

FRIDAY'S Child

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THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

School board: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Center on Harvey Street.

WEDNESDAY

Music man: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park series continues with Josh White Jr. in Kellogg Park at noon.

THURSDAY

The 2001 vote: The Plymouth Observer prints its endorsements in the City Commission race.

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Surviving quintts off respirators



■ While a Plymouth couple struggles with the loss of one of their five quintuplets born last week at Henry Ford Hospital, the surviving four siblings have been taken off respirators and are responding, according to doctors.

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Doctors at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit are giving the four surviving quintuplets born to a Plymouth couple an excellent chance for survival.

Dr. Sudhakar Ezhuthachan, division head of neonatology at Henry Ford, said the three girls and one boy delivered by caesarian section June 30 have been taken off respirators. As of Friday, they were listed in serious but stable condition.

"They are reasonably comfortable, and are tolerating small amounts of feeding," said Ezhuthachan. "They are being fed a quarter teaspoon of milk, four times a day."

The first of the quintuplets born, a boy measuring two pounds, 8 ounces, died Wednesday night.

"The first boy born came off the respirator, but developed breathing difficulties and had to be put back on," said Ezhuthachan. "He died from complications from needing the respirator. He concerned us from the word go because

he needed additional resuscitation."

The 31-year-old Plymouth woman, whose identity is not being made public, was released from the hospital Wednesday. She was admitted May 22 and delivered five weeks later at nearly 29 weeks. Her due date was scheduled for Sept. 17.

The pregnancy was aided by infertility drugs and a procedure called intrauterine insemination. The procedure involves depositing sperm inside the woman's uterus near ovulation time.

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New calling: Kathy Charlefour retired early from teaching and has taken up religion. Here, she stands in the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton.

Teacher to preacher

Minister trades textbooks for the Good Book

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Kathy Charlefour's 21 years as a school teacher came to an end May 22 when she resigned from teaching math at Plymouth Salem High School. But it wasn't because the 48-year-old Canton resident was ready to begin life in retirement.

She just found a new calling. *The calling.*

On July 1, Charlefour began a new chapter of life with her first appointment as an ordained Methodist minister. After nearly eight years of seminary school, she has her own congregation at the East Reasonville Frenchtown United Methodist Church in Monroe County.

Charlefour, who taught at Salem for eight years and served as a guidance counselor at West Middle School for one year, has lived in Canton with her husband, Jack, and three sons since 1988.

Up to a couple years ago, Charlefour thought she would be teaching forever. It was what she had always wanted to do. At least since the fifth grade when, at her elementary school in Monroe County near the Ohio border, she was asked to watch a first-grade class while the teacher was away.

"I knew at that point I was going to teach. It was just one of those things."

But as her years in seminary school mounted and her knowledge of divinity expanded (she has a master's degree in divinity), her passion for

teaching waned. Then there came a day when she knew she could no longer go on teaching, because her passion was being channeled in a new direction. She wanted to serve God.

Still, when she had to write her letter of resignation last month, it was difficult. She knew it was the point of no return.

"It was hard. That was definitely one of the hardest letters I ever had to write. But I have moved on. All my focus is now on my ministry."

The call

Charlefour says her interest in God really began to pique in the fall of 1994, when she began disciple Bible study at her church, Cherry Hill

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Band director spurns Texas for Walled Lake

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Just weeks before moving to Texas to take a position as a high school band director, Dave McGrath, former director of the nationally renowned Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, changed his mind and instead will become the band director at Walled Lake Central High School.

"Dave's happy that he is staying in the area," said Connie Moore, president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Booster Association. "He's more relaxed knowing he'll be staying around family. Texas was just too far away."

McGrath declined to be interviewed about his last-minute discussions with Plymouth-Canton Schools, or his finalizing a contract Thursday with Walled Lake Central.

Citing the lack of help provided by the school district to direct the 260-

member Plymouth-Canton band, and the long hours away from his family to keep the program on top, McGrath decided to take a job at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas.

However, McGrath decided to stay in Michigan. He reportedly talked with Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee and Superintendent Kathleen Booher about the possibilities of returning as band director. However, Booher said no discussion was held concerning McGrath coming back.

"There were no discussions during that meeting concerning Dave coming back. He indicated he applied at Walled Lake Central and another district," said Booher. "Dave was able to

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Primary 2001 — The race for the Plymouth City Commission

Combined government tops list for city challenger

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DAVID MURPHY

David Murphy believes the people of Plymouth need city commissioners who can be trusted. That's why he's thrown his hat into the Aug. 7 primary for one of the four open seats on the Plymouth city commission.

"Over the past few years, commissioners said they were going to get along and listen to people," said Murphy. "But it didn't happen and it's gotten worse. They've underestimated the power of negativity, and they haven't been able to focus on getting their agenda done."

Murphy points directly to commis-

sion candidates Tom Prose, who has a \$100 million civil rights lawsuit against the city, and Jerry Vorva, who received a settlement from the city while on the city's police force.

"I'm asking Tom, if you really love Plymouth, then drop your lawsuit," he said. "Jerry, give the money back and stop arguing. Tom Prose and Jerry Vorva have cost the citizens of Plymouth in terms of attorney fees, lost time and productivity. Let's get a clean slate."

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Candidate wants acrimony to stop with new commission

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PHIL PURSELL

In at least one challenger's opinion, the Plymouth city commission needs to stop the acrimony and move forward with positive decision making.

"I can bring a strong common-sense approach to problem solving, and facilitate bringing people together to solve common problems," said Phil Pursell.

And the way to do that, according to Pursell, is to become part of the city's leadership by winning one of the eight spots in the Aug. 7 city commission primary, and then one of

four to win in the November general election.

"I tend to take emotion out of decision making," he said. "I think you have to step back and take a look at problems. There's been a lot of rancor between commissioners, and a lot of it is unnecessary. This city is only 2.3 square miles. It's not that difficult."

Pursell does admit the city commission is doing a better job with recreation, but feels more can be

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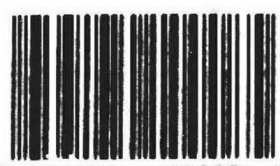
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done for the city's youth. "I'd like to see double the efforts. It's really important what our youth does today," he said. "I'm glad to see the youth commission finally get passed. We're headed in the right direction for recreation."

Pursell said he's keeping a watchful eye on Central Middle School and what opportunities that could bring to the city if the school district decides to sell the property.

"If they're going to sell the property, maybe we could keep part of it for a community pool," he said. "With the recreation grants we've been receiving, we should keep improving our neighborhood parks with playground equipment. It's important to keep kids away from the television and in a more active lifestyle."

Pursell said there are some projects that residents don't see everyday that need to be addressed soon.

"I'd like to see more work done on the infrastructure," he said. "We've had a lot of water main breaks. Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it's not a problem. We're need to look at older sections of the sewer and water mains."

Pursell, a member of the city planning commission, is pleased with the work that was accomplished to develop the Wilcox property downtown.

"We built a consensus on what the property should look like, including moving the (copper beech) tree," he said. "We worked with developers, residents and the commission to make it a beautiful project. It will bring a higher density of people living downtown."

"I'm glad they're working on the Mayflower project again," he added. "We need to have an economically strong downtown. And, Old Village has made a lot

o improve-
ments the
past 10
years."

Pursell
said he'd
like to see
the speed
limit low-
ered
downtown.

"We've had some close calls, and I don't want anyone to get hurt," said Pursell, who is recommending a 15-20 mph limit in the heart of downtown.

Pursell isn't against cutting the city's budget to make it more lean; however, he does caution residents about what could be the end result.

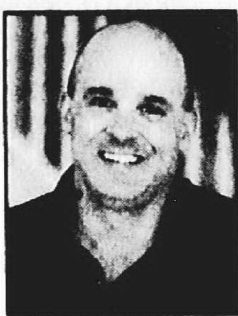
"I think everything can be cut, but what level of services are residents willing to lose?" he said. "We get our leaves picked up on the curb ... it costs us as taxpayers, but I think it's worth it. That's why people choose to live in the city. I think we have one of the best municipal services departments around."

Pursell definitely has opinions on various other issues:

■ "I think there's a certain element of people who like their identity of living in the city, but that doesn't mean we can't work together with the township on such issues as the Ann Arbor Road corridor and recreation."

■ "Paul Sincock was an excellent choice as city manager. He'll work to facilitate what the commission wants, with his own input. He has an historical sense of the community. His heart is in the city of Plymouth."

■ "I would say let the Tom Prose (\$100 million civil rights) lawsuit against the city work its way through the courts. I think we were right in not settling because I think the city was correct in its actions."



Phil Pursell

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Murphy's foremost issue in the campaign is merging the city of Plymouth with Plymouth Township.

"I would like to aggressively pursue joint services with the township," said Murphy. "Those negotiations are going to be tricky, complicated, and we'll have to lay out each issue one-by-one ... parks and recreation, water and sewer, and police. I think government can be included, it's just another service we pay for. It all comes down to compromise."

"We pray in the same churches, shop in the same stores, our kids go to the same schools, and they play on the same sports teams," added Murphy. "There's no big mystery between the city and the township, except in what's in some people's heads. We need to debunk the myth."

Plymouth Township officials are considering building a new township hall complex. Murphy said he'd rather see that effort go into recreation.

"I don't think another government facility is necessary," he said. "We could move those people to downtown Plymouth (City Hall). We don't need more government people with fancy offices. Why not use that property to build something like the Summit in Canton."

When it comes to recreation, Murphy would like to see an expansion of programs.

"I think the programs are run very well by the city," Murphy noted. "I'd love to see an expanded YMCA. We need to think about what's good for the kids and families of Plymouth."

"I think we should have a different approach to teenagers.



David Murphy

They're motivated by conformity with their peers," he added. "Maybe we could use the Central Middle School property for a community pool and a skateboard park. Then, the kids can hang out in our community and parents don't have to drive to other communities."

Murphy said he's pleased to see work continuing on the Mayflower Centre after such a long delay, while he has mixed emotions with the Wilcox property condominium development.

"Downtown is critical to our city. It's our jewel," he said. "If we don't have an active or vibrant downtown, you're cutting the heart out of this community. We have a destination city. Old Village is a jewel, and so are our neighborhoods."

Murphy said as city commissioner he'd invite one member of the Plymouth Ministerial Association to each meeting.

"They don't have to pray over the meeting, but maybe they would help change attitudes," he said. "You can't be in the front pew at church on Sunday, and then on Monday (at commission meetings) say negative things. It's not healthy."

Prominent businessman found dead at home

Heinz Prechter, a prominent downtown businessman whose holdings included the Hilton Garden Inn in Plymouth, was found dead Friday morning in his Grosse Ile home.

Prechter, founder of American Sunroof Company, apparently committed suicide, ASC officials said.

Grosse Ile police were called to Prechter's home around 8:30 a.m., and determined the businessman dead at the scene. Wayne County Medical Examiner officials pronounced Prechter dead shortly after 9 a.m.

According to Cheryl Dolan, executive assistant to the vice chairman of ASC, Inc., Prechter suffered from depression for many years.

Officials at Hilton Garden Inn referred requests for comment to ASC, Inc. Michigan Republican

Party Chairman Rusty Hills issued a statement pronouncing his sadness at Prechter's passing.

"Heinz was not only a great friend to the Republican party, but to civic and charitable causes," Hills said. "Heinz Prechter may have kept his distinctive German accent, but he literally lived the American dream."

According to biographical information, Prechter was born in 1942 in Germany. He founded ASC in a two-car garage in Los Angeles in 1964. In 1967, he expanded the operation to Detroit. The company eventually included other products, such as custom vinyl tops, special-edition vehicles and car shows.

Prechter is survived by his wife, Waltraud. The couple were the parents of twins.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Symphony concert

The Plymouth Symphony kicks off the *Passport to the Arts* program with a free family concert in Kellogg Park at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 as part of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority's Music in the Air series.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth Community Arts Council and Canton Project Arts are the program's co-sponsors. Hosts for the concert include Katherine Lou and Carley Zimmerman, the student winners of the mascot design contest. They will reveal the new program mascot.

The program will feature a chamber orchestra performing summertime music, including ragtime, waltz, some Gershwin, Disney's *Colors of the Wind*, and the All-American march, John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Kristin Naigus, the 16-year-old guest artist and winner of the symphony's 2001 Youth Artist Competition, will perform Donizetti's *Concertino for English Horn*.

The passport program is designed to heighten the cultural and artistic awareness of young people in the Plymouth-Canton community. For each passport event attended, students receive a stamp identifying the host of the event.

For more information, call executive director Darlene Dreyer, (734) 451-2112, or email plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

Lost and found

Plymouth police are attempting to find the owner of an expensive piece of jewelry that was found May 2 at Dairy King on Main Street.

Officer Jamie Grabowski said the jewelry was found in the parking lot, and will be released to the person who found it if it isn't described and claimed by the owner.

Anyone with information concerning the jewelry can call Plymouth police at 453-1234, ext. 219. The case number is 01-2184.

Munfakh honored

Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh, chairman of the board of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, Inc., was selected by the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers to receive the MSPE President's Citation Award for 2001.

Munfakh received the honor in recognition of "his outstanding leadership, achievements and contributions to the engineering profession," MSPE officials said.

Munfakh serves as chair of the State of Michigan Board of Professional Engineers and is involved in a wide range of professional organizations, including the American Consulting Engineers Council.

Street paving

The City of Plymouth has accepted bids for street paving and infrastructure improvements for this summer. According to City Manager Paul Sincock, the projects directed by the city commission include repaving and replacing the sanitary sewer on Ann Arbor Trail between Sheldon and Harvey; repaving and replacing the water main on Herald Street between Maple and Linden; and repaving Maple Street from Deer to Fairground.

The commission awarded the bid Monday night to Barrett Paving of Ypsilanti, the lowest of six bidders. According to Sincock, the approximate \$1.7 million cost of the project is nearly \$60,000 under the city engineer's original estimate.

Quiet highway

State Rep. John Stewart is happy with the actions announced last week by the Michigan Department of Transportation in relation to the noise on the I-275 corridor.

MDOT announced it would diamond-grind a five-mile stretch of I-275 from Five Mile to Nine Mile Road. MDOT will also cover the road with an asphalt cap.

"I could not be happier that the Department of Transportation has decided to act on the concerns of residents," Stewart said. "Many constituents have come to me to express their frustration with the excessive noise levels on 275. Diamond grinding the road should make a significant improvement in the amount of noise area residents will hear."

MDOT hopes to be finished with the project in October.

Charity golf

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is inviting golfers to its fourth-annual Golf Classic 2001, set for Thursday, Sept. 6, at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

Cystic fibrosis is the number one genetic disease, affecting some 30,000 children and adults. Proceeds from this benefit will go toward improving the quality of life for those with CF.

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Park Place

Township ceremony cements family's legacy

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With temperatures in the 70s and the sky a brilliant blue, Plymouth Township officials couldn't have asked for a better day than Monday to open Miller Family Park.

Many residents thought so, too, as nearly 200 people, including many children, showed up to help celebrate the township's first new park in recent memory.

The park is located on a triangular piece of property on Ann Arbor Trail near I-275, which was once farmed by longtime residents Peter and Adele Miller. Although they are both deceased, remaining family members donated the 3.5-acre piece of land to the township so it could become a park.

Those attending the picture-perfect ribbon-cutting ceremony included the entire Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and several Miller family members, including Adele's sister Claire Haskey, who was instru-

mental in donating the property.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann told those in attendance the new park will help bring a sense of community to nearby neighborhoods.

"Great communities start with places like this. It is somewhere kids can play and families can come and barbecue and converse," he said.

Judy Judd, one of the Miller's many remaining nieces and nephews, said turning the property into a park was the perfect fate for the old farm.

"Many of Peter and Adele's nieces and nephews have so many fond memories of spending time on the farm. We all look forward to watching a new generation of children playing here in the future," she said.

Township resident Charlotte Burke, who attended the ceremony with her 4-year-old daughter Michelle and 2-year-old son Ricky, grew up just blocks away from the Miller farm. As she watched her children play on the park's



Family gathering: Gail Nutter (niece of Peter Miller), from left, her daughter Katie Nutter holding her daughter Claire, Claire Haskie (Peter's sister-in-law), Mary Ellen Miller (holding umbrella, Ralph Miller's niece) and an unidentified friend (far right) laugh together following the ribbon cutting.

playscape, she couldn't help reminiscing about playing there as a child.

"I think this is just great," she said of the new park.

"I used to play softball out

here when I was a kid, and now I will be able to bring my kids here to play. They won't appreciate the historical significance until they are older."

■ 'Did I ever think this is what I would be? Absolutely not. It probably would have been at the bottom of my list. I never could have imagined I would end up being a minister.'

Kathy Charlefour
—Minister



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United Methodist in Canton. But it wasn't enough. She wanted more than she was learning in Sunday school, so she took her first seminary class.

She still had no intention of becoming a minister. That is until February 1999 when she was asked to fill in at her church while the regular minister was overseas on a religious mission. Although she didn't want to accept it at first, Charlefour had found a new calling.

"I fought it every step of the way. But I just absolutely loved it."

She completed seminary school, and in June finished her ministry internship at Novi United Methodist Church. She is somewhat amazed at the turn her life has taken.

"Did I ever think this is what I would be? Absolutely not. It probably would have been at the bottom of my list. I never could have imagined I would end up being a minister."

Making adjustments

Keeping people spiritually connected is definitely a full-time job.

Charlefour said her new assignment will consume at least 50 to 60 hours a week. Of course there is the actual preaching during church service. But there is also the time spent writing sermons, working with clergy groups and responding to emergency pastoral calls from members of the congregation, which can come at all times of the day.

All that for a lot less money.

She was making nearly three times as much as a teacher than she is as a minister.

"It's really fascinating to look at all she has gone through to get where she is," said Lauren Cummings, a friend who teaches at Salem. "She gave up a good salary, but it is worth it to her. She is still really excited. I think that says something about her commitment to this."

Charlefour's decision to switch careers will affect her family, especially her husband and youngest son, Joel, who will be a junior at Salem in the fall.

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Lauren Cummings
—Friend

Because they will be seeing a lot less of her, they will have to make adjustments as well. But she says they are all behind her.

"My kids are like, 'Whatever. It's your

life, mom.' It's not a big deal to them. And my husband has been very supportive."

While she is confident, Charlefour is a bit nervous as she begins this new chapter in her life. Still, she said life as a spiritual director isn't that much different from teaching. She is just working with another group of students. Instead of teaching the ramifications of the Pythagorean theorem, she is now showing people how to appreciate God.

"As a minister, you teach people how to discover their relationship with God. My passion is spirituality and working one-on-one with people. You listen to what they have to say and try to offer them some insight. That's what this job is about."

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talk with us about some of the concerns he had which led to him leaving the district.

"He was struggling to get attention for the arts," said band booster Joanne Lamar. "He also had a hard time getting financial support for the band from the district."

Walled Lake Central assistant principal Bill Hamilton said McGrath was selected among five finalists. He was interviewed Monday, accepted the position Tuesday, and finalized a contract that begins Aug. 17 on Thursday.

"We feel very fortunate to have Dave," said Hamilton. "He has great perception as to what this program is supposed to be."

At 120 members, the Walled Lake Central band is about half the size of Plymouth-Canton's. He'll have one assistant to help with the program.

Meanwhile, Plymouth-Canton continues to search for a band director.

"We received more than a dozen resumes," said Cindy Champnella, executive director of human resources for the district. "We continue to look for a high-caliber person because of the proficiency and acclaim of

Building a wall, brick by brick

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The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Association is selling bricks for the new Plymouth High School to raise \$288,000 for marching band uniforms.

"We are looking for alumni band members who would like to have their names engraved on a brick, which will be used to build the entrance wall of the music department in the new high school," said Connie Moore, president of the association. "There are 480 bricks available for \$120 each, with \$100 of that to go toward new uniforms."

Moore said nearly \$20,000 has been raised through donations from the Plymouth Rotary, Wilcox Foundation and DTE Energy. Each uniform costs between \$300-\$350. Moore noted they will purchase 250-300 uniforms for the band.

Moore said when the bricks are sold out, they will sell brick pavers that will be placed in the new school.

Orders need to be processed by July 20. Alumni interested can call Moore at (734) 455-9725.

the band."

Moore said the boosters are actively assisting in the search for a band director; however no prospects are on the horizon.

"We need to find someone who can be here by mid-August, in time for the band program to resume this coming school year," said Moore. "If we can't get someone by then, I would like

the district to hire an interim band director while we have time to evaluate where our program is, where it's going and what process we need to seek out a director. This is a high priority for us."

For the summer, Greg Rinehart and Mike Tarr are co-interim band directors.

Quintuplets from page A1

The first baby was born at 7:54 a.m. and the fifth at 7:57 a.m. The babies ranged in weight from 2 pounds, 8 ounces to 1 pound, 14 ounces. They varied in length from 14-3/4 inches to 13-1/2 inches.

"If you cupped your hands together, one would easily fit," said Ezhuthachan.

Dr. Leila Hajjar, senior staff physician of obstetrics and gynecology, said she was ready to end her shift when the call came that labor had begun.

"The c-section went smoothly. We had five teams from the neonatal intensive care unit, one

for each baby," she said. "They were taken to separate areas where they were incubated and observed."

Hajjar, who delivered the babies, said the mother was asleep under general anesthesia during the delivery because there wasn't time to administer spinal anesthesia.

"The mother was nervous and the father was excited," she said. Ezhuthachan said barring any difficulties, the babies could be home in about 8 weeks.

"Considering they are premature, they're doing well," he said. "As long as they are small, their

immune system is immature and can be taken over by infection, which can be like wildfire through them."

"If they continue to tolerate the feedings, they will steadily put on weight," he said. "In about four or five weeks they will be taking bottles. They're already starting to develop their own personalities."

The Plymouth babies are the first set of quintuplets born at Henry Ford Hospital in its 86-year history. Quadruplets were born in August 1995 and April 1998.

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Township discovers unknown park

BY KURT KUBAN
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In the same week Plymouth Township officials dedicated the new Miller Family Park, they also discovered another park the township has owned for years.

The park land, which has no name and is about one acre in size, is located near the corner of Postiff and Hackberry avenues, just west of Lilley and south of Ann Arbor Road.

The wooded property backs up to several homes in the Parklane Ravines subdivision. Tonquish

■ 'The people said it has been there for years, but who knew?'

Ron Edwards
—Township Treasurer

Creek also forms one of its borders. The Plymouth House Apartments are directly across the creek from the park. There are no roads leading to the property and access is limited.

"We didn't even know about it," said Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

According to Edwards, some homeowners who live along the park brought it up to officials last week.

"There was a tree hanging over the creek that they thought was dangerous, and they wanted removed. They said it was township property and we should remove it," Edwards said.

Edwards was skeptical of the couple's claim and checked the township's tax books. To his surprise, he discovered the property was marked "public park."

"The people said it has been there for years, but who knew?" Edwards said.

The property is so obscure, the clerk's office has no records of it on file.

"We have files on all the township's park lands, but I don't see anything on this," said Clerk Marilyn Massengill.

The township building department may have records of the property, she said.

Massengill believes the township may have acquired the land back in the late 1960s or early 1970s when the subdivision was being built.

"Because of its odd shape, it was probably a difficult property to develop. That may be why it was deeded to the township," she said.

Because the property is so small and access is limited, Supervisor Steve Mann said it would be difficult to develop the land into a usable park.

However, Edwards said there is a narrow easement that runs off of nearby Manton Street that could allow public access to the property.

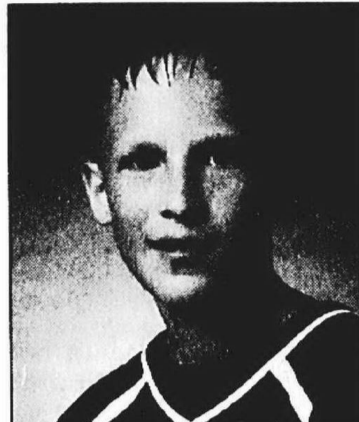
"We don't know too much at this point. We would have to look into what can be done with the property," he said.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

David Telegia, 12, is the Plymouth Observer's Carrier of the Month for June. The son of Michael and Beth Anne Telegia, he has two sisters, Emily, 9, and Katie, 6.

A seventh-grader at Central Middle School, his favorite subjects are math and industrial arts. He enjoys sports, especially hockey and soccer, and is interested in collecting hockey cards. His plans include attending the University of Michigan.

He enjoys meeting the nice customers and the good tips he earns as a carrier. He is learning customer relations, money management and organization skills.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO BOX 30204 LANSING MICHIGAN 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2001 at the Plymouth Township Hall, Building #3, 42350 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 01-82-0669-P under Part 303, Wetland Protection of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Rolling Oaks of Plymouth Ltd., 32000 Northwestern Highway Ste 125, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, to place fill within a wetland area to create a filled pathway for access use within the established Rolling Oaks Subdivision, a total of approximately 14.2 cubic yards of aggregate fill is proposed to be used for a 5 foot wide, 643 foot long pathway. The total estimated wetland impact area for this project is 3,215 square feet (0.07 acre). The project is located in T1S, R8E, Section 20 & 29, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, SE MI District, Livonia, Michigan 48152, during normal office hours. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding, witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross-examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BILL STONE PERMIT CONSOLIDATION UNIT LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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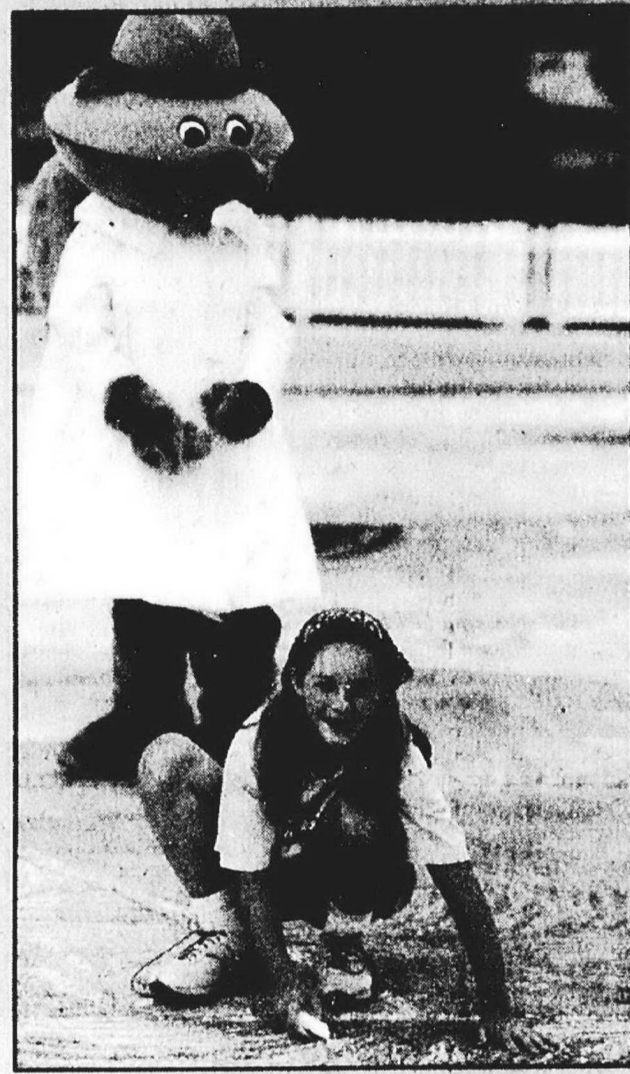
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Record setting: Gary Heitman of Plymouth joins son Derek, 6, and daughter Ashley, 9 1/2, as they fill in parts of the World's Largest Chalk Drawing in the parking lot of ABC Warehouse on Ford Road in Canton Saturday as part of the Cartoon Network's bid to enter the Guinness Book of World Records. (Left) Ashley Heitman of Plymouth, 9 1/2, draws with chalk as cartoon character Secret Squirrel looks on in the background.



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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
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Motorcyclists sue for police lists

BY MIKE MALOTT
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It's just a Freedom of Information Act dispute now, but depending on how the state responds to a lawsuit filed by a Bingham Farms attorney, it could turn into a case reminiscent of the old Michigan State Police "Red Files" controversy.

Lawrence Katkowsky, attorney for the motorcyclist lobbying group ABATE, has filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court seeking "all lists ... of members and associates of motorcycle clubs in the state" by the Michigan State Police and its Criminal Intelligence Unit.

State Police have been compiling a list of people who belong to such motorcycle clubs in Michigan, Katkowsky said.

"No, that's not true," said David Verhougstraete, spokesman for the Department of State Police. "That would be against the law. That goes back to the days of the Red Files. We don't keep lists on gangs ... There is no such list. We don't keep lists whether it's of the gang across town or militia members."

Katkowsky, however, pointed out that that was not the department's first response. When he filed a request with the State Police in April, the answer he

got back, dated May 15, was that the "request has been denied ... in order to prevent an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

David Fedewa, who wrote that response for the State Police, said it's not a confirmation of the existence of the list.

What list?

"I did not think there was a list, but at the time I was not 100 percent sure," Fedewa said. "I was running late and on deadline. I went with the exemption on privacy because if there was such a list, releasing it would be an invasion of privacy."

Chris DeWitt, spokesman for the state Attorney General, who will represent the State Police in the lawsuit, also could not confirm whether the list exists. He said the paperwork had just been referred to his office, so he could not comment. The case has been assigned to attorney Thomas Quasarano, who said he would be meeting with State Police officials to determine whether there is such a list, even if it was misidentified in Katkowsky's request.

The state must respond to the lawsuit by July 9. The case has been assigned to Judge Gene Schnelz.

"Well, there is a list and I can prove it," Katkowsky said.

He said he has a copy of one page of it, page 37 of 48. The list includes names, addresses and Social Security numbers, he said. Further, the sheet identifies itself as a Michigan State Police document. It also indicates it comes from the department's Criminal Intelligence Unit.

Katkowsky said he doesn't know how many people are included on the list, why it has been compiled or how it is being used. That's why he wants to see it. He suspects he's on it since he is both a rider himself and because he's the attorney for Michigan chapter of the advocacy group, American Bikers Aiming Toward Education.

How it was discovered

The list came to light, Katkowsky contended, because a Charlevoix man was turned down for a renewal of his permit to carry a concealed weapon.

The reason given was that his name appeared on that State Police list, identifying him as an associate of motorcycle club members in that area.

The fact the list turned up there indicates that State Police have already "invaded the privacy" of those on the list, Katkowsky said, and has already distributed it to agencies such as CCW boards and police depart-

ments. "The list includes Social Security numbers. How'd they get that information? No legal way I know of," Katkowsky said.

If indeed the State Police have been compiling a list of bikers, it would be inappropriate, Katkowsky said.

"Most bikers are guys who ride and they are just like you and me. They work at their jobs, they pay their taxes and they go home to their families in the evening. They are men, men and women, who just like to ride their motorcycles in their spare time."

There are hardcore bikers, he said, "the one-percenters, who see themselves as the toughest of the tough. It will usually say '1%' somewhere on their jacket."

Even those riders are law-abiding and cooperate with police, Katkowsky said. The image of the outlaw biker gang is largely a fiction of Hollywood, he contended.

"People who ride come from all walks of life, and that includes those who belong to a club."

Katkowsky also sees the comparisons to the "Red Files." Throughout the 1960s, Michigan State Police and Detroit Police gathered information about suspected communists and communist front organizations.

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First United Methodist Church in Plymouth presents "Character Under Construction" series Part III-by pastor Debbie Leach at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8.

KELLY MILLER CIRCUS

Plymouth Lions Club presents the circus behind Plymouth Central Middle School on Saturday, Aug. 4. Performances are 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$7/adults; \$5/child. Circus arrives at 7:30 a.m. at site, and elephants and crew will set up tents, etc. at 9:30 a.m.

AUTOS FOR AUTISM

A car show to benefit the Autistic School Association Inc. from 6-9 p.m., Monday, July 9, at Garden City High School. In addition to cars, there will be music, food, clowns and face painting. Call (734) 421-5065 for further information.

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A free caregiver workshop will be 1-4 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Lutheran Home of Livonia, 28910 Plymouth. The topics to be presented are: An Overview of Alzheimer's disease, Understanding Behaviors, and Community Resources. Call (248) 557-8277 to register for this free workshop.

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natural or cultural history with hikes and slide programs. All programs are free; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP

Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering five weeks of camp this summer. Camps are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Kids are to bring a lunch and drink, and there will be a show/exhibit at 7 p.m. Fridays at the end of each camp week. The cost for each week is \$100 for PCAC members. Call (734) 416-4ART for further information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Veggie Town vacation Bible school is accepting children 2 years old to completed sixth grade at the First United Methodist Church on N. Territorial in Plymouth, July 16-20. The fee is \$7 (\$20 maximum for immediate family). Call (734) 453-5280 for further information.

DUFFERS & DINERS

Sundays at the Golden Fox of Fox Hills through September. Eighteen holes at \$100/couple - tee times noon to 4 p.m.; 9 holes \$80/couple - tee times 2-4 p.m. Price includes your choice of steak or chicken dinner, golf and cart. Please call for tee times (734) 453-7272.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Willow Creek Co-op Preschool registration is taking place for the 2001-2002 school year. Classes for 3 and 4-year-olds; morning and afternoon sessions. For more information, call Maria Panek at 326-9101.

SUMMER ART CAMP

D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services and the city of Plymouth Recreation Department presents "Australian Outback-Down Under," this year's Summer Art Camp theme. There is still room for preschool to teens. Call (734) 453-3710 for further information.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp is being held at Summit on the Park. Campers take part in crafts, gym activities, daily swim time and are treated to "off-site" field trips on Fridays. Camp runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4:14 p.m. with pre- and post-care options available. To be eligible for camp, campers must have completed the first grade through a maximum of completing the fifth grade. Call (734) 394-5460 for further information.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

New Morning School has Summer Discovery Days openings for fun hands-on learning. Age range is 3-10 years old. Classes start July 9. For information about the camps, call the school at (734) 430-3331.

BICYCLE RIDES

Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, starting at 6:30 p.m. Mondays through September at the Comerica Bank on Ann Arbor Road, west of Sheldon. Find out how to bike to the area focal points while minimizing sharing the road with fast moving motorists. For further info, call Alan VanKerckhove (734) 455-9144.

HEAD START

Starfish Family Services has openings for preschoolers in its Head Start program. This is a free program for income-eligible 3 and 4 year olds and their families. It also accepts eligible foster children any children with disabilities. For information, call (888) 887-9980.

TINY TOTS

Design dandies



Award winner: Ray Stella, owner of Ray R. Stella Contracting, Inc., of Plymouth, accepts an award from Marjie O'Connor, senior editor of Professional Remodeler Magazine, after the company was one of 104 remodeling companies honored at the eighth-annual Chrysalis Awards for Remodeling Excellence. The awards, sponsored by the magazine, were presented at the Southern Building Show in Charlotte, N.C. Stella's company took home the Special Award

for Finished Basement over \$30,000, for a home they remodeled in the Glenview Estates subdivision. Stella Contracting was founded in 1958. The firm is a member of, and actively participates in, the

National Association of Remodeling Industry and the National Kitchen and Bath Association. Stella's son, Jeff, a certified kitchen designer, heads up the firm's kitchen division, Kitchens by Stella.

Tiny Tots Pre-school

The Salvation Army is accepting registration for Monday-Wednesday-Friday for 4 year olds; Tuesday-Thursday for 3 year olds for the fall 2001-2002 session. Call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464 for further information.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Dixboro Co-op Preschool is accepting applications for children 3-5-years-old for its fall semester. For more information, please call (734) 665-5632.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Hours for the Canton Historical Museum are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday. Tours for school, Scouts or other groups may be arranged by calling (734) 397-0088.

VILLAGE MUSIC

Group classes in piano and hammer dulcimer for people ages 5 to adult. The complete Kindermusik curriculum is offered for newborns to children 7 years old. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

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Classes in Plymouth, 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, and 3-5:30 p.m. Sundays. Call Cynthia Gray (734) 420-2418.

TAI CHI

Beginner tai chi classes starting at 7 p.m. are offered in Livonia. Classes at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday available in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Livonia location has day classes for seniors. Observers welcome. Call (248) 332-1281 for further information.

RECREATION

The city of Plymouth is taking registration for its

childrens/ tots gymnastics, dance, arts, Jump-A-Rama, tai kwan do, personal development, aerobics and more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

SKATING CLASSES

Learn to roller-skate at Skatin' Station II in Canton for children or adults, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. The cost is \$6 per session or \$30 for six weeks. Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages. Ten-week session with one game a week for all ages. Call (734) 459-6401 for information.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be delivered. Call Bill VonGlahn at (734) 453-8253.

CREATIVE MUSIC

The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/ Canton has registration for its kindermusik classes. Classes are pro-rated and held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

CLUBS

SINGLETONS

Single adults ages 45 and over wishing further information regarding activities may write Dearborn-Livonia Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123. The next dinner social at 6 p.m. Friday, July 13, at Liberati's Restaurant, 6451 Miller in Dearborn.

VIETNAM VETERANS

A general meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, at 9318 Newburgh, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. Call (313) 845-3752 for further information.

WEST SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB

Meeting at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH CANTON JAYCEES

Looking for a few good people, age 21-39 interested in making new friends, helping with good causes and having an overall good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at our monthly meeting.

COMMUNITY DEMOCRATS

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

TOASTMASTERS

Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles presents dances every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m., dressy attire, bar, D.J., 21 and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

K OF C BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

ARTS COUNCIL

Every second Tuesday at noon you may take your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Lectures are free to senior citizens. Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adults: photography, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure drawing with models. Art or drama birthday parties or Scout workshops custom designed for each group (any age) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) holds its regular meetings 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Roman Forum Restaurant, 41601 Ford, Canton. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriam, Livonia. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOMS

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5534.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

MOMS CLUB

MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3685.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the

first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Christine at (734) 416-0300.

VOLUNTEERS

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Volunteers needed for its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers help to drive cancer patients to and from medical centers throughout the Detroit area. Call (248) 557-5353 for further information.

DISCOVERY SHOPS

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll-free at (800) 925-2271.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

The agency needs foster parents and help publicizing its work. Call (877) 464-3264 for further information.

U OF M CANCER CENTER

The Patient Education Resource Center at the U of M Cancer Center is looking for volunteers to help patients and families obtain information about cancer. Basic computer skills and knowledge of the Internet required. One four-hour shift per week during business hours. For more details, call Ruti Volk at 936-9947.

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF SUPPORT

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center in Northville. All its services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. Please call (248) 348-0115 for further information.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR KIDS

Xpress Ways is a grief therapy group for children ages 11-13 who have experienced death of someone significant. Meeting at 4:30-6 p.m. Mondays. For teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or grandparent, a group will meet on Tuesdays through Aug. 14. Being held at the Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, call (734) 662-3742, Ext. 175.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Millions of people each year experience feelings of sadness, loneliness, and anger after the death of a loved one. Group support meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the Community Hospice in Westland. Call (734) 522-4244.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

The group meets weekly 6-7 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday evenings. The group is designed for children ages 6-12 and may also benefit children whose parents have separated or divorced in the past but who are still struggling to accept it. For information and registration, call Barbara Bielak at (734) 453-0718.

CALENDAR

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____

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OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE V. MCFARLANE

Services for Charlotte McFarlane, 82, of Superior Township will be held July 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Wik officiating. Burial will be at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton Township.

Mrs. McFarlane was born Sept. 2, 1918, in Birmingham and died July 4 in Superior Township. She graduated from Plymouth High School. She lived in Canton Township until her marriage to John McFarlane in 1936 and then moved to Superior Township. She was the owner of McFarlane's Antiques in Superior Township for more than 50 years. She loved her antiques and being with her grandchildren. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John McFarlane.

Survivors include her daughter, Peggy (Andrew) Haines of Superior Township; son, William (Sharon) McFarlane of Superior Township; grandchildren, James McFarlane of Minneapolis, and Meghan McFarlane of Superior Township; sister, Vilis Travis of Canton; several nieces and nephews; and special family

friend, Eddie Miller of Superior Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for Cancer Research.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MARTIN J. KROPINAK

Services for Martin Kropinak, 13, of Superior Township was held July 6 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian VanderArk officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Martin was born Feb. 25, 1988, in Garden City and died July 2 in Alpena. He lived for 12 years in Redford. He was always happy, always smiling, and was very thoughtful of other people's feelings. He was a student at Claque School and was a member of the school baseball team as well as a member of Waba Baseball. He was a member of the Huron Hills Youth Group and enjoyed fishing, baseball, ping-pong, hunting, soccer and swimming. He was enthused with life. He had completed seventh grade at his school and earned a writing award from the State of Michigan. He had been president of

the Student Council in fifth grade, and had seen his baseball team rack up many wins. He loved people, and was the "spark plug" of any group. He knew how to get things going.

Survivors include his father and mother, James and Mary Ann Kropinak of Plymouth; brother, Nicholas Kropinak; sister, Janet Kropinak; paternal grandmother, Clara Kropinak of Ferndale; and maternal grandparent, Richard (Helen) Balish of Redford.

Memorial contributions may go to the Marty Kropinak Memorial Fund, c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor,

Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ALAN WAYNE PYYKKONEN

Services for Alan Pyykkonen, 48, of Livonia were held July 6 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Cheryl Plummer officiating.

Mr. Pyykkonen was born July 12, 1952, in Detroit and died July 3 in Southfield. He was a real estate appraiser with Chassel Appraisal Company. Mr. Pyykkonen was a graduate of Michigan State University. He enjoyed reading a great deal. He was an avid sports enthusiast, was a hockey player on Michigan

State's team and also played baseball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Irja Pyykkonen.

Survivors include his sisters, Carol Pyykkonen of Plymouth; Alice Pyykkonen of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jean Pyykkonen of Hancock; and nephews, Ian McPherson, James and Bryan Guzek and Robert Oliver; and companion, Claudia Gutierrez.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

ROSEMARY TATRO

Services for Rosemary Tatro, 72, of Canton were held July 7 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in

Garden City with the Rev. Fred Misiolek officiating.

Mrs. Tatro was born April 4, 1929 in Dearborn and died July 4 in Ann Arbor. She was a former resident of Garden City.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Arthur Tatro; sons, Larry, Mark, Paul, Steve, Dave, Gerald, Jim, and Bob; daughters, Linda (Daryl) Wilson, Marilyn (Gary) Yarbrough, Loretta Horner, and Janice (Mike) McKinley; brother, Al York; sisters, Gertrude Helka and Esther Phillips; and 30 grandchildren.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

POLICE BLOTTER

Intoxicated driver crashes into showroom

A 25-year-old Westland woman drove her black Chevy Blazer into the Sunshine Honda showroom in the early morning hours of June 24.

According to Plymouth Township police reports, the woman was driving east on Ann Arbor Road near Oakview about 2:25 a.m. when she lost control and crashed through the glass of the auto dealer causing extensive damage to the building and several cars parked inside.

When police arrived, the woman and her 29-year-old female passenger from Plymouth were standing outside the store. The driver told police she was cut off by a Dodge Neon, which made her veer off the road.

The police officer allegedly smelled "a strong odor of intoxicants" coming from the driver's breath. Her pupils were also dilated, and her speech "was somewhat slurred." She was given several field sobriety tests at the scene, which she failed. She was arrested and taken to the police station, where she was tested again. Her blood alcohol level registered .15, which is considered legally drunk.

After being cited for drunk driving, the woman posted \$500 bond and was released. She is scheduled to appear in the 35th District Court July 31.

Vandals paint Pizza Hut

A Pizza Hut employee contact-

ed the Plymouth Township Police Department July 1 to report some vandals had spray painted the southwest side of the restaurant. The vandals used green paint to write several gang signs, according to the police report.

The employee said the vandals hit the store sometime between 1:30 and 10 a.m. A police officer went to the restaurant, located at 1425 Ann Arbor Road, and took photographs of the graffiti.

There were no witnesses to the act, and police have no suspects at this time.

Cashier tricked

A female employee of Images Salon, located at 15083 Sheldon, reported to township police that a woman tricked her out of \$19 on June 28.

According to the employee, a female came into the store about 1:45 p.m. Holding two \$10 bills in her hand, the woman requested the employee give her a \$20 bill in exchange.

After the employee handed the woman the bill, she immediately showed the employee a \$1 bill and stated, "You just gave me a one for the two tens."

Confused, the employee apologized and handed the woman another \$20 bill.

Later, when the employee counted her drawer, she realized she was \$19 short.

The employee described the white female as approximately 30 years old, 170 pounds, 5-foot-5, with dark "frizzy" hair.

New job has Salem grad hot-doggin'

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Armed with a brand new bachelor's degree, plenty of enthusiasm, and a 27-foot wiener on wheels, Joan Marques hit the highway.

Marquez is an official Oscar Mayer "hotdogger."

"I thought this would be a great opportunity to see the country," said Marques, a 1997 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. After graduating from Michigan State University in May, she committed to a one-year assignment touring the western half of the country in the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

"I'm looking for kids who can sing their way to fame," she said.

Marquez will spend the summer and fall searching for young talent in the *Hasta la Pasa* contest. She auditions kids between the ages of 4 and 10 who can perform the most creative and entertaining renditions of the Oscar Mayer Spanish jingle. The winner will earn \$20,000 in college scholarships.

"Hot dogs are really big in the Hispanic community," she said.

Marquez will make her way to nearly every county in the western half of the United States. Marques said her hectic schedule won't let her stay in one place too long. After completing her training at Hot Dog High,

New driver: Plymouth Salem grad Joan Marques has hit the road in the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

she and her partner last week fired up the Wienermobile and hit the road. She spent only two days in St. Louis before heading to Oklahoma City for a couple of days, then San Antonio, where she'll work for two weeks before driving to Los Angeles.

The job comes with a few challenges - navigating a 27-foot wiener-shaped truck through strange cities included. But Marques isn't worried about that.

"I think the thing I'll have the hardest time with is the weather. I guess I got used to Michigan weather," she said.

"The thing I'm most excited about is the travel, the opportunity to give back, and to get to see smiling faces wherever I go," she said.



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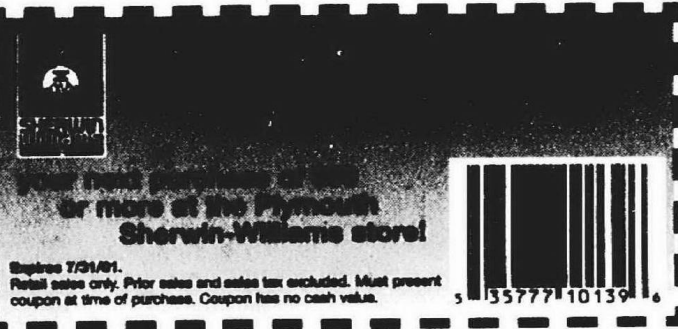
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Bill to tax Internet sales hits opposition in House

BY MIKE MALOTT
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A plan to "streamline" sales taxes, so they can be collected more easily for goods bought over the Internet is running into a buzz saw in the state House Tax Policy Committee.

To Gov. John Engler, the tax is one Michigan residents have been paying for 70 years, up to 6 percent on items bought at any store. But now that shopping on the World Wide Web has become popular, Michigan - like most states - has no way to collect it. That means the state is not collecting \$180 million to \$350 million annually.

For many businesses, it's a matter of fairness. They fear that unless e-businesses pay the tax, just like "bricks-and-mortar" businesses, retailers here could

lose even more revenue.

To Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, it's a new tax, one that is "anti-Republican, is bad for business and stinks of big government."

Bill McMaster, president of Taxpayers United, argues it's unconstitutional and a violation of Congress' decision to put a moratorium on any proposals for taxes applied to Internet sales.

But Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, who introduced Senate Bill 433, said her plan is to have Michigan join a multi-state consortium to work out a uniform way of collecting the sales tax for items sold via the Web.

Her bill already received the go-ahead from the Senate, winning approval 28-8 vote in May. The plan has been referred to the House Tax Policy Committee, which has held two hearings

on the topic.

Emmons' aide Erik Hingst is expecting fast action on the bill because, he said, the deadline for joining the consortium rolls around later this month.

Because the Internet allows consumers to buy from retailers across the country, any attempt to collect sales tax on purchases made via the Web will require federal action, as well as federal coordination, Emmons said.

Different states collect taxes very differently. For instance, in Indiana, local governments collect local sales taxes. Michigan's is strictly statewide.

Emmons argues that because Michigan's sales tax is already uniform across the state, it would make a good model for the multi-state consortium to follow. If the state does not participate, she fears the consortium might produce a version of the sales tax that would result in a number of changes for Michigan later if the state eventually decided to join.

The bill would not alter Michigan's tax structure or what it is applied to. For example, Michi-

gan law exempts groceries, prescription drugs and some publications. Texas law exempts cowboy boots, because there they are considered work boots, Hingst said.

That would not have to change, he said. Michigan would not have to start taxing groceries, nor would Texas have to tax boots. But a similar format for taxes would have to be used so e-retailers could know what items are taxed in which states and be able to forward the collections.

Engler supports collection of the sales tax. In fact, he was recently in Washington, D.C., to testify before Congress in support of the program.

But Gosselin, a member of House Tax Policy, sees it as just another tax increase. He notes the state GOP has been proud of its tax-cutting record in the past, boasting of more than 30 tax-trimming measures in recent years.

Staying out of the consortium and leaving Internet sales untaxed, Gosselin argued, would

provide an incentive for e-businesses to move to Michigan.

McMaster said it's a tax increase, but there are other issues as well. The consortium plan would involve hiring a business to design software and operate it so retailers could collect and send in their sales taxes. That puts a third party in charge

of tax collections, he argued, something strictly prohibited by the U.S. Constitution.

There are privacy concerns, too. The government Web sites could install permanent "cookies" on everyone's computer to track his Web browsing activities and make sure he pays his nationwide sales taxes.

Naturalist explores wetlands

A Wayne County Parks' naturalist will lead an exploration of wetlands July 14 at Crosswinds Marsh.

Participants will learn about the creatures who call the water home and will make an aqua scope to observe the alien world of underwater animals.

Materials for the water scope are provided. Bring boots as it

may get muddy. The program is suitable for all ages.

Advance registration is required. A \$2 fee is charged.

For information and to register, call (734)261-1990.

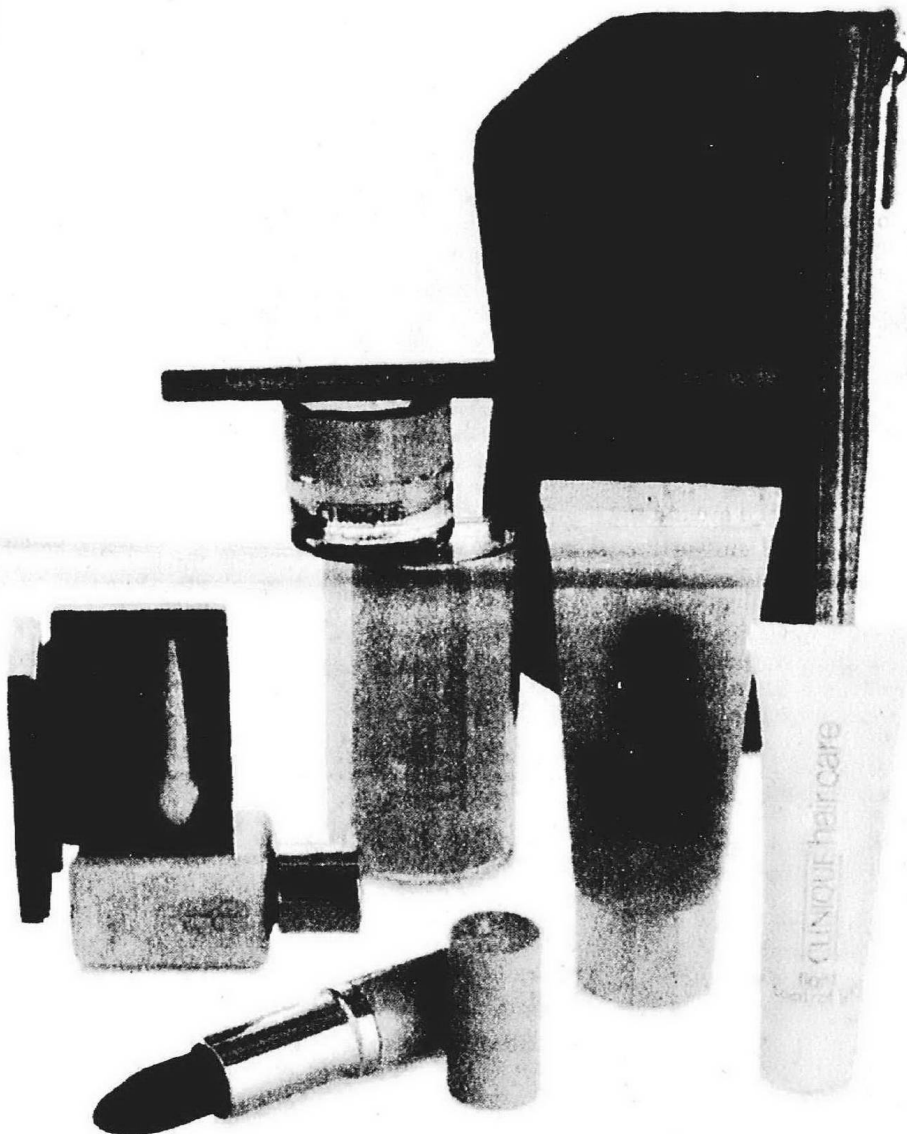
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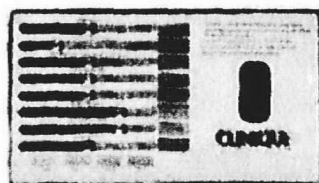
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Thomas Redmond, from Canton, collected his first-ever hole-in-one at Willow Creek Metro Park. Redmond, 58, aced the par-three 158-yard 17th hole, using his "trustworthy five-iron."

"I hit the ball pretty good," Redmond said. "At first, I didn't think it made it to the hole. I really couldn't believe it."

Redmond shot a 94 for the round.

Golf notes

Jan Antieau of Brighton and Jo McVicar of Livonia shared low gross honors with an 87 in the first flight of the Women's Suburban Golf Association play at Reddeman Farms in Chelsea on Friday.

Wayne's Terry Deisler came in third with an 88, while Ginny Karolak (Livonia) won the low net with a 74, followed by Nancy Wilkie of Redford and Carol Niemur of Brighton with 75.

Penny Irwin of Plymouth won low net in the second flight with a 64, while Canton's Rae Wenslaff of Canton was second with 69. Livonia's Lori Wilson shot a 96 to capture the low gross in the third flight, while Canton's Jan Nelson was second with 99.

In-Line hockey

Youth and adult in-line hockey leagues for all ages and all skill levels are now forming at Michigan Dekhockey, located at 45109 Michigan in Canton.

Cost is \$50 per player for the four-game season and end-of-season jamboree (a three-game minimum). Game days are Monday through Thursday. Needed equipment is skates, stick, gloves, shin pads, elbow pads, athletic supporter (boys), mouthguard and a helmet with face mask (for those 17-and-under).

Registration deadline is July 22. Call (734) 397-8900.

Dekhockey leagues

Adult summer dekhockey leagues are forming at Michigan Dekhockey, located at 45109 Michigan in Canton.

Cost is \$40 per player for the four-game season and end-of-season jamboree (a three-game minimum). Game days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Needed equipment is sneaker/activity shoe, stick, gloves, shin pads and elbow pads.

Registration deadline is July 22. Call (734) 397-8900.

Softball leagues

The second session of men's, women's and co-ed adult softball leagues are now registering at the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan. Cost is \$625 per team plus a \$10 per game umpires' fee, which includes 14 games (all doubleheaders) plus playoffs (all teams qualify).

Play starts Aug. 6. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

Walk Michigan

Want to walk to Mackinaw Island? Here's a way that might get you a couple of free nights stay on the island while getting some exercise. For five consecutive Thursdays beginning this Thursday, Walk Michigan, co-sponsored by the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association, will host a one-mile walk around the pond in Heritage Park.

There's no cost to enter. Those interested in walking may register at 5:30 p.m. the day of the walk, which will begin at 6 p.m., at the Play-Skate Pavilion in Heritage Park. Those who enter will be entered in a drawing for a two-night stay at Mackinaw Island.

Soccer shootout

The University of Michigan men's soccer team will stage its 10th annual three-vs.-three Micro-Soccer Shootout Saturday, July 21 at U-M's Mitchell fields.

Proceeds will benefit University of Michigan men's soccer program.

The tournament, an equivalent to basketball's Gus Macker, is an all-day tourney with over 200 teams ranging in age divisions from boys and girls (7-and-up) through men's and women's adult.

All skill levels are encouraged to participate. Both competitive and recreational divisions are available for each age bracket.

Registrations can be picked up at Soccer Mania, 2276 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor or obtained via the web at <http://imgoblue.com/soccer-m/>

Bigger and better

Size, depth should help Crusaders

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There's a turning point in every program, a corner that is correctly navigated, resulting in a victory instead of a defeat, which ultimately leads to more victories until, by season's end, they outnumber the defeats.

In its first eight seasons of existence, Madonna University's men's basketball program has never reached its point. The closest the Fighting Crusaders have come was a nine-win season in 1996-97, Bernie Holowicki's second as coach.

Maybe the upcoming campaign will be it. The recruits Holowicki has signed indicate it could be.

Mind you, there's no rash predictions regarding how many wins they'll get. Nothing about Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship possibilities.

But this could be the beginnings of a team that refuses to remain the league's doormat.

Madonna was 8-23 last season, not bad considering there was just one senior (center Narvin Russaw) and one junior (shooting guard Mike Massey) on the squad.

The Crusaders will return seven of their top eight players and some newcomers who could provide the elements missing from past teams: namely, size and depth.

"We were hurting for size," said Holowicki. "All we had was Narvin. If he got into foul trouble, the game was over."

"We haven't ever had depth or talent in the frontcourt."

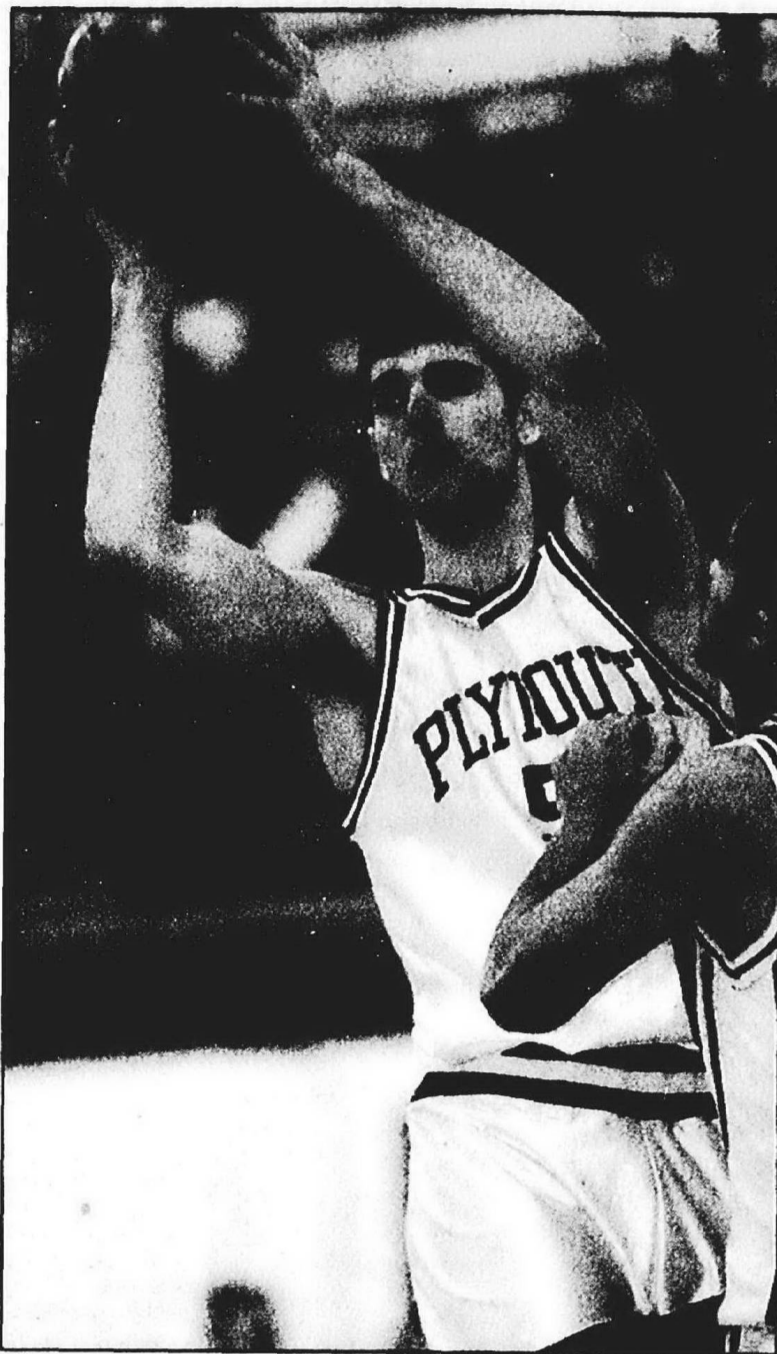
That may have changed. All the new recruits have size; they will all play in the frontcourt, adding diversity to a team that revolved around the prowess of juniors-to-be Aaron Cox and Dan Kurtinaitis and senior Massey in the backcourt.

Incoming freshmen are 6-foot-4 forward Steve Horn, from Walled Lake Central; 6-5 forward Jason Clark, from Walled Lake Western; 6-7 forward/center Dave Gregor, from Northville; and 6-5 forward Noel Emehiser, from Woodlan (Ind.).

Horn was a leader on the Western Lakes Activities Association champion Vikings, averaging 17 points a game and earning all-WLAA honors. Clark was more defensive oriented, a rebounder and shot-blocker — something the Crusaders sorely lacked last season. He was all-Western Division in the WLAA.

The two who are somewhat unknown factors are Gregor and Emehiser. Gregor is hardly unknown, at least in this neighborhood; a steady all-around player who earned all-division honors in the WLAA, Gregor "can play post or go outside," Holowicki said. "He's very athletic."

What is unknown is his availability. Gregor suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament playing AAU basketball and will be lost until at least Christmas. The



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Defensive stalwart: As a senior at Salem, Tony Jancevski averaged nine points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots a game.

severity of his injury and the speed in which he recovers will determine whether or not he plays this season or is red-shirted.

"We were counting on him in the pivot," said Holowicki, noting the player lost to graduation — Russaw — was the team's leading rebounder. "But that's kind of been our luck."

Emehiser could be a different kind of fortune for the Crusaders. He was not heavily recruited, mainly because his Woodlan HS team only won a half-dozen games while he was there.

"It wasn't his fault," Holowicki insisted. "He's very athletic and a great person. He can jump out of the gym, he's lanky and he can run."

Like Clark, Emehiser figures to be a power forward. Horn will play small forward.

"He can shoot," Holowicki said of Horn. "You can't leave him open — he'll kill you. He's a competitor."

"To tell the truth, I didn't think we had a chance to get him. He's a winner, the key to Central's success."

If that had been the end of Holowicki's recruiting for the season, one would consider it a success. But he

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Bucks take on Gemini at Canton HS

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The Mid-Michigan Bucks, one of the Premier Development League's top teams, will be making a stop this Saturday at Plymouth Canton High School when they take on the Dayton (Ohio) Gemini.

Game time for the Great Lakes Division men's soccer match is 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets, \$6 each, are available at the Soccer Post, located at Newburgh and Five Mile roads in Livonia.

Taormina juggles schedule

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Sheila Taormina pulled into Toronto on Thursday when her chronic bad back flared up again.

Not good news if you're competing just two days later in a big International Triathlon Union World Cup race.

So Taormina immediately got on the phone with a local Toronto chiropractor to make an appointment.

The tightly-wound Taormina has had problems with her back dating back to her days as an All-America swimmer at Georgia and right through her 1996 Olympic gold medal conquest in Atlanta when she swam a leg on the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay.

"I'm not in peak condition right now. I'm going into races kind of exhausted because I've kind of burnt the candle

on both ends," she said. "But I'm looking forward to the next 2 1/2 months because I'll be cutting back my schedule so I can rest and train better."

"I had no expectations the first half of the season, but in the second half I hope things can start to kick in. Right now I'm hanging on by my fingernails and really don't have one ounce of energy left."

Balancing her hectic travel schedule and training since she finished sixth in the first women's triathlon — the inaugural event of the 2000 Sydney Olympics — has been both a daunting and delicate challenge.

During the month of June she competed in her first two races of the season, finishing fifth in Shreveport, La.

and third in Victoria, British Columbia.

Her fifth place at Shreveport earned her a qualifying berth in the ITU World Championship Saturday, July 21 in Edmonton, Alberta.

"I kind of surprised myself, my muscles were in shock from the run, but I had a good swim and the bike went well. I got into a great bike pack."

In between, Taormina did numerous business and school talks, camps and clinics. Sometimes she travelled by air, other times by car, to such destinations as Toronto, South Carolina, Connecticut, Boston and most recently New York.

The day before the Shreveport race, Taormina handed out awards at the finish line of a kids triathlon during the morning, did a swim clinic in the

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SOCCER RECRUITING

Top recruits fill gaps in SC's lineup

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One nice thing about Schoolcraft College men's soccer — there never seems to be a downturn.

Even after last season's disappointing finish, in which the shorthanded Ocelots, playing without several key players (including All-American sweeper Tom Stark), lost to Cuyahoga CC in an overtime shootout in the NJCAA Region 12 final.

That left them with a 13-4-2 overall record, hardly a season to complain about but one harboring that lingering doubt that it could have been much better.

This season will be, or at least coach Van Dimitriou believes.

As always, the SC coach was highly optimistic following a successful recruiting campaign. Of course he should be; after all, when was the last time the Ocelots had a bad recruiting season?

"Things are going well," Dimitriou said. "In fact, I'd have to say things are going very well. This is as talented an incoming class as we've ever had."

What Dimitriou felt was most needed to push his team further in the NJCAA Tournament were replacements for interior defenders Stark and Sergio Mainella and more scoring punch. He believes he filled both needs.

"We needed help on our inside defense and putting the ball in the net," he said. "I think we strengthened ourselves in both areas."

"This year, we're kind of blessed with very, very good talent."

Defense begins in goal, and newcomer Matt Gasparotto (from Farmington) will strengthen that area, joining returnee Kevin Smale (Brighton). Gasparotto helped guide the Falcons to the Division II state semifinals last fall.

SC returns Chris LaMasse (Plymouth Salem) and Phil Moore (Brighton), "two of the best marking backs we've ever had," Dimitriou said. Joining them will be Salem's Andrew Rea (Salem) and four newcomers who figure to contribute heavily.

Ken Douglas (Livonia Franklin) and Ryan Sullivan (Dearborn Crestwood) are similar in size and style: Both are about 5-foot-10, 190 pounds, both are "tough going after people." And both, according to Dimitriou, "are looking good inside."

They will be joined by Zoran Golic, from Yugoslavia. "He's not as big, but he's quicker and more experienced," Dimitriou said. "All three will play."

Another who will help is Ryan Mallord (Dearborn), who figures to play both midfield and marking back.

The midfield was in pretty good shape with the return of Shawn Presnell (Redford Thurston) and Kevin Callendar (Novi). Aiding that area will be Worth Sampson (Crest-

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Indiana University's 1998 and '99 NCAA championship teams, was recently lost for season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"We're four points from the last playoff spot, we're fighting for our playoff lives," Dan Duggan said. "Friday (July 6) was the first time we pretty much had our full lineup back together."

During the past two years the Bucks, part of the U.S. Interregional Soccer League, the organizational umbrella of both amateur and pro soccer in this coun-

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Keeping pace: A hectic schedule has Sheila Taormina constantly on the go.

Late surge saves Warriors

With the third period of the game barely one-third over, the outcome of Wednesday's Metro Summer Hockey League game between the Warriors and Bulldogs was very much in doubt.

The Bulldogs had just gotten a goal from Andrew Martin, closing the gap on the Warriors — who 19 seconds earlier had gotten a goal from John Schultz — to 8-6 with 8:54 remaining. But the 'Dogs would come no closer, thanks to a three-goal surge in a 2:35 span by the Warriors that carried them to a 12-7 win at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

The winning Warriors were paced by Joe Moreau's (from Farmington Hills) three goals and an assist and Jeremy Majszak's (Canton) goal and four assists. Ryan Yost (Livonia) added a goal and three assists and Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) had two goals and an assist.

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Other contributors for the Warriors were Nick Anselm (Canton) with a goal and two assists, Mike Schultz (Canton) and Brandon Kaleniecki (Livonia) each with a goal and an assist, John Schultz (Canton) and Chris Morelli (Livonia) with a goal apiece, and Jeff Harris (Canton), Dave Moss (Livonia) and Jim Spiewak (Redford Catholic Central HS) each with two assists.

The Bulldogs got three goals and two assists from Ryan Kesler (Livonia), four assists from Mike Radakovich (Livonia), a goal and an assist from Matt York, Todd Kessler (Livonia) and Andrew Martin, and a goal from Ryan Radakovich (Livonia).

Mark Lavender (Farmington Hills) was in goal for the Warriors. Dan Dobrowski (Southfield) and Matt Swanson were in the

net for the Bulldogs.

Wolverines 13, Wildcats 2: James Crank (West Bloomfield) popped in three goals and assisted on two others and Krikor Arman (West Bloomfield) added three goals and an assist to carry the Wolverines past the Wildcats in an MSHL game Wednesday at Farmington's Suburban Training Center.

The 'Cats scored the game's first (by Kirk Gurney) and last (by Justin Riccardi) goals, but were crushed in between. The Wolves led 4-1 after one period and 8-1 after two.

Mike Schmidt added two goals and three assists to the Wolverine cause, with Scott Lutz (West Bloomfield) and Varujan Arman (West Bloomfield) chipping in with a goal and four assists each, Frank Bourbonais collecting two goals and two assists, Steve Swistak (West Bloomfield) totaling four assists, and John Slanga (West Bloomfield) getting a goal and an assist.

Nate Shoppell was in goal for the Wolverines. Jamie Ferrara and Brandon Tucker divided time in goal for the Cats.

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afternoon and motivational talk during the evening.

"I really wasn't ready to race, but I'm there, and I have the feeling can't let down so I'll try and figure out the rest," Taormina said.

Taormina loaded up on her work schedule because she was unable to run for almost eight months, plagued by an ilio tibial band (leg) problem which limited her training leading up to Sydney.

With the help of her coach Lew Kidder, she learned she was overstriding. Able to adjust and now pain free, Taormina has gradually built her mileage back up so she can compete again in the 6.2-mile run, which comple-

ments the 1,500-meter swim and 24.8-mile bike in the Olympic distance triathlon.

"I'm still not prepared and haven't run enough and with my I.T. problem," Taormina said. "I didn't think I'd race this summer and I wasn't really gearing up for that."

"That's kind of the reason why I overbooked my schedule this year. Last summer I had more than a balance. This year I'm busier by far than I was the year after 1996."

But the Stevenson High School grad said she "can't ignore" the lasting relationships she has built with her young clientele during her travels the past few years.

"When you work with swim teams and schools I've kind of gotten attached with people all over the country," she said.

"There are a few families you click with when you have talks. You have to respond when they call or write you. Even if I have to stay up until 2 in the morning and I'll respond to a kid."

"But sometimes my biggest challenge is just to crawl in bed and not talk to anybody."

The 32-year-old Taormina decided she needed help in another direction.

"I have the best coaches around in Lew (Kidder) and Greg Phill (her club swimming coach), but if you stay in a sport you have to do it right," she said.

"You have to eat right and do a lot of stretching. I'm 32 and I have to watch out. I'm not 18 or 22 anymore."

Taormina, who had trouble with her back even after a 1 1/2 swim workout, thumbed through the Yellow Pages late last year looking for somebody to guide her through her injury woes.

Less than a half-mile from her home she found Dr. Dave Ellis, a chiropractor, and Dr. Karen Slota, who specializes in his practice in nutrition.

"I needed a lot of care because I beat up my body," she said. "They put my body back together and put me back in alignment."

"Before they did anything we talked for almost two hours. They're former body builders and they knew what muscles needed to be addressed."

"They got me into taking sports seriously again like I did in 1994, 1995 and 1996. I said I would not let it rule my life, but with the stretching and nutrition, it definitely helps the bones and the joints if you do it right."

Taormina visits her chiropractor three times a week, but had to cut back the past month because of all her travel.

"I don't want to disappoint them like I don't want to disappoint my coaches," she said. "They're so thorough because they understand athletes so well

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didn't stop there.

Three other players have been added, and all could have — indeed, should have — an impact.

First, there's Tony Jancevski, a 1999 Plymouth Salem graduate who spent the last two years at Schoolcraft College, playing one season for the Ocelots. A 6-8 center, he could give Madonna its first true pivot presence.

"He's a pleasant surprise," said Holowicki. "For us, he's a good kid. When we lose David Gregor, he's going to help. I like his post moves and he can pass."

As a senior, Jancevski averaged nine points, nine rebounds and two blocks a game for the Rocks, providing a defensive figure that helped carry them to the state quarterfinals.

Another post player added to the Madonna lineup is 6-5 Jimmy Woodworth, who played last season at Oakland CC. A graduate of Corunna HS, Holowicki described Woodworth as a "dependable, steady player" who also happened to be in the

National Guard.

"Maybe that means he plays great defense," the Madonna coach said with a laugh. "Really, he's a great kid who works hard. And he's got some intangibles, a winner-type of kid."

The third of the newer additions will actually have freshman status, although he graduated from Utica Ford in 2000. Ryan Zak, a 6-3 1/2 frontcourt player, had given up on basketball (despite Holowicki's recruiting efforts) and enrolled at Central Michigan.

A year away from the game changed his mind, and further validated Holowicki's belief that no recruiting door should be closed. Zak called the Madonna coach and said if he still wanted him, he'd come.

"He's a player," Holowicki said of Zak. "He's quick, athletic, great defensively and a hard-nosed player. He'll make us better."

All of them will have that opportunity. How much better and how quickly are the questions.

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wood), who "could play anywhere — he's very quick, very agile," and Tony Ventura (Dearborn Fordson), who earned a spot on the team with an impressive tryout.

Now the forward line. Dan Lipon (Stevenson) is a "pure forward," according to Dimitriou, while Tim Moxie (Thurston) will have to get into better shape to earn a spot in the rotation.

That's because of newcomers like Mike Thomas (Stevenson), who is "very impressive, very quick, very promising"; Kyle

Langseth (Grayling), who scored more than 100 goals in his prep career; Jonathan Hernandez, a "solid, strong kid who's intelligent with the ball" and, like Langseth, is a natural soccer player; and Mark DeSana (Trenton), a player who received all-state recognition.

Dimitriou added his recruiting efforts are not yet complete. Indeed, one player who just might join the Ocelots is someone Dimitriou has hoped to have in the lineup for two years: Tom

Eller, an all-state forward at Stevenson who struggled with academic problems.

Eller is currently playing with the West Michigan Edge, a team in the USISL Premier Development League. He could join SC this fall.

"If he does join us, that could change the complexion of the team," Dimitriou said.

That it would make a good recruiting class even better was left unsaid. It didn't need to be.

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For more information, visit www.AthleticVentures.com.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

The seventh annual Jeff Suspek Memorial Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at Schoolcraft College.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The camp is free and lunch will be provided by White Castle Systems, Inc.

The non-profit camp is in memory of Jeff Suspek, a former player at Dearborn Divine Child High School and St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake who passed away in 1994 at the age of 24.

He holds several scoring records at St. Mary's including career points (1,785) and holds the National Catholic Basketball Tournament record with 41 points.

The Jeff Suspek Foundation was formed by his family to provide opportunities for underprivileged youth to learn about the game of basketball.

The camp is run by volunteer players and coaches who knew Jeff.

To obtain a brochure or registration form, or for more information, call (248) 478-0662.

The Metro Basketball Association will hold a basketball fundamental camp for boys and girls ages 8-15 from 8:30 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, July 23-27, at Garden City High School, located at 6500 Middlebelt Road (between Ford and Warren).

The cost is \$100 or \$95 for two family members. All campers will receive a basketball and T-shirt.

The instructor is John Kreger. The camp will stress shooting, passing, dribbling defense and offensive moves. There will be one-on-one, hot shot and free throw shooting contests.

Mail registration and full payment to: Metro Basketball Association, 27676 Cherry Hill, Suite 101, Garden City, Mi. 48185.

For more information, call (734) 522-8872.

FOOTBALL CAMPS

The Patriot Football Summer Camp (grades 7-12) will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, July 25-28 at Livonia Franklin High School.

The cost is \$30 (includes camp T-shirt).

Registration will be held on July 25 or you can call coach Chris Kelbert at (734) 523-9300 for more information.

The Panther football camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 27-28 at Redford Union High School.

The camp is open to all students entering the fifth through ninth grade in the fall. Participants will learn football basics such as stance, starts, drills and technique work. The first day of camp is for linemen and the second day will be a skills camp.

The camp is \$25 per day or \$45 for both sessions. An \$5 discount may be deducted from this price if registered by July 12.

Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt and refreshments at lunch, and they should bring football shoes, lunch and work

out clothing.

For more information, call coach Miles Tomasaitis at (313) 534-0411 or (313) 575-4753.

FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Total Soccer of Wixom will be staging a five-on-five flag football cash tournament (18 and up) Sunday, July 15.

The first place team will receive 50 percent of the registration fees. The cost is \$225 per team with a maximum of eight players.

The tournament must have a minimum of six teams and no more than 14. Flags are provided.

For more information, call (248) 669-9817.

6-FOOT-UNDER HOOPS

Registration for the City of Westland Parks and Recreation's 6-foot-and-under basketball league runs through Sunday, July 22.

Division play will be on Mondays and Wednesdays starting Aug. 6 and 8. Games times are 6:40, 7:40 and 8:40 p.m. One hour practice times are available on Mondays and Wednesdays July 23 and 30 and July 25 and Aug. 1, respectively.

There is a maximum of six teams per division. The cost is \$280 per team. Each team will be \$20 per game for officials. There is a \$10 fee per non-resident.

A mandatory managers meeting will be Tuesday, July 31 at the Bailey Recreation Center.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

SELECT PLAYERS NEEDED

Soccer for Waza is seeking select players for its under-9 boys, under-11 boys and under-11 girls teams.

For more information, call (313) 927-WAZA.

BASEBALL CAMPS

Total Baseball's total training summer baseball camp for ages 7-17 will be from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 16-18 at Gilbert Willis Field in Novi. (Rainouts will be at Total Soccer-Wixom indoor facility.)

Former minor league players and collegiate coaches will instruct campers on the proper techniques of pitching, hitter and field. Players will be clocked on a radar gun for arm and bat speed.

The cost is \$125. For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalbaseballwixom@aol.com.

Oakland University will hold a summer baseball camp for ages 8-14 (general skills camp) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 9-12 and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 13.

For more information, call Mark Avery at (810) 362-3583.

Eastern Michigan University's baseball team will stage two sessions of camp for ages 8-16 on July 9-13 and July 16-20.

The cost for each session is \$95, or \$180 for two weeks. All three weeks is \$250.

For more information, call (734) 487-0315.

FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road, will be offering its fall baseball league for ages groups 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, along with a Saturday high school and Sunday high school wooden bat leagues.

The season runs 12 games with playoffs for qualifying teams. There are no umpire costs or fundraisers. Over 50 teams participated in 2000.

Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays.

The cost is \$215 per individual or \$1,399 per team.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166.

HOCKEY LEAGUES

Compuware Sports Arena will now offer youth hockey leagues in the Mites and Squirts divi-

sions this fall and winter.

The Mini-Mites Division (born after June 30, 1994), Mite Division (from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1994) and Squirts Division (July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1992) will cost \$560 per player, with a \$125 non-refundable deposit due at registration. Cost includes all ice time, referee fees, USA hockey individual and team registration, jersey, socks and trophies.

Players will also have the chance to receive free tickets to future Whalers' home games and Whalers' merchandise. All ice times will be at CSA. The leagues will not use a lottery and there will be no residency restrictions.

Registration will be at Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck in Plymouth through Aug. 1. CSA is also looking for volunteers, coaches, sponsors and team managers. For further information, call (734) 453-6400.

SOCCER CAMPS

The Detroit Rockers will host a series of summer soccer camps for boys and girls ages 4-14.

The cost is \$135 (\$10 off for additional family members).

Area camp dates include: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon July 9-13 in Canton (Field Elementary); 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 16-20 in Westland (Central City soccer fields) and 1:30-4 p.m. July 16-20 in Farmington (Little Caesars Field); 9:30 a.m.-noon July 23-27 in Plymouth (Ford Sheldon Plant); 1:30-4 p.m. July 30-Aug. 3 in Livonia (Bicentennial Park); 1:30-4 p.m. Aug. 6-10 in Redford (Bell Creek Park).

Each camper will receive personal instruction from Rockers players, tickets to selected Rockers home games, 2001 camp T-shirt and summer camp edition of official Rockers Magazine.

Hotter soccer camps (ages 4-14), designed for players to reach the next level, and advanced

striker and goalkeeper camps (ages 11-16) are also available. For more information, call (248) 366-6254 or (877) 480-KICK. You can also visit the website at www.detroitrockers.com.

Schoolcraft College will host four sessions of summer soccer schools for boys and girls ages 5-16 — Monday through Friday, July 16-21, July 23-28, July 30-Aug. 4 and Aug. 6-11.

The camp is directed by Schoolcraft College men's coach Van Dimitriou, assisted by Dominic and Mario Scicluna.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5249 or 5255. Sessions for advanced, beginner and intermediate players are from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost for beginner and intermediate players is \$106 per session (\$95 each additional family member). The cost for advanced players is \$136.

Group rates (10 or more) are \$95 (beginners/intermediates) and \$125 (advanced).

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

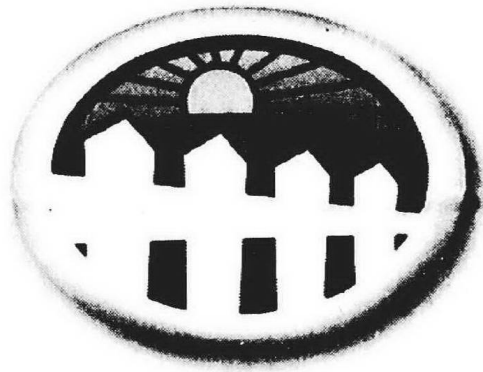
Tom Teeters, volleyball coach at Schoolcraft College and at Plymouth Salem HS, will conduct a pair of Schoolcraft College Volleyball Camps for beginner and intermediate-level players from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9-12 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 16-19.

Cost for each session is \$90 per person (\$85 for additional family members), which includes a \$30 non-refundable deposit. Team discounts are available.

Eight courts are available for use in the camps, which are open to those 8-18 years old. They will be conducted by Teeters as well as former and current SC players. Swimming will be available at the end of each camp.

Specialized camps for elite players will also be offered.

For more information and/or a camp brochure, call Schoolcraft College at (734) 462-4400, ext. 1-5564 or 1-5607.



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Parks and Rec has summer fun for kids

BY HEATHER MILLER
SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER

Once school lets out for the year, every student breathes a sigh of relief and anticipates two months of sunshine and fun.

But by now, most children are uttering a question that every parent dreads: "What is there to do?"

Parks and Recreation Departments are the answer. There are programs for numerous cities in the Observerland area.

Are you aware of programs in your city? If not, get on the phone or the computer and do some research.

Redford Township Parks and Recreation Department is one example of a successful program, keeping children busy from the time they get out of school in June until they go back to school around Labor Day.

Counselors are stationed at five parks throughout the township to play with children from morning until afternoon.

They keep the children busy, physically active and safe while in their care. Children may play games such as basketball, capture the flag, four square or volleyball.

The special events team makes a stop at each park to play games in a weekly theme, which may include Fun with the Fourth, Science and Nature Week and Wet and Wild Week. The children take time out to get messy with food or slime, or just get wet with water balloon tosses or a game of water Twister.

During quieter times, children may learn new card or board games. An animal show allows children to hold exotic and unusual animals while learning about them. Arts and crafts make a visit to the five parks twice a week, along with several other parks that don't have daily supervision. Crafts may consist of beaded keychains, Indian rainsticks or paperweights.

A special preschool program visits 12 different sites to work



Careful: Face-painting for kids is just one activity that the Redford Parks and Recreation Department offers to all children during the summer months.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

with three to five-year-olds. They read stories, sing along to tapes, do simple arts and crafts and work on motor skills.

The parks also take weekly field trips to various locations. Past trips have included the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Waterford Oaks Wavepool and a visit to the Palace of Auburn Hills locker room.

A special trip is planned during the summer just for preschoolers. They may visit Domino's Farm or go bumper bowling. Individual parks can also plan their own mini-trips to open swimming at local pools or to the ice cream shop.

Weekly tournaments shuttle

children from every park location to compete in an event to find the township champion. Two winners from every park compete in the home run derby, basketball's hotshot contest or hockey's super score-o.

In addition to the weekly trips and daily fun at the parks, the township's Parks and Rec department organizes several other special events.

The annual Olympics have been in the township for over 40 years. Children can compete in field and running events in the morning and adults compete in the evening. Participants can receive medals and ribbons.

The carnival at the conclusion of the summer program is a farewell to the children before they go back to school. Clowns paint faces and do magic tricks when children are not playing games or bouncing in the moonwalk. The department also offers movies and concerts in the park for the whole family.

The summer sounds pretty busy by now. The only problem is that these programs are not being utilized like they could be.

Nearly all of the programs put on by the Redford Parks and Recreation Department are open to everyone - whether

you or your children are a township resident or not.

The Redford drop-in program is free. The only cost to parents comes from field trips and the arts and crafts. Other programs have little or no cost to the parent.

Either way, it is well worth it to keep your child busy and safe during the summer months.

(Miller is the director of the Redford Summer Playgrounds Program. For more information, call the Redford Township Parks and Recreation department at (313) 387-2650 or visit www.redfordmi.com/dept/recreation/index.htm)

Over and over, look out for the plover

Most shorebirds, like plovers and sandpipers, pass through Michigan during their spring migration. They continue their journey to the tundra and northern Canada. Only a few species stay in Michigan to nest and raise young.

Of the approximately 42 species of plovers and sandpipers seen in Michigan, only six remain in the state to nest.

Four species, the spotted sandpiper, killdeer, common snipe and woodcock nest in good numbers throughout the state.

They may not be seen frequently, unless you are intentionally looking for them, but bird watchers could tell you where to find them.

Unfortunately, the piping plover and the upland sandpiper are not very common during the summer in Michigan. Birders have much better luck finding upland sandpipers in the Upper Peninsula than in the lower half of the Lower Peninsula.

I was reminded of how low the numbers of piping plovers are when I visited the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

At the parking lot where the Betsie River empties into Lake Michigan there is a sign notifying people of the piping plover's plight. Across the river on the dunes next to the lake were large fenced enclosures demonstrating the State's commitment to help this bird.

Unlike the killdeer that nests in playgrounds, pond edges, gravel shores, short grass fields and other areas, its cousin, the piping plover, requires open sandy beaches with just a scattering of cobble.

Undisturbed areas with these requirements are fewer and fewer in Michigan. In fact, in the Great Lakes area, Michigan is the only state where the piping plover nests.

Beach front property is very popular and beach combing is even more popular. This is also part of the problem.

As more people walk the shoreline with friends and Fido, nesting piping plovers are disturbed.

During the Memorial Day weekend, beachcombers disturb birds trying to establish territories and build a nest. Vacationers along the beaches during the Fourth of July holiday are likely to disturb recently hatched young.

Piping plover nests are just a depression in the sand with a few scattered pebbles and debris arranged near the nest. Generally the nest is located above the high water mark and below the next dune.

Because there is scarce cover for the birds and little to conceal the nest, they rely on camouflage. The natural material near the nest and the cryptically colored eggs blend in perfectly with the sandy beach.

People walking the shore may never know they just stepped on a nest. A dog could easily step on a nest or harass the adults during a critical time of their bonding and nest building cycle. All-terrain vehicles on beaches can cause serious problems as well.

During the period from Memorial Day to mid August, when piping plover migrate south, nesting areas are fenced to exclude potential threats to the birds.

In 1989 there were an estimated 18 pairs nesting in the Great Lakes. Some were in the Beaver Island area and the rest were in the Whitefish Point and westward area of the U.P.

Without the efforts of researchers and volunteers to monitor this endangered species, the piping plover would likely have become extirpated from the Great Lakes several years ago.

Though it may mean a little inconvenience for beach combers, the sandy colored piping plover with its single band of black around its neck, certainly must be reaping the benefits.

Please respect the signs and fencing to give this species a chance.

(Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park, north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 685-4473.)

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Stretch to avoid ankle, knee injuries

BY DR. AARON SHAKARIAN

The ankle joint is comprised of four separate bones, five ligaments and 10 supporting ankles.

It is important to properly stretch and train these muscles or rehab this area if it was previously injured. Imbalances in this particular area of the body could throw off other areas and cause further harm throughout the distant joints of the body such as the knee, hip and spine.

Ankle injuries and shin splints can be a frustrating result of the lack of attention to stretching and strengthening the muscles surrounding the ankle joint during athletic training or pregame warm-ups.

These injuries are very common and can be extremely limiting to an athlete's potential during competition.

If you, as an athlete or coach, are looking for preventive maintenance stretches that will help limit the chance

of these two types of injuries, look no further.

The following stretches and exercises can be done before competition and during training to help limit the chance of injury.

To limit the chance of shin splints, start in the sitting position, and point your foot down to its end range of motion. Then, flex your foot towards you.

For added resistance, you can use a partner or therapy bands, which are fairly inexpensive, and can be purchased at most sporting goods stores.

Just tie a band to a pole or bedpost, and flex your foot toward you and then back to the beginning position. When performing this exercise, you should do three sets of 10 repetitions with the last rep being a struggle to perform.

Perform this exercise with both ankles.

Next, stretch out the muscles in front of your tibia shin. Start in the standing

position, bend your knee and bring your foot back toward your buttock. Grab the top of your foot with your hand, and hold this position for 15 seconds.

Do three sets for each leg.

The following exercises and stretches help to prevent inversion sprains by strengthening the outer supporting muscles of your ankle joint. You should perform this exercise while sitting down and applying resistance to the outside foot.

Again, you can use a partner or a band tied to a support for added resistance.

Start by having your toes pointing up, and then turn your foot inward to its furthest point. Next, turn your foot outward to its furthest point. And finally, bring your foot back to beginning position.

Perform three sets of 10 repetitions on both ankles. You should struggle to perform the last rep. Next, stretch the muscles and ligaments on the outside of

the foot by doing what some call a butterfly stretch.

To do this stretch, bring your heels towards your groin while sitting on a flat surface. Then you will press down on each shin with your elbows. By grabbing each forefoot, you can turn the feet inward creating not only a groin stretch, but an outer ankle stretch, too.

If you have difficulty in training, or in rehabbing an old injury, do not hesitate to get further advice from a chiropractic physician or medical physician.

If you are injured, immediate care can decrease the amount of injury time by half. If injuries are not taken care of immediately, they can lead to a longer recovery time and an increased chance of arthritis forming in the future.

Dr. Aaron Shakarian of Livonia is a certified in chiropractic biophysics and physiotherapy. He specializes in sports injuries and improvement of body mechanics.

Local pair learn at International Expo

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

International Bowl Expo 2001 has just completed its busy week at Las Vegas. It is that time of the bowling year for the Bowling Proprietors Association of America to hold its annual convention, coinciding with a huge trade show and a full slate of seminars on all phases of the bowling industry.

The purpose of it all is actually aimed at making all phases of bowling better. Mark and Diane Voight of Farmington Hills were among the show's attendees and also participated in the meetings.

"This year's Expo was much bigger than in the past," Mark Voight said. "More so because of the huge influx of foreign countries participating from the Far East to Australia, most of Europe and also Russia."

"Bowling is on the increase, not only worldwide, but even in the U.S. where there had been a decline in league par-

ticipation. There is much more emphasis on youth bowlers and greater interest in high schools and college programs.

Jim Zebahazy, executive director of YABA announced an increase in participation for the first time in years.

As for the voting activity in the BPAA convention, the issues were routine and the legislative process went smoothly.

There were many good, constructive and informative seminars at the Expo, with Mark taking in the one on customer services, sponsorships and developing effective inspection programs.

Diane attended seminars on party packages and creating visual displays. One of the changes they brought back to their lanes is the "Sock Program," which means that the shoe rentals will include a new pair of athletic socks, which the customers take home with them.

It is aimed at the perception that rental shoes are not viewed by the public as hardly sanitary.

The youth program in those Voight-owned centers will focus on the new Disney bowling ball programs.

The standard youth program with a

regular kids ball will run \$6.95 per week. The "Mickey" ball will be at a cost of \$8.50 per week and for those who want the ultimate ball. The Brunswick "Vis-I-Ball" adult/youth program will cost \$10.95 per week as each participant receives one of these sensational new balls with the vivid ball graphics of Mickey or Minnie, Pluto and others.

The balls (\$149 retail) incorporate a new level of graphics technology to bring these characters almost to life in the form of a bowling ball.

The programs will start up this fall season at all local community bowling centers, including Super Bowl (Canton), Merri Bowl (Livonia), Plum Hollow (Southfield), Troy Lanes, Oxford Lanes (Dearborn Heights), Skore Lanes (Taylor), Century Bowl (Waterford) and Classic Lanes (Troy).

The trade show also presented attendees with a special guest.

Actor Michael Ian Black, who portrays Stuckey Bowl manager Phil Stubbs on "Ed," was on hand for an autograph session in the BPAA booth.

Next year's Expo 2002 will take place in New Orleans.

Observerland bowlers can be proud of all of the wonderful and talented players in our community.

Over the years you have been able to read all about them and their exploits out on the lanes.

The name Tim Saunders of Redford has appeared in these pages quite often, as he is one of the really good league bowlers. Now he has outdone himself, with back-to-back 300 games in the Woodland Summer Trio League last week at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

As the format in a trio league is based on a two-game set, then changing opponents for another two-setter, he rolled the perfect 600 score in the first set.

The second set was only ordinary, as the change of lanes, the long time delay, the excitement of the moment and maybe a couple of bar beverages intervened between sets.

The two perfectos brought Tim's total up to thirteen 300 games.

This league bowls at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

(Al Harrison lives in Garden City)

A red, white and blue day!

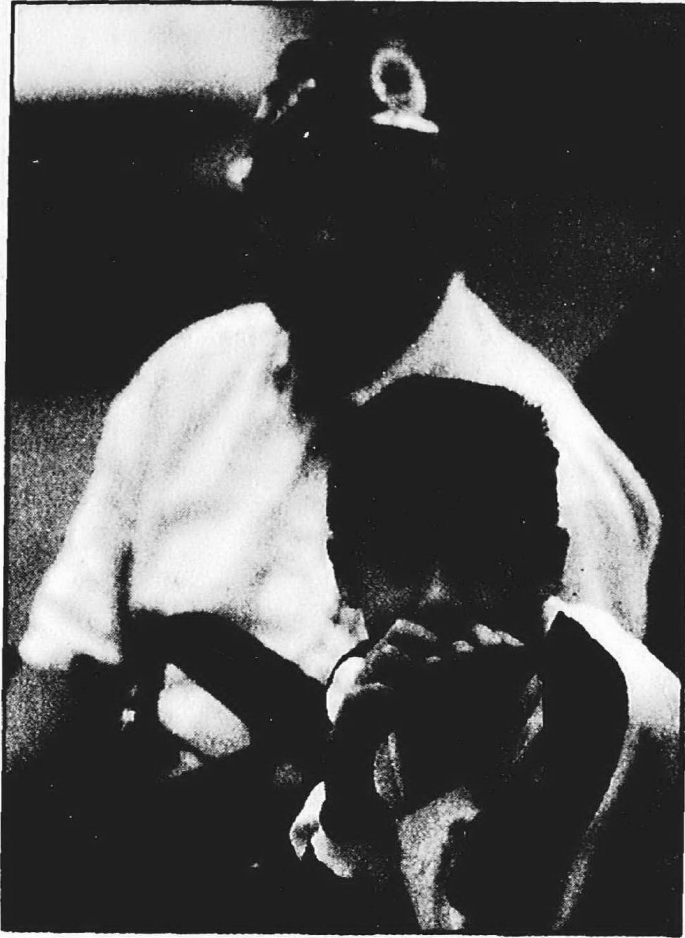
The patriotic spirits reigned throughout the area Wednesday as families lined the streets of Plymouth for the Good Morning U.S.A. parade. Marching bands, pom pon squads, historical characters and more roamed the length of Main Street during the 90-minute procession.

Later in the day, many gathered once again at Plymouth Township Park for five-cent hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream; musical entertainment by Guy Lewis; a scooter race and field events; a bike decorating contest; a treasure hunt; and lots of social fun.

One thing is sure. The pride we take in our freedom was on display in America's favorite colors: Red, white and blue.



High riders: W.P. Cyclones' Magnificent High Wheel Band perform their magic on Main Street.



Parade watchin': Christopher Di Porro of Sterling Heights, 8, and his grandfather Andrew Wong of Beverly Hills watch the parade, (at left). They were visiting the rest of the family, who reside in Plymouth. (Above), Emily Early of Plymouth displays a fireworks burst on her cheek at the picnic.



Betcha can't eat just one: Cori Richard of Redford, 3 1/2, eats some five-cent potato chips, while wearing her star-spangled dress at the picnic.



Curb sitters: Erin Varner of Plymouth, 7, right, and her sister Emily, 4, sit on the curb as they watch the parade pass them by.



Fun time: Lauren Stemberger of Plymouth, 13, (left), tosses a flying disc in the park with her dad and some friends. (Above), Katie Hughes, 12, and Sara Tiderington, 13, both of Plymouth, fill and tie balloons for the children. Volunteers provided all of the services for the event.



School spirit: Erica Zolkas, (above) leads the Plymouth Salem Rockettes down Main Street, as they walk the parade route Wednesday. (At right), Amy LaVallee takes the point for the Plymouth Canton Chieftettes.



Gettin' rich: Stephen Wallace of Livonia, 3, (above), searches through the sand during the treasure hunt for the younger tots. Three sand boxes were filled with coins for various age groups.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Young people raise awareness of the arts

When Jason Wilhoite graduated from Eastern Michigan University in December, Broadway was in his soul and the desire to help the arts in his heart. So he decided to unite the two in a musical revue to benefit ArtServe Michigan, a nonprofit organization building support for the arts through advocacy, education and services for artists, community arts organizations and cultural institutions.

Wilhoite believes early training in music, beginning in the elementary grades and continuing through the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School in Livonia, influenced his future. He recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in music education and voice performance and would like to make sure other young people have the same opportunities.

The Broadway revue, presented in June at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia, raised \$1,000 even though Wilhoite and friends, Chad Gearig, Allison Sorzano and Christa Carlomusto, only asked for donations to ArtServe Michigan instead of charging admission. They also held a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

"I researched charities and the local arts," said Wilhoite, who met Gearig while both were teaching voice at Churchill High School. "ArtServe struck me because of its music education programs in schools. I think it's important for music education to be in our schools from grade school to high school."

Barbara Kratchman delights in the fact young people like Wilhoite and his friends appreciate ArtServe Michigan enough to want to help raise money for its education initiatives. Those include annual statewide exhibits by young artists at Wendy's restaurants. Located in Southfield and Lansing, ArtServe employs a full time staff to promote arts and culture in Michigan.

"When Jason called we were tickled, proud to be a beneficiary of his vision, pleased a young person is interested in promoting the arts, spreading the word," said Kratchman, president of ArtServe Michigan. "We would like to encourage more events like this. Every penny counts to reach more people and specially to be able to put money into programs."

An annual budget of \$1.2 million helps ArtServe Michigan place Creative Writers in Schools, and survey Michigan public, private and charter schools about their arts and cultural programs. The results, scheduled to be published in a month, will help develop a book of best practices and programs.

"We encourage involvement in art and culture from all levels K-12," said Kratchman. "Through our arts advocacy program, ArtServe is active in Lansing where they're currently in the midst of the budget process. We're keeping up with what's going on to make sure funding is in place."

Part of the funding goes to Creative Artists Grants, which ArtServe administers for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Awards of up to \$8,000 enable Michigan artists to create work in all disciplines in exchange for a community service activity.

Artserve's Artists in Michigan program teams grant recipients and other artists with arts and human service agencies to reach underserved or non-traditional arts audiences in Michigan. The list goes on and on. ArtServe Michigan recruits and trains volunteers from the business and legal sector to assist artists and presents the annual Governors' Awards for Arts & Culture. It also publishes research on Metro Detroit cultural audiences to help local arts organizations plan their programming, and maintains a gallery of Michigan artists funded by the Creative Artists Grant program on its Web site www.ArtServeMichigan.org.

Whew, I get tired just thinking about all of these programs and services. And to think four young people helped make all of this possible simply by singing and dancing to Broadway hits.

For more information about ArtServe Michigan, call (248) 557-8288.

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



Returns bigger, better than ever

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ask Dianne Quinn what's new about Art in the Park in Plymouth and her first response is the office in the lower level of her Plymouth Township home. The space serves as the heart of operations for one of the largest art fairs in the area.

Coordinating 430 artists from 30 states is no easy task, especially when it comes time to set up all

those booths for the fair which runs Friday-Sunday, July 13-15. That first year only 33 artists showed their wares in Kellogg Park. Twenty-one years later Art in the Park extends all the way down Main Street from Wing to Church and spills over onto Peniman, Forrest and Ann Arbor Trail.

A move earlier this year to a new home made it possible for Quinn to set up the office. She and her daughter, Rachel, spend untold hours at the large conference table holding a detailed map of the

Wildlife photography

Children as well as adults will love the photography of Ted Nelson, a Canton resident who taught science in West Bloomfield Schools for more than 30 years. Nelson captures the colorful deer, birds and scenery of Kensington Metropark through the lens of his camera. He first learned about all of the nature existing on its 4,300 acres on his first visit 40 years ago.

Three-hundred photographs later Nelson decided to turn his love for the marshes, lakes, meadows, ponds and animals into a book celebrating the spirit of the Metropark in Milford. After culling the images to 100, Nelson published *The Nature of Kensington* two years ago. He'll bring prints of photographs in the book plus others of northern Michigan and Yellowstone Park. This year, he's especially looking forward to exhibiting in Art in the Park. The first year he only offered books in his booth.

"There's lots of different choices as far as the art in Plymouth," said Nelson. "I love being in Plymouth. It's a wonderful little town."

Margaret Nowak couldn't agree more. As a member of the Village Potters Guild, Nowak enjoys showing her work in an area where she feels welcome. The Village Potters' Guild booths are the first stop on many visitors' lists.

The Guild shows its functional, decorative, raku, wall hangings, garden art ranging from bird feeders to stakes, and fountains three times a year in Plymouth. Its Art in the Park booth will feature a variety of work by 17 members including Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth. Sandberg, like Nelson, recently exhibited at Livonia's Art in the Village at Greenmead Historical Park.

Nowak, who teaches classes at the Guild in August and September, will bring goddesses and divine feminine spirits to the fair. Nowak began working

in clay at age 13 and earned a master's degree in art therapy from Wayne State University. She teaches ceramic classes at Schoolcraft College, the ARC in Redford and a Livonia nursing home.

"We get a lot of community support," said Nowak of Livonia. "It makes us feel good."



PHOTO BY TED NELSON

In the wild: Ted Nelson captures the nature of Kensington Metropark in his photography. Below is a Sandhill Crane preening its feathers.



streets. Many of the booths were rearranged this year to make it easier for visitors to find the new restaurants in town.

"Each year we think we're more organized," said Quinn. "Always new things come up but we're perfecting it. We can never use the same map. We have to go down there and measure every inch. Artists come in a certain way at a certain time. We have a media list so we don't have two painters or glass blowers next to each other."

No wonder it takes a whole year to organize the fair. Once all of the artists are in place, Quinn begins scheduling locations and times at which musicians Charlene Berry, Bakra Bata, Rich Kowalewski and Brazil, Michael King, the Nick Strange Trio, Saoco, and Watson & Co. will perform. New elements like a shuttle bus so visitors won't have to worry about parking require plenty of planning as does showing children's art in Kellogg Park.

Quinn's incorporated several activities for children into the fair. In addition to having the opportunity to paint a 10-by-5 foot mural designed by Kristie Good, children will have fun making art at booths sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and the Michigan Education Savings Program. Once completed, Quinn and a team of helpers install the mural at Children's Hospital of Michigan in the Detroit Medical Center to brighten the spirits of patients and visitors.

"It's just a fun, cool thing for the kids to do," said Quinn.



PHOTO BY TED NELSON

Feminine spirit: Margaret Nowak brings her clay goddesses to Art in the Park.

THEATER

Michigan Shakespeare Festival enchants theater goers of all ages

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John Neville-Andrews takes his time talking about the lineup for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival opening with a preview Tuesday, July 17, at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson. As artistic director for the festival, he's serious about making the three-week outdoor theater season an enchanting experience for all ages.

For adults he teams up the dark and dramatic *Macbeth* with *Comedy of Errors*; for children it's Tom McCabe's *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?*

"I wanted a very deep, dark tragedy contrasting with farce so we had a strong season," said Neville-Andrews. "I wanted to direct *Macbeth* for some time. I think it's Shakespeare's best tragedy and it's chal-

lenging for the actors and director. It's a very complex play that appears simple but there are deep layers of psychological meaning. So much depends on what state he (*Macbeth*) is in at any one time. It seems a modern tragedy, a tragedy of ambition. In this day and age we're encouraged to be ambitious."

Ambition is something Neville-Andrews understands. This summer he's brought in four equity actors compared to the three who acted last year. Next July, he hopes to afford even more.

"The more we can attract equity actors, the more rewarding for the audience," said Neville-Andrews. "For the actors it's a viable summer employment opportunity."

Neville-Andrews it seems is earning a reputation for producing theater to enthrall audiences as well as actors. Now entering its seventh season, the festival

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Outdoor setting: The Michigan Shakespeare Festival draws crowds in all kinds of weather.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 13

THE CLOSET
Forty-year-old Francois Pignon is a guy who nobody ever notices. He leads a dull and uninteresting life. He is a quiet accountant whose wife has left him and whose son ignores him. Then he accidentally discovers he is about to be fired. Desperate to save his job, Pignon looks to his neighbor, a retired corporate psychologist, for help. His neighbor devises an outrageous scheme to solve his problem. Pignon will come out of a closet he never went into when his neighbor spreads the rumor that will have his entire company thinking he's gay. Stars Daniel Auteuil, Gerard Depardieu and Thierry Lhermitte.

LIBRALLY BLONDE

The story centers on Elle, a blonde who is dumped by her boyfriend and decides to attend Stanford Law School so she can meet a better class of men. Despite not being taken seriously at first, she becomes a lawyer and ends up representing a murder suspect in Beverly Hills. Featured players include Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Linda Cardellini and Selma Blair.

GREENFINGERS

The story follows a convicted murderer, Colin Briggs, who is transferred to a

minimum-security prison, where he meets four inmates in a rehabilitation program involving gardening. Fergus, an old man serving time for triple murder, gives Colin violet seeds, which beautifully blossom in the spring. The inmates' unconventional gardening style attracts England's most renowned horticulturist, Georgina Woodhouse, whose discovery triggers comic events. Featuring Helen Mirren, Clive Owen and David Kelly.

THE SCORE

Robert DeNiro stars as Nick Wells, an aging master thief who owns a jazz club and is ready to retire from crime. Mayhem ensues when a young thief blackmails him to do one last job: steal a priceless scepter from the 1600's. Also featured in this all-star cast are Edward Norton, Angela Bassett and Marlon Brando.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, July 18

JURASSIC PARK III

Anxious to finance research for his new theory of velociraptor intelligence, renowned paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant is persuaded by a wealthy adventurer and his wife to accompany them on an aerial tour of Isla Sorna. This infamous island, once InGen's site B, has become both a primordial breeding ground for John Hammond's magnificent creations and a magnet for thrill-seekers eager to

encounter them. Stars Sam Neill (Dr. Alan Grant), Laura Dern (Dr. Ellie Sattler), John Diehl (Cooper), Michael Jeter, Téa Leoni and William H. Macy (Paul).

Scheduled to open Friday, July 20

EVERYBODY FAMSUS!

Opens exclusively at Landmark's Maple. Jean is a family man and factory worker who dreams of becoming a songwriter. Pining his hopes on his teenage daughter Marva, he takes her to singing contests in which the awkward and overweight girl struggles to belt out a tune. After losing his job, Jean kidnaps the most famous pop star in the country and holds her hostage demanding to be heard by the music industry. Stars Josse De Pauw and Werner De Smedt.

AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS

The story tells of a veteran publicist (Billy Crystal) who tries to push a troubled film starring Gwen (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Eddie (John Cusack), a once happy A-list couple who is divorcing. To the publicist's dismay, the director of the troubled film has taken the print hostage, leaving him with nothing to show the press except the two actors, who show up to promote the film. Also featured are Hank Azaria as Gwen's new boyfriend, Christopher Walken as the director and Julia Roberts.

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drew actors from Detroit, Chicago and Toledo for auditions; New York actors submitted resumes.

"I'm particularly excited about the juxtaposition of two plays and that Gillian Eaton is back directing, and the equity actors are particularly gifted," said Neville-Andrews.

Eaton returns to the festival for a second year, this time to direct *Comedy of Errors*. The Plymouth actress founded her own touring company, *Shakespeareance*, just so she could produce the Bard's words. An actress with the Royal Shakespeare Company in the early 1970s, Eaton thinks more audiences and actors would enjoy Shakespeare if they were able to watch or work with the plays as she and *Shakespeareance* did when performing a spoof at the Plymouth Community Arts Council last October. *Shakespeareance* co-founder Terry Heck and her husband, John Seiber, both equity actors, appear in *Comedy of Errors*.

Set in the 1950s in Syracuse and Ephesus, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival production remains true to the text, which spins a tale about mistaken identities, but updates the Bard's words by adding music.

"We're using music of 1950s hoping people will come out and have a Twist contest," said Eaton, who moved to the U.S. six years ago from London. Since then she's directed Shakespeare and taught at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit. After the Michigan Shakespeare Festival closes, Eaton directs *Dear Liar* at the Center Repertory Theatre in San Francisco then *Romeo and Juliet* at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in October. In January, she performs in *Elizabeth Rex* at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor.

"I wanted to contrast *Macbeth*," said Eaton. "I thought we would make it fun and light. One of the reasons I chose to set it in the 1950s is because dealing with heat is a problem. The attire of the 1950s is less cum-

Michigan Shakespeare Festival
What: Presents *Macbeth* and *Comedy of Errors*
When: Opens with a *Macbeth* preview Tuesday, July 17, and continues Thursday-Sunday through Aug. 5
Where: Ella Sharp Park, Jackson. For directions, call (517) 787-8200, Ext. 3244
Tickets: \$14, \$8 children ages 12 and under, \$12 preview, \$12 afterglow July 19 and 20. Call (517) 782-3221 or visit the Web, site www.michshakespeare.org
Family show
Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22, 28-29 and Aug. 4-5. Tickets \$6, children younger than 12 free

bersome than Elizabethan frocks.

"Even though we began rehearsing in mid-June in the same hall as the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, the challenge doesn't begin until we get outdoors. Performing in an outdoor venue is much different because there are no boundaries. It requires more projection by actors, more commitment on the audience's part because of distractions. You can't create a mood by lighting."

Children's theater

As if offering two Shakespeare productions back to back weren't enough to attract the attention of theater goers, Neville-Andrews plays to children by offering free admission for ages 12 and under to *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*.

"Adults as well as children will be interested in *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*," said director Timm Richardson. "I think it will be a hoot for the kids but it doesn't patronize them. It's a piece of wonderful children's theater with lots of audience participation. It breaks the fourth wall all over the place."

"This is one hungry wolf who doesn't care what he eats. It's a combination, *Three Little Pigs* and *Little Red Riding Hood* all in one story. It's very fun stuff for children. I don't believe in trying to scare children. We have a 5-foot-four wolf - Cornelius B. Wolf. We used B.B. King music instead of the theme from *Jaws* called for in the story. We've got a French woodsman

who's a leftover 1950s Beatnik and Red is a Valley girl."

The eight cast members should help ease the fears of children as well. Richardson, drama director at Lumen Christi High School in Jackson, chose high school and college students to play the parts.

"We wanted the local young people involved to be getting an extremely professional experience," said Richardson. "When they got contracts in the mail they were surprised. I told them we take care of everything else. All you have to worry about is your role."

Jeffrey Stringer isn't as worried about his roles as the weather. Last year's production of *Richard III* proved to be rather surreal when a torrential rain storm set the mood for the final act.

Stringer plays, the porter and Caithness in *Macbeth* and bit parts in *Comedy of Errors*.

"It's been fun, a nice group of people, easy to work with but it has its moments. The biggest adjustment is the volume," said Stringer, a writer and copy editor for Border's headquarters in Ann Arbor. "My favorite performance was *Richard III*. There was a rain storm for one of the night shows and by the final sword fight it was pouring rain but we finished and it was an amazing experience."

"Performing outside is such a neat experience. I describe it as a lot like being at camp. It's this peaceful, beautiful environment."

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BENEFITS

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
 Presents a Benefit Golf Outing Wednesday, July 25 at Greystone Golf Course on Mound Road and 32 Mile in Romeo. Register by July 10. (248)650-2655.

DOWNRIVER COUNCIL

FOR THE ARTS
 The Home Gallery presents a fine-arts sale and exhibition through Sept. 29 to support the Ashes to Action Fund which provides assistance to artists affected by the March 16 fire in Wyandotte. Artists wishing to participate in *Ashes + Action = Art* should call (734)287-6103.

CALL FOR ARTISTS & AUDITIONS

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Cranbrook Gardens is providing the landscape. Amateur photographers are invited to take photographs and submit them by Aug. 15. A week-long exhibition of all entries will take place in the public hall and winners will be honored on the exhibit's opening night. For entry forms and information, call (248)645-3149.

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Seeking artists to submit their hand-crafted art objects for possible inclusion in the Holiday Shop 2001, showcasing Christmas and Hanukkah merchandise, fine jewelry and costume pieces, hand-blown glass, garden and home decor, ceramics, wood and more. Items can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 23 and 24. (248)644-0866, ext. 101.

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Now accepting applications for a juried arts and crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application call Deb at (248)477-5837.

LATINO EXHIBITION

The Creative Arts Center, north Oakland County, is accepting entries for the 2001 Latino Artists Juried Exhibition. Selected works will be featured in an exhibition entitled *Salsa: Colorful Expressions of Latino Culture* Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. The grand prize winner will win a one-person show at the center. Open to Latino artists, 18 years or older living in southeast Michigan. For an entry form and more information, call Colleen Hunt at (248)333-7849.

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This group of professional artists has an opening for a working artist looking for gallery exposure. All media will be considered for jury. Mail letter of interest, slides, resume and SASE to: Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, MI 48923. For more information, call (248) 334-6716 or Kris at (248)360-2381.

MEADOW BROOK

THEATRE GUILD
 Spotlights Arts and Craft Show is in need of artisans to jury for the show being held Sept. 7-8 at the Rochester Elks Club in downtown Rochester. Indoor and outdoor space available. For information, call (248) 341-7608 or (248)851-8681.

SPOTLIGHT ARTS AND CRAFTS

Quality vendors are sought for this juried 11th annual show held Sept. 7-8 at the Rochester Elks Club in downtown Rochester. Indoor and outdoor space available. (248) 641-7608 or (248)651-8681.

TELEVISION SEARCH

Global Entertainment Television is auditioning for television

shows on WB20 and Pax31. We are looking for host, cohost, singers, rappers, comics, dancers, models, actors and actresses. Auditions held in July. Audition packages cost \$20. Write: Global Entertainment Television, 320 E. Maple, #298, Birmingham, MI 48009. Attn: Auditions. (248)557-5930.

CLASSES

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
 Offers adult courses for skilled and beginning artists throughout the summer beginning the week of July 9 in downtown Ann Arbor. Eight-week courses include drawing, ceramics, printmaking, jewelry design, and painting. Specialized courses include: bookmaking July 16; mosaic masterpieces July 24-Aug. 2; and shoe art July 22. To register, call (734)994-8004, ext. 101 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org

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CONCERTS

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP

Presents an opera based on an Old Testament story at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: July 18, Aug. 1 and 15. The opera entitled *Ruth* is in celebration of the camp's 35th anniversary. For more information, call (800)221-3796.

CONCERTS AT ZOO

Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. are concert nights at the Detroit Zoo featuring jazz, blues and children's music. Woodward and 10 Mile off I-696 in Royal Oak. (248)541-5835.

JAZZFEST

Jazzfest 2001 will begin with a Kickoff Party Wednesday, July 18 at the Birmingham Community House. The festival runs from July 19-21. For more information, call (248)644-5832.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Livonia Parks and Recreation and Livonia Arts Commission present Thursday night concerts from 7:30-9 p.m. through Aug. 23 at Civic Center Park, Greenmead Historical Village and Wilson Historical Barn.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra heads to Meadow Brook Music Festival, for a five-week summer session July 13-Aug. 12.

Featured July 13 is *American Fanfare*; July 14: *New World Symphony*; July 15 *An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein*. Located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For tickets, call Orchestra Hall box office at (313)576-5111 or TicketMaster at (248)645-6666.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERT SERIES

Jazz vocalist Sheila Landis and her band Brazilian Love Affair will perform at the Southfield Gazebo Concert Series Wednesday, July 18. The outdoor concert is at the Burgh Historical Park gazebo, at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, beginning at 7 p.m. Come early for a picnic meal and bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. (248)424-9022.

STARS IN THE PARK

A free concert series returns to Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road just south of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Bring a picnic dinner and lawn chairs or blankets Thursdays at 8 p.m. through Aug. 16. (248)473-1856.

UMS CHORAL UNION

Invites singers to participate in the choral reading sessions, Summer Sing, July 18, 23 and 30. Come as you are to these no audition, no performance music-making evenings. For more information, contact choralunion@umich.edu or call (734)763-8996.

DANCE

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

Offers dance and yoga workshops July 9-23. 5961 John R., Troy. To register, call (248)828-4080.

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istrations for fall enrollment. 16312 Middlebelt, Livonia. (734)524-0104.

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EVENTS

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The 26th Annual Royal Oak Antiqua and Garage Sale will feature more than 300 vendors of fine furniture, clothing, books, jewelry and collectibles July 14-15. Center Street Parking Garage, two blocks south of 11 Mile in Royal Oak off I-696 or I-75. For more information, call the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce at (248)547-4000.

CANSTRUCTION

Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Detroit Tigers present CANSTRUCTION, sculptural art created entirely from canned food displayed on the concourse at Comerica Park July 31 - Aug. 6. The food will be donated to Gleaners following the Tigers seven game home-stand. For more information, visit www.gcfb.org or call (313)923-3535.

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TEEN TRAVEL CAMP

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TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

The Youth Music Theatre of Detroit is offering classes in performing arts skills and participation in a full-length production for children through young adults July 16-27 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. (313)535-8962.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

CASS CAFE

Opens July 14 - *We Do The Work* part II, an exhibition of photography of people at work. An opening reception is planned from 7-10 p.m. July 14 and the exhibit runs through Labor Day. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313)831-1400.

CENTER GALLERIES

Opens July 19 - *Connections* featuring works by 100 high school

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through July 29 - *Well Heeled: A Shoe Exhibition*. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Works of local artist Hamil Ma on location at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5325 Elliot Dr., Suite 109, through Aug. 7, and Espresso Royale Café, 324 S. State, July 10-Aug. 21. (734)994-8004, ext. 101.

CENTER GALLERIES

Through July 15 - *New Work/New York* featuring new work by emerging and established artists in New York City. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313)664-7800.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through July 27 - The gallery will host the 2001 Alumni Exhibition. (313)577-2423.

CPOP GALLERY

Through July 29 - *Acid Burners* 4, Scott Chester's design imagery for motorcycles, helmets and riding equipment, and *Clapping and Shouting Disturbs the Animals*, paintings by Steven Verriest. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-9901.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through July 13 - *Sampler*. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313)832-8540, ext. 12.

DETROIT ZOO

Through Sept. 3 - *Quit Buggin' Me: a glass sculpture exhibit* in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. 8450 W. Ten Mile, Royal Oak. (248)398-0903.

GALLERY 212

Through July 15 - *Idle Rumors*, an all-media juried exhibition. 207 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734)665-8224.

GATE VI GALLERY

Through July 13 - Barbara Eko Murphy's watercolor paintings. Novi Civic Center atrium. 45175 W. Ten Mile. (248)347-0400.

HERMITAGE GALLERY

Through July 30 - *Paris*, an exhibit of paintings by Christa Kieffer and Robert Lebron. 235 Main, Rochester. (248)656-8559.

HILL GALLERY

Through summer - *The Buckeye Family*, four figures carved by green grocer Joe C. Lee in Overton County, TN, circa 1925, are on display. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248)540-9288.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through July 14 - Recent figurative paintings by Detroit artist Charles Pompilius. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248)433-3700.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through Aug. 17 - *Invitational '01: Under One Roof!* 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248)334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through July 14 - *RE: production*, the manufacture of multiple objects to create unique works of art. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248)591-6623.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through July 30 - Woodcut Prints will be on display at Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington. (734)466-2490. Arts Commissioners - Past and Present will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery and Livonia Fly Fisherman Display will be at Livonia Civic Center Library through July. 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. (734)466-2540.

RONALD PAVSNER

Through summer - An exhibition of new prints, paintings and sculptures by Ronald Pavsner at the Java Hutt, next to the Birmingham Theatre, downtown Birmingham.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through July 21 - *Incubation Series* features works of Scott Chamberlain and Bonnie Seeman. Stratton Gallery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313)822-0954.

REVOLUTION

Through Aug. 4 - Selected works by gallery artists. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248)541-3444.

SAPER GALLERIES

Through July - Abrishami Hessam's recent works on display. 433 Albert, East Lansing. Call toll free (877)537-5251.

SMITHSONIAN TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future, a touring exhibit, will be on display at Ironwood Theatre through Aug. 24. From there the exhibit will travel to Presque Isle County Historical Museum in Rogers City

Sept. 12 - Oct. 28 and Leelanau Historical Museum in Leland Nov. 4 - Jan. 1, 2002. To contact the Ironwood Theatre, call (906) 932-0618 or on-line at office@ironwoodtheatre.org

TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY GALLERIES

Through July 31 - Ion Pandeles' figurative paintings in *An European Vision in American Painting*. Eileen Galvin's photographic display *Canna/Hosta Abstracts, Burst of Color* abstract collages by Jane Rogers, and *The Art of Stained Glass* by Louis Gervais. Items on sale. 510 W. Big Beaver. (248)524-3543.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WARREN TRI-COUNTY

Through July 22 - *WhowhatwhenWEARwhy*, featuring wearable works. Warren Robbins Gallery, Second Floor of U of M School of Art and Design, 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. For information, contact jnklein@umich.edu

FINE ARTS

Through July 31 - Officers and board members artwork will be displayed at the Warren City Hall Gallery, North Corridor, 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810)754-1466.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through July 28 - Kevin Donahue: *Paintings and Drawings*. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734)761-2287.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Through July 27 - 2001 Alumni Exhibition. Community Arts Gallery, 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit. (313)577-2423.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

July 14 - The Sixth Annual Serious Moonlight features fine foods, wines, a complimentary open bar, performances, moonlit dancing and a silent auction featuring the work of more than 90 alumni and others.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through July 22 - *Dance of the Forest Spirits*. A set of native American Masks. Abelardo Morell and the Camera Eye. Through Sept. 2 - *Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography* featuring works of 100 photographers documenting the black experience from slavery through present day. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-4005.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Presents *Photographer to the World: The Detroit Publishing Company* through Jan. 6, 2002 featuring 19th and 20th Century photographs and color lithographs. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. (313)271-1620

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Aug. 12 - *Paintings and Prints by Milton Kammitt*. Through Aug. 12 - *Word and Image*. Through Sept. 23 - *In Human Touch: Photographs by Ernestine Ruben*. Through Oct. 21 - *Albert Kahn: Inspiration for the Modern*, an architectural exhibit. 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. (734)764-0395.

THEATER

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Offers a summer enrichment series. Learning @ the Opera House featuring lectures, workshops, performances and demonstrations for all ages. The series runs through July 31 and Aug. 1-26. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313)961-3500.

MATRIX THEATER

Presents *Once Was Paradise*, a production featuring actors and puppets presenting Detroit's ecological history with scenes from various eras. The production is part of the city's 300th anniversary celebration with performances July 18-21 at Clark Park, located at Scotten and Bagley roads, July 25-29 at the Detroit Zoo and Aug. 3 at Belle Isle. (313)967-0999

FLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

Michigan's only professional African American theater company presents *Continued Warm* July 14 - Aug. 5 at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The play is about the Belle Isle Riot of 1943. For tickets, call (313)872-0279.

Viewing art



Pretty in pink: Pompeii - 2000 from the collection of Brenda and Ira Jaffe is one of Charles Pompilius' recent paintings on display at David Klein Gallery, 163 Townsend in Birmingham, through July 14.

MEADOW BROOK HALL

Offers summer tours and luncheons through Aug. 31. Dodge Brothers Motor Car Exhibition through Sept. 30 and Tea on Tuesdays, the third Tuesday of each month from 3-4:30 p.m. The next tea is July 17. Reservations are required by calling (248)370-3140.

FOR KIDS

COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMPS

The City of Wixom Community Services is hosting a wide variety of youth camps in July and August, including sports, science, horseback riding and more. (248)624-2850.

DINOSAUR CAMP

The University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History has added a second session of Dinosaur Adventure Camp for children who will be entering first or second grade in the fall. The new session is July 23-27 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor. (734)647-6421.

MICHIGAN DANCE EXPRESS

Sponsoring the ninth annual summer camp, a sleepover, for dancers ages 8 and up July 22-26 in Fenton. Call (734)397-9755 or (313)562-1203.

SECOND CITY SUMMER CAMP

The Second City comedy theater has a summer camp for kids ages 10-16 through August. The two-week camps are designed to help kids become energetic, outgoing and creative performers. (313)471-3453.

SUMMER ART CAMP

D&M Studios, Canton Leisure Services and the City of Plymouth Recreation Department

students from Detroit and Windsor honoring Detroit's 300th birthday runs through Aug. 11. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313)664-7800.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Opens July 15 - Gordon Newton: *Works on Paper*, a retrospective exhibition of the Detroit's Cass Corridor artist's 30-year career, runs through Oct. 14. *Building Detroit*, a look at the city's architectural achievements, runs through Sept. 30. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-4005.

JANICE CHARACH

EPSTEIN GALLERY
 Opens July 12 - Anna Lentsch, a contemporary painter from Barcelona, presents her works through Aug. 30. An opening reception is planned 6:30-8 p.m. July 12. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248)661-7641.

FORD GALLERY

Opens July 16 - *Connections*, prints by Jay Langone are on display through July 20. Eastern Michigan University Campus, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti. (734)487-0465.

GALLERY 212

Opens July 20 - *Subversive Influence*, an all-media show featuring nationally and internationally recognized artists, is open through Aug. 12 with an artist reception July 27. 207 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. www.gallery212.org

GATE VI GALLERY

Opens July 16 - Photography by Linda Solomon through Aug. 14. Novi Civic Center atrium, 45175 W. Ten Mile. (248)347-0400.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Estleman's executioner a fascinating character

The Master Executioner, by Loren D. Estleman (Tom Doherty Associates, \$23.95).

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Loren Estleman's writing is enough to make you believe in reincarnation. Many moons ago, this contemporary Michigan author surely lived the life of the American frontiersman. Otherwise, how could he re-create that part of our history with the verve and authenticity he brings to his Western tales? Perhaps he was the sheriff sporting that nickel-plated star. Perhaps he was a well-traveled gunslinger. Or perhaps he was that odd bird, the hangman, who not only tripped the lever, but painstakingly constructed the lethal gallows.

Most of us, when we think about the Old West, tend to think about the lawmen and the gunslingers. We don't often entertain detailed images of a hangman. Chances are excellent, however, that, once you've read The Master Executioner, you'll find this member of that long-ago community impossible to forget.

As this story begins, Pennsylvania native Oscar Stone is a young veteran of the Civil War. With the War over and with no real education, he finds himself at loose ends, and begins to direct his dreams toward the golden horizon of the West.

But how to pay his way there, and what should he do to support himself in the strange, new place? Because of his father's experiences with the land, he's repelled by the hardships of farming. Also, he can't see himself in a stultifying desk job, and he is not trained for any "higher profession."

After some thought, he decides

to apprentice himself to a carpenter named Pickerel. Stone once helped his father and brother rebuild a barn and, as a result, knows something of "routing and beveling and fitting pegs and joints." Also, he "had found the clean sharp scent of fresh sawdust intoxicating."

Honorable calling

Carpentry is "an... honorable calling," the war-weary Stone believes. More than that, it is something that does not "involve death."

Then, he and Pickerel perform their first job together—the construction of a coffin. Though Stone doesn't know it at the time, nearly all the remainder of his life's work will involve death. After traveling west, he gains a kind of infamy as an accomplished gallows-builder and ultimately as a newsworthy executioner, growing—with each hanging—in knowledge and exquisite precision.

Lonely route

Throughout, he travels from the prairies of Idaho to the wilds of Wyoming to the burgeoning city of Denver, and many points between—just about any place, in fact, where a hanging needs doing properly and with dispatch.

It seems a particularly odd profession for any man, but maybe especially for Oscar Stone—who, as a boy, couldn't even wring a bird's neck and, during the War, once witnessed a horrendously grisly hanging. But Estleman carefully weaves the tale so that we can see how time, circumstance, and Stone's own psychological landscape might determine the lonely route his life takes. In this richly detailed world, we join up with a wagon train headed for Kansas,

feel every painful jolt of the homely mud wagons that traverse "the territories," visit the prisons and jails of the day, walk the muddy streets, read the newspapers (and meet some of the ink-stained journalists), get acquainted with hotels, restaurants, saloons and brothels from Colorado to Montana. We glimpse everything from tiny turnip watches to great, hissing locomotives. We can almost feel the rough texture of that sugar sack dropped over the head of the condemned prisoner just before hanging, almost see that blue flame spewing from the body of the dying prisoner in that newfangled contraption, the electric chair. (This is not a book for the squeamish.)

Through lively language and sensitive insight, Estleman consistently succeeds in making the "bloodless" and appropriately named Stone a fully alive character, although he's not always clearly understood. Also adding much life to the story is Stone's first mentor, the eccentric Pickerel, plus his fellow-hangman, a whiskey-swilling devilish sort named Rudd.

Rather disappointingly, Stone's wife, Gretchen, seems something like an unconvincing heroine in a superficial romance novel, and The Master Executioner feels stronger when she's not around. Estleman's overabundance of details on how to build the perfect gallows also tends to diminish the momentum of the story a bit.

These are tiny bones to pick, however, in a fascinating (and cinematic) novel that is ultimately every bit as memorable as its title character.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, theater and movies for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to kwygonik@homecomm.net

The Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield in Oak Park, has the following event planned:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 New York Times best-selling author E. Lynn Harris will appear to read and sign copies of his latest bestseller Any Way the Wind Blows, a short novel of revenge that will be on the top of summer reading lists from coast to coast. Since the publication of E. Lynn Harris's stunning debut novel Invisible Life, millions of readers have laughed, cried and anguished along with his unforgettable cast of characters. Now his legions of fans will get another chance this summer to hoot, howl, and kick up some sand with his naughty new beach novel. This new novel continues to develop some of his well-known characters, especially the terminally bisexual and good-looking gadabout Basil Henderson and also introduces some well new spices to the mix. With just the right amounts of wickedness, love, and compassion, Harris' masterful storytelling and delicious plot twists will have fans and newcomers alike frantically turning the pages.

Harris has written five previous novels, including Invisible Life, Just as I Am, And This Too Shall Pass and If This World Were Mine. In 1996 Just as I Am won the Novel of the Year Prize by the Blackboard African-American Bestsellers, Inc. If This World Were Mine was nominated for the 1997 NAACP Image Award and

won the James Baldwin Award for Literary Excellence. In 2000 Harris was named one of the 55 Most Intriguing African Americans by Ebony and inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. He divides his time between Chicago and New York. Call 248-968-1190 for further information.

Barnes & Noble, at 2800 S. Rochester in Rochester Hills, has the following events planned:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 The Captain Underpants Club welcomes Kurt Hassler, first-time author of one of Sleeping Bear Press' newest children's books, Hannah and the Homunculus. Hassler will be available for book signing, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 Harry Potter Club meets at 7 p.m. Will it be Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin? Each month, new Hogwarts students will put on the Sorting Hat. Join for games, projects and a sneak preview of Harry's birthday celebration.

FRIDAY, JULY 27/SAT., JULY 28 A Visit with Biscuit, 7 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday. Join us for storytime and read all about Biscuit, a wonderful yellow puppy who's come for a special visit.

SUNDAY, JULY 29 Crazy Science Fun at 1 p.m. Explore the unusual, the incredible and the just plain ordinary with expert Phil Walker, scientist extraordinaire. Join us for the second of three special summer science events—Kitchen Science! Registration recommended.

TUESDAY, JULY 31 Harry Potter Birthday Party. Born July 31, 1980, Harry Potter unwittingly started a life of adventure.

A party for all ages, 7 p.m. Borders Books, Music, Video & a Cafe, 1122 S. Rochester in Rochester Hills, has the following events planned:

THURSDAYS Borders and Mr. Don want to remind folks that reading aloud is not just for tykes with a program titled Reading Without a Net. Stop into Borders at 7 p.m. to experience the neglected art of reading aloud. It isn't radio, or TV; it's live.

FRIDAYS Toddler Time with Ms. Allison presents stories and songs and lots of wiggle room for children 4-under. Older kids are welcomed to come along, 10 a.m.

Southfield Public Library has the following announcements:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Volunteers play an important part in the Southfield Public Library organization, participating in many jobs that help to provide the public with excellent library service. For more information on becoming a volunteer, click on: www.metronet.lib.mi.us/SFLD/volunteer_job_description.html

For information about these programs at the library, begin on the Library's Home Page, www.sfldlib.org, click on Events & Programs, then click on "Of Current Interest" or "Library Calendar." Any questions or to register for a program, call (248) 948-0470.

Waldenbooks, at 2899 W. Big Beaver in Troy, has the following event:

SUNDAY, JULY 8 Russ McLogan, author of the book Boy Soldier: Coming of Age During World War II, will autograph copies and swap war stories with you.

Detroit Zoo sounds off for summer

What better way to wind down after a long day at the office than to enjoy a concert at the Detroit Zoo?

The Summer Concert Series at the Zoo is underway and continues every Wednesday through Aug. 29.

Shows are staged from 6-7:30 p.m., on the zoo's scenic front lawn. The zoo stays open until 8 p.m., on Wednesdays, so visitors can enjoy seeing the animals as well as listening to music.

Concerts are included with admission to the zoo. Here's a schedule of this month's performances:

- July 11—Gemini (children's)
July 18—Blackman/Arnold world Jazz Band (world/jazz)
July 25—Bugs Beddow Band (blues)
Aug. 1—Ray Kamalay Red Hot Peppers (jazz)
Aug. 8—James Coffey's Animal Groove (children's)

- Aug. 15—Henry Ford Community College Big Band (jazz)
Aug. 22—Alberta Adams & Blues Crew (blues)
Aug. 29—Kathy Kosin (jazz)

Admission to the zoo is \$8 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens, age 62 and over and for children, ages 2-19. The zoo is located on 10 Mile, just west of Woodward, Royal Oak.

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Showcase West



Artists Through the Years: This watercolor by Jack Olds is one of the works in an exhibit by past and present Livonia Arts Commissioners.

introduce the winners. Leo, Alicia Elster, Barry Knister and Virginia Parker judged the competition as members of Detroit Women Writers, an organization composed of men and women dedicated to encouraging writing of the highest professional standards.

OPENING RECEPTION

The photographic work of Brian Watkins, a 1972 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, will be featured in a memorial show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction. An opening reception is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Sunday, July 15.

Watkins, who worked several years as a photo editor for The Crier, was well known in the Plymouth area for his photographs and striking black and white photo etchings.

After his death two years ago, a former teacher and friend, Barbara Masters, decided to publish a small folio of Watkins work to commemorate his talent and raise money for the education of his daughter Jessica Trieskey. The folio, which was assembled with the help of a number of Watkins' friends, will be for sale at the arts council on the day of the reception. After that, copies will be available at Frameworks in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

ARTISTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Past and present Livonia Arts Commissioners continue to show their work through Tuesday, July 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Variety best describes the paintings, ceramics and sculpture in *Artists Through the Years*. Dedicated to the memory of Marie Tuthill, the exhibit features florals and country landscapes by the late Livonia resident who was one of the founding members of the arts commission as well as an award winning painter.

Cliff Dwellers by Robert Sheridan take viewers to another time and place with its long blue and earth-colored architecture. Sara Dickens makes a room seem surreal by placing a peach in an out-of-the-ordinary place. The focal point keeps the eye moving and the viewer wondering what it means.

Barbara Stewart's painting *Portnoy's trunk* gives color to the staid white Livonia landmark known as Bates Hamburgers while Bill Thompson's watercolors vibrate with reds and oranges. Elect Stamelos goes large scale with her paintings which include a bug-eaten cabbage intricate detail. Subtlety is the key when describing Jo Griffin's *trunk show*.

Witt's blue collage of butterflies. Depending on your taste, there's something here for everyone although not all of the work is for sale.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For more information, call (734) 466-2536.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues its Music in the Park series with Matt Watroba and Robert Jones noon Wednesday, July 11 in Kellogg

Park, Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail, and Penniman, Plymouth.

Can't make that date? The music continues July 19 with Josh White, Jr., July 26 Liberty Brass Quintet (members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra), Aug. 1 The Music Lady Beverly Meyer, Aug. 8 Laz of Gemini, Aug. 15, Chautauqua Express, and Aug. 15 Marc Thomas & Max the Moose. For information, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

ARTIST OPENING

Meet Canton artist Jim Isakson at a reception for the opening of his exhibit 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at Workbench Contemporary Furniture, 410 North Fourth, Ann Arbor. The display is part of the Ann Arbor Art Center's Exhibitions on Location Program. For information, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 104.

Metamorphic Transmission, a one-man show of his pointillist paintings, continues to Aug. 12 in Ann Arbor. The collection features new, recent and earlier work. Isakson's love of nature shines through the precise dots of paint that capture natural forms in abstract style. A graduate of Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, Isakson uses vibrant colors and swirling shapes to show spiritual energy and movement that is prevalent in nature.

WRITERS READING

Seven writers from southeastern Michigan and two from Canada will read their winning entries in the Detroit Women Writer's-sponsored Detroit Tricentennial Writing Competition 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main.

To register for the program, call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Writers competed in the categories of poetry, short story, and creative non-fiction. Among the winners are Bloomfield Hills resident Kathleen Walsh Spencer, and Robin Gaines and Shirley Weimar of Northville. Kathleen Ripley Leo, a Northville author and project coordinator, will

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the stores are packed with merchandise that is less than three months old. This translates to big deals for attentive shoppers, who can save nearly half off on great in-season styles that can carry into early fall.

The bargain trap
 While many savvy shoppers may be tempted to hit the outlet malls to save big dollars, be wary: the majority of the merchandise there is seasons old. What consumers don't know is most often, the merchandise is made specifically by the designer for that outlet store. This summer's hot sales at local retailers provide an unprecedented opportunity to top designer fashions at unbeatable prices.

Transitional wear
 With wallet in hand, you're ready to hit the town shopping for those great summer bargains. Select items that are heavier-looking (meaning no linen or sheers) yet are lightweight enough to wear for early fall. As a smart shopper, you can buy your fall wardrobe now and save it until September. Key hues are khaki, onyx, gunmetal gray, rich brown and gem tones of ruby, emerald and sapphire. Finding the right fabrics can keep you dressing smart for all seasons.

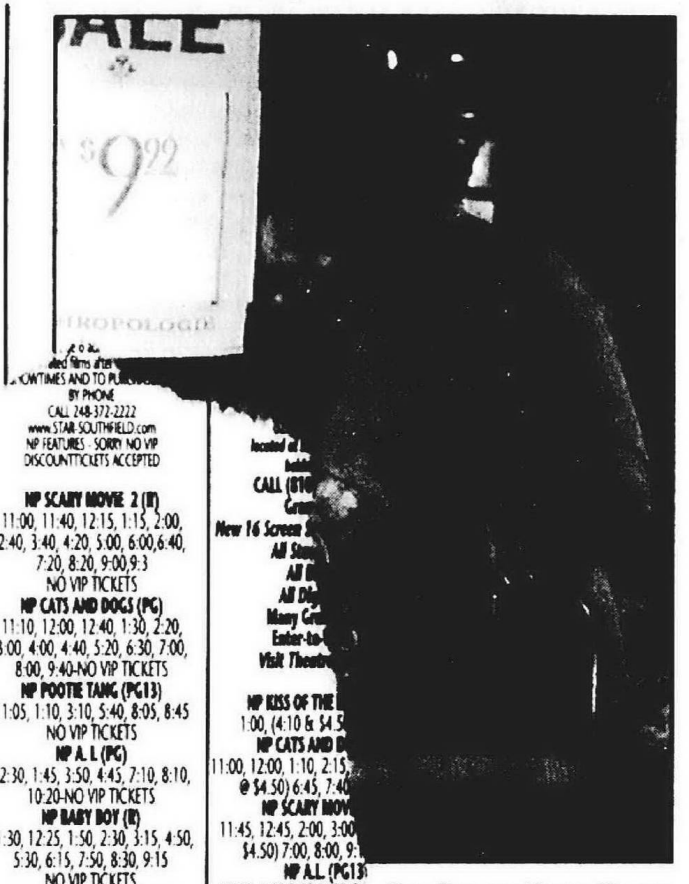
Leather and cashmere
 The once winter fabrics of leather and cashmere have become a hot year-round staple. As such, you can purchase beautiful lightweight cashmere sweaters and leather ensembles at a great price. But hurry, these two goodies have dramatically increased in production costs. Cashmere has increased twice in price since last year, due to high demand and a price hike in the industry. So now is the perfect time to invest in lightweight cashmere for day to evening looks.

This season offers great cashmere cardigans, sweaters and three-quarter length sleeve tops that are perfect for fall in great colors like camel, chocolate, ocean blue, onyx and deep pink. Pair it with a pair of leather pants, and you're ready for the new season.

Leather has become a four-season fashion staple, from leather tops to jackets and soft leather trousers. You can't go wrong with a great fitted black leather shirt or chocolate brown leather pants, and the summer sales offer the perfect way to stock up on this must-have item. There are new, ultra-thin leathers with stitched detailing, studs, embroidery and braided accents. Leather handbags also can be a new fall staple in rich colors of onyx, British tan and ruby red.

The new wool
 Heavy wools are a fabric of the past. New tropical weight wools are virtually weightless and keep their shape, unlike heavy winter wools. Whether you're looking for a new suit or planning a great getaway, summer sales present a great opportunity to build your fall ensemble. Even wool shirts in tropical weights allow the skin to breathe while looking fashion forward with stitched detailing and figure-flattering gathers.

The denim rage
 This isn't your teenybopper's denim anymore. The classic fabric gets a boost with chic denim skirts, pants, jacket and suits. The new style is 'fashion denim,' with gathers and pleats, studs and stitched detailing. Faded, dip-dyed, 'dirtied'



President Denise Marks browses through the sale table at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.

Like it or not Shopping is a large part of daily living

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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You might view shopping as a trivial, if not minor, part of your life. But the fact remains everybody shops. If you want something, you have to shop for it. And you probably spend more time participating in the activity than you think, whether you're a shopping addict who jumps into action at the sight of a mall or dislike it to the point of avoidance.

Today's market place provides numerous ways for consumers to shop, from inside the intimate quarters of a neighborhood boutique to the seemingly endless clicks and links on the Internet. However, activities in shopping malls are a good barometer of overall patterns.

Nationally, 197 million adults visited shopping centers each month in 2000 (up from 190 million per month in 1999). The result in 2000 was \$1.14 trillion in retail sales, accounting for 51 percent of non-automotive retail sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

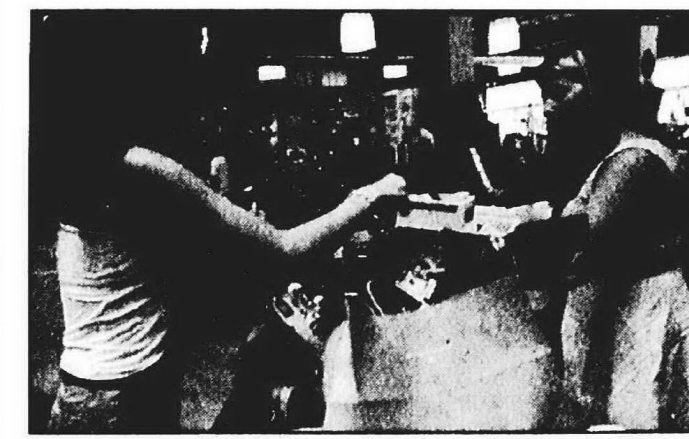
One only need consider the size of the retail industry to understand how significant the act of shopping is in everyday life, says Larry Meyer, Michigan Retailers Association chief executive officer and former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce.

"One in five people in the economy work in retail," says Meyer. "It is a very very large employment base."

More observable than the retail industry's size is its social impact, its tendency to weave itself into people's day-to-day existence.

A cup of morning java at the coffee house, photos of the kids with the Easter Bunny, Friday night movies and dinner at the mall and a summer concert series in the downtown park are social activities that revolve around the retail industry.

"Besides supplying people with things that they need and desire, retailers are providing people with activities that are recreational and social," says Meyer. "And I think our downtowns still represent our sense of community."



Right fit: Bloomfield Hills resident Maria Mori makes her final purchases at Anthropologie.



In style: Nichole Racek of Bloomfield Hills tries to find a good buy.

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 Best! of Malls and Mainstreets
 Where is your favorite shopping area?

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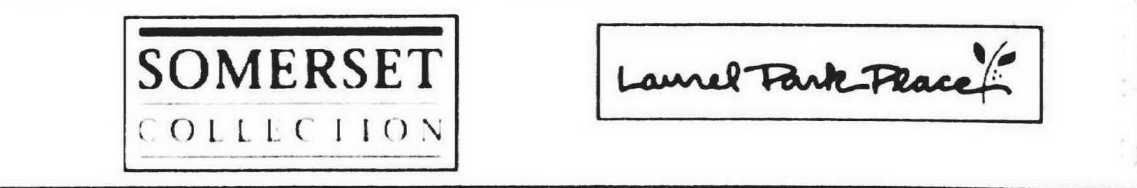
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WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

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Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- For quality posters try the Print Gallery on Northwestern and 12 mile in Southfield.

- **Sas shoes** can be purchased at the following stores: **Clawson Shoes** on 14 Mile in Clawson (248) 588-1766; **Hershey Shoe's** on Ford Road, west of Middlebelt in Garden City; **Grand Crossing Center** in Brighton; **Highlander Square** in Waterford; or on page 1061 of the **Ameritech Yellow pages**.

- For quality cast iron pots and pans try garage sales or flea markets.

- For cooking supplies try

Gold Star on Schoolcraft in Westland (734) 641-7500.

- For furniture hardware try **Gene's Hardware** on Middlebelt west of 12 mile.

FIND & SEARCH

- A radio station in the Detroit metropolitan area that has **Joan Rivers**, **Bruce William** and **Clark Howard** since they were dropped by WXYT for Margaret.

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A store in the Pontiac area that sells **Nail Tek** for nails for **Zelda**.

- A store that sells **Invisible Clean** or **CleanXClean** for Nancy who resides in Canton.

- A store in **Oakland county** that sells **Rice paper** to be used inside an oriental lamp for Carol.

- A store that repairs music boxes for Myra.

- A store that can sew an **80-inch white round bed sheet** for Irene.

- A store that sells an old-fashioned wooden playpen in good condition for Sue.

- A copy of the video from the **Marshall Field-Target 2001 fireworks** for Ashley of Redford.

- A store that sells pastel

colored plain **M&M's** for a baby shower.

- **Back issues** of the **Victoria** magazine from fall 1987; 1988 September through November; 1989 January, March, May and July for Jill of Waterford.

- A store that sells **stretch blue jeans** by **Tractor** for Aida of Southfield.

- A store that sells **Schaefer's ballpoint pen refills** for Marian of Redford.

- A store that sells a cover for a **paddle boat** for Marge of Clarkston.

- A store where a map of **Dixie Highway** from **Telegraph Road** to **Walton Boulevard** is available for purchase.

- A store where a **Niagara Cyclo Massage chair** can be bought or the name of a business that will repair a used one for Walter.

- A store that sells **Two Sisters talc powder** in a turquoise plastic bottle from California.

- A store that sells **lipstick** by **Cosmetically Yours** in shade **Mocha Frost** for Marian.

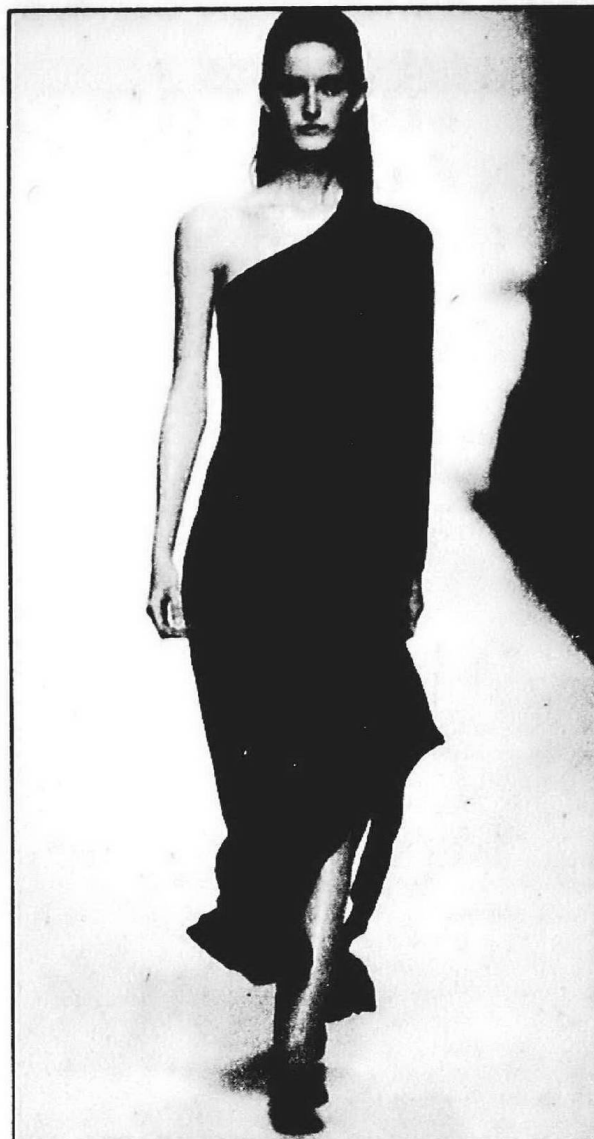
Compiled by Sandi Jarockas

Designer shows off all-season collection

Elegance and simplicity:

Take a look at the fall 2001 collection by designer **YEOHLEE**.

The collection's trunk show visits **Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier**, 29260 Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield on July 16 and 17. The collection includes all-season pieces, as well as coats for order. Trunk show runs 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Monday and 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. For additional information, please call (248) 353-2900.



Sales from previous page

and textured, the new denim is flared, tailored, dressed up or styled down. From day to evening, fashion denim is another wardrobe must.

Right shoe, left shoe

Summer's hot sales also presents the golden chance to jump feet first into the shoe bonanza. Let's face it: a girl can never have enough shoes. Save those extra dollars by finding the right style summer shoe that can easily transition into fall. Look for closed-toe slingbacks, smart loafers and pointed-toe heels in darker colors. Two-tone shoes will continue for fall, so now is the time to purchase a chocolate and mandarin orange slingback, or a sleek pump in Hermès saddle brown.

When hitting the sales racks, the key is to find classic styles in neutral colors. You can never go wrong with cashmere and leather, and finding the right shoe can pull the outfit together. Whatever the item is that you're searching for, the summer sales have never presented a better opportunity to shop smart and save.

Karen Daskas is co-owner of Tender, an upscale women's clothing boutique in Downtown Birmingham. Every season, Karen travels to Milan, Paris and London for the latest trends in ready-to-wear and accessories. For questions or concerns on winter fashion, contact Karen Daskas at Tender at 248-258-0212.

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Learn to identify fake currency

Michigan Retailers Association has two new Loss Prevention series booklets available.

How to Detect Counterfeit Currency shows retailers and their employees how to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit currency and gives tips on what to do if presented with suspected counterfeit cash. The booklet includes a section on security features added to the recently redesigned U.S. currency.

How to Prevent Return and Layaway Losses presents guidelines for developing sound store policies on merchandise returns and layaways that maintain a balance between customer satisfaction and a healthy bottom line. The booklet incorporates the latest changes to state law on

return of sales tax to customers.

The Loss Prevention series is designed to help retailers and other businesses avoid costly losses from fraud. Other titles in the series are *How to Prevent Shoplifting and Employee Theft*, *How to Prevent Bad-Check Losses* and *How to Prevent Credit Card Fraud*. The booklets are \$3 each and can be purchased from the association by contacting Retha Lachance at (800) 366-3699 or rlachance@retailers.com.

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Cottage Inn transports guests to another place, time

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After being greeted at the marina in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas on Mackinac Island, guests of The Cottage Inn are easily swept up in a magical, historic experience.

The 6,000-square-foot, three-story Inn opened Memorial Day weekend and has been entertaining and relaxing guests since, said owner Bob Benser.

Close to the boat docks that bring vacationers onto the island and five miles from the Mackinac Bridge, the Inn features 11 themed rooms with modern amenities in the turn-of-the-century style cottage. It can accommodate couples as well as

families and is perfect for weddings and other special occasions, Benser added.

Located near downtown on historic Market Street, Benser said the Inn has restaurants, parks and scenic trails close by, yet it is quiet enough for a peaceful escape.

"You'll get a warm feeling when you walk in," Benser said. The smell of fresh flowers and rich coffee mingle with the early morning risers. In the afternoon, the sweet aroma of chocolate

chip cookies may pour out of the kitchen. These personal touches add to the comfortable ambiance.

The land the structure was built on belonged to Benser's father and was one of the last pieces available for construction on the island.

Unique sense of style

The theme rooms separate The Cottage Inn from the other Inns and hotels you can rent. Working with Birmingham-based design company, La Belle Provence, it took Benser 18-months to open the Inn.

Benser's sister Leslie Benser-Luciani owns La Belle Provence and worked on the Inn with designer Gail Crawmer. Benser knew he wanted theme rooms, so the team brainstormed possibilities and found accent pieces that proved to be the finishing touches in the rooms.

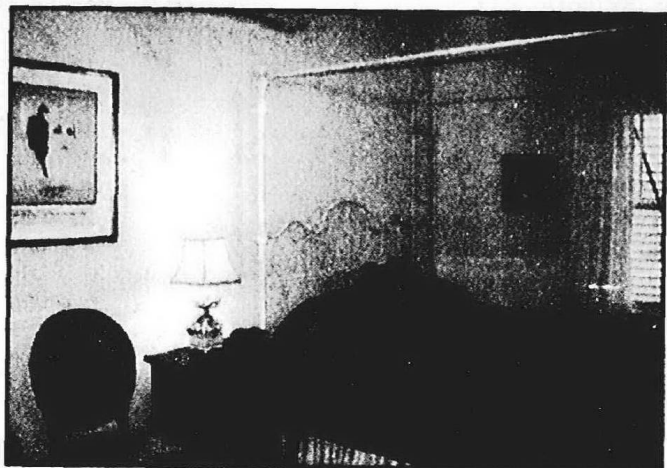
"There's only 11 rooms, so we could be a bit creative," said Benser.

All of the themes are special to Mackinac and include local history. The *Somewhere in Time* room, which was based on the movie shot on the island, centers around a large canopy bed flanked

by pictures of Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeves and is the most popular room, Benser said. It drops couples right into the romantic drama.

Other rooms embody well-known island trends, as in the Lighthouse Tower room, which features a turret. The Lilac Parlor room pays tribute to the flowers that blanket the island and the Bridge Room has vaulted ceilings and historic pictures of the Mackinac Bridge. The large Mackinac Suite is family-size and has three rooms. Benser described the Inn as "colorful and cute" and suggested that guests pick a theme when they make reservations.

Benser said most people stay a weekend, but he suggests they visit during the middle of the week when the island isn't as busy.



Historic: A large canopy bed is situated perfectly in the "Somewhere in Time" room.

"It really takes on a different complexion after the last leaves at night."

Not far from the Inn is the Stuart House (an old fur trading center) museum and Dr. John Beaumont's house. It's also close to the Father Marquette park — an early explorer of Mackinac.

"Take in all the historical sites," Benser suggested. "There's so many trails and areas to explore" and great sailing and boat-

ing. Also, the island's marina is right around the corner. Benser described the marina and said, "It's just pretty. I've never seen a prettier spot."

From June to mid-September is the peak time on Mackinac, Benser said. Weekends are filling up and Benser suggests booking soon.

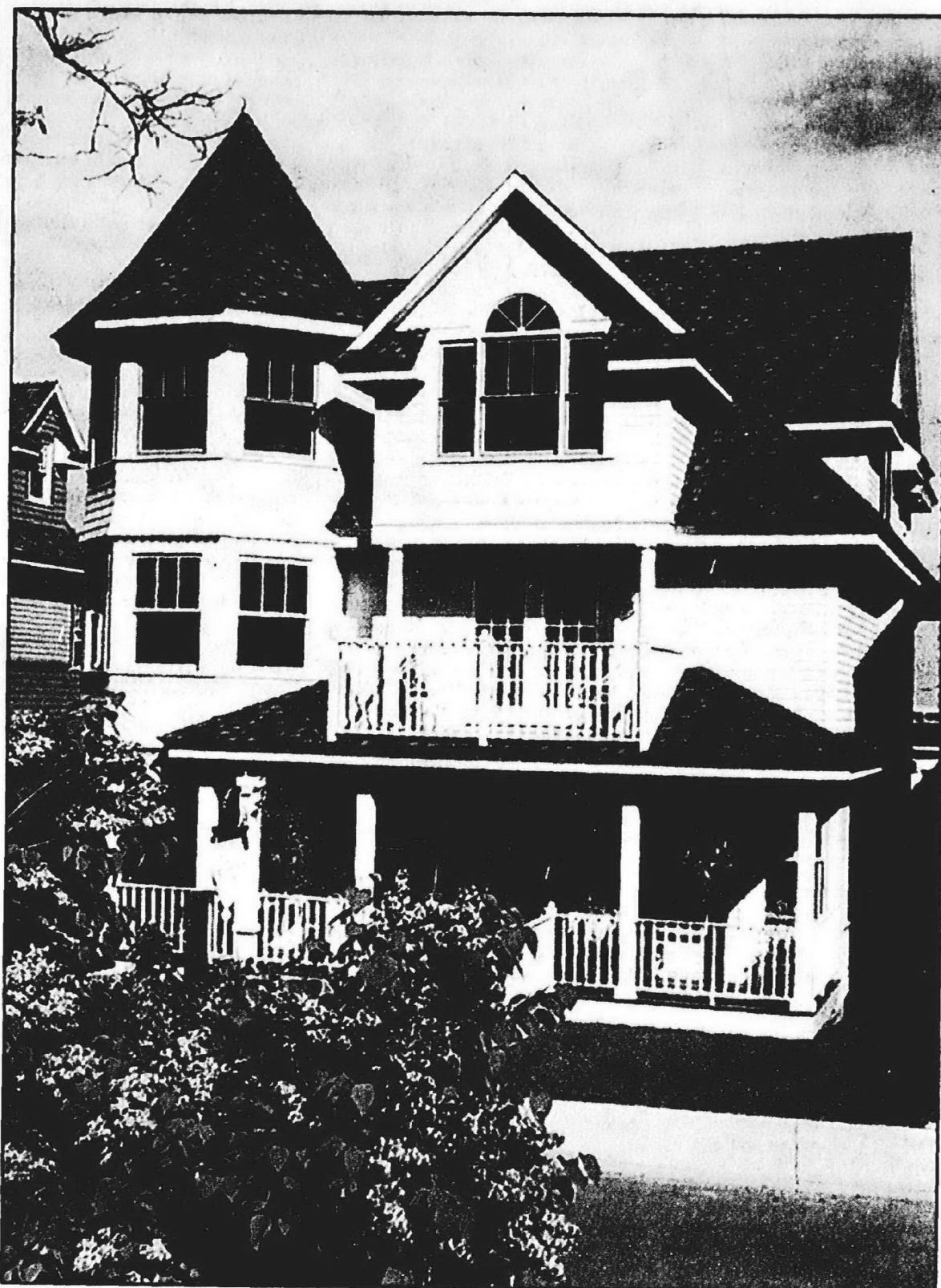
If you go

Where: The Cottage Inn is on Mackinac Island on Market Street.

Cost: During the peak season, a night's stay at the Inn is \$160-\$225.

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Varied colors, textures

Apples once arrived in red, green and pink colors, raspberries were predictably red, there were only a few varieties of bell peppers to fuss over and almost everything had a name that sounded familiar. Today our produce kingdom buzzes with new peppy veggies possessing unique names as well as shapes, colors and textures. Ever since broccoli first gave cauliflower a tint, chefs and consumers hunt for the unusual.

Since the beginning of time natural gene swaps have occurred. A seed blows into a neighboring field, or a bee extracts nectar from a previously virgin pasture, and presto, a white raspberry is created or an orange may blush pink.

Hybrids differ from open-pollinated plants in that they result from the cross-mating of two different parents of the same plant species. In the broadest sense, most vegetables are hybrids, the only exceptions, plants, such as beans, peas, lettuce and tomatoes, that cross-pollinate only through great difficulty.

But today's hybrid has a narrower legal definition to advertise and sell a product or seed. The parents must be identified and pollination controlled.

Pollinating seeds

The conventional open-pollination can happen in two ways: cross-pollination between two plants via wind, insects or water; or self-pollination between male and female flower parts contained within the same flower, or separate parts, but on the same plant.

When you hear the commonly used term heirlooms — which is a word always buzzing in the trendy cooking magazines — it is referring to older strains of open-pollinated fruits and vegetables not modified by nature or science. Up until the early 1900s, almost all cross-pollinating O.P. varieties represented this broad gene pool-based produce population.

As plant breeders learned new techniques to create more varieties of uniform and good tasting plants, fruits and vegetables, purposeful crossbreeding was born. Today biologists and farmers are culling seeds from the brightest, strongest, juiciest and most beautiful, flavorful crops and crossing them with other plant varieties producing some zany fruits and vegetables with foreign names like "Blue Gusto Pluots" (also called Dinosaur eggs).

If you began genetic engineering (a hotly debated topic of the past few years), you could come up with a doughnut peach or slicing up a zebra tomato. I must admit vegetables bearing animal names do not do much to inspire ideas for a salad course.

There is most certainly an occasional quirk of nature that will produce a new species. Yellow and seedless watermelons, eggplant in a range of color palettes, thin skinned cucumbers, golden Kiwi and purple potatoes to name but a few. However they originated, new and old produce hybrids from near

Please see **HYBRIDS, D2**



Mexican rice: Cumin seed and garlic with a cilantro and jalapeno pepper garnish help flavor this dish of Mexican rice. See recipe inside Taste.

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Our culture is infused with international cuisines. For most of us, the most common ones originate from south of the border, namely Mexico and Latin America.

The region's vast geography and history make it impossible to disentangle the cuisines of antiquity of the Aztecs, Mayans and Incas from that of the European explorers and conquerors who established permanent settlements.

Food of distinction

Mexican cooking, like that of other countries, has distinctive herbs, seasonings and spices typical of its dishes. Properly used, herbs and spices enhance the flavors of foods rather than overpower them.

The most distinctive herb of Mexican cuisine is cilantro, also called Chinese parsley, Mexican parsley or fresh coriander. It is an herb with a willowy stem and broad, flat serrated leaf. It can be used as a garnish or a seasoning and is highly aromatic with a strong, distinctive, smoky flavor. It does not store well and does not like to be stored wet.

Farmington Hills resident Louise Genovese knows cilantro well. When Genovese lived in Arizona, she grew cilantro in her backyard.

"There is no replacement for cilantro," Genovese said. "If you don't have it, the recipe will never taste the same." She advises to use the leaves and tender top stems in recipes, and discard the tough lower stems.

Genovese has an Italian heritage with strong exposure to Mexican cuisine through her daughter-in-law.

Genovese also uses chilies when making Mexican dishes. An important ingredient in Mexican cooking, chilies are used as both a seasoning and a vegetable and can be used dried, fresh or canned. There are more than 60 varieties of them.

They vary in shape and size and range in flavor from fiery hot to sweet and mild. A substance in the pepper's veins called capsaicin determines the degree of hotness.

The heat is on

The seeds of the chilies contribute to the high level of seasoning because of their close contact with the veins. The seeds have a hot taste and unpleasant texture and can be removed for a milder flavor. (Generally they are, but fans of hot foods may eat the seeds.)

Before use, the skin of the chilies is removed, usually by roasting the pod. Genovese recommends using disposable plastic gloves when handling fresh chilies to avoid getting capsaicin's "heat" on your skin and possibly into your eyes.

It also is important to use separate kitchen utensils and wash them immediately after use before using with any other foods. Genovese places all cutting boards and knives in her dishwasher after chopping chilies.

Roasted chilies have a wonderful, smoky flavor. To roast a chili, hold the pepper with tongs or a long skewer directly in a high flame above the stove. Cook until the skin blackens uniformly all the way around.

Place in a paper bag and fold closed for 5 minutes to allow the pepper to steam in the bag. Remove the pepper from the bag.

Use a small paring knife to gently peel away the burnt skin. Slit the pepper from the seedpod to the tip, cutting on one side only. Reach in the pepper and squeeze the seeds out of the pod with fingers. Rinse the pepper to remove all of the seeds and let the pepper dry thoroughly.

Salsas are versatile

The Mexican word "salsa" means sauce, and sauces play an important role in Mexican cuisine. Sauces are used not only as ingredients but also as accompaniments, dips and garnishes. Some sauces are cooked and others are prepared from raw ingredients.

Louise Genovese has experimented with many different kinds of sauces.

"I like to make my own fresh salsas, but there are such good ones in the refrigerator section at the grocery stores," Genovese said. "I can use them and still get an authentic, fresh taste." Occasionally, Genovese adds ingredients to store bought salsas, such as cilantro or even orange marmalade, to give the dish a more unusual flavor.

Mexican desserts tend to be simple with few ingredients. Fresh fruit such as pineapple, oranges, strawberries, mangoes, papaya, bananas and melons all played a part in original Mexican desserts. With the introduction of sugar cane came a variety of puddings, custards and flans

flavored with cinnamon,

almond, caramel, fruit or

cheese. Other

desserts are deep-

fried pastries

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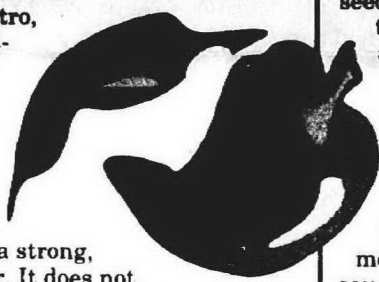
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tious and varied.

It requires simple



CHICKEN ENCHILADA BLANCO

1 can cream of chicken or mushroom soup
1/2 cup skim milk
1/2 cup sour cream, low fat
1/4 cup green onions, chopped
2 tablespoons mild green chiles, chopped
2 teaspoons garlic, minced
4 (8-inch) corn tortillas
1/2 pound chicken, cooked and diced
1 1/2 cups cheese, Mexican blend
3 tablespoons lowfat cheddar cheese, shredded
1 tablespoon black olives, sliced
2 teaspoons fresh cilantro, chopped

Wash a couple of the soup, milk, sour cream, onion, chilies, and garlic together in a large bowl until it is smooth. Season with salt. Cook chicken and dice into 1-inch pieces. Cut corn tortillas into 1-inch wide strips. Spray the bottom of 5 x 8 baking pan with pan coating. Spread 1/2 cup of sauce on the bottom of the pan. Layer about half of the corn tortilla strips on top, then cover with half of the diced chicken.

Next, add half of the shredded Mexican cheese mix on top, add half of the remaining sauce over the cheese, spread to the edges. Layer on the remaining corn strips, chicken, cheese and sauce. Sprinkle top with cheddar cheese and black olives. Cover with foil and bake at 375° F for 35-40 minutes until internal temperature is 165° F. Let stand 20 minutes before eating.

Garnish with fresh cilantro.

Nutritional information per 7 ounce serving: 455 calories, 36 grams protein, 39 grams fat, 35 grams carbohydrate, 479 mg sodium, 87 mg cholesterol.

cooking utensils and only a few special ingredients. So get out your pottery bowls, put on some guitar music and enjoy the flavors of Mexico.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts, a Clarkston resident, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 35-year-old Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management and consulting company. The firm specializes in food service management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 250 management accounts throughout the United States. See related recipes inside Taste.

Chicken salad gets healthy makeover

Chicken salad is a classic entree for summer luncheons, picnics and informal weddings.

But what we think of as a heart healthy choice is really high fat because of all the mayonnaise. It adds 30 grams of fat and 270 calories to the average individual portion.

If the usual chicken salad sounds boring or you want to lower your calorie and fat intake, try these versions. The "Unfried" Chicken Salad is a bowlful of healthy antioxidants disguised as an interesting and flavorful summer salad. The second is one of my five-minute wonders. When I described it to my food tasters for my newsletter, I was met with a chorus of doubts — until they tasted it. Now

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MURIEL WAGNER

it's a staple on their summer meals, as well as mine. See what you think!

UNFRIED CHICKEN SALAD

Chicken ingredients:

- 1 pound skinless and boneless chicken breasts cut in 2 inch chunks
- 3 tablespoons Kraft "Mayo" (fat free)
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup Italian style bread crumbs

Salad ingredients:

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's fat free ranch dressing
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 8 cups mixed lettuce (Bibb, Boston, Romaine, Leaf, etc.)
- 1 Haas avocado (dark, rough skin), peeled and sliced

- 1 bunch green onions, sliced
- 2 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup cooked or canned whole kernel corn
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Rinse chicken and dry well. Preheat oven to 425° F. Spray baking sheet. Mix mayo and mustard. Coat chicken pieces. Place bread crumbs in a plastic bag. Shake chicken in bag until well coated. Place in single layer on prepared pan. Bake until cooked thoroughly and browned (about 15 minutes). Toss salad ingredients with dressing. Top with warm chicken. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Serves 4.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 361; fat, 12.5 g.; sat. fat, 2.9 g.; cholesterol, 74 mg., and sodium, 677 mg.

Food Exchanges: 4 lean meat, 3 vegetables, 1/2 bread

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Wood Fired Products and Thisisit Shop invite barbecue lovers to experience barbecue the way it was meant to be. Featured will be Italian style wood grilled pizza.

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as a fuel source.

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readily available as well as one of nature's few renewable resources. The firebox is ergonomically positioned for comfortable cooking and is completely sealed at the bottom so ashes don't fall out and harm wood decks.

Wood Fired Products strives to provide quality built products that make wood fired cooking simple and convenient.

For additional information about their company's barbecues, visit the West Bloomfield store or call (248) 454-8817.

Miracle

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UNBELIEVABLE TWO-MINUTE CHICKEN SALAD

- 2 cooked chicken breast halves
- 8 ounces nonfat strawberry yogurt
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, washed and sliced

Tear chicken breasts into manageable pieces. Add yogurt and strawberries. Mix and serve. To dress it up, serve in a ring of peeled cantaloupe - topped with an extra large strawberry. Serves 2.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 192; fat, 6 g.; sat. fat, 0 g.; cholesterol, 0 mg. and sodium, 72 mg.

Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1 skim milk, 1/2 fruit.

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.

Hybrids from page D1

en Kiwi and purple potatoes to name but a few. However they originated, new and old produce hybrids from near and far add new color, patterns and flavors that can enliven any summertime menu and bring a spark of interest and entertainment to our everyday consumption of vegetables and fruits.

Hot new hybrids

These are the hottest new hybrids:

Lavender gems are mini grapefruits that are a tangelo-grapefruit hybrid. Their interior is a deep pink with blue overtones. It is peeled and eaten like

an orange or used in citrus sauces, dressings or chutneys. Asparagions, also known as broccolini, are a hybrid of asparagus and Chinese cabbage that resembles a skinny broccoli, designed to compete with asparagus as an "uptown" side dish.

Purple kohlrabi tastes like broccoli, but looks like a bumpy beet and does not change color when it is cooked, unlike purple asparagus and purple potatoes. Pluots are a cross between an apricot and a plum.

A cocktail avocado is the size of a finger, these pint-size babies are seedless and creamy in texture.

Kiwi berries are actually baby Kiwis the size of berries, available in green and yellow eaten whole with peel and all.

Rambutan is a close cousin of the Asian lychee, and is sweet, petite and cool.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham. Lewton is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes on D3.

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Renewing a classic salad

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

A cookbook from 1969 that I found at a thrift shop reminds me that molded salads are not limited to sparkling, swirled rings of Jell-O bejeweled with canned fruit salad and marshmallows.

Back when these dishes were part of any potluck, shower party, birthday dinner, picnic, or family gathering, rice and even cooked vegetables were also molded into a ring or other shape.

An old family favorite is a prime example. Called a "Broccoli Crown," it fits both today's passion for retro food and our resolution to eat more green vegetables. To make it, simply pile spears of cooked broccoli into a deep bowl, florets facing out, stems interlacing in the center. The bowl, tightly packed, is then covered with a plate and weighted with cans of food. Once refrigerated for a few hours and then unmolded onto a serving plate, the broccoli is revealed as an emerald dome.

My grandmother drenched this almost floral presentation in a sweet-and-sour lemon sauce too dreadful to consider. Tossing the broccoli before molding with olive oil infused with roasted garlic adds a flavor far more suited to today's tastes.

Cooked rice studded with shrimp, celery and scallions, and then packed into a ring mold produces another kind of molded salad. Cemented by a liberal amount of mayonnaise, plus pressure, it makes an eye-catching presentation. Halve small whole shrimp and arrange so they chase their tails around the bottom of the mold. When unmolded, a lovely coral procession crowns this salad dish beautifully.

This recipe calls for a blend of short-grain brown rice. Using short-grain is more important than the type of blend used because long-grain brown rice does not cling well enough to unmold nicely. Grated lemon zest adds a bright, contemporary note to the flavor of this main course salad.



Shrimp and rice: Grated lemon zest adds a bright, contemporary note to the flavor of this main course salad.

1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
1/4 cup thinly sliced scallion, green part only
1/4 cup low-fat whipped salad dressing
2 tap. dried lemon zest
Salt and freshly ground pepper, if desired
Spray inside of 1-quart plain ring mold with cooking oil spray.

Arrange whole shrimp lengthwise around bottom of mold so they touch end to end. Set aside.

In large bowl, place cooked rice, celery, tomato and scallions. Chop remaining shrimp into 1/2-inch pieces. Add to rice along with lemon zest.

Mix to combine. Mix in salad dressing until ingredients are well coated. Season to taste with salt and pepper, if desired.

Taking care not to disturb shrimp design, carefully pack rice salad into prepared mold, pressing down firmly with back of spoon. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 to 8 hours.

When ready to serve, run thin knife along both interior sides of mold. Invert serving plate over top of mold. Holding plate firmly against mold, turn over so the salad falls onto plate. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 183 calories, 3 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 27 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 133 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research. She wrote *The Joy of Soy*.

Go Mexican with these recipes

ZUCCHINI AND HOMINY (CALABACITAS CON POZOLE)

1/4 cup white onions, chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1 15-ounce can white hominy, drained
1 tablespoon lime juice, freshly squeezed
3/4 pound zucchini, sliced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin or Mexican seasoning
1 cup fresh tomatoes, chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons cilantro, chopped

Heat oil in a large skillet. Add onions and sauté slightly. Mix in hominy and lime juice. Add zucchini, salt, pepper and Mexican seasonings. Cover and steam until zucchini is fork tender.

Add fresh tomatoes and cook until hot. Garnish with fresh cilantro.

Nutritional information per one-half cup serving: 60 calories, 1.5 grams protein, 2 grams fat, 13.5 grams carbohydrate, 347 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of HDS Services.

MEXICAN RICE

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup uncooked rice
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
2 cups chicken broth
1 teaspoon cumin seed
Salt

Melt butter in a 2- to 3-quart saucepan. Add rice and cook over medium heat until golden, stirring often. Add onion, pepper and garlic; cook until onion is soft, but not brown. Stir in tomato; cook 30 seconds longer. Add broth and cumin. Bring to a boil; stir once or twice. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 15 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Salt to taste.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 183; fat, 6 grams; cholesterol, 10 mg; carbohydrates, 30 grams; sodium, 428 mg; fiber, 1 g, and protein, 4 grams.

Recipe courtesy of the USA Rice Federation.

Naadam festival begins Thursday at restaurant

A Naadam festival takes place at all bd's mongolian barbecue restaurants Thursday-Saturday, July 12-14.

Mongolians have participated in this national sports festival since the 12th century, testing their strength, skill and agility. The word "Nadaam" means

"three manly sports" with men competing in archery, wrestling and horseracing. But modern Mongolians allow women and children to compete.

In the archery category, bd's customers will compete using plastic bows and arrows. Decorated targets will be placed on

the ground. For horseracing, patrons will ride hobby horses, while wrestlers will thumb-wrestle. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

Restaurants are located in Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Novi, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights.

SHRIMP AND RICE MOLD

Canola oil cooking spray
8 ounces small fresh shrimp, cooked, peeled and halved lengthwise
3 cups cooked brown rice blend, like Lundberg's "Country Wild" or "Mahogany and Japonica Black"
1 large celery rib, finely chopped

Summer is the time for salads

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

SUMMER TOMATO SALAD

6 yellow tomatoes, sliced
6 beefsteak tomatoes, sliced
8 Roma tomatoes, sliced
2 English cucumbers, peeled
1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced
1/2 bunch fresh chives, minced
6 ounces (3/4 cup) lime cilantro vinaigrette (see below)
salt and pepper to taste

Toss vegetables in lime cilantro vinaigrette. (A nice change from the ordinary dinner salad, chicken or seafood would be great in this salad.)

LIME CILANTRO VINAIGRETTE

8 limes
4 lemons
1/2 bunch cilantro, chopped
2 teaspoons fresh garlic
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 cup each of vegetable and olive oil

Warm lemons and limes in oven or microwave and extract juice into bowl.

Add sugar to juice and whisk in cilantro, then stream oil in slowly while whisking.

CYPRESS SHRIMP SALAD

2 pounds shrimp, sized 21/25 to a pound, poached, deveined and shelled
1 cup fresh spinach, chopped
2 Roma tomatoes, diced
1/2 English cucumber, diced

1/2 bunch basil (thin strips)
1 cup artichokes, sliced
1 red bell pepper
1/4 cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup fresh chévre cheese, crumbled
Salt and pepper to taste
Vinaigrette
4 lemons
1 teaspoon garlic
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons white vinegar
3/4 cup vegetable and olive oil blend

Warm lemons in microwave or oven and extract juice into mixing bowl. Add Dijon, white vinegar and garlic. Whisk in oil blend. Toss salad with dressing.

Serve salad on plate with lettuce garnish. Great as an entrée salad or a summer party appetizer.

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Scleroderma registry

A national Scleroderma Family Registry and DNA repository has been established by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases of the National Institutes of Health. Its objective is to identify genes that influence susceptibility to scleroderma, a complex, chronic, autoimmune disease. The registry is led by Dr. Maureen D. Mayes, professor of internal medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Scleroderma refers to a group of diseases that involve the abnormal growth of connective tissue that supports skin and internal organs. Researchers believe that several factors interact to produce scleroderma, including abnormal immune activity, potential environmental triggers and genetic makeup. The disease is not passed on from parent to child, but certain genes may make a person more likely to develop it.

"This important registry and DNA repository will help us find out what genes play a role in the disease and will also be an important resource for researchers in scleroderma and related autoimmune diseases," said Dr. Stephen I. Katz, NIAMS director.

Call Marilyn Perry, registry coordinator, Scleroderma Family and DNA repository, WSU School of Medicine at (313) 966-7777, (800) 736-6864, fax: (313) 966-7776, or e-mail: mperry@wayne.edu

Stress management

Some stress can be a good thing. Yet, crisis-induced events involving injury or loss of a job or loved one often parallel day-to-day experiences, such as occupational demands, illness, insomnia, family needs and aging. Whether onset is sudden or gradual, too much stress may contribute to a decline in physical, mental and emotional health.

To aid adults facing stress-related problems, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a three-week course titled "Stressed for Success" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 8, 15 and 22 in the hospital's Pavilion Conference Room. Various coping skills, relaxation techniques, communications skills and the use of humor will be explored.

The cost is \$35. To register by Aug. 1, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Amazing mushrooms

Welcome to the world of Earth Stars, Fairy Rings, Fungal Shotguns, Terminators, Giant Puffballs, Ant Gardens, and Launching Pads — all fungi. They determine what plants grow in yards and forests and keep the planet from being buried in waste. And they can be fun.

More information about interesting fungi, such as "Penicillin: Moldy Miracle" and "Caterpillar Fungus: A Traditional Medicine," can be found at "Fun Facts About Fungi," a Web site created by Robert Fogel, University of Michigan professor of biology and curator of the U-M Herbarium's fungus collection. The site also includes experiments, puzzles, games, and more fun facts about amazing mushrooms.

By accessing the site at www.herb.lsa.umich.edu, the visitor is introduced to a number of opportunities to explore the world of fungi, including the data bases and collections of the U-M Herbarium, links to other resources.

For more information about fungi or the U-M Herbarium's Web page, contact Fogel at rfogel@umich.edu

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 Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Sisters undergo bilateral replacement surgery together



A shoulder to lean on: Sisters Catherine Crain (left) of Livonia and Sally Clarke take a stroll without the use of a walker or cane after knee replacement surgery last month. The women look forward to returning to their busy lifestyle without knee problems that have plagued them for years. They aren't the only one's who have had problems. Their 89-year-old mother, Roxy Church (left photo center), had partial and total joint replacement surgery more than 20 years ago.

As the technology of total-knee-replacement surgery has changed, so did sisters Sally Clarke and Catherine Crain's perception of the procedure.

"I'd do it all over again," said Clarke of Hudson, Fla. "I'm not sorry I waited though."

The 67-year-old Farmington Hills native said she's had knee troubles for years due to degenerative osteoarthritis and a broken leg. For the past six years, her knee disease was treated by another surgical method called knee fusion — a procedure in which the femur bone is made to fuse to the tibial bone. This results permanent and complete stiffness of the knee joint. Other treatments can include using a cane and anti-inflammatory medications.

Clarke wasn't alone in her suffering — her sister was not only sympathetic to her plight but experiencing the same problem.

"I really started to slow down and was doing less things," said Crain, 62, of Livonia. "I knew eventually I'd have to have something done and that I couldn't go another winter like I did last year. I could barely walk from the house to the car. That's when I knew my next option was knee replacement."

Crain said she'd been having trouble with her knees periodically for more than a decade. "I'd have good times and bad times." When she was having more trouble than normal, Crain received cortisone shots from her physician. Most recently, she underwent injections of a new cartilage replacement drug called Synvisc.

Despite the injections, Crain said the winter of 2000 was particularly hard on her. "I really had a difficult time getting around," said the 62 year old, who works at Botsford Child Care Center. "I made

Advancements in the technology and the material of the artificial joint have greatly improved the success rate of the procedure."

—Dr. John Swienkowski
orthopedic surgeon

an appointment with Dr. Swienkowski to have the surgery and then I called Sally ... she told me to make an appointment for her too!"

Dr. John Swienkowski, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon from Tri-County Orthopedics in Farmington Hills, has had both Crain and Clarke as patients for years. He was the doctor who set Clarke's broken leg during the 1980s and has watched the condition of the women's knee's deteriorate due to normal "wear and tear" and "hereditary arthritis."

The sisters' mother, 89-year-old Roxy Church had partial and total knee replacement surgery in 1978 and again in 1983 after her partial.

"It's definitely hereditary," said Church. "My mother had knee problems and both sisters, but at that time there was nothing they could do. Not like today."

Statistics

Nationwide, 150,000 joint replacements are done each year to remove a diseased or damaged joint and replace it with an artificial one.

According to Swienkowski, he sees more female than male patients, who are typically in their 70s

with both knees involved. "I see patients who don't want to do anything about their knee problems, but it's when they start to slow down and their general health suffers that I become even more concerned."

"Some of our patients are looking into surgery earlier to become more informed of their options, and I think that's important."

Facing total joint replacement in both knees, Crain and Clarke decided to undergo the procedure together. "We've always seen this doctor so we decided we'd take it a step further," said Clarke. "I wasn't the least bit apprehensive because I knew I'd have so much moral support from Cathy."

Coming up from Florida, Clarke consulted with Swienkowski at the end of May, just a few weeks after her sister Cathy, and both scheduled the surgery for June 12.

Swienkowski describes total joint replacement as "tongue-and-groove carpentry work" that should "fit like a glove" if the procedure is done correctly.

"Joint replacement first started out as freehand work, but the instruction has evolved and made it simpler and easier to teach to residents because everything is guided now during surgery," said the Farmington Hills orthopedic surgeon. "Advancements in the technology and the material of the artificial joint have greatly improved the success rate of the procedure."

It is now commonplace for surgeons to replace the joints in both knees because it puts the patient at less risk, Swienkowski said. Patients who undergo surgery in the morning walk in the afternoon and those who have surgery midday, walk the next morn-

Please see KNEES, D5

Water craft, boating safety should be taken seriously

Whether you're out for an evening's fishing on your favorite lake or paddling down a river in your new kayak, bring plenty of safety awareness with you when you shove off from the dock.

For the first time, Michigan's boat registrations have topped one million, with state figures showing that pre-season boat registrations stand at more than 1,000,049. More registrations are expected as summer gets under way.

"There are many new boaters on the lakes, especially those using smaller craft, and the combination of inexperience, low water and other factors means boaters need to practice extra vigilance this summer," said Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

Figures from 2000 show that boating fatalities overall are up, and nearly three of four of Michigan's boating deaths in 2000 occurred in small craft 16 feet and under.

Thirty-three persons died while boating of Michigan waters last year, compared with 28 in 1999.



Lifesaver: You should wear a life jacket when out on the water.

Twenty-five of the fatalities occurred in vessels 16 feet and under, and 24 who died were not wearing a Personal Flotation Device, or PFD. Four deaths

occurred in canoes, four in kayaks, four on Personal Watercraft, 14 in motorboats, four in rowboats and three in sailboats.

Small boat operators are dealing with special circumstances that operators of larger craft don't face, so the need for PFDs is especially critical, AAA Michigan advises. Small craft — 16 feet and under — are most often used by anglers. Compared to larger craft, smaller boats are inherently more unstable and are more vulnerable to swamping by waves from passing boats.

The most common accident involving anglers is falling overboard and capsizing while trying to move around or land a fish. Twenty-one of the 33 fatalities in 2000 involved capsizing and falling overboard. "All boaters should wear a PFD and be alert. Most capsizing or falling overboard incidents occur in calm weather," says Miller.

If you must move in a small boat, crouch down to

Please see SAFETY, D5

Pressure test predicts need for angioplasty

The pressure of blood flow through moderately clogged arteries, rather than the amount of blockage, may be more indicative of which individuals need balloon angioplasty, researchers report in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

A coronary angiogram — a diagnostic X-ray examination of the heart — is often used alone or along with a stress test to determine whether individuals with chest pain should have balloon angioplasty. This procedure involves inserting a balloon-tipped catheter into a clogged artery to widen it. However, because an angiogram is a two-dimensional picture, a cardiologist often cannot tell how serious a moderate narrowing may be.

"The narrowing may seem mild on the angiogram, but in reality, may be much more severe," says senior author Dr. Nico H. J. Pijls, professor of cardiology at Catharina Hospital in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. "It is not the anatomic appear-

ance of the narrowing that is important, but the impeding of coronary blood flow."

Doing an unnecessary angioplasty carries several risks, including the potential for accelerating atherosclerosis and the chance that the treated artery will close off completely, which might cause a disabling or fatal heart attack.

Pressure

Pijls and colleagues investigated whether a catheter test to measure the pressure of blood flow in an artery given at the time of coronary angiography might help physicians decide how best to handle individuals with only moderate artery blockage.

The test measures fractional flow reserve — the pressure of blood flow through a coronary blockage compared to the normal pressure of blood flow. A patient with a FFR of 0.75 has 75 percent of normal flow pressure. Previous research has indicated that those with a FFR below 0.75 should undergo

either angioplasty or coronary artery bypass surgery.

This study included 325 patients without documented evidence of an inadequate supply of oxygen to the heart due to narrowing of coronary arteries who were scheduled to have elective angioplasty based on a previous angiography examination.

Those with blockages that did not impede blood flow, as evidenced by a FFR of 0.75 or greater, were randomly divided into two groups.

Ninety underwent angioplasty and were called the performance group; while 91 people did not have angioplasty (the deferral group). One hundred forty-four people with an FFR of less than 0.75 had the procedure and were called the reference group.

At the end of two years, researchers had complete data on almost all of them. Patients in the deferral group and the performance group had statistically similar outcomes, although the numbers were

slightly better among those who did not have angioplasty.

At two years, 89 percent of those in the deferral group versus 83 percent of those in the performance group had not died of heart disease, suffered a non-fatal heart attack, undergone angioplasty or coronary bypass surgery, or had a treatment-related complication that required major therapy or a long hospital stay. In the reference group, 78 percent were "event-free."

Wilson suggests that measuring FFR should allow doctors performing coronary angiograms to decide more precisely who needs angioplasty or bypass surgery. Additionally, by measuring FFR during the angiogram, a decision to perform angioplasty can be done during the same procedure.

The above information is not a substitute for medical advice/treatment, and the AHA recommends consultation with your doctor and health care professional.

Problems of adopted kids points to pre-adoptive factors

The high rate of problem behaviors among adopted youth are likely the result of tumultuous lives prior to adoption, researchers concluded in a study of California children ages 5 to 18 years of age.

Just under 30 percent of all children adopted within the state were deemed to have behavioral problems by their parents and teachers, the researchers reported. Yet, pre-adoption abuse or neglect, a later age at adoption, prenatal drug exposure, and placement in multiple foster homes prior to adoption occurred in the majority of these cases.

"The discovery of high levels of pre-adoptive turmoil suggests that adversity may be occurring extremely early in these children's lives, predisposing them to negative outcomes," the researchers said. "It is not altogether surprising that trauma — and being adopted from public agencies — is a prominent predictor of later problem behavior," they added. Children adopted from public agencies had the highest rates of behavioral problems, it was reported.

The findings in this study support the ideas that pre-adoptive backgrounds of abuse, neglect, and poor prenatal environments are at the root of these heightened rates of behavioral difficulties among adopted children.

"The significant relationship between age at placement and externalizing problems suggest the importance of providing substantial support for adopting parents of former foster children during the years when the chil-

dren are making the transition to adolescence," the researchers opined recently in the *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*.

Perhaps as many as 10 percent of all children have behavioral problems, according to past studies, while approximately 2 percent of all children under the age of 18 years are adopted in the United States.

Until very recently, the idea that adopted children are at heightened risk of psychological disorders was widely confirmed in the literature, but the focus has recently been shifted to the adoptive family environment as the source of these adverse behavioral, emotional, and educational outcomes among adopted youth. Theories on the causes of these outcomes include the ideas that children resent their biological parents for abandoning them and that adoptive parents are ambivalent toward their parental role.

The idea that "informant bias" — where adoptive parents are more vigilant in detecting atypical behavior in their children — received limited support in this study, which found that adoptive parents of youth with externalizing disorders had lower — not higher — annual earned incomes than did parents of children without disorders.

Simmel, C., Brooks, D., Barth, R. P., & Hinshaw, S. P. (2001). Externalizing symptomatology among adoptive youth: Prevalence and preadoption risk factors. Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology, 29 (1), 57-69.

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Self-esteem plays role in elderly women's health

AUSTIN, Texas — High self-esteem arrests or reverses the impact of heart disease among elderly women, researchers reported recently in the publication, *Journal of Women and Aging*.

"In general, these results indicate that stress and self-esteem are more powerful predictors of maintenance or improvement in health functioning over a 12-month period than are a wide array of demographic and clinical factors, especially among

women," the researchers said.

Specifically, women older than age 60 with heart disease who had self-esteem scores above the lowest quartile at the beginning of the study were five to nine times as likely to maintain or improve their physical and psychological functioning, the researchers said. Women with higher self-esteem also experienced less stress, while those who were unmarried suffered worse functioning one year later.

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Safety from page D4

lower your center of gravity and move slowly

Boat safety tips from AAA

■ Attach a safety whistle to each PFD on your boat to be used in emergencies. PFDs will keep you afloat and preserve your core body heat to protect against potentially fatal hypothermia, or rapid cooling of body temperature. Cold water robs body heat 25 to 30 times faster than air.

■ File a "float plan." Tell friends where you will be and when you will return.

■ Be aware of changing weather. Know and heed the current forecast. Carry or install a marine-band radio and keep it on to learn of approaching

threatening conditions. Other items to have on board include a cellular phone and Global Positioning System device.

■ If caught in a storm, put on your PFD and stow anything that might attract lightning, including radio masts. Unplug unnecessary electrical equipment and head for safety. Approximate the miles you are from an approaching storm by counting the number of seconds between a lightning flash and thunder and dividing by five.

If the storm hits while you're still on the water, take the heaviest gusts of wind and biggest waves on the bow, approaching waves at a 45-degree angle, and stay low in the boat to minimize the possibility of capsizing.

■ Avoid alcohol. Four of last year's 33 boating deaths and 25 of the 233 total boating accidents involved alcohol. The combined effects of sun, glare, wind and motion on the water bring on "boaters fatigue," which slows reactions as if you were drunk. Alcohol significantly compounds this reaction.

■ Avoid a false sense of security on small lakes and rivers. Twenty-three of last year's 33 fatalities occurred on inland lakes or rivers.

■ Take a safe-boating class. Nearly two-thirds of boat operators involved in fatal accidents in the United States had no training.

■ Always carry a strong white light if fishing at night and use

it when moving to watch for hazards and to warn approaching boats. Use proper lights if moving or anchored.

■ Watch for potential low water and other hazards, including sandbars, pilings, rocks, logs and other obstacles, and ask about them if boating in a new area. When under way, always scout for marked hazards.

■ If your boat capsizes or you fall overboard, stay calm. Stay with your boat. Most will float even if upside down. Huddle with others or keep knees close to the chest to reduce heat loss. If possible, crawl on top of the boat to get out of the water or hang on until help arrives.

Knees from page D4



Follow up: Dr. John Swienckowski, an orthopedic surgeon with Tri-County Orthopedics in Farmington Hills talks about the healing process with a patient who is recovering from total joint replacement surgery.

ing, he said. "Patients use a walker for two to three days and start physical therapy right away in the hospital."

In Crain and Clarke's cases, the June 12 surgery went smoothly. Both sisters were patients at Botsford General Hospital and left the hospital four days after surgery with walkers. "Cathy walked down to my room first," said Clarke. "That motivated me. I figured if she could do it so could I. It was a wonderful thing. I never got scared or down because I knew Cathy was there."

The sisters look forward to returning to their active lifestyles — free from the pain and discomfort they suffered from for so long. Upon their return from the hospital, and as patients of the Botsford Joint Replacement Program, the women have been receiving physical therapy in Crain's home three times a week and progressed from a walker, to a cane and now nothing. They will soon

begin rehabilitation at Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center.

"I tell my patients that we put them in but we can't make them work. Physical therapy is critical to their success rate. I saw Sally and Cathy today, so that would be almost two weeks after the surgery, and they are doing great," said Swienckowski. "They have very early range of motion and haven't called with

any problems." About 94 percent of the total joint replacement surgeries last in upwards of 15 years, he said. "In the next five years we hope to say 90 percent will last 20 years. That's how much things are changing."

For more information about the Botsford Joint Replacement Program call (248) 615-7338 to schedule an appointment with a care coordinator.

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ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-8565 or (734) 776-3415. Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE

The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

ANXIETY DISORDER

Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

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SUN, JULY 8

BLOOD DRIVE

St. John Neumann Church in Canton will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 44800 Warren Road between Sheldon and Beck. For an appointment, call Patti (734) 459-9704, Peggy (734) 497-8495, or Marion (734) 981-3433. Give life!

TUES, JULY 10

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615. The group also will meet Aug. 14.

WED, JULY 11

EATING OUT

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will host a discussion, "Healthy Eating While Eating Out," led by registered dietitian Sherri Isaak 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. The group presents a new topic the second Wednesday of each month for adult diabetics and family members. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-town callers).

THUR, JULY 12

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Basic Life Support Training Class, "Friends & Family," 7-10 p.m. in the auditorium. The class, sponsored by the American Heart Association, covers CPR for children, obstructed airway information, safety tips, rescue techniques and injury prevention. Fee is \$30 per person. Advance registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

The Alzheimer's Association-Detroit Area Chapter will offer a free caregiver workshop 1-4 p.m. at Lutheran Home of Livonia, 28910 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (248) 557-8277 or (800) 337-3827 to register.

JULY 23 & 28

STOP SMOKING

Providence Hospital will hold two Wellness Seminars for smoking cessation: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 23 at Providence Medical Center - Livonia; Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28 at Providence Medical Center - Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. (Beck Road entrance), Novi. Sessions include hypnosis and behavior modification. First 45 minutes is a free orientation. Afterwards, participants pay a one-time fee of \$59. Call (877) 345-5500.

JULY 23 & 24

SAFE BABY-SITTING

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a two-day "Safe Sitter" course 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in West Addition A. Registration deadline is July 16. The class teaches boys and girls ages 11-13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children, including basic life-saving techniques, accident prevention, guidelines for summoning help and child-care tips. To pre-register, call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615 for out-of-town callers. A second session is scheduled for Aug. 6 & 7.

TUES, JULY 24

THYROID CANCER SUPPORT

ThyCa SE Michigan, the area's first support group for thyroid cancer survivors, will meet 7-8:30 p.m. in the Gold Room at the Plymouth Public Library,

223 South Main Street, Plymouth. The group is open to all thyroid cancer survivors and their families. It meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call M. Weckerle at (734) 397-2801.

JULY 26 & 28

WEIGHT REDUCTION

Providence Hospital will hold three Wellness Seminars for weight reduction: 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26 at the Providence Medical Center-Livonia; Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh); and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at Novi Park; Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue (Beck Road entrance). First 45 minutes of each session is free; afterwards, participants pay a one-time fee of \$59. Call (877) 345-5500.

JUNE 26-AUG. 7

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer "Childbirth Education," a series of six classes 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays in West Addition A. The series also is offered Wednesdays, Aug. 1-Sept. 5; Mondays, Aug. 6-Sept. 17; and Mondays, Sept. 24-Oct. 29. Cost is \$55. The class teaches expectant mothers and their partners the Lamaze method for labor and deliver. A one-day accelerated workshop is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 in West Additions A and B. The cost is \$75. Pre-register by calling (734) 655-1100.

THUR, JUNE 28

BREASTFEEDING

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a breastfeeding class led by a certified lactation specialist 7-9 p.m. in West Addition A. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth months of pregnancy. It focuses on techniques; benefits for infant, mother and family; working moms' issues; and a review of breastfeeding pumps, books and supplies. Cost is \$20. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

TUES, JULY 24

THYROID CANCER

The Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association-SE Michigan support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the 4th Tuesday on the month in the Gold Room of the Plymouth Public Library, 223 Main Street, Plymouth. Survivors, family and interested health-care professionals invited. Call (734) 397-2801.

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MENOPAUSE

The Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, West Addition B. Join other women and share concerns, feelings and experiences about menopause, as well as other mid-life and health issues. Free. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

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