federation of Musicians Local No. 5. The festival committee pays the other half.

That's why, said Ellis, the support of individuals such as the late Bob Tal-

bert is so important.

From 9-10:30 p.m. there will be an all-Star Kenton set played by the Johnny Trudell Big Band in memory of Talbert, a long-time supporter of the Detroit area jazz community. This year's festival is dedicated to Talbert.

"It's a big love-in," said Ellis, a Livonia resident. "It just gets bigger and better. We're real excited about the venue. Last year, it was wonderful because there was more space. It was

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so much airier, and we didn't have to shuttle people back and forth for parking, and the food was excellent.

"The American Harvest Restaurant run by the college's world-renowned Salon Competition Team will serve sit-down gourmet food, and the Ocelot Grill will be open as well as the food court on the grounds south of the Waterman Center."

Pianist Eileen Standley agrees with Ellis about the success of last year's festival. Standley is also a member of the committee.

"That was the most fun I've had at the festival," said Standley, who accompanies Schoolcraft College's vocal jazz group Prime, formerly known as SCool JAZZ PTime, at 1:30 p.m. on the Lear Stage.

Jeanne Bonner is just as excited about the festival returning to the college where she's associate dean of liberal arts and distance learning.

"We're always thrilled to have people come to our campus," said Bonner. "We've long had a commitment to music from jazz to classics. It's an opportunity to showcase not just our vocal jazz group but our band that spring-boarded from the festival last year."

The Schoolcraft College Jazz Band, directed by Jack Pierson, formed after flyers were passed out at the festival announcing auditions for the group. Pierson led the band many years earlier.

Bess Bonnier feels fortunate to be a composer so she could bring Shakespeare's words to music. It's something she never dreamed would happen when she started playing piano at age 10.

They'll play at 12:45 p.m. on the Cohen/Moro Stage in the Upper Waterman.

George Benson Quartet

For Benson, the festival is not only an opportunity to see old friends but to keep up on what's new. His own quartet - Don Mayberry (bass), Tom Brown (drums) and Gary Schunk (piano) - has been together 10 years. They'll play the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival (formerly known as the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival) on Labor Day.

"The Michigan Jazz Festival has the best musicians in the metro area, and I get to see them," said Benson, who'll play songs from his latest CD *George Benson Sax Master* as well as jazz standards. "I usually hang out at the festival all day to see what other musicians are doing, what new things they're playing."

Musicians could learn a few things from Benson, who's been playing professionally since the

1940s. Over the years, he's performed with legends such as Dinah Washington, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis Jr., Brook Benton and Aretha Franklin. In the 1960s, he was a studio musician at Motown playing behind Marvin Gaye on *What's Goin' On*.

"They all came through to play at the Flame Show Bar in Detroit, the Elmwood Casino in Windsor, and Lofy's in Plymouth before it burned down," said Benson, who's played saxophone since sixth grade. "I was busy because they wanted musicians that could read music well. With the big bands you had to read music and at Motown we had to read all the arrangements."

Benson learned to read music early and listened to and played classical music until attending Northwestern High School, where he was exposed to other styles of music. By age 16 he had his union card and was playing professionally. Tonight at 7:30 p.m. he plays with the Fifth Dimension and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester.

"I'm a be-bop player," said Benson, who's taught at Wayne State University, Schoolcraft College, Cranbrook, and Henry

Ford Community College. "Jazz is it. Jazz is the music I like best - the way Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie played jazz."

Bess Bonnier Quartet

Bonnier is looking forward to the crowd's reaction when she performs songs from her latest CD's *Suite William* and *Love Notes* along with two new compositions - *Foodnification* and *Dance of Love* - a ballad in memory of a relationship. Songs on *Suite William* take their lyrics from the works of William Shakespeare.

"The making of *Suite William* was the absolute blessed thrill of my life, so natural an occurrence," said Bonnier, who earned a degree in English literature from Wayne State University in the 1960s while playing five nights a week at Jack Broken-sha's to raise her children.

"It all started when I decided to reread Shakespeare's plays in 1993. I just love good writing; I'm a voracious reader. It's something I do frequently: F. Scott Fitzgerald, Balzac come with a new approach. At the time I was artist in residence at Grosse Pointe North (High School) and started writing music for them in different textures. It was a lover and his lass from *As You Like It*, for me had a groove like Count Basie. All the world's a stage felt like a jazz rumba. Sign no more, ladies is a calypso."

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Love Notes: Bess Bonnier and her quartet perform songs from her two latest CDs at the Michigan Jazz Festival.

record, *Theme for the Tall One*, in the 1950s, Bonnier's performed in a multitude of area venues. Upcoming engagements include a cabaret concert at Orchestra Hall 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's JazzStage series and a Sept. 10 performance for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Brunch with Bach. For more about Bonnier, visit her Web site at www.bessbonnier.com.

"It was very natural for me to play piano," said Bonnier. "A girlfriend across the street had an upright piano, and I was

drawn to it. I started playing in a dance band in seventh grade and have been playing ever since.

"I studied with Harold DeRemer, who taught me more than just how to curve my fingers but to have them dancing on the piano. So when you play a ballad, you caress the keys like you're making love or petting a pet. It's a fine very loving tone."

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19 An Evening with Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas
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The 30th annual outdoor art fair is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 9 in Memorial Park, 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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AUTUMNFEST ARTISTS
The Southfield Parks & Recreation Department is seeking artists to display and demonstrate their talents at the annual rural festival on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen. For more information call (248) 354-9603.

CHURCHILL CRAFT SHOW
Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the fall craft show to be held on Saturday, Oct. 21. The school is located at 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like an application or more information, please contact (734) 523-0022.

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Seeking applicants for two fall craft shows in November at Baker's of Milford and Northville Recreation Center. For information contact (248) 348-5448.

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THE THREE BENIANS
The trio perform piano music at 8 p.m. Friday, July 14 at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 539-2179.

DANCE

JOFFREY MIDWEST WORKSHOP
A public performance of the four-week dance program hosted by the Flint Cultural Center is 7 p.m. July 15 at Whiting Auditorium, Flint. (810) 237-7333.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANDERSON GALLERY
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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
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THE ART CORRIDOR
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(248) 661-7641.
C-POP GALLERY
Through Aug. 2 — Camilo Pardo: *Straight Up and Buck Henri*. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

FORD GALLERY
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GALLERY NIKKO
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Through Aug. 11 — Alumni exhibition. Through July 28 — *Process: An Exhibition of Sculpture*. 480 W. Hancock between Cass and Second on the campus of Wayne State University. (313) 577-2423.

ELLEN KAYROD ART GALLERY
Through Sept. 15 — *Ceramics, Colors, Creations*. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through July 22 — Paintings by Robert Sherer and new sculpture by John Woodward. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through July 29 — Artist Kay Rowe's watercolors in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Livonia Civic Center Library and various wood carvings by the Livonia Woodcarvers. 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Through July 29 — in the Livonia City Hall Lobby is the mixed media work of the students of Sandra Weed.

Schoolcraft College Art Instructor. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.
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Through Aug. 1 — *Lighthouses, Puppies and Boats*. Summer in the City Salon is 3-6 p.m. Sunday, July 9. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MICHIGAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Through Sept. 24 — the 53rd annual exhibition is at Ambleside Gallery. 17116 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. (313) 724-0942.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through July 21 — Carol Ann Carter mixed media and Frank Bowling. *Painter's Painter*. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Aug. 5 — German Art. Michigan Art. 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PANGBORN DESIGN GALLERY
Through July 14 — Detroit Area Artists Connection will be having an exhibition to benefit Children's Center. 275 Iron, Detroit. (313) 259-3400.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through July 22 — *Plates and Platters*: salon style — a group exhibition. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Aug. 22 — *Hidden*

Talents, an Oakland County employee exhibit. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

REVOLUTION
Through Aug. 5 — *Holiday*, a group exhibition. Artists' reception is 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 14. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SMALL WORLD CAFE
Through July 31 — *Ocean World*, paintings by Brian Taylor at the International Institute's cafe. 111 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 871-8600.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through Aug. 12 — *Alchemy in Wood* featuring the work of 16 contemporary artists in the field of lathe-turning. 202 East Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

U-M SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN
Through July 31 — *Documents*, students of Taro Yamasaki. Through July 30 — The Interfiber Arts Collective exhibit *Blue and Dogs, Monkeys & James Joyce*. Through July 28 — *Process: An Exhibition of Sculpture*. 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. (734) 936-2082.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through July 29 — *Landscapes* by Karin Wagner Coron. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

LITERARY

LEARNING AT THE OPERA HOUSE
Monday, July 10, Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, and Ara Berberian speak at the Detroit Opera House. The Life and Times and works of Verdi is 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 and 18. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 961-3500.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
The summer Humanities program features *A Woman's Lot: Three Heroines of the 19th Century*, a program consisting of meetings from 1-3 p.m. to discuss the works on the following dates: *Agnes Grey* by Anne Bronte, July 27; and *Florence Nightingale* from *Eminent Victorians*, by Lytton Strachey on Aug. 24.

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Poetry at the Opera House is 6:30-8 p.m., July 10, featuring Wardell Montgomery Jr., Sonya Pouncy and Judith Kerman. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338.

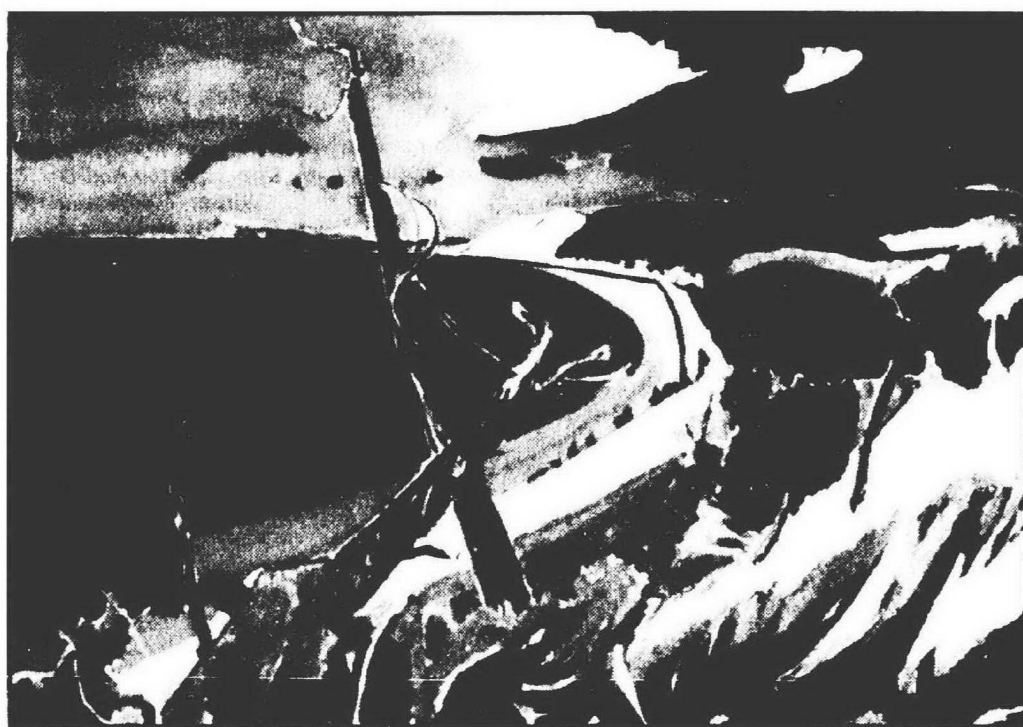
MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Aug. 20 — *Matilda Dodge Wilson Discovers French Art Deco*. Through Oct. 1 — *The Cost of Power in China: The Three Gorges Dam and the Yangtze River Valley*, recent photographs by Steven Benson. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Sept. 4 — *Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime*. Toddler Time is 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. on Thursdays through Aug. 17. Through Sept. 4 — *Young Stargazers Sky Journey* is 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Sept. 24 — *Wisdom and Perfection: Lotus Blossoms in Asian Art*. Through Dec. 31 — *The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bonhen Collection*. Through July 16 — *Fragments of Devotion*. Early Italian Panel paintings from the DIA collection. Through Sept. 3 — *The Enduring Horizon: American Landscape*. Photographs from the DIA's collection. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

Artistic expressions



Bold look: The colorful and expressionistic paintings of James Karsina will be presented in the Ann Arbor Art Center Gallery Shop through July 31. Mr. Karsina is a Professor Emeritus of Art at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Ann Arbor Art Center is located in downtown Ann Arbor at 117 W. Liberty. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

dents through Aug. 2. For information call (313) 471-3453.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BRUNCH WITH BACH
The Dearing Concert Duo performs music for flute and guitar at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 9 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The Meadow Brook Music Festival season features the Fifth Dimension at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9; Ravel's *Bolero* with fireworks at 8 p.m. Friday, July 14; *Romeo and Juliet* at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15 and the music of Cole Porter at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16. For culturally-minded single professionals, Overtures will meet on Saturday, July 15 beginning at 6 p.m. for a summertime barbecue and cash bar. (313) 576-5111.

HUNTINGTON WOODS CONCERT SERIES
The 2000 summer concert series is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, featuring Jill Jack in Scotia Park (Scotia at Lincoln) in Huntington Woods.

JAZZFEST 2000
The annual event featuring Chuck Mangione, Herbie Mann, Alexander Zonjic and others is Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22 in Shain Park, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

LIVONIA UNDER THE STARS
Marc Thomas & Max the Moose perform 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at Greenmead, Newburgh Road, South of 8 Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

SOUTHFIELD SUMMER CONCERTS
An evening with the Red Garter Band is 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Mudpuppy plays at 7 p.m., July 9 at the concerts by the pool at the Southfield Sports Arena, 26000 Evergreen.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE
Tony in Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

FOR KIDS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Summer at the Art Factory is a creative summer camp for kids ages 6-12 with weekly themes and projects. Morning, afternoon and full-day sessions are available. Also, Feat of Clay, the AAAC's Paint your own pottery studio, offers "Keep it in a safe place, paint your own bank." on July 9. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

D & M SUMMER CAMP
The theme this year is Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness. Camp runs through Aug. 25 for students ages 3-16. Classes are held at locations in Canton and Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

EVOLA MUSIC
Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (birth to 7 years old), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677.

KINDERMUSIK
Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

VILLAGE MUSIC
Registration is being taken for Kindermusik for children, birth to 8. Classes begin the week of July 10 and fall classes begin the week of Sept. 11. Village Music is located in Plymouth's Old Village, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 354-9825.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Rita's songs and puppets for parents and children ages 2 months to 4 years. For location and registration call (248) 539-2290.

Grand River. (248) 473-1856.
BIDDLE GALLERY
Through July 10 — *Touch*, a textile/fiber installation by Allen Park native Richard Green. 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte. (734) 281-4779.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Through July 21 — *Inner Reflections*: A Mi-Kyoung Lee installation exhibit. Through July 28 — CAC at the BBAC. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

CASA DE UNIDAD
Through Aug. 25 — *Los Portales*, a painting exhibit by Mel Rosas. 1920 Scotten, Detroit. (313) 843-9598.

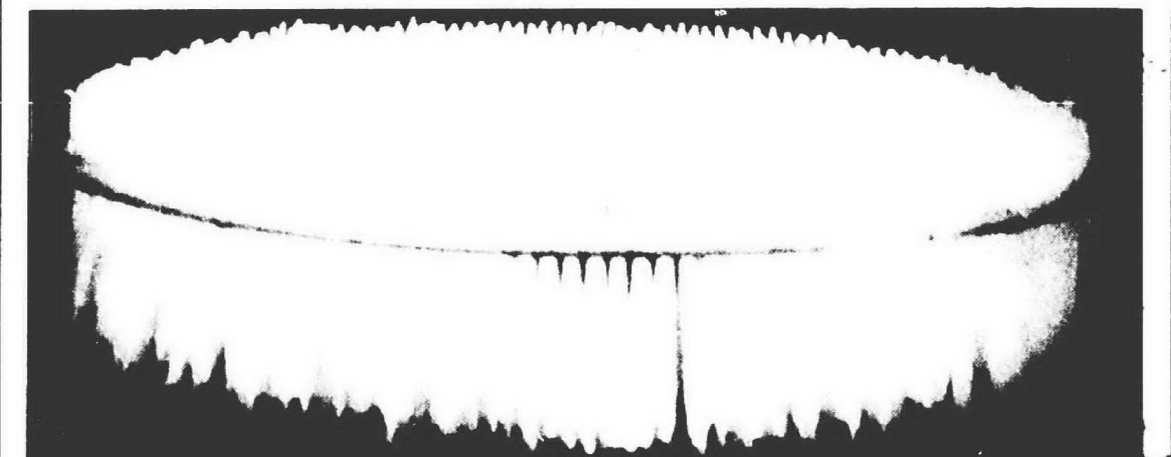
CASS CAFE
Through August — Rocky Ford: an exhibition by Matthew Hanna. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Aug. 11 — Alumni Exhibition 2000. 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through July 9 — A solo show by Iliham Mahfouz. 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Aug. 10 — Janice Charach Epstein. A Tribute. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield.

Recycled art



Resourceful: Playing upon the concepts of use, refuse, trash and beauty, an Ann Arbor Art Center exhibition will feature artists who purposefully choose materials that have an economic, social and cultural history and a story to tell. The exhibition is open through July 29 (M-Th, 10 to 6 p.m.; F-S, 10-9 p.m.; Sun., 12-5 p.m.). Call (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Young writer drives stake through myth of literary life

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Amelia Atwater-Rhodes lives a short walk from Walden Pond in Concord, Mass., the fertile ground of early American literature and a place where most authors inevitably make their literary pilgrimage. But the 16-year-old with a prolific pen and a blood-thirsty imagination is hardly inspired by the living spirits of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne and Alcott.

For Atwater-Rhodes, who is often described as the Anne Rice for young-adult readers, the incantatory world of witches and vampires is a timeless, haunting universe. She not only writes about it, but as a practicing Wicca, she's a full-time resident. (Wicca worship nature and a multicultural hodgepodge of pagan holidays. Atwater-Rhodes isn't bashful about casting a spell, or stirring a witch's brew.)

Two years ago, her first novel, *In the Forests of the Night*, was published by Delacorte.

With a first printing of 20,000, impressive sales and demonstrable ability to develop complex characters and plots, critics have called Atwater-Rhodes a promising talent. Few authors have started their "published" writing careers at such a young age.

On Thursday, Atwater-Rhodes will be at Book Beat in Oak Park to sign copies of her second novel, *Demon In My View*.

Like her earlier effort, the story centers on vampires and the paranormal.

The demons in Atwater-Rhodes' tale are avid-reading vampires seeking revenge on the protagonist, a writer whose book about vampires bites a little too close to the heart.

The trip to the Midwest for a five-city promotional tour is Atwater-Rhodes' first glimpse at the publicity side of the writing life.

"My favorite part of getting published is meeting other people who write."

Two months ago, she did the "satellite tour," and was interviewed via the airwaves by nearly 50 television and radio stations across the country.

During the last two years, articles have appeared in *People*, *The New Yorker*, *USA Today*,



Living spirits: Author Amelia Atwater-Rhodes stands in the legendary Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Mass.

What: Book signing - Amelia Atwater-Rhodes, author of *Demon In My View* and *In the Forests of the Night*,
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13
Where: Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, (248) 968-1190

work.

At 16, Atwater-Rhodes is not surprisingly precocious, self-assured and remarkably focused. "I'll start working whenever I get an idea for a character," she said.

From there, the writing process takes off and continues at warp speed. She has completed as many as 150 pages in a 12-hour day of writing.

On the bookshelf in her study, Atwater-Rhodes has two dozen of her manuscripts that haven't been published. And as she works to finish her next book in a three-book contract with Delacorte, she also maintains about three dozen other writing projects.

"All my books are related," she said. "The characters are intertwined in the stories." Her stories are clearly aimed at the easy-read popular horror genre with young readers in mind. There are few literary constructions, and the jargon has an unmistakably high school appeal.

Yet for such a young writer, Atwater-Rhodes is aware of the breadth of her imagination as well as her limitations.

"I write to entertain myself. It's the same reason people read."

and *Seventeen* named Atwater-Rhodes as one of the "20 Teens Who Will Change the World."

Mission control for Atwater-Rhodes is a study in a modest two-story house, a room she describes as cluttered with bean bags, stuffed animals, pillows and paper. "You can't even find the floor."

Unlike most other teenagers, she doesn't hang out at malls, mostly because she "gets obsessive about buying stuff," hates shoe shopping and would rather be writing. That is, when she's not fencing for her high school team or playing piano.

"My writing takes first priority," said Atwater-Rhodes. "Sometimes I work until four in the morning."

She squeezes in homework, and apparently, with a nearly A-grade average, seems to be finding a balance for her academic

Frightful characters touch readers with their intensity



ESTHER LITTMANN

In the Forests of the Night, 1999, \$4.99; **Demon In My View**, 2000, \$9.95, by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes, Delacorte Press

In the Forests of the Night has justifiably been hailed by critics

as "insightful and imaginative" as well as "matured and polished."

Complimentary but not unique comments in the publishing world, these accolades are, nevertheless, noteworthy, considering that the author of *Forests of the Night*, was a mere 13 years old when she wrote the book.

A skillfully crafted plot, characters that reach out and touch us with their intensity, and insight into life's seamy underbelly astounds - even intimates - readers of all ages.

Second novel

Now 16, Amelia Atwater-Rhodes has recently published her second young-adult novel, *Demon In My View*. Both books are steeped in vampire lore and take their titles from poems by William Blake and Edgar Allan Poe, respectively.

The soon-to-be high-school junior has little interest in the classics, however. They're too predictable, she claims, and therefore boring. Brought up on *Dracula* and the horror tales of Stephen King, her mother's favorites, authors like Emerson, Alcott, and Hawthorne, who lie buried in her hometown cemetery Of Concord, Mass., hold

Concerned adults who worry about the subject matter should know that the young author's novels are not all blood and gore.

scant appeal. Vampires, said Atwater-Rhodes in an interview published by *People* magazine on Aug. 9, 1999, interest her because "they have more abilities than humans."

Traditionally, vampires are corpses that leave their graves at night to suck the blood of sleeping persons. Atwater-Rhodes expands their role by endowing her vampiric characters with additional powers. They are able to fly, shift shape, read minds, deploy energy shields, and fight with their minds as well as their bodies. The world they inhabit is sharply divided between predator and prey. But the major conflicts center on the vampires themselves as they combat each other for supremacy or occasionally struggle with the remnants of a once-human conscience that sometimes whispers, "Thou shalt not kill."

Forests of the Night for example, depicts what happens when 17-year-old Rachael Wheate, living in early 18th-century New England, is involuntarily transformed into a vampire named Risika. Struggling between good and evil, between a human moral code and her instinct for survival, the fledgling vampire must face unpleasant truths about her former life and rationalize the actions she once considered evil.

"The world is evil," Risika learns. "Wolves hunt the stragglers in a group of deer. Vultures devour the fallen. Hyenas destroy the weak. Humans kill that which they fear. Survive and be strong, or die, cornered by your prey, trembling because the night is dark."

Role model

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes has become something of a role model to aspiring young writers. But her admirers should know that literary success seldom comes without years of practice. Prior to publishing *Forests of the Night* she had completed 19 other novels and currently has 24 more in progress. She continues to spend many hours at her computer, perfecting her craft.

Concerned adults who worry about the subject matter should know that the young author's novels are not all blood and gore. Interestingly, her vampires can practice self-control and remember their humanity. Vampires are bloodthirsty and cruel, she seems to be saying, but so are human beings. The difference lies in self-knowledge. Vampires don't pretend to be anything else.

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English. You can leave her a message on a touch tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is (248) 444-1314.

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going to sell more." Plymouth watercolorist Diana Masters transfers her skills to wood in her latest creations.

The acrylic painted furniture features florals and landscapes that were first done in watercolor on paper. Masters will have both mediums on display. She also takes commissions from customers who bring their own tables for painting.

"It began three months ago when I went to an unfinished furniture store," said Masters, who majored in art education at Eastern Michigan University. "They're similar to watercolor. For the Pt. Betsie lighthouse on Lake Michigan I used a lot of the wood grain to create the sand."

Contemporary Gothic

Tom Myers uses carbon steel and endless welding, grinding and polishing to create his contemporary Gothic steel furniture. The Waterford sculptor began making tables six years

Betty Jo Woodworth, a Livonia crafter who creates whimsical soft sculpture, will display everything from fat fairies to elephants in tutus, bears climbing trees, moose, and gardening angel giraffes.

ago after he built a home in Keego Harbor. He'll bring similar tables, mirrors and custom bed frames to Art in the Park.

"They're all based on geometry," said Myers, who recently worked with Jeffrey King Interiors of Birmingham to install four tables and custom drapery rods in a San Diego home. "They find their energy from electricity and physics."



Whimsical wonders: Betty Jo Woodworth brings her soft sculptures to Art in the Park.

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Center. If you're a gardener, you won't want to miss Masek's monotypes.

"It's really a great place to have a show," said Harkins. "It's well lit with plenty of space to hang paintings. And the three of us have known each other for 20 years. We've been in the Livonia Artists Club together, the Farmington Artists Club and VAAL (Visual Arts Association of Livonia, so it's special."

Nature and travels

Joellen Kalymon's work is an affordable solution to decorating with original art. Her 34 color photographs, focusing closely on nature from different points of view, are on display along with Lee Bartlett's paintings at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Kalymon's color images are all framed and priced at \$120. Sure to be a favorite is one photograph featuring the pearly blue interior of an open clam shell that shines from its surroundings in the sand. Others are shot so close they create an abstract composition.

Bartlett's gouache, acrylic and watercolor paintings record the Northville resident's travels across country and across town. From the gingerbread accents on a vintage Plymouth house to a deteriorating silo which once

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stood at Seven Mile and Haggerty, Bartlett captures images unframed by clutter. Not to be missed is his painting of the raging green waves along an East Coast shoreline.

"When you're driving around it sticks in your mind and you come back," said Bartlett. "It's a feeling you get when you see something interesting. You want to see what you can do with it."

A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Bartlett studied at the Meininger Art School in Detroit before becoming a technical illustrator. He retired from his position as a senior designer in the Body Design Group at Ford Motor Co. in 1988. He's been painting every day since.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

ART BEAT

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NATIVE ART

Meet Michael Bollerud, a self taught artist who draws Native American subjects, when he exhibits work Friday-Sunday, July 14-16 at Native West, 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Hours for watching Bollerud draw are noon to 9 p.m. July 14,

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 15 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 16. For information, call the gallery at (734) 455-8838.

Bollerud, a Blackfeet and Crow Indian, creates the works in pencil.

ART CLASSES

The Art Gallery Studio will begin art classes with Lin Baum Thursday, July 13 at 29948 Ford Road in Garden City.

The study of portraiture, still life or personal subject matter in any medium is offered. Classes are sponsored by the Garden City Fine Arts Association.

To register or for more information, call (734) 261-0379.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is looking for artists for its 8th annual juried art show and show Oct. 7-13.

Deadline for entries of painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, graphics, photography, clay and fiber is Sept. 22.

For more information, call Judy Kohl at (248) 348-2678 or the church at (248) 349-0911.

BAND CONCERT

The Novi Community Band, under director Jack Kopnick,

will perform a concert 6 p.m. Sunday, July 9 behind the Westland Library.

The program includes classical, popular, patriotic and Dixieland music. The band's assistant director and principal clarinetist is Diran Kochyan, band director for the Garden City Public School District.

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New snack food sellers, shops open at Lakeside



Women who want the Bebe look now can find it at four Detroit-area locations. The international clothier recently opened its doors at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights.

The store, which appeals to the "hip, sophisticated and body conscious woman" also has shops at Somerset Collection in Troy, Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Cache, another new women's clothing store at Lakeside, sells fashion with "fabrics, colors, prints and silhouettes of the season."

Also new at Lakeside: Lisa Frank Clubhouse carries accessories for girls ages 2-12. Colorful characters decorate everything from barrettes to bean bags and crafts.

Rogers and Hollands Jewelers, is an 89-year veteran of the jewelry industry.

Hot Dog on a Stick specializes in corn bread battered and fried hot dogs.

Wetzel's Pretzels sells hand-rolled soft pretzels, pretzel bits, lemonade and other snacks.

Lakeside is located on M-59 at Schoenherr in Sterling Heights. Anchor stores are Hudson's, Sears, Lord & Taylor and JC Penney.

J. Silver, a low-priced, trendy women's clothing and accessory store, recently opened at Northland Center in Southfield.

The retailer sells a limited quantity of merchandise found at upscale stores by purchasing leftover inventory from manufacturers. Price tags are up to 70 percent off department store prices.

Northland is located at Greenfield, south of Nine Mile in Southfield.

Check out Jacobson's award-winning web site at www.jacobsons.com.

The store's web site designer, AppNet, won a certificate of Creative Achievement from the International Web Page Awards for the site's design. Internet users can check out fashion and trends, read a calendar of events, buy gift certificates and merchandise and send electronic greeting cards by logging onto the Jacobson site.

Here's your chance to win a prize at Jacobson's.

The retailer is giving away 21 Jeep Mountain Bikes, valued at \$300 each, with the launch of the Jeep Clothing line of boy's fashions. The Jeep collection includes the hottest boy's fashion trends, such as zip-off pants and raglan sleeve sherpa knit tops.

Customers can complete an entry card at any participating Jacobson's store. Each store will draw a winner on Sept. 1.

Bradley Jernigan of Waterford is the new marketing director for Summit Place Mall. The Dearborn native recently served as marketing director at West Shore Mall in Holland, Mich.

Summit Place, opened in 1961, underwent a major expansion in 1988 and includes five anchors, Hudson's J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Sears and Montgomery Ward. It's located at Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake Roads.

Fairlane Town Center's new general manager is Michael Fisher. The Dearborn resident was assistant general manager of Woodfield Shopping center in Suburban Chicago becoming assistant general manager of Fairlane in August 1999.



New at Northland: J. Silver sells trendy women's fashions at discount prices.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

At Antonino Salon: Wigs await customers at Anthony Marsalese's Walled Lake salon.

Stylists clip hair for charity at Birmingham summer sale

Get a hair cut Saturday in downtown Birmingham and help send a child with cancer to camp.

Stylists from a dozen salons will clip and style customers in the out-of-doors, donating their \$30 per head fee to the Michigan chapter of Camp Make-A-Dream, a medically-supervised camp for children and teens with cancer.

Salon owner Anthony Marsalese organized the fund-raiser as a part of Day on the Town, downtown Birmingham's summer sidewalk sale.

"I've always wanted the salons in Birmingham to get together and do something. We have a great group of salons in town," Marsalese said. "It's a way for us to get involved. It will be such a fun day."

Hair stylists from Antonino, La Pierce, Virtuoso, Spa Avalon, Bashar, Bitonti, Illusions by Sherry, Sharon's Salon, Salon Figaro, Beaton Colors, Red The Salon and Thomas D and Co., will clip hair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the center stage located at Maple and Old Woodward.

"Our salon had a cut-a-thon two years ago and we donated the proceeds. Camp Make-A-Dream is a great organization. The people who run it are committed. Children go to the camp and they say that for one week they forget about their pain," Marsalese explained.

"It seems like a great cause." Stylists will wash hair in nearby salons and have several blow dryers on hand.

"Chances are if it's a nice, hot sunny day, the hair will be dry before we're done cutting," Marsalese added.

Day on the Town runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. No appointments are necessary for the clip-a-thon.

Other center stage events include: Aerobics demonstration, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Straw Hat Band, 4-5 p.m. Keith Stucky Magic, 6-6:30 p.m. Southfield Martial Arts Institute, 7-7:30 p.m. School of Chinese Martial Arts, 8-8:30 p.m.

Salon's wigs give stylish hairdos to cancer patients

BY LENA KHZOUZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Marie Williams was destined to work in a salon, but never guessed that most of her customers would suffer from cancer-related hair loss.

Williams comes from a long line of hairdressers. Family members referred to her uncle, Nino Genna, as the "godfather of hairdressers."

Her brother, Anthony Marsalese, 41, blossomed as a hair stylist under his uncle's direction and opened Antonino salons in Birmingham and Walled Lake. Many of his relatives worked with him at one time or another, including his niece, cousin and one of his sisters.

Williams, who lives in Taylor, entered the family profession seven years ago after developing alopecia, a disease that results in partial or total hair loss.

Marsalese was planning to expand his Walled Lake shop, located at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads in the Newberry Square Shopping Center.

Williams suggested adding a wig boutique.

"I have to help people like me," she told him. "We have to do this."

Marsalese and Williams' daughter previously had ordered and cut a wig for her.

"I was just thankful that I had people in the business who would be able to help me," Williams said.

She realized that other people weren't as lucky.

"I just felt that's what I should be doing to help other people," she said. "I guess God gave me the strength to get through this and I just feel like I can help others."

Marsalese knew what he had to do, too.

He built a small room separate from the rest of the salon. He and his niece attended wig-styling seminars for nearly a year because cutting wigs differs from clipping hair.

"Most of our clients are chemotherapy patients who are going to lose their hair," Marsalese said. Other clients include those who have alopecia or similar diseases, have thinning hair or prefer wearing wigs.

'Most of our clients are chemotherapy patients who are going to lose their hair.'

Anthony Marsalese
—Salon owner

Marsalese finds fulfillment in wig styling. It is a learning experience, but more importantly it helps people feel independent and secure about the appearance of their hair.

Customers who are embarrassed trying on a wig in public come to the boutique because it offers more privacy.

"We want their wig to be something they don't have to worry about," Marsalese added. "That really is so powerful, they feel so good about our service."

Many people help in the process. Williams consults with the clients and orders and fits the wigs. Hairdressers at the salon make the wigs look natural. Afterward, the wig is fitted and then styled again while it's on the customer. Williams also teaches clients to wash and care for their wigs.

"When they come in here they're very devastated," Williams said.

Then she tells them that she wears a wig and they realize how natural it can look.

"They feel better to know that someone else has gotten through that. It's the most rewarding job I ever had," she said.

Antonino's staff also trained in wig styling, but only a few can cut and coil the synthetic hair pieces, which are made of plastic, according to Marsalese. He said human hair wigs require more care but a few people request them.

Both Antonino salons offer hair styling for men and women, manicures, pedicures, waxing and make-up separate from the wig boutique.

Call the Walled Lake wig boutique and salon at (248) 669-0900. The Birmingham salon is at (248) 258-5990.



Rewarding work: Marie Williams runs a wig boutique for her brother, Anthony Marsalese, who owns salons in Birmingham and Walled Lake. Williams wears a wig after being stricken with alopecia, a disease that results in hair loss.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Artisans will personalize a holiday ornament with an individual name or a festive motif during Art Van's Christmas in July sale, from 1-3 p.m., at the Westland store, 8300 Wayne Road.

CAIRN SCULPTOR VISITS

Tom Clark, collectible sculptor for Cairn Studios, will meet customers from 2-5 p.m., at Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile, Livonia. The event includes a silent auction of retired work, hourly free prize drawings and special promotion figurines, Cairn 2000, Christmas 2000 and Turn of the Century, available on a limited basis. (248)476-1160.

MONDAY, JULY 10

FALL FASHION

View Chanel's fall 2000 collection at a trunk show today and on Tuesday at Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Troy.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

SCIENCE GUY

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Dr. Zap will dazzle with science experiments at 11 a.m., at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia. The program's part of a weekly summer series for families.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

SIDEWALK SALES

Look for savings up to 75 percent off designer wear and shoes at annual summer sidewalk sales, today through July 15 at The Boardwalk, on Orchard Lake Road south of Maple in West Bloomfield.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

VINTAGE FASHION

Lucy Ortiz, vintage clothing dealer, presents an evening of fashions, fun and food, focusing on the unique styles that characterized the last century, at 7 p.m., at the Detroit Opera House, located at Grand Circus Park and Madison Avenue in Detroit. General seating is \$20 and patron tickets are \$25. Tickets will be available at the door. Pay by credit card through e-mail at lato@motopera.org or by fax at 313-237-3412.

OPEN HOUSE

View the Worth fall 2000 collection from 4-8 p.m., at an open house at 204 Glengarry road, Bloomfield Hills or by appointment through July 18. Call Karla Sherry at (248) 593-3492.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

NATIVE ART WORK

Michael Bollerud, a self-taught artist with a focus on native American subjects, will show his works from noon to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, at Native West, 863 Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth.

FOUNDERS COUNCIL FUN

The Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts brings an evening of art, music and fun to the Somerset Collection in Troy. Tickets for the event, which runs from 9:30 p.m. to midnight, are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Includes live music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Call (313)833-3737 for reservations.

ALL THINGS FRENCH

Cristions Fine Linen holds a special Bastille Day sale of French merchandise and invites the public to a wine and cheese open house from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m. Cristions, located at 205 North Old Woodward, sells bed and table linens.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

SUMMER SAVINGS

Spend \$25 at any store in Tel-Twelve Mall through July 16 and get a free wave pool pass, good at Oakland County Parks' Red Oaks and Waterford Oaks pools. Sidewalk sales continue at the shopping center, located at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads, through July 16.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND

- An Elna sewing machine instruction book for Carrie.
- House of Watch Bands on Telegraph south of M-59 carry blue watch bands and vintage watch bands.
- Michael Anglo's on Telegraph south of Ford in Dearborn Heights repairs cane chairs.
- Bend Over slacks can be purchased at Klines on Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- Irish Spring liquid soap was discontinued two years ago. You can call the 800 number on the bottle to register a complaint to bring the soap back.
- A reader has many stuffed animals to donate to a charitable organization or school.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- A 1968 Michigan license plate for Lynn of Redford.
- A store that sells metal ice cube trays with the pull back handle for Diana of Livonia.
- A company that can repair a broken video tape for a VCR for Sheri.
- A part for a juice blender made by Hitachi for Clytie of Farmington Hills.
- A store that sells Wish Bone Oriental salad dressing for Amy who resides in Clarkston.
- A store that sells the spot stain remover for Beth of Plymouth.
- A copy of the June 7 Brittany Spears television special in Hawaii for Linda of Livonia.
- A single car solid garage door with a concrete counter weight, new or used, (from the early 1940's) for David of Garden City.
- A store that sells Jaquet eye cream for Margaret of Walled Lake.
- A store that sells Svall mineral water made in Iceland for Wendy.
- A portable basketball system on a two-inch pole lowered to 3 1/2 feet for Barbie.
- A store that sells tomato paste in a tube, similar to the kind used on the Urban Peasant, a television show on Channel 9, for Jo of Livonia.

Livonia

- A collapsible three-shelf bookcase (Home Depot used to carry them) for Jo.
- A store that sells pleated accordion-style paper birthday cakes that can fold for mailing, for Pat of Troy.
- A store that sells metal vent covers for heating vents, circa 1956, for Claire.
- A ceramic plated canapé spreader with a metal — not Lucite — blade.
- A new or used rolling shell with a seat that slides back and forth, measures less than 20 feet and accommodates a 124 pound person, but is not a kayak, for Alexis.
- The dishes, Garland Rose, by Pfaltzgraff for Penny.
- The card game, Stippel, with the numbers, "1,2,3" on the package, by Mattel for Carol Ann.
- A Lenox Disney spice jar lid for the Snow White and the Seven Dwarf jar for Jane.
- The six-inch tall Pillsbury "cookie girl" from 1972 or any other Pillsbury collectibles for Neil.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte STUFF WE CRAVE



Cool colors: Glittery hues and creamy colors from Chicks Rule can illuminate even the dullest of digits. Each nail enamel is \$6.95, available at Aetheria, 23140 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 547-9898.



At Jacobson's stores: Anna Sui's dark green, four button jacket makes a great topper for dresses and casual wear. The leather piece sells for \$700.

Stores, eatery debut at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi

Six businesses recently opened their doors at Twelve Oaks Mall, located at 12 Mile and Novi roads.

Games Workshop offers a variety of tabletop strategy games, along with paints, miniature models, brushes, White Dwarf gaming magazine and all accessories.

Wizards of the Coast stocks a different variety of games. Shoppers can find board and video games, trading cards, including Pokemon, role playing fun, as well as books and other materials about games of skill.

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Jessica McClintock offers women's formal apparel, accessories, fragrance and related products.

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Boat load of fun awaits at annual Mackinac race

BY KRISTA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

By land or by sea the 76th annual Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race, which runs from Port Huron to Mackinac, has something to offer for everyone.

More than 3,000 sailors and 250 sailboats from the United States and Canada are expected to be a part of the race that begins 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15 with the first class of sailboats, and ends Tuesday, July 18 with an awards ceremony on Mackinac Island. Sponsored by Detroit's Bayview Yacht Club, the race is known as the world's largest freshwater sporting and sailing event.

"It is probably one of the greatest events that Michigan can be proud of," said Mark Revers of Plymouth, one of the participants.

The race starts on the west side of the shipping channel in lower Lake Huron, north of St. Clair River.

Land spectators can watch the start of the race at Lakeside Park at the north end of Port Huron off State Road 25. There will also be designated spectator areas for those watching the race from a boat. There are also lots of special activities on land in Port Huron including concerts, a carnival and art fair.

History

The Bayview Mackinac Race began in 1925 as a challenge among friends to create a race to rival the Newport to Bermuda Race, which was won in 1924 by a Bayview boat.

Yachts in this year's race will range from 26 feet to 72 feet in length.

Eighteen boats will be larger than 60 feet long, which is a new record for the race. The largest competing boat will have a crew of over 20 members.

Many of the competitors have also raced in the America's Cup

Port Huron highlights

■ McDonagh Amusement Carnival with rides and games, 1 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, July 11-16. No charge to enter the carnival grounds.

■ Boat Night on downtown riverfront to view the Mackinac Race Fleet, Friday, July 14.

■ Downtown Race viewing along the Black River, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15.

■ Art on the Avenue Art Fair with demonstrations, children's activities, music and food, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 22 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 23.

■ Southside Blues & Jazz Festival, noon to 8 p.m., Sunday, July 23. Free.

■ Symphonic Band Twilight Concert Series, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 29.

What to do and see

■ The Fort Gratiot Lighthouse - One of the first lighthouses on Lake Huron and the oldest surviving lighthouse in Michigan.

■ The Huron Lightship Museum in Pine Grove Park - View the Blue Water Bridges from the deck of this historical ship. It's known as the "last floating lighthouse" to sail the Great Lakes.

■ Thomas Edison Depot - Memorabilia from Thomas Edison's childhood and home is on display at this year-round museum along with an original phonograph and an incandescent light bulb.

■ Knowlton's Ice Museum - Over 1,000 items from a time when ice was delivered to your doorstep by horse and wagon.

■ Main Street - Seventy specialty shops, restaurants and art galleries along Huron Avenue.

■ Ruby Tree Farm - A family center with a petting zoo, tree farm and cider mill. Open September - December.

■ Horizon Outlet Center - Buy directly from the manufacturer and save on brand-name apparel, shoes, gifts and home furnishings.

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and the Whitbread Around the World Race. Some sailors, known as "old goats," have been racing for 25 years or more, while others are young sailors in training.

It's Thomas Kleinhardt's goal to become a Bayview Mackinac Race "old goat." He will be competing in his 20th Bayview Mackinac Race this year.

Kleinhardt, 58, has been sailing since 1965 and appreciates the competition involved with the racing his sailboat "Forte," a Catalina 38 that he purchased in 1980.

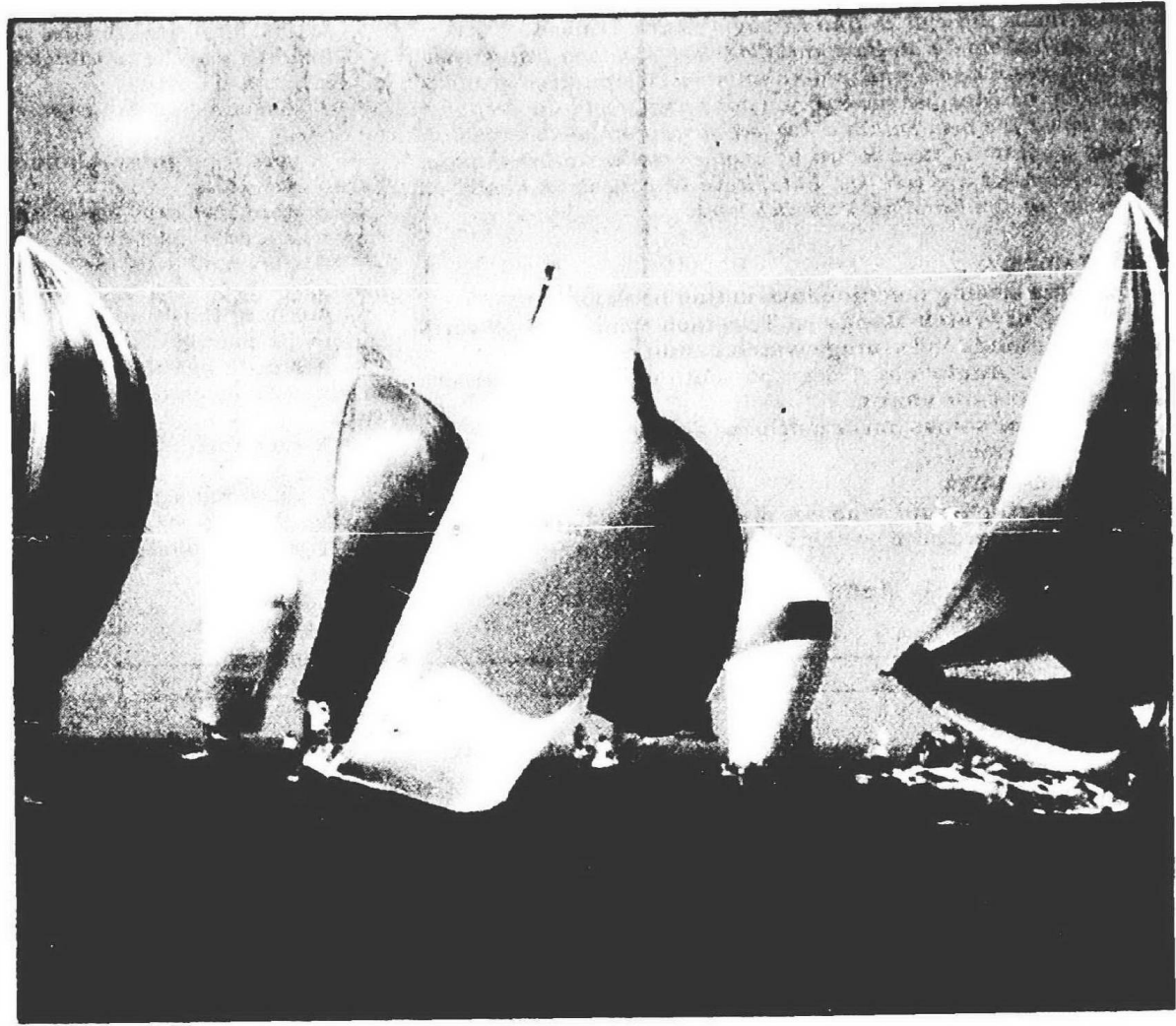
"I enjoy the competition and the camaraderie of the crew when we're racing," said Kleinhardt a Farmington Hills resi-

dent. In nine of its previous 19 Bayview Mackinac Races, "Forte" has placed either first, second or third, a record Kleinhardt and his crew are proud of.

The eight member crew of mostly women aboard "Forte" include Kleinhardt's 20-year-old daughter, Jessica. The father and daughter team also race at the DRYA Races every Saturday on Lake St. Clair.

Insatiable

Dr. Norm Silverman's 46 foot Tartan sailboat, "Insatiable," also has a crew of family members including his wife and daughter. Revers ended up being a part of "Insatiable's crew just



Race: The wind will catch your sails at the 76th annual Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race beginning Saturday, July 15, in Port Huron and culminating Tuesday, July 18, with an awards ceremony on Mackinac Island. There will be more than 250 sailboats and 3,000 sailors from the United States and Canada competing in the race.

by chance after attending the 1998 Bayview Mackinac Races.

"I mentioned how fun it would be to be in the race," said Revers, 38. "Later I got a call that there was a boat crew I could join."

Since he had never even been on a sailboat before in his life, his duties aboard "Insatiable" in the 1999 Race were minimal, but it was still an incredible experience for him.

"I literally had dreams about the experience for weeks,"

Revers said. "The start of the race was as intense as a space shuttle launch."

Revers, who will be aboard "Insatiable" again this year, was made a permanent crew member after the sailboat won three first place awards in the 1999 Race.

This year, there is a new course replacing the Cove Island route, the Southampton Ontario Course, which is 290 statute miles long. Sailors will also have the chance to sail a concurrent

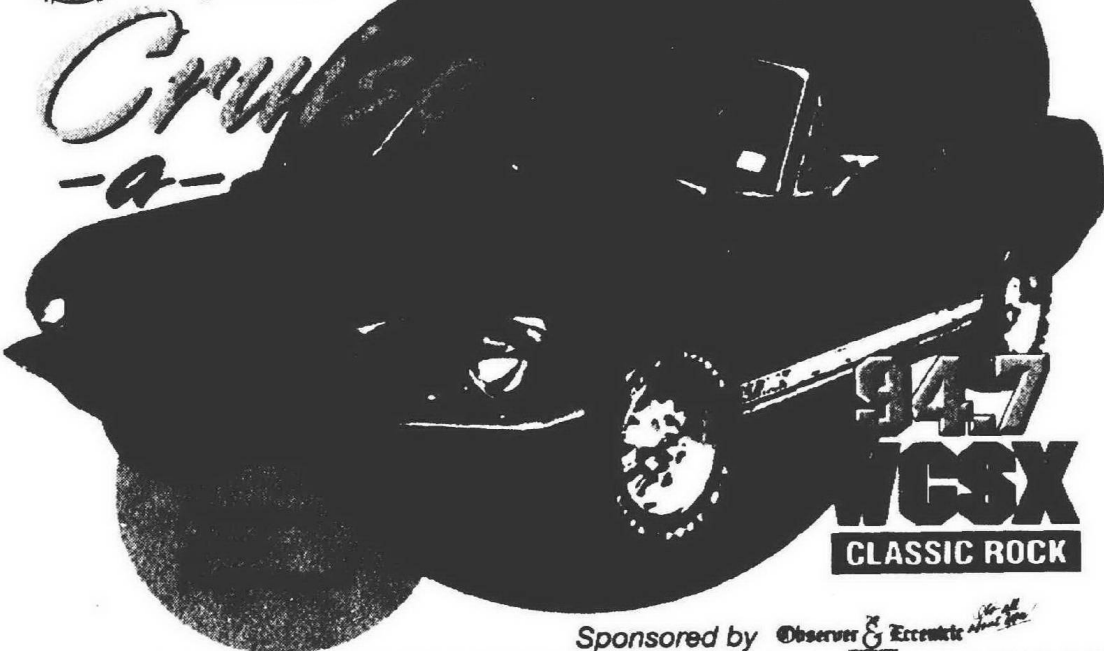
race, the Millennium 600 Race, past Mackinac and on to Chicago.

"(The new Southampton course) has more open water than the original," Kleinhardt said.

Revers and the crew of "Insatiable" will be sailing the Shore Course as they have in the past years.

"When a team wins, they don't like to change things up very much," he said.

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Drying saves summer flavor to enjoy later

As the sun shines bright it creates a vibrant Technicolor palate of fruits and vegetables with which to work. The energy of the sun is evident from the bountiful harvest we enjoy throughout this festive season, from peaches so beautiful and ripe you can smell them across the room, to beans so green and large you would swear the Green Giant must have grown them himself.

When the strength of the sun starts to wane, and the garden has soaked up all of its energy, it's time to take action to prolong the flavors of summer.

Oven drying is one method chefs use to preserve fruits and vegetables. It is a slow, gentle cooking process that uses dry heat to extract water. The outside will dry while the inside steams, turning select produce into a dried yet concentrated version of its fresh form.

In biblical times, figs and grapes were buried and dried in the hot desert sand, just as many orchard fruits were sun-dried in the Middle Ages. Grapes have been sun-dried for ages or set next to the fireplace for drying to be saved for a kiss of sweetness throughout the long winter months.

Equipment

■ **Trays** - Select wooden trays (avoid green wood) that are slatted, woven or perforated so that warm air can properly circulate around food. A slatted baking rack placed on top of a cookie sheet also works.

■ **Baskets** - Used when blanching or steaming fruits and vegetables.

■ **Scales** - Weighing food before and after is a good double check system. The end result of drying is to remove 80 to 90 percent of water. This translates to an approximate 50 percent weight reduction.

Technical info

■ Set oven to its lowest setting (usually 140-150°F).

■ Thoroughly clean all fruits and vegetables, cutting away any bad spots. It's a good idea to blanch vegetables prior to drying.

■ Cut all fruits and vegetables for drying into even slices or quarters. The larger the cut the longer the drying time.

■ Place food on racks in the oven. If using an electric oven put a wedge between door to allow oven to remain open 2-3 inches for good air circulation. A small fan placed near the oven door will also aid in the even drying of your products.

■ Drying times can vary greatly depending on size, cut and oven temperatures. Most fruit and vegetable slices will dry in 10 to 24 hours.

■ It is also fun to experiment with different seasonings and herbs on products to be dried.

Vegetables

Depending on the type, vegetables are sufficiently dried when they are hard and brittle or tough and leathery. Others, such as beans and corn, will shatter if crushed.

Leafy, thin veggies will be brittle and break into cracker-like pieces. Larger chunk veggies should appear and feel leathery.

Fruit

Fruit leathers tend to be slightly sticky to the touch. Fruit can be dried to varying degrees depending on future use. Many people dry fruits to add a different taste, flair and texture to dishes, not for long-term storage.

With dried fruits and vegetables you can still be enjoying the tastes and smells of summer long after you put away the lawn furniture.

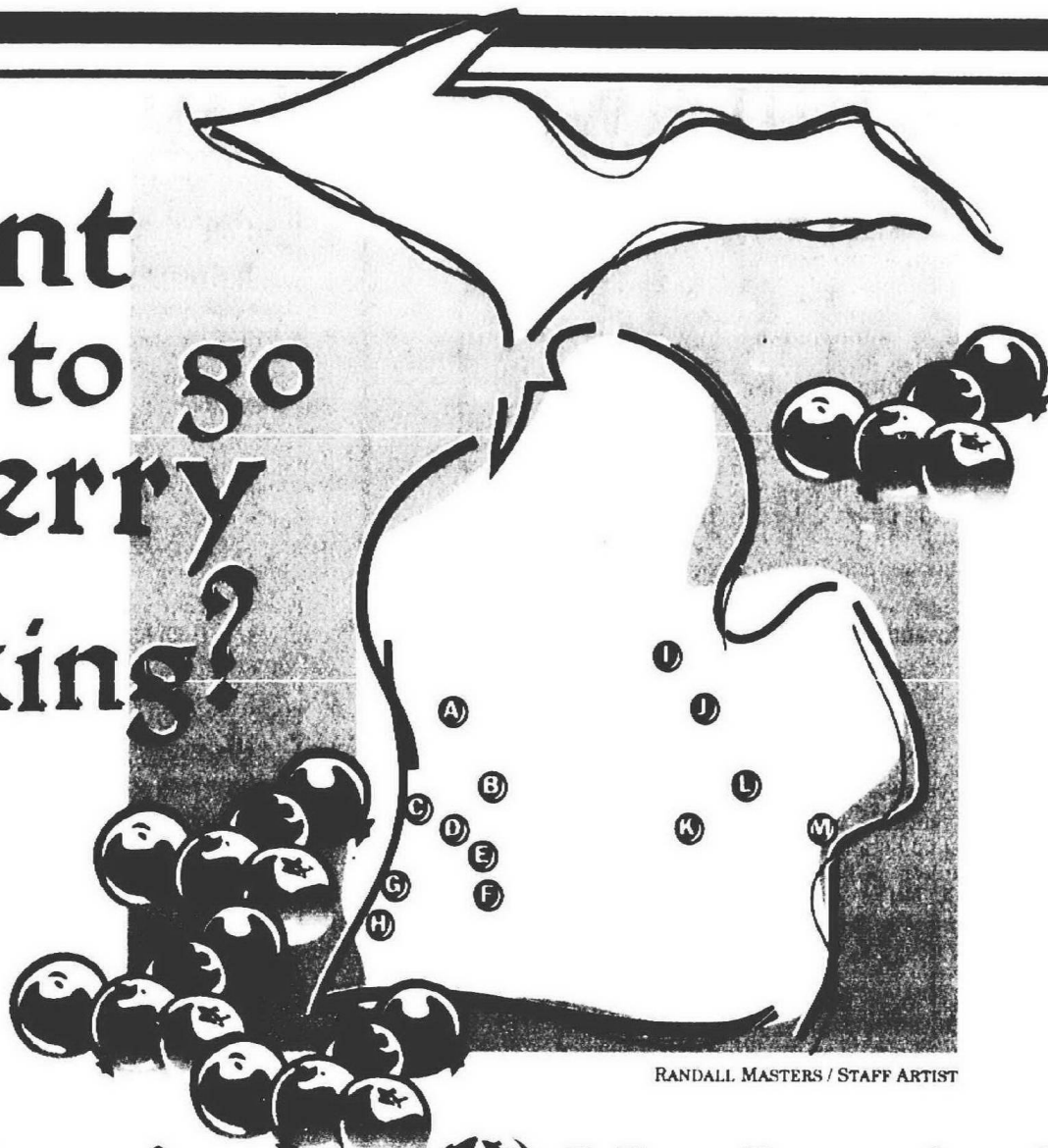
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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Want to go Berry picking?



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The time is ripe for blueberries!

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Plump and promising with a long growing season, blueberries can be found in North America from May until the end of September. July is National Blueberry Month and there is no fruit more patriotic.

A staple of our early ancestors, blueberries are as much a part of our heritage as country quilts and wood-burning stoves. Native Americans gathered the wild sapphire-colored berries as a food staple. They called these fruits "star berries" because of the star-shaped pointy flower calyx on the top of each berry. Indians smoked the berries to preserve them for winter, and pounded them into venison to flavor the meat.

Blueberries have historically heralded the arrival of summer. And nothing says summer better than a bowl of fresh blueberries, blueberry cobbler, or "homemade" blueberry muffins served warm from the oven.

Picking memories

Ginny Bennett of Bloomfield Hills has fond memories of picking blueberries as a child. She and her father would travel to a blueberry farm near Flint where the two would pick until their buckets overflowed. Ginny also helped herself as she went down the rows, enjoying the sweet berries in the warm summer sun. When they finished picking and gave the berries to the farmer's wife for weighing, she jokingly told Ginny to get on the scales too, since her telltale blue teeth and lips showed that she had been eating as well as picking.

Dan Reeves, deputy director of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan, included blueberries in a delicious low-fat dessert he made for a recent company lunch. For each serving, he placed a half slice of Entemann's fat free pound cake in a bowl, topped it with strawberries that were lightly sweetened with artificial sweet-

ener, then placed another slice of pound cake on top. For the topping, he crushed blueberries and raspberries and folded them into fat-free vanilla yogurt. Over this goes a dollop of fat-free non-dairy whipped topping.

Besides being delicious, blueberries also provide a fair source of vitamin C and potassium and contain approximately 80 calories per one-cup serving. According to Dr. Mike Mainland, an extension specialist for blueberries at North Carolina State University, in a pioneer study at Tufts University, blueberries ranked number one out of 40 fruits and vegetables in antioxidant power. Researchers believe a diet rich in antioxidants may lower the risk of cancer, heart disease and other ailments. It is anthocyanin, the pigment that makes a blueberry blue, that is thought to be responsible for the high levels of antioxidants found in blueberries.

Dr. James Joseph, head of the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston has been studying the effects of aging in brain and motor function of rats through a series of feeding trials. He found that putting laboratory rats on blueberry-rich diets slowed age-related loss in their mental capacity, a finding with implications for humans.

Blueberries underwent hybridization and commercial cultivation around the end of the 19th century. Today blueberries are larger and juicier than their wild cousins of previous generations, although wild blueberries are still used in canned products and sold to cereal manufacturers and commercial bakeries for use in manufactured products. Cultivated berries are available fresh, frozen and dried. Ninety five percent of the world's commercial blueberry crop comes from North America.

Buying berries

Whether you pick berries from a farmer's field or your grocer's produce shelves, look for a dark blue color with a silvery bloom, which is a natural, protective

waxy coating. Buy blueberries that are plump, firm, uniform in size, dry and free from leaves or stems.

Fresh blueberries should be stored covered in the refrigerator and will keep up to two weeks. Berries should be washed just before using.

Blueberries are easy to freeze now for winter enjoyment. Place unwashed berries on a flat tray and freeze until solid. Pack frozen berries into airtight containers or freezer bags.

Cultivating blueberries

Blueberries are best grown from cuttings rather than seeds. The plants require a sunny spot in sandy and richly acidic soil. The flowers are bee-pollinated. The plants become deciduous shrubby bushes and should produce berries the season after they are planted, with full blueberry production in 5 to 7 years. Blueberries are ready for picking after they have turned a uniform blue. Let berries ripen and sweeten on the bush for a few days after turning blue since unripe blueberries do not continue to sweeten once they are picked. Look in gardening books for more information on planting and harvesting blueberries.

For more information and recipes, contact the Texas Blueberry Marketers, Txblueberries@tx-marketeers.com, the North American Blueberry Council, PO Box 1036, Folsom, CA 95763 or the Michigan Blueberry Growers Association, www.blueberries.com (800) 367-7292.

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See recipes inside

A few great ways to enjoy blueberries

■ Add fresh or frozen blueberries to hot or cold cereals.

■ Pile blueberries in a cantaloupe half and add a dollop of yogurt.

■ Spoon blueberries over ice cream, frozen yogurt or sherbet to form a parfait.

■ Sprinkle blueberries in fruit or green salads.

■ Drop blueberries in sparkling water for a refreshing alternative to soda pop.

■ Serve pureed blueberries as a sauce on meat, poultry and fish.

Dip into artichokes with mustard-mayo sauce



MURIEL WAGNER

Artichoke is one of my favorite veggies. First, because it takes me longer to eat it than to cook it. Second, because when it's served cold with mustard mayonnaise in its center with cooked shrimp draped over the top, I'm rewarded with a chorus of oohs and ahhs for my creativity. Little do my guests know how simple it is to make.

Here is my secret recipe. Vegetarians can skip the shrimp, but not the mustard sauce. Since melted butter is no longer an everyday part of my food repertoire, I developed the mustard-mayo sauce as a stand-in for butter for leaf dipping.

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ARTICHOKE EATING YOUNGER STYLE

- 4 medium artichokes, rinsed
- 1 lemon, washed and sliced thin
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup Kraft Mayo (nonfat)
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 12 ounces large shelled, cooked shrimp



Slice about 3/4-inch off tops of artichokes. Slice the stem so that the artichoke will stand upright. Use scissors to trim the thorny tops of the outside leaves. Brush with one tablespoon lemon juice. Lace lemon slices between the artichoke leaves. Stand artichokes in a microwave safe loaf pan in 1-inch of water. Cover with

wax paper.

Cook 20-25 minutes in microwave on high until tender enough to be pierced with a fork. Let stand for 5 minutes, covered. Remove from water. Pull out the choke - the pinkish prickly leaves in the center.

Mix the mayo, mustard and remaining lemon juice. Serve either in a small dish for dipping the artichoke leaves, or chill the artichokes. Fill with sauce and drape large cooked shrimp over the top. Serves 4.

Nutrition Facts (per serving)

- Calories: 156
- Total Fat: 1.1 g
- Saturated Fat: 0.2 g
- Cholesterol: 166 mg
- Sodium: 454 mg
- Food Exchanges: 2 1/2 vegetables, 3 lean meat

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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BLUEBERRY SYRUP

- 1 pint of blueberries
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Combine 1 pint of blueberries and 1 cup of maple syrup in a saucepan. Heat to boiling, then lower the heat and simmer until most of the fruit has burst.

Remove from the heat and use a fork or potato masher to smooch the berries.

The syrup will thicken as it cools. Store up to 2 days in the refrigerator. Makes about 2 cups.

CHICKEN GRILL WITH TANGY BLUEBERRY SAUCE

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons blueberry (or raspberry) vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 chicken breast halves, skin removed
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup pureed raspberries

In a non-aluminum dish or sturdy plastic zipper-type bag, combine oil, vinegar, lime juice and garlic. Add chicken, turning to coat all sides.

Marinate in refrigerator 1 to 2 hours. Reserving marinade,

remove chicken and pat dry with a paper towel.

Prepare sauce by combining marinade, blueberries and raspberry puree in a saucepan. Stirring occasionally, place over medium heat and cook 5 to 7 minutes until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and set aside.

To grill - chicken, place over medium heat, cooking 8-12 minutes per side or until the juices are no longer pink when the chicken is cut to the bone. Serve the chicken with the blueberry-raspberry sauce.

Cook's note: Chicken can also be prepared using the broiler, microwave or pan sauté methods. Serves four.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories per serving: 285; Fat (g): 15; Protein (g): 28; Carbohydrate (g): 11

Recipe compliments of the Michigan Blueberry Growers Association.

This pudding is a great dessert or a special treat for breakfast.

BLUEBERRY/CORN PUDDING

- 1/2 cup low-fat milk (1 percent milk fat)
- 1/2 cup egg whites (about four)
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie margarine,

melted to a liquid and cooled slightly

- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In medium mixing bowl combine all ingredients except blueberries and corn. Stir until thoroughly blended. Gently fold in blueberries and corn.

Spray two 10-ounce custard cups with nonstick cooking spray and fill each evenly with the blueberry-corn mixture. Set cups in an 8-inch by 8-inch by 2-inch baking pan (or other pan that the cups will fit in) and fill the pan with water to a depth of about one inch.

Bake for about 40 minutes or until a knife, inserted in the center, comes out dry. You can reduce baking time by heating the water to boiling before filling the pans surrounding the custard cups. Cooking time will vary.

Makes two large servings. Nutrition information per serving

Calories 243; Protein (g): 14; Fat (g): 6; Carbohydrate (g): 40; Sodium (mg): 219

Recipe compliments of HDS Services.

Savor flavors of summer

See related 2 Unique column. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton.

SUMMER GOODNESS GREENS

- 1 cup chopped Romaine lettuce
- 2 cups baby greens
- 1/4 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into half-moon slices
- 1/4 cup chopped toasted walnuts
- 1/4 cup crumbled Chevre cheese
- 4 peach halves, dried, and cut into thin strips
- 2-3 ounces (about 4 tablespoons) citrus vinaigrette, (recipe follows)
- 3 ounces citrus vinaigrette

Soak dried peaches in 2-3 ounces vinaigrette for 1 hour. Clean greens, chop walnuts

Toss greens with remaining 3 ounces citrus vinaigrette, cucumbers and pinch of salt and pepper. Place on serving platter, and sprinkle cheese over the top. Arrange nuts and peach slices.

Chef's note: This would also be great with grilled or poached poultry.

CITRUS VINAIGRETTE

- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 tablespoon lemonade concentrate
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup vegetable or safflower oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine orange juice, lemonade concentrate and vinegar. Add oil into vinegar and season with salt and pepper.

SAVORY TART

- 8-inch baked puff pastry round
- 8-10 dried fig halves
- 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles
- 1/2 cup cream cheese
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces sliced Brie pieces (slice small round brie in round slices vs. strips)
- 2 tablespoons Balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil

Mix blue cheese crumbles and cream cheese, beat with hand mixer or food processor, spread

evenly on puff pastry round.

Layer a sprinkle of fresh basil and slices of brie. Arrange fig halves on top and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Place under broiler just to brown Parmesan cheese on top.

Remove from broiler and sprinkle a pinch of salt and pepper, Balsamic vinegar and olive oil. Slice into 10-12 thin slices.

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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Heavy pinch of red pepper flakes

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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Red wines from France's Bordeaux region result from the blending of five different grape varieties: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, and cabernet franc with much smaller amounts of malbec and petit verdot.

Petit verdot and malbec were considered major varieties in Bordeaux in the 18th and 19th centuries. Prior to 1840, there was little cabernet sauvignon planted. Centuries of experience have afforded Bordeaux chateau owners the luxury of selecting grape varieties that perform well in their terroir (the combination of soil, climate and grape variety).

The Gironde River divides Bordeaux into a right and left bank. The left bank, west of the river,

is called the Medoc. The right bank is east of the river and St.-Emilion and Pomerol are located there. In the Medoc, where the appellations of Margaux, St. Julien, Pauillac and St.-Estephe are located, soils are principally gravel and great for cabernet sauvignon.

The other four varieties are the blending grapes.

In Pomerol and St.-Emilion, soils have a large percentage of clay. Merlot grows well in clay since it retains moisture and provides a long, cool growing season. Cabernet franc is the blending varietal of choice because cabernet sauvignon does not ripen well in cool, moist soil.

In a Bordeaux-style blend, cabernet sauvignon provides structure, holding other elements together. It has the most complex aroma and flavor. Because it is the slowest to develop, it affords the wine ageability.

Top of the taste cabs

From our recent tasting of cabernet sauvignon, the clear winners. **Best overall:** 1997 Clos du Val, Stags Leap District \$49. **Best single vineyard (tie):** 1997 Geysler Peak Valtierra Vineyard, Napa Valley \$37 and 1997 Geysler Peak Kuumelis Vineyard, Alexander Valley \$29. Both wines are expressive of a unique piece of ground, well-suited to cabernet. **Other cabernets with high marks in their price range:** 1997 Joseph Phelps Cabernet Sauvignon \$37; 1997 Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon \$28.50; 1997 S. Anderson Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District; 1996 Columbia Crest Estate Cabernet Sauvignon \$16; 1997 Columbia Crest Cabernet Sauvignon \$12; and 1998 Carmen, Chile \$8.

Merlot

Merlot broadens the palate impression of cabernet sauvignon, while contributing a fleshier, more expansive mouthfeel and the subtle perfume of strawberries and raspberries.

Cabernet franc has a heady aroma, emphasizing the cherry and pepper character of cabernet sauvignon. Malbec highlights the wine's fruit intensity with

raspberry flavors, reminiscent of zinfandel. Petit verdot is intensely colored. Small amounts add not only color depth, but complexity to the aroma and length, rounding out the blend.

Until 1978, the "ideal" California cabernet sauvignon was made as 100-percent varietal. Most California producers followed that model closely because the Bordeaux blending varieties

were not widely planted. The increase in California's planting of these varieties has been dramatic. California wine producers have been able to tune into the synergism of blending since the late 1980s.

Producers

Some producers, such as Beringer Vineyards in Napa Valley, while making an excellent red Meritage wine (a blend of Bordeaux varietals), believes that Napa Valley may be the only place in the world where great, complex, 100 percent cabernet sauvignon can be made. This is because Napa Valley has the hot, dry climate necessary to ripen cabernet to physiological maturity.

In a 100-percent varietal cabernet sauvignon, achieving complexity requires blending components derived from grapes sourced from a number of vineyards with differing terroir, yet compatible characteristics.

For the Beringer Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, winemaker Ed Sbragia blends cabernet sauvignon from four vineyards: Bancroft, Chabot, State Lane and Home vineyards. Bancroft, located on Howell Mountain, produces dark, intense cabernet. Chabot, with mature vines on the eastern slope of Napa Valley, has cabernet with deep color and a rich, minty flavor. State Lane near Yountville, is a cool region for growing cabernet. Vines have small berries with soft fruit flavors. Home Vineyard, near St. Helena, first attracted Jacob Beringer more than 100 years ago. Its cabernet has been part of the Beringer Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon since 1983.

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Turkey fajitas with peppers and onions are low in fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Getting the barbecue going ushers in a tasty low-fat way to cook, especially when waist-wise marinades are among ingredients.

Chef Steve Raichlen suggests ways of using marinades with zingy accents to keep to this slim theme in a feature in the June issue of Family Circle. One of his recipes is Turkey Fajitas With Peppers and Onions, made with lime juice and spiked with chile. It delivers only 9 grams of fat per serving, but loads of flavor, and the recipe makes enough to serve a party of 10.

The dish can be cooked on an outdoor or indoor grill, or in an oven broiler.

TURKEY FAJITAS WITH PEPPERS AND ONIONS

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 2 pounds turkey breast cutlets

- 2 teaspoons plus 1 table-spoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 poblano chile or green chile, cored, seeded and sliced into 1-inch strips
- 1 sweet red pepper, cored and sliced into 1-inch-wide strips
- 1 sweet yellow pepper, cored and sliced into 1-inch-wide strips
- 1 large onion, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 bunch scallions, trimmed
- 10 flour tortillas (8-inch)
- 1-pound jar favorite salsa

- 1 large tomato, seeded, chopped
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 cup reduced-fat sour cream

To make a rub: Combine chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder, pepper, salt, cumin and red pepper in bowl.

Arrange turkey cutlets in large, shallow baking dish; coat with 2 teaspoons oil. Sprinkle both sides with rub, patting into meat. Marinate turkey in refrigerator 1 hour. Add lime juice; coat cutlets and marinate for another 30 minutes

in refrigerator.

Prepare outdoor grill with hot coals, or heat gas grill to hot, or heat oven broiler.

Combine poblano, red pepper, yellow pepper, onion, scallions and remaining tablespoon oil in bowl.

Grill or broil vegetables about 3 minutes per side or until nicely charred and cooked through. Arrange on large platter. Grill turkey cutlets until cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes per side. Thinly slice turkey across grain on diagonal. Arrange on platter with grilled vegetables.

Warm tortillas on grill or under broiler, following package directions, until soft and warm. Place in cloth-lined basket and cover to keep warm.

To serve, have each guest roll up turkey and vegetables with garnishes in tortillas.

Makes 10 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 322 cal., 9 g fat (3 g saturated), 27 g protein, 33 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 920 mg sodium, 73 mg cholesterol.

Recipe from Family Circle, June 2 issue.

Enter your chili, salsa in competition

Chili cooks and salsa makers are being sought for two cookoffs in Plymouth this fall.

The Michigan State Chili Championship occurs Saturday, Sept. 9, in an open-air (but covered) pavilion called "The Gathering" in downtown Plymouth. The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff takes place Sun-

day, Oct. 8, also at The Gathering. Both cookoffs include salsa contests.

The winners of the Sept. 9 competition (one chili and one salsa) will be automatically entered in the World Championship Chili Cookoff Sunday, Oct. 1, in Las Vegas. The chili winner also gets \$1,000. The

salsa winner gets \$100.

The winners of the Oct. 8 competition (one chili and one salsa) will be automatically entered in the October 2001 World Championship Chili Cookoff. Contestants may enter the chili or salsa competition at both Plymouth events by calling Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838.

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Healing occurs on the rooftop

Whenever Kathleen Vollman and Veronica Hall - nurses in the medical critical care unit on the fifth floor at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, look out the window - they see a garden, not an asphalt rooftop.

The space is perfect - a large rectangle enclosed by walls with easy access to the outside. And besides, many of the bays, the individual critical care rooms, overlook the area. Nurses could wheel their patients out there for fresh air and sunshine. All they need is a doorway wide enough for a hospital bed to pass through.

"We're talking polled trees, benches, nice flowers," said Hall, an administrative nurse manager.

What about art? Some murals, I suggested. Those high walls are begging for an artist to create a legacy. Why not, said Vollman. Anything is possible.

Vollman and Hall are like nurses everywhere, I suspect. They've rubbed backs and feet, listened to personal stories, and grieved with families over the death of a loved one. They wish they could create gardens for all their patients.

In other words, they've been practicing spirituality in medicine long before it became a research topic.



RENEE SKOGLUND

Mind-body-spirit

"Before, people were in the closet with their mind-body-spirit techniques and practices," said Vollman, a clinical nurse specialist. "I used to massage my patients' feet before I knew about reflexology. I'd monitor their heart rate and blood pressure and they'd go down."

"Nursing has always been aware of the mind, body and spirit," said Hall. "We own the skin. We do the touching, the turning to prevent bed sores."

It's all in "the art of nursing," they said. In spite of hospital cost cuts, Vollman, Hall and their team of dedicated nurses have brought about positive changes in their unit. The nurses now wear colorful scrubs, staff members are recognized with small bags of goodies ("If you care for the caregiver, they can deliver the care," said Hall), and there's a lot less noise.

In fact, the first thing I noticed when I walked through the unit during the hospital's recent media day was the absence of beepers buzzing, announcements blaring, and phones ringing off the hook. Gone was the needless clanging and banging that echoes through many hospital corridors.

Sound

"The sound environment is horrendous in a critical care unit because of the technology, especially with open bays," said Vollman. "We want the sound to be part of the caregiving."

Thanks to a bake sale the nurses organized to raise money to buy cassettes, "continuous ambient" music now plays in the unit, settling over it like a warm blanket.

They've also posted a colored warning system - red, yellow and green - that lets the staff know when the noise level is rising. Their efforts have paid off. Families are more satisfied with patient care, patients have needed less sedating medicine, and the use of patient restraints has dropped significantly.

Imagine what a garden could accomplish.

It may take a few years and more than a few bake sales, but Vollman and Hall are sure that, somehow, they'll manage to raise enough money for their rooftop garden. I hope they do. The space is perfect.

"I don't know how, but it will happen," said Vollman. "That's part of the spirituality in medicine effect."

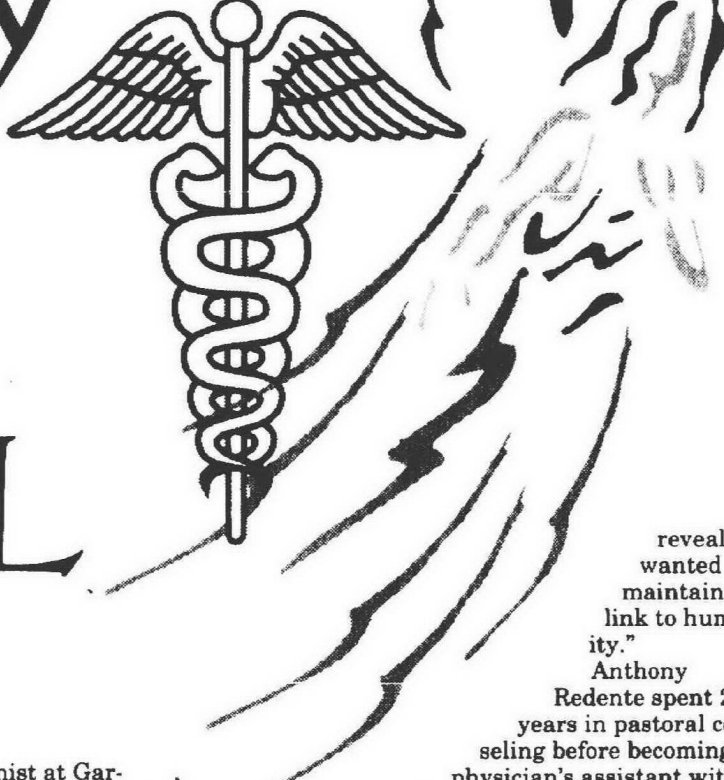
Contributions to the Medical Critical Care Rooftop Garden may be sent to: Office of Philanthropy, Henry Ford Health System 5A, 1 Ford Place, Detroit, MI 48202, attn: Stephen C. Falk.

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Garden spot: Critical care nurses Kathleen Vollman and Veronica Hall of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit stand on the fifth-floor rooftop space where they envision the Medical Critical Care Unit Rooftop Garden.

PRACTICING MEDICINE BODY & SOUL



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For Dr. Patricia Schmidt, an internist at Garden City Hospital, the connection between spirituality and medicine became clearer when one of her elderly patients remarked that her doctor's stethoscope resembled a priest's stole.

It was an apt analogy, said Schmidt, who has been practicing medicine since 1991. "My privilege as a physician is that I hear the confessions, the private things if they don't have anyone else to talk to."

As an osteopath, Schmidt does more than listen. She practices the "laying on of the hands" when she does spinal manipulations. She believes she has a gift for it. "I can do energy work. I can place one hand on a sore spot and put my other hand on another spot and feel the blockage. Then I can feel it unblocked."

Spirituality in the medical practice may have had its roots in the decades-old hospice movement; however, today it is being researched as a component of healing that practitioners of Western-style medicine can no longer ignore.

"It is starting to drift in because people are looking for other modalities with complimentary and alternative medicines," said Schmidt. "Physicians are acknowledging they have a need for it because if we don't have it, we get frustrated with the lack of what we're able to offer in some cases."

An article titled *Physicians and Patient Spirituality: Professional Boundaries, Competency, and Ethics* that appeared in the April 2000 edition of *Annals of Internal Medicine* highlighted two reasons why the medical community can no longer ignore patients' spiritual beliefs:

First, patients who feel their spiritual needs are neglected in standard clinical environments may avoid effective medical treatment, resulting in serious illness or possible death. Second, psychoneuroimmunology research has shown that emotions such as anxiety and hope can be factors in illness outcomes.

Simply put, for many patients, the keys to coping with serious illness and disability are found within a spiritual matrix.

Witness

Schmidt explored that matrix when she worked as a medical technologist at the small, then-80-bed Albion Community Hospital. There, she met an emergency room doctor who was both a former nun and a former medical technologist.

"Talking to her, I said I could do this. I had a role model," said Schmidt.

By the time she entered medical school at Michigan State University, Schmidt knew she wanted to be a doctor who treated the body, mind and soul.

"I was afraid of becoming some kind of S.O.B. doctor. But if you go in with a false face, it's quickly

revealed. I wanted to maintain my link to humanity."

Anthony Redente spent 20 years in pastoral counseling before becoming a physician's assistant with the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. It was an extension of a

life's mission. "It's been an excellent fit," he said. "I feel it's a continuation of what God has done in my life in terms of caring for people."

Like Schmidt, Redente had a mentor. This doctor, he said, would often pray with his patients. "He used it as part of caring for the whole person in connection with his medical training."

And therein lies the appropriate distinction of the role of prayer, according to the article on physicians and patient's spirituality in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*: Prayer as an adjunct to conventional medical therapy as opposed to prayer as an alternative or substitute therapy.

Although Redente strongly believes in the power of prayer, he doesn't impose his beliefs on his patients. Rather, he waits for cues. "I have a few patients who have grown to expect it (prayer). They desire it as part of their care," he said.

Jay Lodwich of Novi, Redente's friend, was a hospital chaplain before recently graduating from Wayne State University's physician's assistant program. He believes doctors are hesitant to discuss spirituality with their patients not only from a fear of overstepping personal boundaries.

"I don't think a doctor wants to be sued because he prayed with someone."

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Sr. Mary Modesta, coordinator of pastoral services for patients, said she is always reminding the doctors "how important they are and how God views them in the healing process."

But doctors are busy and may feel it's best to leave spiritual matters to pastoral care, she said. Or maybe there's another reason. "I believe our doctors won't say anything because we haven't asked them," she said.

Life's mission: Tony Redente, who practices in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, believes his role as a physician's assistant is a continuation of his former career as a pastoral counselor.



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'If we don't have spirituality, we get frustrated with the lack of what we're able to offer in some cases.'

— Dr. Patricia Schmidt
Garden City Hospital



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Healer: Dr. Patricia Schmidt, an internist at Garden City Hospital, has witnessed "healings" at conferences on healing and spirituality. She defines spirituality as "understanding there's a God energy or life energy in all of us."

Research

Yet, studies collected by the National Institute for Healthcare Research have shown that many patients want their physicians to address issues of faith and spirituality in the course of their treatment.

In addition, the studies have indicated:

■ People with a spiritual commitment tend to cope better with and recover from serious illness.

■ Religious and spiritual factors may contribute to people living longer. Participation in religious activities is associated with increased longevity among the elderly, particularly in nursing homes.

■ People who attend church frequently and for whom religion is important have lower blood pressure and less incidence of heart attack.

■ Spirituality (e.g. meditation) is associated with lower mortality from coronary artery disease, reduced risk of both fatal and non-fatal repeat heart attacks, and increased longevity for breast cancer patients.

■ Higher levels of spirituality among cancer survivors is associated with reduced anxiety, positive health habits, and the willingness to provide emotional and social support to other survivors.

■ Religious or spiritual involvement is linked to less use of and fewer problems with alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs.

Healing touch

Last November Schmidt attended a conference in Chicago presented by Ron Roth, Ph.D., a former Catholic priest who conducts seminars and spiritual healing retreats throughout the United States and Canada. Her peers included other osteopathic physicians, orthopedic physicians, chiropractors and physical therapists.

There, she witnessed a "healing" done by Roth in the form of directed prayer for a woman with back pain. Placebo or not, the effect was dramatic.

"I remember saying, 'She's healed,'" said Schmidt. "Her tissue went from hard and resistant to pliable."

Redente, too, has witnessed the effects of prayer at conferences and gatherings. And he believes in the power of touch to effect a change if not a cure.

"For me, touch is very important and natural. It communicates being an ally and a friend and understanding. It's conveying to the patient they are not walking alone ... at least not during this visit. If this counteracts anxiety and brings them peace, they walk out of here feeling better."

Assessing a patient's spiritual beliefs is now being taught in several medical school curriculums - simple questions, such as: Do you consider yourself spiritual or religious? Do you belong to a spiritual community? How might health care providers best address any needs in this area?

"Last decade it was how to do a sexual history. Now the big thing is spiritual assessment," said Schmidt.

Research into the medical effects of spirituality is likely to continue, experts say. Already, for some medical practitioners, spirituality is an avenue to healing. "There's the reality and then there's something beyond medicine," said Lodwich. "If medicine alone did it, nobody would die."

Grief support

The New Hope Center for Grief Support and the Newman House at Schoolcraft College will co-sponsor a free two-day grief workshop - "Moving From Grief To New Hope" - 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Newman House, 17300 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads, across from Wendy's), Livonia.

The workshop is for men, women and children who are grieving after the death of a loved one. It will offer education, activities, as well as hope and healing. To register, call (248) 348-0115. Lunch on Saturday is the participant's responsibility.

Grief recovery

Hospice of Washtenaw will offer a five-part educational series on coping with grief 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 18 to Aug. 15, at Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor.

Workshop goals include: Understanding the physical and emotional effects of grief; dealing with difficult emotions;

taking care of yourself physically, emotionally and spiritually; and moving from grief to growth. Pre-registration required. Call Dwight Forshee at (734) 327-3409.

Partners in health

Garden City Hospital will expand its Partners In Health donation program to area businesses and the community. Since its inception nine years ago, the program has partnered with employees, physicians, patients and friends of the hospital to provide services and medical equipment not appropriated through the traditional hospital budgetary process.

Donations in excess of \$50,000 annually have benefited the hospital's Birthing Suite, Cardiac Catheterization Center, Medical Education Center and the Diabetes Outpatient Program. Currently, funds are being targeted for the renovation of patient rooms.

Opportunities to assist Garden City Hospital in fulfilling its healthcare mission are available. All donors will be recognized at their gift level, and Busi-

ness Partners will receive a plaque that identifies them as a "Partner In Health." All gifts are tax deductible. For more information, call Margaret Woodruff, director of Fund Development at (734) 458-4331.

Dad's boot camp

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will offer a unique workshop for men who are becoming fathers for the first time 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "Boot Camp for New Dads" builds pride and confidence in caring for a new baby.

First-time fathers will get help from "veteran" dads who bring their own babies to class. New dads get an opportunity to hold, change and burp the baby. They will learn how to differentiate a "hunger" cry from a "wet diaper" cry. They'll also learn how to support the new mom.

The cost is \$20 per person. For more information on the program or other dates and locations, call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Database (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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ONGOING

OVEREATERS
Overeater Anonymous meets every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. through June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28860 Five Mile. Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

AA & ALANON
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

IMPOTENCE
The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

FOOT SCREENINGS
Foot screenings for all ages are

held 8:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Friday at Botsford Hospital, South Professional Building, Suite 200. For an appointment, call (248) 473-1320 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 877-345-5500.

HEADACHE SUPPORT GROUP
Meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern Highway. Free. Family members welcome. Call (248) 647-0614.

WED, JULY 12

VEGETARIAN COOKING
Learn how to make picnic foods that travel well: zucchini pasta salad, white bean dip, almond butter roll-ups, lemon squares. Offered 6-9 p.m. by Macro Val, 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3C, Garden City, (734) 261-2856. Bring a friend to class and receive a \$10 gift certificate.

JULY 13, 20

FELDENKRAIS
Classes on the Feldenkrais Method, a system of subtle exercises that improves movement and coordination, will be offered at Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), Livonia 5-6 p.m. for seniors at \$5 a session and 7-8:15 p.m. (floor lessons) at \$10 per session. Drop-ins are welcome as the first lesson is free. For more information, call Unity

of Livonia at (734) 421-1760.

JULY 13 & 15

WEIGHT CONTROL
Providence Hospital and medical centers will host a Wellness Seminars Inc. weight reduction program 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at Providence Medical Center-Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If participants are comfortable with program, they pay a one-time fee of \$59, which includes a hypnotic session, behavior modification booklets, audio cassette tape, and unlimited free repetitions of the seminar if needed. For reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

JULY 13-AUG. 31

GRIEF SUPPORT
Arbor Hospice & Home Care will offer a grief support program, "New Pathways," 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville. To register or for more information on other grief support groups, call (734) 662-5999.

TUES, JULY 18

MUSIC THERAPY
Find out how music can enhance

your meditational response and create a more profound state of relaxation. "Sound of Music" is sponsored by Botsford Hospital Health Development Network beginning 7 p.m. Preregistration and a \$20 fee required. Call for location, (248) 477-6100.

DIABETES SUPPORT
The Diabetes Support Group of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will meet 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Education Center Room 8. Thereafter, the group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. At the July 18th meeting, registered nurse and diabetes educator Leeann Kyanaka will discuss the complications from alcohol and smoking among people with diabetes. For more information, call (734) 712-2804.

THUR, JULY 20

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

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Have you noticed that your relationship with your spouse, children, family, and friends

changes as often as your moods? Explore the reasons why and how to make these relationships change and improve. The Menopause Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Topic: "Changing Relationships." For more information, call the Marian Women's Center, (734) 655-1100.

THURS, AUG. 3-24

HYPOBIRTHING CHILDREN
HypnoBirthing class participants will learn relaxation techniques that will help them have an easier and more comfortable birth. Class will meet once a week 7-9 p.m. for four weeks. Class is taught by a certified childbirth educator and hypnobirthing practitioner. Class is located in Canton. Cost is \$150.00 per couple. Book and tapes included in the fee. For more information, call Christy Elkins Trotter at 734-354-6033

WED, AUG. 2

HEARING AND VISION
The Wayne County Department of Public Health will sponsor a free hearing and vision screening for people ages three to 18 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster), Livonia. Call the health department at (734) 727-7135 for

additional information.

AUG. 14-SEPT. 4

VEGETARIAN COOKING
Learn how to cook whole grains, beans, tofu, tempeh, sugar-free desserts and lots more. Offered 6-9 p.m. by Macro Val, 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3 C, Garden City, (734) 261-2856. Reference materials included. Bring a friend to class and receive a \$10 gift certificate.

MON, AUG. 14

DIABETES AND TEENS
Botsford General Hospital's Diabetes Teen Club, a support group for young adults ages 13-18 with diabetes, will sponsor "Planning a Successful School Year" 7:30 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. The club meets the second Monday of every other month. Call (248) 477-6100.

MON, SEPT. 11

THYROID DISORDERS
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid

Make this a jitter-free summer at Camp Hakuna Matatta

How do you make friends, deal with frustration, keep friends, handle frustration, deal with teasing and tell someone you have epilepsy and what they should do if you have a seizure? These questions and more will be answered at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan's first annual Camp Hakuna Matatta.

This day-long workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at the Detroit Zoo will offer fun hands-on activities and interactive programs for children with epilepsy, their siblings and parents. "We have all experienced the 'jitters,' the worries about making friends, fitting in, handling

frustration or teasing," said Nicholas Mason, manager of individual and support programs for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. "For children with epilepsy, the 'jitter' list also includes the fear of having a seizure and worrying about what to tell friends about epilepsy."

Camp Hakuna Matatta will assist parents with helpful tips on how to encourage their children to reach their full potential by increasing their child's sense of self, provide a forum to open communication lines, and help children discover their own unique abilities, personalities, ideas and attitudes.

The workshop also will offer families an opportunity to meet others experiencing similar challenges and can provide them with support and valuable personal insight and information. The cost of the program is \$25 per four-person family and includes lunch. Admission to the

zoo is additional. Following the workshop, families can explore the zoo together and enjoy the new exhibits or relax and listen to the sounds at the Wednesday night concert series. To register, call the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan at (800) 377-6226, ext. 232.

Task force recommends measures to help seniors remain independent

Saying it is a decision most Michigan families face as parents and grandparents grow older, the House Democratic Task Force on In-Home Care recently released a report and legislative action plan to help families stay together longer in their own homes by expanding in-home care options for senior citizens. "Whether to place a loved one in a nursing home or keep them in their own home and bring in home health care providers is a question more and more Michigan families must face as our populations gets older," said State Rep. Eileen DeHart (D-Westland), co-chairwoman of the task force. "Our recommendations will help families stay together and will help seniors live independently in their own homes." "While touring the state with the Nursing Home Reform Task Force, we heard from many fam-

ilies with concerns about in-home care options," said State Rep. Paul Gielegem, co-chairman of the task force. "We decided this was an important topic to study, since one in four Michigan households is already involved in some level of care for an elderly relative. This will only increase as our population ages." The task force issued seven specific recommendations in its report: **Caregiver tax deduction** - This would provide a tax credit to a person who provides primary care to a family member aged 60 or older. This proposal recognizes that many people make significant career sacrifices in order to stay at home to care for an elderly relative. (Sponsor: Rep. Doug Spade) **Homeowner tax credit and waiver** - This gives homeowners a tax credit when home renovations must be made for seniors or disabled people to

allow them to remain in the home or if they want to move into a family member's home for primary care. Another bill would amend the property tax act to provide that renovations to a home for in-home care not be added to the home's taxable value until the home is sold. (Sponsor: Rep. Doug Bovin) **Criminal background checks** - This bill provides for criminal background checks for in-home care workers using the state police electronic database. (Sponsor: Rep. Lingg Brewer) **Random audits of in-home care providers** - This legislation calls for yearly random audits of at least 5 percent of the agencies who provide in-home care services and receive state or federal money. (Sponsor: Rep. Eileen DeHart) **Streamlined caregiver reporting** - A House resolution to urge the federal Health Care Financing Authority to stream-

line the reporting processes for home health care agencies and minimize the time in-home workers need to spend on paperwork before providing care to residents. (Sponsor: Rep. Pat Lockwood) **Making the H.O.M.E. Program the law** - This program (Homecare Options for Michigan's Elders) is now administered by the regional Area Agencies on Aging. By putting it into Michigan statute, it would assist 200,000 frail elderly people who are living at home but are not eligible for Medicaid assistance. It provides in-home care assessment, care plan and assistance in coordinating services. While there is a \$100 million need for this program in Michigan, H.O.M.E. has asked the Legislature for \$10 million to start. (Sponsor: Rep. Paul Gielegem) **Budget process** - Reps. Lynne Martinez, Deborah Cher-

ry and Keith Stallworth, who served on this task force, also serve on the House Appropriations Committee. The task force recommends that the appropriations committee begin a study of the need to expand in-home care services and collaborative referral programs because of Michigan's growing senior population. Based on census projections, Michigan's senior population will more than double in the next 20 years. "Our recommendations will help Michigan families make an informed decision about caring

for their loved ones at home," DeHart said. "There is an increasing need for these services, and our legislation will begin the discussion about the financing and delivery of these services." "The decision to place a relative in a nursing home or care for them at home is not just a senior issue. It is a family issue," said Gielegem. "It is an issue everyone, not matter how old or young they are, will face one day, and our job is to make that decision a little easier."

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Gov. Contracts seminar
As the single largest buyer of goods and services in the country, the U.S. government may be a viable customer for your business. The government purchases billions of dollars of goods and services each year, and opportunities abound for prime contracting or subcontracting, large and small purchases, and even credit card buying. If your company is considering competing for government contracts, attend How to Become A Government Contractor at Schoolcraft College Thursday, July 27. The half-day seminar

will afford you greater insight into this large, diversified market and show you how to win the many contracts available to small businesses. Learn how technological advances have streamlined the dynamics of doing business with the government. Topics include: **Philosophy of government purchasing;** **Updated requirements for government contractors;** **Helpful resources in dealing with the government;** **Services and training programs available at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center.**

The seminar will be presented from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for a \$25 per-person fee. To register, call the Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275. **Automotive award**
In recognition of meeting or exceeding stringent standards for supplying DaimlerChrysler Corp. with gaskets, seals and chassis products, Plymouth-

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Also keep in mind that scoliosis is different than spina bifida. Scoliosis is a condition you are born with which gives the spine a lateral curve. Spina bifida is an inflammation of the spine, acquired during life, which causes the back to become rigid and fragile.

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5 It feels like "severe shyness"

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If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from social anxiety, a serious condition affecting 20 million Americans. The Institute For Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for social anxiety. If you are selected, all research related care and study medication are provided at no cost. Get answers and information about social anxiety.

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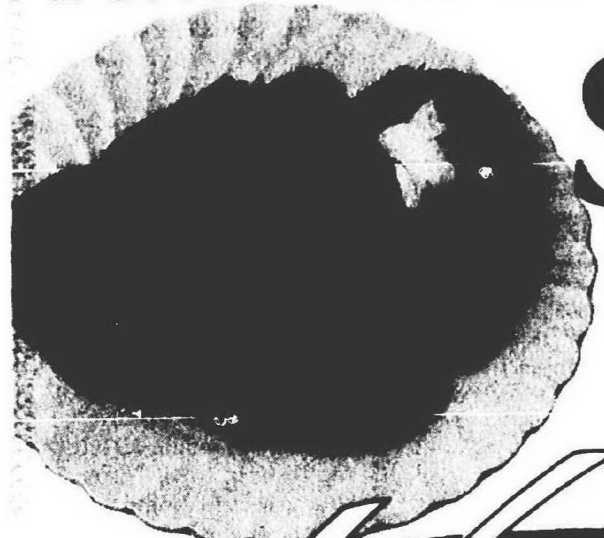
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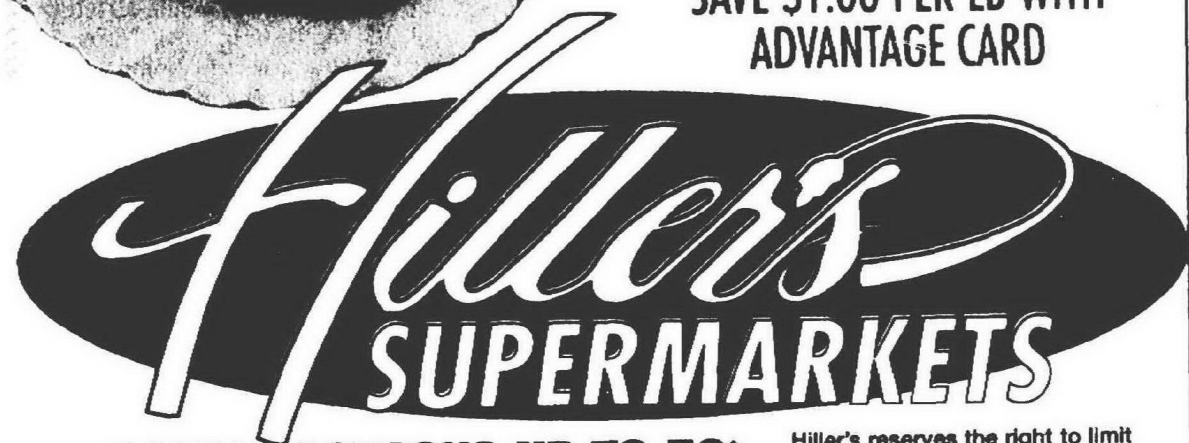
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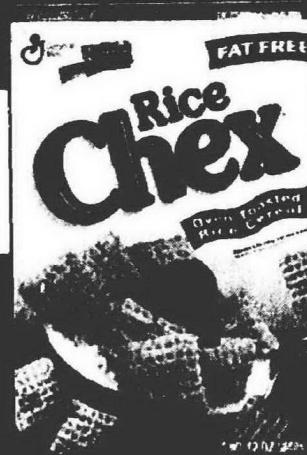
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Banks like home equity loans and lines of credit because the loans are secured by the borrower's home. The caveat is that using your house as collateral for a loan puts your home at risk if you should default. Carefully assess your borrowing needs and your ability to repay before you jump on the home-equity bandwagon.

Basically, there are two ways to tap the equity in your home. The right choice for you depends on your needs.

If you're looking for a fixed, lump-sum amount, perhaps for a major home improvement project, you're better off with a home equity loan. With a loan, the term, and usually the interest rate and monthly payment, remain the same over the life of the loan.

If you want the convenience of drawing against your credit line as the need arises, a home equity line of credit is more likely to meet your objectives. Instead of borrowing a fixed amount of money, you qualify for a certain amount of credit. You then can borrow whenever you want. You access the money usually by writing checks or by using a credit card issued by the lender.

Interest rates vary among lenders, so check with several and compare the annual percentage rate (APR). Be aware that the APR is based on the interest rate alone. For a true comparison of credit costs, compare other charges, such as points, fees and closing costs. If the lender is offering an introductory "teaser" rate, find out what rate you will be paying at the end of the introductory period.

The Michigan Association of Accountants office is in Farmington Hills. Their phone number is (248) 855-9122. E-mail macpa@michcpa.org

All kinds of homes available in this sub

Two builders who have been involved in several projects together have formally combined operations at Raymond Meadows, a detached condominium community in Ypsilanti Township.

Tony De Federico and Ron Benivegna, doing business as italo-American Benivegna Master Builders, have acquired 66 lots at Martz and Tuttle-Hill roads, a few miles southwest of the Rawsonville exit off I-94.

Prices start at \$164,900, and none of the 11 floor plans exceeds \$190,900. Homes of all kinds, ranch, colonial, story-and-a-half and split level, are available.

"The houses we have out here are a compilation of houses Tony built in the past, I built in the past," Benivegna said. "We made modifications. We tried to keep price down so we could pass it on to buyers."

"I thought it was a very nice sub," Di Federico said. "We thought it was unique, not too many lots. We thought we could do a lot of detail molding; on the outside, we tried to put a little more brick."

"The quality is like a \$500,000 house," he added. "We use the same materials."

"A couple of real estate agents came through and told us the quality was as good as or better than anyone out here," said Dano Prezioso, construction superintendent.

"We've got ceramic tile in the foyer and all the baths," he added. "We provide landscaping and irrigation system with every house."

"It's actually a turnkey operation," said Tom Ahmed, sales representative. "The big thing is we offer nearly everything. They can get everything with one price."

Well, almost. All plans also include at base price two-car garage, range and dishwasher, basement, carpeting throughout, shower in the master and first-floor laundry (at ground level in split level).

A fireplace (\$1,900) and air conditioning (\$2,900), are upgrades but included at base price for the half dozen or so spec units still available.

CLARIFICATION

The Vistas of Central Park is off Beck north of Ceddes in Canton. The community also is near the Pheasant Run Golf Course.



Brookfield model: This three-bedroom colonial with 1-1/2 or 2-1/2 bath option, is one of nearly a dozen floor plans available at Raymond Meadows.

"They (visitors) like the variety of homes," Ahmed said. "They're not all the same. That it's not a huge sub is very important to them."

The building/sales team also raves about the location. "We're real close to the expressway, but it's very rural out here," Benivegna said.

"It's a couple of minutes to I-94, 20 minutes to Ann Arbor," Ahmed said.

"And close to Metro Airport," Prezioso said.

The model, a story-and-a-half of 2,050 square feet, features a great room with cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook, half-bath and master on the main floor.

Two bedrooms, a loft and full bath are upstairs. The loft can be converted into a bedroom for \$2,200.

Base price of the Cedar Crest is \$189,900. The model has \$11,000 in upgrades.

Several spec houses are in various stages of construction.

A colonial of 1,550 square feet, the Birchwood, contains a living room, kitchen/nook, step-down family room with cathedral ceiling and half bath on the main floor, the master with two secondary bedrooms and a second full bath up.

Base price is \$164,900.

A colonial of 1,565 square feet, the

Elmwood, places a living room, dining room, kitchen/nook, step-down family room with cathedral ceiling and a half bath on the main floor, master, two bedrooms and a second full bath up.

Base price is \$166,900.

A ranch of 1,525 square feet, the Bayberry, contains a great room/dining area with cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook, master suite, two secondary bedrooms or one bedroom with den and a second full bath.

Base price is \$166,900.

The split level, 2,000 square feet with a finished ground level off the garage, the Hillshire, features a living room, dining room, kitchen/nook, master, two other bedrooms and a second full bath on the walk-up level.

Base price is \$189,900 with a finished ground level, \$169,900 without.

Vinyl siding and brick are primary exterior materials.

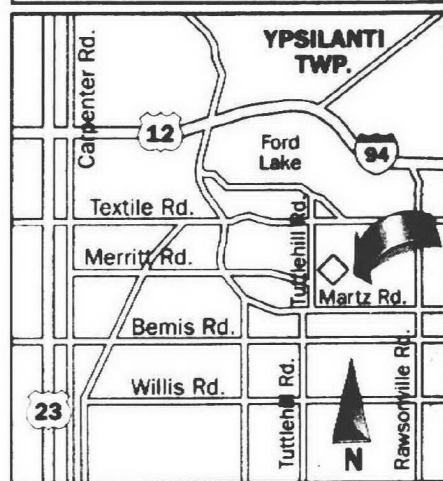
Raymond Meadows is served by city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Lincoln Consolidated school district.

The property tax rate is now \$37.77 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price. That means the owners of a \$170,000 home there would pay about \$3,200 the first year.

The annual association/maintenance fee is \$120.

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John and Allene Beekman bought a house with a first-floor master. The big attraction?

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The sales office/models at Raymond Meadows, (734) 483-5711, are open 1-6 p.m. weekdays, noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, closed Thursdays.

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How to protect your home, property from crime

(NUE) - For most homeowners, their house is their largest investment. It makes sense, then, to keep the home secure and protected from burglars and other unwanted intruders.

Crime prevention starts at home. As a homeowner, there are many things you can do to keep your house safe and secure.

Burglars look for what law-enforcement officers call targets of opportunity. Anything you can put in the way of a would-be burglar lessens your chance of

becoming a target.

While you cannot make your home absolutely burglar-proof, you can make entry so difficult a burglar will go elsewhere in search of an easier target.

Maintaining an appearance of occupancy, even when your residence is vacant, is essential. Here are some tips from iHome line - an Internet source for home information - that can help you keep intruders away:

- Lock your doors. Install high-security deadlock bolts on

all your doors and use them. It's estimated that one out of five burglar entries is made through unlocked doors and windows.

- Check the windows. As for windows, burglar bars are one of the best ways to prevent entry. Windows may also be secured by nails, screws or inexpensive key locks; however, they offer no protection against a burglar breaking the window to enter.

- Lighting. Use automatic timers set to go on or off at specific times while you're away on

vacation, out to dinner or even during the day while you're at work.

- Review landscaping. Trim shrubs around windows; don't give the burglar a place to hide. Use outside lighting around doors, possibly hooked up to an automatic timer.

- Visibility. Make sure your house numbers are clearly visible so that police, firefighters and paramedics can find your home in a time of emergency. Have the numbers illuminated

all night.

- Be smart. Don't leave notes outside your home announcing your absence.

- Protect yourself. Don't let a stranger in your home to make a phone call; offer to make it for the person.

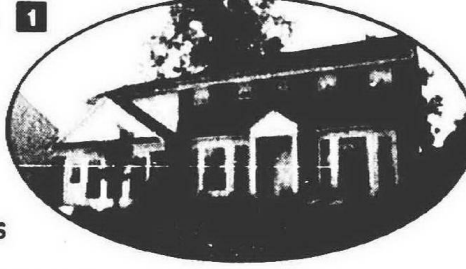
Finally, what should you do if you find an intruder in the house? Law enforcement officers advise that you stay out of the way. The intruder may panic and cause you bodily harm if you get between him and his escape

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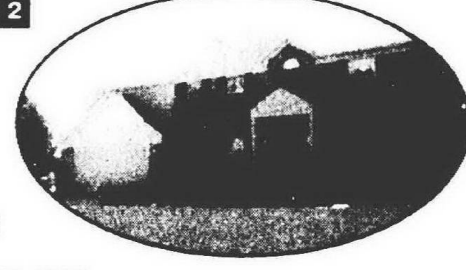
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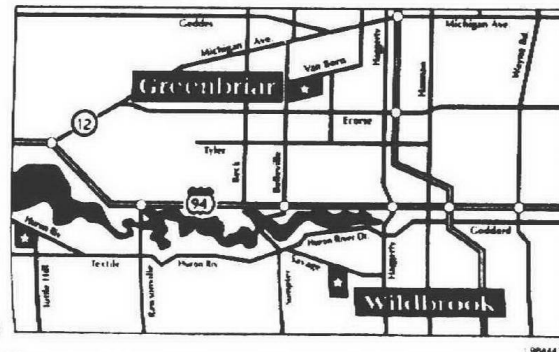
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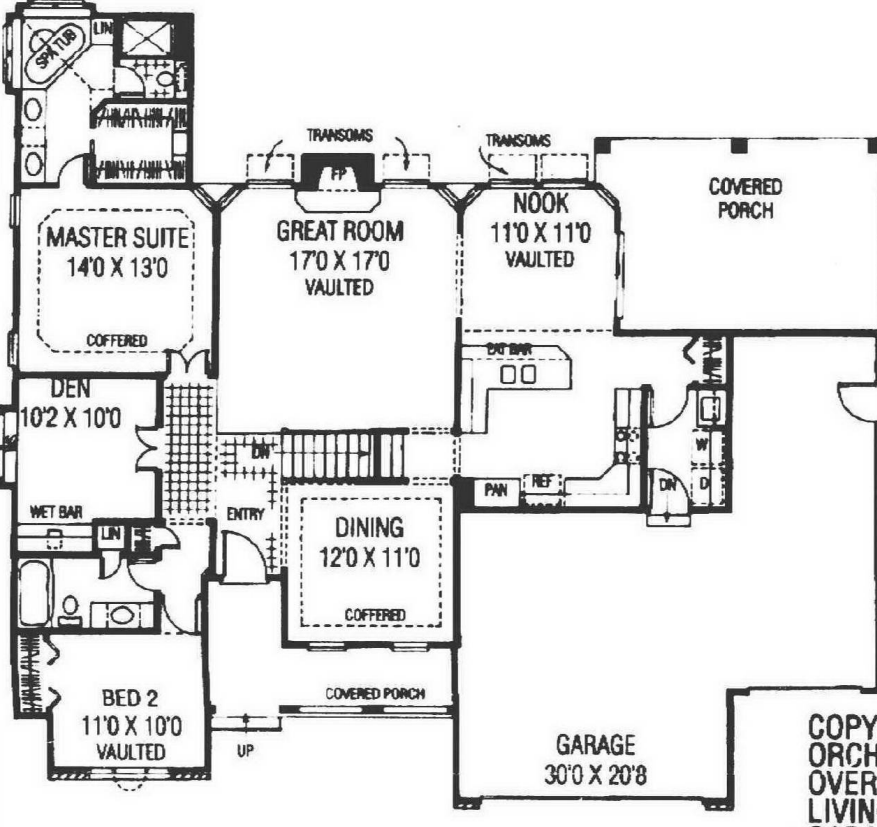
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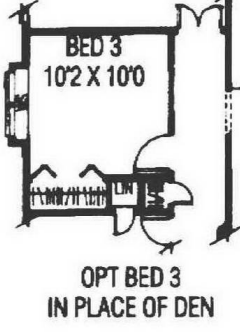


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ORCHARD (D2818)
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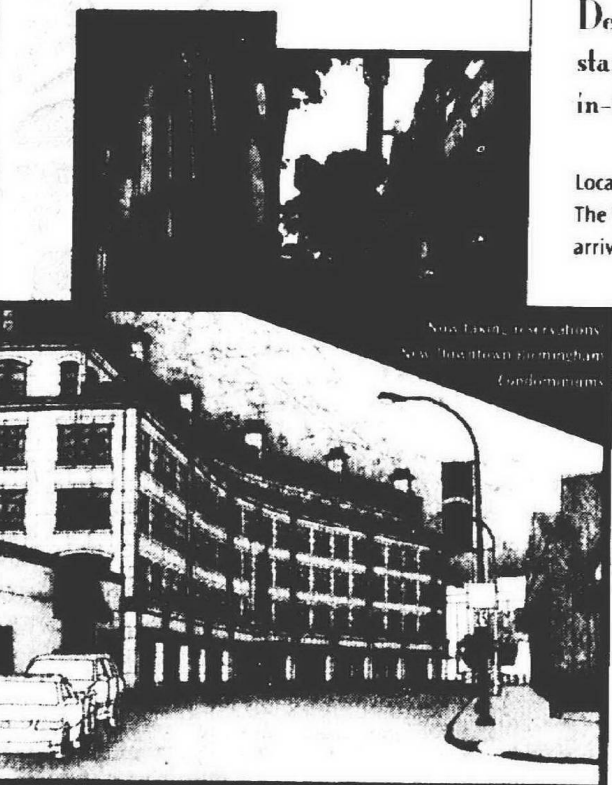
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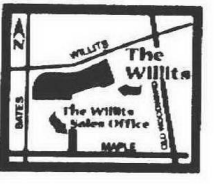
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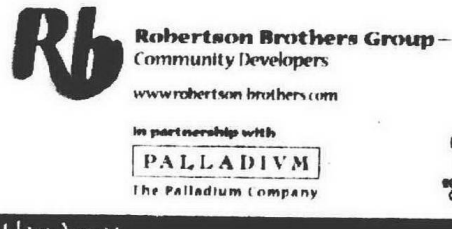
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Unique exterior shapes and angles both front and back for the Orchard (D2818) make this 1,651-square-foot home exciting to own.

The two-car garage area is pulled forward while a third car opening sits back, giving the facade a unique effect. The window set forward on the left equally adds to the changing look of the front. The rear has curved angles that are filled with windows.

Once inside from the covered porch, the vaulted great room is open to view. There is a large fireplace and hearth on the back wall with windows and transoms on each side. The room has an archway into the vaulted nook.

Bay windows on one end and patio doors on the side provide this room with an excellent amount of light. The patio doors open onto a covered porch in the rear, ideal for those afternoon barbecues or for sitting outside and relaxing.

The kitchen of the Orchard runs along one wall with an isthmus

jutting out containing the sink and the eating bar. The pantry is in the corner, adjacent to the ample counter.

Off the kitchen is the utility room with a sink and washer/dryer, a storage closet and a door leading to the garage.

The formal dining room with its coffered ceiling is accessible from the entry area or from the kitchen and great room. Two large windows face the covered porch. Stairs for an optional unfinished basement can be located between the dining and great rooms.

The entire left side of this home could consist of bedrooms. The master suite has a coffered ceiling and French doors. Past the walk-in closet and his-and-her sinks is a corner garden window over the spa tub. A shower and linen closet are also included in the master bath.

Adjacent, the den has an alternate bedroom plan with a wall closet and a large window seat. This would be a great area to

study. If used as a den, the window seat still works well with a wet bar and the French doors opening into the entry area.

A coat closet, handy to the entry, along with a full bath and linen closet is between the den and bedroom 2.

Bedroom 2, with a corner wall closet behind folding doors and three large windows in the front, is vaulted, adding to the ambiance of being large and open.

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Let's Talk About Real Estate

"APPEALING TO THE EMOTIONAL BUYER"

I heard a saying years ago that said we are all "a drop of intellect in a sea of emotion." I think there is a lot of truth in this. I know emotion plays a large role in the selection of the home a buyer finally chooses. Think of your own housing needs. Hundreds of homes now on the market possess the basic features such as kitchen, bathrooms, bedrooms, and living areas. Out of all these choices, however, you are only attracted to very few properties. Most don't appeal to you emotionally. Here are some things you can do to improve the pulling power of your property:

CURB APPEAL

All existing landscaping should be properly trimmed and as well watered and lush as possible. Flowers always catch the eye and are not usually too expensive. Does your yard and grounds have an orderly and well maintained appearance? How about the front door? Is it in good shape and fitted with attractive hardware? Do the windows, shutters, gutters and downspouts give the impression that there is sufficient attention to detail in your home? A photo of your home will either encourage or discourage potential buyers.

INTERIOR DECOR

Does the house invite you to stay or motivate you to want to leave at the earliest opportunity? The kitchen and master bedrooms are pivotal rooms that sway the buyer one way or the other. Whenever making decorating decisions, remember to please yourself while also looking over your shoulder at the things that will appeal to your future buyer.

CLEANLINESS

Everyone is attracted to a clean house. Everyone is repulsed by a poorly kept home. It is just that simple. If you work outside the home or for some other reason can't keep things as you would like, consider hiring some cleaning help while the property is for sale. It is very important.

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Look up for power threats



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MichCon provides more services on Web

MichCon customers can now order natural gas service, get account information and enroll in budget billing over the Internet. These are just a few of the new offerings included in the new online Customer Center on MichCon's Web site, www.michcon.com. The online Customer Center is available 24 hours a day and provides convenience for customers who want to complete simple transactions without having to call on the phone. The online forms are easy to use, private and secure. Customers simply fill in the required data and submit their request. MichCon customers have been able to make some service requests over the Internet, but the new Customer Center offers many expanded services focused on making requests easier and more accessible. Additional offerings for the online Customer Center are planned to be available later this year. MichCon is one of the nation's largest natural gas distributors, with 1.2 million Michigan families and businesses using MichCon for their energy needs.

With home maintenance, boat launching and other warm-weather pursuits now in full gear, Detroit Edison has two words of wisdom to keep people safe and accident-free.

Look up. That's where power lines usually are.

"The warmer weather brings everyone outdoors, and that increases the potential for people to come in contact with power lines or other electrical equipment," said Ron May, Detroit Edison vice president, Energy Delivery and Service. "By following some simple safety tips and looking up, our customers can have a safe, productive and fun summer."

Working at home
 ■ Be aware of where power lines are located. Make sure your large tools such as ladders, pool skimmers and tree pruners have plenty of clearance. Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines. Fiberglass ladders are safer because they don't conduct electricity.

■ Protect yourself from shock hazards. Outdoor tools and extension cords should have heavier wiring, special insulation and a three-prong, ground-

ed plug. Outdoor outlets should have ground-fault-circuit interrupters.

■ If you're planning to trim trees, consult a professional tree-trimming service if there are power lines nearby. Trees conduct electricity and so do people. Let a professional handle this hazardous job.

■ If your projects include digging post holes or other excavating, call Miss Dig at (800) 482-7171 three days in advance. Find out where underground utilities are located before you dig.

■ Help your children learn to play it safe around electricity. Visit the Web site that's just for kids, www.dtekids.com

Storm safety

■ During a power outage, turn off lights and unplug all electrical equipment to prevent possible damage when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when electric service resumes.

■ During low-voltage conditions -- when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller than normal -- shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrig-

erators and freezers to prevent overheating and possible damage.

■ Open refrigerators or freezers only if absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator can stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-stocked freezer will preserve food for two to three days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

■ If using a portable generator, disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines. Pull or switch to "off" the main fuses or circuit breakers to protect repair crews working to restore service. This ensures that electricity is not being transmitted from your house electric system to Detroit Edison power lines.

■ Always operate generators outdoors and away from opened windows or vents to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes indoors.

■ Stay out of flooded or damp basements or other areas if water is in contact with outlets, a furnace or any electrically operated appliance that is energized. The water or moisture may serve as a conductor of elec-

tricity. This can cause serious or even fatal injury.

Boating tips

■ When moving a boat or raising or lowering the mast, make sure masts and antennas can clear electrical wires.

■ Use a ground-fault-circuit interrupter when plugging into shore power outlets. This device will help avoid serious electrical shock that could result from defective tools or electrical appliances on a boat.

■ When drying sails on the rigging at the dock, secure sails or lines so they cannot blow into overhead wires.

■ Keep in mind that water levels may rise. Check for adequate clearance between the mast and power lines. Power lines that have been cleared previously may no longer have the same clearance.

■ If a boat does contact power lines while on the water, remain low in the boat and do not touch metal parts of the craft. Leave the boat only after arcing or sparking has stopped.

■ If an electrical storm begins, leave the water as quickly as possible.

Garden plants need supports

Planning a beautiful garden that provides cut flowers and fresh vegetables for the grill involves more than just seeds, sun and water.

To help keep your garden looking its best, consider the following tips from the experts.

■ A welcoming garden gate, lacy trellis or arbor adds architectural interest. For a profusion of color, think about training roses and flowering vines with self-gripping Plant Ties.

■ Collect sticks, poles and branches as supports for staking vegetables like tomatoes and zucchinis and long-stemmed flowers such as lilies and sunflowers. Plant Ties secure without choking stems and vines.

■ To control and train large plants, scrubs and flowering trees, consider using adjustable Cinch Straps that allow room for growth.

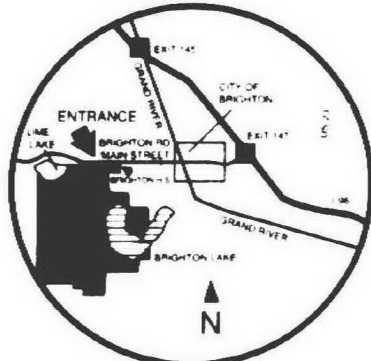
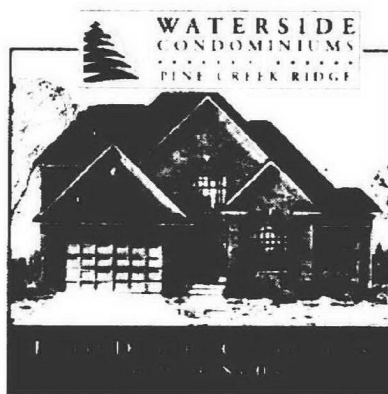
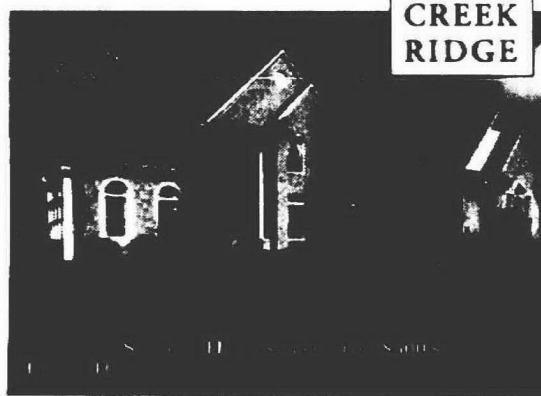
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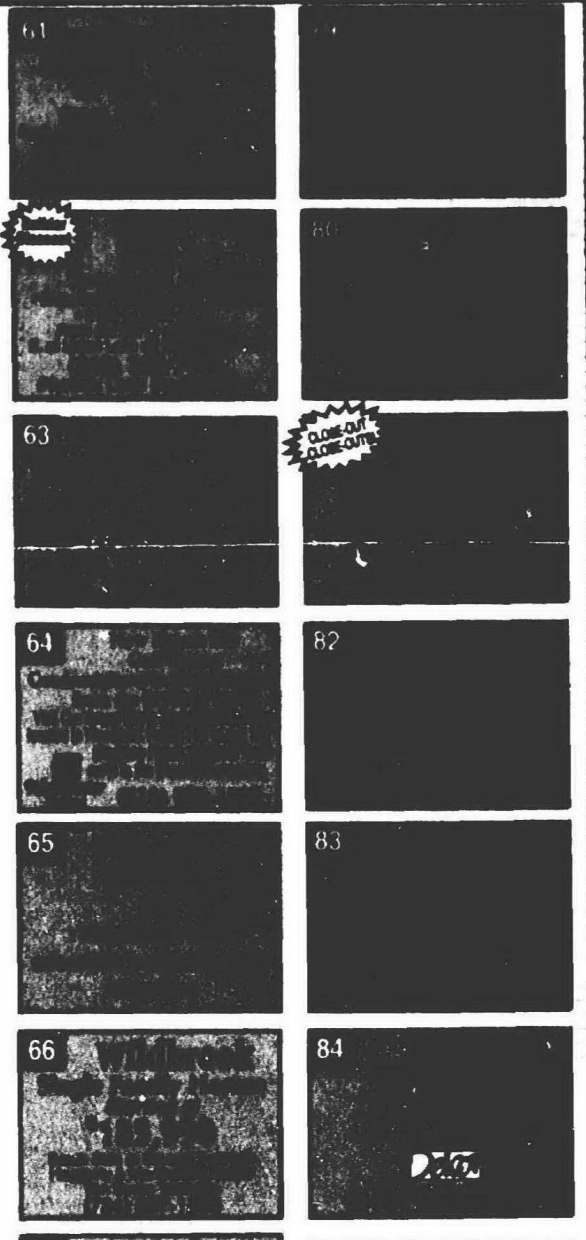
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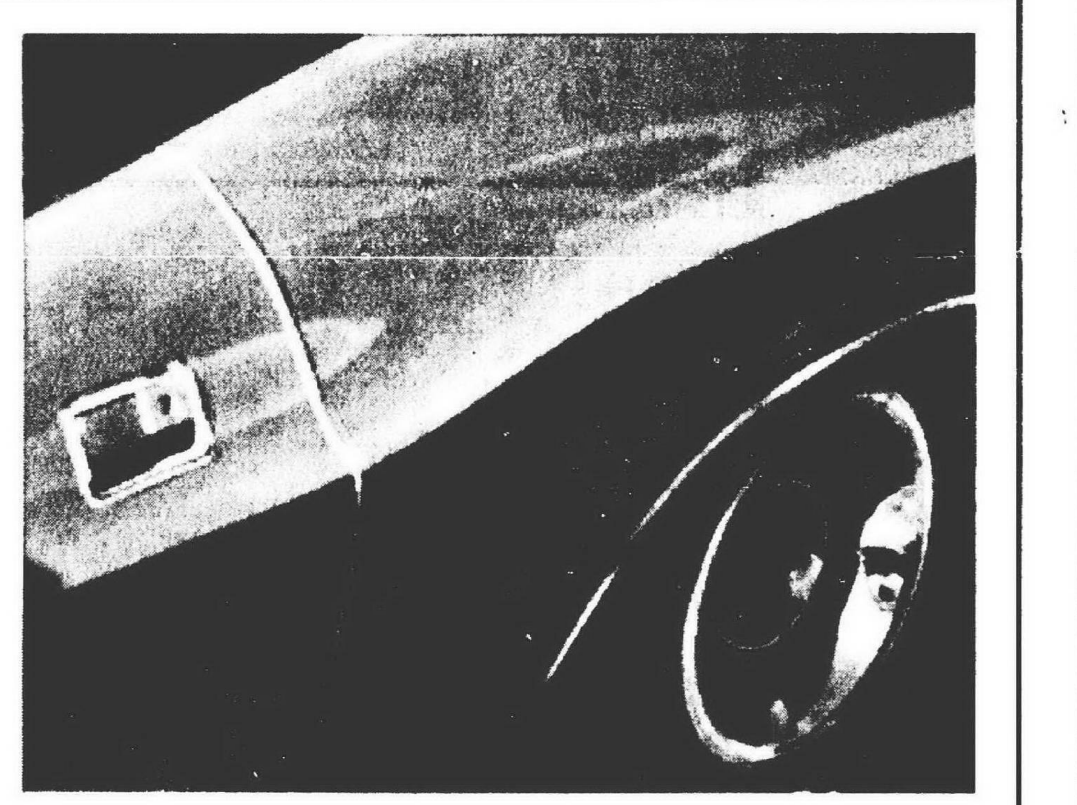
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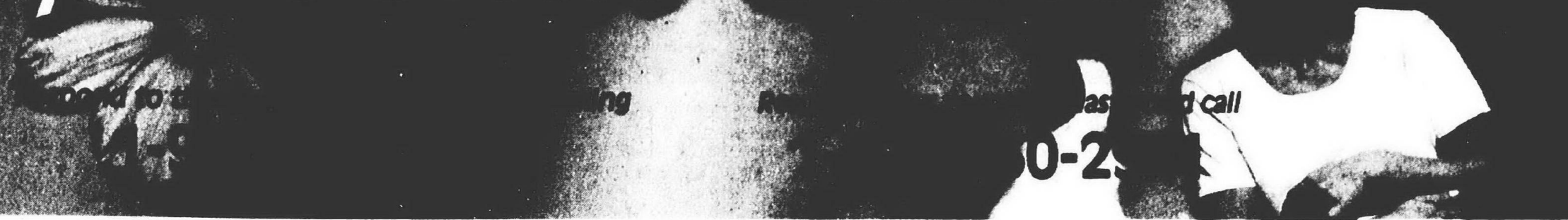
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Divorced white female, 5'10", 150 lbs, healthy, fit, blonde, blue eyes, positive great humor, non-smoker, non-drinker, hardworking, open minded. Enjoys the great outdoors, music. Seeking American Indian male with values, true to heritage, non-smoker, non-drinker, age open, friends first, no games. Let's talk. BOX 36006

ALONE BUT NOT LONELY

And happy with myself, white female, 53, "looks 43", 5'10", 150 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker. Blonde, ex-model, who's educated. Loves picnics, culture, fine and ethnic dining. Seeks white male, approximately 40 plus, educated and professional, financially and financially stable for possible long term relationship. Friends first. BOX 36008

BE MY FRIEND

47 yr old, single female, with blonde hair and blue eyes, in good shape, who enjoys walking, the theater, traveling and much more. Looking for a single male, 60, who's intelligent, loving, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 13524

A STEP AT A TIME

Single female, 5'3", 125 lbs, blonde hair, enjoys dancing, traveling, reading, dining and more. Looking for a single male, 40 to 50, with similar interests and fun times. BOX 13621

ONE IN A MILLION...

...in Novi. Very attractive, single white female, young looking, 40, great shape and figure, 5'4" brunette with brown eyes, seeking very nice looking, single white male, 45 to 55, honest, easy going, non-smoker, no financially, emotionally and physically secure, for sincere friendship, possibly relationship. BOX 35992

LARGE AND LOVELY

Single white female, 47, 5'6", 250 lbs, attractive, searching for a single white male, 45 to 54, with values, honestly and humor. I enjoy movies, dancing and travel. Waterford area. BOX 35986

SEEKS A GOOD MAN

Single white female, 23, 5'6", non-drinker, enjoys music, 23 to 30 yr old, non-smoker, over 6' for a possible relationship. BOX 35990

NEW BEGINNINGS

33 yr old, single mother of two, 5'10", blonde hair, single father, 32 to 38, who enjoys fishing, bowling, camping, dining, movies and quiet evenings at home. Possible relationship. BOX 35998

VERY PRETTY BLONDE

5'7", 118 lbs, professional female, user friendly, likes plenty of vigor and spunk. Looking for a professional male counterpart, 60's, for friendship and the ability to know each other and hopefully a long term commitment. BOX 35996

HELLO FRIEND

Slender, attractive, intelligent, white female, 54, tall, elegant, ladylike, amiable, warm hearted, eclectic, widowed smoker, honest, happy, 50 to 60, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly, well spoken, self assured, communicative and a few rowdy episodes. BOX 35998

ONLY YOU FOR ME

39 yr old, 5'3", full figured, single white female of two with dark brown hair and blue eyes. She wants to share her enjoyment of dining out, movies, hockey, movies, reading, the outdoors and car. Seeking a single white male, 30 to 45, who answers this ad. BOX 13594

SUNSHINE

I am outgoing, friendly, retired professional, white, widowed female, 62, 120 lbs with brown hair. Looking for friendship with a single white male who is doing fun things together. BOX 36127

LOTS OF ENERGY

I'm a small, cute, young looking, 35, physically fit, energetic, with lots of energy. Seeking a single white male, 37 to 43, who is attractive, active and is enjoying all of the above. Seeking single or divorced white male, with lots of interests, for friendship, good conversations. BOX 21013

THINKING OF YOU

Single female who's honest, positive and motivated. Looking for a single honest, caring male with a college education, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16892

IF IT'S YOU CALL?

45 yr old, single white female, seeking single white male, who is fun, going out, spending quality time together. BOX 13554

DREAMER

Single white female, 45, 5'8", smoker, social drinker, enjoys theater, movies, concerts, romantic evenings and much more. Seeking a single white male, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16471

SINCERE

Pretty, petite, fun, classy, 5'4", 110 lbs, blonde hair, white female with a passion for life and love seeks a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, fit, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining out, and much more. BOX 35910

MATERNAL EXPRESSION

Petite, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37, I'm kind, charismatic, fun, positive, passionate and humorous. Loves dancing, dining, theater, nature and fun times. Seeking 45 to 50, non-smoking, very attractive, spiritual, fun, open minded, established, sensual, tender, gentleman to make my heart go pitter patter. BOX 35960

WILD FLOWER

44 yr old, single white professional female, with auburn/brown hair, seeking spontaneous, outgoing, humorous male, to share life's adventures. Lets discuss our interests. Possible long term relationship. BOX 35970

LADY OF CLASS

50 yr old, single white female, 5'4", 125 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes, who enjoys movies, dining out, cooking, sports, music, the outdoors, travel, and weekend getaways. Seeking a single male with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13634

DEEPER IN LOVE

Sincere, fun loving, divorced white female, 37, 5'5", with blonde hair, green eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out, travel, movies, camping, walks, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for serious relationship. BOX 13432

GOOD HEARTED WOMAN

Divorced, white, professional mother of two, 47, who enjoys music, the outdoors and much more, who's attractive, full figured, honest and caring. Seeking single white male, who's Christian, who's honest and caring, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 20815

CZECH BORN

42 yr old, single mother, red hair and hazel eyes, 25 in spirit and a good 30 in looks. Independent, ambitious, enjoys travel and boating. Seeking someone to grow old with. Great life, love and fun. Looking for a single white male, 40 to 50, with similar interests. BOX 35964

ATTRACTIVE & CLASSY

Eclectic, slender, brunette, 40's, who enjoys movies, dining, music, plays and more. Seeking honest, loyal, flexible, fun, romantic, special gentleman, 58, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 36105

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS!

Single female, 35, full figured, self-employed, fun loving, looking for a single, white male, without children, 24 to 36, non-smoker, social drinker, for an honest, fun friendship and companionship. BOX 13342

YOU SHOULD CALL

38 yr old, single white female, no children, enjoys the outdoors, college educated. Loves the outdoors, fishing, camping, the woods and more. Seeking a single male, 36 to 46, who enjoys fishing, bowling, dancing and shooting golf. Looking for a single male, social or non-drinker, 35 to 45. BOX 32047

COMPANION

White widowed, 51", 125 lbs, with blonde hair and brown eyes, very active. Enjoys traveling and dining out. Seeking a white male, 65 to 72, for companionship. BOX 32059

THE SIMPLE THINGS

Single female, blonde hair, hazel eyes, late 30's, likes outdoors, laughter, dogs, walking, swimming and more. Seeking a single male, who's honest and enjoys the simple things in life. BOX 13441

LOOKING FOR YOU!

Single white female, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, college educated, enjoys dancing, music, travel and more. Seeking a single male, 35 to 40, non-smoker, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13491

I'M THE ONE FOR YOU!

Divorced, black mother of one, 42, 5'4", medium build, non-smoker, attractive, medical professional, long term monogamous relationship. Seeking a well established, single or divorced male, who's good character, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 13502

LOVE ME FOR ME

20 yr old, 5'3", medium built, single mother, with auburn hair. Looking for a single white male, 20 to 30, preferably with a child, that will accept me. BOX 13522

CAN WE TALK?

5'5", medium built, single female with long blonde hair and blue eyes. I enjoy going to concerts, motorcycles, home cooked meals, and much more. Seeking a single male, 35 to 45, who answers this ad. BOX 13528

LET'S HANG OUT

21 yr old, single white female with brown hair and blue eyes. Seeking a single white male, 20 to 26, who loves hanging out, the movies, the mall and a possible friendship and more. BOX 13565

CLASSIC ROMANCE

50 yr old, single female, 5, believes in romance, likes simple things, for a long term relationship. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 42 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!

35 yr old, 5'6", 160 lb, single black female with short brown hair, enjoys music, darts, shooting pool, and going to concerts. Seeking a single male, 35 to 45, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

NEW BEGINNINGS

Single professional white female, 37, blonde hair and green eyes. Seeking a single, compassionate, white male, 40 to 50, with a sense of humor, for dating and friendship. BOX 35962

SPONTANEOUS

White widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, also an animal lover. Looking for a white male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 36123

CALL IF INTERESTED

40 yr old, 5'11", single mother who enjoys all sports, the outdoors, and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, who has a positive attitude and a good sense of humor for friendship. BOX 20862

TREAT ME RIGHT

18 yr old, single female, looking for a single male with a variety of interests, who is ready to treat a woman. BOX 20868

I'LL BE WAITING

5'5", 110 lb, 32 yr old, single female with light brown hair and blue eyes. I like dancing, fishing, boating and camping, but realize that it all would be much more enjoyable if shared with that one special man. BOX 20882

FINAL BOUL MATE

38 yr old, single female, who enjoys children, the outdoors, animals, fishing, and sports. Looking for a single professional male with similar interests. BOX 20898

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

WANTED: A GOOD MAN

Single white female, 46, full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 46 to 55, to share dinners, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded. Men only. BOX 31937

FOR COMPANIONSHIP

Widowed, white female, 51", 125 lbs, blonde with hazel eyes, active, enjoys traveling, dining out and bike riding. Looking for an honest, fun loving, white male, 65 to 72, for friendship and companionship. BOX 32043

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

38 yr old, single white female, blonde hair, weight proportionate, blue eyes, no children, family oriented. Enjoys horseback riding, swimming, camping and boating. Seeks male, 36 to 46, height and weight proportionate with similar interests. BOX 32045

THE GOOD LIFE

5'6", 140 lb, independent woman, enjoys car shows and racing, camping, bowling, dancing and shooting golf. Looking for a single male, social or non-drinker, 35 to 45. BOX 32047

COMPANION

White widowed, 51", 125 lbs, with blonde hair and brown eyes, very active. Enjoys traveling and dining out. Seeking a white male, 65 to 72, for companionship. BOX 32059

POSSIBILITIES!

42 yr old, single white female, 5'3", 175 lbs, with blonde hair, blue eyes, athletic, enjoys the outdoors, walks, working out, dining out, etc. Seeking single white male, 35 to 45, with similar interests, romantic, with a good sense of humor, for best friends. BOX 13592

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

22 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 130 lbs, who enjoys dining out, movies music, the outdoors, walks, bowling, and more. Seeking a single white female, 20 to 25, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 13596

WAITING FOR YOU!

Single white male, mid 50's seeking white female, 30 to 45, slim, with lots of interests, for friendship, companionship and good times. We will never know what might have been unless you try. Enjoys movies, travel and sports. Seeking a soul mate, 22 to 26, who is kind, honest and has similar interests. Friendship first possible long term relationship. BOX 33375

LET'S MEET!

Single white male, seeking single white female, who's fun loving and enjoys life. Interests for friendship, good conversations, possibly more. If it's agreeable to the two of us. BOX 13639

GIVE ME A CALL!

37 yr old, single white male, 5'5", with brown hair, clean shaven, who enjoys golf, tennis, and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests, who's fun loving and enjoys life. For friendship and possibly more. BOX 13635

DESIRES OF THE HEART

37 yr old, single, white father of two, 5'5", with brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, who enjoys the outdoors, gardening, parks, and much more. Seeking single white female, who enjoys the simple things in life. For friendship and possibly more. BOX 13643

WOMAN WANTED

Single white male, 54, 5'11", 175 lbs, not bad looking, good condition, employed, home owner, non-smoker, no dependents, seeks slim, attractive white woman, 40 to 50 in the Westland area. BOX 36137

MAKE MY DAY

Single professional male, 44, 5'11", 195 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, very honest and has a good sense of humor. Occasional drinker and smoker. Enjoys dining out, movies, country drives, playing cards, camping, fishing and barbecue. Seeking a single or divorced female, 35 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 33385

IF YOU'RE THAT ONE

24 yr old, single white male, seeking single white female, 20 to 26, to spend quality time together. BOX 13681

OLDER LADY WANTED!

Single white male, 42, 6'1", with blonde hair, seeking single white female, 55 to 60, who enjoys fishing, parks, camping, dancing and much more. Enjoys good conversations. BOX 20646

BRIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

57 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 170 lb, with brown hair and eyes. Seeking single white female, petite to medium build, for friendship, dating, good times, possibly more. BOX 20859

CAN'T WAIT

43 yr old, divorced white male, 6'1", 210 lb, with blonde hair, blue eyes, active, honest and affectionate, who enjoys biking, working out, the outdoors and much more. Seeking single white female, slim to medium build, open minded, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 20644

REAL GOOD CATCH

Divorced, white professional male, financially secure, business owner, 5'10", 185 lbs, non-smoker, no drugs, social drinker. Seeking single white professional female, 40 to 55, that enjoys sports, dining out, walks, traveling, and quiet times. BOX 33408

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ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

Divorced white male, 48, 5'11", large build, non-smoker, light drinker, enjoys walks in the park, shopping, cooking, biking, movies, and quiet romantic times. Seeks white female, 49 to 57, honest, caring, with similar interests, or willing to teach something new and is looking for a relationship. Non-smoker a plus. BOX 33404

A REAL GOOD CATCH

Divorced, white professional male, financially secure, business owner, 5'10", 185 lbs, non-smoker, no drugs, social drinker. Seeking single white professional female, 40 to 55, that enjoys sports, dining out, walks, traveling, and quiet times. BOX 33408

LOOKING AHEAD

Divorced white male, 51", financially secure, professional, 61, who likes exercise, fine dining, theater and travel. Seeks intelligent, attractive single white female, 40 to 58, who would be good company in all kinds of situations. BOX 36093

HANDSOME IRON WORKER

Single white male, 55, tall, dark hair and eyes, mustache, spontaneous, likes boating, traveling and casinos. Looking for tall slender woman, 40 to 55, for friendship first possible relationship. BOX 33400

LOVE CHILDREN!

20 yr old, single white male, seeking single white female, 18 to 21, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 20999

GET BACK TO YOU SOON

18 yr old, single white male, who enjoys movies, sports, dining out, concerts, and much more. Seeking single female, 18 to 22, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 21012

HAPPINESS AWAITS

Single white female, 57, 5'7", 180 lbs, enjoys hockey, the outdoors and much more. Seeking a single female, 21 to 29, height and weight proportionate, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 20951

VISIONS OF LOVE

36 yr old, single white male, sensitive, honest, enjoys sports, working out, music, traveling and more. Seeking a single female, 21 to 29, height and weight proportionate, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 20951

LET'S MEET

Affectionate, retired, single male, 55", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and traveling. Seeking a single female, who has some fun with. BOX 36081

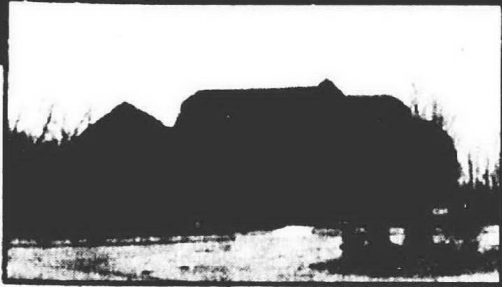
BLACK OR HISPANIC

40 yr old, looks 30, divorced white male, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown hair and eyes, attractive, intelligent, physically fit, home owner with a good job. Seeking a single or divorced black or Hispanic female, 25 to 35, who is intelligent, physically fit with a big heart and great smile. BOX 33653

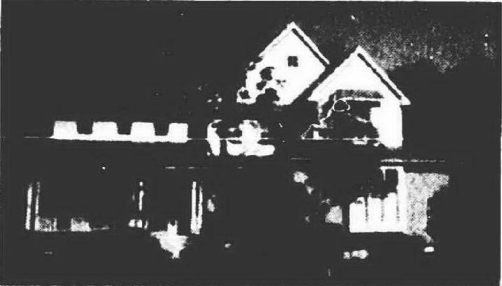
ARE YOU LONELY?

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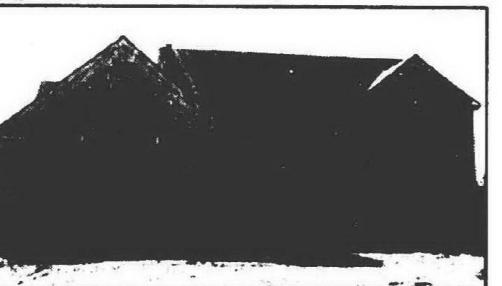
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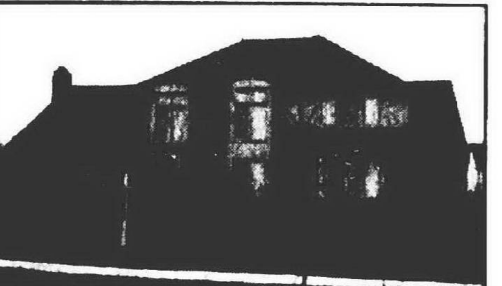
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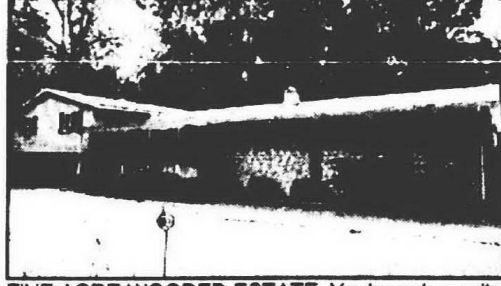
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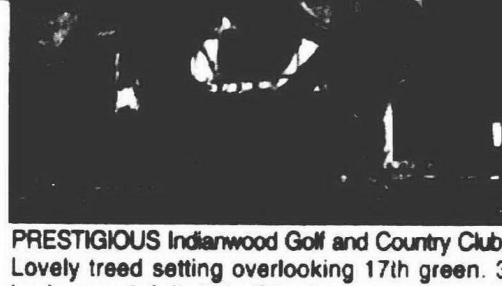
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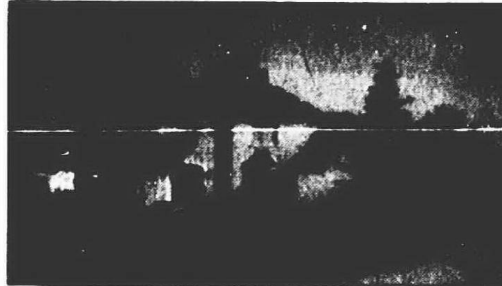
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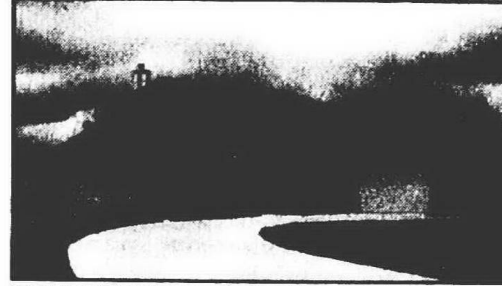
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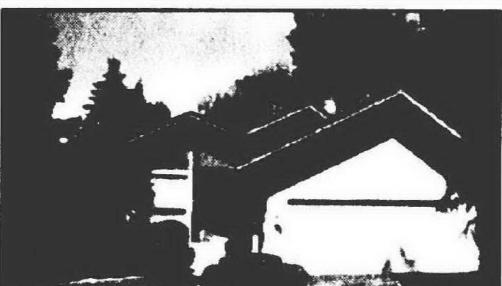


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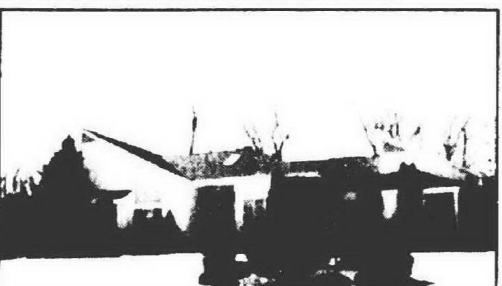
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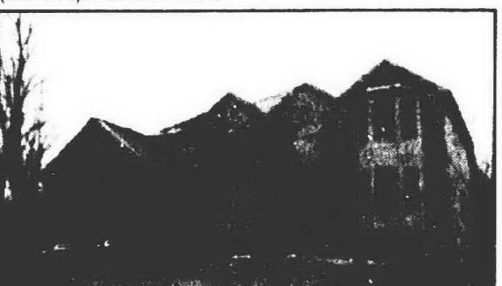
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BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The tri-county metro area will be facing a serious teacher shortage over the next 10 years with an expected need to fill 20,000 teaching positions.

"We have 23,000 teachers in Wayne County and well over 50 percent are eligible to retire," said Mike Flanagan, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency. "People who graduated in 1970 are eli-

gible to retire, baby boomers are ready to retire."

To help fill that void Wayne RESA is holding a Teacher Recruitment Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Cobo Center in Detroit. A recruitment fair was held last year at RESA headquarters. This year's fair has been expanded to include more than 70 school districts from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"We're advertising in Ohio and Indiana," Flanagan said. "We don't want local districts stealing each others teach-

ers. One of the biggest problems for the Detroit schools is that they get great teachers and after five years they move to other districts. More districts are trying to have a diverse workforce, but every year there are 400 openings in Detroit."

This year, certified teachers will have an opportunity to interview for about 1,500 available teaching positions with starting salaries of \$34,000 up to

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Keep realistic level of enthusiasm

Q. I was very hurt after being turned down for a job. How can I tell if an opportunity is real?

A. Managing the emotional swings in a job search is a skill usually born of past disappointment. I recall wanting one job so much that I literally became sick after the HR Manager called to tell me someone else had been selected. That particular brand of pain only happens to most of us once or twice before we learn to manage our enthusiasm.

In many cases, the odds of a positive outcome start becoming remote without your knowledge. For example, an employer interviews you and is moderately impressed. The next candidate, however, turns out to be stupendous and promises to work for food. The company puts an offer together for your competitor, but doesn't tell you that things are looking grim. Your phone calls simply aren't returned or you are given some vague reassurances about still being in the running.

Don't be too critical of employers for using this strategy. It makes perfect sense for a manager to have a back-up candidate. If Mr. Wonderful turns the job down or is found out to be an escaped convict, you get the nod. It saves the company time and money.

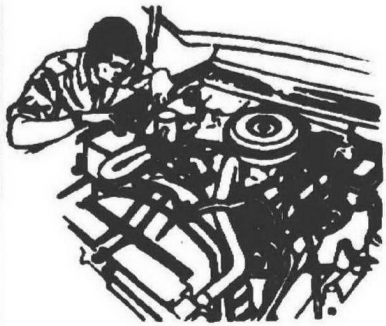
There are millions of reasons why a person might not get an offer and many have nothing to do with skill or experience. I recently spoke with an HR Manager of a large dairy who said he had two excellent candidates for a

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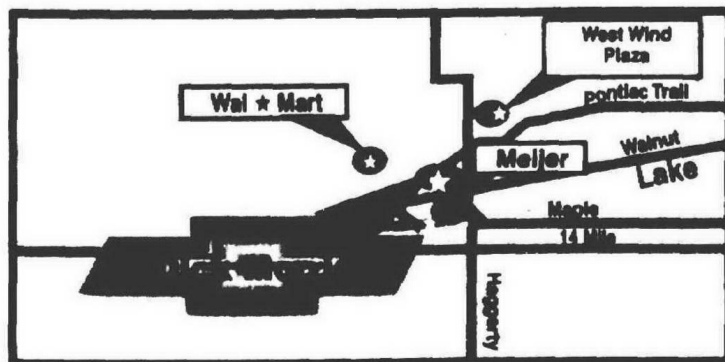
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75,000 for 12 years experience. Some areas of need include elementary, art, foreign languages, math, sciences, vocational and special education.

"We have a three-part plan: to grow our own, go outstate and work with universities or mid-career changers," Flanagan said.

"Many people who have gained life experiences in other work, are now turning to teaching as a second career.

"People want to give back. Many were tempted to become teachers but wanted to make money," Flanagan said. "Now they want to teach."

Ray Schmidt, 43, played in rock and roll bands in the late '70s and early '80s before turning to more stable employment as an electrician and insurance salesman.

"I did all that while continuing my music career," Schmidt said.

He has just completed his first year as a vocal music teacher in South Redford schools at Thurston High School and Pierce Middle School.

Schmidt decided he wanted to be involved in music full time. His children had attended South Redford schools and he knew people in

the district and was encouraged to become a teacher. It took him three years going part time to complete his bachelor's degree and attain certification.

He's been enjoying what he's doing.

"I had a subject that is fun anyway. It's great to share that with people, to get kids excited about music," he said.

Schmidt said he was surprised by how much work is involved to "be successful" as a teacher. He has taken his students to New York and Cedar Point and watched them become motivated by his teaching.

"I always say, I've been a musician first, I've done this job all my life," Schmidt said. "I absolutely love it. I love going to work in the morning."

For those interested in changing their careers and becoming teachers, representatives from the Michigan Department of Education and area universities will be available to discuss what it takes to get a teaching certificate.

For Elaine Kielbaso being a teacher was her first career choice. Kielbaso has been a second grade teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Allen Elementary School for five years.

"I wanted to find a career that was challenging and gratifying and touched people's lives in a positive way," said Kielbaso, a Michigan State graduate.

Kielbaso said she was inspired by a fourth grade teacher.

"I have great memories of elementary school and wanted to create great memories for others," she said.

Kielbaso said there have been disappointments.

"One thing that's disheartening sometimes is the lack of support from families and a lack of respect for the profession," she said.

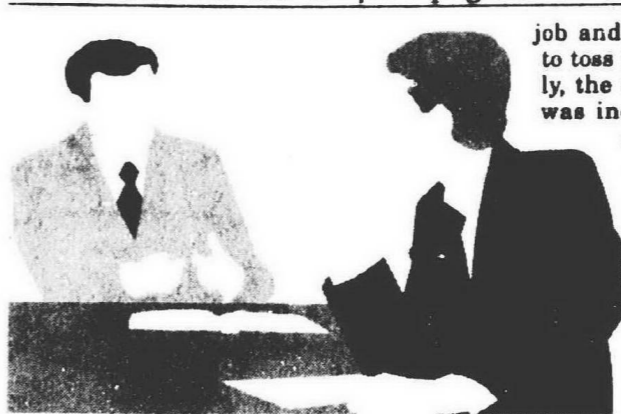
But the rewards have outweighed the disappointments.

"I love young children, they're so eager to learn," she said. "I see their eyes widening, their imaginations running wild."

Those attending the job fair are asked to bring multiple copies of their resume; references; college transcripts from all colleges attended and teaching certificate, if applicable.

For more information on the Teacher Recruitment Fair at Cobo Center, visit resa.net or call (734)334-1716.

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job and literally had to toss a coin. Clearly, the final decision was independent of differences in the candidates' backgrounds and personalities. And that's the key to handling a turn down: Realize that it's just business and sometimes luck and does not reflect your worth as a worker or individual.

To use a cliché, the higher the top, the longer the drop. Don't become cynical, but don't sink too much emotion into any one opportunity. At most, allow yourself to become cautiously optimistic.

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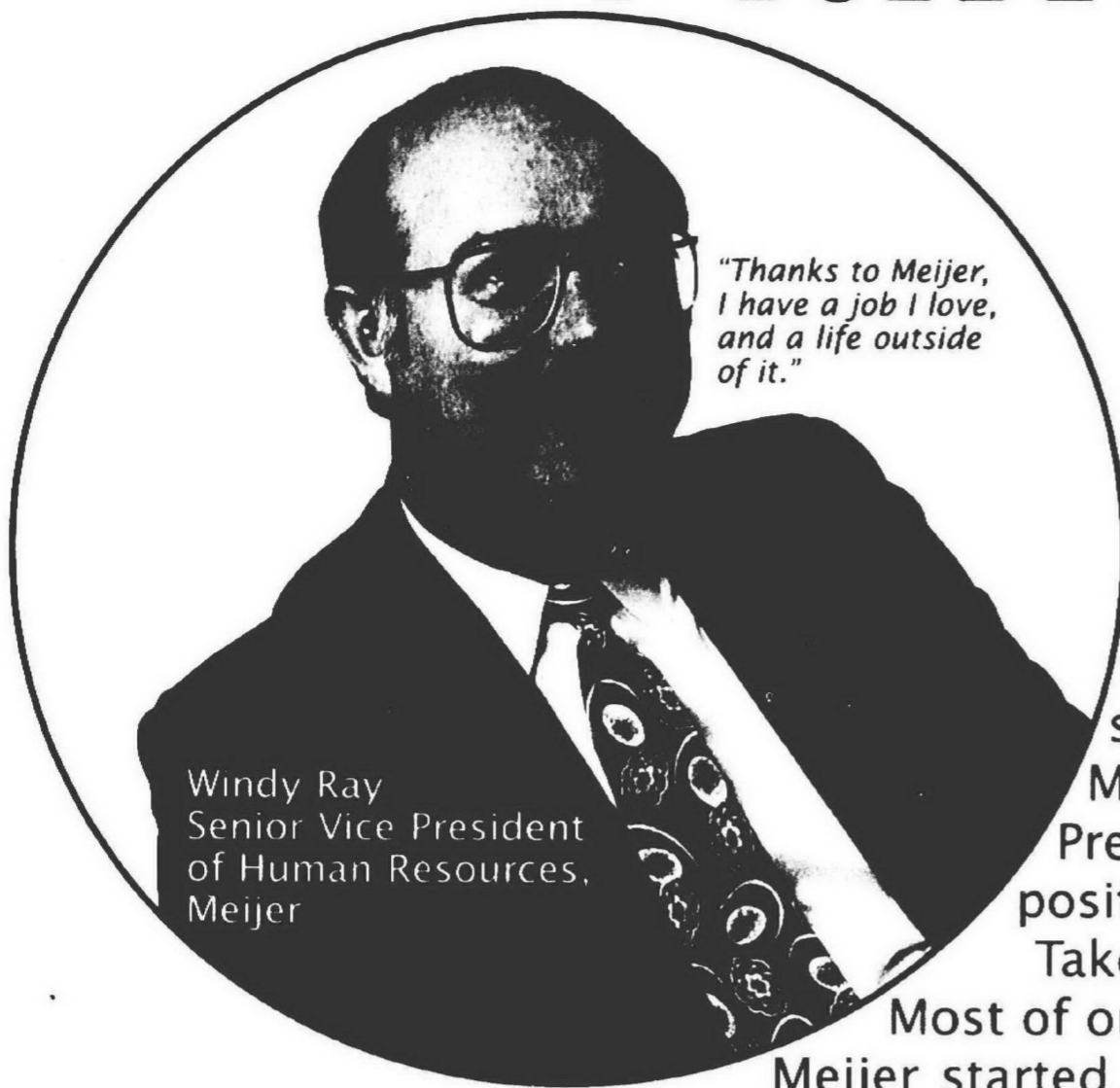
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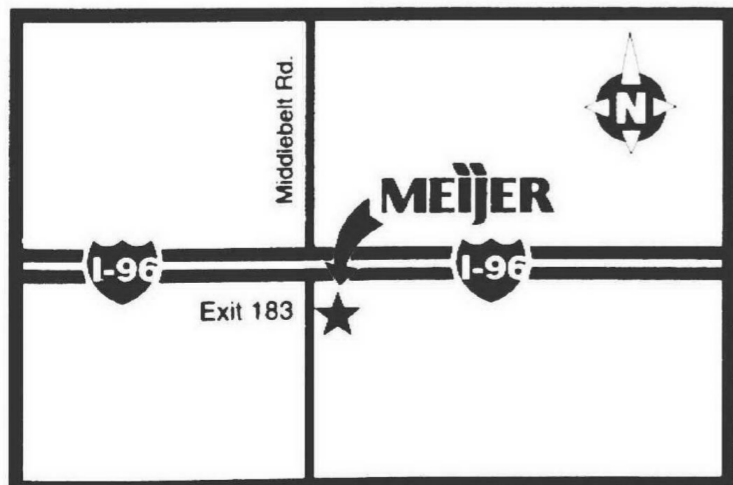
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RECEIVING CLERK

Full-time position in our Livonia Kitchen & Bath Center. Computer experience a must. Proven receiving experience a plus. Complete benefits package...

RECEPTIONIST

Full-time receptionist position in downtown Birmingham Salon & computer experience and strong public relations skills needed.

RECEPTIONIST

Full & part-time office experience a must. Will train. Apply in person & ask for Eva at Strong Veterinary Hospital.

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Run with the big dogs at this top veterinary specialty practice! Full-time, day & night positions needed. 24-hour referral hospital in Southfield.

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Plan and implement Senior adult activities, special events, inter-generational activities and volunteer recruitment.

SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMMER

Plan and implement Senior adult activities, special events, inter-generational activities and volunteer recruitment. Press releases, brochures, flyers, video public services announcements, etc. Coordinates resources and secures corporate sponsorship through direct marketing. Requires B.S. Gerontology with emphasis in recreational activity, recreation, or related field and/or equivalent education and work experience.

RENTAL AGENTS

Needed for growing car & truck rental agency. Learn all aspects of business. Hourly wage, monthly bonus, room & board advancement. Benefit package includes 401K, Apply Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm at McDonald Rent-A-Car, 17000 Northville Rd Northville, corner 6 Mile.

ROUTE DRIVER

113 year old linen & uniform company is looking for someone who is customer service oriented. Good pay & benefits. Help deliver the difference. Good driving record & math skills required. \$24k to \$26k to start. Excellent benefits. Send resume Morgan Services Inc. 31250 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax resume 734-261-7147.

ROUTE PERSON \$650 Weekly

No Experience Necessary Full training 8 positions to be filled immediately. Delivers Sales, Customer Service. Income based on productivity. Guaranteed Car required. Call Mr. Stevens (313)537-4862

ROUTE SALES

Advance Novelty is hiring a route sales person to service existing route (Downriver & Southern Detroit Suburbs area). Must be independent, self starter willing to work 45-55 hours per week. Must have good driving record. \$10K to \$15K per year plus expense allowance. Benefits Training supplied by our staff. Send resume to 101 Stanford Parkway, Findlay, OH 45424 or Call 1-800-426-0317

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Maintenance attendants. Full-time positions. Must be 16 yrs of age. Devconare Area, Livonia. 734-422-5172

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Seeking to fill the following full & part time positions. All candidates must be able to work flexible hours evenings/weekends. Assistant Manager, Department Supervisors, Bookkeepers. Responsibilities include merchandising, inventory control and balancing daily cashsales. Must be detail oriented and have the ability to prioritize and complete tasks in a timely manner. All positions require excellent communication skills & strong commitment to customer service. Proven retail and PC experience preferred. To be considered, send fax resume to Denise Nossek, Stock Manager Madonna University Bookstore 36600 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150 Fax 734-591-2503 EOE M/F

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We are looking for an individual that will be responsible for coordination and procurement of components, tooling, materials, etc. relating to specific current and future programs. This individual will handle the coordination of Quotation Request containing engineering specifications, part/tooling parameters, Quality, Delivery, target pricing, etc. for potential sourcing/resourcing. Sourcing decisions and documentation, price and payment terms negotiations, contract management and participation in Product Development Team to coordinate issues out of program scope.

Bachelors degree required. 5 years of purchasing experience in the automotive industry. Requires excellent communication and negotiation skills. Strong organizational, analytical and communicative skills. Strong computer skills required. Microsoft Office (Excel required) (Word, PowerPoint and Outlook preferred, but not required).

Textron also provides an excellent compensation and benefits package including health and dental insurance, company-matched 401K, pension plan and more. Interested candidates should forward resumes and salary requirements with JOB CODE: SRBU/ER/VE indicated on the cover letter. Responses can be sent to: Textron Automotive Company Inc. 750 Stephenson Hwy, Troy, MI 48063; fax: (248) 616-5745; 4tcorp@tac.textron.com

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FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN No experience necessary. Electrical & mechanical knowledge. Will train. Benefits. 734-207-8363

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JOB CODE: HC DEPT: PSI Inc. HR Dept. 11878 Hubbard Livonia, MI 48150 734-266-3247 FAX: humanresources@psi-corp.com

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Asphalt Company taking applications for CDL Class A & B Truck Drivers to drive Tandem & Tri-Axle dump trucks. Minimum 2 yrs experience. Top pay with benefits & bonus.

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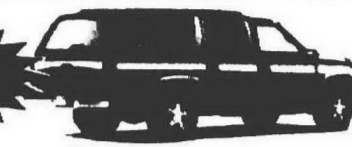
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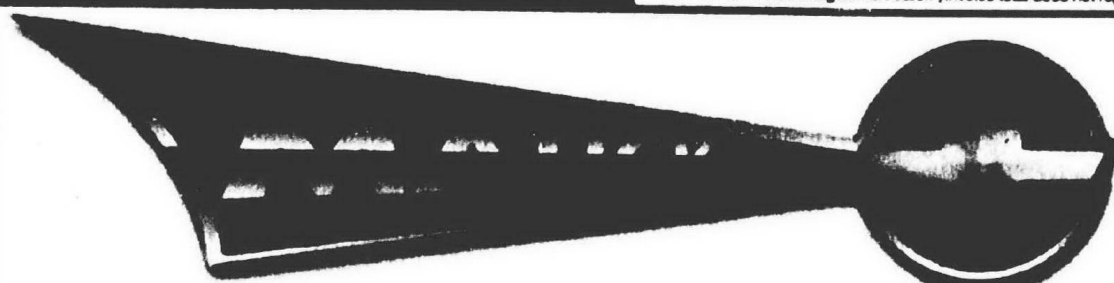
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